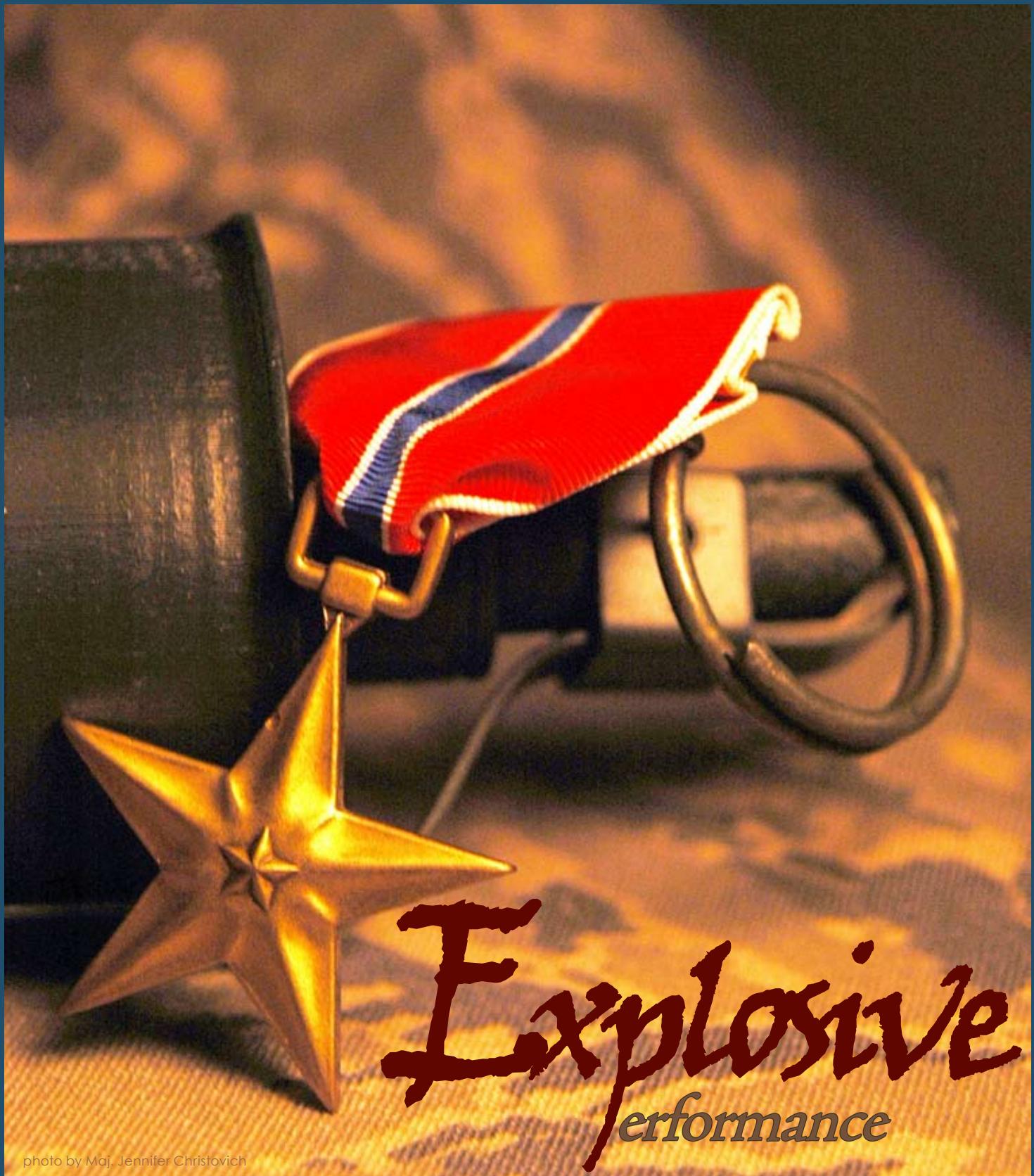


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**Explosive**  
*performance*

photo by Maj. Jennifer Christovich

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## UTA SNAPSHOT |

### SATURDAY

Family day picnic: Noon to 5 p.m.; Base Ellipse

Club meals (both days): Breakfast, 6 a.m.-7:15 a.m., lunch, 11 a.m.- 1 p.m. dinner, 5-7 p.m.

### SUNDAY

Changes of command:  
439th Logistics Readiness Squadron, 8 a.m., conference center; 42nd Aerial Port Squadron, 1 p.m., flight line

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**ON THE COVER >>** Two explosives ordinance disposal reservists earn the Bronze Star. Turn to page 6 for more on this prestigious award.



**CHIEFS' INDUCTION >>** Chief Master Sgt. Michael Barrick, 439th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, and his wife, Laura, walk in during the Order of the Swords ceremony at the Chiefs' Induction July 11 at the Westover Club. Besides Chief Barrick, the wing inducted Chief Master Sgts. Nicole Remy, logistics readiness squadron; James Mitchell, AMXS; and Kristine Seney, mission support. (photo by Staff Sgt. Hueming Mui)

**Colonel Linder**

The military is not the same as it was 20 years ago. Even the Reserve is operating in new capacities and visions in which more is expected than before. It comes down to us all being good stewards of our resources.

We frequently talk about taking care of our resources or using our resources wisely. When you get down to basics, we really only have three resources with which to work. If we examine our resources within the context of our paradigm of 20 years ago, we would talk about these three: equipment, money, and people. Taking another look at those resources, considering the stressors of today including the Global War on Terror and the worldwide economic situation, we may find we have little left to work with and only one real resource.

To elaborate, our first resource is our equipment. Virtually all of us in the military are in the same situation when it comes to equipment. The equipment we use is usually a bit older than we would like. In the operations group we are flying aircraft made in 1987. That's 22 years old, and the Air Force doesn't have plans to retire all of the C-5s any time soon. If you consider this as your car, we would not want to have our

loved ones driving around in one so old. Think about getting parts for that car when the maker has not been producing them for years. Now you may have a better understanding of what Westover's maintainers have been dealing with. Yet each month these airplanes get in better shape and the reliability rate goes up. We have to take care of our equipment. The only way it improves is through the tender loving care we put into it. We extend its useful life.

Our second resource is money. We all know we are in trying-times due to the sagging economy. The sagging economy is having a ripple effect on monies that were previously available and accessible but are now being used for other priorities. Since it does not look like the financial situation will improve anytime soon, it follows that we should go ahead and prepare now for even more trying-times. In fact, we are constantly expected to do more with less. Our last resource is truly our most important – our people. Think about this. Of all our resources the only one we can extract more from is our personnel. Is that fair? No, it's not. There better be something we offer in return. The point is, if we have to continue to ask more of our people we have to take great care of them.

When we think of people as a resource, and realize this resource is the only one that can give us greater capability and mission accomplishment, as "resource managers" we have to take full responsibility for ensuring that our greatest resource does not get broken. The best

way that I know of to do this is to encourage all individuals assigned to this wing, to take care of these three things in the following order: self, family and then the 439th.

But, you say, this is contrary to the Air Force core value, Service Before Self. Yet I would argue that it is the only way to achieve Service Before Self which essentially translates into, Mission Accomplishment. If you are not well physically, emotionally and spiritually, you will become broken. If you become broken, you are no longer a player in the resource pool which logically leads to a broken mission. If you do not take care of your family, you cannot be well emotionally and again, you will break. Family support is integral to your ability to show up every day, focused and able to do your job. So finally, if you are taking care of yourself and your family, it follows that you will be healthy enough to take care of the 439th Airlift Wing mission.

In closing, I know all of the commanders here would back me in saying this and I hope it does not sound cliché. If you need help, tell us! We cannot help you, our most valuable resource, if we do not know there are deficiencies. Thank you for doing, what seems at times like the impossible and for being an irreplaceable resource at Westover.

**Col. James Linder  
439th Operations Group  
commander**

## BRIEFS |

### Tax information

An updated statute states that military reservists who are Connecticut residents, may apply for a property tax exemption whether their motor vehicle is garaged inside or outside the state.

To apply, reservists should contact their local assessor's office to obtain the exemption form.

For more information, e-mail the wing legal office at 439aw.JAG@westover.af.mil.

### Yellow Ribbon

A Yellow Ribbon program briefing is scheduled to run both Aug. 15-16 at the Sturbridge Host Hotel in Sturbridge, Mass. The briefing is for deployed reservists and their spouses. For more information, call Master Sgt. Gerald Dufresne at Ext. 2193.

### Children's mobility line, wing picnic

The Airman and Family Readiness Center staff will feature a children's mock deployment line from 9-11:30 a.m. Aug. 8.

Parents should report with their children to Bldg. 1100 at 8:45 a.m. to prepare to deploy to "Kinder Air Base," a "secret" location on Westover, as members of the 439th Jr. Patriot Squadron.

No sign-up is required. Children of all ages are welcome. For more information, call Ext. 3024.

The Wing Family Picnic is scheduled to run from noon to 5 p.m., Aug. 8 on the Base Ellipse. Scheduled events include hay rides, flight simulators, volleyball, horseshoes, bounce houses and flying remote control aircraft.

For more information on the picnic, call Chief Master Sgt. David Carbin at Ext. 2385.

### Changes of command set for UTA

Two squadrons will see changes in leadership Aug. 9 (Sunday of the August A UTA).

Lt. Col. Michael Buoniconti will take command of the 439th Logistics Readiness Squadron from Lt. Col. Edward Miller in the conference center at 8 a.m.

Colonel Miller will take command of the 42nd Aerial Port Squadron at 1 p.m. on the flight line. He will succeed Lt. Col. (Col.-selectee) John Greene.

### Tree City USA

For the 12th year in a row, the Arbor Day Foundation has named Westover a Tree City USA community, honoring the base's commitment to community forestry.

According to foundation officials, Westover again met the four-standards to become a Tree City USA community: having a tree board or department; a tree care ordinance; a comprehensive community forestry program; and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

The base, physically the largest Air Force Reserve installation in the country with 2,500 acres, includes a grasslands area that contains protected wildlife like the upland sandpiper bird and other assorted animals.



**VIEW FROM THE TOP >>** Staff Sgt. Roger Iverson, left, and Tech. Sgt. Shawn Connolly -- positioned more than six stories off the ground -- work on a Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, C-5 at the isochronal inspection area. The Airmen team with civilians to work on the C-5s throughout the Air Force Reserve. (photo by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Biscoe)

## ISO workforce turns C-5 in record time

by Tech. Sgt.  
Andrew Biscoe

The right workforce mix, for Senior Master Sgt. Todd Ramsey, is also getting the Air Force's biggest jets back into air faster too.

Indeed, workers of all different uniforms are seen canvassing every inch of the 247-foot-long fuselage of a C-5 at the base's isochronal inspection (ISO) area.

They're doing it more efficiently than ever. And the maintainers met the Air Force Reserve Command goal at the same time.

"There's so much talent and so much experience here," Sergeant Ramsey said. "It's like putting to-

gether a football team. The longer you work together, the smoother it gets."

Sergeant Ramsey is an air reserve technician (ART) at the ISO. ARTs, active-duty Airmen, traditional reservists, and civilian employees work day and night shifts to perform in-depth inspections on Westover's 16 C-5s, and 10

more from Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

More than a dozen Airmen from that base are at Westover on temporary duty assignment to assist with the work.

Plans call for the Westover ISO staff to be responsible for the entire Air Force Reserve fleet of C-5s. The Air Force announced

### Maintainers reach MC milestone

In addition to the ISO staff having recently set their own record for getting a Patriot Wing Galaxy back into the air in just three weeks, the flight line maintainers reached 100 percent mission capability rate in July for the first time since 1987 -- when the C-5s first arrived, said Maj. Joseph Zackaricz, 439th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron operations officer.

in June that 13 more civilians will join the ISO staff to help handle that workload.

Massive scaffolding, consisting of a web of stairs and railings, wrap around the massive transport jet's 65-foot-high tail.

The ISO staff also gets a commanding view of the flight line and the Pioneer Valley.

A new scaffolding -- called an empennage stand -- is set for operation in August. It will quickly and more safely enable the maintainers to position themselves around the aircraft's tail and rudder, Sergeant Ramsey said.

The Air Force announced in late June an increase in 13 civilian positions with Westover's 439th Airlift Wing isochronal (ISO) inspection work force.

The civilian increase, to support regionalized C-5 isochronal inspections is added to the existing 23-positions already assigned to Westover's ISO dock.

The ISO dock regionalization took place at Westover in December 2006, when the Air Force chose the base as one of the three regional ISO centers for the C-5 fleet.

Presently, a mix of nearly 80 military and civilian workers team up at Westover to service the fleet of C-5s, which are the largest aircraft in the Air Force.

The Air Force made a fiscal 2010 force structure realignment announcement June 25. Unrelated to the FY 10 force-structure realignment, the Air Force Reserve's end strength will grow from 67,400 to 69,500.

Back at Westover, the maintainers' mission is to keep the C-5 fleet serving the needs of the continuing worldwide demands in the 21st century.

"We're here to put more aircraft into the war -- that's the ultimate goal," said Master Sgt. Robert Hanson, an active-duty maintainer from the Westover ISO but geographically assigned to the 436th Airlift Wing at Dover AFB, Del.

## Post-9/11 GI Bill offers new benefits

by Capt. Justin Manna

Changes are here for the GI Bill, one of the most valuable benefits offered to military services members.

The Post-9/11 GI Bill, slated to go into effect Aug. 1, represents a major overhaul to the existing

Montgomery GI Bill that first went into effect in 1985.

With this change, new benefits are being offered in response to the demands placed on service members and their families during years following the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks. However, change brings questions about the new law and its benefits.

"People should be excited about the Post-9/11 GI Bill," said Senior Master Sgt. Anthony A. Basile, chief of the base education and

training office. "The VA pays the tuition directly to the school in order to limit or eliminate the service member's need to pay upfront costs."

This represents a change from the Montgomery GI Bill in that service members were reimbursed for costs after the initial tuition payment by the member. In addition, qualifying members can also transfer benefits to dependents to assist with their education costs.

In order to qualify for the Post-

9/11 GI Bill, a service member must have served at least 90 days on active duty any time after Sept. 11, 2001 and full benefits will be offered to service members who have served at least 36 months on active duty.

In order to learn more about the Post-9/11 GI Bill and to apply for eligibility from the Department of Veterans Affairs, service members can call 1-888-GIBILL-1 or visit the VA website at <http://www.gibill.va.gov>.

## Board announces updates, changes to ABUs, BDUs, ballcaps

by Tech. Sgt. Amaani Lyle  
Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (AFNS) -- Air Force officials announced in June policy updates in the 98th Virtual Uniform Board decisions.

The following provides a snapshot of approved uniform wear. Follow-on messages will be released that contain detailed guidance and instructions. All information will be incorporated into AFI 36-2903.

-- Effective Oct. 1, 2010, trousers on utility uniforms will be tucked into boots and give a bloused appearance. Tucking had previously been optional.

-- The green fleece formerly worn only as the All-Purpose Environmental Clothing System liner is authorized Air Force-wide as an outer-wear garment. The addition of the name, rank and service designators to the green fleece when worn as an outer-wear garment is authorized.

-- Airmen may use personal cellular telephones while in uniform and walking. Cell phones may be worn on either left or right side; however, the cell phone must be a conservative color. Military customs and

courtesies are required and take precedence. Talking on a phone is no excuse for not saluting. Still prohibited is wearing hands-free devices such as cell phone attachments worn on the ears.

-- Enlisted chevrons will be worn on lightweight blue jacket sleeves instead of the metal rank insignias on the collar, effective Jan. 1, 2010.

-- The ends of boot laces must be tucked into

### Finance office provides voucher information

Reservists are reminded to follow step-by-step instructions now available on the base Y drive. Airmen should review this information, which includes mileage reporting, so that the vouchers are properly filled out. This helps avoid getting vouchers returned and delays in pay.

For more information, call Ext. 3460 or e-mail: [john.keith@westover.af.mil](mailto:john.keith@westover.af.mil). Additional information is available on the base Y drive at: Y: 1-WARB/AW/FM/Travel Voucher Instructions and Guidelines

boots. Wrapping the laces around boot is authorized.

-- The length of airman battle uniform lower leg pocket will increase by approximately 1/2 inch.

-- Upper sleeve pockets are authorized on fire-resistant clothing authorized for the Central Command region.

-- Airmen earning and awarded the Army Parachute Riggers badge are authorized permanent wear on all uniform combinations. For the airman battle uniform and the battle dress uniform, the badge will be blue. On the desert combat uniform the approved color is brown.

-- Wearing the black Army Air Assault Badge on the battle dress uniform is authorized upon graduation from Air Assault School.

-- Organizational ball caps are not authorized to be attached to either lower leg cargo pockets on the BDU trousers.

-- The female ABU trouser fly buttons will be the same as on men's pants.

Airmen at Westover who have questions about these uniform changes should call the Military Personnel Flight, customer service at Ext. 3874 or DSN 589-3874.



"I do not think the use of a cell phone while walking in uniform is appropriate and I like the idea of the inside boot blouse and am comfortable with it."

**Master Sgt. Brenda Rios, 439th Mission Support Squadron**



"I like boot blousing on the outside -- the way I was taught in basic training. It also feels more comfortable."

**Senior Airman Frank Shaustal, 439th Operations Support Squadron**



"I feel great about the cell phone use, and feel the Air Force is catching up with the times."

**Staff Sgt. Jennifer Taylor, 439th Aerospace Medicine Squadron**

**TROOP TALK** | What do you think of the recent uniform changes?



# Bronze Stars

by Tech. Sgt. Troy Thibeault

Tech. Sgt. Lyle T. Armstrong defeated three improvised explosive devices (IEDs) targeting coalition forces and first responders, and his skills led to the capture of four anti-Iraqi forces fighters.

This quick-thinking mindset -- and combat skills and job knowledge -- recently helped earn the sergeant one of the most prestigious awards in the Air Force.

Sergeant Armstrong and Chief Master Sgt. Daniel P. Duffy, two Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) members from the Patriot Wing, earned the Bronze Star for meritorious service while serving at Joint Base Balad, Iraq.

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**DETONATION DEMONSTRATION >>** An explosive ordinance disposal demonstration at Joint Base Balad, highlights the EOD mission. Two Patriot Wing members recently earned the Bronze Star for meritorious service while deployed to Balad. (photo by Chief Master Sgt. Daniel Duffy)

## FEATURE |



**EXPLOSIVE DUTY >>** Far right, Tech. Sgt. Lyle Armstrong, deployed from Westover to Balad Air Base Iraq last fall, stands with his Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) team members. They are, from left to right, Staff Sgt. Justin Hunter, Senior Airman James Rowlett, and Senior Master Sgt. William Eaton. In back of the Airmen is a Joint EOD Rapid Response Vehicle. As an EOD team leader in Iraq, Sergeant Armstrong led 86 combat missions. (Courtesy photo)

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Chief Duffy and Sergeant Armstrong, assigned to the civil engineer squadron of the 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing at Balad, deployed to the area of responsibility in the spring and fall of 2008, respectively.

While assigned to the 332nd, Chief Duffy served as superintendent to 30 EOD technicians from September 2008 to April 2009. He was responsible for making sure his technicians had what they needed, to do their jobs.

"It is because of them that I am receiving this award," Chief Duffy said. "I was just doing my job."

According to his award citation, 'doing his job' involved leading the EOD Airmen on daily missions through the dangerous Sunni Triangle and ensuring the safety of

more than 31,000 Coalition members, multi-national contractors, and local nationals.

Chief Duffy's flight provided "unmatched EOD support to counter improvised explosive devices, unexploded ordnance, and weapons caches within a 31,000-square kilometer area" around Balad.

This was the chief's second tour to Iraq and second Bronze Star in his 26 years of service.

Sergeant Armstrong was on his third tour to Iraq. This is his first Bronze Star. Like Chief Duffy, the 14-year veteran said his job always comes before anything else.

"We don't do EOD to win medals," he said. "We do it because that's just what we do. Every bomb that we shut down is someone else's life saved." While deployed, Sergeant Armstrong was team leader and led 86 combat missions

while under the threat of insurgent attacks. Sergeant Armstrong's team was one-of-four EOD teams at Balad, designated as a quick reaction force. They received about three-to-four calls per day at the huge Iraq base. Additionally, he and his team performed route clearing and incursion missions.

"I am always of the mindset 'Let's take care of the problem and go home and get ready for the next one, the next day,'" Wing senior leadership will pin Chief Duffy and Sergeant Armstrong with their Bronze Stars during the October A UTA Commander's Call at the Base Hangar. The approaching date's significance hasn't quite sunk in for Sergeant Armstrong.

"The Bronze Star is something to show my kids," he said. "They earned the right to see it."



**HERO'S CASKET >>** Honor guard members from the Army and Westover place the casket of Army 1st Sgt. Kevin Dupont in a hearse June 24, during the return of the Chicopee soldier's body. More than 300 Airmen and soldiers participated in the ceremony. (photo by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Biscoe)

## Westover brotherhood honors fallen Chicopee soldier

by Senior Master Sgt.  
Sandi Michon

In a solemn show of "military brotherhood," hundreds of Airmen, Soldiers and Marines stood shoulder-to-shoulder on Westover's tarmac June 24 to honor Army 1st Sgt. Kevin Dupont, 52, who lost his three-month battle for life after his Humvee exploded in Afghanistan March 8.

While military brothers stood at attention, his real military brother, Chris Dupont remained seated with extended family. Chris Dupont, Westover's civilian real estate officer, was only a year younger than his brother Kevin, and followed him into the Marine Corps. They each gave decades of service, Kevin with the Army National Guard and Chris with the Air National Guard.

"We really appreciate how the Westover family hosted and respectfully honored my brother's homecoming," said Chris. "Kevin grew up here [in Chicopee] and all his aunts and uncles got to come to the ceremony."

The Dupont family said they were stunned by the outpouring of

### Dupont family thanks base

*"The Dupont family thanks everyone from Westover ARB that took part in the preparation for and the arrival of our fallen son and brother Army 1st Sgt. Kevin A. Dupont. The support we received and the respect Kevin received upon his arrival were truly outstanding."*

-- Chris Dupont

community support not only from Westover, but also by the 2,000-plus that attended the wake, the 800 that packed the church service, and even the 400 people that attended the gravesite ceremony in Bourne, Mass.

"Kevin deployed so he could make full use of his training," Chris explained. He had trained many others for combat, but had never earned a Combat Infantry Badge (CIB) himself.

Ironically, he earned his CIB (and a Bronze Star), but in teaching others to protect lives, he lost his own. On a patrol March 8, an improvised explosive device (IED) detonated under his Humvee, killing the driver and badly injuring Sergeant Dupont with third-degree burns on 65 percent of his body. After he

had been airlifted to the Brooke Army Medical Center in Texas, Dupont's commanding officer, Maj. Troy Carpenter, reported that Afghan soldiers asked about Kevin every day, and some broke down in tears.

Major Carpenter and thousands more posted prayers, testimonies of Kevin, and get-well wishes on his Caring Bridge website as he underwent daily skin grafts while in a medically-induced coma. Kevin's wife, Lisa, stayed by his side throughout his final battle. She understands the "brotherhood" more than most. She served a 20-month tour in Iraq during the initial invasion, saw heavy fighting in Fallujah, and suffered injuries from an IED while deployed with her Army military police squadron.

Back in Chicopee, family and friends hosted fund-raisers to help family members make the trip to Texas.

What does Chris want Kevin to be remembered for?

"That's a tough one," he said with tears welling in his eyes. He cited Kevin's great sense of humor and his deep sense of service to his career and the people he trained. One of the stories he heard during the memorial service epitomized his brother Kevin.

"He kept giving of himself. I'm sure that's what led him to Afghanistan," said Chris. "He died doing what he loved."

Master Sgt. Jayme Frey worked many of the security details for the homecoming as installation security manager with the 439th Security Forces Squadron. She had never seen a flag-draped casket arriving home.

"I never met Sergeant Dupont, but if being a part of this ceremony didn't create a lump in your throat, or a tear in your eye, you'd have to be a robot," said Sergeant Frey.

"When all is said and done, it's for the family. We hope it brought honor to their sacrifice," she said.

## WESTOVER PATRIOTS |



**HIGH FIVES >>** Team-building exercises like this one were part of the third annual enlisted workshop held after the June A UTA. The workshop, held at the conference center, included career and deployments. Wing leadership is already planning another workshop for June 2010. (photo by Tech. Sgt. Brian Boynton)

## CGOC's annual duathlon sets out Sept. 12

The Third Annual Company Grade Officers' Council Duathlon is set for Sept. 12 (Saturday of the UTA) and will consist of a three component run and bike competition. Registration takes place at the fitness center at 5 p.m.

The duathlon begins at 5:30 p.m. The event is made

up of a 1-mile run, followed by an 8-mile bike ride and concludes with another 1-mile run.

Entry donation fee is \$5 per member and \$10 per team. Proceeds go to the Annual CGOC Scholarship Fund. For more information, call 1st Lt. Susan Weis at Ext. 3127.

## New director joins family center

by Tech. Sgt.  
Andrew Biscoe

Andrea Bowen joined Westover in July as the new director of the Airman and Family Readiness Center.

Before arriving at Westover, Mrs. Bowen was the director of the Navy Marines Corp Relief Society in Yokosuka, Japan.

Her plans include more awareness of the center's program, and increased communication with Airmen, families, and commanders to determine the needs of the Westover community.

"I'm excited to join this base's

j o i n t  
c o m -  
m u n i t y,"

Mrs. Bo-  
wen said.  
" T h e  
b a s e  
s e e m s  
t o b e  
a c l o s e  
c o m -  
m u n i t y.

E v e r y -  
one has been very welcoming to  
me. I hope that the center will  
be able to increase the programs  
and services to meet the needs  
of all service members and their  
families in this area."

Mrs. Bowen holds a bachelor of science degree in sociology from Florida State University, a master of science in human relations from the University of Oklahoma, and a master's in social work from the University in Tennessee. Families wishing to speak with Mrs. Bowen or the center staff should call Ext. 3024, or may visit Bldg. 1100 on Walker Avenue, next to the Base Ellipse.

## Family plan helps ensure mission readiness

As military members, reservists must ensure that adequate family care arrangements are made for family members in the event of mobilization, deployment or other military obligations.

A Family Care Plan is mandatory for reservists who are single parents, dual military couples with dependents, or those determined by the commander or first sergeant to have special family circumstances.

A family member is an unmar-

ried child under 19 years of age, or someone 19 or older who is incapable of self care, a parent or another person related by blood or marriage who depends on the military member for over half of their support, is incapable of self care, and resides in the same household with the military member.

Each caregiver must have a power of attorney to allow medical care, enrollment in school, and any other action necessary to ensure care for the family.

Reservists need to inform their first sergeants and update their DEERS files any time there are life changes which may include: marriages, a military spouse retirement, births of children, divorces, and changes of addresses for yourself and/or family members.

For further information or assistance on family care, contact Staff Sgt. Shannon Gratton, Family Care Program Manager, at Ext. 2037.



Mrs. Bowen

## PATRIOT PEOPLE |



Staff Sgt. Jason Pelletier

**NAME :** Jason Pelletier  
**RANK:** Staff sergeant  
**HOMETOWN :** Huntington, Mass.  
**UNIT :** 439th Security Forces Squadron  
**POSITION :** Security response team leader  
**FAVORITE FOOD :** Thai foods  
**YEARS AT WESTOVER :** Four  
**FAVORITE SPORT :** Snowboarding  
**FAVORITE HOBBY :** Shooting  
**BEST WAY TO RELAX :** Sit out on the deck and have a beer  
**PREFERRED ENTERTAINMENT :** Listen to music  
**FAVORITE HERO :** Master Sgt. Matt Morgan  
**FAVORITE MUSIC STYLE :** Every Music  
**FAVORITE MOVIE :** Batman  
**FAVORITE AIRCRAFT :** UH-60 Black Hawk  
**PET PEEVE :** People who think they are smarter than they are  
**WHAT WOULD I DO IF I WON \$1 MILLION :** I would buy a classy Corvette and invest the rest.

**LIVE COUNTRY MUSIC >>** Along with Family Day happenings on the August A UTA, the Pioneer Valley USO has sponsored another live band. Cottonwood is scheduled to play at the club Aug. 8 from 8 p.m. to midnight. Information, Ext. 2039.

**FLAG IT DOWN >>** The center staff seeks enough interest in a flag football league to start this Fall. Those interested in playing should contact the staff. The August UTA Commander's Cup event is volleyball. Information: Ext. 3958.

**BEAT THE HEAT >>** The summer bowling program features the "Beat the Heat" \$350 grand prize. Bowlers can earn punches on the punch card to win. The more visits, the more punches the better your chances of winning. Come to the Bowling Center today. During the softball games the Little Vittles food cart will be open Monday-Thursday beginning at 5:30 p.m. The cart will not be open if the games are cancelled.

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## Retirements

**Senior master sergeant**  
**Thomas G. Durkin Jr.**  
**Lana Lue**

**Technical sergeant**  
**Paul Lewis**  
**Joseph C. Wilkinson**



## PATRIOT PRAISES | Reenlistments, promotions

### Reenlistments

#### Staff sergeant

Thelma Issri  
 Brandon S. Lane  
 Joaquin A. Rojas  
 Tony J. Soares  
 Bradley M. Von Haugg  
 Victor M. Wilson  
 Joshua Woods

#### Airman First Class

#### James R. Hardy

#### Promotions

#### Senior master sergeant

Jeff K. Antuna

Kenneth R. Belanger  
 David A. Page

#### Master sergeant

Scott A. Armstrong  
 Tyler H. Bergemann  
 Warren Brodmekle  
 Ronald H. Corliss  
 Thomas W. Deyette  
 Roberto Felix  
 Mark D. Gilbert  
 David Goodfellow  
 Frederick E. Hetu  
 Patrick R. Overly  
 Brenda Rios  
 Daniel G. Sullivan

#### Technical sergeant

Dominique N. Corbett  
 Barrington G. Dyer  
 Adam G. Horosky  
 Nicole R. Morales  
 Robert A. Page  
 Robert B. Wing

#### Staff sergeant

Duane Bryant  
 Michael P. Carroll  
 Crystal L. Chenard  
 William C. Chy  
 Mark A. Cohen  
 Stephen E. Fenoff  
 Jeremie J. Fortier

#### Devin J. Kaminski

Glen W. Mcavoy  
 Brian W. Mizula  
 Cory Newton  
 Nicole M. Donovan  
 Michelle M. Lareau  
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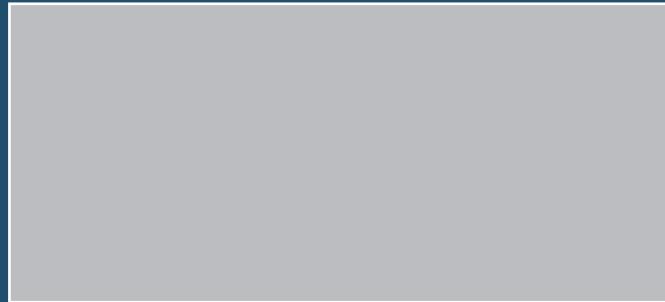
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