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ON THE COVER >> Social networking and its powerful and efficient information flow officially joins Westover. Turn to pages 3 and 6 to see more about these changes taking place at Westover and throughout the Air Force.



MOBILITY MARCH >> The mobility folder above joins the list of logistical tasks and challenges as part of the 439th Airlift Wing readiness posture. Patriot Wing preparation for the flagship of all Air Force exercises -- the Operational Readiness Inspection -- has begun. About 300 reservists participated in a February mobility exercise and ability to survive and operate (ATSO) training. Reservists will head to Wisconsin in March 2011 for the Operational Readiness Exercise (ORE), followed by the ORI, scheduled for June 19-26, 2011. Patriot Wing aircrews will host an Air Mobility Command team at Westover April 7-14 for the Aircrew Standardization and Evaluation Visit. (photo by Tech. Sgt. Brian Boynton)



Major Camelo

Can u believe it? Westover has a FB page & will tweet & RT 2!

Chances are you know exactly what this means, sort of know what this means, or are asking someone, "What the heck does this mean?"

If you don't know what this means, please continue to read as we have fully entered the world of social media, and there is no turning back.

What is "social media?" First, don't confuse social media with specific social networks like Facebook or MySpace. Social media is defined as, "tools and platforms people use to publish, converse and share content online."

The "tools" thus are sites like Facebook, MySpace, YouTube, Twitter, Flickr as well as blogs, wikis, bookmarks, etc.

The benefits (as well as the dangers) of social media is that it is collaborative, uncontrollable, real-time and global. The fact that many in the military don't understand what social media is or how to leverage it

for our military purposes, has led some to want to ban it or prohibit access.

Some want to simply hide behind the veil of Operational Security (OPSEC) to prohibit bases from establishing social media sites. However, social media is no different than any other media -- we need to practice security at the source and comply with OPSEC.

Yet, senior military leadership -- to their credit -- has quickly realized that a "head in the sand" position on social media is not only unsustainable due to its rapid global growth, it is actually detrimental to the mission.

Detrimental because open communication with people strengthens Airmen's morale and readiness, enhances public trust and support for our mission, and achieves global influence and deterrence while enhancing our credibility.

Detrimental also because we would be neglecting the fastest-growing means of communicating and interacting with people both inside and outside our gates. Here are some statistics:

- Facebook has 400 million users. Collectively, Facebook's population would be the 3rd largest country in the world.
- About 500,000 people join Facebook

and MySpace daily

- There are about 185,000 new blogs created per day

In the Air Force:

- About 50 percent of Airmen get their news from social media networks
- More than 60 percent of Airmen say they use MySpace
- About 96 percent of Airmen -- ranking from airmen to technical sergeants -- use YouTube

Before you rush out and get a Facebook page and start "friending" your subordinates to know what they are doing, remember that credibility, transparency and collaboration are important in social media. Turn to page 8 for more guidance on using social media networks.

While yielding a sense of control is difficult and seems to run counter to our military training and culture, it is important if we expect to recruit and retain the nation's best and maintain a trusting relationship with our communities.

TTYL!

Maj. Wilson Camelo
Wing Public Affairs Officer

BRIEFS |

Pullover sweater

The Air Force Chief of Staff approved the wear of the new 50 percent acrylic/50 percent wool pullover, v-neck sweater available in the Base Exchange Military Clothing Sales Stores (MCSS).

Airmen do not wear name tags on the 50/50 pullover sweater. Name tags are no longer worn on the 100 percent wool sweater.

The phase-out date for the wool pullover sweater is Oct. 1.

For more information, call 557-2037.

Tours to resume

Public affairs will resume tours the third and fourth Wednesdays of each month, beginning in April and running through December. For more information, e-mail PA at 439aw.pa@westover.af.mil

Wing earns Outstanding Unit Award

Lt. Gen. Charles E. Stenner Jr., commander, Air Force Reserve Command, recently announced that the Patriot Wing was one of 15 units to receive the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award for 2009. For more on this award, click on the expanded story on Westover's web site at www.westover.afrc.af.mil

IG reminds Airmen of procedures

Col. Patricia Evans, 439th Airlift Wing Inspector General, reminds that Air Force members have the right to file a complaint at any level without going through their supervisory channels.

"Members may also file an IG complaint without fear of reprisal; submit complaints anonymously; and submit a complaint even if the member is not the wronged party or the alleged violation did not affect him or her," Colonel Evans said.

The IG program may not be used for matters normally addressed through other established grievance or appeal channels, unless there is evidence that those channels mishandled the matter or process. Mere dissatisfaction or disagreement with the outcome or findings of an alternative grievance or appeal process does not suffice to warrant an IG investigation, the colonel said.

For more information, call Colonel Evans at (413) 557-3137 or e-mail 439aw.ig@westover.af.mil

Annual workshop

The Patriot Wing's fourth annual enlisted workshop is scheduled to begin the Sunday of the June A UTA (June 6) at the Westover Conference Center.

The theme of the 2010 workshop is, "I Am An Airman, I Am A Warrior." It wraps up June 8.

Airmen interested in attending should contact Chief Master Sgt. Kathy Wood at 557-2876.

Space A flights

Space A flights are available from Westover as Air Force airlift missions dictate.

Passengers report to the Hangar 3 passenger terminal at least three hours before the scheduled takeoff. For more information, call the Space A hotline at (413) 557-2549.



HELP FOR HOMESTEAD >> A Westover C-5 crew unloads a 24,000-pound Westover-based fire truck, airlifted to Homestead Air Reserve Base as part of Operation Unified Response, Jan. 17. The Patriot Wing flew two other missions to Homestead as part of the massive humanitarian relief effort that helped Haiti recover a massive earthquake that struck the country Jan. 12. (photo by Staff Sgt. Timm Huffman)

Patriot Wing dispatches base fire engine to Homestead

by Staff Sgt.
Timm Huffman

After a magnitude 7.0 earthquake devastated Haiti Jan. 12, Westover Airmen answered the nation's call to provide support to Operation Unified Response.

A 439th Airlift Wing C-5B delivered manpower and equipment to Homestead Air Reserve Base, Fla., which is the staging area for disaster relief operations. In addition, Westover's chief of safety volunteered for a four-month deployment to Port Au Prince Airport in Haiti in February. Lt. Col. David Heroux arrived in Haiti in mid-February to assume duties as chief of safety at the busy airport.

Just three days after the earthquake, a Westover aircrew picked up a tactical airlift control element (TALC) from Dover Air Force Base, Del., and deliver it to Homestead Air Reserve Base. That TALC served as the central

operations hub on the ground at Homestead.

"We're flying people, some ATOC (aerial port) people, a fire truck, We brought down a K-loader and forklifts -- support equipment right now," said Tech. Sgt. Paul Tavares, a 337th Airlift Squadron loadmaster, who flew two missions Jan. 16 and Jan. 17.

Reservists with the 42nd Aerial Port Squadron put a large Halverson aircraft cargo loader onto the C-5, and a second aircrew flew it to Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Ga., where two forklifts joined the load.

The 337th AS crew delivered the equipment to Homestead where Air Force aerial porters used it to

"This is major and it's personal. When we got the call I spoke to my chief and I jumped on the opportunity the minute I could."

-- Airman 1st Class Andrew Riobe, 42nd Aerial Port Squadron

load humanitarian aid supplies onto aircraft flying from Homestead to Haiti.

The crew expected to return home Jan. 17, but Air Force planners re-tasked the C-5 to pick up a Westover fire trucks and take it to Homestead, where its presence would allow more aircraft to operate safely from the base.

Along with the 12-ton fire truck, about 14 members of the 42nd APS traveled from Westover to Homestead, where they remained until mid-February.

Master Sgt. Daniel Lawlor, who was in charge of ramp operations at Homestead, said Westover's primary role was to get things organized quickly so cargo can get

into Haiti as fast as possible.

"We went to Homestead with a fairly small team compared to the overall team that is here for loading aircraft," he said. "Our role is to make sure that all of the people here get organized in such a way that the cargo gets moved through the base quickly."

The humanitarian mission was personally rewarding for Airman 1st Class Andrew Riobe. New to the Air Force, the Airman was very familiar with Haiti -- he's of Haitian decent and has spent time in the country over the last few years building water purification systems.

"This is major and it's personal. When we got the call I spoke to my chief and I jumped on the opportunity the minute I could. I feel priveledged to be out here helping."

The aerial porters completed their duty at Homestead and returned to Westover in late February.



ALL-WEATHER MISSION >> A 439th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron crew de-ices a C-5 Jan. 28. The efforts of the Westover maintenance community brought the mission-capable rate for the C-5B nationwide fleet up more than 3 percent throughout 2009. (photo by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Biscoe)

MXG chalks 3.6 percent MC hike

by Tech. Sgt. Troy Thibeault

The past fiscal year saw the collective efforts of Westover's 439th Maintenance Group contribute to an overall 3.6 percent C-5B mission-capable rate increase Air Force-wide throughout 2009.

The increase is attributable to the MXG

team increasing the mission-capable average here 22 percent, pulling the entire Air Force C-5B fleet effort up, said Col. Theron Davis, assigned to headquarters Air Force Reserve Command logistics.

EDITOR'S NOTE: For the complete story, click on Westover's web site at:

www.westover.afrc.af.mil

Colonel Hancock takes OSS command

Lt. Col. Jeffrey Hancock took command of the 439th Operations Support Squadron Feb. 6.

Col. James Linder, 439th Operations Group commander, presided at the ceremony held at the Westover Conference Center.

Colonel Hancock took over OSS command from Lt. Col. Gregory Symonds. Colonel Hancock is a command pilot and aircraft com-

mander with more than 6,000 hours in the C-5, and was director of the 2004 Great New England Air Show.

A 1985 graduate of the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, he has been at Westover since January 1992.

Colonel Hancock lives in Westford, Conn., with his wife and two children.



Colonel Hancock

COMM seeks portal content managers

While moving the Westover Intranet to the Air Force Portal helped cut Air Force operating costs, the 439th Communications Squadron (CS) needs reservists to help update and add content.

Portal pages are available to official Air Force organizations and effectively share information and collaborate with other Air Force units, said Senior Master Sgt. Jacqueline M. Plouff, Knowledge Operations Manager for Westover.

According to Capt. Jeremy C. Downer, 439th CS Information Systems Officer, organizations can post such items as frequently asked questions, points of contact, photos, clip-art, movies, and event calendars.

Reservists to access this information any time since they can log on by using their Common Access Card readers with their personal computers, said Captain Downer. Managing content on a Portal page is similar to updating content on any of the popular social networking websites, Sergeant Plouff said. Reservists wishing to be content managers only have to take a short computer-based training course.

To view Westover's Portal, log on to the Air Force Portal, go to the 'Bases, Orgs, Functional Areas' drop down menu at the top of the page. Select 'MAJCOM A-Z Listing'. Next, select Air Force Reserve Command.

Further questions may be e-mailed to CS at 439cs.scbk@westover.af.mil.



"I use Facebook to interact with my fellow Airmen."

-- Staff Sgt. Mike DeJesus, 42nd Aerial Port Squadron



"I use Facebook to reach friends from my old bases and people I have deployed with."

-- Staff Sgt. Christopher Darling, 439th Communications Squadron



"To communicate with friends, family, work. I feel lost when I do not have it available."

-- Staff Sgt. Yoed Cameron-Santos, 337th Airlift Squadron

TROOP TALK | How do you use social networking?



What's happening?

RT @MajCamelo: Nice editorial on p

by Staff Sgt. Timm Huffman

If you check your live feed, tweet, re-tweet and watch the latest viral videos, then you're among the more than 50 percent of Airmen who get their news and information from online social media.

The Air Force and Air Force Reserve understand this and have launched into the world of social media via Facebook pages, its own YouTube channel called BlueTube, Flickr, and others. Now Westover has "friended" the online community through its new Facebook and Twitter accounts.

Anyone who want to keep their finger on the pulse of the base can friend or follow Westover to get the latest news and information. The public affairs office will regularly post important news and information to the Wing's Facebook and Twitter accounts.

"Communicating via social media networks is a way for our Airmen to get wing-specific information in a way they are already accustomed to receiving their information," said Maj. Wilson Camelo, Westover's wing Public Affairs Officer. "We are excited that the Air Force and Air Force Reserve Command has embraced social media.

"However, we will only be successful if we provide a two-way street



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o.2! Check out my cool story below

update

that allows us to get the news out and lets our Airmen, civilians, families and the community leave feedback and interact.”

This is part of a larger move by the Air Force to communicate with a growing population that no longer relies on traditional media outlets to get their news and information. According to the Air Force’s 2008 Air Force Social Media Survey, 70 percent of Airmen use YouTube and 50 percent Facebook. Fifty percent also want the Air Force to take a more active voice in the world of online media.

The trend toward online media is especially true in the Air Force Reserve, said Paul Bove, a social media strategist with the Air Force Public Affairs Agency.

“Many sites aren’t accessible on Air Force networks, but most reservists have the ability to access these sites in their civilian jobs outside the military,” he said.

While Facebook and Twitter are not accessible on the Westover dot mil network, steps are being taken to give reservists dot com access on base. In addition to the free Wi-Fi at the Westover
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BLUETUBE >> Visitors can click on this site to view Air Force news. The Department of Defense is responding to the enormous capabilities of the Internet's communication reach to millions of people by setting up sites like this for Airmen and their families.

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Club and the six terminals available at the Airman and Family Readiness Center, the communications squadron is working to get connectivity in the lodging facilities, according to Capt. Jeremy C. Downer, the base communications information systems officer.

For the latest news and information, 'friend' Westover on Facebook by searching 'Westover ARB' and follow tweets '@439Westover'.

Information sites

For more information about using social media and the Air Force, visit <http://www.af.mil/shared/media/document/AFD-091210-043.pdf> and visit <http://www.af.mil/socialmedia.asp> for links to all Air Force social media sites. Locally, questions may be directed to public affairs by e-mail:

439aw.pa@westover.af.mil

Tips help reservists avoid problems on line

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. -- Thousands of Air Force reservists are among the 350 million Facebook users. The popular social media site facilitates virtual networking and communication among like-minded individuals who "friend" each other, giving Airmen multiple platforms to engage in conversations about their professional and personal interests.

"Compared to their active duty counterparts, reservists are even more likely to use Facebook, LinkedIn, blogs and other social media sites on a daily basis," said Paul Bove, a social media strategist with the Air Force Public Affairs Agency. "If reservists mirror society, they are very likely engaged in these new communication platforms," he said.

Whether reservists are in an active military status or civilian status, on or off duty, common sense rules still apply when they visit social networking sites. AFPAA recently updated its social media engagement guide, providing useful tips for Airmen who surf social media sites. The following tips can help Reservists avoid problems:

- Don't give classified info: Operational Security is crucial to the Air Force Reserve Command mission. Reservists should avoid divulging classified, "For Official Use Only" and other sensitive materials.

- Stay in your lane: While Airmen are encouraged to share their reserve story, they should only talk and post about information with which they are familiar. An aeromedical evacuation nurse can informatively talk about the aeromed mission, but

could be out of line talking about legal issues in the Air Force Reserve.

- Don't lie: Credibility is critical in the Air Force Reserve. Without credibility, no one cares what we have to say.

- Give your opinion: AFPAA encourages Airmen to join the discussion in social media settings, but reminds them to clearly indicate that their comments are their personal opinion, and not that of the Air Force or AFR.

- Use common sense: Realize your words and images go out to thousands of people around the world. While it's OK to have fun, keep in mind your actions may reflect upon the Air Force Reserve. Your unit public affairs shops can provide additional advice and guidance on social media interactions.

- Personal information: Be careful about divulging too much personal information online. Personal addresses, phone numbers and birthdates could aid identity thieves or the enemy. Keep OPSEC in mind when deciding what to share.

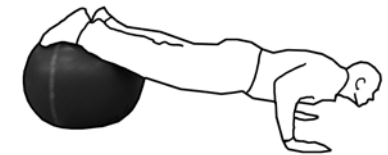
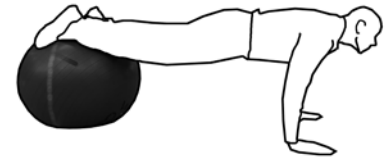
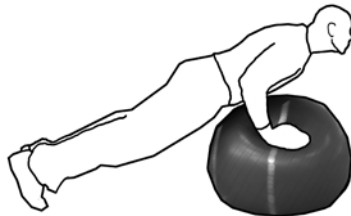
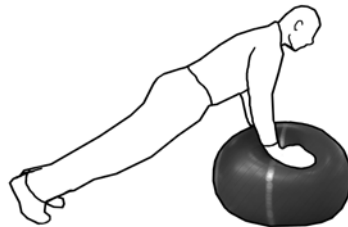
"Social media offers tremendous opportunity for the Air Force Reserve," said Lt. Col. Leslie Pratt, AFRC director of public affairs. "It doesn't replace traditional media relations, community relations and face-to-face communications, but social media lets us leverage our existing relationships and tell the Air Force story to millions more people. Social media lets them tell their story as well as the Air Force story which translates into a closer relationship with the public." (AFRC News Service)

Airmen can workout with fitness at home

EDITOR'S NOTE: With the Air Force fitness tests quickly approaching, a lot of Airmen are concerned about passing. To help everyone have the tools they need to be ready, the Patriot staff has teamed up with the fitness center staff to provide some quick and inexpensive work-

outs that can be done at home. Look for more workout tips in the next Patriot. Airmen may view the changes to the fitness program by clicking on the following Air Force Portal link: <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/affitnessprogram/index.asp>

Upper body and core strength -- equipment: stability ball (cost: \$25)



THE PUSH-UP >> From the starting position, lower the body until the upper arm is at least parallel to the floor. Return to the starting position and repeat 8-15 times. Perform three sets with a one-minute rest between sets.
illustrations by Staff Sgt. Gary Latour

THE STABILITY PUSH >> From a kneeling position, place hands on the ball. Straighten body and perform the push-up motion with hands on the ball. Do 7-15 repetitions. Perform three sets with a one-minute rest between sets.

THE BALANCE PUSH-UP >> Lay face down on the stability ball and walk hands out until shins are resting on the ball. Your hands should be directly below your shoulders and do a push up. Perform three sets of 7-15 repetitions with a one-minute rest between each set.

Dedication of deployed Airman impresses C-5 pilot

EDITOR'S NOTE: Captain Beale is a reservist assigned to the 337th Airlift Squadron at Westover.

by Capt. Jonny Beale

Sometimes the people I meet and the stories I hear astound me.

As a C-5 Galaxy pilot, myself and the crew have the honor of meeting scores of men and women traveling in and out of our theater of operations in the Middle East and South-west Asia.

The men and women who I work with every day understand the importance of connecting with these brave souls.

Sure, C-5 crews fly in and out of airfields all over the world, but for the most part we're above the fray. Talking with our passengers gives us the opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of our great military.

On a recent mission, we had the honor of meeting an Airman from Philadelphia – we'll call him "Philly" for short. Philly just

completed a six-month deployment in Iraq as a dog handler. He and his dog were assigned to a forward operating base (FOB) outside of Baghdad where they conducted daily sweeps to seek out weapons caches used by enemy forces.

His unit would identify areas worthy of sending a team to "secure the area" and search for weapons and explosives. Philly and his dog would enter the zone once ground forces entered and declared the area secure.

Though the area was declared secure, the nature of the asymmetric operations means one must stay alert at all times because seconds are precious when an enemy could be lurking nearby. I was fascinated by his stories, as were many of our crewmembers on headset listening to the realities of war. Ultimately, I wonder how he would transition to life stateside.

Would he let his guard down? Would he look at a person the same as he did in Iraq where he was trying to identify a suicide bomber?

Would he go back to Iraq or opt out of the military?

Philly didn't hesitate to say he believes his training kept him alive. He knows he can survive in Iraq and knows he's good at his job; therefore, he feels obligated to return to service. So the question of transitioning was not the question he wanted to answer. Philly wanted to ask his boss how to maintain his level of proficiency so he is ready

for the next deployment.

Philly's life is now changed forever. He will always think about potential threats at home and abroad. He was trained to defend himself and others from the very real threat of a suicide bomber and improvised explosive devices, and he now feels a sense of responsibility to his country to return.

Let's take a moment to give thanks to our veterans in our communities and hear the sacrifices they've made.



Captain Beale

Essay winners reflect on military pride, families

EDITOR'S NOTE: Steven Naylor, a family member of a Westover reservist, and Master Sgt. Kara Stackpole, 439th Aeromedical Staging Squadron, recently each won \$500 Chiefs' Council scholarships for their essays.

Steven is the son of Tech. Sgt. Brian Naylor, 42nd Aerial Port Squadron. The following are excerpts from his essay that answered:

"What does it mean to be a family member of an Air Force reservist?"

Sergeant Stackpole's essay excerpts, which follow, answer,

"What does it mean to be a part of today's Air Force Reserve Command?"

Honestly, it is hard to put into words what it's like to be the son of an Air Force Reserve member. I won't speak for everyone, but for me, it hasn't always been easy. Many people, including some military, don't think it's a big deal to be part of the reserves.

I have friends that are in the military who refer to reservists as "weekend warriors," people who drill once a month and only go away for a maximum of two weeks once a year.

After being a son of a reservist all my life, I can honestly say that reservists, especially my father, are just as important as any active-duty member and are far from mere "weekend warriors."

In the last seven years my father has been deployed twice. The first of which was December 26, 2002. I was in seventh grade at the time and he left for 11 months. He missed my 13th birthday and almost a full year of my life. I don't think people understand or realize what it is like to be part of a military family until they actually live it. When one of your parents is deployed with



WELCOME HOME >> Samantha Stackpole, welcomes home her mom, Master Sgt. Kara Stackpole, from a deployment in 2008. Sergeant Stackpole credits her daughter with helping her succeed in her military career. (File photo by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Biscoe)

the military, and the other parent is a city police officer, you tend to grow up faster than you should.

During those 11 months in 2002, I matured a great deal. Even though I was just 13, I felt much older. When my mother was working late I had to take care of my little brother, make dinner, help him with his homework, and still do all of my work.

You'd think it would become easier, that you might get used to your father being gone with the military, but it doesn't; it was harder the second time. That second deployment was in September 2008. I was 19 and starting my first year of college at Massachusetts Maritime Academy. Looking at 2010, my father is going to deploy for a third time for four months. This time will not be any easier.

Sergeant Stackpole's essay excerpts:

Over the past 12 years, I have learned and witnessed first-hand that I'm part of the greatest team ever assembled.

My team encourages me to succeed, teaches me how to overcome obstacles, educates me on how I fit in, entrusts me with life-changing decisions, supports me when times are tough and empowers me to do the same for the rest of our team.

I know I would have never become the woman I am today if not for the reserve. I would have eventually obtained my education, found a job, and ultimately raised a family. I'm sure I may have been happy, but I would have never felt this sense of purpose that is ingrained in me. It is a cause that transcends any job or career I could have envisioned on my own.

Obtaining a nursing degree means I bring stronger skills to our team. When I have the honor of deploying again, I will have strengthened and diversified my ability to help our wounded men and women.

I'm also the mother of a beautiful 6-year-old daughter. When she was born, I wondered if I would be a good example for her. I always wanted to become a nurse and felt she would be proud of me for that. I no longer wonder if I am going to be a good example, or worry if my daughter will be proud of me.

This has already been answered.

As I arrived back in the United States from Iraq, she was there waiting to jump into my arms.

She called me her hero and let me know how proud she was of me.

This is why I consider it an honor to write this for you, to say thank you to my team for giving my life a higher purpose.

Teenagers can apply to summits

The Air Force Reserve/Air National Guard Teen Leadership Summits are open to all 14-18 year-old dependent teenagers of current Air Force Reserve or Air National Guard members.

Applicants must complete the summit application for the session they wish to attend to

include essay questions, Code of Conduct and a transportation form.

The schedule includes the following: Classic Summit, June 13-18, Wahsega 4-H Center, Dahlonga, Ga.; Survival Summit, July 20-25, Colorado Youth Programs, Boulder, Colo.; Adven-

ture Summit, Aug. 10-15, Cheley Camps, Estes Park Colo.:

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PATRIOT PEOPLE |



Senior Master Sgt. Christopher Doyle

NAME: Christopher Doyle
 RANK: Senior master sergeant
 AGE: Fifty-four
 HOMETOWN: East Longmeadow, Mass.
 POSITION: Avionics flight chief
 FAVORITE FOOD: New York strip
 YEARS OF SERVICE: Thirty-five
 FAVORITE SPORT: Baseball
 FAVORITE HOBBY: Golf
 IDEAL VACATION: Bavaria
 BEST WAY TO RELAX: Golf/remote control flying
 PREFERRED ENTERTAINMENT: N.Y. Yankees
 FAVORITE HERO: My dad
 FAVORITE MUSIC: Mozart - Lady GaGa
 FAVORITE MOVIE: The Big Lebowski
 FAVORITE AIRCRAFT: F-4E Phantom II
 PET PEEVE: High year tenure
 WHAT WOULD YOU DO WITH \$1 MILLION?
 Lobby to build a history museum for the Air Force Reserve

AT THE CLUB >> Stage Six performs from 7-11 p.m. March 6. Celebrate St. Patrick's Day, from 5-8 p.m. March 17 with a themed buffet and a DJ. Free for club members and \$11.95 for non-members. New club members may sign up at the door and enjoy the night for free. Information: 413-593-5531

COMMANDER'S CUP >> The Commander's Cup bowling competitions will take place at 4:30 p.m. March 6 and March 20, with teams of two. Cost is \$6.75 per person, plus \$1 for shoes. Celebrate St. Patrick's Day, March 19-20 -- wear green and bowl for \$1 (Friday 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. and 5:30 - 10 p.m.; Saturday 5-10 p.m.)For more information, call 557-3990.

SPACE AVAILABLE >> Space available is offered daily at the Flyers Inn excluding UTA weekends. Space available reservations are accepted up to 120 days in advance. Call 557-2700 to make reservations.

OUTDOOR RECREATION >> Located near the family camping area, the outdoor recreation staff may be reached at 557-2192.

SERVICES CALENDER | www.westoverservices.com

Retirements

Senior Master Sgt. Christopher Doyle

Master sergeant

Ralph Knight
 Johnny Ng
 Elaine Perreault

Airmen and Family Readiness

Upcoming Airman and Family Readiness events include:

April 11: Month of the Military Child Celebration

April 16: Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon.

For more information on these events and the Year of the Air Force Family, call (413) 557-3024 or visit: www.westoverafrc.org

PATRIOT PRAISES | Reenlistments, promotions

Reenlistments

Senior master sergeant

Michael Barna
 David Berube
 Steven Holloway
 Andrew Martindell
 Steven Sequeira

Master sergeant

Michael Boucher
 Eric Brown
 Melissa Canarelli
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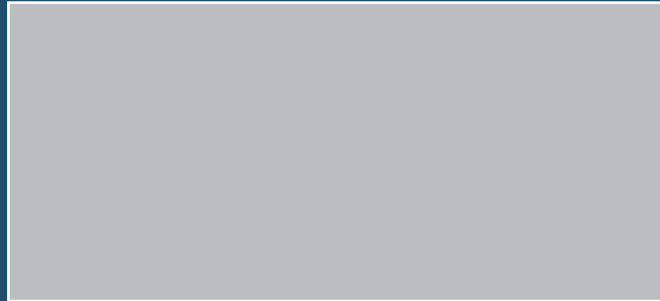
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