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## UTA SNAPSHOT

>> Commanders and first sergeants will be serving the Holiday meal to Patriot Wing Airmen at Bldg. 5550 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the December A UTA.

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ON THE COVER: A Westover C-5 uploads massive line trucks at March A.F.B., Calif. in response to the power outages in N.Y. and N.J. For more photos turn to pages 6-7.



**WELCOME HOME SCHOOLING** >> TSgt. Robbie Lahair, 439<sup>th</sup> SFS, surprises his son Trent at Bowie Elementary School in Chicopee with his arrival home. About 20 deployed reservists reunited with their families at the Security Forces building Oct. 25. (photo by SrA. Kelly Galloway)

**O**vercoming adversity. It is the hallmark of the Patriot Wing and it's what makes us unique in the Command.

On Sunday of the A UTA, a call came from one of our Reservists in New York City. Her neighborhood was hit hard by the hurricane and there was little relief in sight. The First Sergeants went into action. Within one day, they had collected \$2,500. With the help of local volunteers, a truck transported supplies purchased with the funds to her and her neighbors the next day. The group was not looking for accolades. They did this to help a "family" member in need.

Hurricane Sandy impacted our Reservists and civilians both locally and in the New Jersey and New York areas during the B UTA. The Wing went into action Sunday afternoon and put the wheels in motion to evacuate seven of our C-5's, preventing damage to our nation's assets.

We hunkered down and together prepared the base for the storm's impact. Numerous people came in on their

day off to help move equipment into secure locations, prepare aircraft for launch, provide continuous weather information, and ensure emergency management preparations were completed. Within three hours, seven aircrew were in crew rest for immediate launch the next morning. The continuous training and planning that makes us recognized as leaders in AFRC paid off. Together, your efforts defined "service before self."

This marks the third year in a row that Westover has been used



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as an Incident Support Base for the entire New England area. The Federal Emergency Management Agency, Defense Logistics Agency, and the Army Corps of Engineers have nearly 75 trailers, fuel trucks and support equipment positioned in the Dogpatch area. Base Emergency Management personnel, as well as Security Forces and other units, have supported their 24/7 operations. Maintainers have deployed to Phoenix to support relief missions as well

as AE troops supporting those in need on the East Coast. At this writing, we've flown four hurricane relief missions to bring desperately-needed utility trucks, personnel and other cargo to the storm-ravaged East Coast.

You have all exemplified outstanding commitment to the Wing during these challenging times. Your efforts have received praise from our local U.S. House of Representative member as well as from Air Force leadership. Your actions – nationally and locally – make me proud to serve with you and in this Wing and epitomize your reputation as Leaders in Excellence.

**by Col. Jeffrey Hancock**  
439<sup>th</sup> AW Vice Commander

**BRIEFS** |

**UMass hockey**

The UMass minutemen have invited Westover military members, their families and friends to a military appreciation night. The event is on Saturday Feb. 2 at 8 p.m. Call (413) 204-0239.

**Westover Winners**

- This quarter's winners are:
- Airman: SrA. Kelly Galloway, 439<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing
  - NCO: TSgt. Timothy Girouard, 439<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Squadron
  - SNCO: MSgt. Kevin Harford, 439<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron
  - CGO: Capt. Matthew Darisse, 439<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron
  - Civilian: Julia Guerra, 439<sup>th</sup> Logistics Readiness Squadron
  - Civilian Supervisor: Brett Bailey, 439<sup>th</sup> Mission Support Group

**1<sup>st</sup> black AF Academy Grad dies**

The first black graduate of the Air Force Academy, who served at Westover A.F.B., died at his home in Lolo, Mont. in November.

Charles Vernon Bush entered the academy with two black classmates in June 1959.

Bush, who spoke Russian and Vietnamese, was assigned to Vietnam in 1967 as an intelligence officer. After returning to the U.S. in 1968, he was assigned to Headquarters Air Force Special Projects Production Facility at Westover as chief of the technical analysis division.

He went on to graduate from Harvard Business School and serve as an executive at several large civilian firms.

**Angel Tree donors needed**

This great program is offered to Westover's military personnel and their dependent children who are in financial need. For those of you that picked from the Angel Tree at the Airmen and Family Readiness Center, all gifts are due back by noon on Saturday Dec. 8.

**Yellow Ribbon Offers Free Trip, Info**

Reservists returning from or preparing to go on a deployment, along with their families, are eligible to attend Yellow Ribbon events at resorts where presenters provide information about the benefits they've earned and the resources available to them. There is ample relaxation and family time scheduled as well.

The Air Force Reserve Command funds 100 percent of the program for the reservist and family.

For info, call CMSgt. Michelle Dunfield at (413) 557-2858/3862.

# Westover participates in round-the-clock relief ops

by Lt. Col. James Bishop

In response to President Obama's call for the government to "lean forward" to support East Coast hurricane relief efforts, a Westover C-5B flew to March Air Reserve Base, Calif. Nov. 1-2. There they picked up 73 electrical workers and two utility trucks.

Fourteen hours after taking off from Westover, they unloaded the workers and equipment at Stewart Air National Guard Base, N.Y., to help with relief operations, a trip that would have taken six days to drive.

Aircraft and crews from 12 bases across the nation were mobilized Nov. 1 to pick up 632 short tons of equipment supporting relief efforts, including 69 large utility vehicles, according to an Air Force news release. The relief workers and equipment will augment efforts in New York and New Jersey in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy.

The morning before "Superstorm" Sandy

was due to ravage the East Coast, maintenance, aircrew and ground support teams hustled to evacuate all but four of Westover's 16 C-5s to MacDill AFB, Fla. At the same time, dozens of tractor-trailer trucks rolled down a remote taxiway on the base's north end.

By Oct. 30, 75 trailers filled with emergency supplies stood along Taxiway R, ready to be delivered anywhere in New England.

Drivers for the Federal Emergency Management Agency and Army Corps

of Engineers brought trailers loaded with bottled water, tarps, meals, fuel, generators, and other emergency supplies to hurricane-stricken sites across New England and into New York City.

Trucks continued to rumble into and out of the base through early November as FEMA and the Army Corps of Engi-

ners sent relief supplies and generators to disaster sites across New England and New York.

than \$20 billion in damage, according to multiple reports. Sandy became the largest Atlantic hurricane on record, with a path of wind that spanned 1,100 miles, the *Washington Post* reported. The hurricane was downgraded to a tropical cyclone by the time it reached Massachusetts Oct. 29. Base meteorologists said the maximum wind gusts here were 51 mph. The rainfall that day was .8 inches. Last year's rainfall during Tropical Storm Irene of 3.2 inches set a new one-day record, more than tripling the previous record of .92 inches set in 1970. Westover serves as a FEMA Incident Support Base for emergencies such as this. In September 2010, in preparation for Hurricane Earl, the base debuted as a staging point for FEMA Region I, which encompasses all of New England. Last year, FEMA teams and trucks staged at Westover for nearly two months, staging recovery operations in the aftermath of Hurricane Irene. The morning after the storm, U.S. Rep. Richard Neal (D-Springfield) visited Westover to assess federal recovery operations. "It is a reminder for people who live here how important Westover is as a staging area," Neal told reporters after his visit.



photo by Michael Vaccaro, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

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Hurricane Sandy made landfall Oct. 29, obliterating the New Jersey shore and leaving much of Manhattan underwater with a 13-foot storm surge. The massive Category I hurricane crept north/northeast at 14 mph, according to the National Weather Service, killing at least 170 people in the Caribbean, Bahamas, United States and Canada. The storm left 8.5 million without power and caused more

# Emergency responders conduct exercise with Patriot Wing

Story by 2nd Lt. Andre Bowser  
Photos by TSgt. Timm Huffman

More than 125 representatives of regional hospitals, municipal and emergency workers, as well as Patriot Wing members converged on base Oct. 21 for a federal National Disaster Medical System exercise.

Deploying C-5 aircraft, a helicopter and a parade of ambulances, among other emergency vehicles, exercise participants shuttled mock patients through stages of the mass casualty exercise.

The scenario involved a natural disaster in a neighboring state with numerous injured patients transported by Air Force medical airlift from the disaster site to a patient reception team at Westover.

"It takes 25 agencies to do what we're doing here today," Springfield's Emergency Preparedness Director Robert Hassett told the emergency responders from around the region, including officials from the VA Central Western Massachusetts Healthcare System and Red Cross. "Today is all about the process, and our focus is on administration and logistics of transporting medical patients safely."

To that end, Hassett said communication between the 25 participating agencies was key.

"Communicate well with each other and solve problems as we see them — and above all document everything so that we can learn from it," he said.

Beverly Hirschhorn, a member of the Medical Reserve Corps, said the opportunity to interact and work with the other agencies was a huge benefit to the exercise.

"We got a sense of how we could fit it in a larger response and learned flexibility in terms of taking any role we are requested to do. We also got a fantastic sense of the different types of people and agencies that are brought in to do this type of an event."

Rows of ambulances idled outside the base hangar, all standing

by to drive to area hospitals where medical staff would receive simulated patients; inside the Base Hangar, dozens of stretchers were lined up in rows with inflatable medical patients resting on the guernes, their simulated ailments and vital statistics described on pieces of paper affixed to the puffed-up bodies.



In all, 48 "patients" were stabilized before being transported to hospitals in all four Western Massachusetts counties — well within the required six-hour window.

Hassett told exercise participants that it was about much more than shuttling medical patients.

"Imagine you're sent hundreds of miles away from home for a medical issue in an emergency," he started, continuing to describe the "need to care for the whole person."

In a real-world incident, a mobile kitchen would be deployed and sanitary items would be provided to patients, Hassett said. The Red Cross was on hand providing creature comforts to participants.

Westover is one of two ports of entry in the state for medical patients evacuated from a neighboring state. The other port is Boston's Logan International Airport.



Participants in the regional exercise included the Department of Veterans Affairs, the City of Springfield Office of Emergency Preparedness, the Hampden County Medical Reserve Corps, American Red Cross, 11 area hospitals, area emergency medical response units, and units assigned to Westover and the Massachusetts National Guard.

Roger Johnson, VA director in Central Western Mass., and the federal coordinating officer for the exercise, said the training event was a chance to brush up on skills and get ready should the real thing happen.

"Our responsibilities as local, state and federal participants are to care for all patients needing our assistance as if they were our own neighbors," he said.



photo by SrA. Alex Brown

# Pre-stover becomes a whirlwind of activity during snow



photo by W.C.Pope

background photo by SrA. Kelly Galloway



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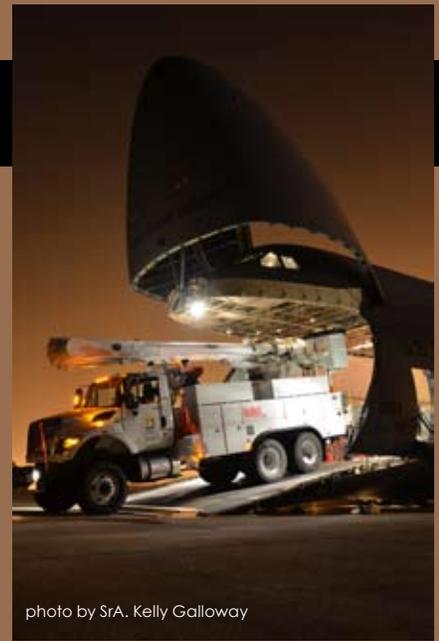


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# Roth contributions now open to all Air Force Reservists

by Terri Moon Cronk  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFPS) -- Air Force Reservists and active-duty members of the Air Force, Army and Navy are now able to contribute to the Roth Thrift Savings Plan as part of their investment planning, Defense Financing and Accounting Service officials said.

The after-tax contributions will be electronically deducted from service members' pay accounts.

Reservists may submit a TSP-U-1 form to their finance office, or they can start their Roth TSP contributions through their online MyPay accounts, which offer a fast and secure method to manage both Roth and traditional TSP contributions.

Active-duty Marines, guardsmen, reservists and civilians paid by DFAS were able to begin making contributions to the program in June, officials said.

Any other branches of the National Guard and Reserve not currently covered will be able to make Roth TSP contributions by

mid- to late 2013.

The timeline difference between active-duty and other service members resulted from an interim solution for Reserve component members, which didn't meet Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board requirements, according to DFAS.

To begin making Roth TSP contributions, service members should determine how much of their pay is eligible. A Roth TSP worksheet can help make the calculations.

Military members are required to contribute an amount equaling 1 percent of their eligible pay to begin TSP contributions. For those who are not participating in traditional TSP investments, the initial Roth TSP election must meet this 1 percent requirement. The IRS maximum contribution to Roth TSP is \$17,000 per year, DFAS officials said.

Military members can use pay earned in combat zones, and are excluded from federal taxes to contribute to Roth TSP.

## TROOP TALK | "How were you affected by the Hurricane?"

"The boatyard I own in New Bedford, Mass., went into Hurricane Mode the Thursday before hurricane Sandy. We worked over 12-hour shifts through the weekend doing all-hands-on-deck scheduling, hauling boats out of the water,

blocking, removing anything loose, prepping customers' boats, removing signs and anything that would otherwise become airborne or float away. In total, we hauled 97 boats out and secured them by Saturday night. Thanks to the pre-emptive planning and hard work, the boatyard received only minor wind damage."

>>MSgt. Robert Gardner  
439<sup>th</sup> Safety Office



"I had taken leave two days prior to the storm and was on my way back to Westover from Providence, R.I., Monday evening. All of the exits and turnpikes I usually take were closed and the side streets I wound up driving were nearly flooded. There were numerous times when I thought my '92 Camaro would become engulfed with the water because it is such a low-sitting car. It made the trip back, but it was nerve-wracking."

>>Amn. Jorge Yubran  
439<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Squadron



"I work for NSTAR electric, so we began working around-the-clock 17 hour days from Monday through Friday. We responded to customer calls of downed wires, trees and limbs, keeping the general population away from the hazards associated with downed electrical conductors and other storm damage. We had to cone and caution-tape the areas off. My own home lost power for 12 hours."

>>TSgt. Stephen Winn  
439<sup>th</sup> Public Affairs

# Keep it Simple, Santa

Commentary by Chaplain (Capt.) Joseph Eggleston

I have a game for you to play. It's a Christmas game—if that's your tradition—or any winter holiday will do. Your goal, between now and December 25<sup>th</sup>, is to gather up more stuff, commit to a longer list of parties and places to be, and ring up more debt than everyone else in the game. As the winner, your friends will stand amazed at your social prowess, and wonder enviously about your apparent success.

Your winner's trophy will be the prize-worthy portfolio of R.S.V.P.'s, To-Do's, and IOU's that you accumulated. You will then enjoy the aftermath of stress, lost sleep, and credit card bills commensurate

with your victory; congratulations.

Now, does anyone really want to play this game?

Asked another way, does it seem worth it to have that kind of holiday, given the peace and enjoyment you lose in the process? From that perspective, it seems easy to dismiss the lure of the holiday shuffle. Year after year, though, the temptation to over-spend and over-commit rears its ugly head. Now, for many of us, the strained economy is forcing us away from our old habits, leaving us with less stress overall. So, whether you choose to enjoy a simpler holiday out of necessity, or by conscious choice, it yields a dual benefit. First, the

anxious aftermath is greatly reduced. But secondly, and perhaps even more importantly, this leaves more time to spend with loved ones, and the experiences we hope to share. With the clutter removed, we're free to focus on what is really important.

My Christmas wish for you is a peaceful, refreshing time that you will want to remember. I expect to be in church three days in a row (Sunday the 23<sup>rd</sup>, Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day), and God willing, to spend every other moment with my family. I pray that you are equally and abundantly blessed in your holiday observance.

Soli Deo Gloria.

## *A gift of advice from your Safety Santa*

by TSgt. Brian Boynton

It is that time of year when New Englanders prep for the extreme weather events that seem to be part of the Holiday Season. I started early this year and put snow tires on my car in August. They melted before I was half way home.

The following items are suggestions, not in order of importance and not meant to be the only items you should carry in your car or stock at home.

### **For the Auto:**

- Baby Wipes: (comfort item year round) stored inside the car.
- Folding shovel: (I have a \$5.00 E-tool knock-off that can chop away at ice as well.)
- Snow-ice scraper/ brush
- A can of dry gas: Stored in the trunk during cold months.
- Hand crank or battery flashlight and radio, matches or lighter.
- First aid kit.
- Water: I keep a small pack with items that I don't want

to freeze in the car and bring it with me when I travel more than 15 minutes from home.

- Food: MRE's, trail mix, protein bars stored inside the car.
- Road side flares or reflectors, tire chains, a can of fix-a-flat or a portable air compressor stored in the trunk.
- Never have less than ¾ tank of gas at any time. Think of a half tank as empty.
- Small tool kit stored in the trunk.
- Even a small bucket of sand is a useful item.
- Your old combat boots.
- Power inverter: Used for charging your personal electronics. This is especially nice to have if you lose power at home. They are priced as low as \$40.00 and will charge laptops and small devices.
- An old coat: Use your old Gortex and stuff its sleeves with items like socks, hat (full pullover) and gloves. They can be used in lieu of a sleeping bag

or blanket.

- Change your engine oil to a thinner grade for the winter, flush your radiator, have your brakes, tires, wipers, belts and hoses checked BEFORE the cold air arrives. Some "quicky lube" places will check all belts, hoses, sensors and water pump along with the radiator flush. Look for a convenient location where you can shop for presents for a few hours while they work on your car. You not only score a decent parking spot at the Mall but your car will be in a heated garage while you shop.

### **For the Home:**

- Baby wipes: This is a comfort and Hygiene item, especially if you have a well pump that stops working when the power goes out.
- Candles, matches, rechargeable lanterns, cheap outdoor solar lights work great indoors and are safe.
- Hand crank or battery flashlight and radio.



- Nonperishable foods, MRE's, comfort food, bottled water: The heater bags in the MRE's make for a nice hot and safely cooked meal when the power is down, and the kids love them. It passes the time and gives them something fun to do. (Teach them how to trade items back and forth.)

- Portable power box: They are cheap and easier to store than a generator and they do not use fuel so they can be stored and used indoors. You can charge them in your car if you have a power inverter and cannot get to a power source during the day.

## Two Westover units earn best-in-command

By SSgt. George Cloutier

Through the synergy of military and civilian personnel and continued support of operations overseas, the 439<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineering Squadron was recently named Air Force Reserve Command Civil Engineering Unit of the Year. Earlier this year, AFRC announced that the Westover Fire Department earned best in the command -- achieving the highest degree of excellence in mission support and fire protection management.

Additionally, the top AFRC Firefighter of the Year title went to Andrew Creech. The award recognizes a civilian firefighter for superior job performance and outstanding contributions to the fire service.

Notable accomplishments of base CE include completing \$27 million in projects over the 2012 fiscal year, including a \$7 million runway repair.

Westover's CES is made up of 198 traditional reservists, and the full time mission is carried on by a team of 107 civilians, many former or current military. "We just mesh together," said SMSgt. Stacy Gilman, 439<sup>th</sup> CES first sergeant.

Some CE members wear multiple hats, working on the civilian side of the house in their regular job and donning the uniform during drill weekends. One such member is Capt. Brett Bailey, 439<sup>th</sup> CES Chief of Mobility.

"We've done a lot in the last year or two with developing work order programs to help the CES folks get involved, turning some wrenches, getting their boots dirty and not just doing their mobility training when they come here on the weekend," Bailey said.

The squadron also received four other AFRC awards:

- best Air Force Civil Engineer Asset Management Flight
- top Air Force Civil Engineer Resources Flight
- top Air Force Civil Engineer Programs Flight
- and the Balchen/Post Award, which recognizes outstanding performance by snow and ice control personnel during the previous winter. "The Balchen/Post Award is recognized outside of DoD," said Base Civil Engineer Wayne Williams. The success of our snow and ice removal is a function of our partnership with Phoenix Management Incorporated, he said.

## POPE'S PUNS |

by W.C.Pope



## Westover pumped \$238M into local economy in 2012

by Lt. Col. James Bishop

The 439<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing poured nearly \$238 million into the community in fiscal year 2012, representing an increase of nearly \$400,000 over last year.

Overall there was a net decrease of \$1 million in payroll, for military, civilian, and contract workers, according to Dan McCarthy, Westover cost and management analyst. McCarthy added that dip in payroll was primarily attributable to a decrease in the number of extra days reservists worked last year.

There was also a net decrease of \$4 million in services.

Those losses were offset by a \$5.5 million increase in funding for construction. Additionally, the estimated value of indirect jobs created by the base in FY 2012 rose \$4.6 million.

The wing impacted communities within a 50-mile radius with an economic impact of \$237,936,751 from Oct. 1, 2011 to Sept. 30, 2012. During the previous year, the base's impact was \$237,568,913, and in 2010, that figure was \$266,631,634.

The 439<sup>th</sup> AW employs about 3,902 people, including 2,826 Air Force reservists. There are 766 federal employees and 310 non-appropriated fund and contract employees.

The annual payroll for the base during the period totaled \$139,148,342.

The economic figures and personnel counts do not include the base's 29 tenant units, which include ten Army units, four Marine units, and two Navy units, which together employ approximately 2,160 people, mainly reservists.

"As one of the largest employers in the area, Westover's success is Western Massachusetts' success. The jobs that make this base run well also help local economies to run well," said Col. Steven Vautrain, 439<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing Commander.

PROMOTIONS |

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Daniel Kennedy  
Pedro Romero  
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**Westover's Goal**  
**\$45,000**  
**by December 15**  
**Contact your Squadron CFC Representative or call Kimberlee Ayuyu 557-2904**

FACES OF WESTOVER

**SrA. Sharon Mekal**  
439<sup>th</sup> Aircraft Maintenance Squadron



**SrA. Sharon Mekal**

Working two jobs, barely making ends meet and desiring to learn a trade proved to be strong motivators for SrA. Sharon Mekal, 439<sup>th</sup> Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, when she enlisted in 2009. "I have an associate's degree in early childhood education but realized the job market had shifted – I knew I needed to do something different."

When the recruiter asked her what she wanted to do, she didn't have to think hard. "I knew I wanted to be a crew chief because I wanted to work with my hands," she said.

Since landing a full-time ART slot this summer, Mekal says that her job is rewarding on several levels. "I'm fulfilling my civic duty and I get to work on the largest aircraft in the inventory! I take a lot of pride in what I do," she said.

She deployed to the transit center at Manas, Kyrgyzstan, in 2011. "Of course you learn your job in and out when you're at home station, but you learn so much more when you're deployed and learn YOU ARE the mission," she explained. "The people you meet and the relationships forged are invaluable. I truly cannot say it enough – I love what I do."

-- by SrA. Kelly Galloway

RETIREMENTS |

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SERVICES CALENDER |

Submitted by Mollie Anello, services marketing assistant

**CLUB >>** Starting Nov. 13, Breakfast and Lunch will be served at building 5550! Breakfast Buffet will be served from 6 to 8 a.m. and Lunch will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. We will be featuring a make-your-own-sandwich station, Taco Tuesdays, and Fish Fridays! If you have questions call us at 557-2039.

**BOWLING CENTER >>** Renovations of the Bowling Center are "rolling" along! The parking lot and entrance ways are almost complete! Keep up to date by visiting our facebook page, facebook.com/westoverbowl, and westoverservices.com!

**OUTDOOR REC >>** The Holiday season is here! Westover's Outdoor Recreation has tables, chairs and other family gathering essentials. Rent them today! Call 557-2192.

**FITNESS >>** Basketball Coaches Meeting is Dec. 12 at 4:30 p.m. in building 5100. For more information call 557-3958.



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Published monthly for Patriots like SSgt. Mercy Adang, Broad Brook, Conn., and more than 3,400 people assigned to Westover Air Reserve Base.



**PATRIOT'S FLYING HIGH >>** A C-5 from "the Patriot Wing" at Westover Air Reserve Base performs a flyby over Gillette Stadium Nov. 11, just before kickoff, to an estimated crowd of more than 68,000. (photo by SrA. Kelly Galloway)