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Great New England Air Show and Open House, Aug. 4-5

photo by W.C. Pope

>> Senior leadership has postponed the mobility exercise planned for this weekend, until the October A UTA.

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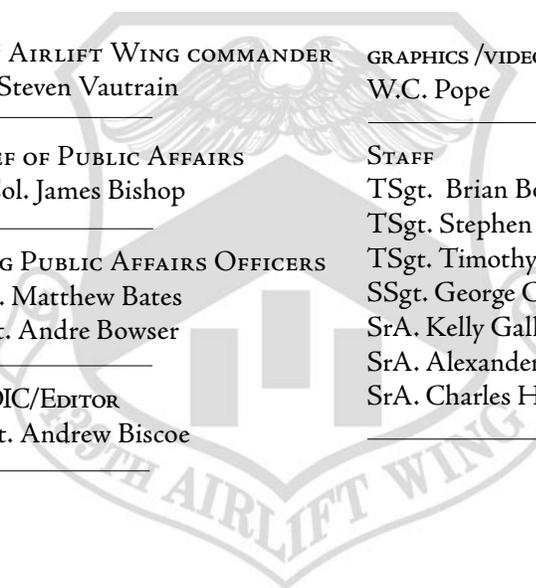
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CHAMPION CHIEFS >> CMSgts. Bruce Westcott, John Szewc and Kathy Wood retire this spring after a combined century of service. They gathered on the flight line in April for one "parting shot."



RESPECT TO THE COLORS Memorial Day will mark the sacrifices of men and women who have lost their lives in the defense of the United States. Pausing to honor our country takes place every evening at 5 p.m. at Westover. Because we fly the U.S. flag 24 hours a day, when reveille is played at 8 a.m., those in uniform are not required to stand and salute because there is no flag-raising ceremony. At day's end, the playing of the National Anthem during retreat requires proper honors to be displayed. Those in uniform are required to stand at attention and salute upon hearing the first note of the music. People in civilian attire are also required to observe this military tradition as they stop and face the music until it ends. Motorists must also come to a stop until the music concludes.
(photo by SrA. Kelly Galloway)



This month I'm revisiting a topic that comes up now and again: responsibility. We're all responsible for our own actions. Several recent events have made

me think that we are in danger of losing our sense of responsibility in the Patriot Wing.

Webster defines responsibility as "the state of being responsible, accountable, or answerable, as for a trust, debt, or obligation." As members of the greatest military in the world, we are expected to maintain a high level of responsibility in all of our actions. This means the entire Westover family: officers, enlisted, civilians, contractors, and family members.

We've been given a trust to defend our nation. That trust comes at a high price. People associated with the military are consistently rated #1 in the nation for

confidence and esteem by our fellow citizens. All of us have made sacrifices in order to serve others. We do not want to let them down. One irresponsible action by one member reflects poorly on the entire team.

The most obvious time when we're ex-

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pected to be responsible for our actions is on the job. We are entrusted with millions of dollars worth of equipment, people's careers, and in some cases, people's lives.

We must always strive to do our duties correctly. We have technical orders, Air Force instructions, and safety directives that tell us what to do and when to do it.

Shortcuts may seem to be a good idea at the time, but in the end they could result in more work, injury, or death.

Follow the guidance that you have, and if you think of a better way to do the task, use the approved method to submit changes to the procedures.

Responsibility off the job is a more difficult subject, especially in the Reserve. When we're off-duty, we consider ourselves free from many of the restrictions of the work environment. It's true, we can relax and enjoy ourselves, but our core values of integrity first, service before self, and excellence in all we do are not only nurtured on-duty; they are cultivated throughout our entire lives.

We can relax off-duty, but we should never forget that we are always in the public eye and an example to those around us.

Whenever you are thinking of doing something that may not be a good idea, it probably isn't. Think of how it reflects on you, your unit and your family.

**by Col. Steven Vautrain
439th Airlift Wing commander**

BRIEFS |

Top 3 volleyball

Westover's Top Three will host a "kick off the summer" volleyball tournament June 2 at 4 p.m. at the new pavilion (located next door to the base exchange).

Admission is \$5 per person with a six-person team minimum.

Proceeds raised will benefit the Enlisted Scholarship fund. Those interested in signing up for the volleyball tournament should contact MSgt. Chris Lane at christopher.lane.2@us.af.mil.

The Top 3 meets at 2 p.m. on Saturdays of the A UTAs at the Westover Club.

Bosslift takes employers to Lockheed

A June 14-15 Bosslift from Westover will take employers up-close to the Lockheed-Martin Co., the manufacturer of the C-5. The Bosslift will depart Westover early June 14 for Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Ga., and will return the late afternoon of June 15. Lockheed-Martin occupies a large portion of the Dobbins airfield.

Employers from all branches of services at Westover may sign up for the flight. The 439th Airlift Wing Public Affairs Office and Massachusetts Employer Support for the Guard and Reserve coordinate Bosslift flights. A previous Bosslift, which took place in October 2010, also toured Dobbins.

For more information, call PA at 557-2020 or email at 439aw.pa@westover.af.mil.

Center offers free babysitting class

A free babysitting class will be held May 19 from 9 a.m. to 4p.m. at the Airmen and Family Readiness Center for children ages 12 to 18 and lunch will be provided. For registration, call the center staff at 413-557-3024.

Enlisted workshop

The 6th Annual Career Enlisted Workshop will run from June 3-5 at the Westover Conference Center.

This year's theme is "I Am An Airman, I Am Resilient." Those interested in participating can contact SMSgt. Shane Robitaille at 413-557-3430 or MSgt. Jen Griffin at 557-2771.

Commander's Cup

This month's activity is dodgeball taking place at the fitness center. June's event is softball. For more information, call the fitness center at 557-3958.



TAKEOFF INTO HISTORY This composite photo shows C-5A 69-0003 taking from Westover for the Arizona "boneyard" in April. This aircraft is among

C-5A 'triple zero three' flies final mission

by SrA. Kelly Galloway

"'Triple zero three' heavy, cleared to Davis-Monthan."

To stay.

That aviation dialogue was part of a veteran airlifter's last mission from Westover in April, as the 42-year-old C-5A lumbered into the sky on its final mission to the military "boneyard" at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz.

A former crew chief of "triple zero three" recently recalled the worldwide contributions of C-5A 69-0003. SMSgt. David Turner worked on the aircraft until 2005, when the Air Force transferred it to the 445th Airlift Wing at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.

"I was very proud to become the crew chief of this particular aircraft because I was following crew chief Andy Martindel, who had a reputation of being a hard-working and knowledgeable aircraft maintainer," SMSgt. Turner said.

Just about any C-5 has its share of complex maintenance challenges, and this aircraft had its fair share for SMSgt. Turner. The aircraft developed a wing flap and slat problem that quickly became a chronic repeat write-up flight after flight.

"After resolving this problem I remember the aircraft became one of Westover's more reliable aircraft," he said. "I'm glad I could work with a team to provide the flying squadron with a safe, well-performing aircraft."

"Triple zero three" was among the legacy Galaxy A-model fleet -- one of 81 built between 1966 and 1970.

Built in 1969 and delivered to the Air Force Feb. 11, 1971, "triple zero three" was "redelivered" to the Air Force in February 1987 with its newly-strengthened wings, part of a service-wide Lockheed upgrade to the fleet of A-models.

After four decades of service to America with the 436th Airlift Wing, Dover AFB, Del., the Patriot Wing and the 445th, the aircraft became one of 27 slated for retirement from the Air Force.

It was flown to Westover from Wright-Patterson in April 2011, and rested on the flight line here until its final mission one year later.

First female four-star makes Air Force history

WASHINGTON (AFNS) -- The Senate confirmed Air Force Lt. Gen. Janet Wolfenbarger for promotion March 26, making her the first female four-star general in Air Force history.

Wolfenbarger currently serves as the military deputy in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition here. She is one of four female lieutenant generals in the Air Force.

"This is an historic occasion for the Air Force," said Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley. "General Wolfenbarger's 32 years of service, highlighted by extraordinary leadership and devotion to duty, make her exceptionally qualified for this senior position and to serve as the next commander of Air Force Materiel Command."

A native of Beavercreek, Ohio, she was commissioned as a second lieutenant in 1980 after graduating in the first class with female cadets at the Air Force Academy.

She also holds a graduate degree in aeronautics and astronautics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge.

The general has held several positions in the F-22 System Program Office at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio; served as the F-22 lead program element monitor at the Pentagon, and was the B-2 System program director for the Aeronautical Systems Center, Wright-Patterson AFB.

Prior to her current assignment, the general was the vice commander of Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson AFB. She received her third star in December 2009 and became the Air Force's highest-ranking woman in January 2010. Women currently make up 9.1 percent of the Air Force's general officer ranks. In

addition to the four female lieutenant generals, there are 12 major generals and 11 brigadier generals.





27 C-5As the Air Force is retiring. It was stored at Westover until its final flight to Davis-Monthan Air Force Base. (photos by SrA. Kelly Galloway)

C-5M changes USAF airlift in 'super' way

by Air Mobility Command Public Affairs

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. -- The culture of the Air Force C-5 community is changing... and it's changing in a "super" way.

As the Air Force transitions to the C-5M Super Galaxy, the upgraded airframe has quickly become an integral part of the airlift mission. It has set dozens of airlift world records and spanned the globe completing historic missions. In October 2011, the C-5M was also a force in the C-5 "surge" where for a week 18 active duty and 23 Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve Command crews and 41 total force C-5 Galaxy aircraft flew cargo in support of combatant commanders across the globe -- also an Air Force first.

The C-5 has long been known as the "Air Force's largest airlifter." In the future, AMC officials say the goal is to have all C-5s become C-5Ms that would further strengthen the airframe's worldwide airlift capabilities.

The Air Force began an aggressive program to modernize all remaining C-5Bs and C-5Cs and many of the C-5As in its inventory when the C-5 Avionics Modernization Program, or AMP, was instituted in 1998. This effort included upgraded avionics, improved communications, new flat panel displays, improved navigation and safety equipment, and a new autopilot system. The first flight of the first AMP-modified C-5 occurred on Dec. 21, 2002.

The second part of the C-5 modernization plan is the Reliability Enhancement and Re-engining Program, or RERP, which includes new General Electric CF6-80C2 engines, pylons and auxiliary power units, with upgrades to the aircraft skin and frame, landing gear, cockpit and pressurization system. With both AMP and RERP upgrades, the C-5M was born. Dover AFB received the Air Force's first production C-5M in November 2010.

The Air Force plans to upgrade 52 Galaxies to "super" status by the end of 2016, said Lt. Col. Bob Shelton, A3 Strategy and Integration Officer with Headquarters AMC's Directorate of Operations.

"The C-5M significantly increases strategic airlift capability. We'll see tremendous improvement in reliability, direct-delivery capability and fuel efficiency. In turn, all of these will help reduce the demand on tanker platforms and the number of air refueling missions required," said Shelton, who has over 600 hours experience flying C-5s. "As our new strategic guidance looks towards



M ON THE WAY This C-5M Super Galaxy, from Dover Air Force Base, Del., was the first M-model to land at Westover. It was at the base in October 2010 for an isochronal inspection. The first M-model is slated to join the Patriot Wing fleet in 2013. (photo by MSgt. Andrew Biscoe)

operations in the Pacific, the improved capabilities of the 'M' will be especially beneficial to strategic airlift in the region and for overcoming the 'tyranny of distance.'"

On the 14-hour-plus flight to Afghanistan, the C-5M carried cargo for the Operation Enduring Freedom mission and "proved a strategic direct delivery concept.

On its way back, the same C-5M was also refilled with cargo from Kyrgyzstan, Southwest Asia and Western Europe that needed to be returned to the U.S. -- making efficient use of nearly all the 270,000 pounds of cargo capacity in the plane. All of the thousands of miles back to Dover AFB, the plane performed as well as expected by the crew, and added to the upgraded airframe's reputation as a "solid performer."

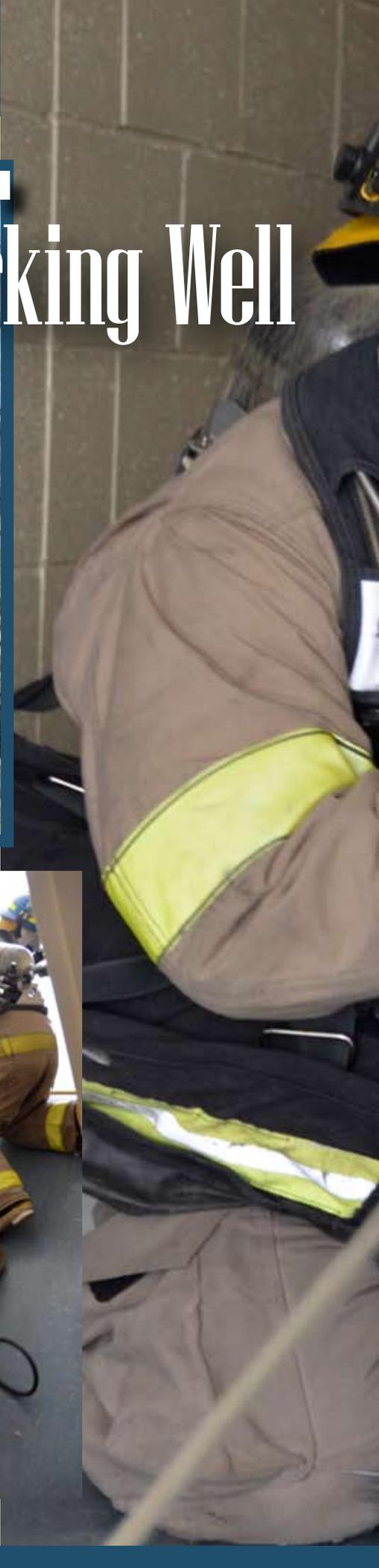
Lt. Col. Scott Erickson, a C-5 pilot from the Air Force Reserve's 709th Airlift Squadron at Dover, discussed the C-5M's capabilities and capacity.

"Having been with the M from the beginning, I'm always proud to show off what it can do," Erickson said. "Thanks to the engines, we can now carry more [with the C-5M], carry it farther and use less gas. In overflying places we used to stop for gas, or where we would have required an air refueling, the savings in time, money and maintenance adds to an already impressive package."

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Working Blind...

Working Well



W by SrA. Kelly Galloway

estover and local area emergency workers train hand-in-hand on many areas of the base. Their mutual aid rapport underscores cooperative training amid a spirit of teamwork with use of the base's training facilities.

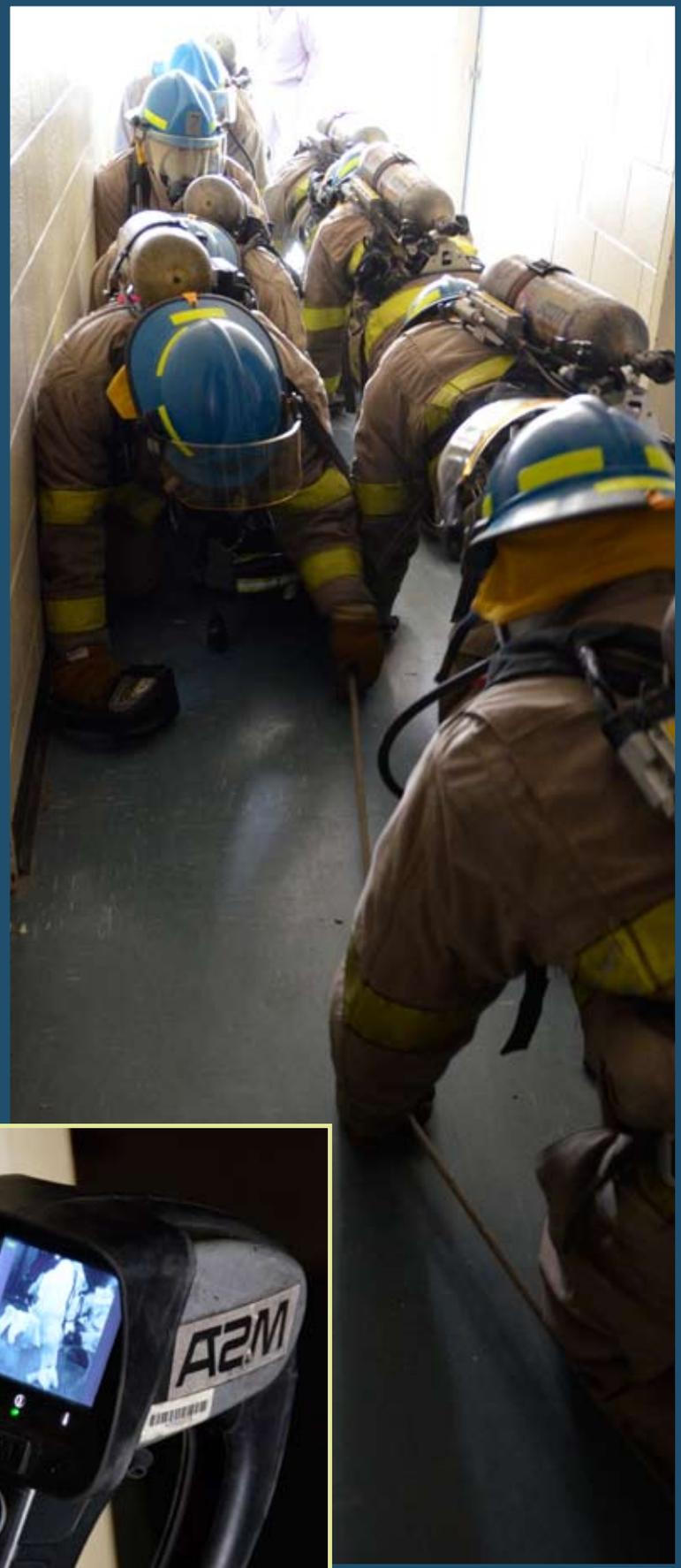
A recent example happened April 10, as the Chicopee Fire Department's newest recruits trained at the former Armed Forces Reserve Center building on Airman Drive hill.

The firefighters' training centered on leading and maneuvering through a smoke-filled structure. Instructors rendered all 20 trainees "blind" by covering their masks. The leader used a heat-sensing device to guide them. The entire team was tethered together.

Westover and the Massachusetts Fire Academy assisted the Chicopee Fire Department with the life-saving training.

"The recruits have used on-base facilities for various hands-on training to include entering a smoke-filled building," said Capt. David Beauregard, Chicopee FD training and safety officer. "The 'burn' house is excellent for training, and, since we are so close to the base, very convenient."





--photos by SrA. Kelly Galloway

Plans take to air for August show lineup

by MSgt. Andrew Biscoe

Planners and organizers announced in April that two days of flying and ground displays will headline the August Great New England Air Show and Open House.

Although it's too early to confirm the list of aircraft and aerial performers, the public will be able to tour Westover's own C-5 Galaxy as well as scores of other military aircraft -- both modern and vintage, during the show, scheduled for Aug. 4-5.

The Galaxy Community Council (GCC) will again team with senior leadership and air show organizers to run the open house. The GCC, formed in the early 1990s, is a private organization that also assists with running the base's annual Family Days. GCC volunteers raise funds to support the non-military participants, such as civilian aerobatic acts and vintage "warbird" aircraft at the air show. The GCC is not part of the Department of Defense or any of its components and has no governmental status.

The following tentative list includes numerous modern and vintage aircraft and ground displays:

-- Small civilian aircraft formation aerobatics; a C-17, Rob Holland; Ground Act Jet School Bus; OV-22 Osprey; Geico Sky Typers; Michael Goulian; F-18; Legacy Flight; Navy Aircraft; Heavy Air Demo

-- C-5 -- Warbirds

For more information, visit the Galaxy Community Council web site: greatnewenglandairshow.com, or Westover's Facebook link: [facebook.com/Westover.Patriot](https://www.facebook.com/Westover.Patriot)



OPEN TO VIEW Visitors tour a Patriot Wing C-5 during the 2008 Great New England Air Show. This year's show is scheduled for Aug. 4-5 (the A UTA). Hundreds of thousands of people are expected to attend the show's array of aerial and ground displays. (photo by MSgt. Andrew Biscoe)

TROOP TALK | Who has been your military inspiration in your career?



"My military training instructor from basic training. He raised me from the ground up, instilled the core values and inspired me to strive to become an MTI."

-- A1C Christopher Feliz
58th Aerial Port Squadron



"Lt. Col. (Adrian) Bosley. His honesty, fairness and how he takes pride in everything that he does makes him a great mentor."

-- SrA. Michelle Plante, 439th Operations Support Squadron



"My first supervisor. She really took the time to pay attention to her new Airmen and truly set me up for success."

-- TSgt. Nicole Elliot
439th Force Support Squadron

photos by SrA. Kelly Galloway

Westover's Snow coaches boxer all the way to AF Academy

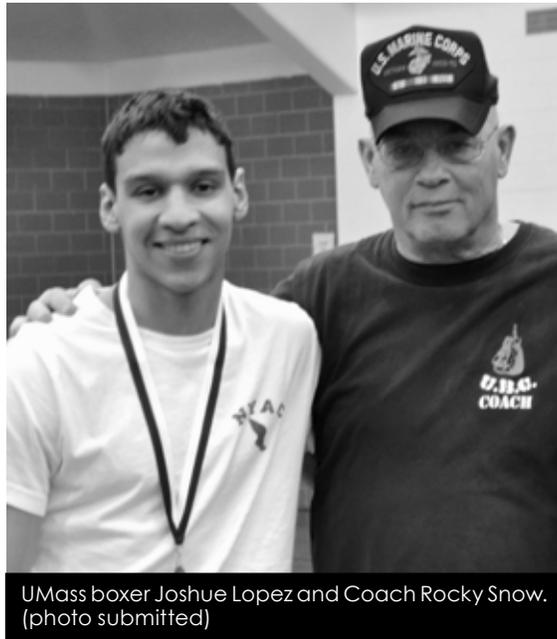
by SrA. Kelly Galloway

Joshue Lopez and his Coach Rocky Snow left for the National Collegiate Boxing Association Tournament at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs April 4. There, Lopez proved himself worthy of the title: National Collegiate Boxing Champion.

Boxer and University of Massachusetts Amherst student Lopez bested Air Force Academy Cadet Andrew Munoz, by decision, 5-0, and took the 132-pound weight class National Championship April 7. One month earlier, he won the Regional Collegiate Boxing Association Tournament at Pennsylvania State University March 15-17.

That victory landed him a position at the Air Force Academy to vie for the National Championship.

The regional tournament boasted fighters from eight colleges: Pennsylvania State University, Lock Haven



UMass boxer Joshue Lopez and Coach Rocky Snow. (photo submitted)

University, United States Military Academy, Coast Guard Academy, Georgetown University, UMass, and University of Maryland, College Park. The top three fighters in each weight class from every regional tournament in the country went on to compete at the Air Force Academy.

Coach Snow, a former Marine and boxing veteran, brought boxing to Westover just one month after revitalizing the UMass boxing team. Since then, UMass team members have traveled to Westover each week to train with more experienced fighters and military members.

Snow estimates that he has trained over 150 reservists, active duty, state and city police and family members at the Westover Fitness Center since March 2010 -- volunteering up to eight hours of training a day.

Training preps UMass ROTC cadets for deployment challenges

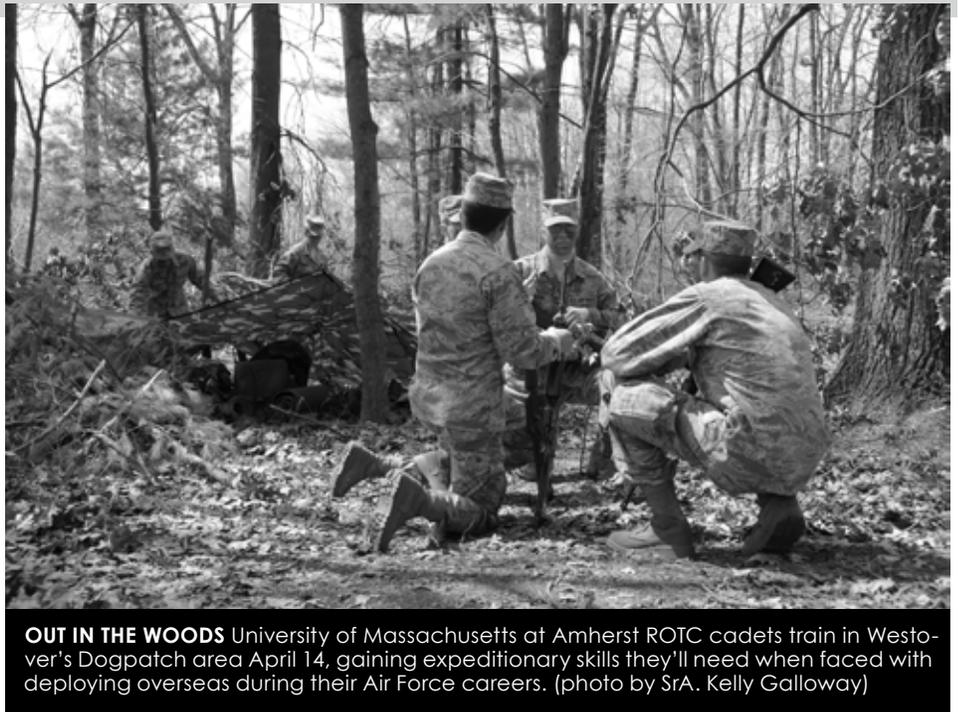
by SrA. Kelly Galloway

Twenty-nine local ROTC underclassmen cadets headed to the base's Dogpatch area for field survival and resistance training April 14.

The mission of the University of Massachusetts at Amherst cadets: survive, fight and win. Their scenario: A peaceful but struggling village, under constant "attack" by senior cadets, not far from the cadets' base camp.

Their training comprised team-building skills, learning self-aid buddy care, understanding fire teams, coordination among each other to reach common goals, and survival, said Lt. Col. Scott Huber, Detachment 370 commander.

To enhance the realism of being deployed to an overseas location, the underclassmen spent the night in defensive fighting positions.



OUT IN THE WOODS University of Massachusetts at Amherst ROTC cadets train in Westover's Dogpatch area April 14, gaining expeditionary skills they'll need when faced with deploying overseas during their Air Force careers. (photo by SrA. Kelly Galloway)

The goal of the ROTC training at Westover was to provide an experience of what these cadets will face

when they head to several locations in Alabama, including Maxwell Air Force Base.



Officers move up leadership ladder

Two Westover squadrons saw changes at their top leadership positions during the April A UTA.

Col. Stanley Chartoff assumed command of the 439th Aerospace Medicine Squadron, which operates the base clinic on Walker Aveune. The squadron is one of three medical units assigned to the 439th Airlift Wing.

Col. Jeffrey Hancock, 337th Airlift Squadron commander and veteran C-5 pilot, pinned on his new rank at the Base Hangar April 15, with help from his family members.



Pope's Puns



--C-5M continued from page 5

in time, money and maintenance adds to an already impressive package."

According to MSgt. Mitch Pykosz, precision loading program manager for AMC's Directorate of Logistics, Air Transportation Cargo Policy team, one area where efficiency comes into play with precision loading is utilizing as much pallet space as possible on both contract and military airlift missions -- which in turn requires fewer missions to complete.

The effort includes building pallets to their maximum weight or volume goals, based on specific aircraft requirements including the C-5M, Pykosz said. Through February 2012, the precision loading initiative has enabled a 9 percent mission utilization increase which led to an avoidance of 195 air missions saving the Air Force and AMC millions of dollars in flight costs.

Combine the precision loading initiative with the C-5M's cargo capability -- including a world record of 176,450 pounds -- and there is a greater possibility for increased efficiency. A C-5M can actually hold up to 245,000 pounds of cargo depending on a number of factors to include runway length and atmospheric conditions, said MSgt. Andy Hoots, command manager for C-5 loadmaster standards and evaluations at Headquarters AMC.

And maybe that's the best way to describe the C-5M -- "mind boggling" possibilities. Dover AFB is the current home to all three of the C-5Ms delivered to the Air Force. Eventually, other C-5 wings, such as Westover's and the 60th Air Mobility Wing at Travis AFB, Calif., will have the aircraft as part of their daily operations. In turn, having the C-5M available may change the culture and the history of the C-5 community in a "super" way.

(Note: This is the first in a series of three stories by AMC Public Affairs highlighting the growing capabilities of the C-5 Galaxy fleet. MSgt. Scott Sturkol, AMC Public Affairs; AMC Directorate of Operations; and AMC's Directorate of Logistics, Air Transportation Cargo Policy team contributed to this article.)

Promotions

Master Sergeant

Steven Auclair
Sean Lauzier
Chelsey Martin
Joseph McCormick
Edward Salazar



Technical Sergeant

Christian Borrero-Colon
Nicole Elliot
Keith Fernet
Peter Fulton
Nicholas Hains
Nicholas Hotham
William Howell
Gary Hudson
Matthew Kadish
Paul Keyes
Richard Schumaker



Staff Sergeant

Garrett Grant
Bryan Healy
Steven Hernandez
Joseph Kibe
Kelli Miller
Angelica Negrón
Kelly O'Connor
Nicholas Waterbury



Senior Airman

Andrew Boisvert
Fareed Johnson
Joseph Lanoutte
Michael Neita
Nicholas Mota
Anthony Rodrigue
Erika Sykes
Tara Sylvester
Colby Tyler
Garyson Winn



Airman First Class

Travis Carpenter
Leonard Murphy



The Westover Chiefs Council -- is accepting applications for a \$500 college scholarship award paid to a 439th Airlift Wing enlisted reservist ranking from airman (E-1) to senior master sergeant (E-8), and a \$500 college scholarship award paid to an E-1 to E-8 family member for the fall semester. Application deadline is Aug. 5. An electronic copy of this application can be obtained at <http://www.westover.afrc.af.mil/>. For more information, contact CMSgt. Kristine Seney at 557-3428.

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TSgt. Lisa Dufresne

439th Force Support Squadron

TSgt. Lisa Dufresne, 439th Force Support Squadron, joined the Air Force in October 1997, initially working in finance while on active duty.

"After spending four years at Luke AFB, Ariz., I retrained and became an air reserve technician in personnel and came to Westover, December 2002," she said.

As assistant chief of personnel systems her job is to ensure military personnel data accuracy and provide personnel systems support.

"My favorite place in the world is the beach. Originally, I am from the San Francisco Bay area. And I miss the Pacific Ocean very much," she said. "I have a passion for writing. My favorite quote is, 'reality is an absolute not to be faked.'"

Of all the things she's seen here, the one thing she'll never forget is when she had to direct massive numbers of cars at a Westover air show.

-- by SrA. Kelly Galloway



TSgt. Lisa Dufresne

RETIREMENTS |

Chief Master Sergeant
Kathy Wood

Master Sergeant
Patrick Lum

Senior Master Sergeant
Martin Gosselin

Ann Peery
Mirinda Wheeler-Pettit

SERVICES CALENDER |

Submitted by Mollie Anello, services marketing assistant

CLUB >> Mother's Day Brunch, May 13, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., omelette, Belgian waffle and carving stations, Members \$21.95, non-members \$23.95, children ages 5-10 \$10.95, age 4 and under free, reservations no later than May 8; DJ in the Lounge May 5, 7-11 p.m.

BOWLING >> Mother's Day Bowl, Mom bowls free May 11-12. Learn to bowl, get a ball, bag, towel: \$99 (kids), \$119 (adults). For more information, call 557-3990.

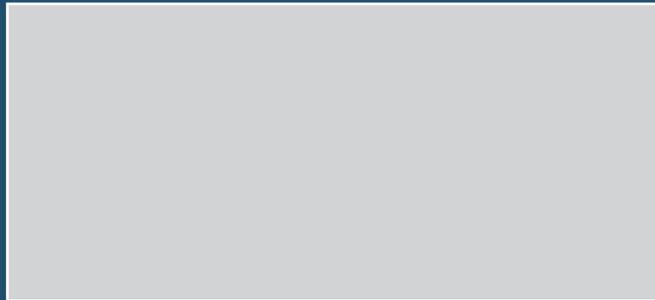
OUTDOOR REC >> Check out our brand new bounce houses: toddler, 58 ft. obstacle course, and two indoor bounce houses, and other party rentals. For more information, call 557-2192.

FITNESS CENTER >> Softball season starts in the beginning of May! Contact the fitness center for all information, call 557-3958.



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