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ON THE COVER: A Patriot Wing C-5 approaches for landing as two Air National Guard F-15s wait to take off in October. The F-15s will soon return to Westfield; turn to page 5 for the story. (Cover photo by MSgt. Andrew Biscoe)

'STAR' OF THE SHOW >>

President Barack Obama announced Nov. 14 the nomination for promotion to brigadier general for Col. Steven Vautrain, 439th Airlift Wing commander. Col. Vautrain was among 11 colonels in the Air Force Reserve on the nomination list. Col. Vautrain has been wing commander at Westover since August 2011. (photo by W.C.Pope)



October marked the two-year anniversary of my arrival here. It's hard to believe it's been that long already, but in today's fast-paced, full schedule, "plugged in" way of life, time passes pretty quickly.

Often, our lives can be so focused on just surviving the everyday minutia or the never ending "to do list" that we can no longer see the forest for the trees. Sometimes we don't even have time to look back at our accomplishments, reflect on the difference we've made, or take time to refocus on the big picture. As a group commander, it's my job to keep focused on that big picture; past, present and future.

You've all done an amazing job contributing to our mission. I'm very proud to be your OG commander. Like the passage of time, responsibilities and challenges don't take a break. And within those hours and days, there seems little time to re-energize.

I'm glad to review our wing's challenges and accomplishments of the past two years, as well to refocus us on the importance of what your mission is within the 439th.

We'll begin with the wild and untimely October 2011 snowstorm that caused widespread damage like we've never seen. Some power outages lasted up to a month.

In January 2012, we successfully performed the first-ever deployment of six C-5s and associated crews and maintenance to Southwest Asia in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

We continued to maintain the highest ops tempo for all AFRC C-5 units, while operating under ever-increasing austere fiscal conditions. In August we hosted the very successful Great New England Airshow -- more than 200,000 people came to our base.

That fall we evacuated all our aircraft to Florida for Hurricane Sandy, then flew several cross-country missions ferrying outsized vehicles to help with the recovery effort. Last winter, we dealt once again with Mother Nature, when a severe blizzard hit New England. Shortly thereafter, the wing began preparing for the virtual and then subsequent Consolidated Unit Inspection. The wing pulled down an excellent -- and we rewarded ourselves with a hugely successful

Family Day.

And, while juggling all the prep/inspections/recovery, we endured a civilian furlough and a government shutdown (with another four days of furlough). These are tough times. Yet through all that turbulence, you gave us nothing but continued and consistent excellence. The same can-do attitude here prevailed as you did the best you could. The mission got accomplished. And that's the reason why we're all here: to accomplish our mission.

Do you know what our mission is here? It's worldwide delivery of outsize cargo and personnel with our giant C-5 Galaxies. That's why Westover exists. Each of us has a part in helping that mission move. Do you know what your mission is? How does your piece of the puzzle create a successful big picture? Ask your supervisor or your commander to explain it to you. It's essential not only to the mission but to our own job's success and personal satisfaction that each of us understands our roles -- why we're here, why we're needed, and why we make a difference. At the end of the day, at the end of the UTA, at the end of every mission flown, the bottom line is that every single person in this wing makes an important contribution towards Westover's success!

A periodic review and reset is important both personally and professionally. It prevents stagnation, allows for course adjustments, and ultimately helps ensure that we as individuals -- and collectively -- continue to work toward our common goal: mission success.

To recap: Knowing what the mission is and how you contribute to it is step number one. Step two is to set tangible goals that support that mission's success. And step three is to accomplish those goals.

Our wing's success is evidence that we follow these steps. With that continued approach, there's no doubt in my mind that when that call comes, Team Westover will bring its excellence and combat power to bear wherever and whenever needed. Truly, through teamwork we will deliver!

by Col. Michael Miller
439th Operations Group commander

BRIEFS |

Range off-limits

As a part of the annual trespass notice, security forces reminds us that the Westover small arms range, on Training Avenue, is off-limits to unauthorized personnel. Trespassing on the range is not only illegal, it is also dangerous because of the live gunfire.

Questions may be directed to MSgt. Jeffrey Otis in the combat arms section at 557-2061 or the law enforcement desk at 557-3557.

Children's 'winter carnival' set for Dec. 7

Santa, Mrs. Claus, and Frosty's friends are welcoming all children to the Frosty's Winter Wonderland Carnival Dec. 7 in the Base Hangar. It will feature arts and crafts, bounce houses, and food from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The RSVP to get children on the gift list is Nov. 27.

Sending PII results in account locked

Privacy Act managers advise that people who store and transmit personally identifiable information over the Air Force network to any .com account will have their accounts locked in response to the violation. PII is any information about an individual that can be used directly, or in connection with other data, to identify, contact or locate that person and can include such information as: full name, address, Social Security number, medical, educational, financial, legal and employment records. These actions are in addition to and don't replace, the Privacy Act notification process, which is already in place throughout the Air Force.

Questions should be directed to unit security managers.

Quarterly winners

The fourth quarter wing award winners are: Airman: SrA. Amanda Collins, 439th Aerospace Medicine Squadron; NCO: TSgt. Stephanie Biza, 42nd Aerial Port Squadron; SNCO: MSgt. Danita Thibeault, 439th Operations Group; CGO: Capt. Scott Theriault, 439th Maintenance Squadron; Civilian: Robert Page, 439th AMXS; and Civilian Supervisor: Robert Perreault, 439th Mission Support Group.

Rising 6 lip balm sale

The Rising Six is selling lip balm made from beeswax to raise funds for Westover's 2014 Air Force Ball. Contact SrA. Edwin Hilerio -- they're one for \$3 or two for \$5.

Patriot Wing command chief steps up to 4th Air Force

by TSgt. Stephen Winn

Westover's top-ranking enlisted Airman recently stepped up to the same leadership position at the numbered air force that oversees the Patriot Wing.

CMSgt. Michael Thorpe was the interim command chief for headquarters 4th Air Force located at March Air Reserve Base, Calif., from September through late October.

"This has allowed me a unique perspective of how the wings throughout 4th AF operate and provide the total force association that's needed to ensure our Citizen Airmen are prepared for the next world or national event when assimilating with our Active Duty and Air Guard counterparts," CMSgt. Thorpe said. "I was also fortunate to have the opportunity to work closely and collaborate with the

4thAF command chiefs to provide our people the necessary tools that are needed to succeed."

CMSgt. Thorpe's temporary position came at a time many of those in uniform will remember for years to come.

"It has been a tumultuous month due to the government shutdown," he said. "But the one attribute all our wings displayed throughout the 4th AF was the resiliency needed to ensure our missions continued unimpeded. It is a testament to our people and the level of dedication they have to their individual craft, and devotion they have to this Nation."

CMSgt. Thorpe has been command chief of the Patriot Wing since April 2011. CMSgt. Brian Wong is the new 4th AF command chief.

AFRC Nominates Westover for presidential award

by TSgt. George Cloutier

For the second year in a row, Air Force Reserve Command has nominated Westover for the 2014 Commander-in-Chief's Annual Award for Installation Excellence.

According to Wayne Williams, Base Civil Engineer and Fire Marshal who authored Westover's award package, the CINC award is an annual competition at the DOD level that encourages and rewards installations that maintain high standards and continue to improve how they meet assigned DOD missions. The winning installation receives \$1 million and the runner-up receives \$500,000.

"Westover is a small but vibrant installation, with a dedicated and hardworking team of professionals who take great pride in the work they do to support America's Air Force and the joint/tenant population of our base," said Col. Steven Vautrain, 439th Airlift Wing Commander. "In the two years that I have been here I have been amazed and impressed by the cooperative spirit and the commitment to excellence of the entire Westover team. I would gladly match our team up against any active-duty installation in our Air Force, and we would be honored to represent Air Force Reserve Command again in this year's competition."

Some of Westover's accomplishments highlighted in the award package include:

- Providing reliable airlift for warfighters by flying 3,831 hours, moving 4,601 person-

nel and 10.7 kilotons of cargo while keeping the Air Force's best mission capable rate.

- Maintaining one of AFRC's busiest airfields with 9,000 civilian flights, 120 training sorties and over 18,000 wartime support/local missions.

- Completing an \$8 million runway project and starting a \$25 million fuel hydrant retrofit project which will result in a massive increase in airfield capability.

- Hosting 20 F-15s from the Massachusetts Air National Guard's 104th Fighter Wing with 30 days notice, ensuring success of critical NORTHCOM alert mission.

In 1984, the President of the United States established the CINC's Annual Award for Installation Excellence to recognize the outstanding efforts of the people who operate and maintain Department of Defense installations and who have done the best with their resources to support the mission. The award encourages commanders to create an environment that promotes innovative and creative ways of enhancing base-level services, facilities, and quality-of-life.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Turn to pages 6 and 7 to see aerial views of the base's layout which helped earn this nomination.



USO MEETS RARE C-5C >> SSgt. Konrad Hunley, 439th Maintenance Squadron, gives representatives of the USO a tour of a C-5C, here at Westover for a scheduled inspection. Dan Ernst, at left, is a Pioneer Valley USO board member and President David Jubinville is at center. To the far right is honored guest Glen Welling, vice president of operations of Arlington. They had a rare look at one of the two C-5C models, based at Travis Air Force Base, Calif., which are used by NASA for oversized loads. SSgt. Hunley explained that the area above their heads is where the passenger section would be in other C-5s.
(photo by W.C.Pope)

Furloughs disrupt Westover operations

by MSgt. Andrew Biscoe

The 16-day federal budget shutdown's effects sent shockwaves of emergency furloughs, cancelled orders, and a postponed UTA affecting the entire Westover family in October.

Congress agreed Oct. 16 to fund a continuing resolution through mid-January.

Shortly after Congress was unable to agree on the budget Oct. 1, 270 civilian workers with the 439th Airlift Wing were sent home. The furloughs stretched the remainder of the week. Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel ordered 104,000 civilian Airmen back to work on Oct. 5, and Westover's workforce returned Monday, Oct. 7. At the same time, 100 traditional reservists' orders were put on hold. These Airmen were sent home - including two senior NCOs attending the Senior NCO

Academy at Maxwell-Gunter Air Force Base, Ala., and a technical sergeant -- halfway through NCO Academy at Maxwell-Gunter.

"I was in a class of 120 NCOs," said TSgt. Sally Granada, who works on the wing commander's support staff back at Westover. "I was preparing a reflective essay when they told us we were being sent home."

In order to complete her professional military education, TSgt. Granada will have to return to Maxwell-Gunter and repeat the entire NCO Academy class.

The shutdown didn't stop with furloughs and orders cancellation. On Oct. 1, the Air Force suspended tuition assistance for Airmen enrolled in the Community College of the Air Force.

"We were expecting about 120 enrollments based on past data for courses beginning Oct. 1," said SSgt. Samantha Cooper, wing education and training

technician. "One of our biggest concerns is the effect [the shutdown] will have on CCAF completion rates as TA is an ideal benefit for completing the general education requirement component for CCAF degrees."

Tuition funding was restored Oct. 17. "It's highly recommended, given the recent circumstances, to apply for TA as soon as you hit that 60 days' timeline to secure benefits," SSgt. Cooper said.

Civilian workers were partially paid Oct. 11, with the remaining pay on hold for two weeks.

While budget wrangling dragged on, hundreds more reservists were affected. October's A UTA was rescheduled due to the budget uncertainty, and postponed until Oct. 26-27. This sudden change forced some to reschedule their time as two weekends in a row of transportation costs and time

away from their civilian jobs presented more challenges.

"Having the UTA and an annual tour day missing from my budget has definitely caused some hardship," said TSgt. Brian Boynton, assigned to the 439th AW Public Affairs Office. "The missing pay alone is my usual month's rent."

But TSgt. Boynton's resilience is a common thread throughout the Patriot Wing.

"I've learned to become pretty creative when it comes to financial hardships," he said.

"We are Leaders in Excellence and this wing will get through this unprecedented era of hardship and uncertainty," said Col. Steven Vautrain, 439th AW commander. "Thank you for your service during these very difficult times."

As the base approached the late October A UTA, the consensus was not a return to normal because the Air Force is still under sequestration.

F-15s to fly south in December

by SrA. Charles Hutchinson IV

Aircraft and Airmen from Barnes Air National Guard Base will return home to nearby Westfield soon after their temporary stay at Westover.

Around 80 Airmen and 12 F-15 Eagles with the 104th Fighter Wing came to Westover in mid-July while the Barnes runway was undergoing repairs. Now that construction is nearly complete, the contingent will head back to the guard base in early December.

Maj. Pete Carr, commander of the 104th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, said that in early December, a portion of the jets

and about 70 percent of the unit's equipment will relocate to Florida for a temporary deployment. The remaining aircraft will return to Barnes between Dec. 7 and 8.



photo by W.C. Pope



photos by Lt. Col. James Bishop and
SSgt. Kelly Goonan



*...slipped the surly bonds of
Earth and danced the skies
on laughter-silvered wings.*

-- "High Flight", Pilot Officer John Gillespie Magee, Royal Canadian Air Force



Maintenance Squadron's reorganization

by SrA. Charles Hutchinson IV

Maintenance group leadership formally inactivated the 439th Maintenance Operations Squadron and designated it as the 439th Maintenance Operations Section, under MXG, during a ceremony at Hangar 7, Oct. 26.

Maj. Todd Meyers, former MOS commander, relinquished command of the unit to Col. Kerry Kohler, 439th MXG commander. Currently, no section commander has been appointed pending a decision from Air Force Reserve Command.

"Jobs you are doing don't change, you'll still be part of the best maintenance group in the Air Force and part of the best wing," Maj. Meyers told the group of Airmen at the inactivation ceremony.

In March 2002, Air Force senior leadership directed the establish-

ment of a new combat wing organization structure that standardized operations to enhance expeditionary capabilities. As a result of this directive, the 439th Logistics Support Squadron was designated the 439th MOS.

Originally known as the 439th Material Squadron, the 439th MOS was activated Dec. 27, 1965 and deactivated in December 1968. More than three decades later, in September 2003, the maintenance operations squadron was once again activated and remained operational until the recent inactivation.

The restructure was established to enable the

maintenance group to focus on balancing sortie production and increasing the health of the C-5 fleet.

These changes will have no major effects on the men and women attached to the former unit.



GUIDON STAND DOWN >> MSgt. Louisa Cabana, Col. Kerry Kohler, Maj. Todd Meyers, and MSgt. Timothy Cathra conduct the inactivation ceremony for the 439th Maintenance Operations Squadron. (photo by TSgt. George Cloutier)

TROOP TALK | What is your favorite holiday memory?



"When I was 10 and received my Kawasaki four-wheeler for Christmas! The four-wheeler is still in the family – I've passed it on to my nieces."

>> SrA. Sean Genreux
439th Maintenance Squadron

"My favorite holiday is Thanksgiving. I can recall when I was about eight years old when all of the family was at my aunt's house watching National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation after dinner."

>> SSgt. Garrett Barsalou
439th Civil Engineering Squadron



"Just being able to spend time and eat dinner with my family. It's gotten more difficult to just get together over the years."

>> SSgt. Eric Stager
439th Maintenance Squadron

a continuing series exploring Westover

DID YOU KNOW

by 1st Lt. Andre Bowser

...The Patriot Wing, along with other federal organizations, has many initiatives to help reservists gain and retain rewarding professions outside of their military commitments. Annually, Westover hosts an Employer Day, as well as incentive flights and trips for industry leaders and hiring officials across the Pioneer Valley and in neighboring regions and states.

The goal: "Keeping the Air Force Reserve triad strong for the families, Reservists and places of employment that our members rely on to support their families," said Col. Steven Vautrain, 439th Airlift Wing commander.

"We partner with employers to ensure that they know what our reservists are doing is extremely important and of great benefit to our country, but that they are also receiving world-class training that translates well into their civilian careers."

The Department of Defense mandates such things as Employer Days, but the

goal of supporting service members and encouraging employers is also fostered by federally sanctioned organizations such as Employer Support of Guard and Reserve, or ESGR, which exists to help build better relationships between civilian companies and the service members they employ.

Additionally, other government organizations exist with a mission of supporting service members, such as the U.S. Department of Labor, which is responsible

"We partner with employers to ensure that they know... (reservists are) receiving world-class training that translates well into their civilian careers."

for upholding the Uniformed Services Employment and Re-employment Rights Act, or USERRA. The act "protects service members' re-employment rights when returning from a period of service in

the uniformed services, including those called up from the Reserves or National Guard," according to a labor department statement. The law "prohibits employer discrimination based on military service or obligation."

The labor department's Veterans' Employment and Training Service administers

USERRA, and the department also uses other tactics to appeal to employers to not only retain their veteran workers, but to also hire more. The labor department recently announced that beginning in November, in conjunction with Veterans Day, the country will begin to see an ongoing, national television and radio campaign of four public service announcements aimed at, among other things, encouraging businesses to hire veterans.

Toward that end, the labor department is pulling out all the stops and teaming up with a Hollywood personality known for "inspiring" new recruits, all in the hope that his message will resonate with employers. Former Marine drill instructor and actor R. Lee Ermey volunteered to record a series of PSAs on behalf of VETS. The video and audio spots will be distributed to broadcast outlets for Veterans Day, but the message is one that applies year round, according to Ermey, who spent 11 years in the Marine Corps and served in Vietnam, and who is best known for his role as the booming Gunnery Sgt. Hartman in the 1987 film *Full Metal Jacket*.

In one script, Ermey tells employers that veterans can "be a great asset to your company" because they have "leadership and teamwork skills." He urges employers to contact the department for more information. In another PSA, Ermey tells veterans and transitioning service members to visit an American Job Center for help "with career counseling, writing a résumé and job placement."

In all, "two of the PSAs are directed at all veterans urging them to contact the U.S. Department of Labor for help finding employment and education opportunities," according to a labor department statement. One of the PSAs is directed at women veterans with the same message of reaching out to the department, and the last PSA urges employers to hire veterans.

For more information, visit www.dol.gov/vets/

EDITOR'S NOTE: A public affairs officer at Westover, 1st Lt. Bowser is also the regional deputy director for public affairs in Boston for the U.S. Department of Labor.

CFC breakfast kickoff



CFC OVER EASY >> Keyworkers and organizers listen as Col. Steven Vautrain, 439th Airlift Wing commander, provides welcoming comments at the Combined Federal Campaign kickoff breakfast Nov. 1. The campaign runs until Jan. 15. (photo by MSgt. Andrew Biscoe)

FSS first sergeant navigates two careers, 300-mile commute

by MSgt. Andrew Biscoe

Judging from his cheerful demeanor and tireless work ethic, most people might not have any idea just how far MSgt. Daniel Howard will go to serve his country.

Try 315 miles.

That's two miles further than a road trip to the next-closest C-5 base - Dover Air Force Base, Del.

MSgt. Howard, 439th Force Support Squadron first sergeant, treks from Highland Plantation, Maine - as the crow flies - two hours west of Bangor - for each month's unit training assembly.

MSgt. Howard has been in the reserve for 24 years. He manages his Citizen Airman regimen while holding down his other career as a air traffic operations technician with the Federal Aviation Administration in Maine's capital of Augusta.

"I just make it work," he said. "I work the military side of the house while at lunch and

at night a few times each week."

The first "shirt" isn't the only one who makes the long trips from Maine. According to recent wing statistics, 46 other



Airmen from the Patriot Wing also make the drive "down and over" from Maine.

He's fairly used to it. One recent pre-UTA Friday did stick out in his mind.

"It poured rain from Freeport (Maine) to Wilbraham (Mass.)," he said.

Before he became a first sergeant, MSgt. Howard was an avionics technician in the 439th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.

While most first sergeants oversee an individual squadron, MSgt. Howard not only reports to the 439th FSS commander, but is also the first shirt to the airlift wing staff, which isn't large enough to be a designated squadron.

One of the moments that mattered most while wearing the uniform?

"It would definitely be the Katrina mission. You couldn't help but notice we were making a difference. Now, as a shirt I'm helping on a more personal level."

Besides the gallons of gas he puts into his car, what keeps him going?

"Service remains the biggest motivator. I want to believe what I'm doing matters and is making a difference."

"I love it."

Wing seeks officer candidates, board meets on January B UTA

The Reserve Airman Commissioning Program is looking for officer candidates. Men and women with a bachelor's degree, who have the desire to build upon their Airman foundations, could join the ranks of officers in the Air Force Reserve.

During the January B UTA, the 439th Operations Group will hold a Deserving Airman Commissioning Board to interview such candidates for an intelligence officer position.

This position requires a top secret clearance. Candidates, who never have been commissioned before, must be able to complete the entire commissioning process, including Officer Training School, before their 35th birthday.

Packages must be sent to the 439th OG office and include a copy of applicant's Air Force Officer Qualification Test scores; a copy of their college transcript(s); a cover letter explaining why a candidate would make a good officer candidate; two letters of recommendation (one must be from candidate's current unit commander); a resume that includes work experience (both reserve and civilian job experience as applicable); and a current Fit To Fight test score.

Applicants must have a college degree at time of submission and are due no later than the close of business Dec. 9 to:

439th Operations Group, Attn: Deserving Airman Commis-

sioning Board, c/o 2nd Lt. Christopher Harding, 650 Hangar Ave., Westover ARB, Mass. 01022-1825

For more information, contact Lt. Harding at Ext. 3337 or MSgt. Alice Mitchell, Ext. 3436.

POPE'S PUNS |

by W.C.Pope



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Ryan Johnson
Banlang Keokoummane
Rick Marrama
Chase Matovich
Aluin Morales
John Vescovi
Daniel Woldegiorgis

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Christian Delacruz
Liliane Elawar
Jarrod Farrell
Ruben Gomez
Adam Jackson
Nichole Murphy
Edward Perillaarias
Dennis Primiano
William Risho
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Warren Ruiz
Daniel Skiba
Patrick Tabor

Airman
Nathan Ayers



FACES OF WESTOVER

SrA. Emma Good

337th Airlift Squadron



SrA. Emma Good is a loadmaster with the 337th Airlift Squadron. She graduated from Plymouth South High School in Plymouth, Mass., in the "top of her class" in 2007.

"I studied automotive repair and was a mechanic at the Pine Hills Golf Club in Plymouth," she said.

"I left for basic training on May 7th of this year," she said. Following basic and further training as a loadmaster, she arrived at Westover.

As a loadmaster, SrA. Good is responsible for cargo loading and passengers on the C-5.

Only in the service a short time, she already sees the camaraderie of her squadron and of the military. "I get to do and see things that I would have never otherwise experienced," she said. "I work with an amazing group of people." She lives in Kingston, Mass.

-- MSgt. Andrew Biscoe

RETIREMENTS |

Chief Master Sergeant-
James Doherty

Master Sergeant
Marvin Dotson
Steven Marx
Marc Michaud

Technical sergeant
Michael Hall
Kennedy Semedo

SERVICES CALENDER |

Submitted by Mollie Anello, services marketing assistant

CLUB >> Wing Wednesdays at the Club! 4-8 p.m., 6-, 12-, 24-, or 48-piece specials, Information, 557-2039.

BOWLING CENTER >> The newly-renovated bowling center offers specials and serves lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday. Information, 557-3990.

FITNESS CENTER >> Located on Patriot Avenue across from the wing headquarters building, the fitness center includes a basketball court and weight room. Information, 557-3958.

OUTDOOR REC >> The outdoor rec building is located just behind the Westover Roadgate with access from Walker Avenue by the shoppette. Information, 557-2192.

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MOMENT OF TRIBUTE >> Hundreds of Patriot Wing reservists form Nov. 2 for the annual Veterans Day retreat ceremony at the Base Ellipse. In the foreground is a model of a C-123 Provider, one of five aircraft models illustrating Westover's history. (photo by MSgt. Andrew Biscoe)