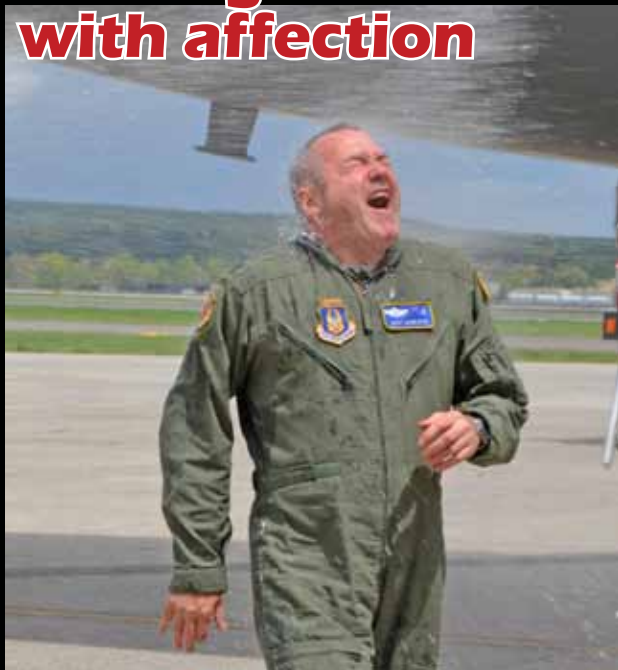


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Showering retiring airlifters with affection



photos by MSgt. Andrew Biscoe

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ON THE COVER >> Fini flights marked the retirements of two long-time Patriot Wing leaders in June: Col. Jeffrey Hancock, 439th Airlift Wing vice commander; and CMSgt. Tony Colucci, 337th AS chief flight engineer.



DOUBLE LIFE >> On his civilian job as one of many base contractors, Kevin Godbout keeps a Patriot Wing C-5 shiny and clean in the wash rack, located inside the pull-through hangar. As a reservist, he regularly flies aboard the Galaxies as MSgt. Kevin Godbout -- a 337th Airlift Squadron flight engineer. (photo by SSgt. Kelly Goonan)

EDITORIAL Patriot Wing faces a year of change in 2014

2014 has been a year of change for the Patriot Wing. We have changed command chiefs, we are changing vice commanders, and more than likely we will be changing commanders later this year.

We recently received confirmation that NMCB-27 (the Navy Seabees) will leave Westover for Mississippi in October; most of them are already gone. All of this, on top of the news that we will be losing eight airplanes and 334 people, has made this another difficult year. Westover and the 439th AW will survive these changes.

Many of us are not happy with change, but it is a fact of life. Those that try to cling to the status quo are usually left behind, while those that adapt to change are able to survive. Unfortunately some of our friends will need to retrain, transfer, or retire, but the vast majority of them will remain in the Patriot Wing and continue to be part of the best team in the Air Force.

The failure of the Maginot Line at the beginning of World War II is a prime example of catastrophic failure to adapt. When the French built the extensive (and expensive) fortifications, they did not anticipate the speed and maneuverability of the rebuilt German Army. The defensive line was circumvented in a matter of days and Paris fell within six weeks.

The United States Air Force cannot afford to rest on its laurels and rely on its own Maginot Line; it must adapt to a changing en-



vironment in order to remain relevant and defend our nation. The increase in emphasis on remotely piloted aircraft and Cyberwar has necessitated the restructuring of the force and a change in priorities. The Patriot Wing is trying to leverage our proximity to the technology center that surrounds Boston, but we have had no luck so far. We will continue to work toward that goal.

We are fortunate that our strategic airlift and agile combat support missions will remain essential to the defense of our nation. The reduction in the size of the US military makes rapid global mobility, aeromedical evacuation, airbase defense, civil engineering, and many of our other missions crucial to future plans. We have the luxury of retaining our primary mission while other units are being eliminated or completely re-

vamped to new missions.

Westover and the 439th AW have survived many changes before and will survive these latest changes. The most important thing to remember is that we are a team and we must work together to successfully adapt to the new defense environment. I am certain that the Patriot Wing is up to the challenge.

by Brig. Gen. Steven Vautrain
439th AW Commander

BRIEFS

Air show May 2015

The 2015 Great New England Air Show, which will feature the U.S. Navy Blue Angels in their first performance at Westover, will be held May 16-17, 2015. The air show will honor Westover's 75th anniversary of service to America.

Med exercise

A medical readiness exercise will be held July 12 in the Base Hangar. This exercise, scheduled to begin by about 9 a.m., will involve aeromedical reservists from Westover and the 91st Airlift Wing, Pittsburgh Air Reserve Station, Pa.

Patrols monitor Westover Road gate and shoppette traffic flow safety

Motorists leaving the base are reminded that the outbound lane of the Westover Road gate is 15 mph. Also, the new traffic flow at the shoppette is one way into the pumps, and one way out. Motorists are prohibited from turning around at the pumps. Patrols with the 439th Security Forces Squadron are monitoring traffic at these locations.

Christmas in July planned for A UTA

The Commander's Cup continues July 12, at 5 p.m., with a softball tournament at the base softball fields. Prizes will include the best holiday-themed dugout and best holiday uniforms. A cookout at the Westover Club will follow the game, featuring DJ Kuls, raffles and prizes. Other scheduled activities include a dunk tank and pie in the face. This event is open to all members of the Westover community and their families. The barbecue at the club is free to enlisted members in UTA status and \$10 for Airmen not in UTA status, and officers. For more information, contact SrA. Joseph Roberts at joseph.roberts.13@us.af.mil or jordan12_98@yahoo.com.

Seabees to move

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion-27, the Naval Reserve Seabees, are moving from Westover to their new home in Gulfport, Miss., in October. The Seabees have been assigned to Westover since 2010, and originally came from Brunswick Naval Air Station, Maine.

CC Call

Three separate Commander's Calls will be held July 12 in a town hall setting at the Westover Conference Center. Enlisted, A-L: 8:30 a.m.; Enlisted, M-Z: 10:30 a.m.; Officers: 3 p.m.

CAP Cadets Support Team Yankee exercise

by TSgt. George Cloutier

Connecticut Civil Air Patrol cadets joined Airmen with two Westover medical squadrons for a major medical exercise held May 17.

The cadets, assigned to the 143rd Composite Squadron in Waterbury, participated in Team Yankee with Airmen from the 439th Aeromedical Staging Squadron and Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron.

Dressed in simulated wounds and given boxed lunches and safety briefings before being strapped into stretchers, the Airmen loaded the cadets for a short ride in a C-130 Hercules from the Air Force Reserve's 908th Airlift Wing assigned to Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala.

Team Yankee was a two-part exercise that simulated the transfer of wounded personnel from the ground-based ASTS to the air-based AES. While the ASTS Airmen practiced processing, treating and loading patients on the ground, AES trained on treating the patients in the air.

"Due to the coordinated efforts of the ASTS and AES we were able to conduct a training scenario that consisted of two missions involving the movement of a total of 45 patients," said Capt. Jason Leonard, ASTS exercise evaluation team chief and officer-in-charge

of consolidated training. "Exercises such as this allow our two units to practice their missions as well as gain an understanding of each other's roles within the aeromedical evacuation system."

During the exercise the ASTS set up seven training areas that Airmen rotated through to polish their skills.

"Right now we're setting up the CASF (contingency air staging facility)," said TSgt. Jeremy Coupal, ASTS exercise evaluator. "We have seven different stations. We have the nursing station, ambulatory litter, out cold station, mental health, logistics, pharmacy and command and control. These are the sections in the CASF, so everybody knows their responsibilities."

The AES also had their own training area set up where they practiced configuring their equipment.

"Our role right now is to make sure that everything is ready for the patient when they get on the plane, said Capt. Bradley Boucher, an ASTS flight medic. "They're getting IV medication, they're getting ventilated. If anything happens they have everything they need right there with the patient. We have a nurse, a doctor and a respiratory therapist."

The exercise, held at the Base Hangar, wrapped up on the May B UTA.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Photos from excrcise are on pages 6 and 7.

Key spouse program key to family readiness

by SSgt. Carlin Leslie
Air Force Public Affairs Agency

WASHINGTON (AFNS) -- Air Force spouses are key to maintaining stability on the home front as Airmen maintain focus on the war front, according to the wife of the Air Force's top officer.

The key spouse program is an official unit/family program overseen by commanders designed to enhance readiness and establish a sense of unity within the Air Force community. The program was standardized across the Air Force in March 2006 to address the needs of all military families with special emphasis on support to families across the deployment cycle.

"I remember Mark's first deployment ... it was scary and we didn't know what to expect," said Betty Welsh, the wife of Chief of Staff of the Air Force Gen. Mark Welsh III. "It was then that the spouses of the deployed got together and grew our own spouses group."

Senior leadership knows the importance of the program and the tools it provides to the Air Force family.

"The key spouse program gives our entire Air Force family another way to get help

when it's really needed" the chief of staff said. "Commanders and first sergeants enable and support our unbelievable key spouses in providing peer-to-peer guidance and wingman support to the families who are so vital to the success of our Air Force."

The program recognizes everyone on the unit's team -- commander, key spouse mentor, first sergeant, key spouse and the Airmen and family readiness center -- impacts the unit's culture and contributes to its ability to accomplish the mission at home or abroad. "The key spouses program is one that is near and dear to my heart," Betty said. "It's all about getting to know each other so we're better able to help one another; that's how the program strengthens our Air Force."

The program helps to provide guidance and support in these areas, which key spouses are trained on:

- Increase awareness of installation/community resources
- Identify and help resolve issues at lowest levels (providing info on programs, benefits and more)
- Prepare and support families during separations
- Improve quality of life among unit families

- Enhance family resilience
- Strengthens leadership's support team
According to Verence Castillo, the 2013 Air Force Spouse of the Year, all spouses have experienced challenges and even difficult times, but what they learned from that experience has made them stronger, and this program enables them to share with others.

"We have seen that many times, families need more help after the spouse comes back from deployment then during the deployment, families are struggling with the reintegration face," Castillo said. "We build relationships with all of our families so that when a deployment arrives, the relationship in the unit is already there."

Key spouses undergo regular training to stay well-informed of program and service changes, she said.

"I am paying it forward and making sure all Air Force spouses feel the same," Castillo said. "This is why key spouses receive training constantly to keep them informed and prepared to help those in need."

EDITOR'S NOTE: Westover Key Spouse meetings are held monthly. For more information, call 413-557-3024.

NEWS

Team-building, leadership mark Youth Outreach

by SrA. Charles Hutchinson IV

One hundred-fifty Western Massachusetts high school youths attended the annual Youth Outreach held May 28 in the Base Hangar.

Students participating in the event came from six schools to include nearby Chicopee High, and Central High and Putnam High in Springfield. The students gathered into small groups and built model macaroni cars and tested them against one another. It was not only a team-building exercise but also a way to teach students how to communicate and share ideas.

Vanessa Guerra, a Central High School sophomore, said her interest in joining the military stems from her sister, who's a two-year naval veteran. "It's between the Air Force and the Navy... My sister said the Air Force is better!" When asked about her future goals Guerra said, "I want to be a pilot; I want to be well-respected."

Respect and customs and courtesies were part of the day-long event. The young men and women quickly rose to their feet in the bleachers as the hangar was called to attention. In walked Brig. Gen. Steven Vautrain, 439th Airlift Wing commander, who welcomed the group with some brief remarks.

By hosting this event, Westover's Human Resource Development Council has created a partnership and an ongoing outreach service to the high school youths in the surrounding communities of Chicopee, Holy-



oke and Springfield.

The main objectives for this event were to reach out to area high school youths in the surrounding communities who have the potential to make a difference and become future leaders, whether it is in the Air Force or the community in which they live; and to share experiences and expertise in what Westover has offered, in the quest to achieve and realize the goals of area youths.

A tour of a C-5 was given, and also there were fire trucks and firemen present along with an E.O.D. truck and members of the team.

Alan Rodriguez, a junior from PSY Tech, was inspired to join the military from his grandfather. "He told me to aspire to be better than you think you can be." With his grandfather's words staying prevalent in his

mind, Rodriguez has high hopes for his possible military career. "I want to be a SEAL," said Rodriguez. "I want to inspire others." When asked his favorite part the day's events he only needed one word, "Planes!"

Tim Doyle, a Chicopee High junior, is third in command of his ROTC unit. Doyle handles training the freshmen members and is also in charge of all the meetings. He was especially intrigued by the equipment and mission of Westover's explosive ordinance disposal team.

With ambitions to be a member of the Air Force EOD team himself, he cited the hands-on experience as his favorite of the day. "It's easier to learn when it's hands on," he said. "EOD is just so interesting."

CAREER ENLISTED WORKSHOP



ENLISTED ENTOURAGE >> MSgt. Lisa Blasdel, 439th Force Support Squadron and a workshop facilitator, explains the next event to Airmen attending the Career Enlisted Workshop June 9. Nearly 100 Patriot Wing reservists attended the annual two-day event, held at the Westover Club. Career topics included mentoring, leadership, how to talk effectively in front of people, and much more. (photo by MSgt. Andrew Biscoe)



MED-EXERCISING IT'S MUSCLE

Aeromedical staging and evacuation squadron reservists train with Connecticut Civil Air Patrol Airmen train together during Team Yankee.



photos by TSgt. George Cloutier

a continuing series exploring Westover

DID YOU KNOW

What's with Westover's 75th anniversary being two years long?

by MSgt. Andrew Biscoe

Readers of the *Patriot* may have noticed the recent coverage of the upcoming military ball to be held Oct. 4 at the base. But the reason for the ball is as important to illuminate as this event itself.

The gala Base Hangar event will honor Westover's 75th anniversary of service to our country. Yes, this base has been around for longer than many people might think. It was in 1939 that the idea of a military base in northeastern America became a reality. The menace of Germany and Japan's advances were just beginning to get the attention of national leaders, and the strategic importance of what would first be known as the Northeast Army Airfield was paramount.

Hangars were among the first buildings to rise over tobacco fields. They still line the flight line today. Hundreds of Americans, reeling from the Great Depression's economic devastation throughout the 1930s, were put to work to construct the base. Towering girders framed the skies as

the hangars quickly took shape. The rest of the base infrastructure began to form around the hangars. Runways were put in, and people saw a fledgling airfield quickly become operational.



Next year's air show, to be held May 16-17, will also honor Westover's 75th anniversary, but this is really the second one in succession, because the first military aircraft didn't arrive until October 1940. The U.S. Navy Blue Angels, to be featured here for the first time ever, will provide this nod to Westover's long operational and aviation history.

The rest, after 1940, is of course, history. The base would be renamed Westover Field in 1940 in honor of Maj. Gen. Oscar Westover, who was killed in a plane crash in

Burbank, Calif., in 1938. Gen. Hap Arnold, U.S. Army Air Corps Chief of Staff, chose the rename the base in honor of Gen. Westover, who was a close friend of Gen. Arnold.

Emerging as a key strategic player as bomber training base in the 1940s, Westover Field was renamed Westover Air Force Base in 1948, shortly after the Air Force became its own service in 1947. Following Westover's making headlines throughout the world as a Berlin Airlift hub, Gen. Curtis E. LeMay's armada of B-52 bombers and KC-135 and KC-97 tankers filled the skies above western Massachusetts for 19 years. Westover's reserve role came into being after the Vietnam War drawdown, and the base shrank to half its original size. The giant C-5s, preceded by C-123, C-124 and C-130 airlifters, have flown here since 1987.

Today, the Base Hangar -- the heart and soul of the base's 75th anniversary -- still arches tall over the base. Westover Airmen will gather in the military landmark and will provide their salutes to Westover's lineage Oct. 4.

Air Force historian preserves Navy story

by MSgt. Timm Huffman

Not many people get to live their dreams. Westover's wing historian, MSgt. Joseph Gluckert, is one of the lucky ones.

He's manned the 439th Airlift Wing history office since 2006. MSgt. Gluckert was recently given the opportunity to take the helm of the same role as a civilian -- at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in Portsmouth, N.H.

The move to the Navy is not the first cross-service jump this history buff has made. He got his start in the career as a combat historian in the Army. It was 1999 when MSgt. Gluckert saw a military history detachment coming back from Kosovo. Already a former Army National Guardsman, he reached out to a recruiter to see what it would take to become a combat historian.

"I thought 'Wow, the National Guard has a military history detachment?' It was the first time since I had gotten out in 1989 that I got excited about a military job," he said.

It wasn't long before the former heavy artillery troop was once again donning his battle gear, this time as a historian.

This Beverly, Mass., native says he inherited his love for history from his father, who was a World War II veteran. He grew up watching old war documentaries and talking them over with his dad.

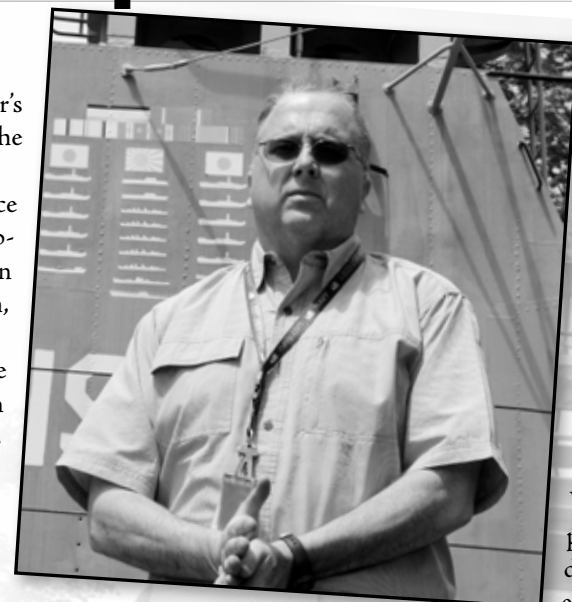
"It was almost an oral history project in its own right," said MSgt. Gluckert. "Because he would put his own spin on it and since he lived it, you get more when you see these people that witnessed this history."

It wasn't until after he became an army historian, though, that the weight of his responsibility was driven home. In September 2001, he was called to active duty and assigned to record the recovery efforts at Ground Zero. His first night in New York City, he witnessed truck after truck roll past, filled with dirt to build a makeshift road up the rubble of tower one so the heavy cranes could get in to start moving debris.

"It was very surreal and was a moment in time everyone knew they would never forget. It was the first time I really thought about what it meant to be a witness to history."

It was his experience at Ground Zero that further propelled him along the path of wanting to tell the story of military operations and facilities. He transferred to the Air Force Reserve and Westover in 2006 because, unlike the Army, the Air Force historian billet is an actual career field.

As an Air Force historian, MSgt. Gluckert would be tasked with providing leadership with accurate historical information for use in planning; researching and maintaining historical references;



and preparing detailed narrative reports. He attended historian school at Maxwell-Gunter Air Force Base, Ala., shortly after crossing into the blue. As Westover's historian, he regularly compiles monthly squadron reports, handles Freedom of Information requests, reports to the wing commander and conducts oral history projects.

Since joining the *Patriot* Wing, the historian has deployed twice in support of documenting Air Force operations overseas. In 2009,

he deployed to the 455th Air Expeditionary Wing Afghanistan. He deployed a second time in 2012, to the 386th AEW, Southwest Asia, where he earned the nickname History Joe and a Meritorious Service Medal.

In 2011, he found himself working a lot of man days at Westover, which is about a two-hour drive from his home in eastern Massachusetts. He was interested in finding something a little closer to home and a commute to the 214-year-old shipyard would cut his drive in half. So, he went into the employment services office there and got his foot in the door there as an administrative clerk.

Knowing his background as a military historian, and with the historian position on station vacant, shipyard leadership detailed him to help out with their maritime museum. When they officially announced the historian vacancy, Gluckert applied and was offered the job.

The shipyard, located on the Piscataqua River's Seavy Island, between Portsmouth and Kittery, Maine, is a treasure trove of history. Because of its legacy, MSgt. Gluckert says being an experienced historian in the making at the shipyard is a great experience.

"The shipyard was founded in June 1800, so it really is an example of 19th century industry that has literally gone from sails to atoms."

MSgt. Gluckert said his favorite aspects of the job are the endless stories that accompany the history of the shipyard and the sheer number of ships the yard has produced. Of particular note, he says, is the shipyard's World War II record of building nearly half the submarines used during that war, including 32 in 1944.

As the shipyard historian, he said he's a jack of all trades. He does everything from history lectures for newcomers, to tours around the shipyard, research and command history reports. He's also responsible for overseeing the shipyards museum, where his main office is located, and the room used during the signing of the Treaty of Portsmouth, which ended the Russo-Japanese War in 1905.

On either side of the entrance to his office, which is housed inside an old munitions building encased in 24-inch thick blocks of granite,



TROOP TALK

What is your favorite outdoor summer destination?



"I enjoy hiking Mount Holyoke."

>>SSgt. Danielle Wood,
Structures (civil engineering)



"The Mohawk Trail or Bernie's Dining Depot, their food and portions are amazing."

>>SrA. Brian Jenkins,
firefighter



"The NBA Hall of Fame or the Hangar (restaurant) because of their wings."

>>SrA. Adam Saleh, heating,
ventilation, and cooling (CES)

photos by SrA. Alexander Brown

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sit pieces of maritime history. On one side, sits a 20-foot tall submarine rescue chamber and on the other, a massive torpedo rests on wooden blocks.

Once inside, you are greeted by 200 years of shipyard history. MSgt. Gluckert's collection includes relics from the shipyards past, including replicas of ships built in the 1800s, antique dive suits, preserved pieces of old ships and a cell door from the shipyards now-unused prison. Also in his display are more modern assortments from the shipyard's submarine-building days, such as replicas and even some German U-boat items from World War II when a few of those boats were brought there after the war.

He's particularly proud of the shipyard's leader board, which he keeps posted near the entrance of the museum. The wooden billboard is engraved with every ship built on the island, from the first 74-gun Ship-of-the-Line, finished in the 1815, to the last nuclear submarine, built in 1971 - 176 in all.

Preserving the military's history is important to him. Particularly, he said, because the military hasn't done a great job of this in recent years. He said we know more about troop positions during the Civil War than we do from the Persian Gulf War.

"With the advent of digital documenta-

Eight new chiefs Inducted



CHIEF-LEADERS >> These Patriot Wing chief master sergeants were inducted June 7 at the Westover Club during a ceremony deep in military tradition. They are, from left to right: Daniel Witt, Justin Thurber, Craig Savoie, Kenneth Charest, Jeffrey McCarthy, Frederick Hetu, Patrick Burke, and Timothy McGuire. The annual tradition marks the Patriot Wing Airmen who have reached the Air Force's most senior enlisted rank -- only 1 percent of the enlisted force. (photo by SrA. Alexander Brown)

tion, everything is so perishable," he said. "There is a need to have someone on the front lines, so to speak, of historical collection, to gather documentation, take pictures, collect archives and artifacts, as events happen, to preserve them for future generations to study and learn."

While MSgt. Gluckert can rattle off facts and numbers about his shipyard, and Westover, like a machine gun, he says it's a perishable skill he really has to stay on top of. He does this through constant reading and research, which he loves.

"When an avocation and a vocation meet, special things happen," he said.

The shipyard's building days ended in 1969, with the launching of the USS Sandlance, a Sturgeon Class sub, and is now tasked with the overhaul, repair and modernization of nuclear submarines. MSgt. Gluckert's focus is on recording the repair work done there and on further preserving the history of the yard. In addition to his work maintaining the museum, he has already secured funding to have restoration work done to the shipyard's peace treaty room.

This passionate cross-service historian plans to continue working his dream jobs well into the future. He will continue to provide accurate historical information to Air Force and Navy leadership and work to preserve the legacy of both services for future generations to discover and enjoy until they no longer allow him to do so.

"If you are a witness to history, I feel you actually have a duty to tell that story," he said.

POPE'S PUNS

by W.C.Pope



PROMOTIONS

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Master Sergeant
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Dennis Coite
Jason Girvin

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Nicholas Schilling

Senior Airman
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Lewen Cotte
Jason English
Benjamin Ortiz
Joseph Yannizze

Airman First Class
Morgan Masaitis
Casiem Maxwell

Airman
Evan Crossman



Reminder to update your dependents' documentation

By Dec. 31, every Airman will be required to provide their servicing finance office with documentation for all dependents as part of Air Force audit readiness efforts.

For more information, reservists should contact their unit orderly rooms.

FACES OF WESTOVER

SrA. Andrew Dunn
439th Maintenance Squadron



SrA. Andrew Dunn, a 439th Maintenance Squadron C-5 hydraulics system specialist, enjoys coming to work at the Patriot Wing.

A Team Westover member since 2011, he says he likes the wide variety of tasks he gets to work on while on the job inside the base's massive regional isochronal inspection hangar.

The young maintainer, from Easthampton, Mass., says he regularly works on aircraft hydraulics components, such as actuators, brakes and flight controls, and rebuilds unserviceable parts. He particularly likes projects he can see through from beginning to end.

"The best part of working on the planes is probably the isochronal inspection process, because you get to take the component off, sometimes rebuild it right here and put it back on the plane," said SrA. Dunn, while standing inside the hydraulic testing back-shop.

As a civilian, SrA. Dunn is employed by Columbia Gas of Massachusetts, where he works on gas meters and helps repair gas leaks.

-- MSgt. Timm Huffman

RETIREMENTS

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Anthony Colucci

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Brad Ward

Master Sergeant
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Joseph McCormick
Arthur Needham
Marc Ruel

SERVICES CALENDER

by Mollie Anello, services marketing assistant
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CLUB >> The Christmas In July Softball Tournament, a holiday-themed softball game and BBQ, will take place July 12 at 5 p.m. Decorate your dugout and wear festive uniforms. There will be a dunk tank, pie-in-the-face, and other activities. This is open to all Air Force military personnel, civilian employees and their families. There also will be a cookout on the Club Patio 5 to 9 p.m., free for UTA Status, \$10 for all others. There will be music, raffles and prizes with DJ Kuls. Contact joseph.roberts.13@us.af.mil or jordan12_98@yahoo.com.

BOWLING >> Karaoke Night, July 12, 6 to 10 p.m., enjoy cosmic bowling and karaoke.

FITNESS >> Make sure to sign up for the Go Ruck challenge Aug. 28 and 29. Day one is a base wide 5k and day two will consist of four to five hours, seven to ten miles of physically demanding calisthenics and other exercises. This is not a race! Only 35 spaces available, \$30 each, no charge for 5k only. Visit www.goruck.com or call 557-3958 for more information about this challenging and exciting team work event!

OUTDOOR REC >> Rent canoes, kayaks, paddle boards, and have a great summer on the water! Contact 557-2192.



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GALAXY GEARDOWN >> With C-5 tails framing its approach to the runway, the C-5 with Col. Jeff Hancock, 439th Airlift Wing vice commander at the controls, approaches Westover June 3. The vice commander wrapped up his military flying career with his final flight and hosedown from his wife, Deb, that can be seen on the front cover of this *Patriot*. (photo by MSgt. Andrew Biscoe)