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### UTA SNAPSHOT

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**ON THE COVER >>** One of New England's seasonal trademarks reached its colorful peak around the base by early October. (photos by MSgt. Andrew Biscoe and W.C. Pope)

## EDITORIAL Pride and professionalism stay with us through uncertainty

As I settle in here at Westover, I've quickly noticed the pride and professionalism of the members of the 439<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing.

I've had the opportunity to visit with many of you, and have also had a chance to get out to see just how big this place is. After one month in the seat I can tell you that I am nothing short of impressed. It is obvious to me that your dedication and hard work make this an installation that we and the command can be proud of.

While our mission of the 439<sup>th</sup> AW is important, we have another responsibility: To take care of the other units on our installation. These other units are commonly referred to as "tenants." I had our monthly meeting with them recently. I let them know that I'll refer to them as *partners* from now on. I believe the term *partner* shows that

we are all in the same business. We are all here as joint force partners, working together in the best interest of national security.

As we move through the new fiscal year we will be faced with challenges. There's budget uncertainty, but I can assure you that we are working hard to get you the resources you need to

You will hear more about this soon.

Again, keep doing what you are doing, because it's working.

by Col. Al Lupenski  
439<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing commander



accomplish your mission and stay ready.

As you all know, we have entered a new era when it comes to inspections. We no longer "prepare" for an inspection; we inspect ourselves constantly. This new way of doing business puts the responsibility on us to identify our shortfalls and puts emphasis on ensuring we fix those shortfalls.

Please remember that we need to be transparent. There is no stigma attached to identifying our problems. Remember, you can't fix it if you don't know or admit it needs fixing.

Finally, your time is important, now more than ever. We are actively working to streamline processes to give you back some time so you can concentrate on the jobs you were trained to do.

### BRIEFS

#### Westover Express hours

The Westover Express gas station is open from Monday to Saturday from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

#### SAPR Stand-down

On Saturday morning of the November A UTA all 439<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing reservists will assemble for a Sexual Assault Prevention and Response stand-down. Units will break up into their own groups after a 9:30 briefing at the Base Hangar.

#### USO Military Appreciation Breakfast

The Pioneer Valley USO's Armed Forces Appreciation breakfast for the troops will take place Nov. 10 in Holyoke. Cost for the meal is \$30. Proceeds benefit the USO. For more information, call 557-3290.

#### USO prepares food baskets for Airmen

The USO is offering food baskets for those in need of a little assistance this holiday season. The deadline to get on the list for Thanksgiving is Oct. 24. To get on the list for Christmas, contact the Pioneer Valley USO at 557-3290 by Nov. 17.

#### Angel Tree returns to provide financial help

The Airmen and Family Readiness Centers Angel Tree program is back. This excellent program helps our members with financial needs during the holiday season. It's also a great opportunity to help out your Patriot Wing brothers and sisters. Come by the Airmen and Family Readiness Center (located on Walker Avenue) to pick up an angel.

#### Commanders to serve holiday meal

Group and squadron commanders will serve a Thanksgiving-style meal at the Westover Club on the November A UTA, beginning at 11 a.m.

#### CFC kickoff

The Combined Federal Campaign kicked off at Westover in late September. Contribution questions should be addressed to unit representatives. For information on line, go to cfc.org.

#### Marine Corps Birthday Ball

The 239<sup>th</sup> Marine Corps Birthday Ball will be held Nov. 1. The Springfield Marriott is hosting the event on Saturday Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> from 6-11.

**STAR VISITOR >>** The presidential VC-25A (minus the commander-in-chief on board) transited Westover Sept. 23. The famous aircraft had dropped President Barack Obama off in New York City earlier that day. The VC-25A departed Westover Sept. 25. (photo by SSgt. Kelly Goonan)





# Westover's 75th Anniversary Ball A BIG PARTY TO REMEMBER



by 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Andre Bowser

As far as swan songs go, the Westover 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ball is one really big feather in the cap for retiring Command CMSgt. Dave Carbin.

With the help of a proverbial army -- or Air Force -- the Oct. 4 event that took the better part of a year to plan turned out to be a party to remember, and a curtain call that befitted the command chief. He wraps up his 33-year Air Force career in November.

In the words of 439<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing Commander Col. Albert Lupenski, the event truly felt like a tailored honor to be a part of, especially after he recently took the helm of the Patriot Wing.

"One month after taking command -- boy -- it was really nice of the chief to throw me this big party," he quipped.

Seventy five years in the making, the diamond jubilee anniversary of the base was appropriately flanked by military history, both of the static and living varieties. A treasure trove of Westover historic displays transformed part of the Base Hangar into a pop-up museum, with military artifacts from members of Westover's family, as well as museum-quality pieces brought by the wing's very own historian, MSgt. Joseph Gluckert -- also the historian at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in New Hampshire.

More than 650 military and civilian guests converged in the hangar, as a chilly rain poured onto the flight line. Hundreds of cars neatly lined the aircraft ramp -- a very rare sight. Couples entered the hangar through the rear double-doors and were greeted with

silken curtains, carpets, linens, among other finery.

Music -- both played and performed -- reverberated through the hangar, including performances by a cellist (Lt. Col. Patrick Dufraine), his daughter Carolyn (a trombonist), and vocalist SrA. Heather Wilson's powerful national anthem rendition. SSgt. Walter Lahair provided modern and classic music selections. The sounds and sights contrasted the cavernous hangar's usual austerity. A queue of hosts pulled up seat numbers on computers and dispersed the attendees in an orderly fashion into a sea of blue tables adorned with flowers, silver-wrapped chocolates, plates and silverware.

A stem-less wineglass with "Westover 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ball" stenciled in script was the parting gift.

History seemed to be the primary theme of the evening, as well as camaraderie, as retirees mingled with active reservists and civilians, creating a well-dressed field of blue and gold, black and other various-colored suits and gowns.

Looking out on the throng, guest speaker Brig. Gen. Udo McGregor thanked everyone for coming, and then pointed to a boisterous table of wingmen and friends.

"That's my heckling section," said the former Westover operations group commander, after which describing his tour at the Patriot Wing as most memorable because of the laughs and good times.

"Back then I might have been focused on inspections and the mission," he said. "But looking back now, all I really remember are the funny things and fun times we had."

## SELFIES OF THE TIME

Looking back, in 25 years, one of the things that this era will be remembered for is the "selfie." These photos were taken by the attendees at the ball and uploaded to the big screen during the festivities that evening.



## AFRC Command Chief assures Airmen of 'light beyond the tunnel'

by SrA. Nicholas Monteleone and MSgt. Brian Lamar

KEESLER AIR FORCE BASE, Miss. -- CMSgt. Cameron Kirksey, command chief master sergeant of the Air Force Reserve Command, visited the 403<sup>rd</sup> Wing to thank Airmen, as well as, listen to and answer their questions about concerns for the future.

This was the first time CMSgt. Kirksey has visited Keesler since becoming the AFRC command chief. He saw various elements of the 403<sup>rd</sup> Wing and held separate lunch meetings

with junior enlisted members and NCOs. While touring the 41<sup>st</sup> Aerial Port Squadron, he observed a "Mini Port Dawg Challenge," a competition designed to motivate and train aerial porters in their various job duties. Kirksey also took time to give words of encouragement to the 403<sup>rd</sup> Security Forces Squadron as they performed weapons qualification training at the Woolmarket U.S. Navy Rifle and Pistol Range.

"The only way I can understand what is going on with a wing is to go and see it," said Kirksey. "I need to be on the ground in their area

to truly be in tune with what the Airmen are going through," he said.

CMSgt. Kirksey also visited the 53<sup>rd</sup> Weather Reconnaissance Squadron and toured a WC-130J Hurricane Hunter aircraft and talked with enlisted crewmembers about their mission.

With readiness being a keystone element of what makes the Reserve a viable fighting force, the chief paid close attention to the Aeromedical Staging Squadron by visiting service members scheduled for immunizations and physicals at the Keesler Medical Center.

Near the end of the three-day visit, CMSgt. Kirksey also took time to address the Wing's entire enlisted force where he re-emphasized how he was proud of the work of the members of the 403<sup>rd</sup> and answered questions ranging from the future of the Reserve to the justifications for mileage reimbursement during duty.

SrA. Dallas Hannon, a client systems technician for the 403<sup>rd</sup> Communications Flight, was at the lunch for junior enlisted members and attended the enlisted call. He said he was impressed with the way the chief was genuinely open to hearing about their concerns and en-

couraged their career development.

"It was nice to see the Command Chief here. It's always great to hear what our senior leadership has to say," said SrA. Hannon.

At the enlisted call, CMSgt. Kirksey addressed the concerns members have about what the future holds for the wing.

"Yes, there's no doubt about it. We are in a state of uncertainty," he said speaking about the new fiscally restrained military environment. "But that's nothing new...if we commit ourselves to each other; we will take care of the mission."

CMSgt. Christopher Barnby, command chief master sergeant of the 403<sup>rd</sup>, said CMSgt. Kirksey's visit was a great opportunity for the Airman to interact with leadership. Barnby said this was also a prime opportunity for the 403<sup>rd</sup> to highlight Airman's achievements and how well they get the job done.

"In looking ahead for our enlisted members," CMSgt. Kirksey said, "there is light beyond the tunnel and the current state of affairs will not last forever, but we need you to be committed to the team."





# Westover HAS A BALL

a 75th Anniversary Ball



**ONCE EVERY 25 YEARS >>** Counterclockwise: TSgts. Michael Valentin and Tara Nolan; the Honor Guard presents the colors; Brig. Gen. Udo McGregor and Col. Al Lupenski display a donated historical photo of one of the first buildings at the base; the head table; Amn. Kevin Cordingly and Brig. Gen. McGregor cut the anniversary cake; retired CMSgt. Bruce Westcott and his wife, Donna; vocalist SrA. Heather Wilson, trombonist Carolyn Dufraime and cellist Lt. Col. Patrick Dufraime provided live music with the national anthem; and the Central High School ROTC cadets perform marching and rifle-throwing demonstrations. (photos by 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Andre Bowser and MSgt. Andrew Biscoe)





# PILOT FOR A DAY: *'It's my day!'*

by SrA. Monica Ricci

Nine-year-old Peyton Malloy became Westover's newest "pilot" as Col. Albert Lupenski knelt and presented the young boy with his "wings."

"It's my day!" shouted Peyton, to Westover's newest wing commander and to a roomful of Airmen and Peyton's family.

In 2011, Peyton had a severe case of scoliosis, a sideways curvature of the spine that occurs with youngsters most often during a growth spurt. His spine was at a 90 percent curvature. Devastated when put in traction to straighten his spine, his resiliency prevailed. By the end of his 75-day stay at Shriners Hospital in Springfield, he was welcoming new patients -- telling them everything would be okay.

"Pilot for a Day" is a program that provides high-spirited children like Peyton that have serious or chronic conditions, and their families the unique opportunity to be guests of Westover and the U.S. Air Force.

Peyton was accompanied by his mother Anne, father Robert, and sister, Ashlyn. His Pilot for A Day visit began at the

337<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron briefing room. Peyton received a standard-issue flight jacket, and was sworn in as an honorary pilot for the day. The family then headed to the control tower to get some views of the base from one of Westover's premier vantage points. The 11-story tower looms more than 120 feet high.



The boy's imagination ran wild during his tour in a C-5. He pretended to shout into the radio controls from the pilot's seat of a C-5. Peyton also took the controls of the base's C-5 flight simulator as it "flew" to Hawaii.

Airmen with the 439<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron and members of the Westover Fire Department provided tours to Peyton and his family of their facilities and equipment.

Peyton even had the chance to ride in a fire truck with

his family and spray the hose.

The young boy's infectious personality got the attention of many Airmen on base, not to exclude Command CMSgt. David Carbin. Chief Carbin, who had earlier coined Peyton, they shared many laughs with the family over lunch at the Westover Club.

The command chief taught Peyton the history of coins in the military and told him how to "coin check" other Airmen. Peyton enjoyed visiting tables at the club, dropping his coin on each.

"I won against everyone in the cafeteria," said Peyton as he flashed his coin.

Anne Malloy said Peyton's attitude with managing scoliosis amazes his family every day and makes them especially proud. She said they were grateful for the experience to visit Westover on a busy fall UTA.

"It was an amazing day and opportunity to see the inner workings of Westover. We would have never been able to do this had it not been for Pilot for A Day," she said.



## TROOP TALK What was your inspiration for joining the military?



"My father, a retired sergeant major, is my inspiration for serving in the Marine Corps. I guess you could say serving in the Marines is a family tradition because my brother, god-brother and two cousins are also serving."

>>Sgt. Robert LaFleur  
Marine Wing Support Squadron 472, Det B

"My father inspired me to join the military, specifically the Air Force. He served for 20 years, and deployed multiple times with the Army. I wanted to follow in his footsteps."

>>SrA. Brenden Cassada  
439<sup>th</sup> Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron



photos by SSgt. Kelly Goonan



"I wanted to better myself and use the G.I. Bill to finish my information technology degree."

>>SSgt. Cassie White  
439<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing (commander's support staff)

# Westover's Forgotten 'Sky Sentry'

by TSgt. William Passmore  
439<sup>th</sup> Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

The Strategic Air Command's fleet of B-52s and KC-135s have long since departed Westover. This article highlights a B-52 enlisted crew member who gave his life for his country -- as his life was cut short at just 25 years old. Many reservists stationed here now may not be aware of Westover's role as a premier SAC base. This is a glimpse into the life of one of the thousands of Airmen who served here during the peak Cold War days.

There's a book about SAC that has long since been out of print. Published in 1959 by Arnold Brophy, *Sky Sentry: A SAC Crewman in Service* follows an Airman, Michael Francis Patrick O'Keefe, from his enlistment to his last assignment with the 346<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Squadron at Westover Air Force Base. The book was part-human interest story and part-propaganda written to increase recruitment in the already popular SAC. There's something more to *Sky Sentry*. It offers a small glimpse into the forgotten life of an Airman from a

bygone era. The book is heartbreaking to read if you know the story of TSgt. Michael O'Keefe and the role he played in the history of the base.

In the late 1950's, SAC was on the minds of most Americans. Jimmy Stewart had made the command famous with the film "Strategic Air Command" in 1955. The threat of nuclear war from the communist Soviet Union gripped the American psyche with fears of atomic destruction. The only thing standing between the United States and the Soviet Union, with their arsenal of nuclear weapons, were the brave Airmen of SAC who positioned themselves as America's nuclear deterrent. Two-thirds of the SAC fleet was on alert at all times with a payload of nuclear weapons. These aircrews could be airborne within 15 minutes of the klaxon sounding to deliver their nuclear payloads to strategic targets within Soviet Union territories. TSgt. O'Keefe would make a name for himself among these crews.

A native of Bronx, N.Y., he decided to follow in both his brother's footsteps and enlisted in the Air Force Sept. 21, 1955. "I wanted a chance to go to a technical school and learn a

skill," TSgt. O'Keefe said. He graduated from basic training at Sampson AFB, N.Y., and attended basic electronics School at Lowry AFB, Colo., where he finished first in his class.

At the time, SAC was the pinnacle of the Air Force command structure and O'Keefe wanted to become a member of that command more than anything else. After technical school, he was assigned to the 99<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Wing at Fairchild AFB, Wash., as a tailgunner on RB-36 "Peacemaker" intercontinental bombers. He would complete 517 flying hours on the B-36 before being retrained to become a tail gunner on the new B-52C Stratofortress that replaced the B-36.

The 99<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Wing relocated to Westover Sept. 4, 1956. The Airman arrived at Westover after completing a ten-week B-52 combat crew training course at Castle AFB, Calif., where he learned to operate the new radar system for the tail guns. After his training, he was assigned to an aircrew and would begin to serve on the nation's front lines of the Cold War as a combat crewman.

The remainder of the book highlights his duties as part of the flight crew and the role that he and other aircrews played in the defense of the nation. Having made staff sergeant in four years, TSgt. O'Keefe was one of the best tailgunners throughout the Air Force. During this time he was the face of the enlisted corps and the embodiment of what the Air Force desired for each Airman. Throughout his enlistment, he was featured in various Air Force campaigns and videos, such as "Scramble!" in 1960. The video showed

the alert crews and how they responded to the klaxon. The ending of the book is extremely positive. TSgt. O'Keefe reenlists for six more years and intends to continue, "as long as Uncle Sam will let him." He feels that being a SAC sky sentry is the best job in the military and he'd never trade it for the world.

Unbeknownst to the author, he created unintentional foreshadowing for the NCO. In one of the last paragraphs of the book, Mike is excited about the introduction of the newer B-52 models, as the gunner position will be relocated to the forward section of the aircraft with the rest of the crew. "It's going to be wonderful to see other pretty faces around you in the aircraft," he said with a grin. Sadly, he would never experience flying in the new gunner position on the newer B-52 models. TSgt. Michael O'Keefe's story would shortly

end four years after *Sky Sentry* was published. On Jan. 23, 1963, TSgt. O'Keefe, who had just returned from his father's funeral, was assigned to a B-52C mission. Intelligence crews had discovered that Soviet air defenses could shoot down high-flying aircraft. To combat this, SAC devised a new strategy: Fly low and fast under enemy radar to infiltrate the Soviet Union undetected. At the time, the B-52 was not designed for such flying. Testing would have to be conducted to determine the bomber's capabilities and Frosh 10 would be the first mission on the east coast where low-level terrain avoidance techniques would be applied. Because of the mission's importance, the crew was handpicked. TSgt. O'Keefe was the obvious choice as tailgunner.

On Jan. 24 at 2:52 p.m., while making its first low-level run over northwestern Maine, violent winds from the mountain sheared off the bomber vertical stabilizer, making the massive bomber impossible to control. The B-52C rolled uncontrollably into Elephant Mountain, at 320 mph just 500 feet in the air. Out of the nine crew members, three were able to successfully eject, but only two would survive. He had aspirations of becoming an officer. TSgt. O'Keefe was found decapitated in the only identifiable portion of the aircraft's fuselage: the rear tail gunner section.

The B-52's remains are still in the same place from that tragic January afternoon. The section where TSgt. O'Keefe's body was found has a stone monument placed beside it listing the names of the crew. Visitors to the site leave American flags of various sizes throughout the debris to honor the sacrifices of those who lost their lives there. The wreckage sits alone with a minimal sign that briefly tells the origin of the flight and how the grotesquely twisted and indistinguishable bits and pieces of the aircraft ended up in the Maine woods. It's unfortunate that the only reminder of such a historical event in Westover's history is 281 miles away from the base.

Looking around the base at its various offices and work places, it would seem that the history of the base was reset in 1974 when it became the nation's first Air Reserve Base. The last artifacts of SAC were hauled away to a landfill when the 99<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Wing left.

The only things that remained are a few thick books containing old copies of the base newspaper which reside on a shelf in the historian's office. Like the metal that is sitting on Elephant Mountain, the memory of TSgt. O'Keefe and those who have come before us slowly erodes.





WESTOVER PATRIOTS



**BUILT TO WIN >>** The combined 439<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineering Squadron and 439<sup>th</sup> Mission Support Group base civil engineering staff recently won the 2013 Air Force Outstanding Civil Engineer Unit. With more than 350 military and civilians on its combined team, CE oversees the 2,511-acre

infrastructure of the nation's largest Air Force Reserve base, which includes \$1.4 billion in assets and 5,500 people. Among its achievements, the CE community executed \$33 million in airfield projects in FY 13, launched a \$24 million Defense Logistics Agency military construction project to upgrade the 60-year old fuel hydrant system which will refuel C-5s four times faster, and guided the \$5.5 million design and installation of the largest C-5 mobile tail enclosure -- improving the maintenance work center's capabilities. (photos by SSgt. Kelly Goonan)



WESTOVER CE RESUME >>

- Deployed four EOD; five firefighters; 13 PRIME BEEF to four contingency locations...Total Force support for OEF.
- First sergeant deployed to 122-person ECES...largest squadron in 405<sup>th</sup> AEG... award-winning support for our combat Airmen
- First four days of deployment: Heavy equipment, structures, and power production shops stood up electrical grid in 64 hours.
- EOD backfilled Massachusetts State Police bomb squad during Boston Marathon Bombing response.



**MOBILITY MOB >>** Airmen with the 439<sup>th</sup> Aeromedical Staging Squadron process through a mobility line at base supply during the Oct. 4 mobility exercise. Its purpose was for wing inspectors to plan, prepare and execute procedures following the wing's installation deployment plan. In all, 135 Airmen from ASTS and the 439<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Group processed. (photos by MSgt. Andrew Biscoe)

POPE'S PUNS

by W.C.Pope



PROMOTIONS

**Senior Master Sgt.**  
Shawn Snay



**Master Sergeant**  
Griffin Barbra  
Shawn Davis-Smith  
Crystal Harry  
Zakijabbar Robinson  
George Vadnais



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Margaret Ladue  
Christopher Myska



**Senior Airman**  
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Sovannary Kay  
Kayleigh Kish  
Jennifer Perlera  
Kimberly Stetson



**Airman First Class**  
Alysha Bernard  
Robert Breault  
Coralys Calderas-Vega  
Lauren Deschenes  
Jonathan Feeley



**Airman**  
Angel Rodriguez-  
Guadalupe  
Abigail Wise



The CFC Breakfast on Sept. 19 was the start of this years CFC campaign. Sara Simpson, 439<sup>th</sup> MXG, is the project officer this year. Contact your CFC rep to contribute.



SSgt. Elizabeth Antunez  
439<sup>th</sup> Airlift Control Flight

SSgt. Elizabeth Antunez is a personnel specialist with the 439<sup>th</sup> Airlift Control Flight. She's been in the Air Force Reserve since 2010. She began her career at Westover with the 439<sup>th</sup> Operations Support Squadron before switching to the ALCF in January 2013.

"I wanted to travel more", SSgt. Antunez said. "The ALCF is able to travel twice a year for training."

Switching to the ALCF has enabled her to network more within the ALCF.

"It was a growing opportunity," she said.

SSgt. Antunez, like many other Airmen who enlist, joined the Air Force for education benefits. She later graduated from the University of New Haven with a bachelor's degree in U.S. national security.

She plans to study more.

"I'll be going back to school to pursue my master's in January," she said.

-- SrA. Charles Hutchinson IV



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**Chief Master Sgt.**  
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**CLUB >>** DJ Kuls returns! Nov. 1 at 8 p.m. in the Club Lounge! If you haven't tried it yet, now is your chance! Instructed Painting and Cocktails, Paint Nite is the perfect night out! Upcoming Paint Nites: Nov. 7 and Nov. 18, at 7 p.m. Please visit Paintnite.com and search for Springfield for ticket purchases; also don't forget our daily lunch buffets Tuesday- Friday from 11-1 p.m., we also have an extensive menu featuring burgers, chicken sandwiches, salads, wraps and more!

**BOWLING >>** Turkey Bowl! Knock down 8 or more pins across 10 lanes, and WIN a turkey! Nov 17-21<sup>st</sup>, \$1 per try, 1 ball per lane; Gobble Pin Bowling, Friday and Saturday nights during November, bowl a strike when the head pin has a turkey, and win a free game coupon!

**FITNESS CENTER >>** Flag Football Tournament Nov. 17-18; Fall Back into Fitness Nov. 1-30, circuit training - see FC staff for details; dodgeball intramurals - six-person teams, sign-ups Nov. 1-26 / Games for three weeks in December; Commanders Cup volleyball games Nov. 1 and 15, six-person teams, sign-up at the center' front desk!

**OUTDOOR REC >>** Get ready for the winter, and rent your fall clean-up equipment today! Lawn vacuum, wood chipper, log splitter and more! Visit the website for a list of items. 557-2192

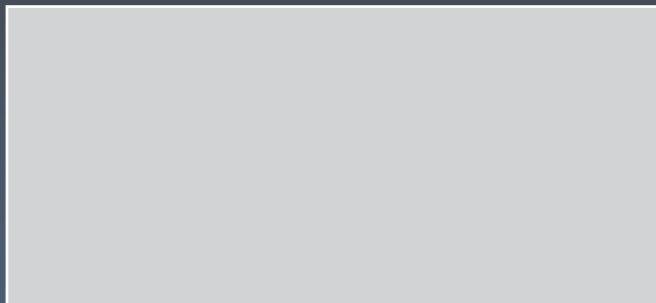




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**WADING INTO FALL >>** The Westover Camera Group went on a photo field trip Sept. 30 to Wade Lake to photograph the fall colors and received a bonus when a C-5 came in for a landing. The Westover Golf Course, no longer part of the base, is located on the left bank of the lake. (photo by MSgt. Todd Panico)