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HAWAIIAN HIATUS >> Turn to pages 6, 7 and 8 for a look at the Patriot Palm exercise, which put 439th Airlift Control Flight Airmen in chemical warfare gear in Hawaii.

EDITORIAL Reaching out to help each other supports our mission

Wow!

Four quick months have passed since I became this wing's command chief. What a ride so far!

I've had the pleasure to speak at our Senior NCO Leadership Course, and talk with many Airmen who wish to attend Airmen Leadership School. I know that these Airmen are aware that mentoring is an important part of our career development. I know most people would agree that we cannot make it through life without advice, coaching or learning from the examples of others. The Air Force agrees. It has a regulation devoted to defining mentoring: AFM 36-2643.

The Air Force defines mentoring as a relationship in which a person with greater experience and wisdom guides another person to develop both personally and professionally.

Air Force mentoring covers a range of areas, such as career guidance, technical and professional development, and leadership. The USAF fosters a mentoring culture by encouraging and expecting Airmen to be mentors and mentees.

A mentor must have a desire to help; have positive experiences, the time and energy, up-to-date knowledge and a teaching, learning attitude. The mentee must be committed to expanding capabilities, open and receptive to new ways of learning and trying new ideas, focusing on achieving desired goals, able to accept feedback and act upon it, and able to communicate and work with others.

This is cooperation within our ranks: Mentors must be willing to be mentors. Mentees must be willing to be mentored.

As a leader, mentoring is one of the easiest things to do. You demonstrate you care about the well-being and development of our Airmen. Where do you start?

First with your subordinates and fellow Airmen. You make yourself available and create an atmosphere for frank discussions and open dialogue. Spend time with your Airmen. Get to know them, they need to know you really care. Listen to them.

An effective mentor is a leader who leads by example, who will hold up the standards and not cut corners. Yes, our UTAs are incredibly busy. Everyone has compressed schedules. In our fast-paced world of texting and email, face-to-face communication can get overlooked. Get out of the confines of your office and take a few minutes to talk with your Airmen and your leadership. As a mentor, those few minutes can make a difference in someone's career. Teach our Airmen to think,

not what to think. Teach them to act with a purpose and vision, proactive, not reactive.

I'll close with two quotes: One from from Dr. Patricia McGill, (an Air Force chief senior leader of development); the other equally effective one that's anonymous.

Dr. McGill: "Mentorship support and strengthens relationships of accountability and responsibility among Airmen."

And: "You don't have to be a superhero, to be someone's hero. Mentoring, it makes a difference."

by CCMSgt. Timothy Maguire
439th AW Command Chief



BRIEFS

New App, info at your fingertips

The new Westover mobile app is a one-stop information destination, for your smart phone or mobile device which contains Westover information at your fingertips, from the snowline and the UTA schedule to a phone directory. Go to westover.mobapp.at

Stop, pause for playing of retreat

Retreat occurs every day on base at 5 p.m. Drivers on base should stop their vehicle to honor the military and the nation. Those outside in uniform and in civilian attire should stop and remain at attention until the music concludes. Those in uniform should salute during retreat. Reveille, at 8 a.m., does not require members to stop or salute.

Bee Balm is Back

Bee Balm is available again and donations raised will benefit the Rising Six Council, which goes into funding their base activities. To participate contact your Unit Rising Six Council representative.

Westover Website Update

The base web site has a new streamlined look with quicker and easier access to valuable information on the base, to include news, phone number directories, photo archives, and more. Go to westover.afrc.af.mil.

Military One Source tax help

Call Military One Source at (800)342-9647 for free tax assistance and much more. Go to MilitaryOneSource.com for more information.

Wing training: March A UTA

Mandatory Wingman Day suicide prevention training will take place beginning at noon on Saturday of the A UTA (March 7) and continues until 4 p.m.



SNOW ENOUGH >> In less than three weeks in late January and into February, three major snowstorms blanketed New England. By mid-February, a record 60.4 inches of snow had fallen. (photos by W.C. Pope)



SNOWBIRDS CONTRAST ANGELS

by MSgt. Andrew Biscoe

Come spring time, maple leaves will fly above the base, but that doesn't mean fall just yet. The red maple leaves of the Canadian Snowbirds will soar above Westover's Great New England Air Show -- less than three months away. The Snowbirds will fly both May 16 and 17. The U.S. Navy Blue Angels will also fly both days of the air show.

The Snowbirds' demonstration will contrast the six-jet formations of the Blue Angels. The Canadian pilots fly nine CT-114 trainers at slower speeds, but will perform many of the same loops and passes flown by the American team. "The Canadians' demonstration will provide crowds a fascinating difference between two world-famous demonstration teams," said Lt. Col. Dave Smith, director of the 2015 air show. "In addition, a Canadian CF-18 is scheduled for an aerial demonstration

as well. This is an ideal opportunity to witness the goodwill from our friends in Canada." The two themes for this year's air show salute Westover's 75th anniversary of military flying operations, and Korean War veterans. The Snowbirds also flew at Westover in 1990 to honor the base's 50th anniversary. For more information on the air show, visit greatnewenglandairshow.com.



MMMMMMMM, good!

by SrA. Charles Hutchinson IV

The first C-5B Galaxy to undergo the conversion into a C-5M Super Galaxy is scheduled to leave Westover for Georgia in early March.

This aircraft will be the first of nine C-5Bs to be sent to Dobbins



Air Reserve Base, Ga. for the conversion. This will take about 16 months. Lockheed-Martin, the C-5 contractor, is co-located with Dobbins in Marietta. Westover will have its first operational C-5M model around June of 2017. The first eight aircraft to undergo the conversion won't return to Westover, according to SMSgt. Robert Rodriguez, 439th Maintenance Group section chief. The proposed schedule has Westover equipped with eight C-5M models by May 2018. This will be the third version of the military's largest aircraft since the C-5 first arrived at the base in October 1987. The 439th Airlift Wing converted to C-5B airlifters beginning in June 2006; those aircraft came from active duty and reserve units at Dover Air Force Base, Del.

SECRETARY JAMES: AIRMEN ARE THE KEY TO AIRPOWER

ORLANDO, Fla. (AFNS) -- Secretary of the Air Force Deborah Lee James talked about the importance of a healthy budget, innovation and developing Airmen as key pieces to remaining the world's greatest air power, during the Air Force Association's annual Air Warfare Symposium and Technology Exposition Feb. 13, in Orlando, Florida. "There is just absolutely no question in my mind we are the best Air Force on the planet precisely because of who we are and what we believe and what we do," James said. "Today our Air Force is fully engaged

in joint operations around the world, and the demand for what we do in the Air Force -- the demand for our capabilities -- is increasing. In short, everybody wants more Air Force." While the demand for Air Force capability is going up, personnel numbers and funding have decreased, forcing the Air Force to operate in a "perfect storm environment," she explained. "We are the best on the planet, but we are also an Air Force under strain and something's got to give." To weather the storm, the Air Force

is taking the strongest stand ever on sequestration, and is asking Congress for an additional \$10 billion in funding for fiscal year 2016. "Our budget proposal actually busts the sequestration caps," James said. "For the Air Force this represents the difference between an Air Force that our combatant commanders require, and our nation expects, as compared to an Air Force that with \$10 billion less, will not be able to meet the National Defense Strategy -- period." The increase allows support of Air Force

top priorities -- taking care of people; striking the right balance between the readiness of today and tomorrow's modernization; and making every dollar count. "The taxpayer's dollar is precious, and we can't afford to waste a single dollar of it," she said. "We all have a part to play in making every dollar count." As people are her number one priority, James said she's tried to listen hard to what Airmen need. The overwhelming concerns she found through her various base visits is the reduction in force, particularly involuntary separation boards.

"I have met so many outstanding and passionate and dedicated Airmen along the way," she said. "As far as the downsizing goes, enough is enough. No more. We need to stop this. We may have already gone a bit too far, which is precisely why we are not going to do involuntary boards in 2015." In addition to no involuntary separation boards this year, the secretary and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Welsh III have called for an upward adjustment to 492,000 active, guard and reserve Airmen.

The proposed budget will allow reserve component pilots to be instructor pilots, provide funding for Sexual Assault Prevention and Response teams, child care facilities, fitness centers, educational benefits, infrastructure projects and a 1.3 percent pay raise for military and civilian Airmen. "When we take care of Airmen and their families and we focus on resiliency for all, that means our Airmen can focus on getting ready for the many, many missions that we must undertake in our

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Public affairs staff capture command awards



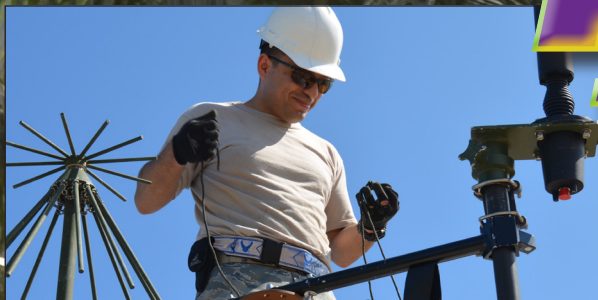
The Air Force Reserve Command News Service recently announced that staff members of the 439th Airlift Wing Public Affairs Office earned top AFRC awards. Twenty-eight organizations from throughout the command submitted 260 team and individual entries in web, print, graphics, photograph, audio and video categories. Four PA staff members took first places in the 2014 AFRC Media Contest, and representing the command at Air Force level are: Commentary: Lt. Col. Jim Bishop Photojournalism: SSgt. Kelly Goonan Graphics Illustration: W.C. Pope Graphics Animation: MSgt. Timm Huffman (TDY to Headquarters, Readiness Integration Organization, Buckley AFB, Colo.) Second place, News Photograph: SSgt. Goonan In addition, the three PA member staff took top honors with the 2014 Public Affairs Awards for Communication Excellence: Representing AFRC in the Air Force-level competition are: Lt. Col. Bishop, Outstanding Communication Field Grade Officer (O4 - O5) MSgt. Andrew Biscoe, Outstanding Communication Senior NCO (E-7 - E-8) W.C. Pope, Outstanding Communication Civilian Category I (GS-5 - GS-9)

LRS WINS AGAIN

by SrA. Charles Hutchinson IV

The men and women of the 439th Logistics Readiness Squadron have won the Daedalian Maj. Gen. Warren R. Carter Logistics Effectiveness Award for the third year in a row. This award, established in 1962, is presented annually to the best supply effectiveness record in the United States Air Force in support of mission aircraft and/or weapons. The first time the 439th LRS competed for this award was in 2012. In addition to the squadron award, there were also Westover recipients of Logistics Readiness Individual Awards, which recognize a senior noncommissioned officer, a field grade officer and a civilian for their performance in the LRS. Those individuals are Maj. Jon Baum, SMSgt. Theresa Robert, and Nicole Remy.





Patriot Palm Training in the Hawaiian Sun



Airlift control flight ‘MOPPs up’ in Hawaii

by SSgt. Kelly Goonan

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION KANEOHE BAY, Hawaii – It was congested, dynamic and with a who’s who of aircraft – P-3s, F-18s, helicopters, Kobber Gunships, C-12s, Hawkers, C-17s, C-5s, C-130s, and 24 Patriot Wing Airmen – continuously rolling up and down the airfield.

The 7,771-foot runway was rarely idle during the four-day 439th Airlift Control Flight exercise, called Patriot Palm, held here. Not only did the ALCF Airmen move in unity to accomplish their mission, they did so in full chemical warfare suits.

“Part of our wartime capacity includes ability to survive and operate training within a chemical environment,” said Maj. Jessica Rose, ALCF director of operations. “It’s two-fold: To be able to perform the command control of airfield operations for Air Mobility Command (AMC) and complete that in a chemical wartime environment.”

This unique exercise included simulated wartime environments which required every member don their chemical warfare gear and respond to simulated crisis situations while maintaining their real-world mission of moving aircraft and cargo between locations on Oahu Island, Hawaii.

In addition, Lt. Col. Gilbert Kesser, 439th ALCF commander, tasked two Westover emergency management personnel to participate in Patriot Palm to prepare,

instruct, train and evaluate the ALCF for a deployment to a high threat contingency operation.

“Our job as the exercise cadre was to evaluate their pre-, trans- and post-attack actions and their personal survivability in a chemical environment,” said Alan Dedinas, a veteran emergency management technician with the 439th Mission Support Group. As the EM exercise cadre conducted several attack scenarios to evaluate their operations during ground and missile attacks, they observed it was a first for some of the ALCF Airmen who experienced sustained simulated wartime conditions in a CBRNE environment.

“Overall, the ALCF did a great job. Every time we conducted an attack, they continued to make improvements,” Dedinas said. “This training is extremely valuable in preparing them for their mission. It helps build teamwork, communication skills, and survivability in a wartime setting,” he said.

ALCF is unique in that they are the first troops into a location that does not already have a working air base and usually have to stand alone until they bring in the aircraft needed to finalize the set-up of a functioning base.

Unlike previous exercises, Westover Airmen were the sole players.

“This is busy, dynamic, out-doors and extremely team-oriented,” said Lt. Col. Irving Weisenthal, ALCF operations officer. “The fact that this unit is focused on not just staying current but proficient is fantastic. This is not the unit to join if you just want to put up your feet and coast.”

Reserve ALCF’s and active-duty Contingency Response Groups work with FBI Rapid Deployment teams as part of AMC’s Affiliate Program. These teams are required to load their equipment on various aircraft in various configurations. The Air Force is required to train Airmen on contingency air mobility operations.

“We engage the FBI through our affiliation managers and network with other governmental agencies that can be deployed. We are working alongside Border Patrol, Search, Trauma and Rescue and Rapid Deployment Teams with FBI,” said 1st Lt. Matthew Borowski, ALCF officer. “Through AMC aircraft, such as the C-5 and C-17 for this exercise, we can adequately train these teams on proper loading and off-loading procedures. These training missions allow us to do our jobs and for them to accomplish theirs.”

In discussion with various members of the FBI teams that participated in this particular training, it was clear that, in their opinion, this training is vital to their overall mission success.

“I don’t feel we would be nearly as effective without the Air Force and these types of exercises because it adds an element of reality and provides valuable interaction,” said Kristen Von KleinSmid, supervisory special agent, Los Angeles field. “In times of real crisis, our folks will have worked and trained alongside our military affiliates and so it becomes one big team effort as opposed to individual missions.”

The Air Force Reserve is a combat-ready force, composed of approximately 71,000 Reservists, stationed locally throughout the United States, serving globally for every Combatant Command.

“We provide our Nation with operational capability, strategic depth and the capacity to surge quickly when America needs us. We are an integrated Total Force partner in every Air Force core mission,” said Lt. Gen. James Jackson, Air Force Reserve commander.

“If there is a surge in military operations or a natural disaster, we have 36 hours to get on a plane and head to the location that needs us,” said Lt. Col. Gilbert Kesser, ALCF Contingency Response Element commander. “These training exercises are essential to keeping our Airmen proficient, flexible, knowledgeable and deployable.”



Massachusetts vets can dress for success, receive many other resources

by 1st Lt. Andre Bowser

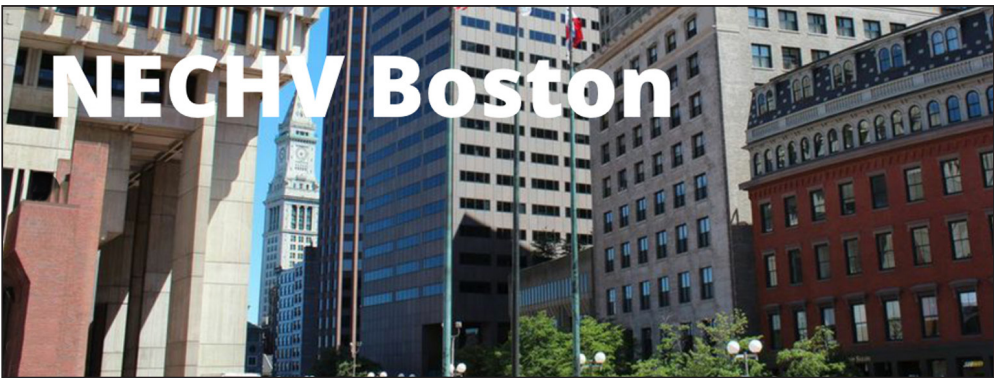
As proud as he was to wear his U.S. Navy uniform, veteran Jimmy Fitzgerald always knew that it was the man inside who made the suit, not the suit itself.

In the military, the suit spoke volumes.

In recent years as a civilian, Fitzgerald struggled with homelessness and his attire masked the man inside. Fighting to land gainful employment and in need of the clothes to win the job, he turned to the Homeless Veterans’ Reintegration Program administered by the Veterans’ Employment and Training Service. That outreach led him to the Veterans Training School at the New England Center for Homeless Veterans in Boston where staff worked with clothing retailer Men’s Wearhouse to provide Fitzgerald and other veterans with suits appropriate for meeting prospective employers.

“The new suit gave me the confidence I needed to interview for the job,” he said. “It allowed me to not walk into the interview wearing street clothes, but interview attire. My whole mindset was different. When you feel good, you project a different aura.”

In addition to helping him obtain a suit, the Veterans’ Training School prepared Fitzgerald



ald with career coaching, employment contacts and an internship. The “interview suit” was “the icing on the cake,” Fitzgerald said. His efforts paid off as he has accepted a full-time position with a Walgreens store in Quincy, Mass. Since its inception in 2011, approximately 300 suits have been provided to homeless and at-risk veterans. NECHV is a Department of Labor grantee.

To inquire about receiving assistance, as well as an interview suit, contact the Veterans Training School at the New England Center for Homeless Veterans in Boston by calling (617) 371-1800 or NECHV.org.

Massachusetts is rich with resources for veterans, to include employment and training assistance, help with finding sustainable

housing, food resources, among many other benefits. Here’s just a sampling of online resources to help connect veterans in need with services-just click on the following hyperlinks to learn more:

- Local Veterans’ Service Offices
- Employment and Training Opportunities
- Funding For Your Education
- Housing Assistance and Resources
- Health and Well-Being Support

EDITOR’S NOTE: If you know of a resource or service that might help a veteran in need, share it on facebook.com/westover.patriot.

First Lt. Bowser is the regional deputy director for public affairs at the U.S. Department of Labor, Boston.

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Air Force,” James said. “We need everyone to be focused on that mission.”

Ramping up current readiness and investing in the modernization across all mission areas of the Air Force is another piece of the budget, she explained. This allows the Air Force to rebuild its readiness over time, and procure a more modern and agile future force.

“All in all, there’s a lot of good in this budget, but it’s not perfect,” James said. “We’ve still had to make a lot of tough choices.”

Some of those choices include phasing out old aircraft, slowing the growth of compensation packages and some base closures. The cost savings in some areas will open others to more innovative ways to complete the Air Force mission, well into the future.

“Air Force ingenuity and creativity, in concert of course with our industry partners, can make the impossible, possible,” she said. “Our potential adversaries have been watching us closely over the last 14 years, and they have watched us perform magnificently, but they have been studying us carefully,” she said. “They understand that we possess a technological advantage, and they haven’t been standing still.

Gradually, the gap between our capabilities and our nearest competitors is shrinking.”

By opening areas up to competition, especially in the space launch realm, James said she believes the Air Force can find both cost savings and technological advances.

“In my experience, both in government and industry, competition always drives down costs and improves innovation,” she said. “We want both. We want less cost and we want more innovation. We also want a third very important thing – mission assurance.”

Processes are in practice to ensure the Air Force is getting the most bang for its buck in all mission areas, but James said it’s the Airmen who are the key to making the mission a success.

“I’m a true believer ... that our Airmen are what are going to keep our Air Force the best on the planet,” she said. “I don’t have all the answers, but I do know that we’re going to have work really, really hard, because the most vital part of our strategic advantage ... the most vital part that no adversary will ever be able to touch – is the pride and the dedication and the passion of our Airmen of today, and we’ve got to make sure that we strengthen that for tomorrow.”

Balancing a master's degree, reserve duties

by SSgt. Kelly Goonan

When asked what he had accomplished last summer, SSgt. Jose Gutierrez said he traveled to Ecuador to conduct his independent research project for his studies at Yale University.

The bioenvironmental technician -- assigned to the 439th Aerospace Medicine Squadron -- downplayed the significance of his multi-pursuit life.

"I conducted research that examines factors associated to growth progress in pediatric patients that have completed a nutrition supplement program," he said.

The clinic where he studied, Futuro Valdivia, is planning to use his data and results in order to re-appeal for funding for future endeavors with the Downs Fellowship, which supports graduate and professional Yale students who undertake health-related research primarily in low- and middle-income countries.

It provides opportunities for challenging experiences abroad as Fellows create and improvise in the face of unforeseen events, acquiring new perspectives on their responsibilities and capabilities as professionals.

"The families participating in the study were so warm and accepting, and it is easy to feel a raw, emotional mix of happiness and heartbreak when hearing their experiences and desires to provide their child with a healthy upbringing," SSgt. Gutierrez said. "It reminds me that there's still a lot of work to be done in global health, and am excited that I am able to contribute to this knowledge as a nurse through research."

As a full time student at Yale and an Air Force Reservist at Westover, SSgt. Gutierrez manages a busy schedule with a knack at work-

ing it to his advantage -- the innate ability to balance his civilian career decisions with his military career.



"I work as a research clinician for a bariatric study and also as a registered nurse in an infectious diseases clinic. The military has enhanced my civilian career by helping me develop teamwork skills in an environment where adaptation is unexpected events to key," he said. As a bioenvironmental technician, his military job has enabled him to investigate how a patient's environment, occupation and other activities can affect their health.

"This perspective of what can cause ailments and what can be done to reverse those affects is so valuable," he said.

"Why did I enlist? In all honesty, I wanted an adventure," he said. "I didn't know what I wanted to do with my life yet, but I knew that I wasn't ready to commit to a life of monotony and predictable routine." As for the future, SSgt. Gutierrez hopes to begin a PhD program after his current master's program ends and eventually pursue a commission as a registered nurse in the reserve after upon completion of his schooling.

SSgt. Gutierrez was chosen to represent the Air Force Reserve in *Futures* magazine. It features service members who go above and beyond the call and is distributed to high school guidance counselors to shed light on otherwise unknown military possibilities.

POPE'S PUNS

by W.C.Pope



PROMOTIONS

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Katrin Somerville



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Matthew Wunschel



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FACES OF WESTOVER

SrA. Brad Smith

439th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

SrA. Brad Smith, a wing finance specialist, has been at Westover for nearly five years. The Putnam, Conn., Airman spent his first two years as a 439th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron hydraulics specialist. Three years ago, he cross-trained to the Air Force financial management field.

Before joining the Air Force, SrA. Smith enlisted in 2005 with the Navy, and spent his four-year enlistment on the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower, where he was an aviation boatswain's mate.

"I joined the Navy to improve myself," he said. "I needed get my life started."

After two deployments to the Persian Gulf, SrA. Smith decided to wrap up his time in the Navy.

"I wanted to start a family," he said. "The last year I was in the Navy, I spent ten months at sea."

SrA. Smith and his wife, Michelle, have two children, Mya and Kailyn.

He switched to finance to try out a new career field in the military.

"I've worked a lot of maintenance jobs I wanted to try something behind a desk," SrA. Smith said. "I wanted to be involved in customer service. I like finance. I like the people I work with, and the customers are fairly easy."

SrA. Smith is eyeing a productive and long career in the Air Force.

"I want to at least make senior master sergeant," he said.

--SrA. Charles Hutchinson IV



RETIREMENTS

Senior Master Sgt.

Dawn Schile
Brian Shameklis

Master Sergeant

Lewis Garreffa
Richard Messenger

Staff Sergeant

Donald Williams

Technical Sergeant

Christopher Ames

SERVICES CALENDER

westoverservices.com
by Mollie Anello, services marketing assistant

CLUB: Join us on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, 5-7 p.m. for a corned beef and cabbage dinner buffet, free for members; \$9.99 for non-members. Calzone and Drink Specials; Tues. through Fri., 3-5 p.m. Welcome these new acts to the lounge; "Michael, Moose & Scott Acoustic"; March 7, 7-11 p.m. "Mudflap County", a country cover band, March 21, 8 p.m. to 12 a.m. Apply now for your Air Force Club Membership at Chase.com/AFClubCard

BOWLING CENTER: St. Patrick's Day Shamrock & Bowl, March 14, wear green and enjoy discounted bowling. There will be Food and Green Drink Specials!

FITNESS CENTER: Racquetball Tournament, March 9-20, sign up today; Pick-up Volleyball games, March 16-20 at lunchtime. St. Patrick's Day 5K Run, Sign ups March 1-16, Run starts at 7:30 a.m. outside the fitness center March 17.

OUTDOOR REC: Skis, snowboards, toboggans, snowshoes, ice fishing equipment and much more are still available to rent! Stop by or call today to check out our full winter line! Come to our End of Winter sale, 33% off all winter items. For more information call 557-2192.



Published monthly for Patriots like SrA. Cory Chauvette, 439th Security Forces Squadron, and more than 4,700 people assigned to Westover Air Reserve Base.

EMPENNAGE

Command announces 2014 Aircrew Flight Equipment awards

Air Force Reserve Command has announced the 2014 winners of the Aircrew Flight Equipment Awards.

Of the six awards, Westover Airman took two. The award winners, both assigned to the 439th Operations Support Squadron, are Maj. Matthew Dunphy, Officer of the Year, and Edward Cardin, Civilian of the Year. Maj. Dunphy is the aircrew flight equipment officer, and Mr. Cardin is an aircrew flight equipment technician.

The OSS team stocks safety and survival gear for 337th Airlift Squadron aircrews. The aircrew flight equipment section recently underwent four different command audits -- with no discrepancies.



PAUSING FOR THE PAST >>

A group of Westover maintenance Airmen traveled to northern Maine Jan. 17 to honor the aircrew of a B-52C Stratofortress that took off from Westover and later crashed on a mountain near Greenville. The accident, which took place Jan. 24, 1963, killed all but two of the nine-man aircrew (photos by Joe Makarski)

