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UTA SNAPSHOT -- SATURDAY

>> Gates open for air show at 8:30 a.m. (see back page for other highlights)

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SOAKING IT UP >> Aircrews "dip" into water survival training at Chicopee Comprehensive High School, April 11. Turn to page 8 for more on the water survival training.



DOGGIE DUE >> Several K-9 units traveled to Westover to take part in the week-long 2015 K9 Patrol/Narcotic/Explosives Detection Workshop. This training was hosted by the Massachusetts Police Work Dog Association and Westover's 439th Security Forces Squadron. (photo by SrA. Monica Ricci)



EDITORIAL Time again to showcase our base with the 2015 air show

Welcome to Westover" will be echoing on 16-17 May. Once again, it's time to showcase our base during the Great New England Air Show and Open House.

We invite the public into our home to demonstrate some awesome capabilities of the Air Force, Army, Navy, and Marine aviation groups. We'll also highlight our proud heritage as we celebrate Westover's 75th anniversary and honor the veterans of the Korean War.

Over the May UTA, you'll see two international jet demonstration teams. We'll host the Navy's Blue Angels for the first time and welcome back the Royal Canadian Air Force Snowbirds.

The F-22, CF-18, Army Golden Knights and scores of other aircraft will be on the ramp and in the air. Over 200,000 spectators daily will witness today's cutting edge technology, then take a trip into military history through our own warbird area.

In addition to the dozens of static aircraft, the ramp will have displays from the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and most importantly our own 439th squadrons will showcase missions and equipment. The open house affords wing members opportunities to talk with the public, explaining your unit's mission and conveying your own experiences while serving as a reservist.

As each of us welcomes these guests, we must also remain vigilant for the public's safety and security. I challenge all of you to:



--Fix any safety concerns on the spot
--Lock your squadron doors and work areas

--Redirect individuals that have wandered into non-public areas. Chances are they got turned around and simply need your direction; others may have ulterior motives

--Politely intervene and report inappropriate or mischievous behavior

--And if anything out-of-the-ordinary happens, remain calm, follow the instructions provided over the public address system and check in with your unit control center. The public will take its cues from you.

Phone numbers to remember:

911 -- Emergency call from Base Phone

557-1117 -- Emergency call from Cell Phone (911 also works, just state you're at "Westover")

557-3557 -- Suspicious persons call to Security

Forces Ops Center (BDOC)

You'll make lasting impressions on hundreds of thousands in attendance -- let's make great impressions! Practice proper military customs and courtesies, be Air Force ambassadors, talk to our guests, answer their questions and help them understand what we do. Equally important: Take time for yourselves, your families and your squadron-mates while enjoying the Great New England Air Show.

by Lt. Col. David Smith

2015 Great New England Air Show Director

BRIEFS

Teen Summit

The Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard annual teen leadership summit will take place in Georgia. Dependents aged 14 to 18 must complete an online application by May 15. Final selections will be announced by June 12. Call the Airman and Family Readiness Center for more information at 557-3024.

Use or lose

The use or lose leave amount is changing again. Service members can expect to carry no more than sixty days of leave into fiscal year 2016. Defense officials announced that the law allowing 75 days to be carried over has expired.

New tobacco limitations

The Air Force has taken another step towards being tobacco free. An updated instruction published in March prohibits tobacco use at installation recreation facilities; this includes athletic fields, running tracks, basketball courts and parks. It also prohibits smoking in vehicles with children and at special events like "cigar night."

Promotion criteria

Promotion eligibility from staff sergeant to technical sergeant now requires that a member have at least 24 months' time in grade. The previous promotion requirement required 18 months TIG. Airmen with questions should contact the base education and training staff at 557-2042 or their unit career advisors.

Chiefs Induction

The annual induction ceremony for the Patriot Wing's newest chief master sergeants will be held June 6. The four members to be honored are CMS-gts. Marykate Casey, Glenn Flynn, Christian Jorg, and Paul Veresko. The Chiefs' Induction ceremony will begin at 6 p.m. at the Westover Club.

2015 Great New England Air Show Treasure Hunt:

Visit each aircraft, fill in as many as you can, take photos and post to: www.facebook.com/westover.patriot



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<input type="checkbox"/> A-10 Thunderbolt II					
<input type="checkbox"/> C-130 Hercules					
<input type="checkbox"/> C-5 Galaxy					
<input type="checkbox"/> F-15 Eagle					
<input type="checkbox"/> KC-10 Extender					
<input type="checkbox"/> T-6A					
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Modern, vintage aircraft celebrate Westover's 75th in May

by SrA. Monica Ricci

Some of the finest military and civilian pilots in the nation will take to the skies over western Massachusetts for the 2015 Great New England Air Show May 16-17.

Air show coordinators have devoted months to planning a wide array



maneuverability in the sky. The aircraft is a critical component of the Global Strike Task Force, and is unmatched by any known fighter aircraft. It performs both air-to-air and air-to-ground missions.

The Canadian Snowbirds will return to Westover since their last performance over 20 years ago at the base's 50th Anniversary Air Show. The team consists of nine CT-114 Tudors flown in close succession by pilots of the Canadian Forces.

The Blue Angels will fly as the final performance on Saturday and Sunday. The team consists of six F/A-

18 Hornets, and their C-130 Hercules, popular known as "Fat Albert." The Blue Angels, who consist of hand-picked Navy and Marine pilots, will showcase their skills as well as their first-ever female pilot who is part of this year's "Fat Albert" aircrew.

Spectators can take in both air and ground displays as this

year's show is scheduled to boast more than a dozen static displays, ranging from World War II-era Warbirds to some of the Air Force's most advanced aircraft, including Westover's own C-5.

Air shows at Westover typically attracted huge crowds. This year's show distinguishes itself in several respects: It honors Westover's 75th anniversary of service to America. In addition, this will be the first time the Blue Angels have performed at the base. The last time the team visited was in 1959, when it staged from the base for a flyover at the Big E in Springfield.

EDITOR'S NOTE: For additional air show coverage, turn to the next pages for a look at the scheduled performers, and to page 8 for some safety tips.

of current and vintage military aircraft -- flying into Westover from all points in the nation.

The headliners include the renowned U.S. Navy Blue Angels



and the Royal Canadian Air Force Snowbirds demonstration teams. The Air Force's newest fighter, the F-22 Raptor, will make its debut at Westover alongside the Army Golden Knights, a Canadian CF-18, and the GEICO Skytypers.

The Golden Knights will literally drop into the air show to kick the events off as they perform their skydiving demonstrations. These elite parachutists have won more than 400 national championships and world championships.

Crowds will get an upclose look at the F-22 as the Raptor will show off its combination of stealth, supercruise, and exceptional



WESTOVER IN THE RUNNING FOR KC-46 PEGASUS TANKERS

by MSgt. Andrew Biscoe

Air Force officials announced in April that Westover ARB is among four Air Force installations chosen as a candidate for the first Air Force Reserve-led KC-46A location.

The KC-46 is the Air Force's newest air refueling tanker. The other three candidate bases are Tinker AFB, Okla., Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C., and Grissom ARB, Ind. The KC-46As will begin arriving at the first Air Force Reserve-led global mobility wing in fiscal year 2019.

"While this announcement doesn't finalize any basing decision yet, it speaks to Westover's key geographical position in the northeast," said Col. Richard Tubbs, 439th Airlift Wing vice commander. "We're excited to be considered for this vital addition to the Air Force's global mobility capability."

The Air Mobility Command and Air Force Reserve Command will soon conduct detailed, on-the-ground site surveys of each candidate base. They will assess each location against operational requirements, potential impacts to existing missions, housing, infrastructure, and manpower.

"This basing action is another great example of the Total Force relationship the Air Force Reserve Command has enjoyed for many years with Air Mobility Command," said Lt. Gen. James F. Jackson, commander of Air Force Reserve Com-



mand.

"Bringing the KC-46A online is an important step in recapitalizing a tanker fleet that has been the leader in air refueling for more than five decades,"

Gen. Mark A. Welsh, Chief of Staff said. "This new age aircraft will achieve better mission-capable rates with less maintenance

downtime, improving our ability to respond with rapid, global capability to assist U.S., joint, allied and coalition forces and better support humanitarian missions."

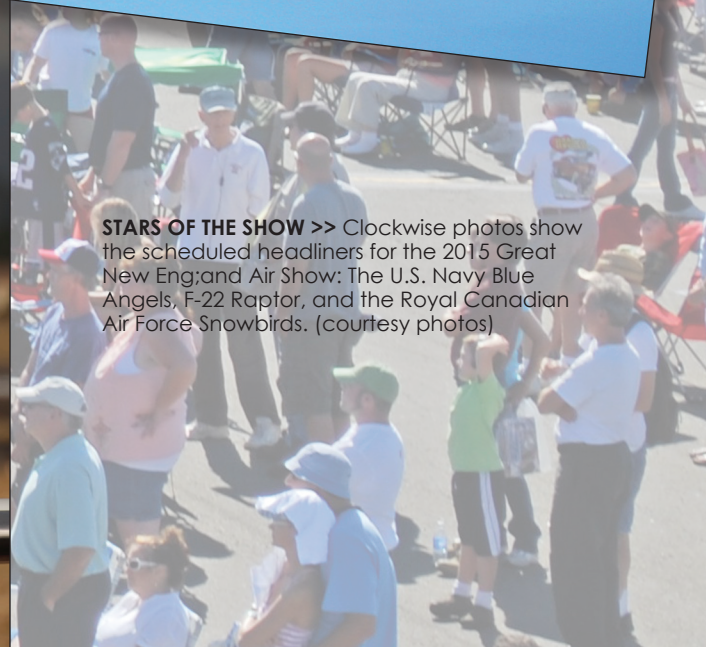
The KC-46A will provide improved capability, including boom and drogue refueling on the same sortie, world-wide navigation and communication, airlift capability on the entire main deck floor, receiver air refueling, improved force protection and survivability, and multi-point air refueling capability.

The Air Force has already designated another New England military installation to be equipped with the KC-46 -- the Air Na-

tional Guard's 157th Air Refueling Wing at Pease ANGB, N.H. In all, 179 of the new tankers will equip active-duty, reserve and guard wings throughout the country. The KC-46s will replace some of the KC-135 fleet. A majority of the venerable KC-135s are approaching 60 years of service to America. During Westover's Strategic Air Command era (1955-1974), a huge fleet of KC-135 and KC-97 tankers flew around-the-clock missions from the base.



GET READY FOR THE GREAT NEW ENGLAND AIR SHOW 2015



STARS OF THE SHOW >> Clockwise photos show the scheduled headliners for the 2015 Great New Eng;and Air Show: The U.S. Navy Blue Angels, F-22 Raptor, and the Royal Canadian Air Force Snowbirds. (courtesy photos)

Safety Tips For A Successful Air Show Experience

by TSgt. Brian Boynton

The May 16-17 2015 Great New England Air Show promises to be an epic experience. But epic experiences often include epic injuries and minor cuts, bruises, sunburn, dehydration, lost children and even lost parents. Be ready to assist our civilian guests should any of these occur. The Red Cross will be between Hangars 5 and 7. Lost and found will be at the fire department. Carry an Air Show Map with you for a visual reference when asked questions by the spectators. The public will stop anyone in uniform and asking questions. Nearly everyone will look up into the sky during the headliner events. Even with as large as our flight line is, spectators will bump into each other and may even trip over each other. Think of it as defensive walking. Constantly scan from left to right, behind and ahead for possible accidents. While doing so, look for suspicious behavior, abandoned bags/backpacks and confrontations among the spectators -- anything that looks like it may be a safety concern (report this to law enforcement or use your chain of command). If you see something or someone that doesn't look right to you, report it immediately. Don't be the person that later says "I saw them/it but did not think too much about it" If you think about it at all it's a concern. May's show won't be as hot as a summertime event, but workdays will be long. Staying hydrated and fueled up will keep you alert. If you have a duty that prevents you from leaving your post do not hesitate to call someone in your unit for a food or water resupply.

Wear and reapply sunscreen throughout the day especially around 11am. It's still possible to get sunburn on a 60 degree overcast day. Out of hundreds of thousands of spectators there may be injuries and illnesses. Make sure you know where to send them (escort them whenever possible) for medical or law enforcement assistance. Be mindful that you may also be in a situation providing first-aid while waiting for help to come. Brush up on your self-aid and buddy care now and not when confronted with a real world situation. Being prepared and having the answers to questions from our spectators will make both yours and their air show a positive event to remember. Important Phone Numbers: 911 from a land line use 557-1117 from a cell phone In the event of a major ccident or incident: --DO NOT PANIC! --All military personnel assigned to SFS will stay in place and wait on instructions. --All military personnel Assigned to the manpower pool will report to the conference center for accountability and instructions. --All remaining military personnel will report back to their UCC's for accountability. --Follow all directions of first responders (fire department and law enforcement) --Do not try and leave the base or try to get back on. Roads need to be clear for first responders. --Limit cell phone use. --KEEP ALL FACILITIES LOCKED & SECURED.

Aircrew get wet and learn survival skills

by SrA. Monica Ricci

Westover aircrew members participated in Water Survival Training at the Chicopee Comprehensive High School pool April 11. The training is a requirement every three years for aircrew in order for them to be able to fly over open water. TSgt. Al Chagnon, the aircrew training NCOIC from the 439th Operations Support Squadron, coordinated the training event and said Westover has paired up with the high school for the past four years. More than 250 aircrew members from the 337th Airlift Squadron and 439th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron participate in this type of training. The equipment used at the training event, which included survival vests, life preserver units, and a 25-man life raft, was specific to what is carried aboard Westover's C-5s. MSgt. Dennis Coite, the aircrew flight



equipment section supervisor, also from OSS, taught the portion of the water survival training in the raft. "We could never predict where an aircraft may go down," MSgt. Coite said. "So we have to prepare them for survival on all types of open water and land." Later that afternoon, the group of aircrew

members took to Dogpatch on base for Combat Survival Training in the woods, also required every three years. The Aircrew Flight Equipment shop is a combination of the Air Force's former Life Support and Survival Equipment AFSCs. AFE Airmen manage, perform, inspect, maintain and administer just assigned aircrew flight equipment, aircrew chemical defense equipment, and associated supplies and inventories assets. EDITOR'S NOTE: Look for additional coverage on this training on base cable Channel 50.

HIGH-TECH COMMANDER'S CALL

by Capt. Andre Bowser

With smart phones in hand-as 439th Airlift Wing Commander Col. Al Lupenski addressed the wing during the April unit training assembly-Airmen tapped away on the screens of their devices. "Take your cell phones out and turn them on," he told the gathering of hundreds of Airmen from across the base at the start of the event. Although the ceremony had many of the fixings of your typical commander's call, including recognizing wing award winners, recent promotions, and a safety briefing, Airmen experienced what can best be described as an "upgrade," or a "Commander's Call 2.0." A large screen was raised at the front of the hangar and from the stage questions were

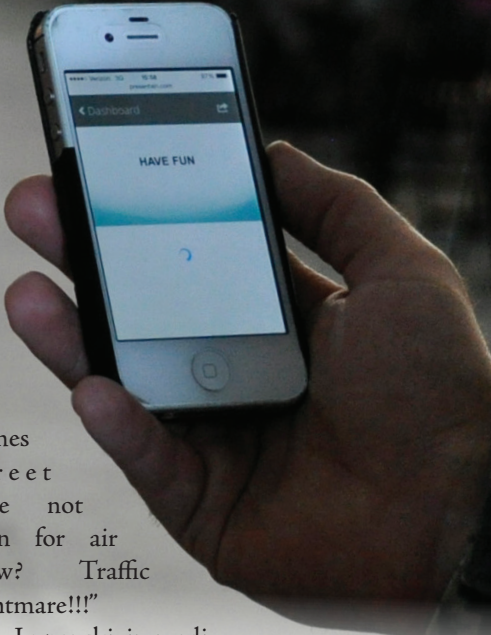


jobs without the typical UTA distractions," Col. Lupenski said. He brought up a pie chart, which demonstrated that after voting through an interactive program on their phones more than three-quarters of Airmen wanted to receive more time to train in their jobs. "In the near future, eight UTAs will be dedicated to your training and your jobs, and only four UTAs per year will see schedules for things like this commander's call and



brought up, such as whether service members felt that they had enough time during the UTAs to accomplish core requirements for their various jobs. A resounding "no" came back when Col. Lupenski asked the members to vote on their phones. "We expected that, and we're going to fix it so that you all receive more time to train and accomplish the core requirements of your

through the interactive program. The hilarity ensued: "Oh, I like this one: 'Can we leave now?'" Col. Lupenski read from one of the more frivolous questions. "No," he answered. The assembly laughed and kept typing away on their cell phones. In a more sober question, one member brought up a point focused on the upcoming May air show.



"James Street Gate not open for air show? Traffic nightmare!!!" Col. Lupenski immediately quelled that concern surrounding the air show, which has a projected 250,000 visitors for each day, which means it could potentially top out at half a million visitors over the period of one weekend, similar to the previous air show in 2012. "The James Street Gate will be open, as will others," he said. The questions varied, but the cutting edge way in which the input of myriad wing members was solicited did not go unnoticed. From the chairs and the bleachers, Patriot Wing members were genuinely "plugged in" and the voting and questions raked in tons of ideas, which couldn't all be shared. "I'm starting up a commander's blog and I hope you will all participate by providing feedback, asking questions, voicing concern and in helping Westover stay the best wing in the Air Force Reserve," Col. Lupenski said.

Bishop, Remy take top Air Force awards

by MSgt. Andrew Biscoe

Two members of the Westover military-civilian team recently took top honors in their respective career fields at the Air Force level.

Air Force officials announced April 7 that Lt. Col. James Bishop and Nicole Remy are the selectees.

Lt. Col. Bishop won the Air Force's Outstanding Communication Field Grade Officer Award, while Remy is the Outstanding Logistics Readiness Civilian of the Year.

The Air Force cited Lt. Col. Bishop's "outstanding leadership and management by using innovative processes to integrate and leverage outreach and engagement opportunities."

He's the chief of public affairs for Westover, and deployed to Afghanistan for most of 2014. Deployed to Kabul April to September, Lt. Col. Bishop was Chief of Future Operations at Headquarters International Security Assistance. He oversaw the international website and social media platforms reaching more than 825,000 people. Lt Col. Bishop created PA guidance used throughout Afghanistan on topics from civilian casualties to the Afghan presidential election.



"Your efforts are being noticed by leaders at every level!" said Brig Gen. Kathleen Cook, Air Force director of public affairs. Lt. Col. Bishop has been assigned to Westover since August 2010.

Remy, the supply and fuels accountable officer with the 439th Logistics Readiness Squadron, won the Air Force Outstanding Logistics Readiness Civilian of the Year, Category II Award for 2014.

Her award cited her "commitment to logistics excellence and remarkable leadership skills" that were "central in ensuring seamless regionalized isochronal operational support of the Air Force's C-5 weapon system." A retired chief master sergeant, Remy's extensive experience and drive for deployment readiness "drove a five-step mobility action plan over 12 months improving operations 41 percent and accounting for 522 mobility assets saving the wing \$350,000."

Remy's commitment to her unit also helped ensure LRS earn the Daedalian Maj. Gen. Warren R. Carter Logistics Effectiveness award – three consecutive years.

AF realigns B-1 fleet

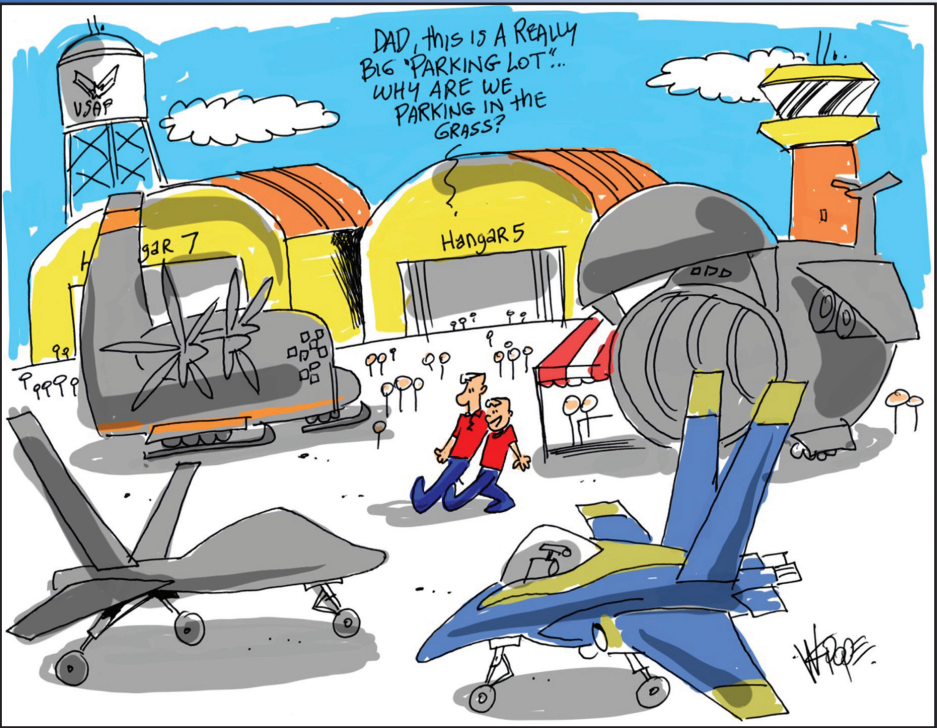
The Secretary and Chief of Staff of the Air Force have directed the realignment of the B-1 bomber fleets and Long Range Strike-Bomber program from Air Combat Command to Air Force Global Strike Command, effective Oct. 1.

The move will realign the core mission of global strike and all of the service's bombers under a unified command responsible for organizing, training and equipping Airmen to perform this mission.

"This realignment places all three Air Forces bombers under one command and brings the LRS-B program with it," said Secretary of the Air Force Deborah Lee James. "Consolidating all of our Air Force assets in this critical mission area under a single command will help provide a unified voice to maintain the high standards necessary in stewardship of our nation's bomber forces." (AFNS)

POPE'S PUNS

by W.C.Pope



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Sandra Crenshaw
Jonathan Lafrance
John Loud
Francis Sforza
Paul Torres



Technical Sergeant
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Joseph Lanouette
Javier Perez
Daniel Sanchez



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FACES OF WESTOVER

Rick Cicero
K-9 Police Dog Handler

Rick Cicero, a former U.S. Army sergeant and retired Virginia state trooper, said he visited Westover in April during a week-long event that focused on training military and police dog handlers because it was his way of giving back.

Some might say he'd already given enough, after the former K-9 handler and bomb expert suffered the loss of an arm and a leg in a bomb blast in Kandahar Province, Afghanistan in 2010. Cicero, a former member of the 82nd Airborne and 7th Special Operations Command, who currently lives in Florida with his wife.

These days, when Cicero is not training Army members to properly handle bomb-sniffing dogs, he's teaching his service dog, "Soldat," some new tricks. The 5-year-old German Shepard whose name means "Soldier" might be the world's most danger-defying service dog. "He can sniff out a bomb as good as any bomb-sniffing dog can," Cicero said before tossing a white cotton towel he uses to train his K-9. "You can do everything right and still get hurt, but if you train hard, your training will kick in and you will survive."

-- Capt. Andre Bowser

RETIREMENTS

Lieutenant Colonel
Nabil Raheb
Michelle Rowe
Craig Tommila

Senior Master Sergeant
Douglas Anderson
Ruth Mazzey

Master Sergeant
Juan Ayala
Theodore Chaloux
Ronald Corliss
Michael Scheibner
Gary Surozenski

Technical Sergeant
John Ferrara
Malcolm MacKenzie III

SERVICES CALENDER

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by Mollie Anello, services marketing assistant

CLUB: AIR SHOW WEEKEND! May 15, come to the Club for an Air Show Kickoff Party! Club opens at 4 p.m., enjoy DJ Kuls from 4-8 p.m., accompanied by FREE heavy hors d'oeuvres at 6 p.m. Moose & The Hightops, and an Eagles Tribute Band begin at 8 p.m.! May 16th, the Club opens at 5 p.m. FREE All-American Buffet at 6 p.m, and Blackwater returns to the lounge at 8 p.m.! May 17 wrap up Air Show Weekend with DJ Kuls and a Survivor's Party at 5 p.m., featuring food and drink specials.

THE GRIND: Important notice: The Grind will be closed from May 15-18, and will reopen May 19 at 7 a.m.

BOWLING: Join us on Air Show Weekend for a Family Fun Night at the Bowling Center! May, 16 from 5-10 p.m. enjoy Cosmic Bowling, Pizza & Drink Specials! Mother's Day Weekend, Mom bowls for free! Friday and Saturday, May 8-9 from 5-11 p.m.

FITNESS: Softball Season starts May 11, games are Monday-Thursday at 5:45 p.m., double header games; Kickball Tournament May 29 at 4:30 p.m. at the Softball Field, seven-person teams, any age or skill can come out and have some fun! There is a new kiosk at the Fitness Center, Wellbeats, 12 main programs to choose from with an additional 12 level workouts ranging from 20 - 60 minutes; Yankee Fleet Fishing Trip, June 13, \$25 per person, open to all military and their family members ages 10 and up.

OUTDOOR RECREATION: It is finally starting to warm up! Rent all of your lawn care/ clean up equipment at Outdoor Recreation's Equipment Check out today! 557-2192.





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EMPENNAGE

Air Show End Notes

Dual-headliner demonstration teams will highlight this spring's Great New England Air Show. For security and maintenance reasons, the exact departure times of the headliners cannot be released, but the following is a rundown of the highlights:

- The U.S. Navy Blue Angels will perform in the late afternoon as the final demonstration (both May 16 and 17).
- The Canadian Snowbirds will take to the skies at mid-day on Saturday and Sunday.
- Other headliners include the U.S. Army Golden Knights parachute team, a Canadian CF-18 aerial demonstration, the Geico Skytypers, and the Air Combat Command's F-22 Raptor (one of the world's most advanced fighter jets).
- Visitors are advised to arrive by 8:30 a.m. as the gates will open for the show. Performances begin at 10 a.m. Earplugs, suntan lotion, and hats are all strongly recommended.
- Latest updates can be viewed at greatnewenglandairshow.com or westover.afrc.af.mil



FIRED UP >> Westover firefighters and members of the U.S. Forest Service conducted a controlled burn April 1 of the grassy areas near the North Ramp. This annual event not only renews the grasses for the nesting area of a number of indigenous bird species, it also provides training for the fire department. (photo by SrA. Monica Ricci)

