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ON THE COVER -- This photo of six Westover C-5s parked on the flightline struck a chord with the Facebook audience -- more than 35,000 people had viewed it within just two days. (photo by W.C. Pope)



FUELING THE FUTURE >> Large fuel tanks were removed in December next to the pull-through hangar in the fuels area. The massive tanks were replaced with above-ground fuel storage as part of the \$25 million fuel hydrant system, making fueling a C-5 quicker and cleaner. (photos by Lt. Col. James Bishop)

My Fellow Westover Warriors, With the holidays over and hopefully the Christmas bills paid off, we again find ourselves in the midst of doing the wonderful work in the Air Force Reserve. We start with a fresh attitude after finishing another great year filled with accomplishments that brought home accolades and awards galore.

The past helps provide an understanding of the present. The end of the Cold War and its robust military budgets, brought the beginning of "doing more with less" era. We became experts at maximizing productivity through innovation and hard work to counter shrinking resources while continuing to answer the call for everything asked of us.

Recently, military budgets under Secretary of Defense Robert Gates were further reduced by \$400 billion over 10 years starting 2010. In 2013, sequestration added another \$500 billion over a 10-year cut. (Defense News: <http://www.nationaldefensemagazine.org/archive/2012/May/Pages/DefenseDepartmentMustPrepareforDeeperBudgetCuts.aspx>). All the while, our commitments around the globe protecting national interests have continued to expand.

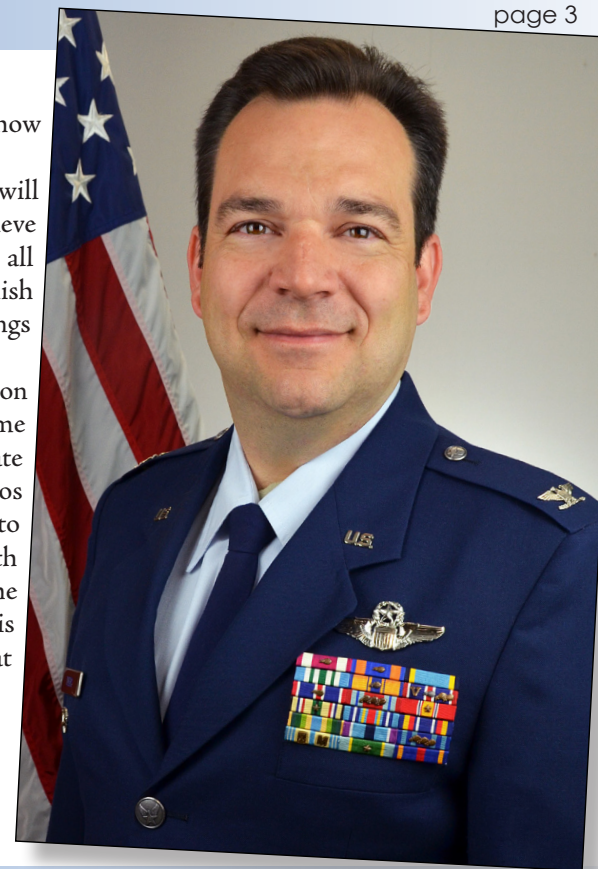
Congress and the president have provided some relief, but the reality of today's challenge, in addition to continued innovation to do our jobs more efficiently, is to prioritize the tasks we will continue to accomplish in an excellent manner. We simply do not fail. It is our history, our reputation,

and our never-changing goal. It is in our blood. So how are we to proceed?

My advice is to focus on the wins because we will continue to have a lot of them. Don't let failure to achieve the impossible stand in the way of accomplishing all that is possible. We can't let minor "losses" diminish our pride in our major wins. You are doing great things every day. I know it and so does the boss.

It is our challenge now to prioritize and prevail on that what we can do and allow ourselves the same sense of pride for a job well done. We must separate the must-dos and should-dos from the like-to-dos and the don't-need-to-dos. We must continue to innovate and have the courage to communicate with our leadership better ways of doing business and the limitations of the possible. We will get through this together, and I believe -- as with all challenges that don't kill us -- we'll be even better for it.

Col. Rick Tubbs
439th Airlift Wing vice commander



BRIEFS

New year phishing threat

Airmen are advised to beware of a fake Air and Expeditionary Forces online website. Legitimate sites always request Common Access Card certificates and PINs. Always ensure the site you are entering your information on does not end in .com.

Pre-deployment brief

A pre-deployment briefing is scheduled for Feb. 7 (Sunday of the A UTA) at the Westover Conference Center. For more information, contact Maj. Diane Burch at 557-3144.

Wing Commander leaving Westover

Col. Al Lupenski announced Jan. 25 that he'll be leaving his position as 439th Airlift Wing Commander at Westover to become the Director, Air Force Reserve Programs and Requirements, Headquarters Air Force, Washington, D.C. As of press time, the details of who the new wing commander will be and when the change of command will be held have not been announced.

Tuition assistance

Airmen should check the rules and limitations to using their education benefits. Those who are using the Montgomery GI Bill Select Reserve, Kicker, or Tuition Assistance, can only use one at a time. However, this doesn't apply to active duty GI Bill or post-9/11 benefits. For more information, contact the base education and training office at 413-557-3440.

Change to travel pay

Travel pay rates for mileage have changed. As of Jan. 1, the per-mile pay rates for TDY Auto, IDT outside normal commute, and PCS have gone down an average of four cents a mile. For more information, call the wing finance office at 557-3461 or 557-2950.

Yellow Ribbon on YouTube

Follow this link for a quick video with some information about the program. Deployers and their families are eligible for this program. www.YouTube/kedbavbfra4.

BEFORE YOU FLY THAT NEW DRONE: KNOW THE RULES



by Lt. Col. James Bishop

With sales of drones expected to approach 700,000 this season, near-misses with military and commercial aircraft have increased. Federal Aviation Administration statistics show a surge in “close call with drone” reports by military and civilian pilots: nearly 700 incidents in 2015, roughly triple the amount recorded in 2014.

The FAA has stated that unmanned aircraft systems are aircraft, not toys, making operators subject to aviation laws and guidelines.

Knowing the laws and basic safety rules is essential, and helps you avoid stiff legal and civil penalties.

First, register your drone (called an Unmanned Aircraft System by the FAA). As of Dec. 21, 2015, the law requires anyone owning a new UAS weighing between .55 lbs. and 55 lbs. must register before they fly! “People who previously operated their UAS must register by Feb. 19, 2016. People who do not register could face civil and criminal penalties,” according to the FAA.

You can register at <http://www.faa.gov/uas/registration/>. Registration is quick and costs \$5. As a

bonus, if you register before midnight EST, Jan. 20, your \$5 registration fee will be refunded.

Second, know the basic rules. The FAA strongly urges individuals flying for hobby or recreation to follow safety guidelines, which include:

- Fly below 400 feet and remain clear of surrounding obstacles
- Keep the aircraft within visual line of sight at all times
- Remain well clear of and do not interfere with manned aircraft operations
- Don't fly within 5 miles of an airport unless you contact the airport and control tower before flying
- Don't fly near people or stadiums
- Don't fly an aircraft that weighs more than 55 lbs
- Don't be careless or reckless with your unmanned aircraft – you could be fined for endangering people or other aircraft.

If you fly a UAS within five miles of Westover ARB, you must contact Airfield Operations at (413) 557-2951.

“The tower Watch Supervisor will work with individuals to make sure they are flying in an air traffic friendly area,” according to Airfield Operations officials. The control tower supervisor may reiterate the FAA rules to the operator, and may ask them for more information, depending on the area that the individual is flying in, such as, a contact number or for a call when UAS flying is complete.

The bottom line: make contact with Westover if you fly a drone within five miles of the base.

Third, service members, employees and family members need to report UASs observed near and above military installations, using the Airfield Operations number: (413) 557-2951.

UAS's fall into three categories: Public Operations (Government), Civil Operations (Non-government), and Model Aircraft (Hobby or recreation only). The new rules apply to Model Aircraft, which include drones. The distinction is what the individual is using the aircraft for; not what it looks like. Public and Civil Operations are regulated in a different manner and require special approval from the FAA.

Two people could both be flying the same drone in the same location, but if one is flying it for a business then it falls under Civil Operations and different rules apply.

The FAA press release announcing drone registration emphasized that unmanned aircraft owners do not need to work with a “drone registration” company to help file an application for a registration number. “The Registration site is designed to be simple and easy to use for every hobbyist.”

After completing registration, owners will receive a personal registration number. If a person owns more than one UAS, each aircraft must be marked with that number. Any method may be used to mark the UAS, as long as the number is legible, according to the FAA. Registrants may put the number in the battery compartment if it is easily accessible.

According to the FAA website, “The statutory parameters of a model aircraft operation are outlined in Section 336 of Public Law 112-95 (the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012). Individuals who fly within the scope of these parameters do not require permission to operate their UAS; any flight outside these parameters (including any non-hobby, non-recreational operation) requires FAA authorization. For example, using a UAS to take photos for your personal use is recreational; using the same device to take photographs or videos for compensation or sale to another individual would be considered a non-recreational operation.”

Finally, here's websites for more information.

FAQs from the FAA: <http://www.faa.gov/uas/registration/faqs/>.

FAA link to UAS guidelines: <http://www.faa.gov/uas/>

Below is a link to an Air Force commentary on the general rules to keep in mind when purchasing or flying commercially owned drones:

<http://www.af.mil/News/Commentaries/Display/tabid/271/Article/630940/tommy-got-a-toy-drone-for-christmas-whats-next.aspx>

Info on UAS registration mentioned above is at <http://www.faa.gov/uas/registration/>.

Finally, the FAA's “No Drone Zone Campaign” website is at http://www.faa.gov/uas/no_drone_zone/.

FISH SHOULD: FEAR THE SWIMMING DEAD

If One Air Force Reservist Succeeds As An Entrepreneur

by Capt. Andre Bowser

Imagine that you're a survivor in a post-apocalyptic world overrun with flesh-eating zombies. Now imagine that you've hopped on a big boat loaded with life-sustaining supplies?

But what if the fish in the ocean were zombies too?

This dystopian picture isn't too far from the truth, at least in part, in the mind of Air Force reservist and entrepreneur Capt. Matthew Borowski. The 439th Airlift Wing Airlift Control Flight operations officer took a page from Dr. Frankenstein when he created his very own zombie fish in the form of a lure used to catch bigger fish, or as he calls it: "Zombait."

Capt. Borowski, the officer in charge of the Communications and Aerospace Ground Control unit, is also the co-inventor of "Zombait," a plastic and motorized contraption he designed that reanimates dead fish mechanically in order to hook even bigger catches.

The swimming-dead device he co-created with family friend Rink Varian, a commercial fisherman based in Maine, is geared to take a huge bite out of the roughly 9 million salt-water anglers in the U.S., which is a conservative estimate of the number of fisherman, according to the American Sport Fishing Association.

He even has the celebrity endorsement of David Marciano, star of the National Geographic Channel's "Wicked Tuna."

"I think his idea is going to be huge," said Marciano, who is planning to test out Capt. Borowski's invention on his hit-TV show. "[Zombait] has huge potential."

Capt. Borowski is an electrical engineer by trade and avid skier by proclivity, took to the melted version of his favorite sport about two years ago while talking with his commercial fisherman friend Varian. "He asked me: 'Do you think you could invent something that makes dead fish look like their alive?'"

Flash forward a couple of years, and a lot of big business moves later, including the purchase of a 3D printer to create the plastic portion of his product, and Borowski now says that he is in love with the sport of big, salt-water fishing. Especially when he inserts his device deep into the mouth of dead fish

like mackerel and herring in order to entice larger fish to the bait.

"Fisherman always say: 'live bait is best'—that's what the fishermen want to use," Capt. Borowski said. "And now, at least mechanically, we can say: 'It's alive!'"

Queue villainous laughter. Because with a product named Zombait, the puns flow too easily, but Capt. Borowski takes his business seriously.

"I've always been an entrepreneur at heart."

Capt. Borowski confessed to having a bit of a shark nature. He admitted he started his first business at the age of four. "I used to watch my mom and dad misplace their keys and other things like loose change; so, I started picking things up and moving them to one place, where my parents could easily find them, including a tip jar -- for my assistance." By eight, Capt. Borowski was buying candy from his local supermarket and selling it at the beach -- while other hungry kids were playing in the surf or sand -- at a healthy mark-up.

Although the genesis of his entrepreneurial spirit started out decades before he joined the Air Force, he said he credited his Air Force Reserve work as an operations officer with his success outside of the military.

"As an operations officer, one of my roles is to have an understanding of the entire scope of everything that has to do with the mission, including organizing, planning and conducting operations," Capt. Borowski said. He equated the civilian equivalent of his reservist role to being an entrepreneur. "The same kind of strategy is employed. All you have to do is replace airlift operations with marketing. Cargo and plane parts with my technology."

Capt. Borowski described his purchase of the 3D printer, mechanical parts, tiny motors and the like, with the start of a business that has fast become a passion. His invention -- a rectangular device about six inches long and largely made of plastic with a tiny motor, hinges and gears -- has already taken on a life of its own in many respects. Besides



that it causes the rear part of dead fish to move.

The company slogans tell all in simplest terms: "Bring Dead Bait Back to Life," "The Swimming Dead," which is a play on the title of a popular TV series by a similarly-themed name, and "All Other Bait is Dead in the Water," his favorite.

But being an entrepreneur comes with its own set of drawbacks.

Balancing family life with his full-time career as an engineer for Draper Laboratory in Boston has proven difficult. Now toss in his service in the reserve, and his hankering to do things like skiing and, in recent years, fishing.

At home, Capt. Borowski said his wife Yuliya and their 3-month-old daughter Victoria serve as his motivation to increase his stock as an entrepreneur, but he always tries to check his ambition at the door to ensure that he prioritizes family. "My wife always reminds me if I don't," he said. "I couldn't do any of this without her support."

Back in his world of business, albeit overrun with reanimated dead things, Capt. Borowski and his team, including co-founder Varian, co-engineer Jessy Cusack, and business development manager Chris Hamman, are working hard at fleshing out their company website, social media platform, business plan, communications plan, awaiting their pending patent, mining crowd-funding avenues for the company through January, and building relationships with industry leaders like Marciano, who says he's looking forward to testing out the product on his show over the summer.

"To me, it's important that I do these types of things for service members and for wounded warriors, not for self-promotion, but for the service members, because they deserve it," said Marciano, whose been taking wounded warriors on fishing trips over the summer for the past four years. "I get a great deal of satisfaction out of that."

Awards Gala

WING AWARDS GALA RECOGNIZES ANNUAL WINNERS, NEW HONORARY WING COMMANDER

by MSgt. Andrew Biscoe

An inaugural awards dinner put the spotlight on five Patriot Wing Airmen, two civilians, and a new honorary commander Jan. 9 at the Westover Club.

In years past, senior leadership has included the Patriot Wing's annual awards program at the top of the new year's Commander's Call agenda. Hundreds of Airmen huddled in the Base Hangar for those events and watched as the wing honored its Airmen.

With the venerable hangar unavailable due to construction and renovations that began last fall, wing protocol teamed with the first sergeants to hold the dinner at the club. More than 135 people attended.

In addition to the annual wing awards, senior leadership inducted the wing's honorary commander, Richard Rege, who's the superintendent of schools for Chicopee.

Rege is the wing's fourth honorary commander. The Honorary Commander Program encourages the exchange of ideas, experiences, and friendships between Westover leadership and key members of the local community.

"I'm extremely honored and humbled to accept the position of honorary commander of the 439th Airlift Wing," Rege said. "This is a tremendous opportunity to 'give back' to the many service members who willingly deal with the complexities of balancing their civilian lives with their military obligations in order to protect and defend our country every day!"

EDITOR'S NOTE: Additional coverage of the awards banquet is featured on page 7.

ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET >> The first annual awards banquet was held Saturday of the UTA in January. The wing's annual winners are:

Airman: SrA. Garyson Winn,
439th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
NCO: SSgt. James Miller,
439th AMXS

SNCO: SMSgt Charles Carlin,
439th Logistics Readiness Squadron
First Sergeant: MSgt. Alexander Reno,
337th Airlift Squadron

Company Grade Officer: Capt. Shelly Martin,
439th AMXS

Civilian: Charles Trovarello, 439th Security Forces
Squadron

Civilian Supervisor: Mark Willette, 439th AMXS



Airmen need proof of health care on form 1095

WASHINGTON (AFNS) -- All active-duty, Guard, Reserve, retiree and civilian Airmen will need proof of health care coverage when filing their federal tax returns for 2015.

"This is the first year that Affordable Care Act requires health care validation for filing their taxes and Airmen need this information," said Robert W. Burke, the Air Force Accounting and Finance Office director, finance division.

Under the ACA, U.S. citizens and legal residents are required to obtain and maintain a minimum standard of health care insurance, called minimum essential coverage. The proof of coverage will be provided by the Department of Treasury Internal Revenue Service Form 1095. TRICARE is one of many health providers qualifying for this coverage.

In January 2016, Defense Finance and Accounting Service is required to provide each employee with the Form 1095 for employment during 2015. A hard copy will be mailed to each employee and available electronically through myPay under the taxes section.

"The Air Force would like to stress the importance for Airmen to elect to receive the form electronic only," Burke continued. "This will save the Air Force \$200,000 and have no environmental impact."

Additional information about the ACA can be found at <http://www.dfas.mil/taxes/aca.html>.

Awards Gala



AWARDS DINNER >> The 439th Airlift Wing honored its annual winners Jan. 9 with an awards banquet -- the first of its kind. Wing protocol officer Tammy Vezina and the first sergeants organized the dinner. Clockwise from left: Col. Al Lupenski, 439th AW commander, congratulates MSgt. Alexander Reno as First Sergeant of the Year; CMSgt. Kristine Seney helps arrange a group photo; SMSgt. Charles Carlin heads to the stage to receive the Senior NCO of the Year award; retired CMSgt. Donald Proctor escorts his wife, Catherine Volpe-Proctor; SMSgt. Al Raymond and MSgt. Kimberly Kopp co-narrated the dinner; 439th Maintenance Group members pause for a photo. Among those pictured are four MXG award winners: SSgt. James Miller, SrA. Garyson Winn, Capt. Shelly Martin, and Mark Willette. (photos by MSgt. Andrew Biscoe)



Around Westover



NEW MXG CC >> During the January UTA, Col. Al Lupenski, 439th AW commander, and Lt. Col. Daniel Moore, 439th Maintenance Group deputy commander, await the assumption of command ceremony to begin. During the ceremony, Lt. Col. Moore accepted the reins of the 439th Maintenance Group from the retiring Col. Kerry Kohler. (photo by SrA. Monica Ricci)

TOP PILOT SEAT >> Lt. Col. Mark Brule honors his wife and family Jan. 10 after he assumed command of the 337th Airlift Squadron at the Westover Conference Center. (photo by SrA. Charles Hutchinson IV)



HONORARY COMMANDER >> Col. Al Lupenski, 439th Airlift Wing commander, pauses for a photo with Richard Rege, the Patriot Wing's honorary commander and guest speaker, during the wing awards dinner Jan. 9. (photos by MSgt. Andrew Biscoe)





LONGEVITY AND DEDICATION >> Helen Smith, 87, retired Dec. 31, ending her 44 years of federal service on the last day of 2015. Smith worked in the base post office. (photo by MSgt. Andrew Biscoe)



HANSCOM TOURS ISO >> Air Force procurement officers from Hanscom AFB, Mass., toured a C-5 in the ISO dock Dec 17. (photo by TSgt. Brian Boynton)

Around Westover

STATE GOVERNOR VISITS >> Senior leadership hosted Massachusetts Gov. Charlie Baker, Dec. 18. was given a tour of the ISO dock and C-5 that was being inspected on Dec. 18. With the governor was military advisor Maj. Gen. L. Scott Rice. After the tour the governor held a news conference at the adjacent Westover Metropolitan Airport to talk about area economic impact. (photos by W.C. Pope)



Yellow Ribbon FAQs

by Lt. Col. James Bishop

The Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program is part of a DoD-wide effort to help the 1.2 million National Guard and Reserve members and their families connect with the best resources available before, during, and after deployments. The National Defense Authorization Act of 2008 established the program. Since then, its popularity has grown exponentially.

Reservists returning from or preparing to go on a deployment, along with their friends or families, can attend regional events at popular resorts. While there, they will hear presenters discuss a variety of military benefits they've earned as well as have the opportunity to visit tables of 50+ organizations who provide resources to military members and their families. Members also have the opportunity to share quality family time.

How much does it cost participants?

The Air Force Reserve Command funds 100 percent of the program. The Reserve puts military members on orders, so airline and hotel costs are covered for them and their guests. They're also given per-diem and provided some meals. Family members or a designated individual for single members are put on invitational travel orders and are reimbursed for any meal not provided at the YR event.

How many events are there?

Events occur at least once a month. In fiscal year 2010, for example, the Air Force hosted 82 events, with 8,100 attendees. Past event locations in the Northeast Region have included Orlando, Fla., Virginia Beach, Va., Stowe, Vt., St. Louis, Mo., Philadelphia, and Denver, Colo.

Who is eligible?

Any member who will be deploying or has deployed away from family for more than 90 days is eligible to attend an event. "Away from home" could mean you were activated in place at Westover and separated from your family if living outside the commuting area. Or it could mean you were deployed overseas. The Wing Yellow Ribbon Coordinator, 1st Lt Steven Marchegiani, validates who is eligible within established guidelines. The wing commander



ultimately determines eligibility.

Where are the upcoming events?

Future venues include Orlando, Denver, Myrtle Beach, and many others.

How many events can I attend?

Every deployer and their family or designated individual is eligible to attend a total of three Yellow Ribbon Events – one before deployment and two afterwards.

Where do I get more information?

Contact the Yellow Ribbon Office co-located with the Inspector General's office in Bldg. 1850 for information and eligibility requirements at (413) 557-2273 or email Steven. Marchegiani@us.af.mil.

I heard about another Yellow Ribbon program connected with tuition assistance? What's that about?

There is another "Yellow Ribbon Program" connected with the Post 9-11 GI Bill. Same name. Different benefit.

The Yellow Ribbon GI Education Enhancement Program, aka the Yellow Ribbon Program, is a provision of the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008. This program allows degree-granting institutions in the United States to voluntarily enter into an agreement with the Veterans Administration to fund tuition expenses that exceed the highest public in-state undergraduate tuition rate. The institution can contribute up to 50% of those expenses and VA will match the same amount as the institution. For more information on the VA Post 9-11 Bill, visit gibill.va.gov or call the Base Education Office at (413) 557-3440.

TROOP TALK

"What's your new years resolution and are you going to keep it?"



"To get back in shape, keep going to the gym, and trying not to smoke and yes, I plan on keeping my resolution."

**>> AB Sarah Bartlett,
439th Maintenance Group**



"Take a martial arts class, Krav-Maga. Yes, I will follow through with my resolution."

**>> A1C Trung Tin Nguyen,
439th Civil Engineer Squadron**



"Honor my family and country, and yes, I will keep my resolution."

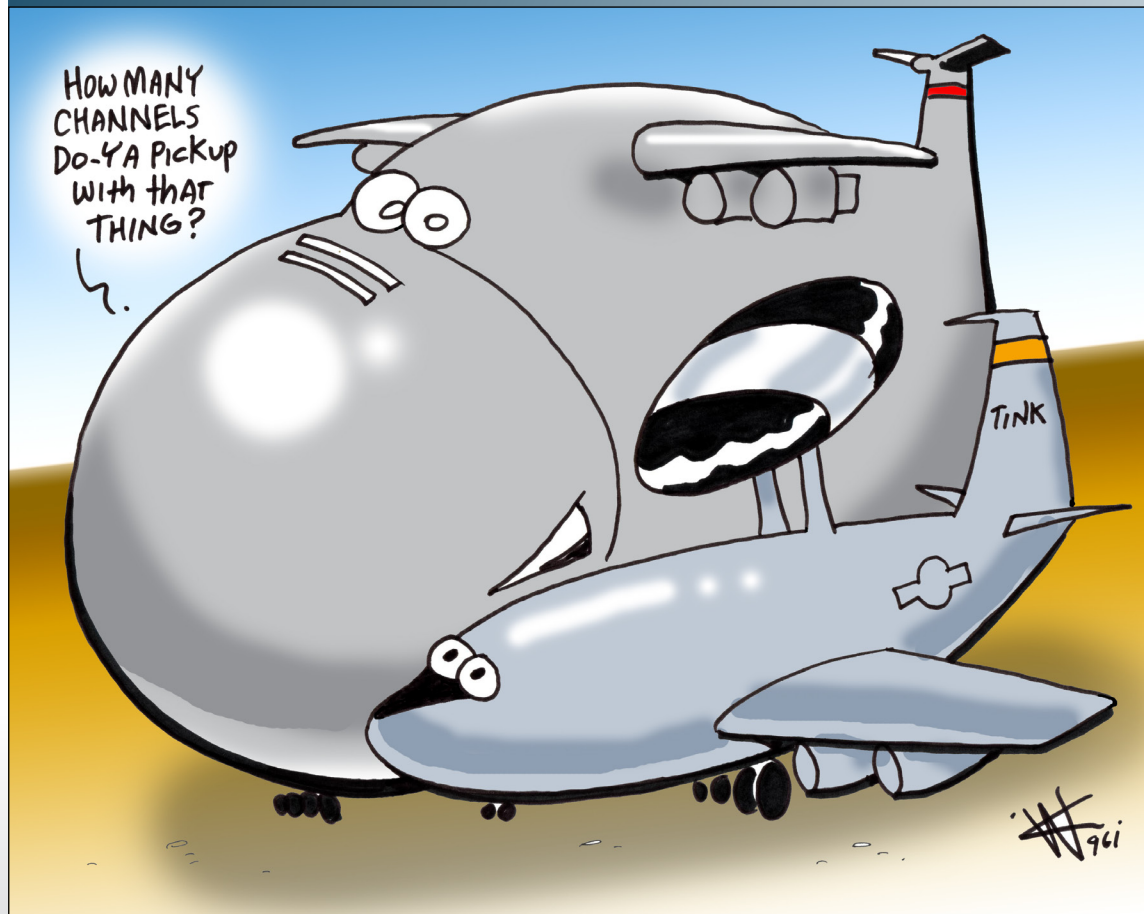
**>>SrA. Andrew LaFontaine,
42th Aerial Port Squadron**



AFA AWARD WINNER -- MSgt. Gregory Pauli (second from right), 439th Explosive Ordnance Disposal, was among several Airmen from New England military installations honored at a recent Air Force Association Massachusetts Top 5 Airmen Awards Dinner, held near Boston. Also pictured is Maj. Gen. L. Scott Rice, Massachusetts State Adjutant. (Courtesy photo)

POPE'S PUNS

by W.C.Pope



PROMOTIONS

Senior Master Sgt.
Rayanne Emerson



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Michael Blount
Eric Stager



Technical Sergeant
Tyler Coman
Christopher Mitchell



Staff Sergeant
Leo Campbell
Nicholas Cervero
Brian Conroy
Christopher Corey
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Anthony Gentile
Michael Lacroix
Raymond Mateo
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557-3360 Bldg. 1100

SrA. Melissa Buonanducci

439th Airlift Wing, Command Post

SrA. Melissa Buonanducci, a command post controller, spends her UTA weekends at Westover in a place that most people don't get to go – her work center. Since the Command Post is a secure area and off limits to most people on base.

SrA. Buonanducci joined the Air Force Reserve in 2012, following in her father's footsteps. She said she grew up around the Air Force, since her father served for 23 years as a crew chief.

SrA. Buonanducci says she's excited to be heading out on her first deployment this summer.

"I plan to be a lifer," SrA. Buonanducci said when asked how long she plans to stay in the reserves.

Her bachelor's degree from Full Sail University, Fla. is in film production.

When she's not at Westover, she is on the sets of TV shows and movies. Some of her proudest experiences include work in the movie *The Purge* and the TV show *the Wahlburgers*.

For fun, SrA. Buonanducci practices freelance photography.

--by TSgt. Stephen Winn/photo by SrA. Monica Ricci



FACES OF WESTOVER

SERVICES CALENDAR

westoverservices.com

Club: Comedy Show: Feb 6 through 20 show starts at 8 p.m. the lounge opens at 3 p.m. Superbowl Party: Sunday Feb 7 the Club will be open at 3 p.m. food and drink specials, as well as trivia and prize giveaways. Murder Mystery Dinner: March 5 and 19. Cocktail hour begins at 6 p.m. and the show begins at 7 p.m.

Bowling Center: Scotch Doubles Tournament: February 13 and 14, 5 to 11 p.m. Kids Winter Break: February 15 through 19, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Cosmic Bowling \$1 games, \$1 shoes. Fat Tuesday: February 9, 25% off all Munchies!

The Fitness Center: T-25 Club: Every Monday-Wednesday-Friday 11:15 a.m. to 12 p.m. Indoor Hockey Tournament: (5 man teams) Registration Feb 8 through 12, Games begin Feb 15 through 18. Intramural Basketball: Games Mon. through Wed. the first game starts at 5:30 p.m. the second at 6:30 p.m.

Outdoor Recreation: All of your winter rental essentials: Skis, Snowboards, snow blowers, and a wide variety of ice fishing equipment.



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Look for WNN on local community access channels



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

EMPENNAGE

Counseling aide available

Free services are available for Airmen needing short-term non-medical counseling. All active-duty, guard, reserve, family of service members and DoD civilians are eligible. Sari Starr, the base military and family life counselor, is available during the week and on UTA weekends. She's willing to meet in her office in Bldg. 1850 or at work centers, or even off-base. For more information, call 413-237-3998.

Seeking singers

Singers are wanted for the new base choral ensemble. For more information, contact SMSgt. Gary Smith at gary.smith.23@us.af.mil

TOWERING FOG >>

As 2015's last minutes tick away Dec. 31, an unseasonable fog shrouds the base water tower. The Westover landmark, located between Patriot Avenue and the flight line, has loomed over the base since its opening in 1940. (photo by MSgt. Andrew Biscoe)

