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ON THE COVER >> The annual Youth Outreach event was held on April 26 in Hangar 3 and on the flight line. See page 4. (photos by Master Sgt. Andrew Biscoe, Senior Airman Monica Ricci, and W.C.Pope)

"M" TALK >> As Westover draws closer to getting its first C-5M model, the local media's interest grows as the Patriot Wing enters a new operational era with the advent of the modernized Super Galaxy. On April 13, Matt Caron, a reporter with the local NBC affiliate 22 News, interviewed Senior Master Sgt. Patrick Connor, ISO Dock Superintendent, and Lt. Col. Jordan Murphy, 439th Maintenance Squadron commander, about the major changes ahead. (photos by W.C.Pope)



I remember when the Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program began. I was working at the Pentagon in 2008 when Congress mandated the program to begin. I wondered if it would make a difference. After eight years of the program, and talking to hundreds of our members who have participated, and attending myself, I can definitely say this program is a great service to our deployers and their families.

Like any program, it has evolved and improved with time and feedback. On average each year, the Air Force Reserve is able to provide about 8,000 deployers and family members with very valuable information on educational benefits, health care, retirement, fitness and health, financial planning, and reintegration communication skills and techniques to name a few. Every deployer and his or her family has the opportunity to attend these events before departure and again within a year after returning from deployment.

Yellow Ribbon ensures our members and their families are fully informed regarding all the resources available to them for just about every possible scenario or challenge that might present itself. These events are held monthly at popular resorts around the country. Up to two guests may accompany the member to the event. The Air Force Reserve pays costs for

members and their guests to attend, including air fare, lodging, and meals.

If you have deployed within the past year but have not attended an event, I highly encourage you to do so. Prior to going to a Yellow Ribbon myself, I hadn't expected to learn a lot of new information because I have been a part of the reserve a long time. But quite honestly the event is chalk full of information and you will learn something you or your family did not know. Plus, it's fun! In the evenings – after a day of informative events - you and your family can take advantage of the fun things to do in the area depending on which location you attend – some upcoming locations include Orlando, Fla.; Denver, Colo.; Atlanta, Ga.; and Tucson, Ariz.

Westover's Yellow Ribbon Coordinator is Capt. Alan Fairey. He can be reached at 413-557-2718 or by email Alan.Fairey@us.af.mil. If you need information or have questions, please contact him – he will be glad to assist.

Col. Karen “Jack” Magnus
439th Mission Support Group commander



BRIEFS

C-5M ceremony

The Patriot Wing's first C-5M Super Galaxy is scheduled to be the centerpiece of a June 3 ceremony at the pull-through hangar.

The first of eight B-models from the 439th Airlift Wing to be converted to M's is scheduled to arrive at the base by that UTA weekend.

More details will be provided on this ceremony on Westover's Facebook page at [Facebook.com/Westover.Patriot](https://www.facebook.com/Westover.Patriot)

Wing change of command, June 4 on the Base Ellipse

The 439th Airlift Wing will welcome its 15th wing commander June 4 at 10 a.m. on the Base Ellipse, when Col. D. Scott Durham takes over the wing's top leadership spot.

Durham will succeed Brig. Gen. Jay Jensen, who's heading to the Pentagon, where he'll be the Director of Air Force Reserve Programs and Requirements. He took command of the 439th in March 2016. Durham is coming from Dover Air Force Base, Del., where he is the commander of the 512th Airlift Wing, an associate reserve unit that flies C-5s and C-17s.

The change of command is mandatory for all personnel to attend. Showtime for all Airmen is 9:15 a.m. on the ellipse. Uniform for the formation will be ABUs or flight suits, sleeves down, hats on and no sunglasses. Sunscreen and water are recommended.

Airmen who are pregnant or those on a medical profile that precludes standing in formation will be seated in nearby bleachers. In the event of rain, the change of command will be held in the Westover Conference Center.

And then there were three

The last three C-5A Galaxies remaining in the Air Force will have left Westover by the end of August as the wing converts to the M-model Super Galaxy. For more information, check for updates on Westover's Facebook page at [Facebook.com/Westover.Patriot](https://www.facebook.com/Westover.Patriot)

Wing list of awards for 2016

The Civil Engineer Squadron topped the list with six top awards including Best Installation Management, Resource Excellence Award, Best Readiness and Emergency Management, Best Snow and Ice Removal in AFRC, Fire Department Prevention Program of the Year, and Fire Department of the Year.

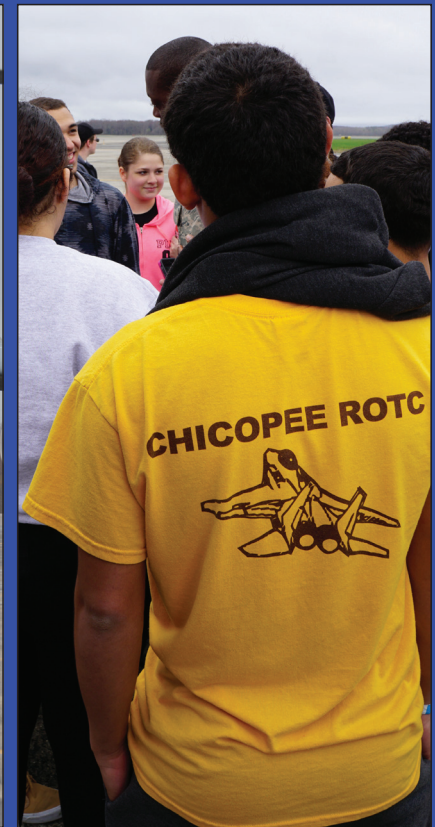
The 439th Contingency Response Flight won Best Airlift Control Flight.

The Public Affairs shop snagged five awards; Master Sgt. Andrew Biscoe and Senior Airman Monica Ricci took the top spots in the Air Force Reserve Command Outstanding Communication Senior NCO and Airman categories. W.C. Pope, a member of Westover PA since 1995, and "Pope's Puns" cartoonist, took second place in Digital Art and Identity Design and a third in Layout and Design.

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YOUTH OUTREACH >> Fifteen Patriot Wing volunteers hosted 150 high school students April 26 for the annual Youth Outreach event. Activities took place in Hangar 3. (photos by Master Sgt. Andrew Biscoe and W.C.Pope)





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Wing commander bids farewell to Patriot Wing

by Brig. Gen. Jay Jensen

Almost 14 months ago, Chantel and I sealed up our last box as we hit the road to move to New England. And after a tour at the Pentagon, we were excited to have the opportunity to lead this command's premier wing. It's been a shorter tour than we'd hoped for. What a tour it's been.

Westover has been everything we'd heard about – and more. After settling into our house in Chicopee, I no sooner took command of the 439th than when I began overseeing the hard work involved on the part of our deployers and our Airmen and civilians who out-process them in line with our core mission of being combat-ready Airmen. More than 250 of our Airmen went out the door to deployments across the globe. True to this wing's reputation, these men and women became shining examples of today's Air Force Reserve. At one Southwest Asia base, our wing deployed more than a dozen Air Force career fields. From the aerial porters hoisting all things cargo onto a never-ending stream of airplanes in the theater, to our services Airmen helping keep morale high, our reservists once again showed the active-duty Air Force the kind of quality counterparts we are... winners! Westover Airmen were recognized as key contributors for winning the Air Combat Command's large port terminal operations of the year as well as some historian awards.

Back home, we faced continuing budget uncertainty, all while still keeping our flying mission going despite a shrinking and aging fleet of C-5s. We dealt with continuing resolutions, reduced staffing, and reduced hours. Some sections have had to close at least partially each day to keep up with the workload.

But as we bravely faced all these challenges, our wing continued to stack up more awards. From the fire department's spirited mutual aid expertise, to our 439th Contingency Response Flight, it's clear there's lots to be proud of here. I'm proud to have led you. It's been an honor and a privilege.

The 439th will soon have eight refurbished C-5M Super Galaxies on our flight line. The quieter and more powerful engines will enable our fleet of C-5s to continue its unmatched worldwide airlift capability well into this 21st century.

It'll soon be time to pack that last box as we head back to D.C. and to the Pentagon, where I'll take over from my predecessor, Brig. Gen. Al Lupenski, as Director of Air Force Reserve Programs and Requirements. Chantel and I will never forget this wing for its professionalism, integrity, and resiliency. We hear the latter word in Air Force-speak a lot, but it really does apply here, because you come out here and get the mission done all through New England's four seasons. Reservists who train here come from 32 different states. Among them, they're signing in for UTAs from as far away as California and Oregon.

It's the people that have made this experience like no other in my Air Force career. You are extraordinary patriots serving our country in uncertain times. We're witnessing a turnstile of world situations. Chantel and I wish you and your loved ones the very best in your careers. Stay strong and stay healthy – your country is depending on you to continue being the professionals you are. Thank you and take care of yourselves!



C-5A 9020 ... AND THEN THERE WERE THREE

Oldest C-5 departs on final flight to Arizona boneyard

by Master Sgt. Andrew Biscoe

It may have looked routine, but its takeoff was anything but, as the oldest C-5 in the Air Force fleet departed Westover April 20 for the boneyard in Arizona.

Master Sgt. David Babin, 439th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron crew chief, was among a group of maintainers who launched the 48-year-old aircraft for the last time. He started working on this particular C-5 in 2003.

"It's sad to see this one go," Babin said, as he stood in front of a looming scissors lift with other maintainers. He noted the irony of the aircraft seemingly refusing to want to leave its home.

"I remember it not having any issues before. It figures the last day we're launching it,



we have the first issue ever." Following the maintenance delay, tail 69-0020 – one of the original C-5s assigned to the 439th Airlift Wing when C-5 operations began

at Westover in 1987 – lifted into the cloudy horizon on its last flight to Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, near Tucson.

According to statistics from the 439th Maintenance Group, this Galaxy was assigned to the 433rd Airlift Wing at Joint Base Lackland-San Antonio. It's been among several loaner A-models assigned to Westover to help bridge the gap between the 439th AW's conversion from B to M-models.

The C-5, built in 1969, had more than 21,000 flight hours. It was first delivered to the 60th Military Airlift Wing at Travis Air Force Base, Calif., in November 1971. The remaining three C-5As at Westover are scheduled to be retired by the end of the summer. One of the C-5s will fly to a different permanent home. Tail number 70-0461 will be put on display at the Air Force Museum at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. The aircraft will include Westover's distinctive red tail flash.



FIRE FIGHTERS GET "M" TRAINING



HOT TRAINING >> Westover firefighters get an overview of the C-5M Super Galaxy model that will be the upgraded C-5s that will be coming back to stay. (photos by Master Sgt. Todd Panico)



OPSEC, you and Facebook

To keep yourself, your family, and your unit safe, follow these tips when using your personal Facebook or other social media.

- NEVER post specific times/dates of deployments. Specifically if you post departure and return dates, it not only gives our enemies the time frame you will be on a mission but also informs local criminals of when you'll be away.

- NEVER post deployment location names. If you are deploying, wait until you arrive at your new unit and contact public affairs there to make certain the location is releasable.

- NEVER post numbers of troops deploying or returning.

- NEVER "check into" a location, it tells an unfriendly where you are in real time it also can give away a location of a muster.

- NEVER discuss sensitive and/or classified information.

- NEVER endorse or imply endorsement of products that would make it look like an Air Force endorsement.

- RECOMMEND avoiding using a default picture of yourself in uniform. You're making yourself a target to "third party" watchers and you're unintentionally portraying yourself as a spokesperson for the Air Force.

- RECOMMEND ensuring complete privacy settings. Your friends and family should be the only ones able to view your complete profile, as well as pictures or "highlights" on your "Facebook wall". Remember profile pictures as well as cover photos will be available for external users to view no matter what security measures you use.

Enable privacy settings on Facebook.

1. Go to "Privacy Settings" from the drop down menu near the "Home" button on top right corner of Facebook page.

2. Ensure "Friends" circle is selected or "Custom" your settings.

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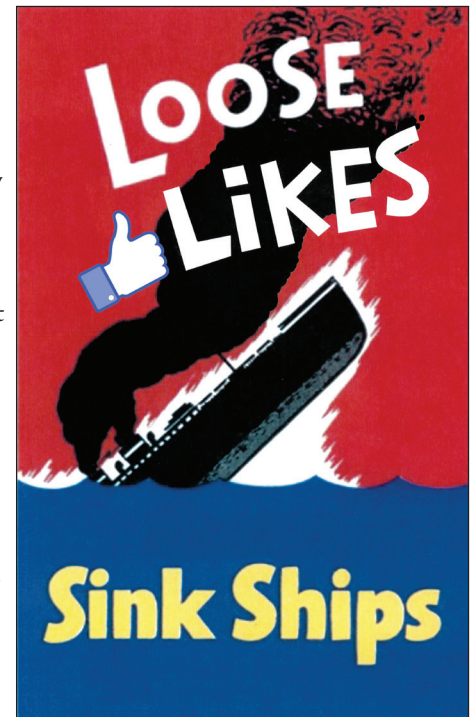
To preview your profile as general public (non-friends) can see it:

1. Click your profile to view your wall, not your news feed.

2. Click the * looking icon on the right hand side, drop down menu choose "View As..." and it will automatically convert what your "wall" looks like to the Public.

3. Scroll through your wall to ensure the general public cannot view anything you don't want them to.

*Refer AFI 1-1, 2.15. It's YOUR job to keep yourself, your family and our mission safe.



Westover the northeast oasis...



GUNFIGHTERS GOIN' HOME >> More than a dozen F-15E Strike Eagles from the 366th Fighter Wing at Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho, landed at Westover in early April. The aircraft were passing through following overseas duty. (photos by W.C. Pope)



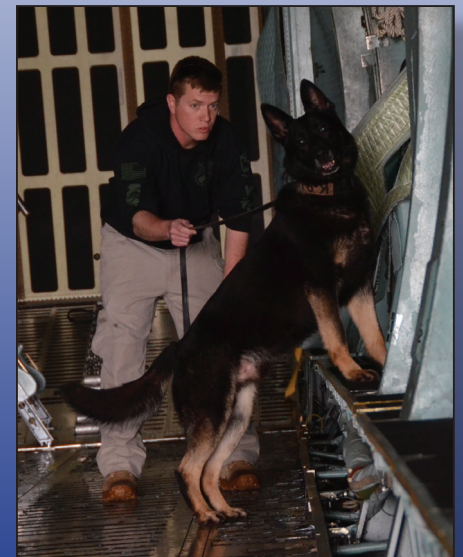
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LOCAL CLASS >> Academy Day was held at the Westover Conference Center on April 29. Brig. Gen. Jay Jensen and Congressman Richard Neal stand with six local high school seniors who just received their appointments to the U.S. Air Force Academy, the U.S. Naval Academy, and U.S. Military Academy. (photo by Senior Airman Monica Ricci)

DISASTER EXERCISE >> On May 2, Westover personnel held a mock disaster scenario engaging all emergency departments on base. Exercises like these give people on base a chance to see what a real disaster would be like and prepare them for all types of emergency situations. (photo by Tech. Sgt. Kyle King)

HOT DOG >> The Massachusetts Police Working Dog Association holds their training at Westover in the last weeks of May. They conduct many different training sessions including drug and explosive detection on board an aircraft. (photo by Senior Airman Monica Ricci)



GRASS BURN



Westover personnel used prescribed fires to burn up to 75 acres of grassland April 14. The burn took place near the main runway.

Trained U.S. Forest Service wildland firefighters and Westover Fire Department personnel carried out the burning. Jack Moriarty, base environmental spokesman, explained the burning method to local media, including 22 News Reporter Sy Becker, below.



photos by Master Sgt. Andrew Biscoe

Tis the season for ticks

HANSCOM AIR FORCE BASE, Mass. -- The 66th Medical Squadron Public Health office offers the following information about ticks and tick-borne diseases.

Did you know?

- ♦ Ticks are arachnids, relatives of spiders.
- ♦ Ticks live in wooded areas, brushy fields, and can live around your home.
- ♦ Ticks are most active April through September.
- ♦ Ticks drink the blood of their hosts.
- ♦ Ticks can pass infections from one host to the next.
- ♦ Massachusetts has four types of ticks: American dog tick, Blacklegged tick, Brown dog tick, Lone star tick.
- ♦ Lyme disease, babesiosis, Rocky Mountain spotted fever and Tularemia are diseases associated with ticks found here.

♦ The most common symptoms of tick-related illnesses are: fever or chills, aches and pains, and a rash. People should contact their doctor if experiencing any of these symptoms.

♦ The "bull's eye" redness is common with Lyme disease.

♦ Reducing exposure is the best defense against tick-borne infections. These are some approaches to prevention:

- ♦ Avoid wooded and bushy areas with high grass and leaf debris. Walk in the center of trails.
- ♦ Adults should use repellents that contain 20 percent or more DEET on the exposed skin and less than 10 percent for children.

- ♦ Find and remove ticks within two hours.
- ♦ Conduct a full-body check using a hand-held mirror to view all parts of the body.

♦ Pay attention to under the arms, in and around the ears, inside the belly button, behind the knees, between the legs, around the waist, and especially in the hair. Do a buddy check.

- ♦ Clear tall grass and brush from around your home and remove leaf debris.
- ♦ Build fences to discourage unwelcome animals from your yard.

When removing ticks, avoid home remedies such as nail polish, petroleum jelly, or using heat to get the tick to detach.

To remove a tick, use fine-tipped tweezers to grasp the tick as close to the skin's surface as possible. Pull upward with steady, even pressure. The goal is to remove all of the tick. Don't leave the tick's head embedded in the skin, it can lead to an infection. After removal, thoroughly clean the bite area and hands with rubbing alcohol, an iodine scrub or soap and water.

For more information, go to cdc.gov.



photo by W.C. Pope

Colonel Durham to become Patriot Wing's commander June 4

by Master Sgt. Andrew Biscoe

The Patriot Wing's 15th wing commander is scheduled to assume the leadership of one of the largest Air Force Reserve wings June 4.



Col. D. Scott Durham, who commands the reserve's 512th Airlift Wing at Dover Air Force Base, Del., will replace Brig. Gen. Jay Jensen June 4. Jensen is headed to his new assignment at the Pentagon, where he'll be the Director of Air Force Reserve Programs and Requirements. He took command of the 439th in March 2016.

Durham has accumulated 27 years of service, with his first 13 spent in the active-duty Air Force. He holds a bachelor of arts degree in political science, international relations and military affairs from the Citadel Military College, and a master's of arts degree in strategic studies from the Air University at Maxwell AFB, Ala.

Durham began his military career when he graduated from the Reserve Officer Training Corps at The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina. He served as an Air Traffic Controller, a C-130E Pilot and a C-17A Pilot while on active duty. During this time, he flew numerous combat missions supporting operations in Kosovo, Hungary, Iraq and Afghanistan. Durham was part of the initial cadre of Special Operations Low Level II qualified C-17 pilots and was a key player in establishing that Joint Chiefs of Staff mission at Charleston AFB, S.C. He was commissioned in the Air Force Reserve in May 2003, following

13 years of active-duty service. Among his assignments, he served on the Headquarters AFRC staff as the Command C-17 Evaluator Pilot, as a Director of Operations for a C-17 airlift squadron and as the Commander of an airlift operations group. He was selected to serve as the Senior Executive Officer to the Chief of the Air Force Reserve and the Commander, Air Force Reserve Command. Prior to leading the 512th AW, he was the Deputy Director for Mobilization in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs, Pentagon, Washington D.C.

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Before taking command of the 512th at Dover AFB, Durham was Deputy Director for Mobilization in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs in Washington, D.C. He has accrued more than 5,000 hours flying numerous types of military aircraft including the C-5, C-130, and C-17.

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TRAVIS INVASION >> A borrowed C-5M Super Galaxy from Travis Air Force Base, Calif., sits on the Westover ramp while a Travis C-17 takes off April 14. (photo by Master Sgt. Andrew Biscoe)

First Green Dot Fun Run and Bowling Tourney big win

by William C. Pope

The first Green Dot 5K Fun Run and Bowling Tourney got off to a running start April 2 with more than 60 participants.

The event was setup by Tamara Thompson, the base Sexual Assault Response Coordinator.

"It turned out to be a perfect day for the event," she said. "We had a great turnout."

According to Thompson, the events were held to enhance the awareness of the Sexual Assault Green Dot program and to sponsor a fun way of getting the Westover family together for a morale-building event.

Time was only one factor in deciding the winner, they also had to answer trivia questions and complete other fun physical challenges.

Winners of the Sexual Assault Awareness Month 5K Fun Run.

In the overall 5K Fun Run competition the 439th Communication Squadron's team, "Beauty and the Beasts" took home the top spot. The team included David Barrett, Luis



Acosta, Sarah Anderson, and Matt Marvin who took the competition by completing the course in 44 minutes, 11 seconds and answered the most trivia questions correctly.

The teams with the fastest time in the 5K run was taken by the soldiers of the 302^d Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, "The Patriots," who came in first place with the fastest time of 32 minutes 24 seconds. Team members included John Hewitt, Rony Agosto, Silverina Reyes, Sandra Lozano.

Squeaking in with a close second were the "Legal Eagles" from the wing's staff judge advocate's office who clocked in at 32:35, with team members Rob Stolzman, Alex Ricciardore, Zach Wehr.

"Team Cargo," made up of Patriot Wing aerial porters, sped across the finish line for a third place with 35:02. Jr. Fallon, Chris Ellis comprised the team. Fourth place team with 35:49, was "Log Dogs", with team members Mark Jones, Xavier Murray, David Padilla, Johnny Ramirez, Jerry Hunt, Jason LaRose, Jon Driskell, Chuck Carlin, Laroy Prantlin, and Orlando Severino.

Fifth was taken by the "Equalizers" with 37:09 and included Ennis, Rogers,

and Maldonado.

In the Bowling Tourney held at the Westover Bowling Center, Team "Backshop Boyz" comprised of Lord, Jette, Rosas, and Zalimas won the day with 67.25.

"Many people that participated said they had a lot of fun and are looking forward to the next event," Thompson said.

Reservists put UTA schedule on hold to watch out for each other

by Master Sgt. Andrew Biscoe

While UTAs are traditionally among the busiest stretches of time for reservists, a higher headquarters-directed Wingman Day put all those mission demands on hold April 2.

Reservists first watched a video entitled "Remember the little things." It featured Brig. Gen. Jay Jensen, 439th Airlift Wing commander, who told the reservists of the reason they were having

to put their UTA taskings aside.

Lisa Delgado, the 439th Airlift Wing's psychological health director, was one of the primary organizers of Wingman Day, which occupied most of the Sunday morning of the UTA. Reservists divided into discussion groups and took part in team-building exercises. The primary intention of the morning was for reservists to take stock of themselves – and each other.

"This was a reminder to take care of each other," Delgado said. "We don't know what people are struggling with. The more they're exposed to information the more they retain. And this gave them an opportunity to connect with each other... or even re-connect."

Delgado said senior Air Force leadership directed all

wings in the Air Force Reserve to hold Wingman Day, with a date and time left to the discretion of the units. The wing's civilian employees also received the training in late April.

"The better equipped we are to help each other – that's what it's all about," she said. "We watch out for each other. That's part of our responsibility."

Editor's note: The video mentioned earlier in this article is part of the monthly Channel 50 programming, also known as the Westover News Network. The public affairs office produces the cable channel, which is broadcasted on base in billeting, the Westover Club, and the fitness center. Channel 50 is also shown on eight local communities' cable channels, including Chicopee, Springfield, and Granby.



More than 80 attend second Senior NCO Dining-In

HOLYOKE, Mass. -- Eighty-four senior NCOs attended the second annual SNCO Dining-In held at the Log Cabin Restaurant April 2. The attendance represented all five American service branches. Keynote speaker was Command Sgt. Maj. John Carragher, state command sergeant major for the Connecticut Army National Guard.

Westover's Top 3 raised \$1,520 for the Springfield Rescue Mission, a local non-profit organization that assists homeless veterans.



photos by Master Sgt. Stephen Caruso

M for Maintenance

by Master Sgt. Stephen Caruso

Shifting Landscape

The C-5 Galaxy has been a mainstay of the Westover Air Reserve Base landscape since the late 1980s. And for three decades, so has the not-so-gentle roar of its four powerful engines. Airmen and residents of the local area alike are well aware every time a C-5 takes off, performs an engine run, or circles the skies of the Pioneer Valley.

But the landscape at Westover is changing. Fewer local flights. Less frequent engine runs. Less noise. All due to the fact that there are very few planes at Westover.

Those familiar with Westover may have even noticed diminished numbers of the epic C-5 “T-tails,” towering high above the tarmac.

But the C-5 is not leaving Westover for good. True, some have been re-purposed to other Air Force units, but eight Westover C-5s are being sent to the aerospace giant Lockheed-Martin for major upgrades as part of an Air Force program to modernize the global C-5 fleet. The program, known officially as the Reliability Enhancement and Re-engineering Program (RERP), will return the C-5M models to Westover ARB beginning in June.

Big Upgrades

As part of the “M mod,” all of Westover’s airframes are being outfitted with new General Electric CF6-80C2 (military designation F138-GE-100) engines.

The new engines are capable of producing more than 50,000 pounds of thrust, a 22 percent increase over the current capability, and will reduce fuel consumption by up to 20

percent.

Additionally, according to a Lockheed-Martin press release, “the C-5M also has a 58 percent greater climb rate to an initial cruise altitude that is 38 percent higher than the current C-5.” Combined with the dramatically increased fuel efficiency, this will enable airlift flights originating on the U.S. east coast to travel directly to the CENTCOM AOR without making the usual en-route refueling stops in Europe.

In other words, the C-5M will enable Westover crews to fly farther, carry heavier payloads, and refuel less frequently. Teamed with Lockheed’s C-5 Avionics Modernization Program (AMP), RERP promises a significant return on investment.



photo by Master Sgt. Todd Panico

M for Maintenance

First Hand Knowledge

As part of the planning effort, Westover maintenance personnel are already preparing for the huge changes coming to the Westover flight line. Several maintainers have attended courses at Dover Air Force Base Del. These training classes focus on all aspects of the C-5M, including avionics, electrical systems, hydraulics, and the engines themselves.

Thus far, 66 maintainers from the 439th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron have already completed in residence training at Dover, some having attended multiple courses in temporary duty status there. Nearly 40 more Airmen are expected to attend classes at Dover in the coming months.

Given the massive engine overhaul central to RERP, much of the training is for jet engine mechanics, who could attend up to six or more courses for qualification to maintain the newly installed GE engines. Crew chiefs, electrical/environmental mechanics, and avionics systems technicians are also attending advanced training.

The biggest change for avionics systems technicians, according to Tech. Sgt. Nicholas Horrigan, is the incorporation of an embedded diagnostic system (EDS), which reduces required troubleshooting time substantially. The EDS records in flight data and conducts analysis in real time to highlight possible faults for maintenance personnel.

Staff Sgt. Garyson Winn, who spent a total of 54 days TDY at Dover, was also



very optimistic that the upgrades would enable technicians to isolate engine system malfunctions much sooner. He said the learning experience was “career-changing.”

Staff Sgt. Thomas Mancarella, an AMXS crew chief, discussed his positive experience in Dover indicating that the “in-depth training gave [him] a much better grasp of how to approach troubleshooting.”

Managing this large-scale training program has been no small feat, as school funds are limited and slots are often allocated to active duty personnel before the Reserve

component, said Chief Master Sgt. Jeff McCarthy.

To overcome these barriers, AMXS has implemented a cascading training strategy, to get the most bang for the buck. Priority for school slots is being given to full-time air reserve technicians. Upon returning from training in Dover, attendees share knowledge gained and course material with their counterparts.

McCarthy also mentioned that other cost effective training options are being explored, such as hosting a mobile training team here at Westover.

Overall, maintenance group leadership is not only managing technical change. The C-5M model is causing it to rethink the way it manages people and conducts business, as well. Master Sgt. James Griffin stated that the C-5M program is helping “breed better mechanics.” Because the system is much more integrated, each specialty needs to learn about other disciplines. They need to “work in teams and take a full system approach,” which will ultimately lead to greater integration across the whole maintenance organization.

Kinder, Gentler C-5 Roar

Despite the increased power and thrust these engines will deliver, their cumulative effect on noise will be music to Airmen and residents’ ears. The C-5M is the only strategic airlift asset that is Stage IV noise compliant. That means that the all-too familiar roar of the C-5 engines screaming overhead will be greatly diminished with the new ones.

For maintainers and operators alike, this will greatly reduce the risk of noise related hearing injuries and create a more pleasant working environment.

Less is More

The C-5M modification is expected to extend the lifespan of the airframe well beyond 2040.

Even though the Patriot Wing will have fewer C-5s than it has historically, the enhanced capabilities of the C-5M will enable Westover personnel to continue to deliver critical airlift capabilities for decades to come.

For members the 439th Airlift Wing, residents of the local area, and our forces and allies around the globe, the C-5M upgrade holds tremendous promise as the fleet shrinks from 16 to 8: Less is truly more.



TROOP TALK "What is your advice for sexual harassment awareness?"



"Alcohol is the root of all evil, so I would say that's the cause, it causes people to not use their full faculty when making decisions."

Tech. Sgt. John Sommers,
439th Airlift Wing

"Keep lines of communication open, it makes your ability to help and react a lot easier."

Col. Patrick Dufraine,
439th Airlift Wing



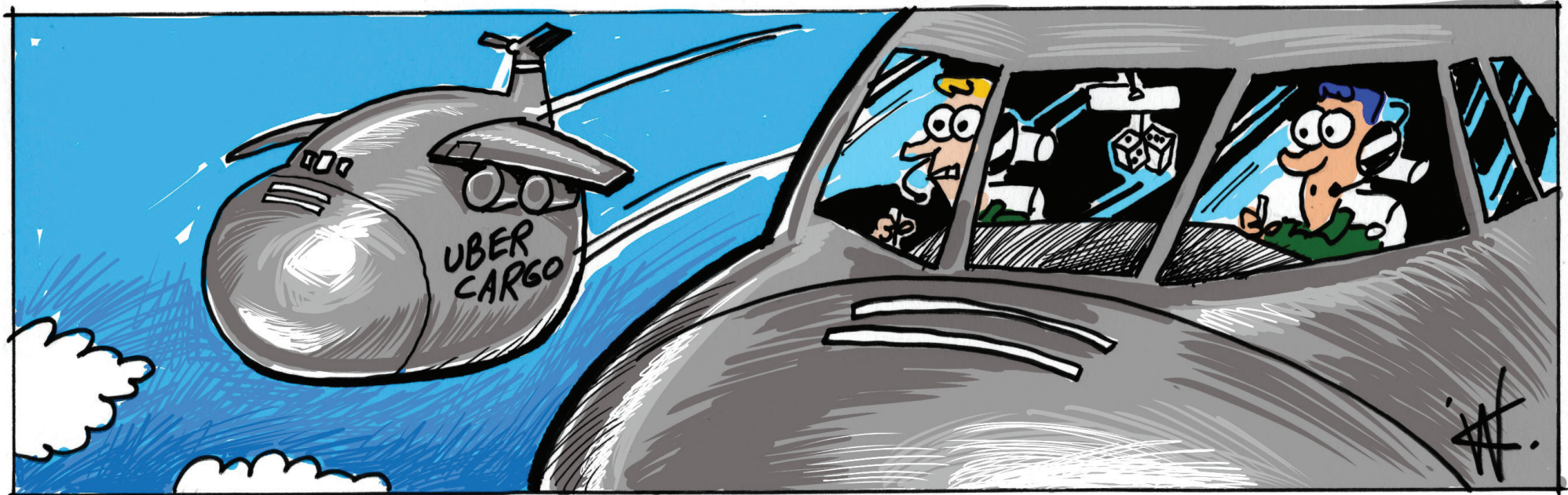
"Always know who you are partying with, and make sure you leave places with someone you trust."

Senior Airman Clifford Louis-Jacques,
439th Maintenance Squadron



POPE'S PUNS

by W.C. Pope



PROMOTIONS

Master Sergeant

Steven Frost
Joshua Gallien
Eric Posson
Christopher Stanzione



Technical Sergeant

Darren Arsenault
Jeremy MacDonald
Stacey Rutkauskas
Robert Smyth
Nathan Staples



Staff Sergeant

Mokom Aweh
Richard Bright
Katelyn Dotson
Jeremy Gandara
Matthew Law
Cody Lukasik
Shawn Oglesby



Senior Airman

Selina Ortega
Timothy Raimer
Sean Valley



Airman First Class

Raymond Cheung
Alex Colon
Cheryl Davis
Brandon Marquez
Camrin Pacheco



Airman

Connor Arnold
Mairym Hernandez
Patrick Kelleher
Jarrett Mazza
Tyler Santos



Staff Sgt. Paige Sullivan 439th Contingency Response Flight

FACES OF WESTOVER



by Master Sgt. Andrew Biscoe

This newly-promoted NCO is also part of a newly-named unit with the Patriot Wing. Staff Sgt. Paige Sullivan, promoted in early March, is the PERSCO specialist with the 439th Contingency Response Flight. The CRF's previous name was 439th Airlift Control Flight.

Sullivan, whose career is four years and counting, enjoys the camaraderie with the CRF. The Airmen in this unit are tasked to deploy worldwide on short notice and set up bare base operations within hours. The CRF most recently did so during the Patriot Sands exercise held in March.

She was born in Springfield and graduated from Belchertown, Mass. high school in 2013. "My uncle inspired me to join the service," Sullivan said. "He was in the Army. I saw his pride and the way he carried himself."

Sullivan is closing in on her associate's degree in liberal arts at nearby Holyoke Community College, and is looking at attending either the universities of Massachusetts or New Hampshire to pursue her bachelor's degree in engineering.

"I reach for the stars and I dream big, she said. "I want to be more competitive in this world. I hope to join the FBI in the future."

RETIREMENTS

Lieutenant Colonel

James Bishop
David Smith

Chief Master Sergeant

Kristine Seney

Senior Master Sergeant

James Cronin
Ellen Vanloon
Robert Tyndall

Master Sergeant

Thomas Deyette
Alicia Smith

Technical Sergeant

Jason Comeau
Russell Finnegan
David Kibe
Gregory Levangie
Arthur Mainor
Christopher Webster

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CLUB >> "Bexhell" returns Sat., 3 June from 7 to 11 p.m. in the Club Lounge. Steak Night Friday Nights in the Lounge starting in June 5 to 7 p.m. Grill your own steaks and enjoy a night out!

THE BOWLING CENTER >> Father's Day Bowl, Dad's bowl free June 16 and 17, 5 to 11 p.m. Flag Day Bowl, June 14 Bowl and celebrate old glory. Enjoy free Bowling during lunch; 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. There will be a June UTA Bowling Special, June 3, 5 to 10 p.m. Reservists will receive discounted bowling and shoe rental. Bring your whole squadron and make it a team building event! \$1.50 games, \$1.50 Shoes.

THE FITNESS CENTER >> Sand Volleyball Tournament - Registration will be held from June 1 through 10 and games will start June 19 through 21. Circuit Training Club - With Jimmy Tues. and Thurs. 645-745 Row to Staten Island, sign up June 26 through 30, and row throughout the month of July.

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PROMISES >>

Airmen from the 42nd Aerial Port Squadron reenlisted on a C-5 wing in the ISO Dock April 1. Lt. Col. Qais Ajalat reenlists Staff Sgt. Stephanie Palala, Tech. Sgt. Corina Scagliola, Staff Sgt. Lindsay Snow, Staff Sgt. Darren Arsenault, and Staff Sgt. Mathieu Toczek while Chief Master Sgt. Daniel Witt and Chief Master Sgt. Thomas Beaudry hold the flag. (photo by Master Sgt. Stephen Caruso)

Senate Confirms Wilson as Air Force Secretary

Heather Wilson will be the next secretary of the Air Force, following her confirmation by the Senate May 8, 2017. Wilson, who is stepping down from her position as the president of the South Dakota School of Mines & Technology to take the post, is expected to be sworn in within a week.

Wilson graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy in the third class to include women. After graduating from USAFA in 1982, she earned masters and doctoral degrees as a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford University in England. She served as an Air Force officer in Europe during the Cold War and on the National Security Council Staff under President George H.W. Bush during the fall of the Berlin Wall, and the collapse of the Warsaw Pact. She has also worked as an advisor to several large defense and scientific organizations both before and after serving for a decade in the U.S. Congress.

The daughter and granddaughter of aviators, Wilson is an instrument rated private pilot.

Wilson becomes the second confirmed appointee in the Defense Department and will be responsible for organizing, training and equipping the U.S. Air Force of 660,000 Active-duty, Guard, Reserve, and civilian Airmen, as well as managing its \$132 billion budget.

