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**ON THE COVER: Chief Master Sgt. Douglas Pyatt, 512th Airlift Control Flight, processes through the mobility line during the base's Expeditionary Operational Readiness Inspection April 5. (Photo by Jason Minto)**

## Wingman program takes team effort

Unless you're a flyer, many people have never heard of the term "wingman" and what it means.

It dates back to the early years of formation flying and the expression used to "check your six," which is to your back. You would have a wingman, who would keep an eye on your back.

The easiest way to explain this is looking out for one another. Think of it as all of us working together as a unit and taking care of one another. We should be doing this everyday. It's all part of our military way of life.

A variety of programs with different names have been developed to improve our mission, and if you look at each of the programs they're all pretty much working towards the same goal - taking care of our people.

Quality and Total Quality Management was developed to

help us improve our productivity, efficiently and safely. Operation Risk Management was developed to improve our planning ahead while recognizing potential hazards. Question Persuade Refer is a

resource tool, developed to assist people in getting help for someone we believe might

possess suicidal warning signs. Operational Security is so we will be aware of potential threats to our surroundings and potential terrorist risks.

The list of programs the Air Force has created to improve our situational awareness and quality of life goes on and on. All of these

programs are interwoven throughout our everyday activities on and off duty. They all have the same underlying theme which does not change: We want to do our job to the best of our ability, to meet or exceed expectations, do it smartly, efficiently, safely and most importantly taking care of those around us.

This is where the wingman idea comes into play. It's an all around holistic look at making sure we're aware of our people. Look out for the whole person concept and be aware of their physical, emotional, social or spiritual changes. Some of these changes are signs of stress, fatigue, social withdrawal, changes in mood, poor coping skills and distraction to name a few.

We can be good wingmen if we look out for our people and let them know we're checking their six.



## Networking spouses increase feeling of family

In an effort to form friendships and get to know one another, spouses of 512th Airlift Wing members have started meeting together for fun and fellowship each month.

The first meeting, in March, was held at the home of Tanya Rutland, spouse of the 512th AW commander. According to Mrs. Rutland, eight very enthusiastic spouses attended the first gathering and expressed an interest in meeting again.

"Reserve military spouses are a special group, and I wanted our spouses to have an opportunity to connect with the other incredible spouses in the wing," said Mrs. Rutland.

"I love it when I'm in the commissary or around on base and someone stops me and says they're from the 512<sup>th</sup> (AW)," said Mrs. Rutland. "I want to

know who our members are and have them know me. By developing stronger personal relationships with spouses in the wing, we are strengthening the feeling of family in the Liberty Wing."

Since reservists are geographically scattered across many states, Mrs. Rutland is currently building a data base of interested spouses, to better inform them of upcoming meetings and wing events.

"The importance of the role of families in support of the Reserve command should never be underestimated," said Mrs. Rutland. "If we have families who feel valued and who feel they're part of the team, that can directly impact decisions of the military members when the time comes to reenlist or separate. I've always said that if given the opportunity to get to

know one another, spouses will take care of each other in times of crisis or deployments."

The group plans to meet on the second Tuesday evening of each month in various members' homes or at a local restaurant.

While most attendees are expected to come from the local area, there will be at least one large meeting planned at a time when members, who are located outside the local area will be encouraged to attend.

"I think Reserve families are the greatest people in the world," said Mrs. Rutland. "And, I'm looking forward to getting to know our Dover families better!"

For more information on joining the 512th AW Spouses' Group or to RSVP for the next meeting, call Mrs. Rutland at 698-3910 or send an e-mail to Trutland512@aol.com.

## Dover Team takes on EORI, scores big

**Senior Airman Brian Stives**  
436th AW Public Affairs

The Air Mobility Command Inspector General team graded the combined efforts of the 512th Airlift Wing, 436th Airlift Wing and several other wings, who came together to form the 873rd Air Expeditionary Wing for the Expeditionary Operational Readiness Inspection.

With the complete report now available for review, the Liberty Wing scored an overall grade of Excellent and the Eagle Wing received a Satisfactory.

"It's one of the best I've ever seen on record," said Col. Ronald A. Rutland, 512th AW commander.

"Excellent's are rare, and the 512th (AW) just hit a homerun."

While the EORI was only a week long in April, the process to prepare for the inspection began long before the

first C-5 Galaxy aircrew taxied out on the runway and began their journey down to Georgia.

The Dover Team had been preparing for the inspection for the last two years, and game day finally came April 2 when the Dover Team began processing cargo and hundreds of members for the graded deployment to Savannah, Ga.

"During the EORI, the men and women of Dover Air Force Base demonstrated outstanding professionalism, expertise in performance and a passion for duty," said Lt. Col. James Hamilton, 436th Operations Group and Initial Response mission commander for the EORI. "They demonstrated their expertise to the AMC/IG during every aspect of the EORI Initial Response."

The intensity that the Dover Team stepped up to was even felt throughout the 436th and 512th AW chain of command.

"I've never been so proud of a team in my entire career," said Col. John I. Pray Jr., 436th AW commander.



Photo by Jason Minto

### Work hard, play hard

**Chief Master Sgt. James Schilling, 512th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, was one of the cooks at the base-wide burger burn April 14. The lunch-time celebration honored all who helped plan and prepare for the Expeditionary Operational Readiness Inspection as well as the many members who participated. Lunch-goers could also tour a C-5 static aircraft.**

"This is an absolutely incredible group of professionals."

"The Dover Team is the best of the best," Colonel Rutland said. "I already believed it when I got here, but now you've proved it!"

With the inspection completed, the Dover Team and the other wings have made their statement to the Air Force community - that they are ready to bring the fight to wherever it may be needed in the world in a moment's notice.

"The 436th Airlift Wing has reached a level of readiness never seen before," said Colonel Hamilton. "That level of readiness is more important today than any other time in the past 30 years. Our mobility mission takes us across the globe and the threats out there are real. The lessons we learned during the EORI will remain with us throughout our lives."

(Tech. Sgt. Veronica A. Aceveda, 512th Public Affairs, contributed to this story.)

**"Excellent's are rare, and the 512th (AW) just hit a home run."**

**Col. Ronald A. Rutland**



### In Memory of Col. Brenda Sue Reynolds

Col. Brenda Sue Reynolds, 46th Aerial Port Squadron commander, passed away April 17, after a valiant battle with cancer. She was laid to rest in the Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Millsboro. In a memorial service on base May 15, the 512th Airlift Wing celebrated her life, her leadership and her loving care of her troops.

## Liberty Wing inducts newest NCOs

Senior Airman  
Jennie Morrison  
Staff writer

The 512th Airlift Wing held its second NCO Induction Ceremony March 5 at the Air Mobility Command Museum. The program honored 57 Airmen, who were promoted to staff sergeant during 2004.

"I thought the ceremony was definitely motivational," said Staff Sgt. Molik Hippolyte, 512th Operations Support Flight, who was inducted during the ceremony. "It makes me feel like I need to go out and put on my leader cap and step up to my role as a NCO. I was honored to be highlighted, and I want to continue to move forward."

About 150 supervisors, coworkers and family members also attended the event to witness 24 of the new staff sergeants accept the NCO creed, read by Senior Master Sgt. William Wild, 512th Security Forces Squadron.

"I feel it was important for

NCOs to come out and participate in this event, because we need to show our support for the people who are coming up and to give guidance wherever we can," said Master Sgt. Louis Camphor, 46th Aerial Port Squadron, who was the guest speaker for the event. "It's not always easy being an NCO, but, is it worth it? Absolutely. The good thing is you're not alone. You have others who've been where you are and others who are striving to get there."

In his address, Sergeant Camphor commended the inductees on their commitment to their jobs and encouraged them to strive for more by asking themselves "What am I prepared to do?"

The event was organized by the Top Three Association, an organization comprised of the Air Force's top three enlisted ranks.

During the induction, the new staff sergeants also performed a candle lighting ceremony. Nine candles represented each of the Air



Photo by Doug Curran

**Twenty-four new staff sergeants from the 512th Airlift Wing repeat the NCO creed at the NCO Induction ceremony at the Air Mobility Command Museum March 5.**

Force's nine enlisted ranks, airman basic through chief master sergeant. Five of the inductees lit the first five candles, representing their transition from the airmen ranks to that of staff sergeant.

Senior Master Sgt. Tim Huffman, 512th Aerospace Medicine Squadron first sergeant, attended the ceremony and said he thought

it was a good visual representation of the additional responsibility one takes on when becoming a NCO.

"Having a significant ceremony for new NCOs cements the idea of their taking the reins of leadership," he said. "It was well attended; and, I think the whole function was very nicely done."

## 512th AW awarded Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

The 512th Airlift Wing was recognized with the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award for exceptionally meritorious service from Oct. 1, 2002, to Sept. 30, 2004.

The citation reads:

*The 512th AW distinguished itself by exceptionally meritorious service from 1 October 2002 to 30 September 2004. During this period, the 512th AW accomplished its mission with a maximum degree of war readiness. The professionalism, knowledge and technical skills of the 512th AW personnel contributed directly to the fulfillment of national objectives. Liberty Wing maintainers supported more than 4,000 missions through Dover Air Force Base while also having numerous members deployed throughout the world. 512th AW command and support staff agencies expertly fulfilled the needs of the more than 900 mobilized wing members and their families. Operations personnel*



*flew more than 3,500 sorties and transported more than 200 million pounds of cargo. This while maintaining the Dover AFB stage and contributing personnel to operations in Spain, Germany, Kuwait, Iraq and Afghanistan. The professionalism, knowledge and technical skills of Liberty Wing personnel were directly responsible for the success of the Global War on Terrorism and Enduring/Iraqi Freedom. The distinctive accomplishments of the members of the 512th AW reflect great credit upon themselves and the U.S. Air Force.*

The 512th Mission Support Squadron career enhancement office has updated eligible members' records.

The 436th AW has also been awarded the AFOUA and 512th AW personnel, mobilized in support of the 436th AW, also have this award reflected in their records, said Stanford Drummond, 512th MSS awards monitor. Anyone with questions can call Mr. Drummond at 677-3507.

## Life support augmentees provide Dover aircrews back-saving service

Photos and story by  
Senior Airman David Younce  
Staff writer

Life support augmentees in the 709th Airlift Squadron are saving time and possible injuries for arriving and departing aircrews at Dover Air Force Base by loading and unloading baggage and equipment through the crew door of C-5 aircraft.

Master Sgt. Dennis Moore, 709th AS loadmaster, supervises augmentees who operate a machine that might normally be seen loading and unloading baggage into the belly of aircraft at civilian airports. The machine, a specially-made conveyer belt attached to a vehicle frame, is used to load and unload aircrew bags.

Sergeant Moore works with 24 Airmen from the 709th AS who are trained to operate the equipment. The Airmen rotate duty so six people are always detailed as life support augmentees. One person is available 24 hours a day, everyday, all year long.

"We're a conveyer, bag support program," Sergeant Moore said. "We provide assistance to the aircrews whether they are Dover or transient aircrews on the loading and off-loading of all their bags."

"By having us available, we save on aircrew injuries and increase mission effectiveness by getting bags loaded or unloaded quicker," the sergeant explained. "We reduce the chances of them having back, hand, leg and arm injuries... It's known as a 'back-saving' service."

"There have been no significant injuries since we started using the conveyer belt," said Lt. Col Chris Cote, 512th Airlift Wing safety officer.

The augmentees supported 3,000 day and night missions and handled nearly 25,000 mission-essential bags during a five-month period last year, in all types of weather conditions.

Tech. Sgt. Cathleen Simpler, 709th AS loadmaster, has been on active duty for the last two-and-a-half years and has



**Life support augmentees load crew bags onto an aircraft prior to a recent mission. The augmentees are available to safely load and unload bags from various aircraft that fly into Dover at any hour of the day or night, in any weather conditions.**

been working with the life support augmentees as a conveyer operator.

"It's great to get a break from our everyday jobs," Sergeant Simpler said, adding that she enjoys talking with the aircrews.

She's quick to answer when asked what she likes least about the duty: "Being exposed to the weather is the worst part," Sergeant Simpler said after returning from loading two aircraft. Despite blue skies and sunshine, a hard wind had driven the temperature down into the single digits, making driving the unsheltered conveyer across the open flightline very chilly.

But, regardless of inclement weather conditions, the person on duty is always ready at a moment's notice to get the conveyer safely where it's needed. The 20-year-old equipment sometimes needs a little tender loving care to make it work, but according to Sergeant Moore and Sergeant Simpler, the joy and appreciation aircrews show when it loads or unloads their bags is one of the best parts of the job.



**Tech. Sgt. Cathleen Simpler (front), 709th Airlift Squadron loadmaster and life support augmentee, adjusts a crewmember's bag on the conveyer belt while Master Sgt. Dennis Moore (right rear), 709th AS loadmaster and LSA NCO in charge, oversees the loading operation.**

## Chiefs' Group recognizes latest members

**Senior Airman Brian Stives**  
436th AW Public Affairs

**E**ight Dover Team members were welcomed into the Air Force's highest enlisted rank March 11 during a Chiefs' Induction Ceremony at The Landings Club.

Of the eight newest chiefs, five were from the 512th Airlift Wing.

The formal event drew more than 250 friends, family and coworkers. It also included the Eagle and Liberty wing commanders, vice commanders and several group and squadron commanders showing their support.

According to chiefs who planned the ceremony, making the highest enlisted grade possible is something an Airman never forgets, and that's the reason the Chiefs' Group hosted the ceremony.

As for the newest inductees, the moment may not have sunk in yet for some of them. However, they do know what got them to the pinnacle of their career.

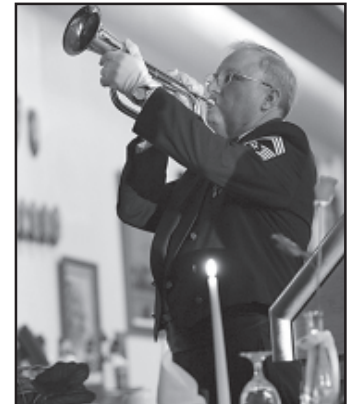
"I think it's a truly proud moment, and I wouldn't be here if not for my friends, family and coworkers," said Chief Master Sgt. Suzy Taylor, 512th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.

(Not pictured below is newly inducted Chief Master Sgt. Robert Hume, 46th Aerial Port Squadron, who was unavailable for the ceremony)

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Airman David Younce  
Staff writer



Pictured above are the newly inducted chiefs from the 512th and 436th Airlift Wings, flanked by their wing's respective command chiefs, Chief Master Sgts. Caroline Vennell (far left) and Stephen Maynard (far right).



Chief Master Sgt. James Schilling, 512th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, performs taps during the POW/MIA Ceremony.



Master Sgt. Joyce Jefferson (right), 512th Component Maintenance Squadron, escorts newly inducted Chief Master Sgt. Larry Jackson, 512th CMS, through the honor cordon.



Inductee Chief Master Sgt. William Eason, 512th Component Maintenance Squadron, was unavailable for the ceremony.



Lighting a candle is symbolic of the journey inductee Chief Master Sgt. Joel Stiffler, 512th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, took to attain the highest enlisted rank in the Air Force.



Walking under the honor cordon is newly inducted Chief Master Sgt. Suzy Taylor, 512th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, and her fiancé Frederick Florian.

# Maintenance NCO extends service into third year

Story and photos by  
Senior Airman David Younce  
Staff writer

The inscription on a Revolutionary War monument in Concord, Mass., reads, “Here once the embattled farmers stood and fired the shot heard around the world.”

Those farmers took up arms and fought for this nation; and today, our farmers and other citizens who are also members of the military’s Reserve forces are doing the same: defending our country.

Master Sgt. Richard Meeks, 512th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron flight line expeditor, is no stranger to this calling. He was activated for a year during Operation Desert Storm.

And, for Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom, Sergeant Meeks continues his service into his third year of full-time duty for the 512th Airlift Wing, ensuring the Dover C-5 fleet is ready to support the Air Force’s mission.

Sergeant Meeks was working for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration when he received the phone call reservists know can come. On Feb. 9, 2002, he was told to report to Dover Air Force Base for duty in five days. He hasn’t left active duty since that initial mobilization.

“I’m proud to do it, it’s what I signed up



**Sergeant Meeks answers a radio call, requesting assistance on a maintenance issue.**



**Master Sgt. Richard Meeks (right), 512th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron flight line expeditor, and Staff Sgt. Derek Batchelor, 512th AMXS, discuss how to best solve a problem with a hangar door. Both Airmen are serving on active duty for an extended period in support of the war on terrorism.**

for,” said Sergeant Meeks, who has 29 years of service in the Armed Forces.

He’s served two consecutive one-year activations and has now volunteered for another year of duty, so he can continue to contribute to the war effort.

Sergeant Meeks, who served in the Marine Corp for four years in the early 1970s, lives in Elkridge, Md., where his wife and daughter go on with their day-to-day activities. The former Marine said they do wish he was home, but they’re proud of his dedication to the war effort.

He said he misses not being home and being able to take care of the stuff that he normally would. When he is able to go home, he said he focuses on catching up on the “honey-do-list” and his responsibilities at home like fixing the car.

The 50-year-old Sergeant Meeks is proud of his unit and the mission the Dover Team accomplishes.

“I’m very proud to represent the 512th (AW) and I’ve been accepted by the active-duty folks,” the 29-year veteran said. “I feel they need me here, I serve a purpose.”

Sergeant Meeks ensures the Dover fleet is ready to fly and the maintainers are trained and ready to accomplish their jobs.

Whether it’s raining, snowing, night or day, Sergeant Meeks and his people are on

the flightline fixing, repairing and preparing aircraft for flight.

When he drives the blue truck, called “Bulldawg 4,” back and forth from hangars to aircraft, he said he stops only long enough to ensure the mission is being accomplished and his people are taken care of.

Sergeant Meeks, like the farmers from Concord, Mass., who fought for the nation’s freedom in the Revolutionary War, continues the calling of the “militiamen.” They’re now called Citizen Airmen, Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and they answer the summons to duty during peace and war. Sergeant Meeks and his fellow “militiamen” continue this tradition and even volunteer to extend this service to our country.



**Sergeant Meeks checks out a new computer system, recently installed on board a C-5.**

## Aerospace Medicine Squadron

Story and photos by Senior Airman David Younce  
Staff writer

Not everyone in the 512th Aerospace Medicine Squadron is a doctor, nurse or medic. There's a small group of people who have little contact with the patients but are just as vital to the patient's care as the medical providers.

In small, confined rooms on the second floor of the base clinic and behind large stacked piles of multi-colored file folders, the 512th AMDS health services management team can be found filing and checking medical and dental records.

"Our mission is to maintain our individual currency and readiness, while ensuring the medical and dental records of our members are ready and updated," said Tech. Sgt. Sheila Jones, 512th AMDS health services management technician.

Sergeant Jones has been working in the 512th AMDS for 16 years and said the last few months have been very busy for the 512th AMDS team, as they reviewed each Liberty Wing members' medical records while preparing for the Air Mobility Command's Inspector General Expeditionary Operational Readiness Inspection.

For the EORI, the team ensured more than 350 Liberty Wing members' records complied with the IG's standards for deployment, said Chief Master Sgt. Brenda Barry, 512th AMDS health services management chief.

Overall, the 512th AMDS is responsible for more than 1,900 512th Airlift Wing members' records, Sergeant Jones said.

These files contain our members' medical history, dental records and physiological history, she added.

Airmen must make sure their records, like their medical and eyeglass prescriptions, are kept current, said Sergeant Jones. In addition, any allergies they may

have should be noted in their files.

Physicals and anything that may require medical or dental attention, on or off duty, the member should inform the 512th



**Chief Master Sgt. Brenda Barry, 512th Aerospace Medicine Squadron, pulls a medical record from the shelf. Reservists' records are now located on the second floor of the base clinic. Chief Barry led the 512th AMDS health services team for more than three years and recently left for a new assignment at Dobbins Air Force Base, Ga.**



# *maintains readiness of records*

AMDS so the data in the records are kept updated, she said.

“At any given moment, the member may be activated and called upon to deploy,” said Sergeant Jones, who’s very familiar with deployments. She was activated and served four years on active duty for Operation Desert Storm in 1991. She was also activated in 2002 for nine months, supporting Operation Enduring Freedom; and, she was recalled in 2003 for six months, supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom.

“We’re responsible for making sure the reservist is ready for continued duty,” said Tech. Sgt. Peggy Altman, 512th AMDS physical exams and standards manager.

This small group of Airmen learns and follows systems and protocols beyond updating records and file maintenance.

Members’ medical records are color coded and the meaning of this code must be adhered to as outlined in medical regulations.

“The members of the 512th AMDS health services management team are supposed to hand carry each members records to their appointments for them,” said Sergeant Jones. “When this is impractical, Airmen may sign for them on an Air Force Form 250, but the member must make sure they return the records immediately following their appointment.”

Medical records management is a labor intensive job, said Chief Barry. Records must be screened for completeness and accuracy.

The doctors and nurses rely on the information in the medical files to be able to give quality care to 512th AW members.

“(The medical team of the 512th AW) must do and be the best that we can be in our job for our wing members,” said Chief Barry.

## Mystery solved

**H**ave you ever wondered why your medical or dental records are a different color from the person next to you? Have you ever wondered “why” it’s that color?

The mystery is solved!

The answer to the mystery is the last two number digits of one’s social security number.

Medical records personnel must follow the medical regulations as

outlined in Air Force Instruction 41-210; and, in this regulation it specifically outlines the procedure to prepare file folders.

The “terminal digit table” outlines which numbers are assigned what color.

Below is a personal decoder table, which demonstrates the formula used in color coding medical and dental records.

<u>Last two digits of the SSN</u>	<u>AF Form</u>	<u>Color</u>
00 to 09	2100	Orange
10 to 19	2110	Green
20 to 29	2120	Yellow
30 to 39	2130	Grey
40 to 49	2140	Tan
50 to 59	2150	Blue
60 to 69	2160	White
70 to 79	2170	Brown
80 to 89	2180	Pink
90 to 99	2190	Red

### What color is yours?



# Reservist plays with all his might

Senior Airman Jennie Morrison  
Staff writer

It all started with a friend and a brand new guitar. When Senior Airman Steve Germann, 512th Mission Support Squadron, was in middle school, a friend had received a guitar as a gift. Airman Germann scrounged together some drums, and both began to play together in his friend's basement and formed a band.

Years later, Airman Germann is still playing. In addition to being the Airman in charge of the squadron commander's support staff, he's also the drummer and conga player for an acoustic rock band called "All Your Might."

The six-person band met while members were attending the University of Delaware, where Airman Germann graduated with a bachelor's degree in English with a

journalism concentration.

The band plays original music and covers music by artists such as Damien Rice and Guster.

"I've always been in a band, since the 8th grade," said Airman Germann. "Some people are always in a relationship, and in my case, it's with bands and music. In that respect, I've never been single."

Over the years, Airman Germann

developed his skills with drums and the congas and also learned to play the acoustic guitar. Occasionally, he opens for the band, performing solo with the guitar. He also composes and performs his own songs.

"All Your Might" performs about once a week at different venues in Wilmington, Newark and Philadelphia, said Airman Germann.

Most of their shows are at cafés or bookstores, and occasionally they play at bars or bigger venues.

The band played a gig in February to raise money for

the tsunami relief effort in Wilmington. While Airman Germann couldn't play at that particular show due to a pre-planned vacation, he said he thought the concert was an exciting opportunity for the band.

"All Your Might" will be performing at the Diamond State Games Mid-Event Bash at Blue Diamond Park in New Castle, Del., June 24.

The band will soon have a new website, which will feature

news and photos of the band. Friends, coworkers and music enthusiasts will also be able to log on and find information on where to catch a Liberty Wing member drumming to a different beat.



Submitted photo

**Senior Airman Steve Germann, 512th Mission Support Squadron, plays guitar with his band "All Your Might" at a local venue.**



Photo by Senior Airman David Younce

**Airman Germann is an activated reservist, working in the 512th MSS commander's support staff office. He completes administrative duties for the other activated reservists in the Liberty Wing.**

**"I've always been in a band, since the 8th grade."**

**Senior Airman Steve Germann**

## New health plan extends care for activated reservists

Health care for reservists got a booster shot April 25. That's when a premium-based health care plan started for those activated for a contingency anytime since 9/11.

Tricare Reserve Select offers a bridge for reservists entering or leaving active duty who are not covered by a civilian employer or other health insurance plan. It's similar to Tricare Standard and comparable to the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Plan for federal employees.

Monthly premiums for a reservist are \$75. A reservist and family pays \$233. Premiums will be adjusted annually.

Air Force reservists must serve on active duty for 90 consecutive days or

more on or after Sept. 11, 2001, in support of a contingency. And, they must enter an agreement with Air Force Reserve Command to serve in the Selected Reserve for one or more years before leaving active duty. If they got off active duty, they have until Oct. 28 to apply.

Reservists earn one year of care for every 90 days of continuous active-duty service and every year of service commitment. For example, reservists with 360 days of qualifying active duty can get four years of coverage if they sign up for four years in the Selected Reserve.

Coverage ends when the service agreement ends. It stops sooner if the reservist separates from the Selected

Reserve, voluntarily withdraws from the program or fails to pay the monthly premiums.

The Tricare Web site, [www.tricare.osd.mil/reserve/reserveselect](http://www.tricare.osd.mil/reserve/reserveselect), has more details. To get updates by e-mail, reservists and their families can subscribe to [www.tricare.osd.mil/tricaresubscriptions/](http://www.tricare.osd.mil/tricaresubscriptions/).

For reservists enrolled in the Transitional Assistance Management Program, coverage will start the day after TAMP ends.

For more information, Liberty Wing reservists can call Lt. Col. Gary Noble, 512th Aerospace Medicine Squadron chief nurse, at 677-4658. (Courtesy AFRC)



### *Air Force Reserve Command adopts new recruiting logo*

Air Force Reserve Command has a new advertising logo that more closely aligns it with the active force while touting the command as a high-tech, professional fighting force.

It replaces the "Above and Beyond" logo featured in Reserve recruiting and advertising products since 1998.

A major difference between the new logo and the ones the command has used in the past is the new logo doesn't feature a slogan. AFRC has used "Above and Beyond" as a slogan since 1998. Before that, the command used "A Great Way to Serve" for 20 years.

Lt. Col. Jerry Herbel, chief of Headquarters AFRC Recruiting Service's advertising and information systems division, said not having a slogan tied to the logo gives the command more freedom in how it uses the logo.

"We might use a slogan along with the logo in some of our products," he said. "It will depend on the particular audience we are trying to reach. Without a slogan, we feel we are drawing attention to the word 'Reserve,' and that is one of the main objectives we were trying to achieve."

The command will feature the new logo in all of its new advertising products but will continue using promotional items with the old logo until they are all gone, Colonel Herbel said. (AFRC News Service from *Citizen Airman* magazine)

### Eagle Wing welcomes new commander

Col. Samuel D. Cox, former vice wing commander of the 437th Airlift Wing at Charleston Air Force Base, S.C., assumed command of the 436th AW from Col. John I. Pray Jr. during a May 6 ceremony inside the North Fuel Cell. Colonel Pray transferred to Andrews AFB, Md., where he'll command the 89th AW. (Courtesy 436th Public Affairs)

### Liberty Wing rolls into June with commanders call, spouses flight

Col. Ronald A. Rutland, 512th Airlift Wing commander, will address his troops at the base theater June 12, beginning at 7 a.m. Award winners, medal recipients and college graduates will be recognized.

Spouses participating in the orientation flight, June 11, need to report to the Building 270 auditorium by 8 a.m. (Courtesy 512th PA)

### Events

June 3 to 5: NASCAR

June 11: 512th AW Spouses Flight

June 11: 512th AW/CV Retirement Ceremony

June 12: 512th AW Commander's Call

June 17: Base Picnic

June 24: Chiefs' Group Steak Lunch

June 25: Safe Summer Day

July 4: Independence Day Parade

Aug. 6: 512th Family Day Picnic

Aug. 13, 14: Wilmington Bluerocks Military Appreciation

\* For more information on any of these events, call the 512th Public Affairs Office at 677-3485.

## Proud Moments - At work, at home, at play



### *Camaraderie at its best*

Several members of the 326th Airlift Squadron participated in "Mustache March," a month dedicated to growing mustaches. During the month-long event, normally bare upper lips could be seen sporting facial hair.

*Submitted photos*

Already blazing the trophy trail like her father, Mike Primo, who was named civilian of the year last year, Cassie Primo, 5, competed in a martial arts competition in Wilmington April 18 and walked away a double winner. She placed 1st place in Tiger Forms and took 1st place for Sparring. Congratulations!



The daughters of two 512th Airlift Wing reservists are among 17 recipients, selected to receive scholarships from the Dover Officers' Spouses' Club. Meghan Rutland (top), daughter of Col. Ronald A. Rutland, 512th AW, and Amanda Mihok, daughter of Master Sgt. Thomas Mihok, 326th Airlift Squadron, both received \$1,200 for college.



LEFT TO RIGHT: Gene Hebert, Air Force Reserve Officers Association national council member, Maj. Joy Mann, 512th Mission Support Group deputy commander, U.S. Sen. Joseph R. Biden Jr. and Maj. Troy Vokes, 512th Maintenance Operations Flight commander, recently traveled to Capitol Hill to visit with Delaware's representatives in Washington D.C. According to Major Mann, the group discussed ROA legislative matters in an effort to gain their support.

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or  
professional achievements to:*

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***Defense Department to resume anthrax vaccinations***

The Department of Defense will resume its Anthrax Vaccine Immunization Program as a result of a memorandum signed April 29.

The memorandum allows military commanders to resume the vaccination program with the emergency use authorization conditions issued by the Food and Drug Administration on Jan. 27, 2005.

The program requires commanders to follow emergency use authorization conditions, providing members of the armed services both education on the program and an option to refuse the vaccination without penalty.

For more information, read the Air Force Print News story at <http://www.af.mil/news/story.asp?storyID=123010420>.

***Earn more money while deployed***

The U.S. government is offering any servicemember serving in a designated combat zone, qualified hazardous duty area, or directly supporting a combat zone, an opportunity to participate in a savings program that is free, guaranteed and fully backed by the U.S. government.

Whether active duty, Reserve or National Guard, servicemembers are eligible to contribute up to \$10,000 to a no-risk, no-fee program that pays 10 percent annual interest, compounded quarterly. Moreover, they can leave funds in the program for up to 90 days after redeployment, and the account will continue to draw interest.

For more information, read the Air Force Print News story at <http://www.af.mil/news/story.asp?storyID=123010411>.

***New campaign medals recognize Iraq, Afghanistan service***

Two new campaign medals recognize servicemembers for their contributions in Iraq and Afghanistan. The Afghanistan Campaign Medal and Iraq Campaign Medal are authorized for servicemembers who directly supported Operation Enduring Freedom between Oct. 24, 2001, and a date to be determined in

the future of Operation Iraqi Freedom between March 19, 2003, and some future date.

To qualify for the awards, servicemembers must have served in the appropriate region for 30 consecutive days or 60 nonconsecutive days. For more information, go to the story on Air Force Link at <http://www.af.mil/news/story.asp?storyID=123010226>.

***Air Force launches 'AF eMail'***

The Air Force began the first phase of a new e-mail system May 6 that will improve communication for Airmen worldwide.

AF eMail (aka eMail-for-Life) is a single, static e-mail address that will not change during the career of an Airman or Air Force civilian employee.

For more information, read the Air Force Print News story at <http://www.af.mil/news/story.asp?storyID=123010549>.

***New aircraft lighter ban in effect***

Anyone, including servicemembers, carrying lighters will be required to surrender them at U.S. airport security checkpoints before boarding aircraft under a new federal law, effective April 14.

The law also bans lighters from being placed in carry-on luggage or cargo baggage. For more information, go to the story on Air Force Link at <http://www.af.mil/news/story.asp?storyID=123010298>.

***OPM helping to extend hiring preference to more veterans***

Office of Personnel Management officials are working to make veterans' preference for federal jobs available to more veterans. One initiative is a new revised application that allows federal agencies to accept veterans' disability letters.

The revised application is being posted on OPM's Web site so agencies immediately can accept Veterans Affairs letters of disability. Agencies, OPM examining offices and agency appointing officials use the online application to evaluate claims for veterans' preference on applications for government jobs. More details about veterans' preference are posted online at [www.opm.gov/veterans/html](http://www.opm.gov/veterans/html).

***Reserves vacancies at Dover***

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Integrated Avionics Systems  
Aerospace Propulsion  
Aerospace Ground Equipment  
Aircraft Fuel Systems  
Aircraft Hydraulic Systems  
Aircraft Electrical and Environmental

Systems  
Aircraft Metals Technology  
Aircraft Structural Maintenance  
Fuels  
Air Transportation  
Special Purpose Vehicle and Equipment  
Maintenance  
Munitions Systems

Information Management  
Explosive Ordnance Disposal  
Security Forces-Combat Arms  
Education and Training

*\* As of April 18. For more information on these vacancies, call the 512th Airlift Wing Recruiting Office at 677-6912.*

### Promotions

CMSgt Caroline Miller-Horton  
CMSgt Stephen Smith  
SMSgt Gregory Brownawell  
SMSgt Rene Flores Sr  
MSgt David Buches  
MSgt John Malamon  
MSgt Darryl Moore  
TSgt Christian Craig  
TSgt Michael Dohrn  
TSgt Henry Fortney II  
TSgt Colen Fencer  
TSgt David Frazier  
TSgt Andre Gattis  
TSgt Anthony Gagliardo  
TSgt Arthur Gauani  
TSgt Leroy Manuel  
TSgt Seth Mooers  
TSgt Raymond Mooney  
TSgt Oneff Reyes  
TSgt John Ryan  
TSgt Kim Snyder  
TSgt Shane Treesh  
TSgt Jeffrey Wnek  
SSgt Micael Harmer  
SSgt Terezia Jones  
SSgt Joseph Pullifrone  
SSgt Brian Scher  
SSgt Richard Stuhmer  
SSgt Joseph Sutton  
SSgt Kim Tatum  
SSgt Joseph Territo  
SSgt Christopher Treftz  
SrA Eric Dotson  
SrA Tiffany Grow  
SrA Alexandria Wilson  
SrA Tamiaka Yancey  
A1C Lucretia Banaay  
A1C Sandra Byrd  
A1C Aishah Khursheed  
A1C Cory Marshall  
A1C Sean McGahuey  
A1C Bryant Turner

### Around the 512th

#### Promotion to Major



**David Bocchino**, 326th AS  
**Sterling Davis**, 326th AS  
**Kevin Dill**, 709th AS  
**Rick Fontana**, 709th AS  
**Deanna Ketterer**, 326th AS  
**Steven Merritt**, 326th AS  
**Sean Saylor**, 326th AS

#### PEP Promotions



*To Senior Master Sgt.*

**Sheila Berg**  
709th AS

**John Bouchard**  
326th AS

**Joseph Haney**  
512th EMS



*To Master Sgt.*

**Richard Biasi**  
512th AMXS



*To Tech. Sgt.*

**Vincent Alois**  
512th CMS

**Maurio Watson**  
512th AMXS

#### Quarterly Winners

The wing's quarterly award winners for the first quarter (January through March) are:

*Airman*  
**SrA Teleah Adams**  
512th CMS

*NCO*  
**TSgt Alicia Malone**  
512th MSS

*Senior NCO*  
**MSgt Electa Wright**  
512th MAS

*Company Grade Officer*  
**Capt Lonnie Schmidt**  
709th AS

*Civilian*  
**Beverly Lumia**  
512th OG



The following individuals referred someone, who joined the Air Force Reserve. Way to go!

**MSgt Joseph Adams Jr**  
512th MOF

**TSgt Raymond Johnson**  
71st APS

**TSgt William Yoder Jr**  
512 SFS

**SrA Derrick Caban**  
512th MAS

**SSgt Shaunita Holly-Harris**  
71st APS

**Amn Aishah Khursheed**  
512th AMDS

**SrA Alicia Owens**  
512th AMDS

### Graduates

#### ***Air Command, Staff College***

Maj Bennie Burns Jr  
Maj Edward Schloeman Jr

#### ***Squadron Officer***

John Foran

#### ***Air, Space Basic Course***

1Lt Todd Mullen

#### ***Senior NCO Academy***

MSgt Leroy Jett  
MSgt John Larrimore  
MSgt Yuksee Ng  
MSgt Gregory Ordway  
MSgt Meredith Williams  
MSgt Stephanie Young

#### ***NCO Academy***

TSgt Samuel Arbuckle  
TSgt Philip Delauder  
TSgt Frank Everhart  
TSgt Richard Kennedy  
TSgt Chandra Sutton  
TSgt Joanna Williams  
SSgt Alvin Addison

#### ***Airman Leadership***

SrA Chulk Celestine  
SrA Tonya Collier  
SrA Phillip Donaway  
SrA James Samans  
SrA Wilken Washburn

#### ***Community College of the Air Force***

CMSgt Caroline Vennell  
MSgt John Witzke  
TSgt George Burr  
TSgt Amy Campbell  
TSgt Benjamin Fay  
SSgt Kara Hall  
SSgt John Major  
SSgt Mary McMahan  
SSgt Sandra Raphael  
SSgt Stephatina Rice  
SSgt Matthew Sherwood  
SSgt Michele Sherwood  
SrA Abigail Schmidt  
SrA Richard Stuhmer

## Medals

### **Air Medal**

Maj Erik Sant  
 Capt Rick Fontana  
 Capt Cynthia Welch  
 1st Lt Christian Fiore  
 MSgt Timothy Feiring  
 TSgt Donovan Beckford

### **Aerial Achievement**

Lt Col Scott Kapes  
 Maj Mark Alderson  
 Maj James Becker  
 Maj Timothy Lyon  
 Maj William Russell  
 Capt Cynthia Welch  
 CMSgt Samuel Davidson  
 MSgt Michael Benford  
 MSgt Robert Burns  
 MSgt Kevin Casquarelli  
 MSgt Mitchell Coffey  
 MSgt Perry Cox  
 MSgt Duane Dowdy  
 MSgt Stephen Jackson  
 MSgt Manuel Janela  
 MSgt Thomas Lejeune  
 MSgt Kevin McNamara  
 MSgt Gerald Mitchell  
 MSgt Thomas Perrone  
 MSgt Irvin Ruff  
 MSgt Steven Sharff  
 MSgt Scott Simon  
 MSgt John Witzke  
 TSgt Anthony Boyle  
 TSgt David Fleming  
 TSgt Michael Huot  
 TSgt Roger Kline  
 TSgt David Kohut  
 TSgt Michael Seymour  
 TSgt Matthew Schiferl  
 TSgt Eric Staniland  
 TSgt John Wenger  
 SSgt Anthony Bastone  
 SSgt Freddy Brito  
 SSgt Vincent Dvorak  
 SSgt Leo Martin

### **Meritorious Service**

Lt Col David Voeller  
 Maj Scott Erickson  
 Maj Barry Rutledge  
 Maj Erik Sant  
 Maj Michael Semo  
 Maj Douglas Smith  
 Maj Donald Whitley  
 CMSgt Brenda Barry  
 CMSgt Robert Gates  
 SMSgt Lawrence Davis  
 SMSgt Sharon Green  
 SMSgt Jack Massey  
 SMSgt Phillip Sabatine  
 SMSgt John Wynn  
 MSgt Michael Benford  
 MSgt James Caccamo  
 MSgt James Dowd  
 MSgt Duane Dowdy  
 MSgt Kevin Eason  
 MSgt John Elder III  
 MSgt Francis Fry  
 MSgt Joseph Haney Jr  
 MSgt Raymond Hevert  
 MSgt Charles James  
 MSgt Allan Miller  
 MSgt Hilmer Morris  
 MSgt Richard Reardon  
 MSgt Dennis Reed  
 MSgt Matthew Sirkis  
 MSgt Wesley Smith  
 MSgt Jerome Smolarek  
 MSgt Tyrone Washington  
 MSgt Stephen Wus  
 MSgt William Wyman

### **AF Commendation**

SMSgt Dallas Tillett  
 Maj Noel Soderlund  
 MSgt John McCann Sr  
 MSgt James Miracle  
 MSgt Edward Northshield  
 MSgt Brenda Shriver  
 MSgt Daniel Vasey  
 MSgt Phillip Wright  
 TSgt Claxton Boone Jr

### **AF Commendation (continued)**

TSgt Sterling Clough III  
 TSgt Gary Greenwald  
 TSgt Christopher Horton  
 TSgt Richard Kennedy  
 TSgt Jack Lee  
 TSgt James Myhand  
 TSgt Steven Poore  
 TSgt Rodney Scott  
 TSgt Jason Smith  
 TSgt Marti Stansbury  
 TSgt Michael Tegtmeier  
 TSgt James Treon  
 TSgt Lorie Walther  
 TSgt John Wenger  
 TSgt Leonard White Jr  
 SSgt Christopher Byard  
 SSgt Janis Cheatham  
 SSgt Donna Jernigan  
 SSgt Cyrenia Johnson  
 SSgt Donald Kinney  
 SSgt Gerard McHale Jr  
 SSgt Raymond Mooney  
 SSgt Za Thihahfuhluhswalker  
 SrA Clarence Marshall Jr.  
 SrA Stephatina Rice

### **AF Achievement**

CMSgt Kenneth Thompson  
 SMSgt Eric Gregory  
 MSgt Sheila Berg  
 MSgt Loretta Ingraham  
 MSgt Meredith Williams  
 MSgt John Witzke  
 TSgt John Haller Jr  
 SSgt Candace Dragotta  
 SSgt Kim Snyder  
 SrA Melissa Dellinger  
 SrA Mary McMahan  
 SrA Christopher Monday  
 SrA Nicole Younger

## Newcomers

512th AMDS:  
 MSgt Angela Fader

512th AMXS:  
 SSgt Michael Valerio  
 SrA Johnnie Dove  
 SrA Adam Ferguson  
 A1C Charles McClain Jr.  
 A1C Tyrone Whitehurst

512th CMS:  
 SSgt Bryant Dawson

512th EMS:  
 SSgt Jason Lowrey  
 SrA David Bushue

46th APS:  
 A1C Whitney Rogers

512th CES:  
 AB Joshua Brozena

512th MAS:  
 SrA Lindsay Medin

512th SFS:  
 SSgt Richard Johnson  
 SSgt James Robinson  
 SSgt David Smeal  
 SrA Todd Scheff  
 SrA Richard Southern  
 A1C Travis Darden

## Retirements

CMSgt William Blasius Jr  
 SMSgt Lawrence Davis  
 SMSgt Sharon Green  
 SMSgt Jack Massey  
 MSgt Gary Finch  
 MSgt Tyrone Washington  
 MSgt Hilmer Morris  
 MSgt Raymond Hebert  
 MSgt Francis Fry  
 TSgt Ansel Linscott  
 TSgt Charles Pearson  
 TSgt Sue Olszewski  
 TSgt Craig White  
 TSgt Richard Turney

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Fiscal year 2005:

	A Team	B Team
MAY	14-15	21-22
JUN	11-12	25-26
JUL	9-10	23-24
AUG	6-7	20-21
SEP	10-11	17-18

**UTA  
paydates**

**June A-Team  
pays  
June 22**

**June B-Team  
pays  
July 6**

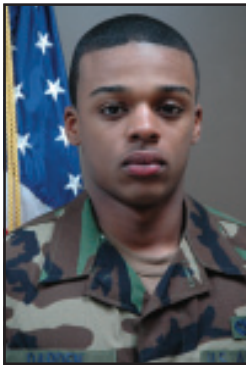
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## The Liberty Wing welcomes ...

**Airman 1st Class Daedon Travis**



**Unit:** 512th Security Forces  
**Duty position:** Security Forces  
**Civilian occupation:** Welder  
**Hometown:** Portsmouth, Va.  
**Age:** 19  
**Previous assignment:** None  
**Personal goal:** Earn a doctorate degree in criminal justice  
**Hobby:** Vacationing  
**Reason for joining the military:** For educational benefits

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