

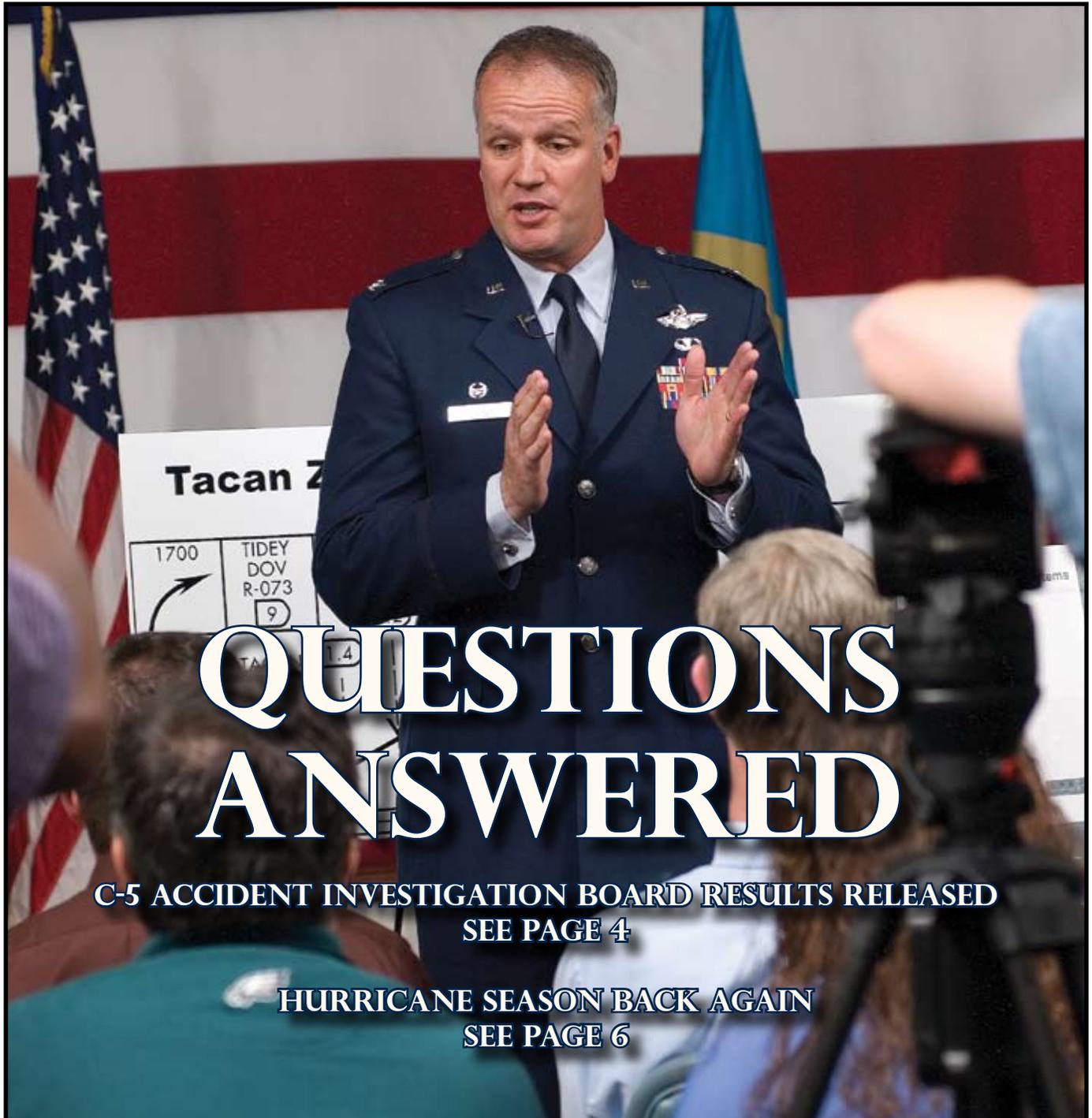
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Photo by Jason Minto

**Col. Raymond Torres, Accident Investigation Board president and commandant of the Air Force Expeditionary Air Operations School at McGuire Air Force Base, N.J., briefs local and national media about the AIB findings at the Landings Club here June 13. See page 4.**

**Vice commander stresses importance of situational awareness, summer safety**

**Col. David H. Wuest**  
512th AW vice commander

**O**n June 13, the Accident Investigation Board concluded that a loss of situational awareness by the crew contributed to the crash of a C-5 Galaxy in April at Dover Air Force Base. As in most aircraft mishaps involving human factors, loss of situational awareness is an all too common contributing factor.

While I was being interviewed by reporters after the press conference June 13, it became apparent that many people don't understand what situational awareness means.

Basically, it's being aware of everything around you and understanding how ongoing events have an impact on the near future. Situational awareness is necessary, because it's needed to make effective decisions when performing tasks in complex and changing environments.

For example, if someone rides a motorcycle at excessive speeds their situational awareness is diminished. This is because the amount of time the rider has to perceive and react to events around him is significantly reduced. A driver pulling out in front of him, a dip in the road, or unexpected debris in the street could now cause a serious accident. Many accidents, whether in a car or on a motorcycle, are caused by drivers and riders disregarding traffic laws and thus losing the reaction time necessary to deal with events around them.

Disregarding safety rules is a recipe for disaster. When driving, we have double yellow lines on the road to warn us that passing is unsafe; typically this is because the roadway configuration limits our ability to see oncoming traffic. By heeding the warning, and refraining from passing traffic, we enhance our awareness about the surrounding environment. Other safety precautions include speed limits, traffic lights and school crossing zones. Extensive research has been conducted to make these recommendations to ensure we and other people are kept safe when we drive. When these procedures are ignored,

we voluntarily give up our situational awareness.

All of us need to maximize our situational awareness when completing various day-to-day activities, such as driving a car, motorcycle or boat, participating in water sports such as swimming, or doing our jobs. Having good situational awareness ensures our own personal safety as well as the safety of the people around us.

Keeping all of this in mind is especially important as we make our way through the "101 Critical Days of Summer," which began Memorial Day weekend and lasts through Labor Day weekend. This time of year traditionally is one of the most dangerous times for Airmen.

Historically during this time, a few Air Force Reserve personnel will tragically

lose their lives in some type of off-duty related mishap, thus changing the lives of coworkers and loved ones forever.

Fortunately on April 3, all 17 people aboard the C-5 survived. After the events of the day, the surviving crewmembers realized how many of their friends, families, coworkers and neighbors genuinely did care for their well-being. One of the crewmembers told me he received such an outpouring of support after the accident, and he had no idea how much people did care.

Any loss of our personnel is a terrible loss for the wing and everyone who cares about them. People are our most important asset; we can't do the mission without them.

I encourage everyone to conduct themselves in a safe manner on and off duty. Don't take unnecessary chances and use common sense.

We're all human and we all make mistakes, and we can't always prevent accidents; but, we may be able to minimize their impact. It's imperative we follow the operating procedures, regulations and laws put in place to keep us all safe.

I'd like everyone to enjoy the summer season, but please enjoy it responsibly.



**Colonel Wuest**

# What can you do about identity theft?

## Special Agent James Williams

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MCCONNELL AIR FORCE BASE, Kan. -- Identity theft is an increasingly common occurrence. Two studies concluded that there were 7 million victims between June 2002 and 2003. The Federal Trade Commission number is closer to 10 million but also includes credit card takeover.

According to the FTC, identity theft is the most common form of consumer fraud, with thefts totaling more than \$100 million from financial institutions, an average of more than \$7,000 per victim.

Since law enforcement nationwide does not often collect statistics about ID theft, there is no one answer; however, the growth rate was estimated to be about 25 percent in this crime between 2003 and 2005. Estimates on losses range from \$100 million to more than \$1 billion.

With awareness comes the ability to avoid becoming a victim. Despite your efforts to manage the flow of personal information or to keep it to yourself, skilled identity thieves may use a variety of methods to gain access to your data.

-- Identity thieves get personal information from businesses or other institutions by stealing records or information while they're on the job, bribing an employee who has access to these records, hacking these records, or conning information out of employees.

-- They may steal mail, including bank and credit card statements, credit card offers, new checks and tax information.

-- They may rummage through household trash, the trash at businesses, or public trash dumps in a practice known

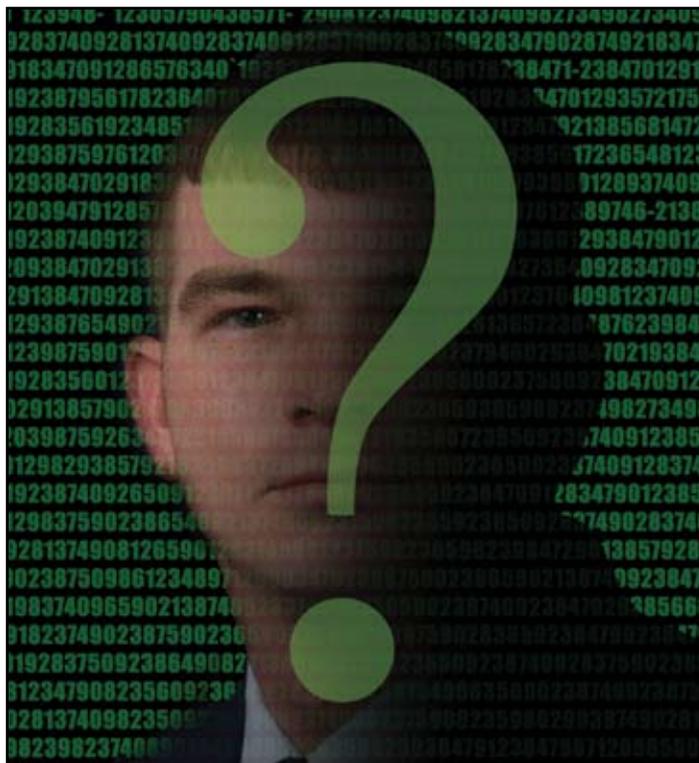


Illustration by 1st Lt. Marnee A.C. Losurdo

as "dumpster diving."

-- They may get credit reports by abusing their employer's authorized access to them, or by posing as a landlord, employer or someone else who may have a legal right to access.

-- They may steal credit or debit card numbers by capturing the information in a data storage device in a practice known as "skimming." They may swipe your card for an actual purchase, or attach a device to an ATM where you may enter or swipe your card.

-- They may steal your wallet or purse.

-- They may complete a "change of address form to divert your mail to another location.

-- They may steal personal information they find in your home.

-- They may steal personal information from you through e-mail or phone by posing as legitimate companies and claiming that you have a problem with your account.

This practice is known as "phishing" online or pretexting by phone.

The following guidance offers tips on what to do if you lose your wallet or checkbook, as well as steps you can take now to prevent identity theft.

-- Order your checks with your first initial (instead of your full name) and last name printed on them. A random person trying to use your checks won't know whether you sign your name or first initial last name, but your bank will know.

-- Use your work number and address instead of your home information on your checks.

-- Never have your social security number printed on your checks.

-- Photocopy, front and back, all of the contents of your wallet. It will be easier to account for items in your wallet should it be taken, as well as facilitate the cancellation of credit cards.

-- Immediately call the

police if your wallet or any of the contents are stolen. If you delay, it may appear to creditors that you did not try to mitigate your damages.

-- Contact all three of the national credit reporting agencies to place fraud alert on your name and social security number. It alerts companies that your information has been stolen. If someone tries to get a credit card using your name, you have to be contacted before new credit can be authorized. The numbers of the credit reporting organizations are: Equifax, 888-766-0008; Experian, 888-397-3742; Trans Union, 800-680-7289.

A recent amendment to the Federal Fair Credit Reporting Act requires each of the major nationwide consumer reporting companies to provide a free copy of your credit reports, at your request, once every 12 months. Since September, free reports are accessible to all Americans.

To order a free annual report from one or all of the national consumer reporting companies, call toll-free 877-322-8228. Do not contact the three nationwide consumer reporting companies individually.

Other numbers that could come in handy are the Social Security Administration Fraud Line, 800-269-0271, and the Federal Trade Commission's Identity Theft Hotline, 877-IDTHEFT. FTC address is: Identity Theft Clearinghouse, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W., Washington, D.C. 20580.

Air Force victims with monetary loss, please contact your local AFOSI detachment or security forces law enforcement desk.

*(Editor's note: See related article on stolen Veteran Affairs records on page 8.)*

# C-5 Galaxy accident investigation board complete

The results of an investigation into the C-5 Galaxy crash April 3 here found that human error was the cause, Air Mobility Command officials released June 13.

The results were briefed at the Landings Club to representatives of Delaware's congressional delegation, local elected and civic leaders, and to members of the press by Col. Raymond Torres, Accident Investigation Board president and commandant of the Air Force Expeditionary Air Operations School at McGuire Air Force Base, N.J.

The accident investigation board determined the pilots and flight engineers did not properly configure, maneuver and power the aircraft during approach and landing.

Following a normal takeoff and initial climb, the C-5 aircrew observed a No. 2 engine "Thrust Reverser Not Locked" indication light. Following procedure they shut down the No. 2 engine as a precaution and returned to Dover AFB.

The board determined that during the return to the base:

-- The pilots and flight engineers continued to use the shut-down No. 2 engine's throttle while leaving the fully-operational No. 3 engine in idle.

"The (AIB) performed numerous C-5B simulator flights using similar weather and aircraft conditions as the mishap flight," said Colonel Torres. "Utilizing the number three fully-operational engine as late as 300 feet above the ground, during the same approach flown by the mishap crew, resulted in a safe final approach and landing."

-- Both instructor and primary flight



Photo by Jason Minto

**Col. Raymond Torres, Accident Investigation Board president and commandant of the Air Force Expeditionary Air Operations School at McGuire Air Force Base, N.J., briefs local and national media about the AIB results at the Landings Club here June 13.**

engineers failed to brief the crew, and pilots failed to consider and use a proper flap setting.

"At the mishap aircraft weight, speed, altitude and position, this selection of full flaps was premature," according to Colonel Torres.

-- The pilots' attempt at a visual approach to runway 32 resulted in the aircraft descending well below a normal glidepath for an instrument-aided approach or the

normal visual flight rules pattern altitude.

"A normal glidepath would have been approximately 900 feet at three miles, 500 feet at 1.8 miles and 300 feet at one mile. The mishap aircraft was 500 feet at three miles, 300 feet at 1.8 miles and 150 feet at one mile," the colonel said.

Additionally, the aircraft commander failed to give a complete approach briefing that would have included non-standard factors, configuration, landing distance and missed approach intentions. While this was not considered a cause, it was determined to be a contributing factor to this mishap by the board.

"Had a full briefing occurred, it is possible the other pilots or flight engineers would have further discussed these factors, leading to a safe return to Dover AFB," said Colonel Torres.

All 17 people on board the C-5 survived the crash, but three crewmembers were seriously injured when the aircraft stalled, hit a utility pole and crashed into a field about a mile short of the runway. The other passengers and crewmembers sustained minor injuries and were treated and released from local hospitals.

The aircraft was bound for Ramstein Air Base, Germany, and was carrying 105,000 pounds of replenishment supplies for the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility.

Command authorities will review the findings of the accident investigation board to determine what, if any, disciplinary actions will be taken. *(Compiled from staff and AMC News Service reports)*



Photo by Staff Sgt. Bryan Bouchard

## In Command

**Col. Ronald A. Rutland, 447th Air Expeditionary Group commander, addresses Airmen at a May 29 Memorial Day retreat ceremony at Sather Air Base, Iraq. More than 200 people showed up to honor servicemembers of days gone by. Colonel Rutland is deployed from Dover Air Force Base, where he commands the 512th Airlift Wing. The 447th AEG operates the primary aerial port for transient military aircraft entering and exiting Iraq.**

# Wing chaplain Air Force best

**1st Lt. Marnee A.C. Losurdo**  
512th AW Public Affairs

**H**is size 17 shoes are even harder to fill now that the Air Force named him the Outstanding Reserve Chaplain of the Year for 2005.

The 512th Airlift Wing's Lt. Col. John Groth earned the Air Force award which recognized him for his contribution to mission support, leadership in civic, cultural, or professional activities, and professional self-improvement.

"It's an honor to be recognized and to be able to lead such a great staff, said the 6-foot-7-inch chaplain, who joined the Air Force Reserve in 1987 and transferred from McGuire Air Force Base, N.J., to the 512th Airlift Wing in 1997.

Chaplain Groth contributes much of his success to his staff, he said.

The 512th AW Chapel Staff received the Ministry of Presence Award for 2003-2004, which was the seventh consecutive year the chaplain's office received an Air Force award.

This excellence was recognized by Chaplain (Col.) David Cote while assigned to the 436th Airlift Wing Chaplain Office at Dover Air Force Base from July 2004 to February 2006. The chaplain now works at the 81st Training Wing, Keesler Air Force Base, Miss.

"I'm happy I got the chance to work with John Groth," said Chaplain Cote. "I could never have found another chaplain who felt his calling so deeply, knew his people so well, and worked his job so hard."

Chaplain Groth and his staff frequently



Photo by 1st Lt. Marnee A.C. Losurdo

**512th Airlift Wing Chaplain (Lt. Col.) John Groth, shakes hands with Hailey, the 3-year-old daughter of Staff Sgt. John Saffold, 326th Airlift Squadron, during a visit to the 512th Operations Group. The Air Force named Chaplain Groth the Outstanding Reserve Chaplain of the Year for 2005.**

assisted the 436th AW Chaplain staff in the "Holy Roller" flightline truck ministry, taking the 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. shift.

The 512th AW Chapel staff offers a service during the A-Team Unit Training Assembly, but Chaplain Groth also guest preaches for the three active-duty Sunday services when the active-duty chaplains are away. He also offers counseling to unit members and leads a men's fellowship on Tuesdays during lunch.

Chaplain Groth is currently mobilized, but in civilian life he works for the Priority One Foundation, a men's ministry. His skill and expertise he developed in civilian

ministry was used by the 436th AW Chapel Staff to teach marriage and relationship seminars, he said.

"I loved doing those seminars as they make such a positive impact on the couples who attend," he said. "It's rewarding to see that kind of change in people's lives."

Chaplain Cote said he agrees.

"He's a superb speaker and teacher," he said. "Great talent, great gifts, great personality, great giver of his time and caring – and a great height too, come to think of it. He's probably the chaplain I'll remember the best when I get old and grey, and that's due to happen very shortly."

Being a chaplain is a great job, said Chaplain Groth.

"The Air Force pays me to be me, get people to laugh and smile, and feel safe enough to talk to me about issues they may be encountering in their lives."

That's exactly why Chaplain Groth has won the hearts and minds of his wing, said Col. Ronald A. Rutland, 512th AW commander.

"In my entire career never have I seen one chaplain hold the love and respect that the 512th Airlift Wing members have for our chaplain," the commander said.

**“He’s a superb speaker and teacher. Great talent, great gifts, great personality, great giver of his time and caring – and a great height, too, come to think of it. He’s probably the chaplain I’ll remember the best when I get old and grey ...”**

**Chaplain (Col.) David Cote**  
81st Training Wing, Keesler Air Force Base, Miss.

# READY TO RUMBLE?

## HURRICANE CATEGORIES

- **Category 1:** Wind speeds approach 74 - 95 mph with storm surges of four to five feet
- **Category 2:** Wind speeds range from 96 - 110 mph with storm surges of six to eight feet
- **Category 3:** Wind speeds range from 111 - 130 mph with storm surges of nine to 12 feet
- **Category 4:** Wind speeds range from 131 - 155 mph with storm surges of 13 to 18 feet
- **Category 5:** Wind speeds greater than 155 mph with storm surges over 18 feet

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration predicts an 80-percent chance of an above-normal hurricane season, so it's important for families to be prepared. Hurricane season is from June through November with peak months August and September. Hurricanes consist of winds exceeding 74 miles per hour, accompanied by intense rain, dangerously high tides and possible flooding. Use the following information, provided by the National Hurricane Center and the American Red Cross, to make sure you're ready.

## SHELTERS & STATIONS

- Hurricane shelters for Eagle Heights Family Housing include Dover Air Force Base Middle School, Caesar Rodney Junior and High schools and Dover High School.
- Hurricane shelters for Eagle Meadows Family Housing include Allen Frear Elementary School, Caesar Rodney Junior and High schools and Dover High School.
- The primary emergency broadcast and alerting stations are: 94.7 FM and 1410 AM for Kent County; 93.7 FM and 1150 AM for New Castle County; and 93.5 FM and 900 AM for Sussex County.

## FAMILY DISASTER PLAN

- Discuss the type of hazards that could affect your family. Know your home's vulnerability to storm surge, flooding and wind.
- Locate a safe room or the safest areas in your home for each hurricane hazard. In certain circumstances, the safest areas may not be in your home, but within your community.
- Determine escape routes from your home and places to meet. These should be measured in tens of miles rather than hundreds of miles.
- Have an out-of-state friend as a family contact, so all your family members have a single point of contact.
- Make a plan now for what to do with your pets if you need to evacuate.
- Post emergency telephone numbers by your phones and make sure your children know how and when to call 911.
- Check your insurance coverage – flood damage is not usually covered by homeowners insurance.
- Take First Aid, CPR and disaster

- preparedness classes.
  - Stock non-perishable emergency supplies and a Disaster Supply Kit.
  - Use a NOAA weather radio. Remember to replace its battery every six months, as you do with your smoke detectors.
  - NOAA Weather Radio is a nationwide network of radio stations broadcasting continuous weather information direct from a nearby National Weather Service office. NWR broadcasts National Weather Service warnings, watches, forecasts and other hazard information 24 hours a day. NWR covers all 50 states, adjacent coastal waters, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the U.S. Pacific Territories. NWR requires a special radio receiver or scanner capable of picking up the signal. Broadcasts are found in the public service band at these seven frequencies (MHz):
- |         |         |         |         |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 162.400 | 162.425 | 162.450 | 162.475 |
| 162.500 | 162.525 | 162.550 |         |

## DISASTER SUPPLY KIT

- Water: at least one gallon daily per person for three to seven days
- Food: at least enough for three to seven days
  - Non-perishable packaged or canned food, juices
  - Foods for infants or the elderly
  - Snack foods
  - Non-electric can opener
  - Cooking tools, paper plates, plastic utensils and fuel
- Blankets, pillows, etc.
- Clothing: seasonal, rain gear, sturdy shoes
- First aid kit, medicine, prescription drugs
- Special items for babies and the elderly
- Toiletries, hygiene items, moisture wipes
- Flashlight and batteries
- Radio: battery operated and NOAA weather radio
- Cash: banks and ATMs may not be open or available for
- Keys
- Toys, books and games
- Important documents in a waterproof container
- Insurance, medical records, bank account numbers, Social Security card, etc.
- Tools - keep a set with you during the storm
- Vehicle fuel tanks filled
- Pet care items
  - Proper identification, immunization records, medications
  - Ample supply of food and water
  - Carrier or cage
  - Muzzle and leash

### Preparing for a hurricane is as easy as 1, 2, 3

#### BEFORE A HURRICANE

- 1) Before Hurricane Season starts:
- Assemble your Disaster Supply Kit (see above right). These items are often scattered around your home and simply need to be brought together into one location.
  - Write out your Family Disaster Plan (see above). Discuss the possible hazards with your family. Determine if you are in an evacuation area. Identify an out-of-town family contact.

#### HURRICANE WATCH

- 2) When a Hurricane Watch Is Issued:
- Check your Disaster Supply Kit. Make sure nothing is missing. Determine if there is anything you need to supplement your kit. Replenish your water.
  - Activate your Family Disaster Plan. Protective measures should be initiated, especially those actions that require extra time.

#### HURRICANE WARNING

- 3) When a Hurricane Warning Is issued:
- Ready your Disaster Supply Kit for use. If you need to evacuate, you should bring your Supply Kit with you.
  - Use your Family Disaster Plan. Your family should be in the process of completing protective actions and deciding the safest location to be during the storm.

**A HURRICANE WATCH** issued for your part of the coast indicates the possibility that you could experience hurricane conditions within 36 hours. This watch should trigger your family's disaster plan, and protective measures should be initiated, especially those actions that require extra time such as securing a boat, leaving a barrier island, etc.

**A HURRICANE WARNING** issued for your part of the coast indicates that sustained winds of at least 74 mph are expected within 24 hours or less. Once this warning has been issued, your family should be in the process of completing protective actions and deciding the safest location to be during the storm.

# Upgraded C-5M makes maiden flight

Laura McGowan

Aeronautical Systems Center Public Affairs

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio -- Thirty-eight years after the C-5 Galaxy made its maiden flight on June 30, 1968, it marks another significant milestone.

At Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Ga., June 19, the upgraded C-5M made its first flight right on schedule.

A rollout ceremony for the first of 111 C-5Ms was held at the Marietta plant on May 16. The modernization promised a more powerful, yet quieter airplane.

"It's a big day for the Air Force, Air Mobility Command and the C-5 team. The C-5M will save more than \$20 billion. It pays for itself and then some," said Col. Kevin Keck, commander of the Aeronautical Systems Center's C-5 Systems Group.

The C-5 Systems Group oversees the aircraft's modernization process and supports the Air Force's modernization priorities while cutting costs.

"This new aircraft, unlike any other in the world, provides the United States with unmatched capability into the future and unmatched operational cost savings to enable the Air Force to divert operational savings to other high priority needs," said George Shultz, vice president, Lockheed Martin C-5 modernization program.

The new, commercially proven CF6 General Electric engine will deliver a 22 percent increase in thrust, a 30 percent shorter



Lockheed Martin photo

**A modernized version of the C-5 Galaxy, known as the C-5M, made its maiden flight at Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Ga., June 19. Upgrades to the venerable airlifter include new, more powerful engines; a modern cockpit with a digital, all weather flight control system, a new communications suite and enhanced navigation and safety equipment.**

take-off roll and a 38 percent higher climb to initial altitude, which will allow it to carry more cargo over longer distances.

The C-5 Avionics Modernization Program adds a modern cockpit with a digital, all-weather flight control system and autopilot, a new communications suite, flat panel displays and enhanced navigation and safety equipment to ease crew workload and enhance situational awareness.

"It's a one of a kind aircraft in strategic airlift with the ability to carry twice as much

cargo as other systems. It's a force multiplier," Colonel Keck said.

The C-5 has been used in every conflict since Vietnam, and this first flight marks another June milestone for the program and the Air Force since its June 1968 flight.

"This unique aircraft has provided the U.S. Air Force and our nation with an incredible capability since it first started supporting our country's strategic air mobility requirement to move massive amounts of cargo and troops," Mr. Shultz said.



Photo by 1st Lt. Marnee A.C. Losurdo

## Relay For Life

512th Airlift Wing members help set up tents for the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life at Polytech High School June 16 and 17. Relay For Life is an overnight event designed to celebrate cancer survivorship and raise money for cancer research. During the event, teams of people gather to take turns walking or running laps. Each team tries to keep at least one team member on the track at all times. According to American Cancer Society statistics, more than one million people are diagnosed with cancer each year. Approximately one out of every two American men and one out of every three American women will have some type of cancer at some point during their lifetime.



## Airmen can update duty history online at vMPF

Airmen are now responsible for reviewing their duty history and requesting changes, additions or deletions online through the virtual Military Personnel Flight.

Airmen can enter the vMPF by logging onto the Air Force Personnel Center's secure Web site where they can access their duty history under "Most Popular Applications" or "Self-Service Actions/Personal Data."

Each Airman will be responsible for justifying changes by providing supporting documentation. For information, read the story at <http://www.af.mil/news/story.asp?storyID=123020477>.

## Air Force launches civilian self-service modules

The Air Force will launch two self-service modules that will allow civilians to access their personnel information beginning June 1.

My Biz will provide civilian employees access and the ability to update information about themselves. My Workplace will provide military and civilian managers access to information about their staff.

For more information about My Biz and My Workplace contact your local civilian personnel flight or visit [ask.afpc.randolph.af.mil/main\\_content.asp?prods3=2469&prods2=264&prods1=44](http://ask.afpc.randolph.af.mil/main_content.asp?prods3=2469&prods2=264&prods1=44).

## AFRC patch mandatory Oct. 1

Air Force Reserve Command is in the process of making the wear of the AFRC patch mandatory on battle dress uniforms and flight suits for unit reservists and headquarters staffers.

These people, who include those assigned to the AFRC headquarters and the Air Reserve Personnel Center, can start wearing the patch now. Oct. 1 is the mandatory wear date.

The new patch policy does not apply to mobilization assistants, individual mobilization augmentees and full-time members of the Active Guard and Reserve assigned outside the command. (Courtesy AFRC News Service)

## Stolen VA records: Airmen urged to be vigilant

WASHINGTON -- Air Force officials are asking Airmen to stay extra vigilant in protecting their credit and themselves from identity theft in light of the recent theft of 26.5 million veteran's records from the home of a Department of Veterans Affairs employee in May.

The VA announced June 3 the stolen records might include personal information of people currently in the military, according to a VA news release. Initial findings from the VA indicated the personal information on about 50,000 active duty, National Guard and Reserve Airmen may have been involved.

As the two agencies compared electronic files, VA and the Department of Defense learned that personal information on as many as 1.1 million active-duty servicemembers, 430,000 National Guardsmen, and 645,000 members of the Reserve may have been included in the data theft, according to the VA release June 7.

The VA has received no reports that the stolen data has been used for fraudulent purposes. However, the VA is asking all veterans to carefully monitor bank statements, credit card statements and any statements relating to recent financial transactions.

Several resources are available for people to go to for more information. The VA has set up a special Web site at [www.firstgov.gov/veteransinfo](http://www.firstgov.gov/veteransinfo) and a toll-free telephone number, 800-FED-INFO or 800-333-4636, that feature up-to-date news and information on the data compromise.

The site offers tips on how to check credit reports, how to guard against identity theft and whom to call if an individual believes any fraudulent activity is occurring using his or her personal information.

The Air Force and Department of Defense are working closely with the VA to determine how many Airmen and other service members may be affected by the compromise of records. Airmen whose information has been compromised will be notified by the VA so

they can take the appropriate steps.

Tips on how to watch for suspicious activity include the following:

- Closely monitor bank and credit card statements for fraudulent transactions. Monitoring accounts online is the best way to detect fraud early.

- Individuals should place a 90-day fraud alert on their credit reports, which tells creditors to contact them before opening any new accounts or making any changes to existing accounts. This action may cause

some delays for individuals who are trying to obtain new credit.

- It is only necessary to contact one of three companies to place an alert. That company is then required to contact the other two. The three companies are

Equifax (800-525-6285, [www.equifax.com](http://www.equifax.com)); Experian (888-397-3742, [www.experian.com](http://www.experian.com)); and TransUnion (800-680-7289, [www.transunion.com](http://www.transunion.com)).

Once the fraud alert has been posted, individuals are entitled to free copies of their credit reports. Review these reports for inquiries from companies members haven't contacted or accounts they didn't open. The alert can be renewed after 90 days.

Airmen are advised to take the following steps if they discover fraudulent accounts or transactions:

- Contact the financial institution to close the fraudulent account(s) that have been tampered with.

- File a report with the local police department.

- File a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission by phone at 877-438-4338, online at [www.consumer.gov/idtheft](http://www.consumer.gov/idtheft), or by mail to Identity Theft Clearinghouse, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20580.

Additionally, Family Support Centers across the Air Force are prepared to assist anyone with questions regarding identity theft or similar financial concerns, Air Force officials said.

### Tips to detect fraud

Place a 90-day fraud alert on your credit report.

Call one of the following companies:

Equifax (800-525-6285, [www.equifax.com](http://www.equifax.com))

Experian (888-397-3742, [www.experian.com](http://www.experian.com))

TransUnion (800-680-7289, [www.transunion.com](http://www.transunion.com))

Additional tips can be found online at:

[www.militaryonesource.com](http://www.militaryonesource.com)

[www.privacy.ca.gov/sheets/cis3\\_english.htm](http://www.privacy.ca.gov/sheets/cis3_english.htm)

[www.co.boulder.co.us/da/consumer/idtheft.htm](http://www.co.boulder.co.us/da/consumer/idtheft.htm)

## Around the 512th

### Clergy Day in August

The 512th Airlift Wing is hosting Clergy Day Aug. 14 here. Reservists and civilians may nominate their clergy to receive a tour of the base, a flight on a C-5 Galaxy and an inside look of how chaplains operate in a deployed environment.

Nomination forms are available at the 512th AW Public Affairs Office and are due to PA July 10.

For more information, call PA at (302) 677-3485.

### Wing's Formal Ball set for November UTA

The 512th Airlift Wing Formal Ball is scheduled for the November UTA.

Individuals who are interested in helping on the planning committee, should contact Chief Master Sgt. Caroline Vennell via e-mail at [caroline.vennell@dover.af.mil](mailto:caroline.vennell@dover.af.mil).

### NCO Induction in August

The 3rd Annual NCO Induction is Aug. 5 at 2 p.m. at the Air Mobility Command Museum. Family is welcome to attend. The guest speaker is Capt. Cathy Milhoan, 512th Memorial Affairs Squadron.

### Vehicle registration

Reservists who need to register their vehicles can do so during Saturdays of the UTA from 10 a.m. until noon at the Visitor's Center at the main gate. Regular duty hours for the Visitor's Center are 6 a.m. to midnight Monday thru Friday.

### Air Show, Open House

Dover Air Force Base is hosting an Air Show and Open House Oct. 7-8. The U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds aerial demonstration team is scheduled to perform.



Photo by Jason Minto

### Fitness finale

**Capt. Kelly Turner counts sit-ups for Tech. Sgt. Brad Seymour during the 512th Airlift Wing Commander's Call sit-up contest at the base theater here June 11. Captain Turner and Sergeant Seymour, both with the 512th Operations Group, claimed the fitness titles for the women's and men's competitions. The winners received a sports gift package. 512th AW Vice Commander Col. David H. Wuest gave all of the contestants a wing coin for participating in the contest.**

### Public Affairs clearing authority to public

Air Force members and employees are highly encouraged to contact Public Affairs before releasing statements, text or imagery to the public.

For more information, contact the 512th Airlift Wing PA Office at (302) 677-3485.

### 436th Airlift Wing offers children's summer camp

The 436th Airlift Wing is offering a free five day summer camp for Department of Defense children from the ages of 9 to 12. The camp starts July 31. The program, called Drug Education for Youth, is designed to teach children leadership and team work and give them the tools to resist drugs, gangs and alcohol.

The camp has two phases. Phase 1 is the camp and Phase 2 is a school-year mentoring program. For more information, contact unit first sergeants.

### Recognition for children of deployed Reserve, Guard

Our Military Kids is a new nonprofit organization whose mission is to ensure the children of deployed and severely injured Guard and Reserve personnel can afford to participate in activities such as youth sports, fine arts and tutoring programs.

When submitting an application, proof is required that the child's parent is either activated Guard or Reserve. Documentation also must be provided validating the amount of the grant request. For an application, visit [www.ourmilitarykids.org](http://www.ourmilitarykids.org).

### PT uniform required for CENTCOM deployments

Starting June 10, the only approved Physical Training uniform for Air Force members deploying to or traveling in the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility will be the official Air Force PT uniform.

The wear of civilian PT gear will no longer be allowed at CENTCOM locations. This requirement will apply to any Air Force member transiting the area of responsibility to include transient aircrew members. Airmen having difficulty obtaining the uniform can order it through the Army and Air Force Exchange Service Web site, according to Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command A1 manpower and personnel officials.

# 512th salutes

## Newcomers

The 512th Airlift Wing welcomes the following newcomers:

SMSgt Louis Martsof  
MSgt Marilyn Felix-Clarke  
TSgt Thomas Parker  
SSgt Benjamin Alfonso  
SSgt Rafael Gonzalez  
SSgt Anthony Reyes  
SSgt Areon Robinson  
SrA Stephanie Bruns  
SrA Lee Ellington  
SrA Christie Nixon  
SrA Christopher Walsh  
A1C Janelle Holloway  
A1C Raymond Judge  
A1C Kristina Lindquist  
A1C Jeffrey Lohrfink  
A1C Kimberly Ramsey  
AB Elizabeth Easter  
AB Latoya Jenkins

## Medals



### Meritorious Service Medal

CMSgt Larry Davis  
SMSgt James Huffman  
MSgt Virgil Clark  
MSgt Sandra Dent  
MSgt Thomas Giles

MSgt Barry Heuyard  
MSgt William Hewett  
MSgt Jeffray Jones  
MSgt Edwin Sullivan Jr.  
MSgt Roy Thurston  
MSgt Phillip Wright  
TSgt Timothy Harrington  
**AF Commendation Medal**  
Capt Jon Holland  
TSgt Steven Mason  
TSgt Lewis Rosebrooks  
SSgt Thomas Ragonese  
**AF Achievement Medal**  
TSgt James Baker  
SSgt Christopher Gordon  
SrA Dakaque Lewis

## Reenlistments

SMSgt Timothy Ward  
MSgt Mary Kokoszka  
MSgt Bernard London  
MSgt Sheila Palmer  
MSgt Stephen West  
TSgt Ryan Gallagher  
TSgt Gerry Lachance  
TSgt Jeffrey Smith  
SSgt Tamara Gay  
SSgt Alexis Rivera  
SrA Harold Herrschaft  
SrA William Slade



## Welcome Wagon

**Name:** Airman 1st Class Raymond Judg  
**Unit:** 46th Aerial Port Squadron  
**Duty Position:** Air Transportation  
**Civilian Occupation:** Student in massage therapy  
**Hometown:** Norfolk, Va.  
**Hobbies:** Swimming, cycling, drawing, surfing the Internet  
**Personal Goals:** To gain a doctorate in physical therapy and a licence in ministry

## PME Graduates

### Squadron Officer School

Capt Shirley Whitney

### Senior NCO Academy

MSgt Jeffrey Smith

MSgt Sheila Palmer

### NCO Academy

TSgt Gerald Tomarcus

TSgt Matthew Gippe

TSgt Michelle Anderson

TSgt Dale Coston, Jr.

### Airman Leadership School

SrA David Bushue

SrA Sara Link

SrA Ashley Husband

SrA Rachele Williamson

SrA Forrest Coleman

SrA Jennifer Wright

SrA Abbey Weston

SrA Jarrod Mariotti

SrA Shaun Dusara

SrA Loniel Lee

SrA Destiny Donigan

SrA Maria Cordova

SrA Sophia Knight

## Rock on!

TSgt Veronica A. Aceveda, an Air Reserve Technician in the 512th Airlift Wing Public Affairs Office, was named the Air Force Reserve Command Public Affairs Civilian of the Year. Congratulations!

## Retirements

Farewell to the following individuals:

MSgt Phillip Wright  
MSgt Bert Young  
TSgt Lezlie Eustis  
TSgt Lewis Rosebrooks

## Get One Now!

Congrats go to Capt Cathy Anderson, 512th Mission Support Squadron, and Amn Cynthia Walker, 512th Aerospace Medicine Squadron. These individuals referred a friend who joined the Air Force Reserve. Way to go!

## New Service dress prototypes

Right, Brig. Gen. Robert Allardice and Senior Master Sgt. Dana Athnos show off prototypes of the Hap Arnold heritage coat in the Pentagon. General Allardice is director of Airmen development and sustainment and Sergeant Athnos is a member of the Air Force uniform board. The Air Force Uniform Board is reviewing several prototypes that reflect a combination of ideas that have been gleaned from comments, suggestions and informal surveys conducted over the past several years. A more formal survey will offer additional opportunities to collect feedback on whether or not Airmen want a new service dress, and if so, what changes, likes, or dislikes they have about the prototypes. To look at additional proposed uniform designs, visit <http://www.af.mil/news/story.asp?storyID=123020472>.



Photo by Staff Sgt. C. Todd Lopez

*The Lighter Side*

**MATCH UP**

The Air Mobility Command is offering a Match Up contest again this year, which runs until Aug. 31. There are many chances to win prizes of \$100 to \$10,000.

Individuals get game pieces by attending various Services functions. There is also an additional chance to win a cruise for four, which will be given out to someone at Dover Air Force Base.

One hundred finalists will be chosen to compete for the final prize, which will be given out at the September NASCAR Social. Finalists must be present to win.

To play, visit <http://www.amcmatchup.com/home.aspx>.



Photo by Doug Curran

Heather McKinney, Miss Blue Gold and a Miss Delaware 2006 contestant, tries on an oxygen mask during a tour of a C-5 static display June 8. All 17 contestants came out that day as part of tour sponsored by USO Delaware. 512th Operations Group members escorted the contestants.



Photos by 1st Lt. Marnee A.C. Losurdo

**Taking Pride**

Pam Jackson, above, 512th Finance Office, pulls weeds out of a flower bed outside of Building 202, while Stanford Drummond, 512th Mission Support Squadron, gathers yard waste outside of Building 202 for disposal. The efforts were part of Pride Day June 2, when workers clean outside work areas.

# Employer Day: Reservists get chance to thank employers, show-case base, mission

512th AW Public Affairs report

**A**s you go through the mobility line, the seriousness of your job really comes to light. You get briefed on everything from how to inject yourself with anti-agents in the event of a chemical attack to how to prepare a last will and testament.

Next, as you load-up on the aircraft headed overseas far from family and friends, the reality of what you could be sacrificing for your country hits. Yet, as you watch the pilot's fly from the flight deck, you're impressed to be part of such a skilled team.

This is just what many employers will experience when they take part in the 512th Airlift Wing's annual Employer Appreciation Day. This event, scheduled for Sept. 9, is the perfect time to educate your employer about your service to our country. Let them see first hand just how important your contributions are to the success of the Air Force Reserve and to the defense of the United States.

In one action-packed day, your employer will have the opportunity to witness and experience the life of a reservist including a mock mobility line and a flight on a C-5 Galaxy. The itinerary is subject to change.

Reservists are encouraged to attend breakfast and lunch with their employers that day.

Please nominate only one person per form and return it to the 512th Public Affairs Office in Building 202, Room 202 or fax it to 677-2758 or send by mail to:

512 AW/PA  
202 Liberty Way  
Dover AFB, DE 19902-5202

Nomination forms are also available on the S-drive/PA/Employer Day 2006/Nomination Form.

Please keep in mind: Reservists do not need to confirm whether or not their employer can attend. On Aug. 6, when the nomination forms are due, the 512th PA will send out a formal invitation to your boss, who will in turn RSVP to the PA office by Aug. 25.



## Employer Appreciation Day 2006

**Nominations due to Public Affairs Aug. 6**

### Employer Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### Reservist Information

Rank & Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit & Duty Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Civilian Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be joining your boss for the luncheon? YES/NO  
(If yes, reservists must pay 512th PA before the event)

Will you be joining your boss on the C-5 flight? YES/NO

Fax the form to (302) 677-2758 or mail to 512th Airlift Wing Public Affairs, 202 Liberty Way, Room 202, Dover Air Force Base, Del. 19952-5202.

## UTA Schedule

	A Team	B Team
JUL	8-9	22-23
AUG	5-6	19-20
SEP	9-10	16-17
OCT	4-15	21-22
NOV	4-5	18-19
DEC	2-3	9-10
JAN	6-7	20-21
FEB	3-4	24-25
MAR	10-11	24-25
APR	7-8	14-15
MAY	5-6	19-20
JUN	9-10	23-24

**A-Team pays  
July 8-9**  
**B-Team pays  
Aug. 4**

**July UTA  
paydates**

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