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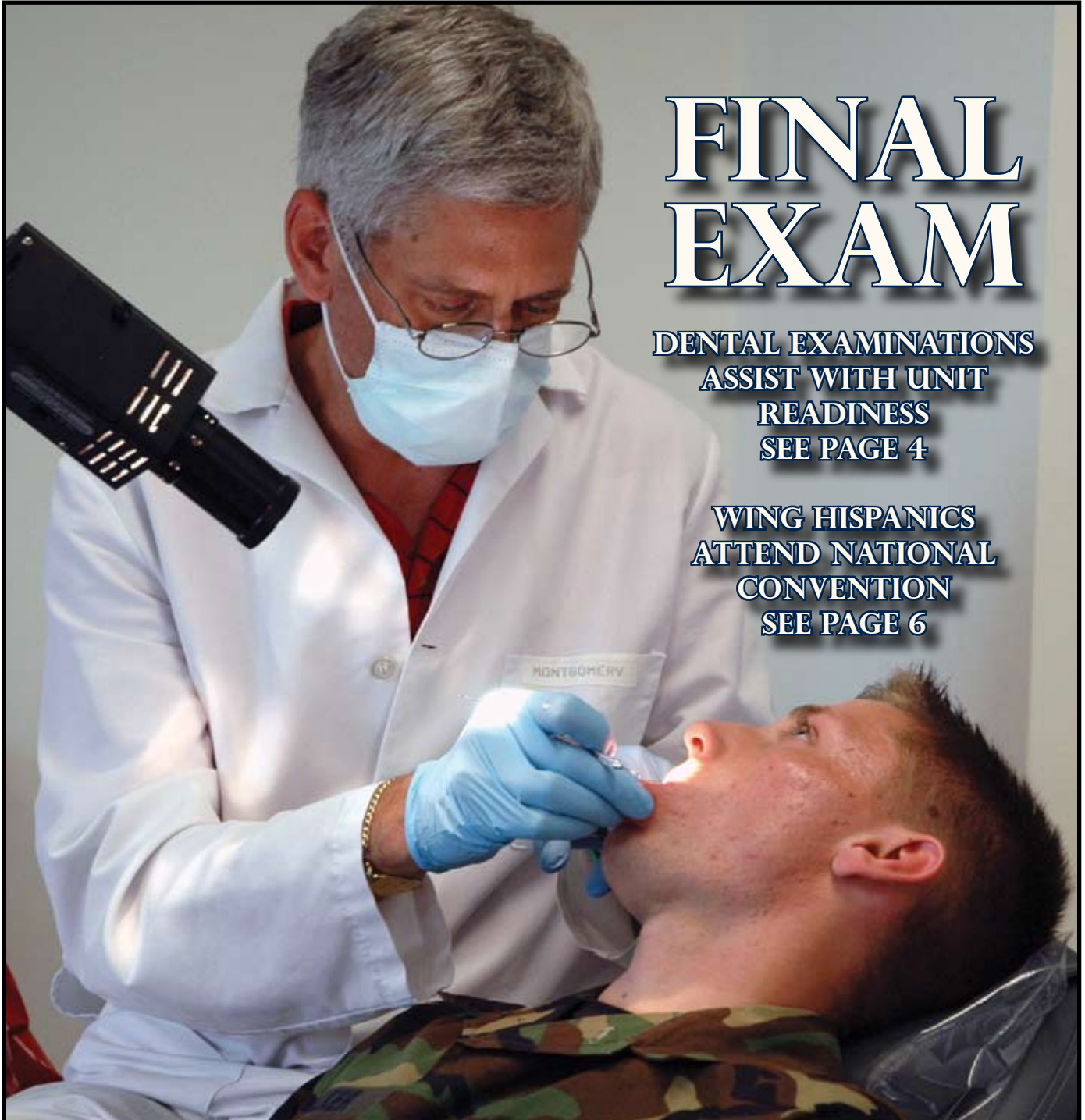
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Airman Basic Justin Walker, 512th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron crew chief, gets his teeth examined by Dr. Lawrence Montgomery, a contracted dentist with the Federal Strategic Health Alliance, or FEDS HEAL. He has been working with the program for almost four years. The dental team is visiting the wing again Aug. 5 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Now effects tomorrow:

We all need to plan for future

Chief Master Sgt. Caroline Vennell
512th AW command chief

Our leadership is planning now for what our mission requirements will be in the future. They have looked at where we are now and what needs to be done to close the gap between the two, and meet the future needs of the Air Force. This is a big undertaking but one they are methodically preparing for and looking forward to accomplishing.

Many of the recent changes you see happening now are based on this future plan, and we are doing what needs to be done to get ourselves ready to meet this goal. Lately, we have heard about force shaping, changes projected for our uniform wear and appearance and a lot of new ancillary training elements. These are all a part of preparing ourselves for our new requirements, being flexible and ready for whatever the Air Force needs.



Chief Vennell

The 512 Airlift Wing has always gotten the mission done, and we do it so much better than anyone else. I believe the main reason is because of dedicated people. We have the best and most experienced Reserve force. We know how to get the work done and how to work together as a team. We work hard, have fun doing this, and try to get the most bang for our buck.

We're always looking at different ways to conserve and save on our military budget by using these dollars wisely to accomplish our mission. I also think we do this so much better here at Dover.

Now, I have to ask the question, "Are we doing the same in our civilian lives?" Are we looking at our finances and using them as wisely as we should? Are we planning for our future and looking at where we are now and where we need to be in the future? What are we doing to close the gap? I have seen many people retire from the wing; some were ready and some were not. What they thought would be enough money to make ends meet was not, and they are now back in the civilian work force.

When I was growing up, my grandmother told me that for every dollar I received I should put one third into savings. Wow! I wish now I had done that at the time; but, since I was very young, I kept thinking I have plenty of time - I'll start later.

Everyone needs to plan for their future and start saving now. Use your Thrift Savings Plan for a tax deferred savings or open an IRA, but start now. Be careful of credit card debt. It's very easy to get over your head and very hard to get out of debt. Credit cards are a big temptation, but can

you really afford the cost? One rule of thumb is if you can pay for it in cash, then you can afford it, if not then you may want to rethink that purchase. Do I really need this or would it be nice to have?

I've seen members of our unit who were over their heads in credit card debt and in the process it had jeopardized their Air Force Reserve careers. Being in debt and mishandling your finances could put your

security clearance at risk and in some AF specialties you could lose your job without that clearance.

Everyone should have a budget, a savings plan and plan for their retirement; the earlier you start the better. Take advantage of the many benefits and free services while you are in the Reserve. Our 512th Legal Office can assist you with a power of attorney and a will; the wing's Education Office can assist you with getting your Community College of the Air Force or other college degree, and the Family Support Center has several programs to assist you and your family.

I've found that if you go to www.militaryonesource.com you can find a huge amount of information and programs available to you. It's up to you to take advantage of the many available benefits.

You should be planning for the future; and, this means at home, at your civilian employment and in the Reserve. Don't set yourself up for failure, but plan for success and with careful planning, you and the Air Force Reserve will be ready for the future.

A reminder why the national anthem plays

Maj. Mike Stolt

97th Flying Training Squadron

SHEPPARD AIR FORCE BASE, Texas -- It was a hot Tuesday afternoon. I was leaving Bldg. 402 after updating my base vehicle sticker.

As I walked toward the double-glass doors leading to the parking lot, I encountered a small group of people standing just inside the door -- two Airmen, a civilian employee and a captain. As I reached for the door, the captain said, "You don't want to go out there right now."

I looked out and saw traffic stopped and several people standing in the hot July sun, gazing westward, some saluting, some standing at attention and some with their hands laid on their chests.

No, I don't really want to go out there right now. I looked at my watch -- 4:30 p.m.

I stood with the group that now numbered five. No one spoke. One Airman made a call on her cell phone, the other shifted his gaze back and forth between his shoes and the wall. The captain sifted through a folder of papers. The civilian and I watched through the glass doors as a technical sergeant stood at attention, saluting ... a sweat ring growing on his back. It seemed to go on forever.

The base loudspeakers squeaked out the last recorded notes of the national anthem. The cars rolled forward, the technical sergeant lowered his salute. The civilian

pushed our door open and walked out. The rest of us followed. When the heat hit me, I felt fortunate that my timing had kept me inside during the long ceremony.

I thought about that day for weeks. Images of the episode flashed through my mind as if I'd witnessed a crime -- the plate-sized sweat ring, the glow of the cell phone on the Airman's cheek, the civilian's hand resting on the door handle, the glare of the sun, the heat.

I recently read an article about the war on terror and learned that we average 2.35 Americans dead and 10 wounded every day in the area of responsibility. That day leapt back into my thoughts. A few hours of research helped me identify the date -- July 14, 2005.

On July 14, 2005, 23-year-old Cpl. Chris Winchester and 22-year-old Cpl. Cliff Mounce were killed when their vehicle was targeted by an improvised explosive device in Baghdad.

On that day, 21-year-old Pfc. Tim Hines Jr. died when an IED hit his Humvee.

On that day, 34-year-old Staff Sgt. Tricia Jameson was killed by a secondary IED while she was treating a victim of the primary IED. She, Chris Winchester and Cliff Mounce all died in Trebil. We can assume she was treating Chris, Cliff or another in their group. She volunteered to go to Iraq and had been in-country three weeks.

On that day, four American Soldiers died

in Iraq and numerous others were wounded.

On that day, four families were plunged into mourning.

On that day, I flew one sortie, sifted through e-mail, updated my base vehicle sticker and hid from the heat behind a door.

Why does it matter that I avoided participating in retreat? Some may think it's silly symbolism, that it's not real. An aircraft is real. A computer, a vehicle sticker -- they're real.

I believe that anything that you allow to move you, or that inspires those around you to search their hearts, is as real as the bomb that tore Chris Winchester's body apart last summer. Anything that forces an entire base to stop and listen to their thoughts for a while is real. Anything that causes you to pause and acknowledge that American Soldiers may be under fire as you listen to the national anthem is real.

As we five stood inside that doorway, the Soldiers killed and wounded that day may have been bleeding, screaming and dying in the sand.

If my timing is ever again as perfect as it was that day, I'll be prepared. I'll be ready with, "Yes, I do want to go out there right now." You may not come with me, but I'll bet you think about it for weeks.

If I had stepped outside to pay respect to the flag and to the four Soldiers who died that day, how long would it have taken?

One minute and 28 seconds.

Solemn Retreat

Col. Willie W. Cooper II, 512th Maintenance Group commander, led a flight of 512th Airlift Wing members to perform retreat July 7. He is standing between Senior Master Sgt. Chris Dunn, 512th Program Office, and Chief Master Sgt. Caroline Vennell, 512th AW command chief master sergeant.



Photo by Airman 1st Class James Bolinger

Dental exams help ensure unit readiness

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

A dental team with the Federal Strategic Health Alliance, or FEDS_HEAL, provided dental examinations to 80 Liberty Wing reservists July 8 at the 512th Aerospace Medicine Squadron here.

“The goal is to have a good report on dental readiness,” said Col. Vincent Floryshak, 512th Aerospace Medicine Squadron chief of dental services.

In order to deploy, reservists have to be trained, fit and medically qualified. Part of being medically qualified is having good oral health, said Colonel Floryshak. The Department of Defense requires reservists to have an annual dental examination. This year the 512th Airlift Wing had 380 reservists who were not dentally qualified for duty, because they hadn’t fulfilled this obligation.

The most common reason reservists give for not getting their annual dental exam is the cost, said Chief Master Sgt. Fred Traute, 512th Equipment Maintenance Squadron superintendent, who tracks his unit’s dental compliance rates.

This can be due to the member not having insurance or their insurance doesn’t cover all of the cost of the exam and X-rays, which can run up to \$300 and doesn’t include the price of any corrective procedures, he said.

In the Air Force Reserve, a military dentist performs a dental exam on unit members every third year. During the two intervening years a dental exam is to be performed by a civilian dentist at the member’s own expense. If a reservist doesn’t fulfill this requirement, they can be medically profiled, which means they’re not able to earn pay or points towards retirement, said Colonel Floryshak.

It’s not just a 512th AW issue but an Air Force Reserve Command issue, said the colonel. To alleviate this issue, AFRC brought in the FEDS_HEAL program to complete mass dental examinations at various Reserve units, which included the Liberty Wing. FEDS_HEAL was created when the DoD discovered that the effect of poor dental health and other medical problems could prevent reservists and guardsmen from being activated or deployed, according to



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

Dominika Pawlikowska, a Philadelphia dental hygienist with the the Federal Strategic Health Alliance, or FEDS_HEAL, prepares Senior Airman Blake Bufogle, 512th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron crew chief, for dental X-rays. The X-ray machine, connected to a computer, takes a dental X-ray, transmits it to the computer and is printed for reservists. FEDS_HEAL is visiting the wing again Aug. 5 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. FEDS_HEAL is a partnership between the Federal Occupational Health, Veterans Health Administration and a network of private providers. Their goal is to equip reservists with improved access to medical services.

the FEDS_HEAL Web site.

“During our last activation, we had several 512th Airlift Wing members we couldn’t deploy, because they had dental problems,” said Col. David H. Wuest, 512th AW vice commander. “That’s why the FEDS_HEAL visit was so important, because it not only assisted reservists in obtaining their annual exams but helped the wing maintain its readiness.”

FEDS_HEAL is a partnership between the Federal Occupational Health, Veterans Health Administration and a network of private providers. Their goal is to equip reservists with improved access to medical services, according to the FEDS_HEAL Web site. Some of the services provided include physical examinations, immunizations, HIV screenings, vision screening, lab work and dental examinations, which was the case for

the 512th AW.

The dental team performing the mass examinations at the wing consisted of a dentist, dental assistant, computer technician and an X-ray technician.

“Basically, we bring a dental office to the site and everything is digital,” said Dr. Lawrence Montgomery, the contracted dentist with the FEDS_HEAL program. “We do digital X-rays, perform a dental exam in less than 10 minutes and file the FEDS_HEAL paperwork.”

Currently, the dental team is scheduled to visit the wing again Aug. 5 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

“The medical squadron is working at 100 percent capacity and anything to help bring down the amount of reservists who do not have a dental exam on file is greatly appreciated,” he said.

TRICARE dental program tidbits

The TRICARE Dental Program is the only dental plan sponsored by the Department of Defense for National Guard and Reserve members and their families. United Concordia Companies, Inc., administers the dental program.

Listed below are some facts about the program.

- Government-shared cost-shares and premiums ensure reservists get the most coverage for minimal out-of-pocket costs. Costs are as low as \$10.51 per month.

- Under the TDP, examinations and cleanings are covered at 100 percent when members use one of the network dentists. Fillings, crowns, bridges, root canals and orthodontics are also covered.

- The TDP offers continuous dental coverage throughout the sponsor's changing status—from inactive to active duty. When the sponsor is activated, family members will enjoy reduced monthly premiums.

- Family member enrollment is not dependent on the sponsor's enrollment. Family members can enroll at any time.

- TDP participating dentists will complete the DD Form 2813 - necessary for TDP-enrolled National Guard and Reserve forces in documenting member dental health - at no additional cost.

- If TDP members have other dental insurance, United Concordia will coordinate benefits between the two dental plans.

- There are three enrollment options - online, by mail or by fax.

- For more information, visit: <http://www.tricaredentalprogram.com/tdptws/info/reservists.jsp>.

TRICARE Reserve Select offers health coverage for reservists

TRICARE Reserve Select is a premium-based health coverage plan for reservists and their families.

The plan now has three eligibility tiers available to qualifying members. TRS Tier 1 is the original TRS plan, which is only for reservists who served on active duty orders for contingency. For every 90 days of active duty served on contingency, reservists are eligible to purchase up to one year of TRICARE benefits at 28 percent of the total premium.

TRS Tier 2 and 3 are new programs. Reservists did not have to serve on active duty orders for contingency to be eligible for these tiers. However, to qualify for Tier 2 the member must be eligible for unemployment compensation, be self-employed, or work for an employer who does not offer health insurance. The members cost share for this tier is 50 percent of the total premium.

For reservists who do not qualify under the Tier 1 and 2 options, they may purchase coverage for themselves and their families under Tier 3. The members cost share for this tier is 85 percent of the total premium.

Members must act quickly to enroll for Tiers 2 and 3.

All TRS tiers require the member to commit to service in the Selected Reserve for the period of TRS coverage by executing a written agreement in the form of a DD Form 2895 on the Guard-Reserve Portal at <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/Guard-ReservePortal> for TRICARE Reserve Select. For more information, visit <http://www.tricare.osd.mil/reserve/reserveselect/index.cfm>.

Visiting Baghdad

Delaware Sen. Joseph Biden meets with Col. Ronald A. Rutland, 447th Air Expeditionary Group commander, and Maj. Laura Soule, a Delaware native, after landing at Baghdad International Airport in Iraq July 7. Colonel Rutland is the commander of the 512th Airlift Wing at Dover Air Force Base while Maj. Soule is the security forces commander at the airport and is deployed from McConnell AFB, Kan. Maj. Soule received her appointment to the Air Force Academy in Colorado from the Senator in 1987. For admission to the Air Force Academy, candidates must first be nominated for appointment by a U.S. Congressman, Senator, or the Vice President of the United States.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Bryan Bouchard

Reservists represent wing Hispanics at convention

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

In efforts to encourage diversity and community outreach, two 512th Airlift Wing members attended a Hispanic convention and exposition June 26 to July 1.

Tech. Sgt. Miguel Silva, 512th Component Maintenance Squadron, and Senior Airman Della Miller, 512th Aerospace Ground Equipment, attended the 77th Annual League of United Latin American Citizens National Convention and Exposition in Milwaukee, Wis.

The conference highlighted Hispanic and Latin Americans' contributions to America and some of the problems Hispanic communities are facing such as immigration, the voting rights act and education for Hispanic youth, said Airman Miller who is Mexican American and was born and raised in Fort Worth, Texas.

She is a member of the largest minority group in the country, comprising 14.2 percent of the population, or about 40 million, according to 2004 U.S. Census Bureau statistics. African Americans comprise 12.2 percent of the population, or about 35 million people.

The 512th AW Human Resources Development Council sponsored the Airmen who attended the convention.

"One of the missions of the HRDC is to expose our Reserve personnel to unique training, developmental, mentoring and community outreach opportunities," said Col. David H. Wuest, 512th AW vice commander and HRDC chair. "This was a great way to educate our Airmen and the wing."

Airman Miller is an HRDC representative for her unit, and said she jumped at the chance to

attend the convention.

"This experience has opened my eyes to the needs of the Hispanic community," said Airman Miller who's been a member of the AGE shop for almost four years. During the week, she works for Delaware Hospice as a referral liaison, assisting terminal patients in receiving medical care and support.

LULAC formed in 1929 in Corpus Christi, Texas, advocates equal opportunity for Hispanics in government, law, education and business, according to the LULAC Web site. Each year, more than 10,000 people attend the convention, which gathers the organization's national delegates to discuss issues, set policies and elect the organization's national leaders. It also sponsors career development workshops and seminars as well as hosts a career fair, college fair and youth conferences.

During the convention, Airman Miller got the chance to escort middle school-aged children around the career fair, she said. The agenda was to introduce the children to positions available in the federal government.

She also attended several seminars and said she was inspired by speakers such as Delores Huerta, a labor leader and social activist, Reverend Jesse Jackson and Medal of Honor recipient Army Cpl. Rudy Hernandez, who received the medal for his actions during the Korean War.

"This was a wonderful experience for me," she said. "I had the opportunity to share good things about my experience with the U.S. Air Force Reserve and hear stories from people who've made history by being courageous and beating the obstacles that stood in their way."



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

Senior Airman Della Miller, 512th Aerospace Ground Equipment, tightens a bolt on a B-1 stand, which is used by crew chiefs when working on the aircraft. The 512th Airlift Wing selected her and Tech. Sgt. Miguel Silva, 512th Component Maintenance Squadron, to attend the 77th Annual League of United Latin American Citizens National Convention and Exposition in Milwaukee, Wis.



Courtesy photo

Senior Airman Della Miller escorted several middle school-aged children around a career fair designed to introduce children to positions available in the federal government during the League of United Latin American Citizens National Convention and Exposition.

Something Bugging You?

Base officials offer tips to avoid tick bites, Lyme disease

Master Sgt. Walter Hearon was enjoying a picnic at Eagles Nest with his son and other boy scouts from their troop. He and his son had just finished shooting at the base's archery range. His son decided to take a short cut through some tall grass to rejoin the group. Later, six ticks were found on the boy and one had bitten him.

Lyme disease is a serious disorder transmitted by ticks. In 2004, more than 380 people in Delaware tested positive for the Lyme disease. Eighty-three of those cases were in Kent County. Since the beginning of 2006, more than 620 people in Delaware have tested positive for the disease, with an estimated 15 to 26 percent in Kent County.

For more information about ticks or Lyme disease, call Public Health on base at (302) 677-2564.
(Courtesy 436th Aeromedical-Dental Squadron)

Tick facts:

- Ticks are related to mites, spiders and scorpions.
- Most adult ticks are the about the size of a sesame seed.
- Ticks do not have wings and can't jump. Instead, they climb up on long blades of grass or low lying brush and attach themselves to unsuspecting passersby.
- Ticks are also noted for crawling underneath clothing, hiding in a person's hairline and also attaching to skin.
- Some ticks can detect humans from up to 18 feet away.
- Officials suggest that if you find a tick, use a pair of tweezers to grasp the tick's head as close to the skin as possible without crushing it and pull it directly out.
- Do not remove ticks with petroleum jelly, alcohol or hot objects such as matches or cigarettes.
- Once a tick is removed, it can be delivered in a plastic bag or container to the Public Health office in Building 300. Public Health officials will send the tick to a laboratory for identification and testing for Lyme disease.

Symptoms of Lyme disease:

A person may experience these early symptoms three days to one month after being bitten.

The disease can be carried by Deer Ticks (left) and affects the joints, heart and nervous system.



- Symptoms include: headache; chills and fever; muscle and joint pain; and, a red rash resembling a bull's-eye.

Symptoms of Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever:

- There have been no confirmed cases in Delaware since 2003. The disease can be carried by Dog Ticks (right).
- Symptoms include: spotted rash; high fever; chills; and, a severe headache.



Protecting yourself:

- Personal repellents containing the active ingredient 'DEET' effectively repels ticks.
- Officials also recommend wearing light-colored socks and pants to help spot ticks.
- Spray pant cuffs and socks with repellent then tuck pants into socks and your shirt into your pants to reduce the risk of ticks getting under clothing.
- Outdoor adventurers should also examine themselves, their children and pets daily for ticks.
- When outdoors, stay in open spaces or on well maintained trails, away from heavily wooded areas, high grassy areas and standing water; these are areas where ticks lie in wait for unsuspecting people.
- Keep lawns well maintained, and rake leaves away from your home.



Stolen VA laptop turned in to FBI

Steven Donald Smith

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON -- The stolen Department of Veterans Affairs laptop computer and hard drive containing the personal information of more than 26 million veterans were turned in to the FBI June 29, the Veterans Affairs secretary said before Congress June 30.

Reports indicate that the FBI has made a preliminary determination that data contained on the computer and hard drive had not been accessed.

There have been no reports of identity theft or other criminal activity related to the stolen computer, R. James Nicholson told the House Veterans Affairs Committee. He added that the VA would still honor its promise of free credit monitoring for a year.

An unnamed individual turned over the laptop and hard drive to FBI officials in Baltimore. No one is in custody at this time, officials said.

For the latest information, visit: <http://www.firstgov.gov/veteransinfo.shtml#happened>.

Civilians sign commander review on performance reports

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. – In the Air Force's current climate of shared leadership, civilians are finding new opportunities to fill positions that have historically been held by military officers.

One indication of this shift was a change in Air Force policy in June. Civilians designated to lead units, excluding flight commanders, are now authorized to sign the commander review block on enlisted performance reports.

The Air Force did not change its policy on requiring first sergeants to review enlisted performance reports.

Officials said the Air Force will publish an interim change to Air Force Instruction 36-2406, Officer and Enlisted Evaluation Systems, to reflect the change in policy.

(Air Force Reserve Command News Service)

New Airman battle uniform ready, available in 2007

Master Sgt. Mitch Gettle

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON -- The new Airman battle uniform is ready for production and will be available in fiscal 2007, said the Air Force deputy chief of staff of personnel.

Many factors were considered in developing the final uniform selection, with concern for Airmen being at the top of the list, said Brig. Gen Robert R. Allardice.

"We were looking for a uniform that would be easier to maintain," he said. "We wanted to provide a uniform that the Airmen wouldn't need to spend a lot of out-of-pocket expenses to maintain."

Also, Airmen's feedback throughout the process was beneficial in adding new pockets on the uniform.

"We listened to the Airmen's requests where they wanted pockets to hold small tools and when they wear body armor the existing shirt pockets are not accessible or usable," General Allardice said. "It will have the four pockets on the front of the shirt and also a small pencil pocket on the left forearm and two pockets on the lower legs. In addition, inside the side pockets and inside of the breast pockets there will be smaller sewn-in pockets to hold small tools, flashlights or cell phones."

The new uniform design is a pixilated tiger stripe with four soft earth tones consisting of tan, gray, green and blue. The ABU will have a permanent crease and will be offered in 50-50 nylon-cotton blend permanent press fabric, eliminating the need for winter and summer weight uniforms.

Will the new ABU need to be starched and pressed? "Absolutely not," General Allardice said. "Our uniform requirement is we want a uniform that you wash, pull it out of the dryer and wear it. This requirement meets the ease and cost effectiveness needs in maintaining a uniform."

He added that in the long run it will save Airmen money on dry cleaning costs.

The fit of the uniform was also a concern for Airmen.

"We're making them available in more sizes to fit the body better," he said. "We've taken the time to produce more sizes and tailored them for men and women."

Some other ABU accessory items:

* A tan T-shirt will be worn; Airmen will be required to maintain one tan T-shirt with an Air Force logo on the front and "Air Force" written on the back.

* Suede cowhide boots in matching green-gray color; like the desert boot, these will be polish-free and available in men's and women's sizes.

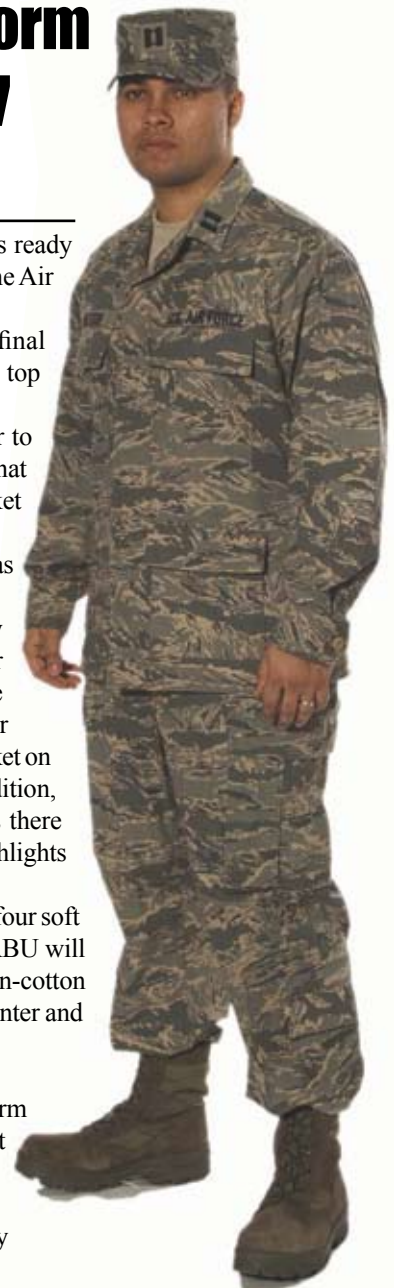
* The word color for the name "U.S. Air Force" and rank is midnight blue; nametapes and rank insignia background will be tan and will be sewn on using a matching tan-colored thread.

* The ABU adopts the battle dress uniform hat style for primary use, and the floppy hat design will be used in some deployed areas.

"This is the uniform of the future," General Allardice said. "Eventually, when enough of these uniforms are manufactured, we will phase out the BDU and desert combat uniforms."

The current projected mandatory wear date for the new ABU is fiscal year 2011.

The only thing that needs to be determined is if patches will be worn, and the Air Force chief of staff will make that determination soon, General Allardice said.



U.S. Air Force photo illustration

Around the 512th

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.

Open House Oct. 7-8

Dover Air Force Base is hosting an Open House Oct. 7-8. The U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds are scheduled to perform.

New education benefit

The Reserve Educational Assistance Program is a new education benefit available to reservists who were activated for at least 90 days after Sept. 11, 2001.

For payment rates, visit http://www.gibill.va.gov/GI_Bill_Info/rates.htm.

Visit the VA website to learn more: www.gibill.va.gov.

Tuition assistance to be requested online

In October reservists will have to request Reserve Tuition Assistance online via the Air Force Virtual Education Center Web site. Members will need to obtain access to the Air Force Portal to access the AFVEC site.

The Web site is member's one-stop shop for education related matters. Members can view their Community College of the Air Force Progress Report, order personal and official CCAF transcripts, access testing study guides, Veteran Affairs and Professional Military Education information, and will be able to request Tuition Assistance.

Until the Web site is implemented, members should contact the 512th Airlift Wing Education and Training Office to request Tuition Assistance at (302) 677-3517 or (302) 677-3516.

USO Anniversary

USO Delaware will be celebrating its 15th Anniversary by hosting a USO Gala at Dover Downs Hotel and Conference Center Nov. 18.

They are looking for volunteers who can work this event.

To sign up, members may e-mail 512th Airlift Wing Command Chief Master Sgt. Caroline Vennell at caroline.vennell@dover.af.mil or call her at (302) 677-5123.

Volunteer opportunity

The Central Delaware Habitat for Humanity is looking for individuals wishing to volunteer several different skills and services to help with a build site in Smyrna Aug. 26.

For more information about food preparation opportunities to provide lunch for 30-50 people, call Wendy Schilling at (302) 284-3423 or cansodak@aol.com.

For more information about volunteering construction skills, call Master Sgt. Thomas Scheving at 677-5264 or Thomas.scheving2@dover.af.mil.

Bone marrow drive

There will be a bone marrow drive Sept. 9 at Dover Air Force Base. For information, call Tech. Sgt. Michael Minehold, 3rd Airlift Squadron, at (302) 677-3562.

Transition assistance

The Transition Assistance Program offers the following services for members of the Reserves who have served on tours of over 180 days of continuous active duty in support of a contingency.

This program is entitled Pre-separation Counseling. By law, all reservists must receive a DD Form 2648-1 counseling prior to release from active duty. The

Employer Day highlights base, reserve mission

The 512th Airlift Wing's annual Employer Appreciation Day is scheduled for Sept. 9.

Employers 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.

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.

For information, call 512th AW Public Affairs at (302) 677-3485.

Employer Appreciation Day

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

program includes employment assistance; education and training; health and life insurance; finances including unemployment compensation and financial assistance; Veteran Affairs benefits; Servicemembers' Civil Relief Act; and individual transition plans.

The Transition Assistance Program partners three main agencies to provide assistance to military members. These agencies

include: The Department of Labor, which provides employment focused workshops, also known as TAP; Department of Veterans Affairs, which delivers Veterans benefit briefings and Disabled Transition Assistance Program information; and, the Department of Defense, which provides pre-separation counseling through the 512th Family Support and 436th Airman and Family Readiness staff.

512th salutes

Newcomers

The 512th Airlift Wing welcomes the following newcomers:

Capt Stephanie Holt
 TSgt Thomas Parker
 SSgt Lloyd Hawkins
 SSgt Robert Jones
 SSgt Jessica Lennon
 SSgt Laurie Lewis
 SSgt Anthony Rivera
 SSgt Gordon Speir
 SSgt Benjamin Vincent
 SrA Amanda George
 SrA Keith Harrold
 SrA Rhonda Moffett
 SrA Jessica Paugh
 SrA Abugail Roark
 SrA Ryan Scofield
 A1C Maribel Garcia
 A1C Cheryl Hudson
 A1C William Husfelt
 A1C Cassandra Oldacre
 A1C James Williams
 Amn Donnielle Carter



Promotions

To Senior Master Sergeant:
 SMSgt Tommy Rose

To Master Sergeant:
 MSgt Michelle Anderson
 MSgt Adam Black
 MSgt Linda Berry
 MSgt Kevin McClain
 MSgt Donald Meyer
 MSgt Lisa North
 MSgt Robert Prothero
 MSgt Laveil Ricks

To Technical Sergeant:
 TSgt Paul Gouge
 TSgt David Willey
 TSgt Jefery Wooten

To Staff Sergeant:
 SSgt Bernard Alexis
 SSgt David Bushue
 SSgt Alta Caldwell
 SSgt Thomas Chabi
 SSgt Forrest Coleman
 SSgt Moises Colon
 SSgt Shaun Dusara
 SSgt Candice Foxe
 SSgt Gregory Funk
 SSgt Latasha Gillis
 SSgt Christopher Hunsiker
 SSgt Rayshard Jones
 SSgt Loniel Lee
 SSgt Benedict Petraitis
 SSgt Domingo Sales
 SSgt Virginia Samuel
 SSgt Lavone Strong
 SSgt Abbey Weston

To Senior Airman:
 SrA John Danner
 SrA James Grove Jr
 SrA Kimberly Stackhouse
 SrA Andrew Toro
To Airman First Class:
 A1C William Elias
To Airman:
 Amn Thomas Cook
 Amn Justin Walker

Medals



Air Medal
 CMSgt Larry Davis
 MSgt John H. Elder III
 TSgt Henry D. Fortney II
 SrA Kristopher Mallory

Aerial Achievement Medal
 MSgt Timothy Feiring
 MSgt Curtis Hooper
 TSgt Enoch Coverdale
 TSgt Jeremy Lee
 TSgt David Huf
 TSgt Cathleen Simpler
 SSgt Jose Gonzalez
 SrA Jeremy Hanlon

Meritorious Service Medal
 Col William D. Stephens
 Lt Col Kenneth Bunting
 Lt Col John Harrington
 Maj Rolandrias Bradford
 Maj Theresa Cave
 CMSgt Stephen Smith
 SMSgt Rodney Brewer
 MSgt George Beck
 MSgt Donna Dial
 MSgt Lillian Nixon
 MSgt John Shortall

Commendation Medal
 SMSgt Edward Chong Qui
 MSgt Richard Biasi
 MSgt Seth Carrington
 MSgt Krystal Rhone
 TSgt Lezlie Eustis
 TSgt Arthur Gauani
 TSgt George Hudson
 TSgt Stephen Potts
 TSgt John R.M. Snarsky Sr.
 SSgt Bryan Hanggi
 SSgt Travis Olsen
 SSgt William Young

Achievement Medal
 MSgt Thomas Runyon
 TSgt Walter M. Dymowski Jr.
 SSgt Corey Diluzio
 SSgt Daniel Griffith
 SSgt Phillip Luke
 SSgt Joseph Therrien
 SSgt Michael Uriah
 SSgt Lynn Woods
 SrA Mark G. Cunningham II
 SrA David Younce



Welcome Wagon

Name: Senior Airman Abigail Roark
Unit: 512th Component Maintenance Squadron fuel systems repair technician
Civilian Occupation: Pre-Kindergarten teacher and full-time college student
Home Town: Eolia, Mo.
Hobbies: Reading, playing hockey, and anything to do with water sports and martial arts
Personal Goals: Getting a bachelor's degree in early childhood education and pursuing a master's degree and Ph.D.

Rock on!

Congratulations to the 512th Airlift Wing Airmen of the Second Quarter.

Airman:
 SrA Dawn Senido-Leitch,
 512th Memorial Affairs Squadron

NCO:
 TSgt Damion Madison,
 512th MAS

Senior NCO:
 MSgt David Finfinger,
 709th Airlift Squadron

Company Grade Officer:
 Capt Jason Pennypacker,
 326th Airlift Squadron

Civilian:
 Diana Oswell,
 512th Component Maintenance Squadron

Reenlistments

CMSgt William Eason
 SMSgt Rene Flores
 SMSgt Chales Hamlett
 SMSgt Ara Shishmanian
 SMSgt Lee Smith
 SMSgt Timothy Ward
 MSgt Angelo Caraballo
 MSgt Jessica Coker
 MSgt David Guentner
 MSgt Mary Kokoszka
 MSgt Bernard London
 MSgt Michael O'Neal
 MSgt Shelia Palmer
 MSgt Laveil Ricks
 MSgt Patricia Taylor
 MSgt William Taylor
 MSgt Eric Waters
 TSgt James Baker
 TSgt Steven Benson
 TSgt James Foster
 TSgt Marcus Gales
 TSgt Ryan Gallagher
 TSgt Jeffrey Smith
 TSgt David Orié
 TSgt Corey PennyPacker
 TSgt James White

SSgt Dennis Cyr
 SSgt Tamara Gay
 SSgt John Powell
 SrA Corlethia Marshai Charles
 SrA Gregory Hughes

Retirements

CMSgt Larry Davis
 MSgt Barry Heuyard
 MSgt Sandra Dent
 MSgt John Mack
 MSgt Edwin Sullivan
 MSgt Daniel Shilling
 MSgt Phillip Wright
 TSgt John Roney
 TSgt Lewis Rosebrooks
 TSgt Pamela Naugle
 TSgt Roger Wharton

PME Graduates

Congrats to the following graduates:

Senior NCO Academy
 MSgt Joseph Mogle

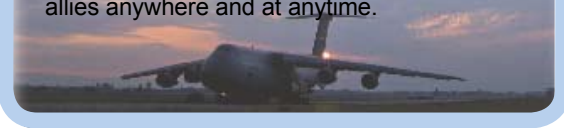
NCO Academy
 TSgt Eduardo Estradareyes
 TSgt David Huf

Airman Leadership School
 SrA Malcolm Walker
 SrA Sean Irvin
 SrA Mark Small
 SrA Duane Miles
 SrA Destiny Donigan
 SrA Abbey Weston

Do you know your 512th AW heritage?

Q The 512th Airlift Wing first began conversion to the C-5 Galaxy during June 1973. The wing activated here as the 512th Military Airlift Wing (Associate) July 1, 1973. Within three months, 512th AW crewmembers volunteered to man the new C-5 Galaxy aircraft into what warring nation?

A Israel. During the October 1973, Yom Kippur War, the 512th AW provided members to fill every crew position available on C-5 flights into the war zone. Observers were particularly impressed by the volunteer spirit of the reservists whose presence contributed to the success of Operation Nickel Grass. Additionally, the carrying capacity of the C-5 Galaxy aircraft further demonstrated the enhanced airlift capability of the new 512th MAW and its ability to support America and its allies anywhere and at anytime.





Courtesy photo

Three members from the 512th Airlift Wing play key positions for the Team Dover Football Club. The joint 512th and 436th AW team plays matches on Sundays at Schutte Park in Dover. 512th members on the team are, left to right, Senior Airman James Black, 512th Security Forces Squadron, Master Sgt. Bryan Ford, 512th Maintenance Group, and Maj. Louis Patriquin, 512th Operations Group.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Veronica Aceveda

Chief Master Sgt. Larry Davis, 326th Airlift Squadron, hugs his wife, Chief Master Sgt. Lynn Davis, who works for the Delaware Air National Guard in Wilmington, after his final flight in June. He retired July 8 with more than 30 years of service.

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. Some of the prizes include a \$3,000 cruise for four and \$500 travel gift certificates.

One hundred finalists will be chosen to compete for the final prizes, which will be given out at the Sept. 22 NASCAR Social. Finalists must be present to win.

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

Free tickets available to Wilmington Blue Rocks game

USO Delaware in conjunction with the Wilmington Blue Rocks are hosting "Military Appreciation Nights" Aug. 23 and 24.

Free tickets are available to active duty, reserve and guard members for 7:05 p.m. games versus the Myrtle Beach Pelicans at Daniel S. Frawley Stadium in Wilmington.

Col. Samuel Cox, 436th Airlift Wing commander, Col. David H. Wuest, 512th Airlift Wing vice commander, and Army Brig. Gen. Terry Wiley, Delaware National Guard, will toss out the first pitches over the course of the two evenings.

512th AW members must pick up tickets at the 512th AW Public Affairs Office, Building 202, Room 202.

Retirees and Department of Defense civilians do not qualify.

Transportation to each game will be the individual's responsibility.

Base talent contest

The Dover Air Force Base talent contest is Sept. 8 from 4 to 8 p.m. at The Landings. The contest is open to military personnel, family members and teens. There are several categories to participate in, and performances shouldn't exceed four minutes. Awards are for first and second place in each category.

For information, call (302) 677-3107.



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Left to right, civilian Kolsum Ballard, Staff Sgt. John Saffold, 326th Airlift Squadron, Staff Sgt. Derek Whiteaff, 512th Component Maintenance Squadron, and Staff Sgt. Steve Hippolyte 436th Medical Group, placed second in an armed services basketball tournament July 15.

Dover Warriors place in basketball tournament

A Dover Air Force Base team placed second in a 3-on-3 basketball tournament July 15 in Newport, R.I., where all armed services had teams entered for play.

The Dover Warriors won \$500. The team consisted of Staff Sgt. Derek Whiteaff, 512th Component Maintenance Squadron, Staff Sgt. Steve Hippolyte, 436th Medical Group, Staff Sgt. John Saffold 326th Airlift Squadron, and Kolsum Ballard, whose wife, Senior Airman Courtney Ballard, works at the 46th Aerial Port Squadron.

“There was some good talent out there,” said Sergeant Saffold. “We just wanted to see where we fit in compared to other bases. I didn’t realize Dover had so much talent here.”

Black Wall Street from Naval Weapons Station, Earle, N.J., won the first place prize of \$1,000. Third, with a \$250 prize, was Team PSD (Personal Support Detachment) at Naval Station Newport.

The free throw winner was Mr. Ballard. He made 10 out of 10 shots. *(Courtesy 512th Public Affairs)*

Dover Warriors team members Kolsum Ballard, left, and Staff Sgt. Steve Hippolyte, 436th Medical Group, play defense during a game against Team PSD (Personal Support Detachment) from Naval Station Newport during an all services basketball tournament July 15 in Newport, R.I. Mr. Ballard is the spouse of Senior Airman Courtney Ballard, 46th Aerial Port Squadron.

UTA Schedule

	A Team	B Team
AUG	5-6	19-20
SEP	9-10	16-17
OCT	14-15	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
JUL	7-8	23-24

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