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On the cover



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A C-17 Globemaster III from the 14th Airlift Squadron, Charleston Air Force Base, S.C., releases flares over the Atlantic Ocean near Charleston, S.C. Dover leadership broke ground at the future site of a C-17 simulator during a Sept. 11 ceremony.

What to expect during your Air Force Reserve career:

Be ready to make history

Col. Darrell G. Young
512th Operations Group commander

Are You Ready? Army Reserve Lt. Gen. Jack C. Stultz once said at a recent hearing in San Antonio, Texas, "Today's reservists must be prepared to rapidly deploy anywhere in the world and be ready to respond to both homeland defense and disaster relief contingencies."

General Stultz's comment got me to thinking about how much change there has been in the Reserve. Before Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm, the Air Force Reserve was essentially a training command. We came to work with a focus on training and running a unit. Since that time, we've been continually evolving into an operational command. The demands and types of missions we're called on to perform today would boggle the minds of reservists who served in the 1970s and 1980s. We've become interwoven with our active-duty counterparts, and there is no seam.

When people ask me if I think we will be activated again, I say, "Yes." When I see them start to wonder if I have some "inside knowledge," I add, "In today's environment, you better be ready to be called upon at any moment."

I think you know what I mean by "ready." Being ready is being current on your job training and ensuring mobility requirements are fulfilled, as well as all your other personal matters, including a solid family-care plan. One thing people sometimes forget is keeping your employer fully briefed and up to date on your status of possible deployment. Although we're seamless with the active duty, we still need to remember our employers must be prepared for our absence.

Why have we changed so much? We have evolved because the world situation has changed dramatically since the



Colonel Young

end of the Cold War. We need to be constantly ready now, because this country—and many other countries around the globe—need us. We have always worked the hardest when we are needed the most, and right now is one of those times. Is a great deal being asked of us? Yes, because a great deal is needed from us.

“What we are doing now will be recorded in the history books our grandchildren will learn from.”

Col. Darrell G. Young
512th Operations Group commander

What we are doing now will be recorded in the history books our grandchildren will learn from someday. You are making history every time you step on to the jet, launch another sortie or volunteer to deploy or augment the host base. Everyone assigned to this wing contributes to our story every day.

I hope you're proud of that contribution, because I know I am. Who knows, one day you might be able to help your granddaughter with her history homework.

Are you ready?



Groundbreaking makes it official: C-17s headed to Dover

2nd Lt. Nicole Langley
436th AW Public Affairs

Distinguished visitors from around the state gathered together with members of the Dover Air Force Base community Sept. 11 to celebrate the groundbreaking of a new C-17 training facility and the arrival of C-17 Globemaster III aircraft at Dover.

Though bittersweet because of the five-year anniversary of the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, the ceremony was a celebration of nearly a decade of work coming to fruition, and the beginning of a new era in Dover AFB's strategic airlift capability with the groundbreaking of a new C-17 Aircrew Training Facility.

The \$5.6 million, state-of-the-art training facility will house the latest fully-electrical, full-motion C-17 aircraft simulator from Boeing's St. Louis factory, said Capt. Scott McAuliffe, Air Force project manager for the facility, and will have a modern electronic classroom for effective training on the latest C-17 tactics and procedures.

A loadmaster simulator will also be located in the facility, providing loadmasters the opportunity to simulate and

hone their skills during various loading, off loading, and combat off-loading situations and emergencies.

The groundbreaking also marked the official introduction of C-17s at Dover.

The first of 13 C-17s is slated for arrival in the summer of 2007, said Col. Sam Cox, 436th Airlift Wing commander. Nine of the base's current 27 aircraft in the all-C-5 fleet will be redistributed to accommodate the C-17s.

Colonel Cox emphasized that training is critical, and the new simulator will enable aircrews to practice all C-17 emergency procedures, as well as aerial refueling and instrument procedures.

Having flown the C-17 prior to coming to Dover, Colonel Cox spoke from experience when he discussed the aircraft's unique abilities.

"The C-17 provides a distinctly different capability. It

can operate into austere airfields and land on dirt strips," said the colonel.

With its ability to land on shorter and narrower runways, the C-17 provides access to a larger number of airfields around the world.

Sen. Joseph Biden, one of many distinguished guests in attendance, spoke highly of the new training facility and its ability to allow Dover AFB personnel to train here instead of leaving their families to train abroad.

In addition to Senator Biden, Sen. Thomas Carper, U.S. Rep. Mike Castle, Dover Mayor Stephen Speed, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Philadelphia District Commander Lt. Col. Gwen Baker and Colonel Cox also spoke at Monday's ceremony.

Senator Carper summarized a common theme among those who spoke at the ceremony best, when he praised the 436th and 512th Airlift Wings as a great team, and compared the future team of aircraft at Dover to the two wings.

"The C-17s and C-5s will be an equally great team," proclaimed the senator. "(The C-17s) will make a great team even better!"



Photo by Jason Minto

(Left to right) President of Odyssey Construction Whitney McBride; U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Philadelphia District Commander Lt. Col. Gwen Baker; Sen. Thomas Carper; U.S. Rep. Mike Castle; Sen. Joseph Biden; Dover Mayor Stephen Speed; 436th AW Commander Col. Sam Cox; and 512th AW Vice Commander Col. David Wuest break ground at the site of the future C-17 Aircrew Training Facility at Dover Air Force Base Sept. 11.

Mission Support Group welcomes new commander

Senior Airman Steve Germann
512th AW Public Affairs

A former group commander from an air refueling wing took command of the 512th Mission Support Group during an assumption of command ceremony Sept. 10 here at the Landings Club.

Col. Elaine K. Barron replaced Col. William D. Stephens, who is now in command of the 910th Mission Support Group, 910th Airlift Wing, Youngstown Air Reserve Station, Ohio.

Col. David H. Wuest, 512th Airlift Wing vice commander, hosted the ceremony and offered the group of family, friends and servicemembers a taste of what Colonel Barron has in store at her new job.

"She is hereby charged with the critical mission of leading the men and women of the 512th Mission Support Group, of guiding and inspiring these extraordinary sons and daughters of America, and of molding them into future leaders of our Air Force," Colonel Wuest said.

In turn, Colonel Barron pledged her support of the wing's new vision statement, which emphasizes professional and military readiness on a global scale.

"I'll stand ready to assist Airmen in preparedness, training and support," she said.

Colonel Wuest acknowledged that the job of MSG commander is both challenging and



Photo by Staff Sgt. Paul Flipse

Col. Elaine K. Barron meets her new troops after taking command of the 512th Mission Support Group during a ceremony held Sept. 10 at the Landings Club.

vitaly important to the Air Force Reserve and to Dover Air Force Base.

"It was with these lofty standards in mind that I selected Colonel Barron for the job," he said. "It is with the greatest confidence and the utmost faith that I entrust the

stewardship of these dedicated people and the reigns of this command to (her)."

Colonel Barron came to Dover from her former assignment as commander of the 939th Mission Support Group at Portland International Airport, Portland, Ore.

NSPS begins next conversion



Dover Air Force Base is one of 24 bases that has employees converting to the National Security Personnel System from October 2006 through January 2007.

The Department of the Air Force has announced it will convert approximately 37,000 employees to the human resources portion of NSPS. Civilians from organizations across the Air Force, including overseas locations, are included in this group, known as Spiral 1.2.

Two target dates have been established for the Air Force: 11,000 employees will convert to NSPS in October; the second group of 26,000 employees will convert in Jan. 2007. Splitting implementation into two time frames will ensure managers and employees are able to

receive training on the new pay and personnel rules.

The first group, dubbed Spiral 1.2B (indicating the second pay period in the conversion period), converts Oct. 15 and includes non-bargaining unit positions at the following bases:

Arnold AFB, Tenn.	Kirtland AFB, N.M.
Brooks AFB, Texas	Lackland AFB, Texas
Cannon AFB, N.M.	Laughlin AFB, Texas
Charleston AFB, S.C.	Malmstrom AFB, Mont.
Columbus AFB, Miss.	March ARB, Calif.
Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.	McConnell AFB, Kan.
Dover AFB, Del.	McGuire AFB, N.J.
Dyess AFB, Texas	Offutt AFB, Neb.
Eglin AFB, Fla.	Patrick AFB, Fla.
Ellsworth AFB, S.D.	Peterson AFB, Colo.
F.E. Warren AFB, Wyo.	Seymour-Johnson AFB, N.C.
Goodfellow AFB, Texas	Scott AFB, Ill.

Also affected are elements of Headquarter Air Force, 11th Wing, and the AF Real Property Agency.

Salvaged flight deck becomes teaching tool

Staff Sgt. James Wilkinson

436th AW Public Affairs

The crew compartment belonging to the C-5 Galaxy aircraft that fell less than a mile short of Dover Air Force Base's runway April 3 has been salvaged for use in C-5 aircraft crew training.

The compartment, commonly referred to as the aircraft's flight deck, was loaded onto a C-5 and airlifted to its final destination Aug. 22 at Robins Air Force Base, Ga., where it will be used as a modernized C-5 software simulator, according to Chief Master Sgt. Jon Lynn, the 436th Maintenance Squadron superintendent and supervisor of the mishap recovery effort.

"This was the first-ever C-5 flight deck transported (as cargo) via airplane," said Senior Master Sgt. Stephen Martin, the 436th Aerial Port Squadron air freight superintendent who oversaw a crew of specialists transporting the flight deck from the mishap scene to the plane.

Various members from Dover, along with experts from Robins AFB and civilian engineers, worked together to prepare the compartment for its departure from Dover.

The crew compartment was recovered in May, using power saws to separate it from the fuselage and a crane to lift it.

"The removal process left many dangerous, sharp corners and cuts," said Chief Lynn. "We trimmed up the flight deck to reduce the hazards around it and make it shippable."

Once the compartment was transportable, it was hauled from the mishap site, stored and finally prepped for airlift.

It took six Airmen to successfully load the 15,000-pound flight deck onto a C-5 for shipment. Due to the unusual shape and size of the flight deck, it had special loading requirements and transporting procedures.

"When moving a larger piece of equipment like this one, which is going to be uploaded onto a C-5 by a K-loader, a unique procedure that needs to be done is configuring the loader so the piece will fit," said Senior Airman Joseph Mosley, a 436th APS ramp service member and crew chief for the uploading. Spotters and vehicle drivers were used for extra safety precautions.



Photo by Senior Airman James Bolinger

Dover Airmen load the flight deck from the C-5 mishap onto another Dover C-5 for transport to Robins Air Force Base, Ga. The flight deck will be used to as a training simulator to help prevent future C-5 mishaps.

The side rails on the aircraft tunner loader—a large, flatbed vehicle used for loading cargo—were removed to enable the flight deck to fit. Then, the load team pushed the cargo from the loader onto the plane, while spotters ensured the safety of the operation.

Once the compartment was loaded, it was flown and delivered to the depot at Robins AFB, where it will be repaired and modified to perform its new functions.

"The role the flight deck will play in the future is invaluable," Chief Lynn said. "We are effectively taking a mishap aircraft and using it to prevent future mishaps."

At Robins, the recycled crew compartment

will be used for training and the testing of aircrews.

"Simulators play an absolutely critical role for not only pilots, but also flight engineers and loadmasters," said Capt. Chris Knier, the 436th Operations Support Squadron pilot training manager. "They are a resource (for) annual refresher training in a controlled environment to set up scenarios (and) exercise specific skill sets."

Along with all 17 passengers and crew members on board during the mishap, the crew compartment can be considered a survivor; one that can help prevent future accidents like the one it and its passengers endured in April.



Keeping troops safe in **CYBERSPACE**



After servicemembers post potentially sensitive information on MySpace, Dover leaders endorse new Internet policy letter

Senior Airman Steve Germann
512th AW Public Affairs

Deployed to Southwest Asia, an Airman decides to log onto MySpace to share his experience with his friends. He posts pictures of his deployment in which he is holding an M-16, standing next to a humvee riddled with bullet holes from a recent clash with insurgents.

Unknowingly, this Airman has provided key information about his deployed location to the world.

The online community that comprises MySpace, which boasts more than 50 million users nationwide, has recently been placed under Air Force scrutiny after several members of the Armed Forces were found sharing information about their job specialties and deployed locations. This is in addition to recent media attention that has highlighted the Web site's potential dangers, especially in relation to sexual predators, terrorists, and the unrestricted ability to post and view personal profiles.

The Web site gives members the ability to create profiles complete with pictures, music and online journals. Once the profiles are created, users can send messages free of charge, creating opportunities to connect with old friends from high school, colleagues and meet new people. All user profiles can be accessed by anyone with internet access.

In order to combat operational risk and to protect the safety of Dover Airmen, the 436th Airlift Wing recently signed a policy letter raising the awareness and limiting the content placed on MySpace and similar Web sites. The 512th Airlift Wing is in the process of drafting a similar letter, according to Col. David H. Wuest, 512th AW vice commander.

Similar policy letters are in place at other base installations within the Air Mobility Command, including Travis Air Force Base, Calif.

In the policy letter, Col. Sam Cox, 436th AW commander, expressed the specific concerns of the leadership at Dover that MySpace has caused for military installations and national security. Other concerns include Air Force endorsement, wear of the uniform, military equal opportunity and operations security.

Certain areas of the listed concerns have been identified after several Dover AFB members' profiles were found to have questionable material.

"I believe some of these written and photographic entries are prejudicial to good order and discipline and could bring discredit upon the Armed Services," said Colonel Cox.

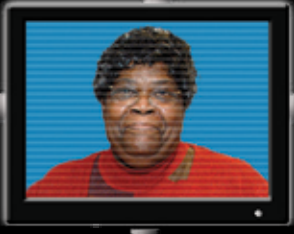
The main purpose of the base policy letter is to ensure no servicemember posts information that brings discredit to the Air Force, degrades another individual, jeopardizes the lives of Airmen or puts a mission at risk, such as sharing information about specific jobs, deployed locations, the Air Force mission or any material that might defame the Armed Forces.

The 436th AW policy letter outlines the potential dangers of using the online community, advises supervisors what to do in case they hear of fellow Airmen who violate the policy, and what actions should be taken to prevent any further harm.

Senior Airman David Geer, 512th Security Forces Squadron and a MySpace user, understands the reasons behind the new policy and agrees with its intent.

"It's a good way for people to communicate and keep up with each other, but a lot of people need to be smarter about what they are posting," said Airman Geer.

(2nd Lt. Nicole Langley, 436th AW Public Affairs, contributed to this article)



Around the AF

Air Force Band now streaming music on line

Maj. David Malakoff
11th Wing Public Affairs

BOLLING AIR FORCE BASE, D.C. -- Chief Master Sgt. David Nokes worked 15 months to take an idea and, with the help of the U.S. Army, turned it into a viable product.

The result is Air Force Bandstand, a 24-hour per day Internet streaming radio service that broadcasts music by the Air Force Band and also includes news from the Air Force News Agency.

"Our Air Force Bandstand is one of several broadcast projects we've initiated in cyberspace in addition to some new but traditional radio and television products," said Col. Dennis Layendecker, U.S. Air Force Band commander and music director.

"However, Bandstand is unique because it can serve audiences we know are increasingly turning to cyberspace for their entertainment and news—our deployed Airmen."

Bandstand, located on the Internet at www.usafband.com/Bandstand.cfm, features format music programming designed for a variety of audiences—jazz, classical, rock, pop, country and, of course, patriotic music, Colonel Layendecker said.

To listen to Air Force Bandstand, "an individual will need a computer with a sound card and speakers and a broadband connection to the Internet," Chief Nokes said. "Bandstand works with all major media player plug-in software including Windows Media Player, Real Player and QuickTime."

The idea to stream band music onto the Internet was something Chief Nokes thought of for several years. As a bandsman (he's a vocalist currently serving as the chief of strategic communications for the U.S. Air Force Band), Chief Nokes said his job is communication.

"I was looking for ways to make our Web site a better communication tool," Chief Nokes said. "We wanted our Internet outreach to be something designed to respond in a day and age when more and more people are turning to the Internet for news and entertainment." (Courtesy AFPN)



Photo by Ron Hall

The third spire of the new Air Force Memorial, which overlooks Arlington Cemetery outside Washington D.C., was completed on Sept. 21.

Air Force Memorial's soaring spires completed

ARLINGTON, Va. -- The Air Force Memorial's stainless steel spires were finished Sept. 21 with the placement of the top segment of the third spire, providing the first complete view of the memorial's design.

Reaching a height of 270 feet and located on a promontory overlooking Arlington Cemetery, the memorial will transform the greater Washington, D.C., skyline and provide visitors with a commanding view

of the nation's Capitol, according to retired Maj. Gen. Edward F. Grillo Jr., president of the Air Force Memorial Foundation.

Designed by the late James Ingo Freed, an architect with Pei Cobb & Partners, the spires are evocative of the bomb-burst flying formation made famous by the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds.

The Air Force Memorial officially will be dedicated during a ceremony scheduled for Oct. 14. (Courtesy AFPN)

Around the 512th

Commander's Call set for December A UTA

The 512th Airlift Wing commander's call is scheduled for Dec. 3 at 7 a.m. at the base theater. Members need to be seated by 6:55 a.m. The Community College of the Air Force graduation will also take place during the commander's call.

Tops in Blue

Tops in Blue will perform at Delaware State University at 7 p.m. Oct. 26.

Wing hires new IG

The 512th Airlift Wing new inspector general officer is Maj. Drew Eiler. He can be reached at (302) 677-5126. His office is on the third floor of Building 263.

512th ball postponed

The formal ball, originally scheduled for Nov. 4 at Dover Downs, has been postponed until Spring 2007.

Hispanic Heritage

The Human Resources Development Council is hosting a Hispanic Heritage Luncheon Oct. 14 at 11:00 a.m. at the Landings Club. Tickets will be on sale in each squadron through HRDC representatives. The guest speaker is a Medal of Honor Recipient, Alfred Rascon from Laurel, Md.

Know your rights

The Department of Justice launched a new Web site that explains the rights of men and

women of the Armed Forces. For more information, visit www.servicemembers.gov.

Combined Federal Campaign kicks off

The 2006 to 2007 Combined Federal Campaign runs for six weeks Sept. 1 through Dec. 15 for both continental United States and overseas bases.

Military and civilian personnel who are deployed or will be deployed during the campaign will participate in the overseas CFC at their deployed location. Local CFC project officers have more information.

For more information, visit the CFC Web site at www.opm.gov/cfc.

Contact Center

The Air Reserve Personnel Center's Reserve Personnel Contact Center in Denver is open during every primary unit training

assembly from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. (MST).

"Our team looks forward to providing world-class support to our Citizen Airmen," said Col. Ann C. Shippy, ARPC commander.

She encourages all reservists to establish a virtual Personnel Center-Guard & Reserve (vPC-GR) account so that future support can be provided.

The Contact Center's phone number is DSN 926-6528 or toll-free 800-525-0102.

Voting assistance site

The Air Force Crossroads website, <https://afcrossroads.com/VoteFund/Vote/default.htm>, has information about vote ballots return deadlines, notary/witness requirements, and the voter assistance guide. Reservists can also request ballots through the U.S. Department of Defense Federal Voting Assistance Program Web site, <http://www.fvap.gov/pubs/usgendeadlines.html>.



Photo by Chief Master Sgt. Caroline Vennell

Remembrance

Col. Willie W. Cooper II, 512th Maintenance Group commander, and his troops Chief Master Sgt. William Eason, Chief Master Sgt. Al Long, and Senior Master Sgt. Janet Hawkins took part in a ceremony to honor those who fought yet remain unaccounted for as part of National Prisoner of War Recognition Day, held at the Dover Air Force Base flag pole Sept. 15.

512th salutes



To Chief Master Sergeant:
CMSgt Avon Bryant

To Senior Master Sergeant:
SMSgt Bryan Ford
SMSgt Yuksee Ng

To Master Sergeant:
MSgt Denise Adams
MSgt Frankie Carmon
MSgt Dale A. Coston Sr
MSgt Ryan Gallagher
MSgt Antoinette Harris
MSgt Ommar Then
MSgt John J Votta Jr
MSgt Jonathan Wise

To Tech Sergeant:
TSgt Elizabeth Beales
TSgt Edward Camack

TSgt Larry Fetzer
TSgt Cyrenia Johnson
TSgt Angela Kendall
TSgt William Williams
TSgt Allen Wooten

To Staff Sergeant:
SSgt Shawn Chappell
SSgt Latanya Clark
SSgt Destiny Donigan
SSgt Anthony Ellison
SSgt Sean Irvin
SSgt Rufus Jones
SSgt Joshua Line
SSgt Shamika Meredith
SSgt Duane M. Miles II
SSgt Ricky Myers
SSgt Christie Nixon
SSgt Manuel Ortez
SSgt Wayne Pennington
SSgt Mark Peters
SSgt Ralph Petrella
SSgt Rodney Rodrigue
SSgt Mark Small

SSgt Byron Sparrow
SSgt Malcolm Walker
SSgt Erica Weatherspoon

To Senior Airman:
SrA Amy Messick
SrA Darnell Robinson
SrA Laquita Wilson

To Airman 1st Class:
A1C Felicha Janoski

Retirements

MSgt Robert Farmer
MSgt Bertel Brown
MSgt Michael Francisco
MSgt Lloyd Eadie
TSgt Lawrence Scott

Reenlistments

SMSgt Linda Patosky
MSgt Robert Burkhamer Jr
MSgt Leroy Jett
MSgt Paul Thomas
MSgt Eric Weinmann
TSgt Roderick Lopez
TSgt Leo Martin
TSgt Herbert Morrison
TSgt Keisha Phillip
SSgt Todd Bell
SSgt Brandon Cunningham



Welcome wagon

Name: Airman 1st Class Jessie Cendana
Unit: 512th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
Civilian Occupation: College student majoring in criminal justice at Delaware Tech; Mother of a 6-year-old son
Home Town: Lewis, Del.
Hobbies: Reading, writing, drawing and spending time with my son and family
Personal Goals: To do the best job I can every day and excel in the Air Force Reserve

SSgt Shaun Dusara
SSgt Anthony Ellison
SSgt Darryl Menchion

PME Graduates

Senior NCO Academy
MSgt Robert Ritchie IV
MSgt John Wenger
MSgt Charles Gordon

NCO Academy
TSgt Lawrence Roy III
TSgt Shawn Byers

Airman Leadership School

SrA Jamie Elkins
SrA Brian Seneca
SrA James Steinbrueck
SrA Daniel Sears
SrA Ryan Michael Smith
SrA Rufus Jones
SrA Abigail Schmidt
SrA Nicole Younger
SrA Joshua Line

Medals

Meritorious Service Medal
Lt Col Louis Dimodugno
SMSgt Carl Donophan

MSgt Joseph F. Mogle Jr
MSgt Anthony Pinkovsky

Commendation Medal
Capt Lonnie Schmidt
TSgt Antoine Ford
TSgt Joseph Moore
TSgt James White
TSgt Roosevelt Williams

Commendation Medal
SSgt Ossawa Gillespie

Newcomers

The Liberty Wing welcomes the following newcomers:

1st Lt Sean Boyd
1st Lt Kandi Playford
MSgt David Petr
SSgt Sean Ahearn
SSgt Alarta Warren
SrA Daryl Adams
SrA Christina Hall
SrA Paul Lemley
SrA Susina Medina
A1C Reginald Camp Jr
A1C Jessica Cendana
A1C Taya Hudson
A1C Jennifer Martin
AB Dolan Butler
AB Antowan Foreman
AB Zenna Tunnel

Do you know your 512th AW heritage?

Q Did you serve on or in support of this aircraft?

A Its distinctive "clamshell" doors made the C-124 Globemaster II both a durable and dependable workhorse for the 512 Troop Carrier Wing (Heavy) at Carswell AFB, Texas, from 1965-1971. This awesome aircraft delivered 1,705 tons of supplies and equipment in 1967 in support of U.S. military efforts in Vietnam.

Incidentally, the first Globemaster was designated the C-74 and first flew in 1945. In 2007, another Globemaster, the C-17 Globemaster III, will make its appearance on Dover's flightline to continue the proud task of providing airlift and support options for the defense of the United States of America and its global interests.



Salute employers, nominate for ESGR award

The National Committee of Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve sponsors an awards program designed to recognize employers for employment policies and practices that are supportive of their employees' participation in the National Guard and Reserve. Employer awards include: "Patriot Award" Certificate of Appreciation; Local ESGR Committee Chair's Award; PRO PATRIA Award; and Employer Support Freedom Awards. Employers qualify for recognition when they practice personnel policies that support employee participation in the National Guard and Reserve. Reservists can nominate their employers for a "Patriot Award" on the ESGR Web site at <http://www.esgr.org/>.

The Lighter Side



Baby Talk

Congratulations to Staff Sgt. Taisha Dungee, 709th Airlift Squadron, and her husband Derrodd. They welcomed Justis Marie Dungee into the world July 27.

Air Force Reserve Band offers free performances

Three musical groups from the Air Force Reserve Band are scheduled to play a series of concerts throughout Delaware and Maryland.

The performances are free and open to the public at the following locations:

Oct. 19

· Full Spectrum Jazz at 12:45 p.m. at the Modern Maturity Center, Dover.

Oct. 20

· Southern Aire at 12:30 p.m. at the Milford Senior Center, Milford.

· Full Spectrum Jazz at 7 p.m. at the Schwartz Center, Dover.

Oct. 21

· Woodwind Quintet at 7 p.m. at the Calvary Assembly of God Church, Dover.

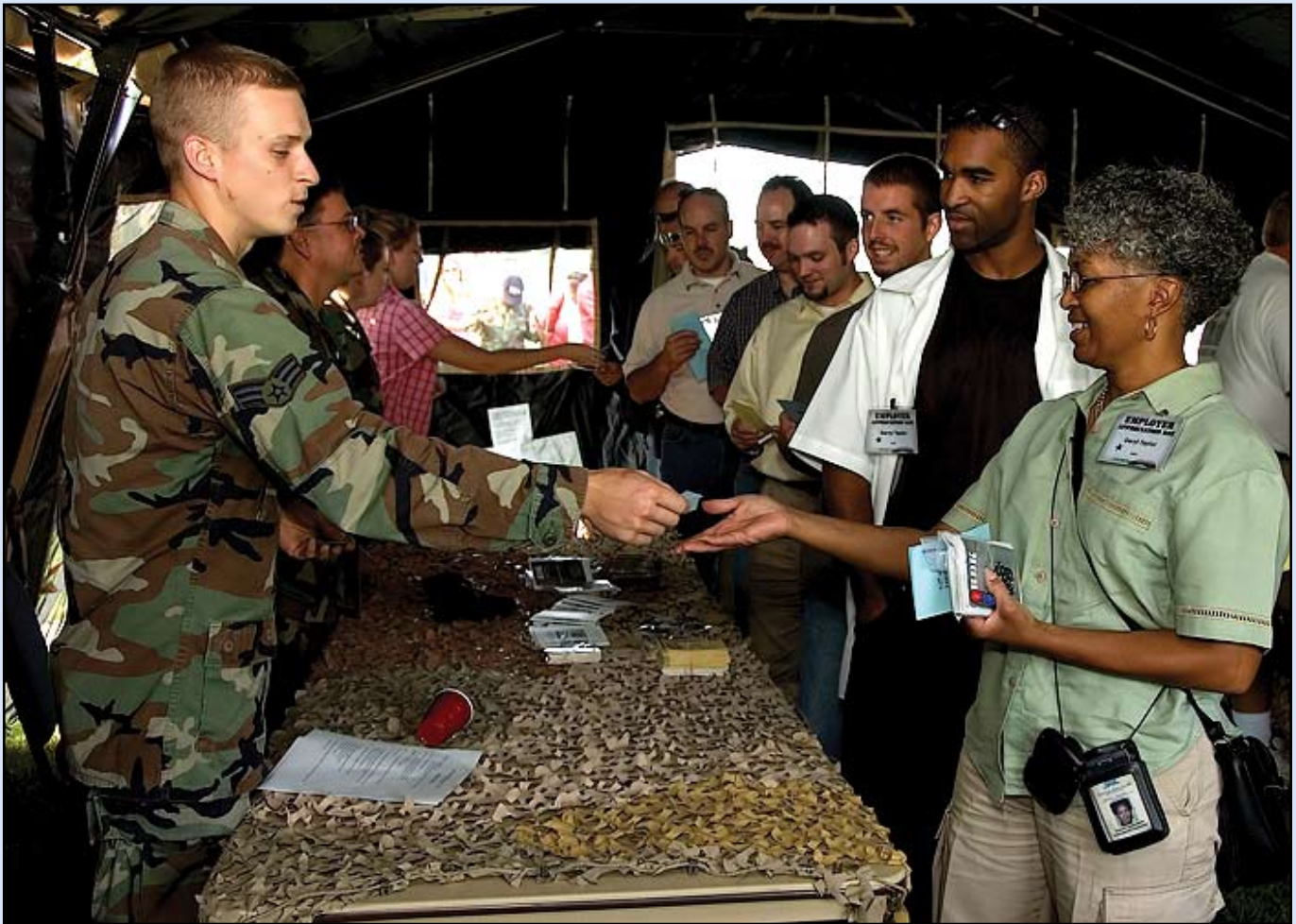


Photo by Roland Balik

Employer Appreciation Day

Senior Airman Joshua Runkles, 512th Airlift Wing Judge Advocate Office, processes Geryl Taylor, a maintenance supervisor with Science Applications International Corporation, through a mobility line as part of the 512th AW Employer Appreciation Day Sept. 9. Master Sgt. Daphnee Bennett-Jolley, 512th Logistics Readiness Flight, works at SAIC and nominated Ms. Taylor to attend the event. In all, 32 employers participated in the annual event, which gives employers the opportunity to experience Reserve life up close and in person. The 512th AW has more than 1,700 reservists assigned. Without the support of their employers, reservists would not be able to train and deploy to accomplish the Air Force's vital role in the U.S. military. As part of the day, employers were "mobilized," and processed for a mock deployment through a simulated mobility line. They also received a tour of the base and an orientation flight on a C-5 Galaxy.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Russell E. Cooley IV

Coming soon to a theater (of operations) near you

A C-17 Globemaster III from the 14th Airlift Squadron, Charleston Air Force Base, S.C., flies off after releasing flares over the Atlantic Ocean near Charleston, S.C., during a training mission May 16.

The flares release smoke, and the resulting graceful, surreal pattern is sometimes known as a “smoke angel.” The circular “eyes” are

caused by air spiraling off the plane’s wings and are known as wingtip vortices.

Currently, eight 512th Airlift Wing pilots and eight loadmasters have been trained at Altus Air Force Base, Okla., on the C-17, which is scheduled to arrive at Dover Air Force Base next year.

UTA Schedule

	A Team	B Team
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