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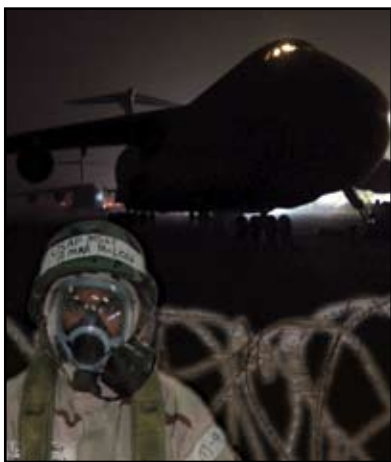


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**As the calendar turns to a new year, the 512th Airlift Wing prepares for an Operational Readiness Exercise in the Spring and an Operational Readiness Inspection in the Fall.**

# Time for action

**Col. Jeffrey P. Hilovsky**  
512th AMDS commander

The best part of a new year is the slate is wiped clean. It gives us an opportunity to build on our past successes and reflect upon the opportunities we had last year to improve. So, I hope all of you have taken the time to set your goals for 2007.

Allow me the opportunity to share what has become an integral part of my life for many years: my goal setting process. I have several types of goals I write down and commit to achieve every year.

First, I have personal goals, which involve family, spiritual growth and personal development. Next, I commit to list professional goals: both military and non-military. Usually, those goals include professional development through reading, distance learning and conference attendance. Lastly, I write down monetary and business goals I wish to achieve such as increasing business revenue and profit and personal savings, and improving retirement planning goals and office and staff efficiencies. I check my goals at least monthly and monitor my implementation plan to note successes and opportunities for improvement.

In the military, we are great at advanced planning - in a way goal setting. We plan for exercises months in advance and inspections years in advance. We create time lines and milestone charts to track our progress to ensure success.

In our personal lives, I wonder if we take the time to do the same. For example, do we take the time to plan for retirement? I'm not referring to military retirement but civilian retirement. Many of us feel retirement is many years away, but building a secure financial retirement takes years of planning and goal setting.

One out of every six people in this country work past age 65, not necessarily because they want to, but because they have to in order to survive: their retirement expenses exceed their retirement income. Do you want to be a part of this statistic? Over the next 20 years 7,900 Americans

will turn 60 every day.

More people are retiring and becoming eligible to collect on the Social Security tax. The problem is the number of employed individuals paying this tax is dwindling. To add to the problem, thankfully we are living longer; therefore we are collecting payments far in excess of the taxes we paid into the system. We need to be prepared for the instability of our Social Security system.

The Wall Street Journal reported as a Nation, our personal saving's rate is at its lowest rate in history (nearly zero); yet, the average monthly installment debt, not including mortgage payments, is over \$7,000. With the impending fall of the Social Security system, and a nation burdened with personal debt and minimal

savings, the future for those sitting idle without a firm set of financial goals is bleak.

Planning for your financial future should follow a disciplined and systematic approach.

There are many ways to help calculate and predict your future cash needs for retirement. The tools to make such calculations are readily available for free on the

internet. Financial calculator programs can give you a look at what dollar value it will take in the future to meet your expectations of a comfortable retirement. Most financial calculators will provide a way to do "what if" type of scenarios so you can know in advance how much you will need to meet your goals, and tell you how much you need to save so you can get there.

For those of you in your 20s, you have the advantage of time and the power of compound interest working the hardest for your financial future. For the rest of us, we need to understand the reality of how financial inactivity has placed us at a slight disadvantage. We need to act more aggressively in implementing our financial plan. It's our duty and responsibility to ourselves and our families to plan for our financial future.

The urgency is real, the time is now: set goals; invest the time to become financially literate; get some professional advice; put a plan in place and execute it today.



**Colonel Hilovsky**

# 22nd Air Force commander makes rounds, delivers latest information affecting reservists

**Maj. Gen. Martin M. Mazick (left), 22nd Air Force commander, meets Chief Master Sgt. Fred Eason (right) for an Avionics Modernization Program tour of the C-5. The general observed several wing programs and processes during his 512th Airlift Wing tour over the December UTA.**



Photo by Senior Airman Steve Germann

**Tech. Sgt. Veronica A. Aceveda**

Editor

As part of a multi-wing visit, 22nd Air Force Commander Maj. Gen. Martin M. Mazick spent the December UTA with the Liberty Wing.

“What I see here at the 512th (Airlift Wing) is great opportunity,” said the general. “With the upgrading of the C-5 and bringing on a new airframe, there’s tremendous opportunity for the reservists here. I have every confidence that this wing will do well.”

The first of 13 C-17s is slated for arrival next year.

“What I ask of folks in times of change is to have an open mind and communicate with each other,” the general said. “Knowledge is power; and, the more we share - the better we can do the job.”

General Mazick said it’s interesting to have witnessed the evolution of the Air Force from the end of the 1970s to where we are now, citing, ‘it’s not the same Reserve today.’”

“Realignments and force shaping causes us to be more efficient,” he said. “We’re continuously working on managing our money and utilizing our budget to meet mission requirements.”

One method to best meet command objectives is being addressed in a test program centering around progression tours; it involves continuous training days for new reservists.

“We’re looking at the time frame it takes from when a reservist graduates from technical training to when they can be operational in the unit, trained to the 5-skill level,” said General Mazick.

An example would be having an Airman in “X” career field becoming more mission ready with three to six months of straight training versus spreading that training out over numerous months of UTAs. New recruits would attend basic military and

“We are revamping the Staff Assistance Visit program, which involves on-site assessments of a unit’s programs and processes,” said General Mazick.

“We’re getting back to ‘assistance,’” said the general. “A SAV is not an inspection. With the upcoming (Operational Readiness Inspections) and (Unit Compliance Inspections), we expect the units to seek help where it’s needed.”

He said SAVs are also being tailored to specific areas the wing commander requests.

“We can do a high-level review or get into the weeds with a low-level review,” he said.

Another area 22nd AF is engaged in is shortening the (Air Expeditionary Force) rotation for reservists.

“If we can get the tour lengths shortened, we’d have one heck of a capability to offer,” said General Mazick.

After delivering other command insights to an audience of nearly 1,000 Airmen at the wing commander’s call Dec. 3, the general and Chief Master Sgt. James Fields, 22nd AF command chief, concluded their tour of Dover Air Force Base with a stop in the Immunizations Clinic for their flu shot.

One wing closer to accomplishing his goal of visiting all 22nd AF wings, General Mazick made his way to Pittsburgh.

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**Maj. Gen. Martin M. Mazick**  
22nd Air Force commander

technical training and proceed directly to the unit for consecutive months of on-the-job training.

In the beginning, Air Force Reserve Command will select a limited number of Air Force Specialty Codes to be evaluated. One of those fields is explosive ordnance detection, said the general.

Another effort to improve unit readiness is underway at the 22nd Air Force level.

# Radio Flyer:

*Reservist takes hobby to the sky*



**Staff Sgt. James Mullin, 46th Aerial Port Squadron, spends a Saturday afternoon at Lums Pond State Park piloting his radio controlled airplane. Sergeant Mullin took up the hobby six years ago.**

**Story and photos by Senior Airman Steve Germann**  
Staff writer

The skies are perfectly clear; the wind is blowing in the right direction; and, all is a go for main engine start up. Staff Sgt. James Mullin, 46th Aerial Port Squadron, checks the makeshift runway to make sure it's safe for takeoff. With a nod of approval, Sergeant Mullin powers up his propeller, steers his aircraft onto the air strip and within seconds is up in the air enjoying the freedom of the blue yonder.

In one magnificent display of aerial acrobatics, Sergeant Mullin maneuvers his aircraft through several loops and finally a low-level fly by. Alerting onlookers of a swift approach, Sergeant Mullin returns the aircraft to the landing strip and powers down his propeller. It's another fine Saturday afternoon in flight.

Sergeant Mullin, a transportation specialist, has a unique hobby. While others may spend their weekends honing golf skills, working on automobiles or fixing up the garden, Sergeant Mullin spends his spare time at a park designated for radio controlled aircraft just outside of Newark.

Sergeant Mullin became fascinated with RC planes six years ago, after a coworker sparked his interest.

"After I talked to him about the hobby,

he sold me his plane for \$225 with the radio control," said Sergeant Mullin.

Although much smaller than what he currently maintains, Sergeant Mullin spent an entire summer learning how to fly the beginner plane he had bought from his friend.

He is part of a club called the Delaware RC whose members include instructors who offered him lessons. Basic lessons include taxiing the plane, flaps control, flight maneuvers and a proper landing.

Of course, Sergeant Mullin's lessons weren't perfectly flawless. "I've had a couple of crashes," said the humbled pilot. "And, every plane has an expiration date, some sooner than others."

Six years later, Sergeant Mullin can now be found on a Saturday afternoon doing everything with his plane from inverted flying, stalls to a snap-roll trick, where the controls on the radio are maxed out and the plane quickly flips over.

The future of radio controlled flying is certain for the sergeant.

"I'd like to step up to a gas powered plane with a bigger wingspan," he said. Some of the RC pilots that Sergeant Mullin has flown with have planes that boast up to 15 feet wingspans. He said they can resemble everything from fighter jets to World War II replica bombers.

Until that time comes, Sergeant Mullin continues to enjoy his weekends in flight - just him, his aircraft and the skies above.



# Units can now check out cameras from Comm Squadron

Senior Airman James Bolinger  
436th AW Public Affairs

At the beginning of the fiscal year the 436th Communications Squadron Multi-media Center eliminated many services previously offered to base members.

This change in level of service was driven by an Air Force-wide reduction in contracted services and is the first step towards transforming the way the 436th CS delivers communication and information services.

Retirements, reenlistments and squadron changes of command are all services the base photographers used to provide.

Some relief, however, is being offered to Dover Team members. The Multi-media Center recently purchased several cameras and camcorders that units can check out to document official events.

“Any active-duty or DoD civilian can check out the equipment as long as it is for official purposes,” said Master Sgt. Joseph Springfield, the center’s quality assurance evaluator. “Official events include, squadron changes-of-command, retirements, high-level Air Force official visits and retirements. Although, squadron picnics and commanders’ calls are also

opportunities to put this equipment to use.”

“Squadron changes-of-command are important events and are regularly printed in the 512th Airlift Wing magazine, the Liberty Press, as well as in the base newspaper, The Airlifter,” said 1st Lt. Marnee A.C. Losurdo, 512th AW Public Affairs chief.

“The loss of multi-media photo support makes it imperative for unit public affairs representatives to shoot their own photos of important squadron events for submission to these publications,” said Lieutenant Losurdo. “The equipment at the base Multi-media Center assists units in ensuring that their events are recognized through publication in the Liberty Press.”

As the equipment is new, the multi-media shop intends to keep everything in tip-top shape.

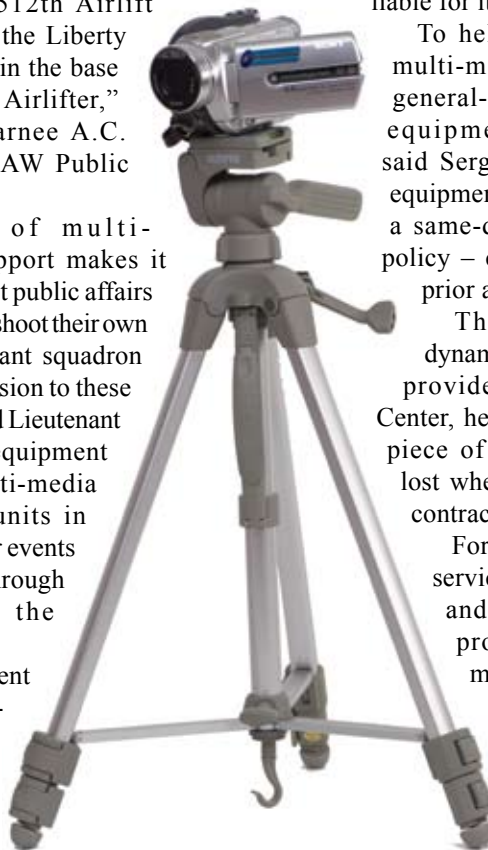
“Requestors will fill out AF Forms 833 and 1297 (to check out equipment),” said Sergeant Springfield. “If the equipment comes back broken, then the customer is liable for its replacement.”

To help avoid this issue the multi-media staff will provide general-use instructions before equipment leaves the shop, said Sergeant Springfield. Also, equipment – which is usually on a same-day, pick-up and return policy – can be kept overnight if prior approval is given.

This equipment adds a dynamic element to the services provided by the Multi-media Center, helping bring back a small piece of the services that were lost when the shop revised their contract Oct. 1.

For more information about services equipment check-out and photographic services provided, call the Multi-media Center at (302) 677-6569.

*(Tech. Sgt. Veronica A. Aceveda, 512th PA, contributed to this story.)*



Photos by Jason Minto and Roland Balik

**The 436th Communications Squadron Multi-media Center now offers digital still and video camera equipment that can be checked out by units for official events. They're located in Building 639.**

## Multi-media Center photographic services

- Military operations preparation
- Site surveys, installation operation build-up
- Documentation of significant structures (entry gates, wing buildings, etc.)
- Facility construction, maintenance and damage assessments (aircraft, airfield)
- Material deficiency reports
- Alert documentation
- Aircraft ground mishaps
- Legal and criminal investigations
- Medical documentation, investigations
- Natural disaster documentation
- Key personnel recognition portraits
- Change of command ceremonies (wing level and above)
- Wing-level award ceremonies
- Wing-hosted VIP visits
- Public affairs imagery
- Studio support for passports, quarterly awards, special-duty applications

# ORI 101: What Airmen need to Operational Readiness

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

**W**hat would you do if you saw a bomb sticking out of the ground?

What would you do if you saw a simulated bomb sticking out of the ground with an evaluator grading your every move?

Hopefully, your answer isn't simply to run like "Forrest Gump," and is more along the lines of what's in the Airman's Manual on page 128, which is to recognize, record, retreat and report.

The Airman's Manual is one key tool wing members need to be familiar with in order to succeed during the Operational Readiness Inspection Oct. 13-20, said Maj. Robert Stefanowicz, 512th Airlift Wing exercise planner.

Many wing members have heard about the ORI and are busy preparing; other Airmen may be wondering exactly what it is and how to prepare.

If that's the case this is ORI 101 for those members who are not so ORI savvy.

## What it means

ORIs are conducted to evaluate and measure the ability of a unit to perform in wartime, during a contingency or a force sustainment mission, according to Air Force Instruction 90-201, Inspector General Activities. Every wing undergoes an ORI approximately every five years. The 512th AW had their last Initial Response in April 2004.

Approximately, 350 Airmen from the wing will participate in its ORI with the 436th Airlift Wing, Dover Air Force Base, Del., 6th Air Mobility Wing, MacDill AFB, Fla., and 615th Contingency Response Wing, Travis AFB, Calif. The 512th and 436th AWs will deploy with these units to a forward location, which hasn't been designated yet.

## What's graded

The wings will be evaluated in four areas: initial response, employment, mission support and the ability to survive and operate in a hostile environment.

**Initial response** consists of processing through a mobility line, so it's essential Airmen have their mobility folders, ancillary training and shots up-to-date, said Major Stefanowicz.

The **employment and sustainment** portion of the ORI is getting to the location and setting up work areas.

**Mission support** is simply Airmen doing the job they were trained to do, said Major Stefanowicz.

**ATSO** is operating in a simulated combat environment, and inspectors evaluate how Airmen respond to force protection conditions, alarm condition changes, MOPP levels and attacks. Inspectors also evaluate the ability of the base population to identify, mark, report and avoid post-attack hazards as well as how individuals perform self-aid and buddy check.

A five-tiered rating system is used to evaluate wing performance and consists of outstanding, excellent, satisfactory, marginal, and unsatisfactory. Each wing will be evaluated individually in ATSO and during the initial response (the processing line) some of the other functional areas will be combined, said Major Stefanowicz.

## How to prepare

To prepare, the wing has scheduled Operational Readiness Exercises for March and Aug. 6-12.

"It's essential for unit members who are participating in the ORI to start preparing now," Major Stefanowicz said. "Including annual tour and UTAs, unit members have 30 days to prepare as of the January UTA."

In addition to contacting previously inspected units to get an idea of what to expect and staying on top of ancillary training, Major Stefanowicz offers the following suggestions:

# SURVIVE & OPERATE

Master Sgt. Amar McLeod, 512th Civil Engineer Squadron, wears the Chemical Protective Overgarment, a two-piece garment with a hood attached to the coat. He demonstrates the proper wear of Mission Oriented Protective Posture gear in MOPP 2 and 4 levels. Some Airmen may still have the Battle Dress Overgarment, a two-piece garment with a plastic hood that goes around the gas mask, for exercise purposes; however, personnel will deploy with the CPO. MOPP levels 0, 2 and 4 are most commonly used during exercises; however, for a complete list of the MOPP levels see pages 27-31 in the Airman's Manual.



# Know about Inspections

“Know your Airman’s Manual well enough so you don’t have to keep referring to it,” he said. “Inspectors will ask Airmen questions, such as what is alarm condition yellow. It’s legal to refer to it, but it makes it easier if you know it. If you have it tabbed for easy reference you’ll be ahead of the curve.”

A hard copy of the Airman’s Manual can be ordered online through the Air Force Portal, by clicking on the Air Force e-publishing site under “Top Viewed Publications and News.” Click on services to the left; and, users will need to set up an account to order the publication. An electronic version of the Airman’s Manual can be downloaded at <http://www.e-publishing.af.mil/pubs/publist.asp?puborg=AF&series=10>.

An interactive online version of the Airman’s Manual is also located at <https://commweb.hill.af.mil/AMT/>. This website has tests for each section and can assist unit members in their training and familiarity with the book,” Major Stefanowicz said.

Another option is for 512th AW members to go TDY to volunteer for the Inspector General Augmentee program to observe another unit’s ORI. “Essentially, you are getting the test for the ORI,” said the major. “To take part in this program, one needs to have the commander submit their nomination to the IG.”

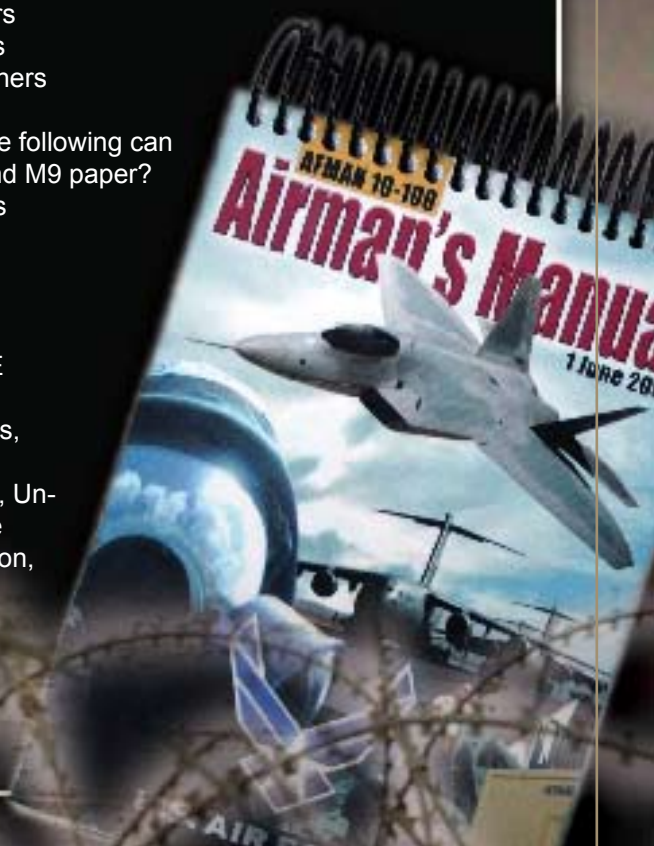
For more information, visit [https://private.amc.af.mil/ig/html/Augmentee\\_Observer.cfm](https://private.amc.af.mil/ig/html/Augmentee_Observer.cfm).

For information on the ORI, contact Major Stefanowicz at (302) 677-5121.

## Airman’s Manual Trivia

1. Personnel should be aware of host nation sensitivities by researching the following information prior to traveling abroad.
  - a. Air Force Office of Special Investigations and Legal Office
  - b. Public Affairs Office
  - c. <http://www.state.gov>
  - d. All of the above
2. Sandbag wall construction consists of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. Headers and Footers
  - b. Headers and Closers
  - c. Headers and Slopes
  - d. Headers and Stretchers
3. At night, which of the following can be used to read M8 and M9 paper?
  - a. Chemical light sticks
  - b. White light
  - c. Black light
  - d. All of the above
4. What does SALUTE stand for?
  - a. Single, Action, Looks, Utensils, Trim, Exactly
  - b. Size, Acts, Location, Unsafe, Time, Excellence
  - c. Size, Activity, Location, Unit, Time, Equipment

Answers:  
1. d, 2. d, 3. b, 4. c



## MOPP 2

MOPP 2: Individuals must wear helmets, don protective overgarments, and then put on their web belt, canteen, gas mask carrier, and overboots. The hood and rubber gloves with cotton inserts are not worn. Wear protective equipment, such as the M8-M9 detection paper, nerve agent antidotes and decontamination kits. People wearing contact lenses need to remove them. The only difference between MOPP 1 and MOPP 2 is in MOPP 1 overboots are not worn. MOPP 2 reduces transition time from MOPP 1 to MOPP 4. Action is required when Alarm Condition Yellow is declared in a nuclear, biological or chemical environment.



## MOPP 4

MOPP 4: Individuals wear overgarment pants and jacket, protective mask, hood, overboots, and rubber gloves with cotton inserts. In MOPP 3 the cotton inserts and rubber gloves are not worn.

## ORI TIPS

- Ensure suits are labeled with “For Training Use Only” in white ink. If not, contact the unit emergency management representative.
- Use two-inch white masking tape as simulated M8 and M9 tape.
- Wear a reflective belt.
- Practice putting the suit on and using the buddy system.

# Message from new Secretary of Defense to DoD personnel

It is an honor, and a humbling responsibility, to take the helm of this Department in a time of war and to lead men and women who have dedicated their lives to protecting our country.

In the coming weeks I will visit some of the key military posts and commands at home and abroad. I look forward to meeting and hearing from the soldiers, sailors, Airmen and Marines who are the true heart and strength of America's armed forces. As the President has asked for my unvarnished advice, I expect the same of you.

Over the years of leading big institutions, I have learned something important: leaders come and go, but the professionals endure long after the appointees are gone. The key to successful leadership, in my view, is to involve in the decision making process, early and often, those who ultimately must carry out the decisions. I will do my best to do that.

This department is always engaged in a host of different activities that aid our nation's defense. All are important, all are valuable. The most important issue we face is the situation in Iraq.

By removing the brutal and dangerous regime of Saddam Hussein, and by confronting the extremists and insurgents who have sought to derail any progress since, the United States and our Coalition partners have provided the Iraqi people a unique opportunity to have a decent future.

The violence in Iraq must be contained and reduced. Failure in that part of the world would be a calamity that would haunt our nation, impair our credibility, and endanger Americans for decades to come.

A successful outcome in Iraq, one that will help protect our nation and serve her long-term interests, will require all elements of America's national power to



DoD photo by Cherie A. Thurlby

**Secretary of Defense Robert Gates addresses the audience after being sworn in as the 22nd Secretary of Defense at the Pentagon Dec. 18. Vice President Dick Cheney administered the oath, and Gates' wife Becky held the Bible during the ceremony.**

work more effectively together, in cooperation with allies and partners in the region.

Afghanistan has made great strides since being liberated five years ago, but that progress is now at risk. The United States and our NATO allies have made a commitment to prevent the Taliban from taking over Afghanistan again. We intend to keep it.

How we face these and other challenges over the next two years will determine whether Iraq, Afghanistan, and other nations at a crossroads will pursue paths of gradual progress, or whether the

forces of extremism and chaos will become ascendant.

I take this job with the knowledge that my decisions will have life-and-death consequences for America's troops, as well as their families. I have accepted that responsibility, and will never forget it.

To all of the men and women of the U.S. military: you serve in the finest traditions of those who have worn this nation's uniform these past 230 years. It is a high honor to serve with you as Secretary of Defense. *(Courtesy Department of Defense)*

## AF announces Dover as C-5 isochronal inspection site

Air Mobility Command announced Dover Air Force Base, Del., as one of three sites selected for future C-5 cargo aircraft isochronal inspections.

Two additional C-5 ISO inspection sites include one at Westover Air Reserve Base, Mass., and one at an Air National Guard base to be announced at a later date.

According to AMC officials, Dover AFB was selected as the active-duty C-5 ISO site because of facilities, maintenance support, base support, manpower requirements and other supporting data.

Isochronal inspections are thorough examinations of the entire aircraft. During these ISO inspections, aircraft maintainers look for and repair problems in every system, from nose to tail and wing tip to wing tip.

According to AMC officials, the Air Force

is reducing C-5 ISO inspection sites from eight to three to increase the availability of C-5 aircraft and reduce supporting costs.

"C-5 availability will increase due to centrally scheduling the inspection from a fleet-wide perspective and reducing flow days (the number of days it takes to complete one C-5 ISO inspection) to a consistent number across the fleet," said Brig. Gen. Robert McMahon, AMC Director of Logistics.

According to AMC officials, this reduction in waiting time will add an estimated average of 2.5 availability-days to every C-5 in the fleet, which equates to about 300 more sorties per year, or 10,000 pallets.

"Since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, Air Force airlifters have maintained a heavy operations tempo," General McMahon said. "This 'appetite for airlift' has placed an

enormous amount of stress on an already-aging airlift fleet."

The general said with no end to the sustained airlift requirements in sight, every C-5 sortie, every pallet moved, is important. He said each additional C-5 brought "into the fight" means more sorties, and more sorties means better support to the warfighter.

As part of the Total Force ISO consolidation, a portion of the active-duty manpower will be used at the Dover ISO inspection site, while the remaining active-duty personnel will be integrated with forces at the Reserve and Guard sites.

AMC officials said in addition to increasing efficiency by streamlining the ISO inspection process, consolidating the inspection sites will save on manpower and resource requirements. *(Courtesy Air Mobility Command)*



# IMAs, units to share Air Force Reserve personnel reductions

Faced with eliminating 7,700 personnel authorizations, Air Force Reserve Command officials have decided to divide those cuts between individual mobilization augmentees and unit reservists.

“To do our part in the Air Force’s recapitalization and modernization efforts, as well as participate in high-priority missions identified by the Air Force chief of staff, the Air Force Reserve looked across both its unit and IMA programs to pay its Program Budget Directive 720 bill,” said Lt. Gen. John A. Bradley, chief of Air Force Reserve and AFRC commander. “In the end, we split the bill in half, with 50 percent coming from the IMA program.”

In the next three years, the Air Force will cut about 40,000 positions in the active force. The reductions will help fund aircraft modernization as the Air Force relies more on future technology.

Air Force Reserve’s contribution to PBD 720 includes not funding Category A unit reservists and Category B IMAs. Both categories of reservists receive pay for their service and training.

Reductions in Category A will occur as a result of Base Realignment and Closure drawdowns and force realignments.

Some of these cuts will be offset by BRAC plus-ups and new or expanded Total Force Initiative missions. Recruiters will be challenged to attract the right mix of reservists to serve, General Bradley said.

Many of the Category B IMAs will be able to continue to serve as a Category E in the Participating Individual Ready Reserve. While

reservists in both categories train and earn points toward retirement, there are some differences between the programs.

Under Category B, AFRC pays reservists to perform annual tours of duty and inactive duty for training. Category E reservists performs inactive duty for training for points only; however, they may perform MPA tours for pay and points.

If a position is identified for unfunding it doesn’t mean an individual’s reassignment date, if an Airman request a Category E assignment, will be Oct. 1, 2007, when the position is unfunded.

There are many factors to consider. For example, if an individual is in Reserve Sanctuary (18 to 20 years satisfactory reserve service) they will remain in the IMA program until their 20th anniversary date. For those Airmen in upgrade training, they will remain in the IMA program until they meet their on-the-job training requirements and are fully qualified in their Air Force specialty.

“The move to Category E is an option for those facing a position loss. We will work with each reservist to ensure they are aware of all their options,” said Col. Roxane Towner, commander of the Readiness Management Group, which administratively manages IMAs from Robins Air Force Base, Ga. “There are still job opportunities in the Air Force Reserve - that currently exists or are being created - for those interested in serving in the Selected Reserve.” *(Courtesy Air Force Reserve Command)*



## Commissary scholarships available

The Scholarships for Military Children Program applications, sponsored by the Defense Commissary Agency, are now available for 2007.

Applications for the \$1,500 scholarships are available at 264 commissaries worldwide, or they can be downloaded through links at [www.commissaries.com](http://www.commissaries.com), [www.militaryscholar.org](http://www.militaryscholar.org) or [www.dodea.edu](http://www.dodea.edu).

Applications must be turned in at a commissary by close of business Feb. 21. The program is open to unmarried children under the age of 21 (23 if enrolled in school) of military active-duty, Reserve, Guard and retired personnel. Eligibility will be determined using the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System database. The applicant must be planning to attend, or already attending, an accredited college or university full-time in the fall term of 2007, or enrolled in a program of studies designed to transfer directly into a four-year program.

Read the story at <http://www.af.mil/news/story.asp?storyID=123030457>.

## Reserve command names new command chief

Lt. Gen. John A. Bradley, the commander of Air Force Reserve Command, has selected Chief Master Sgt. Troy McIntosh as the new AFRC command chief effective March 8.

Chief McIntosh is currently assigned as the superintendent, Active Guard Reserve Management Office, Pentagon, Washington, D.C. Chief McIntosh is the fifth command chief that AFRC has had since its inception as a major command in 1997.

Chief McIntosh will succeed CMSgt Jackson A. Winsett, who will retire in March after 28 years of distinguished service. *(Courtesy AFRC)*

## Awards, decorations requests now online

Reserve Airmen can now submit awards and decorations requests online through the virtual Personnel Center Guard and Reserve rather than visiting their servicing Military Personnel Flights.

When Airmen return from an air and space expeditionary force deployment, they can log onto the vPC-GR and attach their paid travel voucher to update their awards.

With the new process, Air Force Reserve Command units can also electronically nominate and approve personnel for a variety of medals using the vPC-GR. To access the system, log on at <https://arpc.afrc.af.mil/vPC-GR>.

## Air Force Reserve health care options to increase

Reservists can look forward to better health care options this year. Starting Oct. 1, drilling reservists can enroll in the new Tricare Standard for Selected Reserve health plan. They pay 28 percent of the premiums. The federal government picks up the rest of the tab. People covered by the Federal Employees Health Benefit Program are not eligible for the new plan.

The plan replaces the current three-tier Tricare Reserve Select system. *(Courtesy AFRC)*

# 512th salutes



## Newcomers

The Liberty Wing welcomes the following newcomers:  
 1Lt Janeka Jones  
 TSgt Orlando Ballestas  
 TSgt Corrine Rekrut  
 SSgt Damon Drake  
 SrA Jeffrey Baskin  
 SrA Ryan Hampton  
 A1C Samara Barron  
 A1C Eric Mackay  
 A1C Steven McGrillies  
 A1C Carolyn Spivey  
 AB Jennifer Darlin

## PME Graduates

**Airman Leadership School**  
 SrA Shannon Phelps  
 SrA Abigail Roark

## Reenlistments

Farewell to:  
 SMSgt James Dowd  
 MSgt James Fry  
 MSgt Prior Maxwell  
 SSgt Chulk Celestine  
 SSgt Tonya Collier  
 SSgt Damon Drake  
 SSgt Tywana Faulks  
 SSgt Candice Foxe  
 SSgt Sophia Knight  
 SSgt Daniel Sears  
 TSgt Michael Dohrn  
 TSgt George Jordan Jr  
 TSgt Gelndese Ramos  
 TSgt Christopher Swan  
 TSgt Tony Williams  
 A1C Rebecca Farmer  
 A1C Harry Mackay  
 AB Kyle Donahue  
 AB Veronica Price  
 AB Courtney Robinson



## Say hello to:

**Name:** AB Jennifer Darlin  
**Unit:** 46th Aerial Port Squadron  
**Hometown:** Milford, Del.  
**Civilian Occupation:** Killens Pond volunteer coordinator  
**Hobbies:** Volleyball and painting  
**Personal Goals:** Making the Reserve a career and attaining a bachelor's degree in fine arts.

## Medals



### Meritorious Service Medal

SMSgt Ara Shishmanian  
 SMSgt Christine Brock  
 MSgt David Finfinger  
 MSgt Rachael Gonesh  
 MSgt Derek Leister

MSgt John McCann Sr  
 MSgt Larry Reed  
**Commendation Medal**  
 MSgt Donald Meyer  
 TSgt Colen Fencer  
 TSgt Michael Gale  
 TSgt Troy Heller  
 TSgt Gina Huth  
 TSgt Leroy Manuel Jr  
 TSgt Tony Marlette

TSgt Theresa Stauffer  
 TSgt Suzanne Tucker  
**Achievement Medal**  
 SSgt Jason Ohs

## Retirements

TSgt John Winslow  
 Retirement announcements can be submitted to [liberty.press@dover.af.mil](mailto:liberty.press@dover.af.mil).



Photo by Debra Larregui

## Stitches of Love

**Chaplain (Lt. Col.) John Groth, 512th Airlift Wing, presents Senior Airman Amanda Gonzales, 512th Mission Support Squadron, with knitted blankets and hats for her newborn twins, who are shown in the picture with Santa Claus. The hand-made items were donated by Stitches of Love, a nonprofit organization. Members who know of someone in the wing family who recently had a baby or someone who is expecting are welcome to call Chaplain Groth to arrange for a Stitches of Love delivery. The Liberty Wing chapel office is located in Building 202 on the second floor, and their number is (302)677-4770.**



## Promotions to Colonel

On Dec. 21, Air Force Reserve Command announced the following promotions to colonel.

Diego X. Alvarez,  
 512th Aerospace Medicine Squadron

Louis J. Dimodugno,  
 512th Mission Support Group

Kurt D. Jones,  
 709th Airlift Squadron

Lawrence McHale,  
 512th Maintenance Group

Walton F. Reddish,  
 512th Aerospace Medicine Squadron

## What's Up?

The 2007 Lewes Polar Bear Plunge is Feb. 4 at 1 p.m. at Rehoboth Beach. The Special Olympics event features thousands of people taking a plunge into the icy waters of the Atlantic Ocean.

# Around the 512th

## Apply now to attend ALS

The 512th Education and Training Office is accepting applications for Airman Leadership School classes 07-D, 07-E and 07-F. The ALS nomination packages are due to Education and Training no later than Jan. 22.

The ALS board, scheduled for the February UTA will be a paper only board.

New eligibility requirements and procedures are listed on the wing's share drive. Unit training managers and the wing's Education and Training Office has more information on this selection process.

## CGOC elects new officers

The 512th Airlift Wing's Company Grade Officers' Council recently held elections with the following results:

- Capt. Shirley Whitney, President*
- 1st Lt. Crystal Beach, Vice President*
- Capt. Tinya Lewis, Secretary*
- Capt. Dawn Card, Treasurer*

All junior officers are encouraged to attend the meetings held every A-Team UTA Saturday, beginning at 11:30, at Francos restaurant in Dover.

## 8th Annual Ruck March January

The 436th Security Forces Squadron is sponsoring the 8th Annual Ruck March, honoring Korean War veterans Jan. 27.

The 9 a.m. event begins at the Air Mobility Command Museum. The cost is \$10 per person or \$40 per team. The deadline to register is Jan. 12.

For more information, contact Tech. Sgt. Edward Strouse at (302) 677-6087 or at [edward.strouse@dover.af.mil](mailto:edward.strouse@dover.af.mil).

## Successful FSC food drive

The 512th Family Support Center completed its holiday food drive over the December UTA. During the season, seven wing families received a box of food items and commissary gift certificates.

## First sergeant positions open

The 512th Mission Support Squadron Employment Office is accepting applications for first sergeant positions in the following squadrons: the 512th Memorial Affairs Squadron, the 512th Logistics Readiness Flight and the 46th Aerial Port Squadron. Applicants will meet with the board during the February UTA. For more information, call (302) 677-3500.



Photo by Marian Kelley

## We do

In a Hollywood romance-themed wedding set in a historical theater, Tech. Sgt. Veronica A. Aceveda, 512th Public Affairs, married Tech. Sgt. David W. Robinson, 354th Communications Squadron. Chaplain (Lt. Col.) John Groth, 512th Airlift Wing, officiated the ceremony Nov. 11 in Norfolk, Va.

## Gas mask audit in January

The 512th Airlift Wing undergoes a gas mask audit this month. Members need to ensure they bring their protective mask into the unit for the January UTA.

Organizing officials said it's important to have the entire assembly properly labeled and identified in case the mask becomes separated from the case during the inspection. Airmen are also reminded to be familiar with inspection and cleaning procedures of the mask.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Laveil Ricks at (302) 677-3363.



## Do you know your 512th Airlift Wing heritage?

**Q:**

What happened 41 years ago on Jan. 1, 1966?

**A:**

The 512th Transportation Wing Heavy inactivated and then reactivated with a new designation – the 512th Military Airlift Wing. The 512th MAW remained at Carswell Air Force Base, Texas, throughout the Vietnam War.

The transition from an "on call" Reserve force to a newer "ready now" force also occurred about this time with the creation of the Strategic Reserve. Citizen Airmen logged more than 3,900 hours of flying time, completing missions to Vietnam while taking "short" leaves of absence from their civilian occupations. The sacrifices made today by reservists, their families and employers in the name of freedom continues the long and proud tradition of the 512th Airlift Wing.

# Show me the money: 2007 Reserve Pay Chart

PAY GRADE	YEARS OF SERVICE														
	<2	2	3	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26
<b>COMMISSIONED OFFICERS</b>															
O-10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1821.20	1830.12	1868.16	1934.48
O-9	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1592.88	1615.80	1648.96	1706.84
O-8	1127.08	1163.96	1188.48	1195.32	1225.88	1276.96	1288.84	1337.36	1351.24	1393.04	1453.44	1509.20	1546.44	1546.44	1546.44
O-7	936.52	980.00	1000.16	1016.16	1045.12	1073.72	1106.84	1139.84	1172.96	1276.96	1364.80	1364.80	1364.80	1364.80	1371.72
O-6	694.16	762.56	812.60	812.60	815.68	850.68	855.28	855.28	903.88	989.84	1040.28	1090.68	1119.36	1148.40	1204.76
O-5	578.64	651.84	697.00	705.48	733.60	750.48	787.52	814.68	849.76	903.52	929.08	954.40	983.08	983.08	983.08
O-4	499.28	577.96	616.52	625.12	660.92	699.28	747.04	784.32	810.16	825.00	833.64	833.64	833.64	833.64	833.64
O-3	438.96	497.64	537.12	585.60	613.60	644.40	664.36	697.12	714.12	714.12	714.12	714.12	714.12	714.12	714.12
O-2	379.24	431.96	497.52	514.32	524.88	524.88	524.88	524.88	524.88	524.88	524.88	524.88	524.88	524.88	524.88
O-1	329.24	342.64	414.20	414.20	414.20	414.20	414.20	414.20	414.20	414.20	414.20	414.20	414.20	414.20	414.20
<b>COMMISSIONED OFFICERS WITH OVER 4 YEARS ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE AS AN ENLISTED MEMBER OR WARRANT OFFICER</b>															
O-3E	0.00	0.00	0.00	585.60	613.60	644.40	664.36	697.12	724.72	740.56	762.12	762.12	762.12	762.12	762.12
O-2E	0.00	0.00	0.00	514.32	524.88	541.60	569.80	591.60	607.84	607.84	607.84	607.84	607.84	607.84	607.84
O-1E	0.00	0.00	0.00	414.20	442.36	458.68	475.40	491.84	514.32	514.32	514.32	514.32	514.32	514.32	514.32
<b>ENLISTED MEMBERS</b>															
E-9	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	548.08	560.52	576.16	594.60	613.12	642.88	668.04	694.56	735.04
E-8	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	448.64	468.52	480.80	495.52	511.44	540.24	554.84	579.64	593.40	627.32
E-7	311.88	340.40	353.44	370.76	384.20	407.36	420.36	433.36	456.56	468.16	479.16	485.88	508.64	523.36	560.56
E-6	269.76	296.80	309.92	322.64	335.92	365.88	377.52	390.44	401.80	405.80	408.60	408.60	408.60	408.60	408.60
E-5	247.20	263.72	276.44	289.52	309.84	327.32	340.20	344.28	344.28	344.28	344.28	344.28	344.28	344.28	344.28
E-4	226.60	238.20	251.08	263.80	275.04	275.04	275.04	275.04	275.04	275.04	275.04	275.04	275.04	275.04	275.04
E-3	204.56	217.44	230.56	230.56	230.56	230.56	230.56	230.56	230.56	230.56	230.56	230.56	230.56	230.56	230.56
E-2	194.52	194.52	194.52	194.52	194.52	194.52	194.52	194.52	194.52	194.52	194.52	194.52	194.52	194.52	194.52
E-1 >4	173.52	173.52	173.52	173.52	173.52	173.52	173.52	173.52	173.52	173.52	173.52	173.52	173.52	173.52	173.52
E-1 <4	160.52	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Download the chart at [http://www.dod.mil/dfas/militarypay/2006militarypaytables/2007\\_JAN-Reserve\\_Drills\\_PayTables\\_Dist.pdf](http://www.dod.mil/dfas/militarypay/2006militarypaytables/2007_JAN-Reserve_Drills_PayTables_Dist.pdf)

## Tax statements available online

Servicemembers, military retirees and annuitants, and federal civilian employees paid by the Defense Finance and Accounting Service should have received their 2006 tax statements in December, according to DFAS officials.

DFAS customers with access to the secure, "myPay" system at [www.mypay.dfas.mil](http://www.mypay.dfas.mil) can also retrieve their tax statements electronically.

"Tax statements are available online, allowing customers to view and print W2s and 1099Rs. Whether anyone needs the statements to complete taxes or just want an extra copy for their records, the tax statements can be accessed and printed at any time," Patrick Shine, DFAS operations director, said. "The printable statements are approved by the Internal Revenue Service."

For the complete news article visit <http://www.defenselink.mil/News/NewsArticle.aspx?ID=2384>

### UTA Schedule

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

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