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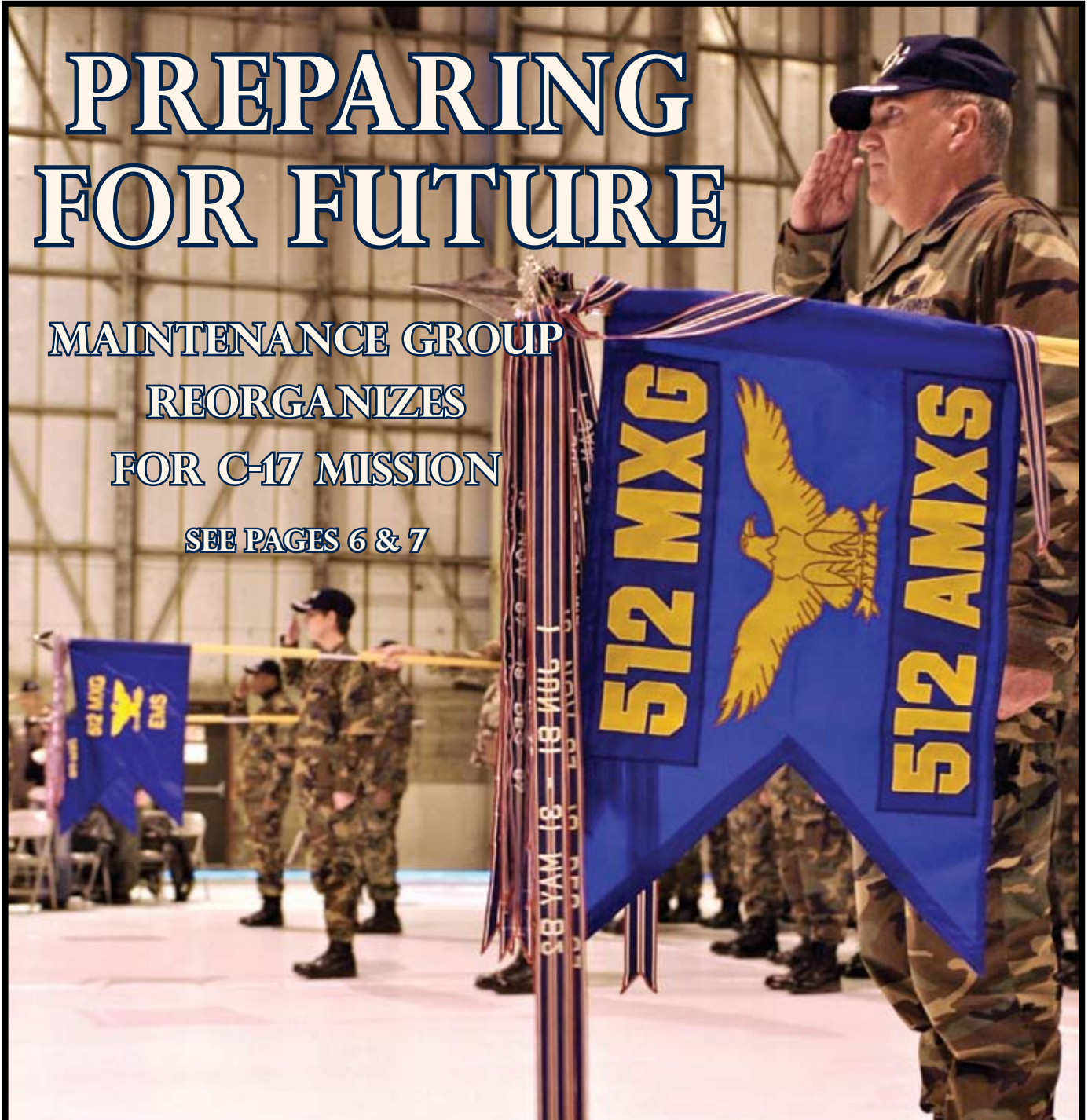
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## On the cover



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**Lt. Col. Kenneth Bunting, 512th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron commander, participates in the 512th Maintenance Group's Reorganization Ceremony Feb. 4. The unit restructuring accomodates the upcoming C-17 mission.**

# Command chief bids farewell

**Chief Master Sgt. Caroline Vennell**  
512th AW command chief

It has been such a rewarding and humbling tenure as the 512th Airlift Wing command chief. Little did I know that when I joined the Air Force Reserve at Dover Air Force Base more than 27 years ago, I'd some day have the honor of serving as the command chief.

I came to Dover because I wanted to work on airplanes and maybe even get a chance to someday see the world. This was a dream come true for a farm girl from Pennsylvania, and one that I'd gladly do all over again if given the chance.

Time has flown by and it seems like yesterday when after work on Friday nights I'd travel almost five hours to Dover. There I'd stand in long lines for a room in building 481 or 482. But, I didn't care what obstacles I had to overcome because I was living my dream.

I had my supervisors who were always giving me advice and telling me to make sure I completed my Professional Military Education as soon as I was eligible. Today this is called being a good wingman, but back then we just called it looking out for one another, helping in the wing wherever we were needed, and being part of a team.

I was told that if I obtained a 5-skill level in my field I'd be allowed to go on enroute tours, which lets you go to places overseas for your annual tours. Well, this was all I needed to know, so I set out to get certified on all my tasks and as a result signed up for almost any trip I could get on and sometimes even went on two in a year. My supervisors were doing what we call mentoring today. They were helping me get ready for the next step.

As I progressed up the ranks I was prompted by my supervisor and many of my team members to apply for the 512th Aircraft Generation Squadron first sergeant

position. I thought this had to be the best job in the Air Force since I was working with people and helping to influence their careers.

I guess I did alright because I became the first female chief in maintenance.

I was also fortunate enough to have Chief Master Sgt. Larry Moseley as a mentor. In 1999, he was selected as the command chief, a position previously known as the senior enlisted adviser. Chief Moseley mentored me and some six years later I was selected to take his place. I had big shoes to fill, and I hoped someday to exceed his expectations.

Now I can actually say that being a command chief is the very best job in the Air

Force because I've been able to look out for our enlisted force and 'they' are our most important asset.

I'm so proud of our Reserve forces because they keep volunteering and continue doing all that is asked of them

and more. With everything going on in the world we still have people who are lining up to enlist because they want to serve their country and be part of our nation's defense. People are amazed because our reservists love their jobs, are enthusiastic individuals, and are highly motivated. Having a positive attitude in life and enjoying what you do is the most important ingredient needed to be successful.

I've had the opportunity to work as part of a team with the 436th Airlift Wing. They own the airframes and we share the flying mission, but it's all really about the people. We're so integrated that we have people in every shop either working as civilians, air reserve technicians, augmentees, individual mobilization augmentees or traditional reservists. It takes the collective efforts of everyone together to make the mission happen on a day-to-day basis. We're no



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**Chief Master Sgt. Caroline Vennell**  
512th AW command chief

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# Best of Best: Liberty Wing recognizes annual award winners

## 1st Lt. Marnee A.C. Losurdo

Chief, 512th AW Public Affairs

The 512th Airlift Wing selected its annual award winners for 2006. They will be recognized at the June 10 commander's call.

### Airman of the Year

Senior Airman Anthony Palma, 46th Aerial Port Squadron air transportation apprentice, is the Airman of the Year. After less than a year in the Air Force Reserve, Airman Palma volunteered for a four-month deployment to the Central Command Area of Responsibility, where he worked as an air transportation operations specialist responsible for coordinating aerial port actions such as cargo and passenger movement on airlift missions. He's enrolled at the University of Phoenix pursuing a Bachelor of Science. He's also a coach and referee for Philadelphia youth basketball programs.



**Capt.  
Jason Pennypacker**

### NCO of the Year

Staff Sgt. Sean Barnum, 709th Airlift Squadron loadmaster, is the NCO of the Year. Sergeant Barnum has amassed more than 100 combat-flying hours in support of Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom. He completed his bachelor's degree in history through the University of Maryland earning a 3.74 grade point average and is working on his Master of Arts with a specialty in teaching. He also manages an after school program Partnering to Youth, which promotes positive youth development through tutoring, enrichment activities and helping children with their homework.

### Senior NCO of the Year

Master Sgt. Larry Reed, 709th AS flight examiner loadmaster, is the Senior NCO of the Year. He has flown more than 5,000 incident-free hours. He initiated and implemented the Loadmaster Mission Qualification Training program overseeing the 12-month training of 22 of the 66 currently qualified loadmasters in the 709th AS. The sergeant graduated with honors from Wilmington College completing his bachelor's degree in finance. He was also awarded the Reserve Volunteer Service medal for his service at his church where he is the director of the children's church ministries.

### Company Grade Officer of the Year

Capt. Jason Pennypacker, 326th Airlift Squadron executive officer and pilot, is the Company Grade Officer of the Year. Captain Pennypacker has flown 1,000 flight hours to include 66 combat hours supporting OEF and OIF. He received the Lance P. Sijan Leadership award for his leadership and devotion to duty. The captain also volunteers with the Delaware Veteran's Organization,



**Senior Airman  
Anthony Palma**



**Staff Sgt.  
Sean Barnum**



**Master Sgt.  
Larry Reed**



**Tech. Sgt.  
James Baker**



**Senior Master Sgt.  
John Bouchard**



**Ms.  
Marilyn Larson**

American Legion and Trinity Wesleyan church. He also raised \$500 for his church's softball team.

### Crew Chief of the Year

Tech. Sgt. James Baker, 512th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, is the Crew Chief of the Year. As a maintenance technician and crew leader, Sergeant Baker's efforts contributed to Team Dover flying more than 1,400 OIF missions. During an aircraft inspection for an OEF mission, he discovered a cracked component on a C-5 and directed the replacement of that part as well as a system leak check, which ensured the mission wasn't delayed. He also served on the committee that organized the 2006 Dover AFB Chief's Group Golf Tournament raising more than \$2,000 supporting Dover programs that assist Airmen and their families.

### First Sergeant of the Year

Senior Master Sgt. John Bouchard, 326th Airlift Squadron, is the First Sergeant of the Year. He deployed for 120 days to serve as a first sergeant for a 500 member civil engineering unit in the Central Command Area of Responsibility supporting OEF and OIF. He is the president of the 512th AW First Sergeant Council and of his squadron's booster club. He is also his unit's physical fitness training monitor setting the example by scoring an excellent on his physical fitness test. In addition, he earned his second associates degree in human resource management from the Community College of the Air Force.

### Civilian of the Year

Marilyn Larson, 512th Maintenance Group secretary, is the Civilian of the Year. Ms. Larson maintained the MXG commander support staff while the executive officer and administrative assistant positions were vacant. She trained maintenance personnel on the new online awards and decorations program and also monitored the time and attendance records ensuring there were zero discrepancies on a recent pay audit. She also donated time to the community by spearheading a Thanksgiving food drive that provided turkeys to charitable organizations such as the House of Pride, Shepherd Place and her church ensuring 50 Delaware families had holiday meals.

# Three 512th AW reservists bestowed 948th honor

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

Editor

The 948th Security Forces Squadron may not be an actual squadron here on base, but the 948th Security Forces Award is a real honor bestowed here annually to deserving security forces Airmen.

Three reservists and two active duty members were recognized with the honor Feb. 2 in the Team Dover guard mount room. They are Staff Sgt. Maria Cordova, Senior Airmen Nathan Foose and Willie Johnson II from the 512th Security Forces Squadron and Tech. Sgt. Eric Marquis and John McCain from the 436th Security Forces Squadron.

"The name of the award is a symbolic gesture, which embodies the unified security effort here at Dover," said Chief Master Sgt. William T. Wild III, 512th SFS security forces manager and a unit

member for 22 years.

The 948th name is derived from adding the 512th and 436th prefixes together.

"This program was created around 9/11, when (the 512th Security Forces Squadron) began mass activations to provide home-station support," said the chief who served a little more than a year during this time frame. "It's important to acknowledge the contributions of our Airmen working side-by-side, contributing to the war effort."

Recipients of this award are hand-picked by senior leadership from both of the base's security squadrons.

"Some of the criteria we try to use is

what the member did in support of both security arenas," said Senior Master Sgt. Ron McCoy, 512th SFS superintendent.

This year's selectees were chosen in part for having volunteered to serve on active-duty orders and for having volunteered in various arenas where needed such as in the armory or in flight operations, Sergeant McCoy said. Each honoree received a certificate signed by both wing commanders and each of the Airmen were coined by their counterpart's SFS

commander.

"It's another way to strengthen the bond between the two units, and it's recognition well deserved," said Chief Wild.



Photo by Senior Airman William Vickers



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## Wing inducts newest senior NCOs

**Top:** Fifteen 512th Airlift Wing members were welcomed into the ranks of the senior NCO corps Feb. 3. More than 120 people attended the Senior NCO Induction Ceremony at The Landings at 6 p.m.

**Left:** Master Sgt. Omar Then, 512th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, was one of the 15 Liberty Wing members inducted Feb. 3. The master sergeants were presented with an honor cordon prior to being inducted. The Top 3 also set up a Professional Development Seminar in the afternoon of Feb. 3. The course was three hours and wing members were briefed on wing history, leadership, discipline processes, ethics, mentoring and counseling.

# Dover Team welcomes honorary commanders

Sue Walls

436th AW Public Affairs

**M**ore than 50 community leaders were inducted in the 16th Annual Honorary Commander Induction Ceremony at The Landings Club on Dover Air Force Base Feb. 15.

The honorary commanders program first began at Dover AFB in 1992, with 41 community leaders.

To date, nearly 700 community leaders have participated in the program.

Civic leaders are matched with military commanders, active duty and reserve. Individuals are selected from across the First State, to include New Castle, Kent and Sussex counties, from professions ranging from school teachers and politicians to bankers, police officers, business owners and elected officials.

The program's focus is to target those community members with little to no military service, and in turn educate them about Dover AFB and the important role of today's military, said Col. Ronald A. Rutland, 512th Airlift Wing commander.

"We can't do the mission without the support of the local community," said Colonel Rutland. "As members and leaders in this community, this program is an opportunity for you to learn what our reservists and active duty members accomplish at Dover Air Force Base and around the world in defense of our nation."

"This program was initiated to extend a cross-flow of information and exchange of ideas between our military personnel and local civic leaders," said Col. Sam Cox, 436th Airlift Wing commander.

Military commanders are encouraged to invite their civilian counterpart to unit functions including awards ceremonies, commander's calls, change of commands and social functions, while honorary commanders are encouraged to invite their respective commander to interact with their profession.

Michael Braun, president of the Central Delaware Habitat for Humanity and the newly inducted honorary commander for the 512th Airlift Wing's safety office, said it's a great honor to have the opportunity to participate in the honorary commander program.

"For years the people of the 512th and 436th Airlift Wings have been big supporters of the Central Delaware Habitat for Humanity," he said. "I am truly looking forward to the opportunity of spending time in your 'house' and getting to know you all better."

Joe Yacyshyn, Manager of Community Affairs for Wilmington Trust Company is the new honorary commander for the 436th Mission Support Group. Mr. Yacyshyn has been involved in the program since 2004, previously serving with the 3rd Airlift Squadron,



Photo by Jason Minto

**Capt. Randy Correia, 512th Security Forces Squadron commander, welcomes his 2007 honorary commander, Capt. Victor Ayala with the Wilmington Police Department and the commanding officer of the uniform services division. The 512th Airlift Wing inducted 24 local civic leaders into the honorary commander program this year.**

## 512th AW Honorary Commanders

**512th AW Commander:** John C. Still III, Delaware state senator and Kate Rohrer, staffer for U.S. Congressman Mike Castle

**512th AW Vice Commander** Zaida Guajardo, executive director, La Esperanza

**512th AW Command Chief:** John Friedman, first vice chairman, Central Delaware Chamber of Commerce

**512th AW Safety Officer:** Michael Braun, president, Central Delaware Habitat for Humanity

**512th AW Chaplain:** Rev. (Dr.) Sandra Steiner, district superintendent, United Methodist Church, Dover

**512th AMDS:** Bob Dickerson, senior vice president, Mercantile Peninsula Bank and Milt Warrant, president, Delmarva Two-Way Radio

**512th OG:** Greg Moffitt, president and CEO, Harvard Custom Manufacturing Inc.

**709th AS:** Russell Larson, controller general, State of Del.

**326th AS:** Shawn Banasan, head instructor, Yoon's Martial Arts Academy

**512th ALCF:** Lyle Humpton, project manager, Master Acoustical

**512th OSF:** Robert Wall, judge, Court 16, Small Claims Court

**512th MXG:** Eugene Montano, principal, Dover High School

**512th AMXS:** Pat Wheeler, special events director, Midway Slots and Simulcast

**712th AMXS:** Donna Stone, Delaware state representative

**512th MXS:** Tina Shockley, program coordinator, Adopt-a-Highway

**512th MOF:** Tonda Parks, corporate events director, American Heart Association

**512th MSG:** Maria Matos, executive director, The Latin American Community Center

**512th MSS:** Deborah Wicks, superintendent, Smyrna School District

**512th SFS:** Victor Ayala, captain, Wilmington Police Department

**46th APS:** Pam Marecki, marketing director, Bayhealth Medical Center

**512th CES:** Alan Robinson, president, Delaware Volunteer Firemen's Association

**512th MAS:** Rob Timblin, assistant funeral director, Faries Funeral Home

**512th LRF:** Murrey Goldthwaite, executive director of shelter services, Kent County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

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Photo by Senior Airman Ryan Scofield

**Maj. Rolandrias Bradford, left, commander of the newly formed 512th Maintenance Squadron, stands in formation with his unit members during the Feb. 4 reorganization ceremony. The**

**reorganization aligns the group with a structure similar to the rest of the Air Force and accommodates for the arrival of the C-17 Globemaster III at Dover Air Force Base this summer.**

# MXG reorganizes for C-17 mission

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

A ceremony here Feb. 4 marked the end of a 30-year run of Dover AFB's sole C-5 Galaxy mission and the beginning of a new era as the base prepares for the first of 13 C-17 Globemaster IIIs scheduled to arrive this summer.

Air Force Reserve Command's 512th Maintenance Group is reorganizing to accommodate the C-17 mission and align the group with a structure similar to the rest of the Air Force.

"Today brings about a new legacy, a new mission and a new challenge," said Col. Ronald A. Rutland, the 512th Airlift Wing commander. "The arrival of the C-17 will be a legacy of two wings and two maintenance groups (active duty and Air Force Reserve) coming together to get the mission done. It's known as Team Dover. It's how we do our business."

"Each aircraft in our U.S. Air Force's

inventory requires highly skilled and disciplined men and women to fly them, to maintain them and to provide a wide variety of critical support to accomplish the mission," said Col. Willie W. Cooper II, the 512th MXG commander.

"The C-17 is the future of the Air Force, but all I know is the C-5," said Senior Master Sgt. Donald Kimball, a C-5 mechanic and flight chief with the 512th AMXS. Sergeant Kimball, who has been working on the C-5 since 1978, is one of 85 people who transferred from the C-5 maintenance unit to the newly activated 712th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. "It's an exciting change for the base. For the Airmen who get to work on them, it's

going to broaden their careers, and they'll gain some valuable knowledge."

Staff Sgt. Kevin Flowers, a C-5 mechanic for eight years and a reservist for six years, recently completed a six-week C-17 maintenance technical school at

Charleston AFB, S.C. The 712th AMXS maintainer said he was enthusiastic about taking on the base's newest mission.

"I like change and look forward to it," he said. "There's a lot of new stuff to learn, and to be able to work on the C-17 and be part of a new squadron is

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**Col. Ronald A. Rutland**  
512th Airlift Wing commander

a great opportunity."

The C-17 has newer technology, therefore it takes fewer people to maintain the aircraft, said Lt. Col. Gretchen Kurlander, the first commander of the 712th AMXS.

The C-5 unit, the 512th AMXS, has about 170 maintainers -- double that of the new C-17 maintenance squadron.

Staff Sgt. Oliver Crisp, a jet engine mechanic who is one of 300 maintainers now part of the 512th Maintenance Squadron, that supports the maintenance needs of the C-5 and the C-17, said he looks forward to working on the C-17 as well.

"It's fun to work on," he said. "It's like driving a new car."

"We are an Air Force of change," Colonel Rutland said. "If we don't change, we will not be the best Air Force in the world. Today is another change. That is our future, and we will change with it."

Previously, the 512th MXG consisted of an aircraft maintenance squadron, equipment maintenance squadron, component maintenance squadron and maintenance operations flight. The group works side-by-side its active-duty counterpart, the 436th MXG, to maintain the C-5.

The reorganization inactivated the 512th CMS, redesignated the 512th EMS as the 512th MXS and activated the 712th AMXS, which will assume the C-17 maintenance mission.

The reorganization transferred CMS people and their mission to the newly named 512th MXS, and half the people from the 512th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, which fixes and repairs the C-5, were reassigned to the 712th AMXS.

The active-duty's 436th MXG inactivated its CMS and merged it into MXS June 20, 2005. It will stand up its C-17 maintenance squadron, the 736th AMXS, this spring.



Photo by Senior Airman Ryan Scofield

**Col. Willie W. Cooper II, 512th Maintenance Group commander, hands off the unit guidon to Lt. Col. Gretchen M. Kurlander, commander of the newly activated 712th Maintenance Squadron, which will maintain the C-17 Globemaster III, scheduled to arrive at Dover Air Force Base this summer.**



## Wing sponsors coin contest

In June, the wing will take on an additional mission with the arrival of the C-17 Globemaster III, and the 512th Airlift Wing commander would like a new wing coin to reflect the C-5 and C-17 mission.

"With a fleet of C-5s and C-17s, Dover will be one of two Air Force bases that can deliver any cargo, anywhere in the world," said Col. Ronald A. Rutland, 512th AW commander. "I'd like a coin that will reflect these missions as well as our wing heritage."

Coin designs must be submitted electronically to the 512th AW Public Affairs Office account, [liberty.press@dover.af.mil](mailto:liberty.press@dover.af.mil), by the end of the March UTA.

The winner will be selected during the April UTA, and the winning coin design will be unveiled in the May Liberty Press. In addition, the coin designer will be recognized during the June 10 commander's call. For more information, call 512th PA at (302) 677-3485. *(Courtesy 512th AW Public Affairs)*

# Commitment to Caring: Air Force Assistance Fund underway

This year's Air Force Assistance Fund "Commitment to Caring" campaign, from Feb. 12 to May 4, will provide Airmen the opportunity to contribute to any of the four official Air Force charitable organizations.

The 512th Airlift Wing points of contact for this campaign are Capt. Connie Williams, 512th Maintenance Group, and 1st Lt. Kandy Playford, 326th Airlift Squadron.

Now in its 34th year, 100-percent of designated AFAF contributions will benefit active-duty, Reserve, Guard, retired Air Force people, surviving spouses and families. Last year, Airmen exceeded the campaign goal as they contributed more than \$7.33 million.

People can contribute cash, check or money order or use payroll deduction for the following organizations.

## The Air Force Aid Society

This organization provides Airmen and their families with worldwide emergency financial assistance, education assistance and an array of base level community-enhancement programs. Base staff members at airman and family readiness centers have full details on programs and eligibility requirements. Information is available online at [www.afas.org](http://www.afas.org).

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longer considered a ready reserve, but an operational reserve force.

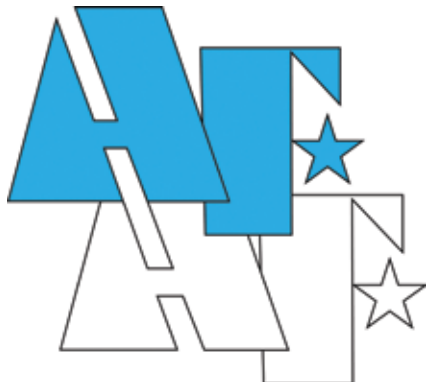
When I first came to Dover we had the C-5 A's and later everyone was very excited about getting the new C-5 B's into our inventory. I can see that same excitement as we prepare for the arrival of our first C-17 Globemaster III. As Dover adds the C-17 to its fleet, we'll be able to be anywhere in the world when needed. This base has come a long way since I first arrived at its gates as a new Airman, and I'm sure there will be many more changes in the future.

As I move on it will open up opportunities for other Airmen. This is the way it should be. We need to challenge our Airmen and give them the opportunities and experience to help them progress when ready. Our Airmen are our future, and we need to prepare them to be the leaders of tomorrow.

Give our Airmen the encouragement they deserve when they are doing a good job. Sometimes a pat on the back, a smile, or a thank you is enough to motivate them to continue in a positive direction. The bottom line is take care of your people first and after that everything else will fall into place.

I look to the future, and I'm proud because I can continue to be part of it through my nephew, who has joined the Air Force and is presently attending basic training. He is the new generation of Airmen.

I'll miss the Reserve, but it is the people who I'll truly miss. Yet, even in retirement, I'll continue to be an ambassador in blue by trying to motivate and educate others about the benefits of being in the Air Force Reserve. The Reserve has given me so much by allowing me to live my dream and opened doors of opportunities for the future. It's been my honor and privilege to serve all the members of the 512th Airlift Wing and the Air Force Reserve.



**Air Force Assistance Fund  
Unit Representatives**

**Primary: Capt. Connie Williams,  
512th Maintenance Group, 302-677-5507**

**Alternate: 1st Lt. Kandy Playford,  
326th Airlift Squadron, 302-677-3822**

## Air Force Enlisted Village Indigent Widow's Fund

This fund supports the Air Force Village in Shalimar, Fla., near Eglin Air Force Base, Fla. The fund provides rent subsidy and other support to indigent widows and

widowers of retired enlisted people 55 and older. More information is available at [www.afenlistedwidows.org](http://www.afenlistedwidows.org).

## The Air Force Villages Indigent Widow's Fund

The Air Force Villages Indigent Widows' Fund supports the Air Force Village in San Antonio, a life-care community for retired officers, spouses, widows or widowers and family members. The Air Force Village Web site is [www.airforcevillages.com](http://www.airforcevillages.com).

## The General and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation

The General and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation provides rent and financial assistance to indigent widows and widowers of officers and enlisted people in their own homes and communities. The LeMay Foundation Web site is [www.afvw.com/le-may.html](http://www.afvw.com/le-may.html).

Contributions to the AFAF are tax deductible. For more information, contact wing representatives or visit the Air Force Assistance Fund Web site or the Air Force Personnel Center's Voting and Fundraising Web site. *(Courtesy AF News)*

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and relishes his involvement with the entire Dover Team.

"The Honorary Commander program is a great outreach tool. The interaction with the squadrons, gives me so many unique opportunities to work with and show my support for the military, to see what they do every day, for our local area, and our country. I'm very proud to be associated with Dover AFB," said Mr. Yacyshyn.

The new group of Honorary Commanders will have the opportunity to participate in many base functions over the next year: A C-5 orientation flight is projected for the spring, C-17 Globemaster III delivery ceremony in June, wing-wide picnic in the summer, as well as the Fall Bluesuiter's Golf Tournament at Eagle Creek Golf Course slated for Sept. 13. *(1st Lt. Marnee A.C. Losurdo contributed to this story)*



# Virtual accounts to become reality

Air Force Reserve Command wants its officers, senior NCOs and supervisors to establish virtual Personnel Center - Guard/Reserve accounts by April 2.

Maj. Gen. Allan R. Poulin, AFRC vice commander, urges all reservists to get a vPC-GR account, by logging on to <http://arpc.afrc.af.mil/vPC-GR>.

“Our personnel center is the hub of our transformation efforts, and vPC-GR is our tool to transition reservists to these Web-based personnel services,” he wrote in a letter to commanders Feb. 1.

As part of the Personnel Services Delivery Transformation, the Web-based system allows reservists to conduct personal transactions and access information without visiting a military personnel flight.

They can monitor their duty histories, request changes and updates, and apply for retirement online. Also, commanders and supervisors can submit their people for awards and decorations electronically.

Actions still available at local MPFs are testing, casualty assistance, passports, contingency exercises, leave accrual and personnel support for contingency operations. (Courtesy AFRC)

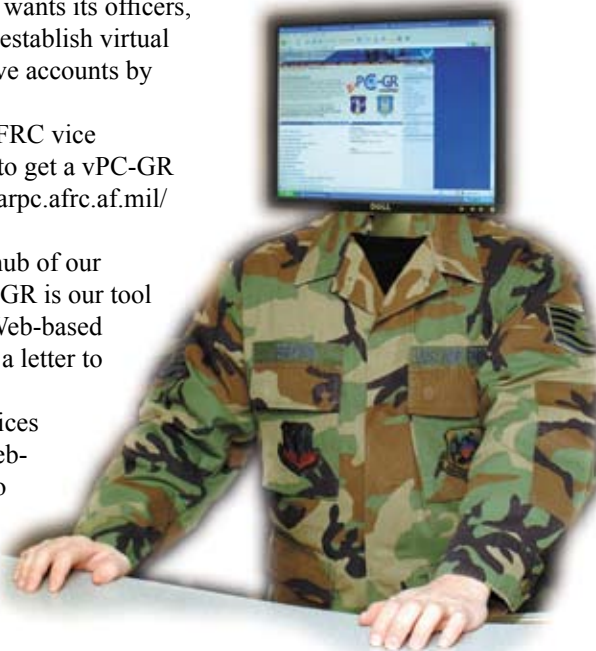


Photo illustration by Maj. David Kurle

**The Air Reserve Personnel Center's virtual-Personnel Center, Guard and Reserve portal, or vPCGR, will replace some in-person visits to the local military personnel flight offices.**



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

## Ready now

**Airman 1st Class LaToya Atkinson, 512th Mission Support Squadron, checks Master Sgt. Bernard Cochran's identification card. Sergeant Cochran, 46th Aerial Port Squadron, was one of 300 512th Airlift Wing members who participated in the deployment exercise Feb. 3. The exercise evaluated the wing's readiness and ability to process through a deployment line, which is preparation for the upcoming Operational Readiness Inspection in October.**

## Information customized for mobile devices

Defense Department news releases, articles and other information are now available in a new format that is customized for easier viewing on mobile devices such as a BlackBerry.

The new, mobile-device-friendly format can be accessed at [www.dod.mil/mobile](http://www.dod.mil/mobile).

For more information, visit <http://www.af.mil/news/story.asp?storyID=123037799>

## Air Force 60th Anniversary Posters available online

Anniversary posters and art are available for downloading at <http://www.af.mil/art/index.asp?galleryID=1617>

Air Force Link will provide news and stories at <http://www.af.mil/library/usaf60.asp>

## Military Channel looking for servicemembers stories

The Military Channel is asking servicemembers across the armed forces to submit videotaped stories about their service in the global war on terrorism for broadcast on television.

Video can be in digital or taped format, and can be submitted via the following methods: Online: [www.mywardiary.com](http://www.mywardiary.com); E-mail: [mywardiary@discovery.com](mailto:mywardiary@discovery.com); or Mail: Military Videos, care of Discovery Productions, 8045 Kennett Street, Silver Spring, Md. 20910. Visit <http://www.af.mil/news/story.asp?storyID=123038273> for more information.

## Homefront America offers scholarships for youth

Homefront America has joined the W. Daniel Tate family and Sara's Hope Foundation for a second year to host a scholarship contest awarding \$1,000 to 25 military family children.

Essays are due by April 23 and should not exceed 500 words. Winners will be announced in May.

Instructions and application procedures are available at the Homefront America Web site, [www.homefrontamerica.org](http://www.homefrontamerica.org).

# 512th salutes

## Newcomers

The Liberty Wing welcomes the following newcomers:  
 Lt Col David Arthur  
 Maj William J. O'Donnell III  
 Capt Christopher Ohlmeyer  
 SSgt Omari Colas  
 SSgt Susan Mosher  
 SrA Edward Carmean  
 SrA Amir Johnson  
 SrA Leroy McLean  
 SrA Kimberlee Meckle  
 SrA Matthew Ronan  
 Amn Alina Kendrick  
 AB Catherine Maye  
 AB Andrew Ramkissoon

## Retirements

Farewell to:  
 CMSgt Caroline Vennell  
 TSgt Scott Skrakowski

Unit public affairs representatives can submit names of retirees to liberty.press@dover.af.mil.

## PME Graduates

**Airman Leadership School**  
 SrA Reginald Edlow  
 SrA Stephen Kaufman  
 SrA Marya Lambert  
 SrA William F. Vickers IV

**Senior NCO Academy**  
 MSgt Anthony Campbell  
 MSgt Michael McRobie  
 MSgt Jeffery Franklin

## Reenlistments

MSgt Glenn Bailey  
 MSgt William E. Downing Jr  
 MSgt David Ginter  
 MSgt Paul Cook  
 MSgt John Tonkay  
 TSgt Sean Pyne  
 TSgt Donald Gravesande  
 TSgt Steven Deery  
 TSgt Howard Price  
 TSgt Anthony Bourdeau  
 TSgt Sharmeen Morris  
 TSgt Carole Urban  
 TSgt John Gray  
 TSgt Andre Gattis



## Say hello to:

**Name:** A1C Alina Kendrick  
**Unit:** 512th AMDS  
**Hometown:** Springfield, Mass.  
**Civilian Occupation:** Licensed Practical Nurse  
**Hobbies:** Singing, modeling and working with the Virginia Board of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome  
**Personal Goals:** To become a nurse anesthetist and an officer

SSgt Marco Veloso  
 SSgt Thomas Gray Jr.  
 SSgt Jason Ohs  
 SSgt Anthony Rivera

## Achievement Medal

SMSgt John Bouchard

Jennifer Martin  
 Gerard J. McHale Jr  
 William Pittman  
 George Rollins  
 Robert Wynn  
**To SSgt**  
 Owen Keener  
 Malynda King  
 Michael Motes  
 Shannon Phelps  
 William D. Reese IV  
 Ronald Reyes  
 Joshua Runkles  
**To SrA**  
 Ravin Tatman  
**To A1C**  
 Cynthia Miller

## Medals



**Meritorious Service Medal**  
 CMSgt Kenneth Thompson

**Air Medal**  
 Maj Daniel Triplett  
 Capt Jason Reagan

**Commendation Medal**  
 TSgt Thomas Carney  
 TSgt James Webster



**To CMSgt**  
 Larry Steadman

**To SMSgt**  
 Angela Simmons

**To MSgt**  
 Alexis Richardson  
 Lawrence E. Roy III

**To TSgt**  
 Christopher Gile



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## 'Shiver me timbers'

The 'Shiver Me Timbers' Polar Bear Plunge team was comprised of several 512th Airlift Wing members, who helped raise \$10,000 for Special Olympics Delaware. They plunged into the ocean at Rehoboth Beach Feb. 4 when the air temperature was at 29 degrees, the third coldest in plunge history. Liberty Wing members included Lt. Col. Diego Alvarez, Col. (Ret.) Don Sloan, Lt. Col. Louis Patriquin, Maj. Kyle Pangle, 1st Lt. Kelly Mount, Senior Master Sgt. Bill Clifton and their family and friends.

# Around the 512th



## Daylight savings moved to March

Reservists are reminded to be aware that this year's Daylight Savings Time change happens March 11, which affects the A-Team UTA. In an effort to not be late for the Sunday drill, reservists are encouraged to set their clocks forward one hour before they go to bed Saturday night.

Both Daylight Savings Times for the year are changed due to the Energy Policy Act passed by Congress.

Daylight Savings Time begins three weeks earlier on March 11 at 2 a.m. and ends one week later on Nov. 4 at 2 a.m. (Courtesy 512th AW Public Affairs)

## Recertify BAH by March 30

All Liberty Wing reservists must have a completed Air Force Form 987, Recertification Statement for Basic Allowance for Quarters turned in by March 30.

Items 1-10 must be filled out and the form must be signed by the service member. Forms can be obtained and turned-in at unit orderly rooms. Wing staff agencies are to give their forms to the 512th Military Pay Office in Building 202.

BAH recertification is mandatory. Failure to submit the completed AF Form 987 by the deadline will result in a stoppage of BAH entitlements.

For more information, contact the Reserve pay office at (302) 677-3493.

## Notice for pregnant members

All pregnant females should be instructed to report to Public Health office, Saturday of the UTA as soon as the member becomes aware she's pregnant. It's important for the pregnant reservist to notify the 512th Aerospace Medical Squadron so hazardous agents or duties that could be harmful to the member and the baby are identified as soon possible. The member should report to Public Health with her military medical record and a note from her obstetric care provider that must include an estimated due date.

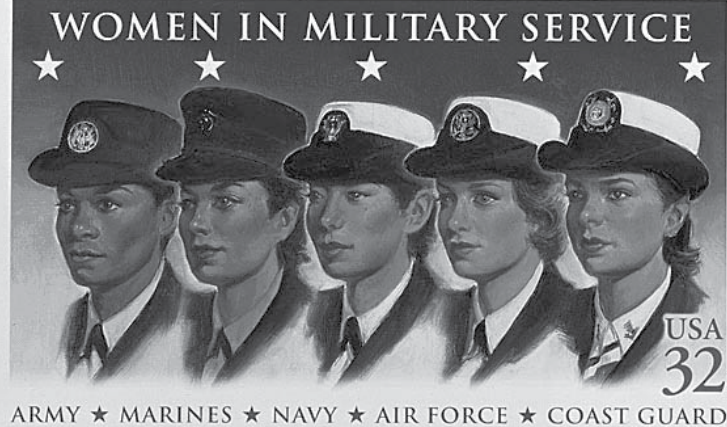
A pregnant reservist may volunteer to participate during UTAs until she delivers if the following criteria are met. The reservist, unit commander, and obstetric care provider all support the decision to participate. A letter must be provided by each to be maintained in the member's medical record. If no letter is found, the member is profiled "no pay no points" at 34 weeks of pregnancy. And, the reservist's home is located within 50 miles of the UTA location and commutes home during the UTA. (Courtesy 512th Aerospace Medicine Squadron)

## Employer Appreciation Day scheduled for July 7

The 512th Airlift Wing's annual Employer Appreciation Day is scheduled for July 7. Nomination forms will be available in the April and May Liberty Press editions. 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. For more information, call (302) 677-3485.

## Airman commissioning board convenes in June

The next 512th Airlift Wing Deserving Airman Commissioning Board is scheduled to convene at 9 a.m. June 9 in building 202, room 107. Candidates should ensure required documents indicated in the 512th Airlift Wing Deserving Airman Commissioning Program handout are submitted to Career Enhancement by May 11. Candidates will be notified of their appointed time to appear before the board. For information, contact the Career Enhancement Office at 302-677-3506.



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

**Q**

What year did the United States military begin to allow women to serve in its ranks?

**A**

In 1917, the United States military began to accept women into its ranks. Not until after World War II, did the Women's Armed Services Integration Act of 1948 establish women as a permanent presence in the Armed Forces. This legislation placed a limit on the number of females who could serve in each branch, which was 2 percent. This began to change by the 1980s when the number of women in the military increased to 8.5 percent. By the time of Operations Desert Shield and Storm in 1991, the Reserve component force was comprised of 18 percent women. Currently, the number of females contributing to the accomplishment of the 512th Airlift Wing mission is 24.4 percent.



U.S. Navy photo by Petty Officer Jason Zalasky

## Tomcat transport

Master Sgt. Brenda Kremer stands by as Master Sgt. Bernard London performs a final check of a Navy F-14 Tomcat Feb. 6 before it's loaded into a C-5 Galaxy at Naval Air Station Oceana in Virginia Beach, Va. The fighter was

transported to an aviation museum in Fort Worth, Texas. The C-5 and aircrew are from the 512th Airlift Wing. Sergeant Kremer is a member of the 709th Airlift Squadron and Sergeant London is assigned to the 326th AS.

### UTA Schedule

|     | A Team | B Team |
|-----|--------|--------|
| 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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A-Team pays  
 March 21  
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 April 4