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Senior Airman Marcus Payne, 512th Security Forces Squadron, opens up another lane for traffic to pass through at Dover Air Force Base's main gate May 14. Airman Payne has been a member of the Liberty Wing's security forces team for two years.

Wing commander bids farewell

Col. Ronald A. Rutland

512th AW commander

Integrity First, Service Before Self, Excellence in All We Do; Duty, Honor, Country; Semper Fi ... These are all simple words; but, for those who wear the uniform, these words define who we are and why we serve.

When I came into the Air Force in 1973, we were at war in Southeast Asia. It's now 34 years later, and we are fighting in the Middle East. We've been engaged in continuous combat operations in that area for the past 16 years and will remain there long after the ground forces depart.

The Air Force can't do this mission without the support of its dedicated wingman, the Air Force Reserve. As a reservist, I know wearing this uniform isn't just a second job, but a profession.

In this profession, I am fortunate to have been given the sacred trust of command. It has been an honor and a privilege to lead the outstanding men and women of the 512th Airlift Wing, as well as the 447th Air Expeditionary Group in Iraq, during my deployment last summer. Witnessing Airmen working side-by-side with Soldiers, Sailors and Marines was a highlight of my career.

Wearing this uniform, I've experienced almost every emotion – great joy, pride, honor, happiness and extreme sadness and loss.

Our way of life has never come easy. Those of us in military service have sacrificed much, and many have made the ultimate sacrifice. Those of us who have lost friends understand. We will never forget.

Team Dover has the unique privilege of receiving back to American soil those who have given their all. William Ewart Gladstone, (1809-1898) four-time prime minister of Great Britain said, "Show me the manner in which a nation or a community cares for its dead and I will measure with mathematical exactness the tender sympathies of its people, their respect for the laws of the land and their loyalty to high ideals."

I'm very proud to say that my years of service have allowed me to work with men

and women who share these high ideals and understand the sacrifices that must be made to preserve this great nation and our way of life.

These Airmen understand that wearing the uniform is a legacy of service and sacrifice. In my case, service has been a family tradition. I'm proud to say my father served in the Army Air Corp in England, North Africa and Italy and went on to a career in the U.S. Air Force; my father-in-law flew the Hump as a crew chief in China, Burma and India; and, my uncle flew as a gunner and medical corpsman in the PBY

Catalina in the Southwest Pacific. They are my legacy. And now, as my career draws to a close, I prepare to pass the baton to the next generation of Airmen who will forge their own destiny and legacy.

I'm reminded of a quote by Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

"Old soldiers never die. They just fade away. And like the old soldier

in that ballad, I now close

my military career and just fade away, an old soldier who tried to do his duty as God gave him the sight to see that duty."

I told someone the other day if I had to do it over again; I'd do it exactly the same. My only sadness is the thought of not being around those who wear the uniform.

I wouldn't have accomplished nearly as much during my career had it not been for my family's support and love. Although we have medals to recognize service among military members, our families have only our unending gratitude. Thank you Tanya, Rob, Elizabeth and Meghan for allowing me to be part of the greatest Air Force in the history of the world.

On behalf of Tanya and me, thank you for allowing us to be part of the Liberty Wing family. God has blessed us abundantly with good friends, fond memories and the opportunity to serve with our Dover family—the 512th, the 436th and the men and women from the communities around Dover Air Force Base.

May He bless each and every one of you for service, dedication and love of country.



Colonel Rutland

Dover receives new base commander

Tech. Sgt. Kevin Wallace
436th Public Affairs

With a brisk salute and four words, “Sir, I assume command,” Col. Steven Harrison took command of the 436th Airlift Wing from Col. Sam Cox in a change-of-command ceremony here May 8.

Colonel Harrison joins Team Dover after serving as the vice commander of the 437th Airlift Wing, Charleston Air Force Base, S.C.

“To command here at the Eagle Wing, at this Super Port, with this team is a particular honor,” said Colonel Harrison, who then turned to face his family. He extended words of gratitude toward his wife for her support and thanked the Cox family for their extraordinary leadership skills.

He then addressed Team Dover members standing in formation and local community leaders.

“The word on the street is that the finest, warmest and most genuine community in Air Mobility Command, if not the Nation, resides right here around Dover Air Force Base,” he said, which resulted in a thundering round of applause and cheers. “Jill and I don’t know you yet, but we know a little bit about community and the value of community. We are pleased to have the opportunity to



Photo by Jason Minto

Col. Sam Cox and Col. Steven Harrison, 436th Airlift Wing commander, salute Old Glory during the national anthem at the 436th AW Change of Command Ceremony May 8. Colonel Harrison assumed command of the base from Colonel Cox.

share this mission with you. There is no place in the world we’d rather be than right here.”

Two wing members claim command awards

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

Two 512th Airlift Control Flight loadmasters claimed Air Force Reserve Command honors recently.

AFRC named Master Sgt. Sean Pyne, who was a technical sergeant in 2006, Airlift Control Flight Junior NCO of the Year, and Master Sgt. Adam Black was named ALCF Senior NCO of the Year.

“When we select a person to become a member of the ALCF, it is already a given they are at the top of their profession,” said Maj. Russell Carlisle, 512th ALCF commander.

Being highly qualified in their Air Force Specialty Code is just the beginning, said the commander. ALCF members are required to become Contingency Response Element Cadre certified, which means they are proficient in tasks performed by other unit members in eight

different AFSCs, including command post, airfield management and ground communications.

“To be an enlisted ALCF member at any AFRC base puts you in pretty tall cotton,” said Major Carlisle. “To then be recognized by command leadership to be at the top of that elite group is something to be very proud of.”

A few of Sergeant Pyne’s accomplishments include serving 250 mandays to attend training courses to gain his initial CRE training. In addition, he passed his initial evaluation to become a CRE qualified loadmaster during the Joint Forces Exercise Maple Flag at Cold Lake, Canada, working 40 multi-national military and civilian aircraft. He also earned a Community College of the Air

Force degree in aircrew operations and an associate’s degree in history working towards his bachelors in airfield and airport management.

While serving as a traditional reservist, Sergeant Black distinguished himself by being selected to serve as the interim affiliation program manager, leading a program that serves 22 airlift affiliated units and provides instruction to another 40 units. He organized and led deployments to Halifax, Canada, and Richmond, Va., in support of the

joint exercise Southbound Trooper VI at Fort Picket, Va. His team moved 199 tons of cargo and 38 Royal Canadian Fusiliers, facilitating the first joint live-fire exercise for the Canadian Reserve Forces unit, preparing

them for their deployment to Afghanistan.

Sergeant Black also serves his community as an active member of the Rotarac, the junior rotary, in Salisbury, Md. He assisted in raising more than \$6,000 at the Salisbury Festival by organizing the annual charity golf tournament.

Wing members who would like to become a member of the 512th ALCF may have an opportunity to do so, said Major Carlisle.

“We employ operations officers, loadmasters, personnel support for contingency operations, command post, airfield managers, aerospace ground equipment mechanics and ground radio and satellite communications specialists. We especially need command post controllers and ground radio and satellite communications specialists.”

For more information, call (302) 677-6145.





Photo by Jason Minto

Senior Airman Marcus Payne, 512th Security Forces Squadron, closely inspects the ID of a servicemember entering Dover Air Force Base. Airman Payne has been a member of the Liberty Wing's security forces team for two years.

a commitment to training and discipline every time a member comes to work.

"We constantly receive and will continue to receive training on a regular basis," said Sergeant Smith. "I'm still getting trained and I've been in for 18 years."

Airmen of all ranks help each other to become better while they train 24 hours a day, seven days a week, said Staff Sgt. Richard Johnson, 512th SFS. The younger Airmen learn tricks of the trade from more experienced members, while E-4s and below keep their mentors from getting stuck in their ways.

Learning augmenting duty first-hand from young Airmen at the Main Gate one Saturday afternoon was Tech Sgt. Thomas Casey, 166th Airlift Wing, New Castle County, Del.

"I have developed a lot of respect for cops after working along side with them," said Sergeant Casey, who is on orders from his Air National Guard unit. "There are times when the traffic feels unmanageable. It's a very tough job."

Working different shifts and hours, checking IDs and saluting officers is all a part of their task, but at any given time there are also anti-terrorism measures such as random vehicle inspections.

Anti-terrorism measures are taken to ensure the safety of government equipment and to ensure members are not driving while intoxicated, using a vehicle that has mechanical problems or smuggling drugs.

And so the members of the 436th and 512th Security Forces Squadrons will stand guard over Dover AFB. They will continue providing security, every hour of everyday. In sun, rain, sleet and snow, Airmen here will protect Dover's people and its assets.

Forever Watchful

Team Dover Airmen stand guard 24/7 protecting servicemembers, Air Force families

Airman Shen-Chia Chu
436th AW Public Affairs

An Airman looks down into the car, carefully matching the face of the driver to that on the identification card. The Airman hands the piece of plastic back to the driver and says, "Thank you, sir. Have a nice day."

Another vehicle from the long line of cars rolls up and the Airman in a black beret scans another identification card at the Dover Air Force Base Main Gate.

Many people think the job of a 436th or 512th Security Forces Squadron gate guard is monotonous, checking ID cards and vehicle registration paperwork, but many of their responsibilities go unnoticed

by drivers.

"Being a gate guard is one of the hardest jobs an Airman can have," said Senior Airman Gabriel Barker, 436th SFS. "A guard could work anywhere from eight to 10 hours on their feet."

A security forces Airman's day begins early, even before he or she is checking IDs.

Just before heading out on the job, members arrive early to attend a briefing called 'guard mount.' This daily mandatory briefing gives Airmen information about incidents or news happening within the unit or base. One of the most important pieces of information is about BOLO personnel, or people to 'be on the look out' for. BOLOs are people who have

been reported missing or are wanted by the Delaware State Police.

Also during guard mount, Airmen participate in open rank inspections to ensure their uniforms are in tip-top shape.

Maintaining a professional look on the job is important, because they are the first and the last impression of Dover AFB that people see coming in and out of the gate everyday, said Master Sgt. Sean Smith, 436th Security Forces Squadron.

"We don't want folks out on the gate looking like they're wearing a duffel bag for a uniform," he said. "I ensure that they're fit for duty: alert, coherent and presentable."

Attentiveness on the job is critical for guards. It requires



Photo by Jason Minto

512th Airlift Wing Vice Wing Commander Col. David H. Wuest with his wife Sharon and 436th Airlift Wing Mission Support Group Commander Col. Vic Sowers with his wife Pam celebrate local history in a march down State Street for the 2007 Old Dover Days parade May 5. The event has been an annual Dover tradition for 74 years.

Team Dover steps back in time

Staff Sgt. Steve Lewis

Staff writer

The sound of bagpipes could be heard as musicians with black and green kilts marched down State Street, all in tune with the colonial theme of the 2007 Old Dover Days.

Downtown Dover took a step back in time during a vintage-style parade May 6 as part of a festival, celebrating the history of the state capital.

Held during the first weekend in May, Old Dover Days is a 74-year tradition, which features a parade of floats, marching bands and antique automobiles. The weekend also includes maypole dancing, a craft fair and demonstration, a civil war reenactment and live music. Throughout the weekend, many community members can be seen wearing clothing from colonial times.

512th Airlift Wing Vice Wing Commander Col. David H. Wuest and his wife

Sharon donned colonial attire and represented the Reserve at Dover Air Force Base.

“Our involvement in the parade showed the importance of our relationship with the community,” said Colonel Wuest, speaking of the ties between the base and Dover.

In a speech that followed the parade, Colonel Wuest spoke about the upcoming arrival of the base’s first C-17. He explained the significance of the new call sign “Rider,” which will be used during local radio transmissions. When communicating, aircrew members use call signs for identification purposes.

“The call sign ‘Rider’ is related to Caesar Rodney’s historic 80-mile horse ride to Philadelphia to cast the deciding vote for independence for the state of Delaware,” said the vice commander.

In addition to touring the historic sites of downtown Dover and participating in the parade, Colonel Wuest said one of

his most enjoyable experiences from the day was being able to share in the celebration along side 436th Airlift Wing Mission Support Group Commander Col. Vic Sowers and his wife Pam. They were also representing the base at Old Dover Days.

Dover native, Debbie Wilkins, was one of many parade goers who have enjoyed the Old Dover Days festivities for many years.

“I make it an every year thing,” she said. “I especially like to see the kids that dance along the maypole.”

While Old Dover Days is an annual spring tradition, the city of Dover also holds several other community events throughout the year. One of the most popular and widely attended celebrations in town is the Fourth of July. Like Old Dover Days, the Independence Day celebration includes a parade, historical park events, live music and of course, fireworks.

DEFYING GRAVITY

MXS Test Cell guarantees C-5 engines fit for flight

Master Sgt. Melissa Phillips
436th Public Affairs

A handful of Airmen here are responsible for inspecting and fixing \$6 million worth of equipment that propels the 800,000-pound C-5 Galaxy to deliver cargo to warfighters around the world.

"This is close as you can come to being a pilot without having wings," said Vincent Alois, 436th Maintenance Squadron jet engine technician and a technical sergeant Air Reserve Technician for the 512th MXS.

Engine Test Cell technicians are charged with ramping up and simulating flight conditions

on the gigantic cargo planes' engines - on land. The engine is mounted to the ceiling from a massive steel structure, and the Test Cell technician's start, run, fix problems and provide their approval that each engine is fit for flight.

"We are doing everything required of a pilot, and we are responsible for 30 extra parameters that pilots don't look at," said Mr. Alois. "We ensure the engine's many systems are functioning properly and fine tune the engine for optimal thrust."

Their job is to make the engine air worthy for flight. The Test Cell inspects three to

four engines each month. They replace external components like fuel pumps, hydraulic systems and filters, and check for cracks, weak points and potential problems.

After the Test Cell clears an engine, the engines retain a shelf life of 360 days awaiting to be installed on a C-5 anywhere in the world.

"We take the assumption that everything is broken until we prove otherwise," said Dan Weimer, 436th MXS Test Cell foreman and senior Test Cell operator, who says by nature he is a self-professed 'the tank is half empty' type of person.

It takes about two years of



intensive training to certify a Test Cell technician, because there is so much to learn, according to Mr. Weimer.

"It's like you are operating a giant vacuum cleaner, but you're not allowed to suck up anything," said Mr. Weimer, who is also a senior master sergeant traditional reservist in the 512th MXS.

Even the environment is a potential foe. During the winter season, the Test Cell techni-

(Left to right) Senior Airman Mathew Mendes, Staff Sgt. Jason Lanfried and Dan Weimer, who is a senior master sergeant in the 512th Maintenance Squadron and also works in the 436th MXS Test Cell, watch live feeds from cameras inside the test bay while a TF-39 engine is running. The Test Cell runs every engine to check for problems before it is loaded onto a C-5.



Photos by Senior Airman James Bollinger



icians have to meticulously shovel and sweep the exterior and interior of the Test Cell floor for snow.

Mr. Weimer said if an ice chunk would get sucked into the engine during a test run, it could create thousands of dollars of damage to the engine and in the worst-case scenario, render it unusable.

“Accountability is important,” said Staff Sgt. Jason Landfried, 436th Maintenance Test Cell NCO in-charge. “If you drop something, you stop everything until you find it.”

Housekeeping is second nature to the technicians, because they know from experience that preparation is half the battle in their job.

“Every sixty days we climb up in the rafters and check the test bay air inlet path for loose bolts and stuff,” said Mr. Weimer.

Birds and rodents can also create a problem. Birds find their way into the rafters, which are a dizzying two-stories up, get stuck and need a little help finding their way out of the giant vault.

For one Test Cell technician, what some people might look at as an inconvenience is a source of pride and work satisfaction.

“The best part about my job is getting dirty,” said Senior Airman Matt Mendes, 436th MXS Test Cell journeyman, who works with various lubricants that protect the engines’ mechanical parts. “I’m a hands-on person.”

It’s part of the gravitation that pulls the techs to this particular job.

“In (other shops), you take a part off and put a new one on,” said Sergeant Landfried. “Here, you have to troubleshoot and

determine if it is an electrical problem or defective component. I like that type of challenge.”

It’s a challenge that often involves tempting gravity.

“When the engine is running, you don’t go past this black line,” said Mr. Weimer as he pointed at a black line drawn on the floor directly under the engine. “If you do, you could get sucked into the engine and it would be a bad day for all.”

It’s an occupational hazard that doesn’t faze Mr. Weimer, who likes walking the edge in front of the black line to look for leaks or problems on the engine.

“To determine the source of leaks while the engine is running, you have to use your hand to divert airflow across the engine exterior covers,” said Mr. Weimer. “My arms don’t have

any loose skin, but you can actually see my skin and muscle flapping in the breeze of the engines-air flow.”

It’s an experience few will ever feel, see or hear - and that’s just the way the Test Cell wants it.

“We do a good job at keeping the noise in the building,” said Weimer. “There are 56 tubes of sound-reducing material that suck the noise from the wind leaving the building exhaust pipe, so outdoors it only sounds like a rumble - not the scream you hear when an engine starts up on the flightline.”

Either a rumble or a scream, the noise made by a C-5 engine is a symphony to Mr. Weimer.

“When you see a C-5 in the air, I know Test Cell makes that dependable noise up there in the sky,” said Mr. Weimer. “That’s my purpose in life.”

DoD blocks 12 popular Internet sites

Defense Department officials are blocking access to many popular Internet sites from department-owned computers due to bandwidth issues, U.S. Strategic Command officials said May 14.

Joint Task Force Global Network Operations members, who direct the operation and defense of DoD's global information grid to assure timely and secure capabilities in support of the department's warfighting, intelligence, and business missions, blocked 12 popular sites on government computers beginning May 14.

The sites are: youtube.com, pandora.com, photobucket.com, myspace.com,

live365.com, hi5.com, metacafe.com, mtv.com, ifilm.com, blackplanet.com, stupidvideos.com and filecabi.com.

The popularity of the sites has not affected operations yet, but blocking them prevents them from causing such a problem, officials said.

"It is a proactive measure. We do not want a problem with demand for these sites clogging the networks," a U.S. Strategic Command official said.

The blocks affect only DoD computers and local area networks that are part of the department's global information grid. The department has more than 15,000 local and regional networks and more than 5 million

computers in the grid.

Department officials said they are not making a judgment about the sites. Blocking the sites "is in no way a comment on the content, purpose or uses of the Web sites themselves," the official said. "It is solely a bandwidth/network management issue."

Offices with a need to access these sites from government computers can request exceptions to the policy. Global network operations officials will continue to assess the stresses and strains on the global information grid and may add or subtract sites as needed, officials said. *(Courtesy Air Force Print News)*



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Jason Edwards

David Failor, executive director of Stamp Services for the U.S. Postal Service, stands with Col. Margaret Woodward, 89th Airlift Wing commander, and Col. Andrew O'Donnell Jr., commanding officer, Marine Helicopter Squadron One, after unveiling new U.S. Air Force and U.S. Marine postal stamps during the Joint Service Open House at Andrews Air Force Base, Md. The stamps will be available June 13 at all post offices across the U.S.

AF One featured on stamp

The U.S. Postal Service unveiled two stamps featuring military aircraft at the Joint Service Open House at Andrews Air Force Base, Md., May 18.

Air Force One, the president's Boeing 747 jetliner, appears on the \$4.60 priority mail stamp, while Marine One, the presidential helicopter, is shown on the \$16.25 Express Mail stamp.

The stamps will be available June 13.

Col. Margaret Woodward, commander of the 89th Airlift Wing at Andrews AFB, and Col. Andrew O'Donnell Jr., commanding officer of Marine Helicopter Squadron One, did the honors of unveiling the stamps along with David Failor, executive director of stamp services for the U.S. Postal Service. *(Courtesy Air Force Print News)*

Air Force Marathon in fall features C-5 Galaxy

The U.S. Air Force Marathon is Sept. 15 in Dayton, Ohio, and it's the only marathon in the world where runners receive inspiration and encouragement from the skies above, as Air Force aircraft fly overhead continuously throughout the race.

Since the inaugural Air Force Marathon in 1997, each one has distinguished itself from the others by designating an aircraft as the featured "star of the show." Thus, the marathon's "look" changes annually. The C-5 Galaxy, a mainstay in transporting cargo to troops in support of the war on terrorism, carries the honor of representing the 2007 Marathon.

Part of the distinction for an aircraft's crew, is to fly it throughout the race to demonstrate its flying capabilities to ground spectators.

The marathon is a three-day Air Force participatory athletic event recognized by the service's 60th Anniversary committee. Additionally, the course is being recertified so that spectators will have more access to the marathon route.

And for Air Force Airmen, a new service-wide competition is debuting to determine which major command has the best long-distance runners. And, the stakes are high: The winning major command of runners will be the recipient of the first Air Force Marathon Commander's Trophy.

So maybe you're not up for running an entire 26.2-mile marathon. There are other options to consider, including a half-marathon, wheelchair and four-person marathon relay races.

For information, and to register for the Air Force Marathon, log onto www.usafmarathon.com. *(Courtesy Air Force Print News)*



AF Reserve to inactivate six units

Air Force Reserve Command will inactivate five geographically separated squadrons and one detachment this year. The inactivations eliminate 12 full-time and 543 part-time traditional reservist positions as of Nov. 30.

The locations, units and manpower authorizations are: Fairchild AFB, Wash., 604th Medical Squadron; Kirtland AFB, N.M., 704th MDS; Fort Hamilton, N.Y., 722nd Aeromedical Staging Squadron; Greenville, S.C., 84th Aerial Port Squadron; Wyoming City, Pa., 92nd APS and Morgantown, W.Va., Det. 1, 911th Civil Engineer Squadron.

These actions are part of AFRC reductions and support future Air Force missions. AFRC officials will work to place people assigned to these units at other command units through the job-placement database or "clearing house." Reservists can learn more about the clearing house and other assistance by accessing the website from a military computer at <https://wwwmil.a1.afrc.af.mil/brac>. (Courtesy Air Force Reserve Command)

No politics using government assets

Using official Air Force e-mail on an Air Force-assigned computer to send a political message can get a person fired, convicted of a federal crime and possibly placed in prison. The Hatch Act bars federal civilian employees and a Department of Defense directive forbids Airmen from engaging in political activity while in uniform, on duty, or in a government building or vehicle. This prohibition includes use of official e-mail in connection with or concerning a partisan political campaign for elected office.

Also, a separate federal criminal statute known as the Anti-Lobbying Act makes it a federal crime to use any appropriated-fund resource, including official duty time or government computers/e-mails, to participate in or to encourage others to participate in "grass roots lobbying efforts" contacting members of Congress regarding pending legislation.

Airmen and civilian employees are free to contact a member of Congress in their personal capacity on personal time outside their government workplace. (Courtesy Air Force Reserve Command)



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

Pilot's eye view

The 512th Airlift Wing teamed up with the 436th AW to give honorary commanders an orientation flight aboard the C-5 Galaxy May 17. Russell Larson, the Controller General for the State of Delaware and 709th Airlift Squadron honorary commander takes a snapshot of an air refueling in progress. The Honorary Commander Program is a partnership effort between community and base leaders.

Policy change boosts G.I. Bill eligibility

The DoD policy now aligns with Department of Veterans Affairs rules, which say National Guard members and reservists are eligible to receive Montgomery G.I. Bill education benefits for the period covering the amount of time they served on active duty, plus four months.

The Reserve Education Assistance Program is another DoD education initiative for members of the Guard and Reserve. To be eligible, servicemembers must have served at least 90 consecutive days of active service after Sept. 11, 2001, in response to a Presidential or Congressional call-up of military forces for wartime or other emergency service. Guard and Reserve members who served for two continuous years on active duty in support of a contingency operation would qualify for both the Montgomery G.I. Bill and REAP and could select which program they want to use.

Liberty Wing members can determine if they qualify for the Montgomery G.I. Bill and REAP by calling the Education and Training Office at (302) 677-3517.

For more information, read the Air Force Print News story at <http://www.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123049294>.

Reserve to unfund nearly 5,000 positions

Nearly 5,000 Air Force reservists received letters in April telling them they had to make career decisions due to authorization reductions.

To help pay for force modernization, Air Force Reserve Command will reduce its manpower authorizations by 7,700 during the next four years. Part of the reduction will come from not funding close to 5,000 individual mobilization augmentee positions. AFRC senior leaders worked closely with active-duty major commands to identify IMA authorizations for unfunding. While AFRC sent all individual mobilization augmentees letters telling them whether or not their positions were affected, those directly affected by the reductions received a certified letter with a list of career options available to them. (Courtesy Air Force Reserve Command)

512th salutes



Newcomers

The Liberty Wing welcomes:

- 1Lt Joseph Kodnovich
- SMSgt Ronald Toomey
- MSgt Charles Gabel
- MSgt Dana Grove
- MSgt Kenneth Schoenberger
- TSgt Eric Sellers
- SSgt Desi Downey
- SSgt Aaron Hudson
- SSgt Mark Mahoney
- SSgt Randy Peters
- SrA Jennifer Booker
- SrA Omaira Garcia
- SrA Travis Gehring
- SrA Anton Gray
- SrA Heather Heverin
- SrA Michael Lowe
- SrA Lindsay Stevens
- A1C Carissa Fiore
- A1C Ariella Ortiz
- A1C Teri Smith
- A1C Nathan Walters
- AB Raphael Gray
- AB Veronica Price
- AB Courtney Robinson

To MSgt

- William Clark
- Adrian Deleon
- Marti Stansbury
- Phillip Vickery

To TSgt

- Ahmed Alharbi
- Molik Hippolyte
- Darlene Macy
- Kirkham Smith
- Penelope Taylor

To SSgt

- Regina Campbell
- Mark Cunningham II
- Sean Hanlon
- Omar Latiri
- Adam Opalinski
- Anthony Porreca
- William Slade

To A1C

- Antwoneshia Blake
- Michael Decicco
- John Marion
- Joy Minnick



Say hello to:

Name: SrA Omaira Garcia
Unit: 512th Mission Support Squadron
Hometown: Jersey City, N.J.
Civilian Occupation: Assistant manager, Rent-A-Center
Hobbies: Ballroom dancing and working out
Personal Goals: Retire from the Air Force, become a full store manager and have a big family.

Reenlistments

- CMSgt Keith Hoyle
- SMSgt Brian Gallagher
- SMSgt Donald Kimball
- SMSgt Mark Swanson
- MSgt Lorie Bellamy
- MSgt Seth Carrington
- MSgt Kevin Hall
- MSgt John Heroux
- MSgt Thomas Lejeune
- MSgt John Martin
- MSgt Scott Manz
- MSgt Sheilda Perez
- MSgt Wesley Smith
- MSgt Phillip Vickery
- TSgt Ahmed Alharbi
- TSgt Walter Anderson
- TSgt Gary Blades
- TSgt Jeffrey Crouser

- TSgt Samuel Daniels
- TSgt Richard Kennedy
- TSgt Jesse Price
- SSgt Rebecca Boyce
- SSgt Omari Colas
- SSgt Corey Diluzio
- SSgt Eric Downey
- SSgt Ossawa Gillespie
- SSgt John Harrington
- SSgt Dartanion Pittrell
- SSgt Ruben Rosas
- SSgt Raymond Tennyson
- SSgt Tara Zulkowski
- SrA Kristopher Mallory
- SrA Zakia Walker
- Amn Tasha Butt
- Amn Somer Spratte
- Amn Marcia Triana
- Martinez
- A1C Natalie Nasatka

Quarterly Award Winners

The wing's first quarter winners are:

- Airman**
SrA Christina Devera
- NCO**
TSgt Virginia Garcia
- Senior NCO**
SMSgt Christopher Ford
- Officer**
1st Lt. Damon Antonetti
- Civilian**
Debra Larregui

DE Graduates

The following are Developmental Education graduates:

- Air Command, Staff College**
Maj Andrew J. Eiler Jr
Maj Andrew Kuth
- Senior NCO Academy**
MSgt Amy Campbell
MSgt Antoine Ford
MSgt Robert G. Garcia III
MSgt Eric Guzman
MSgt Kevin Morrow
- Airman Leadership School**
SrA Matthew Ferguson
SSgt Sean Hanlon
SrA Marquita Hill
SrA Melinda King
SrA David Miller
SrA Jessica RamerCuce
SrA Bryan Ranft
SrA Michael Sanders
SrA Joseph SmithBasinger
SrA Nicholas Wood

Scholastic Achiever

SSgt Jose Gonzales scored a 90 or higher on a developmental education test.

Retirements

- Lt Col James Becker
- CMSgt William Morgan
- SMSgt Anthony London
- MSgt James Gripp
- TSgt Stephen Mizell



Photo by Veronica Morris

Nothing but net

Staff Sgt. Rayshard Jones, 512th Operations Group, shoots a jumpshot during a game against the 436th Aerial Port Squadron as part of the base's Sports Day May 2. The 512th OG basketball team made it to the championship game but fell three points short of the title. Other Sports Day competitions included golf, softball and running. In all, the Liberty Wing ranked 7th out of 18 teams.

Around the 512th

Wing change of command

The 512th Airlift Wing will change command from Col. Ronald A. Rutland to Col. Randal L. Bright in a ceremony over the June UTA. The event will take place in Hangar Building 945 at 10 a.m.

Colonel Bright is currently the commander of the 911th Airlift Wing, Pittsburgh International Airport Air Reserve Station, Coraopolis, Pa.

Rutlands' farewell dinner

Saddle up in western wear to bid farewell to Col. Ronald A. Rutland and his wife Tanya at their farewell dinner at The Landings June 8, beginning at 6 p.m.

Chaplain "The Kid" Groth is the master of ceremonies. Cost is \$17 for club members and \$20 for non-club members. Please RSVP by calling (302) 677-5120. Members wishing to present a gift at the dinner should indicate so when they RSVP.

Schedule of events, activities

The following is a look at some upcoming events for the wing and the local area:

- June 1 - 3, NASCAR weekend
- June 1, NASCAR Social
- June 4, C-17 Delivery Ceremony
- June 8, The Rutlands Farewell Dinner
- June 9, 512th AW Change of Command
- July 7, Wing Picnic
- July 7, Employer Appreciation Day
- July 8, Spouses Flight
- July 9, Reintegration Seminar
- July 19 - 28, Delaware State Fair (Line-up includes, Bill Cosby, Carrie Underwood, Toby Keith, Daughtry, Brad Paisley, Sugarland and a monster truck show)
- August, Commander's Call
- August, Operational Readiness Exercise

The list was compiled by 512th Public Affairs, (302) 677-3485.

Base pools open for summer

The operating hours for the Eagle Oasis Pool, located near the Shopette, are: June 2 - 3, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; June 4 - 8, 3 to 7 p.m. and June 11 through rest of summer, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The Base Pool, located near the gym, opens June 2 and will be open daily from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Pool passes for singles and families are available through Outdoor Recreation. A daily visit costs \$3.00 for DoD authorized patrons and \$4.00 for guests. For more information, call (302) 677-3959.

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June 1 - August 31

Game Pieces Available:

Monday & Tuesday

- Golf Course – greens fees, driving range & pro shop
- Outdoor Recreation – all sections
- Library
- Services Eateries - 19th Hole Snack Bar & Grill
- Youth Center – afternoons & special events

Wednesday & Thursday

- Bowling Center – lineage & pro shop services
- Club – catering, lunch buffets & evening dining (includes Membership Breakfasts)
- ITT
- Aero Club
- Community Center – evening & special events
- Services Eateries - King Pin Cafe

Friday, Saturday & Sunday

- Fitness Center
- Arts & Crafts
- Club – lunch buffets, brunches & special events
- Community Center – evening events
- Patterson Dining - UTA weekends
- Outdoor Recreation
- Services Eateries - King Pin Cafe

Special Event Locations (to be announced)

- NASCAR Social
- Wing Picnic/Leisure Travel Expo

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Do you know the Liberty Wing's heritage?

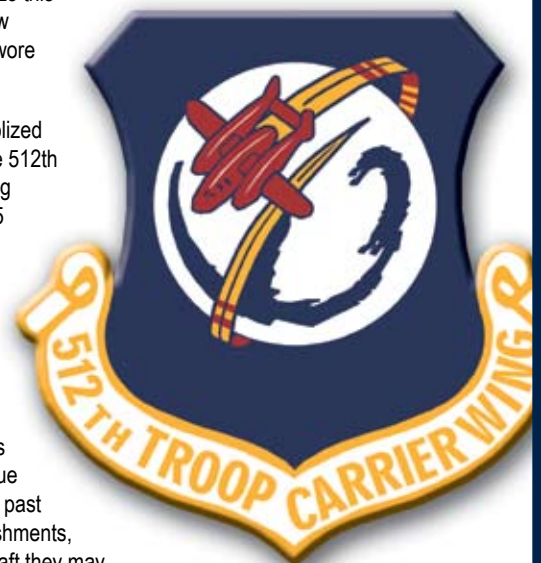


Do you recognize this emblem or know someone who wore it?



This shield symbolized the heritage of the 512th Troop Carrier Wing from 1949 to 1965

and portrays a C-119 "Flying Boxcar." The current shield is descended from it. Current rules of heraldry, however, dictate the use of a delta symbol instead of a specific aircraft on the shield or emblem. This flexibility enables members of the wing to continue to take pride in both the wing's past and present mission accomplishments, regardless of the types of aircraft they may have flown in or supported.





Submitted photo

Soccer season begins

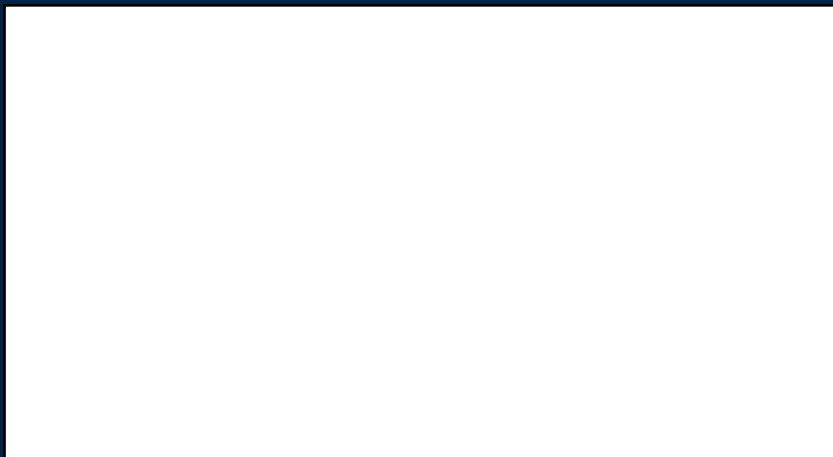
Senior Master Sgt. Bryan 'Skip' Ford, 512th Maintenance Group quality assurance superintendent (right) and 1st Lt. Lyndell Miller, 436th Logistics Readiness Squadron, present an American flag as part of the opening ceremonies for Dover's Hispanic Soccer League. There are 22 Team Dover members playing for the varsity team. They compete against players from the local Dover area.

UTA Schedule

| | A Team | B Team |
|---------|--------|--------|
| JUN | 9-10 | 23-24 |
| JUL | 7-8 | 21-22 |
| AUG | 4-5 | 18-19 |
| SEP | 8-9 | 15-16 |
| FY 2008 | | |
| OCT | 13-14 | 20-21 |
| NOV | 3-4 | 17-18 |
| DEC | 1-2 | 8-9 |
| JAN | 5-6 | 12-13 |
| FEB | 2-3 | 23-24 |

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A-Team pays
June 18
B-Team pays
July 3