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Photo by Staff Sgt. Steve Lewis

Staff Sgt. Ivan Fullerton (right), 512th Civil Engineer Squadron, instructs Senior Airman Chris Panico, also from the 512th CES, on how to raise and lower the boom arm of an electric bucket truck during annual refresher training here Aug. 10.

AIRMAN: What it means to serve

Col. Darrell G. Young
512th OG commander

As the 60th anniversary of the Air Force approaches and after being told recently that the term "troops" is inappropriate when referring to members of the Air Force, it made me stop and think about what it means to be an Airman.

The following excerpt is from the Air Force handbook entitled, "50 Questions Every Airman Can Answer." In early aviation history, the term "Airman" was synonymous with "pilot." Shortly after the Air Force was established, "Airman" was shorthand for our junior enlisted grades.

In today's context, either usage is too narrow. An Airman is any U.S. Air Force member (officer or enlisted; active, Reserve or Guard; and Department of the Air Force civilians) who supports and defends the U.S. Constitution and serves our country.

We all have a tendency to focus on our own specialty and sometimes forget we are Airmen first. Because we are focused on what we do in the Air Force, we tend to lose sight of the basic reason for our service.

How many times do you drive to work and think about what you are going to do today to support and defend the Constitution? Most of us never think about that; but, once in a while we need to stop and realize that is what we do. We need to realize that our contributions to that basic goal are no smaller or greater than any of the other folks in the wing.

I can remember growing up and asking my father what his job was like, and he would always say he didn't have a job. He would explain to me that when he left every morning, he was going to perform duty not go to a job.

He told me the story of his cousin, a B-17 gunner, who was killed over the skies of Germany. How he had died serving his country and doing his duty. He understood that his duty was to serve his country and never considered what he

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did as just a "job." He understood his day didn't start or end at a specific time. He knew he was there for as long as he was needed to get the mission accomplished. He understood he was first and foremost an Airman.

That basic value or sense of service before self is just as important today as it was during World War II. I believe it lies within all of us or we wouldn't be doing what we do.

We sometimes let the daily trials and tribulations of our daily routines obscure the good that we do and the importance of our service. We tend to focus on the little things and forget about the big things.

Please take the time, on occasion, and think about the impact you have as you perform duty.

This wing wouldn't be nearly as successful as it is without your service. Your attitude and spirit continue to amaze me and make me realize how lucky I am to be serving with you.

As a fellow Airman, I thank you for your service and all that you do to support and defend the Constitution.

Maintenance group changes command

Staff Sgt. Steve Lewis

Staff writer

Lt. Col. Alan H. Lerner took command of the 512th Maintenance Group during an assumption of command ceremony Aug. 4 at the Air Mobility Command Museum.

Colonel Lerner replaces Col. Willie W. Cooper II, who is the new group commander for the 440th Maintenance Group at Pope Air Force Base, N.C.

Presiding over the ceremony was 512th Airlift Wing Com-



Lt. Col. Alan H. Lerner

mander Col. Randal L. Bright, who spoke to the group of family, friends and servicemembers about Colonel Lerner's background and what the future will be like for the maintenance group.

"Colonel Lerner was taken from a deeply-rooted Reserve unit and has a phenomenal track record," he said. "We couldn't have picked a better person."

In response to Colonel Bright's remarks, Colonel Lerner spoke about the opportunities to work alongside the active-duty's 436th Maintenance Group and with the local Dover community.

"We have to keep pushing our relationships," he said. "There's a tremendous mission here and a tremendous opportunity to get involved."

In his final remarks of the ceremony, Colonel Bright charged the new maintenance group commander with the task of raising the standard. He said he looks



Photos by Staff Sgt. Steve Lewis

Lt. Col. Alan H. Lerner's wife Catherine accepts flowers from Staff Sgt. Mary Shabazz on behalf of the 512th Airlift Wing during the new colonel's assumption of command Aug. 4.

for Colonel Lerner to take it to the next level.

"If you challenge your people, they will impress you," he said.

Colonel Lerner comes to Dover from the 913th Maintenance Group at Willow Grove Air Reserve Station, Pa.

Top 3 hosts annual NCO induction ceremony

Senior Airman Andria J. Allmond

Staff writer

Twenty-five noncommissioned officers were inducted at the fourth annual 512th Airlift Wing NCO Induction Ceremony Aug. 5 at the Air Mobility Command Museum.

Col. Randal L. Bright, 512th AW commander, spoke to the new inductees, telling them that NCOs are the backbone of the Air Force. He stressed the importance of leadership at the NCO level.

Retired Col. and former 512th AW member Eugene Hebert was the guest speaker. In his speech, he thanked the families for their sacrifices, which make the Air Force Reserve possible. He con-

tinued by thanking the officers and senior enlisted members present for mentoring the new leaders and asked them to be open to the innovative and fresh ideas of the junior NCOs.

The function was organized by the wing's Top 3, an organization comprised of senior NCOs. Senior Master Sgt. Ara Shishmanian, Top 3 president and 46th Aerial Port Squadron member, congratulated the newly inducted NCOs and instructed them to keep their families involved with their

military future.

Sergeant Shishmanian said this event was created by the Top 3 in order to recognize the achievement of becoming an NCO and show appreciation for the rank.

"I'm very proud of him," said Crystal Miles, wife of Staff Sgt. Duane Miles,

a member of the 512th Maintenance Squadron. "I was in the military, and I know how important this is. It's a big step being an NCO, and we try to support him as much as possible."



Photo by Senior Airman Andria J. Allmond



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A'TSO

Airmen train to survive & operate

From Aug. 6 to 10, hundreds of 512th Airlift Wing Airmen spent a full day participating in Ability to Survive and Operate training at the Eagles Nest picnic area. The training was in preparation for the Operational Readiness Inspection next summer.

LEFT: Tech. Sgt. Thomas Gaul (left), 512th Security Forces Squadron, observes Master Sgt. Keith Callwood, 46th Aerial Port Squadron, on his ability to guard and protect his area. Sergeant Callwood was using the procedures found in the Airman's Manual on page 85, under "Challenging Intruders."

BOTTOM: SrA James Zettlemoyer (right), 512th Security Forces Squadron, demonstrates how to clear the M-16 rifle to Airman First Class Carolyn Spivey from the 46th Aerial Port Squadron. Clearing a weapon is a critical step in receiving and returning a weapon from the armory. These procedures for the M-9 pistol is found in the Airman's Manual on page 117, and steps to clear an M-16 rifle are found on page 103.



When a ladder just won't do:

512th civil engineers receive bucket truck refresher training



Photo by Staff Sgt. Steve Lewis

High up in the air, Staff Sgt. Ivan T. Fullerton, an electrician with the 512th Civil Engineer Squadron here, operates the boom arm of an electric bucket truck. CES members receive annual refresher training on the vehicle in order to safely operate it both on base and at a deployed location.

Staff Sgt. Steve Lewis
Staff writer

High above the ground, 512th Civil Engineer Squadron electricians received annual refresher training on electric bucket truck operations Aug. 10 here.

Instruction on maneuvering the truck's long boom arm, checking the truck hydraulics and rotating the individual buckets the electricians stand inside, were covered in the training.

Bucket trucks are used after work can't be done past a certain height, explained Tech Sgt. Raymond Sherwood, a 512th CES electrician present for the refresher. As long as the winds aren't over 25 knots, bucket trucks can reach heights from 50 to 70 feet in the air, he said.

"We use the trucks for anything from replacing hangar lights to working on utility poles," said Sergeant Sherwood. "Whatever we can't get with a ladder, we'll use the bucket truck."

Safety is paramount for both the person operating the bucket in the air and for the individual on the ground, said Staff Sgt. Rodney Rodrigue, who is also an electrician for the 512th CES. A two-person team, he explained, is always required for daily operation. This safety precaution

is also taken into consideration when verbally communicating possible site mishaps.

"Headache!"

"That pretty much means if you don't move out of the way, you'll get a headache," he said.

Sergeant Rodrigue explained the word headache is shouted as a warning to anyone below if something is accidentally dropped from the person performing duties in a bucket above.

Although the trucks aren't heavily used during a UTA weekend, the refresher training is important, especially for anyone in the squadron going on a deployment, according to Staff Sgt. Ivan Fullerton, an electrician and bucket truck instructor.

One of the electricians who attended the training recalled a recent deployment where he had to use the bucket truck in Iraq.

"I was on an (Air Expeditionary Force tasking)," said Senior Airman Chris Panico. "And, I used a bucket truck to replace hangar lights for F-16s."

While 512th CES members receive in-depth bucket truck training in technical school, Sergeant Fullerton said the annual refresher keeps electricians and others required to use the vehicle familiar with its operation.

Attention civilians: Early retirement, buyout opportunity

This announcement applies to Dover Air Force Base serviced appropriated fund civilian employees.

Due to projected Fiscal Year 2008 civilian position losses, the Dover AFB Civilian Personnel Office is accepting applications for Voluntary Early Retirement Authority and Voluntary Separation Incentive Pay from Aug. 27 to Sept. 11.

Complete details about the opportunity to apply for VERA/VSIP are available at <https://private.dover.amc.af.mil/org/msg/mss/dpc/main.html>.

Please refer questions about retirement or incentive options to Terri Bald at (302) 677-4664.

Questions about the VERA and VSIP process should be referred to Donna Lamos at (302) 677-4644.

PEOPLE'S ADVOC

Reservist makes difference one

Senior Airman Andria J. Allmond

Staff writer

The animated 35-year-old speaks with the bravado of Donnie Brasco, but with a hint of fatherly concern. With military bearing, his tone indicates the counsel he delivers goes far beyond what the average person may expect from an individual wearing a police uniform.

If anyone has a grasp on multi-tasking, it's Tech. Sgt. Thomas Ragonese. He is a Wilmington police officer, an Air Force reservist, a children's mental health advocate and a family man. He integrates these roles in order to help people.

The Police Officer

Corporal Ragonese remembers following the remarkable stories of the city police officers on the news.

"There was a cop named Paul Ragonese in the 1980s who was known for saving people," he recalled. "I don't know if he was of any relation. But, I do know he was one of the reasons I wanted to become a cop."

The desire to help people prompted nine years with the Wilmington Police Department. He patrols over 14 square miles riddled with regions of desperation, broken spirits and empty eyes of the drug-addicted, homeless and poverty-stricken, and never strays far from his reason for being a police officer.

"Helping people is the reason he is a police officer," his wife Lydia said.

Corporal Ragonese said being an effective social worker is the key to being a good police officer.

The Advocate

"Parents call the police up, at their wits end and don't know what to do, thinking that us locking their child up is

going to be the solution; it's not," said the corporal after advising the despairing family of a 13-year-old crack addict.

The New York native saw first-hand the difficulties families face while attempting to get help through the children's mental health system. His youngest brother stricken with autism, the Ragonese family worked together to get his brother help by attending countless meetings and doctors appointments for his brother's care. His family created the Delaware Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health in 2003. Ragonese served as president of the board of directors for four years.

"When [society] talks about kids who have mental health problems and how [law enforcement] treats them, they do bad things, they get arrested. The thing is, when they get arrested, it hinders or disqualifies some of the assistance or treatment they may get because they are labeled as a criminal and not a kid who has a mental health problem," the corporal explained from experiences he has seen while working for the federation.

The child's advocate said he takes this knowledge about mental illness into consideration when dealing with children or adolescents engaging in criminal activity.

He tries to offer information to families about the various resources available to help those in their family. His desire to help and serve goes even beyond his roles as a police officer and children's mental health advocate; he also serves his country as an Air Force reservist.

The Airman

At 17-years-old, a young, ambitious Tom Ragonese was going to serve his country like the men in his family had done before him. He was going to join the Marine Corps.

"I had to have a parent sign for me," he said. "My dad, who had served in the Army, wanted me to join the Air Force, and I just wanted to get into the military," said Tech. Sgt. Ragonese, who also has a bachelor's degree in criminal justice.

That military has worked well for Sergeant Ragonese who has spent the last 17 years as a servicemember:

seven years in the active-duty Air Force, three years in the Army National Guard and currently as an Air Force reservist. He is part of the 512th Operations Group here. He's an aircraft

communication navigation system journeyman, works as a communications systems specialists, as well as taking on the role of the "First Shirt."

"Many times, I have observed him working all day at the UTA or on a weekday in the office or in the hangar and then go work a midnight shift as a police officer in Wilmington," said Maj. Russell Carlisle, the commander of the 512th Airlift Control Flight. "I tell him I'm worried about him working so much. He smiles and says, 'I'll be OK, boss.' I realized later that he was doubling up so he could spend all of the next day with his family without any distractions."

"Helping people is the reason he is a police officer."

Lydia Ragonese

Spouse of Tech. Sgt. Thomas Ragonese

EDUCATE: role at a time

The Family Man

“He’s good at his job, both the Air Force and with the police department,” said Lydia, his high school sweetheart, subtly smiling with pride. “He’s a great father.

“He may be a little rough around the edges, coming from [New York],” she said. “But, this is a guy who will get on my children’s level and have tea parties with his daughter.”

Tom and Lydia have a 5-year-old daughter, Melissa, and an 8-year-old son, Daniel.

Mrs. Ragonese went on to explain her first impression of her husband when he picked her up for a date.

She said her neighborhood in New York was not the kind of area that was considered safe for a white kid from an Italian neighborhood.

“There was a lot of racial problems going on at that time,” she said. “Then, I saw him pull up, park his car, walk down the street and I thought, ‘This guy has a lot of courage.’”

Sergeant Ragonese’s many responsibilities does have an impact on his family, but nothing negative in his children’s eyes.

“Daddy plays outside with me almost everyday,” said Melissa, a recent beauty pageant winner. She said she wishes for even more time to spend with her father. The sergeant also volunteered as a teacher’s aid during his son’s first year in school.

As a family man, a technical sergeant, a police officer and advocate, these are the roles held by a man who’s committed to making the world a better place by helping the people around him. While the balancing act may be difficult, according to Sergeant Ragonese’s wife, with the love of his family and commitment to doing what is right, he will continue to make a difference one role at a time.



ARTs to wear uniforms fulltime

The Air Force changed three of its instructions Aug. 7 to require all air reserve technicians to wear military uniforms rather than civilian clothes while working in civilian status.

ARTs are full-time civilian employees who serve in the same job as Air Force reservists. They've been wearing uniforms when in military status.

ARTs in some locations are already wearing their uniforms all of the time at work. Others haven't started wearing their uniforms everyday, because they have not been required to do so.

"We want our ARTs to be in uniform because we are integrating with the Regular Air Force and Air National Guard throughout the Air Force," said Lt. Gen. John A. Bradley, Air Force Reserve

Command commander. "Total Force Integration is changing how we interact with the rest of the Air Force.

"Even before 9/11, the regular component depended on us to get the job done," he said. "That dependency is growing because we cannot afford to do business as usual. We need to consolidate our forces and capitalize on each other's strengths."

As an example of progress, General Bradley cited reservists preparing to fly F-22s with the Regular Air Force in Alaska, reservists flying their own C-17s in California and reservists standing up and managing a C-130 unit in North Carolina with an active associate unit.

"We are able to take on new and challenging missions because

of the skills and experience of our air reserve technicians," said Chief Master Sgt. Troy McIntosh, AFRC command chief master sergeant.

"Some technicians have told me they feel this uniform change is calling their military dedication or patriotism into question," said the chief. "That is not at all the case. Our technicians have proved themselves in the past and, I'm confident, they will continue to do so in the future."

General Bradley said the Air Force Reserve is entering a new era, which is vastly different than 1958, the year the air reserve technician program was created.

"I believe wearing uniforms is an important step to being a full partner and an Unrivaled Wingman in today's Air Force," said General Bradley.

The Air Force Reserve has about 1,335 ART officers and 8,400 ART enlisted people.

At Dover Air Force Base, there are approximately 240 air reserve technicians which are affected by the new policy.

512th Airlift Wing Commander Col. Randal L. Bright said some technicians have addressed concerns with the local union, and wing leadership plans to work with the union to address all of those issues.

"We are no longer thought of as a Strategic Reserve, ready in case you need us," said the colonel. "But, rather an Operational Reserve, right there at the outset with the Active Component. Wearing the uniform reflects this image and projects a more seamless Total Force concept and unity. (Courtesy AFRC)

Improved Reserve healthcare starts Oct. 1

A simplified Tricare Reserve Select program open to reservists and guardsmen debuts Oct. 1. The new TRS provides an across-the-board health care plan similar to the active-duty coverage. The only group excluded is reservists and guardsmen who are eligible or enrolled for Federal Employee Health Benefits.

The new TRS is a premium-based health plan available to Selected Reserve members (unit assigned and IMA members) at 28 percent of the premium cost. Now, all enrollees will pay \$81 a month for personal coverage or \$253 a month for family. TRS offers coverage similar to TRICARE Standard (and TRICARE Extra) with the active duty family member deductibles and cost shares applied to both the Selected Reserve member and family members under the TRS plan.

Members who are currently enrolled in TRS under the 3 Tier program, must re-enroll into the new program prior to Sept. 30 to continue coverage.

For questions regarding TRS, please call (800) 525-0102. More details on this benefit can be found at www.afpc.afrc.af.mil/library/factsheets/factsheet.asp?id=8316. To participate in TRS, Airmen must be registered in Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System. If not already registered, they should go to the nearest military personnel flight or call the Defense Manpower Data Center Support Office at (800) 538-9552 or visit www.tricare.mil. (Courtesy vPC-GR)



Photo by Sterling Martell

C-17 in public service announcement

As cameras roll, a C-17 assigned to the 452nd Air Mobility Wing from March Air Reserve Base, Calif., roars into the morning sky. The aircraft and its crew of reservists filmed a public service announcement in late July for the Air Force Reserve called "America's Wingman." To simulate the conditions needed for the filming, the C-17 took off and landed under dusty conditions at Riverside Airport, Calif. About 50 people, including many avid photographers, watched the event. Recruiters said the PSA should start airing later this year.

Air Force discontinues decals

Air Force officials are working with other services to allow its people to enter installations without requiring them to display a base decal on their vehicles.

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. T. Michael Moseley recently ended use of the sticker, officially called a DD Form 2220, on Air Force installations due to cost, a lack of utility and long-term threats facing bases.

Many people incorrectly viewed the decal as being designed to bolster security, said Col. William Sellers, the Air Force chief of force protection and operations for security forces. In actuality, the decal lessens it by identifying vehicles of Airmen and civilian workers as potential terror targets and may lure gate guards into complacency.

Air Force officials have asked other services to allow entry of its people to their installations by honoring their common access cards, appropriate identification or even by issuing them a DD Form 2220, which would enter them in another branch's database. For the complete story, log on to www.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123065226.
(*Courtesy Air Force Print News*)

Physical fitness test now pass, fail

Air Force officials here recently announced a change to physical fitness test standards for all Airmen. The "marginal" category has been eliminated, and the test will now be either pass or fail.

Previously, Airmen who scored below 70 on the fitness test failed, and those who scored between 70 and 74.9 received a marginal rating, while Airmen who scored 75 or above passed. With the change, a score below 75 is considered failing, and Airmen will have to retest within 90 days.

"The change was made to support a defined standard for fitness testing," said Maj. Dana Whelan, the chief of health promotion operations at Bolling Air Force Base in the District of Columbia. "With the implementation of the new officer and enlisted performance reports, we needed to define a score that qualifies as meeting standards."

The fitness test change comes just weeks after the implementation of the new performance reports. (*Courtesy Air Force Print News*)

NSPS court findings released

The Air Force has deployed more than 39,000 employees to the National Security Personnel System and when fully implemented, NSPS will cover more than 128,000 Air Force employees.

On May 18, the U.S. Court of Appeals decided American Federation of Government Employees vs. Gates (formerly Rumsfeld), ruling in favor of DOD. A summary of the findings are:

- The court rejected the unions' challenge on NSPS labor relations.
- The court found that the manner in which NSPS was designed and implemented provided appropriate due process and employee protections.
- Since DOD hasn't implemented the adverse actions and appeals portions of the NSPS regulations, the ruling permits DOD to do so, but leaves open the possibility that the unions can challenge portions of these regulations once applied to DOD employees. The court also noted that the extensive review process in the appeals regulations "easily qualifies as fair treatment."
- The injunction remains in place until the court issues a mandate to implement the decision, normally done 45 days after decision rendered.

The unions filed a petition for review from the full Court of Appeals July 2. The injunction will remain in place until further notice.

Air Force officials currently are preparing for the next NSPS deployments. Spiral 2.1b is scheduled for October 2007 and will allow 'catch-up' for installation officials who have identified employees who need to be converted. Spiral 2.2e is scheduled for March 2008 and is scheduled to bring in Air National Guard employees. Future spirals will be identified as implementation plans firm. (*Courtesy Air Force Print News*)

SERE training to be required for all Airmen

Air Force leaders plan to broaden the focus of Survival Resistance and Escape training for all Airmen due to the threat of isolation and capture for Airmen supporting the war on terrorism.

In today's ever-changing world, Airmen increasingly find themselves in a non-traditional environment outside the wire. SERE training teaches Airmen principles, techniques and skills to survive in any environment, avoid capture, resist and escape if captured.

SERE training is currently conducted on three levels. All Airmen receive entry-level, or A-level, training. B-level is provided to those with a moderate risk of capture and C-level is reserved for those with a high risk of capture. B- and C-level training is provided primarily to aircrew members, those traditionally in higher risk duties.

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. T. Michael Moseley's new initiative will be to incorporate SERE training throughout the Air Force. (*Courtesy AFPN*)

President picks Army general to lead AFRICOM

President Bush named Army Gen. William E. "Kip" Ward July 10 to help stand up U.S. Africa Command as its first commander.

General Ward has served as deputy commander of U.S. European Command in Stuttgart, Germany, since May 2006. In that role, he has been responsible for the day-to-day activities for U.S. forces operating across 92 countries in Europe, Africa, Russia, parts of Asia and the Middle East, the Mediterranean and most of the Atlantic Ocean.

If confirmed to his new post, General Ward will help bring AFRICOM to initial operational capacity as a command subordinate to EUCOM by October. AFRICOM is slated to be established as a separate unified command by Sept. 30, 2008. He also will be responsible for consolidating U.S. government efforts and promote partnership arrangements in Africa. (*Courtesy AFPN*)

512th salutes



To Lt Col

Matthew J. Ahern
 Rolandrias Bradford
 Jeffrey W. Brown
 Theresa L. Cave
 Andrew J. Eiler Jr
 Scott A. Erickson
 Thomas C. Guerra
 Thomas J. Harmon
 John G Hayes Jr
 Kevin W. Higginbotham
 Gary L. Kraus Jr
 Andrew C. Kuth
 Timothy S. Lyon
 Jeffrey A. Miller
 Michael A. Parks
 Erik A. Sant
 Eric C. Savage
 Robert J. Stefanowicz
 Timothy M. Shohfi

To MSgt

Charles E. Boyer IV
 Cheryl Hawkins

To TSgt

TSgt Donald Goines
 TSgt Anthony McGhee
 TSgt Anthony Rainey
 TSgt Sandra Raphael
 TSgt Jimmy Strait

To SSgt

SSgt Marzelle F. Autrey Jr
 SSgt Jeffrey Baskin
 SSgt Matthew Blough
 SSgt Lindsay Fritz
 SSgt James Herr
 SSgt Jessica Ramer-Cuce

To A1C

A1C Jennifer Darlin
 A1C Colleen Riley
 A1C Candis Williams

Medals



Meritorious Service

Capt Randy Correia
 SMSgt Thomas Carrow
 MSgt James Gripp
 MSgt Christine Shields
 MSgt William Thompson
 MSgt Ki Wilson
 MSgt Michael Wood
 MSgt Stephen Wus

Air Medal

Maj Eric Sant
 Capt Christian Fiore
 CMSgt Ralph Kellenberger
 MSgt Amy Campbell
 MSgt Thomas Vernon
 MSgt Michael Wright
 TSgt James Foster
 TSgt Gerald Tomarcus

Commendation

MSgt John Singleton
 MSgt Robert Prothero
 TSgt Kathleen Baker
 TSgt James Blake
 TSgt Edwin Clifford
 TSgt Albert Gooch
 TSgt Richard Lewandowski
 TSgt Thomas Owens
 SSgt Sean Dawson
 SSgt Lavone Strong
 SrA Ferdehl Harvey

Achievement Medal

CMSgt Christopher Alston
 CMSgt Ricky Moore
 SMSgt William Hassell
 SMSgt Kathleen Valenti
 MSgt Dale Bowser
 MSgt William McGlone
 MSgt Sheilda Perez
 MSgt Natalie Peterson
 MSgt Armand Shackelford
 MSgt Gwendolyn Smith
 MSgt Chandra Sutton
 MSgt Nancy Tyson
 MSgt Debra Wesley
 MSgt Carol Williams
 MSgt Judy Wynn
 TSgt Donald Alexander
 TSgt Bobby Carmon
 TSgt James Conley
 TSgt Matthew Gippe
 TSgt Cheryl Johnson
 TSgt Cyrenia Johnson
 TSgt Roderick Lopez
 TSgt James Mabry
 TSgt David Orié
 TSgt Jeanette Person
 TSgt Glendese Ramos
 TSgt Noel Santos
 TSgt Ecomi Stanley
 TSgt Paul Surowiec
 TSgt Zac
 Thihahfuhluhswalker
 SSgt Ryan Crowley
 SSgt Melvin Jackson
 SSgt Jimmy Strait
 SSgt Kevin Ward
 SrA William D Bungy Jr.
 SrA Leonid Godunov
 SrA Carrie Tinker
 SrA Michael Sanders



Say hello to:

Name: Airman 1st Class Trevor Davison
Unit: 512th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
Duty Position: Aerospace maintenance apprentice
Civilian Occupation: Student
Hometown: Rising Sun, Md.
Hobbies: Playing football and singing karaoke
Personal Goals: I would like to serve 20 years in the military, meet as many people as possible and enjoy life.

Newcomers

The Liberty Wing welcomes:
 Capt Justin Botts
 Capt Joshua Friedman
 Capt Tamara Johnson
 MSgt Clifford George
 TSgt Dale Neuenschwander
 TSgt Carla Overton
 SSgt Geoffrey Burris
 SSgt April Caissie
 SSgt Tina Clark
 SrA Robert Abbott
 SrA Daniel Janelle
 SrA Paul Lemley
 SrA Joseph Ramos
 Sra Rachael Sepulveda
 A1C Trevor Dacison
 A1C James Duffy
 AB Shadenia Reynolds

Retirements

CMSgt Ralph Kellenberger
 CMSgt Al Long
 SMSgt Donald Savidge
 SMSgt Mark Swanson
 MSgt Robert Jones
 MSgt Robert Ritchie IV
 TSgt David Bennett
 TSgt Fredrick Jones

Developmental Education

The following are Developmental Education graduates:

Senior NCO Academy

MSgt Kenneth Bachman
 MSgt Kevin Casquarelli
 MSgt William McGlone
 MSgt Ommar Then
Airman Leadership School
 SSgt Matthew Blough
 SrA Dustin Bowman
 SSgt Lindsay Fritz
 SrA Tiffany Grow
 SrA Robert Halley
 SrA David Lagrossa
 SrA Joseph Mahaffey
 SrA Joshua Mumford

Scholastic Achiever

The following individuals scored a 90 or higher on a developmental education test.
 SSgt Virginia Garcia
 SrA James L. Williams III
 A1C Charles Douglass Jr

UPAR notice

The 512th Public Affairs Office invites unit public affairs representatives to submit electronic photos of their unit members in action for possible inclusion in the November commander's call slide show.



Photo by Senior Airman Andria J. Allmond

I swear

Tech. Sgt. Troy Baker, 512th Military Equal Opportunity, reenlisted Aug. 5. Capt. Kathryn Fiddler, 512th MEO chief, administered the oath of enlistment.

Reenlistments

MSgt Gwendolyn Smith
 SSgt Denise Gunn
 SSgt Carrier O'Donnell
 SSgt William Mann
 SrA Orlando Holloway
 A1C Lademicka Smith
 A1C Reiner Herrera
 A1C James Duffy
 AB Nathaniel Woodhall

The Lighter Side

Take a trip with base LTO

The base Leisure Travel Office features the following trips this month:

- Sept. 15, 80th Annual Feast of San Gennaro, New York City, \$30
- Sept. 29, Navy vs. Air Force football, Annapolis, Md., \$58

Sign up online at www.doverafbsservices.com or call the LTO at (302) 677-3955.

Air Force Ball Sept. 15

Dover Air Force Base's 60th Anniversary Air Force Ball is Sept. 15 at Dover Downs Hotel from 6 to 11 p.m. Tickets cost:

- \$18 for Airmen, GS-9s < and guests
- \$26 for NCOs, GS-10/11s, CGOs and guests
- \$32 for Senior NCOs, GS-12s, field grade officers, honorary commanders and guests

Entrée choices are chicken and crab cakes or pasta primavera. Dress is mess dress or semi-formal. Please RSVP by Sept. 7 to 512th Public Affairs at (302) 677-3485.

Bright baby arrives

512th Airlift Wing Commander Col. Randal L. Bright and his wife Amy welcomed Lauren Elisabeth Ann Bright into the world on July 11 at 10:02 a.m. Born in Pittsburgh, Pa., she weighed 8 pounds, 13 ounces and was 21 inches long.



NASCAR tickets on base

Discounted NASCAR tickets are on sale at the Leisure Travel Office until Sept. 7 while supplies last. The offer is for general admission adult tickets for the Sept. 21 - 23 races at Dover International Speedway. Some restrictions apply. Purchaser must have a valid military or Department of Defense ID card. Limit six tickets per person. For information, call (302) 677-3955.

Free football game

The Delaware State Hornets presents Military Appreciation Day during their home opener football game against Coastal Carolina Sept. 1 at 7 p.m. All military personnel and families admitted free in uniform or with active military ID card. For more information, call (866) 378-2845.

Don't miss case lot sale

Dover's commissary is participating in the Defense Commissary Agency's worldwide case lot sale Sept. 14 and 15, beginning at 9 a.m. Shoppers can get bargains by the case and save up to 64 percent off of regular prices on popular items.

Free innings

The Wilmington Blue Rocks featured Military Appreciation Nights Aug. 10 and 11. Many 512th Airlift Wing members and their families were able to attend the game for free thanks to donated tickets, which were distributed by USO Delaware. Pictured from right to left are Master Sgt. Ralph Ritter, 712th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, his wife Senior Master Sgt. Nadine Ritter of the 512th Education and Training Office, Tech. Sgt. Curtis Brosius, 512th Maintenance Squadron, and his wife Denise. Col. Randal L. Bright, 512th AW commander, threw the first pitch for the Aug. 10 game against the Frederick Keys.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Steve Lewis

Wing member runs distance for those in need

Capt. Marnee A.C. Losurdo
Chief, 512th Public Affairs

A flight engineer with the 709th Airlift Squadron is running the distance for servicemembers in need by participating in the 32nd Marine Corp Marathon Oct. 28 in Washington D.C.

Master Sgt. Mitchell Coffey is taking on the 26.2 mile challenge for The Fisher House Foundation, a non-profit organization and Combined Federal Campaign charity.

The 48-year-old mailman from Norfolk, Va., said he's looking for wing members to sponsor him in his effort to raise funds for military members and their families who are experiencing a medical crisis.

Because military members are stationed all over the world, they typically have to travel to another location to receive specialized medical care. To assist these individuals, The Fisher House has built 38 "comfort homes" near military and Veteran Administration medical centers, according to The Fisher House website. These temporary homes allow family members to be close to their loved ones who are hospitalized for an illness, disease or injury received from combat.

"It's motivational to know I'm supporting an organization that benefits all branches of service, and I'm helping wounded servicemembers and their fami-



Photo by Capt. Marnee A.C. Losurdo

Master Sgt. Mitchell Coffey, 709th Airlift Squadron, is training for the 32nd Marine Corp Marathon in Washington D.C. next month.

lies," said Sergeant Coffey.

This will be the second time the flight engineer will run in the race, which is the fourth largest marathon in the U.S. and seventh largest in the world, according to the Marine Corp Marathon website.

"I enjoy the challenge of the training, especially in the heat of summer," said the letter carrier who walks 8.5 miles everyday on his mail route and runs an additional 20 to 30 miles a week as part of his marathon training.

The sergeant has always led a very active life, he said. He ran in high school but took a hiatus for 15 years, thinking his mail route was enough exercise for him. However, five years ago he said his flight surgeon suggested he do something more strenuous to add to his cardio-vascular workout.

"I was getting older, and I wanted to stay in shape and this was a great way to do it," he said.

Whether it's for his health or for individuals in need, this Liberty Wing member is a runner with a cause.

Individuals who'd like to support Sergeant Coffey and donate to The Fisher House Foundation can do so by either contacting Sergeant Coffey at (757) 339-9799 or visiting The Fisher House Foundation website at https://www.sporg.com/registration?link_type=reg_info&form_id=70303&view_type=windowed.

UTA Schedule

	A Team	B Team
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
MAR	1-2	15-16
APR	5-6	19-20
MAY	17-18	3-4
JUN	21-22	28-29

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