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On the cover



Photo by Senior Airman Andria J. Allmond

During this time of year, large flocks of birds can typically be seen on and around Dover Air Force Base. Team Dover has an active Bird Aircraft Strike Hazard program to help prevent damage to aircraft and other base assets. Read more about the birds on page 4.

LEAD: Now is the time

Lt. Col. Louis J. Dimodugno
512th MSG deputy commander

Recently, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. T. Michael Moseley wrote about leadership in his September 2007, Vector message. With the challenges the 512th Airlift Wing will be going through for the next 18 months, I can't think of a more fitting topic than leadership and what will be expected from all of you.

In April, July and August of 2008, you will perform in the wing's Operational Readiness Inspection, the report card to the Air Force, showing the wing is ready to take the fight to where ever it is tasked.

In October 2008, the wing will be going through the 22nd Air Force Staff Assistance Visit; and, in April 2009 the wing will be administratively evaluated during the Unit Compliance Inspection.

Commanders and supervisors at all levels must lead by personal example, ensure compliance by all and reinforce the highest standards of the U.S. Air Force.

Over these next 18 months, we will be truly tested from our knowledge of our roles and responsibilities to the vantage point of leadership.

I've had the privilege to serve directly alongside members of the maintenance and mission support groups. Most recently, as a member of the wing's senior leadership team, I've had the additional opportunity to work with the operations group and medical squadron. Because of this exposure, I feel qualified to say the caliber of leadership and personal accountability associated within this wing is second to none. In particular, the chiefs and the rest of the senior noncommissioned officer corps are outstanding.

As General Moseley recently stated, "the expectations for all Airmen are the same: commanders command, supervisors lead, and, from the most junior Airman

to the highest levels of command, we all follow checklist procedures, comply with applicable directives, and focus on our assigned missions or tasks."

It is through these levels of accountabilities that I call upon all of you to:

- Lead by example, be a role-model;
- know your roles and responsibilities;
- understand the mission and be able to relay to your subordinates how they support and contribute to that mission;
- cooperate across the wing and base;
- communicate with inspiration and confidence;
- mentor those who seek guidance and
- maintain a positive attitude.

These are the facets of leadership that I have compiled over time and have helped me in both civilian and military applications.

More than 10 years ago, I had the privilege of joining the 512th AW. I arrived off of active duty as a maintenance officer and count myself as being very fortunate to be selected as colonel effective Nov. 1.



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There are good and bad things associated with this promotion. The good is the past units I have had the pleasure of serving in and the enduring friendships that formed along the way. The bad is I now have to leave the 512th AW and Dover Air Force Base. I will join the Individual Mobilization Augmentee world, which will give me a broader view of how the Reserve operates across active duty and in joint environments.

I look forward to the challenge but will always fondly remember my times at Dover. I'm sure my children will remind me each summer of the times we had camping on "the other side of the runway."

In closing, my time here has been fabulous. You all have made my experiences here memorable, and I have learned much from many of you. You have shown in the past that you have what it takes to be the best. My challenge to you over the next 18 months is to continue to be the best!



Photo by Senior Airman Andria J. Allmond

Aerial porters moved into a new facility with an open floor plan (pictured above) Oct. 19. The 46th Aerial Port Squadron's former home was outdated, and the roof of the old building collapsed in 2003. It was replaced with a heavy tarp material.

46th APS moves into new, improved home

Senior Airman Andria J. Allmond

Staff writer

The 46th Aerial Port Squadron moved into the new aerial port facility Oct. 19, exiting the building that was their home for more than 20 years.

The former APS building, which was originally constructed to serve as a storage facility, was not designed to handle the needs of the Reserve and active-duty aerial port squadrons.

January 2003, the roof of the former aerial port facility collapsed and with it a history of aerial porters who had learned to adapt to the obstacles posed by the old and ill-suited structure.

"This building made me an aerial porter," said Chief Master Sgt. Clinton Foster, 46th APS air operations flight supervisor. "It's like leaving our mother. Some people just fit the old building -- a little rough around the edges, dark and grimy but things got done."

The new building is adjacent to the former, which is now slated to become an extension of the parking lot and an outside cargo area.

Although the move to the new building may have been accelerated by the structural flaws of the old building, the change offers aerial porters a technological upgrade, said Chief Foster.

The new facility comes equipped with a computer program which performs the physical labor of pulling the objects from the load plan and depositing it on the dock. This system can read the load plan that is supplied by the aerial porter, prepare the load and deliver it to the dock, said Chief Foster.

"The technology does in 20 minutes what used to take an hour to accomplish," he added. "This upgrade follows the Air Force pattern of streamlining operations."

Another 46th APS member said the new building also brings increased morale.

"We have more space, our own space, and there are training rooms available," said Chief Master Sgt. Donna Lehman. "Plus, having rooms with windows is an improvement. Change is good, and this is a nice, new change for us."

The design of the new building was not only intended for the needs of the aerial port squadron that is currently moving in. It was also designed to meet the needs of future Airmen and to secure the base's position as one of the premiere training locations for Reserve air transportation specialists, said Lt. Col. Gregory Murray, 46th APS commander and member of the design team.

"The building is designed with an open floor plan with minimal obstruction," he added. "As the work load or complexity of operations change, we will be able to use the facility differently to achieve an evolving mission. We made sure we had maximum flexibility; we don't know what cargo will be like in 20 years."

Even with the excitement of the new technology, there are still those like Chief Foster who will never forget where they came from.

"This is bittersweet," he said. "We spent so much time getting ready to move and moving our stuff; I realized you don't think about what you're leaving -- until it's already left behind."

Around the 512th

712th AMXS announces 1st Sgt selection

The 712th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron has selected a new first sergeant. Tech. Sgt. James White, a 712th AMXS member, will replace First Sergeant Senior Master Sgt. Charles Harrell who will retire in a dual retirement ceremony Dec. 1 at The Landings. Chief Master Sgt. Kenneth Thompson, the 512th Maintenance Squadron first sergeant, also retires in that 2:30 p.m. ceremony.

Flu vaccines fly off shelf in 512th AMDS

Medical technicians from the 512th Aerospace Medicine Squadron administered 516 flu shots over the October UTA, depleting the wing's supply of flu vaccine. The wing plans to offer more flu vaccines as the supply is replenished.

PC III automated system now part of past

Last month, Air Force Personnel Center sent out guidance covering the end of the automated personnel system known as Personnel Concept III or PC III. The system is permanently down and will not return. Members with particular concerns can call Tech. Sgt. Brian LaRochelle, 512th Mission Support Squadron, at (302) 677-3969.

Top 3 looking for members to ring bell

In support of the 2007 Salvation Army Kettle Drive, Dover Air Force Base senior NCOs are encouraged to sign up and ring the bell Nov. 24 at north Dover locations. The one-hour time slots range from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Master Sgt. Robert Stapleford at (302) 677-4742 is the Top 3 point of contact for this event.

Commander's Call scheduled for Nov. 4

The 512th Airlift Wing Commander's Call is Nov. 4 at the base theater, beginning at 3 p.m. Participants must be seated by 2:30 p.m. Sign-out procedures will be disseminated through the chain of command.

Base prepared for birds flying south

Master Sgt. Veronica A. Aceveda
Editor

In the fall and winter seasons, flocks of small birds can usually be seen hovering over the grassy areas and fields on and around the base.

These large flocks are generally red-winged blackbirds, European starlings and brown-headed cowbirds.

According to the September

edition of Flying Safety magazine, bird strikes have cost the U.S. Air Force \$35 million dollars annually since 1985.

Last year, Dover Air Force Base recorded about 16 bird-strikes or wildlife incidents. These ranged from small sparrows to Canadian geese and even one fox," said Lt. Col. Erik Sant, 512th Airlift Wing chief of safety.

There are several habitat management techniques in place

Important ORI dates for tasked members

Deployers, evaluators and support personnel for the Operational Readiness Inspection in July need to participate on the March and April B Team UTA. Please ensure those members are changed in the UTA Participation System properly. Other important dates are:

- March, Deployment Exercise
- April, Operational Readiness Exercise
- October, 22nd Air Force Staff Assistance Visit.
- April 2009, Unit Compliance Inspection.

Don't miss award submission deadlines

Nomination packages for the following awards are due by the date indicated below to the 512th Career Enhancement Office:

- Dec. 1, 2008 Verne Orr
- Dec. 1, 2008 Noncommissioned Officers Association Vanguard
- Dec. 1, 2008 Joan Orr Air Force Spouse of the Year
- Dec. 4, 2008 Spirit of Hope Award Military Program
- Dec. 4, 2008 Air Force Sergeants Association Pitsenbarger
- Dec. 28, 2008 First Sergeant of the Year

"Fall back" for Daylight Saving Time

Changing the clocks for Daylight Saving Time occurs over the November UTA weekend. Members are reminded to set their clocks back one hour on Sunday, Nov. 4 at 2 a.m.

Combined Federal Campaign underway

The Combined Federal Campaign for the base runs through Nov. 18. To contribute, please contact one of the following representatives:

- 512th Airlift Wing, 1st Lt. Crystal Beach, (302) 677-3508
- 512th Operations Group, 1st Lt. Kelly Mount, (302) 677-3806
- 512th Maintenance Group, Tech. Sgt. James Blake, (302) 677-6293
- 512th Mission Support Group, 1st Lt. Crystal Beach, (302) 677-3508.
- 512th Aerospace Medicine Squadron, Senior Master Sgt. Rachael Gonesh, (302) 677-2550.
- 512th AW Staff Agencies, Maj. Dawn Crews-Seams, (302) 677-5124.

Specific charities can be found at www.opm.gov/cfc.

here which minimize the flocks of birds' presence on the airfield, said Karen Voltura, Bird Aircraft Strike Hazard contractor.

"The airfield grass is maintained at 7 to 14 inches in height, because the taller grass discourages the flocks from feeding near the runways and taxiways," she said. "The grass is cut before it produces seeds for the birds to eat."

Another measure Team Dover

officials monitor is ensuring grasses and other plants that do not produce large amounts of seed or other food sources are selected for plantings around the base.

More information about the Bird Aircraft Strike Hazard program including various Air Force bird strike statistics can be found on the Air Force BASH Team's website at http://afsafety.af.mil/SEF/Bash/SEFW_new.shtml.

Helpful hints: Keeping safe through the holidays

Staff Sgt. Steve Lewis
Staff writer

The 101 Critical Days of Summer has long passed. Now in the middle of the fall season, traveling to the beach, grilling and swimming in the pool have been replaced with holiday cooking, driving long distances to be with family and shopping for gifts.

Although safety was important during the summer, the same amount of care needs to be taken as fall quickly turns into winter. Here's a few of safety tips that should be on everyone's holiday season to-do lists this year.

Behind the wheel

Driving cautiously and planning routes ahead of time should be a primary consideration among other holiday safety practices, said Master Sgt. Kevin Casquarelli, 512th Airlift Wing ground safety manager. He added, driving safely during this time should be made a priority.

"Driving long distances during inclement weather and seatbelt use should be two of your biggest concerns," he said.

According to the National Safety Council, besides unintentional mishaps behind the wheel, more than half of all traffic related

fatalities in the United States are due to alcohol. After drinking at a holiday party that's either work related or with friends, ask a designated driver for a ride home.

Heating and fireplaces

Evergreens and wreaths shouldn't be placed in fireplaces or woodstoves as a means of disposal. Pine needles tend to be dry due to lack of hydration and can burn out of control when put in contact with flames.

Heating homes can get expensive as electric bills and the price of oil or gas rises during this time of the year.

"People tend to find different ways to heat their houses to save money now that it's colder outside," said Sergeant Casquarelli, "So, don't leave any portable heaters unattended."

Decorations

The NSC suggests that sprays that produce artificial snow should be used with caution. These sprays can irritate lungs if inhaled.

Cotton snow and angel hair are popular items when used to decorate miniature holiday villages and other related items. The NSC says non-flammable cotton is a common and safe substitute. At any rate, never place these items near candles or by an open flame.

Food preparation

Recently, salmonella has been making headlines as frozen dinners like pot-pies have been linked to over a hundred cases of the disease nationwide. Always cook food completely and follow the suggested directions that may come with store-bought items. When in contact with raw meat, wash hands, utensils and other kitchen items thoroughly, according to the NSC.

Purchasing children's toys, gifts

Yet another item found in the news recently are numerous recalls on toys that contained high amounts of lead. Pay close attention to these toys even if they've been taken off store shelves since they've been deemed unsafe for children, according to the NSC. Buy toys that may not easily fit in a child's throat, ears, nose or eyes.

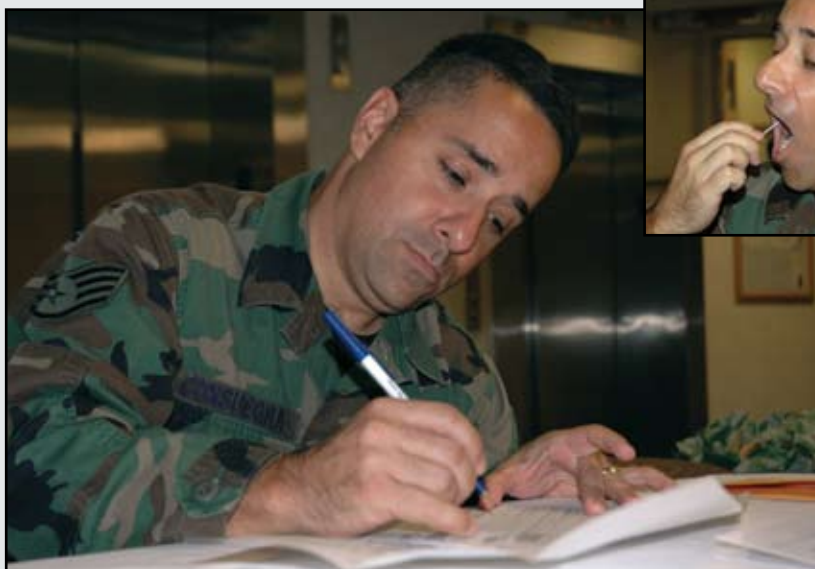
Holiday related Stress

Among working and driving, the holidays can produce just as much stress. Avoid shopping all at once, advises the NSC. Plan ahead and do a little at a time to reduce hurrying from place to place just to get everything done.

Numerous studies done by national web advertising agencies have shown holiday shopping online increases each year. To reduce the stress of driving to the store, consider turning to the Internet for gift ideas, advises the NSC.

For more holiday safety tips, visit NSC's website at www.nsc.org/facts/holseasn.htm.

Register, give gift of life



Photos by Master Sgt. Veronica A. Aceveda

Staff Sgt. Pedro Consuegra, 512th Aerospace Medicine Squadron, is one of 45 reservists who participated in a bone marrow registry drive Oct. 13. The sign-up process consisted of two parts pictured here: signing a consent form and a cotton swab on the inside of the cheek. The collected information will become part of

the C.W. Bill Young Department of Defense Marrow Donor Program. According to the organization's website, the military is the nation's largest source of whole blood donations; and, military personnel, more so than any other large organization, are able to meet the program's strict health and age requirements. In all, Team Dover had 133 people who showed their support for the program. The next drive is slated for the spring.

DISPERSING THE THREAT

Maj. Amber Kasbeer, 512th Explosive Ordnance Flight commander, displays part of a care package sent to her from the 512th Family Support Center while she was deployed to Camp Victory, Iraq, near Baghdad International Airport. She spent six months working as the deputy J-3 operations officer for Combined Joint Task Force Troy, which is a multi-service, multi-national task force responsible for the counter Improvised Explosive Devices efforts in the north and central regions of Iraq.

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

News reports routinely state how improvised explosive devices take the lives of U.S. servicemembers combating the Global War on Terrorism.

IEDs are considered one of the greatest threats in Iraq today, and a 512th Civil Engineer Squadron member played a role in dispersing that threat.

Maj. Amber Kasbeer, spent six months dodging bullets, mortars and rockets and enduring 118-plus degree weather at Camp Victory, Iraq, near Baghdad International Airport. She served as the deputy J-3 operations officer for Combined Joint Task Force Troy, which is a multi-service, multi-national task force responsible for the counter IED efforts in the north and central regions of Iraq.

The major, who returned in September, was responsible for the operation and controlled movement of all EOD teams and assets throughout Iraq.

“At times, it was a challenge to integrate the limited EOD resources throughout Iraq to support the numerous Army Brigades and meet the surge’s operations tempo,” said the major, who is the 512th Explosive Ordnance Flight commander here. On Jan. 10, President



An Air Force explosive ordnance disposal specialist uses a thermal imaging sensor to detect potential Improvised Explosive Devices. Other team members move forward to conduct an extensive search on foot.

Submitted photo

George W. Bush announced his plan, referred to as the “surge,” to increase the number of servicemembers deployed to Iraq. “With all the additional forces in theater, at times it was difficult to get the people and equipment out to where they were needed.”

She also coordinated the distribution of new EOD technologies by sending them to EOD teams in the field for testing, oversaw the coordination of repair and distribution of EOD vehicles and equipment, and reviewed and corrected reports from the field, said the flight commander who oversees a staff of 13 EOD technicians at Dover Air Force Base.

This is the second mobilization to Camp Victory for the major. She deployed from November 2004 to May 2005, serving under an Army EOD Battalion as their Air Force liaison officer, where she stood up all Air Force EOD assets used to support the Army’s EOD missions.

Since then, she said the demand for EOD assets has grown significantly. Another change she said she noticed was the increased use of forensic science to identify and prosecute individuals using and making bombs.

She played a role in this process by reviewing EOD reports for operations security and providing usable information

to the Law and Order Task Force in Iraq for prosecution of criminals in the Iraqi judicial system.

“This was one of the most satisfying aspects of my job while deployed,” said the civil engineer officer who worked 12 to 14 hours a day, seven days a week. “It was an opportunity to not only put a face on the enemy by directly identifying fingerprints or other forensic clues, but also to witness the country’s legal system take action against these individuals.”

In addition to defusing IEDs, EOD technicians collect information about enemy bombing tactics, techniques and procedures, said Master Sgt. David Guenther, 512th CES EOD program manager. That information is used to develop countermeasures to how insurgents operate and to identify and capture bomb-makers.

EOD specialists bring in evidence gathered from the scene for review by forensic scientists, assigned to the Combined Explosive Exploitation Cell. The CEXC is a counter-IED forensics cell assigned to the Army’s Multi National Corps – Iraq, headquartered at Camp Victory. The scientists analyze the evidence and forward the information to the Law and Order Task Force, said the major.

“Instead of these people being glorified as “insurgents,” they are now being treated as criminals, which in their

culture is a significant shift,” she explained. “Once someone is identified as a criminal, the perspective of how they are viewed by the local population shifts, and they are no longer freedom fighters, insurgents or martyrs, or glorified as such. This obviously helps change the aspect of what we are doing over there and helps Iraq begin to rely on their abilities to stand up as a nation. There’s still a long way to go, but it was a small gleam of light in a rather difficult situation.”

When the 17-year veteran wasn’t working she was trying to sleep.

“One day I was taking a nap and the bullets raced through my camper,” said the reservist who entered the Air Force in 1990 and joined the Air Force Reserve in 1998. “I was in a secure area, but we were fired upon almost daily. There were a few nights I was sleeping under my vest with my plates on.”

Now that she’s back in the states, the major said she prefers sleeping under the covers. She also has a renewed appreciation for mundane day-to-day crisis’ like waiting at traffic lights.

“I walked into Starbucks the other day; there was a long line, and I listened to people’s daily mundane crisis, such as my coffee isn’t hot enough,” she said. “I thought to myself, ‘Oh, it’s so nice to be here and not be fired at.’”



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Mathew Lohr

C4 explosives are used to destroy ordnance. In addition to defusing Improvised Explosive Devices, explosive ordnance technicians collect information about enemy bombing tactics, techniques and procedures for use in developing countermeasures to use against and identify and capture bomb-makers.



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Raymond Mills

Humvees from the 887th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron in Iraq patrol convoy routes to keep them clear of improvised explosive devices. Maj. Amber Kasbeer, 512th Explosive Ordnance Flight commander here, oversaw the movement of EOD assets and teams throughout Iraq to disperse these threats during her deployment.

Airman's Roll Call highlights Airmen, political activities

This week's Airman's Roll Call highlights Airmen's options to engage in the democratic process.

Airmen can vote and express personal opinions on political candidates and issues; can sign petitions and write letters to the editor as a private citizen; and can contribute to political organizations or committees favoring a particular candidate or slate of candidates.

When not in uniform and not on duty, Airmen can also attend political meetings or rallies as a

spectator, join associations and attend meetings.

Airmen and co-workers may also discuss politics, but need to keep it professional and ethical. However, the workplace is not an unrestricted forum and everyone needs to use good judgment and understand the limits on political activities to avoid improper interference in elections and solicitation of votes or fundraising.

Air Force Instruction 51-902 lists the 'dos' and 'don'ts' for engaging in political activities.



Illustration by Mike Carabajal

The Oct. 10 to 17 edition of Airman's Roll Call highlighted Airmen's options to engage in the democratic process. Find Air Force Roll Call online at www.af.mil/library/viewpoints.

Airman's Roll Call is designed for supervisors at all levels to help keep Airmen informed on current issues, clear

up confusion, dispel rumors and provide additional face-to-face communication. (Courtesy Air Force Print News)

Officials release new annual training plan details

Air Force leaders have released the details about the new annual training requirements program for the Total Force.

As of Oct. 15, all Airmen will use the new "block instruction" plan that combines nine ancillary training courses into three 30-minute blocks of training, saving more than 6 million man hours every year.

"This is a huge win for the entire Air Force," said Chief of Staff Gen. T. Michael Moseley. "By tightening up our ancillary training requirements, we've returned vital time to all Airmen. Airmen's time is a critical commodity as we reduce end strength while continuing to focus on our warfighting efforts."

The new training blocks satisfy all requirements for the following subjects:

- Information Protection covers information security, NATO security, information assurance, records management, as well as the Privacy and Freedom of Information Acts

- Force Protection deals with protection from terrorism Level 1 training

- Human Relations entails combating human trafficking, suicide awareness and violence prevention

The three training blocks must be completed once per year in order to

meet minimum training requirements. Timing will depend on when previous training was taken, or as directed by local commanders, according to Maj. Joel Elsbury, Air Force deputy chief of training policy and development.

"For example, an Airman who took information awareness training in January this year and all other Information Protection (training) in April would take the new information protection block in January next year," the major explained. "The Airman becomes "non-current" in information protection in January of 2008. By retaking the complete block in January, the Airman would become current in all six subjects for one full year."

Airmen who wish to synchronize all of their annual training are encouraged to take all three blocks at one time, accomplishing in just 90 minutes what once took more than eight hours to do, Major Elsbury said.

Airmen can access the training through the Advanced Distributed Learning Service Web site directly or through the link on the Air Force Portal.

Although the ADLS is the preferred method for completing this training, units will have the option to download and deliver the training blocks "off-line"

as needed. This approach is designed especially for Guard and Reserve units, as well as deployed Airmen, Major Elsbury said.

Airmen who complete the training using ADLS will have their record updated automatically. If the off-line delivery method is used, unit training managers will manually upload course completion data into ADLS to ensure full credit. Reserve units also will have the option of tracking completions through ReserveNet.

"We've purposefully designed this training to satisfy the basic requirements for 'awareness,'" said Lt. Gen. Roger Brady, deputy chief of staff for manpower, personnel and services.

While this effort is intended to maximize unit effectiveness, intelligent and sensible training remains an indispensable responsibility of the Air Force, General Brady said.

"When local conditions or mission requirements demand additional or different training, commanders retain their discretion to provide that training as needed," General Brady said.

Annual training requirements can be found at the ADLS Web site. (Courtesy Air Force Print News)

Personnel Center releases improved force development tool

The Airmen Development Plan is a new, Web-based decision support tool to integrate numerous force development tools, including electronic records, duty histories and assignment preferences into one platform. Phase one of the upcoming ADP launch will apply to active-duty officers and will replace the transitional Officer Development Plan, or T-ODP. In February 2008, phase two will replace the transitional Civilian Development Plan and will also incorporate the developmental education nomination process.

ADP is accessed via the AFPC secure Web site and Air Force Portal. The ADP will be the one tool for all active-duty officers and civilians to convey desired assignment, professional development, intermediate and senior developmental education, and leadership preferences to senior raters and development teams.

When development teams review Airmen's careers, they will use the ADP to "vector" Airmen into the right experiences or the right education to meet their career goals and the needs of the Air Force. Through this new system, senior raters and development teams will have access to personnel records, performance and training reports, and decoration citations online.

For more information, read the complete story at <http://www.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123067380>.



Submitted photo

Military working dog dies defending freedom

Staff Sgt. Marcus Reaves sits with his military working dog, Arras, at Robins Air Force Base, Ga. Arras was killed Sept. 25 when he touched a location that was electrified by power cables during a search for weapons and explosives in a building in Iraq. Sergeant Reaves is a military working dog handler in the 78th Security Forces Squadron's Military Working Dog Section. Read the complete story at www.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123072658.

Retirement actions streamlined online

Retirees can now review their Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty, commonly referred to as a DD Form 214, on line via the new vMPF application on the Air Force Personnel Center Web site. If corrections are needed to the retiree's 214, they can now correspond directly with AFPC on line.

The Web site is: <http://ask.afpc.randolph.af.mil>. Click on vMPF Self-Service Applications. Retirees can also call toll free to 1-800-616-3775.

For more information, read the Air Force Print News story at <http://www.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123068676>.

Downrange mailing

While the holidays may still seem far away, Americans hoping to show their support to deployed troops must be aware of some rapidly approaching deadlines. According to the Military Postal Service Agency, or MPSA, mail going parcel post must be sent by Nov. 14, while first class mail must be sent by Dec. 10 to arrive by Dec. 25. Read the complete story at www.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123072086.

Air Force Reserve stands up first F-22 Raptor unit

In a day centered on the unit's heritage, with ties to the Tuskegee Airmen, Air Force Reserve Command officially activated its first F-22 Raptor unit, the 477th Fighter Group, Oct. 2.

The activation at Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska, formally gave the Air Force Reserve a valuable part of America's newest and most sophisticated weapons system.

"The highlight of this is the continuation of our legacy we started in the '40s," said retired Tuskegee Airman Lt. Col. Robert Ashby. "To have our unit flying the newest, most sophisticated aircraft in the world and adopt the unit here is truly outstanding."

Read the complete story at www.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123070958.

512th salutes



Newcomers

The Liberty Wing welcomes:

Lt Col David Stenman
 Lt Col Ross Ziegler
 Major Bonnie Adams
 Capt Scott Kissler
 Capt Frederick Kuehn
 Capt Henry Lasher
 Capt Miguel Lutman
 Capt Rami Mizrahi
 Capt Candice Streff
 MSgt Francis Glynn
 MSgt Norman Metz
 MSgt Raymond Wood
 TSgt Domon Barr
 TSgt Autumn Barrett
 TSgt John Darragh
 TSgt Waverly Edwards
 TSgt Carl Stokes
 TSgt Mary Valentine
 TSgt Don Williams
 SSgt Rysheen Allen
 SSgt Jeffery Cosby
 SSgt Matthew Dekeyser
 SSgt Christina Donato
 SSgt Reginald Godfrey
 SSgt Nicolas Ianovale
 SSgt David Jackson
 SSgt Roy Mclaughlin
 SSgt Thomas Riley
 SSgt Leslie Settle
 SSgt Edward Williams

SrA Patrick Burk
 SrA Joann Colon
 SrA Lyndon Green
 SrA Wilbert Lites
 SrA Elizabeth Slagle
 SrA Zachariah Taylor
 Amn Keri Sullivan
 A1C Michael Balan
 A1C Tyrel Jackson
 A1C Twiana Searles
 A1C Autumn Sexton
 AB Sheena Bracey
 AB Matthew Garvey

Developmental Education

The DE graduates are:

Air War College

Lt Col Gretchen Kurlander

Airmen Leadership School

SSgt Katherine Blanchfield
 SrA Nathan Foose
 SrA Joy Fulton
 SrA Janeen Johnson

Medals

Meritorious Service

MSgt Steven Sharff



Say hello to:

Name: Tech. Sgt. Don Williams
Unit: 512th Civil Engineer Squadron
Civilian Occupation: Lieutenant in the Philadelphia Fire Department
Hometown: Philadelphia, Pa.
Hobbies: Playing sports and firefighting
Personal Goals: I'd like to continue moving forward with my 18-year military career and succeed in other parts of my life.

Air Medal

Maj Roger Bott
 Maj James Lee
 Maj Noel Soderlund
 Maj Victor Viardo
 Capt Chadd Webster
 1Lt Gene Pasker
 MSgt Charles Devine Jr.
 MSgt Curtis Hooper
 MSgt Jeremy Lee
 TSgt Jeffrey Smith
 TSgt Tony Williams
Aerial Achievement
 Maj Timothy McGloin
 Capt James Mann
 MSgt Enoch Coverdale
 MSgt Daniel Devern
 MSgt John Elder III
 MSgt David Finfinger
 MSgt Gary Greenwald
 MSgt Charles Groce II
 MSgt Curtis Hooper
 MSgt John James
 MSgt James Singletary
 MSgt Broderick Williams

TSgt William Adkins
 TSgt Sean Barnum
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 TSgt Benjamin Fay
 TSgt Tony Williams
 TSgt Charles Wandzilak
Commendation
 MSgt Linda Berry
 MSgt Sheila Palmer
 TSgt Donald Gravesande
 TSgt Billy Yong
 TSgt Raymond Sherwood III
 SSgt Todd Bichsel
 SSgt Charles Turner
 SrA Joseph Wysocki
Achievement Medal
 TSgt Joseph Grier
 TSgt Angela Staton

Reenlistments

SMSgt Raenita Monroe
 MSgt Robert Collins
 MSgt Enoch Coverdale
 MSgt Vyjai Itwaru

TSgt Tracy Bailey
 TSgt Todd Wylie
 SSgt Kedoni Hill
 SSgt Felix Tercero

Retirements

MSgt William McNatt
 TSgt Suzanne Tucker

Quarterly Awards

The wing's third quarter (July to September) winners are:

Airman:

SrA William White

NCO:

(Then) SSgt John Vonville

Senior NCO:

MSgt Veronica A. Aceveda

Officer:

Capt Cathy Milhoan

Civilian:

Stanford Drummond

Sports Day

Liberty Wing Airmen competed in various events Oct. 16 as part of the base's Sports Day event. Pictured are some of the reservists who participated in the three-mile warrior run. From left to right, they are Chaplain (Lt. Col.) John Groth, Staff Sgt. Katherine Blanchfield, Senior Airman Omaira Garcia and Tech. Sgt. Anthony Harris.

Other wing members who also competed in the warrior run are Senior Master Sgts. Randall Anderson and Chris Ford, Tech. Sgt. James White and Staff Sgts. Greg Funk and John Greene.

The base fitness center sponsors a warrior run every month, typically around the mid-month timeframe. This month's warrior run is Nov. 20 at 3 p.m. Participants must meet and sign up at the gym. The route for the run begins at the base gym, passes the softball fields, passes security forces, through the flight line and back to the base gym. For more information, call the fitness center at (302) 677-3963.



Submitted photo

The Lighter Side

Base LTO offers Radio City Music Hall trip

The Leisure Travel Office offers a special holiday trip to New York City to see the Radio City Music Hall Rockettes kick up their heels for a memorable Christmas show. Book early as this trip sells out fast every year. Cost is \$130 per person. Registration deadline is Nov. 9. For more information, call (302) 677-3955.

Landings club kicks off Salsa Night

The Landings proudly presents First Friday, Salsa Night Nov. 2 at 6 p.m. This activity features Latin music, salsa dancing, dance demonstration, Latin food and beverage specials. All eligible Dover club members will be entered into the weekly cash jackpot drawing. Drawing time is 6:30 p.m., and you must be present to win. For more information, call (302) 677-6022.

Super Bowl Bingo tickets now on sale

Super Bowl Bingo is Jan. 12 at the Community Center, beginning at 6 p.m. The grand prize is a Super Bowl XLII trip package to Phoenix, Ariz., or \$5,000 cash.

Numerous autographed memorabilia will be given away as prizes. Tickets can be purchased at the Eagle Lanes Bowling Center and at The Landings. Early ticket purchasers receive a discount according to the dates below:

- Nov. 1 to 30, \$60 per person
- Dec. 1 to 31, \$65 per person
- Jan. 1 to 12, \$70 per person

Don't miss Dover OSC's craft show Nov. 3

The Dover Officers' Spouses' Club presents its 22nd Annual Dover OSC Craft Show at the Delaware State Fairgrounds Nov. 3 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. More than 200 vendors will be on site. Last year's craft show profits made it possible for the nonprofit organization to donate nearly \$40,000 to scholarships and charitable contributions. For more information, call (302) 677-6032.

Adopt-a-family this holiday season

The 512th Family Support Center invites squadrons to anonymously nominate a family or individual for the Adopt-a-Family program and then adopt that family or individual. The 512th FSC provides a basket of food items, but the family will also receive special requested items from the squadron that adopts them. For more information, call (302) 677-3566.

CGOC coat drive underway

The wing's Company Grade Officers' Council coat drive collection box is in the Building 202 foyer. Donated coats will first be delivered to a 512th Family Support Center designated member or family and then to local organizations such as Mom's House in Dover. Capt. Connie Williams is the point of contact at (302) 677-5507.

Sergeant Cellie knows rules best

"Hi, I'm Sgt. Cellie, and as popular and cool as I am to have these days, it's my military obligation to remind you of the rules governing cell phones while in uniform."

According to Air Force Instruction 36-2903, Dress and Personal Appearance of Air Force Personnel, cell phones must be solid or covered in black, silver, dark blue or gray; and, they must be conservative. It may be clipped to the left side of the waistband or purse or carried in left hand. Only one may be worn on the uniform belt. Members will not walk in uniform while using cell phones, radios, hands-free headsets unless required in the performance of official duties using a government issued device.



If Sergeant Cellie can help unravel the mystery behind a particular dress and appearance issue or give a reminder of a frequently observed infraction, e-mail the request to liberty.press@dover.af.mil.

Commissary announces holiday hours

The base commissary's holiday hours are as follows:

- Nov. 19, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Nov. 20 - 21, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Nov. 22 - 23, Closed



Photo by Mike Primo

Winning siblings

The children of Sandy and Mike Primo, 512th Military Pay Office, competed in the 2007 Region 8 Martial Arts competition in Bushkill, Pa., Oct. 20. The two walked away from the multi-state tournament as champions. Finishing with three first-place medals in forms, weapons and sparring, Cassie Primo, 8, was named the grand champion of the tournament. Her brother Michael, 6, also made his mark at the competition by scoring a first-place medal in sparring and a second-place in forms.



Photo by Senior Airman Steve Lewis

Senior Airman James Black (right), 512th Security Forces Squadron, tries to snake the ball from the opponent in a Team Dover semifinal soccer game Oct. 13. The team, coached by Senior Master Sgt. Bryan Ford, 512th Maintenance Group, played against the Aztecas, who up until this game had been undefeated in the league. Team Dover advanced to the Oct. 28 final match after a 1-0 win at Dover High School.

UTA Schedule

	A Team	B Team
	FY 2008	
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
JUL	12-13	19-20
AUG	2-3	8-9

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**A-Team pays
 Nov. 15**
**B-Team pays
 Dec. 5**