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A bald eagle with its wings spread, perched on a banner that features the stars and stripes of the American flag. The eagle is positioned behind the letters 'TY' in the word 'LIBERTY' of the main title.

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A photograph showing two airmen in silhouette, walking away from the camera through a doorway. They are carrying large black duffel bags. The scene is backlit, creating a bright glow around them. The background shows a building and some foliage.

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**On the cover**



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**512th Airlift Wing members participated in a deployment exercise Nov. 3-4 to test units' and Airmen's ability to prepare and deploy for combat. The DEPEX is one of many training opportunities to prepare Airmen for the Operational Readiness Inspection, scheduled for Summer 2008. Read more on page 3.**

**Deployment exercise prepares wing for ORI**

**Senior Airman Andria J. Allmond**  
Staff writer

**A**lmost 180 Airmen from 10 units of the 512th Airlift Wing participated in a deployment exercise Nov. 3-4 here.

The exercise, referred to as the DEPEX, evaluated wing Airmen's ability to process through a mobility line and marshal cargo as preparation for the Operational Readiness Inspection in July.

"The DEPEX reviewed not only the completeness of the individual's personnel folders and personal bags, but also examined units that move cargo, and how efficiently they got that cargo on the aircraft," said Lt. Col. James Johann, 512th AW performance manager. "Cargo needs to be processed at the same time as [Airmen] with the goal that the two meet up [on the aircraft] at relatively the same time, all this is involved in the grading criteria for initial response."

ORIs are conducted to evaluate and measure the ability of a unit to perform in wartime, according to Air Force Instruction 90-201, Inspector General Activities.

512th and 436th AW Airmen will take on this test, which evaluates four areas: initial response, employment, mission support, and the ability to survive and operate in a hostile environment, said Colonel Johann.

"Just because you haven't been tasked to participate in the ORI as a deployer doesn't mean you don't have a role in ensuring this wing's success," said Col. Randal L. Bright, 512th AW commander. "These tasked Airmen earn the grade for all of us so every Airman in this wing should be supporting this



Photo by Jason Minto

**Airmen of the 512th Airlift Wing processed through a mobility line during the deployment exercise held here Nov. 3-4. Liberty Wing members were tasked in various areas including personnel folders and personal bags, with some units also moving cargo.**

exercise, whether it's assisting with training or ensuring Airmen have the proper equipment they need to do the mission."

Initial response, assessed during the November DEPEX, evaluates the wing's ability to process through a mobility line, reviews Airmen's mobility folders, and examines the wing's ability to move cargo. Employment is getting to the deployed location and setting up work areas; and, mission support is Airmen successfully doing the jobs they were trained to do but in a combat environment. In addition to doing the job, Airmen must know how to survive and

planner said most mistakes occurred not in the area of cargo or personal bags, but personnel folders. Airmen were missing documents, had expired certifications, needed training, and some individuals were talking on cell phones while going through the mobility line, he added.

"We haven't done DEPEX and ATSO training in a while and there are a lot of areas that we can improve," said Colonel Johann. "Preparation is the key."

To hone 512th AW member's deployment and wartime skills the wing has exercises planned for the following months. ATSO training, referred to as the Haunted House and Battle Ax exercise, is scheduled during the January UTA. ORI players will under go another DEPEX, which is slated for the February UTA. And, the Operational Readiness Exercise is scheduled in April at Volk Field Air National Guard Base, Wis. The ORE serves as the mock tests evaluating all four areas and prepares 512th and 436th AW Airmen for the final exam—the ORI.

Colonel Johann also recommends that Airmen should work with their unit deployment manager to ensure all requirements are met and training has been accomplished according to the installation deployment plan. Also, the Airman's Manual contains information that is especially useful in the area of initial response and ATSO, he said.

"While we did perform well at the DEPEX, we have much more practice ahead of us," said Colonel Johann. "The ORE and ORI are important to all of us and shouldn't be taken lightly. I challenge everyone to keep giving 100 percent. Dover has a strong team of Airmen and we have the chance to prove that during the months to come."

The wing performance

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS:**  
**Wing commander thanks Airmen, families for service**

**Col. Randal L. Bright**  
512th AW commander

**I**'d like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the 512th Airlift Wing for your service during the past six years as we continue to fight the Global War on Terrorism.

Some of you are new to the Air Force Reserve and others may not have had an opportunity to deploy, but your service is just as vital to the war effort.

Many of you have served through mobilizations or voluntary extended orders here or in a deployed environment stateside or overseas.

All of you have participated and continue to do your part for our country. Your service was and is remarkable, and you should be proud of your accomplishments as I am proud of you.

I'm honored to announce that Dover Air Force Base was selected as the Air Mobility Command's Commander in Chief's Installation Excellence Award winner. 436th Airlift Wing Commander Col. Steven Harrison wanted to make sure members of the 512th Airlift Wing understood this is a Team Dover award.

He went on to tell me, "We couldn't have done it without our team mates on the 512th side! This is a Team Dover effort – we win or lose as a team!"

We are proud members of the Air Force's Preeminent Expeditionary Airlift Team, Team Dover. Colonel Harrison and I are working hard to draw down the barriers we have all felt throughout our careers between the active and reserve components. We are the Total Force; we win or lose as a team; and, we are the unrivalled wingman! Congratulations on this victory and now we compete, as a team, for the Air Force's Installation Excellence Award!

I hope you spent a very enjoyable Thanksgiving with family or friends in a healthy and safe environment.

**"Your service is what makes it possible for our nation to celebrate the holidays in freedom."**



**Col. Randal L. Bright**  
512th AW commander

As Americans, we do have much to be grateful for, and please realize your service is what makes it possible for our nation to celebrate the holidays in freedom. We are fortunate to live in a country that allows us to spend our holidays whichever way our religion observes or how we feel inclined to celebrate.

Because duty calls them away from home, I encourage you to remember our fellow brothers and sisters in arms who are not able to join their loved ones this holiday season. Also, please take this time to thank those closest to you for their support and sacrifice because families are vital to our successful service.

Amy and I wish all of you a wonderful holiday season and a happy New Year. Again, thank you for the service you provide for our nation, and I am honored to be your commander.

# Wing Airman earns combat action medal

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

A 712th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron shift supervisor is the first wing member to receive the Air Force Combat Action Medal for his actions in support of the Global War on Terrorism.

Master Sgt. Gerry La Chance earned the honor for his actions five years ago while assigned to the 436th Airlift Wing as a flying crew chief on a special operations mission.

The Air Reserve Technician retired from the Air Force in 2005 and joined the Air Force Reserve that same year under the active-duty retiree program.

In 2002, then Technical Sergeant La Chance was on a C-5 mission, flying classified equipment into Saddam International Airport, now Baghdad International Airport, Iraq. While much of that mission still remains classified, he said they were continuously fired upon while approaching the airfield. He relayed verbal instructions to the flight crew stating the type of fire, which was anti-artillery, and the direction it was approaching from. The plane landed safely, and the crew was met by Army ground forces. Sergeant La Chance said he began to inspect the aircraft for damage and to assist with the download of equipment when he came under mortar attack and noticed small arms fire in the surrounding area. He reported the incoming munitions to the Army and directed where to return fire.

The main reason the medal recipient said he feels he earned this honor was for ensuring a safe approach by reporting oncoming fire and for notifying the Army of the location of the small arms fire, allowing them to engage the enemy and secure the area.

"I wasn't scared," he said. "It was more



Photo and illustration by Capt. Marnee A.C. Losurdo

**Master Sgt. Gerry La Chance, 712th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron shift supervisor, is the first wing member to receive the Air Force Combat Action Medal for his actions five years ago on active duty as a technical sergeant. Sergeant La Chance was promoted to master sergeant in November.**

adrenaline ... we train for situations like this."

Five years later, the technical sergeant said he read about the creation of and eligibility requirements to receive the Air Force Combat Action Medal. He asked the navigator and pilot on that mission to write a narrative of his combat role that day, he added. This statement was provided to his supervisor and routed through his chain of command that submitted him for the medal in June and was approved by U.S. Central Command in October.

"Master Sergeant La Chance's actions are just another example of the dedication and service that our MEGP (Mission Essential

Ground Personnel) and flight crews provide while routinely flying C-5 aircraft into hostile, austere locations worldwide," said Chief Master Sgt. William Eason, 512th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron maintenance superintendent.

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. T. Michael Moseley authorized the creation of the medal March 15. The medal recognizes Airmen who engaged hostile forces in the air or on the ground in a combat zone.

Any Airman who believes they may be eligible for the medal can submit an award package for consideration. Airmen are eligible for the Air Force's newest decoration if their primary role includes performing duty in a combat zone, coming under fire or firing upon the enemy on the ground or from the air. A combat zone is a geographic area in which Airmen receive danger and hostile fire pay. In addition, a narrative explanation of an Airman's role in combat activities must be submitted by a person who witnessed the incident.

For more information, contact Stanford Drummond, 512th Mission Support Squadron, at (302) 677-3507, or the Air Force Contact Center at DSN 665-5000 or (800) 616-3775.

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**Chief Master Sgt. William Eason**  
512th AMXS maintenance superintendent

# BIG WIN: Dover best AMC installation

**Tech. Sgt. Kevin Wallace**  
436th Public Affairs

Dover Air Force Base soared above the rest of Air Mobility Command Nov. 2, when officials announced Dover bested the efforts of Travis AFB, Calif., and Charleston AFB, S.C., in the AMC Commander in Chief's Installation Excellence Award and rewarded Team Dover with \$100,000 for quality-of-life projects.

The winning trophy and check were presented to Team Dover by Maj. Gen. James Hawkins, 18th Air Force commander, on behalf of the AMC commander, Gen. Arthur Lichte, in a celebration Nov. 7 at the base theater.

Wings from 12 installations competed for the award. AMC's evaluation team scored seven different focus areas in 26 functional specialties. Within those areas, Team Dover offered 137 areas of excellence for evaluator review during a 10-hour visit.

"I can't say it any more

clearly - you were magnificent," said Col. Steven Harrison, 436th Airlift Wing commander. "Being the best does not come easy, yet you've shown yourself to be the best mobility wing, in the best Air Force on the planet."

"This is yet another example of how the Liberty and Eagle Wings excel in the associate business," said Col. Randal L. Bright, 512th Airlift Wing commander. "We are the Total Force; we win or lose as a team; and, it took all of us, active duty, reserve and civilians, to earn this honor. Be proud of your accomplishments."

Many Dover Airmen may have felt the deck was stacked against them as the inspection was thrown right into the mix with the first-ever Air Force Smart Operations for the 21st century senior leader's conference, a major accident response exercise, deployment exercise and several distinguished visitors touring the base.

"In the wake of a very hectic schedule and days of down-pour and high winds, Team



Photo by Jason Minto

**Maj. Gen. James Hawkins, 18th Air Force commander, presents Col. Steven Harrison, 436th Airlift Wing commander, a trophy on behalf of Gen. Arthur Lichte, Air Mobility Command commander, for the base's selection as the AMC Commander in Chief's Installation Excellence Award winner here Nov. 7.**

Dover had the base looking spectacular," said Colonel Harrison. "Our Airmen's apparent enthusiasm and mission focus carried the day."

"This was a Team Dover effort highlighting the outstanding synergy and accomplishments of the Eagle and Liberty Wings, our tenant units and the local community," said Maj. Dave Glass, 436th Maintenance Operations Squadron commander, who, according to Colonel Harrison, was paramount to Team

Dover's success.

Another aspect was the commitment of Colonel Harrison's hand-picked team, led by Col. Dennis Daley, 436th Maintenance Group commander.

As AMC winners, Team Dover's written award package will be forwarded to represent AMC and compete against all other major commands. Headquarters Air Force will review written nominations from all major commands and select the top two bases as finalists.

# More cargo to be shipped through Dover AFB

**SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, III.** - Aerial port rebalancing efforts are underway to speed the delivery of cargo destined for warfighters deployed in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom.

The proposed actions will also significantly reduce the overall cost of operations to the American taxpayer, said Air Mobility Command officials.

Beginning Jan. 1, most cargo destined for locations in the Central Command area of responsibility will shift from Charleston Air Force Base, S.C., to aerial ports at Dover AFB, Del., and McGuire AFB, N.J. Currently, the

Department of Defense contracts commercial trucks to transport cargo from northeast defense supply locations to Charleston, bypassing aerial ports at Dover and McGuire. Aircraft, some of which are based at Dover and McGuire, fly to Charleston, then upload and transport the cargo to troops deployed overseas.

After the first of the year, Dover and McGuire will become the primary aerial ports for channel cargo operations flying into the CENTCOM theater. In addition to reducing cargo movement time by 18 to 24 hours, these efforts are expected to save U.S. taxpayers more than \$40.3 million a year,

said AMC officials.

Charleston AFB remains an essential element in the nation's air cargo operations and will continue to provide vital support to deployed forces as the gateway for shipment of thousands of Mine-Resistant Ambush Protected vehicles, which are designed to protect troops from mines and improvised explosive devices, said AMC officials.

In addition, Charleston's aerial port is essential in sustaining current and emerging operations in South America and Africa. Charleston will continue operations as the largest C-17 base in AMC. (Courtesy AMC Public Affairs)

# YEAR IN REVIEW

**Capt. Marnee A.C. Losurdo and Senior Airman Andria J. Allmond**  
512th Public Affairs

## 2007

Change is inevitable - except from a vending machine," American author Robert C. Gallagher once said. Humor and lost change aside, 2007 proved to be a year of transformation for the Liberty Wing, ranging from new leadership to a new mission.

The year kicked off with the anticipation of the C-17 Globemaster III. To prepare for its arrival, the 512th Maintenance Group reorganized Feb. 4 and activated the 712th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, which assumed the C-17 maintenance mission.

The 326th Airlift Squadron took their final C-5 flight March 10, converted to the C-17 mission April 1, and formally welcomed the first C-17, the Spirit of the Constitution, June 4. The next day, the 326th AS began a new era of airlift at Dover Air Force Base taking the first flight, a local training mission. The base welcomed six more C-17s throughout the year, the sixth aircraft arriving Nov. 9 and the seventh is slated to arrive Dec. 3. Dover is scheduled to receive six more C-17s in 2008.

It was also a year of hails and farewells. The base welcomed several new commanders. Col. Randal L. Bright assumed leadership of the 512th Airlift Wing June

9 from Col. Ronald A. Rutland, who took a position with 22nd Air Force and retired Sept. 8. Col. Steven Harrison took command of the 436th AW May 8 from Col. Sam Cox who transferred to the Pentagon.

Chief Master Sgt. Caroline V. Vennell, former 512th Airlift Wing command chief, retired March 10 and passed the torch to Chief Master Sgt. William T. Wild III, 512th Security Forces Squadron.

This summer, the wing also said farewell to the 512th MXG Commander Col. Willie W. Cooper II, who moved to Pope Air Force Base, N.C. Col. Alan H. Lerner took the group's reigns upon his arrival from Willow Grove Air Reserve Station, Pa. He was one of several 913th Airlift Wing members to transfer to the Liberty Wing as Willow Grove Air Reserve Station, Pa., prepares to close. The 512th Aerospace Medicine Squadron wasn't left untouched. Col. Walton F. Reddish took command of the squadron upon Col. Jeffrey Hilovsky's retirement.

A new mission and leadership were not the year's only highlights. The Air Force celebrated 60 years of air power, announced the creation of the Airman's Creed, a new medal, and updates to uniform wear policies and enlisted and officer performance reports.

In April, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. T. Michael Moseley announced the creation of the Airman's Creed, which exhibits the Air Force heritage and warfighting ethos. That same month, Air Force officials announced the creation of the AF Combat Action Medal, and the CSAF presented the first medals in June to six Airmen, one of which was a reservist. In November, Tech. Sgt. Gerry La Chance, a 712th AMXS shift supervisor, was the Liberty Wing's first recipient of this medal.

In August, Air Force officials announced the mandatory wear date of November 2011 for the Airman Battle Uniform; and, Air Force Reserve officials revealed their plans for Air Reserve Technicians to wear military uniforms while working in civilian status.

The AF also changed the physical fitness test standards to pass or fail, eliminating the "marginal" category. AF officials also revealed new EPRs and OPRs, which incorporated fewer lines and a section to document annual fitness scores.

August also saw hundreds of 512th Airmen take on Ability to Survive and Operate training, and in November, wing members participated in a deployment exercise in preparation for the Operational Readiness Inspection in July 2008.

2007 saw the 46th Aerial Port Squadron

move into their new facility in October; and, in November Air Mobility Command officials announced beginning Jan. 1, most cargo destined for locations in the Central Command area of responsibility will shift from Charleston AFB, S.C., to aerial ports here and at McGuire AFB, N.J.

However, it wasn't a year of all work and no play. On Sept. 15, nearly 700 members of Team Dover celebrated the AF's 60th Birthday, with a 'Heritage to Horizons' Ball held at Dover Downs. The AF was founded Sept. 18, 1947.

November kicked off with great news as well. AMC officials announced Nov. 2 that Dover AFB outperformed Travis AFB, Calif., and Charleston AFB, S.C., in the AMC Commander in Chief's Installation Excellence Award and rewarded Dover \$100,000 for quality-of-life projects.

Overall, it's been a year of exciting and historic events, and this year in review summarized, many but not all, of 2007's highlights. The New Year will usher in its own share of new challenges, one of which is preparing for the July 2008 ORI. And, once again, Liberty Wing members will prove true to the wing's vision that we are ready with unrivaled Airmen and global airlift for freedom's defense.



February: The 512th Maintenance Group reorganized Feb. 4, creating the 712th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron to accommodate the C-17 mission.



May: Col. Steven Harrison took command of the 436th Airlift Wing from Col. Sam Cox May 8. June: Col. Randal L. Bright, left, assumed leadership of the 512th Airlift Wing during a change of command ceremony June 9. Col. Ronald A. Rutland took a position with 22nd Air Force until his retirement Sept. 8. July: The wing hosts its biannual family picnic and Annual Employer Appreciation Day July 7.



July: Col. Walton F. Reddish assumes command of the 512th Aerospace Medicine Squadron July 8. Col. Jeffrey P. Hilovsky retired this summer. August: Col. Alan H. Lerner takes command of the 512th Maintenance Group Aug. 4. Col. Willie W. Cooper, moved to Pope Air Force Base, N.C., to command the 440th Maintenance Group. August: From Aug. 6 - 10, 512th AW Airmen spent a full day participating in Ability to Survive and Operate training in preparation of the Operational Readiness Inspection in July.



## JANUARY FEBRUARY MARCH APRIL MAY JUNE JULY AUGUST SEPTEMBER OCTOBER NOVEMBER DECEMBER

January: Air Force officials announced Jan. 26 the creation of the Air Force Combat Action Medal. Airmen can apply for the award to recognize participation in combat activities dating back as far as Sept. 11, 2001.



March: The 326th Airlift Squadron took its last C-5 Galaxy flight March 10 and converted to the C-17 Globemaster III mission April 1. March: Chief Master Sgt. Caroline Vennell, 512th Airlift Wing command chief, retired March 10. Chief Master Sgt. William T. Wild III from the 512th Security Forces Squadron is her successor.



June: The 436th and 512th Maintenance Groups cut the ribbon at the Air Force's first regionalized Isochronal Inspection Dock June 1. June: Dover received its first C-17, the Spirit of the Constitution, June 4. The base receives six more C-17s throughout 2007. The 326th AS took their first C-17 flight June 5.



September: Team Dover celebrated the Air Force's 60th Anniversary Sept. 15 at Dover Downs. The AF turned 60 Sept. 18. September: Gen. Arthur J. Lichte took command of the Air Mobility Command Sept. 7 at Scott Air Force Base, Ill. Two weeks after he assumed command, he toured Dover AFB. October: The 46th Aerial Port Squadron moved into their new building Oct. 19. November: Dover AFB wins the AMC Installation Excellence Award Nov. 2.

## Nominate outstanding employers for DOD award

The Department of Defense is taking nominations for the 2008 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award until Jan. 21.

Reserve and National Guard members and their families are eligible and encouraged to nominate employers who have gone above and beyond in their support of military employees.

Nominations will be accepted at [www.esgr.mil](http://www.esgr.mil). The 2008 recipients will be announced in the spring and honored in Washington, D.C. at the 13th annual Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award ceremony Sept. 18.

For more information, contact Delaware ESGR representatives Soren Thomassen at (302) 326-7582 or Dan Young at (302) 323-3358.

## Defense Manpower Data Center to conduct surveys

In the next few months, the Defense Manpower Data Center will conduct several surveys of reservists and their spouses. The undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness will use the results to create policies and programs to improve work environments. The Department of Defense military service departments, reserve chiefs and joint chiefs of staff will all receive the survey results. The findings will be used in reports and testimony provided to Congress. After the survey results are analyzed, they will be provided at [www.dmdc.osd.mil/surveys](http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/surveys).

## Open season for civilian benefits programs

The Office of Personnel Management has announced an open season will be held Nov. 12 through Dec. 10 for three civilian benefit programs.

The three programs are the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program, the Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program, and the Federal Flexible Spending Account Program.

For more information, read the story at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123073901>.

## GI Mail safer way to stay in touch

Global Internet Mail is a personal e-mail program available to all servicemembers that can be used from any computer with Internet access, including government systems.

While official government e-mail accounts are the most secure form of e-mail communication, messages sent between GI Mail accounts are more secure than those sent between public e-mail accounts.

"GI Mail offers an added layer of 'protection' to military service members and is the Department of Defense preferred alternative to commercial e-mail services," said Master Sgt. Jeffery Bricker, 52nd Fighter Wing Operations Security program manager.

Commercial e-mail services, such as Yahoo, Hotmail and AOL are outside of the DoD's control, and the confidentiality of forwarded e-mails cannot be guaranteed. GI Mail is the only DoD-approved morale Web mail service.

"These services are hosted on non-Air Force systems and could be compromised without the knowledge of military users," Sergeant Bricker said. "On the other hand, GI Mail offers similar services and functionality as commercial programs but with the advantage of being placed inside the government network behind a firewall at Scott Air Force Base, Ill."

GI mail is also available to spouses who are registered in the Defense Eligibility Enrollment Reporting System.

"When deployed down range government computers can not be used to access yahoo, hotmail or AOL, so GI Mail is the perfect solution," Sergeant Bricker said. "Spouses are able to communicate on a much safer system and know it is much less likely that their e-mails are getting into the wrong hands."



Photo by Airman 1st Class Jonathan Snyder

## Don't make any sudden moves

**Senior Airman Tyler Krantz carefully approaches a "suspicious vehicle" Nov. 1 during security forces augmentee training at Ali Base, Iraq. This three-day course helps Airmen learn basic skills of challenging suspects and vehicles, weapons fighting and searching a suspect.**

## Driven by technology, vPC-GR adding 'Dashboard'

**DENVER** -- An enhancement to the virtual Personnel Center - Guard and Reserve scheduled to launch in December will put Airmen in the Air National Guard and the Air Force Reserve in the driver's seat of their personnel transactions.

The new vPC-GR Dashboard will streamline the way they manage their vPC-GR account profiles, submit new requests, check the status and coordinate on existing transactions.

"We're trying to make vPC-GR more efficient for everyone," said Lt. Col. Doug Ottinger, director of the Air Reserve Personnel Center's directorate of future operations and integration. "The Dashboard will allow people to complete all their coordination actions at once, with one log on."

Since 2006, vPC-GR has enabled more than 25,000 online transactions for retirements and decorations to be routed through coordinators, reviewers or approving officials. In the past, coordinators would receive an e-mail for every transaction requiring their review and would have to log in and log out for each.

The Dashboard, on the other hand, enables the coordinators, reviewers and approving officials to process a transaction, monitor its progress, attach related documents, develop

reports and initiate any additional transactions under one logon.

The vPC-GR Dashboard also will reduce the number of e-mail notifications needed to complete the coordination process. Coordinators, reviewers and approval officials will have the ability to choose to receive one e-mail a day or none.

"With the old system, commanders coming in for their UTA weekend could be faced with hundreds of e-mails just for vPC-GR transactions," Colonel Ottinger said. "Many of our customers found the number of e-mails generated by every request excessive. Now they decide how many they receive. That's good news."

When an Airman sets up a vPC-GR account profile, the system will default to send a notification e-mail to the member when he or she has pending actions. Airmen who don't want to receive the e-mail notification can

uncheck the appropriate box. Those who select the option are responsible for checking their Dashboard frequently for pending actions.

Another Dashboard feature allows Airmen to eliminate processing delays by delegating that responsibility or role to someone else in their organization.

If a primary person has delegated his or her role to another, it cannot be further delegated to someone else. The primary can release the delegated role by designating an expiration date or deleting it after returning to duty.

The Dashboard structure will affect coordination on existing vPC-GR retirements and applications for awards and decorations. Reservists can learn more about these changes and future applications by going to the Air Reserve Personnel Center, Personnel Services Delivery Transformation Web page at <http://www.arpc.afrc.af.mil/library/PSD/>. (Courtesy Air Force Reserve Command)

**"We're trying to make vPC-GR more efficient for everyone."**

**Lt. Col. Doug Ottinger**  
Director of Air Reserve Personnel Center's directorate of future operations and integration

employee identification. The Air Force discontinued all POV vehicle registration in March. The expense and administrative burden are not justified by the benefits. In Fiscal Year 2004 and 2005, the Air Force spent approximately \$364,000 and \$738,000 respectively to print Department of Defense Form 2220s. On a typical AF installation, registration requires about 15 minutes per vehicle. The AF currently has 1.66 million registered vehicles, each requiring renewal at least every three years.

For more information read the story at <http://www.512aw.afrc.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123073344>.

## Dover's sixth C-17 arrives

Dover Air Force Base's sixth C-17 Globemaster III arrived Nov. 9. Brig. Gen. Mark Stearns, 15th Expeditionary Mobility Task Force commander at Travis Air Force Base, Calif., was the delivery official for this aircraft. The base is scheduled to receive 13 C-17s by the end of 2008.

## 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:

- January, Ability to Survive and Operate training
- February and March, Deployment Exercise
- April, Operational Readiness Exercise
- October, 22nd Air Force Staff Assistance Visit.
- April 2009, Unit Compliance Inspection.

## Around the 512th

### No health assessment, no pay

Reservists who do not complete their Reserve Component Periodic Health Assessment will be medically profiled, which means they are not eligible to deploy or receive pay or points. Reservists have five months prior to their birth month in which to complete the assessment. As part of this assessment, reservists are required to have an annual dental examination. Every third year the annual dental exam is completed by a military dentist. During the two intervening years a dental exam is to be performed by a civilian dentist at the member's expense. The results of the dental exam are to be recorded on Department of Defense Form 2813 and returned to the 512th Aerospace Medicine Squadron.

### Base decals now optional at Dover AFB

Drivers at Dover Air Force Base now have the option to display Department of Defense decals on their vehicles.

Motorcycle operators will still need to comply with base safety standards and have required training before being allowed to ride on AF installations.

To gain access onto the installation, Security Forces will require the operator/passengers to present valid military or civilian

# 512th salutes

## Newcomers

Maj Jeffrey Snyder  
 Capt Scott Kissler  
 Capt Frederick Kuehn  
 Capt Henry Lasher  
 Capt Shayne Matthews  
 Capt Candice Streff  
 MSgt David Stroebel  
 MSgt Tonya Washington  
 TSgt Franklin Dudley  
 TSgt Brian McCain  
 TSgt Dewitt McIntyre  
 TSgt Francis McLaughlin  
 SSgt Michael Chauncey  
 SSgt Jessica Fry-Hamilton  
 SSgt Gina Gary  
 SSgt Roy McLaughlin  
 SSgt Leslie Settle  
 SSgt Carl Tauyan  
 SSgt David Zogheib  
 SSgt Nathan Zdunich  
 SrA Michael Demesa  
 SrA Nicole Hamer  
 SrA Zachariah Taylor  
 SrA Karina Urgilez-Santamaria  
 SrA Margi Vincent-Maestre  
 A1C Michael Balan  
 A1C Lindsay Helmer  
 A1C Lisibeth Payano

Amn Tasha Butt  
 Amn Keri Sullivan  
 AB Quentin Parker  
 AB Tina Thompson  
 AB Tiara Tyler

## Medals



### Meritorious Service

Lt Col Robert Shepherd

### Air Medal

Maj Carl Gouaux  
 Maj Timothy Lyon  
 Maj James Mann  
 1Lt Eric Manewal  
 CMSgt George E. Mosley Jr  
 SMSgt Robert Hamill  
 SMSgt Dennis Moore  
 MSgt Mark Daum  
 MSgt Daniel Devern  
 MSgt David Finfinger  
 MSgt Robert Garcia III  
 MSgt John James  
 MSgt James Singletary  
**Aerial Achievement**  
 Lt Col Mark Babione  
 Maj Christopher Bish  
 Maj Victor Viardo  
**Commendation**  
 Maj Kevin Dill  
 Maj Timothy McGloin  
 MSgt Robert Jones



## Say hello to:

**Name:** SrA Margie Vincent  
**Unit:** 512th Security Forces Squadron  
**Hometown:** Puerto Rico  
**Civilian Occupation:** Verizon Wireless associate  
**Hobbies:** Spending time with my family and teaching salsa dancing  
**Personal Goals:** Finishing my bachelor's degree in psychology and becoming a psychologist.

## Reenlistments

MSgt Laura Perry  
**Achievement Medal**  
 Lt Col Mark Babione  
 CMSgt Ralph Kellenberger  
 SMSgt Angela Simmons  
 MSgt Robert Bottoms  
 SrA Justin Weeks

## Developmental Education

### Airman Leadership School

SSgt Tristen M. Coviello  
 SrA Erin R. Burris  
 SrA Robert C. Ferguson  
 SrA Michelle M. Geers  
 SrA Timothy E. Hamlett  
 SrA Darnell D. Johnson  
 SrA Willie F. Johnson Jr

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 TSgt Ronald Lawrence  
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 TSgt Kim Snyder  
 TSgt Gregory White  
 SSgt Fina Gary  
 SSgt Reginald Godfrey  
 SSgt Rayshard Jones

## Retirements

Lt Col John Bragger  
 Lt Col William Russell

CMSgt Ralph Kellenberger  
 SMSgt Charles Harrell  
 MSgt Daphnee Bennett-Jolley  
 MSgt Lisl Danas  
 MSgt Robert Jones  
 MSgt Glenn Mills  
 TSgt Fredrick Jones  
 TSgt Hope Morgan  
 TSgt Suzanne Tucker

## CGOC coat drive underway

To submit story ideas or photos of outstanding personnel in the Liberty Press, call the 512th Airlift Wing Public Affairs Office at (302) 677-3485 or e-mail submissions to liberty.press@dover.af.mil.

# The Lighter Side

## 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.

## Christmas light flights begin Dec. 10

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.

Dover Air Force Base Services is offering Christmas Light Flights from Dec. 11-30. The flight is about 30 minutes and costs \$40 per person and \$5 for each additional person in the same aircraft. Call the Aero Club to make a reservation at (302) 677-6365.

## Commissary upgrades checkout stations

The Dover Air Force Base Commissary received state-of-the-art checkout stations Nov. 5. This new front-end operation, known as the Commissary Advanced Resale Transaction System, features new cashier stations designed to make purchasing groceries easier and more efficient, said Robert Herms, Dover's store director. The system will also include self-checkout modules that will enable customers to scan and pay for their own purchases.

## Check out Auto Hobby Shop

Take advantage of Auto Hobby Shop special services such as rotating and balancing tires, front-end alignments, oil changes and brake services completed by fully-qualified mechanics. 'Rent-a-Mechanic' service is available for project guidance and instruction. The shop also provides facilities and equipment to work on vehicles. Everything needed for minor tune-ups to major overhauls can be found there. For information, call 677-3249.

## Free tuition opportunity

The Delaware Student Excellence Equals Degree scholarship program provides free tuition for full-time students enrolled in an associate's degree program at Delaware Technical & Community College or the Associate of Arts program at the University of Delaware. The scholarship is available to Delaware high school seniors who meet eligibility requirements. For information, visit <http://seedsscholarship.delaware.gov/index.html>.

## I surrender

Chief Master Sgt. Ralph A Kellenberger, 512th Operations Group loadmaster, gets hosed down after his final flight Nov. 8. He finished a career that spanned more than 36 years of service. His retirement ceremony was held Nov. 3 at the Air Mobility Command Museum.



Photo by Tiffany Vargas



Photo by Senior Airman James Bolinger

## Team Dover finishes impressive season

Team Dover stands on the turf at Dover High School Oct. 28 where they played against the Derbotibo Beracruz with a resulting score of 2 - 1 in the Liga de futbol de clubs asociados de Delaware (LIFUCAD) soccer championship game. Though Team Dover did not win the title, their overall 55 points for the season provided an impressive 13 wins, three draws and only two losses. "We're extremely motivated to win because we were kind of the laughing-stock last year since the other teams didn't think we belonged in their league," said Bryan 'Skip' Ford, (pictured on the far right) Team Dover coach and a senior master sergeant with the 512th Maintenance Group. "But, this year, we've earned our way up to the top and won a lot of respect from the community."

# ALCF member receives top honors

**Senior Airman Andria J. Allmond**

Staff writer

**M**aster Sgt. Adam Black, affiliation manager of the 512th Airlift Control Flight here, having already been named ALCF Senior NCO of the Year by Air Force Reserve Command, has gained two more distinguished awards.

Sergeant Black was named the 22nd Air Force Senior NCO of the Year for Contingency Response Elements and Air Mobility Command Contingency Response Element Performer of the Year for the Air Force Reserve Command.

“People don’t receive these awards without superior people around them,” said Sergeant Black. “These awards could and would have gone to five or six other people had they been nominated.”

A few of Sergeant Black’s accomplishments include deploying as the mission support team chief to Lehigh International Airport, Allentown, Pa., and conducting the site survey in support of the U.S. Navy Research and Development. Their mission was to airlift a new ship hull design, which had a one-inch clearance on either side of the hull and the cargo compartment of a C-5. He also lead a program that taught 1,125 U.S. Navy, Army and Marine active duty, Reserve and National Guard members during eight AMC Affiliation Program training classes in six locations with a 99 percent pass rate.

Along with his military accomplishments, Sergeant Black has been active in his community. He generously donates his time and services as a golf professional to underprivileged children through the nationally recognized First Tee program, which teaches kids basic skills of the game and collects donated golf equipment.

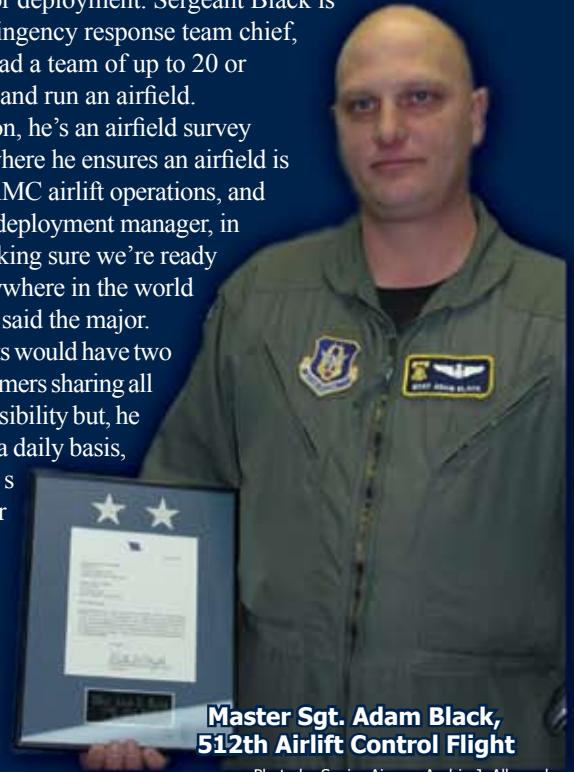
“I think what separates Master Sgt. Black from his peers is his

versatility. Adam’s AFSC [Air Force Speciality Code] tells you he’s a C-5 loadmaster, but he’s so much more for us here in the ALCF,” said Maj. Russell Carlisle, 512th ALCF commander.

The commander said Sergeant Black solely manages a \$600,000 budget as the AMC affiliation program manager, a program that teaches units from all service branches how to prepare their equipment for deployment. Sergeant Black is also the contingency response team chief, who could lead a team of up to 20 or more people and run an airfield.

“In addition, he’s an airfield survey team chief, where he ensures an airfield is suitable for AMC airlift operations, and he’s the unit deployment manager, in charge of making sure we’re ready to deploy anywhere in the world in 36 hours,” said the major.

“Most units would have two or three full-timers sharing all of that responsibility but, he does it all on a daily basis, sometimes with little or no help,” said the ALCF commander. “I really think of him sometimes as my right hand.”



**Master Sgt. Adam Black, 512th Airlift Control Flight**

Photo by Senior Airman Andria J. Allmond

## UTA Schedule

	A Team	B Team
	FY 2008	
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
SEP	6-7	13-14

**December UTA  
paydates**

**A-Team pays  
Dec. 12  
B-Team pays  
Dec. 17**

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