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As part of the Operational Readiness Exercise, Team Dover members arrived at the Combat Readiness Training Center in Alpena, Mich., on April 21. Active-duty and Reserve members trained together as the 805th Air Expeditionary Wing in preparation for the upcoming Operational Readiness Inspection in July.

Team Dover deploys for ORI dry run

Master Sgt. Veronica A. Aceveda
Editor

Moving beyond the classroom, Team Dover experienced simulated war operations during the Operational Readiness Exercise at Alpena, Mich., April 20 to 25.

The exercise was in preparation for the Operational Readiness Inspection in July, when the 512th and 436th Airlift Wings will be evaluated on their ability to meet wartime taskings.

Team Dover's Lead ORI Planner Maj. Derek Salmi, said the exercise marked the first time in the ORI preparation schedule that brought together a large number of both active and Reserve players in an Inspector General-type scenario.

Both C-5 and C-17 aircraft were used to transport more than 750 Airmen from Dover Air Force Base, Del., to the Air National Guard's Combat Readiness Training Center in Michigan. For the exercise as well as the inspection, the deployed unit's name is the 805th Air Expeditionary Wing.

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Selfless service with a smile

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I am currently reading "Mother Teresa: The Private Writings of the 'Saint of Calcutta'" edited by Brian Kolodiejchuk. Mother Teresa exchanged letters with a handful of priests and friends throughout her life. These letters were collected and evaluated while appointing her a saint.

The letters reveal she was one of the world's most influential leaders. I was surprised to learn that Mother Teresa, the founder of the Missionaries of Charity, spent most of her life with her soul in darkness, loneliness and pain because she could not feel God's love. When she felt her call to found the MC she knew she had to go out to the "slums," "into the holes of the poor." She also knew she would have little monetary support, no place to stay and no means to provide for herself and her fellow sisters, yet she went as she was called. She was not bold or flashy, but she was determined. She only wished to carry out God's will no matter the personal cost. She was, in a word, committed.

We often ask ourselves if our struggle is worth it. To Mother Teresa, it didn't matter. She was committed to serve, and serve with joy. She made a conscious decision to serve humbly and joyfully every day as she rose above her inner darkness.

Despite her inner turmoil, she exuded joy and happiness. Early in her life as a nun, she made a vow to be, "with the sisters--kind, very kind, but

firm in obedience; with the poor--gentle and considerate; with the sick--extremely kind, and to smile." She did everything from that moment on with this vow in mind despite her deep and constant struggle to feel God's love.

She was humble yet powerful, because as she said many times, "I am nothing; I am merely an instrument of God." She was only the vessel, he as the actor. She knew that the best leader had to be the most humble servant. She lived always to serve Him, to care for her poor and her sisters and brothers in the MC. She traveled the world speaking to powerful world leaders, because that is what God called her to do, never for personal gain. Her commitment to serve earned her the Noble Peace Prize; she accepted humbly.

If only we could all live by these simple but powerful axioms. If we could live every day committed to our causes despite the personal cost and without regard to the personal gain; even when we feel internal despair, if we could serve joyfully; if we could all be very kind but firm, gentle and considerate, and smile what a wonderful place the world would be. I know I need to practice these axioms myself. Shall we try them together?



Welcome home

Senior Airman Lorraine Almanza, 512th Mission Support Squadron information manager, is treated to a surprise as coworkers gathered in Building 202 to welcome her home from deployment May 18. Airman Almanza was deployed as a postal augmentee to Southwest Asia from January to May. Three months before that, she provided postal support on another four month deployment to Lakenheath, United Kingdom.

Photo by Staff Sgt. Steve Lewis

Dover Airmen march 47 miles for USO

Tech. Sgt. Benjamin Matwey
166th AW Public Affairs

At 12:40 p.m. on May 23, three Dover Air Force Base Airmen finished a 19-hour and 40-minute trek from New Castle to Dover carrying ruck sacks weighing over 35 pounds.

The march began just after 5 p.m. May 22, under cloudy skies, moderate wind and temperatures of about 60 degrees inside the base entrance at New Castle Air Base, headquarters of the Delaware Air National Guard.

The march route covered about 47 miles, and by automobile would take about 90 minutes.

The three Airmen are fuels specialists with the 512th and 436th Airlift Wing's Logistics Readiness Flights.

Tech. Sgt. David Jackson, 29, a reservist, and Airman 1st

Class Joseph Pelkey, 20, an active-duty member, marched the entire route while fellow 436th AW member Staff Sgt. William East, 28, joined them after he got off work, about 10 miles south of New Castle on Route 13.

The effort was undertaken to celebrate a college graduation and to support a good cause; to raise money and awareness for the USO -- the United Service Organizations.

Sergeant Jackson said he decided to celebrate his May 14 graduation from Wilmington University by doing something with friends to support an organization that does so much for our troops.

"I wanted to recognize the USO and help raise awareness of their good work. They are everywhere helping the troops. They've just done a lot for us," said Sergeant Jackson.

He earned a Bachelor of Arts

degree in general studies from Wilmington University, taking most of his courses in the school's classrooms located on Dover AFB.

USO Delaware Volunteer Lisa Stagg, plus some friends, family members and fellow wing members met the tired and dedicated Airmen at the finish line, the base flag pole on Dover AFB.

To plan their route, the Airmen worked with their unit commander and also with the Delaware State Police. Their journey included State Routes 13, 72 and 9 and crossing over the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal at the Reedy Point Bridge in Delaware City. They walked through Odessa, Smyrna and Cheswold on their way to Dover.

They wore safety reflective belts for the entire journey and took care to carry warmer sets of clothing, which were needed.

Sergeant Jackson said the hardest part of the march was in the 3 to 5 a.m. period, when it got a little colder.

Despite the challenges, he said all Airmen remained healthy.

"Airman Pelkey was having some blister issues," said Sergeant Jackson. He added that these had to be addressed along the way.

Sergeant Jackson said 100 percent of the funds they raise will go to the USO. He said one man pulled his car off along the road south of the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal after seeing them walking with their USO flag. Sergeant Jackson said the stranger asked what they were doing and gave them a small contribution.

To prepare for the march, Sergeant Jackson said he did several ruck marches, one 14 miles long, plus some marches of seven miles, and even ran one of the seven mile marches. He added that working out three times a week in the Air Force fitness program was a big help.

Even with all the training, Sergeant Jackson said the long miles and hours took their toll.

"These puppies are on fire," said Sergeant Jackson, pointing to his feet, after completing the march.

But it was all worth it, he said.

"It's so fulfilling to set a goal, put forth the effort and complete it," he said.

"The reception we received (at Dover AFB) was outstanding," said Sergeant East. "Especially on the back stretch when we turned the corner and we saw everyone here supporting us."

"We've had a lot of support from family, friends and coworkers," added Sergeant Jackson. "It has been a real team effort, lots of teamwork." (Capt. Marnee A.C. Losurdo, 512th Public Affairs, contributed to this story.)



Photo by Capt. Marnee A.C. Losurdo

From right to left, Tech. Sgt. David Jackson, 29, from the 512th Airlift Wing, and 436th AW members Airman 1st Class Joseph Pelkey, 20, and Staff Sgt. William East, 28, finished a 47-mile trek from New Castle to Dover at 12:40 p.m. May 23. The Airmen finished the march to raise funds for USO Delaware in 19 hours and 40 minutes while carrying ruck sacks weighing more than 35 pounds.

ORI dry run from cover

All around the clock, active-duty members and reservists arrived on-site and received a series of briefings and billeting assignments. While some shared a dormitory style room with restroom facilities, many others shared a bunk bed in open-bay style buildings.

"I was in an open-bay, and I never got used to other people's sleeping habits like snoring," said Staff Sgt. Joshua Runkles, 512th AW Legal Office. "We all called this one guy 'truck.'"

Sergeant Runkles, who worked the nightshift added, he welcomes the idea of having the bays split into the two different work shifts for the ORI.

The dayshift was commanded by Col. Eric J. Wydra, who is the 436th AW vice commander at home station. For the night shift, Lt. Col. David E. Hafer Jr., the 436th Operations Group deputy commander, served as the 805th AEW's leader.

Each shift endured several simulated attack scenarios, prompting all to wear chemical protective suits, body armor and gas masks, sometimes for durations lasting between three and four hours.

"When you participate in an exercise that's the scope of an ORE, it brings into focus that we have adversaries other than those in the Middle East," said Colonel Hafer. "It's important to train like we fight, and the trip to Alpena gave both wings the opportunity to train like we fight - side by side."

Under various alarm conditions and force protection conditions, Team Dover demonstrated their ability to survive and operate.

"I really learned a lot there by actually applying things out of the Airman's Manual," said Sergeant Runkles.

Major Salmi said personal ATSO skills were one of Team Dover's strongest areas, whereas communications can be honed.

"It looks like we have the basics down," said Colonel Wydra. "I heard numerous positive comments from the Exercise Evaluation Team. We now need to concentrate on the details that separate an outstanding unit from a satisfactory unit."

As the exercise progressed, Colonel Hafer said the lines between the Liberty and Eagle Wings were blurred, and the end result truly was "one team, one fight."

The 512th AW Readiness Cell Director Lt. Col. James Johann added, he observed continuous improvement.

"On the second night of 'war,' our folks learned from the previous night's errors and were beginning to really click as a smooth operating team, he said."

Following days of eating Meals, Ready

to Eat and being closely observed by the exercise EET, Team Dover returned home armed with the experience and knowledge needed to excel in July's inspection.

"I am proud of all the participants for their hard work and can-do attitude," said Colonel Wydra. "We just need to work the details. We have the talent to get an outstanding."



Photo by Master Sgt. Veronica A. Aceveda

During the Operational Readiness Exercise April 23, Tech. Sgt. Anthony Harris, 512th Mission Support Squadron, took up arms to defend about 30 people evacuated from their building due to a simulated fire. Team Dover deployed to Alpena, Mich., and trained together as the 805th Air Expeditionary Wing for the upcoming Operational Readiness Inspection in July.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Chris Vadnais

Senior Captain Guan Youfei, deputy director of the foreign affairs office of the Chinese Ministry of National Defense, greets the first of two U.S. aircrews delivering earthquake relief supplies May 18 at the Shuangliu International Airport in Chengdu, China. The two C-17 U.S. Globemaster III aircraft carried food, water containers, blankets, generators, lanterns and various hand tools. Secretary of Defense Robert Gates, in support of the U.S. Department of State, authorized U.S. Pacific Command to support earthquake relief efforts in the People's Republic of China.

Airmen deliver 200,000 lbs of relief to China via C-17

Two Air Force C-17 Globemaster IIIs landed here May 18 carrying nearly 200,000 pounds of relief supplies in the wake of the devastating earthquake that struck the region on May 12.

The C-17s were assigned to the 15th Airlift Wing at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii, and the 3rd Wing at Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska. Before 2005, C-17s were stationed exclusively in the continental U.S. C-17 squadrons are now operational at Hickam and Elmendorf AFBs.

The first of the two jets to land in China was flown by a crew from the Hawaii Air National Guard's 204th Airlift Squadron and carried nearly 100,000 lbs. of food, tents, blankets and tools.

This is the second time this year the U.S. has provided humanitarian assistance to the People's Republic of China. In February, a U.S. PACOM mission sent a C-17 from Hickam to deliver winter relief supplies when 19 Chinese provinces experienced the most severe winter storms in 50 years.

"The United States stands ready to help in any way it can," said U.S. Ambassador to China Clark T. Rand, Jr. "To the people of China, our thoughts and prayers are with you at this extremely difficult time," he said.

U.S. PACOM officials say the focus of this humanitarian assistance mission is to provide immediate assistance to help reduce further loss of life and mitigate human suffering resulting from the disaster. U.S. PACOM was authorized by Secretary of Defense Robert Gates to support the relief efforts. The assistance is in support of the U.S. Department of State. To read the full story and see more pictures of this mission, log onto www.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123099159&page=3.

New AFRC commander

Maj. Gen. Charles E. Stenner Jr. is slated to become the next chief of Air Force Reserve and commander of Air Force Reserve Command. The president nominated him for the assignment and promotion to lieutenant general. General Stenner will replace Lt. Gen. John A. Bradley, who is slated to retire in June. General Stenner currently serves as assistant deputy chief of staff, Strategic Plans and Programs at Headquarters Air Force. The U.S. Senate must confirm his nomination before he takes his new, dual-hat job. *(Courtesy AFRC)*

DoD to phase out full SSNs on ID cards

As a means of combating identity theft, the Defense Department will issue identification cards without full Social Security numbers printed onto them. Plans are to remove the Social Security numbers from identification cards issued to military family members by the end of this year, but those cards will still display the sponsors' SSN, for now. Between 2009 and 2010, all department-issued identification cards will feature only the last four digits of a holder's Social Security number. New identification cards will be issued as they reach their expiration dates.

For more information, read the full story at www.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123093078.

Some civilian career updates just clicks away

Air Force Personnel Center officials recently introduced a new self-service application as part of its ongoing commitment to civilian force development. The Electronic Civilian Record Update gives civilians preparing to meet a development team panel the ability to perform Web updates on certain civilian career information, such as developmental and professional military education, and duty titles.

For more information, read the full story at www.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123092946.



Photo by Sasha Skrine

Free movies

Master Sgt. Laura Coseglia, 512th Airman and Family Readiness chief, shows her daughter Darlene, 5, some of the free movies at the USO hosted picnic May 17 on base. USO Delaware, with the assistance of commercial sponsors, hosted the picnic for military members and their families.



Photo by Jason Minto

I'm innocent

In observance of Law Day, Maj. George S. Welch Elementary School on base held a mock trial May 2, when Curly Pig, played by Maj. Carmel-Ann Feliciani, 512th Airlift Wing judge advocate, attempts to rebut statements made by the Big Bad Wolf.

Around the 512th

Commander's call June 22

The 512th Airlift Wing Commander's Call is June 22 at the base theater, beginning at 7 a.m. Wing members who are being recognized need to check in for their seating assignment by 6:40 a.m.

Dover AFB named best anti-terrorism base

Dover Air Force Base has been selected for Air Mobility Command's 2008 Best Anti-terrorism Installation Award for the 10th consecutive year. Team Dover now competes for the Air Force level Anti-terrorism award.

Base receives eighth C-17

Dover Air Force Base officials welcomed the base's eighth C-17 Globemaster III at an arrival ceremony here May 22. The base is scheduled to receive 13 C-17s by the end of the year.

Attend CCAF graduation

The 512th Airlift Wing Community College of the Air Force Commencement Ceremony is June 22 at the base theater, beginning at 2 p.m. Come out and support the following wing Airmen in reaching this educational milestone:

- TSgt Lonnie Artis
- SrA James Black
- TSgt Destiny Donigan
- SSgt Christopher Erickson *
- TSgt Darryl Evans *
- SSgt Nathan Foose
- SSgt Lindsay Fritz
- SSgt Daniel Guadalupe*
- SSgt Jimmy Henshaw
- SSgt Jason Hoerner
- TSgt Cheryl Johnson *
- SSgt David Lagrossa *
- SSgt Omar Latiri
- TSgt Jacqueline Maragh
- TSgt Carol Mason
- SMSgt Alexandra Meyer*
- SMSgt Dallas Pope
- SSgt Anthony Reyes
- TSgt Emanuel Salazarlizardo *
- TSgt Marco Veloso *
- TSgt John Vonville
- SSgt Shana Wallace

Names marked with an asterik indicate they will not be in attendance at the ceremony.

Liberty Wing reservist publishes poetry book

Congratulations to Staff Sgt. Enid J.Ellis who's assigned to the 512th Memorial Affairs Squadron. She is a first-time published author of an 83-page poetry book. Ranging from personal reflectionstoinspirational entries, Sergeant J.Ellis' dedication page pays tribute to the 512th MAS. The Chesapeake, Va., native and Dover resident is already working to have a second book published.



Pool passes available

Season pool passes are on sale at Outdoor Recreation. The daily fee is \$3, a single season pass is \$25, \$45 for a family of two, \$62.50 for a family of three and \$80 for a family of four or more.

The Eagles' Oasis Pool is open Sunday through Saturday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. The Main Base Pool is open Wednesday through Monday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. For more information, to make a suggestion or reserve a pool for a party, call (302) 677-3959.

OSF Airman prepares for long school, long run

Best wishes to Maj. William Mills, 512th Operations Support Flight, who will be taking a one-year leave of absence from his teaching job at Delmar Middle School this fall to attend the National Defense Intelligence College in Washington D.C.



Major Mills is also preparing to run in the 33rd Marine Corp Marathon in Arlington, Va., Oct. 26 along with a team of runners from the base. The team's goal is to raise \$500 per runner in support of the Fisher House, a Combined Federal Campaign charity, which provides free housing to families when their wounded military family member requires hospitalized health care.

To read more about the Fisher House and how to support Major Mill's running team, visit www.active.com/donate/Fisher-House2008MCM/BMills. Donations are tax deductible and receipts can be provided.

512th salutes



Medals



Air Medal

Maj Lee Merkle
Lt Col Edward W.
Schloeman Jr
TSgt Anthony
Darrington
TSgt Benjamin Fay

Meritorious

Service Medal

Maj Thomas Guerra
CMSgt Donna Lehmann
CMSgt Frederick Traute
SMSgt Anthony London
MSgt Melvin C.
Mitchell Jr

Aerial Achievement Medal

Lt Col Todd McCubbin
Lt Col Edward W.
Schloeman Jr
Lt Col Douglas
Schreiber
Lt Col Kenneth Slater
Lt Col Ronald
Spagnuolo

Maj Geoffrey Ayer
Maj Roger Bott
Capt Damon Antonetti
Capt Freddy D. Brito Jr
Capt Scott Kuhrt
Capt Marci Matthews
Capt Todd Mullen
Capt Lonnie Schmidt
Capt Matthew Testa
Capt Andrew Thomson
Capt Scott Tullis
Capt Chadd Webster
1Lt Sean Boyd
1Lt Brian Marasco
SMSgt Robert Hamill
SMSgt Louis
Robinson Jr
MSgt Elvin Brown
MSgt Curtis Hooper
MSgt Patrick Cioffi
TSgt Steven Deery
TSgt Rhonda Fujan
TSgt Timothy Morgan

Newcomers

Maj Glenn Merkle
MSgt Lucious Washington
SSgt Justin Beegle
SSgt Jerrid Daniels
SSgt Jill Fitzgerald
SSgt Denise Howell
SSgt Darion Jones
SSgt Michael Nemecek Jr
SSgt Matthew McManus
SSgt Sherry Sawyer
SrA Michael Checkawitz
SrA Tony Griffin
SrA Arielle Henry
SrA John Manlove
SrA Omar Muwwakkil
SrA Carolina Rodriguez
SrA Jason Straub
SrA Roger Taylor
Amn Leeia McSwain-
Russell
A1C Deborah Robinson
AB Darrell Ringgold
AB April Valentin
AB Nathaniel Woodhall



Promotions

To MSgt
Eric Sanchez
Mary Valentine
To TSgt
Ronald Affayroux
Jason Hoerner
Malcolm Walker
To SSgt
James Black
Nathan Brakel
Jonathan Bronson
Marquita Hill
Bryan Ranft
Shawn Spence
Justin Veins
To SrA
LaToya Jenkins
To A1C
Quentin Parker



Say hello to:

Name: Staff Sgt. Darion Jones
Unit: 512th Maintenance Operations Flight
Hometown: Virginia Beach, Va.
Civilian Occupation: Air Reserve Technician, flight mechanic
Hobbies: Fixing cars, fixing planes and cooking
Personal Goals: Get a bachelor's degree in aeronautical science and a private pilot's license

Reenlistments

TSgt Scott Miller
TSgt Darren Pauly
SSgt Kristin Burton
SSgt Denise Howell
SSgt Hiawatha V.
McIntyre Jr.
SSgt Victoria Reyna
SrA Paul Fitzsimmons
SrA Derrick Fogg
A1C John Fields
A1C Brett Lagasse
A1C Azim McKnight
A1C Ibn Omar Spence
AB Joseph McFadden
AB Jennifer Pottinger

Retirements

June retirees include:
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Celebrating historic Dover

Col. Randal L. Bright, 512th Air-lift Wing commander, addressed the crowd at The Green in historic downtown Dover as part of the city's Old Dover Days celebration May 3. His wife Amy, and their children, Lauren, 9 months, Garrett, 5, and Hayden, 7, also dressed in colonial attire and participated in the parade. This was the 75th anniversary of the event, which celebrated the First State's Capital City and featured maypole dancing, food court, re-enactors, walking tours and free entertainment.



Photo by Sue Walls



Photo by Capt. Marnee A.C. Losurdo

Best on base

Hakim Tutt, 512th Mission Support Squadron coach, holds the championship trophy with his team after winning the intramural basketball championship at the Fitness Center May 4. The 512th MSS had to beat the 436th MXS twice to capture the title. The first game was 59-51, and the elimination game was 39 - 38. The team finished the season with a record of 20-2.

UTA Schedule

A Team B Team

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