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Two giant squids were flown on a C-17 Globemaster III assigned to Dover Air Force Base, Del., from Europe July 11. The giant squids are headed to the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History for display in the new Sant Ocean Hall, which opens Sept. 27. Pictured from left to right are Senior Airman Michael Goicoechea, Master Sgts. Eric Weinmann and Phillip Vickery and Airman 1st Class James Manier.

Photo by Roland Balil

Giant squids land at Dover AFB

Master Sgt. Veronica A. Aceveda Editor

326th Airlift Squadron aircrew landed today at Dover Air Force Base, Del., with two giant squids in their cargo compartment.

The two sea creatures were transported in a C-17 from Europe and will be

delivered to the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History in Washington D.C. The female preserved specimen will become the largest on display in the United States. She measures 24 and a half feet long, and the male measures 9 feet long.

"My daughter is going to think I am the coolest dad ever," said Master Sgt. Phillip Vickery, a 326th AS loadmaster whose

mission was to load and balance all of the cargo, including the squids, onto the aircraft.

Even though none of the aircrew or Space-A passengers could physically see the squids, Sergeant Vicker said everyone could still see the long box, labeled with "giant squids" stickers.

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Leadership conference at a glance

Col. David H. Wuest

512th AW vice commander

uring July's UTA, the wing commander took six members from our wing's leadership with him to the 22nd Air Force Leadership Conference in Southbridge, Mass. I'll pass along some agenda items that may be of interest to you.

Our first topic was about travel voucher problems. I saw veins popping out on some foreheads on that one. You know what I'm talking about if you've filed a travel voucher lately. We were told the turnaround time for vouchers is down to about 10 days. Most wing commanders politely disagreed.

However, with the information we were given on the steps Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D., is taking to fix the problems, I believe the travel voucher troubles will get fixed, and the process will be better than before the transition.

Below are some of the other topics we discussed at this year's conference.

- If your OPR or EPR is due and your fitness assessment is not current, a referral is mandatory.
 - Force development is a hot topic right now.
- Chief Master Sgt. William T. Wild III, 512th AW command chief, made some inroads into developing deployment opportunities for some of our enlisted folks.
- Disciplinary actions, ranging from verbal counseling to article 15s, are for the purpose of correcting behavior. If a member is disciplined and returns to work in a productive manner, it's a success story.

22nd AF Commander Maj. Gen. Martin M. Mazick hit on another very important topic -- responsibility. You've seen how the Air Force's senior leaders were recently held accountable for the improper handling of nuclear assets. The tanker contract is being re-bid, with the new contract award being determined outside the Air Force. The personnel drawdown within the Air Force has

been halted.
And finally,
Lt. Gen. John
A. Bradley,
former commander of Air
Force Reserve
Command, has
retired.

These transitions may cause some questions to come to mind. Are they related? Do we



now have a puppet chief? Is the reputation of the Air Force tarnished? Let's take a look.

General Bradley reached his mandatory separation date. He retired because of that and not for any other reason.

As the commander of U.S. Transportation Command, Gen. Norton A. Schwartz, had submitted his retirement paperwork but was asked to stay and become the new Air Force Chief of Staff. He will be the first chief of staff with an airlift background; the last nine have had fighter backgrounds. General Schwartz has never been a puppet and certainly would not come out of retirement to end his career that way.

And as for our tarnished reputation, as General Mazick put it, while we will probably be the "whipping boys" for a brief period, we will emerge a stronger and more confident force.

What we need to do now, as members of the military, as guardians of the greatest Air Force in the world, is to recheck our professional and personal behavior. We must set the example through our accomplishments, our actions and our attitudes, whether we're with our families, wearing the uniform or performing our jobs. We need to take responsibility for we all are accountable.

Understanding security clearances

Maj. Randy Correia

512th SFS commander

Il military members assigned to the 512th Airlift Wing are, at a minimum, required to have a secret security clearance.

If members were not prior service upon joining the 512th

AW, the clearance process is started with the local recruiter completing a questionnaire and submitting it to start the investigation. The rest of the process is usually unnoticed by the member, as the investigator does their job and contacts the selected people who know the member and validates the pro-

vided information.

When the investigation is completed and final authority is given, a clearance is granted at the classification level required. Once all of this has been validated, and the member signs a nondisclosure agreement when they have a valid need to know,

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Giant squids from cover -

"They were really pumped up about it; they kept asking 'are those really squids in there," he said. "Even we didn't believe it, when we first saw it on the cargo manifest."

The shipping container for the pair of squids was not as long as the actual bodies inside.

The project manager in Exhibits at the Smithsonian, Elizabeth Musteen, said this was because the specimens' arms and tentacles were folded over top of their mantles.

However, when on display, the female will be fully expanded horizontally, and the male will be encased in a vertical state, she added.

"These specimens, brought up in deep sea fishing nets off the coast of northern Spain, are expected to be a main attraction," said Mrs. Musteen.

The giant squids will make their debut to the public on Sept. 27, when the Smithsonian opens its new Sant Ocean Hall, an exhibition area designed to support ocean education.

"I can't wait to take the family to the display," said Maj. Mark Chagaris, one of the C-17 pilots which brought the deep ocean dwellers to the United States. "I can say, 'you're daddy helped bring that over here."

After being unloaded from Dover's C-17, four 436th Aerial Port Squadron Airmen prepared the squids for transport to the Smithsonian by truck.

"There's nothing we can't handle," said Airman 1st Class David Strong, one of the four ramp services specialists who moved the 10-tentacled creatures. "If there's anything that needs to be shipped, we take care of it.

Dover's Porters work for the world's largest aerial port and are trained to load or unload cargo, weighing five to two million pounds; and, many have experience moving odd objects.

Senior Airman Michael Goicoechea, a ramp services specialist who helped move the giant squid, said he has moved cargo ranging from submarines and Strykers to helicopters and hummers.

"I was stationed previously at Kadena Air Base, Japan," he said. "But, I've moved more cargo working at Dover AFB in five months than my two years in Kadena, and this is my first squid!"

While not trained to receive every single package, Porters here deal with all kinds of unexpected cargo, such as the squids.

"That is why our job is never boring," said Tech Sgt. Steven Braddick, ramp services specialist shift supervisor who has seen Air Force jets transport dolphins and parts for the space shuttle. "We're always learning and training throughout our career field because who knows what else we'll be loading." (Airman 1st Class Shen-Chia Chu, 436th Public Affairs contributed to this story.)



Smithsonian Institute photo

Pictured above is a 330 pound female squid brought up off the coast of northern Spain. It's one of two giant squids, which were flown in a C-17 by a 326th Airlift Squadron aircrew from Europe to Dover Air Force Base, Del., July 11. The crate of preserved specimens were transported by truck to the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History in Washington D.C. The cephalods make their public debut Sept. 27.

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the member will be allowed to view classified information to do their job. If the member does not immediately need access, they will be eligible in the future if the need arises.

If you were prior service and already had a clearance in good standing, nothing else will be required to be done; it will be a seamless transition into the Reserve. Your investigation is good for 10 years (secret) or five years (top secret) after the close out date of the investigation, not when it was finally authorized. At that point, you will be required to revalidate your clearance. You will again be given an informational package to be filled out and reviewed, and your security manager will contact the base personnel security manager and request the investigation be initiated; and, the process will formally begin.

Just remember, they are validating your trustworthiness and dependability,

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"Just remember, they are validating your trustworthiness and dependability, so when you are completing your package, be honest."

Maj. Randy Correia 512th SFS commander

so when you are completing your package, be honest. If you have any issues, there is a remarks section at the end of the package, which gives you the opportunity to explain. If you are honest on the questionnaire and you meet with

an investigator, it will usually allow the process to move forward without any hiccups.

If your clearance is denied (initial) or revoked (re-investigation), you will be required to wait a minimum of a year from the denied or revoked date to request the Air Force Central Adjudication Facility to reconsider. Please keep in mind before AFCAF will reconsider, you are required to rectify the issues that lead to the denial or revoke. Your unit commander must also write a letter stating these conditions were met and request the investigation to be reopened. If your issues have not been cleared or new issues are found, they will again deny your clearance and you will have to wait another year to request reconsideration.

If you have any questions, your unit security manager is the first link in the chain and should be able to assist.

AF Ball tickets on sale now

Team Dover to celebrate Reserve heritage

Staff Sgt. Steve Lewis

Staff writer

his year, the Air Force Reserve celebrates its 60th anniversary as a separate service, after being established on April 14, 1948. To honor this historic occasion,

Team Dover will be holding the 2008 Air Force Ball, scheduled for Sept. 6. at 6 p.m. at the Sheraton Hotel.

The hotel will open its Champagne Ballroom to attendees for an evening packed with events, including guest speaker, Chief of Air Force Reserve, Lt. Gen. Charles E. Stenner Jr. and entertainment by the United States Air Force Heritage Band, Blue Aces.

"We're very excited because this ball is going to be different from the one we had last year," said Capt. Connie Williams, an Air Force Ball committee member from the 512th Maintenance Group.

512th Airlift Wing commander, Col. Randal L Bright, added the ball is a significant part of Air Force heritage. "It's important even more so since this year is also the 60th anniversary of the Air Force Reserve."

Tickets for the ball are on sale until Aug. 22. The cost is \$30

for ranks E-6, GS-9 and above; \$22 for ranks E-5, GS-7 and below. They can be purchased through the following representatives:

- 512th AW, Capt. Marnee Losurdo, (302) 677-3485
- 512th Operations Group, Capt. Kelly Mount, (302) 677-3806
 - 512th Maintenance Group, Capt. Connie Williams, (302) 677-5507
 - 512th Mission Support Group, Capt. Cathy Milhoan, (302) 677-3482
 - 512th Aerospace Medicine Squadron, Senior Master Sgt. Rachael Gonesh, (302) 677-2550

Servicemembers attending the ball should be aware of the required uniform, which is mess dress or semiformal for enlisted and mess dress for officers

Civilians should wear formal attire: black tie or tuxedo for males and tea or floor length evening dress for females.

Parents living on base who would like to attend, but are in need of child care, do have an option. Free day care for children, ages 3 to 12, will be available. To register, call (302) 678-3603 after Aug. 3.

Don't miss this special opportunity to join Team Dover in celebrating a proud milestone in Air Force Reserve history.

Liberty Line: Why did you choose the Air Force over the other Armed Services?



"My dad said that I would be better suited for the Air Force. I also think the Air Force service dress is nicer."

Senior Airman Veronica Price 512th Mission Support Squadron career enhancement apprentice



"I wanted to work on airplanes and I wanted to fly them. My dad was in the Navy, and I didn't want to join the Army, Navy or the Marines; so, I joined the Air Force."

Master Sgt. Mike Hamblin 3rd Airlift Squadron loadmaster



"I basically wanted to fly planes. My dad was in the Air Force and my sister is currently on active duty. They both influenced my decision to join the Air Force over all the other services."

Capt. Phillip Drew 3rd Airlift Squadron pilot



"I was active duty before I had my daughter and loved it. I came back in as a reservist, because it was the natural thing to do - an easy decision because of my daughter. I like the way the Air Force treats their people."

Senior Airman Amanda Flores 512th Education and Training manager LIBERTY PRESS, AUGUST 2008 PAGE 5

REGISTER TO VOTE

Wing hosts voter registration drive

Senior Airman Sasha S. Skrine

Staff writer

ovember 4, Election Day, is fast approaching. Are you registered to vote? If not, or if you've moved or changed your name since the last presidential election in 2004, you will need to register in order to vote in the 2008 Presidential Election.

To assist in this process, the 512th Airlift Wing will be hosting voter registration drives at two locations on base Sept. 7.

The first location is at the Patterson Dining Hall from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The second drive will be located in the lobby of Building 202 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

"It's an important time," said Col. Randal L. Bright, 512th Airlift Wing commander. "It's our constitutional right to exercise our voice."

To ensure Airmen, Air Force civilians and their families get the chance to vote, the Air Force has voting assistance officers at all bases worldwide.

For the Liberty Wing, Capt. Matthew Padgett is the representative for any voting matters.

"My mission is to ensure 100 percent contact to all members and be there for their voting needs and questions," he said. Reservists who are activated and unable to return home, or who will be deployed on election day are eligible to vote by absentee ballot in their home state through the Uniformed and Overseas Citizen Absentee Voting Act, a federal law designed to standardize and simplify the voter registration process for eligible voters.

State deadlines to register to vote

District of Columbia	Oct. 6
Pennsylvania	Oct. 6
Virginia	Oct. 6
Delaware	Oct. 11
Maryland	Oct. 14
New Jersey	Oct. 14

Update civilian employment information

Defense officials remind reservists to update their civilian employment information, so they know who can be called up for active military duty without jeopardizing the civilian forces responsible for safeguarding our country. Reservists can log into the vPC-GR Dashboard. Beginning 60 days before their birthday, a pop-up reminder will appear when Ready Reserve Airmen log on to the vPC-GR Dashboard. The reminder will appear until the update has been completed or until their birth date. All reservists, with the exception of Active Guard Reserve members and retirees, are required to complete this annual requirement. A link to the OSD Guard-Reserve Portal https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/Guard-ReservePortal is also located on the vPC-GR home page to help Airmen update their CEI.

SGLI premiums now decreased

Effective July 1, the Servicemembers Group Life Insurance premium rate will be decreased from the current level of 7 cents per month per \$1,000 of coverage to 6.5 cents per month per \$1,000 of coverage. This decreases the premium rate for a service member with the maximum coverage of \$400,000 from \$29 to \$27 a month. The premium includes an additional \$1 per month for Traumatic Injury Protection coverage, which is mandatory and added automatically. For information visit the ARPC Web site at www.arpc.afrc.af.mil/library/factsheets/factsheet.asp?id=8313#C.

Early receipt of Reserve retired pay

Effective Jan. 29, 2008, a new law approved early receipt of Reserve retired pay for some members of the Ready Reserve who perform specific types of service. The Air Reserve Personnel Center hasn't received DOD guidance, but the following is known to date. This law is not retroactive to any periods of service before that date. The statute allows credit for specific kinds of tours - involuntary mobilization, voluntary MPA tours supporting a contingency, and some Air National Guard federally supported tours supporting natural disasters – of at least 90 aggregate days within a fiscal year to allow Airmen to bring forward the date on which they are eligible to receive Reserve retired pay by three months. To help identify qualifying tours, order publishing authorities should ensure proper statutory authorities are included on orders and encourage Airmen to maintain copies. As DOD releases guidance, ARPC will update information to the field. However, if Airmen performed 90 days of activeduty service since January 2008, and are approaching age 60, they should contact ARPC to determine if their tour qualifies them for an early retired pay effective date. (Courtesy AFRC)

Beefing up RED HORSE

The Air Force needs more rapid engineer deployable heavy operational repair squadron engineer Airmen, so in October Air Force Reserve Command will start converting some specialties to meet the demand. AFRC will create 446 RED HORSE authorizations. This year the command will start converting Prime Base Engineer Emergency Force squadrons to RED HORSE squadrons at Charleston Air Force Base, S.C., and Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C. Reservists displaced by Base Realignment and Closure actions will have an opportunity to join the new units. In addition, the Air Force Reserve will move its 556th RED HORSE Squadron at Lackland AFB, Texas, to Hurlburt Field, Fla., where the squadron will associate with the Regular Air Force RED HORSE unit. (Courtesy AFRC)

Nominate civilian boss - Employer Appreciation Day Nov. 1

The 512th Airlift Wing's annual Employer Appreciation Day is Saturday, Nov. 1.

Employers will have the opportunity to take an orientation flight on a C-17 Globemaster III and experience other Liberty Wing missionoriented attractions. As this is the first year the orientation flight will be aboard a C-17, a higher volume of nominations are anticipated. It's encouraged to submit employers' information before the Sept. 14 deadline. Attendance for Employer Day is based on a first-come, first-serve basis.

If nominating more than one boss, please

indicate on the form below whether the nominee is the primary or a standby attendee. A separate form must be filled out for each nomination.

For more information, call the 512th Public Affairs Office at (302) 677-3485. (Courtesy 512th PA)

Accept/decline:

EMPLOYER APPRECIATION DAY

Nov. 1, 2008

Return this completed form to 512th AW/PA, 202 Liberty Way, Room 202, Dover AFB, DE 19902-5202; Fax: 302-677-2758; E-mail: liberty.press@dover.af.mil. The deadline is Sept. 14.

RESERVIST'S INFORMATION		
Rank/Name:	Unit:	Duty Phone:
Home address:	Home e-mail:	
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Home phone: ()	Civilian work phone: ()
EMPLOYER'S INFORMATION		
Supervisor's courtesy title/full name (Mr./Mrs./Ms):	
Supervisor's title/position:	**SSAN:	
E-mail:	Company Name:	
Business Address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
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However, participants will be denied boarding for the C-5 orientation flight without the requested information.

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Kenneth Merryman James R. Mullin III Ricky Myers James Obrien

Rachelle Williamson To SSgt

Erin Burris **David Chang** Joy Fulton Normanda Hazzard Christopher Herbison Patricia Kerrigan Johnathan Moyer Samuel Landolph

To SrA

Jennifer Gonzales Tracey Parker Christopher Payano Beverly Ragland Lacresha Reese To A1C

Sheena Bracey To Amn Andrew Ambush

Quarterly Award Winners

Congratulations to the wing's second quarter (April to June) winners. They are:

Airman:

SrA Lorraine Almanza NCO:

TSgt Christopher Horton SNCO:

MSgt Ronald McCoy Officer: Capt Scott Kissler

Civilian:

Pamela Withrow

Newcomers

MSgt Tamara Leonards MSgt Patricia Taylor TSgt Christian Blankenship SSqt Tyrone Freeland SSat Kevin Harris SSgt Kenneth Merryman SSgt Jovon Stafford SrA Warren Elsea SrA Derrick Fogg SrA Arron Frates SrA Andrew Muse SrA Richard Schmidt SrA Amanda Smith A1C Johnathon Boyd A1C Justin Bupp A1C Kevin McCann A1C Kendra Singleton AB Yolanda Lopez AB Cedric Middleton AB Moses Ross



Say hello to:

Name: Airman Yolanda Lopez **Unit:** 512th Mission Support Squadron **Duty title:** Information manager Hometown: Woodbridge, Va.

Civilian Occupation: Insurance agent Hobbies: Shopping, traveling and spending time with my son

Personal Goals: To become a criminal

investigator

Retirements

SMSgt Johnny Nesbit MSgt Jeffrey Hoprich MSgt Dale Bowser MSgt Leroy Jeff TSgt Robert Millis

ALS graduates

SSgt Frederick Anderson SrA Corey Barnes SSgt Dametria Cross SSgt Jeffrey Lopez SSgt Joseph Wysocki

Pitsenbarger Award bestowed

Tech Sgt. John Vonville, 512th Mission Support Squadron, is one of 214 people Air Force wide, who is the recipient of the Pitsenbarger Award. The award is bestowed to Community College of the



Air Force graduates who exemplify leadership, dedication, teamwork and community service. In addition to a cerficicate of achievement, he receives a one-time grant of \$500 towards a bachelor's degree.

CES sergeant publishes book

Tech Sgt. Paul Sibley, 512th Civil Engineer Squadron is a first-time published author of an 80page inspirational book. Sergeant Sibley wrote the book to help readers identify why people continue in certain cycles that keep them from moving forward in life and prospering. The art work on the cover of his book was created by Tech Sgt. David Finch, 512th CES. Sergeant Sibley's book will be released in October for the public to purchase and enjoy. The



Wilmington, Del., native has a Bachelor's degree in theology from Jameson Christian College and was elevated to pastor in July 2007. Reverend Sibley is currently working on his second book to be published.

Fit to Fight

These members have received a fitness score of 100 after performing all required fitness evaluations. 512 AW

Capt Kathryn Fiddler SrA Andria Allmond 512 OG

Lt Col Robert Shepherd Maj Bethany Miller Capt Tamara Johnson Capt Shayne Matthews

512 MXG

CMSgt Chris Ford TSgt Franklin Dudley SSgt Brian Mayle SrA Justin Bupp SrA Jason Jones 512 MSG Capt Rebecca Schultz TSqt April Cassie TSgt Gail Reed-Harmon SrA Sean McGahuey **512 AMDS** Maj Stephanie Holt

MSgt Carolyn Atkins



Photo by Master Sgt. Veronica A. Aceveda

Legacy continues

Ashley Eason, the daughter of Chief Master Sgt. Fred Eason, 512th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, enlisted into the Air Force Reserve June 27. She will be assigned to the 512th Mission Support Squadron as a personnelist. Miss. Eason leaves for basic training Aug. 25.

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Photo by Roland Balik

NCO class graduates

Seventeen 512th Airlift Wing members completed the Noncommissioned Officer Leadership Development Course here July 18. The NCOLDC is a 10-day program which provides leadership training to mid-level enlisted personnel through college-level academics and practical military instruction. The next course is scheduled for the spring of 2009. Interested NCOs can register through the 512th Education and Training Office.

CCAF Spring graduates

The Community College of the Air Force recently received new Dover alumni into its ranks. Twelve 512th Airlift Wing reservists received their associate degrees in a commencement ceremony Jun. 22 at the base theater. The Liberty Wing's overall spring graduating CCAF class consisted of 23 members.



Photo by Jason Minto

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