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The U.S. Air Force Aerial Demonstration Squadron, the Thunderbirds, perform the signature Diamond maneuver during the 2009 Dover Air Force Base Open House and Air Show June 21-22. Despite inclement weather, nearly 75,000 people attended the event. (U.S. Air Force photo by Jason Minto)

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FIRST SERGEANTS

Wing looking for best, brightest to fill vital role

Col. Randal L. Bright
512th AW commander

As Air Force Reserve members we all make a difference. And, some jobs, such as a first sergeant, allow individuals to impact other Airmen's lives on many levels--as so profoundly stated in the first sergeant's creed.

"I am a first sergeant. My job is people. Everyone is my business. I dedicate my time and energy to their needs; their health, morale, discipline and welfare. I grow in strength by strengthening my people. My job is done in faith; my people build faith. My job is people - Everyone is my business."

Our wing has a need for some outstanding senior noncommissioned officers who are willing to take on a key position outside of their career field where they can lead, inspire and mentor our Airmen.

As a commander, I rely on first sergeants for advice on enlisted matters to include the safety, health and morale of all enlisted Airmen and their families. They also assist me with matters such as discipline, mentoring, career progression, recognition and professional development of our Airmen.

Not just anyone can fill the vital role of first sergeant. To be considered, members must have a passing score on their fitness assessment; have no negative quality-force indicators;

be an E-7 upon attendance at the First Sergeant Academy; complete Senior NCO Academy by correspondence or in-residence; and, have the ability to clearly and effectively communicate.

Qualified technical sergeants, who meet the above criteria and are immediately eligible to be promoted to master sergeant, should consider this career broadening opportunity. For our wing to excel at accomplishing the

mission, we need people who are willing to take on this challenge.

Our command chief, Chief Master Sgt. William T. Wild III, is responsible for the selection and approval process and will chair the next first sergeant selection board this fall. If you are interested in this special duty, start your application packages now, so you won't be overlooked for this highly recommended special duty.

Wing members can contact Staff Sgt. Jessie Hatch, who works in the 512th Mission Support Squadron Personnel Employment section, for information on application and board requirements. She can be reached at (302) 677-3512.

Have a safe and productive UTA; and, I thank all of you for the service you provide for our nation. I am honored to be your commander.



Photo by Senior Airman Andria J. Allmond

Col. Randal L. Bright

Change is inevitable

Col. Walton F. Reddish
512th AMDS commander

Human nature is to resist change. Most of us settle into familiar routines in our lives and jobs, and no matter how inefficient our routines may be, we are very reluctant to disrupt the flow of our conventions.

As military members, we are, generally speaking, more conservative than the general population. This characteristic makes us even more resistant to change than others may be.

Anyone who has spent much time in the military knows that change is inevitable and frequent. Changes in leadership, changes in world politics, and, indeed, changes in budget all necessitate change in our procedures. Changes may be major reconstructions of philosophies and activities or minor adjustments of established routines, but the dynamics of change remain the same. Those of us in leadership positions (most of us) are mandated to bring about that shift in routines.

In the early 1950s, a theorist named Kurt Lewin published a model of change. He stated the process of change involves the three stages of unfreeze, movement and refreeze.

In the unfreezing stage, the equilibrium of current ideas must be broken. This can be accomplished by increasing the force to change while reducing the resistance to change. The leader's role is to build trust, to maintain positive energies and attitudes, and to foresee possible hurdles to overcome. The senior leadership must be seen as supporting the shift.

In the movement phase, the participants must move toward the new goal. As leaders in this stage, we must help others to see how the change will benefit us and encourage them to bring in fresh ideas and perspectives to accomplish the change. In the face of major change, this stage is an excellent time for team building and the development of professional relationships.

In the final phase of Lewin's model, the participants will refreeze their routines. It is important in this stage that steps be taken to prevent the slide back into older methods. The new procedures or philosophies must be integrated into the daily routines and become the new equilibrium. If necessary, policies and procedures must be re-accomplished to reflect the change. Once the change becomes institutionalized, the transformation is complete.

Change is easier to accept if the participants can see the need and benefit of the conversion. By identifying the methods and phases of change, the leader can ease the transition for those affected by the change. Kurt Lewin's model of change gives us a framework to work through our inevitable revisions.

Employer Appreciation Day Oct. 3

Almost half of our nation's military strength resides in the Reserve and National Guard. The brave men and women of the Liberty Wing play critical roles in defending our homeland and in serving around the world to ensure our freedom. All of this would not be possible without the support of your employers.

To educate your employer and thank them for their support, the 512th Airlift Wing is hosting Employer Appreciation Day Oct. 3. Civilian bosses will be treated to a flight on a C-17 or C-5 and experience other Liberty Wing mission-oriented attractions.

The deadline for submissions is Aug. 21. Return this completed form to 512th AW/PA, 202 Liberty Way, Room 202, Dover AFB, DE 19902-5202; Fax: 302-677-2758; or, e-mail: liberty.press@dover.af.mil.

RESERVIST'S INFORMATION

Rank/Name: _____

Unit: _____ Duty Phone: _____

Home address: _____

Home e-mail: _____

Home phone: () _____

Civilian work phone: () _____

EMPLOYER'S INFORMATION

Supervisor's name : _____

Supervisor's title/position: _____

Company Name: _____

**SSAN: _____ E-mail: _____

Business Address: _____

Business phone: () _____

Home phone: () _____

I acknowledge I am responsible for notifying my military supervisor if my employer will attend. If I participate in Employer Appreciation Day activities, I will be on duty status Oct. 3. Any tour of my workplace will be coordinated through my supervisor and chain of command. There may be a nominal cost for my lunch. There is no charge for my employer's lunch.

Reservist's signature: _____

Date: _____

IN COMPLIANCE

Liberty Wing completes inspections

Senior Airman Deborah Robinson
Staff writer

During the April Unit Training Assembly, approximately 40 inspectors from the Air Force Reserve Command Inspector General team visited the base to perform various inspections.

The inspections comprised of a Unit Compliance Inspection of the 512th Airlift Wing, a Health Services Inspection of the 512th Aerospace Medicine Squadron and a Maintenance Standardization Evaluation Program inspection of the 512th Maintenance Group.

UCI

A UCI evaluates the wing's compliance with safety directives, federal law, executive orders, Department of Defense Air Force directives and instructions, and Air Force Materiel Command policy initiatives.

The inspection determines the base's ability to manage and execute critical daily activities leading to a sustained, effective mission performance. The inspectors identify obstacles that may hinder mission accomplishment and evaluate the base's oversight of contracted services.

The AFRC IG rates wings either compliant or noncompliant.

Overall, the Liberty Wing received a compliant rating with 37 findings, which are areas for improvement to meet mandated requirements, said Col. Randal L. Bright, 512th AW commander.

"Once the IG report is final, we will use this information to correct and improve these areas," said the colonel. "Overall, wing members did a great job, and the IG was impressed with all of your support and dedication to duty."

HSI

The Air Force Inspection Agency's medical operations director conducts HSIs of all Air Force medical facilities, both active duty and Reserve. Every 4 to 5 years, the IG team visits bases worldwide to inspect compliance with regulations.

The inspectors looked at a variety of different elements such as expeditionary operations, force fitness, training, base operations medical management and leadership.

For this inspection, the 512th AMDS received a satisfactory score.

"It's important to note that the bar was raised five points over the last time the inspectors were here," said Chief Master Sgt. David Towson, 512th AMDS chief house services manager. "We not only met the minimum requirement, we exceeded it."

MSEP

The MSEP is the primary tool employed by maintenance support to conduct periodic technical, personnel and managerial inspections. It identifies trends and recommends corrective actions to problems in their early stages.

The MSEP team inspects and evaluates personnel proficiency and equipment conditions within the maintenance organization. The inspection also evaluates the squadron's ability to do aircraft maintenance.

The 512th MXS received an outstanding

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Col. Randal L. Bright
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score, and the 512th MXG received an overall score of excellent.

"This was a very intense test of the 512th Maintenance Group's ability to perform according to Air Force maintenance and logistics standards," said Chief Master Sgt. Christopher Ford, 512th MXS superintendent. "Though our people worked long and hard to prepare for this inspection, the level of expertise and maintenance discipline they demonstrated to the IG team is a reflection of the hard work and dedication they put forth every single day. They truly deserve the outstanding rating."

MICT

From here, the wing will transition into using the Management Internal Control Toolset. This program will allow sections to conduct and maintain their own online self inspections, which will reduce the number of on-site inspectors, as IG team members will be able to inspect programs and processes online. The next UCI is slated for 2014.

To learn more about MICT, read the Citizen Airman article at <http://www.citamn.afrc.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123140440>

Confined Spaces

Maintenance Group proves they can get out of tight spot during unit exercise

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

Working in cramped spaces, such as the C-5's fuel tanks, can be a hazardous job. For this reason, the 512th Maintenance Group has an annual Air Force requirement to conduct an emergency evacuation exercise that evaluates maintenance members' ability to rescue personnel trapped in a confined space.

This capability was evaluated by the Air Force Reserve Command Inspector General team April 25 as one of the requirements for the 512th Airlift Wing's Unit Compliance Inspection April 23-27.

The IG rated the 512th Maintenance Group fully compliant on the exercise and the wing compliant on the UCI.

"We have an evacuation plan in place in the event of an emergency," said Staff Sgt. Corey Barnes, a 512th Maintenance Squadron fuel systems repair journeyman and Air Reserve Technician. "This is something everyone in this career field needs to know. You never know when the situation will arise, and you'll have to save someone's life."

The 512th MXS completed the exercise in hangar 715. Sergeant Barnes played the role of the entrant. He was the Airman who was passed out inside the bay between the C-5's fuel tanks in the aircraft's wings. This area is 10 feet wide and 3 feet, 5 inches tall. The entrance to the tank is on the underside of the wing.

"The tank opening is barely 2 foot by 3 foot and is hard to pull someone through," said Chief Master Sgt. Chris Ford, 512th MXS superintendent. "Depending on where the mechanic is working inside the tank, it may be necessary to drag the person several feet to get them to the opening and then manually position them, so they can be pulled through the opening head first and by the shoulders."

This was the first time Senior Airman Sabrina Kibler, 512th MXS fuel systems apprentice, participated in this type of exercise and was very nervous, she said.



Photo by Jason Minto

512th Maintenance Squadron fuel systems members Tech. Sgt. Paul Spencer, in the mask, Master Sgt. Jody Parker and Senior Airman Sabrina Kibler assist fellow squadron member Staff Sgt. Corey Barnes during an emergency evacuation exercise April 25. The Air Force Reserve Command Inspector General team evaluated maintenance members' ability to rescue personnel trapped in a confined space as one of the requirements for the 512th Airlift Wing's Unit Compliance Inspection April 23-27.

"There were a lot of people watching, and I knew I had to be on point with everything," said Airman Kibler.

She played the role of the runner.

"It was my job to call the fire department and inform them of the situation, and then take the position of the attendant and assist the other attendant in pulling the entrant out of the tank," said Airman Kibler.

Fellow squadron member Tech. Sgt. Paul Spencer was the other attendant. His job was to monitor the entrance of and atmosphere within the fuel tank for oxygen levels and explosive limits and crawl inside the tank to rescue the entrant, he said.

Sergeant Spencer and Airman Kibler removed Sergeant Barnes from the tank in three minutes, and the whole exercise took about 12 minutes to complete.

MXG personnel, such as Sergeant Spencer and Airman Kibler, proved they can meet command requirements of getting out of a tight spot.

Legal Readiness:

Base legal offices assist Liberty Wing Airmen

Capt. Marnee A.C. Losurdo

Chief, Public Affairs

Legal readiness is a requirement for Air Force reservists, and the 512th and 436th Airlift Wing Legal Offices are here to assist Liberty Wing members.

Air Force reservists are entitled to legal assistance, regardless of their status, for legal readiness issues, including wills, family care plans and Service Members' Civil Relief Act matters.

Most reservists predominately use the base legal services here for wills and powers of attorney, said 512th AW Judge Advocate Lt. Col. Carmel-Ann Feliciani. But, they can also assist reservists with notary services and provide legal advice concerning landlord tenant issues or employment and re-employment rights.

So, to which office does a reservist go to for assistance?

"Well, that depends on their status," said the colonel who is a civilian lawyer in the 436th AW legal office during the week.

Deploying Reservists

Reservists who are on orders for 30 days or more or who are preparing to deploy, are eligible for free legal assistance at the 436th AW Legal Office, she said.

Master Sgt. Kenny Bachman, 512th Security Forces Squadron, deployed in May to Kirkuk Regional Air Base, Iraq, and has used his legal benefits.

"I got a will for myself and my wife, because we have a four-year-old child and felt it was imperative we have these documents before I deploy," he said. "I also got a power of attorney for my wife, because if there are any unforeseen issues that come up, she can handle them while I'm gone."

Deploying reservists, such as Sergeant Bachman, are eligible for regular Air Force legal assistance for double the length of their orders, said Colonel Feliciani.

"The only time dependents of reservists are authorized legal assistance is when the reservists are serving on active duty," said Colonel Feliciani.

Traditional Reservists

During a Unit Training Assembly, Liberty Wing members, regardless if they are or are not deploying, can make an appointment with the 512th AW Legal Office to complete wills and powers of attorneys.

When it comes to military readiness, a will and a power of attorney are two legal documents reservists should have in place before they deploy, said Colonel Feliciani.

Wills

While many people don't like to think about their own demise and what will happen to their personal effects, a will can ensure how an individual's property is distributed after their death.

"Generally, single members who do not own any real property and who do not have minor children, do not need a will," said the colonel. "However, members who own real property and, or, have minor children should have a will. This is important, because the member decides who will be the guardian for any minor children, rather than leaving the decision to the state."

Power of Attorney

A power of attorney is another vital document for deploying reservists, said the colonel.

These documents give an individual the authority to perform certain specified acts on behalf of the reservist while they are unavailable to take care of their affairs on their own behalf.

"Reservists need to have a power of attorney in place, especially for the care of their child when they deploy," said Colonel Feliciani. "This is a requirement for single parents and reservists who are married to another military member. Members who are

required to have family care plans should review them once a year and update them if necessary."

There are different types of power attorneys to include a general power of attorney and a special power of attorney, which designates the amount of authority the reservist assigns to another individual to conduct their affairs.

Another legal readiness document to consider is a durable medical power

of attorney. This document specifies what types of medical treatment is desired in the event an individual is unable to make medical decisions for themselves due to incapacitation. A reservist can also direct whether or not they desire life-sustaining measures to prolong their life if the reservist is terminally ill.

A health care power of attorney and a durable

power of attorney also allow a reservist to designate another individual to make health care decisions on their behalf if they are incapacitated or deemed mentally incompetent.

The base legal offices can assist reservists in determining which type of power of attorney they will need, said Colonel Feliciani.

Legal Services

If an activated reservist needs additional legal services, they can obtain that through the 436th AW Legal Office.

"We can only provide legal advice, we cannot represent the reservist in court," said Colonel Feliciani.

Deploying reservists can call the 436th AW Legal Office at (302) 677-5086. During UTAs, reservists can call the 512th AW Legal Office at (302) 677-4431.

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Lt. Col. Carmel-Ann Feliciani
512th AW Judge Advocate

NASCAR: Reservists part of pre-race activities

Master Sgt. Veronica A. Aceveda
Editor

About 20 Dover Air Force Base Airmen, both regular Air Force and Reserve, participated in pre-race activities for two NASCAR races at the Dover International Speedway May 30-31.

In addition to the Air Force-sponsored race car, number 43 driven by Reed Sorenson, these Airmen made it possible for the Air Force and AF Reserve to receive national exposure.

The base's chaplain and the Airmen who performed honor guard duties before Saturday's race were part of the televised events covered by the American Broadcasting Company, which has an audience in the millions.

The May 30 race featured a Kids Zone, where the base highlighted two of its missions. An explosive ordnance disposal team demonstrated the use of a remote control robot used to identify and disarm unexploded ordnance as well as a bomb suit. Children could also tour a base fire truck.

"It's a great opportunity for us to demonstrate some of our unique capabilities to all of the participants, young and old," said Capt. Patrick Wren, 436th Airlift Wing explosive ordnance team member. "We had a positive response from hundreds of children and parents, and we look forward to supporting future races."

As part of Sunday's Parade Lap, which featured drivers being introduced from various truck beds while cruising around the track, the wing commanders of the 436th and 512th AWs were also introduced to the arena, which seats 135,000 people. They rode in a Humvee, driven by Tech. Sgt. Stephen Kaufman, 512th AW.

Of the thousands who waved to the parade goers from the stands,



Photo by Jason Minto

A Dover Air Force Base C-17 Globemaster III aircrew performed a flyover as part of a pre-race ceremony at the Dover International Speedway May 30. Also pictured are members of the base's honor guard, which posted the colors for the event. Over the weekend, reservists and regular Air Force members from the 512th and 436th Airlift Wings participated in various events showcasing Air Force and AF Reserve capabilities.

were many service members who were able to watch the race live thanks to tickets donated to the United Service Organization Delaware.

In addition to Dover's participation, other AF agencies such as the Brass Heritage Band from Langley AFB, Va., partook in race weekend activities. The quintet performed a patriotic medley during the pre-race ceremony May 31.

The Air Force Recruiting Service showcased the Raptor, a sport-utility vehicle whose name stands for Reaching America's Public to Optimize Recruiting. It features custom wheels, a large-screen television and video games. Along with the Humvee from the base, the SUV was part of the parade lap and trackside tours, where many race patrons paid extra money to see display vehicles and show cars on the actual track.

Also part of the recruitment effort was Brig. Gen. Richard T. Devereaux, the Director of Intelligence, Operations and Nuclear Integration, who served as a special guest, representing Air Force racing. He performed a mass enlistment ceremony at the recruiter's booth.

And, before the familiar call of "start your engines," both races got underway following

the air-soaring sounds of an Air Force flyover. On Saturday, Dover AFB showcased the C-17 Globemaster III; and, on Sunday four F-16s from a Texas Air National Guard unit performed the honors.

As race weekend came to an end following 400 laps on the track May 31, the AF race car finished 19th out of 43 places and scored bonus points for leading four laps. Organizers of this bi-annual event, which typically draws 250,000 visitors, according to the Kent County Tourism Office, made it possible for Dover AFB Airmen to promote the base, the Air Force and Air Force Reserve.



Photo by Tom Randle

Team Dover Airmen prepare for hands-on training and instruction during a sports bike training class here recently.

Motorcycle safety critical in summer

Master Sgt. Joe Springfield
436th Public Affairs

The Critical Days of Summer campaign is underway at Dover Air Force Base and the 512th and 436th Airlift Wing Safety Office stresses additional emphasis on motorcycle safety.

Motorcycle safety is of the utmost importance, especially with the amount of motorcycle accidents this year alone, said Lt. Col. Donald Whitley, 512th Airlift Wing chief of safety.

Motorcycle fatalities throughout the Department of Defense have increased from 71 in 2002 to 124 in 2008. Last year alone 19 of those were Airmen, according to the Air Force Safety Center.

Dover AFB offers three riders courses to enhance the riders' skills, situational awareness and safety. The Basic Riders Course, Experienced Riders Course and the Air Mobility Command Sport Bike Course are offered on a recurring basis.

"These courses help the rider gain the confidence and skills to improve their riding experience," said Senior Master Sgt. Ed

Renneckar, a Motorcycle Safety Foundation Rider Coach, and vice president of the Dover Green Knights Military Motorcycle Club, Chapter #49.

A good way to continue to improve riding skills and enhance rider safety is to join a motorcycle club geared around safety, said Sergeant Renneckar. There are several clubs in the area including the Dover GKMMC, which has a chapter located right on base.

"The Green Knights provide the opportunity for new riders to pair up with experienced riders, giving them a Wingman -- someone right there to help build confidence and enforce safe, responsible riding that will ultimately reduce mishaps," Sergeant Renneckar said.

The GKMMC promotes awareness, education and mentorship. They participate in charity events, hold skills challenges, conduct meetings and go on group rides.

Master Sgt. Mike Hamblin, a Motorcycle Safety Foundation Rider Coach and president of the GKMMC is looking forward to the riding season.

"What I enjoy most about our club is sharing the common interest of our members,

riding motorcycles and talking bike," Sergeant Hamblin said. "We are looking to host several motorcycle events this year, and right now we are getting the word out on the Ride to Work campaign June 15."

Safety must remain at the front of a rider's mind all the time, said Sergeant Hamblin.

"Whether you ride alone or ride with a group like the Green Knights, you want to be familiar with your motorcycle and the environment around you," said Sergeant Hamblin. "Motorcyclists take on a higher acceptance of risk every time they ride their motorcycle. We must be alert at all times, be considerate and obey the rules of the road."

Though riding with fellow safety-minded riders could perpetuate the safety mindset, another base rider and 436th AW Motorcycle Safety Program manager, Staff Sgt. Nicholas Giordano, believes other drivers, not motorcyclists themselves, are the main culprit to motorcycle mishaps.

"Riding brings with it the responsibility of knowing and accepting the fact that motorcyclists are often 'invisible' to other

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Photo by 2nd Lt. Joe Simms

Members from the 512th Airlift Control Flight and 46th Aerial Port Squadron from Dover Air Force Base, Del., load a C-17 Globemaster III in preparation for Maple Flag Exercise 42. The ALCF and aerial porters provided air mobility support for the Canadian Air Force during the exercise.

Maple Flag

512th Airlift Control Flight
participates in Canadian exercise

2nd Lt. Joe Simms

22nd Air Force Public Affairs

Members of the 512th Airlift Control Flight, Dover Air Force Base, Del., participated in Maple Flag Exercise 42, held at Cold Lake Air Base Alberta, Canada, from May 29 - June 14.

The 512th Contingency Response Element included members from the 439th ALCF from Westover Air Reserve Base Westover, Mass., 94th ALCF Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Ga., and the 46th Aerial Port Squadron also from Dover AFB.

The 512th CRE provided air mobility operational support alongside Canadian forces while

accomplishing currency and qualification training in a deployed environment.

“There is a real synergistic effect when you see how folks operate differently and still get the mission done,” said Capt. Cliff Cunningham, 512th Contingency Response Element commander, about working with the Canadians. “We will integrate the good ideas and experiences while we’re out here and that will help make us a more effective unit.”

After arriving in country and sending out the initial situation report, the members of the 512th CRE hit the ground running. The first day was spent setting up communications to provide command and control for transient cargo and air refueling aircraft while the CRE loadmasters and aerial porters, with the support of the Canadian Air Force, processed three C-130s and three KC-10s.

When deployed, an ALCF is considered a CRE.

At home station an ALCF consists of rated and non-rated officers, airfield managers, C2 specialists, personnelists, loadmasters and air refueling specialists, along with various communications and power production specialties. When deployed, other agencies such as intelligence, weather, aircraft maintenance, aerial port, security forces, and contracting may provide contingency support elements to the CRE package depending upon the specific mission.

The limited size of an ALCF and the unique mission of the CRE often requires

members to be proficient in their career field while also being capable of performing tasks that aren’t in their area of expertise.

The operations function of the 512th CRE also used their time at Cold Lake as an opportunity to train three of its newest members. Staff Sgt. Jonathan Concepcion, Tech. Sgt. Julitssa Ortiz and Senior Master Sgt. Brad Ferguson deployed with the CRE to receive their evaluation in mobile C2.

Sergeant Ortiz, an airfield manager with nine years active-duty experience, recently returned from Keesler Air Force Base, Biloxi, Miss. where she completed command post training. The school assignment broadened her knowledge and her dual qualification will

be an invaluable asset to the ALCF.

“Airfield Management and command post do a lot of the same functions in an ALCF so we decided it would be a good idea to get the command and control designation for

the experience,” Sergeant Ortiz said. “And it has helped, I had no idea what G2 (Global Decision Support System 2) was before.”

G2 is a C2 system which provides mission planning, scheduling and tracking of mobility airlift and air refueling missions.

In addition to certification training and supporting the CAF, the 512th CRE was able to provide a service for the 4 Wing Operations Group. Senior Master Sgt. Paul Veresko, an airfield management specialist from the 439th ALCF, added the requirement for completion of an airfield survey into the certification training.

The survey gathered information about the airfield including runway and taxi way dimensions and local frequencies. The results from the survey were given to the 4 Wing Operations Squadron and updated in the Air Mobility Command database for future air mobility operations at Cold Lake AB.

Exercise Maple Flag is an international air combat exercise held at 4 Wing Cold Lake AB with participants and observers coming from all parts of the world. This year’s exercise featured flying squadrons from The United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, Singapore and the United States. Observing units included the members of the Air Forces from United Arab Emirates, Qatar, South Korea, Chile, South Africa, Ukraine, Poland and Egypt.

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Capt. Cliff Cunningham
512th Contingency Response Element



Photo by 2nd Lt. Joe Simms

Staff Sgt. Timothy DiSalvo and Senior Airman Johnathan Boyd from the 46th Aerial Port Squadron, Dover Air Force Base, Del., unload pallets from a KC-10 arriving at Cold Lake Air Base, Canada. The 46th APS augmented the 512th Airlift Control Flight on their deployment to Maple Flag Exercise 42.

Dover AFB Open House, Air Show

Nearly 75,000 visitors attend to see aerial demonstrations

Staff Sgt. Steve Lewis
Staff Writer

Despite inclement weather, the base opened its gates to thousands of visitors and aircraft enthusiasts for the 2009 Air Show and Open House June 20-21.

Many attendees braved the rain and thunderstorms on the morning of June 20 to tour static displays of various aircraft, including a C-5 Galaxy, a C-17 III Globemaster, a KC-10 Extender, and vintage planes showcased at the bases' Air Mobility Command Museum.

Open House attendee, Jeff Malwitz of River's Edge, N.J., said he wanted to come to Dover with his family after going to air shows at different bases.

"We've had a great time despite the rain," said Mr. Malwitz. "It was our first trip to Dover, and it's been fun so far."

Although some flying acts took place late Saturday afternoon when the clouds briefly broke, there was no rainfall on Sunday. This gave way to an entire afternoon of aerobatics, parachutists and a U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds demonstration.

Dover's AMC Museum Director Mike Lester said his favorite aerial performance has always been by Matt Younkin and the Twin Beech 18, which was not designed for aerobatic flight. Mr. Lester said he's helped at the museum for about 14 open houses.

"Many museum volunteers came out and put together two display airplanes right in time for the show," said Mr. Lester. "We've been working for the past four months to get things ready, and I think everything has paid off."

Alongside of museum volunteers who helped during this year's Open House, Team Dover Airmen were also present to assist attendees with information and to ensure overall safety.

Lt. Col. Lee Landis, 436th Airlift Wing chief of safety, worked with other Airmen from both the 512th and 436th AWs in keeping the event free of mishaps.

"The Open House went off without a hitch with minor safety and medical issues," said Colonel Landis. "The only thing we really fought was the weather."

Staff Sgt. Yerkes Tecson, a loadmaster in the 709th Airlift Squadron, said he also helped Team Dover with overall safety by making sure attendees didn't hurt themselves touring the C-5 static display.

"What was really interesting to me was watching all the young kids and parents staring in excitement at the C-5," said Sergeant Yerkes. "It brought back memories when I was younger."

Also contributing to the excitement of the weekend event was the grand finale performance by the Thunderbirds.

While rain may have put a damper on the biannual event, it ended with 75,000 spectators under sunny F-16-filled skies.

Liberty Line: What did you do for Father's Day?



Richard Van Epps, Tampa Bay, Fla., and Senior Airman Steven Van Epps, 9th Airlift Squadron

"For Father's Day weekend my son took me to a Jimmy Buffett show last night, and today we came to the air show. It's been a fantastic day so far. I only get to see my son three times a year, it's not often enough."



Darrin Smith and Amanda Smith, 8 months, Dover, Del.

"I planned to come out to the Air Show on Father's Day with my daughter and family. I'm enjoying it. I really appreciate everything the military has done, it's not easy being away from family for so long."



Al Richard and Joseph Richard, 5, Havre De Grace, Md.

"I thought it was a good idea to come up to the Air Show to spend Father's Day with my son. I feel like I'm passing something special onto him."



Staff Sgt. Kevin Hudson, 436th Security Forces Squadron, and Hunter Hudson, 8

"I'm really happy to see my son on Father's day, I'm glad the weather held up. This really worked out since I was already supposed to be here today."

Photos by Staff Sgt. Steve Lewis



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U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds soar past the crowd in a low flying maneuver during the 2009 Dover Air Force Base Open

House and Air Show. The Thunderbirds were one of many flying acts that took place at the weekend-long event.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Steve Lewis

U.S. Air Force Academy Wings of Blue parachutists give off a trail of colored smoke as they make their way toward land during the 2009 Dover Air Force Base Open House and Air Show June 21. The parachutists were among several aerial demonstrations held during the weekend event.

Reservist fabricates metal on, off duty

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

Whether it's on or off duty, when Senior Airman Michael Wright goes to work sparks fly. The reservist is a welder in the 512th Maintenance Squadron Aircraft Metals Technology Shop, and as if that wasn't enough to keep him busy, he also owns his own metals shop.

As a metals technologist, he is on orders working for the 436th MXS Metals Technology Shop here. Shop members make and repair various types of aircraft parts as well as fix aircraft generation equipment, which is used by maintenance members working on the flightline.

"Since the C-5 was made in the 1960s and 1970s, some of the parts are no longer manufactured, so we have to make them here," said Master Sgt. Randal Martin, 436th MXS metals technology shop NCO in charge.

Airman Wright said he gets a lot of fulfillment from the job's challenges of making aircraft parts no longer available on the market.

"It's very satisfying to hear someone say, 'I can't believe you made that,'" said Airman Wright. "And, I feel I'm doing something important. When we repair a C-5 or C-17, someone down range gets what they need, whether it's bullets, food, Humvees or bringing one of America's fallen back home to their loved ones."

Like many reservists, Airman Wright brings his civilian experience to the Air Force.

"The reservists who work in this shop - we are all welders and machinists on the outside," said Airman Wright.

After completing a four-year enlistment with the Air Force in 2000, the former flightline mechanic began working for a cup manufacturer in Federalsburg, Md. He learned to weld and fix manufacturing equipment and found he had a natural talent for it, said Airman Wright.

His wife Tech. Sgt. Angie Wright, who he met while on active duty, transferred to the Liberty Wing in 2002 and works

in the 512th MXS. After witnessing his wife's service in the AF Reserve, Airman Wright decided to join the unit in 2005, and they and their two children moved to Delaware.

Airman Wright has been on orders since 2005; and, when he isn't here, he's busy at his own shop.

In 2005, the Wrights bought a trailer and set up a mobile welding operation. Their original plan was to take it on the race circuit and provide on-site repairs. They never made it there, because there was such a local demand for their business, said Airman Wright. Their jobs ranged from fixing farm and industrial equipment to recreational vehicles and race cars.

In April 2008, they moved their business to a shop, located behind their house, said Airman Wright. They are currently assisting a customer in restoring a 1950 Ford Mercury.

"The metals work we are doing is making replacement body panels for the car because of rust damage," he said. "We plan to have it finished by June 30 to go to Delaware Street Rod Show in Harrington."

Although Airman Wright has scaled back operations at his shop recently, he now accepts new clientele on a case-by-case basis.

Whether it's working on base or at home, Airman Wright said one thing's for sure.

"The Reserve is the best of both worlds," he said. "Not only do I get to work at a civilian job I enjoy, I also get to be a part of the military and serve our nation."



Photo by Capt. Marnee A.C. Losurdo

Senior Airman Michael Wright, 512th Maintenance Squadron, is restoring a 1950 Ford Mercury. Airman Wright and his wife, Angie, own their own metals shop. They are both members of the 512th Airlift Wing, the only Air Force Reserve unit in Delaware.



Photo by Capt. Marnee A.C. Losurdo

Senior Airman Michael Wright is a welder in the 512th Maintenance Squadron Aircraft Metals Technology Shop and is on orders supporting the 436th AMXS Metals Technology

Shop. He makes and repairs various types of aircraft parts as well as fixes aircraft generation equipment, which is used by maintenance members working on the flightline.

MOLDING METAL

Starting early:

Wing family member earns money for college

Master Sgt. Veronica A. Aceveda

Editor

Imagine being recognized in front of a crowd that was filled with role models such as world-renown neurosurgeon Ben Carson, military leader Colin Powell or Superbowl champion Jerome Bettis. The 10-year-old son of a Dover Air Force Base reservist did just that.

Alden, the son of Master Sgt. Jack and Laurie Tonkay, was awarded \$1,000 from the Carson Scholars Fund, which was created by Dr. Benjamin Carson and his wife Candy.

The grant is invested into a trust fund until the student begins a four-year college or university. They created the program to offer college scholarships to students based on high academic achievement and humanitarian qualities.

Nicole Boris, Alden's fourth grade teacher at Major George S. Welch Elementary School, noticed he fit the criteria and initiated the application process. Students cannot apply for this award themselves. The Carson Scholarship can only be achieved through nomination from the school's principal, and each school is only allowed to select one student to compete for the opportunity.

The fourth through 11th grade candidates do have to provide an essay to accompany their package. One of the topics they write about was to describe someone who inspires them.

"I chose to write about my mom, because we do a lot of volunteer service together," said Alden, who participated in a recycling program last year which netted more than 30,000 aluminum cans. "My parents got me going, and the Lord likes me to do that kind of stuff. It's nice to give back."

At his school, the fourth grader has collected donations for the United Service Organization, and he regularly reads to younger classes.

Alden's patriotic vocal performance has been heard at the 512th Airlift Wing Picnic, the Modern Maturity Center and the Delaware State Fair.

In addition to having a strong commitment to the community, Carson Scholar applicants must have a 3.75 grade point average or higher; Alden's GPA is 4.0. For the past three years, he has won the state of Delaware's math poster contest in the first through third grade category.

Alden, who also likes to play sports, found out he was selected as the school's Carson Scholar representative when the school's principal announced it over the intercom in January.

"Everyone clapped for me," said Alden, who added his family celebrated with his favorite dish of buttermilk fried chicken at a restaurant in Milford.

After the initial announcement, the Tonkays were notified in April that Alden was selected as one of 531 recipients from across the country to receive the Carson Scholar Award for 2009. Of the 16 scholarships bestowed to Delaware students, only six were distributed to elementary school students like Alden. All winners were invited to attend a recognition banquet in Maryland, where Dr. Carson himself would attend.

Alden actually did a report on Dr. Carson during African American History Month and was surprised to learn the surgeon, who is credited with the first successful separation of twins at the cranium, had a dark past.

"I learned he had a rough childhood and people made fun of him, so he had a bad temper," said Alden. "You don't think that someone like that can turn out to be Ben Carson, but he prayed to the Lord to take away his anger."

Dr. Carson also credits his childhood turnaround to reading, according to the Carson Scholars Fund website. His mother limited his television time and made him read two books a week and provide a report on each.

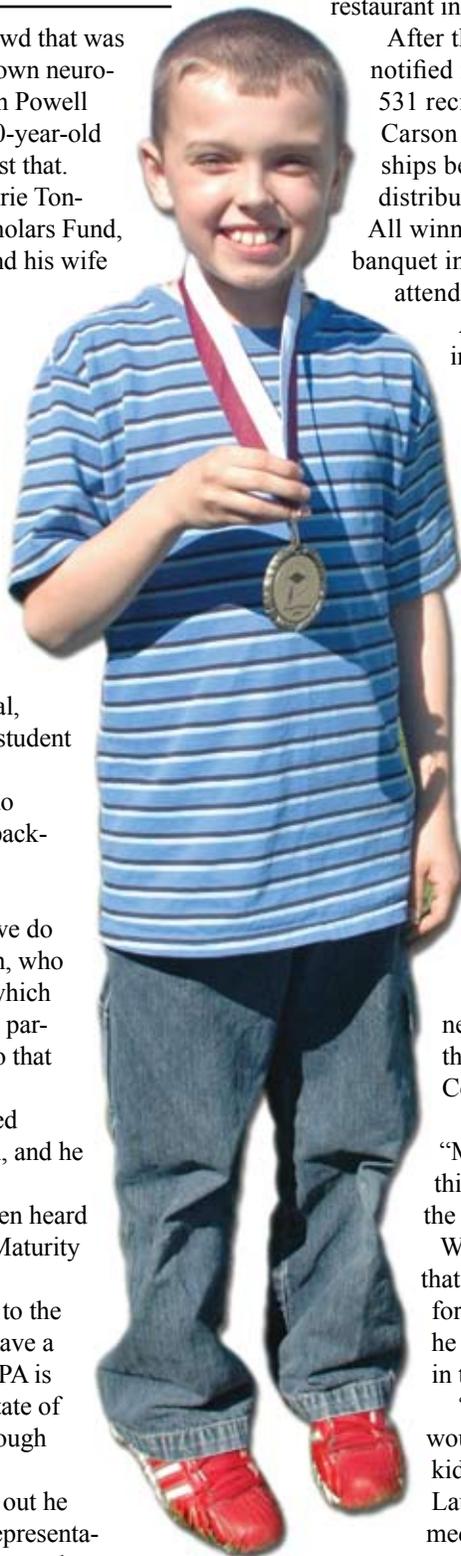
A television movie, depicting Dr. Carson's life, was released this year. Cuba Gooding Jr. portrays Dr. Carson in "Gifted Hands."

Also at the awards banquet April 26, was news anchor Sam Donaldson, who served as the master of ceremonies, and Retired General Colin Powell.

"I never heard of (Colin Powell)," said Alden. "My daddy told me he was a four-star general. I think it's the second highest. I know five-star is the highest but practically impossible to get."

While Alden said there were many cool things that came with this experience, like getting money for college and getting Jerome Bettis' autograph, he said the best part of the whole thing was being in the same room as Ben Carson.

"The fact that Ben Carson and his foundation would take the time to honor Alden and all these kids is extremely special," said Alden's mom Laurie. "When the kids marched in with the medals around their neck, I was really proud of Alden; he was so self assured and confident. It got me teary-eyed for sure."



Alden Tonkay



Photo by Capt. Marnee A.C. Losurdo

Tech. Sgt. David Jackson, 512th Logistics Readiness Flight, and 10 Dover Air Force Base Airmen, completed a ruck march here at 3:30 p.m. May 22 to raise funds for USO Del-

aware. Eleven Airmen began the march at the New Castle Air Base, headquarters of the Delaware Air National Guard. Five of the Airmen completed the entire 47-mile march.

Airmen march 47 miles for USO

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

At 3:30 p.m. May 22, five Dover Air Force Base Airmen finished a 47-mile ruck march from New Castle to Dover in 22 hours and 30 minutes carrying 35-pound ruck sacks.

Eleven Airmen started the march at 5 p.m. May 21 at the New Castle air base, headquarters of the Delaware Air National Guard.

The Airmen are fuels specialists with the 436th Logistics Readiness Squadron and the Air Force Reserve's 512th Airlift Wing's Logistics Readiness Flight here.

Tech. Sgt. David Jackson, 30, organized the march last year to celebrate his college graduation from Wilmington University and to support a good cause, which is to raise money and awareness of the United Service Organizations.

This year he decided to continue the tradition because he wanted to continue supporting the USO and all they do to

assist his fellow service members. In all, the Airmen raised \$500 and other donations were still coming in, said Sergeant Jackson.

USO Delaware Volunteers Lisa Stagg and Joan Cote, plus friends, family and fellow wing members met the Airmen at the finish line, the base flag pole on Dover AFB.

"All donors are important to the USO, especially troops who raise money for their brothers and sisters, they're a step above," said Ms. Cote.

The Airmen used the same route as last year, which included State Route 13, crossing over the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal at the Reedy Point Bridge in Delaware City, and back onto Route 13 through Smyrna on their way to Dover.

They wore safety reflective belts for the entire journey and used flash lights during the night, which is a state requirement when walking on the road at night.

Despite the long hours and physical challenges, he said he felt more prepared due to last year's experience.

"I feel good, better than last year," he said.

He attributes this to the medic who assisted them along the way.

Army Staff Sgt. Mike Stagg, son of Ms. Stagg, is assigned to the 4th Brigade, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Polk, La. He dressed the Airmen's blisters throughout their journey to Dover.

To prepare, Sergeant Jackson said he works out three times a week and does other ruck marches, such as the 436th Security Forces Squadron's annual ruck march, throughout the year.

Even with all the training, Sergeant Jackson said the long miles and hours took their toll, but in the end it was all worth it.

Fellow ruck marcher Airman 1st Class Les Busser with the 436th LRS said he agrees.

"Right now, I feel horrible and want to take a shower; but, it was still a good challenge, and the USO was with us the whole way," he said.

The Airmen also had the support of their family, friends and co-workers, added Sergeant Jackson. "It has been a real team effort."

As to whether they will do it next year, Sergeant Jackson said that is to be determined.

"We'll let the wounds heal first and see," he said.

AF changing fitness program

The Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs announced a plan to revise the current service-wide fitness program following the CORONA TOP leadership conference held at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz met with the service's other four stars and senior enlisted leadership to discuss, among other things, the service's fitness program. The leaders determined it was necessary to fine tune fitness testing, promote a year-round fitness culture, and send a clear message that health and fitness are vital to mission readiness.

The new Air Force instruction, projected for publication in July 2009, will better emphasize the service's fitness expectations of its Airmen. These changes are slated to take effect January 2010.

The most significant difference in fitness testing will be its frequency, Air Force officials said. Full-time active-duty Airmen will now test twice each year, and most reservists or guardsmen will continue to test once per year.

To maximize testing objectivity, the AFI designates trained civilian proctors to conduct fitness tests administered at new centralized locations called fitness assessment cells.

Senior leaders said a composite score of 75 is required to pass the test. The new AFI links unsatisfactory fitness test performance directly to enlisted and officer performance reports. *(Courtesy AF News Service)*

AF Marathon seeks volunteers

The 2009 U.S. Air Force Marathon may not be until Sept. 19 at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, but officials are already seeking volunteers to help plan and execute the race's many aspects.

Individuals interested in volunteering can go online to www.usafmarathon.com to see jobs, schedules, dates, times, etc. All registered volunteers will receive a goody bag, embroidered patch, T-shirt and volunteer certificate.

For more information, read the Air Force Print News story at <http://www.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123146995>. *(Courtesy AF News Service)*

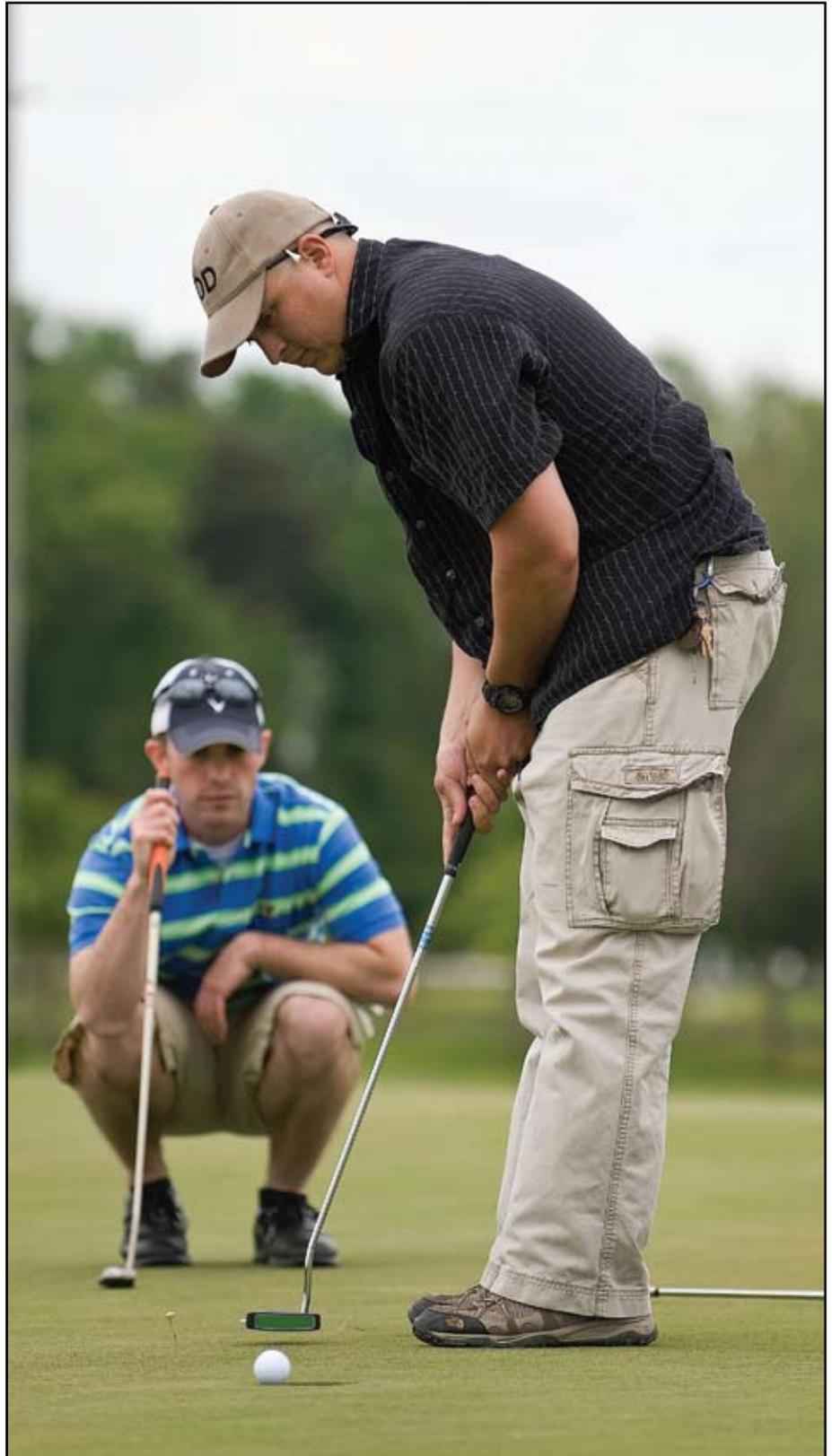


Photo by Roland Balik

Bluesuiters

Tech. Sgt. Stephen Kaufman, 512th Civil Engineer Squadron, putts as Senior Airman Jacob Schlemmer, 436th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, observes during the Bluesuiters Golf Tournament May 14. Local business and civic leaders spent a day on the golf course with Airmen from Dover Air Force Base to strengthen ties between the community and the base.

AF names next top enlisted leader

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz and Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Rodney J. McKinley have announced the Airman selected to be the service's next enlisted leader.

Chief Master Sgt. James A. Roy will become the 16th chief master sergeant of the Air Force during an appointment ceremony June 30, which will coincide with Chief McKinley's retirement.

Chief Roy and his wife, Paula, will come to the Pentagon from Camp Smith, Hawaii, where the chief currently serves as the senior enlisted leader and advisor to the U.S. Pacific Command combatant commander, representing more than 200,000 Airmen, Soldiers, Sailors and Marines.

For information, visit <http://www.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123148398>. (Courtesy AF News Service)

VP Biden announces housing assistance program expansion

Vice President Joe Biden May 14 announced the Defense Department's plan to expand its housing assistance program with \$555 million devoted to servicemembers forced to sell their homes at a loss due to the country's struggling housing market. The financial support comes from President Barack Obama's American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to supplement the department's Homeowner's Assistance Program.

The funds are allocated to provide benefits to military and civilian employees, according to a specific priority order, who suffered housing financial losses since 2006.

All active and former members of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force and Coast Guard, as well as Department of Defense civilians who have sold a home since 2006 may visit the Homeowners Assistance Program Website at <http://hap.usace.army.mil> to learn specific program criteria and eligibility.

For more information, visit <http://www.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123149483>. (Courtesy AF News Service)

AF.mil unveils new design

The Air Force's official web site now features a larger layout, larger photos and less clutter. It offers users new content types with the inclusion of slide-shows, new video capability, blog-like commenting on content and improved search capability.

The most visible changes of the redesign are the white space and the fewer links and tabs. The site also features new technology that allows users to comment on content posted on the site, embed video capability and a redesigned, customizable photo and art gallery.

For more information, visit <http://www.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123149609>. (Courtesy AF News Service)



Air Force officials release uniform board results

Air Force officials announced June 12 policy updates in the 98th Virtual Uniform Board decisions posted June 10.

The following provides a snapshot of approved uniform wear. Follow-on messages will be released that contain detailed guidance and instructions. All information will be incorporated into AFI 36-2903.

-- Effective Oct. 1, 2010, trousers on utility uniforms will be tucked into boots and give a bloused appearance. Tucking had previously been optional.

-- The green fleece formerly worn only as the All-Purpose Environmental Clothing System liner is authorized Air Force-wide as an outer-wear garment. The addition of the name, rank and service designators to the green fleece when worn as an outer-wear garment is authorized.

-- Airmen may use personal cellular telephones while in uniform and walking. Cell phones may be worn on either left or right side; however, the cell phone must be a conservative color. Military customs and courtesies are required and take precedence. Talking on a phone is no excuse for not saluting. Still prohibited is wearing hands-free devices such as cell phones attachments worn on the ears.

-- Enlisted chevrons will be worn on light weight blue jacket sleeves instead of the metal rank insignias on the collar effective Jan. 1, 2010.

-- The ends of boot laces must be tucked into boots. Wrapping the laces around boot is authorized.

-- The length of Airman battle uniform lower leg pocket will increase by approximately 1/2 inch.

-- Upper sleeve pockets are authorized on fire-resistant clothing authorized for the Central Command region.

-- Airmen earning and awarded the Army Parachute Riggers badge are authorized permanent wear on all uniform combinations. For the ABU and the battle dress uniform, the badge will be blue. On the desert combat uniform the approved color is brown.

-- Wearing the black Army Air Assault Badge on the BDU is authorized upon graduation from Air Assault School.

-- Organizational ball caps are not authorized to be attached to either lower leg cargo pockets on the BDU trousers.

-- The female ABU trouser fly buttons will be the same as on men's pants.

In February, Air Force officials delegated the authorization of black-boots in industrial areas to MAJCOMs, the concept, like many changes, originated from a Virtual Uniform Board input.

Airmen can provide uniform recommendations by going to the Air Force Innovative Development through Employee Awareness Program Web site at the Air Force Portal, <https://www.my.af.mil/gcss-af/USAF/ep/globalTab.do?command=org&channelPageId=->

Airmen also can access uniform information at the Air Force Portal by typing "uniform" in the search box in the page's upper right-hand corner. (Courtesy AF News Service)

Policy helps reservists keep per diem, avoid paperwork

About 3,000 Air Force reservists will not have to submit a waiver this summer to keep getting per diem.

The Air Force has authorized reservists on active-duty orders for more than 180 days at one location supporting Operations Noble Eagle, Iraqi Freedom or Enduring Freedom to continue to get per diem until Sept. 30, 2009, without submitting a waiver.

Reservists can obtain more information about the policy from their servicing finance office. *(Courtesy AFRC)*

AFRC selecting officers for developmental education

Air Force Reserve Command has a new process for identifying officers to attend developmental education.

Lt. Gen. Charles E. Stenner Jr., AFRC commander, signed a memorandum May 6 establishing the Reserve School Selection Board.

Air Force Reserve officers who want to attend developmental education, officer professional development or joint courses who are not vetted through the Development Education Board must meet the selection board. The selection board will meet twice a year. The first board will be in January 2010.

Officers will submit applications through the virtual Personnel Center-Guard & Reserve. *(Courtesy AFRC)*

National Security Personnel System under microscope

The federal government's largest pay-for-performance system, the National Security Personnel System, is under review at the request of officials in the Defense Department and the Office of Personnel Management.

The review should take three to six months; the findings and recommendations are expected to be delivered in late summer. Defense Department officials have suspended conversions of GS positions to NSPS until at least October, according to the NSPS Web site.

For more information, visit <http://www.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123144941>. *(Courtesy AF News Service)*



Photo by Staff Sgt. Celena Wilson

Chief Master Sgt. Dwight D. Badgett, command chief master sergeant for Air Force Reserve Command, speaks with Senior Master Sgt. Cathy Williams, special assistant to the command chief, about items of interest to Airmen at the command headquarters at Robins Air Force Base Ga. Chief Badgett advises the commander on all matters concerning the health, morale, welfare and effective utilization of enlisted Airmen at 66-plus locations.

Air Force Reserve Command gets new command chief

Chief Master Sgt. Dwight D. Badgett was selected as the Air Force Reserve Command's new command chief master sergeant by Lt. Gen. Charles E. Stenner Jr., AFRC commander, in May.

"Chief Badgett is exactly the type of person Air Force Reserve Command needs as our command chief," General Stenner said. "He has a depth and breadth of experience that will allow him to relate to and understand the unique needs of our Reserve Airmen. I am confident he will help take us to the next level in caring for Reserve Airmen."

Chief Badgett is the sixth command chief since AFRC became a major command in 1997. His previous job was at the AFRC headquarters where he was responsible for organizing, training, and equipping more than 4,800 reservists as the chief enlisted manager for civil engineers.

As the new command chief, he views his duties as the command's senior enlisted leader as very straightforward.

"I take the boss's vision to the field, and I bring concerns back to him," Chief Badgett said. "My concerns are supporting the Airmen, and, by that, I mean officers, enlisted and civilians. The other critical point is supporting the mission. If every-

thing we do is geared toward those ends, then I'll have done my job.

A job, he said, that is all about the Airmen.

"Every issue or question I come across, I keep that in the back of my mind," the chief said. "How will this affect our Airmen, and how does it affect our ability to accomplish the mission?"

Knowing someone cares is as important as pay and benefits, according to the chief.

"I've lived what they're living, so I can empathize with them and understand what they're going through," he said. "I've lived that traditional reservist life, I've lived the life of an individual mobilization augmentee, and I've been on Active Guard and Reserve status. I've also worked a lot of air reserve technician issues."

Enlisted force development and grade structure at the unit level are two of the chief's priorities. He plans to examine these issues closely over the coming months to improve them and make them easier to achieve.

"The Air Force has taken care of me for 27 years," said Chief Badgett. "It's my job to give something back now." *(Courtesy AFRC)*

Summer Fun

August Unit Training Assembly scheduled to be day of summer fun for reservists, families

Wing Picnic

The 512th Airlift Wing Biannual Picnic is Aug. 1 at 11:30 a.m. at the Eagle's Nest picnic area.

The picnic will feature a menu of hamburgers and hot dogs and entertainment will consist of a talent show, bands, a flag football tournament and games and activities for children.

Tickets for the picnic cost \$1 per person and \$3 per family. Tickets can be purchased from unit first sergeants or 512th AW Public Affairs. Individuals who would like to volunteer to assist with the event should contact Senior Master Sgt. Tony Campbell, 712th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, at (302) 677-5329.

Talent Show, Flag Football

Wing and family members who would like to participate in the talent show at the wing picnic may contact Master Sgt. Veronica A. Aceveda, 512th AW Public Affairs, at 302-677-3408. Tech. Sgt. Hakim Tutt is organizing a flag football tourney for wing members. To participate, contact him at 302-677-3594.

Galaxy Adventure

The 512th Airman and Family Readiness Center will be hosting the Galaxy Adventure for children from 7-11 a.m. starting at the 512th A&FR building. Children will get to visit five work centers on base, experience a commander's call, and go through a mobility line.

To register, call the 512th AW A&FR Center at (302) 677-3566 by July 24. Children of all ages are encouraged to sign-up and must be chaperoned by an adult.

SPOUSE FLIGHT

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Return this completed form to 512th AW/PA, 202 Liberty Way, Room 202, Dover AFB, DE 19902-5202; Fax: 302-677-2758; E-mail: 512aw.pa@dover.af.mil. **The deadline for nominations is July 18.**

RESERVIST'S INFORMATION

Rank/Name: _____ Unit: _____

Duty Phone: _____ Home e-mail: _____

Home address: _____

Home phone: () _____ Civilian work phone: () _____

SPOUSE'S INFORMATION

Spouse's full name : _____

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Emergency contact name: _____

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Reservist's signature: _____ Date: _____

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Spouse Flights

The 512th Airlift Wing is hosting a Spouse Flight the morning of Aug. 1. Spouses of reservists will have the opportunity to take an orientation flight on a C-17 Globemaster III. (The aircraft is subject to change due to mission requirements.) Spouses attending the flight will be sent additional information about the flight and the reporting time and location. Please fill out the registration form and complete with both reservist and spouse information. Forms are due to the 512th AW Public Affairs Office July 18. Applications can be faxed, e-mailed or mailed. Fax the form to (302) 677-2758; e-mail it to the 512th PA office at www.512aw.pa@dover.af.mil; or, mail it to 512th AW/PA, 202 Liberty Way, Dover Air Force Base, DE 19902-5202.

BRIEFS

512th Airlift Wing commanders calls Aug. 2

The 512th Airlift Wing is hosting commander's calls Aug. 2 at 7 a.m. and 3 p.m. at the Base Theater.

The 512th Aerospace Medicine Squadron, 512th Mission Support Group and wing staff agencies should attend the commander's call at 7 a.m. The 512th Operations Group and 512th Maintenance Group should attend the commander's call at 3 p.m.

For more information, contact Capt. Crystal Beach, 512th AW executive officer, at 677-5124.

Hurricane preparedness insert online

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration predicts a 75 percent chance of an above normal hurricane season, so it's important for families to be prepared. Hurricane season is from June through November with peak months being August and September. Hurricanes consist of winds exceeding 74 miles per hour, accompanied by intense rain, dangerously high tides and possible flooding.

For additional information, download the informational flyer at <http://www.512aw.afrc.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123151768>.

Match Up Base Race ongoing

Match Up's Base Race allows all Air Mobility Command bases to compete for monetary prizes to be used towards morale, welfare, and recreation programs. The AMC base who meets and exceeds their goal of number of registered players wins. Added to the Base Race grand prize are monthly \$1,000 prizes in July and August for the highest, single day registration total.

In addition to helping the base secure the grand prize, all registered players have the chance to win individual prizes from cash awards to a dream vacation. Every Team Dover member is eligible to play - active duty, Guard, Reserve, Department of Defense civilians, retirees and family members.

It takes two MatchUp game pieces to register and one game piece is free (enter code 9999-2009-999). The website to log on and play is www.amcmatchup.com. Additional game pieces can be obtained at most 436th Forces Support Squadron facilities.

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"This is why it is important to stay alert and keep your eyes moving, scanning the area all around you," he said. "If your eyes are locked on one thing, you may be ignoring another situation."

Motorcycle fatalities represent 11 percent of all highway fatalities each year, yet motorcycles only represent 3 percent of all registered vehicles.

Another main reason motorcyclists are killed in crashes is because the motorcycle itself provides virtually no protection. Approximately 80 percent of reported motorcycle crashes result in major injury or death, a pretty high percentage considering the average for automobiles is 20 percent.

That's what makes personal protective equipment so crucial.

PPE provides comfort and protection from the elements, a measure of injury protection and a means for other motorists to see riders.

"You always want to make sure you have the correct protective equipment because it is the best defense in surviving a crash," said Sergeant Giordano. "Studies show that the head, arms and legs are most often injured in a crash."

Happy times



Photo by Staff Sgt. Will Vickers

512th Airlift Wing members Master Sgt. Laura Perry and Staff Sgt. Mark Shortt married March 21 in a Dover ceremony. Sergeant Perry donated her kidney to Sergeant Shortt Sept. 22, 2008.

Liberty Baby

Master Sgt. Nadine Ritter announces the birth of her third grandchild. Born May 13, Bristol Starr Martin weighed 8 pounds, 12 ounces and was 21 and half inches long.



Clothing worn while riding should provide protection from head to toe and be brightly colored.

A high percentage of crashes occur because the driver of the other vehicle failed to see the rider in time to avoid the crash

Though all PPE is important, Sergeant Giordano said the most important piece of equipment is the helmet, which saves lives by reducing the extent of head injuries.

The National Highway Transportation Safety Agency estimates helmets saved 1,784 motorcyclists' lives in 2007, and that 800 more could have been saved if those motorcyclists had worn helmets.

Riders need to ask themselves if they trust their riding skills enough to make it through a split-second decision if they ever had to.

Training helps riders gain that needed experience.

"Whether you are a new rider or you have been riding for years, your best defense is to take an approved motorcycle safety course," said Sergeant Giordano, stressing all riders should maximize their exposure to the three base classes. "It is the best way to learn how to operate a motorcycle safely and skillfully, helping to eliminate mishaps."

(Senior Airman Deborah Robinson contributed to this article.)

512th salutes



RECOGNITION

Newcomers

The 512th Airlift Wing welcomes the following:
 Maj Stephen Ausband
 Capt Clifton Cunningham
 Capt Steven Donovan
 Capt Donald Schmidt II
 MSgt Rebecca Malloy
 MSgt Kwame Tawiah
 MSgt Kenneth Volante
 TSgt Jamillah Gonzalez
 TSgt Shannon Judson
 TSgt Jennifer Kim
 TSgt Anthony Ortiz-Rodriguez
 TSgt Paul Surowiec
 TSgt Keith Walls
 SSgt Ginger Adkins
 SSgt Quinton Allen
 SSgt Timothy Bartlett
 SSgt James Bradford
 SSgt Brandon Smallwood
 SSgt Ronald Smith
 SSgt Loutrecia Washington
 SSgt Pete Wehrly
 SSgt Brian Weidert
 SSgt Michael Whaley
 A1C Mark Anderson
 A1C Melissa Aydelotte

A1C John Brown Jr.
 A1C Maria Casuga
 A1C Kacy Gamache
 A1C Justina Gilliam
 A1C Larry Green
 A1C Esther Kim
 A1C Melanie Ring
 A1C Tracy Worth
 SrA Andre Ankiewicz
 SrA Jeremy Bennett
 SrA Yoannie Corbin
 SrA Rebecca Kauffman
 SrA David Manning
 SrA Herschel Miller
 SrA Miguel Navedo
 SrA Geogr Webster
 SrA Anthony Zeno
 Amn Curtis Scott
 AB Joshua Davis
 AB Curtis Scott

Henry D. Fortney II
 April Williams
To TSgt
 Julitssa Ortiz
 Todd Ritchey
 Robert Rogers
 Karla Rust
 Terry J. Willis Jr
 Barry Wilson
To SSgt
 Michael Coates
 Johnathan Concepcion
 Sean McGahuey
 Anthony Palma
 Kimberly Stackhouse
 Marisa Van Brunt
To SrA
 Jennifer Pottinger
 Hridayeenur Rahman
To A1C
 Jon E. King Jr

SMSgt Joseph Rothaupt
 Capt Dawn Card
 CMSgt Keith Hoyle
 MSgt Terry Archer
 MSgt Denise Bouchard
 MSgt Daniel Cox
 MSgt John Larrimore
 MSgt Charles Twitchell
 MSgt Joanna Williams
Commendation
 Maj Thomas Harmon
 Maj Wesley Pangle
 Capt Barry Ball
 Capt Tara Mather
 Capt Michael Mondeaux
 MSgt Bernard Cochran
 MSgt Edward Hendershot
 TSgt David Frazier
 TSgt Carolyn Riecke
 TSgt Rodney Scott
 TSgt Kyle Smith
 TSgt April Williams
Achievement
 TSgt Lee Herbert Jr
 TSgt Angela Kendall
 TSgt Brewster J. Knott Jr
 TSgt Darryl Menchion
 SSgt Maria Cordova
 SSgt Nathan Foose
 SSgt Sara Link
 SrA Rafael Mulero III

MSgt Cheryl Hawkins
 MSgt Joel Tallhamer
 MSgt Antoinette Worthey
Senior Enlisted Joint PME
 David Jackson
NCO Academy
 TSgt Jeffrey Glenn
 TSgt Theresa Stauffer
Airman Leadership School
 SSgt Sabrina Kibler
 SSgt Nicole Kohne
 SSgt Jeremy Pianalto
 SSgt Jason Straub
 SrA Michael Banks
 SrA James W. Holley Jr
 SrA Milton Mangual
 SrA James N. McNeil III
 SrA Dawn Senidoleitch
NCO Leadership Development Course
 TSgt Sonia Addison
 TSgt Todd Bell
 TSgt Guy Dubose
 TSgt Rhonda Fujan
 TSgt Sean Hanlon
 TSgt Jason Hoerner
 TSgt Wayne Leahy
 TSgt Jason Lowrey
 TSgt Darryl Menchion
 TSgt Gary Porter
 TSgt Leslie Settle
 SSgt Bernard Alexis
 SSgt Kedoni Hill
 SSgt Natalie Monteil
 SSgt Michael Spencer
 SSgt Nicole Younger
 SrA Isiah Copeland



Promotions

To SMSgt
 Brad Ferguson
 Kevin Werkmeister
To MSgt
 Antonio Bray

Medals

Meritorious Service
 Col Louis DiModugno
 Maj Joshua Redden
 Maj Richard Saunders
 SMSgt Sheila Berg
 SMSgt Joseph Donitzen Jr
 SMSgt James Dowd
 SMSgt David Schmid

Developmental Education

Squadron Officer School
 Joshua Friedman
Air Command & Staff College
 Maj Pedro Ramos
Senior NCO Academy

Scholastic Achievers

The following individuals scored a 90 or higher on a career development course.
 TSgt John P. Hemmerlein III
 SSgt Timothy Hamlett
 SSgt Carolina Rodriguez
 SSgt Richard Williams
 SrA Patrick Burk
 SrA Jarrod Mariotti
 A1C Lademicka Smith
 A1C Kevin Heesh

Retirements

CMSgt Samuel Davidson
 MSgt Brian McCullough
 MSgt Troy Johnson
 MSgt Karen Tate
 TSgt Elvis Armstead
 TSgt Grant Everett



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New butter on the block

Michelle Anderson, 512th Maintenance Squadron, is the wing's newest second lieutenant. Pictured are former Liberty Wing members who attended her Officer Training School Graduation June 2.

Say hello to



Senior Airman Marc Anderson joined the 326th Airlift Squadron as a loadmaster. The Felton native plans to complete his degree in Airway Science Systems and get comissioned as a pilot.

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512th Security Forces team deploys

The second security forces team from the 512th Airlift Wing deployed May 30 to serve a rotation at Kirkuk Regional Air Base, Iraq. The Liberty Wing Airmen will be assigned to the 506th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron and will provide base defense operations such as perimeter security, entry control and base patrol. Kirkuk, located approxi-

mately 250 kilometers north of the capital of Baghdad, has more than 750,000 residents. The air base, located at the edge of Kirkuk, also hosts the Army's 1st Brigade Combat Team of the 10th Mountain Division. During any given deployment rotation, about 900 active-duty Air Force, Guard and Reserve members are assigned to the 506th AEG.