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ON THE COVER

The Liberty Press has evolved from a black and white newsletter handed out during Unit Training Assembly sign-in to an award-winning full-color mailed magazine. It now changes to an electronic weekly edition and a printed annual almanac. *(Graphic illustration by Capt. Marnee A.C. Losurdo)*

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Records Check

Reservists need to check personnel records online before it's too late

Col. Michael T. Fitzhenry
512th AW commander

For a “seasoned” Air Force member like myself, embracing the electronic era can sometimes feel like a daunting task, especially as more and more programs are migrating online.

One of the most recent computerized transitions is one that will have a huge impact on your career. Earlier in the year and in line with the rest of the Air Force, our wing’s personnel records were transferred to Headquarters Air Reserve Personnel Center in Denver, Colo. There, the hard copy files were scanned and imported into an electronic database, which brings us to the next step I think we should all make sure we do before the deadline.

On Oct. 21, ARPC is scheduled to destroy all of the hard copy records they’ve received. This includes your enlisted and officer performance reports and Department of Defense Form 214s (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty).

These records, previously maintained by the 512th Military Personnel Flight Customer Service section are the property of the Air Force, not the individual. The Air Force directs their management and disposition, and ARPC will not return these records to the base or the member as we have asked.

It is imperative for you to take the time to review the electronic images of your virtual record online. I’m glad I did; I found one electronic scan that did not offer the best readability. ARPC was very helpful in trying to restore the image online and even mailed a hard copy to my home. Once those hard copy records are gone, they’re gone; and, it may become extremely difficult to verify some very important information later in your career such as DD-214s.

An e-mail was sent out last month by our 512th Mission Support Squadron detailing how to log on and view your records online. Even in this digital age, I’m aware some members may not have daily access to their military e-mail account, so I’ve included a shortcut to get you there from home or work.

Be sure to conduct your review from a government

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computer or use your Common Access Card reader at home to access the secure Automated Record Management System site.

Log onto the Air Force Personnel Center Secure Web site at <https://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/afpcsecure/MainMenu.asp> or via the AF Portal at <https://armsweb.afpc.randolph.af.mil/CyberDOCS/noticeARMS.htm>.

If you have any difficulties with ARMS, consult the 512th MPF at (302) 677-3523 or e-mail Tech. Sgt. Erica Weatherspoon at erica.weatherspoon@dover.af.mil.

After reviewing your records in ARMS notify ARPC with any discrepancies at ARPC.DPO@ARPC.DENVER.AF.MIL or call (800) 525-0102.

Since I’m an airline pilot, I compare a lot of things to flying. Imagine you are on a B-737 and the oxygen masks drop down. Take care of yourself first and then help those around you.

Supervisors, over the next couple of unit training assemblies, ensure your Airmen are afforded an opportunity to analyze what’s been archived electronically. It could greatly impact an Airman’s career. If you fail to view these documents now and are missing legible documents, then expect to spend countless hours trying to locate vital records, so they can reaccomplish a DD-214 or some other document that was not readable online or simply never scanned.

LIBERTY PRESS - END OF AN ERA

News, photos now to be found online

After more than 25 years in existence, the Liberty Press will change formats in an effort to keep the wing in line with the digital era.

This issue will be the last bi-monthly edition to arrive in the mail. The 512th Public Affairs Office is embracing several new electronic endeavors, which reduces the number of Liberty Press mailings to once a year.

“More and more people are getting their information and news from the World Wide Web, and many prominent newspapers around the world have also focused their attention to online reporting as well as social media avenues such as Facebook and Twitter,” said Capt. Marnee A.C. Losurdo, chief of 512th PA. “In fact, almost everything that you read in the Liberty Press has already been posted on our Web site.”

For those individuals who do prefer a printed product, the transition to the Web may be a challenge. However, in a time of limited budgets and personnel constraints, the Air Force issued a policy to end its long-standing tradition of producing papers in lieu of online publications.

Some bases, such as Dover, opted to contract out their newspaper two years ago, said 1st Lt. Brian Maguire, chief of 436th PA.

“Rather than military members laying out the Airlifter, a civilian organization publishes it; and, in turn, that organization earns money from the sale of advertisements,” he said. “This is what’s known as a commercial enterprise newspaper.”

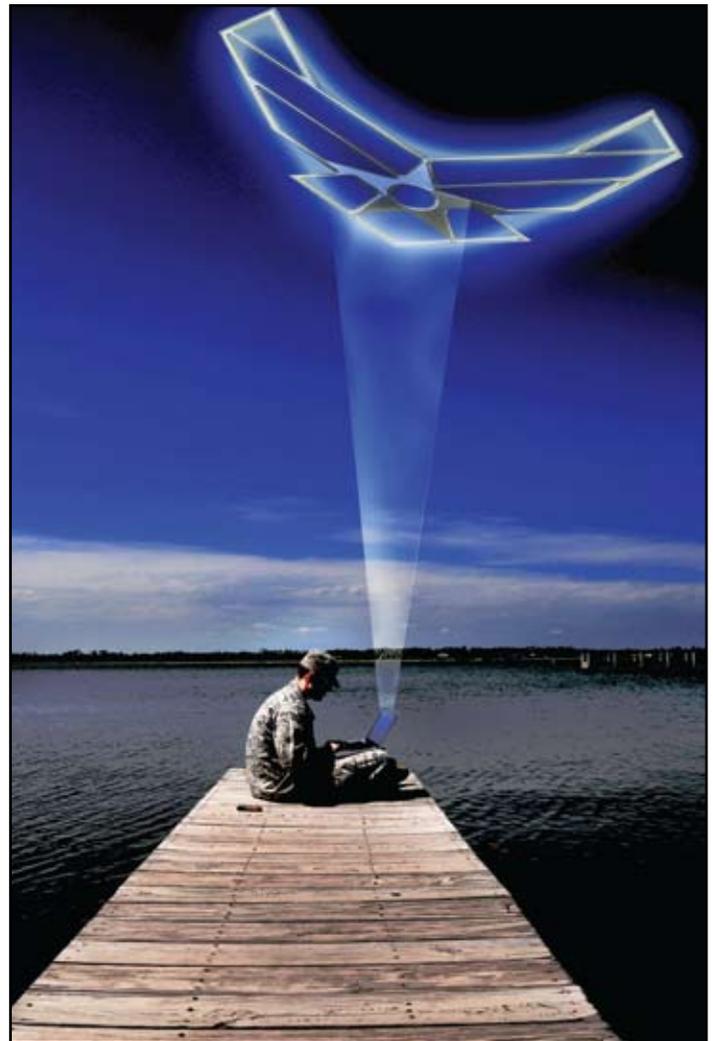
Per Air Force Instruction, every base is entitled to only one newspaper, unless there’s a specialized need, such as Reserve units assigned to a host base that has members who reside at various geographical areas. In these circumstances, Reserve units, including the Liberty Wing, are required to pay for the printing and mailing of their periodicals, which is costly.

However, reservists and their families won’t have to rely entirely on the Web.

“We plan to create an annual almanac edition similar to that of ‘The Book’ done by Airman magazine,” said Master Sgt. Veronica A. Aceveda, Liberty Press editor. “This periodical will not only feature wing news, features and pictures from throughout the year, but it will also include leadership biographies, fact sheets on the unit and its aircraft, a list of UTA dates as well as highlight any benefits and services available to reservists and family members.”

The 512th Airlift Wing is not alone in making this move toward modern technology. As of mid August, only 13 out of 34 Air Force Reserve Command units were printing a publication. Over the past couple of years, a noticeable trend for many PA offices showed newspapers reducing their frequency to bi-monthly, then quarterly, online only and ultimately for some, they were eliminated all together. Many units made this decision in order to focus on their Web sites and other social media, in addition to saving money and manpower.

Full-time 512th AW employees have already begun seeing part of the Liberty Press’ next look. The Liberty Press Weekly, a one-page edition of news, events and other information is sent via e-mail every Monday and will be posted online.



U.S. Air Force Illustration by Tech Sgt. Ryan Labadens

Social networking has taken the Air Force above and beyond a new horizon, ushering in a new era in the way we share the Air Force story. Become a fan of the 512th Airlift Wing’s Facebook page at www.facebook.com/512aw.

For almost 26 years, the Liberty Press staff has documented and published the achievements and historical events of the reservists who serve in the Liberty Wing.

Throughout these years, the Liberty Press has been published in many formats ranging from eight to 24 pages, from black and white versions to full-color and from regular paper and cardstock to the current glossy magazine style.

As the Liberty Press now evolves to an electronic weekly edition and a printed annual almanac, reservists and their families will still be kept informed on happenings in the wing, on base, in the Reserve and Air Force.

For any questions, or to submit an article or photo to the Web site, e-mail 512th PA at 512aw.pa@dover.af.mil or call (302) 677-3485. (Courtesy 512th Public Affairs)

Serving overseas

Security forces
reservists
return from
six-month
deployment



Submitted photo

Staff Sgt. James Black and 12 other reservists from the 512th Security Forces Squadron deployed to Kirkuk Regional Air Base, Iraq, earlier this year and returned in July. While at Kirkuk, Sergeant Black patrolled the base perimeter and worked in the towers, where he monitored the base for potential threats.

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

Thirteen Airmen from the 512th Security Forces Squadron here returned from a six-month deployment to Kirkuk Regional Air Base, Iraq, at the end of July.

The reservists, assigned to the 506th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron, provided base defense operations such as perimeter security, entry control and base patrol.

The city of Kirkuk, located approximately 250 kilometers north of the capital city Baghdad, has more than 750,000 residents. More than 4,000 U.S. personnel work at the air base, located at the edge of Kirkuk. Units serving there include the 506th Air Expeditionary Group; the U.S. Army's 18th Engineer Battalion; the 6th Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment of the 10th Mountain Division; the 3rd Brigade of the 25th Infantry Division; and, the U.S. State Department Provincial Reconstruction Team.

Master Sgt. Raymond Mooney led the first team of Dover Air Force Base security forces specialists who ranged in ranks from senior airman to master sergeant. Two 512th SFS teams are still serving with the 506th ESFS.

It was a deployment of firsts for Sergeant Mooney and some of his teammates. While he has deployed before on active duty, this was the first time the reservist was charged with being a team leader.

"It was a challenge to have full responsibility for the team," said Sergeant Mooney. "Some people were stressed about leaving their families, so I tried to keep the morale up and keep the team focused on accomplishing the mission."

Staff Sgt. James Black, 512th SFS, said the toughest aspect of his deployment was leaving behind his pregnant wife, Shanah, who, in August, was in her ninth month of pregnancy.

"It was hard to leave her behind knowing she would be going

through the majority of her pregnancy on her own," he said.

This was the first deployment for the Lower Merion, Penn., policeman who enlisted into the Air Force Reserve in 2004. At Kirkuk RAB, Sergeant Black patrolled the base perimeter and worked in the towers, where he monitored the surrounding area for potential threats.

"It was a good experience to see the broader aspect of the Air Force mission and how we operate in a deployed location," he said.

Sergeant Mooney, a U.S. Capitol police officer, said he also increased his knowledge of security forces operations. This was the first time he worked in a base defense operations center, a command and control facility that serves as the focal point for base security and defense.

"It was a learning experience working in the BDOC," said Sergeant Mooney, who added the base was attacked 16 times while the team was there. "The first time was a little intimidating; after that, it became somewhat normal. Fortunately, nobody was injured while we were there."

While the team conducted their pre-deployment training together at Mineral Wells, Texas, they worked in different areas and shifts on Kirkuk RAB.

"It would have been great to have been able to work together," said Sergeant Mooney. "But despite this, the group did really well."

"I'm proud of the team and how they represented Dover Air Force Base," said Sergeant Mooney. "During this whole process, from the pre-deployment training throughout the deployment, everyone maintained a positive attitude and had a lot of enthusiasm despite the long days and long nights. We made a positive first impression and led the way for the two 512th SFS teams who followed us and are still serving there."

Lt. Col. Mike Semo, 709th Airlift Squadron pilot, gives a tour of the C-5M Super Galaxy to a media member during Experimental Aircraft Association AirVenture Oshkosh in Wisconsin. More than 10,000 guests toured the aircraft during The Spirit of Normandy's two-day visit to the event.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Chad Padgett



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Team Dover members unload the aircraft in Wisconsin as Experimental Aircraft Association AirVenture Oshkosh visitors wait for the opportunity to tour the C-5M Super Galaxy. More than 10,000 guests viewed the aircraft during The Spirit of Normandy's two-day visit to the event.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Chad Padgett

Visitors board the C-5M Super Galaxy, *The Spirit of Normandy*, at the Experimental Aircraft Association AirVenture Oshkosh in Wisconsin. More than 10,000 guests toured the aircraft during *The Spirit of Normandy's* two-day visit to the event.

GOING BIG

Team Dover flies to one of nation's biggest air shows

Staff Sgt. Chad Padgett
436th Public Affairs

Every year Wittman Regional Airport in Oshkosh, Wisc., hosts one of the nation's largest Air Shows, the Experimental Aircraft Association AirVenture, bragging an attendance of more than 500,000 during the week.

This year, 20 Team Dover members from both the 436th and 512th Airlift Wings flew a C-5M Super Galaxy, *The Spirit of Normandy*, to represent Dover Air Force Base and Air Mobility Command. Nearly 10,000 spectators of all ages toured the aircraft and asked the Dover crew a myriad of questions -- How much does it weigh? What can it carry? Where do you fly?

"It is a great feeling to be able to support these kinds of events," said Col.

Dave Horton, 436th Operations Group commander. "We come out here and enjoy the throng of people who come through to see this airplane and hear about what we do; it's just amazing."

Even while waiting for their morning breakfast at the hotel, interested Air Show attendees would ask Airmen questions regarding the C-5M.

"I was an Airman 1st Class back in the '50s, and we didn't have anything like [the C 5M] back then," said Mel Cook. "It really is an amazing aircraft. It's so big; it's hard to believe."

The trip also allowed the crew to interact with the next generation of Airmen.

"The aircraft is so huge, I walked through and got to ask questions," said four-year-old Rory Broderick, who then proceeded to ask more questions about

the massive plane.

The crew also played host to Oklahoma Senator James Inhofe who was attending his 31st EAA Airshow. As a pilot, he was keenly interested in the airplane's enhanced reliability and capability as well as how it factored into the overall modernization plans for AMC.

After two days, the crew of *The Spirit of Normandy* packed up their equipment; and, as thousands lined up to watch, they performed a maximum effort take-off to return home to Dover.

"In two days, we were able to pass more than 10,000 visitors through our plane and probably answer as many questions," said Colonel Horton. "These events are not only good training for the crew, but it's great to be able to interact with the public, many of whom don't get to see these aircraft on a daily basis."

Liberty Wing reservists work to form Canadian sister squadron program

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

Reservists here visited members of the Canadian air force's 8 Wing at Canadian Forces Base Trenton, Ontario, Aug. 22 - 24 as part of an effort to initiate a sister squadron program.

Airmen with Dover's 512th Airlift Wing hoped to forge a partnership with the Canadian Airmen and identify training opportunities for flying, aerial port operations, airlift control and maintenance procedures.

A C-17 Globemaster III and 10 members from the 326th Airlift Squadron, 46th Aerial Port Squadron, 512th Airlift Control Flight and 712th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron flew to the Canadian base, two miles northeast of Trenton, Ontario, to meet with active-duty members of the 429 Transport Squadron and 2 Air Movements Squadron.

The program was the brain child of 326th AS Commander Lt. Col. Craig LaFave. He said he developed the idea of pairing up with the Canadians while working as the 512th AW program integration officer transitioning the 326th AS to the C-17 in 2007 and 2008. However, a series of inspections in 2008 and early 2009 put the idea on the back burner until this summer, he said.

Much like the 326th AS, the 429 TS has been flying the C-17 since the summer of 2007.

The 429 TS is part of the 8 Wing, which is the heart of Canada's air mobility forces and is one of the largest air force bases in Canada. In addition to the C-17, 8 Wing also flies the CC-130 Hercules, CC-150 Polaris, the CH-149 Cormorant tactical transport search and rescue helicopter and the CC-144 Challenger, which transports VIPs, according to the unit's Web site.

During the three-day venture, 326th AS Aircraft Commander Capt. Steve Churchill and his crew

received a flight briefing Aug. 22 about air space protocols and procedures. The next day, the 326th AS aircrew flew a training mission consisting of low-level navigation, assault landing zone operations, tactical arrivals and departures in Canadian military airspace.

"It's great for low-level flying," said Captain Churchill. "We benefited from this training, because we were able to fly procedures we can't typically conduct on the East Coast due to heavier air traffic."

Future plans are to fly with 429 TS aircrews, said the captain.

"The program will allow our crews and unit personnel to exchange unclassified tactics, techniques and procedures while building camaraderie with our Canadian allies," said Colonel LaFave.



Photo by Capt. Marnee A.C. Losurdo

Canadian air force Maj. Andy Cleveland (left), discusses flight plans with Capt. Steve Churchill, 326th Airlift Squadron aircraft commander, and Capt. Dan Zappe, 326th AS pilot, Aug. 23 at 8 Wing Canadian Forces Base Trenton. Dover Air Force Base reservists traveled to Trenton in Ontario province to identify future training opportunities with the Canadians.

Members of the 46th APS and 512th ALCF met with 2 Air Movements Squadron members Aug. 24 and received a tour of their facilities. On average, the Canadian squadron processes 23 million pounds of freight and 42,000 passengers annually, according to the unit's Web site.

"Anytime we can get together and train it will enhance our mutual operations, which are not all that different," said Maj. Aaron Spott, 2 AMS commanding officer. "We deploy to the same areas and share the same ramp space, so the more we know about each other's systems, the better we can work together."

Senior Master Sgt. Dan Schultz, NCO in charge of the 46th APS ramp section, said he is looking forward to working with the Canadians.

"We like this idea, because it's an excellent opportunity to jointly train together, which is beneficial for us, especially with an Operational Readiness Exercise next year and the Operational Readiness Inspection in 2011," said Sergeant Schultz.

But, this isn't the first time 512th AW reservists have trained with the Canadians.

"The Canadians have been down here this summer using our C-17 simulator, and my special projects office has sat down with them during the planning for these missions," said Colonel LaFave.

The 512th ALCF and reservists from throughout 22nd Air Force participated in Maple Flag Exercise 42, held at Cold Lake Air Base, Alberta, Canada, from May 29 - June 14.

The wing's next trip to Canada is planned for Sept 12-14.

"We hope we can continue a regular exchange, probably quarterly or semi-annually," said Colonel LaFave.



Photo by Capt. Dan Zappe

1st Lt. Onef Reyes, a 326th Airlift Squadron C-17 Globemaster III pilot, flies a training mission in Canada Aug. 23.



Photo by Capt. Marnee A.C. Losurdo

Master Sgt. Henry Fortney (left), and other 512th Airlift Wing reservists, met with Canadian air force Maj. Aaron Spott, 2 Air Movements Squadron commanding officer, during a visit to the 8 Wing at Canadian Forces Base Trenton, Ontario.



Photo by Capt. Marnee A.C. Losurdo

Senior Master Sgt. Dan Schultz, NCO in charge of the 46th APS ramp section here, discusses aerial port operations with Canadian air force Warrant Officer April Roach of the 2 Air Movements Squadron, a unit of the 8 Wing Canadian Forces Base Trenton, Ontario, Aug. 24.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Steve Lewis

Team Dover port dawgs work together to push a pallet off a 60K loader during a graded exercise July 20. Aerial Porters from the 512th and 436th Airlift Wings teamed up at the Air Mobility RODEO at McChord Air Force Base, Wash., where their skills were tested on events aimed at moving cargo and passengers.



RODEO

Team Dover participates in Air Mobility competition

Staff Sgt. Steve Lewis

Staff writer

Airmen from the 512th and 436th Airlift Wings have returned to Dover Air Force Base, Del., after participating in the Air Mobility RODEO 2009 at McChord AFB, Wash., July 19-25.

More than 100 teams, including seven foreign countries, faced off in the biannual competition, which tested the Airmen in airlift operations including aerial port, maintenance, security forces and aircrew.

Although Team Dover's extensive preparation and cohesiveness didn't result in any trophies, the competition did serve as a vital learning experience for the participants.

"The RODEO was a great experience and I thought the blended team concept worked well," said Lt. Col. Kevin Higginbotham, team chief and 326th Airlift Squadron member.

For most of Team Dover's participants, this year's RODEO was a first-time experience.

Senior Airman Mark Devine, 436th Security Forces Squadron, said the competition was the highlight of his Air Force career so far.

"I feel more confident training-wise, and I'd love to take some of the stuff I learn to show people back at home station," said Airman Devine.

In the closing ceremony celebration on July 24, 74 awards were announced to the competing teams. Among the different categories was the Best Air Mobility Team award, which went to the 62nd Airlift Wing, McChord AFB. The scoring was close, with the final results being tallied just minutes prior to the ceremony.

"What an amazing week this has been for the mobility community and from what I saw, (RODEO) was just as competitive as I thought it would be," said General Arthur J. Lichte, Air Mobility Command commander, during his closing remarks at the ceremony. "Everyone is leaving here a winner."

As Team Dover works together to hone their skills and tactics gained from the RODEO, Colonel Higginbotham said he was determined to have the wings come home as winners in the future.

"We look forward to doing RODEO again in two years, and next time we'll bring home a trophy," he said.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Steve Lewis

Maj. Richard Klarich, a C-17 Globemaster III pilot for the 326th Airlift Squadron, runs through his pre-flight checklist before taking off for a nighttime-graded exercise July 21 at the Air Mobility RODEO.

Reservists nab 15 RODEO awards

Air Force Reserve unit and blended unit (Reserve-Regular Air Force) teams combined to win 15 events at Air Mobility Rodeo 2009, the U.S. Air Force's premier mobility competition, at McChord Air Force Base, Wash., July 19-24.

- McChord's 446th Airlift Wing and the 916th Air Refueling Wing, Seymour-Johnson AFB, N.C., won two of the main awards at the week-long international competition. The 446th AW won Best Security Forces Team, and the 916th ARW took Best KC-135 Team. Sub-category winners by unit were:

- 446th AW, McChord AFB – Best Fit-to-Fight Team and Best C-17 Maintenance Team;

- 916th ARW, Seymour-Johnson AFB – Best KC-135 Post-flight Team, Best KC-135 Cargo Loading Crew and Best C-135 Aircrew (Gen. Bruce K. Holloway Trophy);

- Team Charleston, Charleston AFB, S.C. (437th AW and 315th AW) – Best C-17 AR Crew, Best C-17 Short Field Landing Crew and Best C-17 Pre-flight Team; and

- Team McGuire, McGuire AFB, N.J. (305th Air Mobility Wing and 514th AMW) – Best Combat Endurance Course Team, Best Backing/Combat Offload Crew, Best KC-10 Cargo Loading Crew, Best KC-10 Pre-flight Team and Best KC-10 Maintenance Team.

(Courtesy AFRC News Service)



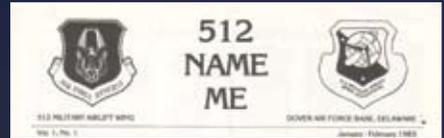
Photo by Staff Sgt. Steve Lewis

Staff Sgt. Derek Welinski, 736th Maintenance Squadron, inspects the landing gear on Team Dover's C-17 Globemaster III in preparation for a nighttime-graded evaluation July 21.

LOOKING BACK 1983 - 2009

512th Public Affairs

Over the past 25 and a half years, the Liberty Press has featured stories, photographs and achievements of 512th Airlift Wing Airmen during both war and peace time. Take a peek at just some of the events and accolades over the years. The news is posted by the date of the edition it appeared in. Although the once monthly publication will no longer be mailed to reservists' homes, the 512th Public Affairs staff will continue providing news worthy information, pictures and videos online and in other new social media formats such as the wing's Web site at www.512aw.afrc.af.mil and Facebook at www.facebook.com/512aw.



Jan/Feb 1983:

- The wing paper is initiated with a name suggestion contest as the lead story.
- Master Sgt. Robert Mooney traded his silver chevrons for gold bars as he was commissioned as a second lieutenant. The Honorable Robert A. Mooney retired from the Air Force Reserve and went on to become the mayor of Camden.
- Distribution was made during sign-in and out.



May/June 1983:

- The Talon was the name chosen for the paper.
- The first of 76 C-5A Galaxys were fitted with new wings under a wing modification program.
- Reserve members can now feel more secure about keeping their civilian jobs when participating in military training. The 1982 Labor Department policy that limited the amount of military training a member could receive and still claim re-employment has been rescinded.
- Caroline Vennell was promoted to staff sergeant. She went on to serve in the wing's highest enlisted position, command chief. She retired in 2007.

Dec 1995:

- The Dover Weasels, a 512th and 436th AW rugby team, beat the previous year's national military rugby champions, the Quantico U.S. Marine Corps, 12 to 5.



Jan/Feb 1996:

- 512th AW takes part in Operation Joint Endeavor by hauling more than 600 tons of cargo in support of peacekeeping efforts in Bosnia.

Mar/Apr 1997:

- 512th Civil Engineer Squadron provides humanitarian aid in South America by building a concrete school with plumbing and electricity.

Jul/Aug 1997:

- 2nd Lts. Randy Correia, William Mills and Gilbert Kesser were commissioned through the Deserving Airman Commissioning Program.

- Reservists to receive voluntary dental plan Oct. 1.

May/June 1998:

- Liberty Wing dedicates gazebo at AMC Museum in celebration of AF Reserve's golden anniversary.

- Capt. James Johann won 512th Aircraft Generation Squadron Junior Officer of the Year and went on to win 512th AW Junior Officer of the Year.

Sep/Oct 1998:

- Master Sgt. Janet Hawkins was the first wing member to complete the new Senior NCO Academy course on CD-Rom.

- Marshall Lott is the first civilian employee in Air Force Reserve Command to take a college level examination program in the wing.

Feb 1999:

- Staff Sgts. Marina Jefferson and Charles Boyer were featured on their opinions about reservists now being able to shop at the commissary 24 times a year.

Mar 1999:

- Master Sgt. Cathy Anderson, 512th Mission Support Squadron, was named Senior NCO of the Year. She's currently the commander of the 512th MSS.

Mar 1999:

- Anthrax: Fact and fiction

- Countdown to 2000: AF ready for millennium bug.

Mar 2000:

- Wing graduates first newcomer's flight, a two-month orientation to the wing and base.

- Government travel card becomes mandatory.

May 2000:

- 512th Airlift Control Flight acquires the Mobile Air Reporting Communications package.

Nov 2000:

- 512th Medical Squadron performs annual tour on a Sioux reservation.

- Wing reservists assist with the U.S.S Cole tragedy.

Jan 2001:

- A ground breaking took place Dec. 9 for a 512th Memorial Affairs Squadron building for offices and training areas.

- Visitor Center to share space with Reserve recruiting.

Oct 2001:

- Members from the 512th Security Forces Squadron and 512th Operations Support are activated.



Nov/Dec 1984:

- The first C-5A assigned to the Air Force Reserve went to the 433rd Tactical Airlift Wing, Kelly Air Force Base, Texas, Dec. 1.
- Air Training Command field detachments at Dover AFB, Del., and Travis AFB, Calif., are expected to accept C-5 Airlift Aerial Refueling Receptacle Trainer Systems in October 1985. Present training methods for C-5 refueling receptacles call for student maintenance people to spend five hours in the classroom, then climb aboard a "cherry picker" to practice what they learned high over a C-5.
- Master Sgt. John Scharmach won NCO of the Quarter; he retired from the AF Reserve and is currently the Super Port's traffic management officer.

Jul/Aug 1985:

- The first C-5B rolls out at Lockheed-Ga.
- A picture page of a civil engineer project featured Staff Sgt. Gary Green in an olive colored utility uniform, driving a backhoe during his first annual tour here. Chief Master Sgt. Gary Green retired from the 512th Civil Engineer Squadron and returned to start up the 512th Logistics Support Squadron's Fuels Flight. He's currently the 512th Maintenance Group's chief enlisted manager.
- Sgt. Jerry Woods, 512th Field Maintenance Squadron, was the first reservist to sign up for the



new GI Bill at Dover AFB.

- The uniform board approved wearing fatigues into fast-food restaurants to eat and for making convenience stops to and from work and approved wearing the women's flight cap 1 to 1.5 inches above the eyebrows instead of 2 to 2.5 inches above the eyebrows.

1986-1990:

- No copies of the Talon or Liberty Press are on file for these years. Donated copies will be archived.

Sep/Oct 1991:

- Tech. Sgt. James Miracle is interviewed by Al Wyntor of TNN during an orientation flight for broadcast on the "Video Morning" show.



- Oct. 1 was the mandatory wear date of the BDU. Sewing on rank, insignia and accouterments costs about \$7.50 per uniform.
- 71st Aerial Port Squadron dedicated a new training facility, completed in 1990. The unit has moved four times since 1978. This is now a permanent home.
- Officials announced a \$1.1 million renovation of Reserve Headquarters 202 to include a two-story addition for offices such as total quality management.
- One color can be seen periodically in the paper.

Sep/Oct 1994:

- Some Air Force jobs close to women. Women cannot be assigned to units whose primary mission is to engage in direct combat on the ground.

May/Jun 1994:

- More reservists offered early out retirement.
- 512th AW competes in Air Mobility Command Rodeo. The maintenance team is named number one. It included Master Sgt. Charles Hamlett, Master Sgt. Fred Eason and Staff Sgt. Richard Biasi.



Oct/Nov 95:

- The cycle ergometry test has officially taken the place of the mile and a half run as the Air Force Reserve's fitness measurement.



Aug/Sep 1995:

- Reservists are given two years notice to replace the aircrew-style name patch on BDUs with the sewn-on style patches.

Feb 2002:

- 512th SFS supports detainee operations at the U.S. Naval Base Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Sep/Oct 2002:

- AF proposed C-17s for Dover AFB.

Mar 2003:

- More than 700 wing members mobilized in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

May/Jun 2003:

- Langley shuttle service cancelled.

Jul 2003:

- Chapel Team delivers goodies to nightshift in "The Holy Roller"
- Checking "Split Disbursement" on travel vouchers becomes mandatory.

Aug 2003:

- AF rehails fitness requirements to include a 1.5 mile timed run, push-ups and crunches.

Oct 2003:

- Wing prepares for and endures Hurricane Isabel.

Dec 2003:

- 709th Airlift Squadron salutes state with naming a

C-5 "Spirit of the Blue Hen."

- New DoD mortuary opens.

Jan 2004:

- Reservists gain unlimited commissary use.

Sep 2004:

- Leave and earnings statements now automated.

Sep 2005:

- Liberty Press becomes a full-color magazine.
- Base delivers aid to Hurricane Katrina victims.

Nov 2005:

- 512th CES named best in AFRC.
- Action figure modeled after wing reservist, Tech. Sgt. Benjamin Fay.



May 2006:

- Seventeen people survive the first C-5 mishap in Dover history.

Aug 2006:

- New ABU is ready and available in 2007.

Nov 2006:

- President dedicates AF Memorial.

Mar 2007:

- 512th MXG reorganizes for C-17 mission, 712th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron created.

Apr 2007:

- 326th Airlift Squadron flies final C-5 mission.

May 2007

- Liberty Press wins Best Magazine in Air Force.
- Airman's Creed introduced.

Jul 2007:

- C-17 arrives.

Nov 2007:

- 46th APS moves into new building.

Jan 2008:

- Wing earns Meritorious Unit Award.

May 2008:

- Base wins the 2008 Commander in Chief's Award for Installation Excellence with \$1 million prize.

Sep/Oct 2008:

- Team Dover brings home Excellent ORI grade.

Mar/Apr 2009:

- Team Dover receives first C-5M Super Galaxy.



www.512aw.afrc.af.mil

Liberty Wing Web site tool to use

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

While it may be the end of an era for the 512th Airlift Wing's magazine, the Liberty Press, it doesn't mean reservists won't have instant access to wing events, news and photos.

From their homes, wing members and their families can access wing news, photos, factsheets and biographies with the click of a mouse on www.512aw.afrc.af.mil.

The 512th AW has had a public Web site since 1999. And, the fact is more and more people are getting their news and information from the Internet. Approximately 1.5 billion people currently use the Internet out of a global population of 6.7 billion, according to the World Internet Usage Statistics News and Populations Stats. Currently, the wing's public Web site is visited by 3,700 people monthly.

And, the wing's Web site has a lot of user friendly features. It was recently redesigned and offers users new content such as slideshows, video capability, blog-like commenting on content and an improved search function.

Wing members can subscribe to RSS feeds. RSS is an acronym for Rich Site Summary or Really Simple Syndication. What it means for users is if they have a favorite Web site or blog they like to visit, rather than having to

remember the site and visit it regularly, they can subscribe to RSS and have updated content sent to their desktop, blog or Web site automatically. RSS can also be used to deliver audio content, typically in an MP3 format, which users can listen to on their computer, phone or MP3 player.

The 512th Public Affairs shop also now has the capability to create and post online news and feature videos highlighting key wing events such as the recent video clip of the wing

picnic. Another unique feature is the Since the Last UTA audio podcast.

"This was designed to help keep traditional reservists in the loop, so they don't feel left out of what's happened in the wing and around base since they've been gone," said Master Sgt. Veronica Aceveda, 512th PA NCO in charge. "It's typically updated the Wednesday prior to the UTA, so reservists can even check it from home before they arrive for drill."

Another product to keep full-time unit members informed is the Liberty Wing Weekly, an e-bulletin of news briefs and events that occur each week. It's e-mailed every Monday and will be posted online.

Additional information on the site includes graphics, a question and answer section and features key links to informative Web sites, such as the 512th Airman and Family

Readiness Center, which benefits reservists and their families.

So, when the Liberty Press stops arriving in the mail, reservists and their families can turn to the wing's Web site, www.512aw.afrc.af.mil.

Wing has AF Portal page too

Another option for unit members to obtain information is the wing's Air Force Portal site on <https://www.my.af.mil/faf/FAF/fafHome.jsp>. To locate the wing's page log in to the Portal, click on Org A-Z listing, 0-9, and locate the 512th Airlift Wing.

The site has a lot of the same information as the public website, to include the wing phone book and organizational chart. Each squadron can set up a portal page and use it to post squadron specific information; and, if members have a CAC reader at home, they can access the AF Portal from their residence.

For more information about this option, call Tech. Sgt. Anthony Harris, 512th Mission Support Squadron, at 302-677-3537.



Photo by Capt. Shirley Whitney

Master Sgt. Phillip Vickery, 326th Airlift Squadron loadmaster and CrossFit trainer (left), assists Master Sgt. Jeremy Lee, 709th AS loadmaster, during a workout session Aug. 29. About 20 reservists from the 512th Airlift Wing started the CrossFit training program, which uses constant variation, high intensity and functional movements such as pushing, pulling, squatting, lifting or running.

Getting fit: Liberty Wing reservists get results with CrossFit

Capt. Shirley Whitney
709th Airlift Squadron

About 20 Liberty Wing Airmen recently embraced a program called CrossFit, which resulted in improving their physical fitness assessment results.

CrossFit is the creation of former gymnast Greg Glassman, and the prescription of this exercise regime calls for three things: constant variation, high intensity and functional movements such as pushing, pulling, squatting, lifting or running.

George Dobbins, owner of CrossFit Dover, trained about 20 Liberty Wing Airmen for three months this summer. He trained the Airmen on proper technique, cardiovascular endurance, stamina and strength training.

Master Sgt. Jeremy Lee, 709th Airlift Squadron loadmaster, said he decided to try this new exercise program to enhance his current fitness and was interested in trying a different workout option.

Many of the training sessions utilized teams and took place both inside and outside. During this time, Sergeant Lee and his Reserve counterparts were introduced to new equipment and exercises such as the Kettlebell Swing, Sumo Deadlift High Pull and Burpees.

Training sessions varied, so the workout of the day was rarely repeated. And, while individuals competed primarily against themselves, there was always some friendly competition, said Sergeant Lee.

Following the three months of training several of the reservists completed their annual fitness test, and results were evident.

"After completing the three-month program, I took my annual physical fitness assessment and shaved 1 minute and 18 seconds off my mile-and-a-half-run time," said Sergeant Lee. "The biggest change I've noticed is I have an increased level of energy throughout the day. In fact, the change has been so significant I've continued training with CrossFit at least three to four times a week."

Although not new to the exercise program, Master Sgt. Charles Thomson, 46th Aerial Port Squadron, started training in September 2008 and said it's made a huge difference in improving his fitness score.

"I was able to successfully pass the Air Force fitness test before, but the part of the test that caused the most problem was the run," he said. "However, in just two months of Crossfitting I improved my run, and I was able to cut approximately two minutes off my run time. I was taught a different running style that improved my form and

reduced the discomfort of running."

Master Sgt. Phillip Vickery, 326th AS loadmaster, said CrossFit has changed his life. He has been doing the exercise program for more than two years and received instructor certifications more than a year ago. He also assisted in training the Airmen undergoing the three-month program.

"Since joining CrossFit, I have lost 40 pounds and improved my physical fitness assessment score from a 77 to a 90," said Sergeant Vickery. "I'm in the best shape of my whole life right now, and CrossFit has now become a family affair."

His wife Heather just received her instructor certification in August and is working on the creation of a children's workout program.

"In fact, our lives have changed so much, it's no longer a question of how do we work our CrossFit time into our lives, but how do we fit everything else into our daily schedule," said Sergeant Vickery.

CrossFit is not unique to Dover Air Force Base. Several stateside bases such as Travis AFB, Andrews AFB, Bolling AFB, Schriever AFB, and Luke AFB have fully staffed CrossFit Centers that challenge Airmen in high intensity settings.

For more information, visit www.CrossFit-Dover.com.



Photo by Capt. Marnee A.C. Losurdo

Above: Face Painter Peter Domingo decorates the arm of Kali Kasprenski, 8, during the 512th Airlift Wing picnic Aug. 1 at the Eagle's Nest picnic area. Kali is the daughter of Senior Airman Scott Kasprenski of the 512th Maintenance Squadron. More than 1,100 reservists and their families attended the biannual event.

Right: Tech. Sgt. Jessica Hamilton, 512th Maintenance Operations Flight, spends time with her sons, Cody, 1, and Colton, 3, during the 512th Airlift Wing biannual picnic Aug. 1.



Photo by Capt. Marnee A.C. Losurdo



Picnic 2009



Photo by Capt. Marnee A.C. Losurdo

Myles Murphy, 6, salutes 512th Airlift Wing Vice Commander Col. Michael T. Fitzhenry during the wing commander's call Aug. 1 at the Eagle's Nest picnic area. Myles, son of Lt. Col. Myles Murphy, 512th Mission Support Group deputy commander, was one of almost 40 children who participated in the Galaxy Adventure. Children received a base tour and participated in the commanders call where Colonel Fitzhenry gave them a coin.

It was a day of fun, friends and family as more than 1,100 wing members attended the 512th Airlift Wing biannual picnic Aug. 1 at the Eagle's Nest.



Photo by Capt. Marnee A.C. Losurdo

Senior Master Sgt. Janet Hawkins, 512th Maintenance Operations Flight, plays a round of bingo.



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Senior Airman Juan Tristan, 512th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, and Tech. Sgt. Karla Rust, 712th AMXS, prepare food for the 512th Airlift Wing picnic Aug. 1 at the Eagle's Nest picnic area.

New Post 9/11 GI Bill now underway

The Defense Department is accepting registrations to transfer servicemembers' Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits to their spouses or children. To get started, Airmen must get counseling from their education center, said Lt. Gen. Charles E. Stenner Jr., commander of Air Force Reserve Command, in a letter to commanders. Next, they must have at least four years retainability, unless retirement-eligible, before they can transfer the benefits. Servicing military personnel flights can assist. Then, Airmen must verify family member information in the Defense Eligibility Enrollment System is accurate before attempting to apply to transfer the benefits.

Once all of this is complete, Airmen can apply online at www.dmdc.osd.mil/TEB. The site is accessible using a common access card, Defense Department self-service user identification or a Defense Finance and Accounting Service personal identification number.

The Post-9/11 GI Bill is available to most Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve members who have served a cumulative of at least 90 days of active duty since Sept. 11, 2001, other than annual or school tours. The most current and accurate information on the new benefit is available at www.gibill.va.gov or by calling (888) GIBILL-1.

DoD supports goal of tobacco-free military

An Institute of Medicine report titled "Combating Tobacco in Military and Veteran Populations," calls for Defense Department officials to set a timeline to eliminate smoking on military installations. DOD officials fully support the goal of a tobacco-free military and officials believe it's achievable through development and execution of a comprehensive plan as recommended by the report.

The report also recommends DOD officials stop selling tobacco products in military commissaries and exchanges, to prohibit tobacco use anywhere on military installations, and to treat tobacco use in the same way as other health-related behaviors, such as alcohol abuse and poor physical fitness.

Read the full Air Force Print News story at www.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123158228.

New Tricare regional contractors announced

Department of Defense officials have announced the selection of new Tricare managed care support contractors for the North and South Tricare regions in the United States. Transition from the current contracts is scheduled to begin immediately, with the start of health care delivery under the new contracts anticipated to be April 1, 2010.

Aetna Government Health Plans of Hartford, Conn., is selected for the North region where Health Net Federal Services is the current contractor. United Health Military & Veterans Services of Minnetonka, Minn., is selected for the South region where Humana Military Healthcare Services is the current contractor. The Tricare West region will retain its current contractor, TriWest Healthcare Alliance Corp.

States included in each region and other contract information can be found at a special Web page at www.tricare.mil/T3contracts.

Read the full Air Force Print News story at www.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123160049.



Luke AFB Airmen to test new ABU boot

Stain resistant, low maintenance boot prototypes will soon be tested by Airmen at Luke Air Force Base, Ariz.

"This boot is expected to be a solution for low-maintenance footwear that upholds a professional military image no matter the environment," said 1st Lt. Ashley Hawkes, the airman battle uniform program manager at the Air Force Uniform Office.

"The current boot turns black when exposed to chemicals, such as those associated with flightline operations," the lieutenant said.

The prototype selected will be low-maintenance and resistant to staining from harsh chemicals, oils and fuels. Maintenance is expected to be limited to wiping with a damp cloth.

Previous wear tests were conducted on the suede leather boot currently issued, but the results were unacceptable.

"The boots we've tested up until now have fallen short in maintaining a clean appearance," said Master Sgt. James Lynn, an Air Force Uniform Office subject matter expert. "We are confident this current test will provide the right answer."

Four prototypes, from different manufacturers, were selected for testing. Each boot is made of low-maintenance material designed to withstand exposure to chemicals in industrial areas.

Two hundred Airmen will participate in the testing. The Airmen had size measurements taken June 10 and the testing of the prototypes is scheduled to begin in August and last 45 days.

The main focus of this testing is to evaluate stain resistance characteristics of each prototype while worn in industrial environments. The prototypes will be exposed to situations that result in black stains on the current issue boot.

Airmen will complete an end-user survey at the end of the evaluation period, and a sample of the boots will be returned to the Air Force Uniform Office for analysis.

"Extensive research has gone into developing a boot to meet operational requirements, while being low-maintenance and maintaining a professional appearance for our Airmen," Lieutenant Hawkes said. "The results of this test will pave the way ahead." *(Courtesy Air Force News)*

Title 10 change for ART mandatory separation date

There was a recent change to Title 10 on the mandatory separation date for Air Reserve Technicians, which created a new command policy for ART officers.

The previous policy allowed ART officers to request an MSD extension to the date at which eligible for an unreduced civil service retirement annuity. The command policy is now expanded, allowing ART officers to request an MSD extension to age 60.

ART officers whose current MSD falls between June 4, 2009 and June 4, 2011, will be contacted by Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command to determine their desire to request or decline an MSD extension to age 60.

The new policy letter detailing the process can be viewed at www.afrc.af.mil/shared/media/document/AFD-090630-026.pdf. The point of contact for this policy is Donna Waters at (478) 327-1321. *(Courtesy Air Force Reserve Command)*

Some reservists invited back to funded billets

Lt. Gen. Charles Stenner, commander of the Air Force Reserve Command, signed a memo recently authorizing Participating Individual Ready Reserve members to enter paid status as Individual Mobilization Augmentees.

Some members currently in the PIRR are former IMAs who lost their positions in 2007 when approximately 5,000 IMA slots were unfunded during a reduction of 7,700 AFRC manpower authorizations. This Pro-

gram Budget Decision 720 initiative helped pay for force modernization. Senior AFRC leaders worked closely with regular Air Force major commands to make tough decisions while maintaining mission capability.

In 2007, Air Force leaders decided to increase Air Force end strength. Consequently, AFRC recently was authorized to add approximately 4,200 positions for new, emerging and critical missions. Of those authorizations, approximately 800 are IMA positions.

Current PIRR members are being given preference in filling these IMA billets. A PIRR member can also be assigned as an overage in an IMA billet if a primary billet is not available or can be assigned against a "pseudo" billet. The overage position is authorized for only two years from date of assignment, so members should still be looking for a primary billet during the two-year period. This program does not apply to colonels, chief master sergeants, academy liaison officers or Civil Air Patrol members.

For more information contact the respective program manager or base IMA administrator. *(Courtesy AFRC)*

Fiscal 2010 force structure realignments announced

Force structure, realignment and management actions supported by the president's budget as well as the reassignment of aircraft at bases were addressed in the Fiscal Year 2010 Force Structure Announcement. Read the announcement at www.af.mil/shared/media/document/AFD-090626-085.pdf or review the briefing at www.af.mil/shared/media/document/AFD-090626-084.pdf.

New vice chief of staff of Air Force takes office

Gen. Carrol H. "Howie" Chandler is the new vice chief of staff of the Air Force, succeeding Gen. William M. Fraser III who held the position since October 2008. General Chandler comes to the Pentagon after two years of service as commander of Pacific Air Forces; Air Component Commander for U.S. Pacific Command; and Executive Director, Pacific Air Combat Operations Staff, Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii. *(Courtesy Air Force News)*

New sexual assault prevention Web site

To reinforce the Air Force's commitment to eliminating incidents of sexual assault, officials have debuted a new Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Web site to raise awareness and provide prevention training, education and victim advocacy.

The Web site contains a range of material, including definitions and policy, general information to victims and the public, and discusses the availability of medical treatment, advocacy and referral services with contact lists for the proper agencies that provide critical services.

Visit the new SAPR Web site at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/library/sapr/index.asp; or, read the full story at www.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123158259.

Migration to centralized e-mail service begins

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz signed a directive memorandum recently granting the Air Force Network Operations commander centralized order-issue authority over the operation, defense, maintenance and control of Air Force networks.

As part of an ongoing service-wide cyber operations transformation, the Air Force will establish a centralized user directory and e-mail service known as ADX that will service all Air Force network users.

The changes will be relatively transparent to most network users, but this migration to centralized services will significantly improve security and efficiency on the Air Force Global Information Grid.

Read the full story at www.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123158958.

Chief Roy explains road to Air Force's top enlisted leader

After high school, James A. Roy wanted to do something with his life where he could get some training and an education. He wanted to do something that wasn't what everyone else was doing. He enlisted as an airman basic in September 1982; nearly 27 years later, he is the 16th Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force. Chief Roy said he entered the Air Force with the idea of serving four years and doing the best he could in that time, both for himself and for the Air Force. He said he wasn't thinking about a long-term career at the time. He took advantage of the education the Air Force offered and was the first in his family to earn a college degree. Read the full story at www.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123159055.



TSP change for civilians

President Obama recently signed into law the Thrift Savings Plan Enhancement Act of 2009 as part of the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act (Public Law 111-31).

One of the provisions of the new law eliminates the waiting period of appropriated fund civilian employees covered under the Federal Employees Retirement System to receive Agency Automatic one percent and Agency Matching Contributions to their TSP accounts. Read the Air Force Print News story at www.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123157216.

New civilian jobs on way

Squadrons with more than 50 military and civilian members could start seeing relief in managing their additional duties soon, with 1,200 created civilian unit program coordinator positions.

The 2008 Airman's Time Assessment revealed Airmen were being pulled away from their jobs to work full time on unit programs such as the Government Travel Card program and safety and security programs. By hiring 1,200 civilians, Airmen can get back to their primary duties.

New hires are expected to start reporting to work as early as October.

Read the Air Force Print News story at www.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123159639.

New civilian class online

As the Air Force continues developing its total force initiatives, civilians can now take the New Employee Orientation course online.

The Web-based training provides civilians insight into the Air Force culture and mission through seven modules including Air Force heritage and personnel administration.

Although AF Instruction 36-401 mandates the NEO course only for civilian employees, any civilian, military member or contractor may take it.

Read the Air Force Print News story at www.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123158161.

Task group recommends reconstruction of NSPS

A Defense Business Board task group has recommended reconstruction of the National Security Personnel System. About 205,000 of the 865,000 Defense Department civilians are in NSPS.

The overall conclusions are the pay-pool process is overly complex and lacks transparency. Also, payout formulas are confusing. The task group heard repeatedly that pay band 2 is too broad, and reassignments within the pay bands fluctuate from organization to organization. The group also believes NSPS has lessened the bonds of trust between first-level supervisors and employees. There is also a recommendation to replace the current general schedule classification system.

Read the Air Force Print News story at www.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123159071.

Quick hire of military spouses begins soon

Under a new personnel rule, which takes effect Sept. 11, some military spouses could be quickly hired for federal jobs without going through the usual competitive process.

Spouses of active-duty servicemembers who have been called on to relocate are eligible. This includes spouses of guardsmen

and reservists on active-duty orders for more than 180 days, except for training. Eligible spouses must be moving to another duty station accompanied by their servicemember.

Spouses of former servicemembers listed as 100 percent disabled and separated or retired, as well as widows and widowers of servicemembers who died on active duty and who have not remarried also are eligible.

Read the Air Force Print News story at www.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123163426.

Acquisition work force steps toward reform

The federal civilian defense acquisition work force is expected to grow by about 20,000 over the next five years as Defense Department officials increase and reshape the acquisition work.

The Defense Department will increase the number of federal civilian employees conducting acquisitions-related jobs by 20,000, while reducing its contractor work force by about 10,000. This will expand the acquisition work force from its current 127,000 federal employees and 52,000 contractors to 147,000 feds and about 42,000 contractors by fiscal 2015. The first 4,100 of the new federal employees are expected to be hired through a competitive selection process during fiscal 2010.

Read the Air Force Print News story at www.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123164179.

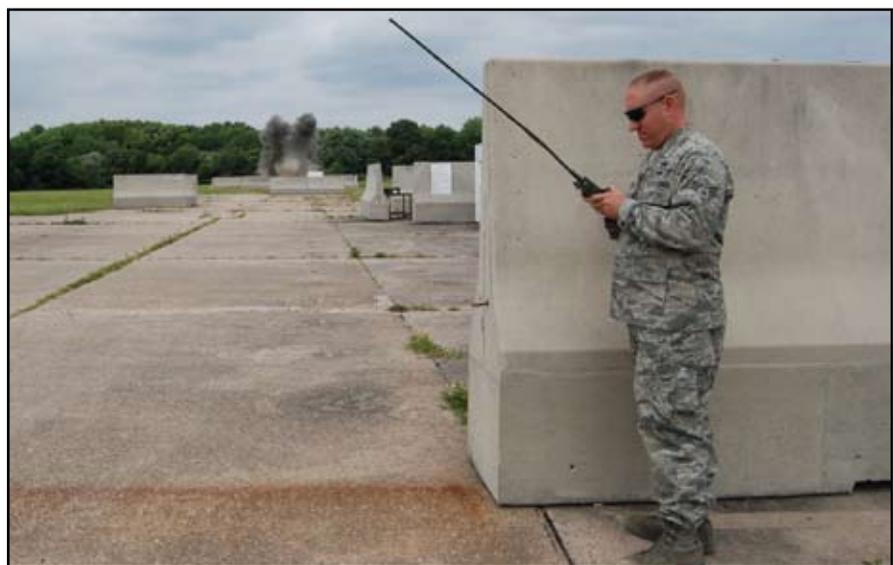


Photo by Staff Sgt. Steve Lewis

Kaboom

Senior Airman John Larosch, 512th Civil Engineer Squadron, detonates explosives with a transmitter July 11. CES Airmen train monthly on explosive ordnance disposal in order to stay proficient.

Wing names quarterly award winners

Announced in July, the 512th Airlift Wing's quarterly award winners for April through June in their respective categories are:

- Senior Airman Justin Porter, 512th Security Forces Squadron.
- Staff Sgt. Michael Spencer, 512th Logistics Readiness Flight.
- Master Sgt. Joseph Mogle, 512th Maintenance Squadron.
- Capt. Kandi Playford, 326th Airlift Squadron.
- John Young, 512th Mission Support Squadron.

Each member receives an engraved acrylic award.

Apply now for wing-level job opening

The 512th Airlift Wing is looking to hire a wing historian. The office for the technical sergeant slot is located in the wing command section, Building 202. The training school for this career field is at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. For more information, call Capt. Crystal Beach at (302) 677-5124.

NCO Leadership Development dates in April

The dates for the next NCO Leadership Development course are April 19-23 and April 26-30; these dates encompass one class. Airmen cannot perform annual tour for this course. To apply, the unit training manager needs to send an e-mail with member's rank and full name to JohnM.Young@dover.af.mil. Slots will be filled on a first-come first-serve basis. Class size is limited to 25 students.

Internet Protocol Television now at Dover

Internet Protocol Television is now available on base. This free service is provided over any computer connected to the base LAN. It's also available to all TVs. TVs will need to have a LAN connection and a set top box. IPTV offers eight channels: MSNBC, Fox News, CNN, Weather Channel, CBS, NBC, Commanders Channel and the Pentagon Channel. The link to IPTV is: <https://fjxtvflm.amc.ds.af.mil>.

Blue Suiters Golf Tournament Sept. 29

The Blue Suiters Golf Tournament is Sept. 29 at the Eagle Creek Golf Course here. Registration is at 11 a.m. with a noon shotgun start. For additional information and to register, call Tech. Sgt. Christin Michaud, 436th Airlift Wing Public Affairs, at (302) 677-3355.

Recognize Airmen, meet award deadlines

Nominations for the below awards are now being accepted. For more information, contact the wing's Career Enhancement section at (302) 677-3507.

- 2010 NCOA Vanguard Award recognizes an NCO who has performed a heroic act, on or off duty, which resulted in the saving of life or the prevention of serious injury. Packages are due Dec. 7.

- 2010 Joan Orr Air Force Spouse Award recognizes significant contributions made by non-military spouses of Air Force military members. Packages are due Dec. 7.

- The Spirit of Hope Award for 2010 is named in honor of Bob Hope and is awarded to men, women, military organizations, entertainers and others whose patriotism and service to the United States reflects that of Mr. Hope. Packages are due Dec. 21.

Recognizing excellence

Eleven-year-old Matthew, son of George and Maj. Cathy Anderson, 512th Mission Support Squadron commander, recently graduated from the base's Drug Education for Youth program. He was also recognized during his 5th grade graduation from Welch Elementary School as a recipient of the President's Education Awards Program for Outstanding Academic Achievement.



Submitted photo

512th OG receives final ASEV ratings

The 512th Operations Group underwent an Aircrew Standardization Evaluation Visit Aug. 17 - 24. A team of 24 inspectors evaluated aircrew flight operations and verified safe and effective mission accomplishment. Crews were tested and flight evaluations were administered. The Reserve flying unit scored the following:

- Overall Grade: Mission Ready
- Aircrew testing: Outstanding
- Aircrew Evaluations: Excellent

Several unit members were recognized as exemplary performers.

Travel office now open on Saturdays

In response to customer feedback, the Information, Tickets and Tours office has expanded their hours of operation to include Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Reservists can now visit the ITT office, located in Building 124, for travel and local cinema ticket needs. For more information, call (302) 677-3955.

Base gas station open for business

After 11 months of construction, the ribbon was officially cut on the Army and Air Force Exchange Service Southside Service Station Aug. 24.

The old service station had been completely demolished and replaced with a new, larger facility that better suited the needs of the base.

The new service station features a new floor design, a fully automatic car wash and eight gasoline pumps and two Diesel pumps with 24 hour access.

While the main construction is complete, some work is still in progress, including an ATM and two food establishments, Subway and Tim Hortons.

UTA schedule misprint in last month's edition

There was a misprint in the UTA schedule in the July/August Liberty Press. The correct dates for the October A and B Teams are Oct. 3-4 and Oct. 24-25.

Newest NCOs



Photo by Jason Minto

Thirty-one NCOs attended the 512th Airlift Wing NCO Induction Ceremony Aug. 2 at the Landings. The Airmen were promoted to staff sergeant over the past year. The ceremony, hosted by the wing's Top 3, formally inducted these Airmen into the NCO corps. Col. Michael T. Fitzhenry (left) administered the oath of enlistment. Also part of the ceremony was Chief Master Sgt. William T. Wild III (right), 512th AW command chief. This picture along with individual shots from the event can be downloaded at www.512aw.afrc.af.mil.

Top NCO on base

Chief Master Sgt. John Evalle is the new command chief for the 436th Airlift Wing here. He spoke to a First Term Airman Center class for the first time Aug. 3. The chief gave advice on career advancement to the new Airmen. While Chief Evalle is the highest ranking enlisted person on base, turn to page 19 to hear the new chief master sergeant of the Air Force explains his journey to the highest ranking enlisted position in the Air Force.



Photo by Jason Minto

512th salutes



RECOGNITION

Developmental Education

Industrial College of the Air Force
Lt Col James Dignan

Air War College
Lt Col Clifford Zdanowicz

NCO Leadership & Development
SSgt Hermionne Johnson

Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education
MSgt Kenneth Bachman

Senior NCO Academy
MSgt Robert Burkhamer
MSgt Ralph Ritter
MSgt Eric Sellers
MSgt Deborah Simpson

NCO Academy
MSgt Valerie Harwood
TSgt Sonia Addison

Airman Leadership School
SSgt Daryl Adams
SSgt John Hughes
SSgt James Keogh
SSgt Vernon Reed
SSgt Adam Nusbaum
SrA Johnathon Robert Boyd
SrA Blake Bufogle
SrA Richard Claycomb
SrA Travis Darden
SrA Sarai Goldsberry
SrA George McKann
SrA Adam Nusbaum
SrA Juan Tristan
SrA William White

Scholastic Achievers

The following individuals who scored a 90 or higher on a career development course.
Lt Col Gretchen Kurlander
SMSgt Charles Gordon
SMSgt Janet Hawkins
MSgt Calvin Little
TSgt Vincent Holt
SrA Marc Anderson
SrA Dwayne Blunt
SrA Thomas Cook
SrA Lawrence Tobin
Amn Kyle Trengo

MSgt Alexis Lynn
TSgt Steven Deery
TSgt Keith Ranck
TSgt Christopher Todd
SSgt Christopher Hall

Aerial Achievement
Maj Hugh G. Hamilton III
MSgt Jeremy Lee
TSgt Steven Deery
TSgt Tomarcus Gerald
SSgt Natalie Montell

Meritorious Service
SMSgt David Buches
MSgt Tyrone Bradford
MSgt Troy Johnson

Commendation
SMSgt Dale Cotton
MSgt William Timmons
TSgt Ronald Affayroux
TSgt Rhonda Fujan
TSgt Gregory Funk
TSgt Anthony Harris
TSgt Pateresa Hilton
TSgt Jaime O'Brien
TSgt Brian Ratzlaff
TSgt Todd Ritchey
SSgt Rodney Douglas
SSgt Carrie Huot
SSgt Brian Scher

Achievement
Maj Sterling Davis
SrA Lorraine Almanza
SrA Sean McGahuey
SSgt Joel Griffith
SSgt David Guy
SSgt Paul Knight
SSgt Samuel Landolph
SSgt Jeffrey Lopez

Newcomers

The 512th Airlift Wing welcomes the following:
Capt Alicia Warren
TSgt Angela Peacemaker
SSgt Kevin Calhoun
SSgt James Harrison
SSgt Joseph Lathe
SSgt James Royal
SSgt Alexander Thomas
SrA Christine King
SrA Sharard Mizell
SrA Kenneth Schlitt
SSgt John Wingrove
A1C Galo Cabrera
A1C Eugene Chuang
A1C Idilia Gonzalez
A1C Charles E. Hicks II
A1C Marina Lemut
A1C Cassandra Love
A1C Thomas Rowland
Amn Jared Harrington

Retirements

Lt Col Gregory Murray
MSgt Tyrone Bradford
MSgt Ellsworth Conover
MSgt Bruce Ivey
MSgt Chandra Sutton
TSgt John Ryan



Promotions

To MSgt

Arthur Gauani *
James Blake
Shawn Byers *
Joseph Grier
Valerie Harwood
Donald Kinney
Kevin Livingston
Darlene Macy
Rodney Scott

To TSgt

Andrew Bowman
Donavan Brown
Jessica Fry-Hamilton
Jessica Hatch
Jasmine Hodge
Carrie Huot
Omar Latiri

Michael Motes
Mary Peterson *
Jovan Stafford
Yerkesy Tecson
Nicole Younger

To SSgt

Daryl Adams

Patrick Burk
Michael Banks
John Charles
James Holley
John Hughes
James Keogh
Shavonda Knight
Edward Laurie
Milton Mangual
Vernon Reed
Dawn Senidoleitch
Corey Stone
Ravin Tatman
Lorea Tilghman
To SrA
Jennifer Dellis
To A1C
Brittney Bankes
Barbara Maloney
Mojika Hand
* Under PEP

Medals

Air Medal

Lt Col Eric Weber
Capt Daniel Zappe
SMSgt Larry Reed
MSgt Donovan Beckford
MSgt Robert Bottoms
MSgt Robert Kaehler
MSgt Brenda Kremer



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Three decades later

Master Sgt. Marlowe Barnes, 709th Airlift Squadron, takes his final flight during a mission to St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands June 27-28. Sergeant Barnes retires following 33 years of service with the 512th Airlift Wing. He worked in maintenance for 13 years and 20 years as a flight engineer.

Say hello to



Airman 1st Class Asia Addison joined the 512th Aerospace Medical Squadron as an information management specialist. The Dover native plans to pursue a degree in nursing and get commissioned.

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Team Dover returns from RODEO

Team Dover flew home July 25 from the Air Mobility RODEO at McChord Air Force Base, Wash., after facing off against 100 different teams in airlift operations events

including aerial port, security forces, maintenance and aircrew. Turn to pages 10 and 11 for the complete story and more pictures from the competition.