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Senator signs statement of support

U.S. Senator for Delaware Tom Carper (sitting center) signed the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve's Statement of Support for the Guard and Reserve March 19 in Wilmington, Del. On hand to witness the event was Maj. Gen. Francis Vavala, Delaware's Adjutant General, and Col. Randal L. Bright, 512th Airlift Wing commander.

Play golf in Bluesuiters Tournament

Registration for the Spring 2010 Bluesuiters Golf Tournament is underway. The April 29 event at Jonathan's Landing Golf Course is designed to promote relationships between the Dover civilian community and the military community here. Teams will be comprised of two Air Force members and two community members. Registration begins at 10 a.m. and the event begins at 11 a.m. The cost to enter is \$65. To sign up, call Anne-Marie, Central Delaware Chamber of Commerce, at (302) 734-7513.

Apply for Air Force summer jobs

The Air Force is ramping up for the upcoming season by advertising hundreds of job vacancies online that support the annual summer employment program. Qualified individuals can apply online at USAJOBS.gov for various positions, including office automation and computer clerks, laborers, lifeguards and recreation aides. Most summer jobs are classified into pay grades 1-4. Read the full story at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123196173>.

C-5M completes milestone

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With the completion of the Operational Testing and Evaluation, the C-5M Super Galaxy is effective, suitable and mission capable.

With this milestone behind it, the C-5M Super Galaxy will continue to operate at Dover Air Force Base as the project begins to develop conversion courses which will teach pilots and maintainers how to operate the aircraft are scheduled to begin in October.

"We'll continue to refine systems around the C-5M's capabilities," said Lt. Col. Mike Semo, 709th Airlift Squadron C-5M program office chief and C-5M pilot. "We want to capitalize on the direct delivery capabilities of the aircraft. If we can get the cargo three hours closer to the warfighter, we can save over 12 hours in flight time for the local C-17s."

The C-5M completed a non-stop flight to Iraq and delivered its cargo on time; something C-5A and B models were unable to do. This allows commanders more options in utilizing the aircraft's airlift capabilities depending on situations that arise, said Colonel Semo.

"It's a privilege to be chosen to field this aircraft," said Colonel Semo. "To have input in procedures and techniques that allow us to develop the system, it's an honor. The C-5M has really seen a lot of firsts here at Dover."

Another upcoming milestone will be the site survey for the pilot and flight engineering training unit at Dover for the C-5M which is scheduled to begin in June. The goal of this unit is to train pilots and flight engineers to be proficient in the new C-5M.

"Everyone is excited to get the C-5M," said Colonel Semo. "Pilots want to fly it and the squadrons want to begin conversions as soon as possible. It's going to be a really easy transition over to this new aircraft."

Dover is scheduled to receive its fourth C-5M in Sept. This C-5M will be the first production model of a modified C-5B. The full rate production decision is scheduled to be decided in September.



Photo by Roland Balik

During the C5-M's operational testing and evaluation, it was found to be effective, suitable and mission capable.