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512th Airlift Wing, Dover Air Force Base, Del.



U.S. Air Force graphic

AF AF underway

Dover's Annual Air Force Assistance Fund drive runs through April 16. The 512th Airlift Wing's representatives are:

- **512th Operations Group, Tech. Sgt. Tony Bastone,**
- **512th Maintenance Group, Capt. Paul Hauspurg,**
- **512th Mission Support Group, Staff Sgt. Patricia Kerrigan,**
- **512th Aerospace Medicine Squadron, Chief Master Sgt. David Townsend and**
- **512th Airlift Wing staff agencies, Master Sgt. Aruthur Gauni.**

The 512th AW's overall AF AF project officer for the 2010 campaign is 2nd Lt. Michelle Anderson, 512th Maintenance Squadron.

Bluesuiters Golf Tournament deadline April 15

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.

May 2: new date for wing commander's call

Due to scheduling conflicts May 1, the 512th Airlift Wing Commander's Calls originally scheduled for the Saturday of the May unit training assembly will now take place Sunday, May 2 at the following times:

- 7:15 a.m., 512th Operations and Maintenance Groups
 - 3:00 p.m., 512th Mission Support Group, 512th Aerospace Medicine Squadron and wing staff agencies.
- Both events take place at the base theater.

Dover reservists mobilized for Afghanistan troop build-up

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Approximately 300 Air Force Reserve flight crew members, maintenance technicians, aerial porters and support personnel were called to active duty April 5 to support the Afghanistan troop build-up this spring.

The 512th Airlift Wing reservists will be activated for about six months to provide airlift support for Operation Enduring Freedom for the movement of 30,000 additional American troops, a plan President Barack Obama announced in December.

"As reservists, we train like we fight; so, when our nation calls upon us, we are ready to execute the mission, fulfill worldwide air mobility requirements and ensure the safety of our nation and its citizens," said Col. Randal L. Bright, 512th AW commander. The Reserve unit has more than 1,700 personnel. Also known as the Liberty Wing, the unit flies and maintains the C-5 Galaxy and C-17 Globemaster III aircraft, which transport military assets and supplies to U.S. fighting forces around the globe.

While not yet determined, some of the activated reservists will deploy to Southwest Asia, however, the majority will be stationed at Dover AFB to support the movement of armored vehicles, helicopters and other support equipment to Afghanistan.

Maj. Jeff Snyder, a 326th Airlift Squadron pilot, is one of the activated wing members who volunteered for this assignment.

"I wanted to be here, and I'm proud to be able to contribute to the war effort by supporting our fellow service members who are in theater," said the major who has served in the AF Reserve for 17 years.

Even though the six-month activation poses some challenges for his employer and family, the pilot said he's fortunate to have their support.

"My employer is very supportive of the military as many of the employees have a military background, so I've never had any problems," said Major Snyder, who works as a commercial pilot for a major U.S. airline based in Washington D.C.

"And, anytime you are away from home and your family, it can be difficult," said the pilot, who has a wife and six-year-old son in Maryland. "My family would prefer I'd be at home; but, they understand this is the nature of the business, and they support me 100 percent."