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Gas station closure

The base service station will be closed from midnight Sept. 26 until midnight Sept. 30 due to end of year fiscal closeout. Only first responder vehicles and equipment will be permitted to receive fuel during this time. For questions, please call (302) 677-6735.

New fiscal year brings uniform changes

The following uniform items are phased out as of Oct. 1.

- The 2EXX, 3AXXX and 3CXXX legacy badges will no longer be worn.

- The green fleece outer garment must have name, service designator and rank affixed to wear.

- The black fleece will no longer be worn as an all-purpose environmental camouflage parka liner.

- Tucking the Airman Battle Uniform or Battle Dress Uniform trousers into the boots will remain optional versus becoming mandatory. Pant legs can either be tucked in or bloused over the boots.

- The 100 percent wool, pull-over, blue sweater will no longer be worn.

Future changes:

- The phase-out date for the gray and dark blue scarves, gloves, mittens and earmuffs are Dec. 31.

- The BDU and Desert Combat Uniform, and all their uniform items, are still authorized until Nov. 1, 2011. Airmen can still wear the desert tan boots with their ABU until the mandatory wear date in November.

For more information, concerning any uniform wear or change issues go to www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/dress/index.asp.



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USO Delaware employee Yolanda Bottorf distributes free NASCAR tickets to Staff Sgt. Carolina Angulo, 436th Airlift Wing Protocol Office, Sept. 20 inside the USO Community Center on Dover Air Force Base, Del. USO Delaware handed out hundreds of tickets to Airmen for the Sept. 26 sporting event at Dover International Speedway.

USO Community Center open for all base members, not just space-available travelers

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(Editor's note: This is the first of a three-part series about the USO Delaware and its programs)

The USO Community Center, inside the 436th Aerial Port Squadron Passenger Terminal, opened with a fizzle in February 2010, but not for lack of trying.

After two grand opening attempts foiled by Mother Nature, the doors to the former cafeteria and the pride of the Delaware USO simply opened.

"The hurricane and snow storms killed our grand openings, so we just moved forward with running the center," said Bruce Kmlec, the director of programs for USO Delaware.

The community center originally opened in

the fall of 2009, but since then, it has quietly served its customers at the passenger terminal and the dignified transfer program.

While the USO facilities keep busy with their work with dignified transfers, they are overwhelmed with what Joan Cote, the director of the Delaware USO, thinks is the bread and butter of their community center -- local customers.

"Our dignified transfers mission has way higher numbers and has gone on way longer than we thought it would," said Ms. Cote. "We're hoping for a lull in that business. This center isn't just for deploying troops. We want to break that misconception and let the base community know that anyone can come in to use our facilities."

To read more about the amenities the USO Community Center offers, visit <http://www.512aw.afrc.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123223687>.