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U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Andria Allmond

## Turkey time

**Master Sgt. Tammy Hough, 512th Airlift Wing first sergeant, passes a plate packed with Thanksgiving fare to Master Sgt. Troy Baker, 512th Equal Opportunity office, during a holiday feast Nov. 7, at the Patterson Dining Facility here. Members of 512th Airlift Wing's leadership volunteered their time to serve hungry patrons as part of a Thanksgiving tradition on base.**

## 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' report to be released Dec. 1

The report of the working group looking at the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" law will be released in full Dec. 1, Pentagon Press Secretary Geoff Morrell said Nov. 18 at the Pentagon.

President Barack Obama has asked Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid to submit legislation to repeal the law as part of the Defense Authorization Bill.

Senator Reid said the Senate will look at this proposal after Thanksgiving.

"(President Obama) has made a call, as I understand it, to Senator (Carl) Levin this week and Senator Reid, I believe, as well, making it clear that he wants to see the repeal of 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' attached to ... the National Defense Authorization Act," Mr. Morrell told reporters at the Pentagon.

Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates supports repeal of the law that excludes openly gay servicemembers from serving in the military.

Secretary Gates first wants a study done on the possible ramifications a repeal of the law

would have on the force. The study group, led by Defense Department General Counsel Jeh Johnson and Army Gen. Carter F. Ham, is nearly finished with its work.

DOD officials are working from drafts of the report to assess what would have to be done in the event of a repeal of the law.

The plan is for the report to be delivered Dec. 1, "at which time it will be provided to the Congress," Mr. Morrell said. "It will be provided to you, so everyone can see the nine-month effort that's been underway to try to figure out the implications of a repeal and what needs to be done internally to prepare for that change. We're almost there."

DOD officials are getting feedback from the service secretaries and service chiefs on the report.

That information also will be presented to Secretary Gates as he charts a course forward for the department, Mr. Morrell said. (*American Forces Press Service*)

## Don't miss Tops in Blue

The Tops in Blue 2010 World Tour comes to Dover Nov. 23. Admission is free for the event at Delaware State University's Humanities Theater. The doors open at 6:15 p.m., and the show begins at 7:00 p.m.

## Review aims to streamline ART hiring process

Personnel officials from the Air Force Reserve Command and the Air Force Personnel Center met Oct. 26 through 28 to begin steps in reducing the timeline of the hiring process for air reserve technicians, or ARTs.

Leaders from AFRC and AFPC met with civilian force integration officials to identify present challenges, assess performance gaps and set goals for reducing the hiring process by 50 percent. Their efforts also are intended to tackle a 15-percent ART vacancy rate.

ARTs account for approximately 14 percent of Air Force Reserve Command personnel but make up 70 percent of the command's full-time staff. Traditional reservists make up 80 percent of AFRC, while civilian employees represent the remaining 6 percent.

To read the rest of the story visit: <http://www.512aw.afrc.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123231190>.

## Don't forget to take AF Climate Survey

More than 130,000 people have participated in this year's Air Force Climate Survey, but more are needed to participate and provide their feedback to Air Force commanders and senior leaders before the survey closes Nov. 28.

The climate survey assesses the opinions and perceptions of active-duty, Guard, Reserve and civilian members on several key factors including satisfaction, resources and unit performance.

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