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



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## Auxiliary airlift

**A 512th Operations Group aircrew, from Dover Air Force Base, Del., pause for a snapshot with members of the 31st Civil Air Patrol Wing, Penn., following their Dec. 4, 2010, C-17 orientation flight, which included a mid-air refueling over the skies of New Hampshire. The Civil Air Patrol is a volunteer civilian auxiliary of the Air Force when CAP services are used by any department or agency in any branch of the federal government.**

## Alaska C-17 fatal mishap findings released

Officials at Headquarters Pacific Air Forces released the results of their investigation Dec. 10 into a fatal C-17 Globemaster III aircraft mishap July 28 at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska.

Gen. Gary North, Pacific Air Forces commander, directed an investigation into the incident which resulted in the deaths of the four crewmembers aboard, the destruction of the \$184 million aircraft and damage to part of the Alaska Railroad.

The accident investigation board found clear and convincing evidence the cause of the mishap was pilot error. The investigation revealed the pilot placed the aircraft outside established flight parameters and capabilities. During the mishap sortie, the pilot aggressively flew the aircraft in a manner inconsistent with established flight procedures, resulting in a stall. The pilot failed to take required stall recovery actions.

Furthermore, the board concluded the co-

pilot and safety observer failed to recognize or address the developing dangerous situation. As a result, the C-17 stalled at an attitude and altitude from which recovery to controlled flight was impossible.

Brig. Gen. Carlton D. Everhart II, served as the Accident Investigation Board president. General Everhart is vice commander of the 618th Air and Space Operations Center at Scott Air Force Base, Ill. The general is a command pilot with more than 4,400 flight hours in a variety of aircraft, including the C-17.

The mishap occurred as the C-17 -- tail number 00-0173 and call sign Sitka 43 -- practiced for the Arctic Thunder Air Show scheduled for the weekend of July 31 at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson.

For a copy of the Accident Investigation Board report, visit <http://www.pacaf.af.mil/library/aib-reports/index.asp>. Video footage of the mishap flight is also available at that website. The footage has been edited to cut off just prior to the aircraft's impact out of consideration and respect for the families of the deceased. (Courtesy Air Force News Service)

## Aero Club offers Holiday Night Flights

The Aero Club begins its Holiday Night Flights Dec. 17, when a maximum of three people per aircraft can see holiday lights from the sky. The flights are about half an hour long and require two days advanced scheduling. It costs \$55 for one person and \$5 for each additional person in the same aircraft. Please note, Light flights will not be conducted Dec. 24-25 and Dec. 31-Jan. 1. For more information, call (302) 677-6365.

## Basketball team looking for players

The 512th Airlift Wing intramural basketball team is recruiting players. To join the team, call Master Sgt. Hakim Tutt, wing career assistance advisor, at (302) 677-3594.

## Annual holiday dinner event in the works

Organizers of the annual Feed the Troops Dinner are gathering food items needed for this year's event Dec. 24, 2010, in Bldg. 794. Wish-list items include turkeys, hams, gallon canned corn, green beans and sweet potatoes; cranberry sauce; pies and cakes.

All are welcome to attend. The day shift dinner is from noon until 4 p.m., and the grave shift dinner is from 11 p.m. to 3 a.m. For more information, call one of the following points of contacts:

- 512th Aircraft Maintenance members Master Sgts. Bob Reese or Curtis Brosius at (302) 677-5328 or

- 712th AMXS member Senior Master Sgt. Rene Baldrich at (302) 677-5329.