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Don't miss wing commanders' calls over February UTA

The 512th Airlift Wing Commanders' Calls will be Feb. 6 at 7:00 a.m. for the 512th Mission Support Group and 512th AW staff agencies and at 3 p.m. for the 512th Operations and Maintenance Groups and 512th Aerospace Medicine Squadron. Both events are held at the base theater.

MSG commander to retire

A retirement ceremony for Col. Elaine K. Barron, 512th Mission Support Group commander, is scheduled for 2:30 p.m., Feb. 5 in the Air Mobility Command Museum. The dress will be uniform of the day for military attendees and business casual for civilians.

New fitness requirements for deploying Airmen

Airmen preparing to attend Army-taught Combat Skills Training prior to deploying to a joint expeditionary tasking in direct support of combatant commander or joint task force ground component missions will soon be required to possess a current and passing fitness assessment, according to new Air Education and Training Command guidance. The new standards, which already apply to Air Force-taught Combat Airman Skills Training, take effect Feb. 1. For more information on JET, visit www.jetairmen.af.mil.

VA to aid veterans exposed to Agent Orange in Korea

Veterans exposed to herbicides along the demilitarized zone in Korea will have an easier path to health care under a Department of Veterans Affairs regulation that expands the dates when illnesses caused by exposure can be presumed to be related to Agent Orange. Published Jan. 25, VA officials will presume herbicide exposure for veterans who served between April 1, 1968, and Aug. 31, 1971, in a unit that operated in an area in or near the DMZ in which herbicides were applied. Previously, it was recognized that exposure could only be conceded to vets who served in units along the DMZ between April 1968 and July 1969.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Andria J. Allmond

Wing NCOs win best in command for safety

This month, the Air Force Reserve Command recognized two 512th Airlift Wing noncommissioned officers for their roles in wing safety here. Master Sgt. Ronald McCoy, 512th Security Forces Squadron, obtained the title AFRC Ground Safety NCO of the Year (additional duty) and Tech. Sgt. James Duff, 512th AW Safety Office, received the AFRC Weapons Safety NCO of the Year accolade.

Last year, Sergeant McCoy organized safety inspections of more than 200 firearms in one week, as well as conducted and supervised live-fire exercises for 318 personnel. He also assured safety requirements were met for 26 deployed wing members supporting contingency operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"It was a privilege being nominated by the (512th Airlift Wing) safety office," said the master sergeant. "I just followed the program (the safety office) put together and benefited from my unit taking safety seriously as it remained accident free. When you have a unit working together, the program runs itself."

An active member in the 512th AW Top Three, Sergeant McCoy volunteered with the Delaware Special Olympics and the Lake Forrest High School, Felton, Del., cross country team.

Sergeant Duff's accomplishments include aiding in the prevention of explosive mishaps, injuries and damage to Department of Defense resources. While inspecting six unit weapons safety programs and training plans, he identified requirement shortfalls and then assisted the unit safety representatives in meeting the established standards. Also, he provided support for the Afghanistan troop build-up by serving as the primary weapons-safety point of contact for all munitions transitioning through Dover AFB.

"The nominations submitted by the (numbered Air Forces) were impressive and the competition was intense," said Lt. Gen. Charles Stenner, AFRC commander. "I congratulate all of the nominees and commend them for their dedication to duty and outstanding performance."

Members of 22nd Air Force brought home seven AFRC awards out of 13 categories for fiscal year 2010.