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



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Col. Randal L. Bright (left), 512th Airlift Wing commander, stands with Col. Mark Camerer, 436th AW commander, as they both speak about the importance of teamwork for the upcoming Operational Readiness Inspection Feb. 11, 2011, at the base theater here.

Operational Readiness Inspection preparation kicks off

With the Operational Readiness Inspection less than a year away, Team Dover is taking the steps necessary to be prepared and to excel. The ORI will be a joint operation between the 436th and the 512th Airlift Wings and will take place in December at a deployed location. The inspection will be comprised of three phases: deployment, employment and re-deployment.

The deployment phase focuses on processing the cargo and assembling the Airmen that will go downrange. The task is to ensure deployers are adequately prepared and equipped to conduct operations when they get to the deployed location.

The employment phase is the execution of combat operations - a demonstration of the team's ability to accomplish the combat mission in any environment. However, the mission is not over until everyone returns back to Dover Air Force Base, Del., safely. A big element of the inspection will be the third and final phase, the re-deployment phase.

Dover AFB will be taking a building block approach to training and throughout the year there will be numerous events that focus on each phase.

In the middle of February, there will be an exercise testing Team Dover's readiness to load and deploy cargo. In March, the first deployment exercise will take place. Throughout the summer, there will be other exercises to hone skills; and, in September, a major exercise will pull all three phases together.

"This approach gives us time to adequately assess our readiness, make adjustments to our process and be ready to excel when the ORI team gets here," said Col. Mark Camerer, 436th AW commander.

To ensure both wings are prepared, there will be major events held on Unit Training Assembly weekends for both wings.

"The 2008 ORI players set the standard of excellence," said Col. Randal L. Bright, 512th AW commander. "It is now our turn to live up to that standard of excellence."

CAC pin scam circulating

A scam email is currently circulating with the subject line reading: "IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED: CAC PIN length increases." Please do not respond or click on the link within the email.

The scam email requests owners of Department of Defense Common Access Cards to click on a link within the email to increase their pin numbers from six digits to 10 to 14 digits in length due to "potential weaknesses."

'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' repeal training to come

Air Force officials will soon begin training Airmen in anticipation of the repeal of the law and policy commonly known as "Don't Ask, Don't Tell."

The first tier of training will focus on Air Force experts responsible for implementing policy changes and personnel providing repeal-related services to Airmen. The second tier will focus on Air Force leaders and will assist commanders, senior NCOs and civilian supervisors in preparing for and implementing repeal. The final tier will train and prepare the broader force while reinforcing expectations of professional and personal conduct through engagement by experts and leaders at all levels.

Additionally, a "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" repeal site will open on the Air Force Portal and will include informational resources for leaders at all levels.

Booster clubs to conduct mandatory training

An annual mandatory training is scheduled for all Dover Air Force Base booster clubs, private organizations and unofficial activities at 2 p.m. on March 8, in the 3rd Airlift Squadron auditorium. Any group that fails to attend the training will not be allowed to hold on-base fundraisers at any time until a training session is attended by one of the club members. Call Carole Schlesinger at (302) 677-6964 for more information.