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Photo by Capt. Marnee A.C. Losurdo

Tech. Sgt. Robert Burns, a reservist with the 512th Aerospace Medicine Squadron, assists Cpl. Jason Baxley, a medic with the Delaware State Police Aviation Section, in setting up a hoist during a training event here April 3. The hoist is attached to a cable and used to raise or lower goods or personnel.

Air Force Reserve medics train with Delaware State Police aero-medical unit

Capt. Marnee A.C. Losurdo
512th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

The navy-blue Bell 412 helicopter emerged from the northern horizon and gracefully hovered to a landing on the Dover Air Force Base flightline April 3. Once the blades gradually whirled to a halt, a pilot and a medic with the Delaware State Police got out of the chopper. With a wave of their arms, they signaled the group of Air Force Reserve medics to come to the helicopter to begin the day's training.

The 512th Aerospace Medicine Squadron paired up with the Delaware State Police Aviation Section to get some helicopter familiarization training and learn how the DSP emergency responders conduct their mission.

"Many of our Reserve medics don't get this type of training, so this was an opportunity for them to see something different," said Senior Master Sgt. Denise Hubbell,

512th AMDS nursing services superintendent, who added working around helicopters is something medics may encounter when deployed. In a deployed situation, medics would be responsible for providing basic life support and emergency care for trauma patients.

Dover AFB is home to the C-5 Galaxy and C-17 Globemaster III, so there is not a lot of opportunity to work around helicopters, she said.

"When a Chinook lands at Balad or another deployed location they need to know how to approach the helicopter," she said. "Today's training may not be a war zone, but it has a real-life application."

Cpl. Stephen Griffin, DSP pilot, and Cpl. Jason Baxley, DSP medic, briefed the reservists about their unit and their jobs. DSP Aviation Section operations are based at the Sussex County Airport in Georgetown and Summit Airport in Middletown. To read the full story, visit: <http://www.512aw.afrc.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123249915>.

Dover Airmen support Operation Odyssey Dawn

Three C-5M Super Galaxy aircrews from here delivered cargo March 23 to 27 in support of Operation Odyssey Dawn.

The Air Force Reserve's 709th Airlift Squadron and the active-duty 9th AS here worked together to deliver 387,000 pounds of cargo.

On March 18, the secretary of defense approved and ordered the use of military forces against the government of Libya.

According to Department of Defense officials, "coalition forces are striking targets that pose a direct threat to the civilian population. The targets, such as Libyan military sites and air defense systems, were carefully chosen to reduce enemy capability while minimizing risk to the civilian population."

In order for the strike operations implementing the no-fly zone to continue, however, the 'bullets' have to make it to the fight, and that is where the C-5M delivers. The C-5M is designed to move 100 percent of outsized cargo for any of the services, anywhere in the world.

"That's what the airframe is here for, to support the Air Force, the Army, the Navy, all the different branches and units," said Lt. Col. Michael Semo, a 709th AS pilot and C-5M program chief.

To read the entire story, visit:

<http://www.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123249869>.

Wing announces new majors

Congratulations to the following 512th Airlift Wing captains who were recently promoted to the rank of major: Dawn Card, 512th Airlift Wing Financial Management; Clifton Cunningham, 512th Airlift Control Flight; Christian Fiore, 326th Airlift Squadron; Matthew Gross, 326th AS; Frederick Kuehn, 512th ALCF; Christopher Radziejewicz, 709th Airlift Squadron; Sarah Hobbs, 71st Aerial Port Squadron; Karee Wilson, 71st APS; Edward Hassiepen, 712th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron; Cathy Milhoan, 512th Force Support Squadron; and, Shirley Whitney, 512th ALCF.