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

Applications for Reserve School Selection Board being accepted

The Air Force Reserve School Selection Board will convene at HQ Air Reserve Personnel Center, Denver, Colo. in July 2011 to select Air Force Reserve officers to attend Developmental Education; Officer Professional Development and Joint courses. Please see Invitation to Apply for a complete list of courses. Members meeting the established criteria are encouraged to apply. Applications will be completed through the Virtual Personnel Center-Guard Reserve.

Air Force Reserve commander discusses FY12 budget at Senate hearings

General Stenner discussed how the FY12 President's Budget request would fund Air Force Reserve requirements of approximately \$5 billion. It provides for the operation and training of 34 wings, funds 117,769 flying hours, maintains 344 aircraft, and provides for the readiness of 71,400 Reservists and 4,157 civilian employees.

The Air Force Reserve budget request is about 4 percent of the total Air Force budget, and includes \$2.27 billion for operation and maintenance for air operations, service support and civilian pay; \$1.7 billion for military personnel; and \$34 million for military construction. To read the full story or find the link to the video of the hearing visit <http://www.afrc.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123255696>.

Two Air Force officers inducted into U.S. Astronaut Hall of Fame

Two Air Force officers who served as astronauts with NASA were inducted into the U.S. Astronaut Hall of Fame at Kennedy Space Center, Fla., May 14.

The first inductee, retired Col. Karol Bobko, was also part of the first class to graduate from the Air Force Academy in 1959. He flew on three space shuttle missions and logged more than 386 hours in space, to include piloting the first flight of the space shuttle Challenger in 1983 and commanding the space shuttle Discovery in 1985. Colonel Bobko's last flight was on space shuttle Atlantis.

A few years after Colonel Bobko finished up his astronaut career, Lt. Gen. Susan Helms, the 14th Air Force commander and a member of the first class of the Air Force Academy to include women, was beginning the astronaut portion of her career in 1991. Her first shuttle flight was in 1993 aboard space shuttle Endeavor. She also flew aboard space shuttle Discovery in 1994, space shuttle Columbia in 1996 and space shuttle Atlantis in 2000. She along with a Russian cosmonaut and another astronaut, retired Army Col. James Voss, were aboard the International Space Station from March until August of 2001. During this time, General Helms and Colonel Voss set a world record for the longest spacewalk, which lasted 8 hours and 56 minutes. This mission capped off 211 days she had spent in space during her career.

Both inductees received standing ovations numerous times throughout the ceremony and praised the people who made both of their journeys possible. Read the full story at <http://www.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123256026>. (Courtesy 45th Space Wing Public Affairs)



Photo by Capt. Marnee A.C. Losurdo

Proud parents

Bob and Kris Wiltse pin on the rank of colonel to their daughter Gretchen M. Wiltse May 13 during a promotion ceremony at the Air Mobility Command Museum. Colonel Wiltse is the 512th Mission Support Group commander.



Photo by Master Sgt. Veronica Aceveda

Daddy daughter time

Kadence, 4, adjusts the volume to her headsets as she watches the FedEx 400 race with her dad Master Sgt. Kenneth Pettit, 436th Aerial Port Squadron, at the Dover International Speedway May 13. Kadence is a fan of race car driver Danica Patrick. Sergeant Pettit, his daughters Kadence and Emily, 11, attended the race courtesy of the USO Delaware. The organization distributed 3,000 free tickets to Delaware servicemembers including reservists and active-duty Airmen at Dover Air Force Base, Del.