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

Afternoon Commander's Call cancelled

The afternoon session of the 512th Airlift Wing Commander's Call, originally scheduled for 3 p.m., June 11 at the base theater is cancelled due to a late-notice scheduling conflict. Members of the 512th Mission Support Group, 512th Aerospace Medicine Squadron and 512th AW staff agencies are invited to attend the morning session with the 512th Operations and Maintenance Groups at 7 a.m.; however, an early arrival is encouraged as space will be limited, and the fire code for maximum occupancy in the base theater will be adhered to. Unit commanders will be able to download the June Commander's Call briefing and picture montage video from the wing's shared drive in the public affairs folder, beginning June 10. The briefing also includes the AMC Critical Days of Summer video. (Courtesy 512th AW Public Affairs)

Top 3 kicks off Bye-Bye BDU Drive June UTA

The 512th Top 3 Association will kick off its Bye-Bye BDU Drive over the June Unit Training Assembly. Designated boxes will be distributed to various wing locations where Air Force members can donate serviceable battle dress uniforms, the woodland camouflage pattern, to local and regional Civil Air Patrol units in need. The CAP is the official auxiliary of the Air Force. CAP officials said they will continue to wear BDUs after the regular Air Force's BDU phase out date this fall. Black boots can also be donated.

"Because our funding has been drastically reduced, that makes new uniform purchases nearly impossible, so we usually end up with unusual sizes or BDUs past their prime," said 1st Lt. Bob Thorn, Group 4 aerospace education officer, 904th Squadron, 31st Wing, Quakertown, Pa. "To allow our members to maintain professional military image, we would benefit greatly from contributions from the 512th (AW)."

Any markings or identification sewn onto the uniform which would identify it as belonging to an individual or as a U.S. Air Force uniform must be removed before donating. Please note unit-funded uniform items cannot be donated.

Points of contacts for this event are Master Sgt. Veronica Aceveda, (302) 677-3408, or Master Sgt. Raymond Mooney, (302) 270-6802.

vPC-GR migrates to new AFPERS website

The Air Force Reserve has begun centralizing personnel services via a total force single access platform called the Air Force Personnel Services website. AFPERS is a new capability that will improve and better incorporate knowledge, services and search capability functions, making it simpler for Airmen to find answers to their personnel questions. AFPERS delivers a global, 24-hours-a-day, 7-days-a-week personnel service capability for the active-duty, Air National Guard, AF Reserve, civilian and retiree population, providing standardized platforms that are easy to use.

An important component of the AFPERS centralization is the migration of the vPC-GR dashboard. Effective 28 June, reservists will have to access vPC-GR services through AFPERS. Current vPC-GR accounts will migrate to the AFPERS web site; though first-time users will be prompted to validate accounts and answer five security questions upon initial log in.

All AF personnel will be required to establish an AFPERS website account to access these resources. A link to AFPERS can be found on the AF Portal. If you have any questions please contact the Total Force Service Center at (800) 525-0102.



Photo by Erin Tindell

Tops in Blue

Airman 1st Class Gabriel Villanueva, 2011 Tops in Blue tenor saxophonist, plays a solo during dress rehearsal May 20 at Kelly Air Force Base, Texas. Tops in Blue kicked off their 'Rhythm Nation' tour May 25. Airman Villanueva is an aircrew flight equipment apprentice from Dover AFB, Del.

Airman, Family Readiness gears up for Galaxy Adventure

Staff Sgt. Jessica Cendana
512th AW Public Affairs

The 512th Airlift Wing Airman and Family Readiness Office is hosting a Galaxy Adventure Tour of Dover Air Force Base, Del., Aug. 6.

Galaxy Adventure 2011 is tailored for children and family members of reservists. The purpose of this event is to show families what their loved ones do while in Reserve status.

"The tour gives family members a glimpse of the mission and is a fun way to spend the day," said Tech. Sgt. Christan Michaud, 512th Airman & Family Readiness NCO.

Beginning at 7 a.m., children and family members will learn about the duties of the men and women of the Liberty Wing from a series of presentations at various stops throughout the tour. Starting at Bldg. 263, the adventure continues throughout the base to locations such as the security forces squadron for K-9 and weapons demonstrations, life support and the new air traffic control tower.

Children can expect to learn about the Liberty Wing as well as enjoy prizes and treats at their final destination, the wing picnic at Eagle's Nest. Young men and women can also benefit by learning more about the military and the jobs that are available.

"Our children look up to us and want to be like us," said Laura Coseglia, 512th AF&R director. "By showing them what we do, we are educating possible future Airmen."

Children under the age of 13 need to be accompanied by an adult. All participants are asked to ride the provided bus as individuals following in personal vehicles tend to disrupt the schedule.

To register, e-mail 512MSS.FR@us.af.mil or call 512th AF&R at (302) 677-3566.