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Air Force Ball Sept. 9, buy tickets now

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512th AW Public Affairs

The U. S. Air Force, established in 1947, celebrates its 64th anniversary this year. In honor of this historic occasion, Team Dover will hold the 2011 Air Force Ball Sept. 9 at Dover Downs Hotel and Casino with social hour at 6 p.m. followed by dinner at 7 p.m.

Answering the Call, this year's theme, highlights Dover's 70 years of military presence and pays tribute to the 10-year anniversary of 9/11.

"Many servicemen and women joined after 9/11 in an effort to bring back a sense of security to our nation's home front," said Capt. Eric Pounds, 436th Operations Support Squadron aircrew flight equipment commander and Air Force Ball Committee chair. "This event offers (Airmen) a chance to honor that mission and enjoy being part of the Air Force."

Hosted by Col. Mark Camerer, 436th Airlift Wing commander, this year's ball will feature entertainment provided by the U.S. Air Force Heritage of America Band out of Langley Air Force Base, Va., a POW/MIA presentation and the cutting of an Air Force birthday cake.

"This is my first ball, and I'm really looking forward to it," said 1st Lt. Amanda Elliot, 436th Mission Support Group executive officer and AF Ball Committee member. "This event gives servicemembers a chance to get together, relax and have a good time."

The required uniform for the event is mess dress for officers and semiformal or mess dress for enlisted. Civilians should wear formal attire: black tie or tuxedo for males and tea or floor length evening dress for females.

Free child care is available for children, ages 2 to 12. To reserve a slot, visit the 436th MSG Enterprise Information Management website listed on the back of the Air Force Ball tickets. The planning committee recommends early registration due to the limited availability of 150 slots.

Tickets for the ball are on sale until Sept 1. Tickets cost \$30 for Airmen and General Schedule 1-4 employees; \$35 for NCOs and GS 5-6; \$40 for senior NCOs, company grade officers and GS 7-11 employees; \$45 for field grade officers and GS 12-15 employees; and, \$50 for honorary commanders, chief master sergeants, and colonels and above. Civilian guests pay the equivalent of their escorting servicemember.

Celebrate new school vear at Information Fair

A Child Find and Community Information Fair is scheduled for Aug. 23 from noon - 4 p.m. at the Youth Center. Parents are invited to celebrate the beginning of a new

school year with their child while gathering information. There will be community, base and educational agency representatives on site. Snippy Doodles the Clown will help keep children entertained along with free food and a bouncy castle.

For more information, call Sal-



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Airman 1st Class Joseph Watts, 436th Maintenance Operations Squadron, and Col. Walton F. Reddish, 512th Aerospace Medicine Squadron commander, cut the ceremonial cake while Col. Randal L. Bright (left), 512th Airlift Wing commander, and Col. Steven B. Harrison (right), 436th AW commander in 2008, look on during Dover Air Force Base's last ball in 2008 at the Sheraton Hotel. Tickets are currently on sale for the base's 2011 Air Force Ball Sept. 9 at Dover Downs.

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Pictures from two recent wing events are now available for download. Photos from Col. Karl A. Schmitkon's final flight with the 512th Airlift Wing and the wing's first fun run, can be viewed through the 512th AW Public Affairs Enterprise Information Management System. For more information, call PA at (302) 677-3485.