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Photo by Senior Airman Tanisha Brown

**Senior Master Sgt. Dennis Moore, 709th Airlift Squadron C-5 Instructor Loadmaster Flight chief, tries out the new soft-serve ice cream machine Nov. 5, 2011, inside the Patterson Dining Facility, Dover Air Force Base, Del. The ice-cream machine is one of several added features in the DFAC following a 19-day renovation.**

## DFAC reopens after renovations

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**A**fter being closed for more than two weeks due to renovations, the Patterson Dining Facility here reopened its doors Friday.

The renovations, which began Oct. 17, include a re-designed full-serving line, all new serving equipment, freshly painted walls, a centrally located salad bar; relocation of the sandwich island, silverware and trays; different wall décor and a new self-serve ice cream machine.

The most notable of the changes is the removal of walls in the general serving area, which as a result, created more space for patrons and workers to operate.

“Knocking down the walls opens up the facility a lot,” said Master Sgt. Christian Blankenship, 512th Memorial Affairs Squadron NCO in charge of food operations. “Things seemed very confined before the renovations; hopefully, the open area will help with the congestion and improve customer flow.”

Tech. Sgt. Enid J-Ellis, 512th MAS dining facilities supervisor, likes the changes and believes the renovations have already shown signs of promise.

“The new look is refreshing,” said J-Ellis. “Things are a lot less cluttered, and you can certainly see a difference in the flow of traffic.”

Although the majority of the feedback from the DFAC staff has been positive, customers are expected to need time to adapt to the modifications.

Read the full story at <http://www.512aw.afrc.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123278924>.

## Emergency alert test Wednesday

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Federal Communications Commission will conduct the first nationwide test of the Emergency Alert System. The nationwide test will occur at 2 p.m., Wednesday and may last up to three and a half minutes. The EAS is a national alert and warning system established to enable the President of the United States to address the American public during emergencies.

The National Weather Service, governors and state and local emergency authorities also use parts of the system to issue more localized emergency alerts. The nationwide test will involve broadcast

radio and television stations, cable television, satellite radio and television services and wireline video service providers across all states and the territories of Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and American Samoa.

## DAFB loses 39 civilian positions

Following the Air Force’s Nov. 2 announcement about the elimination of 9,000 civilian positions, hundreds of civilians and supervisors gathered in the base theater Nov. 3 to attend one of five Town Hall meetings.

Base officials announced 39 civilian positions within the 436th Airlift Wing would be eliminated. Twenty-seven would be cut in April 2012, and an additional 12 are slated

for Oct. 1, 2012. As of now, no civilian positions have been eliminated from the 512th AW, Air Force Mortuary Affairs Operations or any other tenant unit on base.

## Nominate boss for ESGR award

Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, a Department of Defense agency, is now accepting nominations for the 2012 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award.

The Freedom Award is the DoD’s highest award for civilian employers supporting Guard and Reserve members. The DoD encourages all Guard and Reserve members to nominate employers at [www.FreedomAward.mil](http://www.FreedomAward.mil) through Jan. 16, 2012.



## Calendar of Events

- Dec. 4, noon - 4:30 p.m., Photos with Santa on a C-5 or C-17; sign up at (302) 677-6930.

- Dec. 9, last day to donate items to 512th Airman & Family Readiness for wing’s Adopt-a-Family program.

- Dec. 10, 8-10 a.m., Breakfast with Santa at the Hilton Garden Inn in Dover; for prices, call (302) 674-3784.

- Dec. 10, 10 a.m.-noon, Dover Century Club Children’s Christmas Party; pre-register at (302) 677-3566. Parents bring a small wrapped gift for Santa to present to the child.