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Liberty Wing continues to embrace EIM

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In line with the civilian sector, which shares information via a system called SharePoint, the Air Force continues to evolve toward its “drive of the future” called Enterprise Information Management.

Computer users, who have a common access card reader, can access and share necessary files and information across the base, region or nation.

“This is especially helpful for traditional reservists,” said Master Sgt. Anthony Harris, the EIM project officer for the 512th Airlift Wing. TRs can look up their work center’s schedule prior to the UTA, so they have an idea of what to expect and can hit the ground running when they get here.”

Similarly, Liberty Wing reservists who may be on temporary duty to another location, which also uses EIM, can access their Dover Air Force Base, Del., work files from that TDY base.

With that in mind, once documents are loaded onto EIM, everyone who has EIM access, can view those documents according to the set permissions for those files.

“Privacy Act information is authorized to be posted onto EIM, but users need to know how to protect those files properly,” said Harris, who added, “classified information is not permitted on EIM.

“You have to remember this is a weapon system, and information warfare is real. That’s why it’s important to protect the information on EIM with the permissions settings, and use them appropriately.”

The wing’s communications flight frequently holds EIM training classes. Members can sign-up for the half-day class by calling (302) 677-3537.

While no specific date has been set for the elimination of the wing’s currently used shared drive, Harris said, Air Force and Reserve Command officials have said its coming.

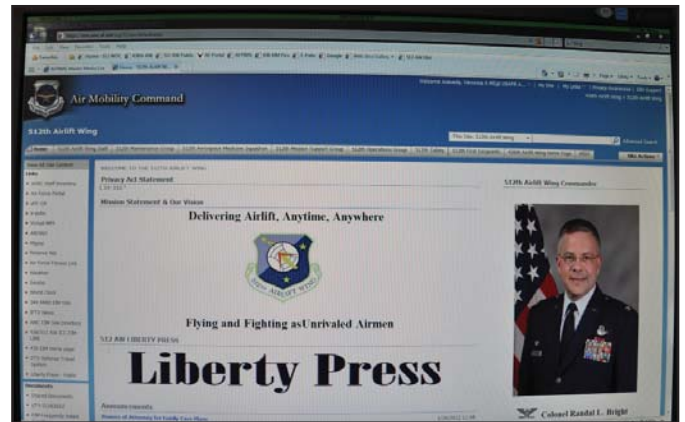
Within the Liberty Wing, most units and offices have an EIM site, but only a handful have completely embraced the EIM site’s ca-

pabilities. One of them is the wing’s Installation Personnel Readiness Section, led by Tech. Sgt. Carl James Tauyan.

“I use our EIM site as a central hub for deployment information,” he said. “Everything members need to know before they deploy can be found on our EIM site. All the checklists, the requirements and country specific information by the various (major commands) can all be found on there.

“I even refer other base IPRs who are looking for similar information to our EIM site.”

The 512th AW started sharing information via EIM about three years ago; the host wing, the 436th Airlift Wing, began using EIM about



Pictured is a screen shot of the 512th Airlift Wing’s Enterprise Information Management home page. The 512th AW has been using the information sharing tool with unlimited space for about three years. (Photo by Master Sgt. Veronica Aceveda)

six years ago; and, eventually all branches of service, including offices in the Pentagon, will use EIM as their primary information sharing tool.

Air Force changes fitness statements in performance reports policy

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Air Force supervisors can now make comments regarding unit fitness program achievements on annual performance reports.

A new policy allows supervisors to include comments on successful achievements regarding the unit fitness program for Airmen who play a key role in the unit’s program. Previous guidance, released in 2007, restricted fitness comments to only physical training leaders or unit fitness program managers.

“People who are in unit leadership positions promote fitness as part of their normal duties,” said Tech. Sgt. Jimmy Simmons, Air Force Evaluations NCO in charge. “Previous restrictions prevented them from getting much-deserved credit for their participation role in unit success.”

The new guidance also lifts the restriction

on where fitness comments can be placed. The 2007 guidance restricted fitness achievement comments to a specific section of the enlisted performance reports, but under the new guidance, comments are allowed in any of the comment sections on the Air Force performance reports, said Master Sgt. Ulanda Phelps, AF Evaluations superintendent.

The guidance applies to officers evaluation forms as well.

“The change gives flexibility back to the supervisors, which enables them to accurately assess Airmen who voluntarily contribute to the success of the unit’s fitness program,” Phelps said.

Comments regarding an Airman’s fitness failures, including individual fitness scores or category, are still prohibited unless it is a referral report.