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Reservists hone life-saving skills in exercise

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“Help; Help; Somebody help me,” Hechoed throughout the field. A military medic ran to help an injured servicemember lying on the ground. She was one of many wounded in the area.

Although simulated, the mass casualty exercise was designed to simulate real-world conditions from the aftermath of a hurricane, and 60 reservists with the 512th Aerospace Medicine Squadron were put to the test April 13 at Dover Air Force Base, Del.

The 512th AMDS is comprised of 90 members whose occupations range from flight surgeons and general practice physicians to medical administrators and laboratory technicians. The squadron maintains the medical records for more than 1,800 Airmen and provides them with medical, dental and eye examinations to ensure they are qualified for worldwide deployment.

Another aspect of their job is to keep their life-saving skills honed in the event of an accident, armed attack or natural disaster that would produce a large num-

ber of casualties in a short period of time.

The annual exercise encompassed all types of training scenarios, from efficiently triaging patients to save as many lives as possible to bandaging broken limbs.

“It was designed to maintain unit member’s currency while evaluating their communication skills, medic field skills and response times to emergencies, said Capt. John Rundle, 512th AMDS exercise planner.

It’s also an opportunity for us to see how we would respond in a real-world situation with limited resources and staff, said Staff Sgt. Ebony Tate, 512th AMDS administrative technician.

Dealing with limited resources was the most challenging aspect of the exercise according to Senior Airman Katherine Echem, 512th AMDS medical readiness technician who, when not in Reserve status, is a nursing student at Wesley College.

“This can be very true to life,” said Echem. “So, it’s good we take the opportunity to do this type of training to ensure we are ready at any time if real-world events occur. Participating in exercises such as this prepares our unit to respond to a variety of incidents.”



Lt. Col. Kelley Aiken reaches for a bandage to treat a simulated-wounded patient as Senior Master Sgt. Carolyn Atkins assists and Master Sgt. Scott Manz evaluates during a mass casualty exercise here April 13. All pictured are assigned to the 512th Aerospace Medicine Squadron. (U.S. Air Force photo by Capt. Marnee A.C. Losurdo)

Attend free job fair

Operation Success, a free job fair and community outreach event for servicemembers, veterans and their families is from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Saturday at Wilmington University in New Castle.

Participants can attend workshops, ranging from On-line Job Search Strategies to Military Training to College Credit. They can also meet with representatives from local colleges and support agencies. Registration is encouraged at www.opsuccess.com.

Hershey Park Military Day Sunday

Hershey Park in Hershey, Pa., announces its special day for special people event from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Sunday. Military and other select groups are invited to enjoy the park that day, which is not open to the general public, for \$26 for ages 3 and up. Active duty, retirees, reservists and Department of Defense civilians can purchase tickets with their ID card.

Base jobs online

Hiring controls have been lifted for civilian jobs here. Ensure resumes on USAJobs are current. For more information about writing resumes, call Airmen & Family Readiness at (302) 677-6930.

Just a click away

North Korean missile launch, failure acknowledged

Reservists not part of early retirement offer

Army re-shapes force, calls for higher standards

Air Force Reserve turns 64

Air Force Marathon registration at 80 percent

Thrift Savings Plan to Offer New Roth Option

Wing’s quarterly award winners announced

Congratulations to the 512th Airlift Wing’s first quarterly award winners. They are:

- Airman of the Quarter: Senior Airman Jeromy Pruden, 512th Maintenance Squadron;

- NCO of the Quarter: Tech. Sgt. Marlana Widdicombe, 712th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron;

- Senior NCO of the Quarter: Senior Master Sgt. Jess Marquardt, 512th AMXS;

- Officer of the Quarter: Capt. Jessica Oberlander, 512th MXS; and,

- Civilian of the Quarter: John Young, 512th Force Support Squadron.