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

Training program prepares new reserve recruits

Senior Airman Joe Yanik
512th AW Public Affairs

DOVER AIR FORCE BASE, Del. -- Newly enlisted 512th Airlift Wing reservists met June 23-24 for training designed to help them succeed at Air Force boot camp, though the group's facilitator has goals beyond that.

"It's an investment in the future of our wing by giving a leg up to new recruits heading to San Antonio," said Senior Master Sgt. James T. McGarvey, head of the Air Force Reserve Command's Development and Training Flight for the Liberty Wing. "

Participation in the training is mandatory for the trainees and McGarvey said it's important that, before they depart for basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, they learn how to wear a uniform properly; memorize the Air Force song, creed and core values; and maintain physical fitness standards. All Air Force Reserve wings will have training flights set up by September, he said.

Based on input from recruiters, McGarvey selected a team leader and two element leaders from among the 31 trainees. His team of coordinators will provide the recruits with new activities each month on the wing's B unit training assembly. In May, the flight toured the Air Mobility Command Museum. He is looking into having the group adopt a road for beautification and hopes to have C-5 Galaxy and C-17 Globemaster III loadmasters give aircraft tours to the new enlistees.

"Every activity will be relevant to what



Senior Master Sgt. John Tingle, 436th Civil Engineer Squadron and a former Military Training Instructor, lines up newly enlisted 512th Airlift Wing reservists and explains the fundamentals of marching. The new recruits are part of the Air Force Reserve Command's Development and Training Flight, designed to prepare Airmen for Basic Military Training. (U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Andria J. Allmond)

we do already do as Citizen Airmen," he said.

Besides learning practical knowledge and skills related to completing boot camp, the recruits will benefit psychologically from the training as well, said Master Sgt. Kenneth Bachman, a 512th AW recruiter.

"An applicant is fearful of BMT. Preparing them through this training program eases their minds and fears," said Bachman.

To become qualified as a facilitator, McGar-

vey trained with representatives from other reserve wings for three days at Lackland AFB on the core components and administrative requirements of the training program. He then visited the flight at Westover Air Reserve Base, Mass., to observe its flight in action.

McGarvey's motivation for taking charge of the training flight program at Dover AFB comes from a desire to support Airmen's professional growth, he said.

Education apparently never ends

Chief Master Sgt. Matthew Proietti
512th AW Public Affairs

DOVER AIR FORCE BASE, Del. -- One reason I joined the military instead of heading to college after high school was to take a break from all of that learning.

It's been 28 years and I'm still waiting.

I just completed National Defense University's Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education Course, which I had sidestepped for a few years despite it

being a priority for the chief of the Air Force Reserve Command.

I'm confused as to why the younger me thought he could sign on with the Air Force and avoid education, seeing as anyone's enlisted career starts with completing the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery to measure how much we already know and in which fields we may be more likely to succeed.

After this, of course, we attend basic military training, followed by technical school in a work specialty and then a year or so completing

a career development course and on-the-job instruction. Along with these come Airman Leadership School, more upgrade training, the Noncommissioned Officer Academy and Senior NCO Academy. This doesn't even include the continuing training we need to stay deployable or any civilian courses we take on our own.

To read the rest of the story, visit <http://www.512aw.afrc.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123307010>