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DOSC scholarships available

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The Dover Officers' Spouses' Club helps pay college tuition for eligible students within the Dover Air Force Base, Del. community. The DOSC donates profits from their annual arts and crafts show for academic and vocational programs.

"Last year, we awarded 20 scholarships totaling \$22,500 from funds raised at our annual craft show, and we look forward to another successful program this year," said Dona Kauth, DOSC scholarship chairman.

There are two types of scholarships available for traditional and nontraditional students. Scholarship applications are available to dependent graduating high schools seniors and dependent spouses or children pursuing further education.

"As the spouse of an active-duty Airman stationed at Dover AFB, I was

thrilled to hear of the DOSC's local scholarship program," said Jenna Mahoney, a 2012 DOSC scholarship recipient. "We came from an overseas base where there weren't as many opportunities ... it is certainly a big financial help to my husband and me."

The eligibility parameters of this scholarship range from dependents of deceased military members and retirees in the area, to dependents of active duty, reservists and U.S. government employees assigned to Dover AFB. The selection process stays within the Dover AFB community.

To receive an award, individuals must fill out an application, which includes an essay on the importance of continuing education to achieve life goals before March 15.

The DOSC is seeking well-rounded individuals who have demonstrated scholastic achievements, community involvement and leadership capability.

To learn more about the DOSC scholarship program, clicker here.

Air Force releases results of health and welfare inspection

The Air Force released the results of the service-wide health and welfare inspections that were completed in an effort to emphasize an environment of respect, trust and professionalism in the workplace.

"Every Airman deserves to be treated with respect. They also deserve to work in a professional environment," said Gen. Mark A. Welsh III, Air Force chief of staff. "I've talked with Airmen across the force, and believe that some units were not meeting those standards. It's simply unacceptable that we have people who don't feel comfortable in their workplace, so we're addressing it, head on."

The purpose of the inspection was to reinforce expectations for the workplace environment, correct deficiencies, and deter conditions that may be detrimental to good order and discipline. Commanders looked for and removed items that hinder a professional working environment.

Commanders inspected thousands of units at more than 100 Air Force installations, where almost 600,000 Air Force military and civilian personnel work. Commanders looked for and removed three broad categories of material: pornographic, inappropriate or offensive, or unprofessional.

According to the results, in the three categories, the Air Force found 631 instances of pornography (magazines, calendars, pictures, videos that intentionally displayed nudity or depicted acts of sexual activity); 3,987 instances of unprofessional material (discrimination, professional appearance, items specific to local military history such as patches, coins, heritage rooms, log books, song books, etc); and 27,598 instances of inappropriate or offensive items (suggestive items, magazines, posters, pictures, calendars, vulgarity, graffiti). In total, 32,216 items were reported. To read the full story and view the specific inspection results, visit www.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123333057.

New Air Force app available for some smartphones

A new, free Air Force application is available for download on some smartphones. The app, called "Be Ready," supports the Air Force's namesake awareness campaign. The app offers key resources to military, family members, base civilians and contractors, including a family emergency plan function and access to threat information contained in the Air Force Emergency Preparedness Guide.

Cold weather gear

According to Air Force Instruction 36-2903, "Dress and Personal Appearance of Air Force Personnel," cold weather accessories will only be worn when wearing authorized outer garments. An exception is gloves may be worn solely with the service dress uniform and airman battle uniforms. With the exception of functional items, cold weather accessories are only worn while outdoors. Airmen

can wear gloves without wearing a jacket. However, they cannot wear the stocking caps without a jacket or other outer garment. (Photo by Staff Sqt. **Keith Bal**lard)