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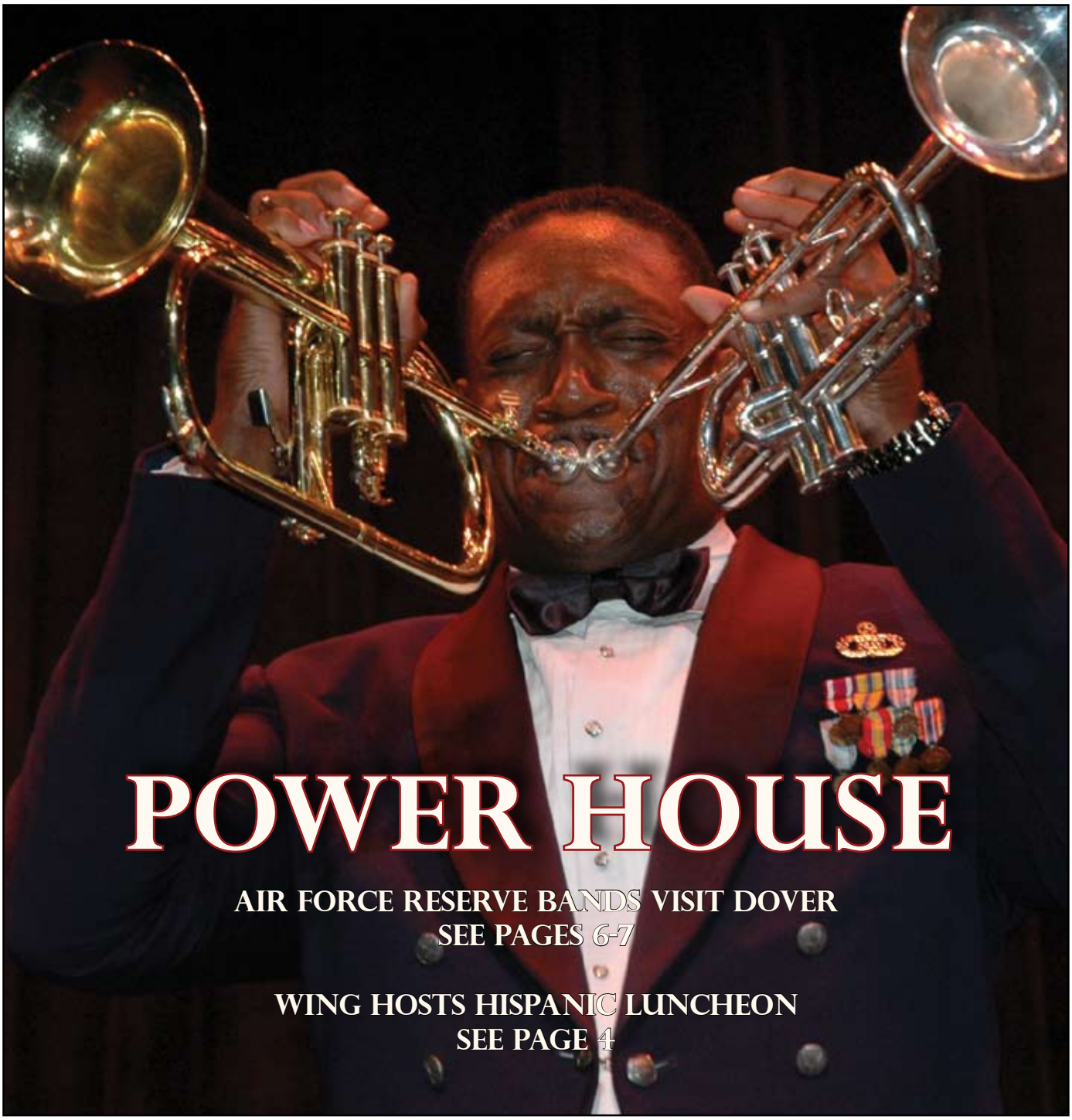

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Master Sgt. Kenneth Trimmins, Full Spectrum NCO in charge, performs at the Schwartz Center as part of the 512th Airlift Wing Band Strike Package. Sergeant Trimmins was featured on the Tonight Show with Jay Leno in 2002 for his unique ability to play two trumpets simultaneously. See pages 6-7.

Wingman Day: Caring for our fellow Airmen

Col. Elaine K. Barron
512th Mission Support Group commander

Colonel Barron

The purpose of Wingman Day is to strengthen the morale and welfare of units by devoting time to building relationships among coworkers, examining organizational strengths and vulnerabilities, and planning for the coming year, according to Lt. Gen. Roger A. Brady, deputy chief of staff, Manpower and Personnel, Headquarters U.S. Air Force.

The active-duty Air Force typically observes Wingman Day the last duty day prior to Veterans Day. Due to operational feasibility, Air Force Reserve Command emphasizes the wingman concept during the November or December UTA.

When your leadership speaks in the coming UTAs about the wingman program, some may ponder just how you can look after your wingman, whom as a traditional reservist, you see very little of?

To that, I say there is no such thing as "Wingman Day" but a concept we should embrace and reinforce everyday of the year, both in our military and civilian life. Being a good wingman, makes us mission ready and enables us to reflect on our shared core values.

Whether you hear a briefing on substance abuse, suicide, sexual assault or vehicle accidents, remember all of these issues have a significant impact on readiness and our mission capability. Simple things like ensuring your life insurance and emergency contact information is current are all integral to the wingman concept.

As the wing spins up for the Operational Readiness Inspection, we must not forget to devote time to building relationships between our warriors. The wingman program is just as important as learning the Airman's manual, self-aid buddy care, chemical warfare training and combat arms. It's part of being mission ready, and it could be the difference between life or death.

Take care of each other, explain our mission to your family in a way they can clearly understand; if your family is taken care of, you will worry a little less about them in a deployed environment, which makes you more capable to accomplish the mission.

The wingman concept focuses on Airmen taking care of Airmen. The following is a list of signs of distress and how individuals can assist.

Warning signs of distress:

- Unusual or sudden changes in behavior
- Decreased work performance
- Disciplinary problems
- Financial troubles
- Accidents and injuries
- Relationship difficulties at work and at home
- Spouse and/or child abuse
- Alcohol or drug misuse
- Social isolation
- Moodiness, irritability, depression, feelings of hopelessness or suicidal ideation

When you see signs of distress: ACT!

- Discuss the problem openly and frankly
- Show interest and support
- Seek help from someone! Escort or stay with the person and contact a minister, counselor, physician, commander or first sergeant

America soars on Air Force wings

Gen. T. Michael Moseley
U.S. Air Force Chief of Staff

U.S. Air Force photo

Gen. T. Michael Moseley, Chief of Staff of the Air Force, is greeted by Airmen during his visit to McConnell Air Force Base, Kansas, Oct. 12.

The United States of America depends on its Air Force to defend the population, deliver global effects and jointly accomplish national objectives to an extent unseen in the history of mankind.

In my 35 years of service, many things have changed. Yet, what has remained constant is the extraordinary dedication, courage and skill of the men and women we call "Airmen" who deliver for the nation every minute of every day in air, on the surface, in space and cyberspace.

I am often asked: What does the Air Force contribute? What does our national investment in air, space and cyberspace power bring to America? Let me share with you some observations of our Air Force that have inspired me since I was a new second lieutenant -- fresh from commissioning at Texas A&M University -- and continue to fill me with pride as the 18th Chief of Staff of the U.S. Air Force.

I see Airmen (Active, Reserve, Air National Guard and Civilians), vigilant at their post, who provide first warning of threats world-wide through space, air and cyber systems that never sleep and never blink.

From satellites that provide early warning, to over-tasked unmanned aerial vehicles and surveillance and reconnaissance aircraft, Airmen operate the world's most advanced sensor network. They watch the globe -- to include North Korean preparations for missile launches, Iranian nuclear programs and the dangerous borders between warring nations. Airmen are America's global eyes and ears, likely the first to tip off of an emerging threat to Americans and America's interests

I see Airmen who provide the first response worldwide for natural disasters -- on scene for rescue and delivering humanitarian supplies (to include complete hospitals) that often mean the difference between life and death.

I see Airmen airborne, in the center of the worst storms and hurricanes in history, to track and provide the warning that is critical to save lives and protect citizens' property.

I see Airmen airborne, fighting forest and range fires, delivering fire retardant liquid from C-130s -- again to save lives and protect citizens' property. From rescuing individuals in danger, to providing storm warning, to fighting fires, to delivering supplies across a global air bridge, Airmen are the real manifestation of American compassion and strength.

It has been my observation that Airmen do these tasks so well that people at risk expect an American response no matter how far or how adverse the conditions or how tough the task. It has also been my observation that these Airmen make all this look so easy that others believe it is easy - which, of course, it's not.

I see Airmen who are often first to the fight through the attributes inherent in the exploitation of air power, engaging enemies across vast ranges on a truly global scale, striking targets or transporting themselves and their fellow warriors to hot spots throughout the world. These Airmen then stand alongside them in the fight as a joint team, delivering military options, anywhere on Earth.

These Airmen fly bombers on a truly intercontinental scale, routinely striking targets at ranges unequaled in the history of warfare, with peerless precision, speed and lethality, while simultaneously holding other targets at risk, thereby deterring and dissuading adverse actions.

Other Airmen fly the giant airlift and refueling aircraft, also on a truly intercontinental scale, daily delivering humanitarian relief supplies, other war fighters, cargo and the means to conduct theater war fighting on the scale required in this long war on terrorism. In fact, every 90 seconds, somewhere on the surface of the Earth, these Airmen take to the air -- 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, good weather or foul in defense of this country.

I see Airmen slip into hollow cockpits of fighter aircraft and, to paraphrase James Salter's "Gods of Tin," plug themselves into the machine. As these Airmen prepare themselves for combat, the canopy grinds shut and seals them off. Their oxygen, their very breath, is carried with them into the chilled vacuum in a steel bottle. Their only voice is the radio. They're as isolated as a deep-sea diver.

For these warriors -- operating in

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Wing honors Hispanic Heritage Month, war hero

Senior Airman Ryan Scofield
512th AW Public Affairs

He said he was about 7 years old before he realized there was a reason why his front door was larger than everyone else's on the block.

"When my family moved from Mexico to Los Angeles, we lived in a garage," said Army Maj. (Ret.) Alfred Rascon, a Medal of Honor recipient and guest speaker at the 512th Airlift Wing's Hispanic Heritage Luncheon Oct. 14.

The event, hosted by the wing's Human Resources Development Council, drew more than 150 people together at the Landings Club, where they could reflect on the importance of diversity and the accomplishments of Hispanics in the Armed Forces.

Having come from a background where available indoor plumbing was not a staple, Major Rascon went on to earn one of the highest military honors. As an enlisted medic, he received the Medal of Honor for his actions in Vietnam in 1966.

During an arduous firefight in which he constantly returned to the fight, his actions of valor were highlighted by his self-sacrifice. He continued to aid the wounded despite his own shrapnel injuries to his hip, torso and face.

"Specialist Four Rascon covered the wounded soldier with his body thereby absorbing the blasts from the exploding grenades, and saved the soldier's life," from Major Rascon's Medal of Honor citation.

In addition to looking back at Hispanic contributions like the retired Army major, the luncheon provided an opportunity for community involvement. Major Rascon said he was especially impressed by the attendance of local business representatives.

"It's important for local businesses to support these events to show the opportunities available after the military and to pay back the country that's helped them succeed," he said.

Heritage events show the community what Hispanics can give, he added.

"It's important for people to realize that you are here," he said.

Senior Airman Della Miller, an aerospace ground equipment technician with the 512th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, emceed the event. She said functions such as these are important because of the exposure they provide.

"You get to see who has contributed, and it can help people learn and accept other cultures," said Airman Miller. "Today, we need that now more than ever."

It teaches color-blindness, she added.

"In the military we're all green," she said. "That's what happens when you join a unit and become a team."

"Seeing so many people of non-Hispanic heritage in attendance at the luncheon was an impressive and reaffirming site," said Col. David H. Wuest, 512th AW vice commander. "It's almost more important for people of other heritages to show up. We all know that prejudice still exist in the outside world. In the Air Force, with the help of the 512th HRDC, we strive to eradicate prejudice and attract the best to the Air Force – regardless of race."

(Tech. Sgt. Veronica A. Aceveda, 512th PA, contributed to this story.)

> **"... Specialist Four Rascon covered the wounded soldier with his body thereby absorbing the blasts from the exploding grenades, and saved the soldier's life."**
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> **Medal of Honor citation for then Army Spc. Alfred V. Rascon**

Photo by Senior Airman Ryan Scofield

In addition to serving as the guest speaker for the 512th Airlift Wing's Hispanic Heritage Luncheon Oct. 14, Medal of Honor recipient and Army Maj. (Ret.) Alfred Rascon provided a photo opportunity and signed autographs for more than 150 servicemembers and guests on base at the Landings Club.

A matter of degrees:
Reservists' fall guide to educational benefits

Senior Airman Steve Germann
512th AW Public Affairs

For many individuals who are in pursuit of a college education, fall can mean mid-semester exams and student loan bills. The crisp cool air can also conjure thoughts of a quickly approaching winter session.

It's also a time for reservists to take advantage of the many educational benefits for the upcoming semesters before January leaves them in the cold. To prevent this, the 512th Education and Training Office offers the following list of tools to keep the fire burning.

Community College of the Air Force

The Community College of the Air Force is a great way to earn an associate's degree from an accredited school without even leaving the squadron or home to attend a single class, said Senior Master Sgt. Randall Anderson, chief of the 512th Education and Training Office.

"Most credits are earned through technical and on-the-job training," said Sergeant Anderson. "The best thing is you're already enrolled. From the moment you left basic training, you began accumulating credits toward a career degree; imagine getting paid to get college credits," he said.

Tuition Assistance

The Air Force Reserve Tuition Assistance program is a benefit available to all participating reservists. TA can be used for courses leading toward an associate, bachelor or master degree; however, TA can't be used for certification programs, except teacher certification, said Sergeant Anderson.

Currently, the benefit offers 100 percent tuition reimbursement toward a bachelor's degree and 75 percent reimbursement toward a master's degree. In order to take advantage of the program, reservists will have to figure out a degree plan and obtain a registration form from the accredited school of choice, he said.

MGIB-SR and MGIB-SR Kicker

The Montgomery GI Bill-Selected Reserve program provides financial assistance to qualified members for a variety of training options. Any path of study must be approved by the Veterans Affairs office before the member can receive any educational benefits, said Sergeant Anderson. The amount of financial assistance depends on the route of training or institution of higher learning that the member chooses.

The MGIB-SR Kicker is a supplement educational assistance benefit which can be used in conjunction with the MGIB-SR if a member fits certain eligibility requirements.

For more information about this program, check out the VA's Web site at www.gibill.va.gov.

CLEP

The College Level Exam Program is a another great way to earn college credit without having to attend a single class, said Sergeant Anderson.

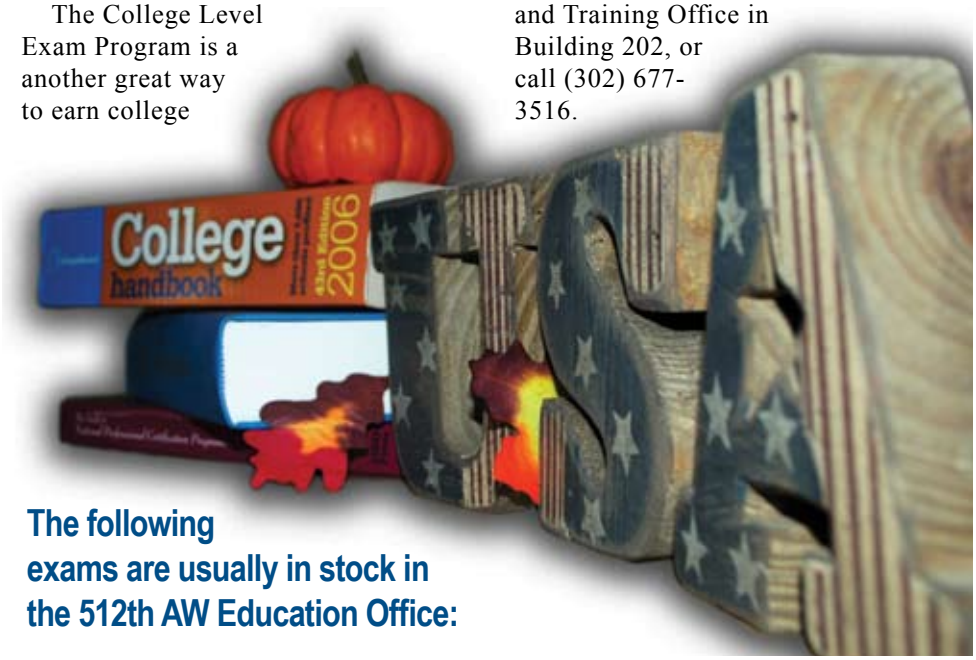
"Members and their spouses can take CLEP exams free of charge right here at the 512th when they're scheduled during UTA weekends," he added.

Many 512th AW reservists are reaping the educational benefits the Air Force Reserve has to offer. Staff Sgt. Gary Bouie, 46th Aerial Port Squadron, is one of these reservists.

After using the Tuition Assistance program to complete two courses toward an online degree program with St. Leo University, Sergeant Bouie said he feels he made a smart choice.

"It makes no sense to not take advantage of educational programs," said Sergeant Bouie. "You literally get your education paid for."

For more information about these benefits and other educational programs, visit the 512th Education and Training Office in Building 202, or call (302) 677-3516.



The following exams are usually in stock in the 512th AW Education Office:

CLEP
English Composition
Social Sciences and History
Natural Sciences
Humanities
College Mathematics

DSST
Ethics in America
Organizational Behavior
Principles of Supervision
Introduction to Business
* Other tests may be ordered

Photo by Tech. Sgt. Charlie Anderson

Airman 1st Class Rob Hyatt, trombone player for the Air Force Reserve Band Full Spectrum, plays for 200 people at the Schwartz Center Oct. 20. The 13-piece jazz band was one of three bands to visit Dover as part of a Band Strike Package.

BAND STRIKE

Air Force Reserve bands leave Dover on high note

Tech. Sgt. Veronica A. Aceveda
512th AW Public Affairs

From school assemblies to a national barbecue cook-off, three military bands played at various venues in Dover from Oct. 19 to 21 in support of Air Force Reserve Command objectives.

Many of the free performances were designed to thank the community for their support of 512th Airlift Wing reservists.

"We had more than 900 reservists activated at the beginning of the war, and several hundred are still serving in a volunteer status now," said Col. David H. Wuest, 512th AW vice commander. "We know they're able to perform their mission here at the base because of the outstanding support of their families and employers."

Around 200 people showed up at the Schwartz Center to see "Full Spectrum" take the stage Oct. 20. The 13-piece jazz ensemble played original scores as well as several big-band favorites.

"I get choked up with the patriotic songs," said Al Smith, a retired Air Force master sergeant who now volunteers his time at the base fitness center. "This performance was terrific; it brings tears to your eyes."

The show-stopper came when Master Sgt. Kenneth Trimmins, the band's NCO in charge, shared a talent that was once showcased on the Tonight Show with Jay Leno – he played two trumpets simultaneously.

For those who didn't make the Schwartz Center, others were able to see the bands at other locations.

"Southern Aire," a Celtic rock band, appealed to both young and older audiences alike.

Performing first at a private school, about 400 4th through 8th graders, heard the different sounds of bagpipes and the

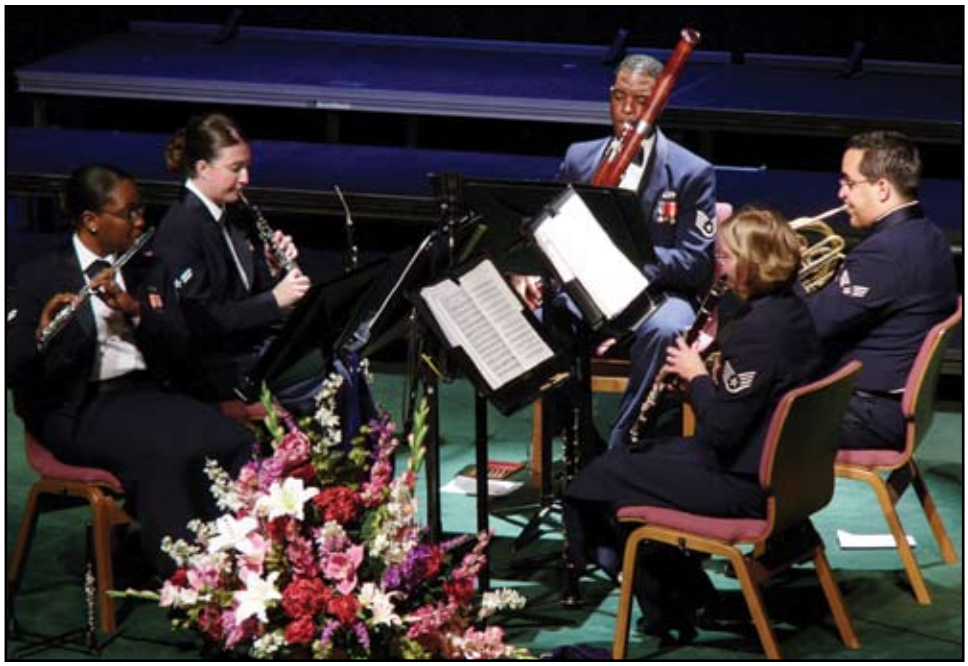


Photo by Tech. Sgt. Charlie Anderson

Left: From left to right is Airman 1st Class Sarah Carter on the flute, Airman 1st Class Grace Huntoon on the Oboe, Staff Sgt. Jerome Minor on the bassoon, Senior Airman Juan Jimenez on the French horn and Staff Sgt. Kara Frank on the clarinet during a performance at Calvary Assembly of God Oct. 21. The Woodwind Quintet also performed at Delaware State University and Salesianum High School, Wilmington, showcasing classical tunes from the opera "Carmen" and from the "Ragtime" era.

Below: Master Sgt. Scott Gunn, a member of Southern Aire, plays the bagpipes during the Guinness Book of World Records' certification of the world's largest crab cake, which weighed in at a record-breaking 235 pounds.

Photo by Tech. Sgt. Veronica A. Aceveda

electric guitar combined together.

"That was the coolest show ever," said Patrick Lynn, 12. "I liked how it was Scottish and Irish all together."

The gym teacher Becky Tatman said watching the Air Force band perform ranked as one of the top three school assemblies in her 36-year career at the school.

Next on tap for the band that performs in authentic Scottish regalia was a gig at the Milford Senior Center.

"Most of them are veterans or are related to someone who is; so, I'm honored to play for them," said Master Sgt. Scott Gunn, Southern Aire NCOIC. "Watching these people have fun is the best part of entertaining."

In addition to being a means to thank the community, the bands are also a means of recruiting.

While the senior citizens themselves are out of the Reserve recruiting pool, Dover Air Force Base's In-service Recruiter, Tech. Sgt. Dawn Serakowski, said they are all influencers – to their children, grandchildren and neighbors.

Without amplifiers and high tech sound boards, the touring Woodwind Quintet filled several arenas, including Salesianum High School, with the sounds of classical tunes from the opera "Carmen" and from the "Ragtime" era as well.

"It was a great experience for the kids," said Brian Cox, the school's music director. "It's always good for them to hear professional-level musicians."

In all, almost 7,000 people attended the scheduled performances around Dover and were exposed to the missions of the Air Force Reserve and the 512th Airlift Wing. Approximately 50,000 more tuned in to hear Southern Aire perform live on one of the area's hottest morning radio shows.

Leaving Dover on a "high-note," the three ensembles headed back to their home base of Robins Air Force Base, Ga., where they'll receive their next assignments to entertain both stateside and in the war zone.

President dedicates Air Force Memorial

WASHINGTON -- On behalf of a grateful nation, the president of the United States accepted the Air Force Memorial in a dedication ceremony here attended by military leaders of the past and present, political and business representatives and thousands of ordinary citizens and Airmen alike.

"A Soldier can walk the battlefields where he once fought," said President George W. Bush. "A Marine can walk the beaches he once stormed, but an Airman can never visit the patch of sky he raced across to defend freedom. And so it is fitting that from this day forward, the men and women of the Air Force will have this memorial."

The ceremony was the highlight of a daylong open house event that attracted thousands of people from around the country to the south parking lot of the Pentagon. Huge screens were put up, which allowed the visitors in the parking lot to view the dedication ceremony, which took place at the base of the memorial.

That crowd included H. Ross Perot and his son, H. Ross Perot Jr., who is chairman of the Air Force Memorial Foundation, and Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld. Also in attendance were former chiefs of staff of the Air Force, secretaries of the Air Force, chief master sergeants of the Air Force, Air Force Medal of Honor recipients and their families.

Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Rodney J. McKinley spoke at the event, saying he was deeply honored to be a part of it. He reflected on the Airmen who serve today and their connection to the dedicated Airmen who served in the past.

Photo by Tech. Sgt. Cohen Young

Hundreds gathered at the base of the new Air Force Memorial during a commemoration ceremony in Arlington, Va., Oct. 15. An open house was held near the Pentagon in conjunction with the dedication ceremony.

"We have the most powerful air, space and cyberspace force in the world," he said. "This is a long overdue tribute to all those who are a part of this ongoing cycle of dedicated and talented Americans who served in the Air Force."

The Air Force Band performed several pieces while a video was shown with clips from pilots climbing into World War II bombers to modern-day Airmen working in the sands of Iraq.

Chief of Staff of the Air Force Gen. T. Michael Moseley spoke of several Airmen who made the ultimate sacrifice in the name of freedom. He read an excerpt from a letter sent by Senior Airman Jason Cunningham, an Air Force parajumper with the Special Forces to his wife, Theresa, before he was killed in combat in Afghanistan in 2002.

"As if aware of his impending death, he wrote, 'I'll die a happy man doing the job I love'," read General Moseley. "Those are the words of a true PJ, and it speaks volumes of his commitment and dedication. We honor him with this memorial, as well as the countless others who are like him."

Several aircraft, ranging from World War I bi-planes to today's stealth bombers and fighters, flew over the crowd and memorial in chronological order, providing visual evidence of the evolution of military flight.

The ceremony ended with a demonstration from the Thunderbirds, who buzzed the crowd before doing the bomb-burst formation, which inspired the design of the three-spires of the memorial.

"We commemorate today the courage of the men and women who wear the Air Force blue," said President Bush. "We remember those who gave their lives for their fellow Americans. We mourn their loss, we pray for their families and we consecrate their legacy here today. " *(Courtesy AFPN)*

Air Force leaders to discuss new 'Cyber Command'

WASHINGTON -- Air Force leaders are gathering in early November to discuss plans for the creation of a new command, one chartered with flying and fighting in cyberspace.

Cyberspace became an official Air Force domain, like air and space, on Dec. 7, 2005, when Secretary of the Air Force Michael W. Wynne and Chief of Staff of the Air Force Gen. T. Michael Moseley introduced a new mission statement.

In a letter to Airmen, they said the new mission was to "deliver sovereign options for the defense of the United States of America and its global interests -- to fly and fight in air, space and cyberspace."

Now, Air Force leaders are planning to stand up a new "cyber command," to be responsible for fighting in that domain, said General Moseley.

"To deliver the full spectrum of effects, we will evolve a coherent enterprise, with warfighting ethos, ready to execute any mission in peace, crisis and war," the general said. "We will foster a force of 21st century warriors, capable of delivering the full spectrum of kinetic and nonkinetic, lethal and nonlethal effects across all three domains. This is why we are standing up an operational command for cyberspace, capable of functioning as a supported or supporting component of the joint force."

Air Force leaders begin planning for the new cyber command Nov. 16 at the Cyber Summit. During the summit, Air Force leaders will chart a way ahead for the Air Force's role in cyberspace, also called the cyber domain, said Dr. Lani Kass, director of the Air Force Cyberspace Task Force.

To read the entire article, visit http://www.af.mil/news/story_print.asp?storyID=123028524. *(Courtesy AFPN)*

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their unique domain -- time and space are compressed. To them, geographical expanses are reduced and geographical barriers are bypassed by the hurtling aircraft - again exploiting the inherent benefits of the ultimate high ground and vantage of operating within this unique domain.

In combat, these Airmen live or die alone. They're certainly accompanied by others, flying and fighting alongside -- but really, they are alone in these fighter aircraft. They're fighting the laws of physics, as well as our increasingly lethal enemies. And the connection to technology is real, because first they become part of the aircraft and then the aircraft becomes a part of them, all in defense of this nation.

I see Airmen succeed throughout the world, mirroring America's diversity and its blend of capabilities, devotion, courage and valor that unite warriors across cultures and national boundaries.

I see Airmen who provide measured military effects and save lives. I see Airmen standing shoulder to shoulder with their brothers and sisters on the ground, hunting terrorists as part of our special operations teams, driving convoys, guarding bases, conducting truly high risk combat search and rescue missions, and providing medical services in places the devil himself doesn't dare to tread.

I see the daily mission reports from U.S. Central Command, documenting multiple examples of Airmen on the scene when surface troops are in contact, who attack with both the aircraft-mounted gatling guns and with the precision-guided munitions, and whose actions set the conditions for victory. This is the essence of the combatant spirit and the joint team.

I see Airmen who quietly support national objectives over the long term. When American ground troops returned home after liberating Kuwait in 1991, Airmen stayed in theater as the preponderance of the force deployed to not only enforce the United Nations' resolutions but to defend the local populations from tyranny. In fact, since that time, Airmen have been fighting in Iraq for 16 straight years, including the 12 years of sacrifice and deployed operations in support of Operation Northern Watch and Operation Southern Watch -- standing guard in the desert as the major American military force engaged.

I see Airmen demonstrating the inherent flexibility of American air power in responding to combat tasking during this same period with two additional deployments into the Arabian Gulf, as well as combat operations over Bosnia and Kosovo and an unwavering air bridge for resupply and medical evacuation -- without skipping a beat.

I see Airmen on duty at this moment flying America's constellation of military spacecraft. This solely Air Force mission involves hundreds of military satellites and thousands of Airmen, serving as the nation's eyes and ears. These Airmen operate the key spacecraft that provide early warning, communications, precise navigation and weather information for America's combat forces. They are "on watch" 24 hours a day, 7 days a week -- and again, they have never skipped a beat.

I see Airmen airborne at this moment in support of Operation Noble Eagle -- overhead the cities and citizens of the United States. This solely Air Force mission involves hundreds of aircraft and thousands of Airmen, operating from dozens of locations -- scattered from Alaska to Hawaii and to the East Coast, serving as the airborne shield for America. These Airmen, in flight aboard AWACS early warning aircraft, aerial refueling tankers and jet fighters are on "on watch" 24 hours a day, 7 days a week -- and again, they have never skipped a beat.

I see Airmen on duty at this moment across the Inter-Continental Ballistic Missile fields and deep within the missile silos located across the heartland of America - "North of Interstate 80." This solely Air Force mission involves hundreds of missiles and thousands of Airmen, serving as the most responsive element of America's "Triad," our nuclear deterrent backstop. These Airmen are also "on watch" 24 hours a day, 7 days a week -- and again, they have never skipped a beat.

I see battlefield Airmen engaged in surface combat alongside this country's finest Soldiers, Sailors and Marines. These special operators, combat controllers, PJs (combat search and rescue to bring back all downed Airmen, no matter their nationality or service), terminal attack controllers, combat communicators and combat weathermen serve as the immediate connection from the surface joint team to the airborne Airmen - delivering the desired kinetic and nonkinetic effects 24 hours a day, 7 days a week -- and, they too, have never skipped a beat.

I see Airmen who represent America at its best: its honor, valor, courage and devotion; its mastery of science and technology; its awesome military might; its commitment to freedom; its flexibility and adaptability. It has always been this way: from our humble beginnings since before World War I to a decisive military force which ended World War II and to a truly global force that manned the intercontinental missiles, jet tankers and bombers of the Cold War, and today contribute to a long list of successes in the global war on terror.

As a reminder of the successes, the last time American Soldiers have been attacked by enemy aircraft was April 1953 -- over 53 years ago. The ability for our surface combatants to look up into the sky, knowing that there's nothing to fear is priceless.

Yet, air, space and cyberspace dominance is not an entitlement -- it's a direct fight that must be won as a predicate to any other activity. The battle for air, space, and now, cyberspace superiority has been -- and will always be -- the first battle of any war.

These Airmen of today's U.S. Air Force have a glorious heritage: from the days of the first combat pilots of the Lafayette Escadrille of World War I to the groundbreaking Tuskegee Airmen of World War II, to the early jet pilots flying "Sabres" over the distant Yalu River during the Korean War, to the early space and missile pioneers that put America on the ultimate high ground of space, to the heroic Jolly Green Giants and POWs of Vietnam, and to the Airmen presently engaged in combat across Iraq and Afghanistan.

They all live on the threshold of a vast horizon -- across the air, space and cyberspace domains. Airmen must be able to continue to mold America's incredible technological might into the air, space and cyber systems which guarantee our freedoms and our future.

The United States of America and the joint team that defends it depend on their Air Force to deliver national objectives on a global scale to an extent unseen in the history of mankind. Yes, America truly soars on Air Force wings.

512th salutes

Rock on!

Congratulations to the 512th Airlift Wing Airmen of the Third Quarter.

Airman:
SrA Ronald Reyes, 709th AS

NCO:
SSgt Sean Barnum, 709th AS

Senior NCO:
MSgt John Martin, 512th CMS

Company Grade Officer:
1Lt Crystal Beach, 512th MSG

Civilian:
John Young, 512th MSS

Medals

Air Medal
Maj Christopher Bish
MSgt Fredrick Ennis
TSgt Roderick A. Lopez II
TSgt Denver McShane
TSgt Sean Pyne

Aerial Achievement
MSgt John S. Bell Jr
MSgt Ronald Bisson
MSgt Barry Hanlon

Meritorious Service
Lt Col John B. Taylor Jr
SMSgt Jonathan Bonnett
SMSgt David Townson
MSgt Ellsworth Conover
MSgt Desmond Harding

Commendation Medal
Capt Scott Kuhrt
1Lt Crystal Beach
MSgt William Clifton
MSgt Mark Daum
TSgt Danny Gilseth
TSgt Richard Greco
TSgt Steven Lardarello
TSgt Kevin McClain
TSgt Hakim Tutt
TSgt Edward Yienger

Achievement Medal
1Lt Crystal Beach

Newcomers

The Liberty Wing welcomes the following newcomers:

1Lt Tinya Lewis
1Lt Jeffrey B. Ryan Jr.
MSgt Laura Coseglia
MSgt Laura Perry
SSgt Wayne Case
SSgt Jason Hoerner
SSgt Tammie Smith
SrA Ala Hunter
SrA Michael Marzilli
A1C Latoya Atkinson
A1C Brandon Conner
A1C Sarai Goldsberry
A1C Alexander Tonkay
A1C Matthew Zerbe
Amn Matthew Kenkelen
AB John Marion
AB Robert Miller
AB Zenna Tunnel

Reenlistments

SMSgt Linda Patosky
MSgt Denise Bouchard
MSgt Robert Burkhamer
MSgt Clarence E. Cole Jr
MSgt Leroy Jett
MSgt Scott O'Brien
MSgt Paul Thomas
TSgt Keisha Phillip
TSgt Stephen Mizell
SSgt Todd Bell
SSgt Antonio Bray
SSgt Herbert R. Lee Jr
SSgt Darryl Menchion
SrA Natalie Bouyer
SrA Clint Caprio
SrA Michael Marzilli

PME Graduates

Squadron Officer School
Capt Kathleen McWilliams

Senior NCO Academy
MSgt Donald Meyer
MSgt John Wenger

Airman Leadership School
SrA Kristin Burton
SrA Roberto Rosado

Retirements

Congratulations to these Airmen on their retirement. The 512th Airlift Wing bids farewell to:

SMSgt Peter Arcona
SMSgt Thomas Bennett
MSgt Bertel Brown
MSgt James Caccamo
MSgt Lloyd D. Eadie Jr
MSgt Robert Farmer
MSgt Michael Francisco
MSgt David Harer
MSgt John McCann
MSgt Lawrence Scott
MSgt Craig Vacovsky
TSgt Lawrence Brooks
TSgt Noel Deomania
TSgt Cheyenne Futrell
TSgt Robert Lee

Welcome wagon

Name: SSgt Tammie Smith
Unit: 512th Mission Support Squadron
Civilian Occupation: Department of Defense civilian with the 302nd Signal Battalion at Fort Detrick, Md.
Hobbies: Reading, shopping and traveling
Personal Goals: Complete bachelor's degree in criminal justice

Photo by Tech. Sgt. Veronica A. Aceveda

Tis' the season!

Staff. Sgt. Jennifer Klein, 512th Aerospace Medicine Squadron, vaccinates Tech. Sgt. Tony Harris, 512th Mission Support Squadron. Reservists can get flu shots from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Nov. 4 in the 512th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron conference room and in the hospital's pharmacy waiting room. If additional shots are needed, the member will be sent to the immunizations clinic. On Nov. 5 from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m., shots will be given in the pharmacy waiting room.

Do you know your 512th AW heritage?

Q: Did you know the 512th Military Airlift Wing derives its heritage directly from the First Combat Cargo Group, which was activated April 14, 1944?

A: Equipped with C-47s, the First Combat Cargo Group was sent to the China-Burma-India Theatre of War, where they began making famous flights over the "Hump." The unit supported the Allied Operations in Burma by flying men and supplies from India, moving equipment required to construct and operate air strips, dropping dummy cargos to lead the enemy away from Allied operations, dropping paratroops for the assault on Rangoon and evacuating prisoners of war who had been liberated by the Allied advances. The First Combat Cargo Group was inactivated on Dec. 24, 1945, after being redesignated the 512th Trooper Carrier Group in September of 1945.

The Lighter Side

Baby Talk

Congratulations to Senior Airman Melissa Palacios, 512th Security Forces Squadron, and her husband Philip. They welcomed Dalen Philip Palacios into the world Sept. 29.

Last chance for USO Gala tickets

USO Delaware is celebrating its 15th anniversary with an event-filled gala at the Dover Downs Rollins Center Nov. 18. Entertainment includes music by a Marine quintent and headliner Tony Orlando, famous for recording "Tie a Yellow Ribbon around the 'ole Oak Tree."

Silent auction items range from local merchant gift certificates to a brand new car.

Call for tickets at (302) 677-2491. For enlisted military personnel, they cost $35; otherwise, the price is $65 per person or $120 per couple.

Tony Orlando

Photo by Staff Sgt. Terezie Jones

Double whammy

Senior Master Sgt. Jonathan Bonnett, 709th Airlift Squadron, retired in a ceremony Oct. 14 after serving 35 years in the military - nearly three decades with the 512th Airlift Wing and a stint in the Navy. For his final flight Oct. 10, Sergeant Bonnett was doused from above with a cooler of ice water and with a fire truck hose.

Around the 512th

AFRC patch update

Although Air Force Reserve Command postponed the mandatory wear of the AFRC patch on battle dress uniforms and flight suits until May 1, 2007, the local guidance according to 512th Airlift Wing officials is the AFRC patch must be worn as of Oct. 1. Chief Master Sgt. Caroline Vennell is the POC for this matter at (302) 677-5123.

Top 3, FSC food drive

Nonperishable food items are being collected through the December UTA. Drop-off locations include the Family Suport Center, the commissary and the 512th Airlift Wing headquarter's lobby area.

All food collected will be used to support the wing's "Adopt a Family Program," where deserving military and civilian families will receive a gift basket during the holiday season. Nominations for families who may need some extra support can be called into the Family Support Center at (302) 677-3566.

Coat, toy drive

The African-American Heritage Committee's annual coat and toy drive will continue through Nov. 20. Drop-off locations are in maintenance Buildings 709 and 760, Room 116.

New and used items are accepted with the exception of used stuffed toys. Collected items will be donated to the Salvation Army. Senior Master Sgt. Janet Hawkins is the POC at (302) 677-5671.

Kiosks now on base

The following are locations of kiosks (computer centers) set up around base that are available for public use.

Fitness Center - no CAC is required to log on to system, certain Web sites may not be accessible, only one computer is available, (302) 677-3962.

Lodging's main building - no CAC is required to logon to system, certain Web sites may not be accessible, four computers available, (302) 677-5983.

Library - no CAC is required, any Web site such as MSN and Yahoo can be accessed. There are more computers located at this location, (302) 677-3992.

Free civilian seminars

The base education and training office is offering the following seminars for civilian employees:

Thrift Savings Plan Seminar, Nov. 14 - covers topics such as investment principles, types of investments, reasons to invest, investing in TSP and alternative investments.

Debt Free Seminar, Nov. 15 - includes information on kinds of debt, the psychology of money, creating a personal budget, credit card solutions, money troubles, how to get out of debt and saving.

Both seminars run from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Building 760's auditorium, located on the second floor. Seating is limited to 50 people per session and can be reserved on a first come, first serve basis. To sign up, call civilian training at (302) 677-4570.

Dover Air Force Base Open House wows public

Staff Sgt. James Wilkinson
436th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

The finale to ten months of preparing, scheduling and implementing plans came to a climactic ending Oct. 7-8 when Dover Air Force Base successfully hosted its two-day 2006 Open House.

People arrived from all over the country to enjoy performances from a lengthy list of aerial demonstration teams and more than 50 static displays of aircraft from Dover as well as other places around the world.

Although the low cloud ceiling prevented some acts from performing the first day, others were able to use the weather to their advantage, enhancing their show.

The F/A-18 demonstration included a variety of aerial maneuvers, which showcased the jet's aerial capabilities and ended with a heritage flight when it paired up with a F-4U Corsair, a World War II-era fighter plane.

The Dueling Sabres, a team of two F-86 Korean-era fighter aircraft, also used the low cloud ceiling to enhance their low-altitude performance.

Dale Snodgrass and his wingman Ed Shipley flew their F-86 Sabres in a tight formation in their dynamic act, which provided the crowd with a precise, low level and close aerobatic routine.

Ed Hamill, representing the Air Force Reserve, was the last demonstration to perform Saturday as he dived and rolled over the Dover AFB flightline in his factory-built, unmodified bi-plane.

Photo by Senior Airman James Bolinger

Navy Lt. Blaine "Rock" Tompkins, an F-18 pilot, holds his son on his shoulders. The two sported matching flight suits for the Open House. Lieutenant Tompkins is a pilot for the Super Hornet Demonstration Team.

Although inclement weather put a stop to some performances Saturday, the weather brightened up for Sunday's line-up, and every act slotted to perform got their chance.

Sunday's demonstrations began with the Wings of Blue. The U.S. Air Force Academy's parachute demonstration 12-person team leapt from their HH-60 helicopter and gracefully fell to Earth, soaring and landing with exact precision on the Dover AFB flightline.

The Aeroshell Demonstration Team also had their chance Sunday to "wow" Dover's audience with four pilots flying formation aerobatics in their World War II North American Advanced Trainers through a series of loop aerobatics and roll maneuvers with smoke trails.

The headliners of the Open House were the U.S. Air Force Air Demonstration Squadron Thunderbirds from Nellis AFB, Nev., who stole the show performing more than 40 formation flying and solo routine maneuvers during their one-hour routine.

The Thunderbirds performance is intended to showcase the uncontested training of Air Force pilots as they highlight the capabilities of the F-16 Fighting Falcon in which the pilots fly.

"When we're out here at Dover and everywhere else, we're really proud to represent the Air Force," said Maj. Brian Farrar, Thunderbirds lead solo pilot in jet number five.

As for Team Dover, Airmen here were excited to give the community a glimpse of what both Dover AFB and the Air Force as a whole are all about.

"Dover is so good to us; this was our chance to open our doors and let them experience what we do," said Maj. Alan Springston, 436th Operations Support Squadron and Open House air boss.

UTA Schedule

	A Team	B Team
NOV	4-5	18-19
DEC	2-3	9-10
JAN	6-7	20-21
FEB	3-4	24-25
MAR	10-11	24-25
APR	14-15	21-22
MAY	5-6	19-20
JUN	9-10	23-24
JUL	7-8	21-22
AUG	4-5	18-19
SEP	8-9	15-16

November UTA paydates

A-Team pays Nov. 15
B-Team pays Nov. 29

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