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# 2010 ALMANAC Year in Review

Members from the 105th Maintenance Squadron at Stewart Air National Guard Base, N.Y., tour and receive briefings on capabilities of a reconditioned C-5M Super Galaxy Nov. 5. The first production C-5M arrived at Stewart ANG Base Oct. 4 and underwent the final stages of its modernization. A ceremony was held to mark the completion of reconditioning on the Super Galaxy prior to its delivery to Dover Air Force Base, Del. Gen. Raymond E. Johns Jr., commander of Air Mobility Command, flew the Super Galaxy from Stewart ANG Base, N.Y., to its operational home at Dover AFB Nov. 6. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. DeNoris A. Mickle)





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# DO SOMETHING AMAZING

## WING AIRMEN MAKE HISTORY IN 2010

COL. RANDAL L. BRIGHT  
512TH AW COMMANDER

Last year flew by and what a busy year it was. The 1,700 members of the 512th Airlift Wing supported a variety of demanding missions in 2010. Whether it was providing humanitarian relief to Haitian refugees or being mobilized to serve a six-month tour in support of the President's Afghanistan plus-up of personnel and supplies, Liberty Wing members answered the call.

As commander of this wing, I see the exemplary achievements of our wing members every day. And, from time to time, I get the honor of recognizing our Airmen for their outstanding achievements in support of the mission. Below are just a few examples of our amazing Airmen and what they do for the Air Force and Air Force Reserve.

In January 2010, the Fédération Aéronautique Internationale certified 41 world records set during a Sept. 13, 2009, flight. Our reservists were part of the Team Dover C-5M Super Galaxy aircrew who took part in the historic flight, demonstrating the capabilities of the modified C-5.

In July 2010, 38 Air Force Reserve medics with the 512th Aerospace Medicine Squadron provided free medical care to more than 8,000 patients in the Dominican Republic.

And, in August 2010, I had the honor of presenting Tech. Sgt. Stephen J. Kaufman, a 512th Civil Engineer Squadron Explosive Ordnance Disposal Flight team leader, with the Bronze Star and Air Force Combat Action Medals. He served with the 755th Bravo EOD Flight at Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan, supporting Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom and took direct, hostile fire daily while contributing to the war effort.

I could write a book on all the feats our reservists achieve here and abroad; the fact is our Airmen do great things every day. As you flip through this Almanac edition of the Liberty Press you will get the opportunity to read about this outstanding unit, its leadership and some of the wing's accomplishments. Because the support of our families and our employers are a vital part of the equation that contributes to this unit's success, we have included information about family resources and associated benefits as well.

As we enter a new decade, 2010 will become a memory. The new year ushers in its own challenges; but, regardless of the task, our amazing Airmen will continue to complete the mission. Thank you for all that you do! Thanks to your families, that allow you to do what you do! And, thanks to your employers for supporting what you do! I am proud to be your commander.



COL. RANDAL L. BRIGHT

WING COMMANDER

**C**ol. Randal L. Bright is the commander of the 512th Airlift Wing, an associate Air Force Reserve Command unit, located at Dover Air Force Base, Del. He is the senior officer responsible for the 1,700 person organization, which supports Air Mobility Command's worldwide airlift mission, operating C-5 and C-17 aircraft.

He was born in Birmingham, Ala., and was commissioned through Officer Training School, Lackland AFB, Texas, in 1985. He has been an Air Force reservist his entire career. As a command pilot, he has more than 4,000 flying hours including 163 combat and combat support hours. He has served overseas in support of Operations Just Cause, Desert Storm, Uphold Democracy, Phoenix Scorpion III & IV, Joint Forge, Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom and has served stateside for Desert Shield and Noble Eagle. Colonel Bright was appointed commander of the 512th AW in June 2007.

## EDUCATION

1983 Bachelor of Science degree in biology, Birmingham-Southern College, Birmingham, Ala.

1985 Officer Training School, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

1994 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

1998 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

2003 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

2003 Masters of Strategic Studies, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

2008 Air Force Enterprise Leadership Seminar, University of North Carolina Kenan-Flagler Business School, Chapel Hill, N.C.

## FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command pilot

Flight hours: 4,000 (164 Combat and Combat Support Hours)

Aircraft flown: T-37, T-38, T-41, T-43, AC-130A, MC-130E, C-130A/E/H and C-17

## MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit

Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air Force Commendation Medal

Army Commendation Medal

Joint Meritorious Unit Award with oak leaf cluster

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with silver and two bronze oak leaf clusters

Air Force Organizational Excellence Award with oak leaf cluster

Combat Readiness Medal with three oak leaf clusters

National Defense Service Medal with bronze star

Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal

Southwest Asia Service Medal with three bronze stars

Kosovo Campaign Medal with bronze star

Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Armed Forces Reserve Medal with three M devices and hourglass

Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon (Pistol)

Kuwait Liberation Medal Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Kuwait Liberation Medal (Government of Kuwait)

## OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

Life member, Reserve Officers Association

Life member, Air War College Alumni Association

Airlift Tanker Association

## EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant Dec. 17, 1985

First Lieutenant Feb. 18, 1988

Captain Aug. 6, 1992

Major Aug. 12, 1997

Lieutenant Colonel Sept. 13, 2001

Colonel Feb. 17, 2005

To view the colonel's complete biography, visit <http://www.512aw.afrc.af.mil/library/biographies/index.asp>



**COL. MICHAEL T. FITZHENRY**

VICE COMMANDER



**CHIEF MASTER SGT. WILLIAM T. WILD III**

COMMAND CHIEF

**C**ol. Michael T. Fitzhenry is the vice commander of the 512th Airlift Wing. He is the second most senior officer responsible for the 1,700 person organization, which supports Air Mobility Command's worldwide airlift mission, operating C-5 and C-17 aircraft. From Marin County, Calif., Colonel Fitzhenry was commissioned through Officer Training School, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, in 1981. He spent more than seven years on active duty, became a reservist, and currently works for U.S. Airways as a B-737 first officer in Charlotte, N.C. As a command pilot, he has more than 7,500 flying hours including 300 combat and combat support hours. He has served overseas in support of Operations Desert Shield, Desert Storm, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. Colonel Fitzhenry was appointed vice commander of the 512th AW in June 2009.

**FLIGHT INFORMATION**

Rating: Command pilot  
Flight hours: More than 7,500  
Aircraft Flown: T-37, T-38, C-141 B/C, C-17A

**EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant Dec. 22, 1981  
First Lieutenant Dec. 22, 1983  
Captain Dec. 22, 1985  
Major Dec. 22, 1995  
Lieutenant Colonel Dec. 22, 2002  
Colonel Jan. 1, 2008

**C**hief Master Sergeant William T. Wild III is the command chief master sergeant of the 512th Airlift Wing. He advises the commander on all enlisted matters, including issues affecting the wing's mission, operations, readiness, training and quality of life. Chief Wild enlisted in the Air Force Reserve in 1985. He completed Basic Military Training at Lackland AFB, Texas, and he attended technical training at the Security Forces Police Academy, Lackland AFB, Texas. Upon completion, he was assigned to the 512th Security Forces Squadron, Dover AFB, Del., where he recently served as the security forces manager. Chief Wild works as a corporal with the Anne Arundel County, Md., Police Department. He has served with the department for 17 years, working in the Patrol Division, Criminal Investigations Division, Special Operations Division and Quick Response Team, and the Police Training Academy.

**EDUCATION**

1988 NCO Preparatory by correspondence  
1998 NCO Academy by correspondence  
2003 Senior NCO Academy by correspondence  
2008 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education

**EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Staff Sergeant Sept. 1, 1988  
Technical Sergeant Nov. 1, 1996  
Master Sergeant Nov. 1, 1998  
Senior Master Sergeant Jan. 1, 2004  
Chief Master Sergeant Jan. 1, 2006

# WING LEADERSHIP

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**COL. KARL A. SCHMITKONS**  
512TH OPERATIONS GROUP COMMANDER

Col. Karl A. Schmitkons is the commander of the 512th Operations Group. He oversees the flying operations of the C-5 Galaxy and C-17 Globemaster and commands more than 320 people. He graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy in May 1984. After serving more than 11 years in the regular Air Force, he joined the Air Force Reserve in 1996 and began his Air Reserve Technician career with the 913th Airlift Wing, Willow Grove Air Reserve Station, Pa. As an ART, the colonel holds dual status as a civil service employee and an AF reservist. The colonel has deployed in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. He is a command pilot with more than 5,900 hours in three variants of the C-130, two variants of the C-5 and the C-17.

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**COL. ELAINE K. BARRON**  
512TH MISSION SUPPORT GROUP COMMANDER

Col. Elaine K. Barron is the commander of the 512th Mission Support Group. She is the senior officer responsible for the 800 person organization, which supports Air Mobility Command's worldwide airlift mission, operating C-5 and C-17 aircraft. The colonel received her commission through Officer Training School in August 1979. She served as a personnel officer at Columbus Air Force Base, Miss., and at Headquarters Air Training Command and Headquarters Air Force Recruiting Service, Randolph AFB, Texas. She left the regular Air Force at Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C., in 1990 and joined the Air Force Reserve as an Individual Mobilization Augmentee. She served as an assistant to the Defense Attaché in the U.S. Embassy in La Paz, Bolivia. Colonel Barron became an Air Reserve Technician in 2000.

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**COL. ALAN H. LERNER**  
512TH MAINTENANCE GROUP COMMANDER

Col. Alan H. Lerner is the commander of the 512th Maintenance Group. He oversees the maintenance operations of more than 500 personnel. The 512th and 436th Maintenance Groups team together to provide all logistical support required to sustain C-5 Galaxy and C-17 Globemaster aircraft. Colonel Lerner is a graduate of the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, N.D., and was commissioned through the Officer Training School, Lackland AFB, Texas. He separated from the regular Air Force in 1993 and entered the inactive Reserve the same year. In 1996, Colonel Lerner became a traditional reservist and an Air Reserve Technician in 1997. A career maintenance officer, his assignments include maintaining diverse weapons systems such as F-111E and F-4G aircraft, as well as C-130E and C-130H3 aircraft.

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**COL. WALTON F. REDDISH**  
512TH AEROSPACE MEDICINE SQUADRON

Col. Walton F. Reddish is the commander of the 512th Aerospace Medicine Squadron. Colonel Reddish received a direct commission as a nurse in May 1994. He was initially assigned as the Individual Mobilization Augmentee for the emergency room manager at the 436th Medical Group, Dover Air Force Base, Del. In 1996, he joined the 512th AMDS as a clinical nurse and was appointed commander in 2007. He is a member of the Reserve Officer's Association, the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners and the American College of Nurse Practitioners.

To view the complete biographies visit <http://www.512aw.afrc.af.mil/library/biographies/index.asp>



The 512th Airlift Wing participated in an around-the-clock vigil Sept. 17 at the base flag pole in honor of POW/MIA Recognition Day. It's one of six days specified by law on which the black POW/MIA flag shall be flown over federal facilities and cemeteries, post offices and military installations. Liberty Wing members also took shifts during a 24-hour period from Sept. 16 - 17, when base members took 10-minute turns running with the U.S. and POW/MIA flags across base. (Photo by Master Sgt. Veronica A. Aceveda)

## ABOUT THE 512TH AIRLIFT WING

The 512th Airlift Wing is an associate subordinate unit of Headquarters, 22nd Air Force Reserve. It is organized under the objective wing structure with group commanders for operations, maintenance and mission support.

The wing consists of headquarters staff, three groups, 12 squadrons and four flights. The wing is authorized 1,700 personnel - 12 percent officers; 88 percent enlisted; and a support staff of about 35 civilians. These figures include the 235 Air Reserve Technicians who manage Reserve issues between Unit Training Assemblies.

The 512th Operations Group is composed of two squadrons and two flights. The 709th Airlift Squadron flies the C-5 Galaxy, and the 326th AS flies the C-17 Globemaster III. The two flights are the 512th Operations Support Flight and the 512th Airlift Control Flight.

The 512th Maintenance Group is composed of three squadrons and one flight. The 512th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron maintains the C-5, and the 712th AMXS maintains the C-17. Other units in the group include the 512th Maintenance Squadron and the 512th Maintenance Operations Flight.

The 512th Mission Support Group is composed of five squadrons, one flight and two geographically separated units. The group includes the 512th Mission Support Squadron, 512th Security Forces Squadron, 512th Civil Engineer Squadron, 512th Memorial Affairs Squadron, 46th Aerial Port Squadron and Logistics Readiness Flight. The two GSUs, the 622nd Communications Flight and the 71st Aerial Port Squadron, are located at Langley Air Force Base, Va.

The wing also has the 512th Aerospace Medicine Squadron, located at Dover AFB.

# STAFF AGENCIES

## INSPECTOR GENERAL

MAJ. CARL GOUAUX

The Inspector General Office provides assistance to military personnel of all services, their dependents, civilians, retirees and the local community in processing complaints and in administering the Department of Defense's Fraud, Waste and Abuse program. Their prime emphasis is to ensure any complaint is investigated fairly, using all the facts, policies and guidance available and achieves timely, logical results. The IG confidentiality ensures the complainant's right to complain without fear or reprisal.

## LEGAL

LT. COL. CHRISTOPHER DENTEL

The Legal Office provides professional legal support and advice to command and other staff agencies on issues such as military justice, adverse actions, operations law, ethics and line of duty determinations. Also, servicemembers, their families and military retirees, can receive personal legal assistance on civil matters. Personal civil matters include wills and powers of attorney, Service Member Civil Relief Act matters, Uniform Service Members Employment and Re-employment Rights Act matters, domestic matters and consumer issues.

## EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

LED BY MAJ. KATHRYN FIDDLER

The Equal Opportunity Office is the focal point for programs to ensure Air Force military and civilian personnel are provided equal opportunity and treatment regardless of their race, color, religion, national origin or sex. The EO staff provides counseling for aggrieved members, assuring complaints are fairly and thoroughly addressed and that final actions are taken in a timely manner. They also provide education on sexual harassment awareness, effective communication and cultural diversity.

## HISTORIAN

SENIOR AIRMAN MICHAEL QUEEN

The Historian Office supports the wing commander and the wing by providing historically relevant information to aid in decision making. The historian objectively records wing history and deploys to record contingency operations history in order to preserve an official record of Air Force mission accomplishment. Histories and source documents are maintained at the Air Force Historical Research Agency at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. Copies of wing histories, along with additional historical documents, are maintained in the wing's historical repository. Additionally, the historian is the wing's focal point for organizational lineage, honors, heraldry, unit emblems and organizational flags.

## RECRUITING

LED BY SENIOR MASTER SGT. MICHAEL DILORENZO

The Recruiting Office recruits non-prior and prior service applicants into the Air Force Reserve. They counsel potential recruits on available Air Force career fields and ensure recruits meet minimum qualifications.

## CHAPEL TEAM

LED BY CHAPLAIN (MAJ.) BARRY BALL

The Chapel Team provides chaplains and enlisted chaplain assistants who help care for the wing's highest priority, the people. Chaplains provide pastoral guidance in matters pertaining to religious expression, religious conviction, ethical decision-making, moral reasoning, wedding preparation and more. Religious programs include Catholic and Protestant activities, as well as seasonal special activities and worship opportunities. Other faith group members may contact the chapel for information on locations and contacts for other faith groups.

## FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

LED BY PAM JACKSON AND CAPT. DAWN CARD

The Financial Management Office provides financial services and resource management to support the training and war-fighting mission of the Air Force Reserve. Services include military and travel pay, orders processing, funds accountable and budget planning, programming, execution and analysis. The FMO provides customer service to all wing units, as well as financial management training and education. Assigned personnel deploy in support of the FM mission around the world.

## PROCESS MANAGER

LT. COL. JAMES JOHANN

The Process Manager's office is the lead in providing Continuous Process Improvement efforts for the 512th Airlift Wing. The office also provides dissemination and collection of Lessons Learned and Management Internal Control Toolset/Self Inspection/Gatekeeper operations.

## PUBLIC AFFAIRS

LED BY CAPT. MARNEE LOSURDO

The Public Affairs Office handles all public and media relations for the wing. The PA team handles internal information, media relations and community relations. Internal information encompasses wing publications, the wing website, wing commanders calls and social media venues such as Facebook and Twitter. Media relations includes print, radio and television involvement. Community relations includes tours, events speaking engagements and the Honorary Commanders Program.

## UNIT DESCRIPTIONS

# 512TH OPERATIONS GROUP

709TH AIRLIFT SQUADRON  
COMMANDED BY LT. COL. JAMES LACKEY

The 709th Airlift Squadron mission is C-5 global strategic airlift with 29 combat-ready aircrews flying over 4,000 hours annually in support of National Command Authorities on overseas airlift missions, joint service exercises, humanitarian relief, presidential movement and aircrew training.

326TH AIRLIFT SQUADRON  
COMMANDED BY LT. COL. DAVID C. ARTHUR

The 326th Airlift Squadron mission is C-17 global strategic airlift with 18 combat-ready aircrews flying over 4,500 hours annually in support of National Command Authorities on overseas airlift missions, joint service exercises, humanitarian relief, presidential movement and aircrew training.

512TH AIRLIFT CONTROL FLIGHT  
COMMANDED BY LT. COL. MARK VISCO

The 512th Airlift Control Flight is a selectively staffed direct combat-support unit which deploys as the command and control element of Air Mobility Command's Tanker Airlift Control Center, tasked to establish, augment or sustain command and control and mission support for strategic and theater air mobility forces, supporting Global Reach and laydown for war, contingency operations or AMC-directed missions at bare base forward locations worldwide.

512TH OPERATIONS SUPPORT FLIGHT  
COMMANDED BY LT. COL. THOMAS GUERRA

The 512th Operations Support Flight's primary mission is to conduct individual and unit training according to applicable Air Force and AF Reserve Command and gaining command training directives to attain the highest readiness status possible in support of their wartime mission. Support includes weapons and tactics, training statistics and current operations functions.

# 512TH MAINTENANCE GROUP

512TH AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE SQUADRON  
COMMANDED BY MAJ. JOHN FORAN

The 512th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron supports C-5 flight line maintenance. Their mission is to provide reliable aircraft and dependable support to Team Dover for its global peacetime and combat taskings.

712TH AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE SQUADRON  
COMMANDED BY MAJ. ROBERT GELLNER

The 712th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron maintains C-17A home station and transient aircraft. Their mission is to train and retain mission capable Citizen Airmen through continuous preparation to efficiently support the nation's global commitments.

512TH MAINTENANCE OPERATION FLIGHT  
COMMANDED BY MAJ. JAMES HARTLE

The 512th Maintenance Operations Flight mission is to provide administrative, analysis, training management, and programs and resources functions to the 512th MXG. They also provide planning and scheduling support in the areas of maintenance production.

512TH MAINTENANCE SQUADRON  
COMMANDED BY LT. COL. THOMAS KERR

The 512th Maintenance Squadron mission is to assure expeditionary readiness of assigned specialists and administrative personnel to lead or support Reserve and active-duty strategic airlift wings' missions in direct response to major command or gaining MAJCOM taskings. It also provides highly skilled on and off equipment maintenance specialists for C-5B/M and C-17A aircraft, munitions support and support equipment. They also produce maintenance capability and support the 512th Airlift Wing flying hours.

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# 512TH AEROSPACE MEDICINE SQUADRON

512TH AEROSPACE MEDICINE SQUADRON  
COMMANDED BY COL. WALTON F. REDDISH

The 512th Aerospace Medicine Squadron mission in wartime and peacetime is to deliver comprehensive medical support ensuring health and fitness to meet Air Force mission goals and to be ready with unrivaled health care delivery for freedom's defense.

# 512TH MISSION SUPPORT GROUP

## 512TH MISSION SUPPORT GROUP COMMANDED BY COL. ELAINE K. BARRON

The 512th Mission Support Group ensures assigned units are manned, trained and equipped to meet wartime taskings and provides fiscal and personnel policy guidance for geographically separated units at Langley Air Force Base, Va.

## 46TH AERIAL PORT SQUADRON COMMANDED BY MAJ. RICHARD SAUNDERS

The 46th Aerial Port Squadron deploys trained personnel and serviceable equipment to provide augmentation or stand-alone port support at aerial ports of embarkation and aerial ports of debarkation or unit move on and off-load locations. Responsibilities include cargo and passenger processing, aircraft loading and unloading, joint inspection, mobility load team supervision, engine running on and offload, home station and deployed Air Terminal Operations Center and Contingency Response Element, Tactical Control Unit, Departure Airfield Control Group operations.

## 512TH MEMORIAL AFFAIRS SQUADRON COMMANDED BY MAJ. BETH BRUKER-WALOS

The 512th Memorial Affairs Squadron supports the Department of Defense as one of two Air Force Reserve Command-unique port mortuary specialty teams, processing military and DoD civilian remains during peacetime incidents and contingency operations. Augments host wing food service, lodging and fitness center operations. Manages the 512th Airlift Wing's lodging program.

## 512TH LOGISTICS READINESS FLIGHT COMMANDED BY LT. COL. GRETCHEN WILTSE

The 512th Logistics Readiness Flight supports aircraft maintenance generation weapon systems with supply and fuel; repairs vehicles; and provides wing-level logistics planning, deployment planning, training and execution, and expeditionary support planning; and provides logistics command and control for wing members. The flight also manages the wing's war reserve material.

## 512TH SECURITY FORCES SQUADRON MAJ. RANDY CORREIA

The 512th Security Forces Squadron trains and deploys its security forces and combat arms specialist members in support of wartime and peacetime operation requirements. Duties include providing protection for aircraft transiting to and assigned at deployed locations, to include Protection Level I and II resources, and provide police services to enhance public safety.

## 512TH CIVIL ENGINEER SQUADRON COMMANDED BY LT. COL. RICHARD A. FREEWALT

The 512th Civil Engineer Squadron trains and deploys with the ability to supply drinking water, primary and backup electrical power, steam for heat and industrial processes, industrial wastewater treatment and sanitary wastewater disposal, liquid fuels, and natural gas utilities; identifies facility and utility infrastructure upgrade requirements; manages pavements repair and minor construction programs; provides entomology and refuse disposal services; oversees contracted ground maintenance; and provides effective energy and CE related environmental management to meet current and future missions requirements, as well as provides snow removal on the airfield, roads and parking lots of deployed locations.

## 512TH FORCE SUPPORT SQUADRON COMMANDED BY MAJ. CATHY ANDERSON

The 512th Force Support Squadron provides service and support to 512th Airlift Wing members and their families through the Airman & Family Readiness Center, Information Systems Flight (computers, network and information management), and the Military Personnel Flight (education and training and personnel). Deploys postal augmentees and Personnel Support for Contingency Operations in support of the Air and Space Expeditionary Force and bare base facilities.

## 622ND COMMUNICATIONS SQUADRON COMMANDED BY MAJ. WILLIAM MONAHAN

The 622nd Communications Flight provides support to sustain the Integrated Integrated Network Operations Security Center with trained and certified personnel for surge operations. Help support and manage network defense; generate an enterprise situational awareness picture; enforce standard network configurations; provides technical support for standard network components; ensure compliance with Time Compliance Network Order security measures; and delivers information assurance through Fault, Configuration, Accounting, Performance, and Security management of combat and combat support networks. This includes voice, video, imagery, data and sensor networks supported by AF long-haul links, trunks, and circuits.

## 71ST AERIAL PORT SQUADRON COMMANDED BY MAJ. BRIAN T. ZEMAN

The 71st Aerial Port Squadron deploys trained personnel and serviceable equipment to provide augmentation or stand-alone aerial port support at aerial ports of embarkation and aerial ports of debarkation or unit move on and offload locations. Responsibilities include cargo processing, aircraft loading/ unloading, joint inspection, mobility on/offload locations, mobility load team supervision, engine running on/offloads, home station and deployed Air Terminal Operations Center, Airlift Control Element, Tactical Control Unit, Departure Airfield Control Group operations and command.



Photo by Jason Minto

## TEAM DOVER ACCOMPLISHES GLOBAL AIRLIFT MISSION

**D**over Air Force Base is located in the “First State,” and is the center of the Delmarva -- Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia -- peninsula. Dover AFB is home to the 436th Airlift Wing, known as the “Eagle Wing” and the 512th Airlift Wing, the Air Force Reserve associate unit, which means the Reserve wing uses the active-duty host wing’s facilities and equipment. The 512th AW is referred to as the “Liberty Wing.” Together, these two wings make up the “Team Dover.”

The 436th AW is the active-duty military host unit at Dover AFB, which provides command and staff supervision, along with support functions, for assigned airlift providing worldwide movement of outsized cargo and personnel on scheduled, special assignment, exercise and contingency airlift missions.

The Eagle Wing is a subordinate of 18th Air Force headquartered with the Air Mobility Command at Scott Air Force Base, Ill. The Eagle Wing consists of operations, maintenance, mission support and medical groups and 14 staff divisions. The wing has more than 4,000 active-duty military and civilian employees.

Home to the C-5 Galaxy and C-17 Globemaster III aircraft, the Eagle Wing flies hundreds of missions throughout the world and provides 25 percent of the nation’s strategic airlift capability, projecting global reach to more than 100 countries around the globe.

Dover AFB operates the largest and busiest air freight terminal in the Department of Defense and is home to the Air Mobility Command Museum, which welcomes thousands of visitors each year. The Charles C. Carson Center for Mortuary Affairs is the DOD’s largest joint-service mortuary facility and the only one located in the continental United States.



**What We Believe**

- 436th Airlift Wing Mission: Deliver!
- 512th Airlift Wing Mission: Fly and fight by delivering airlift and support options for the defense of the United States of America and its global interests
- 436th Airlift Wing Vision: Continue to be America’s Preeminent Expeditionary Airlift Team
- 512th Airlift Wing Vision: Ready with unrivaled Airmen and global airlift for freedom’s defense
- Core Values: Integrity First, Service Before Self and Excellence in All We Do
- Distinctive Capabilities: 25% of AF’s Global Airlift Capability; Aerial Port operations; Port Mortuary operations

**Dover AFB Basics**

- Established: Dec. 17, 1941
- Active Duty Strength: Appx. 3,405
- Total Force Strength (AD, Guard, AFRC, Civilians & Dependents): Approximately 10,800
- Economic Impact: Approx. \$495 million
- Aircraft in Inventory: 18 = C-5 Galaxy,
- 13 = C-17 Globemaster III
- Career Specialties: 50 officer, 88 enlisted

**436th Airlift Wing Leadership**

- Wing Commander: Col. Manson O. Morris
- Vice Commander: Col. Anthony B. Krawietz
- Operations Group Commander: Col. David Hafer
- Maintenance Group Commander: Col. Thomas Kauth
- Mission Support Group Commander: Col. Joan Garbutt
- Medical Group Commander: Col. Sharon Bannister
- Command Chief: Chief Master Sgt. John Evalle

**Dover AFB Demographics**

<b>Totals:</b>	<b>Active Force:</b>	<b>Commissioning Source:</b>	<b>Marital Status:</b>
•Civilian: 1,085	•Men: 2,870	•Air Force ROTC: 165	•Officers: 71% married
•Officers: 370	•Women: 545	•Officer Training School: 50	•Enlisted: 55% married
•Enlisted: 3,040	<b>Ethnic Group/U.S.</b>	•U.S. Air Force Academy: 85	<b>Average Age:</b>
•AFRC/ANG: 1,860/126	•Caucasian: 2,610	•Other: 50	•Officers: 33
•AD Dependants: 4,410	•Black: 510	<b>% of Officers Rated:</b>	•Enlistd: 28
<b>Average Total Service:</b>	•Asian: 90	•Pilots: 51% / Female 3%	•Total below
•Officers: 9yrs	•American Indian/Alaskan: 35		Age 26: 1,710
•Enlisted: 8yrs 9mo	•Hawaiian/Pacific Is: 30		

**Tenant Units**

- 512th Airlift Wing
- 373rd Training Squadron, Detachment 3
- United Services Organization- Delaware (USO)
- Air Force Mortuary Affairs Operations Center
- AF Office of Special Investigations, Civil Air Patrol, Air Force
- Army Exchange, Defense Commissary Agency and others

**Unique Facilities**

- Charles C. Carson Center for Mortuary Affairs, the Department of Defense’s largest, only stateside facility
- 436th Aerial Port Squadron, DOD’s largest air freight outfit
- Air Mobility Command Museum

A C-17 Globemaster III sits on the Dover Air Force Base, Del., flightline Jan. 12. Cargo is loaded onto the C-17 through a large aft door that accommodates military vehicles and palletized cargo. The C-17 can carry virtually all of the Army's air-transportable equipment. (Photo by Roland Balik)



## C-17 GLOBEMASTER III

### Mission

The C-17 Globemaster III is the newest, most flexible cargo aircraft to enter the airlift force. The C-17 is capable of rapid strategic delivery of troops and all types of cargo to main operating bases or directly to forward bases in the deployment area. The aircraft can perform tactical airlift and airdrop missions and can also transport litters and ambulatory patients during aeromedical evacuations when required. The inherent

flexibility and performance of the C-17 force improves the ability of the total airlift system to fulfill the worldwide air mobility requirements of the United States.

### Features

The C-17 measures 174 feet long with a wingspan of 169 feet, 10 inches. The aircraft is powered by four, fully reversible, Federal Aviation Administration-certified F117-PW-100 engines (the military designation for the commercial Pratt & Whitney PW2040), currently used on the Boeing 757. Each en-



engine is rated at 40,440 pounds of thrust. The thrust reversers direct the flow of air upward and forward to avoid ingestion of dust and debris. Maximum use has been made of off-the-shelf and commercial equipment, including Air Force-standardized avionics. The aircraft is operated by a crew of three (pilot, co-pilot and loadmaster), reducing manpower requirements, risk exposure and long-term operating costs. Cargo is loaded onto the C-17 through a large aft door that accommodates military vehicles and palletized cargo. The C-17 can carry virtually all of the Army's air-transportable equipment.

## C-5 GALAXY

### Mission

The gigantic C-5 Galaxy, with its tremendous payload capability, provides airlift in support of the United States' national defense. The C-5 can carry fully equipped combat-ready military units to any point in the world on short notice and then provide field support required to help sustain the fighting force.

### Features

The C-5 is the largest airlifter in the Air Force inventory. It can carry 36 standard pallets and up to 81 troops simultaneously. The Galaxy also carries all of the Army's air-transportable combat equipment from the United States to any theater of combat on the globe. Ground crews are able to load and off-load the C-5 simultaneously at the front and rear cargo openings, reducing cargo transfer times.

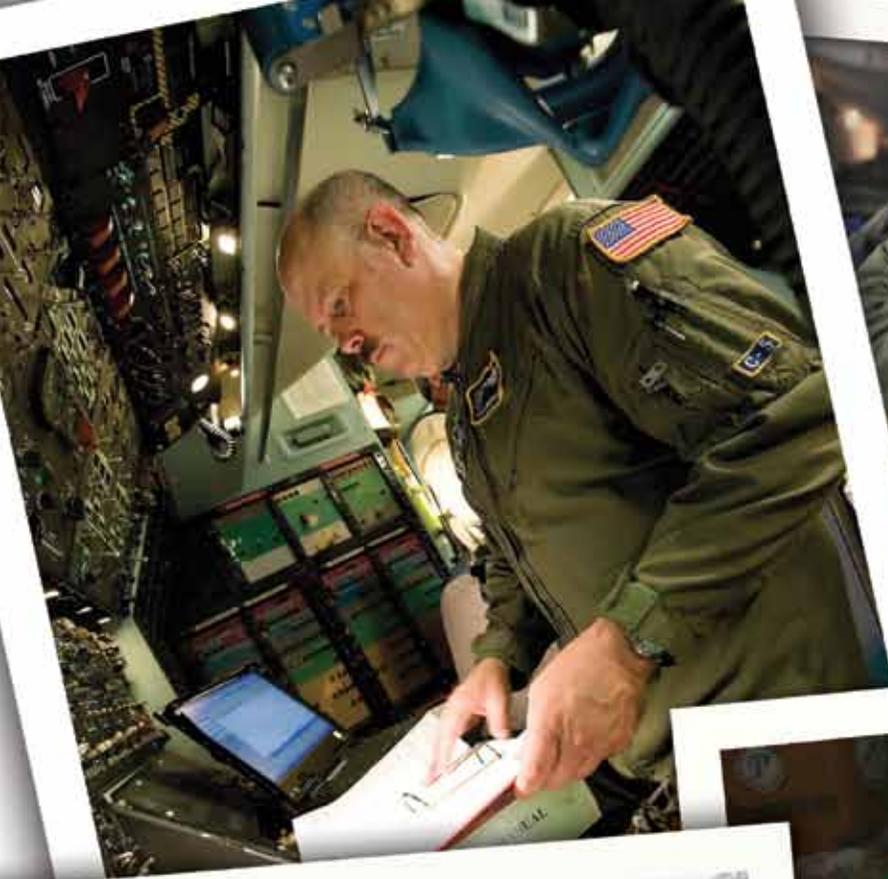
The C-5 has the distinctive high T-tail, 25-degree wing sweep, and four TF39 turbofan engines mounted on pylons beneath the wings. These engines are rated at 43,000 pounds of thrust each and weigh 7,900 pounds each. They have an air intake diameter of more than 8.5 feet. Each engine pod is nearly 27 feet long.

The Galaxy has 12 internal wing tanks with a total capacity of 51,150 gallons of fuel -- enough to fill 6 1/2 regular size railroad tank cars. A C-5 with a cargo load of 270,000 pounds can fly 2,150 nautical miles offload and fly to a second base 500 nautical miles away from the original destination -- all without aerial refueling. With aerial refueling, the aircraft's range is limited only by crew endurance. The aircraft is operated by a crew of seven (pilot, co-pilot, two flight engineers and three loadmasters).

## C-5 SUPER GALAXY

Based on a study showing 80 percent of the C-5 airframe service life remaining, Air Mobility Command began an aggressive program to modernize the C-5. The C-5 Avionics Modernization Program began in 1998 and includes upgrading avionics to communications, navigation, surveillance/air traffic management compliance; improving navigation, communication, and safety equipment; and, installing a new autopilot system.

Another part of the modernization plan is a comprehensive Re-engining and Reliability Program. The centerpiece of this program is the General Electric CF6-80C2 commercial engine. This engine delivers a 22 percent increase in thrust to the C-5M, a 30 percent shorter take-off roll and it has a 58 percent faster climb rate and which allows significantly more cargo to be carried over longer distances. With its new engine and upgrades, the C-5 becomes the C-5M Super Galaxy.



# THEIR STORIES

Each month, the 1,700-plus reservists assigned to the 512th Airlift Wing volunteer their time to serve their nation. It's not an easy task, but this group of Airmen make an impact every day. Here are some of their stories ...

# Providing Global Airlift

## Reservists mobilize to support Afghanistan troop plus-up

By **Capt. Marnee A.C. Losurdo**  
512th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

**A**pproximately 300 Air Force Reserve flight crew members, maintenance technicians, aerial porters and support personnel were called to active duty April 5 to support the Afghanistan troop plus-up this spring.

The 512th Airlift Wing reservists were activated for about six months to provide airlift support for Operation Enduring Freedom for the movement of 30,000 additional American troops, a plan President Barack Obama announced in December 2009.

“As reservists, we train like we fight; so, when our nation calls upon us, we are ready to execute the mission, fulfill worldwide air mobility requirements and ensure the safety of our nation and its citizens,” said Col. Randal L. Bright, 512th AW commander.

The Reserve unit has more than 1,700 personnel. Also known as the Liberty Wing, the unit flies and maintains the C-5 Galaxy and C-17 Globemaster III aircraft, which transport military assets and supplies to U.S. fighting forces around the globe.

Some of the activated reservists deployed to Southwest Asia, however, the majority were stationed at Dover Air Force Base, Del., to support the movement of armored vehicles, helicopters and other support equipment to Afghanistan.

Maj. Jeff Snyder, a 326th Airlift Squadron pilot, is one of the activated wing members who volunteered for this assignment.

“I wanted to be here, and I’m proud to be able to contribute to the war effort by supporting our fellow service members who are in theater,” said the major who has served in the AF Reserve for 17 years.

Even though the six-month activation posed some challenges for his employer and family, the pilot said he was fortunate to have their support.

“My employer is very supportive of the military as many of the employees have a military background, so I’ve never had any problems,” said Major Snyder, who works as a commercial pilot for a major U.S. airline based in Washington D.C.

“And, anytime you are away from home and your family, it can be difficult,” said the pilot, who has a wife and six-year-old son in Maryland. “My family would prefer I’d be at home; but, they understand this is the nature of the business, and they support me 100 percent.”





A C-5 Galaxy crew delivers cargo to Afghanistan this summer. Approximately 300 Air Force Reserve flight crew members, maintenance technicians, aerial porters and support personnel were called to active duty April 5 to support the Afghanistan troop build-up this year. (Submitted photo)

Staff Sgt. Joseph MacCarrol (left), 512th Maintenance Group fuels systems craftsman sheet metal specialist, and Master Sgt. Dale Coston, 512th MXG fuels systems shift supervisor, conduct an operational check on a valve May 2 at Dover Air Force Base, Del. The two maintainers and 134 other reservists from the 512th MXG mobilized April 5 in support of the troop plus-up. This movement supports President Barack Obama's plan, announced in December 2009, to push 30,000 additional American troops for Operation Enduring Freedom. (Photo by Senior Airman Andria J. Allmond)

# RECORD SETTERS

## C-5M Super Galaxy sets 41 world records

By 1st Lt. Adam Gregory  
436th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

**A** Dover C-5M Super Galaxy went into the world record books Jan. 19 when the Fédération Aéronautique Internationale certified 41 records set during a Sept. 13, 2009, flight.

The U.S. National Aeronautic Association approved the U.S. records Oct. 30 before submitting them to the FAI, a Swiss-based world air-sports organization with more than 100 member countries, for certification as world records.

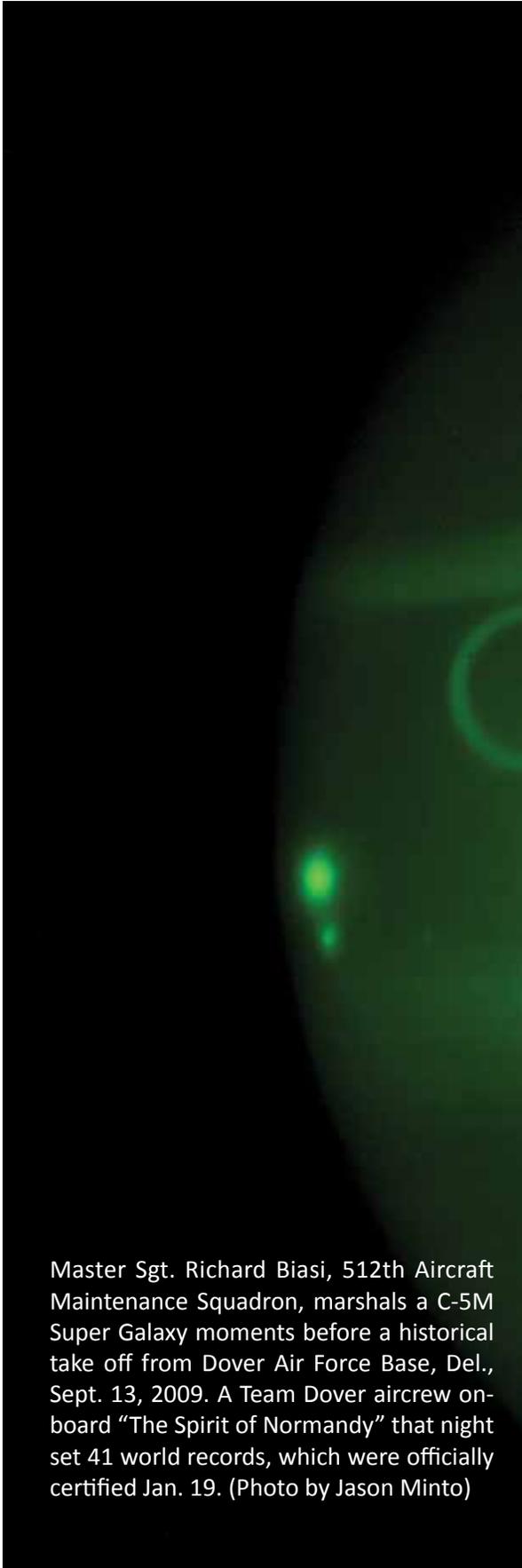
A NAA official was onboard and documented the world record attempts, which included various altitude, payload and time-to-climb rates. For example, with a payload of 80,000 kg (about 176,000 pounds), the C-5M climbed to 12,469 meters. The records “trickled down” to lighter payloads and lower altitudes. On board was the “greatest payload” with 80,036 kg of cargo.

“It was great to be a part of this flight because we were able to showcase the capability and efficiency of the C-5M while demonstrating how Team Dover works together every day to accomplish the mission,” said Maj. Cory Bulris, 9th Airlift Squadron C-5M aircraft commander. “In the process of setting these records, the crew was able to demonstrate the new aircraft’s ability to escape the threat environment quickly and effectively.”

The C-5 heavy-transport aircraft has been part of the Air Force inventory for four decades. With the new Reliability Enhancement and Re-engining Program, or RERP, the aircraft is forecast to be in service another 40 years. RERP outfits the aircraft with new, quieter, more powerful and fuel-efficient engines and 70 other enhancements. RERP is the second part of a two-phase upgrade that also includes the Avionics Modernization Program.

Since attempting the world record flight, Dover’s three C-5M aircraft have completed the operational testing and evaluation phase and recently returned from the first C-5M mission to Iraq.

“We’ve tested the ability to fly this aircraft directly to the Middle East with 33 direct flights to Incirlik, Turkey and returning direct to Dover” said Lt. Col. Mike Semo, 709th Airlift Squadron pilot and C-5M Program Office chief. “Now, that it’s been tested and proven, the only requirement is the final approval to be able to accomplish direct flights. This will allow us to develop a wider range of strategic abilities around the C-5M aircraft and will significantly decrease the time the aircraft spends on the ground. In some cases, this will save us over a day in travel time.”



Master Sgt. Richard Biasi, 512th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, marshals a C-5M Super Galaxy moments before a historical take off from Dover Air Force Base, Del., Sept. 13, 2009. A Team Dover aircrew onboard “The Spirit of Normandy” that night set 41 world records, which were officially certified Jan. 19. (Photo by Jason Minto)





The Jan. 12 earthquake near Port-au-Prince, Haiti, impacted an estimated 3 million people. The devastating quake left 220,000 dead, 300,000-plus injured and more than 1 million homeless. According to U.N. reports, the quake destroyed 60 percent of government infrastructure and left more than

180,000 homes uninhabitable. About 20 Airmen from the 512th Airlift Control Flight and the 46th Aerial Port Squadron departed Dover Air Force Base, Fla., January to March to contribute to humanitarian relief efforts for Haiti. (Photo by Senior Airman Andria J. ...)

# Helping Haiti

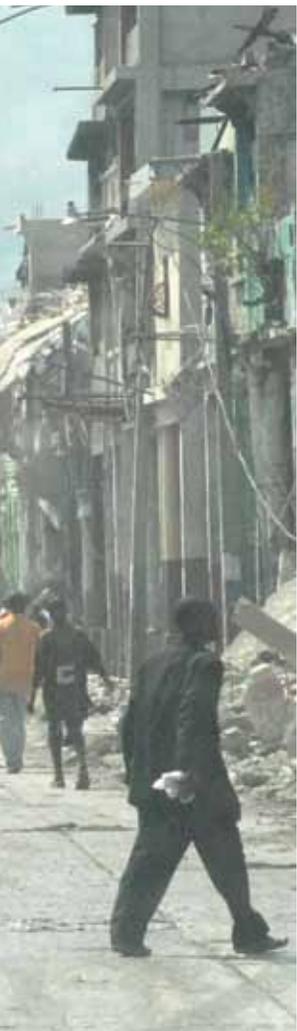
## Dover Airmen assist with Haiti relief efforts

By Staff Sgt. Steven Lewis  
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**A**irmen from the 512th Airlift Control Flight and the 46th Aerial Port Squadron returned to Dover Air Force Base in March after contributing to humanitarian relief efforts for Haiti.

The 20-person team spent more than a month at Homestead Air Reserve Base, Fla., where they conducted airfield operations and managed the transport of tropical relief supplies and other equipment being flown into Haiti's capitol, Port Au Prince.

Although the team worked closely with other Air Force command and control units in the Dominican Republic and Port Au Prince, Master Sgt. Henry Fortney, 512th ALCF, said their efforts were truly a multi-service



From the 512th Airlift Squadron deployed to Homestead Air Reserve Base to humanitarian relief efforts in Haiti. (Photo by Master Sgt. Allmond)



Tech. Sgt. Valerie McFadden builds pallets of water for Haiti relief efforts Jan. 17 at Homestead Air Reserve Base, Fla. Sergeant McFadden volunteered to provide essential support to the 70th Aerial Port Squadron for Haiti relief. Sergeant McFadden is an aerial port specialist with the 46th Aerial Port Squadron at Dover Air Force Base, Del. (Photo by Master Sgt. Chance Babin)

multi-national effort.

“Our main goal was to bring everyone under the same umbrella and on the same sheet of music, so we could get cargo to where it needed to be,” said Sergeant Fortney.

He said the team processed cargo and personnel from other military branches, government organizations and even worked alongside personnel from Japan and Russia. When it came to moving cargo, the 512th ALCF also had to rely on members of the 46th APS, who were responsible for loading equipment onto aircraft and documenting hazardous material prior to airlift.

“(Homestead ARB) didn’t have a function available for us to do hazardous materials preparation, so we took on that responsibility and made sure everything was prepared and documented; so, the aircrews knew what they were carrying,” said Tech Sgt. Jamie O’Brien, 46th APS.

To ensure the cargo and supplies quickly made its way to Port Au Prince, the Dover team also had to coordinate closely with their command and control counterparts in the Dominican Republic and Haiti.

Overseeing the airfield operations at Homestead ARB was Lt. Col. Mark Visco, 512th ALCF commander, who deployed with the team. He said Dover worked seamlessly with the other airlift control units.

“The total force concept totally came into play here with the Reserve, Guard and regular Air Force working together in the same operation,” said Colonel Visco. “Everyone was doing the same difficult job, and they did it well.”

As the Airmen of the 512th ALCF and the 46th APS now prepare for future airfield operations-related missions, they now share the collective experience of contributing directly to the Haiti relief efforts and helping other countries in need.

# Liberty Wing medics treat 8,000 patients in Dominican Republic

By Capt. Marnee A.C. Losurdo  
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**T**hirty-eight Air Force Reserve medics with the 512th Aerospace Medicine Squadron here provided free medical care to 8,363 patients as part of a Medical Readiness Training Exercise in the Dominican Republic July 10-24.

The 512th Airlift Wing Airmen, as well as other reservists from around the country, worked with a team of doctors and nurses from the Dominican military to provide free medical care to the citizens of Constanza, a central-mountain town with a population of 42,000.

The medical care team, comprised of family medicine, optometry, dental services, pediatrics and women's health providers, treated patients at four different clinics set up in Constanza schools.

"This was a great experience and provided invaluable training," said Col. Walton F. Reddish, 512th AMDS commander and a nurse, who added it's been nearly 20 years since the unit has participated in an exercise such as this. "We not only got to work with foreign medical care specialists, but we treated common tropical diseases there that we never see in the United States."

Two of these conditions are leishmaniasis and schistosomiasis. Leishmaniasis is caused by parasites transmitted through a bug bite. The disease can cause skin sores, fever, anemia and spleen and liver damage. Schistosomiasis is a parasitic disease better known as snail fever. If left untreated, the ailment can damage internal organs; and, in children, can impair growth and

mental development.

Working from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, family practitioners also treated patients for common conditions such as colds and the flu; and, dentists pulled teeth on patients, many of whom had never been to the dentist, said Colonel Reddish.

"As a unit, we got a better idea of what we can do as a group, practicing medicine in a foreign country with limited resources," said Colonel Reddish.

In one day alone, the team cared for more than 1,300 people.

Despite the challenges, Tech. Sgt. Jennifer Hinshaw, 512th AMDS medical technician, said the trip was worth every minute to be able to assist people such as Marcel Valenzuela. The 66-year-old Constanza woman received her first pair of glasses,

bifocals.

"She said she was very happy to be able to read her bible," said Sergeant Hinshaw, who added Ms. Valenzuela is now scheduled to have cataract surgery next month in Santo Domingo, 87 miles southeast of Constanza.

Ms. Valenzuela wasn't the only person to receive her first pair of glasses. Marlee Alberto, an 11-year-old girl, said she will save her glasses for when she goes back to school in August. She said she is looking forward to reading Spanish books.

In all, the optometrist team supplied 800 pairs of glasses to people who otherwise would not have been able to afford them, said Colonel Reddish.

Although the Dominican Republic has one of the fastest growing economies in the Caribbean, more than a third of the country's population lives in poverty, according to the U.S. Agency for International

Development website.

Many of these poorer citizens have not had medical care in years, said Colonel Reddish.

"It was very fulfilling to help those less fortunate and underserved," said Sergeant Hinshaw. "It was an opportunity of a lifetime to go on this mission and provide care to these people."



**1st Lt. Marylou Cowles, 512th Aerospace Medicine Squadron, medicates a patient in the Dominican Republic during a Medical Readiness Training Exercise July 10-24. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Jennifer Hinshaw)**



A Fisher House for Families of the Fallen opened its doors during a ribbon-cutting ceremony Nov. 10 at Dover Air Force Base, Del., after six months of construction. (Photo by Jason Minto)

## Runners with a cause:

### Airmen run marathon, raise 13K for Fisher House

By Capt. Marnee A.C. Losurdo  
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**T**wenty-three 512th Airlift Wing reservists were among the 21,880 runners who participated in the 35th Marine Corp Marathon Oct. 31 in Washington D.C.

This is the fourth year the wing has had a team, named Team 512AW, to run and raise funds for the Fisher House foundation, a nonprofit organization and Combined Federal Campaign charity.

This year was historic as the group of runners raised more than \$13,500 for the organization, said Maj. Vic Viardo, a 326th Airlift Squadron pilot and Team 512AW captain, who completed the 26.2 mile trek through the U.S. Capitol.

“Over the past four years, our team has grown from four members in 2007 to 16 members last year, to almost 25 members this year, raising thousands of dollars for an incredible cause,” he said.

When military members are wounded or get sick, they require specialized medical care, which means servicemembers and their families sometimes travel vast distances to receive treatment. Because of this, the Fisher House Foundation donated “comfort homes” built on military installations or near Veterans Administration medical centers. These homes allow family members to be close to their loved ones during the servicemembers’ hospitalization.

Now, a Fisher House is close to home for all Team Dover members. Dover Air Force Base opened a new Fisher House

Nov. 10, which will provide families of fallen servicemembers a place to stay. Currently, families and friends of fallen servicemembers who arrive at Dover to witness a dignified transfer are housed off base in local hotels. The Fisher House is an eight-bedroom facility, near the Center for the Families of the Fallen.

Running to raise funds for the Fisher House organization, staying in shape and checking an item off his “bucket list”

were a few of the reasons Master Sgt. Kevin Morrow, 326th AS first sergeant, cited for completing his first marathon, which he said was no easy task.

“I felt fine the first 19 miles, but I hit a wall and ran, walked and staggered through the last seven,” said the first-shirt who finished in 4 hours, 46 minutes.

Even though it was a huge physical challenge, he said he plans to do it again next year.

“After the race, I would’ve given a different answer; however, next year I want to be more prepared, improve my time and run the entire marathon,” he said.

Maj. Luther Jennings, a 326th AS pilot, had the best Team 512AW time of 3 hours, 42 minutes. The first runner to cross the line was Air Force 2nd Lt. Jacob Bradosky, of Ohio, with a time of 2 hours, 23 minutes, 30 seconds, and the first woman to finish was Kenyan athlete Janet Cherobon, whose time was 2 hours, 42 minutes, 38 seconds.

Wing members who would like to join Sergeant Morrow and fellow Team 512AW members in next year’s MCM can get more information from Major Viardo at (302) 677-3824.



**Twenty-three 512th Airlift Wing reservists were among the 21,880 runners who participated in the 35th Marine Corp Marathon Oct. 31 in Washington D.C. From left to right are Master Sgt. Mitch Coffey, 709th Airlift Squadron, Maj. Vic Viardo, 326th Airlift Squadron, Master Sgt. Kevin Morrow, 326th AS, and Senior Airman Marc Anderson, 326th AS. (Submitted photo)**

# Under fire

## Airman awarded Bronze Star, AF Combat Action Medal

By Capt. Marnee A.C. Losurdo  
512th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

**A** 512th Airlift Wing reservist received the Bronze Star and Air Force Combat Action Medal during a ceremony at 7:15 a.m. Aug. 7 at the base theater.

Tech. Sgt. Stephen J. Kaufman, a 512th Civil Engineer Squadron Explosive Ordnance Disposal Flight team leader, earned these medals while serving with the 755th Bravo EOD Flight at Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan, supporting Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom.

The Bronze Star Medal, the fourth-highest U.S. Armed Forces combat award, is awarded to servicemembers for acts of bravery or meritorious service. The Air Force Combat Action Medal is awarded to Airmen involved in direct fighting situations, risking their lives in an enemy engagement. Sergeant Kaufman is only the second 512th AW member to earn this honor.

"I'm proud to present these honors to Sergeant Kaufman," said Col. Randal L. Bright, 512th AW commander. "He took direct, hostile fire daily while contributing to the war effort. Under these harsh conditions, he assisted with the destruction of 108 unexploded ordnance items and clearance of almost 7,000 miles of treacherous roadway."

From September 2009 to March 2010, Sergeant Kaufman was deployed to Afghanistan to provide explosive ordnance support to the United Kingdom, Danish and Estonian forces.



During his deployment he supported many operations; however, he said he will never forget Operation Dark Rest. In February, he was assigned to support the 100-man Brigade Reconnaissance Force, an elite British unit in the U.K.'s Royal Marines. The BRF task was to kill or capture Taliban in central Helmand. During a mission Feb. 26, Sergeant Kaufman and his EOD team were on patrol when his friend, BRF Sgt. Paul Fox, 35, stepped on an improvised explosive device and was instantly killed.

Although shaken, Sergeant Kaufman's training took over. "When you watch your best friend get blown up ... you just



**Left: Tech. Sgt. Stephen J. Kaufman is an explosive ordnance disposal team leader with the 512th Airlift Wing, Dover Air Force Base, Del. He deployed to Afghanistan in September 2009 for six months to support United Kingdom, Danish and Estonian forces in clearing insurgent cells throughout Kandahar, Helmand and Zabul provinces. (Submitted photo)**

**Below: Tech. Sgt. Stephen J. Kaufman, front, is on patrol heading to a suspected improvised explosive device in southern Afghanistan. The 512th Civil Engineer Squadron Explosive Ordnance Disposal Flight team leader from Dover Air Force Base, Del., was deployed to Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan, from September 2009 to March 2010. (Submitted photo)**



make sure the job gets done so nobody else dies," he said.

After ensuring his three-man EOD team was free of injuries, Sergeant Kaufman and his men searched the area for more mines, clearing the site for a helicopter to extract Sergeant Fox. After the helicopter's departure, the unit came under small arms fire. The EOD technicians took position, suppressed fire and covered the flanks of the British elite forces. After four hours of sporadic gunfire, the BRF overcame the enemy and took out a Taliban commander.

That night, four Taliban were spotted replacing the IEDs where Sergeant Fox had been killed. Sergeant Kaufman and

his team accompanied the BRF who followed the Taliban to their compound where the BRF captured one and killed six members of the IED cell responsible for laying the mine that took Sergeant Fox's life. Returning from the strike, Sergeant Kaufman and his crew cleared the two IEDs employed by the insurgents.

"It was a catastrophic loss," said Sergeant Kaufman, remembering the death of his friend. "(Sergeant Fox) was a combat engineer, so his loss impacted the unit's ability to operate. But, we took it right back to the Taliban; it was immediate retribution."

# Blue renew

## Reservists re-blue during Airmen's Weekend

By Staff Sgt. Andria J. Allmond  
512th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

While some of the Airmen wore one stripe on their sleeve, others displayed a stack of five. Although coming from different backgrounds, all would experience an event designed to rekindle and retain the pride and esprit de corps most felt when first entering the military.

The year's Airmen's Weekend, themed "Past, Present and Marching Toward our Future," occurred during the September unit training assembly here Sept. 11-12.

Approximately 50 enlisted reservists took part in the event geared toward preparing first-term Airmen for leadership roles while "re-blueing" those participants with a few enlistments under their belts.

"At first I didn't want to be here, but after hearing some of the speakers, I started to really enjoy and appreciate the information we were receiving," Tech. Sgt. Justin Beegle, 512th Maintenance Squadron jet mechanic, said of the affair. "I would really consider sending my troops to this next year. The information and the kind of re-blueing that they're doing here could be invaluable to fast-burning senior airmen and new staff sergeants."

The weekend kicked off with a visit from Women Airforce Service Pilot Elaine Danforth Harmon. Mrs. Harmon spoke to attendees about her experience as one of the first female pilots in the U.S. military, before opening the floor for a question-and-answer period.

"I thought it was great seeing our history in front of us by having a WASP right here," said Staff Sgt. Chris Panico, 512th Civil Engineer Squadron electrician. "Not a lot of people get an opportunity like that."

Since Airmen's Weekend fell on the 9/11 anniversary, the 512th Airlift Wing's head chaplain, Chaplain (Maj.) Barry Ball, led the group in a moment of silence and self-reflection. The subject shifted from chaplain to chief when the group received a personal visit from Command Chief Master Sgt. Dwight D. Badgett, Chief Master Sergeant for Air Force Reserve Command.

On hand was Bronze Star and Air Force Combat Action Medal-recipient Tech. Sgt. Stephen Kaufman, a 512th Airlift Wing explosive ordnance disposal technician, who gave a



lesson on combat leadership.

The first day's final event was a chief's panel. Consisting of five Liberty Wing chief master sergeants, the panel interacted with the audience by answering questions before turning the tables and firing their own inquiries at the Airmen.

"When else do you get the chance to talk to a bunch of chiefs like this," asked Sergeant Panico. "So, not only are we surrounded by Airmen with different (Air Force Specialty Codes) that we're learning from, we're also able to learn from those with lots of experience in how to advance our careers."

On the second day, the serene scene in the room was rocked by three former Air Force military training instructors who used their basic military training background to transport the enlisted entourage back to their Air Force roots.



**TOP: Airmen's Weekend participants, led by former military training instructor Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Bushaw, 736th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron support staff, march across Dover Air Force Base, Del., Sept. 11. Three former TIs, who are currently assigned to the 436th Airlift Wing, contributed to the event by taking the attendees through drill techniques and open ranks before marching the flight to lunch.**



**BOTTOM LEFT: Former military training instructor Sergeant Jeffrey Bushaw inspects the uniforms and appearances of Airmen's Weekend participants at Dover Air Force Base, Del., Sept. 12.**

**BOTTOM RIGHT: Women Airforce Service Pilot Elaine Danforth Harmon spoke to attendees about her experience as one of the first female pilots in the U.S. military, before opening the floor for a question-and-answer period.**

**(Photos by Senior Airman Andria J. Allmond)**

Former TIs, currently stationed at Dover, conducted an open ranks inspection and drill instruction before marching the flight down the base's rain-speckled roads.

The weekend concluded with enlisted members receiving education, financial management and physical fitness briefings.

With the Airmen recounting their Airmen's Weekend experiences as they left, Airmen's Weekend committee members felt the mission of reinvigorating the diverse servicemembers was complete.

"Our goal was to re-energize these Airmen with whatever it was that made them enlist in the first place," said Senior Master Sgt. James McGarvey, a 512th Security Forces Squadron member who has been on the Airmen's Weekend planning committee since the event began here three years ago. "We wanted to

prepare them and get them excited about serving, since they are the future of this military branch. Overall, I can say the event was a success."

With this year's group of Airmen "re-blued," the job of continuing this tradition for next year has already begun.

Sergeant McGarvey said, "We'll take what we learned from this year and try to continue with what was effective and improve in areas we may have fallen short. It takes time to put something like this together, and we're already planning to make next year's Airmen's Weekend even better."

By the end of the weekend, some Airmen walked away "re-blued," some walked away more informed and some walked away inspired. But, in the end, they all left Airmen's Weekend with something they didn't have before attending.

# Living History

## Liberty Wing aviators participate in historical WASP event

By Master Sgt. Veronica A. Aceveda  
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Ms. Olson, who became a WASP when she was 26-years-old, preferred flying fighter aircraft.

When the request came out in February looking for volunteers to escort WASPs in Washington D.C., the 512th Airlift Wing didn't hesitate to send five female aviators from the 512th Operations Group.

Nearly 70 years after becoming the first women to fly American military aircraft, Women Airforce Service Pilots and their families gathered in the nation's capitol to be presented the Congressional Gold Medal, most posthumously.

The mix of Liberty Wing pilots and loadmasters were each assigned to accompany one WASP and serve as their personal escort during the March 9-10 event.

Master Sgt. Marti Stansbury, a C-17 loadmaster, escorted 93-year-old Dorothy Kocher-Olson, whose nickname used to be "Little Dottie," because of her petite frame.

Sergeant Stansbury said despite her age, she was very mobile and definitely full of spunk.

"Firecracker doesn't even begin to describe the pizzazz in Ms. Olson," she said. "This is a lady that learned how to fly at a fair in 1939. She was so excited to be in D.C. and finally be acknowledged."

After the WASPs were disbanded in 1944, their records were reportedly sealed and stored in the archives for more than 30 years, and they were denied veterans' status for 35 years.

"These are the women that paved the way for today's female aviators," said Sergeant Stansbury. "It took them a long time, and they had to be better to prove themselves."



Dorothy Kocher-Olson is one of the Women Airforce Service Pilots who received the Congressional Gold Medal in a ceremony at the Capitol March 10. (Submitted photo)



She later joined the AF Reserve, retiring as a first lieutenant in 1956. At that time, women had to pay their own travel expenses to the school house; and when the program ended, they were responsible for paying their own way home as well, relayed Sergeant Stansbury from a first-hand account of Ms. Olson. Sergeant Stansbury,

who joined the military in 1991, added how surprising it was that many of the WASPs were continuously thanking her and the other AF women escorts for their part in today's military.

"If it wasn't for them, I wouldn't be in the service where I am today," she said. "They're just amazing."

As thousands gathered for the public ceremony March 10 in the capitol's new Visitor's Center, House Speaker Nancy



**LEFT: Master Sgt. Marti Stansbury, 326th Airlift Squadron loadmaster, and Dorothy Kocher-Olson, one of the Women Air Force Service Pilots, tour the WASP exhibit in Washington D.C., as part of a two-day event, honoring all WASPs. Ms. Olson stands next to her picture, which she and Sergeant Stansbury found in a WASP display. The Congressional Gold Medal was also presented to the group during a ceremony attended by thousands. Sergeant Stansbury is one of five female aviators from the 512th Operations Group who volunteered to serve as a personal escort for a WASP. (U.S. Air Force photo)**

Pelosi reportedly said it was the largest crowd in attendance for that type of event and that they had to turn people away.

One of the guest speakers for the event was Lt. Col. Nicole Malachowski, the first female AF Thunderbird pilot. She was a key contributor in shaping the WASP Gold Medal Bill, which was signed by President Barack Obama last year.

Of the 300 surviving WASPs, about 200 attended the medal presentation.

The U.S. Mint casted one gold medal, which was donated to the Smithsonian Institute. About 1,100 bronze medal replicas of the gold medal were made for each of the WASPs.

Deanie Parrish, associate director of Wings Across America, accepted the Congressional Gold Medal on behalf of the WASPs during the ceremony; but, each of the escorts, including the ones from the Liberty Wing, were surprised to learn they would be responsible for actually bestowing the individual medal to the WASP they were escorting.

"It was an exceptional honor," said Capt. Marci Matthews, a C-5 pilot from the 709th AS who escorted 87-year-old Anne Lesnikowski. "I got to present the country's highest civilian honor to a woman, who for so many years was pushed to the side following her contribution."

In front of Ms. Lesnikowski's 18 family members, Captain Matthews chose to perform her presentation in front of the Pledge of Allegiance wall inside the capitol's new welcome center. She said it was very emotional and touching.

"On behalf of the Air Force, I want to thank you for the service you did for our country and for paving the way for women like me, I present you with this medal," Captain Matthews said to Ms. Lesnikowski. "Admittedly, I got a little teary eyed, but I went on to salute her and present her

with a 512th OG coin, which she thought was great."

Like Sergeant Stansbury, Captain Matthews also heard some sign-of-the-times testimonies from the World War II era, including how Ms. Lesnikowski became a WASP in the first place.

"On a pamphlet, she had seen an attractive woman advertising the WASP program," said Captain Matthews. "If the woman on the ad hadn't been as good looking as she was, her father would not have approved her participation, but because she was, he did."

The other three 512th AW members who attended to the WASPs and witnessed a part of history are Lt. Col. Theresa Cave, Capt. Anita Westwerner and Master Sgt. Michelle Hite.

"We were so busy, and so many people were there that we hardly had a chance to get together," said Sergeant Stansbury. "But, we did manage to get together long enough for a photo."

Now that the WASPs have the same honor as other historical figures such as Rosa Parks and Neil Armstrong, they're back in their hometowns all across the nation. But for some, like Sergeant Stansbury, the impact of escorting the WASPs goes far beyond the two-day event. The loadmaster has been invited to attend Ms. Olson's 94th birthday party in Tacoma, Wash., this summer.

"We've actually been Skyping, which is amusing since Ms. Olson uses a hearing device and I talk fast," said Sergeant Stansbury, who explained how Ms. Olson had actually been completely deaf for 30 years from flying and from a dental incident. "The fact that she uses the latest in technological advances such as her new hearing device implant and Skype shows what a true pioneer she truly is.

"I would've been completely happy spending an hour with them but to have a couple of days with them was an immeasurable experience," she added. "I'm so appreciative to the wing for allowing me to be surrounded by a group of phenomenal ladies."



**Senior Airman Rafael Mulero III,**  
Airman of the Year



**Staff Sgt. Michael Spencer,**  
NCO of the Year



**Master Sgt. Vyjai Itwaru,**  
Senior NCO of the Year



**Capt. Crystal Beach,**  
Company Grade Officer of the Year



**Margaret Whitman,**  
Civilian of the Year

# Best of the Best

## Wing announces top Airmen of year

By Capt. Marnee A.C. Losurdo  
512th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

The 512th Airlift Wing announced the 2009 annual award winners during the wing's first awards banquet April 10 at the Sheraton Hotel in Dover.

Twenty-second Air Force and Air Force Reserve Command award winners were also recognized during the three-hour event, which started at 6 p.m. and featured Chief Master Sgt. Steven M. Larwood, 22nd AF command chief, as the guest speaker.

After dinner and in front of an audience of 300 wing and community members, the emcees Capt. Otis Wilson, 512th Operations Group, and Tech. Sgt. Omar Latiri, 46th Aerial Port Squadron, announced the 2009 512th AW Outstanding Airmen of the Year.

**Senior Airman Rafael Mulero III, 512th Maintenance Squadron,** is the 512th AW Outstanding Airman of the Year. The 512th MXS journeyman stepped up as the weekend shift leader to manage equipment and the delivery of 445 assets used to maintain Aerospace Ground equipment for all Dover and transient aircraft. He also volunteered and coordinated sports programs for Philadelphia's Police Athletic League.

**Staff Sgt. Michael Spencer, 512th Logistics Readiness Flight,** is the 512th AW Outstanding NCO of the Year. The fuels distribution technician oversaw the safe issue of 23 million gallons of jet fuel with a response time of less than 12 minutes, which is 18 minutes faster than the Air Mobility Command standard. He also completed the Base to Base Ruck March, hiking 47 miles on Memorial Day honoring American veterans and generating funds for USO Delaware.

**Master Sgt. Vyjai Itwaru, 512th MXS,** is the 512th AW Outstanding Senior NCO of the Year. He served as inspection dock supervisor, providing leadership and operational management to 75 active-duty, Reserve and civilian personnel. He also participated in the Central Florida Hospital Hear Walk Fundraiser, March of Dimes Campaign for babies, Delaware Blood Drive and Special Olympics for autistic children.

**Capt. Crystal Beach, 512th AW,** is the 512th AW Outstanding Company Grade Officer of the Year. The wing executive officer was named a superior performer for her role in planning, organizing and executing all events involved with Liberty Wing participation in the AMC Commander-in-Chief Installation Excellence Award. She also spearheaded the 512th AW staff's selection in the "Adopt-A-Family" program, collecting gifts for a single mother with three young children.

**Margaret Whitman, 512th AW,** is the 512th AW Outstanding Civilian of the Year. She is the wing commander's secretary. While assigned as the 512th Mission Support Group secretary, she served as the resource advisor and managed a \$1.5 million Reserve Personnel Appropriations and \$238,000 operation and maintenance budget for the group. In addition to her regular duties, she assisted the wing with protocol matters. She also volunteered her time to serve as the church clerk for the London Village Baptist Chapel and as the Delaware State Executive Secretary for the Air Force Association.

**Chief Master Sgt. Suzy Florian, 512th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron,** is the 512th AW First Sergeant of the Year. As the 512th AMXS first sergeant, she is responsible for more than 180 unit members. One of her many accom-

plishments included tackling a squadron travel voucher training problem, which resulted in the error-free completion of more than \$200,000 in voucher claims, slashing the submit-to-pay cycle to less than 30 days. She earned a Master's of Business Administration degree from Wilmington University and received her degree in Administrative Management through the Community College of the Air Force and is pursuing a second CCAF degree.

The annual award winners were selected from the 2009 quarterly award winners, who were recognized at the event.

The 512th AW first quarter award winners are:  
Senior Airman Charles McClain, 512th MXS;  
Tech. Sgt. David Jackson, 512th LRF;  
Master Sgt. Kevin Morrow, 326th Airlift Squadron;  
Capt. Brock Bentz, 709th Airlift Squadron; and  
Margaret Whitman, 512th MSG.

The second quarter award winners are:  
Senior Airman Justin Porter, 512th Security Forces Squadron;  
Staff Sgt. Michael Spencer, 512th LRF;  
Master Sgt. Joseph Mogle, 512th MXS;  
Capt. Kandi Playford, 326th AS; and  
John Young, 512th Mission Support Squadron.

The third quarter award winners are:



**Chief Master Sgt. Steven M. Larwood, 22nd Air Force command chief, was the guest speaker at the 512th Airlift Wing Awards Banquet April 10 at the Sheraton, Dover. (Photo by Jason Minto)**

Senior Airman Rafeal Mulero, 512th MXS;  
Staff Sgt. James Black, 512th SFS; Master Sgt. Vyjai Itwaru, 512th MXS;  
Capt. Paul Hauspurg, 512th MXS; and  
Marilyn Larson, 512th Maintenance Group.

The fourth quarter award winners are:  
Senior Airman Rachel Ruark, 512th AMXS;  
Tech. Sgt. Julitssa Ortiz, 512th Airlift Control Flight, and  
Staff Sgt. Nathaniel Rocha, 512th SFS;  
Master Sgt. John Witzke, 709th AS;  
Capt. Crystal Beach, 512th AW; and  
Margaret Whitman, 512th AW.

The wing also acknowledged the following numbered Air Force and command award winners.

Announced in 2009, Capt. Marnee A.C. Losurdo, 512th Public Affairs, is the 2008 AFRC Public Affairs Company Grade Officer of the Year; Master Sgt. Veronica A. Aceveda, 512th PA, is the 2008 AFRC PA Senior NCO of the Year; And , Senior Airman Andria J. Allmond, 512th PA, is the 2008 AFRC PA Airman of the Year.

Master Sgt. James Blake, 512th AMXS, is the 2009 AFRC Ground Safety NCO of the Year;

Master Sgt. Kevin Fitzgerald, 512th AMXS, is the 2009 Thomas C. Barnes Crew Chief of the Year;

Chief Master Sgt. Chris Ford, 512 MXS, is the 2009 Outstanding Reserve Associate Maintenance Superintendent of the Year;

Maj. Richard Saunders, 46th APS, is the 2009 22nd Air Force Maj. Gen. Alice Astafan Logistics Field Grade Officer of the Year;

Tech. Sgt. David Jackson, 512th LRF, is the 2009 22nd AF Air Reserve Component Fuels NCO of the Year;

Senior Airman Isiah Copeland, 512th LRF, is the 2009 22nd AF ARC Fuels Airman of the Year;

Senior Master Sgt. Ronald Toomey, 512th LRF, is the 2009 22nd AF ARC Logistics Plan Senior NCO of the Year;

SSgt Brandy Kuemper, 512th LRF, is the 2009 22nd AF ARC Materiel Management NCO of the Year;

Tech. Sgt Edward Yienger, 512th LRF, is the 2009 22nd AF ARC Vehicle Management NCO of the Year;

Tech. Sgt. Greg Funk, 512th MXG, is the 2009 22nd AF NCO of the Year, 3D Category;

And, the 512th LRF claimed the 2009 AFRC Daedalian Maj. Gen. Warren R. Carter Logistics Effectiveness Award.

The evening concluded with remarks from 512th AW Commander Col. Randal L. Bright.

"This night is about you," said Colonel Bright while pointing to the audience. "I congratulate each and every award winner; and, I thank each of you and your families for your service. This is an outstanding unit. This is my third associate unit I've been assigned to, and I've never seen a better unit. We have outstanding Airmen and civilian employees, and this evening was a great opportunity to recognize some of our top performers."





# BENEFITING AIRMEN

Reservists are eligible for a variety of education and enlistment benefits. Reserve Airmen train with the best, travel the globe, serve their community and country, receive an education – and take home much more than a paycheck. This section will explain some of the benefits and programs available to Reserve Airmen and their families.



# Community College of the Air Force

## Great way to jump start a college education

By Capt. Marnee A.C. Losurdo  
512th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

When Tech. Sgt. Ivan Kobets walked across the auditorium stage with certificate in hand he earned something that can never be taken away from him -- an associate degree from the Community College of the Air Force.

Sergeant Kobets was one of 10 reservists who received their CCAF degree during a commencement July 10 at the 3rd Airlift Squadron auditorium.

The CCAF is a federally-chartered degree-granting institution, which partners with 90 affiliated Air Force schools, 82 Education Service Offices located worldwide, and more than 1,500 civilian academic institutions.

Sergeant Kobets, a 512th Airman and Family Readiness technician, already earned a bachelor's degree in human resources management from Wilmington University in 1995; however, he decided it couldn't harm anything to add to his educational accolades by earning a CCAF in social services.

"I love my job of helping Airmen and their families by reaching out to them and assisting them with maintaining their readiness," he said. "Earning a CCAF degree not only increases my job knowledge but improves my performance, which only helps my office and the mission."

Improved job performance, was also one of the reasons Master Sgt. Mike Wright, 326th AS loadmaster, said he decided to complete his CCAF degree.

"It's a great start in obtaining your degree, which can only open doors for you later in life," said the sergeant who has two years of college completed and is pursuing a bachelor's

in history. "All supervisors should encourage their Airmen to pursue their CCAF degree, because aside from being free, you only end up improving yourself and your work center."

The first step Sergeants Wright and Kobets made to learn more about earning their degree was to make an appointment with the 512th Mission Support Squadron Education and Training Office, located in Building 202 on the second floor. Surprisingly, they only had to take a few classes, which they earned through the College-Level Examination Program, better known as CLEP. These tests, free through the Air Force Reserve, allow people to receive college credit for what they

know by passing a test on that subject.

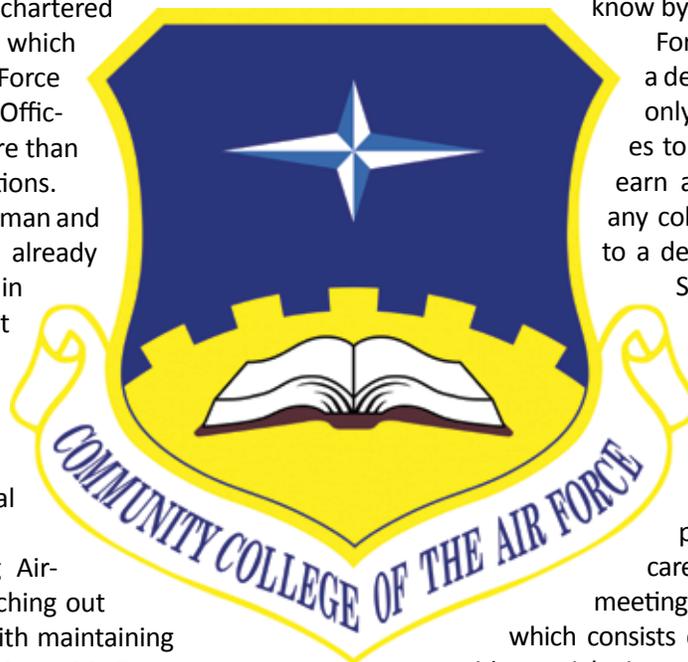
For Liberty Wing Airmen who have a degree or some college it's typically only a matter of taking a few classes to meet the 60 credits required to earn a CCAF degree. Airmen without any college experience might be closer to a degree than they think, said Tech.

Sgt. Carrie Huot, education office manager.

"All Airmen earn college credits by completing basic training, technical school and professional military education courses," said Sergeant Huot. "Depending on the person and their career field, it can be only a matter of meeting the 15 general education credits, which consists of classes like math, speech, humanities, social science and written composition."

Also, earning a CCAF degree is great start for those with a goal of obtaining a bachelor's degree.

Thanks to the Air University Associate-to-Baccalaureate Cooperative, or ABC, Airmen who have attained a CCAF degree can use this program to apply their CCAF credits to a



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# Post-9/11

## Officials tout GI Bill benefits

By Donna Miles

American Forces Press Service

**W**ith more than 260,000 students attending about 6,000 colleges and universities this fall under the Post-9/11 GI Bill, officials are continuing an active outreach effort to ensure current military members and veterans don't miss out on the new program's education benefits.

Participation is up significantly from last year, when 180,000 students used Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits to start the fall 2009 semester, Keith Wilson, director of education service for the Veterans Benefits Administration, told American Forces Press Service.

For the first time since the U.S. government offered the original GI Bill benefits after World War II, about 50,000 of the students covered have been family members — wives, husbands and children of enrollees. This “transferability” feature was a big draw of the Post-9/11 GI Bill, Defense Department officials said, and remains an important recruiting and retention incentive. So far,

the military services have approved 145,000 servicemember requests to transfer benefits to about 331,000 family members, Pentagon spokeswoman Eileen Lainez reported.

Last week, Pentagon personnel chief Clifford Stanley and the service recruiting chiefs called the education benefit a huge factor in helping them achieve recruiting and retention successes in fiscal 2010.

The vast majority of the students currently taking advantage of GI Bill benefits attend public universities. However, Wilson said, continued growth within the Yellow Ribbon program that enables students to attend some of the country's most prestigious and high-end private schools.

The 3,000 participating colleges and universities agree to waive or offset up to 50 percent of costs above the highest public in-state undergraduate rate, and the Veterans Affairs Department matches the same amount.

As VA officials laud the Post 9/11 GI Bill's popularity and growth, officials are continuing to tweak the systems

that drive it to make them faster, more responsive and more customer-friendly. Last fall, as VA experienced some “hiccups” rolling out the new benefit, it took an average of 48 days to issue payments after receiving enrollment notification from a college of university, Wilson said.

This fall, he said, it took about 17 days.

“We have experienced a fundamental improvement in our ability to pay people timely,” Wilson said. “But we hope to cut it down even more. What we would like to see is a 10-day turn-around on these things, and we are confident we will get there.”

To meet that goal, Wilson is counting on automation to cut the time required to make eligibility decisions and calculate benefits — now largely a manual process. New systems are being phased in, he said, and the initial systems are now being used to process all claims. The next step, he said, is to integrate data feeds from other

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VA systems.

“Once we get them in place, our goal is for a lot of the work to not require human intervention at all,” Wilson said. “It will take us weeding through these and making sure we get it right.”

These improvements could prove particularly important if Congress votes to broaden eligibility for the Post-9/11 GI Bill and extend some of its benefits. Among changes being considered are measures to extend benefits to National Guardsmen activated under Title 32 authority and both Guard and Reserve troops for time served in full-time support roles. Senate Bill 3447, the “Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Improvements Act of 2010,” seeks additional new benefits, including a partial housing allowance for students pursuing distance education.

Wilson, who testified during a Senate Veterans Affairs Committee hearing in July, said VA generally supports most measures in the bill, but is working with Congress to tweak language to ensure it provides the anticipated benefits without creating unforeseen problems. He also emphasized that the program must be funded to cover any additional costs.

“There were several pieces of [the legislation] that we were in support of from a conceptual standpoint,” he told AFPS. “We did have concern about the technical language, and then making sure the costing is acceptable to everybody.”

Expressing pride in how far the program has advanced during the past year, Wilson said the best measure of its success is illustrated by the students taking advantage of its benefits.

“We have significantly more students in school, and they are pursuing their dreams,” he said. “At its core -- that is what is successful.”

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bachelor's degree related to their Air Force specialty. ABC has partnerships with various civilian higher-education institutions to offer four-year degree opportunities via distance learning. All participating schools will accept CCAF credits, said Sergeant Huot.

Since issuing its first degree in 1977, the CCAF has awarded more than 335,000 associate in applied science degrees. Sergeants Wright and Kobets, as well as the other Liberty Wing members who earned their degrees July 10, are now part of those statistics.

Airmen who would like to add to those statistics, can do so by making an appointment with the education office by calling (302) 677- 3517.



## What is the Post-9/11 GI Bill?

The Post 9/11 GI Bill provides financial support for education and housing to individuals with at least 90 days of aggregate service on or after Sept. 11, 2001, or individuals discharged with a service-connected disability after 30 days. Individuals must have received an honorable discharge to be eligible for the Post-9/11 GI Bill.

The Post-9/11 GI Bill became effective for training on or after Aug. 1, 2009. The amount of support that an individual may qualify for depends on where they live and what type of degree they are pursuing. For a summary of Post 9/11 GI Bill benefits, see the benefit comparison chart at [http://www.gibill.va.gov/GI\\_Bill\\_Info/CH33/Benefit\\_Comparison\\_Chart.htm#911amount](http://www.gibill.va.gov/GI_Bill_Info/CH33/Benefit_Comparison_Chart.htm#911amount).

Approved training under the Post-9/11 GI Bill includes graduate and undergraduate degrees, and vocational/technical training. All training programs must be offered by an institution of higher learning and approved for GI Bill benefits. Additionally, tutorial assistance, and licensing and certification test reimbursement are approved under the Post-9/11 GI Bill.

The Post-9/11 GI Bill will pay tuition based upon the highest in-state tuition charged by an educational institution in the state where the educational institution is located. For more expensive tuition, a program exists which may help to reimburse the difference. This program is called the “Yellow Ribbon Program”. For more information on the Yellow Ribbon Program visit [http://www.gibill.va.gov/gi\\_bill\\_info/ch33/YRP/Yellow\\_ribbon.htm](http://www.gibill.va.gov/gi_bill_info/ch33/YRP/Yellow_ribbon.htm).

The Post-9/11 GI Bill also offers some servicemembers the opportunity to transfer their GI Bill to dependents, for more information visit [http://www.gibill.va.gov/gi\\_bill\\_info/ch33/Transfer.htm](http://www.gibill.va.gov/gi_bill_info/ch33/Transfer.htm).

Pamphlets and factsheets about the Post-9/11 GI Bill can be found at <http://www.gibill.va.gov/Training/Pamphlets.htm>.

# Understanding a “Good Year” toward retirement

By Senior Airman Deborah Robinson  
512th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

When asked how many points are needed for a good year toward retirement, Tech. Sgt. Jason Fitler had to put on his thinking cap.

“Let’s see, you get four points each Unit Training Assembly and one point for each active-duty day; you probably need around 50 points each year,” said the 712th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron crewchief.

Although he was a little unsure about his answer, he was right.

Unlike Sergeant Fitler, some reservists may be unaware of how many points make a good year toward retirement and how it will impact their retirement pay at age 60.

The retirement point system can be difficult to comprehend especially for Airmen new to the Air Force Reserve. Knowing the basics and where to find information can assist reservists with the challenge of understanding and planning for their retirement.

For reservists to total 20 years of satisfactory service, a minimum of 50 points each year must be accumulated by the date they joined the Air Force Reserve. This date is called the retention and retirement date or the date the Airman enlisted into the service. If a reservist doesn’t earn 50 points in this year, it’s considered a bad year and doesn’t count toward retirement.

A reservist automatically earns 15 membership points for just being in the Reserve. The other 35 points can be accrued by attending UTAs.

Points are also earned for annual tours, readiness management periods, correspondence courses and flying training periods, said Chief Master Sgt. Caroline Miller-Horton, 512th Mission Support Squadron chief of military personnel programs.

Reservists can download their Point Credit Summary at the Virtual Military Personnel Flight website.

“It’s important for all military members to be aware of the personnel programs that affect their careers,” said Chief Miller-Horton. The point credit accounting system can be confusing at first glance, but if one takes the time to review and understand the program, as it relates to their personal service history, it becomes clear.

“This system is the basis for determining our retirement eligibility, so it’s very important that we all understand it,” said the chief.

Retirement pay is based on two factors, the highest grade held and points accumulated. How retirement pay is calculated for reservists is explained in the 2010 Guard and Reserve Personnel Fact Sheets, which can be downloaded at <http://www.arpc.afrc.af.mil/shared/media/document/AFD-100224-100.pdf>. This is not only a great desktop reference reservists can refer to for retirement benefits, it also has information on pay charts, promotions, entitlement benefits and assignments, said Chief Miller-Horton.

There’s also an online retirement benefits calculator located in the vMPF. With all the tools available, Airmen can have a better understanding of what it takes to have a good year, which contributes to a better retirement plan

# Family Care

## Childcare programs available to reservists

By Tech. Sgt. Christin Michaud  
512th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Reservists with children are eligible to use a locally offered child-care program while in military status.

The program, Home Community Care, offers free child care to reservists during unit training assemblies when no other care is available.

"If we have a reservist who doesn't have child care, we try to help out on a space-available basis," explained Beverly Henderson, 436th Force Support Squadron Family Child Care coordinator.

The Air Force will pay for child care for reservists on their primary and secondary UTAs in a licensed child care provider's home on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Reservists may sign up on the first

day of the month for the next month's UTA, said Ms. Henderson. Requests can be made up until the Friday prior to a UTA, but she encourages people to sign up as soon as possible if they know they will need child care.

To request care, individuals may obtain a Home Community Care form through Ms. Henderson, which must be signed by the reservist's supervisor before being submitted.

Ms. Henderson matches providers with children needing care and notifies the parent who the provider will be.

"They are placed based on age," said Tech. Sgt. Mariah Krass, 512th Airman and Family Readiness technician, who has three children under the age of 4.

Providers are only able to care for two children under the age of 2. Sergeant Krass has twins who at one point would take up both of a provider's



Tech. Sgt. Jessica Hamilton, 512th Maintenance Cody, left, and Colton, during the 512th Airlift W Aug. 1, 2009. Finding child care can be a challenge. Home Community Care program, which offers free child care to wing members. (Photo by Capt. Marnee A.C. Lo

infant slots.

A common misconception with the program is the location of the where the licensed child care is offered, said Sergeant Krass.



Operations Flight, spends time with her sons, Wing bi-annual picnic, Dover Air Force Base, Del., for some reservists, but the Home Community Care program, available during unit training assemblies, is available for (surdo)

"It's not at the (child development center) and not only on base," she said.

Sergeant Krass, who has used providers in Magnolia, Del., has been using the service for more than two and a

half years for at least one day of each UTA because of her husband's work schedule. The average cost savings of the free care is approximately \$180 each day she uses it, almost the same as she would earn in one day of a UTA. She has been pleased with the value and quality of care.

"They take care of meals, and sometimes they take day trips to the pool or bowling alley and meet up with other providers," she said. "All you have to bring is diapers and any special needs items."

Parents won't always know the provider Ms. Henderson has assigned but can be certain the individual is a trained and licensed provider who undergoes routine home inspections.

"Go out and meet the provider ahead of time," suggested Sergeant Krass who always takes her children ahead of time, so they are comfortable with the provider while she is at her UTA. "At least give them a shot."

Ms. Henderson encourages contact with the provider as well to confirm the date and time care is needed during the UTA.

The Home Community Care program also allows reservists to use FCC providers while on their annual tour or mandays; however, it isn't free. The FCC office will help coordinate care with a provider for reservists needing it, but they will be required to pay for the care while serving on those types of orders.

"FCC providers set their own fees," said Ms. Henderson.

Staff Sgt. Shacara Detrick-Johnson, 512th Airlift Wing Equal Opportunity, recently used FCC provider Katrina Smith to watch her two children during her annual tour. She said she liked the structured environment and how

Mrs. Smith focused on the needs of the children.

"She has flexible hours and was very affordable," said Sergeant Detrick-Johnson.

When using the Home Community Care program either during a UTA or annual tour, reservists must list emergency contacts with the provider and children must be immunized.

Two local emergency contacts must be listed on the Air Force Form 1181, request for care. In some cases this is a challenge, particularly if the reservist is from another state.

"They can list a supervisor or first sergeant," Ms. Henderson said. "They usually know where to reach you."

Current shot records with up-to-date immunizations are also required for each child. A condition of care in Air Force licensed homes are the H1N1 and seasonal flu vaccines. Children who aren't in school or day care may not have these immunizations because they are only encouraged, not mandatory, according to the center for disease control, explained Ms. Henderson. Unfortunately without them, providers won't be able to care for the children because it is a requirement for the Air Force.

"People think they have care; and, at the last minute, it falls through," said Ms. Henderson.

Although she has to obtain approval from Air Mobility Command, she said a reservist could call as late as the day prior and get the hours approved even with the short notice. That's why it's important to plan ahead and take things like local emergency contacts and immunizations into consideration.

For more information on the program or to obtain a form requesting care, call Ms. Henderson at (302) 677-3712 or e-mail [beverly.henderson@us.af.mil](mailto:beverly.henderson@us.af.mil).

# Measuring fitness

## Medical squadron commander explains fitness program

By Col. Walton F. Reddish

512th Aerospace Medicine Squadron

**I**n July, the new Air Force Fitness program became the standard by which we all will be monitored to ensure our health, wellness and fitness to fight. The twice a year assessment and the arguably more stringent evaluation has generated some grumbling among the ranks. Rather than curse our luck, let's take a look at what the assessments are meant to measure and why these measurements are important.

The waist measurement is designed to evaluate body composition. It replaces the old Body Mass Index, because scientists have decided that it is a more accurate representation not only of your current health but also of your risk for developing certain diseases.

The majority of Americans have known for years that increased body mass increases the risk for diabetes and heart disease, as well as certain types of cancers. A lifestyle of exercise and a healthy diet will certainly reduce your waist size. The consumption of high glycemic index carbohydrates, such as refined grains and alcohol, tend to add to your central body fat storage, hence the term "beer belly." Granted, certain body types will never have slender waists, but we can all work toward improving our current measurements.

Aerobic testing will still be accomplished through the

1.5-mile run. This evaluation assesses your cardio-respiratory health and muscular endurance. Other services use a 2 or 3-mile run but Air Force experts have determined that the 1.5-mile run is a good test of aerobic fitness. In addition, the run component of the test fosters the "culture of fitness" that the senior leadership is trying to instill into the Air Force way of life.

The push-up and sit-up portion of the program measures your core and upper body strength. The best way to increase your score in these areas is to perform the exercises on a regular basis. Do not make the mistake of concentrating only on the testable areas and ignoring the rest of your workout routine. Overall fitness is the goal.

While adapting to the new testing, the first thing Air Force members must do is adjust their mind set. We must not view ourselves as "preparing" for the fitness assessment. The approach should be that we are going to live healthy and exercise. As a result of that change, there will be an improvement in our Air Force fitness scores.

Deploying to areas and working 12 to 16 hours a day with temperatures to 120 degrees and near 100 percent humidity is tough enough when you are in perfect condition. Add to those stressors deconditioning and some degree of obesity, and the strain could be deadly. We owe it to ourselves, our families and the Air Force to keep ourselves in the best shape possible to meet those demands and to return home healthy.

# Fit club rewards perfection

By 512th Airlift Wing  
Public Affairs

The 512th Airlift Wing now has a 100-Point Fitness Excellence Club to recognize reservists earning perfect scores on their fitness assessments.

Members of this club will receive a T-shirt and have their name placed on the 512th AW recognition board in the base fitness center for a year.

To receive a perfect score on a fitness assessment, Airmen must earn maximum points in all the fitness component areas, which include a 1.5-mile timed run or a 1-mile walk, abdominal circumference, push-ups and sit-ups. Airmen who test in all four components of the assessment and receive an "excellent" test once a year. All other Airmen test twice a year.

In addition to recognizing the wing's most fit Airmen, the program is designed to highlight the need for reservists to set a personal fitness goal and participate in a year-round physical-conditioning regimen that emphasizes regular fitness training and healthy eating habits, said Chief Master Sgt. Chris Ford, 512th Maintenance Squadron superintendent.

"An active lifestyle increases productivity, optimizes health and decreases absenteeism while helping the wing maintain a higher level of readiness," said the chief, who added being physically fit is an asset for Airmen who work in deployed environments with extreme weather and harsh conditions.

Col. Randal L. Bright, 512th AW

commander, further emphasized the importance of fitness.

"The Air Force encourages a culture of fitness, and it's an Airman's responsibility to be physically ready to accomplish the mission," said the colonel. "The 100-points club is just one way of recognizing those who excel at fitness. I encourage Airmen who may struggle with their fitness assessment to look to these people for encouragement and advice, so they can improve their fitness score and perhaps make it a goal to be part of the 100-points club."

Airmen who would like to jump start their 2011 fitness programs are encouraged to participate in the wing's first Warrior Run Jan. 8 at 3 p.m. at the fitness center. Unit members can register at the fitness center the day of the event. Participants may run or walk the 3-mile trek. The first male and female to finish the run as well the unit with the most participation will be recognized, said Chief Ford.

"Whether you walk or run, it's an opportunity for wing members to get outside and exercise and for the wing to demonstrate its support for fitness," he said.

**Col. Randal L. Bright (left), 512th Airlift Wing commander, hurls a fitness excellence T-shirt imprinted with the logo above, to a 512th Operations Group member Dec. 4, during commander's call at the base theater. That morning, Colonel Bright recognized seven individuals who attained a perfect fitness assessment score of 100 with a T-shirt garnering the image above. (Photo by Senior Airman Dani Shea)**



# Barefoot shoes ok with PT gear

By Master Sgt. Veronica A. Aceveda  
512th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Innovations in the running shoe industry have more people wearing a new style of running shoe that features separate sections for each toe.

Throughout the 512th Airlift Wing, athletes have mixed reviews about the shoes, also known as barefoot running shoes.

Many runners, including 512th Operations Support Flight Commander Lt. Col. Thomas Guerrero, are skeptical about the latest running shoe craze.

"The first time I saw them was in a sporting goods store while shopping for running shoes," said Colonel Guerrero. "I've done a fair amount of research to identify the right kind of conventional

running shoe for me; so, I thought while the concept is interesting, I'll stick with what I know works well for me until more data is available for the barefoot shoe."

Colonel Guerrero added he has yet to see anyone actually use them, but he is interested in hearing what people have to say about them.

"I'm skeptical of their worth for older runners, like me,

who log a lot of miles," he said. "For that type of runner, the cushioning of a conventional shoe adds a degree of protection against injury."

Other athletes, like Capt. Alicia Warren, 512th Maintenance Group executive officer, are huge fans of the glove-like shoe. She hasn't worked out in regular sneakers since she switched to the five-toes.

"For runners like me, who enjoy working out but have issues finding sneakers that fit their feet correctly, they were my solution," said Captain Warren. "While they take a few weeks to get used to, I can truly say they make working out easier, and they're pretty comfortable as well."

**Capt. Alicia Warren, 512th Maintenance Group, dons a pair of running shoes designed to closely resemble barefoot running. Captain Warren is an advocate of minimalist footwear. (Photos by Capt. Marnee A.C. Losurdo)**



She actually owns more than one pair.

"I wear them everywhere," she said. "I have a colorful gray and pink pair for my normal workout clothes and a completely black pair. I wear them outside, to the gym and sometimes just out to run errands."

As the simulated barefoot running trend gains popularity, servicemembers may begin to wonder whether the five-toed shoe is

authorized for wear with the Air Force physical training uniform.

The answer is yes. The Air Force allows the wear of "toed" running shoes with the PT uniform.

According to the latest message governing wear of the Physical Training Uniform (PTU) and Improved PTU, conservative athletic shoes must be worn. They must be plain with no bright or loud colors or excessive ornamentation.

"The "conservative" focus is on "bright coloring and ornamentation" rather than functional designs such as solid cushion soles versus visible springs in heels; Velcro flap versus laces; or open-mesh web running sandals versus off-road trail running shoes," said Col. Manson O. Morris, 436th Airlift Wing commander.

Colonel Morris added there are no Dover-specific restrictions preventing wear of barefoot shoes with the PTU or Improved PTU.

With the green light on wearing barefoot running shoes with PT gear, perhaps more Team Dover Airmen, like Colonel Guerrero, will give them a try.

"I'd be willing to buy a pair only after far more data is available," he said. "However, it would be fun to slip a pair on and see what a few laps around the track would feel like."



# Social Media

With great (social) power,  
comes great  
(social) responsibility

By Senior Airman Andria J. Allmond  
512th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

**A**ir Force Reserve Command began access to social media sites April 26 ushering in a new era of networking and entertainment between Airmen and the electronic world.

But, with this newly allocated privilege comes a whole new set of rules of engagement.

That ROE is in the form of Air Force Instruction 35-113, Internal Information, Chapter 15: Social Media.

The AFI states that the Air Force views personal Web sites and weblogs positively and respects the right of Airmen to use them as a medium of self-expression. However, Airmen must abide by certain restrictions to ensure good order and discipline.

Currently, most unit social media sites are monitored by the associated Public Affairs offices. Therefore, these sites run under the parameters that apply to other forms of media, as addressed in Air Force Instruction 35-107, Public Web Communications, and AFI 33-129, Web Management and Internet Use. Under these guidelines, PA Airmen assess the need, requirement and suitability for release of information to both internal and external audiences.

The 512th Airlift Wing Facebook page lays out posting guidelines under the "info" tab. Failure to comply with these guidelines could result in the post being removed by the site moderator. The guidelines are as follows:

-No graphic, obscene, explicit or racial comments or submissions, nor do we allow comments that are abusive, hateful or intended to defame anyone or any organization.

-No solicitations or advertisements. This includes promotion or endorsement of any financial, commercial or non-governmental agency. Similarly, do not defame or defraud any financial, commercial or non-governmental agency.

-No comments that suggest or encourage illegal activity.

-Users are responsible for their comments, their user-name and any information they post.

-While the Air Force respects an individual's right to prac-

tice or not practice any religion, comments supporting an individual's religion may be perceived as indirect support by the 512th AW, AFRC, or the Air Force. Therefore, these comments are subject to removal based on the site manager's judgment of propriety and how a user's posts relate to the mission.

"While the Air Force believes in religious tolerance -- respect for one's faith and beliefs -- an organizational Website is not an appropriate platform to voice those opinions if they are unrelated to site content," said Phil Rhodes, AFRC social media strategist. "(The Facebook) site is intended to promote the organization's mission and accomplishments of its people."

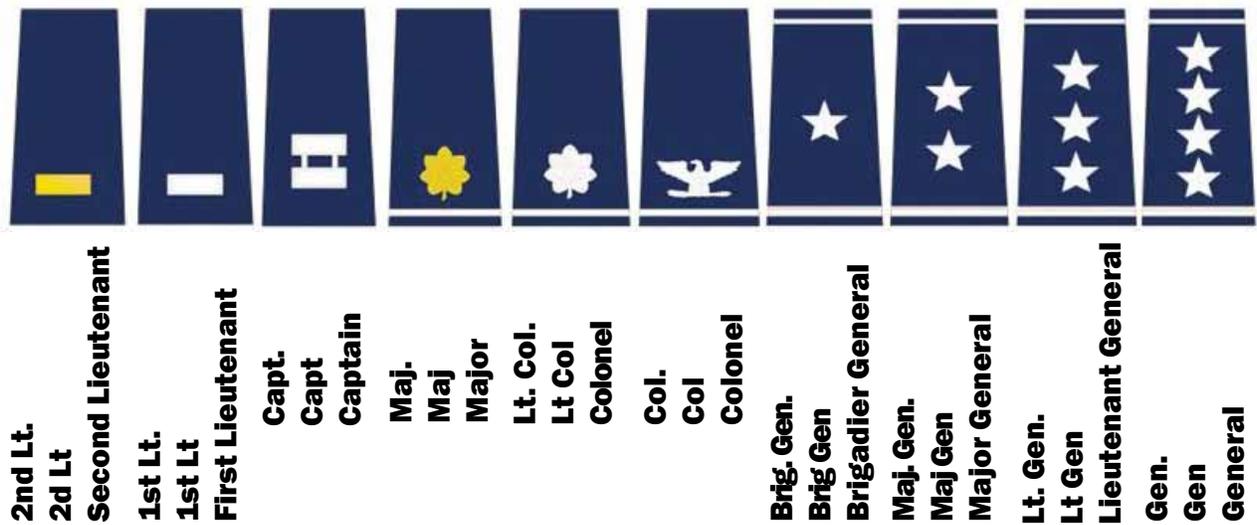
Although parameters exist, the site encourages its "fans" to get involved, post and share. Users have the power to control the product on the site, publicize comments on the wall, share photos and get involved with discussions.

Our Facebook page provides an avenue for unit members to interact directly and build relationships with other wing members," said Capt. Marnee A.C. Losurdo, 512th AW Public Affairs chief. "It can also keep reservists informed about wing events, news and unit member's accomplishments and provides a forum to voice opinions. Ultimately, every reservist is an Air Force Reserve spokesperson, and social media provides the platform to inform various audiences about the great things we do every day in defense of our nation."

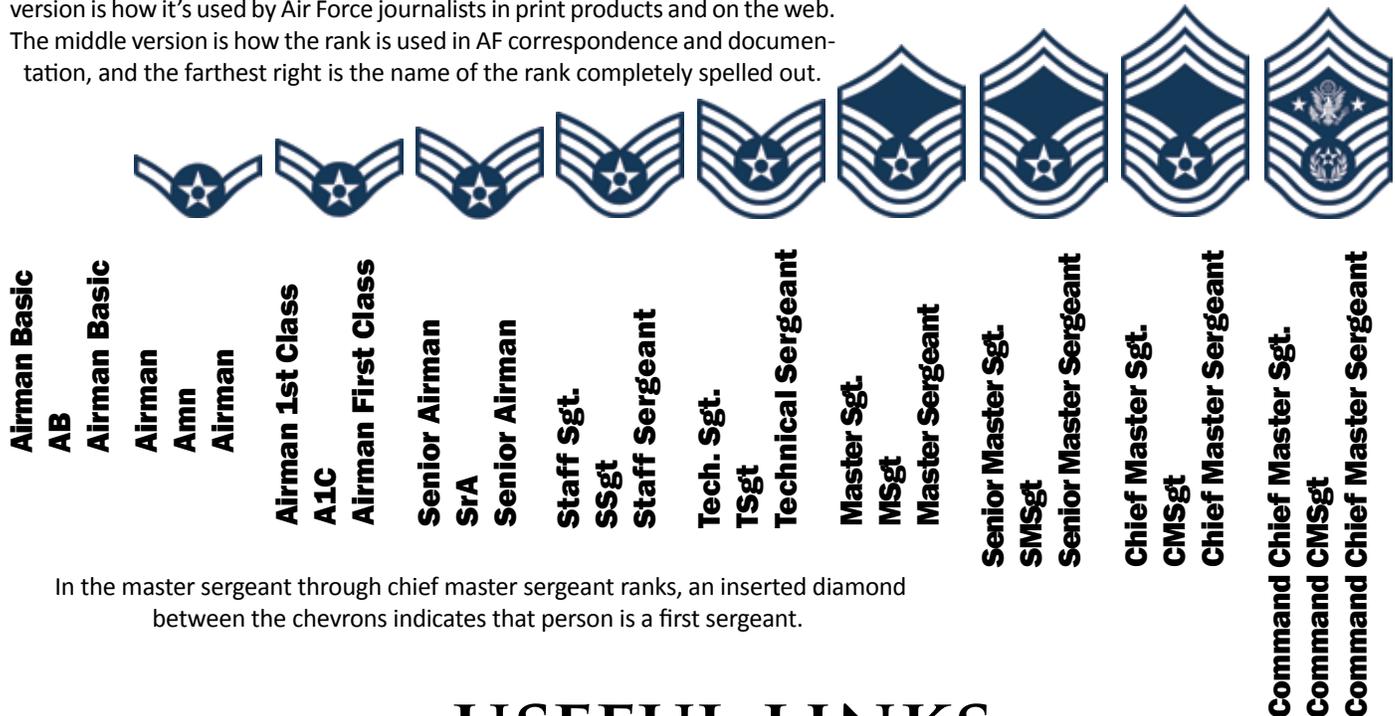
**Anyone can become a fan of the 512th Airlift Wing at [www.facebook.com/512thAirliftWingDoverAFB](http://www.facebook.com/512thAirliftWingDoverAFB).  
(Photo by Senior Airman Andria J. Allmond)**



# AIR FORCE RANKS



Below each picture are three variations of how the rank is referred to. The left version is how it's used by Air Force journalists in print products and on the web. The middle version is how the rank is used in AF correspondence and documentation, and the farthest right is the name of the rank completely spelled out.



In the master sergeant through chief master sergeant ranks, an inserted diamond between the chevrons indicates that person is a first sergeant.

# USEFUL LINKS

**512th Airlift Wing**  
[www.512aw.afrc.af.mil](http://www.512aw.afrc.af.mil)  
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[www.my.af.mil](http://www.my.af.mil)  
**Air Mobility Command Museum**  
[www.amcmuseum.org](http://www.amcmuseum.org)  
**Air Reserve Technician Vacancies**  
[www.afrc.af.mil/library/jobs/index.asp](http://www.afrc.af.mil/library/jobs/index.asp)  
**Civilian Employment**  
[www.afciviliancareers.com/index.php](http://www.afciviliancareers.com/index.php)  
**Dover Air Force Base**  
[www.dover.af.mil](http://www.dover.af.mil)

**Dover AFB Services**  
[www.doverafbsservices.com](http://www.doverafbsservices.com)  
**Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve**  
[www.esgr.org](http://www.esgr.org)  
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[www.e-publishing.af.mil](http://www.e-publishing.af.mil)  
**Fitness Program (AF)**  
[www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/affitnessprogram/index.asp](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/affitnessprogram/index.asp)  
**Inclement Weather Reporting Instructions**  
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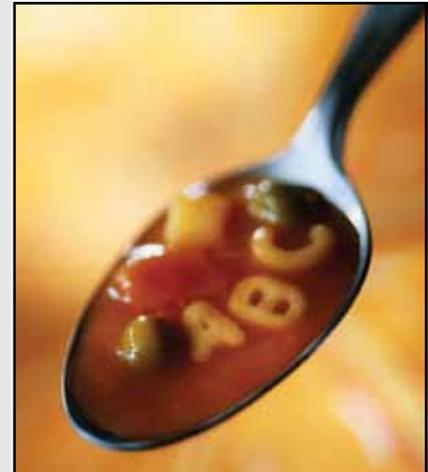
**Space Available Travel**  
[www.dover.af.mil/units/436thpassengerterminal.asp](http://www.dover.af.mil/units/436thpassengerterminal.asp)  
**Military One Source**  
[www.militaryonesource.com/home.aspx?MRole=&Branch=&Component](http://www.militaryonesource.com/home.aspx?MRole=&Branch=&Component)  
**myPay**  
[www.mypay.gov](http://www.mypay.gov)  
**Thrift Savings Plan**  
[www.tsp.gov](http://www.tsp.gov)  
**USA Jobs**  
[www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov)

# ACRONYM SOUP

**A**cronyms play a large role in the military. Throughout military communities, statements like this can frequently be heard and may be hard to decipher.

**“When my AEF cycle came around, AFRC mobilized me to the AOR in support of OEF, so I had to ensure my vRED and SGLI were updated; but, my SWA time still doesn’t reflect in ARMS, so I have to submit a copy of my CMAS orders. Eventhough DFAS was good to me during my DCU time, as a TR back at Dover AFB, I can now focus on ALS and OJT in my AFSC during the UTAs.”**

**For your use, the 512th Airlift Wing has compiled a list of frequently used acronyms, which may help crack the code of the acronym soup.**



ABU, Airman Battle Uniform  
 ADLS, Advanced Distributed Learning System  
 AEF, Air and Space Expeditionary Force  
 AFB, Air Force Base  
 AFI, Air Force Instruction  
 AFPC, Air Force Personnel Center  
 AFR, Air Force Reserve  
 AFRC, Air Force Reserve Command  
 AFSC, Air Force Specialty Code  
 AGR, Active Guard Reserve  
 ALS, Airman Leadership School  
 AMC, Air Mobility Command  
 APOE, Aerial Port of Embarkation  
 ARPC, Air Reserve Personnel Center  
 ARMS, Automated Records Management System  
 AROWS, Air Reserve Orders Writing System  
 AOR, Area of Responsibility  
 ARC, Air Reserve Component  
 ARPC, Air Reserve Personnel Center  
 ART, Air Reserve Technician  
 AFSO21, Air Force Smart Operations for the 21st Century  
 AT, Annual Tour  
 AW, Airlift Wing  
 AWC, Air War College  
 BX, Base Exchange  
 CC, Commander  
 CCAF, Community College of the Air Force  
 CEI, Civilian Employment Information  
 CGO, Company Grade Officer  
 COB, Close of Business  
 COLA, Cost of Living Allowance  
 CONUS, Continental United States  
 CMAS, Command Manday Allocation System  
 CPO, Civilian Personnel Office  
 DCU, Desert Combat Uniform  
 DECA, Defense Commissary Agency  
 DEERS, Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System

DFAC, Dining Facility  
 DFAS, Defense Finance and Accounting Service  
 DOD, Department of Defense  
 DRMO, Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office  
 DSN, Defense Switched Network  
 EPR, Enlisted Performance Report  
 ESGR, Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve  
 FCP, Family Care Plan  
 FGO, Field Grade Officer  
 FOD, Foreign Object Damage  
 FY, Fiscal Year  
 GOV, Government Owned Vehicle  
 GSU, Geographically Separated Unit  
 GTC, Government Travel Card  
 GWOT, Global War on Terror  
 IDT, Inactive Duty Training  
 IG, Inspector General  
 IMA, Individual Mobilization Augmentee  
 IRR, Individual Ready Reserve  
 JB, Joint Base  
 OPR, Officer Performance Report  
 OPSEC, Operations Security  
 OSI, Office of Special Investigations  
 RDD, Required Delivery Date  
 RM, Risk Management  
 RMP, Reserve Management Program  
 RPA, Reserve Personnel Appropriation  
 ROTC, Reserve Officer Training Corps  
 TDY, Temporary Duty  
 TR, Traditional Reservist  
 TRS, Tricare Reserve Select  
 TSP, Thrift Savings Plan  
 MAJCOM, Major Command  
 MICT, Management Internal Control Toolset  
 MPA, Military Personnel Appropriation  
 MSG, Mission Support Group  
 MXG, Maintenance Group  
 MWR, Morale, Welfare and Recreation

NAF, Numbered Air Force  
 NCO, Noncommissioned Officer  
 NCOA, Noncommissioned Officers Academy  
 NCOIC, Noncommissioned Officer in Charge  
 OEF, Operation Enduring Freedom  
 OI, Office Instruction  
 OIC, Officer in Charge  
 OIF, Operation Iraqi Freedom  
 OG, Operations Group  
 OJT, On the Job Training  
 ORI, Operational Readiness Inspection  
 OTS, Officer Training School  
 PEP, Promotion Enhancement Program  
 POA, Power of Attorney  
 POV, Privately Owned Vehicle  
 PME, Professional Military Education  
 RNLTD, Report No Later Than Date  
 SGLI, Servicemembers Group Life Insurance  
 SNCO, Senior Noncommissioned Officer  
 SNCOA, Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy  
 SOP, Standard Operating Procedure  
 SOS, Squadron Officer School  
 SWA, Southwest Asia  
 TAFMSD, Total Active Federal Military Service Date  
 TO, Technical Order  
 UAV, Unmanned Aerial Vehicle  
 ULN, Unit Line Number  
 UTA, Unit Training Assembly  
 UTC, Unity Type Code  
 vMPF, Virtual Military Personnel Flight  
 vPC-GR, Virtual Personnel Center-Guard Reserve  
 vRED, Virtual Record of Emergency Data  
 X, Exchange  
 XO, Executive Officer

# Save the date

For planning purposes, here's a look at some dates to consider. The information below was compiled from various sources, and some events may be missing information specific to that event. Items marked with an asterisk are tentative and not finalized as of the publication date of this almanac. Listed information is subject to change, and users are encouraged to verify dates closer to the event's date.

## 2011 UTA Schedule

Listed below are the Liberty Wing's 2011 unit training assembly dates. The fiscal year 2012 UTA dates were not available by this almanac's publication date.

Month	A-Team	B-Team
January	8-9	22-23
February	5-6	26-27
March	4-6	26-27
April	2-3	16-17
May*	No UTA	No UTA
June	11-12	25-26
July	8-10	23-24
August	6-7	20-21
September	10-11	17-18

\* Due to lodging issues affiliated with May's NASCAR weekend in Dover, the 512th Airlift Wing will conduct two three-day UTAs in March and July to make up for the May training periods.

<b>January</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Jan. 7, 6 p.m., Honorary Commander's Induction Ceremony</li> <li>- Jan. 8, 3 p.m., Warrior Run, rear of fitness center</li> <li>- Jan. 8, Chiefs Induction Ceremony</li> <li>- Jan. 19, Military Affaire, The Landings</li> </ul>	
<b>February</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Feb. 6, Wing Commanders Call</li> <li>- 512 MSG commander retirement and dinner</li> <li>- 436th Airlift Wing Honorary CC tour of wing</li> </ul>	
<b>March</b>	3-Day UTA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- March 5, Wing Awards Banquet, Sheraton Hotel</li> <li>- March 6, Deployment Exercise</li> <li>- Civic Leader Tour, Patrick and Hurlburt Air Force Bases, Fla.</li> <li>- St. Patrick's Day Parade, Dover</li> </ul>	
<b>April</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 512th Airlift Wing vice commander retirement</li> <li>- April 2, 6 p.m., Senior NCO Induction, Duncan Center</li> <li>- April 3, 10:00 a.m., NCO Induction Ceremony, Landings</li> <li>- * April 22 Employer Appreciation Day</li> <li>- 436th AW Honorary CC tour of operations group</li> </ul>	
<b>May</b>	No UTA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- May 6-8, Old Dover Days</li> <li>- May 3-11, Operational Readiness Training Period 1 and 2</li> <li>- May 14-15, NASCAR Social, Landings/NASCAR race, Dover</li> <li>- Bluesuiters Golf Tournament, Dover</li> <li>* Kiwanis Armed Forces Luncheon</li> </ul>	
<b>June</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- * June 5, 3 p.m., Community College of the Air Force Graduation, 3rd Airlift Squadron Auditorium</li> <li>- June 11, Wing Commanders Call</li> <li>- 436th AW Honorary CC tour of maintenance group</li> </ul>	
<b>July</b>	3-Day UTA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- * July 7-9, Deployment Exercise</li> <li>- Independence Day Parade, Dover</li> <li>- July 21-30, Delaware State Fair</li> <li>- Honorary Commanders Orientation Flight</li> <li>- 436th AW Picnic</li> </ul>	
<b>August</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 436th AW Honorary CC tour of mission support group</li> <li>- Aug. 6, Wing Picnic and Commander's Call, Eagles Nest</li> </ul>	
<b>September</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Airman's Weekend</li> <li>- Sept. 12-17, Operational Readiness Exercise</li> <li>- NASCAR Social, Landings</li> <li>- Military Construction Briefing</li> </ul>	
<b>October</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Oct. 1-2, NASCAR</li> <li>- Bluesuiters Golf Tournament, Dover AFB</li> </ul>	
<b>November</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Nov. 5, Wing Commanders Call</li> <li>- * Nov. 6, 3 p.m., CCAF graduation, 3rd AS Auditorium</li> <li>- Officer Spouses Club Craft Show</li> <li>- 436th AW Honorary CC tour of medical group</li> <li>- Tops in Blue</li> </ul>	
<b>December</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dec. 7-13, Operational Readiness Inspection</li> <li>- Holiday parties</li> </ul>	

# Quick Reference Phone Guide

FACILITY	(302) 677-EXT.	FSNB - Exchange	678-8721
Air Force Mortuary Affairs Operations Center	2275	Golf Course (Eagle Creek)	2988
Airman's Attic	3731	-- Pro Shop	2988
Airman & Family Readiness (512th AW)	3566	-- Snack Bar	6038
Action Line (436th AW Commander)	4368	GNC	678-9915
Aero Club	6366	Grotto's	6867
AFGE Local 1709	(302) 674 -1458	HAWC (Health & Wellness Center)	3733
Ambulance	911	Historian	5120
Arts and Crafts Center	3246	Housing Office	6969
Auto Hobby Shop	3249	Human Resources	2137
Automated Lodging Reservation System	2432	Immunizations	2478
Awards and Decorations	3507	Information, Tickets & Tours	3955
Barber Shop	6344	Inspector General (512th AW)	5127
Base Information Line	677-BASE (2273)	King Pin Cafe	5323
Beauty Shop	8262	Landings (The)	6022
Base Operations	4187	Laboratory	2019
Base Operator	3000	Legal Office (512th AW)	4431
Base Multi-Media Center (Photo Lab)	6569	Leisure Travel Office	6772
Bowling Alley	3950	Library	3992
Burger King	734-7464	Lodging	2841
Career Enhancements (OPR/EPR)	3506	MPF Customer Service (512th AW)	3523
Chapel 2	6326	Main Gate	2826
Chaplain (512th AW)	4770	Military Pay (512th AW)	3494
Child Development Center	3716	Museum (Air Mobility Command)	5938
Civilian Personnel	4649	Office Eagle	3506
Civilian Pay	4500	Optical Shop	730-8784
Clothing Sales (Military)	3512	OSI (Office of Special Investigations)	8252
Command Section (512th AW)	5120	Outdoor Recreation	3959
Command Post	4200	Pool	3558
Commissary	3915	Pharmacy	2531
Community Center	3107	Post Office	6387/6195
Computer Trouble	2666	Public Affairs (512th AW)	3485
Credit Union (Dover Federal-on base)	(302) 674-5729	Recruiting	6912
Dental Clinic	2846	Relocations (Personnel-512th AW)	3518
Dining Facility	3926	Safety (512th AW)	3812
Dry Cleaners	736-5171	Service Station	4446
Education Office (512th AW)	3517	Shopette	3551
-- CCAF/GI Bill	3517	Skills Development Center	3241
-- Formal Schools	3515	Subway	857-3885
Enterprise Service Desk	(210) 925-2900	Telephone Trouble	2666
Equal Opportunity (512th AW)	3903	Theater	8711
Employment (Personnel-512th AW)	3512	Transportation	4091
Exchange	4862	Traffic Management Office	4377
Finance (512th AW)	3484	Tricare	2627/2408
Fire	911	USO	2491
Fitness Center	3962	Veterinary Clinic	5252
Flight Kitchen	4259	Wing Career Advisor	3954
Flower Shop	672-9180	Weather Information	677-BASE (2273)
Fort Sill National Bank - Main Branch	730-1466	Visitor's Center	3645
		Youth Center	6373

# Employer issues? Call local ESGR rep

By Master Sgt. Jake Chappelle  
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Senior Master Sgt. Rachael Gonesh, 512th Aerospace Medicine Squadron, is the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve representative for the 512th Airlift Wing.

Under this role, Sergeant Gonesh works with ESGR ombudsmen to assist servicemembers in resolving conflicts that may arise between their civilian employers and their military commitment.

"If an individual has a problem with their employer, they can give me a call to discuss their options," said Sergeant Gonesh.

She said if their issue is ESGR related, and they weren't able to resolve it by speaking with their employer, she would contact the employer first before connecting a reservist with their state's ombudsman.

"The biggest issue servicemembers have with their employers is communication," said Sergeant Gonesh. "It's their duty to tell them about their military obligations."

Along with helping wing members solve problems at their workplace, Sergeant Gonesh also educates the employers about the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment



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Rights Act. One of the ways she said she reaches out to employers is by also providing more information about the ESGR and the overall commitments of a reservist.

"We try to bridge the gap where both parties win and there's more of an understanding," said Sergeant Gonesh.

Despite proactive communication, Sergeant Gonesh said timing issues still occur between a reservist and their civilian employer. She said a common problem is when a reservist is unable to complete their annual tour due to a conflict with their work schedule. When this occurs, Sergeant Gonesh will call the employer and ask if they can make adjustments, so their employee can

fulfill their obligations. If she's unable to resolve the issue during the phone call, reservists must contact their state's ombudsman.

"Issues can be avoided by ... keeping your employer advised on your military obligations," said Sergeant Gonesh.

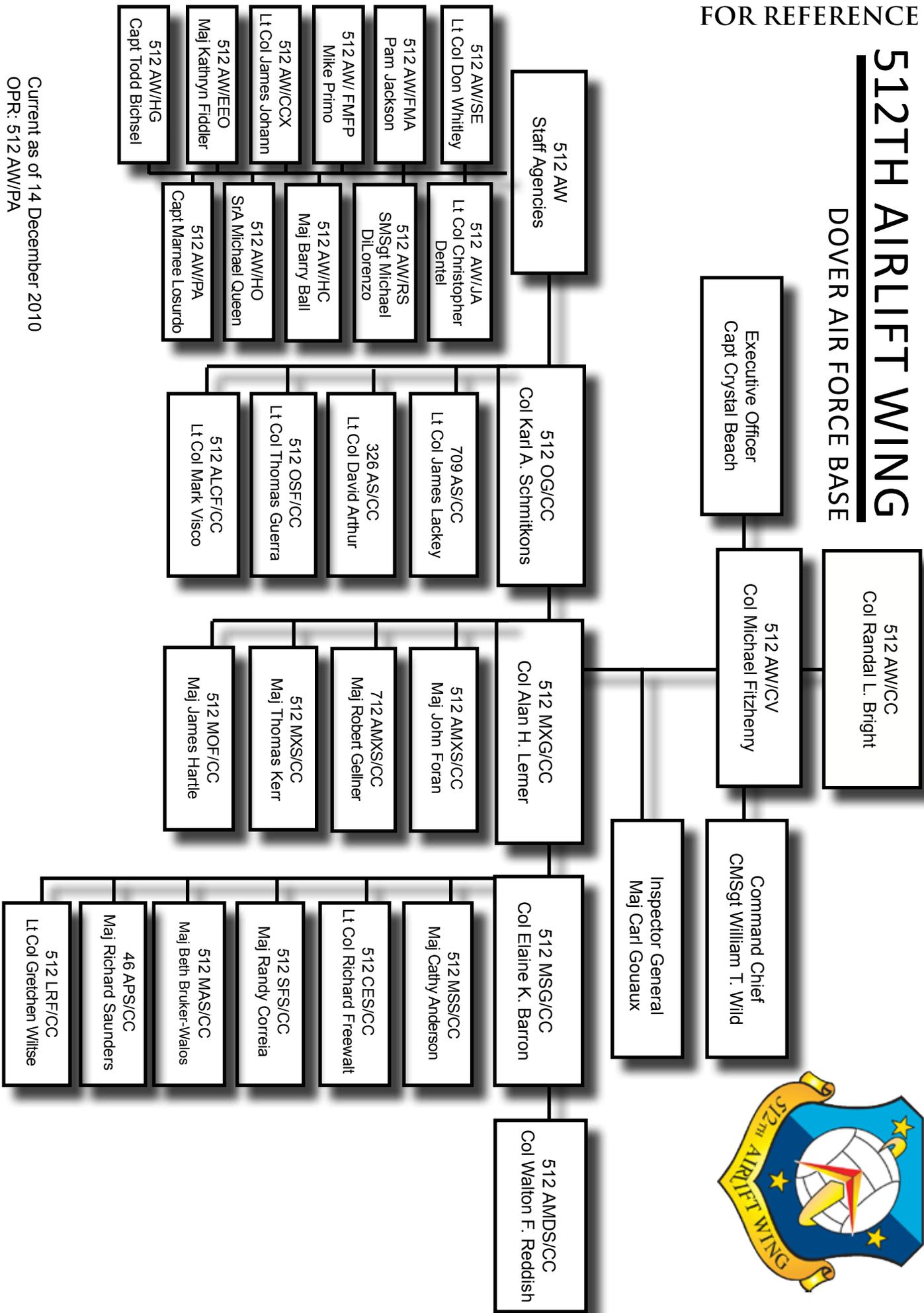
She added that giving advance notice is especially important for pre-planned deployments.

"The employer has a business to run and if you're an instrumental part, they'll have to fill that void while you're gone," she said.

Liberty Wing reservists in need of assistance can call Sergeant Gonesh at (302) 677-2550 to schedule an appointment.

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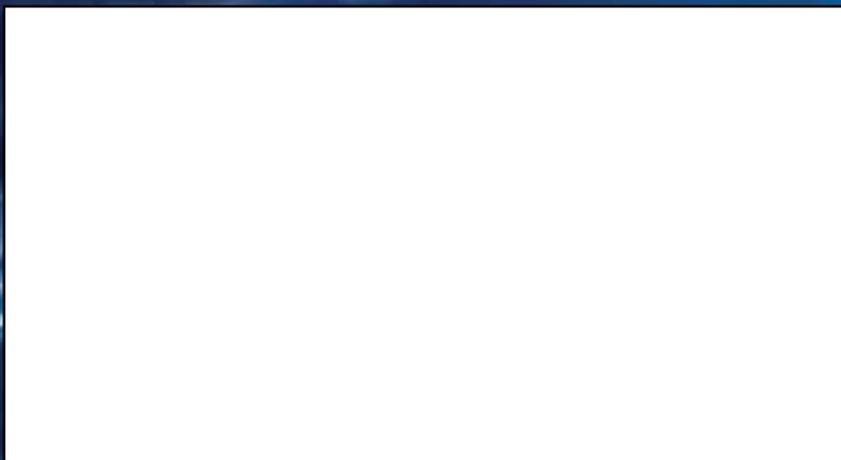


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Dover Air Force Base civil engineers plow snow off of the flightline Dec. 16 in preparation for the arrival of a dignified transfer aboard a C-17 Globemaster III. During the one-day winter storm, the base and surrounding areas received a few inches of snow and temperatures dropped to the low 20s. (Photo by Jason Minto)

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