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Airlift -- it's a beautiful thing

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ON THE COVER: Maj. Scott Erickson (left), 709th Airlift Squadron, briefs his flight crew before leaving Dover Jan. 7 for Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii, where his crew will airlift cargo for the tsunami relief effort. (Photo by Jason Minto)

Tech. Sgt. Scott Sturkol
416th AEG Public Affairs

Since I am on my second deployment in less than two years, I have noticed something about what the Air Force does that I have often taken for granted: airlift.

Why airlift?

Simple. It is the bread and butter of the deployed force. It is one of the most used resources in all of the theaters of

operation. On my way to this deployed base just recently, I truly understood that.

As I left the United States in late December, I embarked on what many of us refer to as the "rotator," a civilian airliner chartered to bring military members to their overseas assignments and deployments.

On my rotator flight, there were Airmen, Soldiers, Sailors and Marines, along with other authorized passengers. Over the course of several dozen hours and multiple stops, I had a chance to talk to some of them going overseas, many for the first time.

At our first stop after leaving the United States, I was talking with two security forces troops who were out of the country for the first time.

One of them said, "This is awesome." The Airman, a native of Illinois who was fresh out of security forces technical school training and being stationed overseas at his first base,

showed that raw excitement of being somewhere new, and getting there was all due to airlift.

I sat next to a young Airman, whom I learned was going to be a gunner on an AC-130 Spectre. He was deploying for the first time also. He talked of how intense his training was and how excited he was to be going out on his deployment

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supporting the war on terrorism. He also stated how impressed he was with the amount of coordination it takes to fly people in and out of the theater. Airlift in action once again.

I also came across numerous National Guard Soldiers and Airmen from across the United States. All of them were headed to a variety of forward operating areas, including my deployed base. Each one I talked to had his or her own unique experience to share about flying the friendly skies throughout the world, courtesy of airlift.

Airlift used throughout the areas of responsibility takes many forms, such as the C-17 Globemaster III, C-130 Hercules, KC-135 Stratotanker, C-5 Galaxy, KC-10 Extender and others. Looking at the big picture, since the start of Operation Enduring Freedom on Oct. 7, 2001 through March 2003, the Air Force flew more than 48,000 airlift missions, moving more than 513,026

passengers and 487,000 short tons of cargo to the Afghanistan area of operations. Now that is airlift in action!

The crowning moment for me during my enlightenment about airlift came from someone I least expected, a member of a foreign military service supporting the multi-national task force in Afghanistan. He said he was

"incredibly impressed" with the work the United States has done getting aid and supplies into support progress

in Afghanistan, much of it due to airlift. That discussion took place on my last stop before arriving at my deployed base.

My flight into "K-2," as the base is known to most here, was on a C-130, a plane I rode on many times just a little more than a year ago in Iraq and Afghanistan. It is an airlift workhorse if I have ever seen one.

Touching down on the K-2 runway, I looked back at the C-130 loadmaster do his work, moving around the pallets of cargo. That is when I realized that is where the hard work was done. The work that makes our deployed warriors get to the fight and win the war on terrorism.

Much of the work done by airlifters is done behind the scenes and that is the beautiful thing about it. Because it is done so well, we hardly notice it sometimes. But for me, I certainly won't take it for granted anymore. Airlift, in any form, is a beautiful thing.

Dover Team begins humanitarian relief operations

Tech. Sgt. Veronica A. Aceveda
Editor

Dover Air Force Base began its role in the tsunami relief effort Jan. 7 when the base's first C-5 Galaxy was dispatched to Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii, before reaching its destination in Thailand and Indonesia.

The short-notice tasking was fulfilled by a Reserve crew from the 709th Airlift Squadron. Col. Dave Wuest, 709th AS commander, said there were more than enough members who wanted to volunteer for this mission.

"It's just another example of the dedication and professionalism of those who wear the uniform," said Col. Ronald A. Rutland, 512th Airlift Wing commander.

This first relief effort for the



Photos by Jason Minto

Maj. Scott Erickson, 709th Airlift Squadron, answers questions from several media outlets concerning Dover's first tsunami relief mission. Major Erickson was the aircraft commander for that mission Jan. 7.

base also included an augmented active-duty crew, who rotated with the Reserve crew to keep the plane moving.

Before the plane's departure, it was unclear as to the specific type of cargo the C-5 would pick up in Hawaii. But, aircraft commander Maj. Scott Erickson, 709th AS, said they were prepared for whatever they needed to do.

"We'll handle whatever the situation over there dictates, it's always a surprise," said Major Erickson. "We're airlift ... so you call, we haul."

The number of humanitarian missions Dover may receive is still unknown, but both Reserve and active-duty aircrew members are world-wide qualified and prepared to fly at a moment's notice.

As of Jan. 6, six C-5 Galaxys and four C-17 Globemaster III's were part of the relief effort, along with smaller aircraft and ships. Air Mobility Command planes had also delivered more than 1.66 million pounds of cargo and 748 passengers to help the relief effort. The military as a whole has more than 13,000 service members currently helping the tsunami victims.

"It's the 512th (AW) and 436th (AW) together that have done just about everything in the world at any place and time," said Colonel Rutland. "Dover's always ready."



Tech. Sgt. Cathleen Simpler, 709th AS loadmaster, loads her baggage onto a bus bound for the base flightline. She and eight other squadron members made up the first crew to fly a humanitarian relief mission to Indonesia.



A 709th AS aircrew receives their mission brief before departing for the tsunami stricken region Jan. 7.

First crew to fly tsunami mission from Dover

Maj Scott Erickson

Maj Daniel Triplett

Maj Stacey Zdanavage

MSgt Timothy Feiring

MSgt Michael Benford

MSgt Ray Conner

TSgt Cathleen Simpler

TSgt Tony Williams

SSgt Leo Martin

Guard members bid farewell to Dover family

Senior Airman Deanna McClay

436th AW Public Affairs

After nearly two years of service, members of the Delaware Army National Guard's 280th Signal Battalion ended their service commitment to Dover Air Force Base today. Even though the agreement with Dover AFB was only originally slated for one year, an overwhelming majority of the Guardsmen elected to extend.

"The original group of 137 was here for one year," said Chief Warrant Officer 2 John Dill, 436th Security Forces Squadron, DANG. "Thirty-eight soldiers demobilized in January (2004), and the rest volunteered for a second year."

This extension of nearly 90 percent of the soldiers assigned to Dover is a testament to the rapport built between the Air Force and the Guard.

"The Dover Team has given a great welcome to the 280th, and it hasn't been that way at other bases around the country," said Maj. Gen. Frank Vavala, Adjutant General, Delaware Guard. "I give great credit to Colonel (John I.) Pray (Jr.) and Colonel (Ronald A.) Rutland (436th and 512th Airlift Wing commanders respectively) for the great relationship they've cultivated at Dover."

Although the absence of the Guard will take some getting used to, the security of the base populace is in no way diminished.

"(The Guard's) departure will not degrade the security for the installation, but will reduce posting flexibility for the Airmen," said 2nd Lt. Charity Winters, 436th SFS. "Their loss will be offset by a 30 percent increase of Air Force personnel over the past two years."

Even as manning remains constant to accomplish the mission, the absence of the day-to-day interaction will be missed.

"Everyone on base welcomed us with open arms and we forged strong relationships with the Dover Team," said General Vavala. "I don't think we could possibly have a better relationship than we do right now. We're very grateful for the great welcome and hospitality."

"Defending this great nation requires a Total Force effort ... active duty, Reserve, National Guard and civilians," said Colonel Pray. "The Dover Team has enjoyed many major successes over the past few years and we have certainly prospered working side-by-side with our partners from the 280th Signal Battalion. They have become part of the Dover family and we are definitely sorry to see them go."



Detachment 2, 280th Signal Battalion



Photos by Jason Minto

Capt. Steven Willey, Detachment 2, 280th Signal Battalion commander, awards Master Sgt. Ron McCoy, 512th SFS, with an Army Achievement Medal. Sergeant McCoy is the only reservist and one of only four Air Force members, who were bestowed this distinct honor from the Army National Guard during the Guard's farewell social Dec. 10.

Construction begins on new, improved Super Port

Senior Airman Brian Stives
436th AW Public Affairs

It's been almost two years since a snow storm dumped more than two feet on Dover Air Force Base, causing the roof over two bays in the Dover Team's aerial port to collapse, which inflicted structural damage on two other bays.

In all, 70 percent of the cargo processing capability of the "Super Port" was damaged as a result of the storm. The Dover Team quickly united and within a week the Super Port was back to business as usual, moving cargo to support military operations around the world.

The final process of rebuilding from the storm began Dec. 13, 2004, with the groundbreaking of a new \$57.5 million, 355,209-square-foot air freight terminal.

"Dover is the lifeline for our deployed personnel around the world moving the supplies,

equipment and personnel they need to protect our nation," said Delaware U.S. Senator Joseph Biden Jr. "It's a testament to the

professionalism of the men and women here, even after the blizzard severely reduced their capacity, that the Dover Team found a way

to get their mission done. This new, modern facility will increase their capacity and effectiveness so that the troops on the front lines will get what they need faster and more efficiently.

"Right now, this is the best single expenditure the government can make for the safety and support of our troops," he said.

Senator Biden's words were echoed by other members of the distinguished visitors in attendance.

"We rolled up our sleeves and went to work to get the money, a lot of money, expensive money," said Delaware U.S. Senator Thomas Carper.

"This state-of-the-art aerial port is an investment in the future of Dover Air Force Base and the future of our nation's military, and well worth every penny being spent," said Delaware U.S. Congressman Michael Castle.

"Our military men and women need to know that when they're on the front lines fighting for us and our interests, they are being supported at home by a top of the line cargo port."

As Lt. Gen. William Welser III, 18th Air Force commander, looked out over the Dover Team troops gathered for the groundbreaking, he said, "You're the ones who deserve this new modern facility for the incredible support you continue to provide for troops around the world... when our folks in combat need something, the Super Port delivers!"

With the wind chilling everyone to the bone, Col. John I. Pray Jr., 436th Airlift Wing commander, was ready to begin the construction of the new Super Port.

"Let's get this project started," he said.

Construction is scheduled to be completed in October 2007.



Photos by Dee Marvin

TOP: Lt. Gen. William Welser III, 18th Air Force commander, addresses the Dover Team Dec. 12, 2004, during the ground breaking of Dover's new Super Port. BOTTOM: Delaware U.S. Senators Joseph Biden and Thomas Carper, Delaware U.S. Congressman Michael Castle, General Welser and other dignitaries join Col. Ronald A. Rutland and Col. John I. Pray Jr., 512th and 436th Airlift Wing commanders respectively, in the ground breaking of the base's new aerial port.





Photo by Lt. Col. Claude Kirkland

Tech. Sgt Scott Hardesty (left), 512th Civil Engineer Squadron, simulates detaining a 479th CES member suspected of being a terrorist infiltrator dressed as an American. The recent bivouac was designed to expose Airmen to conditions they could possibly face while deployed.

Liberty Wing holds regional training exercise

Senior Airman George Roache
512th CES UPAR

A suicide truck bomber recently drove through tent city in Base X before striking one of the tents, giving many young Airmen their first exposure to real world operations.

The simulated bombing kicked off a series of perimeter attacks, small arms fire exchanges, nerve agent bursts and a whirlwind of various alarms.

“This was for training purposes - for real war-time scenarios,” said Chief Master Sgt. Pete Vielandi, 512th Civil Engineer Squadron base engineer emergency force chief. “This gives the younger troops the hands-on training they can’t normally accomplish.”

Civil engineers from Andrews Air Force Base, Md., and McGuire Air Force Base, N.J., also joined the Liberty Wing for the annual bivouac, which involved about 240 reservists camped out near the Air Mobility Command Museum.

The exercise itself was centered around mock intelligence of North Korea’s dictator taking an aggressive posture towards Japan. The enemy had chemical weapons capability and favored mid-East tactics - suicide bombers.

The weekend training also involved processing personnel, erecting tents, conducting perimeter security checks and training on conventional operations and various readiness

functions. Some of the instructional classes taught on site in the encampment included Nuclear, Biological and Chemical defense, field hygiene and self-aid and buddy care.

The Liberty Wing’s own Tech. Sgt. Dwayne Moore, who initially supervised the raising of 20 temper tents, later played the lead aggressor in the exercise. He simulated driving a bomb-loaded vehicle into one of the tents, which kicked off a series of planned scenarios.

As one of about only two dozen non-civil engineers there, Senior Airman Angela Carpenter, 512th Mission Support Squadron, helped provide force accountability and assisted in keeping track of everyone

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on site as part of PERSCO - personnel support for contingency operations. For her it was an eye-opener.

“It was good experience for what the real world goes through,” she said. “This was rough at times, but I knew it could have been worse knowing what CE was going through. (Having never been deployed), it gives us a better perspective of our deployment function.”

In one respect, the exercise may have been too real. One Airman stepped off the back of a truck onto a sandbag and broke his ankle.

“There are hazards,” said Lt. Col. Claude Kirkland, 512th CES operations chief. “We play hard; and, in trying to make it realistic, we even have real world accidents.”



Photo by Lt. Col. Claude Kirkland

Reserve firefighters from Dover Air Force Base, Andrews Air Force Base, Md., and McGuire Air Force Base, N.J., battle flames engulfing a mock airframe during a nighttime exercise of the bivouac hosted by the 512th Civil Engineer Squadron.

New track puts bounce in runners' step

Senior Airman Brian Stives

436th AW Public Affairs

Dover Team members may notice a slight difference in the feel of the ground beneath their feet while training for the fitness test on the base track. This is because the asphalt track has been removed and replaced with a new, softer rubberized track.

The fitness center has been trying to get the track rubberized since the announcement of the new Air Force fitness test last year; however, they couldn't get enough money to resurface the track in October 2003 - until now.

“Many bases are trying to get rubberized or synthetic tracks if

they don't already have them,” said Tech. Sgt. Sean Kelly, 436th Services Squadron Fitness Center NCOIC, who spearheaded the effort to rubberize the track for the Dover Team. “It will be a more comfortable place for people to run.”

“Sergeant Kelly stated to me that this is one of the things that he wanted to do for the fitness center,” said Capt. Chris Radziewicz, 436th SVS combat support flight commander. “He did all the legwork and research; then the staff came up with a good price and were ready to go when the money came down.”

The new surface of the track is comprised of old used tires that are shredded into small chips called coarse rubber and resembles a rubberized mulch surface. The track will provide a soft running surface, which will give and ease the running process.

“The rubberized track will be a lot less taxing on your knees, joints and just easier overall on your whole body,” said Sergeant Kelly.

“It's definitely a lot easier on the knees, it provides a cushioned surface for a lot lower impact on your legs and joints while running,” said Captain Radziewicz. “If people do have a pre-existing condition, this surface will not aggravate it as much. It is just more comfortable.”

“The clinic has seen a lot more people with knee, ankle and foot injuries with people practicing for the PT test and hopefully this will alleviate the injuries,” added Sergeant Kelly.

The track also serves other purposes than just reducing injuries. The porous material will allow water to seep into it and drain through a drainage system under the track to help prevent standing water.

“It provides a more inviting surface for everyone to run on,” said Captain Radziewicz.

“Maybe more people will utilize (the track) this way, just to try it out and maybe push their PT scores up a little bit more.”

“You have to be fit to fight to do our deployed mission, and we want to provide every avenue available from a facilities standpoint so that people can deploy in the theatre and do their mission,” said Captain Radziewicz.



Photo by Senior Airman Brian Stives

A ribbon cutting ceremony for the base's new rubberized track took place Nov. 22.

Commander's Call recap

More than 800 wing members attended December's Commander's Call at the base theater, where recognition dominated the stage. Photos from the event can be found in the Dover homepage's Image Library under 512 Reserve Wing.

Six members were awarded a Meritorious Service Medal

**Col William Spence
SMSgt Roger Willis
MSgt Bryan Ford
MSgt Sheila Sharp
MSgt Jose Ortiz Jr
MSgt Tommie Cummings**

Air Force Reserve Command winners

**MSgt John Bouchard
(Then) TSgt Bryan Ford
TSgt James McGarvey**

22nd Air Force winners

**SMSgt Thomas Carrow
SMSgt Janet Hawkins
Mr Kevin Greene**

10,000 Flying hours

MSgt Ibrahim Madanat

Four members received an Aerial Achievement Medal

**Maj Kyle Pangle
Capt David Bocchino
MSgt Stephen West
SSgt Sean Barnum**

Quarterly Award winners (3rd quarter)

**1st Lt Christian Fiore
MSgt John Bouchard
SSgt Robert Balling
SrA Brittna Turner
Mr John Young**

Two members were recognized for their heroic efforts in saving someone's life

**MSgt Electa Wright
TSgt Demetrious Perusquia**

16 members were symbolically presented with a Global War on Terrorism Medal on behalf of their respective unit

**Lt Col John Groth
Lt Col Gary Noble
Maj Ken Slater
CMSgt Kenneth Thompson
MSgt Kevin Eason
MSgt Leon Edwards
MSgt William Hewett
MSgt Sheila Sharp
MSgt Rene Flores
MSgt Alexandra Meyer
TSgt Marina Shillingford-Eric
SSgt Robert Balling
SSgt Kimeka Fields
SSgt Bryan Kahler
SSgt Gerard McHale
SrA Marque Archibald**

A commander, a chief and a first sergeant each received one of the wing's new hats, symbolizing unity within the wing.



Community College of the Air Force graduates

**SMSgt Michael Baize
SMSgt Avon Bryant
SMSgt Christopher Ford
SMSgt Nadine Ostram
MSgt John Bouchard
MSgt Sheila Berg
MSgt Christine Brock
MSgt Bryan Ford
MSgt Debra Franks
MSgt Kevin McNamara
MSgt Kevin Morrow
MSgt Krystal Rhone
MSgt William Vipperman
TSgt Carolyn Atkins
TSgt Troy Baker
TSgt Althea Beverly
TSgt Kelly Moquin
TSgt Alexis Richardson
TSgt Charles Wandzilak II
TSgt James White
TSgt Debra Wesley
SSgt Edward Hendershot
SSgt James Lockhart
SSgt Sheri Robinson
SSgt Maurio Watson
SrA Lowan Anderson
SrA Daniella Cardoza**

Scholastic Achievers

**SMSgt Juan Hernandez
MSgt Krystal Rhone
TSgt Rachael Gonesh
TSgt Valerie Harwood
SSgt Phillip Luke
SSgt Jeffrey Wnek
SrA Brittna Turner
SrA John Fitzgerald IV**

Reservist's son no stranger to taking stage

Tech. Sgt. Veronica A. Aceveda
Editor

He's been singing since he was in a car seat, and at the age of five, he owns a 1st place trophy from Dover Air Force Base's most recent talent show.

Alden Tonkay, son of Laurie and Master Sgt. Jack Tonkay, 512th Mission Support Squadron, is no stranger to singing or performing.



Photo by Doug Curran

TOP: Alden Tonkay sings on stage at the Dover Air Force Base talent show, where he won 1st place in his age category. BOTTOM: The Tonkay Family from left to right are Alex, Laurie, Alden and Master Sgt. Jack Tonkay, 512th Mission Support Squadron. The first song Alden ever learned to sing was "Jesus Loves Me."

Many Liberty Wing reservists and family members were amazed when he sang at the 512th Airlift Wing's picnic in 2003.

"He made me cry," said Senior Master Sgt. Nadine Ostram, 512th MSS. "To be so young, he sang with such feeling - it was really heartwarming."

Sergeant Ostram also remembers how proud and brave he looked on stage.

Alden recently sang before his largest audience ever at a Veteran's Day ceremony Nov. 10, 2004. Alden performed the song, "God Bless the U.S.A." before a 500-person audience at Welch Elementary School.

"I like singing in front of people, because it makes me feel happy," said Alden, who's favorite type of music is ceremonial band music.

His mom Laurie said, Alden is a true patriot.

"He loves his country; he loves wearing red, white and blue; and, he thinks differently than most 5-year-olds," she said.

Not only is Alden in tune with the fact that his father is in the Air Force, he also knows what his dad's job is.

According to Alden, "Daddy doesn't go to wars anymore. He stays here the whole time working on computers."

"My daddy says he's gonna have to make me a shelf for all of my trophies"

Alden Tonkay, age 5

Sergeant Tonkay is the personnel systems manager for the 512th Airlift Wing.

However, the kindergartener did recall a time when his dad did go away for a 'little while' (a TDY).

"I was sad, but I painted a rock and carried it around with me the whole time he was gone," Alden said.

In addition to Alden singing in both school and church programs, he's also been an

honorary band member of the Citizens Hose Fireman's Band since he was 2-years-old.

His instrument of choice is the

trumpet, just like his mom, who often plays the trumpet at church services on base.

"When he sings or plays, it makes me so proud of him and his mom," said Sergeant Tonkay. "Because, she's the one who has invested all the time. I'm proud of both of them."

As for what's in store for this little blue-eyed wonder, his mother's only wish is for him to be well-rounded, a feat which he appears to have a great head start on.

Alden's trophy collection already includes two for baseball, one for basketball, one for football and one for singing.

"My daddy said he's gonna have to make me a shelf for all of my trophies," Alden said.

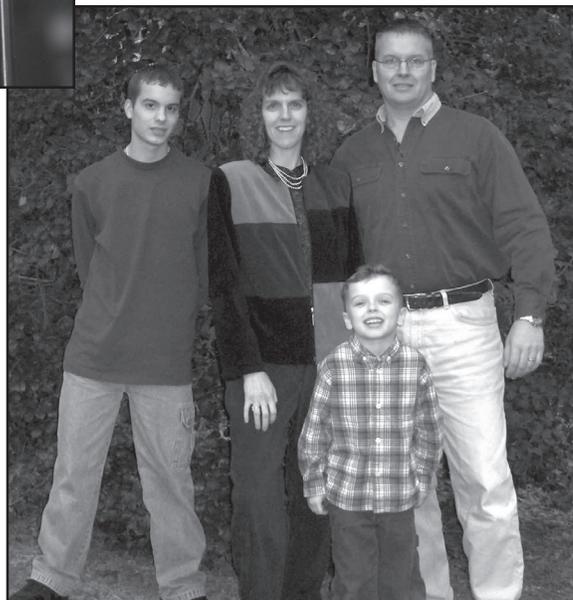
As for what Alden wants to be when he grows up, he says he'd like to be either a singer, a fighter jet pilot or a football player.

However, there's a stipulation attached to his potential football career.

"I'm not going to play football unless I can play for the Eagles," said Alden, who admitted Daddy was one of the main reasons he's such a huge Philadelphia Eagles fan.

While Alden is still in his cartoon-watching prime (with Sylvester and Tweety Bird being his favorite), he said he loves when his dad records the Eagles games that come on past his bed time.

But, whether Alden Tonkay decides to choose a career in sports, academics or the arts, there's one thing for certain - he's sure to steal the show.



Submitted photo

Reserve Team starts fast, runs out of gas

Senior Airman Brian Stives
436th AW Public Affairs

The 436th Medical Group defeated the 512th Operations Group 45 - 36 Jan. 10 in Dover Air Force Base Intramural Basketball action at the Fitness Center.

Ron Bernardin led the 436th MDG with 18 points while William Slade contributed nine points in the losing effort for the 512th OG

The 512th OG began the game on a mission and jumped out to a quick 8 - 2 lead before the MDG could regroup. Bernardin single-handedly kept the 436th MDG in the game. He started driving the lane and sinking uncontested layups. With 4:59 left in the first half, Bernardin once again drove to the hoop and kissed the ball off the glass for two points. He was fouled in the process but also gave the 436th MDG their first lead of the game. After missing the free throw, the 436th MDG still led 16 - 15. They ended the first half by outscoring the 512th OG 6 - 3, taking a 22 - 18 lead into halftime.

"We need to get the ball to our 'big man' (John Saffold) more in the second half and play better defense," said Hakim Tutt, 512th OG coach, during the break.

"We need to make better shots," said Terry Rainey, 436th MDG coach, when asked about his team's play during the first half. "We also need to step up the defense."

By stiffening up their defense and relentlessly feeding the ball down low for quick baskets, the 436th MDG dominated the first four minutes of the second half. They outscored the 512th OG 12 - 3 during the stretch before the 512th OG could regain their bearing and composure. Over the next 6:30, the 512th OG got the ball inside to Saffold and stiffened up their defense. They began their own scoring streak and outscored the 436th MDG 9 - 2 over that period.

Once again the tides turned and the 436th MDG were the ones with the hot streak. Over the final 9:30 of the game, the MDG outscored the 512th OG 9 - 6; ending the game 45 - 36.



Photos by Senior Airman Brian Stives

John Saffold (right), 512th Operations Group, and Stevens Hyppolite, 436th Medical Group, battle for the rebound during the second half. Hyppolite and Saffold battled under the basket all night in the 436th MDG's 45-36 win.

Antonio Bing (right), 436th MDG, shoots over William Slade's outstretched hand in the second half.



512th OG schedule

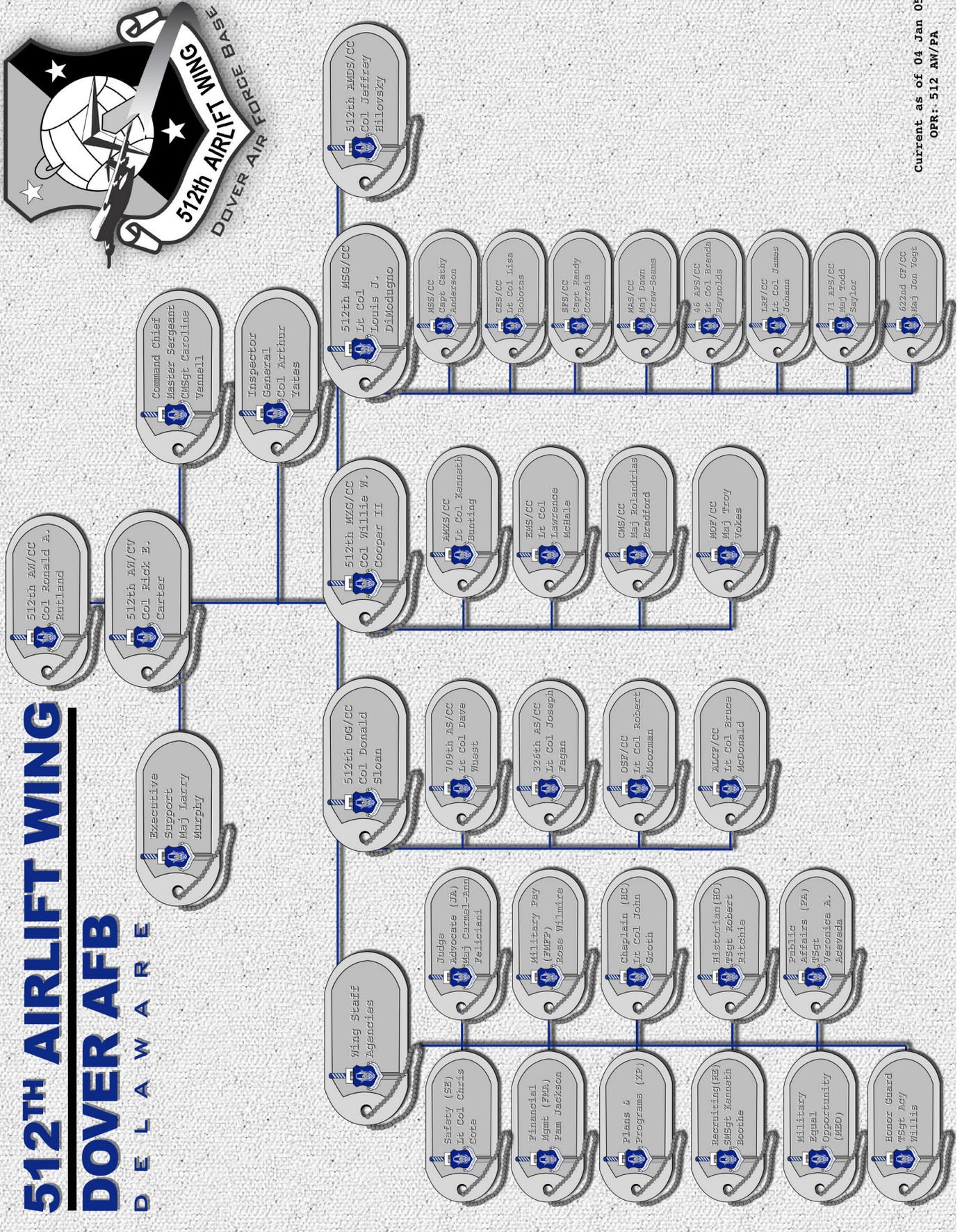
Feb. 1 at 8:30 p.m. vs MOS
Feb. 2 at 7:30 p.m. vs SFS
Feb. 7 at 7:30 p.m. vs APS (A)
Feb. 8 at 8:30 p.m. vs OSS
Feb. 14 at 7:30 vs LRS (B)
Feb. 16 at 5:30 p.m. vs 9AS/3AS
Feb. 21 at 8:30 p.m. vs LRS (A)
Feb. 22 at 6:30 vs EMS



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Interest rates go up on STAR card

The Exchange Credit Program is raising the interest rate for the Military STAR card to 10 percent. The interest rate will increase by .25 percentage points to become 10 percent.

The interest rate will become effective after the January billing statement. Any new purchases after the January billing statement will constitute acceptance of the revised interest rate.

The rate increase doesn't apply to the zero-interest Military Clothing Plans, special promotions already in existence or to deployed customers whose balances are treated under special conditions or have balances at reduced rates. (Courtesy AAFES)

Former 512th AW commander joins general ranks

Col. Bruce E. Davis, former Liberty Wing commander, is one of 14 colonels in the Air



Force Reserve who were nominated by the president Nov. 26 for promotion

to the next rank.

Colonel Davis, had this to say about his promotion:

"Announcement party - \$700, picking up the tab at the next commander's conference - \$500, pay raise for three years as brigadier general - \$3,200, being able to fly Air Force airplanes a little longer - priceless."

Colonel Davis, who left Dover Air Force Base in May, is

currently the commander of the 445th Airlift Wing, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.

His promotion takes effect upon U.S. Senate confirmation and by direction of the chief of Air Force Reserve. (Information compiled from an AFRC News Release & 512th Public Affairs)

Wing records high number of CCAF graduates

Congratulations! It's our pleasure to announce the 512th Airlift Wing has the highest number of Community College of the Air Force graduates across our MAJCOM for the October 2004 class.

This statistic, released in January, is a result of our wing members actively pursuing the award of the Associate in Applied Science degree in their Air Force Specialty with CCAF.

Many of these members are juggling work and families, while dedicating time to attend school to receive their CCAF degree.

We would like to extend our congratulation to those graduating members and to those whom have made sacrifices for these members to receive this very important degree.

If you are enlisted and have not received your CCAF degree, we invite you to stop by our office to see how close you are to getting your degree.

Our staff members will provide you with a progress report and outline the options to complete your degree. We look forward to seeing you this year walking across the stage and receiving your CCAF degree! (Courtesy 512th Education and Training Chief)

Reserve vacancies at Dover AFB

- Operations Intelligence
- Aerospace Maintenance
- Integrated Avionics Systems
- Aerospace Propulsion
- Aerospace Ground Equipment
- Aircraft Fuel Systems
- Aircraft Hydraulic Systems
- Aircraft Metals Technology
- Aircraft Structural Maintenance
- Air Transportation
- Special Purpose Vehicle and Equipment Maintenance
- Information Management
- Communications-Computer Systems Operations
- Electrical Power Production
- Utilities System
- Liquid Fuel Systems
- Explosive Ordnance Disposal
- Security Forces-Combat Arms
- Education and Training

* As of Jan. 14

* For more information on these vacancies, call the 512th Airlift Wing Recruiting Office at 677-6912.

New program encourages spouses to become teachers

Spouses to Teachers is a Department of Defense pilot project designed to assist spouses of active duty and Reserve military members to become school teachers.

The pilot states will provide information, counseling and guidance to eligible spouses regarding teacher certification requirements, routes to certification, employment potential, financial assistance and assistance with employment searches.

Limited funding will be provided to eligible spouses to reimburse the cost of tests required for state teacher licensure and certification. Maximum available financial assistance is \$250 per person.

Those eligible for the program are spouses of active duty personnel and spouses of members of the Selected Reserve or IRR on extended active duty who possess a valid spouse ID card showing "Active" status.

The pilot states are: California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Texas and Virginia.

For more information, call (800)231-6282 or visit www.spousestoteachers.com. (Courtesy 512th Education and Training Office)

Pentagon, eight bases test new civilian personnel system

Dover to follow shortly

Elements of the Air Force headquarters and eight bases will be in the initial implementation of the National Security Personnel System. The eight bases are: Eglin Air Force Base, Fla.; Ellsworth AFB, S.D.; Lackland AFB, Texas; March Air Reserve Base, Calif.; McConnell AFB, Kan.; Moody AFB, Ga.; Patrick AFB, Fla.; and Tinker AFB, Okla.

The DOD employees slated for conversion from the traditional civil service system will be included in groupings called spirals. Spiral

1 rolls out incrementally, with the first group of employees scheduled for implementation as early as July. Spiral 1 will be phased-in over 18 months. According to the NSPS website at www.cpms.osd.mil/nsps/, Dover Air Force Base falls under the second phase of Spiral 1.

Congress authorized the new personnel system as part of the fiscal 2004 National Defense Authorization Act. For more information, go to the story on Air Force Link at <http://www.af.mil/news/story.asp?storyID=123009433>.

Civilian updates

Pay increase

Dover Air Force Base General Schedule employees received a 2.5% pay adjustment effective Jan. 9 as well as a substantial increase in locality pay.

The boundaries of the 31 locality pay areas have been expanded. For Dover AFB, this means GS positions in Kent County, Del., will be removed from the Rest of the United States locality pay area and added to the higher Philadelphia locality pay area.

To view more information

on the GS 2005 pay increases, please go to: <http://www.opm.gov/oca/05tables/index.asp>. (Courtesy Dover Civilian Personnel Officer)

Job selection

Air Force job announcements may now include a single job announcement (for current or anticipated vacancies of the same pay plan, series, grade and title) at the same or multiple geographic locations.

When employees self-nominate on multiple location

announcements, they will be prompted to select the specific geographic location(s) listed in the announcement for which they are applying. The geographic selections will not be limited, so employees should pay close attention to the locations listed in the announcements. Employees will have the capability of adding or deleting locations for open announcements.

Please refer questions to Terri Rosta at 677-4656.

Career milestones

- James Potts, 34 years
- Ed Perkowski, 32 years
- Allan Miller, 30 years
- Gordon Bentley, 20 years
- William Blair, 20 years
- James Blake, 20 years
- Robert Dombrowski, 20 years
- Paul Spencer, 20 years
- Michael Tatum, 20 years
- Deborah Prokasky, 10 years

Community recognizes reservist for heroic act

Senior Airman Lowan Anderson
Staff writer

Master Sgt. Jose A. Ortiz Jr., 512th Security Forces Squadron, received the Lancaster Heart Foundation Award on Jan. 3.

The Lancaster Heart Foundation is a non-profit organization whose mission involves making a positive impact on the cardiovascular health of Lancaster County residents.

Sergeant Ortiz is a Mount Joy Borough police officer in addition to being a security forces member in the Reserve. On Nov. 14, 2004, Sergeant Ortiz administered first aid to a 43-year-old woman who had gone into full

cardiac arrest. In his 12 years of law enforcement, this was the first time he was able to save a life using an automatic external defibrillator device donated by the foundation.

"From what I've been told there is a window of a few minutes for a person once they go under cardiac arrest, the fast response helps to save a person's life. I arrived in time to save her," said Sergeant Ortiz.

LaRue Britt McManus, the foundation's administrative director, presented the award to him at the Mount Joy Borough Chambers.

The patient has fully recovered and did not suffer any brain damage as a direct result of the timely and efficient

performance of Sergeant Ortiz.

In his own reflection of the experience he concluded, "It's an awesome feeling to be a part of it."



Master Sgt. Jose A. Ortiz Jr.

AFRC vice retires, new leader takes post

Maj. Gen. John J. Batbie Jr., Air Force Reserve Command vice commander, retired after nearly 39 years of military service in a ceremony Jan. 21 at the Museum of Aviation in Warner Robins, Ga.

Retired Lt. Gen. James E. Sherrard III, former Air Force Reserve chief and AFRC commander, officiated the ceremony. General Batbie's retirement takes effect March 15.

"Needless to say, the operations tempo for this command was near its peak when I returned to AFRC's headquarters as the vice commander in November of 2001," said General Batbie. "The credit for AFRC's continued success goes to the more than 76,000 reservists and 4,000 civilians I had the privilege to work with."

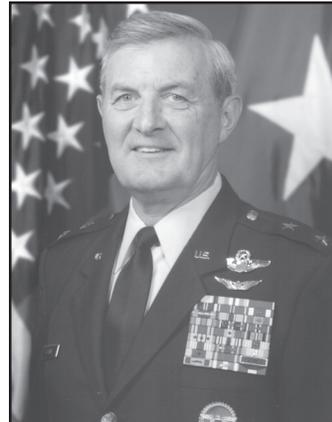
Maj. Gen. David Tanzi, AFRC's

10th Air Force commander, assumed responsibility for the daily operations of the command during a commander's conference Jan. 21 following the retirement ceremony.

Before General Tanzi's assignment at 10th AF in Fort Worth, Texas, he was director of plans and programs at Headquarters AFRC, Robins Air Force Base, Ga., from February 1999 to March 2002.

As the vice commander of the Air Force Reserve, General Tanzi will oversee AFRC daily operations.

General Tanzi is a native of Hanover, N.H. He entered the Air Force through the Ohio Air National Guard in 1968 and earned his wings in 1970. A fighter weapons school graduate, he has held several



Maj. Gen. John J. Batbie

supervisory and command positions to include serving as a squadron commander.

General Tanzi is a command pilot with more than 4,500 flying hours in several fighter aircraft. He flew combat missions over northern Iraq in



Maj. Gen. David E. Tanzi

support of Operation Provide Comfort II. The general retired from civil service Dec. 3. He is now a full-time reservist in the Active Guard and Reserve program. (Compiled from AFRC News Releases)

New year, new missions for Air Force Reserve

Staff Sgt. Jennifer Gregoire
AFRC Public Affairs

In the New Year, Citizen Airmen will see some new missions headed their way as they continue their efforts to fight and support the Global War on Terrorism.

Responding to the active-duty Air Force's needs, reservists will take part in Future Total Force initiatives which will test new organizational constructs to integrate air reserve component personnel and active duty in virtually every facet of Air Force operations.

"In order to make the Future Total Force a reality, the Air Force will conduct a number of test cases to serve as proofs of concept. Initially the program involves six initiatives that are designed to improve our nation's combat capability," said Lt. Gen. John Bradley, commander of Air Force Reserve Command, here. "Three of the initiatives directly affect AFRC and will hopefully lead to less involuntary mobilizations in the future and more opportunities to retain our Air Force's seasoned professionals in the Reserve."

One test initiative will integrate reservists into all mission areas of the Air Warfare Center,

Nellis AFB, Nev. On Dec. 17, the center took its first step into the Future Total Force when Lt. Col. John Breeden assumed command of the center's 11th Reconnaissance Squadron. As the first reservist to command a permanent active-duty squadron, he is responsible for Predator Unmanned Aerial Vehicle operations.

Another test initiative will incorporate reserve component Airmen into Predator operations along the southern border states.

The last test initiative impacting AFRC will partner the active duty's 388th Fighter Wing with the Reserve's 419th Fighter Wing. Both units fly the F-16 and are located at Hill AFB, Utah. The goal is to accommodate peacetime training and wartime operations. For this initiative, planners will use the associate unit structure where both wings have their own commander and separate chains of command.

"For decades we've had Reserve associate unit successes with our mobility units, but we've never done it for the

combat world," said Col. Gregory Vitalis, chief, Programs Division, AFRC Plans and Programs Directorate. "Looking ahead we will be a smaller, more capable force, and our long-term goal is for the Reserve, Guard and active duty to better integrate their efforts as single entity."

Successes with Reserve associate units, a generally more experienced force than their active-duty counterparts, and the ability to provide nearly 20 percent of the Air Force's capability with approximately 4 percent of the Air Force's budget are just some strengths AFRC brings to Future Total Force.

"Integrating Reserve and active-duty units makes sense and is being reviewed for every weapon system and every major command that

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2005 Reserve Pay for Four Drills Years of Service

| | Under 2 | Over 2 | Over 3 | Over 4 | Over 6 | Over 8 | Over 10 | Over 12 | Over 14 | Over 16 | Over 18 | Over 20 | Over 22 | Over 24 | Over 26 |
|------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
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| O-6 | 658.76 | 723.72 | 771.20 | 771.20 | 774.12 | 807.32 | 811.72 | 811.72 | 857.84 | 939.40 | 987.28 | 1,035.12 | 1,062.36 | 1,089.88 | 1,143.40 |
| O-5 | 549.16 | 618.64 | 661.48 | 669.52 | 696.20 | 712.24 | 747.40 | 773.20 | 806.48 | 857.48 | 881.76 | 905.76 | 933.00 | 933.00 | 933.00 |
| O-4 | 473.84 | 548.52 | 585.12 | 593.28 | 627.24 | 663.68 | 709.00 | 744.36 | 768.88 | 782.96 | 791.16 | 791.16 | 791.16 | 791.16 | 791.16 |
| O-3 | 416.60 | 472.28 | 509.76 | 555.76 | 582.36 | 611.56 | 630.48 | 661.60 | 677.76 | 677.76 | 677.76 | 677.76 | 677.76 | 677.76 | 677.76 |
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| O-2E | 0 | 0 | 0 | 488.12 | 498.16 | 514.04 | 540.76 | 561.48 | 576.88 | 576.88 | 576.88 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| O-1E | 0 | 0 | 0 | 393.08 | 419.84 | 435.32 | 451.16 | 466.76 | 488.12 | 488.12 | 488.12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| E-9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 520.16 | 531.96 | 546.80 | 564.32 | 581.88 | 610.12 | 634.00 | 659.16 | 697.56 |
| E-8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 425.80 | 444.64 | 456.28 | 470.28 | 485.40 | 512.72 | 526.56 | 550.12 | 563.20 | 595.36 |
| E-7 | 296.00 | 323.08 | 335.44 | 351.84 | 364.60 | 386.60 | 398.96 | 411.28 | 433.28 | 444.32 | 454.76 | 461.16 | 482.72 | 496.68 | 532.00 |
| E-6 | 256.04 | 281.68 | 294.12 | 306.20 | 318.80 | 347.24 | 358.28 | 370.56 | 381.32 | 385.16 | 387.76 | 387.76 | 387.76 | 387.76 | 387.76 |
| E-5 | 234.60 | 250.28 | 262.36 | 274.76 | 294.04 | 310.64 | 322.88 | 326.76 | 326.76 | 326.76 | 326.76 | 326.76 | 326.76 | 326.76 | 326.76 |
| E-4 | 215.04 | 226.08 | 238.28 | 250.36 | 261.04 | 261.04 | 261.04 | 261.04 | 261.04 | 261.04 | 261.04 | 261.04 | 261.04 | 261.04 | 261.04 |
| E-3 | 194.16 | 206.36 | 218.80 | 218.80 | 218.80 | 218.80 | 218.80 | 218.80 | 218.80 | 218.80 | 218.80 | 218.80 | 218.80 | 218.80 | 218.80 |
| E-2 | 184.60 | 184.60 | 184.60 | 184.60 | 184.60 | 184.60 | 184.60 | 184.60 | 184.60 | 184.60 | 184.60 | 184.60 | 184.60 | 184.60 | 184.60 |

Citizen Airman, employer award competition begins

April 1 is the deadline to nominate reservists and their employers for Air Force Reserve Command's Citizen Airman Award and Employer of the Year Award.

These awards go to an enlisted person and an officer who deployed in support of current operations in 2004 and employers who demonstrated strong support for the activation and deployment of one or more of their Citizen Airmen.

Nomination procedures are a one-page narrative of the reservist's contribution, a one-page narrative of how employers help their reservists and the Air Force Reserve, and a biography on the reservist or employer.

Nominations should be mailed to Chief Master Sgt. Troy McIntosh, 12313

Manchester Way, Woodbridge, VA 22192; faxed to DSN 227-9103 or commercial 703-697-9103; or e-mailed to

Troy.McIntosh@pentagon.af.mil.

(Courtesy Air Force Reserve Command)

Scholarships available for children of reservists

There's still time to submit an application to the Scholarships for Military Children program. The deadline for the \$1,500 scholarships is Feb. 16 and all applications must be delivered to the commissary by the close of business that day. At least one scholarship will be awarded at every commissary location with qualified applicants.

The application can be downloaded through a link on the front page of <http://www.commissaries.com> and filled out by

hand or on the computer. Copies of the application are also available at commissaries worldwide.

The scholarship program is open to unmarried children under the age of 21 (23 if enrolled in school) of active duty personnel, including Coast Guard, Guard and Reserve, and retired military. Eligibility will be determined using the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) database. Applicants should ensure that they, as well as their sponsor, are currently enrolled in the DEERS database and have a current ID card.

The applicant must be planning to attend, or already attending, an accredited college or university full-time in the fall term of 2005, or be enrolled in a program of study designed to transfer directly into a four-year program. Additional instructions can be found on the application or at <http://www.militaryscholar.org>. (Courtesy Defense Commissary Agency)

Secretary Roche retires

Airmen, along with servicemembers from more than 14 nations, bid farewell to the 20th Secretary of the Air Force here Jan. 18.

Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz presented Air Force Secretary Dr. James G. Roche the Department of Defense award for distinguished public service upon his retirement. His wife, Diane, was recognized with the exceptional civilian service award.

Flanked by Airmen with an F/A-22 Raptor in the background, Air Force Chief of staff Gen. John P. Jumper was the host of the event and spoke on changes the Air Force has seen under the direction of Secretary Roche. He said the

secretary's personal touch affected each Airman's life.

"(Secretary Roche will be remembered for) all he has done for them, for our Air Force and for our nation," the general said.

Mr. Wolfowitz presided over the ceremony and hailed the secretary for his "out of the box" thinking, using the Air Force in a new combat role with the Army and for instilling unique



improvements in education for enlisted Airmen.

The secretary was appointed in 2001 and has been responsible for the affairs of the Department of the Air Force, including the organizing, training, equipping, and providing for the welfare of its nearly 370,000 Airmen on active duty, 180,000 Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve Airmen, 160,000 civilians and their families.

Secretary Roche spoke of leadership lessons he learned in his earlier Naval career from Navy Adms. Arliegh Burke and Hyman Rickover in solving complex problems, and how those lessons have stood the test of time. The secretary closed by emotionally reading a verse from the Navy hymn, "Eternal Father, Strong to Save." The alternate verse, which begins, "Lord guard and guide the men who fly," was written by Mary C. D. Hamilton in 1915. (Courtesy AFPN)

Air Force honors spouses with lapel pin

Air Force officials have expanded the pin program to recognize and thank those who support the efforts of Airmen around the world by introducing the Air Force spouse pin. This pin joins the Air Force employer pin and parent pin as one of the service's most visible public outreach programs.



"In an increasingly volatile world, the Air Force depends on families for their support as never before," said Col. Chris Geisel, assistant director of Air Force public affairs. "It's only appropriate that we reach out to the spouses

who stand shoulder-to-shoulder with us."

The spouse pin — a blue star cradled in the Air Force symbol — is a contemporary adaptation of a wartime tradition. Beginning with World War I, families hung service flags in their windows to display a blue star

Portal allows Airmen to chat with friends, family

Airmen can now send instant messages to their friends or loved ones whenever they have access to the Internet.

The Air Force recently implemented the "Friends and Family Instant Messenger" program, available through the Air Force Portal.

The Air Force has offered instant messaging through the portal for more than two years though the chat was limited to Airmen and civilian employees.

Under the new program,

Airmen "sponsor" friends or family onto the portal by entering their e-mail addresses into the system. The portal then generates e-mails inviting them to log on and get their own specially configured account. Airmen can have up to five people added to the system.

To use the online chat, Airmen first need to get an Air Force Portal account. For more information, go to the story on Air Force Link at <http://www.af.mil/news/story.asp?storyID=123009448>. (Courtesy AFPN)

for each family member serving in the armed forces.

The new pin is given to spouses of American Airmen and civilians in recognition of the sacrifices they make for their spouse's service, Colonel Geisel said.

Besides the 1-inch silver lapel pin, the spouses will receive a personalized letter signed by the secretary of the Air Force and the Air Force chief of staff.

Airmen and civilian employees can register for a spouse pin and letter through a Web-based program at www.yourguardiansoffreedom.com. (Courtesy AFPN)

Total Force from page 14

AFRC is a joint partner in," said Brig. Gen. Martin Mazick, director, AFRC Operations Directorate. "Future Total Force is just another step to keep us relevant and ready."

As technology and new weapon systems increase the capability of the Total Force, less weapons systems are needed to provide today's level of combat and airlift power. Officials at the headquarters say that what becomes more vital than the hardware is the pool of experienced professionals who train, mentor and provide a surge capability when needed.

This means having the right people at the right place at the right time, said Maj. Gen. Charles Stenner, director, AFRC Plans and Programs Directorate.

"If we have to mobilize during a steady state of operations, we know our force is not balanced," said General Stenner. "Future Total Force will help us find that balance. It will help us get into the right missions and keep us relevant to the active-duty Air Force."

Also, officials say the goal of the Future Total Force initiatives is to test new ways to balance the advantages and costs of each component — and see how each one most efficiently and effectively fits into tomorrow's training and frontline missions.

"We know our Air Force wouldn't be able to perform its mission without the Reserve," said General Mazick. "What we bring to the Air Force as a capability is priceless."

Air Force merging information technology offices

The secretary of the Air Force announced plans to consolidate three headquarters-level organizations under one commander.

The offices of warfighting integration, the chief information officer and communications operations will be reorganized into the office of networks and warfighting integration-chief information officer, in an effort to best integrate current and emerging technologies with warfighting operations, Air Force Secretary Dr. James G. Roche said.

“Warfighters and decision makers are dependant on information that is generated and shared across networks worldwide,” the secretary said. “To best leverage current and emerging technologies with warfighting requirements, we are moving to establish a new organization. We will see better information technology support to (them).”

Air Force officials said they plan for the director of the new structure to be a lieutenant general with a career Senior Executive Service civilian as the deputy. Implementation of the reorganization would happen around spring. *(Courtesy Air Force Print News)*

More Airmen eligible for Air Force Recognition Ribbon

More Airmen can wear the Air Force Recognition Ribbon for winning service-level competitions and awards.

A recent change to an Air Force instruction allows members of small teams participating in events such as security forces’ Defender Challenge, Air Mobility Command Rodeo or the William Tell competition at Air Combat Command to wear the decoration.

In the past, named individuals who received Air Force-level special trophies and awards listed in Air Force Instruction 36-2803 “The Air Force Awards and Decorations Program,” could wear the ribbon. The instruction has now expanded to include individual members identified as part of a small team. A small team is defined as below flight level.

Examples include a team for a specific event, or an airlift or missile crew of the year, or a weapons load crew.

Although the official implementation date for policy change was Dec. 6, 2004, eligibility under the revised criteria is retroactive to the inception date of the ribbon. The Air Force chief of staff authorized the Air Force Recognition Ribbon in 1980 for named individual Air Force recipients of special trophies and awards with the exception of the 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year nominees.

The complete instruction governing the ribbon, AFI 36-2805, “Special Trophies and Awards,” is being revised to reflect the recent change. *(Courtesy Air Force Print News)*



Photo by Senior Airman Matthew Rosine

Tech. Sgt. Marcus Nelson checks out the new Air Force physical training uniform at the base exchange in Uzbekistan.

Troops supporting OEF/OIF receive new PT uniforms

The initial production of the new Air Force Physical Training uniform has been delivered to Army & Air Force Exchange Service stores at downrange sites supporting Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom.

Once those sites have been adequately supplied, they’ll begin making their way to bases supporting Air Expeditionary Forces five and six. Based on current production levels, those bases should be receiving the new PT uniforms shortly.

The new Air Force utility uniform won’t be available from AAFES until the Air Force announces the final decision on the uniform.

For more information about these new uniforms, go to www.af.mil/uniform. *(Courtesy Army and Air Force Exchange Service)*

W-2s now indicate combat pay

The 2004 W-2 tax forms for servicemembers now reports pay earned while serving in a combat zone tax exclusion area. This information helps determine eligibility for earned income tax credit and child tax credit.

The combat pay information is listed separately in Block 14 of the W-2 and is not included with taxable wage information in Block 1.

Tax credit qualifications are based on gross income, which includes pay earned while in a combat zone. The addition of this information on 2004 W-2s will aid in determining whether a servicemember meets the Internal Revenue Service requirements for tax credit and which method of computing taxes is most advantageous to each situation.

The 2004 W-2s are available online at <https://mypay.dfas.mil>. *(Courtesy AFPN)*

Around the 512th

Retirements

CMSgt James Myrick
SMSgt William Chadner
SMSgt Robert Light
SMSgt Phillip Sabatine
SMSgt Sebastian Welch
SMSgt Stephen White
MSgt Mychal Davis
MSgt Gary Decker
MSgt Levi Gholson
MSgt Ronald King
MSgt Allan Miller
MSgt Gregory Sell
MSgt Edward Surowiec
TSgt Nelson Judkins
TSgt Louis Robbins
TSgt James Short

Graduates

Air Command, Staff College

Maj Eric Savage
Maj Eric Weber
Maj Donald Whitley

Squadron Officer School

Capt Kevin Dill
Capt Timothy Morris
Capt Jason Reagan

Senior NCO Academy

MSgt Angelo Caraballo
MSgt David Townson
MSgt Douglas Westover

NCO Academy

TSgt Sean Dial
TSgt William Downing Jr
TSgt Gary Greenwald
TSgt Jeremy Lee
TSgt Curtis Waters
TSgt Tony Williams

Airman Leadership School

SSgt Ricardo Lucas
SrA Jean Everly
SrA John Fitzgerald IV
SrA Mabel Justice
SrA Mateen Moore
SrA William Wilson III
SrA Lynn Woods

Quarterly awards

The wing's quarterly award winners for the second quarter (October to December) are:

Airman

SrA Matthew Ferguson
326th AS

NCO

TSgt Corey Pennypacker
326th AS

SNCO

SMSgt George Mosley
709th AS

Company Grade Officer

Capt Rick Fontana
709th AS

Civilian

Michael Primo
512th Airlift Wing

Airlift Wing

Liberty Wing members can now add a ribbon or device to their military decorations. The 512th Airlift Wing is one of 16 Air Force Reserve Command units to receive the **Air Force Outstanding Unit Award**.

The participation results for the **2004 Air Force Climate Survey** are out. Out of 43 units, the 512th Airlift Wing ranked 19th with 39.5 percent of members, taking the survey. The unit with the highest participation was the 910th Airlift Wing in Youngstown, Ohio, and the lowest score came from a Georgia based unit with 11.8 percent.

Events

The **Black History Month Luncheon** is Saturday, Feb. 5 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at The Landings Club. For tickets, see your HRDC representative.

The **512th Honor Guard's new member training session** is Feb. 18 to 20. Any personnel interested in joining this elite team can contact Tech. Sgt Acy Willis at acy.willis@dover.af.mil.

The **Air Force Association's Annual Awards Banquet** is March 2 at The Landings Club. The wing's annual award winners will be recognized. Tickets for the evening event will be available through the Public Affairs Office, 677-3485.

E-mail personal or professional achievements to:
liberty.press@dover.af.mil

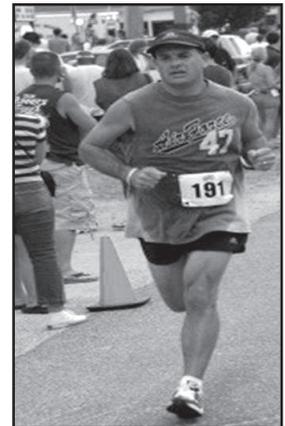


Submitted photos

Jordyn Kaia Lee is all smiles for her parents, Staff Sgt. Taisha Cook and Tech. Sgt Jeremy Lee, both from the 709th Airlift Squadron. When Kaia was born Sept. 25, 2004, she joined two older siblings, her sister Cortne, 8, and her brother Jaeden, 5.



Katherine Ann Greene, 13, daughter of Master Sgt. Kevin Greene, 512th Safety Office, donated 11 inches of hair to Locks of Love, a nonprofit agency, which helps provide wigs for children who've lost their hair due to illness.



Capt. Bill Mills, 512th Operations Support Flight, finishes a 10 mile run as part of the Dewey Beach's Seven Sister's Runs. All of the 10-mile marathons, held throughout the year raises money for local charities.

Promotions

To CMSgt

Robert Hume, 46th APS

To SMSgt

Bryan Bollinger, 512th OSF
Christine Brock, 46th APS
Ronald Harmon, 512th CES
Linda Patosky, 512th CMS

To MSgt

Pamela Alston, 46th APS
James Collins, 512th CMS
Antoine Ford, 512th SFS
Rachael Gonesh, 512th AMDS
Edward Northshield, 512th EMS
Michael Suter, 512th CES
Michael Wood, 46th APS

To TSgt

Eduardo Estrada-Reyes, 512th ALCF
Anthony Harris, 512th MSS
Jennifer Hinshaw, 512th AMDS
Robert Kelley, 512th SFS
Gary Porter, 512th CMS
Todd Schoemperlen, 512th CES
Deborah Simpson, 46th APS
David Sizemore, 512th CMS

To SSgt

Todd Bichsel, 512th CES
Jose Gonzalez, 326th AS
Matthew Sherwood, 326th AS
Michele Sherwood, 512th AMDS
William Wilson III, 512th EMS

To SrA

Steven Carlson, 512th CES
Lindsay Micale, 512th CES
Brandy Kuemper, 512th LRF
Sara Link, 512th SFS
Cheryl Stringer, 512th AMDS

To A1C

Christopher Panico, 512th CES

Newcomers

512th AW:
Capt Kelly Robinson

512th AMDS:
Lt Col Clifford Zdanowicz
Capt Karen Grigsby
AB Candace Wallace

326th AS:
Capt Bethany Miller

512th OSF:
SrA Noel Hunt

512th AMXS:
A1C David Guy
A1C Samuel Landolph
SSgt Daniel Maylone
A1C Rebecca Perez

512th EMS:
SrA Audrey McQueen

512th CMS:
SSgt John Parker

512th MOF:
AB Shane Shickel
AB Dennis Jenkins

512th MSS:
A1C Rodriguez Boone

512th MAS:
SrA Derrick Caban
Amn James McNeil III

512th CES:
TSgt Mark Carroll
AB Charles Douglass Jr
SSgt Garey Dulaney
A1C Lindsay Fritz
SSgt Albert Hauck
SMSgt Michael McGee
A1C Roberto Rosado
A1C Stephen Kaufman
SrA Melinda King
SSgt Seth Mooers

512th SFS:
SrA Rolando Ferrufinoavila
A1C Thelma Glover
SrA Damian Harris
AB James Black
A1C Antonio Cercena
A1C Justin Viens

512th APS:
AB Cory Marshall
TSgt Pateresa Hilton

512th LRF:
A1C Chaz Smith

* Promotions effective Jan. 1

Medals

Meritorious Service

Maj Kenneth Gornic
Maj Stephen Kill
Maj Timothy Lyon
CMSgt James Myrick Jr
SMSgt Dominic Carretto III
SMSgt Lennette Selmon
SMSgt William Walsh
SMSgt Stephen White
SMSgt Theodore Willer
MSgt William Allen
MSgt Robert Burns Jr
MSgt Levia Gholson
MSgt Wanda Martin
MSgt Jose Ortiz Jr
MSgt Gerald Mitchell
MSgt Thomas Perrone
MSgt Eric Sanchez
MSgt Gregory Sell

Air Medal

Capt Jon Holland
MSgt Lucious Washington Jr

Aerial Achievement

CMSgt Donna Lehmann
CMSgt Douglas Pyatt
MSgt Darrell Cromer
MSgt Charles Groce II
MSgt Edwin Sullivan Jr
TSgt Patricia A. Baer
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TSgt Darryl Moore
TSgt Andrew Ostrowski
TSgt James Short
SSgt Vincent Alois

Achievement

MSgt Ursula Thomas

UTA Schedule

Fiscal year 2005:

| | A Team | B Team |
|-----|--------|--------|
| JAN | 8-9 | 22-23 |
| FEB | 5-6 | 26-27 |
| MAR | 5-6 | 19-20 |
| APR | 2-3 | 23-24 |
| MAY | 14-15 | 21-22 |
| JUN | 11-12 | 25-26 |
| JUL | 9-10 | 23-24 |
| AUG | 6-7 | 20-21 |
| SEP | 10-11 | 17-18 |

Airmen at Kadena Air Base, Japan, help load a pallet of packaged meals bound for Southeast Asia as part of the tsunami disaster relief effort. Members of the 512th Operations Group are among the Airmen assisting with humanitarian airlift operations in Japan.



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Feb A-Team
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Feb 15

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pays
Mar 9

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