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Exercise Golden Medic*

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**ON THE COVER:** Airmen from the 512th Airlift Control Flight unload vehicles from a Dover C-5 at Bush Field, Ga., during a recent exercise. The Galaxy and its crew from the 512th Operations Group were providing transportation for cargo being used during Exercise Golden Medic 2005, which was held simultaneously at three locations - Bush Field and Ft. Gordon, Ga., and Ft. McCoy, Wis. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Efren Lopez)

## Wing sets associate standard

**Col. Ronald A. Rutland**

512th AW commander

During the June UTA and commander's call I had the honor of recognizing some of the best Airmen in the 512th Airlift Wing. About 27 Airmen received awards and decorations, and 13 Airmen received their Community College of the Air Force degree. My hat goes off to these extraordinary individuals.

While many of our wing's best were recognized during the commander's call, not all were brought to the forefront. The 512th has many intelligent and dedicated Airmen. They're the key to the Reserve being a successful entity in our total force.

When it comes to total force, we here at Dover Air Force Base do it better than anyone else because of our outstanding wing Airmen and our partnership with the 436th Airlift Wing. This relationship starts at the top with the 436th AW commander, Col. Samuel D. Cox, and filters all the way down to the young Airman.

The term "Team Dover" may be overused, but I will tell you we've received phone calls from

folks who've asked us how our associate wing is organized and how we make it work. We are the best example out there today. Former Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James Roche testifies to our excellence.

"If you want to see how it's supposed to be done in the associate world, go to Dover," he said.



In the short time that I've been with you, your inspections, wartime footing and personal integrity has made my first year with the 512th and Dover Air Force Base exciting. I am very proud to be part of your team.

To thank you and the families who support you, the wing is hosting a picnic Aug. 6. Please bring your families and introduce them to me, because I want to thank them personally. I promise the command chief and

vice wing commander will be at the dunking booth, and all bets are off for the commander. So, let's go out and enjoy ourselves. I'll see you there.

As many of you begin to plan some of your own picnics and summer fun activities, please keep safety in mind. We are well into the "101 Critical Days of Summer," which runs through Labor Day weekend.

Historically, during this time period, a few Air Force Reserve personnel will tragically lose their lives in some type of off-duty mishap, thus changing the lives of coworkers and the lives of their loved ones forever. When it comes to our lives, there are no second chances.

I strongly encourage everyone to utilize risk management in everything you do, on and off duty. Do not take any unnecessary chances; use common sense, trust your instincts.

Our safety professionals can provide you with safety related material to help with your risk management decisions for whatever you plan to do, on-and-off duty.

Enjoy the summer season, but enjoy it responsibly.

## Taking uniform survey pays off

**Tech. Sgt. Shawn McCowan**

910th Public Affairs

The recent search for a distinctive Air Force utility uniform taught me something about the senior leadership of our great Air Force.

Last year the senior leadership of the Air Force at the Pentagon decided to come up with a new utility uniform for the Air Force. In addition to providing us our own distinctive look it was supposed to save money and time spent on dry-cleaning and maintenance. We've all been called "soldiers" before in public settings while

wearing our BDUs, and refresher sensitivity training was getting expensive.

Instead of testing something obvious like flight suits or solid blue BDUs, a navy-blue, powder-fresh-blue and Northern-Ohio-sky-grey was put onto tiger-striped patterned pajamas that harkened back to those glorious days



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# Honorary commanders take flight

## Civilian and military counterparts make winning combination

**Sue Walls**

436th Public Affairs

**R**epresentatives from the law enforcement, education, business, medical and local political arenas got a birds-eye view of an air-refueling mission May 12, as more than 30 honorary commanders from the 512th and 436th Airlift Wings took part in a C-5 Galaxy orientation flight.

The day began with a flight mission and weather briefing. The civilian commanders were then issued their flight orders and cleared “red hot” for their four-hour mission. The dual air-refueling mission partnered a C-5 Galaxy with two KC-135 Stratotankers from the Pittsburgh Air National Guard’s 171st Air Refueling Wing.

Betsy Cooper, Dover Downs VIP Services director and 512th Security Forces Squadron honorary commander, said she was in awe as she sat poised for takeoff.

“I was in total amazement with the knowledge and complete expertise of our pilots and crew,” she said. “Watching them go through their checklists and knowing everything about the huge

C-5 was unbelievable. The flight was a fantastic experience that I’ll never forget.”

The unique opportunity for military and civilian leaders to join forces and learn about their equivalent career fields began more than 10 years ago. The inception of the Dover Air Force Base Honorary Commanders’ Program took shape in 1992, making Dover AFB the first Air Mobility Command base to start the program.

In the case of the Dover AFB Honorary Commander Program, the goal is simple - comprise two professionals (one military, active or Reserve, and one civilian) together to learn more about each other’s profession. It’s also a commitment from both sides to devote the time and attention into fostering a sense of community and understanding and maybe even lasting friendships and the program has been a resounding success from its inception. The target audiences for becoming an honorary commander are professionals from the business, education, finance and political career fields.

The program also allows an opportunity for an endless exchange of information and interaction between the two commanders – as much as each half of the partnership can give.

Perhaps the greatest accolade for the program comes from Col. Samuel D. Cox, 436th Airlift Wing commander.

“Dover Air Force Base and the Dover area community enjoy some of the best camaraderie and relationships between the military and local people of anywhere that I have seen in my military career,” the colonel said. “It’s a program like the honorary commander one here, which helps us continue this important and lasting bond.”



**Ray Stevens, Delaware Firemen’s Association president and 512th Civil Engineer Squadron honorary commander, takes in a view of the Eastern Shore during the Dover Team’s Honorary Commanders’ Flight May 12. Mr. Stevens is one of 21 civilians partnered with a 512th Airlift Wing commander for a one-year term.**



*Photo by Senior Airman Jennie Morrison*

**Tech. Sgt. Damion Madison, 512th Memorial Affairs Squadron, puts the finishing touches on his ice cream dessert for the Iron Chef competition June 28 at the Patterson Dining Facility. Iron Chef contestants must prepare a meal using surprise ingredients and other items found in the kitchen. Sergeant Madison competed against Staff Sgt. Cedric Perkins, 436th Services Squadron. Each contestant prepared a meal for three judges. Sergeant Madison's civilian occupation mirrors his Reserve job. He currently manages a restaurant in Hampton, Va.**

## ***Wing chefs cooks up hot competition***

**Senior Airman Jennie Morrison**  
Staff writer

**R**eady, set, cook! A reservist from the 512th Memorial Affairs Squadron represented the 512th Airlift Wing June 28 in the Patterson Dining Facility's quarterly Iron Chef competition.

Tech. Sgt. Damion Madison competed against Staff Sgt. Cedric Perkins, 436th Services Squadron, in a match of cooking skills and improvisation.

The contest began at 8 a.m., when Sergeants Madison and Perkins were presented with their ingredients. Using boneless chicken, whole potatoes and vegetables of their choice, both sergeants had to create a meal using their imagination and whatever else they could find in the kitchen.

Five hours later, each contestant prepared plates for the three judges, who were 436th Airlift Wing first sergeants. The judges sampled the meals, then critiqued each of the chefs' culinary creations before announcing the winner.

While the judges said both meals were delicious, Sergeant Perkins won the title of Iron Chef for the quarter, capturing his second Iron Chef award.

Sergeant Perkins received a one-day pass and an iron skillet with a plaque bearing his name.

About 20 spectators and supporters attended the event and were invited to try the chefs' food after the contest.

While Sergeant Madison didn't win the iron skillet, he said he enjoyed his first Iron Chef competition.

"I just love cooking," he said. "I've been cooking all my life."

As a civilian, Sergeant Madison worked as a restaurant manager for a cruise ship based out of Norfolk, Va., for 10 years. He currently manages a restaurant in Hampton, Va.

The Iron Chef competition was established last year to build morale among Airmen working at the dining facility, said Tech. Sgt. Sean Kelly, 436th Services Squadron dining facility manager.

"The contest brings a little friendly competition to the cooking staff," said Sergeant Kelly. "It gives them a chance to show off their culinary skills."



## Reservist recognizes employer for support

**1st Lt. Marnee A.C. Losurdo**

Chief, Public Affairs

**T**he National Committee of the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve recognized a 512th Airlift Wing reservist's employer as a patriotic employer May 24 at the Levy Court in Dover.

Col. David H. Wuest, 709th Airlift Squadron commander, presented a Department of Defense certificate to David Burris, Kent County Levy Court president. ESGR recognized the agency for their outstanding support of Guard and Reserve members.

Tech. Sgt. Marti Stansbury, a 709th Airlift Squadron loadmaster and a permit technician with the office of Building Inspections and Code Enforcement, nominated Levy Court because she wanted to thank them for supporting employees who were fulfilling their military obligations, she said.

"I work with really good people," said Sergeant Stansbury.

She was activated from February 2003 to February 2004 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and has since served additional days supporting various operations.

"I felt like they needed to know that I appreciated them while I was gone; they had to pick up the slack while I was gone," said Sergeant Stansbury.

In the same ceremony, immediately after recognizing her employer, Sergeant Stansbury was then acknowledged for her selfless service to the civilian and military community. Colonel Wuest presented her with the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal for her volunteer service with USO Delaware, Big Sisters and the Kent County Parks and Recreation Department.



*Submitted photo*

**Col. David H. Wuest, 709th Airlift Squadron commander, presented an Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve certificate to David Burris, Kent County Levy Court president, May 24 at Levy Court. Tech. Sgt. Marti Stansbury, a 709th AS loadmaster and permit technician at Levy Court, nominated Mr. Burris for the award.**

ESGR is a program directed toward U.S. employers, employees and communities to ensure their understanding of the role of Guard and Reserve members. Reservists who would like to nominate their employers for an ESGR award, may do so by visiting the organization's website at <http://www.esgr.org/>.

## A new "Band of Brothers"

## Three wing reservists take post at local Legion

**T**hree Liberty Wing members are among the newly inducted officers, charged with leading the American Legion's Walter L. Fox Post 2 in Dover.

While they hail from

various career fields, they all share the same common goal.

"We're looking to recruit eligible members, who are looking for somewhere to volunteer their time for a good cause...because, we

have many," said Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Crouser, a 512th Security Forces Squadron combat arms instructor, who was sworn in as this year's Post 2 commander.

We invite you to assist us

in making all of our programs, dedicated to honoring veterans, a success this year," said the new commander.

He also said the team wants to "reconnect" with the military personnel on Dover Air Force Base.

John Endres, the reigning Adjutant, said he's confident that the new line-up's leadership will continue to support the general membership and the numerous veterans programs it supports - as many leaders have done before them.

"It's obvious; this latest team is revved up and ready to go," he added. *(Courtesy 512th Public Affairs)*



**Jeffrey Crouser**  
**Commander**



**Rob Tyler**  
**3rd Vice Commander**



**Veronica A. Aceveda**  
**Historian, Assistant Adjutant**



Since the Geneva Convention prevents chaplains from carrying a weapon, Air Force chaplain assistants are charged with protecting clergy in a combat environment. "In combat zones, it's common to see the chaplain driving behind the wheel with our assistant in the passenger seat, so they can guard all of us," said Chaplain (Lt. Col.) John Groth, 512th Airlift Wing. **ABOVE:** Staff Sgt. Donovan Brown (middle), 512th AW chaplain assistant, simulates protecting Chaplains (Capt.) Mark Kelleher (left), 512th AW, and Groth. **BELOW:** Sergeant Brown simulates a combat scenario, where a chaplain assistant protects the chaplain while they pray with a wounded troop.

**Senior Airman David Younce**  
Staff writer

**T**here are four 512th Airlift Wing members who share a unique career field, where office skills and combat tactics are both part of their job description. Chaplain assistants stand ready to protect the chaplains they're assigned to.

of freedom of religion. They do this by being "a visual reminder of the holy," according to the Air Force Chaplain Service Global Ministry – Vision 2020.

Staff Sgt. Donovan Brown, 512th AW chaplain assistant, has been on the job for about two years. After leaving the Navy in June 1997, he enlisted in the Air Force Reserve that same year.



***"I love working with people, and this job gave me a different perspective of the Air Force Reserve."***

Staff Sgt. Donovan Brown



The chaplain assistants work for the Air Force Chaplain Service. Their mission is to provide spiritual care and the opportunity for Air Force members and their families to exercise their constitutional right

He initially worked as a mechanic for the 512th Component Maintenance Squadron. And, when the time came for his enlistment to expire, Sergeant Brown said he was prepared to separate until he

unexpectedly learned of an opportunity in the chaplain's office. "Chaplain (Lt. Col. John) Groth hired me, and it was the best move I ever made," Sergeant Brown said. "I love working with people, and this job gave me a different

perspective of the Air Force Reserve."

"The chaplain assistant position is one of the few career fields the member is interviewed for," said Chaplain Groth, 512th AW chaplain. "A chaplain and the (NCO in charge) of the office



both have to interview the prospective applicant before they're brought into the office."

Once the candidate is accepted, they are sent to Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., where they attend a six-week course. While there, they learn the skills needed for the office environment as well as combat operations.

The course culminates into a one-week field training exercise, "Operation Silver Flag," where candidates learn their wartime role, said Sergeant Brown.

Day-to-day operations in the office are what you might find secretaries doing: scheduling, note taking, typing and assisting the chaplain where needed, he said.

Assisting usually means more than the typical office work, he added.

To boost morale, Sergeant Brown said, chaplains and their assistant may sometimes help an Airman work on an engine or change a tire.

Spiritually, because the Air Force is comprised of many faiths and beliefs, chaplain assistants can't focus on one particular faith group.

"We have to have a basic understanding of other people's faiths and beliefs so we can better serve them," Sergeant Brown said.

In a combat environment, chaplain assistants may be called upon to help evaluate the injured, so a chaplain has the opportunity to administer last rites if necessary, he said.

Since chaplains are considered noncombatant, it's up to the chaplain assistant to protect the chaplain while they perform their duties in a combat area.

"This may require putting ourselves in the direct line of fire," said Sergeant Brown. "This isn't something I want to do, but I'm prepared if I must."

## Liberty wing member honors former commander, raises funds for cancer

**1st Lt. Marnee A.C. Losurdo**

Staff writer

Watching from the Old Telegraph Road Bridge, she saw the sky turn pink June 24 as she and 100 runners released pink balloons in memory of those who lost their lives to breast cancer.

Master Sgt. Alexandra Meyer, a 512th Civil Engineer Squadron command staff superintendent who lives in Warwick, Md., said it was a long awaited day. After months of anticipation, Warwick residents and surrounding communities celebrated the reopening of the Old Telegraph Road Bridge with a special flair.

Sergeant Meyer, with the help of friends, orchestrated the opening ceremony and bridge sprint to raise funds for the Union Hospital Foundation's Breast Center in Elkton, Md. They collected more than \$600 for the breast center and raised approximately \$250 for the Brenda Reynolds Scholarship Fund. Col. Brenda Reynolds was the commander of the 46th Aerial Port Squadron and was a business teacher at Bohemia Manor High School, Chesapeake City, Md. She lost her life to breast cancer April 17.

The Old Telegraph Road Bridge, built in 2002, crosses over Great Bohemia Creek and Bohemia Mills Dam. It was closed in May 2004 when road workers discovered a sink hole near the bridge. State inspectors then discovered water was escaping from the dam and the reservoir was drained and the bridge closed.

"It was a real pain," she said. The master sergeant often had to take a 6-mile detour through Delaware. "I wanted the bridge fixed and couldn't figure out why it was taking so long; so, I started going to the county meetings."

She, as well as other community members, started pushing the issue and the bridge was completed this June. To celebrate, Sergeant Meyer decided to have an opening ceremony, but she wanted to do something more.

"I wanted to make it personal and in remembrance of Colonel Reynolds," she said.

Sergeant Meyer had attended Bohemia

Manor High School in 1982 and 1983, when Colonel Reynolds was a secretary there.

"She is greatly missed. I read her obituary and could easily see how she had touched the lives of so many children," she said.

On the day of the event, one of Colonel Reynold's 7th-grade students, Chelsey Davis, began the opening ceremony by singing the National Anthem.

Master Sgt. LeRoy Jett, 512th CES member and minister, then blessed the bridge, those fighting breast cancer and all the men and women serving their country.

"We all have lost someone to cancer," he said. "Raising breast cancer awareness is so important, and I wanted to support Sergeant Meyer and her community effort. It was great to be able to participate."

After the ribbon was cut, participants honored breast cancer victims with a ceremonial wreath made of tiger lilies and weeping willow vines. Sergeant Meyer, 10 Dover members and others in attendance paid special tribute to their local hero, commander, teacher and friend - Colonel Reynolds.

The participants finished the day with a quick sprint across the bridge; upon their return, each released a pink balloon.

"It was great to do something for a good cause," said Sergeant Meyer. "I'm glad I could do something to help."



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**Master Sgt. Alexandra Meyer, 512th Civil Engineer Squadron, planned a bridge run for breast cancer awareness.**

# Saying Goodbye

*Several Liberty Wing members retire with more than 30 years of service*

**A**s the summer season rolled in so did the retirements. In June and July alone, about 25 members are retiring, including the vice commander and four key chiefs - Chief Master Sgts. Robert Charbonneau and Joel Stiffler from the 512th Maintenance Group, Stephen Pennypacker from the 709th Airlift Squadron and Gary Sanders, 512th Newcomers.

During the June UTA, the 46th Aerial Port Squadron conducted a six-person retirement ceremony, which honored Senior Master Sgt. Sharon Green; Master Sgts. Robin Thomson, David Hargis and Thomas Tucker; and, Tech. Sgts. Michael Robinson and Kenneth Correll.

It appears the rate of retirements isn't expected to slowdown anytime soon with another six members slated to retire in August, including the wing's inspector general, Lt. Col. Arthur Yates.

One thing's for certain, units all across the wing at all levels are becoming very proficient in the preparation and execution of retirement ceremonies, dinners and roasts. *(Courtesy 512th Public Affairs)*



*Photo by Jason Minto*

**Chief Master Sgt. Stephen Pennypacker, 709th Airlift Squadron, reflects on his career during his retirement ceremony at the Air Mobility Command Museum May 14. Chief Pennypacker's 39 and a half year career spanned from the Vietnam War to Operation Iraqi Freedom.**



**Col. Willie W. Cooper II, 512th Maintenance Group commander, presents Alice Potter, 512th MG commander's secretary, with a shadow box, commemorating her 36 years of civil service.**

*Photo by Senior Airman Jennie Morrison*





*Photo by Senior Airman Jennie Morrison*

**Chief Master Sgt. Gary Sanders, 512th Airlift Wing, is awarded the Meritorious Service Medal and the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal during his retirement ceremony June 12 in the wing headquarter's conference room. Chief Sanders served 36 years in the military and is a Vietnam War veteran. He plans to reside in the Bethany Beach area.**



*Photo by Senior Airman Jennie Morrison*

**Master Sgt. Oscar Roher, 326th Airlift Squadron, retires after 32 years of service. Col. Joseph Fagan, 326th AS commander, presents Sergeant Roher's wife Brenda with flowers, thanking her for her support.**



*Photo by Roland Balik*

**Col. Rick E. Carter, 512th Airlift Wing vice commander, is drenched after his final flight June 16. Colonel Carter retired in a ceremony June 11 at the Air Mobility Command Museum, after serving 30 years in the Air Force. Up until the end, Colonel Carter was flying on missions in and out of Iraq, Afghanistan, Kyrgyzstan and Qatar as part of his four-month deployment to Germany. He also recently completed two tours to Oman. Out of Colonel Carter's entire Air Force career, he said these deployments were the highlights.**

## The lighter side...

### I spy...

Mychaela Gabrielle Harris, daughter of Staff Sgt. Anthony Harris, 512th Mission Support Squadron, and wife Valerie was born June 12. Congratulations!



Submitted photos

### Creative minds compete in Colorado

TOP: Master Sgt. Kevin Greene (left) serves as a coach for his daughter's Odyssey of the Mind Team. The international educational program provides creative problem solving opportunities for students. Sergeant Greene's team recently competed in the World Finals in Boulder, Co., and ranked 22nd out of 56 teams.

LEFT AND BELOW: About 30 Liberty Wing spouses participated in an orientation flight June 11. Half of the group flew in one of Dover's C-5 Galaxys and the other half flew in a KC-10 from McGuire Air Force Base, N.J. The two planes refueled in air and traveled down the Eastern Seaboard.



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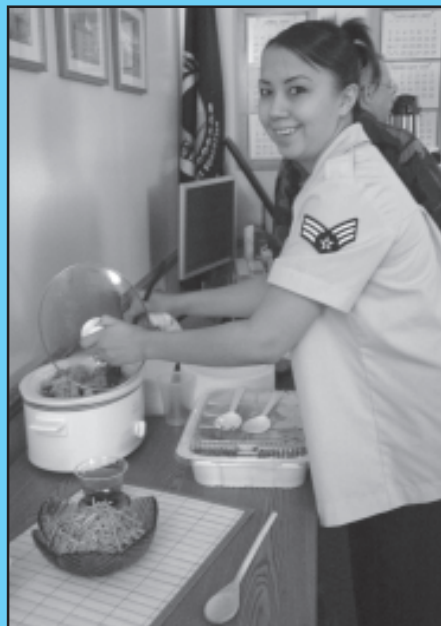
### Spouses Flight June 11





## Melting Pot

*Building 202 celebrates Asian Pacific Heritage Month (May)*



About 30 wing members participated in an Asian-themed potluck lunch May 20 in Cafe 107. Pictured left is Senior Airman Hiecee Desillarico, 512th Mission Support Squadron, who helped organize the event with Chief Master Sgt. Gary Sanders, 512th Airlift Wing. Airman Desillarico and four other wing members, who work in Building 202, recently discovered they all share the same Asian Pacific Heritage of being half Filipino and half Caucasian, an ethnicity which is commonly referred to as mestizo or mestisa, depending on one's gender. The term has Latin roots, meaning "to mix." Pictured from left to right are Tech. Sgt. Veronica A. Aceveda, 512th Public Affairs, Staff Sgt. Angela Carpenter, 512th MSS, Senior Airman Steve Germann, 512th MSS, and Jennie Morrison, 512th PA. (Submitted photos)



Photo by Col. Willie W. Cooper II

### Wingman

John Wuest (right), secures his father's newest epaulet during a promotion ceremony June 1 in the wing headquarter's conference room. Sharon Wuest also assisted in tacking on her husband's new rank. Col. David Wuest, current 709th Airlift Squadron commander, becomes the 512th Airlift Wing's vice commander Aug. 6.

## Blue Rocks honor military

USO Delaware in conjunction with the Wilmington Blue Rocks announces "Military Appreciation Nights."

Deployed families and those currently serving in the military can enjoy a free night out at America's favorite past time. The evenings selected to honor the military are Aug. 13 at 6:05 p.m. and Aug. 14 at 1:35 p.m. The Blue Rocks take on the Potomac Nationals at the Daniel S. Frawley Stadium in Wilmington.



Commanders from the 512th and 436th Airlift Wings are slated to toss out the first pitches over the course of the two evenings.

Call the 512th Public Affairs Office at 677-3485 for tickets. Department of Defense ID will be required; and, transportation to the game is the individual's responsibility.

## Base concert set for August

The Freedom to Rock Concert is Aug. 6 at the field behind the Community Center. The free, family oriented event begins at 7 p.m. All Department of Defense ID card holders and bonafide guests are welcome to bring lawn chairs and blankets to watch the show, which encompasses pop, rock and country music. Food and beverages will be available. The rainout location is the base theater. For more information, call the Community Center at 677-3107.

## Amazing women - aiming higher and higher



Photo by Maj. Rich Curry

**Col. Stayce D. Harris commands the 459th Air Refueling Wing at Andrews Air Force Base, Md. Colonel Harris became the first African-American woman in the Air Force to command a flying wing May 15. "I believe the Air Force and the military as a whole provides opportunities for all," said Colonel Harris. "I am just an example of what we can do in the military."**



U.S. Air Force photo

**Capt. Nicole Malachowski was selected for the 2006 U.S. Air Force Air Demonstration Squadron, "Thunderbirds," team. She is the first female demonstration pilot on any U.S. military high performance jet team. She is from the 494th Fighter Squadron at Royal Air Force Lakenheath, England.**



Tech. Sgt. Daniel H. Nathaniel

**Senior Airman Angela Everhart, an Air Force reservist stationed at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii, waves to the audience as she is escorted by her father, Army 1st Sgt. Thomas LeMasters, June 10 during the evening gown portion of the Miss Hawaii Pageant. Airman Everhart, a utility systems specialist, placed first runner-up during a ceremony in Waikiki, Hawaii.**

### SGLI to change

President Bush signed into law May 11 an \$82 billion supplemental legislation raising the maximum Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance coverage from \$250,000 to \$400,000 and providing payouts of up to \$100,000 for people with traumatic injuries.

In a new twist introduced through the legislation, troops with dependents must get their spouse's approval to purchase less than the full amount of SGLI coverage. If a person is not married, the designated beneficiary will receive notice when the person purchases less than the maximum coverage. The

legislation directs that both benefits will be retroactive to Oct. 7, 2001.

For the complete story, log onto [www.af.mil/news/story.asp?storyID=123010556](http://www.af.mil/news/story.asp?storyID=123010556). (Courtesy AFPN)

### Club card receives makeover

In conjunction with the merger of Bank One with Chase Bank, the Air Force club membership card is being redesigned.

The current card was first issued in 1999, and no changes have been made to it since that time.



Because of the merger, Chase Bank is "rebranding" all previous Bank One cards, including Air Force club membership cards. The new cards are scheduled to be "mass reissued" in August and September. The new cards will have the same membership benefits, rate and terms.

### Employment registry deadline Oct. 31

Time is running out for about 15,000 Air Force reservists in the Selected Reserve to comply with a Department of Defense directive.

Oct. 31 is the deadline for reservists to register

information about their civilian place of employment. Command officials urge reservists to register online as soon as possible by going to [www.afrc.af.mil/reserveInfo.htm](http://www.afrc.af.mil/reserveInfo.htm) and clicking on Civilian Employment Info Program. (Courtesy AFPN)

### Airman magazine becomes quarterly publication

Airman magazine will now be distributed on a quarterly basis versus monthly, to include the January almanac edition.

Readers can expect to see enhanced photography and changes in content, layout and design. (Courtesy AFPN)



## Confidentiality, coordinators help sexual assault victims

Military people who are victims of sexual assault now have the option of making a confidential report and receiving medical assistance without initiating a military investigation.

A new Department of Defense policy establishes sexual assault response coordinators at all military installations, including Air Force Reserve Command bases. SARCs help people who want to report sexual assault, without involving law enforcement, and who may need assistance in accessing military and community support.

Maj. Denise Thompson, chief of behavioral health at Air Force Reserve Command headquarters at Robins Air Force Base, Ga., said Air Force reservists may report a sexual assault to a SARC at any time, but only sexual assaults that occur during military status will be eligible for restricted reporting. Sexual assaults occurring while reservists are in civilian status will be referred to a local agency for medical care and may be reported to the local authorities. A report of a civilian sexual assault does not require a report to a commander.

More information about the new DOD sexual assault reporting policy is available from base SARCs. Capt. Yvonne Sorokin, 436th Military Equal Opportunity, is currently serving as the acting SARC for Dover Air Force Base. She can be reached at 363-9392. (Courtesy AFRC News Service from Citizen Airman magazine)



Photo by Master Sgt. John E. Lasky

### There's no quitting in the Air Force

Staff Sgt. Mike Bowles explains the Air Force's core values to candidates inprocessing at Ramstein's Area Motivational Program. This 30-day program is used to "reblue" airmen basics through staff sergeants, whose attitude or behavior has deteriorated, resulting in nonjudicial punishment. The program, in place at Ramstein Air Base, Germany, since January 2004, has a high success rate. Sergeant Bowles is part of the cadre for 120 days and is assigned to the 435th Vehicle Readiness Squadron.

## Uniform from page 2



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Dave Jablonski

**The selection has been made on the type of utility uniform the Air Force will be wearing in the future. Listening to the feedback received from the field and wear testers, it has selected a digitalized pattern that is a blend of green and tan with a slight shade of blue and gray. Uniforms will be phased in over a four to five year period.**

of Vietnam. They topped off the utility uniform with a Marine-style hat. In the end we would have actually been distinguishable by the angry red tint to our faces. Instead of hearing, "Look, mommy, it's the Army," we'd hear, "Look, mommy, it's the Navy." If one of those things actually got issued to me, I knew my career would be over since I swore I'd modify my salute to make a slash motion across my neck instead of poised at my eyebrow.

In order to get opinions from Airmen who saw the uniform, an online survey was conducted. I got one look at some Airmen wear-testing it, mistook them for Eminem's backup posse in street gear and I was on that survey site begging for a blue flight suit and decided to wear blues for the rest of my military career.

Suddenly, after a year of wear-testing, a modified, (and possibly final) iteration was unveiled and I prepared myself for the worst. I imagined a pastel color array that would allow us to hide in a flower bed at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii. As tears welled up from the approaching

migraine, I chased two Excedrin with day-old coffee and clicked on the hyperlink to view my new jammies.

Instead, the blues and grey were more subtle, the pattern was digitized and the hat was no longer "Marine-ated." Did they really hear the cries of the masses who had to stand at attention in these things? After a year of skepticism and apprehension that my Air Force was going to look like commando Smurfs, whole-hearted relief washed over me.

The Air Force Uniform Board used submissions and suggestions to make the design something that served their purposes and we could be proud to wear. I was sure the feedback form was being forwarded to someone at an Air Force base closed by BRAC, but I hoped that I was wrong.

Maybe blue flight suits would be more obvious, but I think we should all be happy with our uniform board leaders who took the time to get it right.

Or maybe, it's just part of the "Cross into the blue" campaign.

### Graduates

#### Army War College

Lt Col James Herron

#### Air Command, Staff College

Maj Michael Semo

#### Senior NCO Academy

MSgt Kathleen Valenti

#### NCO Academy

TSgt Earl Coleman

TSgt John Whye

#### Airman Leadership

SrA Stanley Blanco

SrA Matthew Burke

SrA Kevin Flowers

SrA William Young

### Retirements

Col Rick E. Carter

Capt Shirley Freeman

CMSgt Robert Charbonneau

CMSgt Stephen Pennypacker

CMSgt Gary Sanders

CMSgt Joel Stiffler

SMSgt Terry Williams

SMSgt John Wynn

MSgt Arthur Copeland

MSgt Thomas Giles

MSgt David Hargis

MSgt Franklin Lee Jr

MSgt Oscar Roher

MSgt Maurice Scott

MSgt Thomas Tucker

TSgt Derrick Barnes

TSgt Kenneth Correll

TSgt Shari Diggs

TSgt David Hilliard

TSgt Gary James

TSgt John Kimbler

TSgt Oscar Walker

SSgt Michael Duvall

### Around the 512th



#### 512th AW Picnic

Aug. 6 at 11 a.m.

Eagles Nest

Tickets \$1

(extra \$1 for family)

POCs are 1st Sgts

### Reserve vacancies at Dover

Operations Intelligence  
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Aerospace Ground Equipment  
Aircraft Fuel Systems  
Aircraft Hydraulic Systems  
Aircraft Electrical and Environmental  
Aircraft Metals Technology  
Aircraft Structural Maintenance  
Fuels  
Air Transportation  
Special Purpose Vehicle and Equipment Maintenance  
Munitions  
Information Management  
Explosive Ordnance Disposal  
Education and Training



\* As of June 15

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

### Promotions

#### To Senior Master Sgt.

Debra Franks

Brian Gallagher

Ronald Golden

Lee Smith

Meredith Williams

#### To Master Sgt.

Lacey Coleman Jr.

Paul Cook

Michael Harris

Gary Johnson

Melvin Mitchell Jr

Erik Paglusch

#### To Tech. Sgt.

Robert Balling

Jeffrey Glenn

Tony Harmon Sr.

Chester Krejczman

Daniel Maylone

Denver McShane

Christopher Meeseman

Johnny Murphy

Keisha Phillip

Howard Price

Dawn Templeton

Zac Thihahfuhluhwalker

April Williams

Angie Wright

#### To Staff Sgt.

Matthew Burke

Chulk Celestine

Corey Diluzio

Phillip Gonaway

Kevin Flowers Jr.

Christopher Gordon

Michael Uriah

Wilken Washburn

Robert Wright

#### To Senior Airman

Candice Foxe

William White

#### To Airman 1st Class

Charles Douglass Jr.

James Grove Jr.

Charlene Kapinski

Shane Schickel

#### To Airman

Matthew Paladino

\*Promotions effective July 1



## Honoring military

Representing the 512th Airlift Wing, a group of bluesuiters attended the Kiwanas Armed Forces Day Luncheon May 18 at the Dupont Hotel in Wilmington. The annual event is dedicated to honoring all branches of the military.



Submitted photo

## Medals

### Air Medal

Maj Mark Babione  
Maj Thomas Guerra  
SMSgt Kathleen Lambert  
TSgt Matthew Kimbler  
TSgt Corey Pennypacker  
TSgt Denny Scott  
SSgt Robert Stevalia

### Aerial Achievement

Maj Eric Savage  
Maj Donald Whitley  
Capt Jonathan Daigle  
SMSgt William Walsh  
TSgt Jeff Spears  
TSgt Todd Wylie

### Meritorious Service

CMSgt William Blasius Jr  
CMSgt Robert Filipone  
CMSgt Michael McGuire  
CMSgt Kenneth Yarborough  
MSgt Gregory Brownawell  
MSgt Arthur Copeland Jr  
MSgt Marvin Foley  
MSgt Franklin Lee Jr  
MSgt Edward Surowiec  
MSgt Robin Thomson  
MSgt Eric Waters

### AF Commendation

SMSgt Lori Bond  
MSgt Kellyanne Alston  
MSgt Clarence Cole Jr  
MSgt Robert Elliott  
MSgt Ronald Golden  
MSgt Charles Groce II  
MSgt John Heroux Jr

### AF Commendation (continued)

MSgt Larry Mitchell  
MSgt Sheilda Ruffin  
MSgt William Thompson  
TSgt Carl Croney  
TSgt Donald Alexander  
TSgt Walter Anderson  
TSgt Elvis Armstead  
TSgt Arthur Artis Jr  
TSgt Michael Bovidge  
TSgt Efrem Bremby  
TSgt Lance Brodeur  
TSgt George Burr  
TSgt Joei Callahan  
TSgt James Cartwright IV  
TSgt Anthony Cave  
TSgt Philip Delauder  
TSgt Shari Diggs  
TSgt Kenneth Duke  
TSgt Dennis Gillard  
TSgt David Huf  
TSgt Larry Lacks  
TSgt Jeremy Lee  
TSgt Roderick Lopez II  
TSgt James Mabry III  
TSgt Willie Marshall  
TSgt William McGlone  
TSgt Gregory Monroe  
TSgt Jeanette Person  
TSgt Glendese Ramos  
TSgt Antoine Robinson  
TSgt Edward Roelle  
TSgt Richard Scully  
TSgt Armand Shackelford  
TSgt Christopher Trotter  
TSgt Gary Warner Jr  
TSgt Judy Winn  
SSgt Christopher Byard  
SSgt Kenneth Clark

SSgt Bernard Flowers  
SSgt Matthew Gippe  
SSgt Clifton Harris  
SSgt Donna Jernigan  
SSgt Donald Kinney  
SrA Clarence Marshall  
SrA Stephatina Rice  
SrA Jimmy Strait

### AF Achievement

Maj Thomas Guerra  
Maj Daniel Triplett  
Maj Donald Whitley  
1Lt Christian Fiore  
MSgt Robert Kaehler  
MSgt Prior Maxwell  
MSgt Sean Mullarkey  
MSgt Thomas Vernon  
TSgt Tamie Foote  
TSgt Hope Morgan  
TSgt Thomas Titler  
SSgt Henry Fortney II  
SSgt Molik Hippolyte  
SSgt Patrick Laster  
SrA Richard Stuhmer  
SrA Abbey Weston

*Each medal recipient receives a Hometown News Release form. Be sure to share the news of this accomplishment with your family and friends back home. Return the form to the 512th Public Affairs Office in Building 202, Room 202. For more information, call 512th PA at 677-3485.*

## Newcomers

### 512th AMDS:

SSgt Robert Burns III  
A1C Fredrick Anderson  
AB Dametria Cross  
AB Kimberly Stackhouse

### 709th AS:

Capt James Mann  
Capt Jay Miller  
SSgt Jennifer Lane

### 512th AMXS:

SrA John Culbert Jr  
SrA Paul Gadsden III  
SrA Justin Johnson  
SrA Matthew Oakes  
A1C Robert Durringer Jr  
A1C Cenetra Johnson  
A1C Christopher Nellis  
A1C William Simpson  
A1C Tyrone Whitehurst

### 512th CMS:

A1C Tammy Stancil

### 512th EMS:

A1C James Peairson  
A1C Joshua Runkles  
A1C Scott Shockley

### 46th APS:

Maj Michael Parks  
SrA Benedit Petraitis  
SrA Richard Thibodeau  
Amn Charlene Kapinski

### 512th CES:

SSgt Christopher Erickson  
SSgt Ivan Fullerton  
Amn Shawn Hamilton  
AB Cameron Jones  
AB Richard Nixon

### 512th MAS:

AB Matthew Paladino

### 512th SFS:

TSgt Thomas Gaul  
SSgt Darryll Hackett  
SSgt Richard Macleod  
SrA Todd Scheff

### 512th LRF:

SrA Lawrence Nwogu



## Chiefs impact wing, base

The Dover Air Force Base Chiefs Group is composed of active duty and Reserve chiefs who work together to find ways of assisting our enlisted force. The Chiefs group is constantly working to find ways of raising funds, so they can recognize and boost the morale of our young troops.

They held a steak luncheon sale June 24 and sold over 600 tickets to the event. People came from all over the base and the chiefs even had a drive-thru for those who wanted meals to go.

Some of the many programs the chiefs have contributed to in both wings are the quarterly and yearly awards program, enlisted awards, promotion ceremonies, the Airman's Attic and Airman Leadership School awards.

They provide mentors for the First Term Airman's Center and the Airman Leadership School and sponsor the annual Senior NCO Development Course.

To boost morale, they've served holiday meals at the dining facility, organized an Airman's Dinner at the chapel, held a holiday cookie drop, served over 1,500 people at the Expeditionary Operational Readiness Inspection cook out, and the list goes on. Not many functions take place without the chiefs being involved.

## UTA Schedule

### Fiscal year 2005:

	A Team	B Team
JUL	9-10	23-24
AUG	6-7	20-21
SEP	10-11	17-18

### Fiscal year 2006:

OCT	1-2	22-23
NOV	5-6	19-20
DEC	3-4	10-11
JAN	7-8	21-22
FEB	4-5	25-26
MAR	11-12	25-26
APR	1-2	22-23
MAY	6-7	20-21
JUN	10-11	24-25
JUL	8-9	22-23
AUG	5-6	19-20
SEP	9-10	16-17

July  
&  
August  
UTA  
paydates

July A-Team  
pays

July 12

July B-Team  
pays

Aug. 3

August A-Team  
pays

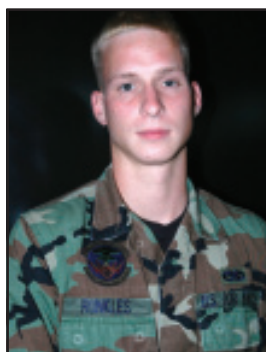
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August B-Team  
pays

Sept. 1

## The Liberty Wing welcomes ...

### Senior Airman Joshua Runkles



**Unit:** 512th Equipment

Maintenance Squadron

**Duty position:** Metals Tech

**Civilian Occupation:** Student

**Hometown:** Mt. Airy, Md.

**Age:** 19

**Previous assignment:** Nuclear

Weapons Specialist

Whiteman AFB, Mo.

**Personal goal:** Attend Harvard  
Law School

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