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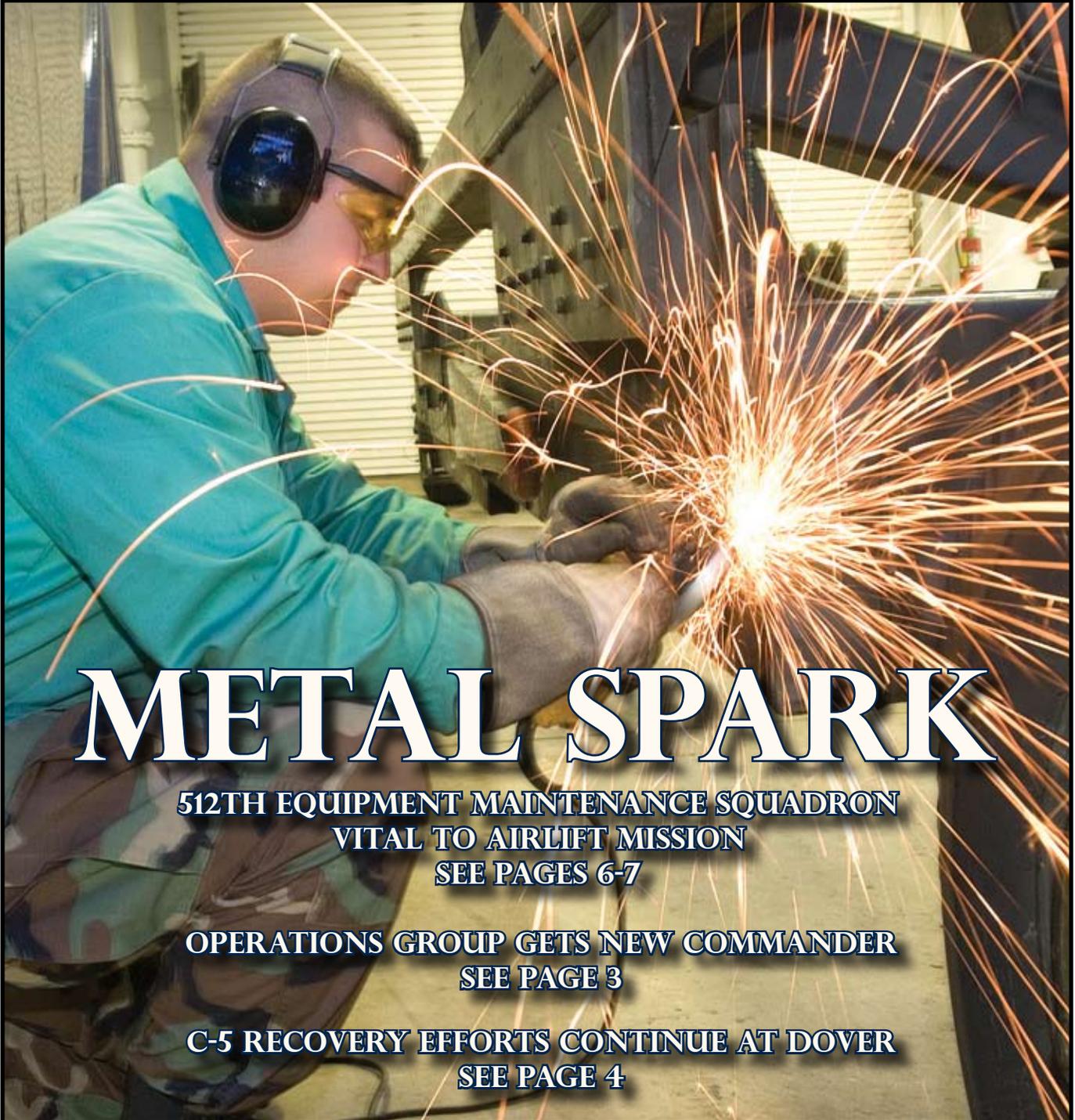
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## On the cover



Photo by Jason Minto

**Senior Airman Duane Miles, 512th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, prepares metal on a C-5 Galaxy engine trailer before it's welded at Dover Air Force Base. The 512th EMS also inspects aircraft, builds and fixes parts for the C-5, maintains machines used to fix the aircraft, and monitors the wing's ammunition supply. See pages 6-7.**

# Maintenance group commander offers leadership, people skills 101

**Col. Willie W. Cooper II**  
512th MXG commander

**H**ealthy relationships are critical to our success. Make no mistake about it, "what we do" is all about relationships, not programs.

Programs without relating to people are simply books and binders on someone's shelf collecting dust. Programs should never be developed to eliminate or neutralize the human element. In our institution we have many programs that were created to provide guidance, substance and establish policy in a plethora of areas.

You and I are expected to lead and manage those programs effectively. We have even established reward systems designed to recognize our high achievers. It is rather easy for us to simply "fill a square," place a check mark in the block marked "complete," and walk away knowing that we have met the minimum requirements. If something goes awry we can actually stand in amazement and wonder how could someone come along and screw up something that was previously addressed.

"So," you might ask, "what's the big deal?" The big deal is that you and I work with people. We say people are considered our most valuable asset. They are people who, in general, look for job satisfaction and the fulfillment they are contributing to a worthy cause. They are people who, in some intangible way, must be able to identify with their leaders. People need relationships and not just programs.

What can you and I do to bridge the two? We can heighten our awareness in very specific ways of what others around us are doing.

## Get up close and personal

Do you know what's important to the people who are closest to you? Do you know the names of their children? Developing strong relationships begin

with knowing the needs of the other person. I recently saw one article that read, "Real leaders say 'tell me about you!'"

Your people will notice!

## Don't lead from behind a desk

Leave your comfort zone. This is an easy one. When people enter your office, do you always talk to them from behind your desk, or do you move from the desk to an area where both of you can sit down and talk?

Are you great at passing notes to people or are you comfortable talking to them one-on-one or in groups?

Does anyone have to come see you or do you frequent the areas where your people work?

Here's a better one, can you walk around to visit those you supervise without an escort of bodyguards? Your people will notice!



Colonel Cooper

## Engage, empower and release

We must continually trust our people and not consider them third parties to our own success.

There is an easy test. If you are using words like "they" and "those people" when discussing your people you have effectively separated your identity from theirs. Your people notice.

Engage with your direct reports to ensure that everyone knows the mission of the organization and their responsibilities to make it happen. Empower the members, individually and collectively, to do the work. Don't forget to provide the required resources here. After all, nothing plus nothing still leaves nothing.

People move up, people move laterally, and people eventually move out. You must continue to release qualified people to do the work. This is easier said than done, but history shows us that "those closest to the action have the best view also."

The fruit of a healthy relationship is that you will both know and care for your people. They, in turn, will do the same. Your people will notice!

# Colonel Young assumes command of 512th Operations Group

**1st Lt. Marnee A.C. Losurdo**  
512th AW Public Affairs

**L**t. Col. Darrell G. Young assumed command of the 512th Operations Group from Col. Don W. Sloan May 7 at the Air Mobility Command Museum.

Colonel Young, who was the deputy commander of the 349th Operations Group, Travis Air Force Base, Calif., pinned on colonel May 14.

Colonel Sloan's retirement ceremony was May 6 at the AMC Museum where he was presented with the Legion of Merit, the seventh highest military decoration. He retired May 11 after 33 years of service.

"I'm very honored to take command of this group," said Colonel Young after the passing of the flag. "There is no other place I'd rather be and no other group I'd rather command, and we will continue to fly, fight and win."

More than 200 people gathered in the museum, surrounded by static displays of historic aircraft. 512th OG Deputy Commander Maj. Louis Patriquin's wife, Jerri-Lynn, sang the national anthem.

Col. David H. Wuest, 512th Airlift Wing vice commander, presided over the ceremony. He lauded both Colonels Sloan and Young and their families for their accomplishments.

"It's often been said that if you take care of your people they will take care of the mission," he said. "In order to do this, give them the best unit commanders possible."

Colonel Young was 512th AW Commander Col. Ronald A. Rutland's first choice for the job, said Colonel Wuest.

"We are fortunate that he will be with us to face the many challenges ahead," said the vice commander who welcomed



Photo by Jason Minto

**512th Airlift Wing Vice Commander Col. David H. Wuest, left, and outgoing 512th Operations Group Commander Col. Don Sloan, right, welcome the 512th Operations Group's new commander, Lt. Col. Darrell Young, to the 512th AW at the 512th OG Change of Command May 7 at the Air Mobility Command Museum.**

Colonel Young, his wife Dawn, and their seven children to the 512th AW.

Colonel Young joined the Air Force in 1984. After graduating Undergraduate Pilot Training at Columbus Air Force Base, Miss., in 1985, he was stationed at Travis AFB. In 1987, he moved to Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, to be an instructor pilot with the 89th Flying Training Squadron. He separated from active duty in 1991, and joined the Air Force Reserve in 1993 and became a member of the 349th Airlift Wing at Travis. He was activated

for Operation Enduring Freedom from February 2003 to February 2004. The colonel is a command pilot with more than 3,900 hours in the T-37, T-38, C-141B and C-5.

Colonel Young greeted the audience and said he looked forward to meeting his counterparts in the 512th AW and 436th Airlift Wing.

"We have a lot of challenges to face in the near future, and I ask you to be creative and adaptable to change," said Colonel Young to his unit members.

He summed up his leadership philosophy with a quote by

President Ronald Reagan.

"Surround yourself with the best people, delegate authority, and let them do their job," he said.

"I will work tirelessly on your behalf so we can get the job done," said the new 512th OG commander.

Prior to Colonel Sloan relinquishing command to Colonel Young, Colonel Wuest thanked Colonel Sloan for his service.

"Colonel Sloan has distinguished himself as a fine leader," he said. "We can't know the events that can bring about profound changes in our lives, but Colonel Sloan has handled them well."

Colonel Sloan then addressed his operators one last time as their commander and reflected on his five years as commander.

The Operations Desert Storm and Shield veteran assumed command of the 512th OG in August 2001. Since then, his operators participated in Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom as well as flew humanitarian relief missions in support of the Tsunami in Indonesia, Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in the Gulf region, and the earthquake in Pakistan. He also oversaw the initial transition into the C-5 Avionics Modernization Program, which incorporates a "glass cockpit" with digital avionics.

"It's often been said that the 512th Operations Group is the best group in the Air Force," said Colonel Sloan who has flown over 13,000 hours in the C-141A/B and the C-5. "But, you can't do it by yourself."

He thanked his unit members and Team Dover for their support.

"I can't tell you how proud I am of the 512th Operations Group. I can only try," he said. "Blue skies and tail winds my friends."



Photo by Doug Curran

The recovery team salvages cargo May 1 from the C-5 Galaxy that crashed here April 3. Any damaged cargo will go back to the shipping activity to be either repaired or replaced. Undamaged cargo was sent to its final destination.

## C-5 Galaxy recovery efforts continue at Dover

**Staff Sgt. James Wilkinson**  
436th AW Public Affairs

One month after a C-5 Galaxy crashed-landed less than a mile short of the runway here, recovery operations are proceeding on schedule, officials said. All 17 people on board survived the April 3 crash.

“We started the recovery effort the same day of the mishap and have been working every day since,” said Maj. Rob Triplett, the 436th Maintenance Squadron commander and director of the mishap recovery effort. “Safety has been our number-one priority. Our team’s primary focus, besides safety, was to preserve vital evidence for the safety investigation board.”

An 11-person team from the 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron at Robins Air Force Base, Ga., along with C-5 engineers and maintenance personnel from Dover are conducting a thorough recovery of the aircraft.

“The most difficult part is coming up with all the variables and solutions to problems,” said Chief Master Sgt. Jon Lynn, 436th MXS superintendent. “It takes teamwork to get everybody together to decide what the

best plan and the best course of action are to take.”

Recovery efforts included removing the remaining fuel, the engines, the left wing tip and cargo.

“Some fuel was spilled, but we were able to recover the majority of the fuel from the aircraft itself,” Major Triplett said. “Protecting the environment and protecting the community are high priorities. (The community’s) safety is of the utmost importance.”

The base is coordinating with the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control concerning any environmental clean-up issues.

“The agreement at this point is that once the aircraft and the parts are gone, we will do a full assessment in close coordination with DNREC to make a decision on what type of remediation methods will be used for the cleanup,” said Lt. Col. Mark Ruse, the 436th Civil Engineer Squadron commander.

The nose section was moved first to make room for equipment to level the aircraft, Major Triplett said. The airframe needed to be stabilized to remove the cargo and engines. Hydraulic jacks were used to level the aircraft, which was supported by more

than 1,000 railroad ties.

“We were able to remove the cargo,” the major said. “Any cargo that was damaged will go back to the shipping activity to be either repaired or replaced. The cargo that was undamaged was put back into the system for movement to its destination.”

The crew compartment, weighing more than 13,000 pounds, was removed with a crane. Once it is released by the accident investigation board, the compartment is expected to be used as a training simulator at Robins, Major Triplett said.

When the board releases the aircraft, recovery experts anticipate they will be able to reuse approximately 1,100 parts after they have undergone extensive inspections. The remainder of the aircraft will be salvaged on site, the major said.

Heavy equipment, such as cranes, forklifts and high-reach vehicles, is being used to remove and salvage the aircraft. Experts also are using power saws to cut up the structure.

All parts of the aircraft will remain on the site until released by the accident investigation board. Once investigations are complete, results should be released three months later.

# Helmets to Hardhats offers jobs to military members

**1st Lt. Marnee A.C. Losurdo**  
512th AW Public Affairs

The 512th Airlift Wing, Delaware National Guard, Delaware Building and Construction trade unions, and state of Delaware showed their support of veterans and their quest for employment during a ceremony May 4 at the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 313 union hall in New Castle.

Col. William Stephens, 512th Mission Support Group commander, was one of eight individuals who signed the proclamation supporting the national program Helmets to Hardhats.

Delaware became the 18th state to sign a proclamation supporting the program, which was founded by Retired Marine Corps Maj. Gen. Matthew P. Caulfield and his son Dan, a former Marine Corps officer.

Helmets to Hardhats is a federally-funded program that began in January 2003 to create employment opportunities for reservists,



guardsmen and transitioning active-duty military members through paid apprenticeships with building trade unions and contractors throughout the country.

“It’s a great program,” said Colonel Stephens. “The construction industry can benefit from the discipline, dedication and leadership abilities of our military members, and it’s a great way for our military members to learn a new trade while earning a good living. It truly is a win-win.”

The Center for Military Recruitment, Assessment, and Veterans Employment administers the program, which is cosponsored

by 15 building and construction trades organizations, as well as their employer associations, which together represent about 82,000 contractors, according to the Helmets to Hardhats Web site.

“This program is about as patriotic as any program there is,” said Delaware Lt. Gov. John Carney, who also signed the proclamation. “We often forget about those service men and women when they return home. It makes a tremendous amount of business sense.”

About 40 percent of the construction industry workforce will retire in the next decade so the construction industry is looking to recruit 1 million workers between 2002 and 2012, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

As of May, 276 military candidates have registered in Delaware for the use of the Helmets to Hardhats program and 14 local trade unions have posted 162 jobs on the Helmets to Hardhats Web site. Nationally, 127,886 candidates have registered through the program’s Web site, which lists 72,000 jobs.

## Orientation flight gives civic leaders insight into mission

**Sue Walls**  
436th AW Public Affairs

Representatives from the law enforcement, education, business, medical and local political arena got a birds-eye view of an air-refueling mission May 11 as the new group of honorary commanders from the 436th and 512th Airlift Wings took part in a C-5 Galaxy orientation flight.

The day began with the flight mission and weather briefings at the 9th Airlift Squadron. Maj. Mark Heffernan, 436th Operations Support Squadron aircraft commander, then cleared the civilian commanders for their four-hour mission.

The dual air-refueling mission partnered a C-5 Galaxy from Dover with two KC-10 Extenders from the 305th and the 514th Air Mobility Wings at McGuire Air Force Base, N.J.

Allen Zipke, 512th Operations Support Flight honorary commander and administrator for the Campus Community

School in Dover, was selected to ride up front for take-off and said the experience was something he’ll never forget.

“I was in total amazement with the knowledge and complete expertise of our pilots and crew,” said Mr. Zipke. “Watching them go through their checklists and knowing everything about the huge C-5 was unbelievable. The flight was a fantastic experience.”

The unique opportunity for military and civilian leaders to join forces and learn about their equivalent career fields began more than 15 years ago. There have been more than 300 community leaders that have participated in orientation flights over the years. The inception of the Dover AFB Honorary Commanders Program took shape in 1992 as the first Air Mobility Command base to start the program.

The program’s goal is to comprise two professionals – one military and one civilian



Photo by Sue Walls

**Jane Towers, 512th Memorial Affairs Squadron honorary commander and Blood Bank of Delmarva employee is all smiles during her first flight on the C-5 Galaxy May 11.**

– 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.

The target audiences

for becoming an honorary commander are professionals from the business, education, medical, finance and political career fields.

The program also allows an opportunity for an exchange of information and interaction between the two commanders.

Some of the greatest accolades for the program come from Col. Chad Manske, 436th AW vice commander, who was at the controls for the take-off and landing on the May 11 flight.

“Dover Air Force Base and the Dover area community enjoy some of the best relationships between the military and local people of anywhere that I have seen in my military career,” said Colonel Manske. “Our honorary commanders help us educate the rest of the community about Dover AFB and our global airlift mission – it’s a win-win situation. A successful program like the honorary commander one here helps us to continue this important and lasting bond.”

# HEAVY METAL

## 512th Equipment Maintenance Squadron vital to airlift mission

Senior Airman Jennie Chamberlin  
512th AW Public Affairs

**A**irmen within the 512th Equipment Maintenance Squadron are responsible for a wide range of missions, including the inspection of aircraft, building and fixing parts for the C-5 Galaxy, maintaining machines used to fix the aircraft, and monitoring the wing's ammunition supply.

The 512th EMS is not easily defined, said Maj. Lora Graziosi, 512th EMS.

"The unique thing about EMS is that our duties and skills are so varied," said Major Graziosi. "There's so much diversity within our squadron."

Despite all the differences, all the shops have one thing in common. They all contribute to the airlift mission.

"You see a C-5 taking off or going down the runway and you know you had a part of it," said Master Sgt. Matt Sirkis, 512th EMS.



Photo by Senior Airman Jennie Chamberlin

**Senior Airman Jason Sirois, 512th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, uses a lathe to cut metal into a cylindrical part for a plane. This machine can be used to build parts for the C-5 Galaxy that are no longer available. "There's nothing like the feeling of making a part for a multi-million dollar aircraft and knowing that it's flying because you made that part," he said.**



Photo by Senior Airman Jennie Chamberlin

**Tech. Sgt. Thomas Osterholm, 512th EMS, repairs a piece of metal for a C-5 Galaxy. Sergeant Osterholm not only repairs planes, but flies them as well as a pilot for a commercial airline.**

**Top Right: Staff Sgt. John Greene, 512th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, welds a specimen for his aircraft welding certification. Aircraft welders are certified every five years by performing on specimens of different types of metal.**



Photo by Senior Airman Jennie Chamberlin

## From shaping metal to flying friendly skies

EMS reservist trades BDUs for airline pilot uniform after UTAs

**Senior Airman Jennie Chamberlin**  
512th AW Public Affairs

**T**ech. Sgt. Thomas Osterholm is familiar with airplanes. He works with them as a reservist and as a civilian. The only difference is as a sheet metal mechanic with the 512th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, he repairs cracks, holes and defects in planes, while as a civilian working for a major airline, he flies them.

Sergeant Osterholm enlisted in the Air Force in 1984 and worked as a sheet metal mechanic stationed at Dover Air Force Base. While on active duty, Sergeant Osterholm joined the Aero Club. After earning his private pilot's license, he was hooked on flying and decided to make it a career.

To make it happen, Sergeant Osterholm made the shift to the Air Force Reserve in order to stay in the area and pursue a degree at Delaware State University. There he became the first student to sign up for the school's new Airway Science program. Sergeant Osterholm earned his Bachelor's degree and eventually became "Captain" Osterholm, flying for United

Airlines as a pilot. His flying dream realized; he now flies an Airbus 327.

A reservist since 1991, Sergeant Osterholm said he stays with the Reserve because he enjoys the dual role of pilot and mechanic.

"I like having something to do besides flying," Sergeant Osterholm said. "Both jobs involve using different parts of the brain. I think that being a sheet metal mechanic uses creative thinking. It's a process of puzzle solving, while flying requires a more technical and analytical mind."

Variety is not the only reason Sergeant Osterholm said he stayed with the Air Force Reserve.

"When you work with the military, you know you're working with solid citizens and good people," he said. "I have long-term friends here."



Courtesy photo/photo illustration by 1st Lt. Marnee A.C. Losurdo

## Around the AF

### Chief McKinley 15th chief master sergeant of AF

WASHINGTON -- Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. T. Michael Moseley has named Chief Master Sgt. Rodney J. McKinley to serve as the 15th chief master sergeant of the Air Force.

Chief McKinley will assume his new position July 1, following the June 30 retirement of Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald R. Murray. Chief Murray's retirement culminates 29 years of service to the Air Force.

"I'm excited to have Chief McKinley take the helm of our enlisted force," General Moseley said. "Chief McKinley is a tremendous leader with an impressive array of expeditionary and combat experiences to help him steer our Airmen and serve as my partner."

Chief McKinley is currently the command chief master sergeant for Pacific Air Forces. He originally joined the Air Force in 1974, took a break in service in 1977, attended college and re-entered the Air Force in 1982.

His career includes assignments in the medical, aircraft maintenance and first sergeant fields. He has served as the command chief master sergeant of the 86th Airlift Wing at Ramstein Air Base, Germany; 1st Fighter Wing at Langley Air Force Base, Va.; 379th Air Expeditionary Wing in Southwest Asia; and 11th Air Force at Elmendorf AFB, Alaska. *(Courtesy AFPN)*

### DOD increases foreign language pay

WASHINGTON -- The Department of Defense announced May 10 an increase effective June 1 in Foreign Language Proficiency Pay, or FLPP, for servicemembers who qualify.

The fiscal 2005 National Defense Authorization Act authorizes the secretary of defense to increase FLPP pay from a maximum of \$300 per month to a maximum of \$1,000 per month for qualified active-duty members and offer a \$6,000 per year bonus for qualified Guard and Reserve members. The program will emphasize languages needed to support the war on terrorism, the recommendations of the Quadrennial Defense Review and those of strategic importance to DoD. *(Courtesy AFPN)*



Courtesy photo

**Air Force and congressional dignitaries along with local attendees celebrated the completion of the first of 111 C-5 aircraft that will undergo modernization at Lockheed Martin's facility in Marietta, Ga. The rollout ceremony was held May 16.**

## Improved C-5 promises more years of service

**Laura McGowan**  
ASC Office of Public Affairs

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, Ohio -- At a roll-out ceremony May 16 at Lockheed Martin's plant in Marietta, Ga., the Air Force accepted delivery of the first C-5M of 111 that will undergo modernization at the facility, extending the fleet's life by more than 25 years.

The Aeronautical Systems Center's C-5 Systems Group oversees the C-5's modernization process and supports the Air Force's priorities of recapitalizing and modernizing faster while cutting costs.

Col. Kevin Keck, C-5 Systems Group commander, attended the roll-out ceremony.

"I can't wait for first flight and the chance to hear the sound of our new, more powerful, yet quieter airplane," he said.

"The bottom line is that we need these machines," said Gen. Norton Schwartz, commander of U.S. Transportation Command. "We need them re-engined and out of maintenance just as fast as possible. What you're doing is proving its worth and raising the C-5's mission-rate."

The ceremony was a milestone for the program and the Air Force.

"This C-5M is the first of a new fleet of C-5s that truly raises the bar—capability is guaranteed, cost saving is guaranteed, and most importantly, reliability is guaranteed,"

said Ralph Heath, executive vice president of Lockheed Martin and president of Lockheed Martin Aeronautics.

The aircraft "represents a capability unique to the United States, and is an asset that truly defines 'global reach,'" he said. "Today's C-5M takes a proven airframe and injects 21st century technology, and the result is a new era in strategic airlift."

A Lockheed Martin spokesman said the C-5M features the commercially proven CF6 General Electric engine. The engine delivers a 22 percent increase in thrust, a 30 percent shorter take-off roll, and a 38 percent higher climb to initial altitude, allowing significantly more cargo to be carried over longer distances.

The C-5 Avionics Modernization Program adds a modern cockpit with a digital, all-weather flight control system and autopilot, a new communications suite, flat-panel displays and enhanced navigation and safety equipment to ease crew workload and enhance situational awareness.

"These great new aircraft have state-of-the-art capability and elevated performance and yet, in large measure, are hand-built," Colonel Keck said. "It's a special weapon system built with the personal care of the great men and women here at Lockheed Martin. I'm proud of this team and honored to be here."

# Around the 512th

## Wing commander's call scheduled for June UTA

The 512th Airlift Wing commander's call is scheduled for June 11 at the Dover Air Force Base Theater.

Members need to be seated by 7 a.m. The Community College of the Air Force graduation will also take place at this time.

## Military OneSource revises website

Military OneSource, available to active duty and reserve members and their families, has revised their website.

The site provides information on financial matters, child care, health and wellness, education, relocation, addiction and recovery, and readiness.

In addition to online support, the 800 number is staffed by trained counselors to assist members and their families. Six free face-to-face counseling sessions are available to wing members.

For information, visit [www.militaryonesource.com](http://www.militaryonesource.com) or call 1-800-342-9647. (Courtesy AFPN).

## Free ACT/SAT software

Thanks to the football players represented by the Victory Sports Group, the \$199 SAT or ACT Power Prep Multimedia CD/DVD programs are available for the cost of shipping and handling, according to the Military Homefront Web site.

Reserve, National Guard, active duty and retired military personnel can obtain the software programs for the entire 2005-07 school years, which will end July 1, 2007.

To facilitate ordering, visit the Military Homefront site at <http://www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil>.

## Officer educational records unmasked

Promotion boards will once again consider officers' educational progress as they advance in rank.

Including an officer's educational level reverses a decision the Air Force made a few years ago when educational records were masked because some Airmen were using their benefits to pursue degrees not relevant to Air Force duties. (Courtesy AFPN).

## OEF, OIF veterans get hiring preference

More servicemembers are now eligible for veterans' preference when applying for government civilian jobs.

President George W. Bush signed into law the Defense Authorization Act for fiscal 2006, which contained two provisions that broadened the definition of a "veteran" and clarified eligibility for those released or discharged from active duty.

The first provision gives preference to those who have served on active duty for a period of more than 180 consecutive days, any part of which occurred during the period beginning Sept. 11, 2001, and ending at the close of Operation Iraqi Freedom, regardless of location, provided they meet other eligibility conditions.

The second provision clarifies veterans' preference eligibility for individuals "who are discharged or released from active-duty service," provided that they, too, meet other eligibility requirements.

For more information, visit [www.opm.gov/employ/veterans](http://www.opm.gov/employ/veterans). (Courtesy AFPN).



Photo by Doug Curran

## Summer Safety

Master Sgt. Kevin Greene, 22nd Air Force ground safety director and formerly with the 512th Airlift Wing Safety Office, leads 80 riders on a group ride down the flightline here May 3. More than 170 members from Team Dover were involved in the 436th Airlift Wing's Motorcycle Safety Day for training, food, a sport and cruiser bike contest, and a group ride. Tech. Sgt. Joe Moore, 512th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, won the sport bike competition presenting his GSXR 750 Suzuki, and Tech. Sgt. Kevin Schmehl, 436th Aerial Port Squadron, took first in the cruiser competition with his 2005 Honda VTX 1300R.

## Network Help Desk, Customer Service hours

Hours of operation for the June UTA for the Network Help Desk, Building 202, Room 101, and Military Personnel Flight Customer Service, Building 202, Room 111, are as follows:

**Monday - Friday:** 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.; **A Team UTA:** 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.; **B Team UTA:** Saturday only, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Customer Service's priority during Saturdays of the A Team UTA is issuing Common Access Cards to newcomers.

## Hometown news

The 512th Airlift Wing Public Affairs office has an active hometown news program.

The program can assist wing members in announcing their promotions, medals, assignments and other special accomplishments to their friends and families in their hometowns.

For more information, or to fill out a hometown news release form, contact unit public affairs representatives or the wing PA office at (302) 677-3485.

# 512th salutes



## Promotions

### To Major:

Mario Corahernandez  
Adrienne George  
Gilbert Kesser  
James Mann  
Timothy Morris  
Christian Parrish  
Wanda Pennington  
Jason Reagan  
Richard Saunders  
Liza Tillmes  
Jeffrey Watson

### To Chief Master Sergeant:

Frederick Traute  
Michael Baize

### To Senior Master Sergeant:

Cornell Jolley

### To Master Sergeant:

Daniel Caldwell  
Joy Clifford  
William Downing

Roy Futrell  
John Haller  
Yolanda Matthews  
James McGarvey  
William Zettle

### To Technical Sergeant:

Kenneth Bennet  
Jeremy Bouchelle  
Jeffery Caswell  
Andrew Parsons  
Matthew Randall

### To Staff Sergeant:

Katrina Bafford  
Matthew Cook  
Eric Davenport  
Jennifer Klein

### To Senior Airman:

Arekeya Langston  
Priscila Lawrence  
Clarence Marshall  
James Samans  
Richard Southern  
Joshua Brozena  
Candace Gaymon  
Amanda Marie Gonzalez  
Nakeya Holland  
Kristina Lindquist

James McNeil  
**To Airman First Class:**  
Ravin Tatman  
Erica Thompson

## Newcomers

The 512th Airlift Wing welcomes:

Capt Brian Dye  
SSgt Timothy Disalvo  
SSgt Anthony Reyes  
SSgt Daniel Slattery  
SSgt Gordon Speir  
SrA Misty Begnaud  
SrA Terrence Benson  
SrA Stephanie Bruns  
SrA Corlethia Charles  
SrA Anthony Porreca  
SrA Scott Stinnett  
A1C Phillip DeLauder  
A1C Dariesha Jones  
A1C Kristina Lindquist  
A1C Ashley Bundschuh  
A1C Patrick Brittin  
AB Antwoneshia Blake  
AB Elizabeth Easter  
AB Justin Walker

## Retirements

Col Don Sloan  
Lt Col John Harrington  
CMSgt Michael McGuire  
SMSgt Edward Chong Qui

## Medals



### Air Medal

Capt Scott Kuhrt  
Maj Wesley Pangle  
Maj Eric Piel  
Maj Justin Greiner

### Meritorious Service Medal

Lt Col Edward Poling  
Lt Col Gary Noble  
Maj Eduard Grimes  
Maj Kevin Higginbotham  
CMSgt Michael McGuire  
SMSgt Brian Gallagher  
SMSgt Frederick Traute  
MSgt Anibal Rivera  
MSgt Sanford Strunk, Jr.  
MSgt Sherry Dowgos  
MSgt Gary Finch  
TSgt Kathryn Scott

### AF Commendation Medal

MSgt Martin Smith  
TSgt Derek Biggs  
TSgt Lance Chandler  
TSgt Patricia Taylor  
TSgt James Zeauskas  
TSgt Kathryn Scott  
TSgt Roger Wharton  
SSgt John Vonville

### AF Achievement Medal

Capt Antonio Knox  
TSgt Ryan Gallagher  
SSgt Edward Carmack  
SSgt Jeffery Caswell

## Reenlistments

SMSgt Juan Hernandez  
MSgt Daniel Caldwell  
TSgt Gary Porter  
TSgt Dewitt McIntyre  
TSgt Richard Scully  
TSgt Anthony Boyle  
TSgt Danny Gilseth  
TSgt Glenn Henderson  
SSgt Christopher Gile  
SSgt Mary McMahan  
SrA Kimeka Fields

## PME Graduates

### Air Command and Staff College

Maj Bethany Miller  
**Squadron Officer School**  
Capt Connie Williams

### Senior NCO Academy

MSgt Kevin Werkmeister  
**NCO Academy**

TSgt Tomarcus Gerald

TSgt Angela Davis

TSgt Sheila Jones

TSgt Kevin McClure

TSgt Charles Thomson

### Airman Leadership School

SrA Jennifer Wright

SrA Rayshard Jones

SrA Bernard Alexis

## What's Up?

► In August 1949, President Harry S. Truman proclaimed **June 14 as Flag Day**. Since then, the president proclaims the commemoration yearly and encourages all Americans in the country to display the flag outside their homes and businesses.

► **Father's Day is June 18**. In 1924, President Calvin Coolidge made it a national event, and in 1966 President Lyndon Johnson signed a proclamation declaring the third Sunday of June as Father's Day.

## Get One Now!

Congrats go to SSgt Bryant Dawson, 512th Component Maintenance Squadron, and TSgt Sean Barnum, 709th Airlift Squadron. They referred friends who joined the Air Force Reserve.

## Rock on!

Senior Airman Amanda Gonzalez, 512th Mission Support Group, made the dean's list at the Delaware Technical Community College. She is studying to become a paramedic.



Photo by Jason Minto

## Serving with honor

A 436th Airlift Wing Honor Guard member, left, and 512th Airlift Wing Honor Guard members Tech. Sgt. Miguel Silva, center, and Tech. Sgt. Jesse Price, right, post the colors at the 512th Operations Group change of command May 7 at the Air Mobility Command Museum. The 512th AW Honor Guard is looking for new members. For information, call Sergeant Silva at (302) 677-5753 or Sergeant Price at (302) 677-4841.

## Clergy Day

512th Airlift Wing Chaplain (Lt. Col. John Groth) provides an invocation at the 512th Operations Group change of command ceremony May 7. The 512th AW is hosting Clergy Day at Dover Air Force Base Aug. 14. Reservists and civilians may nominate their clergy to receive a tour of the base as well as a flight on a C-5 Galaxy. Nomination forms are available at the 512th Public Affairs office and are due to PA July 10. For more information, call PA at (302) 677-3485.



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## The Lighter Side

### Do you know your 512th AW heritage?

**Q:** When did the 512th Airlift Wing begin flying the C-5 Galaxy?

**A:** The 512th Military Airlift Wing was activated at Dover Air Force Base July 29, 1973, to fly the C-5A Galaxy. When the wing was activated it absorbed the personnel of the 912th Military Airlift Group who had been serving at Dover with the C-141 Starlifter. The 512th Airlift Wing was assigned to the Eastern Air Force Reserve Region and was reassigned to the Fourteenth Air Force in 1976.



Photo by Senior Airman Brian Bennett

From left to right, Delaware Air National Guard members Master Sgt. Gerald Luce, 142nd Airlift Squadron, and Lt. Col. Carol Timmons, 142nd AS commander, Senior Airman Rich Claycomb, 512th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, Tech. Sgt. Tom Carney, 512th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Okesa Neiman, 512th Memorial Affairs Squadron, and 4-year-old Cheyanne Brown of Hartley pose for a photo in front of the Liberty Belle aircraft at the grand opening for the Delaware AeroSpace Education Foundation's Innovation Technology Exploration Center near Smyrna April 22. A ribbon cutting was held for the Environmental Outpost, which features a telescope probing into deep space. When complete, the complex will include 16 classrooms, a museum and exploratorium, gift shop and a telescope observatory.



Photo by 1st Lt. Marnee A.C. Losurdo

Lorie Bellamy, 436th Airlift Wing Ground Safety manager who is also a master sergeant in the 512th AW Safety Office, checks to see if a driver is wearing his seatbelt May 16 as part of the national "Click It or Ticket" Safety Belt Enforcement Month. The 101 Critical Days of Summer kicks off on Memorial Day. This time period has historically resulted in a higher than average number of accidents and injuries across the Air Force.

# Sew Much Comfort: 512th AW spouses help injured servicemembers

**1st Lt. Marnee A.C. Losurdo**  
512th AW Public Affairs

**S**ewing has been a favorite hobby of Kim McIntyre-Bott for quite sometime, but it wasn't until recently that she turned her love of sewing into a project to assist servicemembers who have been seriously injured fighting the war on terror.

On May 15, Mrs. McIntyre-Bott and the 512th Airlift Wing Spouses Group altered approximately 40 shorts as part of the nation-wide project Sew Much Comfort.

Sew Much Comfort, a non-profit organization, raises money and organizes volunteers to provide customized clothing free of charge to injured servicemembers.

"Our job is to make these shorts comfortable and useful as well as make them look as if they were store bought so you can't tell they've been adapted," said Mrs. McIntyre-Bott, wife of Maj. Roger Bott, a 326th Airlift Squadron pilot. The organization also adapts shirts, pants and boxer shorts.

Eight women spent the day ripping out side seams and sewing in fabric fasteners to make the shorts easier for injured servicemembers to slip around medical devices such as casts, prosthetics and fixators, which



Photo by 1st Lt. Marnee A.C. Losurdo

**Wendy Schilling, 512th Airlift Wing Spouses Group member and wife of Retired Chief Master Sgt. Jim Schilling, formerly with the 512th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, helped alter 40 shorts as part of the nation-wide project Sew Much Comfort.**

are a series of braces and pins that surround, stabilize and strengthen injured limbs.

Often times many of these wounded troops only option for clothing is the hospital gown, which doesn't do much for modesty's sake, said Mrs. McIntyre-Bott, while snagging a blue thread with a seam ripper

and pulling it from a pair of silky blue athletic shorts.

The idea for the project began when Mrs. McIntyre-Bott's husband, Major Bott, asked her to read the article about Sew Much Comfort in the April 2005 Citizen Airman, the magazine of the Air Force Reserve Command. She glanced at it and

set it aside until her 21-year-old son, Christopher Thompson, brought it to her attention a few days later.

"He was watching the TV show 'Over There' about the war in Iraq and his favorite character of the show was Bo," she said. In the show the character loses his leg in an explosion. "My son read the article in Citizen Airman and said, 'Mom you sew; you have got to do this. This is for Bo. Bo needs your help.'"

To my son, these wounded servicemembers represented Bo, and I decided I needed to do something, she said.

Mrs. McIntyre-Bott mentioned the project to the 512th AW Spouses Group and the members said they'd like to join in, said Tanya Rutland, founder of the group and wife of 512th AW Commander Col. Ronald A. Rutland.

The Dover Air Force Base Officers Spouse Club donated \$1,000 to the project to help the group purchase the shorts and other sewing supplies.

"For all of us, it seemed like such a little thing for those who have done so much," said Mrs. Rutland.

The group plans to continue the project. Individuals who are interested in participating or providing donations, may contact Mrs. Rutland at 302-264-1888.

## UTA Schedule

FY2006	A Team	B Team
JUN	10-11	24-25
JUL	8-9	22-23
AUG	5-6	19-20
SEP	9-10	16-17

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