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## Year in Review

A silhouette of a large military transport aircraft, likely a C-17 Globemaster III, in flight against a sunset sky. The aircraft is shown from a low angle, flying towards the right.

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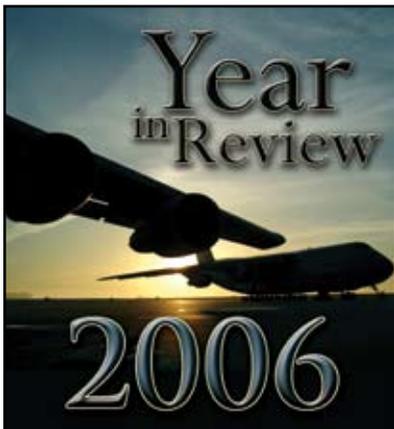
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**On the cover**



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**The year in review summarizes many, but not all, of the 512th Airlift Wing's major events throughout 2006. From January to December, the wing completed the mission at home and abroad.**

**A warrior's season's greetings:**

**Peace on Earth**

**Col. Ronald A. Rutland**

512th Airlift Wing commander

**'T**is the season where nights grow longer and the days colder, but many of us are enlightened and warmed by the spirit of the holiday season.

The holiday season means different things to different people. For many, it is a season of hope and joy, a time to reflect upon our blessings, families and hopes for the future.

One of my greatest privileges has been to command the outstanding men and women of the 512th Airlift Wing here and the 447th Air Expeditionary Group at Sather Air Base, Iraq, during my deployment this summer. While our predecessors have set a very high standard for what we need to accomplish in the Air Force, Airmen today are no different when it comes to maintaining and raising that standard. Every one of these warriors stood up and volunteered to serve their country, and like every other conflict in our history, Airmen today continue to prove they are ready, willing and able to accept any challenge put before them. It's with great pride and distinct pleasure I watch these warriors carry on the legacy of our Air Force.

As we gather with our loved ones this holiday season, let's all remember the men and women who also fight freedom's cause in Iraq, Afghanistan and other locations within the Area of Responsibility. For these Airmen, Marines, Soldiers and Sailors the holidays will be about sacrifice, duty and service.

These men and women will not be able to gather in their homes and watch their loved ones open presents, but will be standing guard in deployed locations



**Colonel Rutland**

protecting our gifts of life and freedom.

Take to heart all the families who are left behind. Let them know they are in our thoughts and prayers, and we are there for them if they need us. Much of this wing's success and accomplishments are due to the families who support us all year long. So, this holiday season, savor the time you have with your family, and thank them for

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**Col. Ronald A. Rutland**  
512th Airlift Wing commander

everything they do. May these special holidays bring peace to each one of you and your loved ones as well as bring you and your families closer together to enjoy this season.

To the men and women of the 512th AW, and our partners at

the 436th Airlift Wing, Tanya and I are so proud to be part of the 512th AW family and Team Dover. We wish all of you a very safe and blessed holiday season and the happiest of New Years.

# Dover AFB wins Daedalian trophy for Air Mobility Command

Senior Airman James Bolinger  
436th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

It's the most prestigious major command-level award a maintenance group can receive and Dover Air Force Base hasn't won it since 1994.

"(The Clemens McMullen Memorial Daedalian Weapon System Maintenance Trophy) is presented by the Order of Daedalians to recognize the unit that has best met the objectives of providing safe, serviceable and available equipment for sustained use in peace and wartime," said Lt. Col. Ray Briggs, 436th Maintenance Operations Squadron commander.

The Daedalian team arrived Oct. 22 and visited every maintenance facility on base during their two-day trip. The inspection team rated the 436th and 512th Maintenance Groups on four overall categories.

The first category was mission accomplishment, said Colonel Briggs. Mission accomplishment included weapon systems operational ready status and specific programs and challenges unique to Dover's mission.

"Everyone on base knows what Dover's mission focus is," said Colonel Briggs. "One of the things we were able to do was tie almost every one of our briefings back to Dover's mission focus."

One unique challenge Dover's maintenance group faces is supporting the Charles C. Carson Center for Mortuary Affairs.

"We modified a couple of vans to help carry transport cases, our first sergeants help drive the trucks and our (Maintenance Operations Center) controllers control the flight line when a dignified transfer is going on," said Colonel Briggs.

Another key category was effective use of maintenance resources.

"The effective recovery of the mishap aircraft was an example of our resource use," said Lieutenant Colonel Briggs. "We were able to take several million dollars worth of parts from the downed aircraft and turn them back into supply; including \$2.8 million in very-critical assets. These are things that we don't normally have enough of - 14 spoilers and two flaps. By having a spare set of those in the supply system we save down time on C-5s."

Showing how Dover's Air Force Smart Operations for the 21st Century initiatives help improve the maintenance process was



Photo by Staff Sergeant Jennie Chamberlin

**Staff Sgt. John Greene, 512th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, welds a specimen for his aircraft welding certification. The 512th EMS is part of the award-winning 512th Maintenance Group. The 512th and 436th Maintenance Groups claimed the Clemens McMullen Memorial Daedalian Weapon System Maintenance Trophy for Air Mobility Command. The base previously won the award in 1994.**

an important part of the effective use of maintenance resources category.

"We showcased our improved tool accountability system and our reworked parts delivery system," said Colonel Briggs.

The quality of Dover's maintenance facilities was another important piece to the puzzle which allowed Dover to claim the trophy.

"Dover's facilities are among the oldest in Air Mobility Command; we've got 1950s stuff," said Colonel Briggs.

"There is a concept of stewardship, how well do you take care of what you have," said Colonel Briggs. "That was one of the things we were able to highlight. Yes, our facilities may be old, but we are still proud of them, we take care of them and we turn them into places of pride for our mechanics."

The other bases competing for the AMC trophy, McGuire and Charleston Air Force Bases, have both added new missions in the past 10 years, said Lieutenant Colonel Briggs. They both gained C-17 missions and McGuire added KC-10s. Those changes brought new facilities to the maintenance communities at each respective base.

Now that the 436th and 512th MXGs have reclaimed the trophy, they have set their sights on the Air Force and possibly even the DoD Daedalian trophy. The Air

Force level Daedalian award has been absent from Dover for 31 years, and this year's success has brought hopeful thoughts of once again claiming the trophy.

"The mechanics in the 436th and 512th Maintenance Groups - military, civilians, contractors, reservists and a number of emergency overhires - worked as hard as any mechanics I've ever worked with in my career to provide this nation with safe, reliable, airworthy aircraft," said Col. Robert Hamm, 436th Maintenance Group commander. "I'm very proud of both groups. I know what these folks go through everyday to keep an aging C-5 flying for a nation whose thirst for airlift is absolutely insatiable.

"Thanks in part to their efforts, 256 million tons of vital cargo left Dover Air Force Base for the fight over the past year," he said.

The Colonel emphasized the teamwork between active duty and Reserve.

"While we appreciate Air Mobility Command's recognition that Dover mechanics have stepped up to find ways to keep the missions moving, I want to make it very clear that this recognition is the result of teamwork across the Eagle and

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

**Lt. Col. Ed. Schloeman, a Reserve pilot with the 326th Airlift Squadron, conducts training in a C-17 simulator at McGuire Air Force Base, N.J. Colonel Schloeman completed C-17 school this summer at Altus Air Force Base, Okla., and is required to log as much as 115 to 120 hours of simulator time as part of his training.**

## Dover crew flies C-17 training mission

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

**D**over reached another milestone for the transition to a new mission as the first all-Dover aircrew, active and Reserve, flew a C-17 Globemaster III training mission Nov. 4.

The flight was part of an interfly agreement Nov. 1 - 5 with the 305th Air Mobility Wing, McGuire Air Force Base, N.J., to assist Dover Air Force Base with its training and transition to the C-17.

The agreement allowed 436th and 512th Airlift Wing C-17 aircrew to use McGuire's C-17 simulator and borrow an aircraft over the weekend for a hangar fit test and to fly two sorties, said Lt. Col. Craig LaFave, Chief of the 512th AW C-17 Program Integration Office.

The 512th AW's 326th Airlift Squadron and the 436th AW's 3rd Airlift Squadron will take on the C-17 mission. The aircraft, operated by a pilot, co-pilot and loadmaster, is capable of landing on short and unprepared airfields enabling it to deliver all types of cargo to main operating bases and deployed locations.

The first of 13 C-17s is slated for arrival late next year. Nine of the base's current 27 aircraft in the all-C-5 fleet will be redistributed to accommodate the C-17s.

"Using C-5s and C-17s, Dover will be one of two Air Force bases that can deliver any cargo, anywhere in the world," said Maj. Justin Riddle, a C-17 pilot who works in the 436th AW/PIO assisting with the C-17 transition.

The interfly agreement with McGuire is one of three agreements the base has

to train Reserve aircrew, said Colonel LaFave. Agreements have also been made with 315th Airlift Wing, Charleston Air Force Base, S.C., and the 172nd Airlift Wing, an Air National Guard unit in Jackson, Miss.

"Training can be a bit more challenging for the Reserve as we have to home-grow our own, whereas the 436th will PCS (permanent change of station) in a squadron of fully-trained aircrew," he said. "That is why interfly agreements are so beneficial; we have to go where the airplanes are to train our crews."

Last year, the 512th AW sent nine pilots and eight loadmasters to C-17 school at Altus Air Force Base, Okla. These crewmembers will be the wing's instructors and flight examiners, said Colonel LaFave. The 436th AW currently



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

**Alok Kumar, a contracted engineer, takes measurements of a C-17, which was towed into Hangar 945. Measurements were taken of the aperture of the tail of the C-17 in order for engineers to construct a set of doors for Hangar 945 that will accommodate both the C-17 and C-5.**



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

has three C-17 pilots attached to the 6th Airlift Squadron at McGuire.

### Almost the real thing

In the span of four hours, the C-17 pilots flew through a snow storm, experienced an engine failure, an in-flight fire and still managed to complete challenging missions that required them to fly at 500 feet and in complete darkness.

Amazing enough, the pilots never even left the ground.

Lt. Col. Ed. Schloeman, a Reserve pilot with the 326th AS, and Major Riddle completed their missions in a C-17 simulator at McGuire Nov. 1 and 2.

The simulator is identical to the flight deck of a C-17. In fact, the training is so realistic that most C-17 initial qualification training is accomplished in the simulator, said Major Riddle.

C-17 pilots are required to log as much as 115 to 120 hours of simulator time as part of their training, said Major Riddle. And, with a quick touch of a button, the simulator provides a virtual smorgasbord of challenging and realistic scenarios an aircrew might encounter while flying.

“The simulator is better for training emergency procedures since it enables aircrews to train for worst case scenarios without putting them at risk,” said Major Riddle.

### Fit right to fight

Gas masks and people are not the only thing fit tested at Dover.

The Dover aircrew flew a McGuire C-17 here Nov. 4 for a hangar fit test, and the crew fit in some additional training too.

In the morning Nov. 5, a C-17 was towed into Hangar 945 where contracted engineers took measurements to construct a set of doors for Hangar 945, the fuel cell hangar.

“The new doors will have the ability to seal around the tail of the C-17 and C-5 while the aircraft is in the hangar for repairs,” said Rob Jones, C-17 military construction representative.

The engineers also measured wing, nose and fuselage clearances as well as the distance from the aircraft to support equipment, explained Colonel LaFave.

“Only minor structural changes will have to be made to accommodate the C-17,” he said.

### Cleared for take off

Taking advantage of the C-17’s availability, the aircrew flew two training missions, which included practicing assault landings at Fort Drum, N. Y., and at North Field, S.C.

“Being able to interfly allows active duty and Reserve members to benefit from each others’ experience,” said Major Riddle. “We’ve proven that Dover’s active duty and Reserve have an exceptional relationship in working towards the common goal of bringing C-17s to the base.”

**Pedro Ramos, a contracted instructor for the C-17 simulator at McGuire Air Force Base, N.J., briefs Maj. Justin Riddle on the operations they will be conducting during simulator training Nov. 2. Mr. Ramos is also a reserve pilot and major with the 512th Airlift Wing’s 326th Airlift Squadron.**

# 2006: A Year to Remember

**1st Lt. Marnee A.C. Losurdo and Debra Larregui**  
512th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

*"Time is a companion that goes with us on a journey. It reminds us to cherish each moment, because it will never come again. What we leave behind is not as important as how we have lived."*

*-- Captain Jean-Luc Picard, played by Patrick Stewart, from the film "Star Trek: Generations"*

Once again, the dawning of a new year is right around the corner, and many people may be asking themselves where the time went. Typically, the onset of a new year is a time when many people reflect on the past and their hopes for the future.

The year in review is a quick walk down memory lane and summarizes many, but not all, of the 512th Airlift Wing's major events throughout the past 12 months.

While 2005 saw the wing responding to natural disasters and providing humanitarian relief, 2006 found the wing facing one of its biggest challenges ever -- responding to the April C-5 mishap less than a mile from Dover Air Force Base's southern perimeter. Miraculously, all seventeen people aboard the aircraft survived.

From January to December, the wing excelled in a high operations tempo completing the mission at home and abroad. It was a year where wing leadership drafted new vision and mission statements, and Dover leadership broke ground on a \$5.6 million C-17 simulator building and announced the arrival of the C-17 at Dover in late 2007. The year also brought about the implementation of the Common Access Card for logging onto computers, the enforcement of a no-cell phone use policy on base, and the advent of a new pay system with many civil service employees being converted to the National Security Personnel System.

It was also a year where wing members said farewell to friends who retired or separated, and coworkers welcomed new Airmen and leadership into their units. It was a year of numerous wing and community events, which ranged from hosting the Black History Luncheon in February to welcoming three Air Force Reserve Bands to the Dover community as part of the 512th AW Band Strike Package in October.

Overall, 2006 proved to be an exciting and challenging year. The New Year will bring its own unique challenges, and once again, the Liberty Wing will triumph over each one.

## 2006



**January:** Col. Willie W. Cooper II, 512th Maintenance Group commander, was the guest speaker at the Martin Luther King Jr. commemoration ceremony Jan. 19.



**April:** Seventeen people survived a C-5B Galaxy crash less than a mile from Dover Air Force Base's southern perimeter April 3. Only five C-5 aircraft have been lost since the plane's inception in 1969.



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### JANUARY

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### APRIL

### MAY

### JUNE

### JULY

**February:** The 512th Airlift Wing hosted a Black History Luncheon Feb. 4 featuring former Tuskegee Airman Dr. Eugene J. Richardson Jr.  
**February:** The Wing welcomed a new set of honorary commanders during an induction ceremony Feb. 17 at the Landings Club.



**May:** 512th AW Commander Col. Ronald A. Rutland deployed in May to serve as the 447th Air Expeditionary Group commander, Sather Air Base, Iraq.

**May:** Col. Darrell G. Young assumed command of the 512th Operations Group from Col. Don W. Sloan May 7. Colonel Sloan retired May 11 with 33 years of service.



# Year in Review



**August:** Col. Raymon Torres, Accident Investigation Board president, briefed local and national media, and local elected officials and civic leaders about the AIB results at the Landing Operations Conference here June 13. The investigation into the C-5 crash April 3 found that human error was the cause.



**September:** Liberty Wing leadership penned new vision and mission statements.

**September:** Col. Elaine K. Barron assumed command of the 512th Mission Support Group Sept. 10.

**September:** Base officials broke ground on a new \$5.6 million C-17 training facility Sept. 11, and announced the arrival of C-17 Globemaster III aircraft at Dover late next year.



## AUGUST

## SEPTEMBER

## OCTOBER

## NOVEMBER

## DECEMBER



**July & August:** A dental team with the Federal Strategic Health Alliance, or FEDS\_HEAL, provided dental examinations to Liberty Wing members July 8 and Aug. 5 at the 512th Aerospace Medicine Squadron. The exams are required for reservists to be eligible to deploy.



**October:** Dover holds its Open House and Air Show Oct. 7-8.  
**October:** Master Sgt. Kenneth Trimmins, Full Spectrum, performs at the Schwartz Center Oct. 20 as part of the 512th Airlift Wing Band Strike Package, Oct. 19-21. More than 7,000 people attended nine performances throughout Delaware and Maryland.  
**November:** The first all-Dover aircrew, active and Reserve, flew a C-17 Globemaster III training mission Nov. 4 in preparation for the base's transition to the C-17.

## Saddam Hussein guilty, faces death sentence

WASHINGTON -- An Iraqi court sentenced Saddam Hussein to death Nov. 5 for ordering the execution of 148 men in Dujail, Iraq, in 1982.

Thousands of people in Baghdad took to the streets to celebrate the verdict. The Iraqi High Tribunal sentenced two other defendants to death and four to prison and acquitted one.

In anticipation of the verdict, Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki had imposed a curfew in Baghdad and two Diyala and Salaheddin provinces. The two provinces are primarily Sunni and were the base of Saddam's support during his dictatorship. Shiite and Kurdish provinces were not under curfew.

"The Saddam Hussein era is in the past now, as was the era of Hitler and Mussolini," al-Maliki said following the verdict. "We want an Iraq where all Iraqis are equal before the law. The policy of discrimination and persecution is over," he said.

U.S. forces captured Saddam hiding in a hole in the ground in December 2003. In a written statement, U.S. Ambassador to Iraq Zalmay Khalilzad called the verdict "an important milestone for Iraq as the country takes another major step forward in the building of a free society based on the rule of law."

Khalilzad said the verdicts demonstrate the commitment of the Iraqi people to hold the members of the former regime accountable for their actions.

All involved in the case showed courage in proceeding with it, the ambassador said. Baathist "dead-enders" tried to intimidate members of the court, and insurgents killed three defense lawyers in the course of the trial, he noted.

"Their determination to pursue justice is a signal that the rule of law will prevail in Iraq despite the difficult situation that the country now faces," Khalilzad said. "A former dictator feared by millions, who killed his own citizens without mercy or justice, who waged wars against neighboring countries, has been brought to trial in his own country -- held accountable in a court of law with ordinary citizens bearing witness."

The ambassador said that although Iraq may face difficult days in the coming weeks, "closing the book on Saddam and his regime is an opportunity to unite and build a better future. As the Iraqi people move forward, the United States will support them in their efforts to build a just and democratic society."

Saddam's case will be appealed automatically to the Appellate Chamber of the Iraqi High Tribunal. The defense has 30 days to file any motions. (Courtesy AFPN)



Photo by Staff Sgt. D. Myles Cullen

## Secretary Rumsfeld resigns

**Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld responds to a question during a town hall meeting in the Pentagon Sept. 22. President George W. Bush announced Secretary Rumsfeld's resignation Nov. 8, and Robert Gates, 63, would be nominated as his replacement.**

## Health care for reservists highlights defense bill

WASHINGTON-- In addition to a 2.2 percent across-the-board pay raise, Air Force reservists can look forward to better health care options in 2007.

Starting Oct. 1, drilling reservists can enroll in the new Tricare Standard for Selected Reserve health plan. They pay 28 percent of the premiums. The federal government picks up the rest of the tab.

People covered by the Federal Employees Health Benefit Program are not eligible for the new plan.

The plan replaces the current three-tier Tricare Reserve Select system. The first tier starts with \$81 monthly premiums for reservists without dependents who recently participated in a contingency operation. Cost of the plan jumps to \$767 a month for non-deployed reservists and their families who are eligible to sign up for employer-provided health care.

Another new benefit of the fiscal 2007 National Defense Authorization Act, signed into law by the president Oct. 17, helps reservists without dependents who were mobilized for 139 or more days in support of a contingency operation. It permits a second housing allowance in lieu of per diem if reservists are ordered to serve at a location too far from home to commute.

This allowance is retroactive to Oct. 1, 2006. However, payment of this allowance is up to service secretaries and does not automatically apply to everyone who is eligible.

Reservists in the Selected Reserve who think they may be eligible for a second BAH payment must check with their service for the current policy.

Another provision of the authorization bill extends the maximum number of days reservists can be called to active duty under Title 10 of the U.S. Code, Section 12304. The revised Presidential Reserve Call-up changed from a maximum of 270 days to 365 days.

The age before mandatory separation from service due to non-promotion changed to age 64 for major generals and to age 62 for brigadier generals and below.

The authorization act also extended or expanded other allowances for reservists. Air Force Reserve Command may or may not fund these allowances.

More information about the authorization act is available on the Office of Air Force Reserve Web site under the Policy Integration Directorate's information page. (Courtesy of Air Force Reserve Command News Service)

## Master sergeants must complete PME

In a recent policy letter, Lt. Gen. John A. Bradley, commander of the Air Force Reserve, announced that master sergeants must have their Senior NCO Academy completed prior to being assigned to senior master sergeant or chief master sergeant positions.

Master sergeants currently assigned to senior master sergeant or chief master sergeant positions who have not completed SNCOA have it completed by March 30 or they will be reassigned from their positions, said Capt. Cathy Anderson, 512th Military Personnel Flight commander. Air Reserve Technicians who do not complete the SNCOA will be realigned or manpower actions will be taken to downgrade the slot.

“The failure of senior NCOs to complete the required Professional Military Education for promotion sends the wrong message to our junior enlisted by giving the impression that PME is not an important tool in their careers,” said General Bradley in his policy letter. “It also creates the potential for those master sergeants who have not completed the SNCOA to block the promotion opportunity for those in the lower ranks.”

The 512th Education and Training Office at (302) 677-3517 can provide details on PME enrollment or status of enrollment.

## DOD to resume anthrax vaccinations

WASHINGTON -- The Department of Defense announced Oct. 16 a resumption of the mandatory Anthrax Vaccine Immunization Program (AVIP) for military members, emergency-essential DOD civilians and contractors, based on defined geographic areas or roles.

For the most part, mandatory vaccinations are limited to military units designated for homeland bioterrorism defense and to U.S. forces assigned to the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility and Korea.

The undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness will issue implementing instructions to the military services for resuming the mandatory vaccination program within 30 to 60 days.

“The anthrax vaccine will protect our troops from another threat -- a disease that will kill, caused by a bacteria that already has been used as a weapon in America, and that terrorists openly discuss,” said Dr. William Winkenwerder Jr., assistant secretary of defense for health affairs.

The policy also allows those previously immunized against anthrax, who are no longer deployed to higher threat areas, to receive follow-up vaccine doses and



Photo by Master Sgt. Keith Reed

**Anthrax is a deadly infection, and the anthrax vaccine is an important force protection measure to combat it.**

booster shots on a voluntary basis

For more information on the anthrax vaccination program, visit <http://www.vaccines.mil/> or <http://www.vaccines.mil/anthrax>. (Courtesy AFPN)

## Fall issue of Airman Quarterly available

SAN ANTONIO -- Read about how basic military training is evolving to create Airmen warriors, celebrate 50 years of operational success with the KC-135 Stratotanker and the Airmen who keep it flying, discover the meaning behind the Air Force Memorial's design, and tag along with provincial reconstruction teams as they work to restore hope and fight terrorism in Afghanistan. These features and more highlight the fall quarterly issue of Airman magazine, now available in print and online at <http://www.af.mil/news/airman/>. (Courtesy AFPN)



## Air Force Reserve to operate with more reservists in 2007

Air Force Reserve Command will have a slightly larger force in 2007.

The fiscal 2007 Defense Appropriations Act signed by President George W. Bush Sept. 29 funds an end-strength of 74,900 reservists. That is 900 additional reservists compared to the fiscal 2006 end-strength of 74,000.

The new legislation also approves 10,214 full-time air reserve technicians and 2,707 full-time active Guard and Reserve members. The defense bill funds a 2.2 percent across-the-board military pay raise for active and Reserve forces as requested in the president's budget earlier this year.

From this act, AFRC receives about \$1.26 billion for its Reserve members appropriation and approximately \$2.56 billion in operation and maintenance funds to run the command. (Courtesy of AFRC News Service)

# 512th salutes



## Newcomers

The Liberty Wing welcomes the following newcomers:

Capt Tara Bowman  
 Capt Christopher Sweet  
 SSgt Pedro Consuegra  
 SrA Ryan Hampton  
 SrA Terrance Trotman  
 A1C Latoya Atkinson  
 A1C Rachel Ruark  
 Amn Leanna Dodson  
 AB Joy Minnick

## Medals



### Meritorious Service Medal

Col Darrell Young  
 CMSgt Larry Jackson  
 CMSgt James Wallace  
 MSgt Ray Conner  
 MSgt Charles McClain

### Commendation Medal

Capt Mark Kelleher  
 TSgt Vincent Alvino  
 TSgt Marc Dougherty  
 TSgt Sean Pyne

### Achievement Medal

Capt Kelly Robinson  
 MSgt Brenda Kremer  
 SSgt Paul Sibbley

## PME Graduates

### Air War College

Lt Col Harlan Nelson

### Air Command and Staff College

Maj Russell Carlisle

### Squadron Officer School

Capt Michael Mondeaux  
 Capt Cynthia Welch

### Senior NCO Academy

MSgt Bruce Ivey

### NCO Academy

MSgt Duane Smith  
 TSgt Keith Callwood, Jr  
 TSgt Aaron Jones  
 TSgt Raymond Mooney  
 TSgt Zac Thihahfuhluh-swalker

### Airman Leadership School

SrA Justin Johnson  
 SrA Tracey Wilson  
 SrA Teleah Adkins  
 SrA Christopher Hall, Jr  
 SSgt Christopher Royal  
 SrA Kristopher Mallory  
 SrA Michael Motes  
 SrA William Reese IV  
 SrA Matthew Trenka

## Promotions



### To Chief Master Sergeant:

CMSgt Jess Windsor

### To Senior Master Sergeant:

SMSgt Brenda Shriver

### To Master Sergeant:

MSgt Duane Smith

### To Technical Sergeant:

TSgt Joseph Deangelo  
 TSgt Gary Dulaney  
 TSgt Darryl Menchion  
 TSgt Debby Needam  
 TSgt John Powell

### To Staff Sergeant:

SSgt Kristin Burton  
 SSgt Cint Caprio  
 SSgt Maria Cordova  
 SSgt Ryan Crowley  
 SSgt Jamie Elkins  
 SSgt Michael Flynn  
 SSgt Latoya Green  
 SSgt Ashley Husband  
 SSgt Rasian Knight  
 SSgt Sophia Knight  
 SSgt Sara Link  
 SSgt Jaime O'Brian  
 SSgt Roberto Rosado  
 SSgt Christopher Royal  
 SSgt Abigail Schmidt  
 SSgt Daniel Sears  
 SSgt Brian Seneca  
 SSgt Mark Shortt  
 SSgt Duane Smith  
 SSgt Ryan Smith  
 SSgt James Steinbrueck  
 SSgt Rachelle Williamson

SSgt Nicole Younger

### To Senior Airman:

SrA Cheryl Hudson

### To Airman 1st Class:

A1C Elizabeth Easter

## Retirements

Farewell to:

CMSgt Larry Jackson  
 MSgt Ray Conner  
 MSgt Charles McClain  
 TSgt Dalton Cahoon

## What's Up?

**Dec. 31:** First Night Dover is a New Year's Eve celebration of the arts that takes place in downtown Dover on Dec. 31 from 3:00 p.m. to midnight. Buttons must be purchased to attend and cost \$8. Buttons are available at the City of Dover Weyandt Hall, Delaware Made General Store, Delaware State Visitor Center, Forney's Too and all Happy Harry's Drugstores in Kent and Sussex Counties.



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## Supportive employers

From right to left: Army Maj. Gen. Frank Vavala, Adjutant General of Delaware, Col. Sam Cox, 436th Airlift Wing commander, Col. Ronald A. Rutland, 512th Airlift Wing commander, Robert Mooney, mayor of Camden, and John Friedman, owner of Pathways Programs, signed a Statement of Support pledging their support of their employees who are members of the National Guard and Reserve. The signing occurred at the Military Affaire Nov. 14 at the Landings Club here in front of more than 175 base and community leaders. Delaware's Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve committee sponsored the Statement of Support signing, which is designed to recognize employers for their policies and practices that are supportive of their employees' participation in the National Guard and Reserve. ESGR was established in 1972 to promote cooperation and understanding between Reserve component members and their civilian employers and to assist in the resolution of conflicts arising from an employee's military commitment. To learn more about ESGR, visit <http://www.esgr.org/aboutESGR.asp>.

## The Lighter Side

### AMC Museum open Sundays

The Air Mobility Command Museum is now open Sunday to better accommodate people who want to visit the museum on weekends. With this change, the museum is now open every day except Monday and federal holidays.

The AMC Museum also recently unveiled an open-storage exhibit featuring unique artifacts.

Access to the museum is off of Delaware Route 9, one-half mile from the intersection of Route 9 and U.S. 113, south of Dover Air Force Base.

Museum hours are Tuesday through Sunday 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Admission and parking are free and photography is welcome.

Call 302-677-5938 for more information.

## Around the 512th

### Commander's Call December UTA

The 512th Airlift Wing commander's call is Dec. 3 at 7 a.m. at the base theater. Members need to be seated by 6:55 a.m.

Maj. Gen. Martin M. Mazick, 22nd Air Force commander, will present awards and make comments at the commander's call. Chief Master Sgt. James Fields, 22nd AF Command Chief, will also be present.

The Community College of the Air Force graduation will also take place during the commander's call.

### Senior NCO Induction February UTA

The 512th Airlift Wing Senior NCO Induction is Feb. 3 at the Landings Club. There will be a seminar from 2 to 5 p.m. in the Daedalian room and dinner is in the ballroom from 6 to 8 p.m.

### First sergeant positions open

The 512th Airlift Wing has three first sergeant positions vacant. Applications are being taken for first sergeants for the 512th Memorial Affairs Squadron, 512th Logistics Readiness Flight, and 46th Aerial Port Squadron.

The 512th Mission Support Squadron Employment Office is collecting applications. Applicants will meet with the board during the February UTA.

For more information, call 302-677-3500.



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### Safe summer thanks

Master Sgt. Sheila Palmer, 512th Civil Engineer Squadron, left, and Glenn McCarty, Kent County Levy Court Community Service Department, second from right, present shirts to Col. David H. Wuest, 512th Airlift Wing vice commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Caroline Vennell, 512th AW command chief, thanking them for the wing's support of Kent County's 2006 Safe Summer Days. The next Safe Summer Days is June 16.

### Complete retirement form on-line

512th Airlift Wing members who are planning to retire need to complete their retirement form online using the Guard and Reserve Portal at <https://arpc.afrc.af.mil/support/default.asp>.

Reservists can monitor their application process for retirement from start to finish.

### Honor guard looking for members

The 512th Airlift Wing Honor Guard is looking for new members. There are many functions the honor guard is not able to support because there are not enough members to complete the task.

To sign up, or for more information, e-mail 2nd Lt. Todd Bichsel, 512th Civil Engineer Squadron, at [Todd.Bichsel@dover.af.mil](mailto:Todd.Bichsel@dover.af.mil) or e-mail Tech. Sgt. Jesse Price, 512th Component Maintenance Squadron, at [Jesse.Price@dover.af.mil](mailto:Jesse.Price@dover.af.mil).

### Chapel services times, locations

Catholic Mass is offered on Saturday evenings at 5 p.m. in Chapel Two, located in base housing. There is a Protestant service held Sunday in Chapel One at 8 a.m.

Reservists who need the services of the 512th AW chaplains for any functions should contact Tech. Sgt. Robert Tyler, 512th AW chaplain assistant, at 302-677-4770/3932, or at his e-mail address [Robert.Tyler@dover.af.mil](mailto:Robert.Tyler@dover.af.mil).

### Liberty Press available on-line

Download the latest edition of the Liberty Press at <http://www.512aw.afrc.af.mil/library/libertypress/index.asp>.

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Liberty Wings."

512th Maintenance Group Commander Col. Willie W. Cooper II, said he couldn't agree more.

"We've heard descriptions such as: Air Force's busiest hub; United States Air Force lead wing for AFSSO-21; United States Air Force's busiest transient alert; best associate wing in the command; Air Force's benchmark for Lean training; and, One Team One Fight," he said. "All of these captions have been used to describe the sustained outstanding production here at Dover and in our aircraft maintenance complex. The combined dedicated workforce of active duty, Reserve, and civilians has been superior and it is an honor for these efforts to be recognized."

"While the Daedalian Trophy is for maintenance effectiveness, we recognize that we are just part of the team and we would not get this recognition without the support of Air Force professionals across the 436th and 512th Airlift Wings," said Colonel Hamm.



Photo by Senior Airman Steve Germann

## Dover Defender

Lt. Col. Louis Patriquin, 512th Operations Group deputy commander, played an essential midfield position keeping his opponents from scoring a goal on his team during a championship soccer game held at Dover Park Nov. 5. As of this game, Team Dover's record is 11-4, ranking them sixth in their league. The team consists of players from the 436th and 512th Airlift Wings.

### UTA Schedule

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

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