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Photo by Roland Balik

**Col. Randal L. Bright (right) assumes command of the 512th Airlift Wing in a change of command ceremony here June 9. 22nd Air Force Commander Maj. Gen. Martin M. Mazick, served as the officiating officer for the event. Read more on page 3.**

# STARS:

## Commander shares expectations

**Col. Randal L. Bright**  
512th AW commander

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the 512th Airlift Wing for the great change of command ceremony and the warm and hospitable welcome to Dover Air Force Base. It is with great pleasure and pride that I assume command of this great wing.

You should be proud of the accomplishments that you have done over the years as well as the accomplishments that you are doing as you read this edition of the Liberty Press.

For those that may not have made it to the change of command ceremony, I have five basic principles that can be summed up with the acronym STARS. This stands for safety, training, attitude, readiness and standards.

**Safety:**

We must be safe in everything we do here at our job, at home and at our civilian jobs.

**Training:**

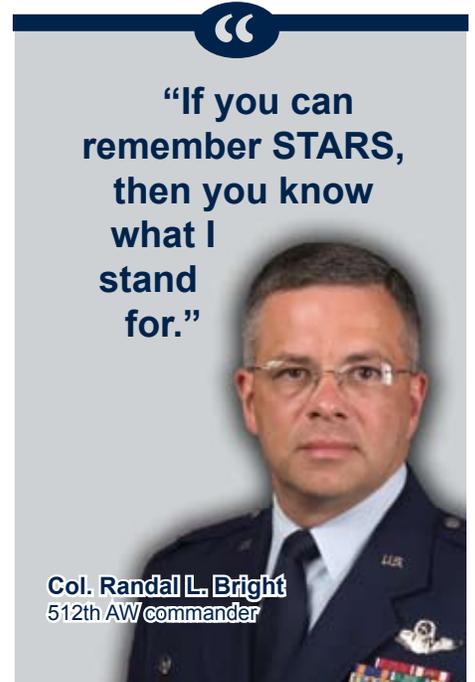
You must take every opportunity to get all of the training you can to make you as well prepared to do your job and it's my responsibility to ensure you get the training you need.

**Attitude:**

We must have a good and positive attitude. Bad attitudes are disruptive to good order and discipline, camaraderie and morale.

**Readiness:**

We must be ready to do our jobs at any given moment; therefore, we must be trained and prepared to go when the call comes. This also extends to our families and civilian employers; we must have them prepared as well, so we may go forward when needed by the nation.



**Col. Randal L. Bright**  
512th AW commander

**Standards:**

Very simply, the Air Force core values: integrity first, service before self, and excellence in all we do. We will uphold these standards.

If you can remember STARS, then you know what I stand for.

On the July UTA, we will be holding our wing family picnic and our annual Employer Appreciation Day. The purpose of this event is to thank you for the dedication and work you have done and are still doing in the Global War on Terrorism, to thank your families for the sacrifices they have suffered during your performance of your duty, and to thank your employers for allowing you to perform your duty.

I thank those wing members who invited their employers to participate in Employer Appreciation Day, and invite all Liberty Wing members to extend an invitation to their families so they can enjoy the picnic and the day's activities.

Again, thank you for the warm welcome, and I am honored to be your commander.



Photo by Roland Balik

Col. Willie W. Cooper II, the 512th Maintenance Group commander, led his unit in saluting the Liberty Wing's new commander during the change of command ceremony here June 9. Col. Randal L. Bright accepted the guidon from Maj. Gen. Martin M. Mazick, who is the 22nd Air Force commander and officiating officer for the 512th Airlift Wing Change of Command Ceremony. Colonel Bright replaces Col. Ronald A. Rutland, who is now assigned to 22nd Air Force. The wing's new leader comes to Dover from Pittsburgh International Airport Air Reserve Station, Pa.

# Wing witnesses passing of guidon, new commander assumes duties

**Staff Sgt. Steve Lewis**  
Staff writer

Col. Randal L. Bright assumed leadership of the 512th Airlift Wing during a change of command ceremony here June 9.

Colonel Bright replaces Col. Ronald A. Rutland, who took a position with 22nd Air Force.

Presiding over the ceremony was 22nd AF Commander Maj. Gen. Martin M. Mazick, who

gave the audience some insight about their new leader.

"Colonel Bright comes to the wing with a great background," he said. "He's been a commander at a base with C-17s, and he's mission oriented."

Most recently, Colonel Bright was commander of the 911th Airlift Wing, Pittsburgh International Airport Air Reserve Station, Coraopolis, Pa.

Originally from Birmingham,

Ala., he earned a science degree in biology from Birmingham-Southern College. With 22 years in the Air Force Reserve, Colonel Bright has logged more than 4,000 flying hours including 163 combat and combat support hours. Many of these hours were in the C-17 Globemaster III, Dover's newest weapon system, which arrived in June.

Turning his attention to

the active-duty's 436th Airlift Wing, he spoke of his intentions to dedication to the Team Dover concept.

"I will be your unrivaled wingman," he said. "I'll be there when you need me, and I hope you'll be there when we need each other."

"A 'bright' future is in store for us," said the colonel. "No pun intended; it just happens to be my name."

# Dover Air Force Base opens first regionalized ISO

Senior Airman James Bolinger  
436th Public Affairs

The 436th and 512th Maintenance Groups cut the ribbon at the Air Force's first regionalized Isochronal Inspection Dock June 1.

Brig. Gen. Robert McMahon, Air Mobility Command director of logistics, was on hand to help celebrate the historic event here.

"I consider this an extremely historic day," said General McMahon. "Not only for Dover Air Force Base, not only for Air Mobility Command, but for the United States Air Force."

Dover is now the only active-duty C-5 ISO Dock for the entire Air Force. Two other C-5 ISO Docks will stand up over the next year, one for the Reserve at Westover Air Reserve Base, Mass., and one at West Virginia Air National Guard Base, Martinsburg, W.V., for the ANG.

"We start today with a regionalized Isochronal Inspection ability

that we have never had before," said the general.

The goal of a regionalized ISO Dock is to save money and time, according to the general. The Air Force expects to save around \$51 million by regionalizing C-5 ISO inspections.

By regionalizing C-5 ISO inspections, the availability days of C-5s throughout the Air Force is increased by 900 a year, or approximately 2.5 more C-5s available to carry cargo every day, said General McMahon.

"This equates to about 10,000 more pallets per year of lift capability, simply by changing our process," he said. "The savings that we generate by not buying additional aircraft underscores well the fact that we are good stewards of our taxpayers' dollars."

A C-5 takes 14 days to pass through Dover's ISO Dock where every piece of the plane is inspected and any broken or worn parts are replaced.

Dover was chosen to be the active-duty Regionalized C-5 ISO Dock because of its extensive Lean initiatives. Dover reduced the ISO process from approximately 38 days to 14.

Regionalizing ISO Docks is a new way of doing business in the Air Force, said General McMahon.

"If the system works here and at the other two locations then we will begin to regionalize ISO Docks for other aircraft," he said.

The KC-135 will be the next aircraft to have regionalized ISO Docks, according to the general.

"We have come a long way from having a C-5 'can' bird on the ground," said Col. Willie W. Cooper II, 512th Maintenance Group commander. "We used to have a bird on the ground that we cannibalized for parts. The aircraft itself was its own forward supply point. Everyone had one, and that aircraft was not available for the fight. We've come a long way."



Photo by Jason Minto

**Brig. Gen. Robert McMahon, Air Mobility Command director of logistics (center), is flanked by Team Dover commanders and AMC officials as he cuts the ribbon at the new Regionalized Isochronal Inspection Dock June 1. Dover Air Force Base's ISO Dock is the first regionalized Isochronal Inspection facility in the Air Force.**

# Team Dover completes LSEP inspection

**Senior Airman James Bolinger**  
436th Public Affairs

The 436th and 512th Airlift Wings received the preliminary results of the Logistics Standardization and Evaluation Program Inspection June 11 during a briefing at the Base Theater.

Dover Air Force Base's last LSEP was accomplished alongside a Unit Compliance Inspection in January 2006.

The LSEP evaluation affected several units here in the 436th and 512th Maintenance and Mission Support Groups.

The evaluation rates the unit as satisfactory, excellent or outstanding.

While members of the inspection team discussed the preliminary results with Team Dover June 11, the results will not be official until Brig. Gen. Robert McMahon, Air Mobility Command director of logistics, reviews the report and it is posted on the AMC headquarters A4 Web site.

"Our Team Dover Airmen and civilians have worked

extremely hard during this time of war and exhibited a high degree of skill and professionalism during the task evaluations and day-to-day work observed by the inspection team," said Col. Chad Mankse, 436th AW vice commander.

In the past, the LSEP was perceived as a relatively easy inspection where most units received a rating of excellent or outstanding, said Chief Master Sgt. Steven Ferrell, LSEP superintendent.

Today, the majority of AMC units attain a satisfactory rating, and the 'easy-inspection' perception is a thing of the past. If a unit receives a rating of unsatisfactory or marginal during an LSEP inspection, the LSEP office will return and conduct a follow-up inspection.

The inspection is applicable to all aircraft maintenance, aerial port, supply, transportation and maintenance training processes throughout AMC, said the chief.

"The purpose of the LSEP is



**Col. John W. Douglas, the Logistics Standardization and Evaluation Program team chief from Scott Air Force Base, Ill., congratulates Master Sgt. Denise Bouchard, a 512th Airlift Wing air reserve technician, for her efforts during the base's recent LSEP inspection. Sergeant Bouchard was specifically named as an LSEP Outstanding Performer.**

to provide AMC and unit commanders with an independent assessment of a base's ability to perform key logistics processes," said Chief Ferrell, who has been the LSEP superintendent for 3.5 years. "The goal is to ensure standardized, repeatable, technically compliant process execution, while promoting a culture of professional excellence and personal responsibility."

More than 890 task evaluations were completed during the inspection throughout the maintenance and mission support groups.

"This is an outstanding welcome to Team Dover, as the LSEP shows we have outstanding professionals here," said Col. Randal L. Bright, 512th AW commander.

"The LSEP team showed us areas in which we could excel. Bottom line, we are doing the job the Air Force needs. I could not be more proud to be a member of this team."

Colonel Mankse agreed with Colonel Bright on a job well done.

"(Col. Steven Harrison, 436th AW commander) and I are very proud of the

achievements of our logistics professionals across the base, and their diligence and hard work was validated by the inspection team," said Colonel Mankse. "The inspection team also validated something we already knew – that Team Dover is highly competent in performing their wartime mission, any day and any time."



Photos by Roland Balik

**Chief Master Sgt. Steven Ferrell (left), the Logistics Standardization and Evaluation Program superintendent from Scott Air Force Base, Ill., commends Master Sgt. Bill Tarrant, a Liberty Wing air reserve technician, June 11 for his efforts during the base's LSEP Inspection. Sergeant Tarrant is one of two individuals selected to receive the LSEP Chief's Award.**

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**Col. Randal L. Bright**  
512th AW commander

# Motorcycle safety is wing priority

Lorie Bellamy  
436th Safety Office

**D**over Air Force Base recently experienced two serious motorcycle mishaps involving sport bikes operating at high speeds.

The first mishap occurred June 5 when an activated member from the Illinois Air National Guard was riding his motorcycle to work at a high rate of speed. He lost control in a curve and sustained fatal injuries after striking a guard rail.

The Airman, working for the 436th Aerial Port Squadron, was the first Air Force motorcycle fatality for this year's 101 Critical Days of Summer campaign.

The second mishap occurred June 9 when a 436th Airlift Wing member lost control of his sport bike in a curve and struck a guard rail. Speed was a factor in the mishap. The member suffered multiple life-threatening injuries and remains in critical condition in an out-of-state hospital.

Last fiscal year, 17 Air Force members lost their lives in motorcycle mishaps.

Most of the them involved

sport bikes and 11 of the mishaps involved the operators losing control of their vehicles and speeding. Three individuals were not wearing helmets and two of the mishaps involved alcohol.

So far, there have been 11 motorcycle fatalities for fiscal year 2007. Six involved speed or losing control and two involved alcohol. Although both local members were trained and wearing personal-protective equipment, speed caused both of them to lose control and suffer serious injuries.

Sport bikes are extremely powerful and can lead to deadly consequences if they are not operated safely and at the appropriate speed for the road conditions.

Simply stated, speed kills. Experience, training and proficiency are critical to the safety of sport-bike operators.

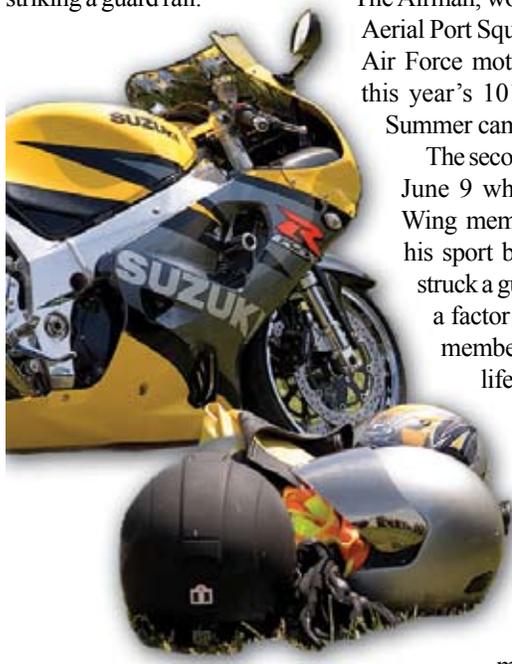
Motorcycle riders must be identified and receive briefings during in-processing. In addition, squadrons need to have procedures to identify new riders. Supervisors should place a special focus on sport-bike operators and encourage them to attend sport-bike training.

Any member operating a sport bike must accomplish sport-bike training in addition to the motorcycle safety training course.

The sport-bike training class is monitored by squadron motorcycle safety representatives who work with wing safety to acquire course slots. Although this course is required for sport-bike operators, it does not prohibit them from operating their bike, provided they attended the motorcycle safety training course. Sport-bike riders must attend the additional course within three years of owning a sport bike.

For a list of required training and personal-protective equipment, see AFI 91-207. The Department of Defense requires active-duty military members to wear all personal-protective equipment whether they operate their motorcycle on or off base, on or off duty.

The motorcycle safety training course sign-up sheet is on the G-drive under the motorcycle training folder.



## Get One program makes it easier to refer people

The Air Force Reserve is constantly updating and improving the Get 1 Now Program. This is a reservist's chance to recommend people with whom he or she wishes to serve with.

For submitting referrals, reservists receive a series of commemorative coins, and if the referrals turn into accessions, the reservists receive awards modeled after commander's coins. When four referrals turn into four accessions, the referring reservist will receive a plaque with the thanks of Lt. General John Bradley, Commander, Air Force Reserve Command.

Annual individual winners may choose a flight on any aircraft in the Air Force Reserve inventory. All awards are listed on the Web site, [www.Get1Now.US](http://www.Get1Now.US).

Reservists and operating locations are also competing for the most Get 1 Now accessions each year, and past winners are

noted on the website.

Through this site, Reservists may also check their accounts to see what awards they have accrued and what the status of those awards is. From this site, they may also enter referrals. The site is self-prompting, so entering information is easy. Referrals can also be entered by calling (877) 786-2372. An e-advisor, usually a former recruiter, will walk the reservist through the referral process.

This year, to make it easier for reservists to enter referrals, a unique account and password has been created for everyone. This information has been loaded onto Get 1 Now membership cards. These personalized cards are being phased in – some reservists are receiving them through the mail and some personally through UTAs.

With these cards, servicemembers are automatically entered into the program, so the paperwork has been kept to a minimum.

Last year, Get 1 Now accounted for 447 accessions. Since October 1, 2006, referrals have increased by 21 percent, a great increase, but Air Force Reserve officials say they'd like to do even better.

In 2007, this number can dramatically increase with the support of reservists.

"We have to remember we are all recruiters," said Senior Master Sgt. Henry McCaffrey, the senior recruiter for the Dover Operating Location. "Who else would be better fit to serve next to us than someone we already know and personally trust."



# READY TO RUMBLE?

## HURRICANE CATEGORIES

- **Category 1:** Wind speeds approach 74 - 95 mph with storm surges of four to five feet
- **Category 2:** Wind speeds range from 96 - 110 mph with storm surges of six to eight feet
- **Category 3:** Wind speeds range from 111 - 130 mph with storm surges of nine to 12 feet
- **Category 4:** Wind speeds range from 131 - 155 mph with storm surges of 13 to 18 feet
- **Category 5:** Wind speeds greater than 155 mph with storm surges over 18 feet

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration predicts a 75-percent chance of an above-normal hurricane season, so it's important for families to be prepared. Hurricane season is from June through November with peak months August and September. Hurricanes consist of winds exceeding 74 miles per hour, accompanied by intense rain, dangerously high tides and possible flooding. Use the following information, provided by the National Hurricane Center and the American Red Cross, to make sure you're ready.

## SHELTERS & STATIONS

- Hurricane shelters for Eagle Heights Family Housing include Dover Air Force Base Middle School, Caesar Rodney Junior and High schools and Dover High School.
- Hurricane shelters for Eagle Meadows Family Housing include Allen Frear Elementary School, Caesar Rodney Junior and High schools and Dover High School.
- The primary emergency broadcast and alerting stations are: 94.7 FM and 1410 AM for Kent County; 93.7 FM and 1150 AM for New Castle County; and 93.5 FM and 900 AM for Sussex County.

## FAMILY DISASTER PLAN

- Discuss the type of hazards that could affect your family. Know your home's vulnerability to storm surge, flooding and wind.
- Locate a safe room or the safest areas in your home for each hurricane hazard. In certain circumstances, the safest areas may not be in your home, but within your community.
- Determine escape routes from your home and places to meet. These should be measured in tens of miles rather than hundreds of miles.
- Have an out-of-state friend as a family contact, so all your family members have a single point of contact.
- Make a plan now for what to do with your pets if you need to evacuate.
- Post emergency telephone numbers by your phones and make sure your children know how and when to call 911.
- Check your insurance coverage – flood damage is not usually covered by homeowners insurance.
- Take First Aid, CPR and disaster

- preparedness classes.
  - Stock non-perishable emergency supplies and a Disaster Supply Kit.
  - Use a NOAA weather radio. Remember to replace its battery every six months, as you do with your smoke detectors.
  - NOAA Weather Radio is a nationwide network of radio stations broadcasting continuous weather information direct from a nearby National Weather Service office. NWR broadcasts National Weather Service warnings, watches, forecasts and other hazard information 24 hours a day. NWR covers all 50 states, adjacent coastal waters, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the U.S. Pacific Territories. NWR requires a special radio receiver or scanner capable of picking up the signal. Broadcasts are found in the public service band at these seven frequencies (MHz):
- |         |         |         |         |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 162.400 | 162.425 | 162.450 | 162.475 |
| 162.500 | 162.525 | 162.550 |         |

## DISASTER SUPPLY KIT

- Water: at least one gallon daily per person for three to seven days
- Food: at least enough for three to seven days
- Non-perishable packaged or canned food, juices
- Foods for infants or the elderly
- Snack foods
- Non-electric can opener
- Cooking tools, paper plates, plastic utensils and fuel
- Blankets, pillows, etc.
- Clothing: seasonal, rain gear, sturdy shoes
- First aid kit, medicine, prescription drugs
- Special items for babies and the elderly
- Toiletries, hygiene items, moisture wipes
- Flashlight and batteries
- Radio: battery operated and NOAA weather radio
- Cash: banks and ATMs may not be available
- Keys
- Toys, books and games
- Important documents in a waterproof container
- Insurance, medical records, bank account numbers, Social Security card, etc.
- Tools - keep a set with you during the storm
- Vehicle fuel tanks filled
- Pet care items
- Proper identification, immunization records, medications
- Ample supply of food and water
- Carrier or cage
- Muzzle and leash

### Preparing for a hurricane is as easy as 1, 2, 3

#### BEFORE A HURRICANE

1) Before Hurricane Season starts:

- Assemble your Disaster Supply Kit (see above right). These items are often scattered around your home and simply need to be brought together into one location.
- Write out your Family Disaster Plan (see above). Discuss the possible hazards with your family. Determine if you are in an evacuation area. Identify an out-of-town family contact.

#### HURRICANE WATCH

2) When a Hurricane Watch is issued:

- Check your Disaster Supply Kit. Make sure nothing is missing. Determine if there is anything you need to supplement your kit. Replenish your water.
- Activate your Family Disaster Plan. Protective measures should be initiated, especially those actions that require extra time.

#### HURRICANE WARNING

3) When a Hurricane Warning is issued:

- Ready your Disaster Supply Kit for use. If you need to evacuate, you should bring your Supply Kit with you.
- Use your Family Disaster Plan. Your family should be in the process of completing protective actions and deciding the safest location to be during the storm.

**A HURRICANE WATCH** issued for your part of the coast indicates the possibility that you could experience hurricane conditions within 36 hours. This watch should trigger your family's disaster plan, and protective measures should be initiated, especially those actions that require extra time such as securing a boat, leaving a barrier island, etc.

**A HURRICANE WARNING** issued for your part of the coast indicates that sustained winds of at least 74 mph are expected within 24 hours or less. Once this warning has been issued, your family should be in the process of completing protective actions and deciding the safest location to be during the storm.



Photo by Roland Baik

Dover Air Force Base's first C-17 arrival ceremony took place in Building 706, June 4. The C-17 Globemaster III, tail number 6165, is the first of 13 C-17s assigned here. The officiating officer was Gen. Duncan McNabb, Air Mobility Command commander.

# C-17 ARRIVES!

## Team Dover, community welcomes "Spirit of the Constitution"

**2nd Lt. Nicole Langley**  
436th Public Affairs

While clouds hung overhead the morning of June 4, rain and dreary weather didn't dampen the spirits of those present to welcome Dover Air Force Base's first C-17 Globemaster III, Spirit of the Constitution, at a formal ceremony in Building 706.

The C-17 was picked up by Team Dover's crew from Boeing's Long Beach, Calif., production facility May 31 and flown to McGuire AFB, N.J., where it remained through the weekend.

June 4, the crew, along with Gen. Duncan McNabb, Air Mobility Command commander and aircraft delivery official,

flew the jet to its new home.

Although weather prevented some of the activities planned for the ceremony, during his opening remarks, Col. Steven Harrison, 436th Airlift Wing commander, expressed his excitement at the aircraft's much-anticipated arrival - despite the day's weather.

After landing, Dover AFB, Boeing and U.S. legislative officials boarded the aircraft for its final taxi to the ceremony location.

The aircraft made its debut alongside one of the base's mighty C-5s and a restored C-124 Globemaster II.

With the sounds of the U.S. Air Force Heritage of America Band's brass quintet playing in the background, the official party descended the plane and made their way down a red carpet into the hangar where the

ceremony was located.

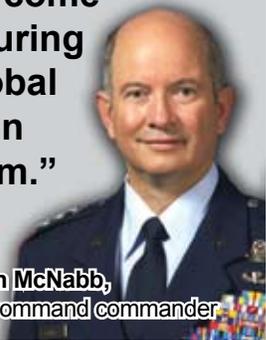
The first of 13 C-17s to arrive at Dover AFB, Spirit of the Constitution was named in honor of the base's host state, Delaware, and its position as the first of the 13 original states to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

The aircraft joins the base's existing C-5 fleet in providing worldwide movement of people and cargo.

"It's going to be an unstoppable team," said Colonel Harrison, regarding the combined airlift capabilities of the base's two aircraft types.

With the addition of the C-17, able to perform tactical airlift and airdrop missions and land on runways as short as 3,500 feet, Dover AFB now hosts an impressive multi-aircraft fleet.

“The C-17 has literally come of age during this Global War on Terrorism.”



Gen. Duncan McNabb,  
Air Mobility Command commander

With the ability to move anything, anywhere in the world, General McNabb emphasized how Dover AFB truly exemplifies global reach.

“Team Dover - one of the true, critical foundation locations in all of Air Mobility Command,” said the general. “Many of the airlift missions start and end right here.”

A highlight of the ceremony was the presentation of the aircraft’s ‘key’ by Ronald Marcotte, Boeing vice president and general manager for global mobility systems and integrated defense systems to General McNabb.

The symbolic transfer of the key continued on to Colonel Harrison, who passed the key to Staff Sgt. Lance Moon, 736th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron and crew chief to the Spirit of the Constitution, which represented the responsibility he has for the care of the base’s first C-17.

Since its entry into the U.S. Air Force inventory in 1993, the C-17 has accumulated more than 1.2 million flight hours in numerous operations and humanitarian relief efforts worldwide.

In recent years, the aircraft has proven itself in Iraq and Afghanistan.

“The C-17 has literally come of age during this Global War on Terrorism,” said General McNabb.

At the ceremony’s conclusion, those in attendance had the opportunity to tour the C-17, experience for themselves the ‘new-plane smell,’ the magnitude of the base’s newest airlifter and have a better understanding of what General McNabb meant when he spoke about U.S. Air Force aircraft during the ceremony.

“When the aircraft lands, it doesn’t just represent America, it is America.”

## 326th AS takes first flight

Capt. Marnee A.C. Losurdo  
Chief, 512th Public Affairs

It didn’t take the Air Force Reserve’s 326th Airlift Squadron long to get to work after Dover Air Force Base received its first C-17 Globemaster III June 4 during a delivery ceremony.

The squadron began a new era of airlift, taking their first flight aboard the “Spirit of the Constitution” just one day after its arrival.

The squadron’s first flight was a local training mission for the crew to further their proficiency in tactical and instrument approach procedures as well as combat off-loading and night vision goggle training.

The aircraft, named in honor of Delaware’s status as the first state to ratify the U.S. Constitution, is the first of 13 C-17s the base will receive over the next two years.

It will compliment the base’s current inventory of 18 C-5s, which have been modernized with digital avionics and are scheduled to have their engines upgraded, said Lt. Col. Craig LaFave, chief of the 512th Airlift Wing Program Integration Office.

Colonel LaFave and Lt. Col. Louis Patriquin, 512th Operations Group deputy commander, were on the squadron’s first C-17 flight and were also on the squadron’s last C-5 flight.

“It’s going to be fun, not only to introduce the plane to the squadron but also to the community,” said Colonel LaFave. “I think Dover will be pleasantly surprised at how

quiet this aircraft is.”

The C-17 is 174 feet long with a wingspan of 170 feet, making it approximately two thirds the size of the gigantic C-5. The C-17 can land on a 3,500-foot dirt runway, taxi backwards out of tight parking spots, and can combat off-load its cargo under fire. It can fly at 300 feet at high speed, and with the assistance of night vision goggles, crews can land on blacked-out assault zones. Another mission unique to the aircraft is the transport of patients during aeromedical evacuations.

Lt. Col. Rob Shepherd, 326th AS commander and part of the crew for the first flight, is a veteran C-5 pilot who recently graduated from C-17 school at Altus Air Force Base, Okla. He said the C-17 is fun to fly, because it’s more of a sporty airplane compared to the C-5.

The C-17 can haul almost everything the C-5 can, just less of it, said Colonel Shepherd. The Galaxy can haul 36 pallets and land at a forward base with longer runways. In contrast, the C-17 can carry up to 18 pallets, and like the C-5, can haul out-sized cargo. However, the C-17 has the ability to take its load to more austere and unimproved airfields.

The arrival of the C-17 marks the first new plane to the base in 21 years. The C-5s first arrived at Dover 36 years ago.

“It’s a very exciting time for the squadron,” said Colonel Patriquin. “It was great to go on board the aircraft and experience the new car smell. I’ve never experienced that in the Air Force until now.”

Maintenance and aircrew members prepare the 326th Airlift Squadron for their first flight June 5.



Photo by Capt. Marnee A.C. Losurdo



Photo by Senior Airman Andria J. Allmond

**Mike Semo and his wife Heather of the 512th Operations Group softball team warm up for the game June 13 at the baseball field here. The Liberty Wing team went into the game with a win due to a forfeit by the 436th Maintenance Operations Squadron June 11. The complete intramural softball schedule is available through the Sports and Fitness Center.**

## 512th OG edges 436th LRS 16 - 15

**Senior Airman Andria J. Allmond**  
Staff writer

**J**osh Redden of the 512th Operations Group softball team was a force to be reckoned as he helped the Liberty Wing edge out 436th Logistics Readiness Squadron to win 16-15 June 13 at the baseball field here.

The 436th LRS started off strong, passing four runners around the bases. The 512th OG romped ahead, sending six of its players over the diamond in the bottom of the first inning.

Heather Semo, wife of Mike Semo, whose rocket arm, along with the Liberty Wing's field-hustle humbled the 436th LRS in the top of the second inning, allowing no players to score. The bottom of the second inning ushered in the 512th OG staying on the mark with four runners

crossing the diamond.

The flyers stammered through the third inning with no RBIs and handed over two runs to the 436th LRS, bringing the score to 10-6 at the bottom of the third.

The 436th LRS slipped six runners past 512th OG Catcher Desi Downey in the top of the fourth, putting the heat on the 512th OG to make the score 12-10 with the 436th LRS on top. The 512th OG cooled the LRS fire with Redden ripping in runners to end the inning 16-12 at the bottom of the fourth inning.

The 436th LRS clawed themselves closer to the 512th OG in the top of the fifth inning thanks to the blazing-bat of Gabriel Jimenez and three more players waltzing home; it wasn't enough to touch the red-hot defense of the 512th OG outfield.

Jeffrey Wickersham of the 512th OG team, said the forward thinking and tactical decisions made by Christian Parrish, the 512th OG assistant coach, was directly responsible for the victory. The Liberty Wing players finished the game clipping LRS 16-15 in five innings.

The complete intramural softball schedule is available through the Sports and Fitness Center. The 512th OG softball team plays the following games this month:

- July 2, 7:30 p.m., vs. 436th AMXS
- July 9, 5:30 p.m., vs. 436th SVS/ MSS
- July 11, 7:30 p.m., vs. 436th OSS
- July 16, 6:30 p.m., vs. 436th LRS
- July 18, 5:30 p.m., vs. SVS/MSS
- July 23, 8:30 p.m., vs. 436th MOS

All games are played on the diamonds, located behind The Landings.

# Around the 512th

## New leader's first commander's call Aug. 4

512th Airlift Wing Commander Col. Randal L. Bright conducts his first commander's call Aug. 4 at the Base Theater. The event begins at 10 a.m. and will last no more than an hour.

The 512th Public Affairs Office is compiling the list of members to be recognized at the commander's call. Please forward the names and the award of wing-level and higher recipients by July 18.

## Schedule of wing events, community activities

The following is a look at some upcoming events for the wing and the local area:

- July 4, Independence Day, downtown Dover celebration
  - July 6, Base Clean-up Day
  - July 7, Employer Appreciation Day
  - July 7, Wing Picnic
  - July 9, Reintegration Seminar
  - July 19 - 28, Delaware State Fair (Line-up includes, Bill Cosby, Carrie Underwood, Toby Keith, Daughtry, Brad Paisley, Sugarland and a monster truck show)
  - Aug. 4, Commander's Call
  - Aug. 4, 512th Airlift Wing NCO Induction Ceremony
  - Aug. 6 - 10, Ability to Survive and Operate Training
  - Sept. 3, Labor Day (Federal Holiday)
  - Sept. 21 - 23, NASCAR weekend
- The list was compiled by 512th Public Affairs, (302) 677-3485.

## Maintenance Group undergoes personnel moves

While 512th Maintenance Group Commander Col. Willie W. Cooper II prepares for his next assignment to Pope Air Force Base, N.C., his replacement has been named. The new 512th MXG commander will be Col. Alan H. Lerner, who comes to the Liberty Wing from Willow Grove Air Reserve Station, Pa.

Effective June 1, Lt. Col. Kenneth Bunting relinquished command of the 512th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. He has relocated to Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. The new commander for the 512th AMXS will be Lt. Col. Nicholas Koski-Vacirca.

The 512th Maintenance Operations Flight's new commander, Capt. Robert Griffith, is expected in September.

## Accepting applications for first sergeant slots

The 512th Maintenance and 712th Aircraft Maintenance Squadrons are expecting first sergeant vacancies. Interested personnel must submit a package which includes a military resume, a volunteer statement and a completed AF Form 3920, Request for Reservist Volunteer Retraining. Technical sergeants who are eligible for immediate promotion to master sergeant are encouraged to apply.

All application packages must be submitted to Personnel Employment, Building 202, Room 108 by noon on Sept. 4 in order to qualify to meet the board on the Sunday of the September UTA.

## Airman commissioning rescheduled to August

The Deserving Airman Commissioning Board is Aug. 4 at 9 a.m. in Building 202, Room 107. Candidates will be notified of their appointed time to appear before the board. For more information, call the 512th Career Enhancement Office at (302) 677-3506.

## Liberty Line : What's the most memorable thing someone has said or done while you were in uniform?



"During a UTA weekend, I was buying my morning doughnut and coffee when someone came up to me and stated that people appreciate lieutenants and we make them proud."

2nd Lt. Diana Klein  
326th Airlift Squadron  
pilot



"A couple of Airmen and I were eating at a Chinese buffet, and a man came over and thanked us for our service. He then paid for all seven of our meals. One of the Airmen I was with gave him a coin in return."

Staff Sgt. Erica Weatherspoon  
512th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron  
assistant chief, Customer Service



"I was at a Spurs game in San Antonio and someone came up to me and thanked me for my service."

Airman 1st Class Rafael Mulero  
512th Maintenance Group  
mechanic



"I was in line to pay, and when I got to the front of the line, someone else had already paid for me."

Staff Sgt. Brian Scher  
512th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron  
C-17 hydraulics mechanic

# Reservist among first to receive combat medal

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. T. Michael Moseley awarded six Airmen the Air Force Combat Action Medal during a ceremony June 12 at the Air Force Memorial. These Airmen were the first in the Air Force to receive the new medal.

Recipients of the award were Maj. Steven Raspet, Capt. Allison Black, Senior Master Sgt. Ramon Colon-Lopez, Master Sgt. Charlie Peterson, Master Sgt. Byron Allen and Staff Sgt. Daniel Paxton.

The medal was created to recognize Air Force members who were engaged in air or ground combat off base in a combat zone. This includes members who were under direct and hostile fire, or who personally engaged hostile forces with direct and lethal fire.

The medal's design is one of a kind, General Moseley said. It is the only American award with a diagonal stripe. The design was inspired by a personal insignia Brig. Gen. William "Billy" Mitchell had painted on the aircraft he flew over the St. Mihiel, (France) in September 1918. He flew the aircraft while developing plans for what would become the first major American offensive in World War I.

"(General Mitchell's) legacy is manifested in today's Air Force in so many ways, not the least of which is this new medal," said General Moseley. "This year we celebrate the 60th anniversary of his most important legacy ... the creation of the United States Air Force as an independent service."

Members of General Mitchell's family were present for the ceremony. General Moseley presented General Mitchell's grandson, Tom Gilpin, with a shadow box commemorating General Mitchell's service and influence



Photo by Staff Sgt. Amaani Lyle

**Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. T. Michael Moseley presents Master Sgt Charlie Peterson, 927th Logistical Readiness Squadron, Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Mich., the Air Force Combat Action Medal during a ceremony at the Air Force Memorial in Arlington, Va., June 12. General Moseley presented six Airmen with the medal, Sergeant Peterson being the first Air Force reservist to be given the medal. During his deployment to Iraq in 2004, Sergeant Peterson's convoy vehicle was hit by an improvised explosive device. Despite taking shrapnel and glass in his head and left arm, Sergeant Peterson left the command vehicle, obtained the medical status of his convoy commander and gunner, who were in the same vehicle, secured the perimeter and used a global positioning system to notify the battle staff of the enemy engagement. The convoy was rerouted to a safe zone where Sergeant Peterson was medically evacuated by helicopter to receive treatment for his wounds.**

on the medal.

"My grandfather was the original Air Force wingman," said Mr. Gilpin. "Today, it's an honor to be a part of the profound connection between the heritage bestowed by my grandfather and these amazing Airmen who have continued his boldness and his courage. I know he would be pleased by the Air Force Combat Action Medal as it symbolizes so well what he stood for: facing adversity with conviction and

never backing down."

General Moseley also recognized Susan Gamble, a professional artist and master designer for the U.S. Mint -- and the wife of Air Force Col. Mike Gamble -- who completed the design of the medal, in conjunction with the Army Institute of Heraldry.

"(The medal) ties the Airmen of today engaged with enemy hostiles... to the legacy of courage, valor, service and sacrifice that

our predecessors left us," he said. "These Airmen, like all Airmen, stand on the shoulders of giants such as Billy Mitchell, (Henry "Hap") Arnold, (Claire) Chennault, (James) Doolittle, (Curtis) LeMay and (Bernard) Schriever," said the general. "Today we recognize these six amazing Airmen for their combat roles as warriors wielding the air power bequeathed to us by these giants." (Courtesy Air Force Reserve Command)

## ROA to honor AFRC commander

The commander of the Air Force Reserve Command will receive the Minuteman Hall of Fame Award at the Reserve Officers Association national convention June 27-30 in San Francisco.

Lt. Gen. John A. Bradley will accept the association's highest honor for contributing to "the advancement of ROA programs and objectives," according to an association press release.

General Bradley is chief of the Air Force Reserve, and his office is at Headquarters Air Force in the Pentagon. Headquarters AFRC is at Robins Air Force Base, Ga.

As chief of Air Force Reserve, the general serves as principal adviser on Reserve matters to the Air Force chief of staff. In his capacity as AFRC commander, he supervises command units around the world.

Created in 1958, the Minuteman Hall of Fame Award is conferred annually on a military or civilian citizen to honor a public servant for his or her contribution to national defense. Previous inductees include Presidents Harry S. Truman and John F. Kennedy, and Gens. Colin Powell and Merrill McPeak. *(Courtesy Air Force Reserve Command)*

## Reserve volunteer opportunities

Reservists can choose from hundreds of exercises and volunteer opportunities each year. It may take a little planning and research, and a lot of nose-to-the-grindstone work, but spending time training in such places as Italy, Russia, France, Hawaii, South America, Germany or Africa may be well worth the effort.

For an easy new way to find volunteer TDY openings, reservists can now access information about volunteer temporary duty opportunities from their home computer without having to use their Common Access Card.

The Volunteer Reserve System Web site, which lists TDY opportunities and positions, is now available on ReserveNet via the Air Force Portal. Reservists can view the information using their existing Portal user ID and password. The Web address is <https://www.my.af.mil/reservenetprod/vrs>.

Finding information about exercises can be challenging, but there are a tremendous number of opportunities out there. In fact many exercise organizers have trouble filling all of the slots because people are unaware of the opportunities.

"We want to have as many reservists participating as we can," said Steve Stewart, Air Force Reserve Command exercise plans officer. "My marching orders are to have as many AFRC forces involved in exercises worldwide as possible.

"Exercises offer excellent training opportunities as well as world travel," he said. "Participation is up to individual reservists. Exercises don't just drop in your lap. You have to do the leg work. However, units are called upon at times to source exercise participation, thus giving the reservists another way to get involved in exercises."

The first step to getting involved is for reservists to contact their respective functional area at AFRC headquarters and ask for the person who handles exercises. Once in touch with that person, reservists need to provide some basic information, such as how many days they are available, when they are available, where they're interested in going, what kind of training they're looking for, etc.

Headquarters points of contact will provide reservists with several secure Web sites to look up and research information on various exercises worldwide or they may have information directly available.

"The first thing the action officer will want to know is does the caller have permission from his or her commander to participate," said Mr. Stewart. "Once the reservist is approved, then the ball starts rolling."

"Exercise opportunities are almost endless," Mr. Stewart said. "There are hundreds of exercises out there with at least 100 that reservists have a good chance to get in to. It's just a matter of finding one that's right for you." *(Courtesy Air Force Reserve Command)*



## Refractive surgery program policy changes

Air Force officials have changed the policy to allow people applying for aviation and aviation-related jobs to have had LASIK surgery. The change also removes the altitude and high-performance aircraft restrictions for people who have had LASIK. Individuals must still meet the standards prescribed in AFI 48-123, Medical Examination and Standards, for entrance into the Air Force and aviation and special-duty positions.

Additional information and guidance can be found at <http://airforcemedicine.afms.mil/USAF-RS>.

For more information, read the Air Force Print News story at <http://www.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123054564>.

## Cash flow easier for deployed Airmen

Servicemembers deployed to Southwest Asia can now access their funds 24-hours a day, seven days a week with a new, automated money management program called Eagle Cash. The program uses a type of payment card referred to as a Stored Value Card along with automated kiosk devices. Cardholders enrolled in the program can access their personal checking or savings accounts by swiping the card in the kiosk machine. Once money is loaded or transferred on to the SVC card, participants pay for their transaction by swiping their card in a point-of-sale machine.

For more information, read the full story at <http://www.af.mil/news/story>.

## Spring 2007 "Airman" magazine now online

In the spring quarterly issue of Airman magazine, read about how the Air Force is making some tough decisions about the Airmen it keeps in the force, so the Air Force chief of staff is traveling around the globe to tell Airmen about that and the issues that will affect their careers. These are just two of the stories in Airman magazine, now available in print and online at [www.af.mil/news/airman](http://www.af.mil/news/airman).

# 512th salutes



## Newcomers

The Liberty Wing welcomes:  
 Maj Sam Vanzanten  
 Capt Stephen P. Churchill III  
 Capt Erin Cook  
 TSgt Samuel Daniels  
 TSgt Anthony Van Dorn  
 SSgt John Harrington  
 SSgt Hyunjin Kim  
 SSgt Marcus Marston  
 SSgt Sean Mather  
 SSgt Raymond Tennyson  
 SrA Andria Allmond  
 SrA Daniel Archer  
 SrA Kenneth Bodine  
 SrA Tykiem Booker  
 SrA Jonathan Bronson  
 SrA Kathleen Bronson  
 SrA Amanda Flores  
 SrA Anton Gray  
 SrA Jeremy Griffen  
 SrA Sean Welch  
 A1C Brent Cannon  
 A1C Stephanie Clothier  
 A1C Deshaun Hall  
 A1C Rafael Mulero

## To Lt Col

Lawrence McHale

## To MSgt

SMSgt David Buches  
 SMSgt Jeffrey Smith

## To MSgt

MSgt Raymond Mooney  
 MSgt Carol Urban

## To TSgt

TSgt Eric Barnes  
 TSgt Steven Rose  
 TSgt Anthony Ware

## To SSgt

SSgt Daniel Furedi  
 SSgt Stephen Kaufman  
 SSgt Nicholas Wood

## To SrA

SrA Darry Buckle

## To A1C

A1C Dolan Butler  
 A1C Zenna Tunnell



## Say hello to:

**Name:** SSgt Marcus Marston  
**Unit:** 512th Logistics Readiness Flight  
**Hometown:** Lansdowne, Pa.  
**Civilian Occupation:** Science teacher at Woodbury Jr./Sr. High School  
**Hobbies:** Watching baseball and game shows  
**Personal Goals:** Attaining a doctoral degree in education and becoming an officer

A1C Robert R. Rossey Jr.  
 Amn Beverly Ragland  
 AB Michelle Polk

## DE Graduates

Developmental Graduates:  
**Air Command, Staff College**  
 Maj Rolandrias Bradford  
**Squadron Officer School**  
 Capt Alfred Chicco  
**Senior NCO Academy**  
 MSgt Natalie Peterson  
**NCO Academy**  
 TSgt Jennifer League  
**Airman Leadership School**  
 SrA Derrick Fields  
 SrA Brandy Kuemper  
 SrA Justin Weeks

## Medals



### Air Medal

Maj James Mann  
 1Lt Justin Botts  
 1Lt Todd Mullen

### Aerial Achievement

Capt Anita West-Werner

### Commendation

Capt Cynthia Welch

## Reenlistments

Congratulations to:  
 MSgt Davy Dorey  
 SSgt Terezie Jones  
 SSgt Malcolm Walker  
 SrA Daniel Archer  
 SrA Keith Windsor

## Scholastic Achiever

These individuals scored a 90 or higher on a career development course:

SSgt Francis Fajardo  
 SSgt Christopher Hunsiker  
 SSgt Manuel Ortiz  
 SrA Michael Wright

## Retirements

SMSgt Eric Gregory  
 SMSgt Lee Smith  
 SMSgt Daniel Weimer  
 MSgt Dwayne Moore



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Veronica A. Aceveda

## Three decades

**Col. Randal L. Bright, 512th Airlift Wing commander, congratulates Al Dutton on reaching a career milestone. Mr. Dutton is the system administrator for the 512th AW and has served 30 years as a Department of Defense civilian.**



Submitted photo

## Winner

**Alden Tonkay, the son of Master Sgt. Jack Tonkay, 512th Mission Support Squadron, is the winner of the State of Delaware Department of Education Math Poster Contest. He represented the Caesar Rodney school district and went on to win for the state. Alden took home a \$100 prize.**

# The Lighter Side

## Wing family picnic

The Liberty Wing's co-event, featuring the wing picnic and employer day, is July 7 at the Eagle's Nest picnic area.

Some key times for the co-event are:

7:00 a.m., Family member galaxy adventure begins at the Base Theater

7:15 a.m., Employer show time in the 512th Operations Group auditorium.

10:15 a.m., Children's commander's call at the Air Mobility Command Museum

11:00 a.m., Picnic begins

1:30 p.m., Security forces weapons demonstration at Eagle's Nest picnic area

2:00 p.m., Explosive Ordnance Disposal demonstration at Eagle's Nest picnic area

Wing picnic tickets can be purchased through designated squadron representatives or the 512th Public Affairs Office. The cost is \$1 per individual or \$3 for the whole family. For more information, call Chief Master Sgt. William T. Wild, 512th Airlift Wing command chief, at (302) 677-5123.

## MatchUp update

Dover Air Force Base is in last place for the percentage of individuals registered to participate in the Air Mobility Command's MatchUp race. Dover AFB is competing with 11 other bases for \$42,000 in cash prizes. As of late June, Grand Forks AFB, N.D., was in first place with about 48 percent and Dover ranked lowest at 9 percent.

Congratulations to Senior Master Sgt. Ara Shishmanian from the 46th Aerial Port Squadron who is one of the Services game's weekly \$25 winner. The contest ends and grand prizes are announced

August 31.

For more information, log on to [www.amcmatchup.com](http://www.amcmatchup.com).

## New gym hours

Effective July 1, the Fitness Center changes its hours to:

- Monday through Thursday, 4:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

- Friday, 4:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

- Saturday and Sunday, 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

- Holidays, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Also, all lockers will become daily use lockers.

## Base pool info

Both base pools are open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Pool passes for singles and families are available through Outdoor Recreation. A daily visit costs \$3 for DoD authorized patrons and \$4 for guests. For more information, call (302) 677-3959.

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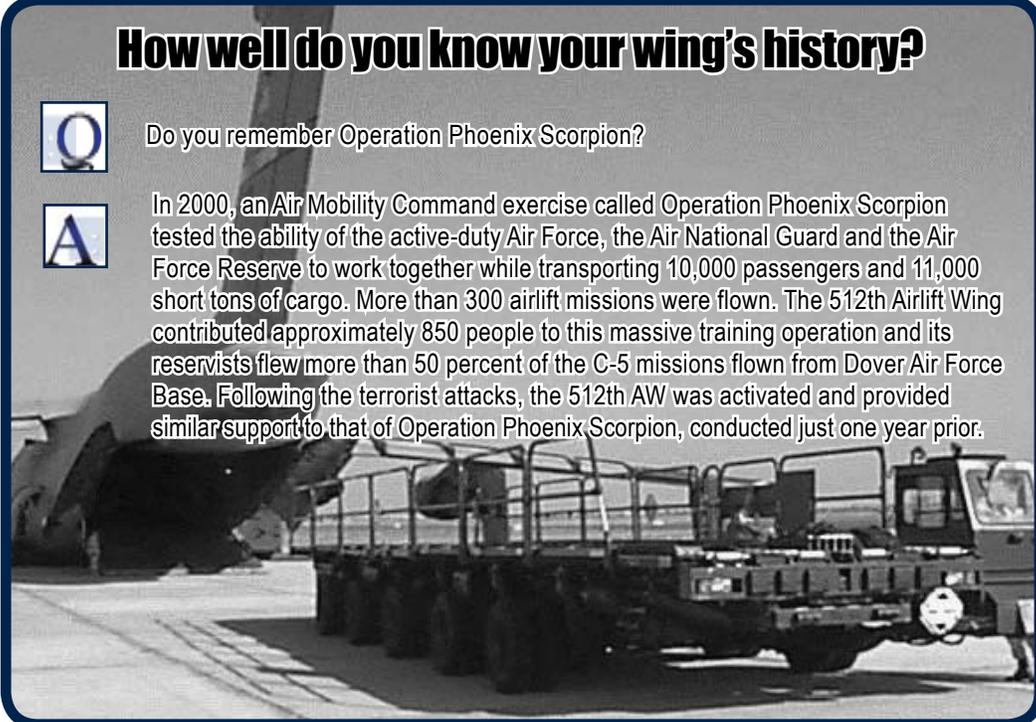
## How well do you know your wing's history?

Q

Do you remember Operation Phoenix Scorpion?

A

In 2000, an Air Mobility Command exercise called Operation Phoenix Scorpion tested the ability of the active-duty Air Force, the Air National Guard and the Air Force Reserve to work together while transporting 10,000 passengers and 11,000 short tons of cargo. More than 300 airlift missions were flown. The 512th Airlift Wing contributed approximately 850 people to this massive training operation and its reservists flew more than 50 percent of the C-5 missions flown from Dover Air Force Base. Following the terrorist attacks, the 512th AW was activated and provided similar support to that of Operation Phoenix Scorpion, conducted just one year prior.



# Parade wave

Col. Chad Manske, 436th Airlift Wing vice commander (center), and Col. David H. Wuest (right), 512th Airlift Wing vice commander along with Chief Master Sgt. Bruce Blodgett, 436th AW's command chief, represent Team Dover in the parade lap of NASCAR's Autism Speaks 400 race at Dover Downs June 4. The 1098 High Mobility Multi-wheeled Vehicle was driven by Master Sgt. Dave Guenther, an explosive ordnance technician with the 512th Civil Engineer Squadron. Also taking the ride on the track known as the "Monster Mile" are EOD Technicians Staff Sgt. Chris Adjoodani, 436th CES, and Staff Sgt. Steven Kaufman, 512th CES. Watching from the stands, hundreds of Reserve and active-duty Airmen from the base were able to attend the 400-lap race as USO Delaware distributed 500 donated tickets.



Photo by Roland Balik

## UTA Schedule

	A Team	B Team
JUL	7-8	21-22
AUG	4-5	18-19
SEP	8-9	15-16
FY 2008		
OCT	13-14	20-21
NOV	3-4	17-18
DEC	1-2	8-9
JAN	5-6	12-13
FEB	2-3	23-24
MAR	1-2	15-16
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