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Photo by Master Sgt. Melissa Phillips

Chief Master Sgt. James Frasier, 512th Mission Support Squadron, gets into character and collapses beside Capt. Crystal Beach, 512th Mission Support Group, March 18 in Alpena, Mich. Both individuals were tasked by training cadre to play victims of a chemical attack. More than 150 Airmen from the 436th and 512th Airlift Wings along with Airmen from Tinker Air Force Base, Okla., learn how to survive and operate in a chemical environment.

Team Dover learns to survive, operate

Master Sgt. Melissa Phillips
436th Public Affairs

In today's military environment, the enemy is often odorless, faceless and fast. It only takes minutes to launch missiles, mortars and rockets outfitted with some pretty nasty chemicals.

"We train to fight under all sorts of conditions," said Col. Eric Wydra, 436th

Airlift Wing vice commander and the deployed Installation Control Center commander for the Operational Readiness Inspection. "We stay prepared to fight anything a potential adversary decides to lob at us."

The colonel deployed with more than 150 Airmen from the 436th and 512th AWs to the Alpena Combat Readiness Training Center in Alpena, Mich. March 14 to 18.

The team surveyed the site to set the groundwork and infrastructure for the upcoming inspection.

Practice makes perfect

"Inspections and training opportunities like this prepare us for the full spectrum of challenges we face as modern warfighters," said Colonel Wydra. "We must practice

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Preparing Airmen, AF for future

Chief Master Sgt. William T. Wild III
 512th AW command chief

As I wrap up my first year as your command chief, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks for making the Liberty Wing one of the best in the Air Force. At this time of year, there's rarely a day that goes by that I don't read about one of our Airmen who, or squadrons that, are being recognized with an award for their hard work and dedication. We live each and every day following the vision of our command: "One Air Force, Same Fight, An Unrivaled Wingman."

Our command and the Air Force are evolving as it prepares for the future. Last month, at the Air Force Reserve Command Chiefs' Summit in Atlanta, several of our chiefs and I were given an opportunity to see the future of the Air Force and the role AFRC will play in the future.

Team Dover and the Air Mobility Command have recognized the associate program as a successful Total Force concept for years. This associate program will be growing by leaps and bounds throughout the Air Force. All AF commands will be looking at the example set by bases like ours, which has proven time and again that this type of relationship between active duty, reservists and civilians delivers the best product to our many and varied customers. We have already seen the formation of an active-duty associate wing using Reserve owned aircraft as well as the creation of a Guard, Reserve associate program.

Seeing the future of our Air Force got me thinking about our future and where we are headed as a wing

and as Airmen. Over the past few months, we have seen a number of senior leaders retire or move on. With this departure, we lose years of experience, leadership and mentorship for our young Airmen. So now, I pose a couple of questions. Have you trained your replacement? Has your replacement been training their replacement? We owe it to the future generations of Airmen to have been given the highest level of training possible and the career progression opportunities to prepare them for the next stage of their career. I'm not just talking about a supervisor checking a career development course for completion, but supervisors mentoring Airmen.

For example, have lunch together and talk with them and help them plan their future. As a mentor, we should encourage them to attend the NCO and Senior NCO Academy in residence. Encourage them to belong to base organizations. Show them how to write an award package, a performance report and how to track their accomplishments. I believe we tend to spend too much time at our computers and not nearly enough time talking with our Airmen about their future.

With a full calendar of wing events, including several inspections, now is the perfect time to secure our success by training your replacement and having your replacement train theirs. So, when it comes time for you to begin a new chapter in your life or career, you leave with confidence knowing that the future of our wing and our Air Force will be bright.



Integrity makes a win-win relationship

Lt. Col. Robert Shepherd
 326th AS commander

Many of us are familiar with the most competitive type of relationship, often called win-lose. This type of connection is a zero-sum game by its very nature, meaning the winner gains at the loser's expense.

In certain situations, like a football game, this is very appropriate. However, since our long-term success depends on other people and organizations, this model can actually work against us. Perhaps we'd better focus on fostering positive working relationships in pursuit of a win-win outcome, recognizing that the relationship itself is the focus in this scenario.

Establishing a relationship, particularly among the diverse groups we deal with here, requires time, dedicated effort and a certain set of principles and skills.

The most essential principle is character or integrity. We need to approach others from a perspective of abundance, realizing that there are

enough resources to go around. This makes losing more palatable, because what others receive does not diminish our potential for gain.

An important skill we must hone is the ability to respect each other. When we routinely show respect for everyone, whether we agree or not, we show our sincerity and engender trust from those with whom we live and work. This level of trust can then result in others' openness to our ideas.

Although we are pretty sure we've got the right answer, the truth is that ours is not always the only way to do things. We can only do so much by ourselves. We can only realize our true potential as an organization if we are willing to collaborate and innovate with others.

We have a truly remarkable relationship with our Team Dover partners in the 436th Airlift Wing as well as with the Dover community. Let's keep our focus on maintaining the strength of our relationships and look for ways to enhance them to the benefit of all, thinking win-win at all times.

Officials implement AFMC's civilian orientation course

The Air Force is adopting Air Force Materiel Command's Civilian Orientation Course for use Air Force-wide. The course is the first step in ensuring all Air Force civilians have proper career training and familiarizes them

with their new work environment. The course material will cover information on Air Force heritage, customs, development and workforce safety and security.

"It makes sense for AFMC to have developed this for

the Air Force," Terry Staley, a professional development analyst for AFMC's Personnel Directorate. "After all, AFMC employs about 40 percent of the civilian workforce in the Air Force."

The program is being pushed out to all commands as quickly as possible.

While currently in use by Air Force major commands, AFMC's Civilian Orientation

Course is still found under the AFMC Knowledge Now Community of Practice, a secure Web site. Later this year, the program will be moved to the Advanced Distributed Learning Services Web site run by the Air Education and Training Command.

For more information, read the Air Force Print News story at www.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123090537.

Survive from cover

these skills to keep them current to ensure we're able to respond when we're called upon to do so."

The Cadre

More than 15 Reserve and Air National Guard Airmen from throughout the U.S. volunteered to deploy to the Alpena CRTC to assist Team Dover in refamiliarizing themselves with ability to survive and operate, self-aid and buddy care, post-attack reconnaissance, facility maintenance and command and control procedures.

"Our readiness training program provides an opportunity to set up activities with varying complexity," said Lt. Col. Jonathan McDaniel, Readiness Safeguard Cadre director of readiness, from Volk Field ANG Base, Wis.

The colonel said it's up to each unit to pick and choose from possible scenarios in an à la carte fashion to challenge trainees.

"Our method is to approach the unit like a coach," the colonel said. "We ask questions that lead them to self-discovery, then we step in with suggested techniques and recommendations."

The impartial outlook was a benefit to many exercise participants.

"We benefited from the cadre and their inputs," said Tech. Sgt. Anthony Harris, 512th Airlift Wing information management functional manager. "We were able to practice our war-time skills as well as locate and familiarize ourselves with the facilities we will be working out of during the (Operational Readiness Exercise) and ORI. Also, integrating with the 436th (AW) gave us a real-world feel for what we need to tackle for the ORI."

Sharing the knowledge

Many of the participants at the exercise, which was referred to as a fly-away because the trainees actually forward deployed and performed a variety of duties. Those who went on the trip are tasked to take the acquired

knowledge and brief more than 700 Airmen who will deploy for the ORI.

"During (previous) exercises, I spent my whole time in the emergency operations center," said Capt. Aldreon Johnson, 436th Aerial Port Squadron, who manned the logistic readiness squadron's unit control center during the exercise.

The experience allowed him to see a different aspect of crisis management.

As an exercise UCC chief and highest-ranking individual in the facility, he directed a team of Airmen to secure the building, provide battlefield medical care, perform PAR sweeps, and up-channel personnel and operational status information to the EOC.

Fostering a cooperative relationship among all Airmen, who have a vast multitude of functional specialties, is a critical component to create a team mentality and execute any mission.

"By deploying to Alpena, it takes us out of the context of our everyday rhythm to isolate our focus on the war-time training," said Colonel Wydra. "It allows our team to transplant the wing's key processes and servicemembers to forge relationships in an austere location."

Airmen from Tinker Air Force Base, Okla., also assisted Team Dover during the fly-away.

For real-world deployments, servicemembers stationed all over the world deploy to locations



Photo by Master Sgt. Melissa Phillips

Master Sgt. Daniel Schultz (left), 46th Aerial Port Squadron, helps Master Sgt. Louis Camphor, 46th APS, drink water during an exercise March 18 in Alpena, Mich. The "buddy concept" is a life-saving mindset Airmen must adopt to survive in a hostile environment.

and mix together to support the mission. The exercise tests many of the same procedures and processes Airmen use to deploy into a hostile war environment.

Setting the tone

The recent exercise was considered a training opportunity. However, the upcoming ORI is an inspection to test the wing's ability to operate in an austere environment – to carry out the mission against surmounting odds.

In July, inspectors from Air Mobility Command will put the base through its paces. Colonel Wydra said one element more than any other sets the tone for cadre or an inspector.

"I would like to thank everyone for the great attitude they showed the cadre during this exercise," said Colonel Wydra. "For either an exercise or an inspection, the one commonality that inspectors love to see is Airmen who display an enthusiastic and aggressive warfighting attitude! So keep up the great work!"

Maintenance group reservist assists with AFSO 21 overseas

Master Sgt. Veronica A. Aceveda

Editor

Dover Air Force Base maintenance initiatives with Air Force Smart Operations for the 21st Century are making their way to Rota Naval Air Station, Spain, thanks to the efforts of a 512th Airlift Wing reservist.

Senior Master Sgt. Bryan Ford, 512th Maintenance Group, went to Spain in December to work with the 725th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron to jump-start their AFSO 21 program upon the request of the Lt. Col. Gary Grape, the unit's commander.

"At the core of AFSO 21 are continuous process improvement initiatives such as Lean, Six Sigma and others," said Sergeant Ford. "It's a particular way of thinking about, seeing and improving the way work gets done."

During that four-day stint in December, Sergeant Ford taught Colonel Grape's entire executive staff and the majority of his mechanics, about 100 people, on some lessons learned of the AFSO 21 process, including how different units embrace the Lean initiative at different speeds.

The idea for this endeavor came about in August 2006 when Sergeant Ford led a team of 14 reservists on a two-week deployment, supporting an Enroute mission at Rota NAS. Enroute stations such as Rota do not have assigned aircraft but do have a lot of transient aircraft, including planes from Dover AFB. While working there, the deployed team chief said he noticed how their support equipment was located at the opposite end of the flight from where they used it; whereas, at home station the equipment is positioned as close as possible.

Sergeant Ford said he spoke to a quality assurance inspector and the maintenance unit's superintendent about how Dover AFB was using AFSO 21 and Lean principles to identify and eliminate waste in many of its processes.

"As with any new program, the reception was cool at best; but, the foundation for an ongoing relationship had started," he said.

A year later, Sergeant Ford led another team on a similar mission to Rota NAS, but this time he came armed with some educational tools from Dover AFB's AFSO 21 Phase 1 Course, which teaches the basic principles of AFSO 21.

He provided that initial training to a token group of leaders. Unfortunately, he said it appeared they were not equipped to sustain the change, because only a few of their members seemed to be on board with the culture change.

However, he did plant the idea for improvement; and, later that year, the 725th AMXS commander asked the Dover AFSO 21 teacher to assist with the implementation of AFSO 21 at Rota NAS.

"This time was profoundly different," said Sergeant Ford. "I could tell by the interest, they were ready for change."

One of the tenets of Lean transformation is the customer-supplier relationship. In the aircraft maintenance arena, Sergeant Ford said it makes perfect sense to have a relationship with the Enroute stations.

"Everything we do here maintenance-wise is observed by the next



TOP: A 725th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron mechanic built this aeropod airplane as part of an AFSO 21 class on Rota Air Naval Station, Spain. The Phase 1 Course was taught by Senior Master Sgt. Bryan Ford, from the 512th Maintenance Group. He's assisting the overseas unit in implementing Lean initiatives.

BOTTOM: To learn Lean manufacturing concepts under the Air Force Smart Operations for the 21st Century, aircraft mechanics from the 725th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Rota Naval Air Station, Spain, build aeropod airplanes in an assembly line process. Senior Master Sgt. Bryan Ford, 512th Maintenance Group here, assisted the overseas maintenance unit in implementing AFSO21 principles by teaching them the AFSO 21 Phase 1 Course.



Photos by Senior Master Sgt. Bryan Ford

link in the chain at Rota (NAS); they see the direct results of the processes we have here at Dover," he said. "So, it's important for us to exchange information, but we need to speak the same language in a sense -- the Lean language.

"It's intriguing to see how the subtle changes in the way Dover does business can dramatically affect how we maintain and sustain reliability at the enroute location," said Senior Master Sgt. Dan O'Brien, the AFSO 21 program manager at Rota NAS.

Due to the vision and persistence of Sergeant Ford, a ground breaking AFSO 21 alliance between Dover AFB and Rota NAS is underway.

This and other stories in the Liberty Press can be found at www.512aw.afrc.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123091164.

Reservists begin transition from BDUs to ABUs

Senior Airman Andria J. Allmond
Staff writer

Reservist wearing digitally printed sage uniforms are beginning to be seen across Dover AFB. This may incline some to hang up the old Battle Dress Uniforms for the new Airman Battle Uniform before the mandatory wear date of October 2011. To assist Airmen through the transition from the BDU to the ABU, there are several resources available in print, online and via the phone.

According to Air Force Instruction 36-2903, Dress and Personal Appearance of Air Force Personnel, the ABU arrangement includes:

- ABU coat (shirt)
- ABU trouser
- ABU patrol cap
- Desert sand t-shirt
- Desert sand rigger belt
- Sage green boot socks
- Sage green suede boots

The desert sand-colored suede boots are authorized until the ABU mandatory wear date.

ABU t-shirts must be crew neck style and is authorized for wear with the olive drab green and desert flight suits. Desert sand-colored turtle-necks are authorized in cold weather. ABU sleeves may be

rolled per table 2.2 of AFI 36-2903.

Organizational caps are no longer authorized. The ABU patrol cap is the authorized headgear for wear with the ABU.

Aeronautical and chaplain badges are authorized. Duty shields are required for Force Protection and Fire Protection. Occupational badges are optional with all other badges being unauthorized. No patches or command insignias are authorized on the ABU. A name tape, a "U.S. Air Force" tape and rank are required on the ABU coat.

Optional accessories such

as backpacks, briefcases, hydration systems and gym bags should continue to be black, olive drab or Air Force sage green.

Do not starch, hot press or use detergents with optical brighteners. A list of approved laundry detergents can be found on the AF Portal at www.my.af.mil. Click on the Air Force Uniform Program link and then read the talking paper titled, "What does the term 'Optical Brighteners' mean?"

According to the ABU Policy Message, dated September 2007, the ABU sage green boots are authorized for

wear with all utility uniforms - ABU, BDU, Desert Camouflage Uniform, olive drab flight suit and desert tan flight suit. According to the Air Force Personnel Call Center, sock colors for uniform and boot combinations are as follows:

- BDU with black boots wear black socks
- BDU with sage green boots wear sage green socks
- ABU with sage green boots wear sage green socks
- ABU with tan boots wear black or sage green socks

Col. Randal L. Bright, 512th Airlift Wing commander, authorizes the combination of the ABU uniform with the woodland Gore-Tex coat until June 1 in the following circumstances:

- New Airmen who've only been issued ABUs and have received a Gore-Tex coat here.

- When a wing member no longer has a serviceable set of BDUs and is issued ABUs and not an ABU jacket.

Questions pertaining to the ABU wear policy can be directed to the Air Force Personnel Call Center at DSN 665-5000 or toll-free (800) 616-3775. More information including the latest news and frequently asked questions can be found on the Air Force Portal's uniform page.

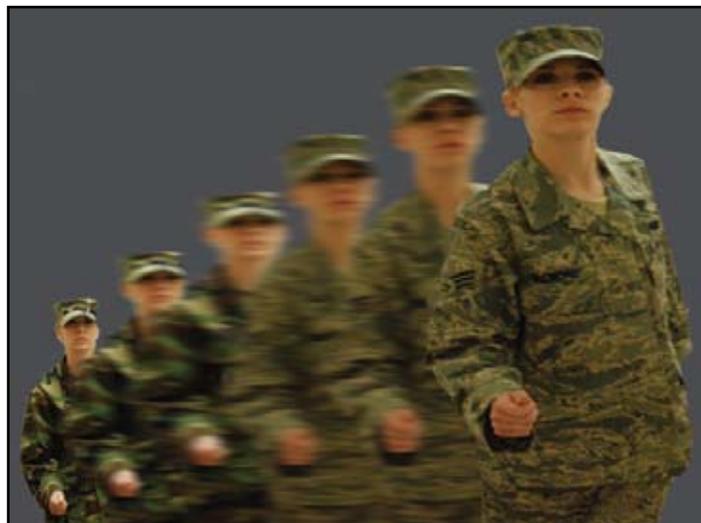


Photo illustration by Staff Sgt. Steve Lewis

There are several resources available to assist reservists who are transitioning from the Battle Dress Uniform to the Airman Battle Uniform before the mandatory wear date of October 2011. A good starting point is the AF Portal.

In Memoriam, Senior Master Sgt. Ronald Harmon



The Liberty Wing family mourns the loss of retired Senior Master Sgt. Ronald Harmon who passed away March 7. Upon his retirement in December, he was a member of the 512th Civil Engineer Squadron.



Around the 512th

Wing reservist saves Air Force \$1 million



Senior Master Sgt. Andrew Calvello of the 512th Maintenance Squadron is a recipient of the 2007 Air Force Productivity Excellence Award for developing a new procedure to replace auxiliary power unit tailpipe assemblies on C-5 aircraft. Officials estimate the idea will save the Air Force more than \$1 million in the first year alone.

Recruiting runners for Marine marathon

Master Sgt. Mitchell Coffey, 709th Airlift Squadron, is recruiting fellow Airmen to run with him in the 33rd Marine Corp Marathon Oct. 26 in Washington D.C. Those interested in joining can contact him at flyingbean777@hotmail.com.

The marathon raises money for the Fisher House Foundation, a nonprofit organization and Combined Federal Campaign charity. Online registration for the 2008 Marine Corps Marathon opens at noon April 30, and the entry fee is \$88. Military participants can register between April 1 and April 28 for a discounted rate of \$80,

For more information on the race, visit www.marinemarathon.com/Marine_Corps_Marathon.htm. To read the complete story log onto <http://www.512aw.afrc.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123090166>.

Free child care available for reservists

The Home Community Care program is designed to provide free child care for all Air Force Reserve members during their scheduled UTA weekends. Dual military parents, single military parents and military parents married to civilian working spouses are eligible to participate. At least one parent must be reporting for training during the time care is being provided. The child care program offers in home care for children 2 weeks to 12 years old in both on-base housing and civilian communities.

Forms are available through the Airman & Family Readiness Office and first sergeants. For more information on the HCC program, call (302) 677-3566.

512th OG hiring 7-level personnelist

The 512th Operations Group command section is looking to fill a 3SO personnelist, 7-level position. This is a mobility position with requirements associated with Personnel Support for Contingency Operations. Interviews, in service dress, are May 17 and 18.

Some of the duties include assisting with the commander's daily UTA operations, tracking personnel participation, conducting personnel training and monitor government travel card transactions.

Interested applicants need to submit a resume, last two performance reports and at least two letters of recommendation no later than May 6 to Capt. Kelly Mount, 512th OG executive officer. She can be reached at (302) 677-3806 or via e-mail at kelly.mount@dover.af.mil.

Air Force Assistance Fund underway

The Air Force Assistance Fund campaign is underway and runs to May 18 here. The 512th Airlift Wing's points of contacts are Capt. Scott Tullis, 709th Airlift Squadron, and Capt. Kelly Mount, 512th Operations Group.

AFAF contributes to the four official Air Force charitable organizations: the Air Force Aid Society, the Air Force Villages Indigent Widows' Fund, the Air Force Enlisted Village Indigent Widows' Fund and the General and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation.

Now in its 35th year, 100 percent of designated contributions will benefit active-duty, Reserve, Guard, retired Air Force people, surviving spouses and families. Contributions can be cash, check, money order or payroll deduction, with all being tax deductible.

For more information, contact the wing POCs or visit <http://ask.afpc.randolph.af.mil/pubaffairs/release/2006/01/AFAF.asp> or <http://afassistancefund.org/>.

Movie line-up for April UTA weekend

The base theater is showing the following movies over the UTA weekend:

- Friday, April 4 at 7:30 p.m., Vantage Point (PG-13)
- Saturday, April 5 at 2 p.m., The Spiderwick Chronicles (PG)
- Saturday, April 5 at 7:30 p.m., The Spiderwick Chronicles (PG)
- Sunday, April 6 at 7:30 p.m., Witless Protection (PG-13)

Bowling alley cafe temporarily closed

The King Pin Cafe in the Eagle Lanes Bowling Center is closed for renovations through April 16. A limited snack bar menu is available and the lanes will remain fully operational for bowling. For more information, call (302) 677-3946.



Photo by Roland Balik

Celebrating Women's History Month

Maj. Dawn Crews-Seams, 512th Airlift Wing executive officer, was one of four guest speakers at the Women's History Month luncheon held at The Landings here March 18. The event recognized some individual achievements and promoted the advancement of women in the workforce. Major Crews-Seams is responsible for executive staff support, policy guidance and interpretation of all matters requiring wing command action.

512th salutes



Newcomers

Maj Joshua Shown
 Capt Gary Edwards
 MSgt John Collum
 TSgt Anthony Bowers
 TSgt Mark Goodnight
 TSgt Johnnie Pope
 TSgt Thomas Vilgos
 SSgt John Bragg
 SSgt Jaqueline DeJesus
 SSgt Travis Graham
 SSgt Clark Jordan
 SSgt Hector Mattos-Torres
 SrA Michael Checkawitz
 SrA Amanda Depue
 SrA Travis Lerol
 A1C Fatima Craft
 Amn Thomas Cook
 Amn Keri Sullivan
 Amn Marcia Triana-Martinez
 AB Darrell Ringgold
 AB Lakena Williams

Promotions

To MSgt

Dale Neuenschwander
 William Timmons

To TSgt

Destiny Donigan
 Brian Kuser
 Jesse Marquardt
 Mark Peters
 Paul Sibbley

Erica Weatherspoon

To SSgt

Christine Devera
 Michelle Geers

To SrA

Joy Minnick

To A1C

Courtney Robinson

Medals



Meritorious

Service Medal
 MSgt William McNatt
Commendation Medal
 Capt John Foran
Achievement Medal
 Maj Justin Greiner

Retirements

Maj Lora Graziosi
 TSgt Steven Lardarello

DE Graduates

Congratulations to the following Developmental Education graduates:
Senior NCO Academy
 MSgt Caroline Atkins
 MSgt Richard Shipley
NCO Academy
 TSgt Eric Staniland
Airman Leadership School
 SrA Nathan Brakel
 SrA Johnathan Bronson
 SrA Patrick Burk
 SrA David Chang

512th MSS welcomes new babies

Senior Master Sgt. Nadine Ritter and Senior Airman Laquita Wilson, both 512th Mission Support Squadron members, became a grandmother and mother, respectively, in February.

Vera Ann Tuxward (right) was born to Harmony Ostram and Kyle Tuxward Feb. 17. The



second granddaughter of Sergeant Ritter weighed 7 pounds, 1 ounce and was 20 and one-half inches.

Jayden Wilson was born Feb. 4 in Norfolk, Va. The first child of Airman Wilson weighed 6 pounds, 15 ounces and was 19 and one-half inches.

Scholastic Achievement

The following individual scored a 90 or higher on a career development course:
 SSgt Daniel Furedi

Happy Anniversary!

The Air Force Reserve celebrates its 60th Anniversary April 14. A ball is scheduled for the fall at the Sheraton.

Two wing maintainers now compete at 22nd AF level

Senior Airman Andria J. Allmond

Staff writer

The 512th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron's operations officer and an aircraft mechanic were recognized Feb. 11 at Team Dover's Maintenance Group Annual Awards Banquet here.

Capt. John Foran, the Reserve Associate Maintenance Officer of the Year, led squadron personnel in launching more than 63,000 tons of cargo in support of Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom. He led teams on two deployments, assisting in the take-off of more than 40 C-5 aircrafts with greater than a 90 percent on-time departure reliability rate. He reduced reportable unit mishaps more than 65 percent by creating awareness with in-house safety spot inspections and revised the unit Employee Safety and Health Record Policy, earning laudatory comments during the 2007 512th Airlift Wing Unit Safety Inspection, said Chief Master Sgt. Fred Eason, 512th AMXS maintenance superintendent chief.

"This is an honor in that we are being rec-

ognized by active duty for our contributions and is indicative of the Team Dover concept," said Captain Foran, who has been in the AF Reserve for seven years.

Tech. Sgt. James Blake, the Reserve Associate Maintenance Technician of the Year, displayed technical skills and managerial expertise as a team leader in the recovery, repair, servicing and launch of numerous C-5 mission aircraft in direct support of Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom. He managed personnel and coordinated cargo uploads during last minute tail swaps to ensure on-time departures of critical mission aircraft. He has amassed more than 500 hours as a flying crew chief, keeping the C-5 mission moving in austere locations throughout the world, said Chief Eason.

"I appreciate my supervisors for putting me in for this award," said Sergeant Blake, who has served 23 years in the Air Force, three of those on active-duty. "It feels great."

Both award winners are currently competing at the 22nd Air Force level.

"These two individuals not only did their

job requirements, they also had additional duties to undertake in squadron safety," said Chief Eason. "Overall, they really went above and beyond all others this year."



Photo by Senior Airman Andria J. Allmond

Capt. John Foran, 512th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, is competing for the Outstanding Reserve Associate Maintenance Award at the 22nd Air Force level. A picture of Tech. Sgt. James Blake, 512th AMXS, who's also competing at 22nd AF can be seen online at www.512aw.afrc.af.mil.

512th Operations Group participates in Exercise Southbound Trooper

Senior Airman Andria J. Allmond
Staff writer

Members of the Liberty Wing's 709th and 326th Airlift Squadrons along with its Airlift Control Flight participated in Exercise Southbound Trooper VIII at Fort Pickett, Va. from Feb. 8 to March 16.

This exercise, performed annually since 2000, prepares Canadian Army reservists from the 36th Canadian Brigade Group for possible mobilization and deployment to Afghanistan.

This year, the exercise simulated peace keeping operations, said Master Sgt. Adam Black, 512th ALCF loadmaster and mission support team chief for the exercise.

Dover's Airmen joined Army companies from Virginia, New Hampshire and North Carolina in the exercise by hauling more than 320 troops and 1 million pounds of cargo back and forth from the U.S. and Canada, said Sergeant Black.

But, the Liberty Wing did more than transport in support of the exercise. Tech. Sgt. Tim Harrington, 512th ALCF loadmaster and ESBT VIII participant, said Liberty Wing members instructed the Army troops about packaging and preparing the cargo for the exercise, including the Humvees, mobility gear and rations.

"With the C-5 there, we cut down on how many mis-



Canadian Army photo by MCpl Lance Wade

Members of the 36th Canadian Brigade Group take up fire positions after dismounting from an U.S. Blackhawk helicopter at Fort Pickett, Va. Feb 17. Exercise Southbound Trooper is the largest single military exercise held annually for Soldiers from the Canadian Reserve unit from Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. The 512th Airlift Wing hauled cargo and troops from Feb. 8 to March 16 in support of this exercise and have done so for the past eight years.

sions were needed to get all the cargo where it needed to go," said Senior Master Sgt. Tim Ward, a 512th Operations Group standardization loadmaster who participated in the exercise. "The (512th Airlift Control Flight) really played a huge role in this exercise. They were involved with all the planning and coordination of troops and cargo. This exercise would not have been nearly as successful without them."

UTA Schedule

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