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ON THE COVER

Team Dover's senior leadership welcomes the base's newest C-17 Globemaster III during a ceremony at the Air Mobility Command Museum Oct. 8. Left to right are Chief Master Sgt. John Wood and Cols. Randal L. Bright and Steven Harrison. Photo by Roland Balik.

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Commander reflects on SAV, holiday season

Col. Randal L. Bright
512th AW commander

Over the October UTA, we had a taste of what we can expect from the Air Force Reserve Command Inspector General in the spring, when they conduct our Unit Compliance Inspection.

The 22nd Air Force Staff Assistance Visit gave us a good review to ensure our programs were compliant and were where they should be to execute our mission. They found several areas of opportunities to improve our compliance rate with Air Force directives and instructions.

This will provide us the chance to excel over the next few months. All programs will be closely scrutinized for compliance, so the Liberty Wing can keep up with the image it has set and is maintaining!

Between this issue of the Liberty Press and the next issue, there are several opportunities to celebrate various holidays. I ask you to take this time to celebrate with family and friends, and be thankful for what we have.

We would not have a nation that allows such freedoms if it were not for folks such as yourselves who answered our nation's call. But, don't forget your family as they too have

“Be
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answered the call to duty just as you did. You and I could not do the jobs we do without the support of our families; to them, we owe a great big thanks for their support.

Take the time to enjoy the Thanksgiving holiday. Be thankful you are home with family and friends; be thankful for our fellow wing members and comrades in arms as they serve in some far away land; and remember, they are unable to be with their families this season.

And, as our last Unit Training Assembly rolls around this year, most units will host some type of holiday celebration. Be a good wingman and watch out for each other, so we can return to our families and civilian employers safely.

Whether you celebrate Christmas, Hanukah, Kwanza or another, take the time to enjoy this festive holiday season, and be ready to get back to it on the January UTA.

Amy and I would like to wish all of you a Happy Thanksgiving, Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year, and we hope you embrace the new year with the same level of vigor you have already shown us.

As always, thank you for the service you provide for our nation, and I'm honored to be your commander.

Mentoring: not just for senior officers, chiefs

Col. Darrell G. Young
512th OG commander

A number of years ago, I found myself in the wing commander's office giving him the latest updates on a project he had given me. Once I completed my report, he suddenly asked me what my career aspirations were and what I thought about some of the recent trends in the Reserve command. I told him what I wanted to do and then launched into an "expert" analysis of recent events.

As I babbled along, it

suddenly struck me that I was taking up the very valuable time of a very busy general officer. Embarrassed, I quickly brought my babblings to a close by saying, "Excuse me sir, I'm sure you have better things to do, so I will get out of your hair." He smiled and said something I will never forget.

"Spending time with younger folks, discussing their career goals is one of my most important jobs. You are the future and helping you get ready is critical to the continued

success of my Air Force."

Since that day, I have tried my best to adopt his philosophy and make mentoring one of my top priorities. We all have very busy schedules, and it's easy to let mentoring fall by the wayside. We can't let that happen. Mentoring is also not just something for generals and colonels.

If you are a young staff sergeant, you should be mentoring young Airmen. If you are a junior major, you should be helping lieutenants and captains. Don't make the

mistake of thinking you have to become a chief or a senior commander before you can make a difference in someone's career.

If you take the time and dedicate yourself to helping others get prepared to take on bigger responsibilities, you will be doing something that is critical to the future of the greatest Air Force in the world. The extra time you take may one day mean the difference in getting the right person in the right spot who will be able to win the fight.

Chief's challenge generates Airman's pride

Senior Airman Andria J. Allmond
Staff writer

During a temporary duty assignment to Warner Robins Air Force Base, Ga., I met "that" guy. You know who he is. He's that individual in the shop who makes everyone else look as physically fit as Jabba-the-Hut on a stair-stepper.

Over the next few months, a challenge made by this seasoned sergeant would re-invent my views on challenging myself, overcoming obstacles and instilling me with a re-newed sense of pride.

Chief Master Sgt. Gregory Koenig, from Hill AFB, Utah, drank his electrolyte-laden liquids, spent lunch at the gym instead of the dining facility and talked training tips instead of office gossip. This guy was "fit to fight."

Now, I on the other hand, was not as fit.

My workouts consisted of a few miles on the treadmill, as long as it didn't ruin my eye make-up. At lunch, I was a regular in the fried-food line of the D-Fac. Also, coming from a family of freakishly-skinny people, running really far without being chased seemed highly unnecessary.

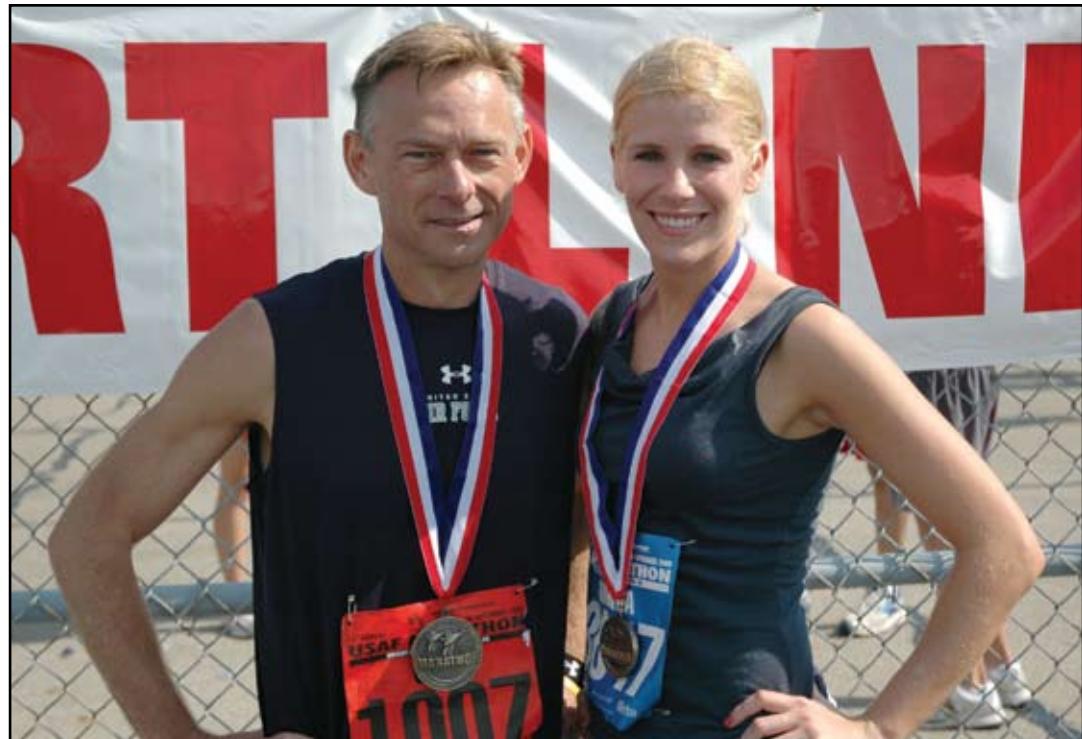
That all ended with a simple challenge from the fit freedom-fighter.

"You're going to run the Air Force Marathon, Airman Allmond."

"Uh, I guess so chief. Yeah, why not?"

From that point, there was no turning back. I had accepted the challenge, and over the next couple of months, I trained.

Pride kept me running when I wanted to give up. It was a sense of pride that filled every



Submitted photo

Senior Airman Andria J. Allmond, 512th Airlift Wing, participated in the half-marathon portion of Air Force Marathon activities Sept. 18 to 20 at Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. She finished the 13.1 miles with a time of 1 hour and 44 minutes, ranking her at 229th out of about 2,500 competitors and 8th in her age group of 25 to 29. Pictured with her following the run is Chief Master Sgt. Gregory Koenig, from Hill AFB, Utah. He inspired Airman Allmond to participate in the event and mentored her during the training phase. His time for the full marathon was 3 hours, 42 minutes.

step I took. Pride was my mantra against the roadblocks life threw in my path to the finish line.

Like many, I am tired after working an 8-to-10-hour day.

The last thing I felt like doing was going for an eight-mile run. This was especially true in Georgia's summertime humidity and down the wind-tunneled side-streets of my hometown Philadelphia.

But, instead of concentrating on my fatigue or other difficulties, I put on my shoes and ran. After a while, the things that seemed so demanding

turned out not to be.

I wasn't as tired as I'd thought. Georgia was hot, but the sweat and challenge of it was invigorating; in Philly, running into the unrelenting wind made me stronger.

However, when I returned from my TDY and regained all of my family responsibilities, finding time to train was tricky. At first, I wasn't sure how I was going to make dinner after work, help my daughter with her homework,

clean up after my family, get myself ready for work the next

day and still train.

I found a way to do it. Sometimes this meant preparing dinners the night before, teaching my daughter how to find homework-help on the Internet, getting up at 5 a.m. to run before work and calling on my family to help out a little more around the house. Still, I ran.

After crossing the finish line of the half-marathon at the Air Force Marathon Sept. 20 at Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio, I knew it was pride that made my accomplishment possible. And, all of this stemmed from accepting a challenge and then figuring out how to accomplish it.

"So, how did you do, Airman Allmond."

"I did good chief, but next year I'm gonna win my age group."

I guess I better start running.

Did you know?

- The oldest person ever to run the marathon was 82 years old and finished in 5:37:20.
- The fastest runner from the marathon's host location, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, finished in 2:45:33.
- The marathon has attracted runners from 8 countries and all 50 states.

www.usafmarathon.com

New senior Reserve recruiter comes full circle

Senior Airman Sasha S. Skrine

Staff writer

Paying it forward is one of the many philosophies Senior Master Sgt. Michael DiLorenzo, the new senior Reserve recruiter here, holds close to his heart.

Sergeant DiLorenzo, a Florida native, began his Air Force career more than two decades ago at 22 when he enlisted into active duty and was stationed at Dover as a C-5 crew chief. In 1996, Sergeant DiLorenzo worked with C-130s at Elmendorf Air Force Base, Ala.

In the late 1990s, Sergeant DiLorenzo left active duty and moved back to Dover with his wife and three children. With a family to support and a void in his life that the camaraderie of the military once filled, Sergeant DiLorenzo turned to a long-time friend and mentor at Dover. This mentor introduced him to the Air Force Reserve.

"After a year out of the military, I really missed it, especially the warmth and sense of community I felt when I was stationed at Dover," said Sergeant DiLorenzo.

Shortly thereafter, he joined the Reserve as a sheet metal apprentice for the 512th Airlift Wing, where he was supervised by Senior Master Sgt. Joe Haney, 512th Maintenance Squadron superintendent.

"Mike was always looking for a challenge, and once he mastered something he was ready to get to the next one," said Sergeant Haney. "It was obvious that he was a natural fit for a recruiter position, so I was not surprised and knew he would excel at that or whatever he chose to do for that matter."

Several months later, he was offered an Air Reserve Technician position, which he held until 2002 when he was accepted to the Recruiting School at Lackland AFB, Texas.

"I wanted to become a recruiter, because there are a lot of young people out there looking for direction, and the Reserve has always

“My priority is not meeting a quota but ensuring the recruiters find the most qualified candidates.”

Senior Master Sgt. Michael DiLorenzo
512th Airlift Wing senior recruiter



RECRUITING GOAL ACHIEVED:

8000!

AUG. 28, 2008 • 12:38 P.M.

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For the eighth consecutive year, Air Force Reserve Command met and eclipsed its annual recruiting goal. Reserve recruiters across the country and around the world tallied the 8,000 mark at 12:38 p.m., Eastern time on Aug. 28.

been good to me," said Sergeant DiLorenzo.

Upon completion of the six-week course, Sergeant DiLorenzo returned to Dover and served as a recruiter for the Liberty Wing, later transferring to the 459th Air Refueling Wing at Andrews AFB, Md.

After a year of commuting back and forth from Dover to Andrews AFB, Sergeant DiLorenzo took a position working for Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command before returning to Dover, where he assumed the senior recruiter position this past August.

"My priority is not meeting a quota but ensuring the recruiters find the most qualified candidates," said Sergeant DiLorenzo, who supervises six recruiters located from Newark, Del. to Norfolk, Va.

He said, he uses his vast knowledge of Dover and the Reserve along with the Air Force core value of integrity to motivate his recruiters.

"One of the first things I learned when I joined the Air Force was the importance of honesty," said Sergeant DiLorenzo.

Providing potential recruits with as much information as possible, and being completely honest with them and their families is a key practice in all of his recruiting offices, he said.

The 512th AW Recruiting Office is also looking to expand their recruitment team.

"Over the next two years, the Reserve will bring in more than 100 new recruiters," said Sergeant DiLorenzo.

For more information, call the recruiting office at (302) 677-6912.

The Gift of Life: Reservist donates kidney to fiancé

Capt. Marnee A.C. Losurdo

Chief, Public Affairs

Master Sgt. Laura Perry gave her heart to her fiancé in 2005 after a chance meeting at the NCO Club on Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. Little did she know almost four years later she would give him the gift of life.

Laura, an Air Reserve Technician with the 512th Civil Engineer Squadron here, donated her kidney to her fiancé and fellow squadron member Staff Sgt. Mark Shortt Sept. 22.

In August



Master Sgt. Laura Perry, an Air Reserve Technician with the 512th Civil Engineer Squadron, donated one of her kidneys to her fiancé and fellow squadron member Staff Sgt. Mark Shortt Sept. 22 at Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore,

Md. In August 2007, Sergeant Shortt was diagnosed with acute renal failure, meaning his kidneys lost the ability to filter waste products from the blood and regulate the body's fluid balance.

2007, Sergeant Shortt was diagnosed with acute renal failure, meaning his kidneys lost the ability to filter waste products from the blood and regulate the body's fluid balance. Sergeant Shortt said the doctors suspected he contracted a viral antibody, which attacked both his kidneys.

It was then Laura said she would donate her kidney if she was a match.

When paths cross

"Mark and I feel God brought us together for a reason, and my being able to donate my kidney to him was meant to be," said Laura, who was assigned to Westover Air Reserve Base, Mass., when she met Mark.

She was on temporary duty while he was attending technical school at Lackland AFB. After an 18-year hiatus from the U.S. Navy, Mark joined the 512th Airlift Wing in December 2003.

Their 2005 meeting sparked a long-distance relationship, and she took an ART position here about two years later. In June 2007, they purchased a home in Dover.

"We felt on top of the world," said Laura. "Everything was going great."

However, that quickly changed three months later.

Mark, on orders, woke up Aug. 23, 2007, and said he felt like his stomach was on fire. He immediately called the 436th Medical Group, and they gave him a blood test. The next day, he was told he needed dialysis, a treatment that passes the patient's blood through a special machine to remove waste and excess body fluids.

"I was hurt," said Mark,

recalling the initial shock.

"I couldn't believe it was happening to me."

But, Mark wasn't the only one hurting.

"I was so



Photo by Capt. Marnee A.C. Losurdo

upset; I cried every day for a while," said Laura.

Their hope, their dreams and life together depended on a kidney transplant.

There are two types of kidney transplants: those that come from living donors and those that come from donors who have died.

Shortly after his diagnosis, Laura and several of her and Mark's family members, friends and squadron members submitted test kits to John Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Md., which screened their blood for a potential match.

Three weeks after submitting her kit, Laura had her answer.

"It was a very happy day," said Laura, who in January 2008 underwent more extensive medical testing, which is required to be officially approved as a donor.

A new outlook

When faced with death, one's outlook can change dramatically, causing a person to empathize with others who are in a similar situation. This was the case for Mark. Prior to his diagnosis, he said he would've never considered donating an organ.

"Until this happened to me, my thoughts on organ donations were, 'I came into the world with them, and I was going to leave with them,'" he said.

But now, due to his experience, he said he understands the need for these donations.

"I wouldn't wish this on my worst enemy," he said. "Everybody should be willing to at least think about [being an organ donor]," he said.

In the United States, more than 100,000

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Staff Sgt. Mark Shortt
512th Civil Engineer Squadron
supply technician

Following a kidney transplant Sept. 22 at Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Md., Staff Sgt. Mark Shortt, a supply technician with the 512th Civil Engineer Squadron here, must now take medication for the rest of his life. He currently takes 15 medications six times a day.

patients are in need of an organ transplant and each month 4,000 people are added to the list, according to the National Kidney Foundation. Because of the lack of available donors, thousands die each year awaiting an organ transplant.

The kidney is the most commonly transplanted organ, according to the United Network for Organ Sharing. In fact, more than 400,000 people in the United States are being treated for kidney failure.

For Laura, it wasn't a matter of thinking about it; she said it was a matter of how fast she could make it happen.

"I was the one who saw what this was doing to him on a daily basis," said Laura, who was taking care of Mark and working full-time on base.

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Special Thanks

Staff Sgt. Mark Shortt and Master Sgt. Laura Perry thank their family members, friends and neighbors for their care and assistance over the past two years.

A special thanks is extended to their neighbors Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bryan, and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Taylor and to 436th Medical Group members Dr. Elizabeth Cerva, Terry Scott and Senior Airman Brian Freeman.

They also thank the following 512th Airlift Wing members and units:

- Col. Randal L. Bright
- Col. Elaine K. Barron
- Margaret Whitman
- Lt. Col. Stephen Blalock
- Maj. Cheryl Pavic
- Chief Master Sgt. Peter Vielandi
- Master Sgt. David Guenthner
- Master Sgt. Peggy Altman
- Tech. Sgt. Paul Sibley and Mrs. Sibley
- 512th Civil Engineer Squadron
- 512th Mission Support Squadron

up to 7 pounds in fluid each time, leaving him exhausted from the experience.

"People say I'm a hero, yeah, maybe," said Laura, wiping a tear from her eye. "All I know is it's gratifying to be able to help somebody, especially after what he's been through."

The surgery

Originally, their surgery was scheduled for May 12 at Johns Hopkins; however, it had to be pushed back twice due to a blood infection Mark contracted from dialysis. Following recovery from his illness, their surgery was rescheduled to September.

The kidney transplant at Johns Hopkins took about four hours. Laura underwent surgery first; Mark followed 45 minutes later. They were released six days after the surgery.

As for the healing process, Sergeant Shortt said they both experienced a lot of pain immediately after the operation. However, compared to before, he feels 100 percent better.

He said he's free from dialysis, has fewer restrictions on diet and activities and has a lot more energy.

Sergeant Perry is scheduled to return to work on base in November. Mark, who has 20 years of truck driving experience, is not slated to return to his job at B.F. Rich in Newark, Del., or to his military career here



Photo by Capt. Marnee A.C. Losurdo

Staff Sgt. Mark Shortt, and Master Sgt. Laura Perry, with the 512th Civil Engineer Squadron, are recovering from their surgery. Sergeant Perry is scheduled to return to work in November and Sergeant Shortt is not slated to return to his civilian or military job due to his condition.

as a supply technician due to his condition.

Threat of rejection

Although he feels better, he has a long road ahead of him and no guarantees.

"This is a life-time illness. I'll be on medication for the rest of my life," said Mark, who takes 15 medications six times a day.

People who undergo a kidney transplant may reject the new organ. One's immune system sees the new kidney as a foreign substance and tries to destroy it. To prevent this, kidney transplant recipients have to take medicines to suppress their immune response. While the treatment helps prevent organ rejection, it also puts him at a higher risk of infection and cancer.

Despite the challenges of the past couple of years, Mark and Laura said they have learned from the experience and count their blessings.

"We don't know how we would have afforded it, if not for the Air Force's support," said Laura. "The surgery was almost \$500,000; it costs \$1,300 for one of his three anti-rejection drugs; one four-hour session of dialysis costs \$4,000; and, he had it done three times a week."

They also had the support of family, friends, neighbors and co-workers throughout their tribulations.

"There are so many people we'd like to thank," said Mark, who mentioned a range of people from their family and the Johns Hopkins medical staff to the 512th Airlift Wing members and its leadership.

Living for the day

Reflecting on his experience, Mark said he now lives every day as if it were his last.

"I'm not going to take anything for granted. I'm going to cherish everything, try to accomplish the most I can every day ... no more putting off until tomorrow what I can do today," he said, glancing affectionately towards Laura, gently squeezing her hand. "It says a lot about a person to do what Laura has done for me, and, I'm going to take care of her and love her."

While they still haven't set a date for their wedding, they said, they now feel more a part of each other than most married people.

"We love one another very much and believe our love and faith in God will see us through," said Laura. "And, we'll be able to live a long and happy life with one another."

Old is New

326th Airlift Squadron traces history to make updates to patch

Staff Sgt. Steve Lewis

Staff writer

Old is new again for members of the 326th Airlift Squadron. In June, the former squadron patches on their flight suits were replaced with ones originally worn in 1944.

In October 2006, the Air Force chief of staff asked major command historical operations and the Air Force Historical Agency to review units Air Force-wide to ensure current emblem designs were consistent with what's on file at The Institute of Heraldry. Once Air Force Reserve Command's portion of the review was complete in September 2007, the 326th AS was

identified among other Reserve units to be wearing unauthorized patches.

The squadron quickly began work to correct their patch and bring the design back to its original standards. Two 326th AS members, Capt. Lawrence Dingler and Senior Master Sgt. Kathleen Lambert, volunteered to take on the endeavor.

"We got involved, because we saw something that needed to be done," said Sergeant Lambert. "We didn't want to lose part of our heritage."

The original emblem, which featured a C-47 ridden by Disney cartoon character Max Hare has been updated numerous times since the 326th AS was first constituted in 1944 as the 1st Combat Squadron.

"Walt Disney originally designed the patch for the 1st Combat Squadron," said Captain Dingler.

He said there are very few patches existing today that have been designed by Disney.

"That's what makes this patch so special," said Captain Dingler. "It's exclusive."

Tracing their roots back to the squadron's constitution, Captain Dingler and Sergeant Lambert found out the first patch was approved

in July 1944. The then 1st Combat Squadron wore the badge while they flew C-47s during airlift missions in World War II. Flying over The Hump,

or the nickname given for the eastern end of the Himalayan Mountain, the squadron helped transport troops and supplies to bases in China and India.

In order to bring the patch back to its original design and correct the errors found during the emblem review, Captain Dingler and Sergeant Lambert worked for over a year, but they weren't alone. Along with using specifications from an Air Force Instruction on organizational heraldry, they also had the help of AFRC's Director of Historical Services.

"The redesign had to be exactly set to Air Force standards," said Captain Dingler. "It was hard finding a manufacturer to work with the specifications."

Once the work was finished and approvals were reached, the patches arrived at the squadron in June.

"There was a bad reaction in the squadron at first," said Captain Dingler. "Everyone had opinions just because of change."

From the original pen and ink drawing to a final manufactured product, Captain Dingler and Sergeant Lambert said they were both happy to retain the squadron's heritage with the new patch.

"One thing's for sure," said Sergeant Lambert, "we are correct to Air Force specifications."

The 326th Airlift Squadron, tracing its history to the 1st Combat Squadron, returned to their original patch, left, which was worn in 1944. Walt Disney originally designed the patch, featuring Disney cartoon character Max Hare, for the 1st Combat Squadron, which flew C-47s during World War II. The patch at the top right is the modified version and was found to be unauthorized after an Air Force review.



a Family AFFAIRE

Retirement ceremony marks end of family tradition

Staff Sgt. Steve Lewis

Staff writer

When a child loses a parent at an early age, many times, a grandparent steps in to provide care and guidance.

This is the case for one 512th Airlift Wing reservist who found support at the age of 15 in the loving arms of "Mama Lucy" Minnick when his mother died of cancer.

Senior Master Sgt. Kevin Beasley, 512th Logistics Readiness Flight, said his grandmother was always there to take care of him and his brother.

"She would take two buses from Capitol Hill just to make sure we got to school," said Sergeant Beasley, who grew up in Washington D.C., before joining the Air Force.

With 28 years of combined service in both the active duty and the Reserve, Sergeant Beasley is retiring in December. His grandmother, who's now 98, is making the trip from D.C. to Dover Air Force Base to witness her grandson's final day as an Air Force reservist at his ceremony.

"She was very proud of me when I joined the Air Force," said Sergeant Beasley. "You can't put a price tag on the support she gave me," he said.

In 1980, Sergeant Beasley pursued a family tradition of military service and



Senior Master Sgt. Kevin Beasley (left), 512th Civil Engineer Squadron, and his brother were raised by his grandmother Lucy Minnick when his mother died of cancer.

joined the active-duty Air Force. Ms. Minnick's two sons were previously in the Air Force and Sergeant Beasley wanted to follow in the footsteps of his uncles.

During almost eight years as an information management specialist, Sergeant Beasley went on deployments to Turkey and Saudi Arabia. In 1988, he left active duty for the Reserve, joining the ranks of the 512th AW.

While part of the wing's logistics unit, Sergeant Beasley worked in inventory management and as a supply chief. He was activated twice, for Operation Desert Storm and Operation Enduring

Freedom.

"By the time I was called up for Enduring Freedom, my grandmother wanted me to get out of the Air Force," said Sergeant Beasley. "She was afraid I was going to be sent to Iraq."

"I felt nervous and always prayed," said Ms. Minnick. "Eventually, it was all right."

During his active-duty time, Sergeant Beasley said he kept in constant contact with his grandmother.

"I always looked to her for advice," said Sergeant Beasley. "She gave me guidance on how to treat people," he added, recalling his experiences as a supervisor.

With all the support his grandmother gave him, Sergeant Beasley said he wanted to make a career out the Air Force in honor of his two uncles who couldn't finish.

So far, the only military function Ms. Minnick has ever attended was the burial of her son Vannie Minnick in Arlington National Cemetery, Va. While serving on active duty at Lackland AFB, Texas, Vannie died in an automobile accident.

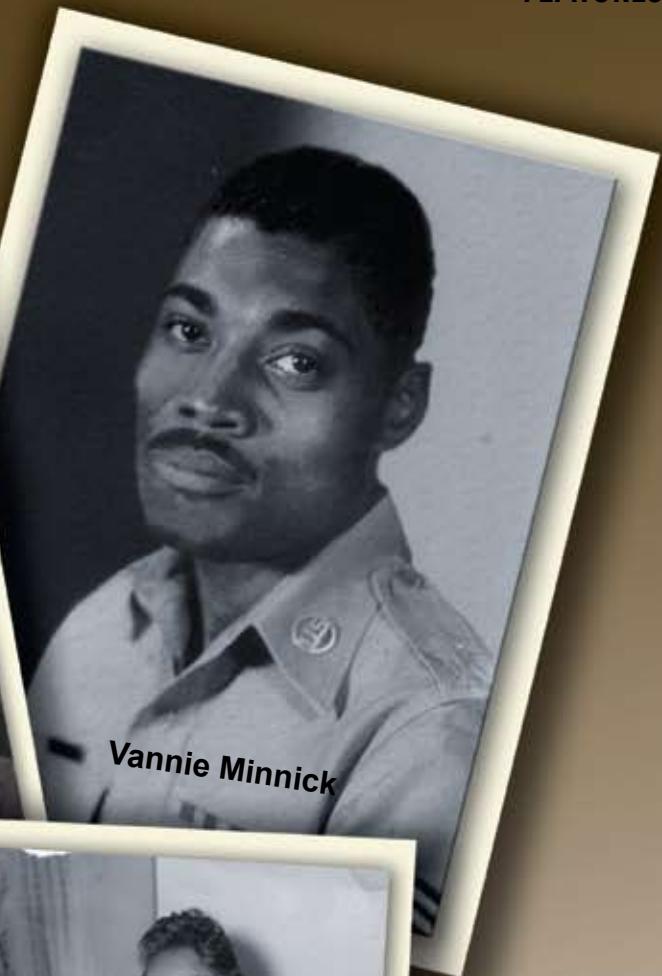
"That was the worst time in my life when he died," said Ms. Minnick.

She said she was extremely hurt when the government notified her about Vannie's death.

Shortly after a term of enlistment in the Air Force, Ms. Minnick's other son,



Clyde Minnick



Clyde, died from cancer.

Sergeant Beasley said he's glad to have his grandmother see him retire after all she's been through with his uncles.

"I'm proud I am able to finish the job that they couldn't," he said.

As for his retirement plans, Sergeant Beasley said he's happy to have more weekends available to spend time with his family, especially his grandmother.

After the 28 years Sergeant Beasley completed in the Air Force, Ms. Minnick said she's glad to have more time to be with her grandson.

"I'm proud that he stayed in," she said. "And, I thank God for bringing Kevin through without danger."

Sergeant Beasley's retirement ceremony Dec. 6 marks only the second Air Force function his grandmother will have ever been to. This day will complete a family tradition of military service more than 50 years in the making.

Pictured left is Lucy Minnick, who began caring for her grandson Senior Master Sgt. Kevin Beasley, 512th Civil Engineer Squadron, after his mother died from cancer. After having lost two sons, Clyde Minnick, left, and Vannie Minnick, top right, who had also both served in the Air Force, Ms. Minnick, age 98, will make the trek to Dover Air Force Base Dec. 6 to see her grandson Sergeant Beasley retire.

Spirit of **Delaware**

Dover receives final C-17

Staff Sgt. Chad Padgett
436th Public Affairs

On Oct. 8 civilians, reservists and active-duty service members gathered at the Air Mobility Command Museum to welcome Dover's newest and final C-17 Globemaster III aircraft, named The Spirit of Delaware.

With two full sets of bleachers and a 20 foot tall American flag waving in the background, the audience applauded as the C-17 flew over the crowd and dipped its wing to them.

Another C-17 then displayed some of the aircraft's capabilities including a high speed pass, steep banking turns and a short runway landing.

With the American, Delaware and Air Force flags waving on top of the aircraft, Gen. Arthur Lichte, AMC commander, taxied the aircraft within feet of the crowd.

Col. Steven Harrison, 436th Airlift Wing commander, Col. Randal Bright, 512th AW commander, and Chief Master Sgt. John Wood, 436th AW command chief, greeted General Lichte and Chief Master Sgt. Joseph Barron, AMC command chief. They then took the stage with Jean Chamberlain, Boeing vice president and C-17 program manager, Sen. Thomas R. Carper, Rep. Michael N. Castle and Lt. Gov. John C. Carney Jr.

"You can see the rich mobility heritage we have ... and you can see the opportunity for a strong future delivered on the wings of C-17s," said General Lichte. "The Globemaster III can do it all and then some. Since the arrival of the first Globemaster III, the Eagle Wing and the Liberty Wing have wasted no time showcasing the total force strength of (Air Mobility Command)."

"It's the enlisted men and women who really form the backbone of our command and our United States Air Force."

Mrs. Chamberlain presented General Lichte with a large key representing responsibility for the aircraft. He then entrusted the key to Tech. Sgt. Glenn Bull, 736th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron C-17 dedicated crew chief.

"Our fleet of C-17s and the men and women who fly, maintain and support them have made, and continue to make, an extraordinary impact on world events," said Colonel Harrison. "Virtually, any time of the day or night, our fleet of C-17s and C-5s are saving lives and delivering freedom in Afghanistan, Iraq and anywhere our nation calls. I think it's poetic that when we enter some of the toughest neighborhoods on the planet, it will be with the Spirit of Delaware."





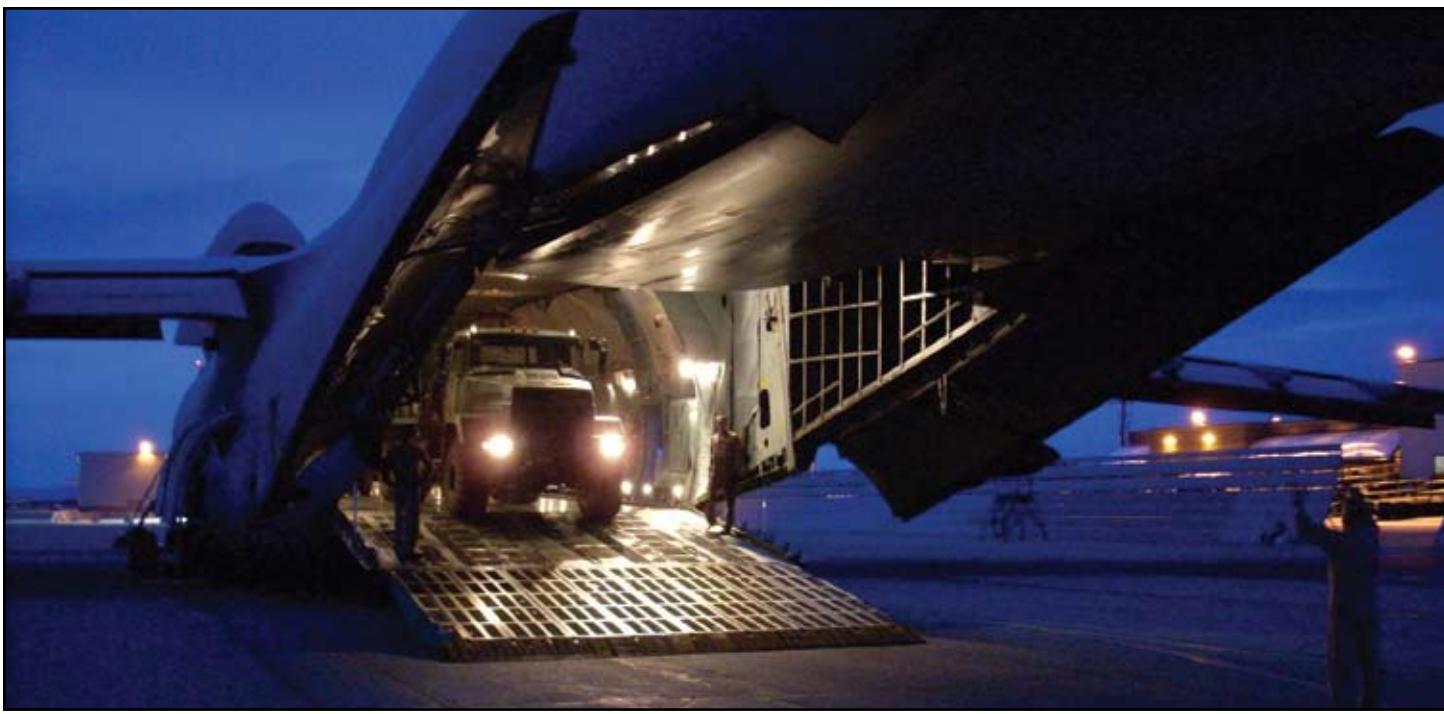
Photos by Roland Balik



ABOVE: The Spirit of Delaware, Dover's 13th and final C-17 Globemaster III, arrives at the Air Mobility Command Museum Oct. 8. Gen. Arthur Lichte, commander of Air Mobility Command, served as the delivery official for Dover's last assigned C-17 Globemaster III.

FAR LEFT: Tech. Sgt. Larry Fetzer, a 712th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron crew chief, marshals in Dover's 13th and final C-17 Globemaster III before a crowd of hundreds, gathered at the Air Mobility Command Museum Oct. 8

LEFT: General Arthur Lichte, Commander of Air Mobility Command, speaks to the audience during The Spirit of Delaware's arrival ceremony at the AMC Museum Oct. 8.



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The 512th Airlift Control Flight assists a New York Air National Guard crew with the second of three C-5 downloads,

designated to deliver a Russian radar system to Eielson Air Force Base, Ala., in support of Red Flag Alaska Sept. 11-21.

512th ALCF supports Red Flag-Alaska

Senior Airman Andria J. Allmond

Staff writer

Nine members of the 512th Airlift Control Flight aided in delivering Russian radar equipment to this year's Red Flag-Alaska Sept. 11-21.

For 33 years, RF-A, a series of Pacific Air Force exercises for U.S. forces, has provided training for military aircrew in a mock-war, combat-replicated environment. These exercises are conducted on the Pacific Alaskan Range Complex with air operations flown out of Eielson and Elmendorf Air Force Bases, Ala.

The team of Liberty Wing Airmen were split into two groups. One faction was located in Kyiv, Ukraine, preparing and loading the radar apparatus to be shipped; the other company was in Alaska to unload the equipment, said Master Sgt. Sean Pyne, 512th ALCF loadmaster for the RF-A mission.

The 512th ALCF component of RF-A was responsible for weighing the radar equipment, loading and unloading, and supplying regulation expertise for the three C-5s used to transport the massive loads. They were based out of Tennessee, New York and California.

"A single load encompassed the entire length of the C-5, which is 145 feet long," said Sergeant Pyne. "We were also at the maximum capacity weight for take-off [769,000 pounds]."

The airlifted load not only pushed the aircraft's limits in size and weight, it also clocked an increase in work-hours for the loadmasters.

"An average load takes one to one-and-a-half hours," said Staff Sgt. Jeremy Hanlon, 512th Operations Group command post and former loadmaster for RF-A. "For this mission, each load averaged four to five hours. We had to use a lot of shoring, [wood planks used to increase or decrease the pitch while loading items into the aircraft because the equipment was so large.]"

The 512th ALCF members who participated in this mission are: Senior Master Sgt. Scott Wilson, Master Sgts. Adam Black, David Ginter and Sean Pyne, Tech. Sgts. Bud Gillespie, Rich Greco and Valerie Harwood and Staff Sgts. Jeremy Hanlon and Julietta Ortiz.



Submitted photo

The 512th Airlift Control Flight downloads a section of a Russian radar unit at Eielson Air Force Base, Ala., Sept. 16 in support of Red Flag-Alaska. The nine-person team from Dover was tasked with the planning, uploading and downloading of three separate C-5 cargo loads.

326th AS flies base's first Capstone mission

Senior Airman Andria J.

Allmond

Staff writer

Members of the 326th Airlift Squadron participated in a Capstone mission Aug. 2-16, marking the first time Dover Air Force Base has been tasked for support in the program's 26-year history.

The Capstone program is an education course designed for general officers of all military branches. This program is a five-week tutorial course which trains individuals on effective planning and employment of U.S. forces. During the course, participants are educated on major issues affecting national security with key allied nations.

After the classroom education, the students break up into three groups of 15 and attend a "field trip" to put these theories into practice by visiting major U.S. military commands, stateside and abroad. One of these groups was slated to go to sub-Saharan Africa. The "driver" for this Africa Command cadre was a 512th Airlift Wing aicrew.

The Capstone mission crew was composed of Maj. Chagaris, aircraft commander, Lt. Col Kevin Higginbotham, mission commander, Lt. Col. Jeff Miller and Capt. Lawrence Dingler, pilots, and Senior Master Sgt. Kathleen Lambert, Master Sgt. Dan Caldwell and Senior Airman J.R. Moyer, all loadmasters.

"We did everything to make traveling on the C-17 comfortable for the generals. We set up litters for them to rest on, brewed fresh coffee and had nonperishable snacks at their disposal," said Major Chagaris, 326th AS pilot and aircraft commander for the Capstone mission. "We kept everything extra clean and on-time. The general officers really appreciated what the crew did to keep them content."

Major Chagaris credits the loadmasters for the mission's success.

"At first, there is the fear of the unknown, since we had never done this mission," said Sergeant Lambert, 326th AS loadmaster. "You never know what's going to go down. After a while though, we were talking with them, and they were really interested in who we were personally."

Despite this being Dover's first Capstone mission, Major Chagaris declared it a success.

"The 512th (Airlift Wing) and 326th (Airlift Squadron) were represented well. We set a new standard of comfort in a mission normally accomplished by the KC-10 but with C-17 reliability," said Major Chagaris. "This was especially important due to the high visibility of the mission, having that many (distinguished visitors). It's one of those things where you can shine or go down in flames, and we brought it."



Submitted photo

Members of the 326th Airlift Squadron convoyed general officers throughout sub-Saharan Africa in support of the Capstone program Aug. 2-16. The crew was invited to the

U.S. embassy in Mauritania, where they presented U.S. Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Mauritania Mark Boulware (pictured left of center) with a squadron coin.

Every Monday Airmen wear blues

Airmen are now required to wear a combination of the blues uniform on Mondays. The policy is mandatory for most career fields, with installation commanders retaining the authority to adjust for mission requirements.

For those work environments where the wear of the blue uniform is not conducive to accomplishing the mission, an authorized utility uniform is permitted to be worn, according to the Uniform of the Day Guidance Letter, signed Sept. 23 by Col. Steven B. Harrison, 436th Airlift Wing commander. The letter also states members should wear the blue uniform unless actively conducting duties that prohibits its wear. Commanders will determine individuals exempted from this policy, and organizations require base commander or base vice commander approval. (*Courtesy AFPN, 512th PA*)

Heritage coat decision deferred

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton A. Schwartz decided to defer a decision on the Air Force heritage coat until the summer of 2009 to address current uniform issues.

A few of the uniform concerns the service will look at are a lighter-weight ABU for hot-weather climates, better-fitting PT clothing and a quieter material for the warm-up jacket and pants. The Air Force also wants to get the ABU boot right as the quality of boots is important to today's expeditionary Air Force. For more information, read the full story at www.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123112993.

Airmen share info via new blog

In an effort to open up online conversations with Airmen, families and the public, AF officials launched a new blog called Air Force Live. It's an official presence in the blogosphere which will offer perspectives and news products different than those currently offered on the Air Force's public Web site. However, due to local firewall restrictions, some Airmen may not be able to access the blog from on base. The blog is located at www.airforcelive.blogspot.com. For more information, read the full story at www.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123115047.

Fill out Air Force Climate Survey

The deadline to fill out the 2008 Air Force Climate Survey is Dec. 6. This survey is designed to assess the opinions of the Air Force's personnel on a wide range of topics. For more information, read the full story at www.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123115301.

**Air Force halts wing reorganization**

Air Force leaders halted plans to perform a global wing restructure which was designed to realign fighter, bomber and rescue airlift maintenance units into flying squadrons.

Maintenance and flying squadrons will remain separate and will continue doing business "as they have for the past four or five years," said Lt. Gen. Kevin Sullivan, deputy chief of staff for logistics, installations and mission support at the Pentagon.

"I believe there are two main reasons for this decision," he said. "First, there was senior leader consensus that our maintenance personnel will be better able to maintain and hone their core competencies if they are led by maintenance professionals up through the group level. Second, there was also consensus that it's important to reduce the amount of turmoil and change within the Air Force at this time. Not implementing the global wing restructure will help provide that stability we're looking for."

Units across the Air Force were directed last December to implement the merge of maintenance and operations between July 1 and Nov. 30. However, acting Secretary of the Air Force Michael B. Donley directed a delay to have an opportunity to discuss the appropriateness and timeliness of these changes with Air Force leaders. At an Aug. 27 summit, it was a major topic of discussion.

"The original idea driving the wing restructure was to improve knowledge, understanding and interoperability between ops and maintenance," said General Sullivan, "and while the merge will no longer happen, we still plan to offer the training we developed to facilitate implementation of the new wing structure as a continuing means to improve the ops-maintenance interface. We're also looking at other ways to strengthen that ops - maintenance bond within the existing wing structure."

The general said he appreciates the people who worked so hard to gear up for the wing restructuring.

"We started from a standing start in December of 07, and everything was ready to go by July of 08" he said. "I don't think there's ever been a major reorganization so fully planned and coordinated any faster. In addition, I believe all the planning, all the discussions and debate that occurred during that process were good for our Air Force. It forced us to look at areas to improve, how to build better teamwork, and we can leverage what we learned in the existing organizational framework as well." (*Courtesy Air Force Print News*)

ART spouses eligible for priority placement

One benefit for Air Reserve Technicians is the priority referral and subsequently hiring of their spouse.

The Department of Defense Priority Placement Program allows for the systematic referral of eligible DOD employees whose Air Force appropriated-fund civilian sponsor is involved in a permanent change of station.

Eligible spouses may register in the Civilian Spouse Placement Program, which is similar to the Military Spouse Program for spouses of military members in the regular Air Force.

To be eligible, the government must pay the sponsors' travel expenses and the spouse must be on the sponsor's travel orders.

The spouse must be a current federal employee without time limitation in the competitive service with career or career-conditional status or in the excepted service (with or without personal competitive status).

Spouses may enroll in the program for up to one year and must register at the sponsor's new Air Force duty location within 30 calendar days of arrival.

People in the Priority Placement Program are registered and referred in one of three priority orders.

Priorities 1 and 2 include those employees who are adversely affected through no fault of their own such as a reduction in force.

People in the Civilian Spouse Program are registered and referred as Priority 3 registrants. Therefore, a civilian spouse is referred after all Priority 1 and 2 registrants are "cleared."

More detailed information is available at local civilian personnel flights. (*Courtesy Air Force Reserve Command*)

AF Reserve to test force support squadron concept

In October, Air Force Reserve Command began testing a new force support structure by merging mission support squadrons and services squadrons at seven locations throughout the United States.

In the test, which will run for one year, the affected units will merge manpower and personnel functions with services. Combining these services in one organization is designed to streamline processes, maximize customer service and cut costs associated with maintaining separate organizations. After the one-year test ends, AFRC officials will determine how to implement force support squadrons for the entire command. For more information, read the full story at www.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123113758.



U.S. Air Force photo

Oct. 13 airpower summary: C-5s resupply coalition forces

A C-5 Galaxy, assigned to Dover Air Force Base, lands at an air base in Southwest Asia. Coalition aircraft flew more than 120 airlift sorties; delivered 300 tons of cargo and more than 3,400 passengers were transported Oct. 13. This included approximately 24,000 pounds of troop resupply air-dropped in Afghanistan.

Civilian News

New benefit courses for civilians

Three new online courses for federal civilian employees offer training in the benefits-related areas of retirement, financial planning and new-employee orientation. The training is available on the Web-based automated Employee Benefits Information System. For more information, read the full story at www.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123114596.

Complete No Fear training

The Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002, also known as the No Fear Act, requires civilian employees (including managers and supervisors of civilians) be trained about their rights under the Antidiscrimination and Whistleblower/Retaliation laws every two years. Completion of this training is required by Dec. 1. The online course takes about 30 minutes. Personnel without Internet access can schedule training with the base equal opportunity office by calling (302) 677-3743. The No Fear Training Course can be found at <https://golearn.csd.disa.mil>.

Expeditionary civilian force

Defense Department officials are moving forward with setting up a global expeditionary force for civilian employees.

As the coalition works to help the Iraqi and Afghan governments to develop their defense ministries, more civilians are needed to serve as advisors to their counterparts, said Patricia Bradshaw, deputy undersecretary of defense for civilian personnel policy.

This will be tested as individual augmentee positions, normally filled by servicemembers in Iraq and Afghanistan, begin to be filled by civilians. A total of 157 positions are open. For more information, read the full story at www.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123117783.

AF BALL



LEFT: Lt. Gen. Charles E. Stenner Jr., commander of Air Force Reserve Command, speaks during Dover's Air Force Ball Sept. 6 at the Sheraton Hotel. General Stenner was the guest speaker for the ball, which honored the Reserve's 60th birthday. He discussed issues important to both active-duty and Reserve Airmen, including the Air Force mission and ways to bring credibility back to the Air Force. BOTTOM: During the AF Ball, the cake was cut by the youngest and oldest member in attendance. Airman 1st Class Joseph Watts, 436th Maintenance Operations Squadron is 19 years old and Col. Walton F. Reddish is 54. They were accompanied by both wing commanders on base.



Contribute to CFC by Nov. 14

The 2008 Combined Federal Campaign, which raises money for nonprofit civilian organizations, runs to Nov. 14. The wing CFC project officer is 2nd Lt. Oneff Reyes, (302) 677-3824 and the alternate is Tech. Sgt. Shawn Byers, (302) 677-3830. Unit representatives are: Capt. Cynthia Welch, 512th Operations Group; Senior Master Sgt. William Clifton, 512th Maintenance Group; Capt. Crystal Beach, 512th Mission Support Group; Lt. Col. Dawn Crews-Seams, 512th AW Staff Agencies; and, Senior Master Sgt. Rachel Gonesh, 512th Aerospace Medicine Squadron.

Top 3 elects new officers

The 512th Airlift Wing Top 3 elected new officers over the Oct. 4. These members will serve a two-year term: President, Master Sgt. Joyce Jefferson; Vice President, Master Sgt. Veronica A. Aceveda; Treasurer, Senior Master Sgt. Janet Hawkins; and, Secretary, Master Sgt. Cliff Bailey.

The Top 3 is accepting \$10 membership renewal fees and new senior NCOs are encouraged to join by contacting one of the above officers.

Tops in Blue in town Nov. 19

Tops in Blue performs a free show at Delaware State University's Humanities Center Nov. 19 at 7 p.m.

Also, the 2009 Worldwide Talent Search for the next Tops in Blue tour is on. They are looking for a wide variety of performers and stage hands. The deadline for Active duty, Guard or Reserve Airmen is Dec. 2. For more information, call (210) 652-6566.

Wing's private website moved

The 512th Airlift Wing private website has moved to the AF Portal at www.my.af.mil/gcss-af/USAF/ep/globalTab.do?channelPageId=1409434&command=org. Squadron AF Portal sites will be maintained by the group computer systems administrators and squadron-appointed information managers.

Hockey challenge part deux

The Dover Air Force Base All-Stars and the McGuire Air Force Base All-Stars hockey teams meet on the ice Jan. 31 for the second annual charity ice hockey fundraiser at the Wachovia Spectrum in Philadelphia at noon, prior to the Philadelphia Phantoms game. Proceeds benefit the Combined



Submitted photo

New MSS commander

Capt. Cathy Anderson (right) assumes command of the 512th Mission Support Squadron from Col. Elaine K. Barron, 512th Mission Support Group commander, during a ceremony here Sept. 6. Master Sgt. Tammy Hough, 512th MSS, served as the guidon bearer.

Federal Campaign. Tickets cost \$15 and can be purchased by sending an e-mail to don.kimball@dover.af.mil.

Thanksgiving To Go at club

The Landings prepares fresh Thanksgiving To Go meals, featuring turkey, stuffing, all the trimmings and dessert. The cost is \$45 for a family of 4 to 6 and \$85 for a family of 8 to 10. All orders must be placed by Nov. 19, and the pick up date is Nov. 26 from 3 to 6 p.m. To place an order, call (302) 677-6022.

CGOC coat drive underway

The 512th Airlift Wing's Company Grade Officers' Council coat drive is under way. Donations can be dropped off in Building 202's foyer. Priority distribution for the coats include Liberty Wing members first and then to local charity organizations.

Adopt-a-Family this season

The 512th Airlift Wing Airman and Family Readiness Center is now taking nominations for this year's Adopt-a-Family program. The program was created for military families from Dover Air Force Base who are in financial need over the holiday season. The family will be provided with a food basket and special requested items from the squadron that

has adopted them. Any military member or civilian may nominate a deserving family by contacting A&FR at (302) 677-3566.

Holiday light flights available

The Aero Club on base offers Christmas light flights around Dover Dec. 15 until the first week of January. The flight is 30 minutes long and costs \$45 per person and \$5 for each additional person. Reservations can be made by calling (302) 677-6365.

USO & 1st Sgts silent auction

USO Delaware and the base first sergeants host a silent auction at the Air Mobility Command Museum Nov. 21 at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for military, \$30 for the public, and they're available at the door. Proceeds will benefit the the base's Good Shepard Fund. For more information, call (302) 677-2491.

Commissary holiday hours

The Dover Air Force Base commissary's holiday hours are listed below.

- Nov. 11, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Nov. 24, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Nov. 27 to 28, closed
- Dec. 22, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Dec. 24, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Dec. 25 to 26, closed

Bluesuiters Golf Tournament

Seeing double

Sharing the same golfing technique, Chaplain (Lt. Col.) John Groth (left) and Chief Master Sgt. Kevin Eason line up their next shot during the Bluesuiters Golf Tournament at the Eagle Creek Golf Course on base Sept. 4. Chaplain Groth is the head chaplain for the 512th Airlift Wing and Chief Eason is the superintendent for the 512th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.



Photo by Jason Minto

Nice shot

Jaime Rivera (right), Delaware Division of Public Health director and 512th Aerospace Medicine Squadron honorary commander, chips onto a green during the Bluesuiters Golf Tournament at the Eagle Creek Golf Course on base Sept. 4. The annual event features community members and Dover Team members coming together for a day of fun and camaraderie. Mr. Rivera played golf with Senior Airman Brendan Proctor (left), 3rd Airlift Squadron, Senior Airman Mike Irish, 9th AS, and Lt. Col. Thad Bibb, 9th AS.



CONGRATS!

Team Dover's Combat Arms Team was named the dodgeball champions following a base tournament Sept. 18. Team members included:

- MSgt Antoine Ford, 512th Security Forces Squadron
- (Then) TSgt Robert Kelley, 512th SFS
- TSgt Bill Yoder, 512th SFS
- SSgt Mark Lucas, 436th SFS
- SSgt Matthew Able, 436th SFS

The sharp shooters also defended their title Oct. 17 when they won the Sports Day dodgeball tournament.

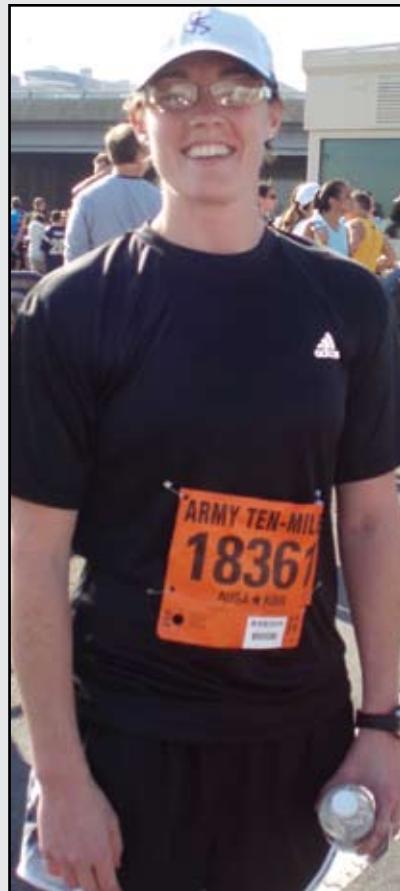


Photo by Jason Minto

Staff Sgt. Julia Fry, 512th Aerospace Medicine Squadron, completed the Army Ten Miler in Washington D.C. Oct. 5. She participated in the event in honor of her brother Spec. Joshua Fry, a tank gunner who was wounded in Iraq. She finished the race in 1 hour, 42 minutes and was in the top 50 percent of all female runners. This was Sergeant Fry's first race, and she plans to make the Army Ten Miler a tradition.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Steve Lewis

A co-wedding anniversary celebration at the Duncan Center in Dover Oct. 11 featured a current and former 512th Airlift Wing member celebrating their 25th and 50th anniversary respectively. Other members of the same family are also affiliated with the Liberty Wing. Pictured from left

to right are: Lt. Col. Chris Cote, 512th AW, and his wife Maj. Leslie (Crews) Cote, Pentagon; Retired Lt. Col. Donald Crews, a member of the 512th AW when it was called the 912th Military Airlift Group, and his wife Sylvia; Lt. Col. Dawn Crews-Seams, 512th AW and her husband Wally.

Family celebrates commitment to each other, to serve

Lt. Col. Dawn Crews-Seams, 512th Airlift Wing, and her husband Wally celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary at a co-celebration at the Duncan Center in Dover Oct. 11. Also celebrating that night were her parents Retired Lt. Col. Donald and Sylvia Crews, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

In addition to celebrating their collective 75 years of marriage, the family also celebrated their combined 71 years of Air Force service. A member of the Crews family has served in the Liberty Wing continuously for the last 38 years.

Father

Retired Lt. Col. Donald Crews joined the Dover Reserve unit in 1970, when it was called the 912th Military Airlift Group. He retired with more than 28 years of service as a master navigator and 9,400 flying hours in C-130Es, C-141As and the C-5A.

Daughter

Maj. Leslie (Crews) Cote joined the 512th AW in 1984. She held various positions from administration and personnel to transportation officer and squadron adjutant before her assignment to the Pentagon as an Individual Mobilization Augmentee.

Daughter

Lt. Col. Dawn Crews-Seams joined the wing in 1998. She served as the 512th Mission Support Group executive officer and as the 512th Memorial Affairs Squadron commander before her current appointment as the 512th AW executive officer.

Son-in-law

Lt. Col. Chris Cote, who's married to Retired Lt. Col. Crews' daughter Leslie, joined the Air Force in 1978 and joined the 512th AW in 1988. He's a C-5 pilot who served several years as chief of the 512th AW Safety Office.

Extended family

With roots from the U.S. Army, Retired Lt. Col. Crews' father was a soldier in the Pacific during World War II. His wife's brother Milton was also a soldier during WWII. The Air Force came into play when Retired Lt. Col. Crews' brother Hans served in Korea. The Crews' family tree also includes a female Marine from the WWII era.

After realizing there were so many family members with a military tie, Lt. Col. Crews' grandson Spencer was once noted for saying, "Serving the country is our family business." (Courtesy 512th PA)

512th salutes


Newcomers

The 512th Airlift Wing welcomes the following:
 Lt Col David Fries
 Lt Col Mark Visco
 Capt Brock Bentz
 MSgt Scott Branson
 TSgt Charles L. Cunningham III
 TSgt Stanley Lahendro
 TSgt Catrina Mason
 TSgt Geronimo Sarangay
 SSgt Andrew Bowman
 SSgt Mark Getsey
 SSgt Jennifer Kelly
 SSgt Jennifer Montanez
 SSgt Damien Morgan
 SSgt Jamie Steele
 SSgt Joshua Stike

SSgt John F. Sullivan IV
 SSgt Daniel Wood
 SrA Adam Arndt
 SrA Dwayne Blunt
 SrA Shawn Doll
 SrA Matthew Grossman
 SrA Latinda McNeil
 SrA Zebulun Rohrback
 SrA Richard Schmidt
 SrA Terrence Weston
 A1C Brendan Corcoran
 A1C Audrey Derbyshire
 A1C Malick Fofana
 A1C Asuree Heibel
 A1C Latedra Jones
 A1C Sarfo Kwasi
 A1C Azim McKnight
 A1C Daniel Shultie
 A1C Laura Still
 A1C Tristan White

AB Yaovi Koumessi
 AB Kyle Treng

Retirements

Maj Bonnie Adams
 SMSgt Kevin Beasley
 MSgt Heather Adams
 MSgt Stanley Beckham
 MSgt Trevor Egan
 MSgt Franci Glynn
 MSgt Stephen Jackson
 MSgt Anthony Spears
 MSgt Stephanie Young
 MSgt Robert Weissenfluh
 MSgt Roland Wescott
 TSgt James Foster
 TSgt Donald Gravesande
 TSgt Christopher Swan



Submitted photo

Snip snip

Hairstylist Fran Bliss (left) cuts a 13-inch ponytail off of Elle Meyer Oct. 11. Elle, the 8-year-old daughter of Master Sgt. Donald Meyer, 709th Airlift Squadron, and Senior Master Sgt. Alexandra Meyer, 22nd Air Force, has never had a major haircut, but she wanted to donate to Locks of Love, an organization that provides hairpieces to children suffering from long-term medical hair loss.

Developmental Education**Airman Leadership School**

SSgt Kathleen Bronson
 SSgt Keviin Hooper
 SSgt Frank Perna
 SSgt Keith Windsor
 SrA Antonio Cercena
 SrA Aaron Clontz
 SrA Dustin Correll
 SrA Melanie Hura
 SrA Christopher Monday
 SrA Natalie Monteil
 SrA Carlos Secrist
 SrA Rachel Sepulveda
 SrA Celicia Sumbry
 SrA Carrie Tinker
 SrA Michael Whittington

Senior NCO Academy

TSgt Joseph Grier
 TSgt Wayne Pennington
 TSgt Charles Wandzilak
 TSgt Kevin Ward
 TSgt Billy Yung

Senior NCO Academy

MSgt Linda Berry
 MSgt Sean Dial
 MSgt Marily Felix-Clarke
 MSgt Vincent Holt

Squadron Officer School

Capt Keree Wilson

Air War College

Lt Col Michael Miller

Air Command, Staff College

Maj Anthony Rosello

Maj Timothe Welter

Civil Engineer Superintendent Course

SMSgt Jeffrey Smith

Scholastic Achievers

These members scored a 90 or higher on a course test:

MSgt David Petr
 SSgt Nathan Foose
 SSgt Adam Opalinski
 SSgt Manuel Ortez
 SSgt Karla Rust
 SSgt Daniel Slattery
 SSgt Michael Spencer
 SrA Andria Allmond
 SrA Amanda Flores
 SrA Justin Porter
 Amn Leeia McSwainRussell

CCAF Graduates**CMSgt Frederick Traute****SMSgt Rachael Gonesh****SMSgt John Malamon****MSgt Claxton Boone Jr****MSgt Anthony Bourdeau****MSgt Tina Miller****MSgt Kim Snyder****MSgt Phillip Vickery****TSgt Mark Peters****TSgt Robert Stevralia****SSgt Robert Aspinall Jr****SSgt David Chang****SSgt Shawn Chappell****SSgt Brandon Cunningham**

SSgt Alexander Forti

SSgt Isador Hanley

SSgt Corey Jones

SSgt Krystle Lambert

SSgt Sean Mather

SSgt Natalie Monteil

SSgt Karla Rust

SSgt Daniel Wood

SrA Warren Elsea

SrA Byron Gray

SrA David Otis

SrA Carolina Rodriguez

**Promotions****To Lt Col**

Kelley Aiken

Geoffrey Ayer

Roger Bott

Russell Carlisle

Dawn Crews-Seams

Michael Novakovic

Ryan Payus

To Capt

Jonathan Jensen

Dianna Klein

To 1Lt

Oneff Reyes

To CMSgt

Charles Hamlett

To SMSgt

Larry Reed

To MSgt

Robert Kelley

Brian McCann

Patricia Richards

Deborah Simpson

John Whye

To TSgt

Sonia Addison

Ryan Crowley

Bryant Dawson

Reginald Edlow

Ivan Fullerton (PEP)

Jeffrey Hoyle

Nacoma Kulowiec

Ricardo Lucas

Melena Quetel

Domingo G. Sales III

Carl James Tauyan V

Matthew Trenka

Matthew Zapata

To SSgt

Kevin Hooper

Natalie Monteil

Frank Perna

Carrie Tinker

To SrA

Raphael Gray

Lisibeth Payano

Michelle Polk

Courtney Robinson

Tracy Wall

To A1C

LaTasha Archie

Hridayeenur Rahman

Lakena Williams

Nathaniel Woodhall

To Amn

Michael Hall

Reenlistments

SMSgt Gordon Bentley
 SMSgt Yuksee Ng
 SMSgt Kathleen Valenti
 MSgt Kenneth Bungarz Jr
 MSgt Michael Folker
 MSgt Charles J. Knight Jr
 MSgt Nancy Tyson
 TSgt Charles Cunningham III
 TSgt Rachelle Williamson
 TSgt John Ryan
 TSgt Jennifer Hinshaw
 TSgt Kirkham Smith
 TSgt Jaime O'Brien
 TSgt Erica Weatherspoon
 TSgt Eric Coffey
 TSgt Timothy Vines
 SSgt Glendon Martin
 SSgt Jennifer Montanez
 SSgt Mark Stike
 SSgt Justice Mable
 SSgt Natalie Monteil
 SSgt Eddie R. Mizelle Jr
 SSgt Joshua Mumford
 SSgt Derrick Thomas
 SSgt Bryan Ranft
 SSgt Christopher Hunsiker
 SSgt Isador Hanley
 SSgt Andrew Bowman
 SrA Nancy Hickson
 SrA Neriah Jennings

**Quarterly
Award Winners**

Congratulations to the wing's third quarter (July to September) winners. They are:

Airman:

SrA Nathan Keller,
 512th SFS

NCO:

TSgt David Jackson,
 512th LRF

SNCO:

SMSgt Anthony Campbell,
 712th AMXS

Officer:

Capt Crystal Beach,
 512th MSG

Submissions

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**Staff Assistance Visit
Outstanding Teams, Performers**

Listed below are the Liberty Wing teams and individuals who were recognized in the SAV summary:

Team recognition

512th Financial Management, best seen to date

512th Services, outstanding unit

512th Fire Department, outstanding Aircrew Egress Exercise

512th Airlift Control Flight, use of wall chart to track requirements

512th Public Affairs, use of stoplight chart to track ancillary training

Outstanding performers

Capt. Marnee Losurdo, 512th Airlift Wing

Senior Master Sgt. Randall Anderson, 512th Mission Support Squadron

Senior Master Sgt. Nadine Ritter, 512th MSS

Master Sgt. Veronica A. Aceveda, 512th AW

Master Sgt. David Jackson, 512th Logistics Readiness Squadron

Master Sgt. Tracy Varga, 512th AW

TSgt Dana Grove, 512th Memorial Affairs Squadron

TSgt Anthony Harris, 512th MSS

TSgt Debra Needham, 512th MSS

Senior Airman Sean Welch, 512th Operations Support Flight

John Young, 512th MSS



Submitted photo

Keeping it in the family

During a mass enlistment ceremony at a Delaware State University football game Oct. 4, the above recruits accepted the oath of enlistment and joined the 512th Airlift Wing. Each one of them have a family member affiliated with the Liberty Wing. From left to right are: Joshua Willis, the son of Tech. Sgt. Roger Willis, 512th Maintenance Squadron; Daniel Grove, the brother of Staff Sgt.

James Grove Jr., 326th Airlift Squadron, and son of Capt. Chris Grove, former 512th AW member; Asia Addison, the daughter of Tech. Sgt. Sonia Addison, 512th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron; Samuel Smolarek, the son of Senior Master Sgt. Jerome Smolarek, 709th Airlift Squadron; and Luke Young, the son of recently retired 46th Aerial Port Squadron member Master Sgt. Bert Young.



Photo by Capt. Chad Sitzman

Air Force reservist embeds with Army

Maj. Joseph Zackaricz unfurls an American flag while atop an Afghanistan mountain while on a patrol hunting for Taliban insurgents. Major Zackaricz's home unit is

the 439th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Westover Air Reserve Base, Mass., according to the Air Force Global Address Listing.

Say hello to



Staff Sgt. Joshua Spainhoward joined the 512th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron as a jet engine mechanic. The Norfolk, Va., native plans to pursue a degree in aerospace science and get commissioned.

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