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Gen. Arthur Lichte, Air Mobility Command commander, delivered the Spirit of Global Reach to Dover Air Force Base Feb. 9. The aircraft is the first of three C-5M Super Galaxies Dover will receive for operational testing and evaluation being conducted this year. Photo by Jason Minto.

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### Reminder:

Daylight Saving is at 2 a.m. March 8 so don't forget to turn your clocks forward an hour.

# Change integral part of Liberty Wing

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

Change is an integral part of our Air Force, especially here at Dover. Recently, the Liberty Wing has seen many changes and more are yet to come.

## Super Galaxy

Team Dover ushered in a new era of airlift as we welcomed the arrival of our first C-5M Super Galaxy to Dover Feb. 9. We had the honor of having Gen. Arthur J. Lichte, Air Mobility Command commander, deliver our new strategic airlifter. Attending the ceremony were all three of our Delaware Congressional Delegation as well as Lt. Gen. Charles E. Stenner Jr., Air Force Reserve Command commander and Chief of the Air Force Reserve. We welcomed the Spirit of Global Reach with much deserved pageantry, as it will provide new airlift capabilities for the Air Force. This is a faster, stronger and safer aircraft, which truly lives up to its title: Super Galaxy.

By the end of February we will have acquired our second C-5M. Our air and maintenance crews will be well into the Operational Test and Evaluation process for validating the Reliability Enhancement and Re-engining Program for the C-5Bs. This September, we are scheduled to receive our third C-5M, completing the surge process of the OT&E. Within a couple of years, we will have all of our C-5s converted to Super Galaxies. This is a historic time for Team Dover and this added capability further demonstrates what we bring to Global Reach.

## Upcoming Inspections

We are down to the wire for our upcoming inspections April 23 to 28. The wing is preparing for the Unit Compliance Inspection; Maintenance is well on their way to being prepared for their Maintenance Standardization Evaluation Program; and, the Aerospace Medicine Squadron is down to finalizing their preparation for the Health Services Inspection.

Inspectors will interact with wing members, talk to them about their jobs, and take a hard look at the wing's key processes, procedures, and requirements based on by-law requirements, executive orders, Department of Defense directives, and Air Force and AF Reserve Command instructions. Inspections keep us accountable by identifying

areas in need of improvement and requiring wing members to correct those areas. Please remember, you do not have to be interviewed by an inspector to participate in the inspection. Our visitors will be assessing our customs and courtesies, as well as dress and appearance. Get a wingman and make sure that you both are good to go; it takes all of us to make sure Team Dover and our wing excel.

## New leadership

In addition to preparing for inspections, our wing is undergoing some leadership changes this unit training assembly.

We will welcome Col. Karl Schmitkons, 302nd Operations Group commander, Peterson Air Force Base, Col., during an assumption of command ceremony March 8. Colonel Schmitkons will begin full time here as the 512th Operations Group commander March 29.

Also joining us is Maj. Beth Bruker-Walos, 911th Services Squadron services officer, Air Reserve Station, Pittsburgh International Airport, Pa., who is assuming command of the 512th Memorial Affairs Squadron. She also served as a Services director as a civilian.

Colonel Schmitkons and Major Bruker-Walos are bringing a wealth of experience and knowledge to our team.



Photo by Senior Airman Andria J. Allmond

**Col. Randal L. Bright,**  
**512th Airlift Wing commander**

## Commanders Calls

Lastly, modifications are being made in the conduct of some of our official functions.

Wing commander's calls will focus more on what is on your mind. These are your commander's calls. I am asking

for your input so I can provide you with the information you need. Please submit your questions or items you'd like to hear more about to your first sergeants who will provide them to the command chief. I will do my best to address your items of interest in these commander's calls. Also, in the past we have recognized wing award winners during the wing commanders calls. We are in the initial stages of planning the first 512th Airlift Wing Awards Banquet so we can recognize these outstanding performers in a more formal setting. Refer to the Liberty Press for information on this upcoming banquet.

Amid all the alterations we will be undergoing, don't forget our core value of excellence in all we do. Continue the excellent job you are doing and look for ways to improve.

Again, thank you for the service that you provide for our nation, and I am honored to be your commander.

# Outstanding AIRMEN

## Liberty Wing announces 2008 annual award winners

**Senior Airman Deborah Robinson**  
Staff writer

**T**he 512th Airlift Wing selected its annual award winners for 2008.

512th Airlift Wing Commander Col. Randal L. Bright recognized the award winners' accomplishments during the wing commanders calls Feb. 8.

### Airman of the Year

Senior Airman Lorraine Almanza, 512th Mission Support Squadron knowledge operation specialist, deployed as a postal augmentee to southwest Asia from January to May last year. During her time there, she sorted and delivered 1,500 pounds of mail weekly to 51 base organizations. Airman Almanza is a student at the University of Argosy, Washington D.C., and is working on her master's degree in forensic psychology. She is an Air Force budget contractor at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.

### NCO of the Year

Staff Sgt. Peter Kwansnjuk, 512th Security Forces Squadron response force leader, responded to two counts of shoplifting on base locating several items

leading to the apprehension of the suspects involved in the crime. Sergeant Kwansnjuk is currently attending Temple University, Philadelphia, pursuing a double major in accounting and finance with a 3.7 grade point average. He is an active member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Department, Willow Grove Post, Pa.

### NCO of the Year

Master Sgt. Terry Archer, 512th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron C-5 avionics modernization program manager, is responsible for \$865 million in assets and ensured the program was on schedule and within budget. He is a 512th AW Honor Guard member and also serves on 436th AW Honor Guard filling personnel shortages. He mentors youth at the Crossroads Christian Church in Dover. He is also earning his master's degree in avionics management at Delaware State University.

### CGO of the Year

Capt. Shirley Whitney, 709th Airlift Squadron executive officer, deployed to Kirkuk Regional Air Base, Iraq, in 2008 to serve as the 506th Air Expeditionary Group executive officer. In response

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Photo by Staff Sgt. Steve Lewis

**Above: Master Sgt. Terry Archer, 512th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron avionics modernization program manager, is the 512th Airlift Wing's Senior NCO of the Year. Sergeant Archer has been involved with training both reservists and national guardsmen on the C-5 avionics modernization program.**



Photo by Staff Sgt. Steve Lewis



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**Capt. Shirley Whitney (above), 709th Airlift Squadron executive officer, reviews mobility records with fellow squadron member Staff Sgt. Ronald Reyes. Captain Whitney is the 512th AW Company Grade Officer of the Year.**

**Far left: Senior Airman Lorraine Almanza, 512th Mission Support Squadron knowledge operation specialist, demonstrates how to examine suspicious mail. She is the 512th AW Airman of the Year.**



Photo by Staff Sgt. Steve Lewis

**Staff Sgt. Peter Kwasnjuk, 512th Security Forces Squadron response force leader, checks out his weapon from the ar-**

**mory here. The staff sergeant was selected as the 512th Airlift Wing's NCO of the Year for 2008.**

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to 20 enemy rocket and mortar attacks, she conducted force accountability and directed the completion of post-attack reconnaissance sweeps essential to the safety of 5,200 combat forces and civilian personnel. When she isn't working, Captain Whitney supports local fundraisers helping people with special needs. As a civilian, Captain Whitney is a senior probation and parole officer for Kent County, Del.

## Civilian of the Year

Pamela Withrow, 512th Mission Support Squadron management assistant who oversees the wing's mailroom, earned the squadron's first outstanding rating during the base security safe inspection. She taught information management classes on military postal and mail operating procedures, electronic publications and forms access and records management procedures. In her free time, she volunteers with the Salvation Army, Delaware Special Olympics swim clubs, and assists with fundraisers for Delaware reforestation projects.



Photo by Senior Airman Andria J. Allmond

**Pamela Withrow, 512th Mission Support Squadron management assistant, oversees the wing's mailroom and is the civilian of the year.**

# Operations group commander bids farewell, takes job at 22nd Air Force

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

The 512th Operations Group Commander bid farewell to the Liberty Wing Jan. 30 to take a position as the Director of Air, Space and Intelligence at Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Ga.

Col. Darrell G. Young will work for 22nd AF Commander Maj. Gen. Martin M. Mazick and serve as a functional manager for operations, working issues for flying squadrons, and intelligence and airlift flight control units.

Col. Karl A. Schmitkons, commander of the 302nd Operations Group at Peterson Air Force Base, Colo., will assume command of the 512th OG during a ceremony slated for March 8 at 10:30 a.m. at the Air Mobility Command Museum.

Colonel Young describes his departure from the 512th Airlift Wing as bittersweet.

"This has been the best assignment I've had in the Air Force," said Colonel Young, who was commissioned in 1984, served on active duty for 7.5 years. He entered the Reserve in 1993 and was activated for Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2002 for a year. "This was my first command, and I'll never forget my time here.

"I was fortunate to work with a great group of Airmen

and civilians because without their support we wouldn't have been able to accomplish what we have in the past two years," said the Colonel.

Col. Robert H. Shepherd, the 512th Operations Group deputy commander and previous commander of the 326th Airlift Squadron, said he appreciated the mentoring his commander provided him and Colonel Young will be missed.

"Colonel Young takes his duty to grow the next generation of leaders very seriously, and he is a tremendous role model," said the 22-year Air Force veteran.

While leaving is not easy, Colonel Young said he is excited about serving in the Air Force at a different level and learning how things operate at 22nd AF.

During his tenure as OG commander, the colonel had to overcome some obstacles. Perhaps the biggest hurdle was recovering the group from the aftermath of the April 3, 2006, C-5B crash, which occurred less than a mile from the base's southern perimeter. The 17 people aboard the aircraft survived the impact. Colonel Young arrived on station a month after this incident.

"I spent my first year trying to get the group through the legal process," he said. This included the Accident Investigation Board, which released that human error was the cause of the accident.

The wing's next trial was to tackle an Operational Readiness Inspection in 2008. This encompassed more than a year of training and preparation.

"While preparing for the ORI we were able to build a strong mobility culture in our units and do well on the inspection," he said. "I'm proud of the wing's ORI grade."

The 512th Airlift Wing brought home an excellent ORI rating, and two OG units, the 512th Airlift Control Flight and the Intelligence section, were outstanding performers.

Whether it is taking on the ORI or delivering cargo all over the world, the colonel said he attributes the group's success to the effectiveness of the OG leadership team, the group's outstanding Airmen and the group commanders who worked beside him.

"I have a great group of squadron commanders, directors of operations and senior enlisted leaders," he said. "I leave knowing the Operations Group is in good hands and will continue to meet and surpass all future challenges."

**Col. Darrell G. Young, 512th Operations Group commander, cuts cake for his guest at his farewell dinner in January. The colonel took a job with 22nd Air Force. Col. Karl A. Schmitkons, commander of the 302nd Operations Group, Peterson Air Force Base, Colo., is slated to assume command of the 512th OG in March.**

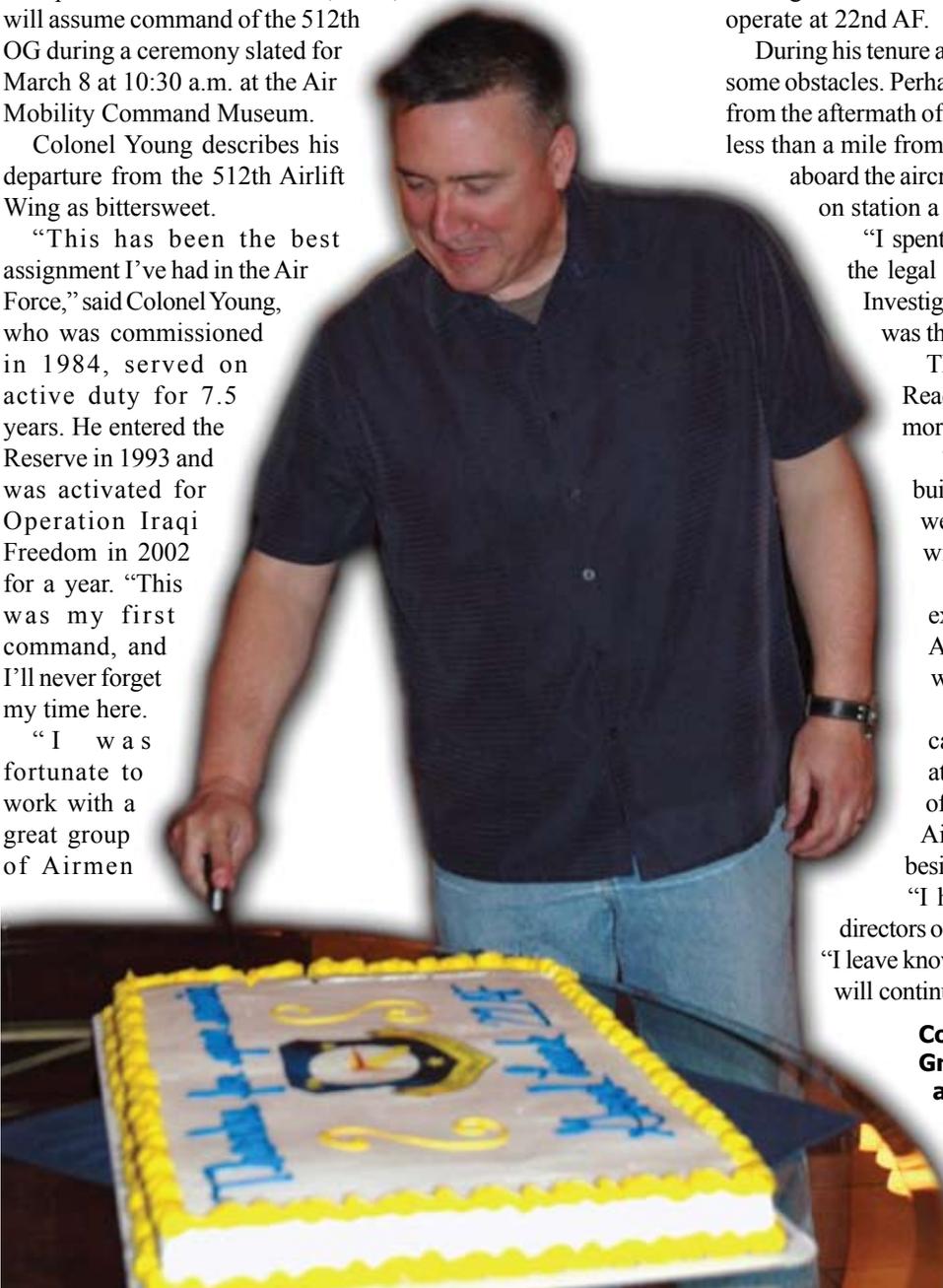


Photo by Capt. Marnee A.C. Losurdo

# FIRE DAWGS

## Liberty Wing firefighters deploy to Iraq

**Senior Airman Andria J. Allmond**

Staff writer

**E**ight 512th Airlift Wing firefighters were deployed to Kirkuk Regional Air Base, Iraq, Jan. 3.

The Liberty Wing Airmen are assigned to the 506th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron. They provide base operations such as crash rescue, medical response, and respond to structure and brush fires.

“Our mission is to come together as one group of firefighters from five different Air Force bases and form one cohesive troupe,” said Master Sgt. John Whye, Station #2 captain. “As the 506th ECES Kirkuk firefighters, our job is to protect, serve and support all operations and personnel at Kirkuk Regional Air Base, including Army personnel.”

Kirkuk Regional Air Base is home to the 506th Air Expeditionary Group. The group falls under the 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing at Balad Air Base, Iraq, and comprises six squadrons and more than 900 Airmen.

Sending a group of the 512th’s finest “fire dawgs” to the Area of Responsibility is not new to the 512th Civil Engineer Squadron.

“At least one time a year we send out a team of six or more reservists to deploy,” said Senior Master Sgt. Brian Cullen, 512th Civil Engineer Squadron deputy fire chief. “I told this group what I tell the others, keep your eyes open, heads down and listen to what you’re told to do.”

Liberty Wing firefighters are making their presence known in their new unit not just during their working hours, but also spending their off-hours volunteering.

“Some of us volunteer at the chapel to help with acquiring and dispensing school supplies to Iraqi children,” said Staff Sgt. James Herr, who works at both Station #1 and #3 as station captain in the absence of the non-commissioned-officer-in-charge.

Operation Iraqi School Supplies is a program in which the members of the fire departments at KRAB and other bases in Iraq volunteer to help the chapel prepare 400 bags of school supplies for the children of Iraq, thus helping to foster goodwill, said Sergeant Whye.

“Our ability to network and participate in base functions is making a big impact on the 506th,” said Staff Sgt. Daniel Slattery, who is assigned to Station #2 manning a crash vehicle and assisting in controlled ammunition burns.



**512th Airlift Wing Staff Sgts. Manuel Ortez and Joseph Wysocki oversee the placement of equipment on an Iraqi air force fire truck with their Iraqi counterparts at Kirkuk Regional Air Base, Iraq. Eight Liberty Wing firefighters deployed to Kirkuk Regional AB in January for a four month deployment.**



# Reservists defend base in Iraq

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

Eleven security forces reservists from the 512th Security Forces Squadron deployed to Kirkuk Regional Air Base, Iraq, Jan. 8.

The 512th Airlift Wing Airmen will be assigned to the 506th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron.

They will provide base

defense operations such as perimeter security, entry control and patrol the base.

“The majority wanted to deploy and were psyched when they heard the news,” said Tech. Sgt. William Yoder, 512th SFS unit training manager. “We try to instill upon them to remember what they are taught and take their training seriously. We want the training to be the hard part and for all of them to come back as a team.”

The reservists attended 90

days of training in Mineral Wells, Texas, in preparation for their deployment. Although they range in rank from senior airman to master sergeant, this is the first deployment for most of them, according to Sergeant Yoder.

“The members of the 512th SFS are excited that they finally have the chance to deploy as a team to the AOR (area of responsibility),” said Master Sgt. Ron McCoy, 512th SFS operations manager. “The unit has supported the fight on terrorism by augmenting active-duty here, and now they are stepping up and embracing this new challenge.”

Col. Randal L. Bright, 512th AW commander, visited with the Airmen before they left Dover Air Force Base.

“We are proud of you, and we won’t forget you or your families while you’re gone,” said Colonel Bright. “You couldn’t do what

you are about to do without your families’ support. Your families are just important to us as you are.”

The city of Kirkuk is about 250 kilometers north of Baghdad

and has more than 750,000 residents.

The air base, located at the edge of Kirkuk, also hosts the Army’s 1st Brigade Combat Team of the 10th Mountain Division. During any given Air and Space Expeditionary Force rotation, about 900 Air Force, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve members are assigned to the 506th AEG. On average, Air Force deployments last four to six months.

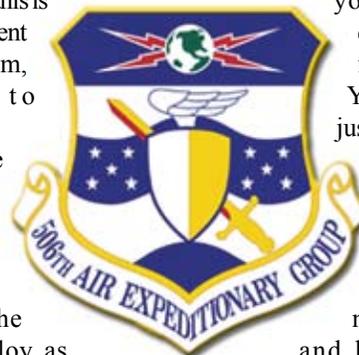


Photo by Senior Airman Andria J. Allmond

**Staff Sgt. Robert Rogers, 512th Airlift Wing Security Forces Squadron, checks his equipment at the armory here prior to leaving in January for Kirkuk Regional Air Base, Iraq. The 512th SFS had 11 members deploy to Kirkuk as part of a 10-month mobilization.**



Photo by Senior Airman Andria J. Allmond

**Senior Airman Richard Bergante, 512th Airlift Wing Security Forces Squadron, spends time with his family before leaving Dover Air Force Base for Kirkuk Regional Air Base, Iraq.**

# Spirit of Global Reach



## C-5M Super Galaxy arrives

**Staff Sgt. Chad Padgett**  
436th Public Affairs

**T**he Spirit of Global Reach made its arrival at Dover Air Force Base Feb. 9, putting itself in the history books as Team Dover's first C-5M Super Galaxy.

The aircraft is the first of three C-5Ms Dover will receive for operational testing and evaluation.

"Today we see the fruits of a long-term effort by thousands of personnel to develop an airlifter with greater strategic capability than any of its predecessors," said Col. Manson O. Morris, 436th Airlift Wing commander. "Dover Air Force Base is now home to a highly skilled total force cadre of professionals who will write the first chapter in the operational history of the Super Galaxy. We will have an essential role in applying this aircraft during a rigorous period

of operational test and evaluation. Dover is privileged to be the lead Air Force base for this task."

The C-5M will provide new capabilities for the Air Force. The aircraft has state-of-the-art engines that produce more than 50,000 pounds of thrust, which allow it to carry 285,000 pounds of cargo.

"This aircraft is capable of a significantly shorter take offs than the previous aircraft," said Lt. Col. Mike Semo, 709th Airlift Squadron, Chief, C-5M Program Office. "We are able to take more cargo, farther distances with greater reliability. They've also vastly improved to a glass cockpit which results in greater situational awareness for the pilots. There are upgrades to navigation, safety equipment, communications and a new autopilot system. This really is a modern aircraft for a modern Air Force."

"The new C-5M looks like the same airplane, but it is approximately 10 percent more reliable," added Lt. Col. Tom Loper,



Photo by Jason Minto

# ives at Dover

436th Operations Group C-5M project integration office. “The C-5M addressed just about every system on the airplane to increase reliability. It looks the same but it has more thrust so it can climb higher, faster and carry more cargo.”

Gen. Arthur J. Lichte, Air Mobility Command commander, delivered the Spirit of Global Reach to Dover.

“Today, we get to add a new all-star to the Dover team lineup,” said General Lichte. “We’re not closing the book on the C-5, we’re simply starting a new chapter with the delivery of this wonderful aircraft, the C-5M Super Galaxy.”

“All the men and women who have flown, maintained or supported the C-5 here at Dover have enhanced this wings legacy and carried the load with honor delivering hope to those in need all over the globe. And they have done that for over three decades with tremendous pride,” said General Lichte.



Photo by Jason Minto

**Left: The Spirit of Global Reach, Team Dover’s first C-5M Super Galaxy, was delivered Feb. 9.**

**Above: (Front, from right) Col. Manson O. Morris, 436th Airlift Wing commander, and Col. Randal L. Bright, 512th AW commander, greet Gen. Arthur J. Lichte, Air Mobility Command commander and the delivery official for the C-5M, and Lorraine Martin, Lockheed Martin C-5 program vice president, while the delivery crew poses in the background.**



Photo by Tom Randle

**Col. Manson O. Morris, 436th Airlift Wing commander, speaks with Lt. Gen. Charles E. Stenner Jr., commander of the Air Force Reserve Command, at the Landings after the arrival of Dover’s first C-5M Super Galaxy Feb. 9.**

# Flyers, maintainers ready for Super Galaxy

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

**R**eservists in the 512th Airlift Wing have spent a year preparing for the arrival of the first C-5M Super Galaxy.

In addition to training, Dover's Air Force Reserve flyers and maintainers wrote and validated operating procedures, manuals and technical orders in preparation for flying and fixing the modified C-5.

The C-5M Type One training at the Lockheed Martin Aeronautics plant in Marietta, Ga., runs about three weeks and varies for the 709th Airlift Squadron aircrews and 512th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron mechanics.

Fourteen aircrew members have completed the training since January. The 512th AMXS began sending maintainers to the training in May 2008.

"We learn about the aircraft's upgraded systems and how they operate," said Lt. Col. Mike Semo, manager of the C-5M integration project and chief pilot.

In addition to learning about the aircraft's new engines, upgraded flight controls, hydraulic, electrical and fuel systems, the pilots undergo simulator training before flying the C-5M.

The maintainers learn how to troubleshoot, operate and repair the updated systems on the aircraft, said Chief Master Sgt. Fred Eason, 512th AMXS maintenance superintendent. After they return to Dover, the mechanics train others in the squadron.

A C-5 undergoes two upgrades before becoming a C-5M Super Galaxy.

The first phase is the Aircraft Modernization Program here and at Travis Air Force Base, Calif. The aircraft receives a modernized glass cockpit and avionics upgrade, featuring a digital all-weather flight control system and autopilot, a new communications suite, flat panel displays, and enhanced navigation and safety equipment.

The second upgrade is the Reliability Enhancement and Re-engining Program at the Lockheed Martin plant in Marietta, Ga. This program replaces the old engines with quieter and more powerful General Electric CF-6 engines. The aircraft also undergoes

55 system and equipment improvements to increase the C-5's reliability. Some of the modifications include improvements to the airframe structure, flight controls, and hydraulic, electrical and fuel systems.

Because of their experience with the AMP and flying the C-5, Air Force Reserve aircrew members and maintainers have established many of the written procedures and training requirements for the modernized airlifter, said Chief Master Sgt. Donald Cunningham, who underwent Type One training and is part of the team overseeing AMP and RERP modifications at Dover. He has worked on the C-5M project for two years.

Ten aircraft maintainers here have gone to the Marietta plant for training and to verify and validate technical orders for the C-5 M.

"For every task there is a technical order," said Chief Eason. "By having validated the technical orders and ensuring they are correct, we are not taking mechanics down the wrong road while maintaining the aircraft, which saves time and money and ensures a safe, operational aircraft."

Reservists in the 512th bring a lot of experience to this program, according to Chief Cunningham who has been flying on the C-5 for 30 years and has more than 8,500 flight hours.

"By combining this experience with the 436th Airlift Wing's resources, we will be able to make this project successful," he said. "And, the aircraft will perform and meet the increasing demands for worldwide airlift."

Dover will receive its second C-5M in late February.

The Air Force Reserve's 709th AS and the active-duty's 9th AS will spend the next six months familiarizing themselves with the C-5M, training on aerial refueling, tactics and maintaining currency, said Colonel Semo.

In August, the C-5Ms are scheduled to begin operational testing and evaluation. All C-5s in the Air Force inventory currently are undergoing AMP modifications.

After the C-5M's at Dover are tested and evaluated, 51 more C-5s are scheduled to undergo the RERP upgrade to complete their conversion to the C-5M Super Galaxy.



Lockheed Martin photo

**Lt. Col. Mike Semo, the wing's manager of the C-5M integration project and chief pilot, sits in a C-5M with a modernized glass cockpit and avionics upgrade.**



**436th Airlift Wing Commander Col. Manson O. Morris, 512th Airlift Wing Commander Col. Randal L. Bright, and Lorraine Martin, Lockheed Martin C-5 program vice president, stand with four members of the crew who flew the first C-5 into Dover Air Force Base April 16, 1971. Four of the crewmembers, Tom Dennis, Les Finney, Dr. Willie Curtis and Bob Valeski, were present to witness the arrival of Dover's first Super Galaxy Feb. 9.**

Photo by Jason Minto

## C-5M flies in on wings of Dover AFB heritage

**Senior Airman Andria J. Allmond**

Staff writer

The C-5M's wheels screeched to a halt on the Dover Air Force Base flightline and taxied in front of Hangar 706, where a crowd eagerly awaited the arrival of the first Super Galaxy. Seated in that crowd were four Airmen who ushered in Dover's strategic airlift era with the delivery of the base's first C-5 Galaxy almost 40 years ago.

Tom Dennis, Les Finney, Dr. Willie Curtis and Bob Valeski, crewmembers of the original C-5A delivered here in 1971, were present once again to witness a new era of military airlift Feb. 9.

While the C-5M was received with pomp and circumstance, it was business as usual when the 9th Airlift Squadron crew delivered Dover's first C-5 April 16, 1971.

"There was not a big deal made out of the arrival of the C-5A, but I knew we were part of history," said retired major and C-5 pilot Mr. Dennis, who lives in Dover and retired in 1977. "After we flew in with the aircraft, it was just another day. We finished up and got ready for work the next day."

The refurbished C-5M, named Spirit of Global Reach, was delivered by Gen. Arthur J. Lichte, Air Mobility Command commander, who accepted the symbolic key to the aircraft in front of Dover's total force audience and key civic leaders. The ceremony included the U.S. Air Force Band Ceremonial Brass Quintet, the base honor guard and speeches by Lockheed Martin representatives, government officials and military leaders.

During the ceremony, General Lichte asked the four original crewmembers to stand and receive their long overdue recognition. Silhouetted by the backdrop of flags, brass and the new aircraft, the cadre of Dover's original C-5 aircrew were finally acknowledged in

front of their Air Force family.

"I felt proud to be part of the program [delivering the C-5A to Dover AFB] and having the trust of my commander and the crewmembers," said Dr. Curtis, former senior master sergeant and squadron standardization loadmaster, who retired in 1978. "I was proud of the excellent transition in airlift missions of the U.S. Air Force and Dover Air Force Base."

Dr. Curtis said he was delighted when he received the invitation to take part in the C-5M delivery ceremony and to meet his fellow crewmembers who accompanied him that historic day in April.

"Getting the invitation to be here brought back a lot of good memories," said Mr. Finney, a former C-5 engineer and chief master sergeant who spent 28 years on active duty. "Our C-5 crew flew missions to Vietnam, Iran, Alaska and all over the world. It was great to be part of that team."

One such mission that the first C-5s flew was in 1977, which involved hauling a 40-ton electromagnet from Chicago to Moscow in support of a joint energy research program between the two countries. That mission earned the crew the MacKay Trophy, awarded yearly by the Air Force for the "most meritorious flight of the year" by an Air Force person, persons or organization.

"I have been out of the Air Force for over 20 years," said Mr. Finney, who retired in 1984. "I miss it. I miss flying. I miss the people. I saw a lot of the old guys I flew with over the years sitting in that audience, other guys from the squad who had also retired. It was like a homecoming."



U.S. Air Force photo



U.S. Agency for International Development photo

The supplies delivered by the 326th Airlift Squadron will be used for the new library at the Ave Maria University, Latin American Campus, in San Marcos, Carazo, Nicaragua.



US AID photo

Above: Students study in the Ave Maria University, Latin American Campus, in San Marcos, Carazo, Nicaragua.

Right: Master Sgt. Robert Kaepler, a loadmaster with the Air Force Reserve's 326th Airlift Squadron, secures a pallet of cargo to a forklift at the Managua International Airport, Nicaragua, Jan. 18. A Dover Air Force Base C-17 Globemaster delivered desks, chairs, file cabinets and books for use at a Nicaraguan university library.



Photo by Capt. Marnee A.C. Losurdo



Photo by Capt. Marnee A.C. Losurdo

The 326th Airlift Squadron delivered approximately 18,000 pounds of humanitarian cargo to the Managua International Airport, Nicaragua, Jan. 18, as part of the Denton program. The Department of Defense transportation program uses available military air, surface and sea-lift assets to deliver cargo donated by charities or private donors.

# Delivering Hope

## C-17 crew transports humanitarian cargo to Nicaragua

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

**A** Dover Air Force Base C-17 Globemaster III aircrew airlifted 18,000 pounds of humanitarian cargo from here to Nicaragua Jan. 17 through 19.

The 326th Airlift Squadron Airmen delivered desks, chairs, file cabinets and books for the new library at Ave Maria University, Latin American Campus, in San Marcos, Carazo.

The school is a one-hour drive from the Managua International Airport, where the Reserve crew delivered the supplies. The cargo was delivered as part of the Denton Program. The Denton Program is a Department of Defense transportation program that uses available military air, surface and sea-lift assets to deliver humanitarian cargo donated by charities or private donors.

“About three years ago, the school began constructing a new library as the original library was too small,” said Elizabeth Garcia, the director of library services who’s been employed by the university since 1995. “The library will benefit the 450 students who attend the university and the 600 students who are learning English at the language institute on campus.”

The U.S.-accredited university has been open for 15 years. It is a branch of Ave Maria University in Naples, Fla.

“The Florida campus donated these supplies through the Denton

Program,” said Mrs. Garcia, an American whose husband is Nicaraguan. They moved back to his native country in 1979.

The Denton Program is jointly administered by the Department of State, Department of Defense and the U.S. Agency for International Development. USAID helps more than 100 countries with agriculture, education, health and humanitarian assistance, according to the USAID website. From 1990 to 2008, USAID has provided \$1.37 billion in assistance to Nicaragua.

Nicaragua, with 5.7 million people, is one of the poorest in the Western Hemisphere, according to USAID. Almost half of the nation’s population lives in poverty, which affects women and children most severely, according to Unicef.

“This is probably one of my favorite Reserve missions because it’s humanitarian,” said Lt. Col. Mike Miller, the 326th AS director of operations. “This is a very noble mission as we are helping people less fortunate than us. It’s a chance to give back.”

The Air Force Reserve and the Air National Guard conduct many of the Denton missions because they are able to use their training missions to deliver the humanitarian supplies.

“This is great overseas training for us because Central America can be a demanding flying area as there are language barriers and the terrain is difficult,” Colonel Miller said. “Also, radar coverage is not as good, and airfields are not as well prepared as in other parts of the world.”

# Tax Time

## Free tax assistance available to reservists

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

**W**ith the tax season looming, there are a few avenues of assistance available for those 512th Airlift Wing members who are not in touch with their inner-accountant.

Military One Source, which offers free tax software, the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program and the Dover Air Force Base's legal offices are all available to help Liberty Wing Airmen and their families prepare their tax returns.

Military One Source, at <https://www.militaryonesource.com>, provides professional tax software, which guides users online through the required forms and documentation and asks tax-relevant questions in a very user-friendly fashion, said Master Sgt. Michelle Anderson, 712th Aircraft Maintenance squadron orderly room non-commissioned-officer-in-charge and the wing's VITA representative.

Servicemembers will be able to complete a federal and state tax return, using an online interview process to walk them through the return process, electronically file a tax return, print and file a tax return, and check e-file status, according to Military One Source. Users are also able to transfer information from other tax software programs into the free program.

The VITA program, managed by the 436th Airlift Wing Legal Office, also offers basic income tax preparation and electronic filing at no cost to military members, retirees and their family members.

At Dover Air Force Base, there are 22 VITA representatives spread out among the wing's squadrons assisting those who need help with their taxes. These volunteers undertake a five-day course each year, instructed by the Internal Revenue Service, to learn the basics of filing income taxes. Each volunteer is required to complete and pass a test in order to be certified as a VITA representative.

Airmen who would like to take advantage of this program may contact Sergeant Anderson at 677-6823. Sergeant Anderson has been a 512th AW VITA for the past four years and is able to sit down one-on-one with members and navigate them through their tax information.

Another avenue for tax help is to contact the Dover AFB legal offices.

"If members have questions about their taxes

during a UTA [Unit Training Assembly], they can contact our office," said Lt. Col. Carmel-Ann Feliciani, 512th AW judge advocate. "However, we are encouraging members to use the free tax preparation service from Military One Source."

If a member needs to prepare a return, the 512th AW legal office will do the intake and have the active-duty office prepare the return, said Colonel Feliciani.

When filing bring the following tax documents:

- Social Security numbers for the reservist, their spouse and dependents
- Child care, education and adoption costs
- W-2 Forms for all employers for the reservist and their spouse. Reservists can download their W-2's at <https://mypay.dfas.mil>.
- Investment income forms
- Alimony information
- Social Security benefits
- Miscellaneous income
- Form 1098-E for student loan interest
- Form 1098 for home mortgage interest
- Charitable donations
- Medical and dental expenses
- Real estate taxes

The 2008 federal tax deadline is April 15, and the state tax deadline for Delaware is April 30. Extensions are sometimes given to deployed military members.

For reservists who still have tax questions, Military One Source tax consultants are available 24/7 by phone at (800) 730-3802.



# Get more from Get 1 Now

## Recruiting program sweetens prize selection

**Senior Airman Andria J. Allmond**

Staff writer

**W**hat if you could choose who you work alongside? What if you could win a television, IPOD or other great prizes for making that choice?

This scenario isn't too good to be true; it's the Air Force Reserve's Get 1 Now program.

With the intention of maintaining a quality corps, the Air Force Reserve's recruiting program, Get 1 Now, was refurbished last year to offer more motivating incentives.

"The idea is if you refer someone to your recruiting office, it is a person you would like to work with. Essentially, you're choosing your colleagues," said Master Sgt. Michael DiLorenzo, 512th Airlift Wing senior recruiter.

Some Liberty Wing members have used the program for just that reason.

"I didn't want to lose her after her time here as a student hire," said Staff Sgt. Jessica Hatch, 512th Mission Support Squadron personnel employment chief, who recruited Airman Basic Ashley Eason, 512th MSS personnel employment assistant. "I also knew she could benefit from the GI Bill and the tuition assistance offered by the Air Force Reserve."

Airman Eason is currently a student at Delaware Technical and Community College,

where she is majoring in human relations.

"I was always interested in joining, but the money for school was definitely a hook for me," said Airman Eason, who said she is also interested in recruiting through Get 1 Now.

If working with friends and family isn't enough of a reason to participate in the program, the list of rewards might be a good incentive.

"One accession through Get 1 Now rewards a person with items like a portable DVD player or an IPOD Nano,"

said Sergeant DiLorenzo. "The prizes get better with the more accessions, like flat-screen high-definition televisions and digital cameras."

There are four award levels and multiple awards in the first three levels. Level four requires 10 or more accessions with the award being a laptop computer. The availability of awards is calculated by how many individuals a reservist can get to join from Oct. 1, 2008, through September. The possible recruits must join within 24 months of being referred by a reservist.

In order for a reservist to participate in Get 1 Now, they need a current account. An account can be created by logging onto <http://get1now.us>. Some reservists might already be in the system from a previous referral, or have been automatically given a Get 1 Now account if they recently joined the Air Force Reserve. It's recommended that reservists contact an advisor or call 1-877-786-2372 to see if they have an account.

"The Air Force Reserve has something that can help out almost everybody," said Sergeant DiLorenzo. "Some people may have left active-duty and miss the military's camaraderie, some may be fresh out of high school and need direction or money or college, and others may be interested in the medical benefits or extra money. Any of those reasons, combined with the awards offered, is a great reason to refer people to us through Get 1 Now."

For more information, contact the Get 1 Now Web site <http://get1now.us>, or call the 512th AW recruiting office at (302) 677-6913.



Photo by Senior Airman Andria J. Allmond

**Senior Master Sgt. Michael DiLorenzo, 512th Airlift Wing senior recruiter, Staff Sgt. Jessica Hatch, 512th AW personnel employment chief and Airman Basic Ashley Eason, 512th AW personnel employment assistant, review the new awards available to Air Force reservists who participate in the Get 1 Now program.**

# Living History

## Liberty Wing member marches in Presidential Inauguration Parade

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

Through unyielding 15 mile per hour winds and the frigid chill, a 512th Airlift Wing member marched in the Presidential Inauguration Parade Jan. 20.

Al Dutton, 512th AW assistant systems administrator, marched alongside eight of his fellow volunteer firefighters in representation of the Clayton Fire Company #1 incorporated.

Despite the 28-degree weather, the fire department veteran of 18 years, marched the 2-mile parade route past the new Commander-In-Chief and his family.

“It was the kind of cold that went right to the bone,” said Mr. Dutton. “We all tried to keep moving, keep the blood flowing. People were trying to get shelter from the winds by getting behind the buildings.”

The Delaware native, a former active-duty Air Force telecommunications specialist, left Smyrna, Del., for the Washington D.C. area at 5:30 a.m. to ensure an on-time arrival for parade participants. The assembly of Clayton firefighters joined 46 companies from the Delaware Volunteer Fireman’s Association, and its ladies auxiliary, to total 380 members. Three fire trucks, one from each county, also took the trip to Washington D.C.

After receiving word in early December they were chosen to participate in the parade, association officials asked each of the 61 Delaware fire departments to submit six volunteers to march, as well as a list of alternates. The DVFA marched after the representatives of the U.S. Marine Corps and U.S. Marine Corps Reserve and in front of the University of Delaware Fightin’ Blue Hen Marching Band.

The opportunity of taking part in this historic event outweighed the discomfort brought on by Mother Nature for the firefighter who volunteers his time to help those in his community.

“It was awesome, a once in a lifetime experience,” said Mr. Dutton. “We all were very excited to be there and participate in this event. It was an honor.”

**Mr. Al Dutton, 512th Airlift Wing assistant systems administrator, marched in the presidential inaugural parade as part of the Clayton Fire Company #1. Mr. Dutton has been a volunteer firefighter for 18 years.**

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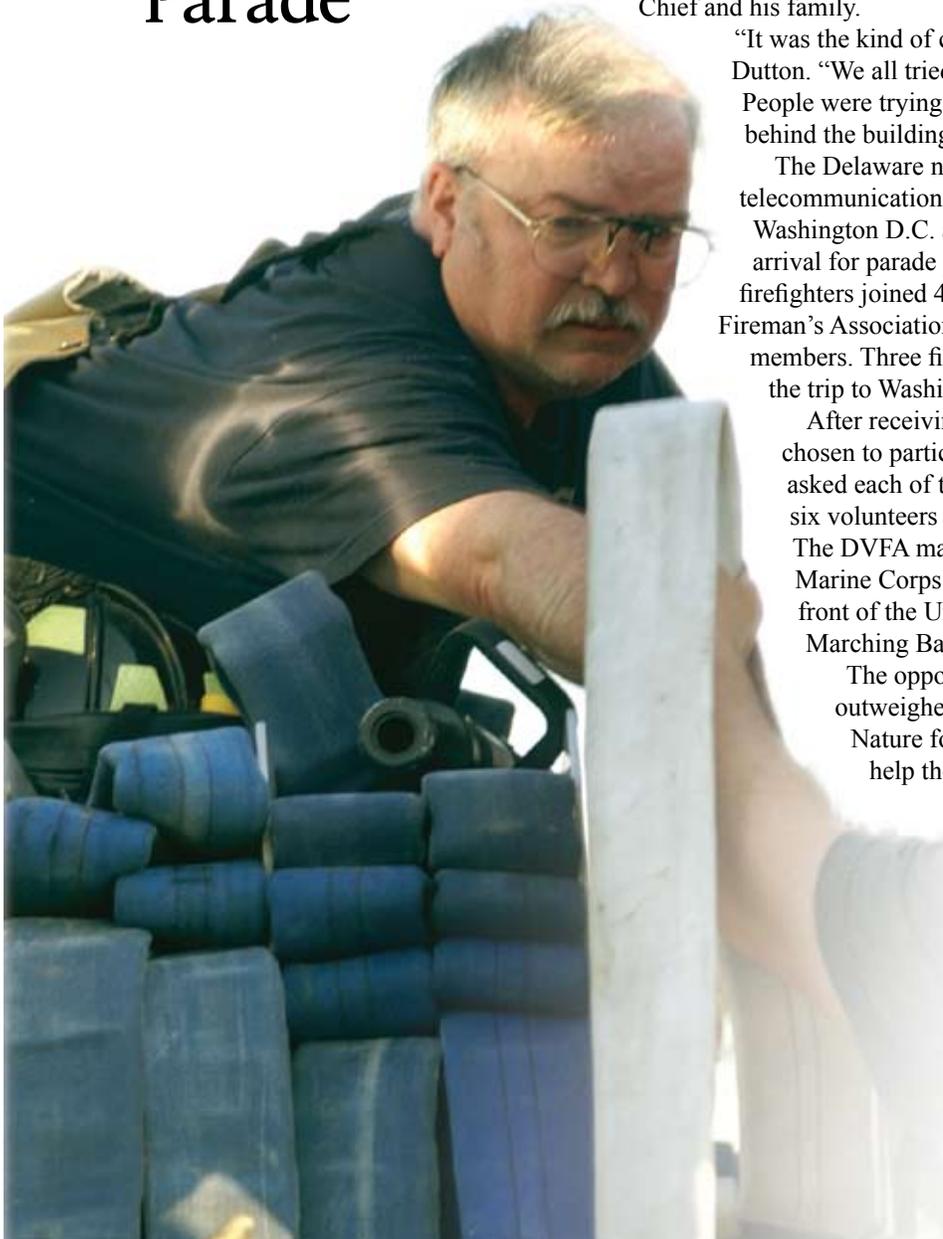




Photo by Staff Sergeant Steve Lewis

Dover's Lane Thurman, number 39, attempts to free the puck from a McGuire team member during the second annual all-star charity hockey match in Philadelphia Jan. 31. The teams raised \$1,700 for charity from this year's game.

## Dover All-Stars fall to McGuire All-Stars 1-7

**Staff Sgt. Steve Lewis**

Staff writer

The Dover Air Force Base All-Stars couldn't hold off New Jersey's McGuire Air Force Base All-Stars, in a 1-7 ice hockey match in Philadelphia's Wachovia Spectrum Jan. 31.

Returning to the rink after a 9-4 lead over McGuire in last year's first charity ice hockey match, Team Dover brought new members to the veteran line-up of active-duty, reservists and civilians from the 436th and 512th Airlift Wings.

Despite the loss of last year's key players and the addition of new faces, Dover held strong during the first period, letting one goal pass.

The match intensified during the second period when McGuire began driving more pucks through the net, but that didn't stop Dover from standing their ground. In an attempt to turn the game in Dover's favor, offensive wing Corey Bourque added a point to the scoreboard. Bourque was the only player to get past McGuire's defenses throughout the match.

"I thought my goal would change the momentum, but they

were a tough team," said Bourque.

As the match went on, Dover goalie Nicholas Koski-Vacirca did what he could to prevent McGuire from scoring, while offensive wings Tony Connaghan and John Bodnar tried to gain the lead.

Toward the end of the third period, a win was certain for McGuire as Mark DeGironimo scored the seventh and final goal of the game.

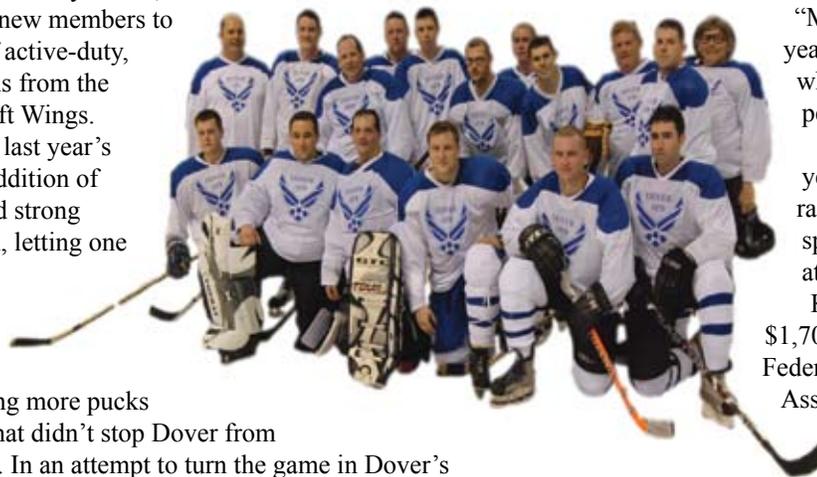
"McGuire was ten times harder this year," said Dover goalie Jeffrey Kach, who defended the net during the first period and half of the second period.

Although McGuire won this year, both teams' goals were to raise money for two government-sponsored charitable programs aimed at helping military families in need.

Koski-Vacirca said the teams raised \$1,700 this year for the Combined Federal Campaign and the Air Force Assistance Fund, \$300 more than last year. Koski-Vacirca worked with McGuire offensive wing Michael Ramos to organize the

annual charity event.

Next year, Dover will have a chance to reclaim the trophy, now in the hands of the McGuire All-Stars.





### Senior Airman Andria J. Allmond

Staff writer

The Air Force Hometown News Service is a chance to publicize career achievements of military members and government employees through publication in hometown newspapers, radio or television.

The program showcases the worldwide accomplishments and activities of Airmen and presents a positive image of Air Force people through print and electronic news releases.

There are two ways to submit a Hometown News release. An individual can come to the 512th Airlift Wing Public Affairs office in building 202, room 202 and fill out a paper DD Form 2266, which will be submitted by the wing public affairs staff; or, one can fill out and submit the electronic form available on the wing's homepage at <http://www.512aw.afrc.af.mil/>.

There are many occasions that merit a hometown news release.

Military members may submit for the following reasons:

- » Graduation from basic training, Officer Training School or technical schools
- » Promotion to E-3 and higher (as the promotion occurs)
- » Selected for promotion to E-9 and O-6 and above
- » Permanent change of station
- » Awards and decorations
- » Re-enlistments
- » Retirements
- » Olympic or Pan-American game selection
- » Receipt of college degree
- » Suggestion awards of \$50 or more
- » Participation in a national news event

Civilians may submit for the following occasions:

- » Numerous awards at all levels
- » Decoration for Exceptional Civilian Service
- » Suggestion award of \$500 or more
- » Graduation from military school

By submitting an HTNR, Airmen will be letting their family, friends and employers know about their accomplishments.

For more information or assistance, call the 512th Airlift Wing Public Affairs office at (302) 677-3485.

## Military Times to honor everyday heroes

Each year Military Times honors an "Everyday Hero." This embodies someone with whom an Airman is proud to serve with. This individual is someone whose dedication, professionalism and concern for their fellow military members and community set the standard. Submit nominations for the 2009 Service Members of the Year Awards at <http://www.militarytimes.com/smoy/>.

## President directs drawdown plan for Iraq

President Barack Obama directed key defense and military officials to come up with plans for "a responsible military drawdown in Iraq."

The president said he plans to meet with the Joint Chiefs of Staff to discuss operations in Iraq, Afghanistan and the broader Middle East.

"In the coming days and weeks, I will also visit the (Defense Department) to consult with the Joint Chiefs on these issues, and we will undertake a full review of the situation in Afghanistan in order to develop a comprehensive policy for the entire region," he said.

For more information, read the Air Force Print News story at <http://www.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123132300>.

## Commander-in-Chief's official photo online

The president's photo is available at <http://www.af.mil/shared/media/photodb/photos/090121-O-8474S-001.jpg>. It can also be obtained from the base's multimedia center. Call (302) 677- 6569.

## Expeditionary medal eligibility expanded

Department of Defense officials recently expanded the areas of eligibility for the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal. The approved additions are two countries - Morocco and Burkina Faso - and Operation Nomad Shadow, with an initial area of eligibility of Turkey and Northern Iraq.

Servicemembers who qualify for both the Iraq Campaign Medal and the GWOT-EM during the same Operation Nomad Shadow deployment can be awarded either medal, but not both. Servicemembers are not entitled to more than one campaign or expeditionary medal for the same period of service.

For information, Airmen can contact their local personnel section or call the 24-hour Air Force Contact Center at 800-616-3775. Read the story at <http://www.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123130096>.

## Nominate local civic leaders for Department of Defense Joint Civilian Orientation Conference

The 512th Airlift Wing Public Affairs Office is now taking recommendations for nominations for this year's Joint Civilian Orientation Conferences.

JCOG is a program sponsored by the Secretary of Defense for civilian public opinion leaders interested in growing their knowledge of the military and national defense issues. JCOG is the oldest existing Pentagon outreach program.

For more information on the program, visit <http://jcoc.dod.mil/> or call 512th Public Affairs at (302) 677-3487.

## TRICARE adds new podcast to website

As part of a continuing effort to keep beneficiaries informed, TRICARE officials added a news podcast to the TRICARE website. The Tricare Beneficiary Bulletin brings listeners the latest news about their benefits every week in a quick, easy-to-digest format.

The debut podcast contains updates on TRICARE Reserve Select and points listeners to other useful online information sources. A new five minute Tricare Beneficiary Bulletin will appear on the Tricare Website every Thursday.

To learn more, visit <http://www.military.com/news/article/new-tricare-bulletin-podcast-launched.html?wh=benefits>

## Retirees to receive revised retirement certificates

With the Jan. 20 inauguration of the new Commander-in-Chief, the DD Form 2542, "Certificate of Appreciation for Service in the Armed Forces of the United States," requires revision.

Airmen retiring Jan. 20 or later will receive the new certificate once it becomes available. For those who qualify, the "Letter of Appreciation" will also change.

The Air Reserve Personnel Center will keep a roster of affected Airmen and forward the certificates as soon as possible. It may take 90 days or more to receive the certificates.

Airmen may contact the ARPC Contact Center for assistance at 1-800-525-0102, Monday through Friday and the first three Sundays of the month or request information on the virtual Personnel Center-Guard and Reserve.

## Colonel assignment gameplan

Certain qualified Air Force Reserve line colonels are able to select from an a la carte listing of job vacancies.

The Web-based job announcements are part of a program called the Reserve Line Colonel Assignments Gameplan 2009.

The game plan is a first for Air Force Reserve Command. Game Plan 2009 jobs can be accessed through the Air Force Portal under the Senior Leader Management AFRC/A1L site at: [https://](https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/guard-reserveportal)

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## Update employer information

Reserve Airmen are now able update their civilian employment information by accessing the Air Reserve Personnel Center. All Reserve Airmen are required to complete this requirement annually.

Updated CEI provides defense officials with visibility of who can be called up for active military duty.

In order to update CEI, visit <https://arpc.afrc.af.mil> or <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/guard-reserveportal>.

## AF removes deployment data

The Air Force recently decided to remove 45-day deployment data from its officer selection briefs.

This change is a total force initiative that affects the Regular Air Force, Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard. In the Air Force Reserve, the change will go into effect with the April 2009 chaplain and line of the Air Force judge advocate major and lieutenant colonel selection boards.

## Free Military handbooks

Military Handbooks, a civilian company which creates military service-based publications, has released a handbook specifically designed for members of the National Guard and Reserve.

This unique handbook contains information on subjects such as drill pay, housing allowances, enlistment bonuses, re-employment rights, health care and retirement.

To download free copies of this and other 2008 Military Handbooks, visit <http://www.militaryhandbooks.com/>.

## Good Conduct Medal returns

After a three-year hiatus, Air Force officials brought back the Air Force Good Conduct Medal for enlisted members, Feb. 11. This change is effective immediately and retroactive to when the medal was discontinued in February 2006.

## Awards help Reserve families

Fisher House Foundation officials have announced the 2009 Newman's Own Award competition, sponsored by Newman's Own, the Fisher House Foundation and Military Times Media Group.

The program awards grants to organizations with innovative solutions to improving quality of life for active-duty, Reserve or National Guard families. The Newman's Own Awards program provides grants totaling \$75,000 to between 12 and 15 volunteer and nonprofit organizations each year.

Organizations wishing to submit for a Newman's Own Award can find more information at [www.fisherhouse.org/](http://www.fisherhouse.org/). All proposals must be received by May 1.



photo by Staff Sergeant Steve Lewis

## Chaplain bids farewell to Liberty Wing family

512th Airlift Wing Chaplain Lt. Col. John Groth addresses the crowd with his son, John, at his retirement ceremony during the February Unit Training Assembly here. The ceremony was held among the retired chaplains friends and family in the Air Mobility Command Museum. Colleagues of Colonel Groth shared memories and stories about his ministry and time spent in the Air Force Reserve.

## WING BRIEFS

### Assumptions of command

Col. Karl A. Schmitkons, commander of the 302nd Operations Group at Peterson Air Force Base, Colo., will assume command of the 512th OG during a ceremony slated for March 8 at 10:30 a.m. at the Air Mobility Command Museum.

Maj. Beth Bruker-Walos will assume command of the 512th Memorial Affairs Squadron in a ceremony March 7 at the Air Mobility Command Museum.

### Flying squadron hiring C-5 flight engineers

The 709th Airlift Squadron is currently accepting applications for C-5 flight engineers. Responsibilities would include operating and monitoring aircraft systems. Formal and on-the-job training is provided. For more information, contact 677-6913.

### Ensure Family Care Plans are up to date

Every military member with family members is required to make arrangements for the care of their family members during their absence in the performance of military duties.

These arrangements are known as a Family Care Plan, which is an important part of readiness.

Military married to military, single parents and members who have a spouse or adults in their household who are incapable of self-care must establish a Family Care Plan in accordance with AFI 36-2908. There are many agencies available to assist reservists, to include the Judge Advocate, Airman and Family Readiness and Military Personnel Flight Customer Service. Reservists who may need a Family Care Plan should contact their first sergeant.

Tech. Sgt. Erica Weatherspoon, 512th Military Personnel Flight Customer Service, is the point of contact for this program and can be reached at (302) 677-3522/3523.

### Chapel Schedule

#### UTA Services

Protestant service is Sunday at 8 a.m. at the at Building 760 in the Galaxy Auditorium on the second floor.

#### Catholic Services

Mass:

Saturday, 5 p.m., Carpenter Memorial Chapel

Sunday, 9 a.m., Carpenter Memorial Chapel

Sunday, 11:30 a.m., Old Youth Center

Reconciliation:

Saturday, 4:15 p.m., Carpenter Memorial Chapel

#### Protestant Services

Contemporary Service:

Saturday, 5 p.m., Old Youth Center

Traditional Services:

Sunday, 11 a.m., Carpenter Memorial Chapel

Gospel Service:

Sunday, 12:30 p.m., Carpenter Memorial Chapel

### Changes in dialing sequence

Team Dover members are now required to use the seven-digit dialing standard to make a call on base. The change will not affect phone service for the emergency number 911. The revised telephone dialing sequence was installed to provide a larger pool of dialing numbers that can be distributed out to base customers.



Photo by Senior Airman Deb Robinson

### Airman wins command recognition

**Tech. Sgt. James Blake, 512th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron crew chief, exits a C-5 here. Sergeant Blake was named Air Force Reserve Command's Ground Safety Noncommissioned Officer of the Year for 2008. The award recognizes outstanding achievements in ground safety between Oct. 1, 2007 and Sept. 30, 2008. Sergeant Blake was named the Ground Safety Noncommissioned Officer of the Year for Dover Air Force Base and 22nd Air Force prior to winning at command. To read the full story of Sergeant Blake's Dover AFB and 22nd AF award go to <http://www.512aw.afrc.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123127402>.**

### Lose an hour of sleep during the March UTA

Liberty Wing Airmen who will be present during the March a-team Unit Training Assembly are reminded to set their clocks forward one hour at 2 a.m. March 8.

### Dover Open House scheduled for June

The Thunderbirds are scheduled to appear at the Dover Air Force Base Open House June 20-21.

# 512th salutes



## Newcomers

The 512th Airlift Wing welcomes:  
 Lt Col Paul E. Sprengle Jr.  
 Capt Paul Hauspurg  
 Capt Mildred Phillips  
 MSGt Brad Ferguson  
 TSgt Lisa Barron  
 TSgt Daniel McGowan  
 TSgt Jeffrey Muniz  
 TSgt Dennis W. Thomas  
 SSgt Jonpaul Betro  
 SSgt Andrea Delre  
 SSgt Travis Ferguson  
 SSgt Norbert Ford  
 SSgt Jason Griggs  
 SSgt Brenda Hall  
 SSgt Denny Henney  
 SSgt Jeffrey Holland  
 SSgt Mark Johnson  
 SSgt Joseph Maccarroll  
 SSgt Gladys Marcelino  
 SSgt Christopher Miller  
 SSgt John Respoli  
 SSgt Ronald Snide  
 SSgt Richard Steele  
 SSgt Adriene Watson  
 SSgt Justin Wright  
 SrA Patrick Arndt  
 SrA Jeremy Bennett  
 SrA Benjamin Burrows  
 SrA Holly Cordova  
 SrA Arthur Davis  
 SrA Samuel Hamilton  
 SrA Nathaniel Rocha  
 SrA Ray C. Hill Jr.  
 SrA Dorothy Miller  
 A1C Brandon Artis  
 A1C Janet Blunt  
 A1C Lakisha King  
 A1C Kevin Mccallum  
 A1C Brian Vermillion  
 AB James Gray  
 AB Mercedi McCoy-Garrett  
 AB Ryan Moore

## Retirements

Lt Col John W. Groth  
 CMSgt Keith Hoyle  
 SMSgt Joseph Rothhaupt  
 SMSgt Michael McGee  
 MSgt Carrie Carter  
 MSgt Grant Doan

MSgt David Petr  
 MSgt Charles Twitchell  
 MSgt John Votta  
 TSgt William Felts  
 TSgt Patricia Nowik  
 TSgt Stacey Rykard  
 TSgt Floyd Vanazio

## Awards

### Meritorious Service Medal

Lt Col John Groth  
 Lt Col Craig Lafave  
 Maj Bonnie Adams  
 Maj Roger Bott  
 Maj Mario Corahernandez  
 Capt Connie Williams  
 CMSgt William Eason  
 CMSgt James Frasier  
 CMSgt Caroline Miller-Horton  
 CMSgt George Mosley Jr  
 SMSgt Kevin Beasley  
 SMSgt Jeffery Franklin  
 SMSgt Charles Hamlett  
 SMSgt Joseph Haney  
 SMSgt Tommy Rose Jr  
 SMSgt Matthew Sirkis  
 SMSgt Angela Walter  
 MSgt Rene Baldrich Jr  
 MSgt Adam Black  
 MSgt William Boxmeyer  
 MSgt Ryan Gallagher  
 MSgt Charles Gordon  
 MSgt Kevin Golt  
 MSgt Henry Iosbaker  
 MSgt Jeffray Jones  
 MSgt David Petr  
 MSgt Kevin Werkmeister  
 MSgt Lloyd Whitfield Jr  
 MSgt Stephanie Young  
**Air Medal**  
 Major Jeffrey Snyder  
**Aerial Achievement Medal**  
 TSgt Matthew Harr  
**Air Force Commendation Medal**  
 Maj Geoffrey Ayer  
 Maj Noel Soderlund  
 Capt Tara Mather  
 MSgt David Kuntzi  
 MSgt Eduardo Estrada-Reyes  
 MSgt Patricia Taylor

MSgt Eric Guzman  
 TSgt Kevin Fitzgerald  
 TSgt James Myhand  
 SSgt Richard Stuhmer  
**AF Achievement Medal**  
 TSgt Philip Delauder Sr  
 SSgt Steven Digby



## Promotions

**To SMSgt**  
 Mark Swiger

**To MSgt**  
 Diane Gill  
 Christopher Gile  
 Charles Thomson  
 Billy Yong

**To TSgt**  
 Steven Digby  
 Bryant T. Lovin Jr  
 Clarence Marchall Jr  
 Michael Sanders

**To SSgt**  
 Dustin Correll  
 Jason Jones  
 Ahmed Sheikh  
 Celicia Sumbry  
 James Zettlemoyer

**To A1C**  
 Andrew Ambush  
 April Valentin

## Developmental Education

**Senior Enlisted Joint PME**  
 SMSgt James Cartwright  
 SMSgt Brenda Shriver  
 SMSgt Ronald Toomey  
 MSgt Michael Folker  
 MSgt Tia Moore  
**SNCO Academy**  
 MSgt Joseph Moore  
**NCO Academy**  
 TSgt Sean Barnum  
 TSgt Kendra Renee

Connolly  
 TSgt David Jackson  
 TSgt Brewster Knott  
 TSgt Kristin MacDougall  
 TSgt Rachelle Williamson  
**Airman Leadership School**  
 SrA Adam Arndt  
 SrA Cole Chamberlain  
 SrA John Charles  
 SrA Victor Dinarte  
 SrA Shavonda Knight  
 SrA Edward Laurie Jr  
 SrA Sean McGahuey  
 SrA Kimberly Stackhouse  
 SrA James Zettlemoyer  
 SrA Carolina Rodriguez  
 SrA Tyrone Whitehurst

## Quarterly Award Winners

Congratulations to the 512th Airlift Wing third quarter award winners.

**Airman:**  
 SrA Bradrick Fields,  
 512th MXS  
**NCO:**  
 SSgt Peter Kwasnjuk,  
 512th SFS  
**SNCO:**  
 MSgt. Lawrence Roy III, 512th AMXS  
**Officer:**  
 Capt Shirley Whitney,  
 709th AS

## Liberty Babies

Pictured here at one day old, Charlena Angelique Aceveda was born Jan. 14, weighing 7 pounds, 3 ounces and measuring 19.8 inches. She is the first child of Master Sgt. Veronica A. Aceveda and her husband David.



Tech. Sgt. Hank Zmyewski, 46th Aerial Port Squadron, and his wife Tammy expanded their family Oct. 25 with the birth of their fifth child. Maxwell Charles Zmyewski weighed 9 pounds 4 ounces and was 21 inches long.

## Submissions

To submit story ideas or accomplishments, e-mail submissions to liberty.press@dover.af.mil or call 512th Airlift Wing Public Affairs at (302) 677-3485.



photo by Tom Randle

## Liberty Wing inducts newest Senior NCOs

The 512th Airlift Wing inducted their newest senior NCOs at the Senior NCO Induction ceremony at The Landings here Feb. 7. Master sergeants who made rank between Dec. 1,

2007, and Nov. 1 were recognized at the event. Photographs of the ceremony can be downloaded from <https://eim.amc.af.mil/org/436awpa/default.aspx>.

### Say hello to



Staff Sgt. Travis Ferguson joined the 512th Maintenance Squadron. Sergeant Ferguson is a student at Delaware Academy of Art and Design after spending six years as an active-duty Airman.

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