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512th Airlift Wing, Dover Air Force Base, Del.

And, the 512th AW annual award goes to ...



Now Staff Sgt. Harry Mackay
Airman
of the Year



Staff Sgt. Matthew Ferguson
NCO
of the Year



Senior Master Sgt. Sherry Dowgos
Senior NCO
of the Year



Capt. Frederick Kuehn
Company Grade
Officer of the Year



Beverly Lumia
Civilian
of the
Year



Master Sgt. Donald Meyer
First Sergeant
of the Year

Capt. Marnee A.C. Losurdo 512th AW Public Affairs

The 512th Airlift Wing announced the 2010 annual award winners during the wing's second annual awards banquet March 5 at the Sheraton Hotel in Dover.

The 512th AW Commander Col. Randal L. Bright and his wife Amy attended the three-hour event.

"This is a phenomenal wing we have here, and we are part of a phenomenal team with the 436th Airlift Wing," said Colonel Bright, glancing to his active-duty counterpart, Col. Mark D. Camerer, the 436th AW commander who was also in attendance. "We have outstanding Airmen and civilian employees, and this evening is an opportunity to recognize some of our top performers in our wing."

The event featured Col. Robert Coupe, Delaware State Police superintendent, as the guest speaker. After dinner and in front of an audience of 250 wing and community members, the emcee Capt. Otis Wilson, 512th Operations Group, announced the 2010 512th AW Outstanding Airmen of the Year.

Senior Airman Harry Mackay, 512th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, is the 512th AW Outstanding Airman of the Year. The 512th AMXS aerospace maintenance technician deployed to Manas Transit Center, Kyrgyzstan, supporting de-icing operations for the C-5, C-17, KC-135, KC-10 and all Air Mobility Command contracted flights in theater. He's an Airman Against Drunk Driving volunteer, and he helped the USO build 2,000 care packages for worldwide distribution to deployed warriors.

Staff Sgt. Matthew Ferguson, 512th Airlift Control Flight, is the 512th AW Outstanding NCO of the Year. The loadmaster deployed in support of Operation Unified Response to Homestead Air Reserve Base, Fla., where he and his fellow ALCF members launched 608 flights and assisted with the coordination of transferring cargo from larger aircraft to the smaller aircraft flying the supplies into Port Au Prince, Haiti. He earned a Bachelors of Science degree in elementary education.

Senior Master Sgt. Sherry Dowgos, 512th Operations Support Flight, is the 512th AW Outstanding Senior NCO of the Year. The operations administrative assistant worked with her counterparts in the 436th AW to standardize aviation resource management procedures. As the unit's medical monitor, she achieved 100 percent compliance for the unit's medical

readiness requirements. She also hosted two French high school foreign exchange students spreading goodwill between the United States and France.

Capt. Frederick Kuehn, 512th ALCF, is the 512th AW Outstanding Company Grade Officer of the Year. The captain deployed in support of Operation Unified Response to Homestead ARB, Fla., where he led the Contingency Response Element. He and his fellow ALCF members launched 608 flights and assisted with the coordination of transferring cargo from larger aircraft to the smaller aircraft flying the supplies into Port Au Prince, Haiti. He's also an active volunteer with the American Red Cross in New York serving in the disaster response unit and assisted with 12 disasters and assisted 418 people.

Beverly Lumia, 512th OG, is the 512th AW Outstanding Civilian of the Year. She is the 512th OG commander's secretary. Ms. Lumia oversees several programs to include personnel actions, the government purchase card, government travel card, military and civilian orders, budget, protocol, training and time and attendance records. She is active in a variety of organizations including the American Cancer Society, American Diabetes Association, Arthritis Foundation, American Heart Association and Delaware Special Olympics.

Master Sgt. Donald Meyer, 709th Airlift Squadron, is the 512th AW First Sergeant of the Year. As the first sergeant, he is responsible for more than 170 Airmen. He deployed to Kirkuk Regional Air Base, Iraq, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Sergeant Meyer improved the squadron's Fit Camp resulting in an 8 percent increase in members scoring 90 percent or higher. The community advocate led a team in a 5K obstacle course and mud run raising \$22,000 for leukemia research.

The evening concluded with remarks from Colonel Bright.

"I congratulate each and every award winner; and, I thank each of you and your families for your service," said Colonel Bright.

Nominate Airmen for wing's first quarterly award

The 512th Airlift Wing Airman, NCO, Senior NCO, Company Grade Officer and Civilian of the Quarter Board will be April 2. The suspense for packages meeting this board is March 25. For questions about the nomination process, call Stanford Drummond, 512th Awards and Decorations, at (302) 677-3507.