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



Photo by Jason Minto

Airmen load cargo onto a C-5M Super Galaxy aircraft March 25 on Dover Air Force Base, Del. The cargo is bound for Italy in support of Joint Task Force Odyssey Dawn, which is the U.S. Africa Command task force established to provide operational and tactical command and control of U.S. military forces supporting the international response to the unrest in Libya and enforcement of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1973. UNSCR 1973 authorizes all necessary measures to protect civilians in Libya under threat of attack by Qadhafi regime forces.

Reservists answer call for help overseas

Col. Bob Thompson
Air Force Reserve Public Affairs

Conducting operations in an international spotlight, 27 Air Force reservists have volunteered and been sent to support humanitarian efforts in Japan as well as combat operations in the skies over Libya.

The reservists are from various units across the United States.

"So far, none of the Air Force Reserve requirements have required presidential mobilization and all have been filled with volunteers," said Lt. Gen. Charles E. Stenner Jr., chief of Air Force Reserve at the Pentagon and commander of Air Force Reserve Command at Robins AFB.

Most of the volunteers fly or maintain KC-135 aerial refueling aircraft. The deployed Airmen also include mortuary affairs technicians,

civil engineers, aerial porters, communications experts, public affairs and combat camera imagery specialists.

"Operation Tomodachi" is the name of U.S. military's humanitarian support activities in Japan after the island was hit by a devastating earthquake and a tsunami, a wall of water caused by an underwater landslide March 11.

After the United Nations Security Council passed Resolution 1973 authorizing "all necessary measures" to protect civilians in Libya March 17, the United States joined a coalition of 13 allied nations. Called "Operation Odyssey Dawn," the coalition forces are striking targets that pose a direct threat to the civilian population and have established a no-fly zone over Libya since March 18.

Besides the ongoing operations in Japan and Libya, nearly 4,000 Air Force reservists are deployed in Iraq, Afghanistan, Horn of Africa and other military operations around the world.

Catch a ride to, from lodging

A shuttle bus service is available for lodging guests to and from Bldg. 800 and the Passenger Terminal. As manning permits, service is Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - noon and 1 - 4 p.m., holidays excluded. No other passengers or stops will be authorized. For more information, call the Eagles Rest Inn at (302) 677-5701.

Still time to assess AF climate

There is still time to participate in the 2011 Air Force Community Assessment. Officials are encouraging members who were selected to take the anonymous survey to complete it prior to the end date.

The survey covers topics including personal and family adjustment, individual and family adaptation, community well-being, deployment, resiliency, post-traumatic stress and help-seeking stigma.

Those selected to take the survey are receiving e-mail invitations to participate. Spouses were mailed a postcard. The official secure notice is being sent from the consulting firm ICF International and addressed from AFCASurvey@icfi.com.

The survey takes approximately 30-45 minutes to complete.

TAP hosts virtual learning

The Department of Defense Transition Assistance Program now hosts Virtual Learning Opportunities for demobilizing members of the National Guard, Reserve, wounded warriors and their families. For a complete listing of seminar topics and dates visit www.TurboTAP.org.

Start charting a course to transition success by participating in these online learning events. The virtual aspect of these learning modes opens up educational opportunities often not available due to mobility, time zones, accessibility, and stage of demobilization. The facilitators will teach how to translate military experience into civilian terms, how to network and discover employment opportunities, create a new financial plan or even understand the federal employment system. Sessions are designed to provide you practical information which can be put to use immediately.