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Making master

Master Sgt. Kristin Hite, 46th Aerial Port Squadron, walks through a military cordon as part of the 512th Airlift Wing's Senior Noncommissioned Officer Induction Ceremony April 2 at the Duncan Center, Dover, Del. Twenty-two of the wing's newest master sergeants were formally inducted into the senior noncommissioned officer corps. Read the full story at <http://www.512aw.afrc.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123250800>.

First quarterly award winners announced

Congratulations to the 512th Airlift Wing's first quarterly award winners. They are:

- Airman of the Quarter, Senior Airman Brett Johnson, 512th Maintenance Squadron;
- NCO of the Quarter, Tech. Sgt. Robert Wynn, 512th Maintenance Squadron;
- Senior NCO of the Quarter, Master Sgt. Thomas Ragonese, 512th Airlift Control Flight;
- Company Grade Officer of the Quarter, Capt. Catherine Milhoan, 512th Force Support Squadron, and
- Civilian of the Quarter, Diana Oswell, 512th Maintenance Squadron.

Congratulations to all.

Ribbon cutting for new JPED set for April 15

Brigadier General Richard Mustion, The Adjutant General of the Army, will host a ribbon-cutting ceremony April 15 for the new Joint Personal Effects Depot here.

The 58,950 square-foot facility was constructed to accommodate the base's newest tenant unit, which is moving from the Army's Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. The JPED processes the personal effects of the wounded or killed service members who are serving overseas in support of contingency operations.

Last week to sign-up for Bluesuiters golf day

Airmen of all ranks are invited to participate in the Central Delaware Chamber of Commerce Bluesuiters Golf Tournament April 28 at 11 a.m. at Jonathan's Landing Golf Course, Magnolia, Del. Check-in is at 10 a.m. The fee is \$65 and includes dinner. Please RSVP by April 15 through the 512th Airlift Wing Public Affairs at (302) 677-3485.

Revised rules for Air Force leave program now in effect

The changes to Air Force Instruction 36-3003 on Military Leave include revised rules for determining the first and last day of chargeable leave, emergency leave requests, permissive temporary duty and educational leave of absence, officials said April 8.

The leave rule for determining the first and last day of chargeable leave was changed to align Air Force procedures with Department of Defense guidance, according to Lt. Col. Jodi Riley, Air Force Military Pay, Entitlements and Allowances Policy chief in the directorate of force management policy.

The colonel explained that if a member is starting leave or signing up for space-available travel on a non-duty day, then the member is on leave and that day will be chargeable as leave. If

a member returns from leave on a non-duty day, that day will not be charged as leave.

For example, if an Airman who works a typical Monday through Friday work week starts leave on Saturday, Saturday counts as the first day of leave, the colonel said. However, if the Airman starts leave during the work week and returns from leave on a Saturday, the last day of chargeable leave is Friday. In addition, if the Airman starts leave during the work week and returns from leave on a Sunday, the last day of chargeable leave is Saturday. If the Airman returns from leave on a Sunday or holiday, that day is not charged as leave.

The change means the rules for determining the first and last day of chargeable leave have been reversed, Colonel Riley said, adding Air-

men were previously charged leave for returning on a non-duty day and now they're charged leave for starting leave on a non-duty day instead.

Because LeaveWeb is not configured to automatically differentiate between the last day of leave and the last chargeable day of leave, Airmen and supervisors will be responsible to input the correct chargeable days into the program based on an Airman's duty schedule.

Air Force officials said Airmen should carefully read Air Force Guidance Memorandum 2 to AFI 36-3003, Military Leave Program, paragraphs (i) through (m), before finalizing leave requests under the revised guidelines.

To read other leave policy changes, read the full AF News Service story at <http://www.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123250822>.