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Buddy system

Senior Master Sgt. Dee Priar (left) and Master Sgt. Joy Clifford, both of the 512th Financial Management Office, use the buddy system while donning Mission Oriented Protective Posture gear during an exercise April 16 at the 3rd Airlift Squadron. About 250 512th Airlift Wing members participated in the four-day training event in preparation for the unit's Operational Readiness Inspection in December.

New CPR training switches ABCs

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Most Airmen who have gone through CPR training remember being taught the ABCs, or airway-breathing-circulation.

However, American Heart Association officials are suggesting people change the ABC sequence to CAB, or circulation-airway-breathing.

"Changing from ABC to CAB will save more lives," said Staff Sgt. Mark Simpson, assigned to the 18th Comptroller Squadron, after taking the new CPR course. "It's a better system for getting nutrients to the brain and the rest of the body by compressing the heart first and not delaying the compressions, which is a very important part of the CPR process."

Tech. Sgt. Jeanette Espiritu, a basic life-support administrator, explained that the studies of the CAB method allow the person administering CPR to immediately begin compressions, increasing the chances of saving someone's life.

Procedures and statistics on the existing CPR standards are reviewed every five years by AHA officials, and updated into a more proficient method.

All Airmen will be taught the new CPR sequence in Heartsaver and healthcare provider courses, officials said. Airmen needing to update their CPR certificates should contact their unit CPR instructor.

The AHA offers training to active duty and Department of Defense civilians. Non DoD personnel can attain CPR certification through the American Red Cross.

512th Finance team earns command award

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The Air Force Reserve Command selected the 512th Airlift Wing Financial Management Office as the Financial Management and Comptroller Organization of the Year for 2010.

The award is presented annually to the unit that exemplifies the Air Force financial management vision making significant contributions to financial management transformation efforts.

Pamela Jackson, 512th AW civilian financial management officer, and Capt. Dawn Card, wing comptroller, led the 12-person office, comprised of civilians and reservists. Their accomplishments were evaluated in the areas of outstanding achievement, mission impact and management of resources.

There are many achievements that made the 512th AW finance office stand out, said Ms. Jackson, but what really set them apart from other FM units is when AFRC notified their office in August 2010 that they would lead the AFRC implementation of the Defense Travel System.

"We were selected because of our reputation for quality, experience and hard work," said Ms. Jackson, who serves as an advisor on all wing financial matters, providing information and support to leadership. "Command told us that if we couldn't make it work; it wouldn't work."

When the office isn't paving the way for new AFRC pay systems, they assist other wing finance offices in preparing for Operational Readiness Inspections.

"Last year, our office assisted four financial management units with ORI preparation, and they all earned a rating of satisfactory or higher," said Senior Master Sgt. Dee Priar, superintendent, who works in the FM office as a civilian during the week and as a reservist during the Unit Training Assembly.

The senior NCO has participated in eight ORIs during her 26-year career and uses her knowledge to train other money managers.

"We go to their location and prepare them for the ORI by helping them build continuity binders and training them on some of the possible scenarios they might encounter during the inspection," she said.

The 512th finance office's expertise isn't just sought out for inspections. The office's efficient process for researching and tracking unpaid orders was a benchmark for command and was briefed to other FM offices throughout AFRC, said Ms. Jackson.

"We compile a list of the unpaid orders and do the research before we send it to unit resource advisors, so they can effectively use their time to work the issue with the reservist," said Ms. Jackson.

The wing's money managers are happy about their recent accolade, and they plan to continue their tradition of high-caliber work and customer service.

Read the full story at <http://www.512aw.afrc.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123251684>. (Capt. Mamee A.C. Losurdo, 512th AW Public Affairs contributed to this story.)