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



Photo by Jason Minto

The media interviews Master Sgt. Sean Pyne, 512th Airlift Control Flight, Jan. 15, 2010, in regards to his unit deploying to Homestead Air Reserve Base, Fla., to support humanitarian relief efforts for Haiti, following a 7.0 magnitude earthquake Jan. 12, 2010. Air Force Reserve Command named Sergeant Pyne the Airlift Control Flight Senior NCO of the Year for 2010 and the 512th ALCF topped the list as the Airlift Control Flight of the Year for 2010.

512th ALCF earns command awards

Staff Sgt. Danella Shea
512th AW Public Affairs

The Air Force Reserve Command released the winners for the 2010 Airlift Control Flight awards March 25, with the men and women of the 512th ALCF bringing in top honors.

Out of the five units within AFRC, the 512th ALCF was selected as the Airlift Control Flight of the Year for 2010.

Lt. Col. Mark Visco, 512th ALCF commander, said he is extremely proud, not only of the award but of the men and women who comprise his unit.

"I'm happy to see them get recognized for all of the hard work they put in," said Colonel Visco. "It made me tremendously proud to have all these good folks, who are all in one unit, win an award like this. It speaks volumes toward their capabilities as Citizen Airmen and the capabilities they have in their jobs."

The unit also had two of its members recognized in the AFRC Airlift Control Flight annual awards.

Master Sgt. Sean Pyne, a loadmaster by trade with the 512th ALCF, was selected as the 2010 AFRC Airlift Control Flight Senior NCO of the Year.

Staff Sgt. Johnathan Concepcion, an operations specialist with the 512th ALCF, was selected as the 2010 AFRC Airlift Control Flight NCO of the Year.

An airlift control flight is the front line of command and control, comprised of experienced airlift personnel to manage, coordinate and control air mobility assets. They provide a capability for operating at locations where there is limited support and are self-sufficient to be able to sustain operations under bare-base conditions.

To read the full story, visit <http://www.512aw.afrc.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123252658>.

Civic leaders experience Dover mission

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

The engines whined to a high-pitched roar and with a sudden start, the C-17 Globemaster III jetted down the Dover Air Force Base runway at 150 miles per hour. As the aircraft launched into the sky, Wanda Lopez tightly held onto her seat.

Ms. Lopez is one of 25 honorary commanders who participated in a flight and tour of a C-5M Super Galaxy and several base operations facilities here April 13.

The Honorary Commanders Program pairs commanders from the 512th Airlift Wing, the 436th Airlift Wing and the Air Force Mortuary Affairs Operations with local civic leaders, who include government officials and business and medical professionals.

After participating in the C-17 orientation flight, 512th AW Honorary Vice Commander Ms. Lopez said the program gave civilians such as her a new appreciation for the amount of work and support provided by the men and women who work at Dover AFB.

"It's a very patriotic experience to get a glimpse into the military life and daily base activities," said Ms. Lopez, the executive director of the Governor's Advisory Council on Hispanic Affairs. "It truly encourages a great sense of pride for the First State."

To read the full story, visit <http://www.512aw.afrc.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123252471>.

DoD approves AFSM for Haiti relief effort

The Department of Defense has approved the Armed Forces Service Medal for personnel assigned to Operation Unified Response who participated in humanitarian relief assistance to the people of Haiti following a 7.0 earthquake Jan. 12, 2010.

Members who supported Operation Unified Response between Jan. 14 and June 1 must have been assigned to the immediate area of operation.

Members must provide source documents confirming AFSM entitlement to their unit commander or designated representative. Source documents include temporary duty orders, travel vouchers, decoration citations, performance reports, etc. Documents must show the operation being supported, location and duration of service in the qualifying area.

For more information on this and other Air Force recognition programs, call Stanford Drummond, 512th Awards and Decorations, at (302) 677-3507 or the Total Force Service Center at (800) 525-0102.