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

Patriot Defender: Dover reservists hone combat skills

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A dozen Reserve security forces Airmen from the 512th Airlift Wing, Dover Air Force Base, Del., participated in Patriot Defender April 28 - May 12 at Ft. Wolter, Texas.

They joined three other Reserve security forces units for the 15-day ground combat skills training, which included classroom instruction, field exercises and performance evaluations.

The 12 Dover reservists paired with the 13-person squad from Luke AFB, N.M., to form Team Alpha for the duration of the course.

Teams Bravo and Charlie hailed from Whiteman AFB, Mo., and Homestead Air Reserve Base, Fla.

The security forces student corps for those two weeks comprised reservists of varying ranks and statuses, mainly enlisted personnel; but, some officers attended the course, including Maj. Randy Correia, 512th SFS commander.

"Every member of the Dover team had specific skills or experiences that we tapped into during the training," he said. "After 15 days of all four units

living, eating and training in close quarters, the Dover team set the standard of excellence for the other units to follow."

Cadre member Staff Sgt. Casey Pearson, 610th SFS, Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth, Texas, singled out Dover's Tech. Sgt. William Yoder for his ability to take what he learned in the classroom and applying it in the field.

"Tech. Sgt. William Yoder had a unique understanding of the Harris Radio System after attending the Tactical Communications class," said Sergeant Pearson. "It ultimately helped his team solve communication issues that occurred during field duty."

Sergeant Yoder was able to electronically set-up the field radios, which enabled communication between all of the teams.

A major exercise during the course charged Major Correia and Senior Master Sgt. James McGarvey, 512th SFS, with planning the security forces occupation of a forward operating base as well as providing security for a nearby village.

Read the full story at <http://www.512aw.afrc.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123257199>.

'101 Critical Days of Summer' begins

Memorial Day weekend officially marks the beginning of the Air Force 101 Critical Days of Summer Safety Campaign.

This is historically the period in which the Air Force experiences the most mishaps, particularly during off-duty activities. Unfortunately, many people ignore the risks associated with summer activities.

Our goal this and every summer is to prevent fatalities. Personal accountability and safety is everyone's responsibility. Risk management must be incorporated into daily activities on- and off-duty. Every commander, supervisor and worker must be committed to avoiding mishaps, continue to be focused on safety, and take the required measures to protect ourselves and our loved ones. (Courtesy 436th AW Safety Office)

Outdoor Recreation rents lawn care equipment

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Is crab-grass creeping on the lawn? Has the warm weather got spirits up but also the weeds in the yard? Don't worry, these nasty additions to the yard are but a quick fix away.

Outdoor Recreation at Dover Air Force Base, Del., is gearing up for lawn maintenance needs this summer and offers various equipment for all Department of Defense I.D. card holders.

Chris Rosebrooks, Outdoor Recreation assistant, has been making sure everything from stump grinders to lawn mowers are in top condition.

"We carry anything you could possibly need for your lawn-care needs," said Mr. Rosebrooks.

These items include manual and gas powered systems, rakes, shears, wheel barrows, lawn mowers, weed trimmers and chain saws. Some of Outdoor Recreation's most commonly rented items are lawn mowers, weed eaters and gas-powered edgers. They are \$5 for one day, \$12.50 for a weekend and \$25 for a full week.



Photo by Adrian Rowan

Chris Rosebrooks, 436th Force Support Squadron recreation assistant, demonstrates how to use an aerating machine May 23 at Dover Air Force Base, Del. He ensures Outdoor Recreation's equipment runs properly.

Customers are responsible for the condition of the equipment while it is being rented and are expected to return the rented items cleaned and serviceable.

Outdoor Recreation will be available to rent any lawn care equipment needs from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays.