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

Restructuring moves 512th under 4th Air Force

Four flying wings, one flying group and seven smaller units in the Air Force Reserve Command changed their higher headquarters and chains of command Oct. 1.

These actions advance the command's efforts to provide operational capabilities and strategic depth across the full spectrum of military operations. They affect units assigned to all three of the command's numbered air forces. The NAFs are 4th Air Force, March Air Reserve Base, Calif.; 10th AF, Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth, Texas; and 22nd AF, Dobbins ARB, Ga.

"The realignments give each NAF a distinct mission set, enabling them to more efficiently and effectively oversee the readiness of their subordinate units," said Col. Greg Vitalis, Headquarters AFRC program manager at Robins Air Force Base, Ga. "These realignments are administrative only. They do not involve any changes to the units' geographic location."

Moving from 22nd AF to 4th AF are the 315th Airlift Wing, Joint Base Charleston, S.C.; 439th AW, Westover ARB, Mass.; 512th AW, Dover AFB, Del.; and 514th Air Mobility Wing, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J. Each numbered air force focuses on different kinds of missions.

Fourth AF is responsible for "strategic reach forces," which includes aerial refueling and long-range, strategic airlift missions.

The primary mission of each NAF headquarters is the readiness of its assigned forces. The headquarters staffs provide oversight and advocacy to ensure subordinate units are trained, ready to deploy and support operational missions when tasked.

The number of mission areas supported by Air Force reservists has doubled over the past 10 years. This increase is the result of new requirements in leading-edge missions in space, intelligence, cyber-space, and new weapons systems, said Vitalis.

The demand for reservists on the frontlines has grown as well.

About 2,300 reservists filled deployment taskings in 1999, according to Vitalis. Since 9/11, about 5,000 Air Force reservists serve in the United States, Afghanistan, Iraq and elsewhere overseas.

To read the full article, go to <http://www.512aw.afrc.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123273350>. (Courtesy of Air Force Reserve Command)



U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Chuck Walker

Team Dover takes to the track

The 512th Airlift Wing Commander Col. Randal L. Bright, 436th AW Commander Col. Mark D. Camerer, and 436th AW Command Chief James Lucas ride in the parade lap before the Triple AAA 400 at Dover International Speedway in Dover, Del., on Oct. 2. The AAA 400 was the third race in the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series Chase for the Cup.



Combined Federal Campaign season is back at Dover

The Combined Federal Campaign is scheduled to run from Oct. 3 - Nov. 10, only giving reservists two unit training assemblies to donate.

"Last year we raised \$12,800," said Senior Master Sgt. James McGarvey, 512th Security Forces Squadron and 512th Airlift Wing CFC coordinator. "We are shooting for \$13,500 this year."

The CFC is the world's largest workplace charity campaign, with more than 300 CFC campaigns throughout the state, country and world that helps raise millions of dollars each year.

If an Airman chooses to donate, all they need to do is browse through the CFC brochure, select their charity of choice, enter the charity code and list how much they choose to donate on the CFC form then provide the form, with payment, to their CFC representative.

For information on the CFC campaign, contact McGarvey at 677-6070, Senior Master Sgt. Rachel Gonesh, 512th Aeromedical Squadron, at (302) 677-2550 or Tech. Sgt. Teleah Adkins, 512th Operations Group, at (302) 677-5621.

DFAC closing Oct. 17 - Nov. 4

The Patterson Dining Facility here is scheduled to close from Oct. 17-Nov. 4 for renovations.

Reservists serving on orders here during that time frame should properly note on their travel vouchers to be reimbursed accordingly.