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Retired reservist healthcare

Whether the time in service was 20 or 35 years, reservists are entitled to certain medical benefits through TRICARE.

There are a few TRICARE programs Reserve retirees can choose from in order to ensure medical coverage. TRICARE Standard, TRICARE Retired Reserve and TRICARE Prime are three of these programs which offer benefits for retired reservists and their families.

Regardless of what TRICARE program the retiree chooses, once the member turns 60 and becomes entitled to medical benefits, they're also entitled to use a Military Treatment Facility for pharmacy, immunizations and optometry needs with no cost to the member or family.

For more detailed information about each of these health care options, read the full story at <http://www.512aw.afrc.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123276805>. (Courtesy 512th Airlift Wing Public Affairs)

Free candy screening

The base passenger terminal is offering free candy screening 24/7 Oct. 28 - Nov. 1.

Wing's quarterly award winners announced

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

- Airman of the Quarter: Senior Airman Matthew Ronan, 512th Logistics Readiness Squadron;
- NCO of the Quarter: Tech. Sgt. Michael McCracken, 46th Aerial Port Squadron;
- Senior NCO of the Quarter: Senior Master Sgt. Jerome Smolarek, 512th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron; and
- Civilian of the Quarter: Deborah Prokasky, 326th Airlift Squadron.

The wing's annual awards banquet is March 3, 2012, when each of the quarterly award winners will be recognized, and the annual award winners will be announced. (Courtesy 512th AW Public Affairs)



Photo by Adrian Rowan

Col. Randal L. Bright, 512th Airlift Wing commander, passes the guidon to Lt. Col. Derin S. Durham who assumed command of the 512th Operations Group at the Landings Oct. 16. Durham's parents, Bill and Sue Durham, his wife, Jennifer, and their three children, Savannah, Sarah and Tucker attended the ceremony.

512th Operations Group gets new leadership

Senior Airman Tanisha Brown
512th AW Public Affairs

The 512th Operations Group held three change of command ceremonies at The Landings here Oct. 16.

Lt. Col. Derin S. Durham assumed command of the 512th OG where he will be responsible for overseeing the operations of the C-5 Galaxy and C-17 Globemaster III and command more than 320 people.

Col. Randal L. Bright, 512th Airlift Wing commander, presided over the ceremony and said he is confident Durham will be successful in his new position.

"I couldn't have chosen a better person for this position," said Bright. "Dover Air Force Base needs what 'Bull' Durham will bring, and that's strong leadership."

As Bright continued, he explained he understood why Durham's nickname is "Bull." "He has the tenacity of a bulldog," said Bright.

Durham recently served as the 701st Airlift Squadron director of operations, Charleston Air Force Base, S.C., and said he is ready for the challenge and shared his goals for the future.

"My vision is to be the best we can be, and my goal is to get the mission done," said Durham. "Safe mission execution is number one. As for my leadership style, people call me Bull for a reason; because I see problems, and I attack them head on."

"I'm not about change for the sake of change," he added. "I'm about change to better the process. I have an open door policy, and I welcome feedback."

Also at the ceremony, Durham served as officiating officer over two additional assumptions of command ceremonies.

Lt. Col. Theresa Cave assumed command of the 709th AS and Lt. Col. Andrew Eiler Jr. assumed command of the 512th Operations Support Flight.