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Submit free turkey nominations by Nov. 10

AMVETS Post 100 and the Delaware Military Academy have teamed together for a turkey drive to support Airmen and their families who could use a free turkey to help offset the cost of a Thanksgiving meal.

Please send nominations for these free turkeys via e-mail to Master Sgt. Laura Coseglia at laura.coseglia@us.af.mil or Tech. Sgt. Mariah Krass at mariah.krass@us.af.mil. Nominations are due Nov. 10 and must include the member's name, unit and a good contact number.

The 512th Airman & Family Readiness staff asks that the nominated member be informed, so when it comes time to distribute, everyone is aware. (Courtesy 512th AW Public Affairs)

Uniform update, reminder

The wear of the Airman Battle Uniform and ABU items will be mandatory as of Nov. 1. On the same day, Nov. 1, the battle dress uniform, desert camouflage uniform and tan boots (excluding Airmen deployed to the area of responsibility) will be officially phased out.

As the weather turns colder, Airmen are reminded several cold weather accessories were phased out last winter on Dec. 31, 2010. They include scarves, gloves, mittens and earmuffs of gray or dark blue color.

To see a slideshow highlighting authorized ABU under and outer garments, visit <http://www.afpc.af.mil/shared/media/document/AFD-110110-058.pdf>.

AAFES Reel Time

Movies showing at the base movie theater this weekend include:

- Friday, Nov. 4, 7 p.m., Abduction, PG-13,
- Saturday, Nov. 5, 4 p.m., Dolphin Tale, PG,
- Saturday, Nov. 5, 7 p.m., The Help, PG-13,
- Sunday, Nov. 6, 7 p.m., Killer Elite, R.



Courtesy photo

Airman 2nd Class Richard Staley (far right), socializes with fellow Airmen from the 512th Troop Carrier Wing Medium during a wing dining-in, known as a "wing ding," circa 1956. Staley joined the Air Force Reserve unit, then located in New Castle, Del., in 1954, seven years after the Air Force became a separate service.

Former 512th member offers glimpse into 1950's Reserve life

Master Sgt. Veronica Aceveda

512th AW Public Affairs

(Editor's note: The 512th Airlift Wing Public Affairs Office frequently receives requests for unit patches. One of those requests was from someone who said he was a proud Air Force veteran who served in the 512th AW decades ago. This is his story.)

THE EARLY YEARS

The 512th Airlift Wing was flying C-46 transport aircraft when a 17-year-old from Philadelphia joined the Reserve unit which was then located at New Castle County Airport, Del.

At that time the 512th AW was named the 512th Troop Carrier Wing Medium, and Richard Staley signed the standard enlistment contract of eight years.

He said he credits his time in the Air Force Reserve to his uncle Fred Stopper, who was an Army combat soldier during World War II.

"I always remembered this one talk we had when I was about 10 years old," said Staley. "He told me, 'when you get old enough and the time comes, be smart and join the Army Air Corps.' He went on to say, 'anytime we were walking out of the mud, we'd see the (Army Air Corps) barracks, which had curtains; they sure looked like they had it better than us.'"

With that in mind, Staley took his advice and enlisted into the Air Force Reserve in 1954.

"It was still in its beginning stages and wasn't very organized," said Staley. "You could tell there were some growing pains trying to break away from the Army, but the 512th was thriving.

"I chose to work in the 512th's motor pool. I was a product of the 50s, a hot-rodder. I liked cars and getting greasy."

Read the full story at <http://www.512aw.afrc.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123277390>.