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



Photo by Master Sgt. Kendra Barclay

Thirteen 512th Airlift Control Flight members deployed Nov. 5, 2011, to North Field, S.C., where they underwent a Readiness Assessment Team observation and their Operational Readiness Inspection. The Dover Air Force Base, Del., unit will receive their grade with the rest of the 512th Airlift Wing, which will be evaluated for their ORI Dec. 7 - 14.

512th ALCF returns from ORI

Master Sgt. Veroncia Aceveda
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The 512th Airlift Wing undergoes its Operational Readiness Inspection Dec. 7-14, but the Inspector General team evaluated one of the wing's units early. The 512th Airlift Control Flight deployed Nov. 5 to North Field, S.C., for a three-day Readiness Assessment Team observation which also served as the forum for inspectors to grade the 13-person team for the ORI. While not graded, two 46th Aerial Port Squadron members also deployed and supported the team.

Inspectors graded them early, in part, to the wing's ORI location at the Combat Readiness Training Center in Gulfport, Miss., not being the optimum environment for the 512th ALCF to demonstrate their capability with bare base conditions.

Airlift Control Flights provide a nucleus 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 able to sustain operations under bare-base conditions. They are the front line of command and control, carrying out the commander's orders and back-channeling data to keep the mission flowing.

"Our job is to get there, set up and operate a base for up to 45 days until permanent operations are established," said Maj. Gilbert Kesser, command and control officer for the 512th ALCF.

He said his team did phenomenal, and it took absolute teamwork especially when you only have 13 Airmen to get it all done. To read the full story, visit <http://www.512aw.afrc.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123279499>.

Air Force investigates and improves mortuary operation

Air Force officials have completed a year-long investigation of the Air Force Mortuary Affairs Operations at Dover Air Force Base, Del., the point of entry for U.S. service members who are killed or die overseas.

The service implemented multiple corrective actions and took action regarding three senior mortuary officials responsible for operations at AFMAO after some employees complained about the handling of certain cases.

The Air Force inspector general began its investigation in June 2010. The investigation focused primarily on the handling of remains of four service members. The Air

Force inspector general's investigation was conducted in coordination with other federal offices and included nearly 50 interviews and an extensive review of mortuary operating procedures. Investigators found no evidence of anyone intentionally mishandled remains, but concluded the mortuary staff failed to maintain accountability while processing portions of remains for three service members. While it is likely that disposition of remains was by an appropriate method, it could not be shown that it was in accordance with the families' directions.

To read the full story, visit <http://www.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123279181>.

Adopt-a-Family program helps Airmen during holidays

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The 512th Airman and Family Readiness Adopt-a-Family Program lends a hand to military families who could use some extra help during the holiday season.

The Adopt-a-Family Program provides members of the unit an opportunity to reach out and help their fellow Airmen, said Master Sgt. Laura Coseglia, 512th A&FR director.

This program supplies toys, clothes, as well as non-perishable goods to families who may be struggling financially or have



other difficulties that may prevent them from enjoying the holidays.

Units who would like to sponsor a family should contact 512th A&FR. Each family will be matched up with a squadron or an individual who agrees to donate.

"If every Airman donated one can of food, a gift of clothing or a toy to this program, we would have more than enough to take care of our own, plus reach out to the community, said Coseglia.

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