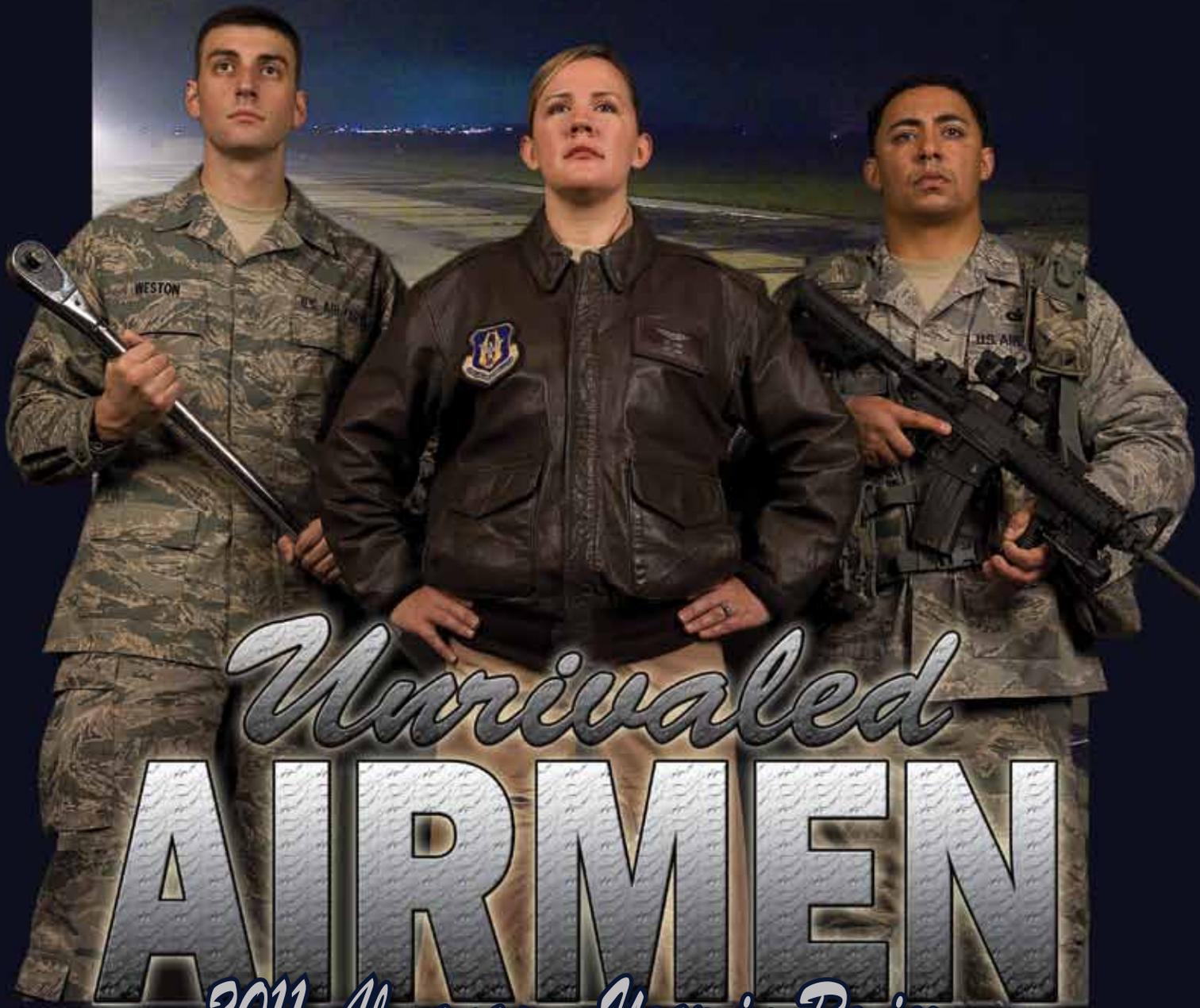


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*Unrivaled*

**AIRMEN**

*2011 Almanac - Year in Review*

One of two tanks from Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., is loaded in the cargo area of a C-5M Super Galaxy assigned to Dover Air Force Base, Del., Nov. 15. The C-5M currently holds 42 world aviation records in airlift. Through the combined effort of the airlift team, Dover AFB's cargo capability is recognized as the lifeblood of combat operations and humanitarian relief efforts on a global scale. (Photo by Roland Balik)



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## WING AIRMEN TRAIN, SUSTAIN

COL. RANDAL L. BRIGHT  
512TH AW COMMANDER

**O**ur mission is delivering airlift anytime, anywhere. To achieve that mission, we have a vision, which is flying and fighting as unrivaled Airmen.

Last year, the unrivaled Airmen of the 512th Airlift Wing accomplished amazing feats daily to support our nation's objectives.

It was a demanding year for the 1,850 reservists in this wing. Not only did we have to refresh our readiness and complete an Operational Readiness Inspection, but we continued to meet our daily requirements. Whatever the task, our Airmen answered the call.

We couldn't complete our taskings without our outstanding Airmen. Here are just a few examples of what our Airmen have accomplished. In January, the Air Force Reserve Command awarded our wing with the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award for exceptional meritorious service from October 2008 through September 2010. In March, the 709th Airlift Squadron delivered cargo in support of Operation Odyssey Dawn in Libya. In July, Reserve maintainers from the 512th and 712th Aircraft Maintenance Squadrons played a major role in Team Dover's success at the Air Mobility Rodeo 2011, winning nine awards. In September, Air Mobility Command announced Team Dover as the winner of the AMC-level Commander-in-Chief's Installation Excellence Award. And, in December, after more than a year of preparation, our Airmen proved they were war ready by earning a satisfactory score on the ORI.

These are only a few examples of the great things you do every day. As you flip through this Almanac edition of the Liberty Press, you will get the opportunity to read about this outstanding unit, its leadership and the wing's accomplishments. Because the support of our families and our employers are a vital part of the equation that contributes to this unit's success, we have included information about family resources and associated benefits as well.

The year will bring its own challenges; but, regardless of the task, the unrivaled Airmen of this wing will continue to deliver airlift anytime, anywhere. Thank you for your service. I also thank your families and employers who support you. We couldn't accomplish the mission without them. I am proud to be your commander and look forward to the New Year.



COL. RANDAL L. BRIGHT  
WING COMMANDER

**C**ol. Randal L. Bright is the commander of the 512th Airlift Wing, an associate Air Force Reserve Command unit, located at Dover Air Force Base, Del. He is the senior officer responsible for the 1,850 person organization, which supports Air Mobility Command's worldwide airlift mission, operating C-5 and C-17 aircraft.

He was born in Birmingham, Ala., and was commissioned through Officer Training School, Lackland AFB, Texas, in 1985. He has been an Air Force reservist his entire career. As a command pilot, he has more than 4,000 flying hours including more than 150 combat and combat support hours. He has served overseas in support of Operations Just Cause, Desert Storm, Uphold Democracy, Phoenix Scorpion III & IV, Joint Forge, Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom and has served stateside for Desert Shield and Noble Eagle. Colonel Bright was appointed commander of the 512th AW in June 2007.

### EDUCATION

- 1983 Bachelor of Science degree in biology, Birmingham-Southern College, Birmingham, Ala.
- 1985 Officer Training School, Lackland AFB, Texas
- 1994 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 1998 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2003 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2003 Master of Strategic Studies, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2008 Air Force Enterprise Leadership Seminar, University of North Carolina Kenan-Flagler Business School, Chapel Hill, N.C.

### FLIGHT INFORMATION

- Rating: Command pilot
- Flight hours: 4,000 (150 plus combat and combat support hours)
- Aircraft flown: T-37, T-38, T-41, T-43, AC-130A, MC-130E, C-130A/E/H and C-17

### MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

- Legion of Merit
- Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters
- Air Medal with oak leaf cluster
- Air Force Commendation Medal
- Army Commendation Medal
- Joint Meritorious Unit Award with oak leaf cluster
- Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with silver oak leaf cluster and two bronze oak leaf clusters
- Air Force Organizational Excellence Award with oak leaf cluster
- Combat Readiness Medal with three oak leaf clusters
- National Defense Service Medal with bronze star
- Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
- Southwest Asia Service Medal with three bronze stars
- Kosovo Campaign Medal with bronze star
- Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal
- Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
- Armed Forces Reserve Medal with three M devices and hourglass
- Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon (Pistol)
- Kuwait Liberation Medal Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
- Kuwait Liberation Medal (Government of Kuwait)

### OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

- Life member, Reserve Officers Association
- Life member, Air War College Alumni Association
- Airlift Tanker Association

### EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

- Second Lieutenant Dec. 17, 1985
- First Lieutenant Feb. 18, 1988
- Captain Aug. 6, 1992
- Major Aug. 12, 1997
- Lieutenant Colonel Sept. 13, 2001
- Colonel Feb. 17, 2005

To view the colonel's complete biography, visit <http://www.512aw.afrc.af.mil/library/biographies/index.asp>



**COL. DAVID K. BERKOWITZ**  
VICE COMMANDER

Col. David K. Berkowitz is the vice commander of the 512th Airlift Wing. He is the second most senior officer responsible for the 1,850 person organization, which supports Air Mobility Command's worldwide airlift mission, operating C-5 and C-17 aircraft. Raised and currently residing in Cranford, New Jersey, Colonel Berkowitz graduated from the New Jersey Institute of Technology and was commissioned through the Air Force ROTC in 1983. After spending more than seven years on active duty, he joined the Air Force Reserve in 1991 and is employed by American Airlines as a B-777 first officer based at John F. Kennedy International Airport, N.Y. As a command pilot, he has more than 7,300 flying hours including more than 400 combat and combat support hours. He has served overseas in support of Operations Just Cause, Desert Shield, Desert Storm, Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom and New Dawn.

**FLIGHT INFORMATION**

Rating: Command pilot  
Flight hours: More than 7,300  
Aircraft Flown: T-37, T-38, C-21A, C-141 B, C-17A

**EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant Sept. 8, 1983  
First Lieutenant Sept. 8, 1985  
Captain Sept. 8, 1987  
Major May 31, 1997  
Lieutenant Colonel Dec. 21, 2003  
Colonel May 19, 2011



**CHIEF MASTER SGT. WILLIAM T. WILD III**  
COMMAND CHIEF

Chief Master Sergeant William T. Wild III is the command chief master sergeant of the 512th Airlift Wing. He advises the commander on all enlisted matters, including issues affecting the wing's mission, operations, readiness, training and quality of life. Chief Wild enlisted in the Air Force Reserve in 1985. He completed Basic Military Training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, where he also attended technical training at the Security Forces Police Academy. Upon completion, he was assigned to the 512th Security Forces Squadron, Dover AFB, Del. In the civilian sector, Wild works as a corporal with the Anne Arundel County, Md., Police Department. He has served with the department for 24 years, working in the Patrol Division, Criminal Investigations Division, Special Operations Division and Quick Response Team, and the Police Training Academy.

**EDUCATION**

1988 NCO Preparatory by correspondence  
1998 NCO Academy by correspondence  
2003 Senior NCO Academy by correspondence  
2008 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education

**EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Staff Sergeant Sept. 1, 1988  
Technical Sergeant Nov. 1, 1996  
Master Sergeant Nov. 1, 1998  
Senior Master Sergeant Jan. 1, 2004  
Chief Master Sergeant Jan. 1, 2006



**LT. COL. D. SCOTT DURHAM**  
512TH OPERATIONS GROUP COMMANDER

Lt. Col. D. Scott Durham is the commander of the 512th Operations Group, 512th Airlift Wing, an associate Air Force Reserve Command unit, located at Dover Air Force Base, Del. He oversees the flying operations of the C-5 Galaxy and C-17 Globemaster III and commands more than 320 people. Colonel Durham began his military career in May 1990 as an active-duty lieutenant when he graduated from the Reserve Officers' Training Corps at The Citadel. He joined the Air Force Reserve in May 2003, following 13 years of active-duty service. Colonel Durham previously served as the director of operations for the 701st Airlift Squadron, Charleston Air Force Base, S.C.



**COL. GRETCHEN M. WILTSE**  
512TH MISSION SUPPORT GROUP COMMANDER

Col. Gretchen M. Wiltse is the commander of the 512th Mission Support Group. She is the senior officer responsible for the 800-person organization, which supports Air Mobility Command's worldwide airlift mission, operating C-5 and C-17 aircraft. The colonel graduated from the United States Air Force Academy in May 1989. Upon graduation, she attended Aircraft Maintenance and Munitions Officers' Course at Chanute Air Force Base, Ill., and was assigned to McChord AFB, Wash., where she held various maintenance positions and commanded the Field Training Detachment. She joined the Air Force Reserve in 1995. As a reservist, she was selected to command Dover AFB's first C-17 Reserve aircraft maintenance squadron. Wiltse became a logistics officer and an Air Reserve Technician in 2008.



**LT. COL. ROLANDRIAS BRADFORD**  
512TH MAINTENANCE GROUP COMMANDER (INTERIM)

Lt. Col. Rolandrias Bradford is the commander of the 512th Maintenance Group. He oversees the maintenance operations of more than 500 personnel. The 512th and 436th Maintenance Groups team together to provide all logistical support required to sustain C-5 Galaxy and C-17 Globemaster aircraft. Bradford entered the Air Force in 1986 through the ROTC and served as a maintenance officer in various locations, stateside and overseas. After more than 10 years on active duty and three years of non-active service, he joined the Air Force Reserve in 2001. Bradford has served in various leadership positions within the maintenance arena at Dover Air Force Base, Del., including maintenance supervisor, deputy commander and commander.



**COL. WALTON F. REDDISH**  
512TH AEROSPACE MEDICINE SQUADRON

Col. Walton F. Reddish is the commander of the 512th Aerospace Medicine Squadron. Reddish received a direct commission as a nurse in May 1994. He was initially assigned as the Individual Mobilization Augmentee for the emergency room manager at the 436th Medical Group, Dover Air Force Base, Del. In 1996, he joined the 512th AMDS as a clinical nurse and was appointed commander in 2007. He is a member of the Reserve Officers Association, the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners and the American College of Nurse Practitioners.

To view their complete biographies visit <http://www.512aw.afrc.af.mil/library/biographies/index.asp>

## STAFF AGENCIES

### CHAPEL TEAM

LED BY CHAPLAIN (MAJ.) BARRY BALL

The Chapel Team provides chaplains and enlisted chaplain assistants who help care for the wing's people. Chaplains provide pastoral guidance in matters pertaining to religious expression, religious conviction, ethical decision-making, moral reasoning, wedding preparation and more. Religious programs include Catholic and Protestant activities, as well as seasonal special activities and worship opportunities. Other faith group members may contact the chapel for information on locations and contacts for other faith groups.

### EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

LED BY MAJ. KATHRYN FIDDLER

The Equal Opportunity Office is the focal point for programs to ensure Air Force military and civilian personnel are provided equal opportunity and treatment regardless of their race, color, religion, national origin or sex. EO provides counseling for aggrieved members, assuring complaints are addressed and final actions are taken in a timely manner. They also provide education on sexual harassment awareness, effective communication and cultural diversity.

### FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

LED BY PAM JACKSON AND CAPT. DAWN CARD

The Financial Management Office provides financial services and resource management to support the training and warfighting mission of the Air Force Reserve. Services include military and travel pay, orders processing, funds accountable and budget planning, programming, execution and analysis. The FMO provides customer service to all wing units, as well as financial management training and education. Assigned personnel deploy in support of the FM mission around the world.

### HISTORIAN

LED BY STAFF SGT. KIM JAYOUNG

The Historian Office supports the wing commander and the wing by providing historically relevant information to aid in decision making. The historian objectively records wing history and deploys to record contingency operations history to preserve an official record of Air Force mission accomplishment. The historian is the wing's focal point for organizational lineage, honors, heraldry, unit emblems and organizational flags.

### PUBLIC AFFAIRS

LED BY CAPT. MARNEE A.C. LOSURDO

Public Affairs handles internal information such as the wing publication, website, commander's calls, Facebook and Twitter. PA is the point of contact for print, radio and television media. They're also the liaison for community relations events, tours, speaking engagements and the Honorary Commanders Program.

### RECRUITING

LED BY SENIOR MASTER SGT. MICHAEL DILORENZO

The Recruiting Office recruits non-prior and prior service applicants into the Air Force Reserve. They counsel potential recruits on available Air Force career fields and ensure recruits meet minimum qualifications.

### INSPECTOR GENERAL

LT. COL. CARL GOUAUX

The Inspector General Office provides assistance to military personnel of all services, their dependents, civilians, retirees and the local community in processing complaints and administering the Department of Defense's Fraud, Waste and Abuse program. The office ensures complaints are investigated fairly, using all the facts, policies and guidance available and achieves timely, logical results. The IG confidentiality ensures the complainant's right to complain without fear or reprisal.

### LEGAL

LT. COL. CHRISTOPHER DENTEL

The Legal Office provides professional legal support and advice to command and other staff agencies on issues such as military justice, adverse actions, operations law, ethics and line of duty determinations. Also, service members, their families and military retirees can receive personal legal assistance on civil matters. Personal civil matters include wills and powers of attorney, Service Member Civil Relief Act matters, Uniform Service Members Employment and Re-employment Rights Act matters, domestic matters and consumer issues.

### PROCESS MANAGER

LT. COL. JAMES JOHANN

The Process Manager's office is the lead in providing Continuous Process Improvement efforts for the 512th Airlift Wing. The office also provides dissemination and collection of Lessons Learned and Management Internal Control Toolset, Self Inspection and Gatekeeper operations.

### SAFETY

LED BY LT. COL. DON WHITLEY

The Safety Office includes flight, ground and weapons staff who provide development, coordination and management of mishap prevention. Potential mishaps are reduced through the use and analysis of current accident and injury data, hazard abatement plans, periodic inspections and surveys of facilities, activities and programs. Safety personnel investigate accidents and make recommendations to foresee and prevent mishap recurrence. They also develop standards, policies and procedures for mission unique safety activities through the use of Risk Management.



Col. Mark D. Camerer (right in fleece), 436th Airlift Wing commander, and Col. David K. Berkowitz (left in fleece), 512th AW vice commander, greet Operational Readiness Inspection players upon their return home to Dover Air Force Base, Del., Dec. PA13. Both wings earned a satisfactory grade.

## ABOUT THE 512TH AIRLIFT WING

The 512th Airlift Wing is an associate subordinate unit of Headquarters, 4th Air Force. It is organized under the objective wing structure with group commanders for operations, maintenance and mission support.

The wing consists of headquarters staff, three groups, 13 squadrons and three flights. The wing consists of 1,850 personnel - 12 percent officers; 88 percent enlisted; and a support staff of about 35 civilians. These figures include the 235 Air Reserve Technicians who manage Reserve issues between Unit Training Assemblies.

The 512th Operations Group is composed of two squadrons and two flights. The 709th Airlift Squadron flies the C-5B Galaxy and C-5M Super Galaxy, and the 326th AS flies the C-17 Globemaster III. The two flights are the 512th Operations Support Flight and the 512th Airlift Control Flight.

The 512th Mission Support Group is composed of seven squadrons, of which one is a geographically separated unit. The group includes the 512th Force Support Squadron, 512th Security Forces Squadron, 512th Civil Engineer Squadron, 512th Memorial Affairs Squadron, 46th Aerial Port Squadron and 512th Logistics Readiness Squadron. The 71st Aerial Port Squadron is located at Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Va.

The 512th Maintenance Group is composed of three squadrons and one flight. The 512th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron maintains the C-5, and the 712th AMXS maintains the C-17. Other units in the group include the 512th Maintenance Squadron and the 512th Maintenance Operations Flight.

The wing also has the 512th Aerospace Medicine Squadron.

## 512TH OPERATIONS GROUP

COMMANDED BY LT. COL. D. SCOTT DURHAM

The 512th Operation Group's mission is to fly and fight by providing combat ready aircrews and mission support for the defense of the United States of America and its global interests.

### 709TH AIRLIFT SQUADRON

COMMANDED BY LT. COL. THERESA CAVE

The 709th Airlift Squadron mission is C-5 global strategic airlift with 29 combat-ready aircrews flying over 4,000 hours annually in support of National Command Authorities on overseas airlift missions, joint service exercises, humanitarian relief, presidential movement and aircrew training.

### 326TH AIRLIFT SQUADRON

COMMANDED BY LT. COL. DAVID ARTHUR

The 326th Airlift Squadron mission is C-17 global strategic airlift with 18 combat-ready aircrews flying over 4,500 hours annually in support of National Command Authorities on overseas airlift missions, joint service exercises, humanitarian relief, presidential movement and aircrew training.

### 512TH OPERATIONS SUPPORT FLIGHT

COMMANDED BY LT. COL. DREW EILER

The 512th Operations Support Flight's primary mission is to conduct individual and unit training according to applicable Air Force and AF Reserve Command and gaining command training directives to attain the highest readiness status possible in support of their wartime mission. Support includes weapons and tactics, training statistics and current operations functions.

### 512TH AIRLIFT CONTROL FLIGHT

COMMANDED BY LT. COL. MARK VISCO

The 512th Airlift Control Flight is a combat-support unit which deploys as the command and control element of Air Mobility Command's Tanker Airlift Control Center, tasked to establish, augment or sustain command and control and mission support for strategic and theater air mobility forces, supporting global reach and laydown for war, contingency operations or AMC-directed missions at bare base forward locations worldwide.

## 512TH MISSION SUPPORT GROUP

COMMANDED BY COL. GRETCHEN M. WILTSE

The 512th Mission Support Group provides fiscal and personnel guidance and oversight to ensure its units are manned, trained and equipped to meet their wartime taskings. The group manages the most diverse collection of specialties in the wing and also manages the wing's construction budget with projects averaging \$10 million annually. The MSG commander is often compared to a city mayor, responsible for the infrastructure, security, logistics, human resources and community service roles of the wing.

### 512TH SECURITY FORCES SQUADRON

COMMANDED BY MAJ. RANDY CORREIA

The 512th Security Forces Squadron trains and deploys its security forces and combat arms specialist members in support of wartime and peacetime operation requirements. Duties include providing protection for aircraft transiting to and from assigned deployed locations, to include Protection Level I and II resources, and provide police services to enhance public safety.

### 46TH AERIAL PORT SQUADRON

COMMANDED BY LT. COL. RICHARD SAUNDERS

The 46th Aerial Port Squadron deploys trained personnel and equipment to provide augmentation or stand-alone port support at aerial ports of embarkation and aerial ports of debarkation or unit move on and unload locations. Responsibilities include cargo and passenger processing, aircraft loading and unloading, joint inspection, mobility load team supervision, engine running on and unload, home station and deployed Air Terminal Operations Center and Contingency Response Element, Tactical Control Unit, Departure Airfield Control Group operations.

### 512TH FORCE SUPPORT SQUADRON

COMMANDED BY MAJ. CATHY ANDERSON

The 512th Force Support Squadron provides service and support to 512th Airlift Wing members and their families through the Airman and Family Readiness Office, Information Systems Flight (computers, network and information management), and the Military Personnel Flight (education and training and personnel). The unit also deploys postal augmentees and Personnel Support for Contingency Operations in support of the Air and Space Expeditionary Force and bare base facilities.

### 512TH LOGISTICS READINESS SQUADRON

COMMANDED BY CAPT. BRIAN SAUL

The 512th Logistics Readiness Squadron supports aircraft maintenance generation weapon systems with enterprise supply chain operations and fuel management; repairs vehicles; provides wing-level logistics planning, deployment planning, training and execution, and expeditionary support planning; and provides logistics command and control for wing members.

### 512TH MEMORIAL AFFAIRS SQUADRON

COMMANDED BY MAJ. BETH BRUKER-WALOS

The 512th Memorial Affairs Squadron supports the Department of Defense as one of two Air Force Reserve Command port mortuary specialty teams, processing military and DOD civilian remains during peacetime incidents and contingency operations. The unit augments host wing food service, lodging and fitness center operations and manages the 512th Airlift Wing's lodging program.

### 512TH CIVIL ENGINEER SQUADRON

COMMANDED BY LT. COL. RICHARD FREEWALT

The 512th Civil Engineer Squadron trains and deploys with the ability to supply drinking water, primary and backup electrical power, steam for heat and industrial processes, industrial wastewater treatment and sanitary wastewater disposal, liquid fuels, and natural gas utilities. The unit identifies facility and utility infrastructure upgrade requirements; manages pavements repair and minor construction programs; provides entomology and refuse disposal services; oversees contracted ground maintenance; provides snow removal on the airfield, roads and parking lots of deployed locations; and, provides effective energy and environmental management. This unit is also comprised of explosive ordnance disposal, fire and readiness teams.

### 71ST AERIAL PORT SQUADRON

COMMANDED BY LT. COL. BRIAN ZEMAN

The 71st Aerial Port Squadron, located at Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Va., deploys trained personnel and equipment to provide augmentation or stand-alone aerial port support at aerial ports of embarkation and aerial ports of debarkation or unit move on and unload locations. Responsibilities include cargo processing, aircraft loading and unloading, joint inspection, mobility on and unload locations, mobility load team supervision, engine running on and unloads, home station and deployed Air Terminal Operations Center, Airlift Control Element, Tactical Control Unit, Departure Airfield Control Group operations and command.

## 512TH MAINTENANCE GROUP

COMMANDED BY LT. COL. ROLANDRIAS BRADFORD

The 512th Maintenance Group conducts aircraft maintenance for Dover's C-5 and C-17 aircraft, in support of the wing's global airlift missions during peacetime and combat operations. The unit provides qualified maintenance personnel and equipment to support deployed operations and off station recovery maintenance worldwide. The 512th MXG performs regionalized three-level maintenance for TF39 engines and the Air Force's only MSG-3 isochronal inspection for Air Mobility Command's C-5 fleet.

### 512TH AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE SQUADRON

COMMANDED BY MAJ. JOHN FORAN

The 512th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron supports C-5 flightline maintenance. Their mission is to provide reliable aircraft and dependable support to Team Dover for its global peacetime and combat taskings.

### 512TH MAINTENANCE SQUADRON

COMMANDED BY LT. COL. THOMAS KERR

The 512th Maintenance Squadron mission is to assure expeditionary readiness of assigned specialists and administrative personnel to lead or support Reserve and active-duty strategic airlift wings' missions in direct response to major command or gaining MAJCOM taskings. The unit also provides highly skilled on and off equipment maintenance specialists for C-5B/M and C-17A aircraft, munitions support and support equipment. They also produce maintenance capability and support the 512th Airlift Wing flying hours.

### 712TH AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE SQUADRON

COMMANDED BY MAJ. ANTHONY LINTON

The 712th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron maintains C-17A home station and transient aircraft. Their mission is to train and retain mission capable Citizen Airmen through continuous preparation to efficiently support the nation's global commitments.

### 512TH MAINTENANCE OPERATION FLIGHT

COMMANDED BY LT. COL. JAMES HARTLE

The 512th Maintenance Operations Flight mission is to provide administrative, analysis, training management, and programs and resources functions to the 512th Maintenance Group. The flight also provides planning and scheduling support in the areas of maintenance production.

## 512TH AEROSPACE MEDICINE SQUADRON

COMMANDED BY COL. WALTON F. REDDISH

The 512th Aerospace Medicine Squadron mission in wartime and peacetime is to deliver comprehensive medical support ensuring health and fitness to meet Air Force mission goals and to be ready with unrivaled health care delivery for freedom's defense.





An aerial demonstration team flies over a C-17 Globemaster III assigned to Dover Air Force Base, Del., at the 2011 Dubai Air Show Nov. 13, in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. The event demonstrated a shared commitment both to regional security and to developing key relationships throughout Southwest Asia. (Photo by Rey Ramon)

Photo by Rey Ramon

## TEAM DOVER ACCOMPLISHES GLOBAL AIRLIFT MISSION

**D**over Air Force Base is located in the “First State,” and is the center of the Delmarva -- Delaware, Maryland and Virginia -- peninsula. Dover AFB is home to the 436th Airlift Wing, known as the “Eagle Wing,” and the 512th Airlift Wing, the Air Force Reserve Command associate unit, which means the Reserve wing uses the active-duty host wing’s facilities and equipment. The 512th AW is referred to as the “Liberty Wing.” Together, these two wings make up “Team Dover.”

The 436th AW is the active-duty military host unit at Dover AFB, which provides command and staff supervision, along with support functions, for assigned airlift, providing worldwide movement of outsized cargo and personnel on scheduled, special assignment, exercise and contingency airlift missions.

The Eagle Wing is a subordinate of 18th Air Force headquartered with the Air Mobility Command at Scott Air Force Base, Ill. The Eagle Wing consists of operations, maintenance, mission support and medical groups and 17 staff divisions. The wing has more than 4,500 active-duty military and civilian employees.

Home to the C-5 Galaxy and C-17 Globemaster III aircraft, Team Dover flies hundreds of missions throughout the world and provides 25 percent of the nation’s strategic airlift capability, projecting global reach to more than 100 countries around the globe.

Dover AFB operates the largest and busiest air freight terminal in the Department of Defense and is home to the AMC Museum, which welcomes thousands of visitors each year. The Charles C. Carson Center for Mortuary Affairs is the DOD’s largest joint-service mortuary facility and the only one located in the continental United States. The Joint Personal Effects Depot processes the personal effects of the Department of Defense’s wounded and fallen.



### What We Believe

- 436th Airlift Wing Mission: Deliver!
- 512th Airlift Wing Mission: Delivering Airlift Anytime, Anywhere
- 436th Airlift Wing Vision: Continue to be America’s Preeminent Expeditionary Airlift Team
- 512th Airlift Wing Vision: Flying and Fighting as Unrivaled Airmen
- Core Values: Integrity First, Service Before Self and Excellence in All We Do
- Distinctive Capabilities: 25% of AF’s Global Airlift Capability; Aerial Port operations; Port Mortuary operations

### Dover AFB Basics

- Established: Dec. 17, 1941
- Active Duty Strength: Appx. 3,536
- Total Force Strength (AD, Guard, AFRC, Civilians & Dependents): Approximately 10,826
- Economic Impact: Approx. \$575 million
- Aircraft in Inventory: 12 = C-5B Galaxy, 6 C-5M Super Galaxy, 13 = C-17 Globemaster III
- Career Specialties: 50 officer, 88 enlisted

### 436th Airlift Wing Leadership

- Wing Commander: Col. Mark D. Camerer
- Vice Commander: Col. James Mercer
- Operations Group Commander: Col. David Pollmiller
- Maintenance Group Commander: Col. Thomas Kauth
- Mission Support Group Commander: Col. Joan Garbutt
- Medical Group Commander: Col. Sharon Bannister
- Command Chief: Chief Master Sgt. James Lucas

### Dover AFB Demographics

<b>Totals:</b>	<b>Active Force:</b>	<b>Commissioning Source:</b>	<b>Marital Status:</b>
•Civilian: 1,167	•Men: 3,007	•Air Force ROTC: 168	•Officers: 266
•Officers: 375	•Women: 529	•Officer Training School: 1	•Enlisted: 1,667
•Enlisted: 3,161	<b>Ethnic Group/U.S.</b>	•U.S. Air Force Academy: 67	<b>Average Age:</b>
•AFRC: 1,850	•Caucasian: 2,689	•Other: 139	•Officers: 33
•AD Dependents: 4,198	•Black: 513		•Enlisted: 26
<b>Average Total Service:</b>	•Asian: 104		•Total below
•Officers: 8.2 yrs	•American Indian/Alaskan: 46		Age 26: 1,619
•Enlisted: 7.6 yrs	•Hawaiian/Pacific Is: 3		

### Tenant Units

- 512th Airlift Wing
- 373rd Training Squadron, Detachment 3
- United Services Organization- Delaware (USO)
- Air Force Mortuary Affairs Operations Center
- AF Office of Special Investigations, Civil Air Patrol, Exchange, Defense Commissary Agency and others

### Unique Facilities

- 436th Aerial Port Squadron, DOD’s largest air freight outfit
- Charles C. Carson Center for Mortuary Affairs, the Department of Defense’s largest, only stateside facility
- Joint Personal Effects Depot
- Fisher House
- Air Mobility Command Museum

## C-5 GALAXY

### Mission

The gigantic C-5 Galaxy, with its tremendous payload capability, provides airlift in support of the United States' national defense. The C-5 can carry fully equipped combat-ready military units to any point in the world on short notice and then provide field support required to help sustain the fighting force.

### Features

The C-5 is the largest airlifter in the Air Force inventory. It can carry 36 standard pallets and up to 81 troops simultaneously. The Galaxy also carries all of the Army's air-transportable combat equipment from the United States to any theater of combat on the globe. Ground crews are able to load and unload the C-5 simultaneously at the front and rear cargo openings, reducing cargo transfer times.

The C-5 has the distinctive high T-tail, 25-degree wing sweep, and four TF39 turbofan engines mounted on pylons beneath the wings. These engines are rated at 43,000 pounds of thrust each and weigh 7,900 pounds each. They have an air intake diameter of more than 8.5 feet. Each engine pod is nearly 27 feet long.

The Galaxy has 12 internal wing tanks with a total capacity of 51,150 gallons of fuel -- enough to fill 6 1/2 regular size railroad tank cars. A C-5 with a cargo load of 270,000 pounds can fly 2,150 nautical miles unladen and fly to a second base 500 nautical miles away from the original destination -- all without aerial refueling. With aerial refueling, the aircraft's range is limited only by crew endurance. The aircraft is operated by a crew of seven (pilot, co-pilot, two flight engineers and three loadmasters).

## C-5 SUPER GALAXY

Based on a study showing 80 percent of the C-5 airframe service life remaining, Air Mobility Command began an aggressive program to modernize the C-5. The C-5 Avionics Modernization Program began in 1998 and includes upgrading avionics to communications, navigation, surveillance/air traffic management compliance; improving navigation, communication, and safety equipment; and, installing a new autopilot system.

Another part of the modernization plan is a comprehensive Re-engining and Reliability Program. The centerpiece of this program is the General Electric CF6-80C2 commercial engine. This engine delivers a 22 percent increase in thrust to the C-5M, a 30 percent shorter take-off roll, and it has a 58 percent faster climb rate, which allows significantly more cargo to be carried over longer distances. With its new engine and upgrades, the C-5 becomes the C-5M Super Galaxy.

A row of C-5 Galaxy aircraft sit on the runway at Dover Air Force Base, Del., as another takes off for a mission Oct. 12, 2010. Dover AFB has 12 C-5 Galaxies and six C-5M Super Galaxies. (Photo by Roland Balik)



## C-17 GLOBEMASTER III

### Mission

The C-17 Globemaster III is the newest, most flexible cargo aircraft to enter the airlift force. The C-17 is capable of rapid strategic delivery of troops and all types of cargo to main operating bases or directly to forward bases in the deployment area. The aircraft can perform tactical airlift and airdrop missions and can also transport litters and ambulatory patients during aeromedical evacuations when required. The inherent

flexibility and performance of the C-17 force improves the ability of the total airlift system to fulfill the worldwide air mobility requirements of the United States.

### Features

The C-17 measures 174 feet long with a wingspan of 169 feet, 10 inches. The aircraft is powered by four, fully reversible, Federal Aviation Administration-certified F117-PW-100 engines (the military designation for the commercial Pratt & Whitney PW2040), currently used on the Boeing 757. Each en-

gine is rated at 40,440 pounds of thrust. The thrust reversers direct the flow of air upward and forward to avoid ingestion of dust and debris. Maximum use has been made of off-the-shelf and commercial equipment, including Air Force-standardized avionics. The aircraft is operated by a crew of three (pilot, co-pilot and loadmaster), reducing manpower requirements, risk exposure and long-term operating costs. Cargo is loaded onto the C-17 through a large aft door that accommodates military vehicles and palletized cargo. The C-17 can carry virtually all of the Army's air-transportable equipment.

# THEIR STORIES

Each month, the 1,850-plus reservists assigned to the 512th Airlift Wing volunteer their time to serve their nation. It's not an easy task, but this group of Airmen make an impact every day.

Here are some of their stories ...

Twenty-nine 512th Civil Engineer Squadron reservists trained on various tasks ranging from water purification to airfield lighting July 18-22 at a regional training site in New London, N.C. The training was in preparation for the wing's Operational Readiness Inspection in December. Throughout the week, the civil engineers wore the full chemical warfare suit ensemble at Mission Oriented Protective Posture 4, often enduring extreme temperatures, reaching 103 degrees.

# Providing Global Airlift

## Team Dover supports Operation Odyssey Dawn

By Staff Sgt. Danella Shea  
512th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Three Team Dover C-5M Super Galaxy aircraft delivered cargo in support of Operation Odyssey Dawn in Libya March 23-27.

Both the Air Force Reserve's 709th Airlift Squadron and active-duty's 9th AS here worked overtime in a tag-team effort of several cargo transport missions, delivering 387,000 pounds of cargo.

On March 18, the Secretary of Defense approved and ordered the use of military forces against the government of Libya. According to Department of Defense officials, "coalition forces are striking targets that pose a direct threat to the civilian population. The targets, such as Libyan military sites and air defense systems, were carefully chosen to reduce enemy capability while minimizing risk to the civilian population."

But, in order for the strike operations implementing the no-fly zone to continue, the 'bullets' have to make it to the fight and that is where Dover Air Force Base delivers.

Delivering oversized cargo is the name of the game here. Therefore, providing support for Operation Odyssey Dawn may up the tempo, but it is nothing new for Team Dover.

"Higher headquarters is starting to realize that if you have a high-priority, 'no fail' mission, with a large amount of cargo, you give it to the C-5M because of the reliability of the airplane," said Col. David Hafer, 436th Operations Group commander then.

The commander was on one of the first three missions 'out of the gate.'

"[Higher headquarters] come to Dover, because when the system has a short-notice, high-priority mission, they also know that we are going to generate the crew, generate the airplane, load the cargo on the East Coast and get the goods to the fight faster," he added.

"That's what the airframe is here for - to support the Air Force, the Army, the Navy, all the different branches and units," said Lt. Col. Michael Semo, 709th AS pilot and C-5M program chief.

The airplane is designed to move 100 percent of outsized cargo for any of the services, anywhere in the world - fast and on time.

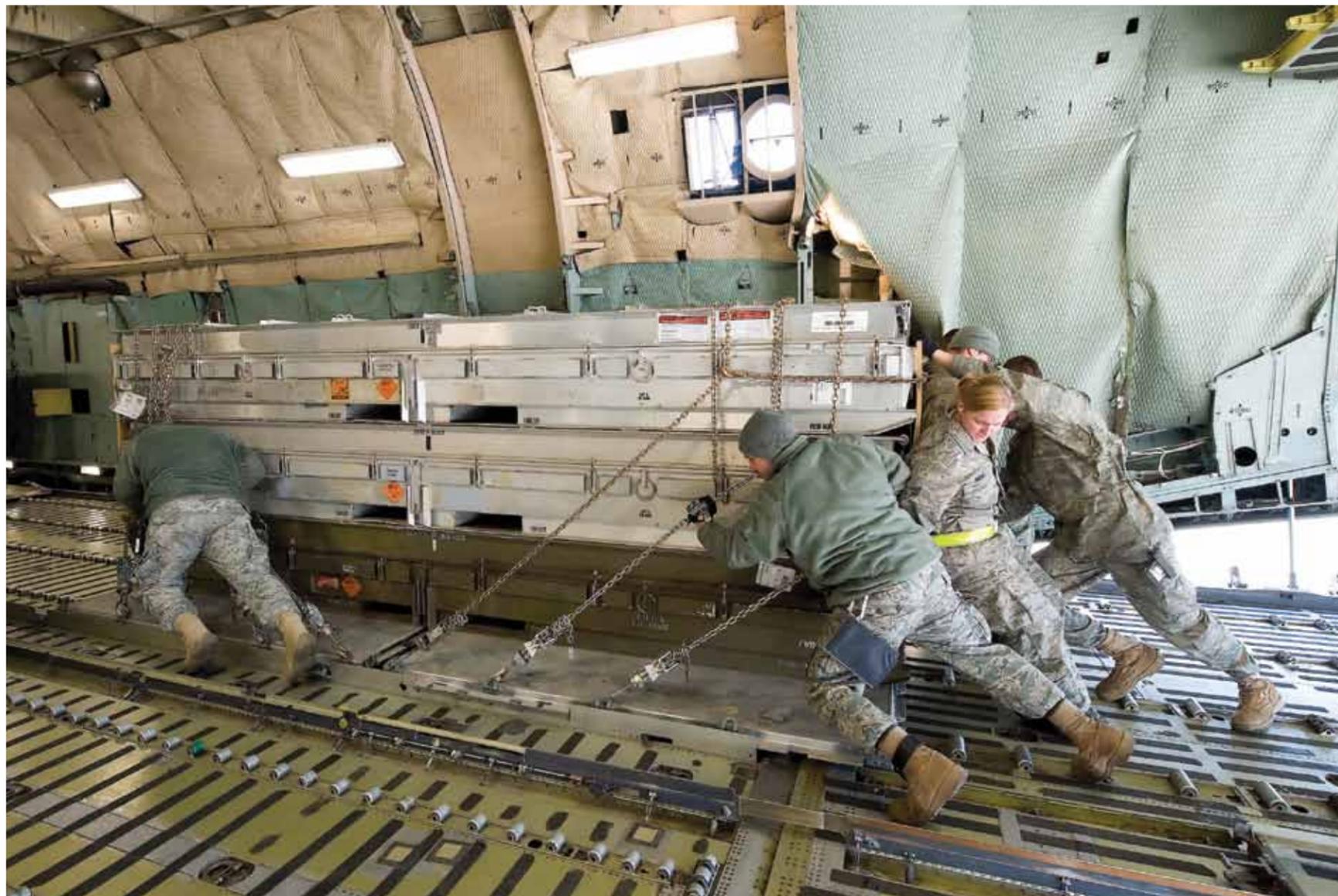
"These are very rapid-fire missions," said Capt. Matt Matis, 9th AS pilot and aircraft commander on one of the missions.

When the C-5M gets back to Dover from carrying out the mission, there is about a four to five hour window where aerial port is loading more cargo, maintenance is working any issues, and we are switching out crews before heading back out, he said.

"It's not just the U.S. supporting this no-fly zone and other operations in Libya; it's us doing our part with Dover's airlift aircraft to support this international operation, and they need this stuff right now," said Hafer. "We understood as a crew; loadmasters, flight engineers and pilots; that the airplane needed to come back to Dover, so we could do it all over again."

Beginning March 23, an aircrew from the 709th AS flew direct to Naval Air Station Sigonella, Italy, from Dover with 160,000 pounds of cargo.

"This was a high-priority, short-notice mission to replace the Tomahawks that were released during the first days of military action in Libya," said Semo. "The C-5M is the only aircraft that could make the trip with that weight without air refueling."



Airmen load cargo onto a C-5M Super Galaxy aircraft March 25 at Dover Air Force Base, Del. The cargo was bound for Italy to support an international response to the unrest in Libya. (Photo by Jason Minto)

Upon the crew's return March 25, the aircraft was only on the ground for a few short hours before being deployed on yet another 'high-priority' mission, this time to Aviano Air Base, Italy.

"It's pretty awesome to see this happening," said Chief Master Sgt. Larry Williams, 436th OG superintendent and a flight engineer on one of the missions. "We left on Friday, delivered our 155,000 pounds of cargo, de-positioned the plane to a base in Germany to free up space in Aviano and returned back to Dover on Sunday. We spent our weekend supporting this effort and came back to work today as if we were never gone."

By using the C-5M to deliver direct, the Dover aircrews were able to transport more cargo faster without refueling in-flight, freeing up tanker assets to support other ongoing operations.

"A lot of times when you are looking at heavy airlift, you have to either compromise cargo weight for fuel weight or fuel weight for cargo weight," said Hafer. "The C-5M allows

the system to plan a mission taking a whole lot of cargo and a whole lot of fuel, so we can take it farther into the area of responsibility without tanker support. And, we can do it more reliably."

Hafer called the mission one of the top three most rewarding missions he has flown in his career, and he has been flying the airplane for 20 years.

"We are excited that we get to fly a piece of equipment that our nation's leaders can count on to get the missions done," he added.

As of April, Dover AFB had four C-5M aircraft, all of which were involved in the support of the international crisis in Libya. The base currently has six C-5Ms.

As long as there are bona fide requirements to support the no-fly zone and Operation Odyssey Dawn, the 436th OG commander said he expects Dover to continue to be one of the key hubs to deliver war fighting materials to locations in southern Europe.

# HISTORY MAKERS

## Liberty Wing reservists support C-5 Surge

By Capt. Marnee A.C. Losurdo  
512th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

**M**oving cargo and supplies is nothing new here. However, it wasn't business as usual when the 512th Airlift Wing participated in the historic Air Mobility Command's surge in October.

The wing's 709th Airlift Squadron flew two missions moving cargo to Iraq and to the Pacific theater in support of an exercise flying C-5B and C-5M aircraft supporting transport missions to destinations across the globe.

From Oct. 14-21, nine crews and seven aircraft from Team Dover took part in the surge designed to test the ability of the C-5 to transport large numbers of supplies, equipment and personnel in the event there is a crisis such as a large-scale natural disaster or event where large numbers of troops are needed overseas.

In all, active-duty, Reserve and Air National Guard aircrews supported the surge with 43 Galaxies from 12 Air Force bases.

"Across the command, traditional reservists stepped up and provided the support requested by AMC," said Capt. Justin Botts, 512th Airlift Wing Current Operations chief. "The whole thing was a challenge for AMC; it effectively doubled the aircraft in the system at any one point in time."

Typically, there are only 18 global C-5 missions scheduled at one time. During the surge, there were as many as 41 missions.

The C-5 has the ability to carry more than any other U.S. military aircraft and fly 6,000 miles without refueling. In addition, the huge airlifter can transport fully equipped combat units rapidly anywhere in the world and then provide the support needed to sustain them. All four models of the C-5 fleet were involved in the surge (A, B, C, and M). At Dover AFB, C-5B and C-5M crews flew missions to support the surge, said Botts.

The joint U.S. Transportation Command, which handles the nation's military transport and logistics, coordinated the surge to test the flexibility of the C-5 Galaxy fleet. The command is evaluating the results from the surge.

Although the official results were not yet released as of October, the Liberty Wing considers their part in the surge as mission accomplished, said Botts.

"Team Dover did very well," he said. "By all accounts, we met or exceeded expectations."

"Our team of dedicated reservists constantly train to support the AMC and Air Force mission, and this was a great opportunity to show what we do best; the mission," said Col. Randal L. Bright, 512th AW commander.



Team Dover aircrew members and ground personnel load cargo and preflight a C-5 at Dover Air Force Base, Del., Oct. 20. The aircraft hauled cargo to Iraq and was part of the Air Mobility Command surge, which tested the ability of the C-5 fleet to transport large numbers of supplies, equipment and personnel around the globe in October. (Photo by Roland Balik)

# Life Flight



## Reserve medics train with aeromedical police unit

By Captain Marnee A.C. Losurdo  
512th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

The navy-blue Bell 412 helicopter emerged from the northern horizon and gracefully hovered to a landing on the Dover Air Force Base flightline April 3. Once the blades gradually whirled to a halt, a pilot and a medic with the Delaware State Police got out of the chopper. With a wave of their arms, they signaled the group of Air Force Reserve medics to come to the helicopter to begin the day's training.

The 512th Aerospace Medicine Squadron paired up with the Delaware State Police Aviation Section to get some helicopter familiarization training and learn how the DSP emergency responders conduct their mission.

"Many of our Reserve medics don't get this type of training, so this was an opportunity for them to see something different," said Senior Master Sgt. Denise Hubbell, 512th AMDS nursing services superintendent, who added working around helicopters is something medics may encounter

when deployed.

In a deployed situation, medics would be responsible for providing basic life support and emergency care for trauma patients, said Hubbell. Dover AFB is home to the C-5 Galaxy and C-17 Globemaster III, so there's not a lot of opportunity to work around helicopters, she added.

"When a Chinook lands at (Joint Base Balad, Iraq) or another deployed location they need to know how to approach the helicopter," she said. "Today's training may not be a war zone, but it has a real-life application."

Cpl. Stephen Griffin, DSP pilot, and Cpl. Jason Baxley, DSP medic, briefed the reservists about their unit and their jobs. DSP Aviation Section operations are based at the Sussex County Airport in

Georgetown and Summit Airport in Middletown. Out of the 700 state troopers, the Aviation Section is comprised of 14 pilots and 11 medics. The section's mission is to provide aeromedical transport of trauma victims in support of the state's fire and emergency management systems. The section primarily conducts medical evacuations, but they also

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**Senior Master Sgt. Denise Hubbell  
512th AMDS nursing services superintendent**

support ground-based law enforcement personnel throughout the state.

"We assist with searches for lost people and take aerial photos of crime scenes," said Baxley.

The training was not typical for a Unit Training Assembly weekend, said Hubbell.

The 512th AMDS has 27 medical technicians who assist doctors, nurses and dentists during the UTA with the mission of ensuring reservists are worldwide qualified to deploy. The squadron consists of six service areas and is charged with maintaining the medical records for more than 1,800 Airmen.

The medics administer immunizations and assist with Airmen's physicals taking blood pressure, drawing blood and other tasks. They are emergency medical technicians as well, said Hubbell. As an EMT, they are responsible for performing CPR, splinting injuries, controlling bleeding, inserting intravenous lines and a variety of other first aid and emergency procedures.

Senior Airman Kaitlyn O'Boyle, 512th AMDS aerospace medi-

cal technician, who works in flight medicine, said the training was very informative.

"This gave me a lot of insight into what it would be like as a medic working in a deployed environment and what to expect when taking care of trauma patients," she said.

This new training allowed 512th AMDS members to learn through hands-on experience, as opposed to computer-based training. Hubbell, who transferred from the Delaware Air National Guard into the wing in 2010, came up with the idea.

"We did this training in the Guard, and it was very beneficial," she said. "We also rode along with the fire department and EMS," said the sergeant, who also implemented the ride-along training at the 512th AMDS.

Following the one-hour training session with the DSP pilot and medic, the navy-blue helicopter took off into the Delaware horizon, and the Reserve medics walked off the flightline toward their offices. Both groups returned to their jobs, striving to accomplish their similar missions of saving lives and serving their country.



**Cpl. Jason Baxley, a medic with the Delaware State Police Aviation Section, briefs Air Force Reserve medics assigned to the 512th Aerospace Medicine Squadron about the equipment he uses when evacuating patients from an accident scene during a training event here April 3. The 512th AMDS paired up with the DSP to learn how DSP emergency responders conduct their mission. (Photo by Capt. Marnee A.C. Losurdo)**

# Mission Ready

## Team Dover passes Operational Readiness Inspection

By Capt. Marnee A.C. Losurdo  
512th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

**T**eam Dover Airmen earned satisfactory scores during the Dec. 7-14 Operational Readiness Inspection, proving they are ready to meet wartime taskings and deliver airlift anywhere, anytime.

The Air Force Reserve Command's 512th Airlift Wing and Air Mobility Command's 436th AW deployed more than 600 personnel to the Combat Readiness Training Center in Gulfport, Miss., to participate in the inspection. They were also joined by about 60 reservists from the 433rd AW, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

"Team Dover did a great job all through the inspection," said Col. Steven W. LeGrand, AMC Inspector General Team, during a briefing Dec. 19 at the base theater. "Team Dover came together and had a positive attitude and a sense of urgency that made a difference in this inspection."

Each unit undergoes an ORI, every three to five years. Active and Reserve Airmen are challenged with various wartime scenarios to assess their preparedness for war and their ability to fulfill their mission. The IG evaluated the wings in three major areas: employing the force, sustaining the force and the ability to survive and operate. There is a five-tier rating system of Outstanding, Excellent, Satisfactory, Marginal and Unsatisfactory.

"This is such a great team, and that came through in all areas," said LeGrand, who added the total force integration between the active and Reserve wings here is amazing. "Team



Dover is more than ready to conduct their wartime mission."

To prepare for the inspection, the wings have been training for more than a year. The dry-run for the ORI was in September and is called an Operational Readiness Exercise.



Far left: A reservist, wearing a blue belt denoting his status as a 512th Airlift Wing member, walks down the flightline at the Combat Readiness Training Center, Gulfport, Miss. Dec. 10 as part of the Operational Readiness Inspection. Approximately 230 reservists participated in the ORI. The wing earned a satisfactory. (Photos by Staff Sgt. Andria J. Allmond)

Left: Senior Airman Michael Shepperd, 46th Aerial Port Squadron, and Senior Airman Delinda Giraldo, 512th Security Forces Squadron, fill sand bags Dec. 10 as part of the ORI.

It was the first ORE and ORI for Tech. Sgt. LaToya Greene of the 512th Communications Operations Flight.

"The ORE really prepared me for the ORI, and the challenge of wearing (Mission-Oriented Protective Posture) four gear while accomplishing the mission," said Greene, who added that was the most difficult part for her.

MOPP is a system of protection against nuclear, biological and chemical contamination. Personnel are evaluated on how well they can perform their wartime missions while wearing MOPP gear for hours at a time.

Even though Senior Master Sgt. Dee Priar, 512th Financial Management Office, has deployed to 10 ORIs and numerous OREs, she said these inspections

never get any less challenging. This time, the finance team was down one person, which meant the three-person team had to perform the extra taskings. In six hours, they had 46 scenarios to endure; and, that was just half a shift.

Overall, Priar said she thought her team did a great job. They earned a satisfactory.

"Based on the fact, that we only had the Unit Training Assemblies and 14-days of annual tour to prepare for this, our team and the wing did very well," she said.

Greene and her team also earned a satisfactory. "I'm proud of my team, because we worked very well together to earn our grade," she said. She added earning a satisfactory was a breath of fresh air, because it means the communications section will not have to do this for another 36 to 48 months.

Despite the challenges associated with these inspections, Col. Mark D. Camerer, 436th AW commander, lauded the participants for their tenacity and a job well done.

"No one gave up, and it made a big difference in our overall grades," said Camerer.

"I am very proud of this team," said Col. Randal L. Bright, who was an ORI participant serving as the vice commander for the wing of deployed Airmen. "It took more than just the deploying Airmen to earn the grade. It also took the support from the personnel at home station. I thank each of you for all of your hard work and the role you played in the wing's success."

Team Dover celebrated with a burger burn at The Landings, celebrating their passing grade just before the holidays. Traditional reservists who were unable to attend the AMC IG briefing, received an ORI outbrief during the January UTA.

# AFRC reorganizes

## Wing now in 4th Air Force

**F**our 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, cyberspace 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. (Courtesy AFRC)



BRIG. GEN. MARK A. KYLE  
4TH AF COMMANDER



BRIG. GEN. PAMELA MILLIGAN  
4TH AF VICE COMMANDER



CHIEF MASTER SGT. ROCKY V. HART  
4TH AF COMMAND CHIEF



The Air Mobility Command's Rodeo 2011 kicked off July 24 at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash. The Rodeo is a biennial competition that includes all aspects of Air Mobility Command, including aerial port, aeromedical evacuation, maintenance, security forces and financial management. This year's crowd included more than 3,000 members from the U.S. Air Force, Air Force Reserve, Air National Guard and more than 30 international teams. (Photo by 2nd Lt. Jennifer Guerrero)

## Reserve maintainers rock Rodeo

By Senior Airman Joseph Yanik  
512th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

**E**ight Reserve maintainers from the 512th and 712th Aircraft Maintenance Squadrons played a major role in Team Dover's success at the 2011 Air Mobility Rodeo July 22-29, winning Best C-5 Maintenance Skills, Best C-5 Maintenance Team and Best C-5 Pre-Flight Team. Team Dover's other awards include: Best C-5 Aircrew; Best Airlift Wing; Best C-5 Air-to-Air Refueling; Best C-5 Wing; Best C-17 Engine Running Offload; and, Best C-5 Daily Observations.

Master Sgt. James F. Blake, 512th AMXS team leader, described the strengths of the aircraft maintenance personnel that were crucial to winning the three maintenance awards.

"It all comes down to attention to detail, maintenance discipline and safety awareness," said Blake, who was the dedicated crew chief of the C-5M Super Galaxy that was part of the competition. "Through our team's diverse knowledge and quick response with given situations at hand, we adapted and overcame our competitors."

Tech. Sgt. Joel Griffith, a C-17 crew chief from the 712th AMXS, said Team Dover's C-17 maintainers worked for months to prepare their Globemaster III for the Rodeo. For him, a highlight of the competition was when all their efforts

paid off in the Best Airlift Team category.

"[Winning Best Airlift Wing] was the result of the combined score for the C-17, C-5, port security forces and all other competitors for Team Dover," said Griffith. "Another highlight was how flawlessly the entire C-17 team worked as a whole and how everyone carried their weight. They were the best group I ever worked with."

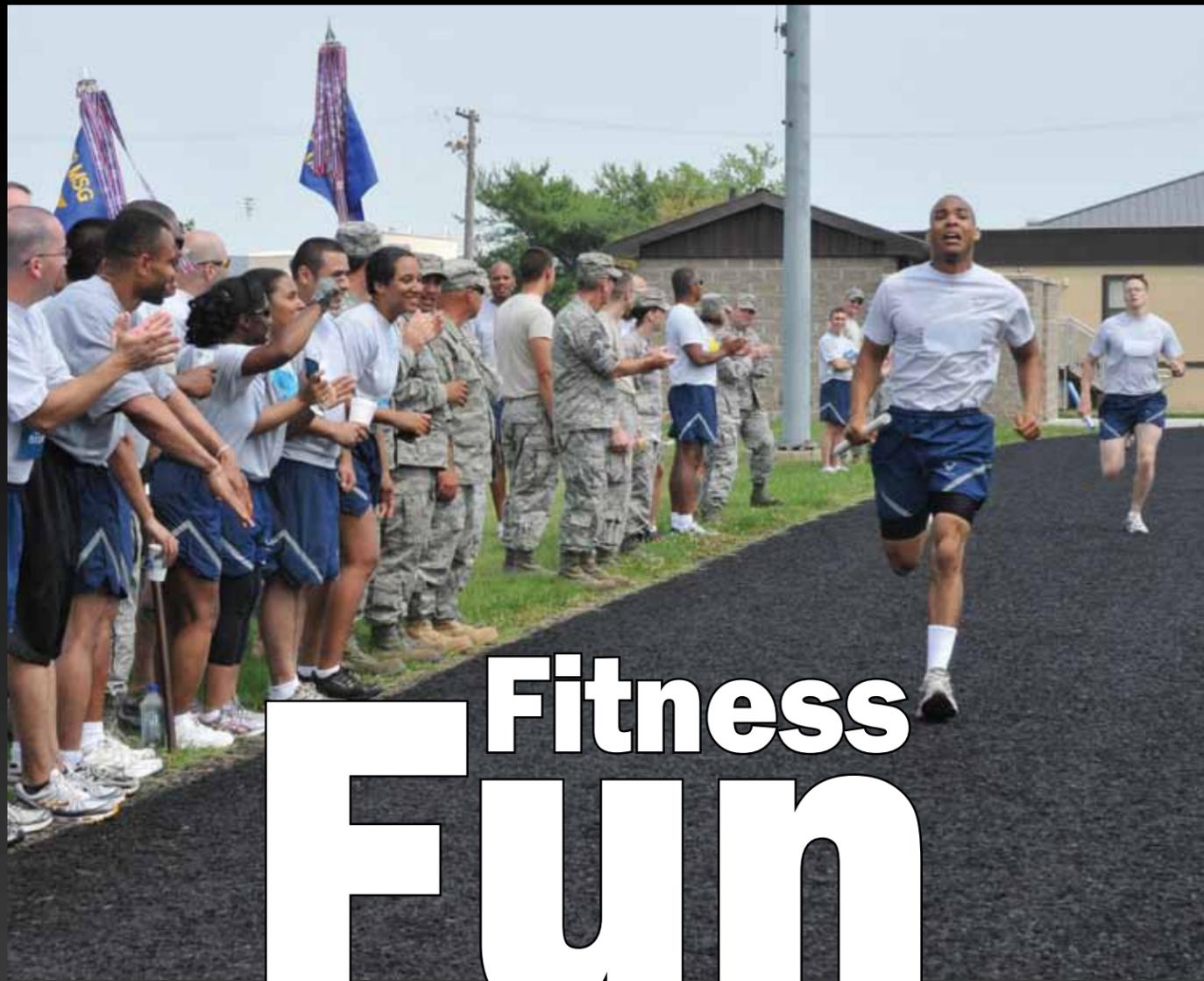
The biennial skills competition provided an opportunity to get together with teammates from across the Air Force and around the world to trade lessons and build camaraderie.

"It was Team Westover that lent a helping hand," said Blake. "They provided us with servicing fluids. Between Teams Dover and Westover, there was awesome camaraderie."

Chief Master Sgt. Fred Eason, 512th AMXS maintenance superintendent, added equal praise for Team Dover's work ethic. "The nine combined maintenance and aircrew awards are a true indicator of how well we work with the active duty," Eason said.

For Blake, Team Dover's success at the 2011 Rodeo is something he won't soon forget.

"I am so proud to be a part of something such as Rodeo," Blake said. "Working the mighty C-5 for the past 24 years and now as the crew chief (for Team Dover) makes this experience so memorable, and it will be cherished for as long as I live."



# Fitness FUN

## Aerial porters take trophy at wing's first Fitness Challenge

By Master Sgt. Veronica Aceveda  
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The 46th Aerial Port Squadron took home the team trophy from the 512th Airlift Wing's first Fitness Challenge June 12 at the base track.

The event, sponsored by the 512th AW's Company Grade Officers Council, called for each unit to field a team of competitors of varying ages to participate in contests of sit-ups, push-ups, a relay race and a walk-a-thon.

"Winning this challenge is an awesome reward for our unit who has made a lot of improvement in the fitness arena," said Tech. Sgt. Jamie O'Brien, a 46th APS team member who did 34 push-ups in the Women Under 30 category.

"While our 11-person team received the honors at the track, this trophy is a reward for all the individuals in the 46th APS who are making the effort towards better fitness."

The event wasn't just for fitness buffs, but for Airmen in all fitness categories. Several who were post maternity or post injury were at the challenge as well as many who were not even competing at all but wanted to cheer on their co-workers.

"It was a phenomenal display of esprit de corps and morale, and I'm very impressed with that," said Col. Randal L. Bright, 512th AW commander. "I'm even more impressed with how the units didn't stack the deck by having only their best athletes on a team, allowing for more participation from their unit."



Left: 512th Airlift Wing members participate in the wing's first Fitness Challenge at Dover Air Force Base June 12. Above: Staff Sgt. Coban Goertz, 46th Aerial Port Squadron load planner, performs push-ups June 12, as part of the wing's first Fitness Challenge at the track at Dover Air Force Base. The 46th APS team beat seven other teams for the championship trophy. (Photos by Staff Sgt. Andria J. Allmond)

"We brought out people who do really well on the fitness test as well as some people who struggle in fitness," said Capt. Marylou Cowles, 512th Aerospace Medicine Squadron. "(The 512th) AMDS had the only all-female relay team; and, sure they finished last, but they came out to represent, and I was really proud of them."

The team that did bring the baton across the finish line first was the 512th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron which finished the one-mile relay in 4 minutes, 30 seconds. In all, there were eight squadrons vying for the team trophy.

One contender found out he would be participating just shortly before the event started.

Airman 1st Class Brandon Bermudez, 712th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, competed in the Men Under 30 category and netted 99 push-ups. He also ran the relay

## 46th APS Team Winners List

Maj. Ashleigh Gellner  
Chief Master Sgt. David Buches  
Master Sgt. Destiny Donigan  
Master Sgt. John Garratt  
Tech. Sgt. Kenneth Bodine  
Tech. Sgt. Lee Hebert  
Tech. Sgt. Kristen Hite  
Tech. Sgt. Gregory Jenkins  
Staff Sgt. Coban Goertz  
Senior Airman Kurtis Ernst  
Senior Airman Samuel Hamilton

and scored 100 sit-ups for his team.

"I just wanted to help out the squadron and do my best," he said. "I'm pretty sure we have the best all-around team."

While most consider 99 push-ups in two-minutes an extraordinary feat, it took more for Tech. Sgt. Lee Herbert, 46th APS, to capture the winning title for his age group.

"Once I heard they were having a push-up contest, I knew I had to enter; I'm kind of a 'gym rat,'" he said. "We heard about this event (in May), and I've been looking forward to it."

Sergeant Herbert performed 114 push-ups, topping the Men 30 to 39 category and helping push the aerial porters to victory.

"From the moment I got here, I could tell the (512th) CGOC had a hit on their hands," said Colonel Bright. "Hopefully, it's the first of many to come."

# Operation PICNIC

By Senior Airman Tanisha Brown  
512th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

**M**ore than 2,000 wing members and their families gathered for festivities at the 512th Airlift Wing biennial picnic Aug. 6 at Eagle's Nest.

Some of the many attractions included live entertainment, inflatable attractions, water fun, face painting, food and free ice cream.

"This event is a way to thank reservists and their families for their dedication, service and support; we couldn't complete the mission without you," said Col. Randal L. Bright, 512th AW commander.

"The picnic was a great outing to be able to spend time with family, not just biological family but wing family too," said Chief Master Sgt. Mark Banks, 512th Security Forces Squadron security forces manager.

"It was a definite success, because there was something here for everyone."

The event kicked off with the quarterly commander's call when the wing commander recognized award recipients and winners of the 5K Run, Walk and Crawl, which took place that morning.

Tech. Sgt. Harry White, 512th Operations Support Flight, placed first with a time of 18 minutes, 47 seconds; and, Senior Airman Sirintra Fisher, 512th Memorial Affairs Squadron, was the first female to cross the finish line with a time of 22 minutes, 4 seconds.

"I've never won a race before and didn't expect to win this one, but the weather was great, and I'm excited I won," said White.

The adults were not the only ones to receive recognition. As part of the Galaxy Adventure, some of the wing's little Airmen were coined on stage at the commander's call by the wing king and 512th AW Vice Commander Col. David K. Berkowitz.

That morning, more than 50 children participated in the 2011 Galaxy Adventure tour, hosted by the 512th Airman and Family Readiness Office. The event showed children of reservists what their parents do while they are working for the Air Force Reserve.

This was just the beginning of the fun-filled day. Picnic attendees were treated to a free performance by country music singer Joe Diffie and Rhythm in Blue, a jazz ensemble with the U.S. Air Force Heritage of America Band out of Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Va.

Diffie has had 35 songs on the Billboard Hot Country chart including five number one singles such as "Third Rock from the Sun" and "Pickup Man."

The Air Force Reserve sponsored the musician as part of the Get One Now program, a recruiting tool reservists can use to refer people interested in joining the AF Reserve.

"I've been to picnics in the past and having the band is always great, but having a live performance by Joe Diffie this year was an added bonus,"

said Laurel Sweet, wife of Capt. Christopher Sweet, 512th Logistics Readiness Squadron logistics readiness officer.

"It was real nice of him to come here to do this for us, and he is a real nice guy," said Tech. Sgt. Rodney Douglas, 512th Maintenance Squadron aviation maintainer, who got a photo with Diffie during the artist's meet and greet session at noon.

"Fantastic" was the word Senior Master Sgt. Tim Ward, 512th Operations Group loadmaster, used to describe Rhythm in Blues, a 13-piece ensemble which plays jazz, blues and funk.

"Their sound is so professional," he said. "Their music brings back visions of World War II and the big band era; I love it. I hope to see these guys back."



An inflatable water slide was one of the star attractions for children at the 512th Airlift Wing biennial picnic Aug. 6 at Eagle's Nest. More than 2,000 people attended the event, which featured live entertainment, a Kids Zone, hamburgers, hot dogs and ice cream. (Photo by Senior Master Sgt. Ron Toomey)

For many reservists, the picnic was a nice break from the hectic training weekends.

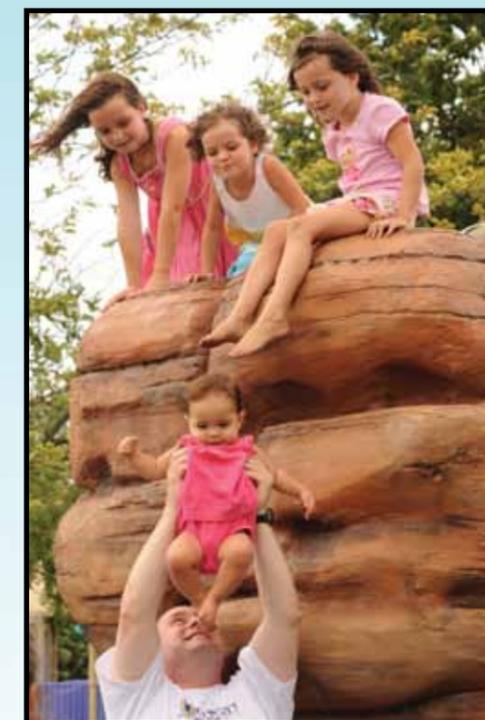
Senior Airman Moses Ross, 512th Communications Operations Flight knowledge operations management, was excited from the start of the picnic, he said.

"This is my third wing picnic, and it's getting better each year," said Ross. "I really enjoy the time to mingle with members of the unit outside of the office. I can't wait for the next one."

The next wing picnic is scheduled for the summer of 2013.



Country music star Joe Diffie poses for a photo with Tech. Sgt. Rodney Douglas, 512th Maintenance Squadron, his daughter Braleyn, and wife Katie at the 512th Airlift Wing biennial picnic Aug. 6 at Eagle's Nest. The Air Force Reserve sponsored the musician as part of the Get One Now program, a recruiting tool reservists can use to refer people interested in joining the AF Reserve. (Photo by Master Sgt. Veronica Aceveda)



Capt. Christopher Sweet, 512th Logistics Readiness Squadron logistics readiness officer, spends time with his daughters at the wing picnic. (Photo by Capt. Marnee A.C. Losurdo)

# AMAZING AIRMEN

Liberty Wing reservists performed amazing accomplishments this year. From saving lives and graduating college to running for a cause and fulfilling life-long dreams, the 512th Airlift Wing family made their mark in 2011.

Senior Master Sgt. Kelly Devine, a 709th Airlift Squadron member and Rehoboth Beach resident, is one of four military members featured in the Holiday 2011 edition of Delaware Beach Life magazine. As a reservist, Devine is a loadmaster assigned to Dover Air Force Base, Del.; and, as a civilian, she is a nurse at Beebe Medical Center. (Photo by Capt. Marnee A.C. Losurdo)





**Now Staff Sgt. Harry Mackay,**  
Airman of the Year



**Tech. Sgt. Matthew Ferguson,**  
NCO of the Year



**Senior Master Sgt. Sherry Dowgos,**  
Senior NCO of the Year



**Capt. Frederick Kuehn,**  
CGO of the Year



**Beverly Lumia,**  
Civilian of the Year

# Best of the Best

## Wing announces top Airmen of year

By Capt. Marnee A.C. Losurdo  
512th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

The 512th Airlift Wing announced the 2010 annual award winners during the wing's second annual awards banquet March 5 at the Sheraton Hotel in Dover.

Twenty-second Air Force and Air Force Reserve Command award winners were also recognized during the three-hour evening event, attended by 512th AW Commander Col. Randal L. Bright and his wife Amy.

"This is a phenomenal wing we have here, and we are part of a phenomenal team with the 436th Airlift Wing," said Bright, glancing to his active-duty counterpart, Col. Mark D. Camerer, the 436th AW commander who was also in attendance. "We have outstanding Airmen and civilian employees, and this evening is an opportunity to recognize some of our top performers in our wing."

The event featured Col. Robert Coupe, Delaware State Police superintendent, as the guest speaker. After dinner and in front of an audience of 250 wing and community members, the 2010 512th AW Outstanding Airmen of the Year were announced.

**Now Staff Sgt. Harry Mackay**, 512th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, is the Airman of the Year. The aerospace maintenance technician deployed to Manas Transit Center, Kyrgyzstan, supporting de-icing operations for the C-5, C-17, KC-135, KC-10 and all Air Mobility Command contracted flights in theater. He's an Airman Against Drunk Driving volunteer, and he helped build 2,000 USO care packages for worldwide distribution to deployed warriors.

**Tech. Sgt. Matthew Ferguson**, 512th Airlift Control Flight, is the NCO of the Year. The loadmaster deployed to Homestead Air Reserve Base, Fla., in support of Operation Unified Response. He and fellow ALCF members launched 608 flights and assisted with the coordination of transferring cargo from larger aircraft to the smaller aircraft flying the supplies into Haiti. He was awarded his

Bachelors of Science degree in elementary education maintaining a 3.4 GPA.

**Senior Master Sgt. Sherry Dowgos**, 512th Operations Support Flight, is the Senior NCO of the Year. The operations administrative assistant worked with 436th AW counterparts to standardize aviation resource management procedures. As the unit's medical monitor, she achieved 100 percent medical readiness compliance for her unit. She also hosted two French foreign exchange students spreading goodwill between the United States and France.

**Capt. Frederick Kuehn**, 512th ALCF, is the Company Grade Officer of the Year. The captain deployed to Homestead ARB, Fla., in support of Operation Unified Response where he led the Contingency Response Element. He and fellow ALCF members launched 608 flights and assisted with the coordination of transferring cargo from larger aircraft to the smaller aircraft flying the supplies into Haiti. He completed the C-17 Instructor Pilot Upgrade with distinction. As a volunteer with the American Red Cross, he assisted with 12 disasters, aiding 418 people.

**Beverly Lumia**, 512th Operations Group, is the Civilian of the Year. As the 512th OG commander's secretary, she oversees several programs to include personnel actions, the government purchase card and travel card, military and civilian orders, budget, protocol, training and time and attendance records. She's active in civic and cultural organizations including the American Cancer Society, American Diabetes Association, Arthritis Foundation, American Heart Association and Delaware Special Olympics.

**Master Sgt. Donald Meyer**, 709th Airlift Squadron, is the First Sergeant of the Year. He is responsible for more than 170 Airmen. He also deployed as a first sergeant in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom to Kirkuk Regional Air Base, Iraq, where he improved the unit's Fit Camp with an 8 percent increase in members scoring 90 percent or higher. The community advocate led a team in a 5K obstacle course and mud run, raising \$22,000 for leukemia research.

# Hall of fame reservist fuels deployed mission

By Capt. Marnee A.C. Losurdo  
512th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

When it comes to pumping gas, Senior Airman Matthew Ronan is king. While deployed to the 379th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron in Southwest Asia, the 512th Airlift Wing reservist pumped 5.5 million gallons of JP-8 gas to coalition aircraft, which not only earned him the title of "Servicing King of the Rotation" but got him inducted into the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing Hall of Fame.

"Matt has not only changed our flight's perspective on the incredible work ethics and unwavering dedication of our Reserve brothers and sisters, but he has single-handedly done so to the entire 379th AEW, resulting in him being cemented forever in its history as a 379th AEW Hall of Fame Inductee," said Capt. Jenny Russell, 379th ELRS Fuels Management Flight commander in an e-mail to Ronan's supervisor, Master Sgt. David Jackson, 512th LRS.

The 512th LRS fuels distribution operator is one of 11 Airmen selected for the honor.

The 379th AEW is the largest expeditionary wing in the world, according to a U.S. Air Force fact sheet. Thousands of Airmen, plus joint and coalition tenants, fly 30 percent of the daily air tasking order sorties.

The 379th AEW is one of the top three installations providing aerial port movements and handles more jet fuel than five U.S. Air Force installations combined.

Ronan played a key role in the 379th LRS mission by fueling 1,174 aircraft with an 8 minute and 27 second average response time.

While some agencies have employee of the month, in the fuels field, Ronan's work ethic earned him

squadron honors of "Pumper of the Month" and was a four-time Million Gallon Club member. "It's rewarding to receive recognition from my supervisors and co-workers for my hard work," he said.

So, what fuels the gas guy's drive to be so high-speed?

"When you keep yourself busy, it makes the day go a lot faster," Ronan said. "Busier is better; I like to be busy; and, with this job, there's always something to do."

He said he also enjoys being out in the fresh air. But, working outside on a paved runway in the desert isn't easy.

Having to contend with the heat is a challenge, he said. He's worked in conditions as hot as 120 degrees with a heat index of 140 degrees.

"You could roast a chicken out there on the flight line," he said.

Despite the oven-like conditions while deployed or at home station, Ronan doesn't let that stop him from getting the job done.

"He doesn't have an off button when he goes to work," said Jackson, who added Ronan was the 22nd Air Force Fuels Airman of the Year in



**Senior Airman Matthew Ronan, a fuels distribution operator, pumped 5.5 million gallons of JP-8 gas to coalition aircraft, which not only earned him the title of "Servicing King of the Rotation" but got him inducted into the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing Hall of Fame. Ronan, a reservist with the 512th Airlift Wing at Dover Air Force Base, returned from his deployment this summer. While deployed, he worked for the 379th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron in Southwest Asia. (Photo by Capt. Marnee A.C. Losurdo)**

2010. "We had no doubt he would excel. He's always willing to step up to the challenge. We are extremely proud of him."

His Dover Air Force Base counterparts are not the only ones singing his praises.

"Thank you for lending us a wing superstar," Russell said. "We are humbled by everything he has provided to our flight, squadron and wing. He will forever be missed and remembered."

# Saving Lives

Wing reservist's quick reactions save two people

By Capt. Marnee A.C. Losurdo  
512th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

What are the odds of saving two people's lives in the span of three months? Pretty likely if you ask Master Sgt. Rob Kelley. The 512th Security Forces Squadron reservist assigned to Dover Air Force Base, Del., saved a woman from carbon monoxide poisoning in July and a fellow wing member from choking in September.

Kelley, a full-time employee with the Sussex Boot Camp Correctional Institute in Georgetown, took a part-time job as a security officer at Sea Colony resort in Bethany Beach in the fall of 2010 to earn extra money to assist his family.

He was working at the Sea Colony the evening of July 3 when he received a call about a possible gas leak at one of the apartments.

"Before I got my vehicle parked, a lady came out saying she could help me," he said. "She was a nurse from Pennsylvania on vacation in Delaware."

Kelley said he directed a fellow co-worker to call 911 to get the fire department on scene. His partner then secured the area and started evacuating the building until emergency responders arrived, said Kelley. Meanwhile, Kelley and the nurse went inside the apartment where two residents, an 80-year-old man and his 93-year-old sister were on the floor unconscious. They carried the woman outside.

"She was in poor condition, and the nurse performed CPR," said Kelley who then went back inside to get the man.



As Kelley emerged from the apartment, the fire department and state police arrived on scene. The woman, Grace Manuel, and her brother, Joseph Manuel, were taken to Beebe Medical Center in Lewes, Del. The woman survived; but, unfortunately, her brother did not.

According to Kelley, Joseph Manuel's death was due to carbon monoxide poisoning from a running automobile parked in the garage of their Sea Colony home.

Joe Hopple, Bethany Beach Fire company, said the carbon monoxide levels were so high they were beyond the range of their fire department's gas meters, which registers up to 999 parts per million. Environmental Protection Agency guidelines state anything more than 35 ppm is dangerous.

Carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless gas produced by automobiles, small gasoline engines, fuel burning appliances, and burning charcoal and wood. Each year, more than 400 Americans die from unintentional carbon monoxide poisoning, more than 20,000 visit the emergency room and more than 4,000 are hospitalized, according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention website.

Grace Manuel's life was probably saved due to the death of her pet cat, said Kelley who read the reports on the incident. The Manuels were upset about their pet's death and called their niece who then drove to their apartment from Rehoboth Beach. When she arrived, she found her aunt and uncle unconscious.

Although the cat prompted the call to the niece and response officials, it was Kelley who carried the woman out. But, he doesn't consider himself a hero.

"The nurse was the hero; I just did my job," he said.

His boss, however, disagrees.

"Had (Rob) not taken this quick decisive action, it's likely the woman would not have survived," said Terry Cornelius, Sea Colony security manager. "He is always eager to assume any task he is assigned. He has truly been an asset to our security team here at Sea Colony."

It was at his other job with the Air Force Reserve where he saved a fellow unit member from choking.

Kelley had just got back from a training exercise in September and was performing his annual tour. He was eating

Master Sgt. Rob Kelley, 512th Security Forces Squadron, saved a woman from carbon monoxide poisoning and a man from choking this summer. (Photo by Capt. Marnee A.C. Losurdo)

lunch at the dining facility here.

The cop turned to talk to Master Sgt. Marshall Gillespie, 512th Airlift Control Flight communications manager, who was sitting at the next table. Kelley noticed an Airman at the table next to Gillespie was turning increasing shades of red.

"I approached him and asked if he was choking; and, he gave the (universal choking) sign that he was," said Kelley who served 10 years in the Army and 15 in the Air Force. "I told him what I was going to do and proceeded to perform the Heimlich maneuver twice and a piece of potato flew out."

The Heimlich maneuver is an emergency technique for preventing suffocation when a person's airway is blocked by food or an object.

Unfortunately, more people are familiar with the name than how to conduct the procedure, according to Chief Master Sgt. David Townson, 512th Aerospace Medicine Squadron health services management chief.

"I didn't even realize the guy was choking, but (Kelley) was right on it," said Gillespie who added he'd never seen anyone choke before. "I was impressed with his fast reaction. I told him he just may have saved this guy's life."

Choking and suffocation is the third leading cause of home and community death in the United States, with food being the leading culprit for choking incidents, according to the National Safety Council. Common signs of choking are not being able to breathe, cough or speak, making high-pitched sounds when breathing, and when lips and fingernails turn blue. The Heimlich maneuver can be used on adults or children but is not recommended for infants less than one year old.

"The Heimlich maneuver is a very successful procedure, but most people have not performed it, so Sergeant Kelley did an awesome job," said Townson. "His quick response led to a great end to a situation that could have been a catastrophe."

Emergency personnel came on scene and took the Airman's vitals to ensure he was alright. Medical personnel released the Airman who went back to work, said Kelley.

For both situations, Kelley credits his training with the military and his experience as a correctional officer for his quick response.

Kelley said he is glad his training came in handy, and he was in the right place at the right time ... twice.

# Superhero Sergeant

## Reservist raises funds for wounded warriors

By Capt. Marnee A.C. Losurdo  
512th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

The superhero-filled stories of the X-Men, Fantastic Four and New Teen Titans were some of his favorites as a child.

Now 38, Master Sgt. Eric Sellers still loves comic books and is using that enthusiasm to benefit the nation's real-world heroes, wounded warriors.

The 512th Aerospace Medicine Squadron laboratory services NCO in charge assisted in the production of the comic, *Pacesetter: The George Perez Magazine*, which highlights the American comic book writer and illustrator and the 30th Anniversary of The New Teen Titans. Proceeds from the sale of the comic go to the Wounded Warrior Project, a nonprofit organization designed to help injured service members.

"This is my way to give back to those who sacrificed the most," said the 512th Airlift Wing reservist, who owns thousands of comic books and is an avid fan of George Perez, the illustrator of Wonder Woman and the Avengers. "It was a way for me to use my passion for comics to benefit a cause close to my heart and help real heroes who have sacrificed so much for freedom."

According to the Wounded Warriors Project website, more than 40,000 service members have been injured in Iraq and Afghanistan. It's also estimated that more than 300,000 suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder or depression. WWP works to assist these wounded men and women through their programs and services.

Sellers has been associated with the *Pacesetter* for eight years and became involved with the project, because he started asking if anything was going to be done for the 30th Anniversary of the New Teen Titans.

"It was a comic that influenced a generation," said the reservist who entered the Air Force in 1991 and transferred to the Air Force Reserve in 1998.

The Teen Titans was originally created in 1964, but the comic became a huge success in the 1980s when Perez and writer Marv Wolfman revamped the series, relaunching it as the New Teen Titans, said Sellers. The comic features charac-

ters such as Robin, Kid Flash, Cyborg, Changeling, Wonder Girl, Starfire and Raven.

"It's a series that was well written, well drawn, with great characters and great story lines that are still relevant today," said Sellers. "I didn't see anything being done to highlight the New Teen Titans 30th Anniversary, so I approached the *Pacesetter* publisher Tony Lorenz and volunteered to put something together."

Not only did Sergeant Sellers line-up most of the material for the issue, but he financed the up-front printing cost of the issue, said Lorenz. Sellers invested nearly \$3,000 in the project. The anniversary issue cost \$10 and can be purchased



Master Sgt. Eric Sellers, 512th Aerospace Medicine Squadron laboratory services NCO in charge, is an avid comic book fan. He assisted in the production of the *Pacesetter* magazine that highlights the work of comic illustrator George Perez. All proceeds benefit the Wounded Warrior Project. (Image by George Perez, Photo by Capt. Marnee A.C. Losurdo)

in comic book stores and online at [www.lulu.com](http://www.lulu.com).  
"The only thing Eric asked of me was to donate all proceeds to the Wounded Warrior Project," said Lorenz.  
"As kids, we all want to be heroes," said Sellers, whose father, an active-duty chief master sergeant with 30 years of service, was one of his biggest heroes. "Wherever I went in the world, whether it was when I was with my parents or when I was on active duty, I could always find comic books. These stories always made me want to be the good guy and fight injustice."  
Maybe that's why he chose law enforcement as a career for more than 20 years and retired from the Pennsylvania State Police.  
As a police officer, he caught his fair share of bad guys. While this crime fighter may not be able to create force fields or generate flames at will, he is a real-world superhero doing his part to honor the real-life heroes who sacrificed life and limb for the pursuit of freedom.

# Dragon tales

## Reserve spouse's fantasy novel published

By Capt. Marnee A.C. Losurdo  
512th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

The mythological, reptilian-winged beast found in the heroic tales such as "Saint George and the Dragon" has fascinated Bonnie

Then since childhood. The allure of these magical, serpentine creatures combined with a love of writing prompted the novice author to write a book of her own, "Familiar Origins."

Released in April, it's the first published novel for Bonnie who goes by the pen name of B. Pine, a derivative of her first initial and maiden name Pinero. She is married to Master Sgt. Ommar Then who's assigned to the 512th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron here.

The fantasy-fiction novel is about five children growing up in a magical world where dragons are supreme beings. The tale focuses on the children and their ability to confront difficult life experiences and to challenge the dragons whose goal is to take over the world.

The characters in her book encounter and overcome trials in their quest to fulfill their destinies. Life can imitate art and Bonnie tackled her own course of obstacles to achieve her dream. Her quest to become a published author was years in the making and didn't come without rejection and hard work.

Writing has been a hobby of the New York native since she

took a creative writing course while living in England with her spouse who was assigned at Royal Air Force Mildenhall, United Kingdom, from 1993 to 1997. England, part of the United Kingdom and one of Europe's oldest and most influential nations, has a storied past full of kings, heroes and conquests.

Bonnie is a fan of the country's medieval history, castles and folklore, which includes dragons.

"I've always liked fantasy, especially dragons," said the author who has known her husband since high school, been married since 1990 and have three children who are 17, 5 and 2.

"It's fascinating, the myth of the dragon in Chinese and European cultures, especially in medieval history. Some cultures depict the dragon as a monster; others see the creature as a spiritual guide."

Her experiences in England sparked her creativity, and she began writing short fantasy-fiction stories, which included her favorite mythical beast that flies, breathes fire and uses magic.

"When you read about vampires and werewolves, they have certain characteristics whereas a dragon can be anything," said Bonnie, who is also an avid reader of science fiction and vampire novels.

When the Then family was stationed at Dover Air Force Base, Bonnie's husband separated from active duty in 2001. He became a reservist with the 512th Airlift Wing here and began working at Playtex Manufacturing Inc. At Dover, Bonnie earned her degree in business man-



**Bonnie Then, wife of Master Sgt. Ommar Then with the 512th Airlift Wing at Dover Air Force Base, Del., released her first book "Familiar Origins" in April. It's the first published novel for Mrs. Then. (Photo by Eimi Pinero)**

agement from the University of Maryland and a degree in accounting from Wilmington University. She worked as an accountant at Dover Downs Hotel and Casino until 2009 when she resigned to take care of her young children and ailing father.

Throughout the past decade, and despite the challenges of being a military spouse, mother, student, accountant and caretaker, Mrs. Then made time for her hobby.

"Writing is therapeutic; it's a type of stress relief," she said. "I put my ideas and imagination down on paper, and it comes to life."

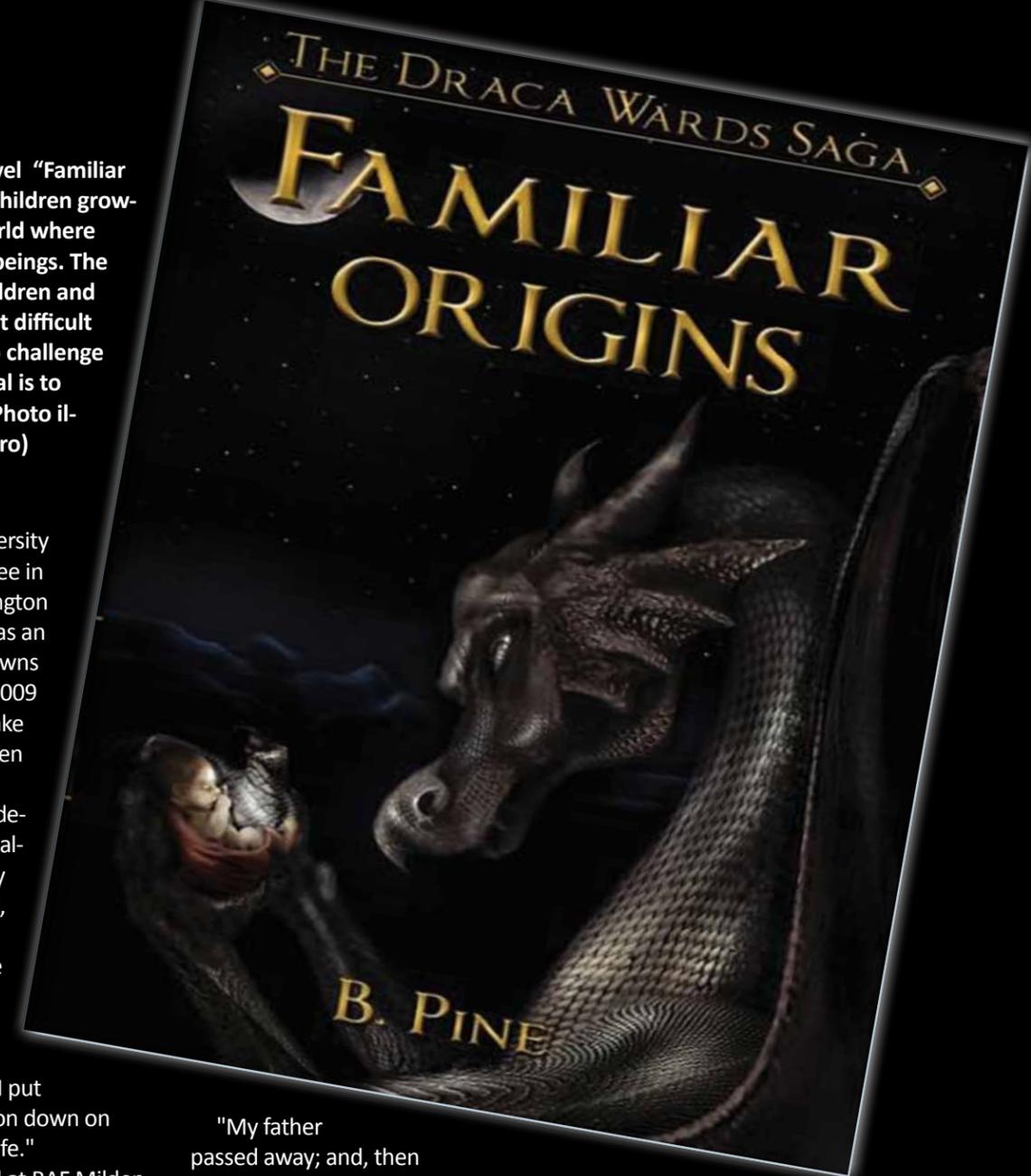
Since being stationed at RAF Mildenhall, the military spouse has written about 30 short stories.

"One day, I took pieces of each story, laid them out before me and had the plot to the book," she said.

Once completed, she sent her book to five publishers who all rejected it.

They gave her critiques and suggestions, she said. She took the advice, made revisions and sent it to another publisher and waited, but she didn't hear anything for a year.

Bonnie suffered a great loss in 2009. When she found out her book was to be published, via e-mail, it was a ray of light during a dark a dark time.



"My father passed away; and, then four days later, I had to put my 8-year-old boxer Sai to sleep," she said. "I was grieving, so finding out my book was getting published was great news at a time when I needed something positive in my life."

Her biggest fan, her husband, said he's ecstatic for her and is very proud to have a published novelist in the family.

"She has worked toward this goal for a long time, and it's great to see her accomplish it," said Then, an avionics technician. "We have a lot of avid readers in the family, so we have all read her book and know how talented she is. We're glad the rest of the world now gets a chance to read her work."

Many good stories have a hero like Saint George who slays the dragon and saves the princess. For Bonnie Then, her hero doesn't wear the armor of a knight, but wears the digitized tiger-striped Airman Battle Uniform of this century. She attributes her success to her husband who has been by her side during her quest to become an author.

"He's been very supportive," she said. "I couldn't have done it without him."

To read about the Draca Wards Saga and characters such as Rohen and Galen, her book "Familiar Origins" is the first of five novels and is available online and in book stores.



# Logging Off

## Wing's first computer guy retires

By Master Sgt. Veronica Aceveda  
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For many Airmen in the 512th Airlift Wing, the approaching sound of clanging keys means the cavalry is on its way to fix their computer problem.

Those keys are attached to the "computer guy" Alan Dutton, the wing's system administrator for the past 18 years.

Dutton retired in a ceremony March 31 at the Air Mobility Command Museum, following a 20-year military career and 26-year civil service career.

A native of Middletown, Dutton joined the active-duty Air Force when he was 18 years old, having already served four years in a Civil Air Patrol unit.

"I always knew I wanted to be part of the military," he said. "And, I was ready; I was looking for a career."

He enlisted as a communications center operator in 1973, a time when the United States' involvement in the Vietnam War was officially ending -- a time when the public's opinion of the military was not that favorable he said.

Even though the Air Force was in the process of transitioning to wearing blues, the new recruit was issued tan uniforms at basic training in addition to the olive-colored fatigues. Technically trained in Texas, the young Airman's first assignment was in his home state of Delaware at Dover Air Force Base.

Working inside the base's Communications Operations Center, located back then in Bldg. 501, his main duty dealt with handling message traffic for the base.

At that time, messages from all

around the world were delivered into the base "Comm Center."

"We would process the incoming messages and distribute them to their designated destination," said Dutton who wore "skeeter-wings" at the time, which was a nickname for the rank of Airman.

Since computers were not used in the Air Force at that time, comm operators, like Airman Dutton, used the latest in data communication technology, which was digital subscriber terminal equipment. Referred to as DSTE, it was a teletype messaging system.

In his work center and others on base, Airmen used rotary-style phones and could smoke cigarettes sitting right at their desks, said Dutton.

"I've seen a lot of changes," said the young Airman who used to live in

the Bldg. 260 series dormitories. "My room was on the first floor, where the library is now."

He couldn't recall whether or not a base exchange was available; but, he does remember the commissary was located where the 436th Mission Support Group commander's building stands now in Bldg. 519.

Another big difference between now and then is there were three separate clubs on base -- Airman, NCO and Officers Clubs.

Dutton's single days in the dorms came to an end in 1975, when he married Linda, a fellow Delaware native who had a four-year-old daughter.

That same year, the newlyweds were assigned to Sembach Air Base, Germany, where Dutton reached the grade of E-4, known as a buck sergeant. He said he performed the same types of Comm Center duties as he did back at Dover AFB.

His son was born overseas, and his daughter was born while on leave in Missouri, following their three-year tour in Germany.

After a two-year stint at Vandenberg AFB, Calif., where then Staff Sgt. Dutton worked in the Comm Center again, the family returned to the "First State" in July 1981, when Dutton's enlistment was up.

"By the time I had left active duty, there still weren't any computers - at least not in my work areas," said Dutton, who wanted to continue serving his country.

He signed-up as a traditional reservist with the 512th Military Airlift Wing in 1982. As a reservist, he was assigned to the same Comm Center he first started out in. This time around he said he spent more time as a "jack of all trades" and "additional duties guru."

In the civilian sector, Dutton worked inside Dover Downs, before it became a casino. There was only a horse track and race track he said. While his office was located there, he said he spent most of his time traveling the state installing burglar and fire alarms.

Considering better money and



From left to right are an Autodin Mode 5 Terminal, a Kleinschmidt teletype, a tape reperforator including an externally affixed paper tape reader and the Autodin Mode 5 unit in the rack. These are the same types of equipment Al Dutton used when he was assigned to Dover Air Force Base's Communications Center in the 1960s. (Photo courtesy Fort Monmouth Historical Office/ submitted by George Mace)

more benefits, Dutton became an Air Reserve Technician in 1985, a position he held for about nine years. Only a few of the Airmen he supervised are still in the wing today. They include Senior Master Sgt. Jeff Franklin, Master Sgt. Kim Snyder and Tech. Sgt. Carol Mason.

It was during that time when Dutton remembers being handed his first computer.

"I didn't have a clue," he said. "I thought 'uh-ok', here's this big box, now what? I didn't know how to start it up or anything. I also thought 'give

me back my typewriter.'"

Contrary to popular belief, Dutton said in the beginning, computers didn't make life any easier, especially since not too many people knew how to use them.

"They were first looked upon as big door stops because of their size," he added.

The first word processor he said he used took an 8-inch disc; the Z-100s and Z-150s soon followed.

"There was one computer person

Computer Guy see page 47

# Living History

## Former 512th reservist offers glimpse into 1950s Reserve life

By Master Sgt. Veronica A. Aceveda  
512th Airlift Wing 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."

### THEN AND NOW

The motor pool was a centrally managed group of motor vehicles for the use of government personnel. The 512th, which is now located at Dover Air Force Base, Del., no longer has its own motor pool. The Reserve wing accesses government transportation through the host wing's logistics readiness squadron.

Jay Robinson, a Dover AFB vehicle management technician, said there's a big difference between now and then.

"We lease the majority of our vehicles from major automotive manufacturers including Dodge, Ford and Chevy," he said. "They include electric hybrid and alternate fuel vehicles. We manage the maintenance and repair of them through local vendors."

Before, the Air Force used to own and repair its own vehicles.

Staley said he mainly worked on Fords, which were all painted dark blue.

"I was a snot-nosed kid who didn't know anything, but thought I did," said Staley who initially reported for drill weekends wearing olive-colored coveralls and later in two-piece olive-drab fatigues.

He was actually among a group of young enlistees

from the Lancaster-Columbia, Pa., area, whose duties included painting, body work and fender repair.

"We were the new kids," said Staley. "So, the old guys, a bunch of World War II vets, took us under their wing and brushed off the newness and taught us how to operate in the military; and, that included parties and everything else."

Something they all took turns learning was kitchen police, known as KP duty. The 12-plus hour detail involved chores such as scrubbing pots and pans and food preparation.

"There really was a room with a mountain of potatoes that had to be peeled," said Staley. "However, there was a machine to help get the job done. It had sandpaper-like bumps on it, and every once in a while for a joke, we'd leave the potatoes in too long. You could get an Idaho-sized tater down to the size of a pea. But, you didn't do that too often, or you'd be cleaning the grease trap for sure."

The grease trap was a big concrete box in the ground, located behind the chow hall, which collected all the grease from the kitchen, said Staley.

"It was only cleaned once a month," he added. "You had to lay on your stomach and scrape it out. It took at least five showers before you were convinced the smell was off of you."

In addition to unit training assemblies, which were once a month, his unit occasionally performed annual tour duty out of state.

During one of those trips, prior to the nation's civil rights movement, Staley spent two weeks in Savannah, Ga., where he learned he was a Yankee.

After landing on the tarmac, Staley said a sergeant briefed his unit on three things to be aware of: black widows; rattlesnakes; and the population of the area, but not to be too concerned about the spiders and snakes.

"It's just the way the times were then," said Staley. "There were signs everywhere saying black and white this and that. When we would walk down the sidewalk, black people had to get in the street. It blew us away and tore me up inside. We certainly didn't agree with it."

Things have changed since then. Today's Air Force provides equal opportunity and treatment for all of its members regardless of their race, color, religion, national origin and gender.

### CITIZEN AIRMAN

When Staley wasn't working UTAs, he worked for Sears and Roebuck Philadelphia, first in the warehouse and then in the automotive shop, where he worked as a garage mechanic for \$1.03 an hour, netting about \$40 a week.

Staley said he left Sears in search of higher pay as he was



Airman 2nd Class Richard Staley (far right), socializes with fellow Airmen from the 512th Troop Carrier Wing Medium during a formal wing event 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. (Submitted photo)



Richard Staley, 74, is a former 512th Airlift Wing reservist, who worked in the New Castle, Del., unit's motorpool from 1954 - 1962. The Pennsylvania native was activated in support of the Cuban Missile Crisis. (Submitted photo)

planning to get married. He said he settled for a job the furthest possible from his skill set - a window decorator for a downtown department store.

"I didn't tell anyone, especially my Reserve buddies," said Staley. "But, I did get the girl, and that's what was important."

He's been married to Fran for 53 years now. If it wasn't for the 512th, Staley would never have met his wife as she was the sister of one of his Reserve co-workers in the motor pool.

Eventually, Staley quit his job as a window dresser. Faced with the dilemma of telling his new bride about his abrupt resignation, he said he opted to find a new job before he got home.

Passing by city hall on his way home, Staley said there was a sign in the window, advertising for the Philadelphia Police Department.

"I didn't want to be a cop," he said. "But, I turned the application in, because it was something to tell the wife."

A couple of days later, Staley was called in for a physical and was hired as a police officer, earning an annual salary of \$3,940.

"Even at the police academy, I told myself this gig was only temporary," he said.

In 1986, Officer Staley retired from law enforcement, having worked 28 years in various capacities, which included patrolman, paddy wagon detail and dispatcher.

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## New top rockers

The 512th Airlift Wing Top 3 Association hosted the Senior NCO Ceremony at the Duncan Center in Dover. Col. Randal L. Bright, 512th AW commander, formally inducted 22 of the wing's newest master sergeants into the senior NCO corps. (Photo by Roland Balik)

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### FOREVER BLUE

Following retirement, Staley had more time to dedicate to one of his favorite past times, attending air shows. In his home state, he has attended air shows in Lancaster and Smoketown and is a frequent visitor of the annual World War II Weekend in Reading, Pa.

Around 2008, the Quarryville, Pa., resident traveled to Maryland and was one of thousands who entered the gates of the Andrews Air Force Base Open House, the largest in the Department of Defense.

Staley recalled how the gate guard commented on his Air Force-themed t-shirt and ball cap.

"The guard said to me, 'Air Force guy huh?'"

"Well, it's been an awful long time I replied," said the veteran who completed his Reserve time in 1962. "Then, that guard uttered, 'Once

blue, always blue.'

"He made me feel so good that I was considered a piece of the action," said Staley. "It made my day; it made my week; I told my son about it - I told so many people about it.

"For so long, I still had it in my head the old perception of how people viewed reservists. I was just amazed."

### ANSWERING THE CALL

Five decades ago, reservists were considered one step above a draft dodger - not looked at with a whole lot of respect, said Staley.

"We were looked down upon, because we didn't want to go full-time," he added. "I always resented that, because I was packed-up and ready to go every day for eight years."

Staley never saw combat but came close once.

With a brand new baby, Staley said he was a little worried when President John F. Kennedy unexpectedly came on TV. That same Saturday night between 2-3 a.m., Staley answered the call in support of the Cuban

Missile Crisis in 1962.

"We were told to 'grab your socks; be at the base at 0700; and, once on base, you'll be incommunicado,'" said Staley, who reported for activation with his bluish-grey duffel bag.

Incommunicado was a term used to describe no off-base communications with anyone, including family.

"They essentially told us what was going on - as much as we needed to know, which wasn't a lot being mechanics and all," said Staley. "So, we put our stuff in the barracks and were on standby."

He recalled how rumors of invading Cuba circulated as well as the possibility of his unit becoming front-line armed forces for the invasion.

"We were totally in the dark; but, for certain, we noticed a lot of the orange and red paint schemes on the aircraft were gone," said Staley. "The planes on the tarmac were plainly painted with the Air Force insignia and a star on them. We learned the plain anti-collision planes meant we

were leaving the country."

Members of Staley's chain of command tasked his unit to take their gear to an assigned plane for loading.

"The plane was gassed-up and ready; we were just waiting for the word to go," said Staley. "There was a lot of hurry up and wait."

### TODAY

"The good Lord saw to it that I never left that day," said Staley. "But, I am proud to have been part of that call-up. Every time I see someone with a 512th patch, I go right up to them and start talking. I'm just so proud to have been a part of it all. Even though we were packed up and ready but never left, I kind of like to think (Fidel) Castro knew the 512th was coming."

At 74, Staley can still recite his Air Force service number and still carries his dog tags on his key ring.

He said he doesn't march so well anymore, but he's not too old to cherish the memories he has of his time in the 512th.

## Computer Guy from page 42

on active duty," said then Master Sgt. Dutton who was the only ART for the Comm Flight. "Between that guy and my squadron commander Maj. Albert Severn, they got me up to speed on working with computers."

He continued working in this capacity until about 1993-1994, when the 512th Communications Flight relocated to Langley AFB, Va., where the unit eventually evolved into the 622nd Communications Flight, which was a geographically separated unit of the 512th AW until Oct. 1.

Since there was no longer a communications flight in the Liberty Wing and he was no longer a part of the ART program, Sergeant Dutton spent his last year in the military drilling at McGuire AFB, N.J. While he spent his weekends in the "Garden State," he began working as a Department of Defense civilian, as a system administrator for the 512th AW.

Master Sgt. Dutton retired from the Air Force Reserve in 1995 before it became the Air Force's ninth major command. His son had just graduated from Smyrna High School, where his daughter would eventually graduate from as well.

Over the next few years, computer technology continued to develop, and Mr. Dutton said he was a graduate of the "school of hard knocks."

"Sure, I attended some training classes," he said. "But, for the most part, it was trial and error. We just figured it out and made it happen."

That was the case for something many today would say they could not live without.

He said some of the older guys might remember something called "Happy Mail."

Dover AFB's first network operating system with e-mail was Banyan Vines. Its e-mail program featured a little yellow circle with a smiley face.

Dutton remembered this was one of the avenues that brought Team Dover closer together as senior leaders from

the 512th and 436th AWs could better communicate with each other.

With such fast developing technology, many would've bailed years ago; but, the wing's first computer guy adapted each and every time, learning about each new gadget, system and program. From hardware and software to cables and cords, Dutton managed it.

In 1995, Margaret Whitman was the 512th Mission Support Group commander's secretary, and she said she remembers Al pulling her through the (Microsoft Disk Operating System) days.

"I remember there was this new program I had to start using for orders," she said. "By myself, I spent all day and a lot of tears for just one order. I would've been lost without him."

Master Sgt. Joseph Campaniello, assigned to the 512th Security Forces Squadron in 1998, remembers how Dutton was their only computer contact.

"At that time, we had maybe four computers for the whole squadron -- one printer, and I think a scanner, he said. "And, Al was the guy we called for all of them."

From managing the server and network to computer repair and client support, Dutton has come a long way since the days of a computerless Air Force.

One of the biggest changes Dutton recently pulled the wing through was the base's migration to Air Force Network Operations, a service-wide cyber operations transformation, which established a centralized user directory and e-mail service for all AF network users.

Following that accomplishment in 2010, Dutton said it's been fun, but it's time to go.

When he retired for the second time March 31, the question was whether or not he'd hang up his keys for good.

Dutton replied, "I'm not hanging them up for good; but, since I'm not going to need access to various offices and comm closets on base, they're definitely going to get a whole lot lighter."

## Congrats!

Pictured are 512th Airlift Wing members who earned associate degrees from the Community College of the Air Force in 2011. The 512th Education and Training Office has proclaimed 2012 as the Year of the Graduate. Their goal is to exceed 50 graduates and record the highest number of graduates in Air Force Reserve Command. (Photo by Steve Kotecki)



Tech. Sgt. Tony Pierce, 709th Airlift Squadron flight engineer, performs a pre-flight inspection on the main landing gear of a C-5 Galaxy before take off Oct. 20 from Dover Air Force Base. (Photo by Roland Balik)

# BENEFITS & RESOURCES

Reservists are eligible for a variety of education and enlistment benefits. Reserve Airmen train with the best, travel the globe, serve their community and country, receive an education – and take home much more than a paycheck. This section will explain some of the benefits and programs available to Reserve Airmen and their families.

# Family Matters



Tech. Sgt. Christin Michaud, 512th Force Support Squadron, shows off the picture frame she and her daughter Reagan, 2, put together during a special craft period April 26 at the Child Development Center, Dover Air Force Base, Del. Moms and dads were encouraged to join their children for craft time as part of the daycare center's Month of the Military Child activities. (Photo by Master Sgt. Veronica Aceveda)

## Child care program offered for reservists

Reservists with children are eligible to use a locally offered child-care program while on duty.

The program, Home Community Care, offers free child care to reservists during unit training assemblies when no other care is available.

"If we have a reservist who doesn't have child care, we try to help out on a space-available basis," explained Beverly Henderson, Family Child Care coordinator.

The Air Force will pay for child care for reservists on their primary and secondary UTAs in a licensed child care provider's home on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Reservists may sign up on the first day of the month for the next month's UTA, said Henderson. Requests can be made up until the Friday prior to a UTA, but she encourages people to sign up as soon as possible if they know they will need child care.

To request care, individuals may obtain a Home Community Care form through Henderson, which must be signed by the reservist's supervisor before being submitted.

Henderson matches providers with children needing care and notifies the parent who the provider will be.

"They are placed based on age," said Tech. Sgt. Mariah Krass, 512th Airman and Family Readiness technician, who has three children under the age of 4.

Providers are only able to care for two children under the age of 2. Krass has twins who at one point would take up both of a provider's infant slots.

A common misconception with the program is the location of where the licensed child care is offered, said Krass. "It's not at the (child development center) and not only on base," she said.

Krass, who has used providers in Magnolia, has been using the service for more than two and a half years for at least one day of each UTA because of her husband's work schedule. The average cost savings of the free care is approximately \$180 each day she uses it, almost the same as she would earn in one day of a UTA. She said, she has been pleased with the value and quality of care.

"They take care of meals, and sometimes they take day trips to the pool or bowling alley and meet up with other providers," she said. "All you have to bring is diapers and any special needs items."

Parents won't always know the provider Henderson has assigned but can be certain the individual is a trained and licensed provider who undergoes routine home inspections.

"Go out and meet the provider ahead of time," suggested Krass who always takes her children ahead of time, so they are comfortable with the provider while she is at her UTA. "At least give them a shot."

Henderson encourages contact with the provider as well to confirm the date and time care is needed during the UTA.

The Home Community Care Program also allows reservists to use FCC providers while on their annual tour or man-days; however, it isn't free. The FCC office will help coordinate care with a provider for reservists needing it, but they will be required

to pay for the care while serving on those types of orders.

"FCC providers set their own fees," said Henderson.

Staff Sgt. Shacara Detrick-Johnson, 512th Airlift Wing Equal Opportunity Office, recently used FCC provider Cartrina Smith to watch her two children during her annual tour. She said she liked the structured environment and how Smith focused on the needs of the children.

"She has flexible hours and was

them, providers won't be able to care for the children, because it is a requirement for the Air Force.

"People think they have care; and, at the last minute, it falls through," said Henderson.

Although she has to obtain approval from Air Mobility Command, she said a reservist could call as late as the day prior and get the hours approved even with the short notice. That's why it's important to plan ahead and take things like local emergency contacts



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**Beverly Henderson**  
Family Child Care coordinator

very affordable," said Detrick-Johnson.

When using the HCC Program, either during a UTA or annual tour, reservists must list emergency contacts with the provider and children must be immunized.

Two local emergency contacts must be listed on the Air Force Form 1181, request for care. In some cases this is a challenge, particularly if the reservist is from another state.

"They can list a supervisor or first sergeant," Henderson said. "They usually know where to reach you."

Current shot records with up-to-date immunizations are also required for each child. A condition of care in Air Force licensed homes are the H1N1 and seasonal flu vaccines. Children who aren't in school or day care may not have these immunizations because they are only encouraged, not mandatory, according to the Center for Disease Control, explained Henderson. Unfortunately, without

and immunizations into consideration.

For more information on the program or to obtain a form requesting care, call Henderson at (302) 677-3712 or e-mail [beverly.henderson@us.af.mil](mailto:beverly.henderson@us.af.mil). (Courtesy 512th Airman and Family Readiness)

# Airman & Family Readiness



By Tech. Sgt. Scott Farley  
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As reservists continue to deploy, it's the goal of the 512th Airman and Family Readiness Office to foster personal readiness to make sure the member and their families are ready for a deployment.

Laura Coseglia, 512th Airman and Family Readiness director, said Reserve Airmen being separated from their families, even at home station, is a very likely reality since many reservists are geographically separated from the base.

"You'll still have some time away from your family. Are you prepared for that? Do you have the mechanisms in place to help you support that period of time away. Are your finances in order? Are your wills and power of attorneys up to date? We're always encouraging people to be prepared, whether it's home station or overseas, to ease the transition. That's the biggest message we can give our folks."

Coseglia said regardless of where a reservist and their family are located, the family readiness program has a host of resources available to help out, whether the member is deployed or not. If they can't help, they have access to many community partners who can lend a hand.

"Even if you don't live in Dover and aren't able to take advantage of all the products and services we have locally, we have ties in every state for family support programming," said Coseglia. "We can reach out and touch the American Red Cross, Military One Source or the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve. It doesn't mean they can't call Dover for support. We can still provide support. It'll be long distance, but they'll still have people to talk to and resources we can send them."

## 512th Airlift Wing Key Spouse Program

One of those resources is the 512th AW Key Spouse Program. It's a volunteer organization which provides outreach and support services to family members of deployed reservists. It works with AF&R programs to help accomplish their mission.

"Our big goal is to contact every family of every deployed Airman and to make sure they are doing ok," said Amy Bright,

a volunteer for the 512th AW Key Spouse Program. "We want to make sure they have a connection and make sure they have someone they are in contact with at the base. A lot of Reserve spouses don't come to the base. They don't know anybody on base, where any facilities are or where to go. So, that's why we're here, for a helping hand. We want to make sure our 512th family is taken care of here and abroad."

Bright, the wife of 512th AW Commander Col. Randal Bright, added the 512th AW Key Spouse Program is always looking for more volunteers, and someone doesn't need to be a spouse to volunteer and can be ready to assist after a short training session. Bright said the key spouses will call and check up on anyone a 512th reservist wants.

"On the active-duty side, they're limited to calling the spouse. We're not limited," said Bright. "If you put down that you want me to call your mom, I will call your mom. If you want me to call your girlfriend, I will call your girlfriend. I will call your daughter, your son, your grandmother or anyone you want."

## Military Community Partners

We also have an organization here in Delaware we formed about two years ago called Military Community Partners," said Coseglia. "This is an organization that was developed to augment the family support programs we have on base. More importantly, their job is to fill in the gaps we might have in some of our services."

There are more than 175 military community partners in the state of Delaware, consisting of nonprofit organizations, businesses, education institutions and veterans' service organizations.

"Consider us your first go-to place," Coseglia said. "If we can't help we have plenty of arms that reach out into the community."

In addition to deployment support, the 512th A&FR also offers the Hearts Apart, Pillow Case and personal financial management programs, personal and family life skills classes as well as classes and events about topics such as identity theft, give kids a break, give parents a break, resume workshops, Veterans Administration medical record review and coupon exchanges.

Wing Airmen who are in need of assistance or education can call the 512th A&FR at (302) 677-6930.

# Life & Fitness

## New gym offers state of the art equipment, classes



Cardio equipment inside the new base gym is positioned at least two feet apart, allowing for increased safety and comfort. Each machine is man-powered to reduce energy usage, with the exception of treadmills, which are individually equipped with a miniature television. Some machines are wheelchair accessible. To access the new fitness center, which opened Dec. 16, patrons must have a Department of Defense ID card. Authorized users are permitted to sponsor one guest per ID card holder. (Photo by Roland Balik)

On Dec. 16, the new \$11 million fitness center opened.

The new facility has an open workout area with high ceilings, and the building faces true north, allowing for maximum exposure to sunlight from the large windowed wall.

The building's humidity and heat governor is automated to adjust to ambient temperature outside.

Locker rooms feature digital locks, and the fitness cell and children's play area have increased space. There are also dedicated rooms for fitness classes, the Health and Wellness Center and equipment rental and storage. (Courtesy 436th Airlift Wing Public Affairs)

## Fitness Center Hours

Monday - Thursday:  
4:30 a.m. - 11 p.m.

Friday:  
4:30 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Saturday - Sunday:  
7 a.m. - 6 p.m.

The Health and Wellness Center, located inside the new fitness center, offers fitness and nutritional guidance as well as various educational classes including healthy heart, diabetes and tobacco cessation. The HAWC can also provide a body fat analysis using the Bod Pod and provide a running shoe prescription following a gait analysis.

## HAWC Hours

Monday - Friday  
7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.



# RETIREMENT

Time passes quickly,  
so make sure you  
have a “Good Year”

By Master Sgt. Veronica A. Aceveda  
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**A**re you going to have a good year?  
I’ve learned it’s not just the new reservists who are uncertain of how the Reserve retirement points system works but seasoned Citizen Airmen as well.

Originally, I was one of them. I had probably been in the Reserve a few years when the military’s personnel arena began shifting from using hardcopy records to digital scans. During this period, they returned a batch of papers to me, which included a Points Credit Summary. Previously, I

had received them in the mail annually, but I had never actually paid any attention to them. I quickly learned I should have.

At first glance, it appeared to be a sheet of numbers and codes only decipherable by an Egyptian hieroglyphics expert. But, as I took a closer look, I thought to myself, “If I’m reading this right, this isn’t right.”

In the following days, I discovered several weeks worth of orders were missing; and, more importantly, I had three bad years, meaning three years of my military career was not being counted toward my 20-year retirement goal.

That was a hard pill to swallow; but, since that time, I’ve vowed to help educate as many reservists as I can on the importance of reviewing and understanding the Points Credit Summary as it plays a major role in one’s retirement plan.

So, when an Airman asks, “What’s a good year?” I answer that question with another question, “What’s your retention and retirement date?”

Several people I’ve explained the points system to are surprised to learn their R/R date is the date

they took the oath into the military. Some have even thought retirement points were accumulated by the fiscal year or calendar year, but in fact, each person’s retirement points are collectively added over the course of the 12 consecutive months following their R/R date.

For example, I joined on July 17, and that is my R/R date. So, every point I earn from July 17, 2011, to July 16, 2012, will determine whether or not I have a good year.

Reservists must earn at least 50 points within their R/R year to credit one year toward a 20-year retirement.

Now that we know how many points we need for a good year, let’s take a look at how to earn those points.

Reservists in good standing automatically receive 15 membership points each full R/R year.

If that’s the case, then Airman Justin A. Example only needs an additional 35 points to make that R/R year a satisfactory year toward retirement.

In a perfect world, where Airmen are able to fulfill each of the four periods in a UTA, they can acquire four points for each UTA weekend. Twelve months worth of UTAs can equal 48 points.

More points can be acquired through deployments, man-days and authorized schools such as the NCO Academy.

The opportunities to record more than the minimum 50 points definitely exist, especially in today’s wartime environment.

However, what happens when life happens? Drills are missed and points are forfeited. This leads to what I consider the most challenging part of ensuring a good year – scheduling annual tour dates.

One point is earned for each day of annual tour performed.

While it’s understood the mission comes first in the military, it’s your responsibility to try and schedule your annual tour to meet the needs of your unit, keeping both your ability to have a good year in mind as well as your fiscal participation requirement.

For example, I missed two UTAs during my current R/R year, which began July 17. I’m now eight points behind in UTA points; so, I will try my best to coordinate my annual tour in April 2012, which is before my R/R end date of July 16, 2012.

Here’s the tricky part, referred to as dual tracking. In addition to ensuring you have 50 points within your R/R year, you must also ensure you fulfill the participation requirements within each fiscal year.

Traditional reservists and Air Reserve Technicians must complete 14 days of annual tour and 48 inactive duty training periods every fiscal year from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30.

So, if I can schedule all of my annual tour days in April 2012, this would allow me to gain the necessary points needed for a good R/R year and fill the square of performing my annual tour before the end of the fiscal year.

Again, the decision to schedule one’s annual tour, either before or after the R/R date is what I’ve noticed causes the most complications when trying to master the points or retirement system.

I believe the confusion heightens with each new fiscal year when a fresh set of annual tour dates are to be had. Many people start plugging away at their annual tour dates without any regard to how it affects

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512th Airlift Wing Public Affairs NCO in charge

their R/R year.

Many can say they’ve been in for years and have never had a problem, but for others they may not be so lucky, such as in my case.

Every time, someone asks me how many years I have in the service, I pause and internalize whether or not to “go there” and include my bad years.

If I answered the truth, the answer would be 21 years. Then, I’d hear something to the affect of, “Oh, you can retire anytime now.”

But, that’s not the case. So, instead I say, “18 years.” And, I usually hear comments like, “Oh, you’re so close.”

That’s when I really think to myself, “If you only knew.”

While I’ve only covered some of the basics of understanding a good year, I highly encourage you to review, learn and understand your Points Credit Summary.

It can be downloaded through the vMPF by clicking on the following: Self Service Actions, Personal Data, ANG/USAFR Point Credit Summary Inquiry and View All.



# Healthcare

## TRICARE covers retired reservists

By Senior Airman Katie Spencer  
512th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

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.

### TRICARE Standard: from ages 60-65

TRICARE Standard is a fee-for-service program and is an automatic entitlement for retirees to receive at age 60. There's no enrollment paperwork; however, member information must be current in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System. DEERS is a worldwide database of service members and their families who are eligible for military benefits and should be updated if the member gets married, has a baby, adopts etc.

After clarifying eligibility in DEERS, retirees and dependents can receive healthcare with a current ID card. There are two types of providers; network and non-network.

Network providers have a signed agreement with the regional TRICARE office to provide care and are cheaper than non-network providers. Non-network providers are the opposite; they don't have a signed contract and thus care is more expensive when the non-network option is chosen.

TRICARE Standard members who are single have a \$150 deductible and pay 20 percent of what the medical appointment costs after the deductible has been met for network providers and pay 25 percent for non-network providers. Retirees with dependents have a \$300 deductible (total for all dependents) and also pay the 20 percent cost-share, or cost of the appointment, and pay 25 percent for non-network providers after the deductible is met.

If for some reason medical care goes over \$3,000 in a fiscal year, also known as a catastrophic cap, the member will not have to pay the 20 or 25 percent of the cost-share, and medical care will be fully covered by TRICARE.

### TRICARE Retired Reserve: From retirement - age 60

Another program Reserve retirees are eligible for is TRICARE Retired Reserve.

TRR is a health plan which members of the retired Reserve may enroll and purchase. Once purchased, TRR coverage begins in any month of the year. According to the TRICARE Retired Reserve handbook, applications must be postmarked or received no later than the last day of the month before coverage is to begin, and coverage will start on the first day of the first or second month, whichever was selected on the form.

The 2011 monthly premiums for TRR are \$408.01 for the member only and \$1,020.05 for the member and dependents. The deductibles, percentages of cost-shares and catastrophic cap from TRICARE Standard also apply to TRR.

This option is available until the retiree turns 60, at which point the member and their dependents will be switched from TRR to TRICARE Standard, or the member may opt to enroll in TRICARE Prime.

### TRICARE Prime: Ages 60-65

TRICARE Prime is similar to TRR in that the member must enroll and purchase the program. The premium for the member only is \$21.66 monthly or \$260 annually. For the member and their family, the monthly premium is \$43.33 or \$520 annually. There's no deductible and no percentage of the cost-share. However, there is a co-payment of \$12 per visit to be paid by the beneficiary or family member.

If the member and their family opt to enroll in TRICARE Prime, one thing to consider is the location of where they live.

TRICARE Prime members have the option to choose a Medical Treatment Facility, usually on or near a military installation, as their primary care doctor. This option is available if the member lives within driving distance of an MTF and is on a space available basis. If the member and their family live out of range of an MTF, then a civilian care provider within the network is permitted and will be covered.

This program is available from the time the beneficiary turns 60 to age 65.

Regardless of what TRICARE program the retiree chooses, once the member turns 60 and becomes en-

titled to medical benefits, they're also entitled to use an MTF for pharmacy, immunizations and optometry needs with no cost to the member or family.

Retired reservists also need to consider coverage under Other Health Insurance. If a member has OHI, meaning insurance through a civilian job or other insurance programs, they must follow the rules of the OHI as TRICARE will always be the second payer in those instances, according to Misty Ruffo, the TRICARE beneficiary counselor and assistance coordinator at Dover Air Force Base, Del.

"Many problems reservists run into is not following the rules of their primary insurance company which, unfortunately, causes them to pay out of pocket expenses," said Ruffo. "There's usually a gap between when the service member retires and when they're able to receive health care benefits; and it's important to be informed and know what they're entitled to."

TRICARE Standard, TRR and TRICARE Prime are three

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**Misty Ruffo**  
TRICARE beneficiary counselor

of the options retired reservists can look into for medical care after their time in service is complete. There are also other TRICARE options available after the member turns 65.

So, after the boots and uniform come off for the last time, rest easy knowing there are several health care programs available for retired reservists.

For more information on enrollment, forms and general questions, please visit [www.hnfs.com](http://www.hnfs.com) or call (877) 874-2273. (Please note this is the TRICARE North Region contact information). Or, visit the TRICARE Service Center located in the 436th Medical Group, (302) 677-2530.

# Employer support

## Awards highlight outstanding Reserve employers

**Master Sgt. Jake Chapelle**  
512th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Some 512th Airlift Wing Airmen may want to thank their supportive civilian employers; the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve can help.

ESGR, a Department of Defense organization that gains and maintains employer support for military employees, has avenues for reservists to recognize outstanding employers, said Senior Master Sgt. Rachael Gonesh, 512th AW ESGR representative.

"There are many guardsmen and reservists with outstanding employers," said Gonesh. "They are grateful there is a program they can utilize to recognize their employers without any cost from either party."

Service members can nominate their employers for various awards when the employers practice leadership and personnel policies that support employee participation in the Reserve and National Guard, she said.

Employers appreciate the recognition, said Christine Kubik, Delaware ESGR executive director. In order for an employer to be considered for ESGR honors, the military member needs to submit

a Patriot Award nomination. Every nominated employer will receive a Patriot Award and be eligible for consideration for other awards and recognition.

Other accolades include:

**Above and Beyond Award** - This award is given in limited numbers by state and territory ESGR committees. It recognizes employers who have gone above and beyond the legal requirements for granting leave and providing support for military duty by their employees.

**Pro Patria Award** - This award

is presented annually by all ESGR Committees to the one employer in their state or territory who has provided the most exceptional support of national defense through leadership practices and personnel policies that support military employees.

**Freedom Award** - The Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award is the highest recognition given by the U.S. Government to employers for their support of employees who serve in the Guard or Reserve. Nominations must come from a service member employed by the organization.

The award was created to publicly recognize employers who provide exceptional support to their Reserve and National Guard employees. This is the highest ESGR award given by the Defense Department.

Reservists can nominate their employer for the Patriot Award using the form at <http://esgr.org/forms.asp?p=patriot> or by visiting the ESGR Web site at [www.esgr.mil](http://www.esgr.mil).

Nominations can also be taken by phone through the Delaware ESGR office at (302) 326-7582.

Liberty Wing reservists can contact Gonesh at (302) 677-2550 or the Delaware ESGR office for more information or assistance.



**Kent County Levy Court receives the Pro Patria Award at an awards banquet hosted by Delaware Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve at the Sheraton Sept. 8, in Dover. Pictured left to right are Paulette Mason, Delaware ESGR executive director, Glen M. Howell, Kent County Levy Court District 6 commissioner, Commissioner P. Brooks Banta, Kent County Levy Court president, Michael Petit de Mange, Kent County Levy Court county administrator, Lt. Col. Lee Merkle, 512th Operations Group deputy, Army National Guard Maj. Gen. Francis D. Vavala, Delaware Adjutant General. (Photo by Capt. Marnee A.C. Losurdo)**

## About



Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve is a Department of Defense organization. It is a staff group within the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs, which is in itself a part of the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

The nation's Reserve components comprise approximately 48 percent of the nation's total available military manpower. The current National Defense Strategy indicates that the National Guard and Reserve will be full partners in the fully integrated Total Force. Reserve forces will spend more time away from the workplace defending the nation, supporting a demanding operations tempo and training to maintain their mission readiness.

In this environment, civilian employers play a critical role in the defense of the nation by complying with existing employment laws protecting the rights of workers who serve in the Reserve component.

ESGR was established in 1972 to promote cooperation and understanding between Reserve component members and their civilian employers and to assist in the resolution of conflicts arising from an employee's military commitment. It is the lead DOD organization for this mission under DOD Directive 1250.1.

Today, ESGR operates through a network of thousands of volunteers throughout the nation and Guam, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.



H2H isn't just another job site. It is a Yellow Ribbon-funded project with a special mission: to thank military members for their service by helping them find their perfect career. Searching for a new job is a big undertaking. H2H was created to make it easy for Reserve Component service members to connect and find jobs with military-friendly companies who are looking for employees with your training and skills. To sign up for this free program, visit <https://h2h.jobs/>.

## Can my boss do that?

# Legal office offers advice on USERRA

**Lt. Col. Christopher Dentel**  
512th Airlift Wing Legal Office

The Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act prohibits discrimination and acts of reprisal by civilian employers against members who serve in the uniformed services.

**Does USERRA cover my employer?** It applies to any federal executive agency, state and local governments, and private employers, regardless of size.

**Does USERRA apply to me?** To have re-employment rights following a period of uniformed service, a person must meet all of the following eligibility criteria.

- You must have held a civilian job, which may include temporary jobs.
- You must have given advance notice to your employer that you were leaving the job for service in the Air Force, unless such notice is impossible or unreasonable.
- You must have been released from service under honorable conditions.
- You must have reported back to the civilian job in a timely manner or have submitted a timely application for re-employment.

**If I qualify under USERRA, what does that do for me?** It means you have a number of entitlements beyond just the right to prompt re-instatement. An employer also may not take adverse employment action against you because you seek protection under USERRA.

In many ways, your employer must treat you as if you had never left. You continue to accrue seniority and benefits as if you had been continuously employed. This is the "escalator principle," meaning the returning veteran doesn't step back on the seniority escalator at the point he stepped off, but at the point he would have occupied had he kept his position continuously during his military service. Also, you are entitled to immediate re-instatement of civilian health insurance coverage.

If you are injured while deployed and unable to do your job when you get back, USERRA requires an employer to make reasonable efforts to qualify you for work, including training on new equipment or methods.

The Employer Support for the Guard and Reserve will also assist service members in enforcing USERRA. For more information, visit the ESGR website at <http://www.esgr.org/site/USERRA.aspx>, call ESGR at (800) 336-4590 or call the 512th Airlift Wing Legal Office at (302) 677-4431.

# AIR FORCE RANKS



2nd Lt.  
2d Lt  
Second Lieutenant

1st Lt.  
1st Lt  
First Lieutenant

Capt.  
Capt  
Captain

Maj.  
Maj  
Major

Lt. Col.  
Lt Col  
Colonel

Col.  
Col  
Colonel

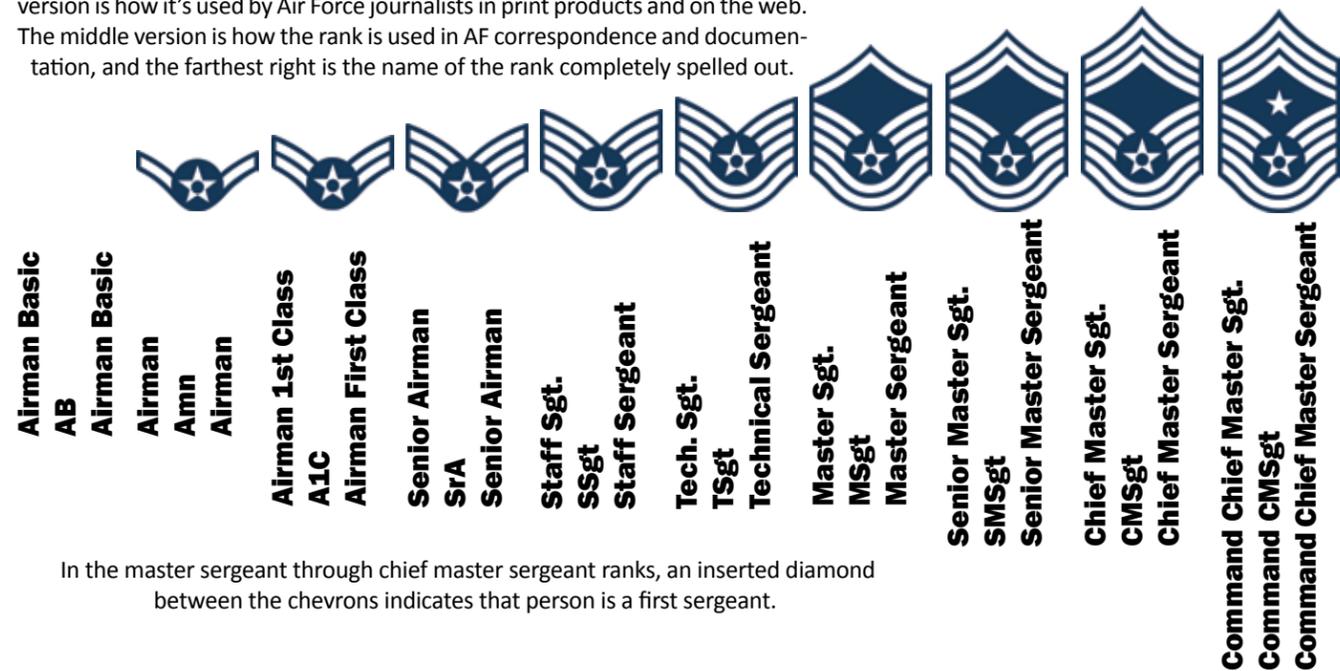
Brig. Gen.  
Brig Gen  
Brigadier General

Maj. Gen.  
Maj Gen  
Major General

Lt. Gen.  
Lt Gen  
Lieutenant General

Gen.  
Gen  
General

Below each picture are three variations of how the rank is referred to. The left version is how it's used by Air Force journalists in print products and on the web. The middle version is how the rank is used in AF correspondence and documentation, and the farthest right is the name of the rank completely spelled out.



Airman Basic  
AB

Airman  
Amn  
Airman

Airman 1st Class  
A1C

Senior Airman  
SrA

Staff Sgt.  
SSgt  
Staff Sergeant

Tech. Sgt.  
TSgt  
Technical Sergeant

Master Sgt.  
MSgt  
Master Sergeant

Senior Master Sgt.  
SMSgt  
Senior Master Sergeant

Chief Master Sgt.  
CMSgt  
Chief Master Sergeant

Command Chief Master Sgt.  
Command CMSgt  
Command Chief Master Sergeant

In the master sergeant through chief master sergeant ranks, an inserted diamond between the chevrons indicates that person is a first sergeant.

## USEFUL LINKS

**512th Airlift Wing**  
www.512aw.afrc.af.mil

**AF Portal**  
www.my.af.mil

**Air Mobility Command Museum**  
www.amcmuseum.org

**Air Reserve Technician Vacancies**  
www.afrc.af.mil/library/jobs/index.asp

**Civilian Employment**  
www.afciviliancareers.com/index.php

**Dover Air Force Base**  
www.dover.af.mil

**Dover AFB Services**  
www.doverafbsservices.com

**Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve**  
www.esgr.org

**e-Publishing**  
www.e-publishing.af.mil

**Fitness Program (AF)**  
www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/affitnessprogram/index.asp

**Inclement Weather Reporting Instructions**  
www.dover.af.mil/questions/topic.asp?id=803

**Space Available Travel**  
www.dover.af.mil/units/436thpassengerterminal.asp

**Military One Source**  
www.militaryonesource.com/home.aspx?MRole=&Branch=&Component

**myPay**  
www.mypay.gov

**Thrift Savings Plan**  
www.tsp.gov

**USA Jobs**  
www.usajobs.gov

# ACRONYM SOUP

Acronyms play a large role in the military. Throughout military communities, statements like this can frequently be heard and may be hard to decipher.

“When my AEF cycle came around, AFRC mobilized me to the AOR in support of OEF, so I had to ensure my vRED and SGLI were updated; but, my SWA time still doesn’t reflect in ARMS, so I have to submit a copy of my CMAS orders. Eventhough the DFAS was good to me during my DCU time, as a TR back at Dover AFB, I can now focus on ALS and OJT in my AFSC during the UTAs.”

For your use, the 512th Airlift Wing has compiled a list of frequently used acronyms, which may help crack the code of the acronym soup.



- ABU, Airman Battle Uniform
- ADLS, Advanced Distributed Learning System
- AEF, Air and Space Expeditionary Force
- AFB, Air Force Base
- AFI, Air Force Instruction
- AFPC, Air Force Personnel Center
- AFR, Air Force Reserve
- AFRC, Air Force Reserve Command
- AFSC, Air Force Specialty Code
- AGR, Active Guard Reserve
- ALS, Airman Leadership School
- AMC, Air Mobility Command
- APOE, Aerial Port of Embarkation
- ARPC, Air Reserve Personnel Center
- ARMS, Automated Records Management System
- AROWS, Air Reserve Orders Writing System
- AOR, Area of Responsibility
- ARC, Air Reserve Component
- ARPC, Air Reserve Personnel Center
- ART, Air Reserve Technician
- AFSO21, Air Force Smart Operations for the 21st Century
- AT, Annual Tour
- AW, Airlift Wing
- AWC, Air War College
- BX, Base Exchange
- CC, Commander
- CCAF, Community College of the Air Force
- CEI, Civilian Employment Information
- CGO, Company Grade Officer
- COB, Close of Business
- COLA, Cost of Living Allowance
- CONUS, Continental United States
- CMAS, Command Manday Allocation System
- CPO, Civilian Personnel Office
- DCU, Desert Combat Uniform
- DECA, Defense Commissary Agency
- DEERS, Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System
- DFAC, Dining Facility
- DFAS, Defense Finance and Accounting Service
- DOD, Department of Defense
- DRMO, Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office
- DSN, Defense Switched Network
- EPR, Enlisted Performance Report
- ESGR, Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve
- FCP, Family Care Plan
- FGO, Field Grade Officer
- FOD, Foreign Object Damage
- FY, Fiscal Year
- GOV, Government Owned Vehicle
- GSC, Geographically Separated Unit
- GTC, Government Travel Card
- GWOT, Global War on Terror
- IDT, Inactive Duty Training
- IG, Inspector General
- IMA, Individual Mobilization Augmentee
- IRR, Individual Ready Reserve
- JB, Joint Base
- OPR, Officer Performance Report
- OPSEC, Operations Security
- OSI, Office of Special Investigations
- RDD, Required Delivery Date
- RM, Risk Management
- RMP, Reserve Management Program
- RPA, Reserve Personnel Appropriation
- ROTC, Reserve Officer Training Corps
- TDY, Temporary Duty
- TR, Traditional Reservist
- TRS, Tricare Reserve Select
- TSP, Thrift Savings Plan
- MAJCOM, Major Command
- MIC, Management Internal Control Toolset
- MPA, Military Personnel Appropriation
- MSG, Mission Support Group
- MXG, Maintenance Group
- MWR, Morale, Welfare and Recreation
- NAF, Numbered Air Force
- NCO, Noncommissioned Officer
- NCOA, Noncommissioned Officers Academy
- NCOIC, Noncommissioned Officer in Charge
- OEF, Operation Enduring Freedom
- OI, Office Instruction
- OIC, Officer in Charge
- OIF, Operation Iraqi Freedom
- OG, Operations Group
- OJT, On the Job Training
- ORI, Operational Readiness Inspection
- OTS, Officer Training School
- PEP, Promotion Enhancement Program
- POA, Power of Attorney
- POV, Privately Owned Vehicle
- PME, Professional Military Education
- RNLTD, Report No Later Than Date
- SGLI, Servicemembers Group Life Insurance
- SNCO, Senior Noncommissioned Officer
- SNCOA, Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy
- SOP, Standard Operating Procedure
- SOS, Squadron Officer School
- SWA, Southwest Asia
- TAFMSD, Total Active Federal Military Service Date
- TO, Technical Order
- UAV, Unmanned Aerial Vehicle
- ULN, Unit Line Number
- UTA, Unit Training Assembly
- UTC, Unity Type Code
- vMPF, Virtual Military Personnel Flight
- vPC-GR, Virtual Personnel Center-Guard Reserve
- vRED, Virtual Record of Emergency Data
- X, Exchange
- XO, Executive Officer

# Save the date

For planning purposes, here's a look at some dates to consider. The information below was compiled from various sources, and some events may be missing information specific to that event. Items marked with an asterisk are tentative and not finalized as of the publication date of this almanac. Listed information is subject to change, and users are encouraged to verify dates closer to the event's date.

January	July
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Jan. 14, Big Game Bingo, The Landings</li> <li>- Jan. 16, New Year-New You Fun Run, 10:30 a.m., Gym</li> <li>- Jan. 17, 5:30 p.m., Military Affaire Social, The Landings</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- July 4, Independence Day Parade, Dover</li> <li>- July 19-28, Delaware State Fair</li> </ul>
February	August
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Feb. 4, Honorary Commanders Induction Ceremony</li> <li>- Feb. 4, Wing CC Call, 7 a.m., for 512th OG/512th MXG</li> <li>- Feb. 5, Wing CC Call, 7 a.m., for 512th MSG/wing staff/AMDS</li> <li>- Feb. 22, Annual Prayer Luncheon, 11:30 a.m., The Landings</li> <li>- Feb. 25, Korean War Remembrance Ruck March, Museum</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Aug. 4, Wing CC Call, 7 a.m., for 512th OG/512th MXG</li> <li>- Aug. 5, Wing CC Call, 7 a.m., for 512th MSG/wing staff/512th AMDS</li> </ul>
March	September
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- March 3, Wing Awards Banquet, Dover Downs</li> <li>- March 17, St. Patrick's Day Parade, Dover</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sept. 8-9, Airman's Weekend</li> <li>- Sept. 15, Family Fun Run, POC: 436th FSS</li> <li>- Sept. 28, NASCAR Social, The Landings</li> <li>- Sept. 28-30, NASCAR</li> </ul>
April	October
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- April 14, 6 p.m., Senior NCO Induction</li> <li>- April 15, 10 a.m., NCO Induction Ceremony</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- *Employer Appreciation Day (Saturday of October UTA)</li> <li>- Oct. 6, Dover Air Force Base Duathlon, POC: 436th FSS</li> </ul>
May	November
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- May 4-6, Old Dover Days</li> <li>- May 5, Wing CC Call, 7 a.m. for 512th MSG/wing staff</li> <li>- May 6, Wing CC Call, 7 a.m. for 512th OG/512th MXG/ 512th AMDS</li> <li>- May 6, CCAF Graduation, Spring</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Nov. 3, Officer Spouses Club Craft Show, Harrington</li> <li>- * Nov. 3, Wing CC Call, 7 a.m., for 512th MSG/wing staff</li> <li>- * Nov. 4, Wing CC Call, 7 a.m., for 512th OG/512th MXG &amp; AMDS</li> <li>- CCAF Graduation (Sunday of November UTA)</li> </ul>
June	December
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- June 1, NASCAR Social, The Landings</li> <li>- June 1-3, NASCAR</li> <li>- June 5, Heritage Half Marathon, POC: 436th FSS</li> <li>- Units to host individual squadron picnics this year</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Holiday parties</li> </ul> <p>(Base-hosted Bluesuiters Golf Tournament &amp; MILCON Briefing are typically held in the fall)</p>

## 2012 UTA Schedule

Listed below are the Liberty Wing's 2012 unit training assembly dates. The fiscal year 2013 UTA dates were not available by this almanac's publication date.

Month	A-Team	B-Team
January	7-8	19-20
February	4-5	25-26
March	3-4	17-18
April	14-15	21-22
May	5-6	19-20
June	9-10	23-24
July	14-15	21-22
August	4-5	18-19
September	8-9	22-23

As a reminder, the UTA schedule can always be found on the 512th Airlift Wing's website at [www.512aw.afrc.af.mil](http://www.512aw.afrc.af.mil).

# Quick Reference Phone Guide

FACILITY	(302) 677-EXT.		
		Golf Course (Eagle Creek)	2988
		GNC	674-5262
Air Force Mortuary Affairs Operations Center	2275	Grotto's	6867
Airman's Attic	3731	HAWC (Health & Wellness Center)	3733
Airman & Family Readiness (512th AW)	3566	Historian	5120
Air Trak	736-1668	Housing Office	6969
Action Line (436th AW Commander)	4368	Human Resources	6582
Aero Club	6366	Immunizations	2478
AFGE Local 1709	(302) 674 -1458	Information, Tickets & Tours	3955
Ambulance	911	Inspector General (512th AW)	5127
Arts and Crafts Center	3246	King Pin Cafe	5323
Auto Hobby Shop	3249	Landings (The)	6024
Automated Lodging Reservation System	2432	Laboratory	2019
Career Enhancement	3507	Legal Office (512th AW)	4431
Barber Shop	6344	Leisure Travel Office	6772
Base Information Line	677-BASE (2273)	Library	3992
Beauty Shop	730-0979	Lodging	2841
Base Operations	4187	MPF Customer Service (512th AW)	3523
Base Operator	3000	Main Gate	2828
Base Multi-Media Center (Photo Lab)	6569	Military Pay (512th AW)	3494
Bowling Alley	3950	Movie Theater	6890
Burger King	734-7464	Museum (Air Mobility Command)	5938
Career Enhancements (OPR/EPR)	3506	Office Eagle	3504
Chapel 2	3932	Optical Shop	730-8784
Chaplain (512th AW)	4770	OSI (Office of Special Investigations)	2852
Child Development Center	3716	Outdoor Recreation	3959
Civilian Personnel	4656	Pool	3558
Civilian Pay	4500	Pharmacy	2019
Clothing Sales (Military)	674-3512	Post Office	6195
Command Section (512th AW)	5120	Public Affairs (512th AW)	3485
Command Post	4201	Recruiting	6912
Commissary	3915	Relocations (Personnel-512th AW)	3518
Community Center	3289	Safety (512th AW)	3812
Computer Trouble	2666	Security Forces (512th AW)	6698/6070
Credit Union (Dover Federal-on base)	(302) 678-8000	Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC)	677-3680
Dental Clinic	2846	-- 24/7 number for victims	363-7272
Dining Facility	3926	Service Station	4446
Dry Cleaners	736-5171	Shopette	674-3551
Education Office (512th AW)	3514	Shopette with Gas Station	674-4228
Enterprise Service Desk	(210) 925-2900	Skills Development Center	3241
Equal Opportunity (512th AW)	3903	Suicide Prevention Lifeline	(800) 273-8255 Opt. 1
Employment (Personnel-512th AW)	3512	Subway	857-3885
Exchange	674-4862	Telephone Trouble	2666
Finance (512th AW)	3484	Transportation	4871
Fire	911	TRICARE	2627/2408
Fitness Center	3962	USO	2491
Flight Kitchen	677-4261	Veterinary Clinic	5252
Flower Shop	672-9180	Wing Career Advisor	5271
Fort Sill National Bank - Main Branch	730-1466	Weather Information	677-BASE (2273)
FSNB - Exchange	678-8721	Visitor's Center	3645
Gas Station (Shopette-Main Base)	674-4228	Youth Center	6373

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Aircraft maintenance personnel marshal out the last C-17 Globemaster III Aug. 26 prior to the arrival of Hurricane Irene at Dover Air Force Base, Del. An aircraft was evacuated every hour for 18 hours. (Photo by Roland Balik)

