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

Liberty Wing donates uniforms to Civil Air Patrol

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The 512th Airlift Wing here donated 125 sets of battle dress uniforms to two regional Civil Air Patrol units Jan. 8.

The Air Force phased out the BDU Nov. 1, but the CAP, the Air Force's official auxiliary is still authorized to wear them for training.

The 512th Top 3 Association held a six-month collection drive, which netted the non-unit issued BDUs, boots and accessories.

Representatives from the Delaware Air National Guard Cadet Squadron in New Castle, Del., and the 904th Squadron in Quakertown, Pa., traveled to Dover Air Force Base, Del., to pick-up the serviceable and in some cases, new BDUs.

"Our organization will continue to wear BDUs until some unknown date," said Capt. Bob Thorn, Pennsylvania state director of aerospace education. "But, our normal channels and drastic budget cuts make them harder and harder to get.

"We've been taking the buttons

and pocket flaps off of unserviceable uniforms and repairing the ones our cadets are wearing, so bringing these uniforms back is going to be a huge morale boost

for the cadets."

Capt. Ted Petroulis, the Delaware director of logistics for the CAP unit in New Castle, said the donation of these uniforms will

even help increase their unit's participation.

"In today's economy, many parents are finding it difficult to fund their child's entire uniform needs, including patches, boots and accessories," he said. "So, now we can provide a BDU set to an interested cadet, which lifts a burden from the parents and makes the member really feel like part of the team. These BDUs are greatly appreciated and will certainly be put to good use."

In addition to the 200 plus BDU pants and shirts, Liberty Wing members also donated 28 BDU caps, 16 pairs of boots, 10 BDU coats and about 20 pieces of blue uniform apparel.

"These uniforms are going to help immensely," said Thorn. "Our cadets want to look sharp, but we usually have to pick through what's available to find a set that's close to suitable for them; but, with these donations, we're excited to issue them a set and teach them about the responsibility and pride that goes into wearing a military uniform. We can't thank the 512th (AW) enough."



Capt. Ted Petroulis (left), Delaware director of logistics, Delaware Air National Guard Cadet Squadron in New Castle, Del., and Master Sgt. Brandon Petroulis, Civil Air Patrol cadet, stand behind donated uniform items from the 512th Airlift Wing at Dover Air Force Base, Del. Following the Air Force phase-out date of the battle dress uniform Nov. 1, the Reserve wing held a collection drive for non-unit funded uniform items, because the Air Force's official auxiliary unit, the CAP, is still authorized to wear BDUs. (Photo by Master Sgt. Veronica Aceveda)

Coffee talk: Eagle Creek Coffee Kiosk open for business

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The Eagle Creek Coffee Kiosk serving Starbucks coffee officially opened today.

The coffee bar will be open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the weekends.

The grill at the Eagle Creek Golf Course will reopen as Mulligan's Sports Bar and Grill is tentatively scheduled to open Jan. 25 and will feature social hour daily from 2 to 5

p.m., and offer dinner Wednesdays through Saturday initially, said David Bruner, golf course manager. The lunch menu will be available to order at the bar when dinner isn't available.

The lunch menu will feature items like chicken Caesar salad with blackened chicken, a Tuscan tuna wrap, avocado turkey and a french dip. Dinner choices include chicken fried chicken or steak, rib eye, strip steak, pork chops, blackened tilapia and shrimp and scallops.

For more information, call (302) 677-2988.



Kim Fitzpatrick, Eagle Creek Coffee Kiosk barista, here makes a vanilla latte for a customer Jan. 9. The coffee shop at Eagle Creek Golf Course features Starbucks coffee. (U.S. Air Force photo by Capt. Marnee A.C. Losurdo)