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



## April is Month of the Military Child

The Child Development Center kicks off Month of the Military Child with their patriotic-themed kids parade April 2 at Dover Air Force Base, Del. Wanting to honor military kids for their sacrifices and courage, in 1986 Defense Secretary Casper Weinberger designated April as the Month of the Military Child. Since then, military installations, organizations and communities have created special events to pay tribute to these little military heroes. (Photo by Master Sgt. Veronica Aceveda)

## Base fitness news: New electronic check-in

The Fitness Center has recently implemented an electronic check-in system. Each ID card holder will need to be registered in the system on their first visit to the facility. Once registered, the member will simply scan their ID as they enter on subsequent visits. The electronic check-in system registration takes a maximum of two minutes per member and registration is only necessary one time.

This system will ensure accurate facility usage information that will be used to determine peak usage times and hours of operation, as well as justify funding for equipment and facility upgrades. The electronic system will also be used to determine trends for fitness center programming that will meet the needs of clientele based on usage patterns. The Fitness Center continuously strives to improve our customer service and the electronic check-in system is one more step in that journey.

## Intramural Soccer

Calling all soccer players: Interested in playing intramural soccer here? "If there were enough people to play a full season, we would consider creating a season," said Airman 1st Class Don Dewitt, 436th Communications Squadron. "However, the only way we can make this happen would be if at least four squadrons have at least five members interested in playing." If interested, please contact Dewitt at (302) 677-3791.

## DOD makes changes to sexual assault response

The Defense Department has refined new methods to aid sexual assault victims whether reporting a crime or seeking assistance as they transition from service, the director of the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office said in Washington March 30.

"We have several new options for victims of sexual assault," said Air Force Maj. Gen. Mary Kay Hertog. "First, if you've been a victim of sexual assault in the military, you now have the option of requesting an expedited transfer. If you find it untenable or unbearable in the organization that you're at ... you can request to be transferred."

Hertog said a service member's local commander has 72 hours to respond to the request for transfer, and, if denied, there is an option to take it to the first flag or general officer in the chain of command who also has 72 hours to respond.

The director also discussed other innovations such as a new document retention initiative, expanding legal assistance to encourage victims to participate in the military justice system "in order to hold that perpetrator accountable."

As of January, DOD civilians and contractors deployed abroad as well as military de-

pendents over 18 years old are now eligible to access sexual assault response services.

And, Hertog noted other changes implemented include new training for investigators of sexual assault crimes within the services.

"Some of our new training initiatives concern our investigators such as our (Naval Criminal Investigative Service) agents, Air Force (Office of Special Investigations) and Army (Criminal Investigation Division)," she said.

"We think we have found the gold-standard course ... to send many of the agents to build a sexual assault subject expertise cadre of our agents to get them very familiar with these cases," she added.

Perhaps the most useful option has been established for about a year, Hertog noted.

"You have the option of contacting our DOD Safe Helpline," she said. "We stood up a 24/7 crisis hotline. If you don't want to go through your chain of command, you can contact them and they will tell you where your nearest rape crisis center is in your community outside your installation gates."

For the full story, please visit the [Air Force website](#). (Courtesy American Forces Press Service)

## Easter Brunch offered at The Landings

An Easter Brunch is scheduled at The Landings April 8 with seating at 10 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

### Pricing List

Members - \$15.95  
Children (6-12 yrs) - \$8  
Children (5 & under) - Free  
Nonmembers - \$18.95  
Children (6-12 yrs) - \$10

### Menu

Omlette and waffle station, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, home fries, grits, biscuits, Danish, muffins and toast, "carved to order" ham with pineapple glaze, 1/4 roasted chicken, salad bar featuring Caesar salad, potato salad, cole slaw, pasta salad, rice pilaf, mashed potatoes with gravy, candied yams, mixed vegetables, seasoned green beans, assorted desserts and a chocolate fountain with strawberry tree.

Reservations are recommended.

Please call 677-6024.