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## Deployed CES reservist receives Purple Heart

**Senior Airman Michael Charles**  
379th Air Expeditionary Wing

SOUTHWEST ASIA--A deployed Dover Air Force Base reservist received the Purple Heart May 7 for wounds received during operations in Afghanistan.

Air Force Vice Chief of Staff Gen. Phil Breedlove presented the Purple Heart to Tech. Sgt. Jake Tieman of the 512th Civil Engineer Squadron at a base here in front of an audience of fellow wounded warriors.

"All of you have made sacrifices that few Americans have to make," Breedlove said. "I've heard one common theme today meeting with you: you're itching to get back to your units and back into the fight. Such dedication to our nation and our mission is inspirational."

Tieman was wounded by shrapnel near a forward operating base in Afghanistan, where he works for the 577th Expeditionary Prime BEEF Squadron.

"When a four-star general takes time out of his day to come visit you, it makes you feel good," he said. "It was a special treat for him to make an unplanned visit and support us."

Following his injury, Tieman was medically evacuated from Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan, by members of the 379th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron and placed in the care of the Intra-theater Wounded Warrior Care Center here. The center, operated by the 379th Medical Group, provides care to service mem-



**Air Force Vice Chief of Staff Gen. Phil Breedlove talks with Tech. Sgt. Jake Tieman after presenting him the Purple Heart May 7 at a base in Southwest Asia. Tieman is a member of the 577th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron's Base Engineer Emergency Force, also known as "Prime BEEF." He was wounded by shrapnel near a forward operating base in Afghanistan. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Nathanael Callon)**

bers suffering injury while deployed.

"It feels like it's been a long process," Tieman said. "However, the medical facility here has made it a comfortable transition, and I

hope to get better soon so I can go back out with the rest of my Airmen."

(Airman Charles is assigned to the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs Office)

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### Employer Appreciation Day set for Sept. 8; deadline July 23

**Senior Airman Joe Yanik**  
512th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

This year's 512th Airlift Wing Employer Appreciation Day is scheduled for Sept. 8 beginning at approximately 7:30 a.m.

Wing leaders encourage reservists to invite their employers to this annual event to see what their Citizen Airmen do when on their annual tours and unit training assembly weekends.

Employers will have the opportunity to meet with wing leadership, tour work areas, learn more about C-5 Galaxy and C-17 Globemaster aircraft and experience the 512th AW mission.

The wing has reservists living in a number of different states, so employers from Virginia,

Washington, D.C., Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, New York and Delaware are expected.

Reservists may register their civilian employers for Employer Day using a nomination form found [here](#), or at the 512th Public Affairs Enterprise Information Management website. The completed registration form may be returned to the Public Affairs staff by email at [512aw.pa@us.af.mil](mailto:512aw.pa@us.af.mil) or in person at Bldg. 520, Room 203. The registration deadline is July 23.

A member of the PA staff will send a confirmation message to reservists and an invitation to their employer. The day's agenda, directions to Dover Air Force Base and other helpful information will also follow. For more information, call the 512th AW Public Affairs Office at (302) 677-3485.