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Memorial Day 2012 is Monday, May 28

Energy plan means Dover savings

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DOVER AIR FORCE BASE, Del. -- After an initiative to conserve energy, Air Mobility Command has instituted measures to cut down on energy costs.

The initiative, which began with the Energy Policy Act of 2005, mandates reducing energy consumption at 3 percent annually.

"Well-planned energy conservation is the keystone to ensuring our energy stores are available when we need them to carry out our mission," AMC Vice Commander Lt. Gen. Vern Findley II wrote in a memo.

Energy budgets are being funded at 90 percent, forcing installations to look for ways to reduce their energy consumption on base in fiscal 2012. One plan is reducing the use of heating ventilation and air conditioning units.

"By modifying the temperature settings in facilities, the equipment will run less often, requiring less energy," said Energy Project Manager 1st Lt. Kevin Porter, 436th Civil Engineer Squadron deputy asset management flight chief. "In many buildings, the HVAC equipment is the highest energy consuming equip-

ment. By modifying temperatures just a few degrees, we can keep a relatively comfortable working environment and still save money."

The plan for modification changes the air conditioning temperature from 76 to 79 degrees in occupied facilities. During heating season, the temperature will be set at 67 instead of 69 degrees to help save energy.

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Some reservists billed for dental premiums during provider change

Air Force announces criteria for basing KC-46A tankers

President Obama nominates vice chief of staff to head USAFE

Law allows mobilizing reservists to respond to natural disasters

Reserve motorcycle riders must complete safety training

Pro manager certification valuable tool

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DOVER AIR FORCE BASE, Del. -- In January 2011, the Community College of the Air Force created a Professional Manager Certification to recognize the leadership training and experience possessed by senior NCOs and qualified technical sergeants.

The certification is an especially valuable tool for reserve senior NCOs seeking advancement in their civilian careers. So, last December I decided that my New Year's resolution would be to get my PMC and show other reservists how to get theirs, too.

I began by going to <https://augateway.maxwell.af.mil/ccaf/certifications/pmc/> for more information on it. The requirements include having your 7-level, a CCAF degree, completion of Airman Leadership School, NCO Academy and SNCO Academy (in-residence or by correspondence), a recommendation letter from your unit commander and 30 semester hours of leadership/management course work through professional military education and at least six semester hours through an accredited civilian college or subject tests through the College Level Examination Program and Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support.

Eligibility expires when the member retires, separates, or becomes commissioned.

I already had my 7-level and a CCAF degree, and completed the PME requirements, but I was unsure how many leadership or management credits I had. To find out, I got my CCAF Web Progress Report from the Base Education Office. I learned that I received eight credits for ALS in-residence, eight credits for NCOA by correspondence, and four credits for SNCOA by correspondence, for a total of 20 credits. I needed 10 more semester hours of acceptable management credits to be eligible for certification.

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