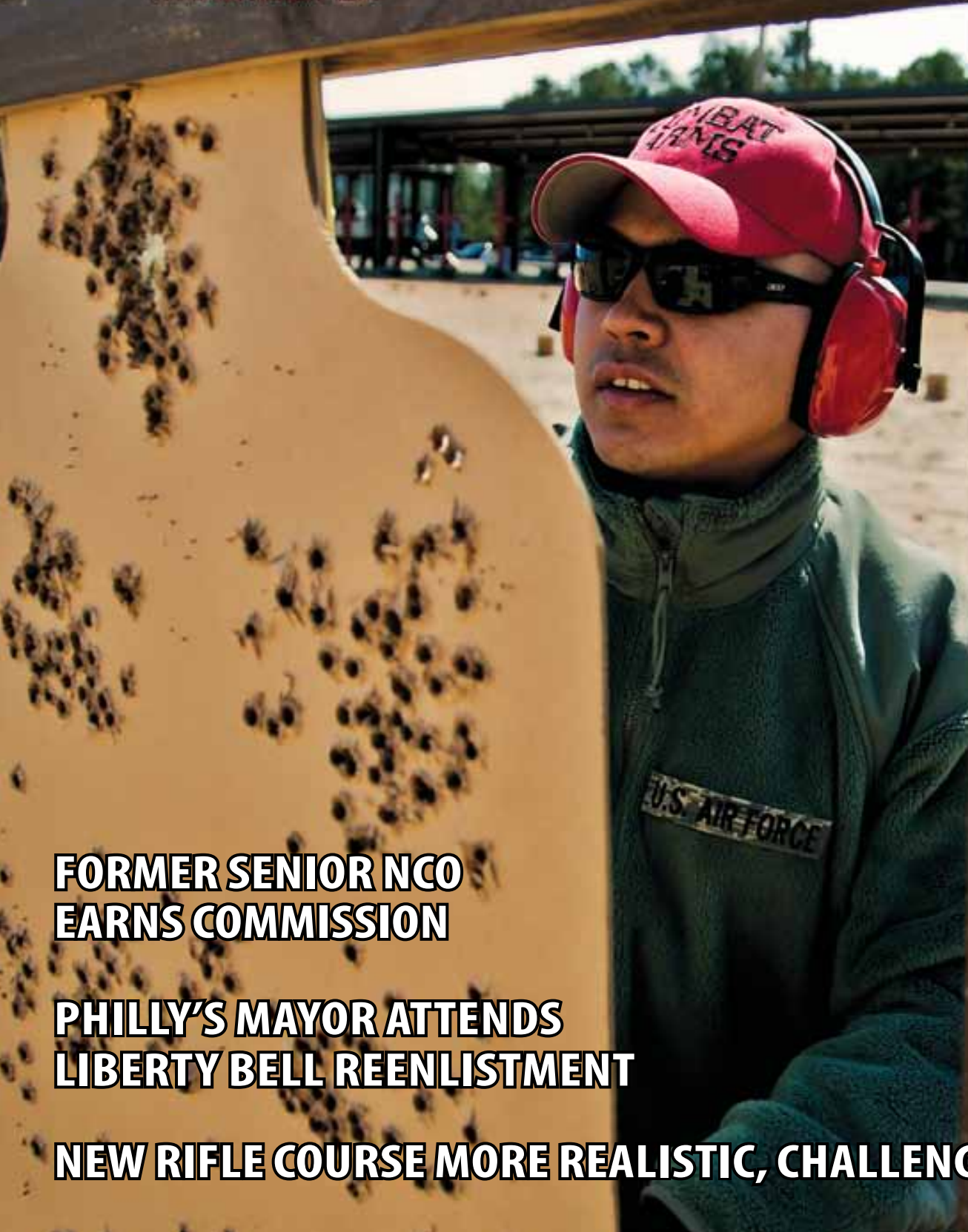


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LIBERTY BELL REENLISTMENT**

NEW RIFLE COURSE MORE REALISTIC, CHALLENGING



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Tech. Sgt. Philip Jawny, a combat arms instructor with the 514th Security Forces Squadron, analyzes his shooting pattern to make sure his M4 Carbine is sighted properly at the firing range here March 10. Combat arms instructors started teaching the Air Force's new firearms qualification course in March.



Photo by Shawn J. Jones

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Tech. Sgt. Anthony Vespa, 514th Security Forces Squadron, trains with his M4 Carbine at the firing range here March 10. Vespa and other security forces Airmen joined combat arms instructors as they practiced the Air Force's new rifle qualification course. *Photo by Shawn J. Jones*

Deployed maintainers make “the magic” happen

By Maj. Jeffrey Matthew

714th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron commander

I recently deployed and served with Airmen from my own squadron, the 714th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. Serving as the officer in charge of an aircraft maintenance unit within the 380th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, I was able to watch these marvelous maintainers make “the magic” happen in the fast-paced operations tempo typical of a deployed environment.

During our deployment, we were joined by some familiar faces. Our active-duty counterparts from 605th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron here and Reserve and active-duty maintainers from Travis Air Force Base, Calif., the Air Force’s only other KC-10 base, worked side-by-side with us during the deployment.

The Reserve and active-duty Airmen from both bases work in a classic associate relationship and have become the epitome of total force integration. These strong relationships were evident as the connections between the active-duty and Reserve Airmen from Travis and McGuire streamlined the mobilization and deployment process for all involved, allowing us to focus on the tasks at hand.

Maintainers worked together to recover, maintain, gas and launch

the mighty KC-10 into the air to provide fuel for fighters and bombers, which in turn, provided close-air support for our brothers and sisters on the ground.

Daily, the Airmen split into teams that moved around the flightline, providing 24-hour maintenance and working non-stop to meet the demands inherent of the war zone. And yes, these maintainers recovered, maintained and launched aircraft all through the day and night on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year’s Day.

While the experience was very busy and hectic, it was extremely successful. Any maintenance organization will tirelessly track stats because they help add facts to the mission and story, so here are some of the deployed KC-10s stats from 2011. The aircraft flew more than 36,700 hours in nearly 4,600 missions, delivering 390 million pounds of fuel to 28,000 aircraft. These impressive stats were achieved with one third of the KC-10 fleet and a work force about half the size of the 714th AMXS and it should go without saying that this effort would not be possible without outstanding aircraft maintainers.

It was incredibly gratifying to watch Airmen from all backgrounds come together to work the KC-10 and make the mission happen. It was also so very satisfying and humbling to be able to deploy and work with these mighty maintainers.

Medical Squadron embodies outstanding team approach during inspection

Col. James D. Marques

514th Aerospace Medicine Squadron

No man or woman is an island. We have heard these words many times, but the old maxim was evident during the 514th Aerospace Medicine Squadron’s health services inspection.

As healthcare providers, the squadron must meet the standards of the Air Force Medical Service.

The health services inspection was an assessment of the ability of the squadron to fulfill its peacetime and wartime missions, including evaluation of medical care and the effectiveness and efficiency of medical management.

The Air Force Inspection Agency’s medical directorate derives criteria from healthcare policies from various military and civilian medical oversight agencies. Inspections occur every four years and are graded on a four-tier reporting system. Ratings are based on a medical unit’s leadership and management, healthcare delivery, resources and readiness.

The inspection went extremely well, and the squadron earned an “outstanding” rating, which is the highest rating possible.

The rating reflects the support and cooperation common throughout the Freedom Wing, as nearly every unit in the wing was called upon to help in some way. On behalf of the entire squadron, I would like to thank those units and individuals who helped us prepare for



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Jonathan White

The medical professionals of the 514th Aerospace Medicine Squadron received an “outstanding” rating on their recent health services inspection.

the inspection.

Another group of individuals that deserve recognition are the 514th Aerospace Medicine Squadron Airmen themselves.

Preparing for this inspection was no easy task. Since the Air Force mission is so large, complex and diverse, no single person can accomplish it all. We must focus our special skills and talents on a portion of the task at hand.

This piece-by-piece, component-by-component approach requires a significant amount of interdependency. So how did we do it?

We used the TEAM approach, which means “together everyone accomplishes more.”

Everyone shared the vision, was on the same page and communicated. These were a few of the key components to this successful team effort.

Gen. George C. Marshall an architect of the Allied victory in World War II and author of the post-war European recovery plan, once noted how much can be accomplished if no one worries about who gets the credit.

Going forward, our challenge is to continue to live up to the squadron’s vision of being the best trained and skilled medical professionals able to meet all future medical missions with compassionate and quality healthcare.



Photo by Master Sgt. Donna T. Jeffries

Col. Michael Underkofler, 514th Air Mobility Wing commander, delivers the oath of enlistment to 9 Freedom Wing Airmen and 14 new recruits at the Liberty Bell Center in Philadelphia, Pa., March 24. The Airmen pledged to serve and protect the Constitution of the United States in the same city where it was adopted by the Constitutional Convention on Sept. 17, 1787. Independence Hall, where the Declaration of Independence was signed, is visible through the window behind the Liberty Bell.

Among national treasures, Airmen pledge to serve

By Maj. Kelly Ann Charland
514th Air Mobility Wing public affairs

Nine Airmen and fourteen new recruits gave their oath of enlistment to the Air Force during a ceremony at the Liberty Bell Center in Philadelphia, Pa., March 24.

The Airmen and the recruits were from the Philadelphia metropolitan area and southern New Jersey.

Colonel Michael Underkofler, 514th Air Mobility Wing commander, served as the ceremonies presiding official. He was joined by a special guest, Mayor of Philadelphia Michael Nutter.

“Attending the enlistment ceremony was a privilege because I was engaged with men and women who make protecting our nation, our values and our institutions their priority,” Nutter said. “The 514th Air Mobility Wing is dedicated to serving our nation with dignity and respect, and our entire city supports and salutes their commitment as they enlist and re-enlist in the Air Force Reserve.”

Underkofler said that while every enlistment ceremony is memorable, this one was even more so because of the location.

“To think that the mayor of one of the nation’s largest cities would spend so much time with us demonstrates the high regard he and the city of Philadelphia hold for the mil-

itary,” he said. “I can’t thank Mayor Nutter and the leaders of the National Park Service enough for their willingness to make this event so special.”

“Senior Master Sgt. Alexander Brown, the wing’s senior recruiter, was instrumental in arranging the ceremony at the Liberty Bell Center, which is located just across the street from Independence Hall, where the Declaration of Independence was signed.

“We wanted to recognize these citizen-Airmen who made a commitment to support and defend our country,” Brown said. “The Liberty Bell represents freedom and liberty for all, the cornerstone of America. It was the best place to recognize them.”

Staff Sergeant Juliana Avila, 514th Security Forces Squadron, said she was grateful to get the opportunity to re-enlist at the historic site but didn’t realize how moving the ceremony would be until she arrived at the Liberty Bell Center.

“It was so intimate to be standing there with the Liberty Bell right in front of us as we were reenlisting,” she said. “It was awesome.”

Anthony Fortino, a new recruit from Philadelphia, said the ceremony was a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

“This is where America started, and now I’ll remember this as being where I started my career in the Air Force Reserve,” he said.



Tech. Sgt. Anthony Vespa, 514th Security Forces Squadron, trains with his M4 Carbine at the firing range here March 10. Vespa and other security forces Airmen joined combat arms instructors in delivering the Air Force's new rifle qualification course.



Tech. Sgt. Michael Zigarelli, 514th SFS, gives advice to Vespa as he adjusts the sights of his rifle. Zigarelli, a police officer in his civilian profession, serves as a combat arms instructor with the security forces squadron.



Master Sgt. Mitchell Richardson, 514th SFS, analyzes his shooting pattern to see if he needs to adjust the sights on his rifle. While the old rifle course focused on fundamentals of marksmanship, the new course aims to give Airmen basic exposure to skills needed to engage an enemy combatant.

New rifle course aims for good fighters, not good marksmen

By Shawn J. Jones
Freedom Flyer editor

In the chaos of a real firefight, it is not realistic to expect every Airman to calmly align a rifle sight on a single stationary target, maintain controlled breathing and steadily squeeze the trigger.

And that's why the Air Force has ended its decades-long practice of sending Airmen into combat zones with little more than basic marksmanship skills and has revamped its rifle qualification course to emphasize the weapon skills needed for engaging an enemy combatant.

"Airmen can expect better training and more realistic scenarios," said Tech. Sgt. Michael Zigarelli, a combat arms instructor.

The new course began here in March, but has been active at some locations since January. If the lessons learned at those locations hold true here, then combat arms instructors of the 514 Security Forces Squadron can expect many more Airmen who need extra attempts to pass the test than what was common with the old course. Fortunately, Airmen must only retest on the portions in which they failed to qualify, and combat arms instructors will provide more personal attention to those who are retesting.

But the increased difficulty comes with an obvious benefit.

"Airmen will be more equipped for a situation where they have to use their firearm," Zigarelli said.

The major changes in the qualification course are intended to add duress to the training. They include more stringent time constraints, target discrimination and verbal commands that are more typical of a fire fight.

For instance, Airmen won't hear the combat arms instructors say anything like, "Ready... Aim... Fire." Instead, they may hear the commands such as "contact left" or "contact front" which indicate which target the shooters should engage.

The new course will also address some common bad habits. For example, Airmen who only use their weapon at a firing range may develop tunnel vision in a real firefight. Combat arms instructors will discourage the typical Airman from concentrating on a single threat and emphasize situational awareness to recognize emerging threats or the need to render assistance to a fellow servicemember.

Zigarelli said he doesn't expect the course to make all Airmen into weapons experts, but it will get them practicing and thinking about the right way of doing things.

The new course requires more time, both on the range and in the classroom. Overall, the typical Airmen can now expect to dedicate to two full days to learning their weapon.



READ ACROSS AMERICA

Master Sgt. Anthony Tomchak (above photo), 514th Aeromedical Staging Squadron, and Staff Sgt. Brian Schultz (right photo), 78th Air Refueling Squadron, read to students at New Hanover School in Wrightstown, N.J., March 2. The two Airmen joined several other Freedom Wing Airmen in participating in Read Across America, a nationwide reading program that takes place annually on Dr. Seuss's birthday.



Photos by Master Sgt. Donna T. Jeffries

Home away from home for NYC's military visitors

By Capt. Allison Ecuag
514th Air Mobility Wing public affairs

Although millions of tourists visit New York City every year, few are aware of the boutique hotel in midtown that caters solely to U.S. service members, allied forces, retirees and their families.

The mission of the Soldiers Sailors Marines Airmen & Coast Guard Club is to provide club-like facilities and accommodations at subsidized rates to military

members and their families. A step away from Grand Central Station, the club is housed in conjoined 19th century townhouses at 238 Lexington Avenue between 36th and 37th streets.

Rooms can be booked for a fraction of the cost of larger hotels in the same area.

The Soldiers and Sailors Club was originally founded in 1919 by General John J. Pershing along with Mrs. Cornelia Barnes Rogers and Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt Jr. as a home away from home for

visiting troops. Since then, the club has served the military community surrounding New York City, and it continues to host events supporting the armed forces.

The next major fund-raising event is the Red, White and Blue Luncheon honoring military and civilian heroines, which will be held at the 21 Club on Tuesday April 24, 2012. For more information about SSMAC reservations or events call (212) 683-4353 and visit their website at www.ssmclub.org.

PULSE CHECK: As the weather gets milder, what do you look forward to doing?



Senior Airman Alvaro Fable

514th Civil Engineer Squadron

"I look forward to outdoor activities such as going to the park, running and working out, and I look forward to filling up my belly with some barbecue."



Staff Sgt. Carrie DeGrella

514th Civil Engineer Squadron

"My civilian employer loves ultimate Frisbee and will take any chance to have our whole office out playing. There's nothing like getting paid to throw around a Frisbee."



Tech. Sgt. Pedro Aleman

514th Civil Engineer Squadron

"I'm looking forward to playing basketball, jogging in the park by the river, and taking my daughter for walks."



Staff Sgt. Tiffany Winston

514th Force Support Squadron

"I look forward to outdoor training in my welding career, and when this part of the training is complete, I'll look forward to advanced training in Gary, Texas, and enjoy the sun."



Senior Master Sgt. Allan Lu

514th Aerospace Medical Squadron

"I am looking forward to more outdoor activities with my 8-year-old son, Andrew, and would like to incorporate more outdoor exercises in my workout routine."

Tears form in the eyes of 2nd Lt. Melford Simpson as he addresses coworkers from the 514th Aerospace Medicine Squadron immediately after pinning on the gold bars of a newly commissioned Air Force officer.



Photo by Chief Master Sgt. Chryl Ruff

Former master sergeant adjusts to becoming officer

By Shawn J. Jones
Freedom Flyer editor

After 13 years of rendering salutes, one Freedom Wing Airman is receiving them now too.

On May 21, 2nd Lt. Melford Simpson, will complete his first year of serving as a commissioned medical service corps officer.

While he said he settling into his new position, he is still adjusting to the nuances of being an officer.

One significant change for Simpson was that he had to establish himself as a lieutenant at the 514th Aerospace Medicine Squadron, the same duty station where he had already risen to the rank of master sergeant.

Simpson said he didn't want to give the impression that his new rank made him a better person, but he also knew that he couldn't act as casually as he once had amongst his enlisted co-workers.

He said he takes it as a personal responsibility and charge to behave as a professional officer.

"I have to assimilate to the culture," he said.

Overall, Simpson said most of his former enlisted peers have been very supportive of his promotion.

"It's a different dynamic, but I haven't felt any animosity or disdain," he said.

The jump in rank also meant that he would be spending a lot more time with the squadron's top leadership.

As a master sergeant, he was no stranger to serving in a leadership capacity, but now he was sitting in small meetings with them, discussing the squadron's big-picture issues.

"My very first meeting, I was so nervous, my hands were sweating," he said. "I didn't have the slightest idea what they were talking about."

Not only must Simpson assimilate to the culture, but he must

meet his own self-imposed higher standard.

"I cannot fail," he said. "If I have to stay later or come in more frequently, I'll do what it takes."

Simpson certainly doesn't mind this culture shock, as he said he is humbled by his commission and it was one of his best accomplishments.

He said never forget the call notifying him of his selection to become a commissioned officer.

"My entire body, head to toe, trembled," he said. "Other than the birth of my daughter, it was the sweetest accomplishment. I was frozen. I just started thanking god."

When he first pinned on his lieutenant bars, he chose to do it front of an audience of his then-fellow enlisted peers.

"I broke down in front of my Airmen," he said. "But they weren't tears of sadness. They were tears of realization and testament that the impossible is possible."

For many of his colleagues, it was no surprise that he earned his commission.

"Lieutenant Simpson has always been a very focused Airman," said Chief Master Sgt. Chryl Ruff. "From the first day that he joined the squadron, he knew what he wanted to do and he allowed us to help him get there. Lieutenant Simpson has inspired us as an Airman, a noncommissioned officer and a senior noncommissioned officer, and I know he will continue to inspire us as an officer."

As the first year of his commission comes to a close, Simpson said its gone well and he's learned a few lessons, especially those related to taking care of his fellow Airmen.

"It is imperative that you not only find ways to be innovative but also be consistent and thoughtful of those you are leading," he said.

Medical Service Corps

Medical service corps officers are professional health-care administrators and managers who serve in the full range of medical support activities, from leading key healthcare administrative functions at medical units to planning and executing medical support to unified command operations.

The medical service corps is one of the five officer medical corps in the Air Force. The others are the biomedical sciences corps, the dental corps, the medical corps and the nurse corps.





Photos by Shawn J. Jones

PACK IT UP, STRAP IT DOWN

Left: Staff Sgt. Kristine Thomas, 88th Aerial Port Squadron, tightens the straps on a cargo net at the aerial port warehouse here March 11, 2012. In preparation for the 514th Air Mobility Wing's operational readiness inspection, Thomas and other aerial porters taught a pallet buildup class for other Airmen of the Freedom Wing.

Above: Tech. Sgt. Dexter Davis (center), 514th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, asks a question to Senior Airman Arnold Callwood, 88th APS, during Callwood's class about building cargo pallets. The wing will participate in readiness exercises in April and October in preparation for the readiness inspection scheduled for March 2013.

PEAK PERFORMANCE

Staff Sgt. Winnie Lowney, 514th OSS
4th Air Force Command Post Airman of the Year

Tech. Sgt. Shawn J. Jones, 514th AMW
Air Force Journalist of the Year
Air Force Reserve Command Journalist of the Year
AFRC Best News Feature
AFRC Best Personality Feature

Tech Sgt. Herb Dubuse, 514th SFS
Outstanding Security Forces Air Reserve Component NCO Award

Senior Master Sgt. Lance Lonsinger, 514th SFS
Outstanding Security Forces Air Reserve Component Senior NCO Award

Senior Airman William Lukacs, 714th AMXS
514th AMW Airman of the Quarter (Oct. - Dec. 2012)

Tech. Sgt. Darin Wilcox, 714th AMXS
514th AMW Noncommissioned Officer of the Quarter (Oct. - Dec. 2012)

Master Sgt. Alex Saharig, 514th AES
514th AMW Senior NCO of the Quarter (Oct. - Dec. 2012)

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The following Airmen were promoted in March

Airman
Jaime Galezo, 714 AMXS

Airman 1st Class
Evgueni Fokine, 714 AMXS

Senior Airman
Ian Alexander, 514 FSS
Larry Baez, 88 APS
Andreas Dasilva, 714 AMXS
William Egert, 88 APS
Kendra Flowers, 714 AMXS
David Gottschalk, 514 CES
Roevelle Gustave, 88 APS
Mark McIntosh, 714 AMXS
Josiah Misiura, 88 APS

Staff Sergeant
Stephanie Barnes, 514 AMDS
Rachel McLaughlin, 514 AMDS
Lashawn Miller, 514 AMDS
Ramel Oliphant, 514 CES
Manuel Santana, 514 CES
Christopher Tarantino, 514 CES

Technical Sergeant
Anthony Covington, 514 CES
Oshanda Erb, 714 AMXS
Bolivara Espinoza, 88 APS
Angel Garcia, 514 CES
Carlos Lozadatabara, 514 CES
Daniel McOwen, 514 CES
Moises Soto, 42 CBCS
Rodney Watson, 514 CES

Master Sergeant
Hector Cartegena III, 35 APS
Dawn Firsing-Paris, 514 AMDS
Justin Fletcher, 514 MXS
Barbara Ford, 514 FSS
Daniel Timko, 76 ARS

Senior Master Sergeant
Rodolfo Espindola 514 LRS
Aaron Hendrick, 514 OSS
Saprina Lavoil, 514 AMDS
Glenn Mattijs, 514 CES
Salvatore Valeo, 514 FSS

News Briefs

Chief's Group Scholarship

Scholarships will be given to selected reservists from the 514th Air Mobility Wing as part of the 514th AMW Chief's Group annual scholarship award program. Applications and an official transcript with grades for the fall semester of 2011 must be received by the 514th Air Mobility Wing command chief master sergeant in Building 2217 by May 31. The number of scholarships and amount will be based on the number of qualified applicants. Applicants must hold the rank of E-6 or below, be an undergraduate student of an approved college or attend a trade school approved by the Veterans Administration, must have no unexcused duty absences, an unfavorable information file or be delinquent on their government issued travel card in the last 12 months, must meet mission ready requirements established by unit and must submit a copy of transcripts with grades for the Fall 2011 semester with a minimum grade point average of 2.0. The application can be found on the Freedom Wing intranet page.

Joint Base Open House and Air Show

The public is invited to attend the 2012 Joint Base Open House Air Expo set for May 12-13. Attendees will see scores of military aircraft, displays and aerial demonstrations. The event is free to the public. Visit www.jbmdlopenhouse.com for more information.

Mentoring Workshop

The Third Annual Enlisted Mentoring Workshop will be held Jun. 9-10. Contact Maj. Dori Mansur at 754-6399 for more information.

Joint Base Coffee & Chat

The Career Advisor Council is hosting the Joint Base Coffee & Chat, an informal gathering from 5 to 8 p.m. on the Saturday of every unit training assembly in the back of the auditorium of building 2202. This is a time for any service-member to come and chat with your fellow comrades. The events feature free coffee, donuts, playing cards, dominoes and friends. For more information, call 754-3028.

Uniform Drive for Civil Air Patrol

The 514th Human Resource Development Council is sponsoring a uniform drive to help members of the Civil Air Patrol. They are seeking donations of battle dress uniforms, service dress uniforms and black leather uniform boots. Donations can be used, but should be in acceptable condition. Please drop uniform items in the drop boxes located in buildings 2226 and 2216. Call Staff Sgt. Greg Owen at (908) 268-6435 for more information.

Motorcycle Course Registration

Motorcycle operators must take the motorcycle safety course prior to riding on base. Register at <https://militarysafepmv.com>. Riders are required to wear the proper personal protection equipment. Call 562-3082 for more information.



Photo by Shawn J. Jones

SPOTLIGHT: LORRAINE COBB-MOORE

Unit: 514th Maintenance Squadron

Position: Office Automation Clerk

Hometown: Burlington, N.J.

Years of service: Nearly 41 years of government service, with the vast majority coming at the 514 MXS

Favorite pastime: "They call me the coupon queen because couponing is like a second business for me. I save a lot and I give a lot."

Favorite musician or band: "I love them all, but I really love the divas from back in the day like Madonna and Whitney Houston, but I some of the newer divas like Lady Gaga too."

Pet Peeves: "I can't relax unless my work is done. I was raised in a family that was so strict and regimented – and I raised my family that way – that many people think that I am from a military family myself."

What's something you've noticed that has changed since your first started working here?

"The technology – I've gone from manual typewriters to electric typewriters, and now, to computers. I was quite frightened of computers when they first came out, now I understand how they help in so many ways."

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FOR THE FAMILY OF:



The sun sets behind Old Glory as it dances atop the flag pole on a windy afternoon in early spring. The flag is located in front of the Freedom Wing's newly reoccupied headquarters building on West Arnold Avenue. *Photo by Shawn J. Jones*