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### WEEKEND WEATHER

<b>Today</b> Sunny High: 71 Low: 57	<b>Saturday</b> Rain High: 83 Low: 59	<b>Sunday</b> XXXXX High: 81 Low: 65



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jared Duhon. Community guests fill the flightline during the Thunder Over Dover Open House Aug. 26, 2017, at Dover Air Force Base, Del. Saturday was the first day of a free two-day event featuring more than 20 aerial demonstrations, static displays and other events.

## Thunder Over Dover thrills Delmarva

By Staff Sgt. Aaron J. Jenne  
 436th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

DOVER AIR FORCE BASE, Del. — More than 50,000 people visited Dover AFB for the 2017 Thunder Over Dover Open House and Airshow August 26–27.

The last time Dover AFB hosted an open house was in 2009, and the last time the community was invited onto the installation was 1994.

“Twenty years in the making, our airshow’s return to the main ramp was a overwhelming success thanks to the precision, enthusiasm and hospitality of our Airmen, sponsors and many more!” said Col. Ethan Griffin, 436th Airlift Wing commander. “Team Dover is proud to have shared the inspirational story of American airpower amidst several anniversaries, including the 70th of our Air Force, the 75th of our base and the 300th of our city. We’ll continue to ‘Aim High’ together.”

The event featured more than 20 aerial and ground performances from multiple military and civilian performers, as well as static displays of dozens of the Air Force’s most iconic aircraft for spectators to view up-close.

“It was an absolutely flawless event,” said Lt. Col. Todd Walker, 436th Logistics Readiness Squadron and 2017 Thunder Over Dover Open House director. “We were able to host 50,000 people and show them the history of Air Power. We got great farmers’ tans too.”

The show was highlighted by the



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Aaron J. Jenne. Guests of Team Dover interact with explosive ordnance disposal technicians from the 436th Civil Engineer Squadron Aug. 27, 2017, during the Thunder Over Dover Open House on Dover Air Force Base, Del. The open house showcased a spectrum of American air power from World War II to present day.

U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds aerial demonstration team. The group performed multiple aerobatic maneuvers and precise formations to demonstrate the many capabilities of the F-16 Fighting Falcon and the precision of Air Force pilots.

A C-5M Super Galaxy and a C-17 Globemaster III also stole the limelight, demonstrating their ability to move massive amounts of cargo to rapidly execute global mobility.

Jive Kirby of Wild Blue RV-8 Aer-

obatics and Jerry Conley of Vampire Aerobatics provided a different style of entertainment; looping, spiraling and tearing through the air in gravity defying feats.

The day ended with the Thunderbirds Recognition Ceremony, where they recognized Team Dover’s top performers.

There was something for everybody, military members and civilians alike, said Staff Sgt. Sergio Forsythe,



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Aaron J. Jenne

Spectators watch as an aerial performer flies by Aug. 27, 2017, during the Thunder Over Dover Open House at Dover Air Force Base, Del. The open house was a free, two-day event that featured more than 20 aerial demonstrations, static aircraft displays and other events. See more photos on Page 4.



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Aaron J. Jenne

Guests of Team Dover watch an aerial performer fly above Dover Air Force Base, Del., Aug. 27, 2017, during the Thunder Over Dover Open House. This was Team Dover's first open house since 2009, and the first held on the base since 1994.



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Aaron J. Jenne

Guests of Team Dover tour a C-5M Super Galaxy Aug. 27, 2017, during the Thunder Over Dover Open House on Dover Air Force Base, Del. Dover AFB opened its gates to the public for a free two-day event as a way to thank the local community for their ongoing support of the base's mission.



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jared Duhon

Number 1, Commander of the Thunderbirds, prepares his team at the start of the Thunderbirds aerial performance during the 2017 Thunder Over Dover Open House Aug. 27, 2017, on Dover AFB, Del. The Thunderbirds are the Air Force's premier aerial demonstration team, led by Lt. Col. Jason Heard, commander/leader of the U.S. Air Force Air Demonstration Squadron and pilot of the No. 1 jet.



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jared Duhon

Team Dover guests watch as the Thunderbirds perform during the 2017 Thunder Over Dover Open House Aug. 27, 2017, on Dover AFB, Del. The Thunderbirds demonstrated the versatility of the F-16 Fighting Falcon by performing aerial acrobatics, precision formations and high-speed passes during their performance.

## Thunder

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Air Force Legal Operations Agency victims' paralegal.

"I was stationed at Barksdale [Air Force Base, Louisiana] for my first four years. I'm from Arlington, Virginia, so I was away from my family," Forsythe said. "Today, I was able to have my family come over and show them the plans and teach them a little more about the Air Force, our history and what we're capable of. They totally enjoyed it. We had a blast, and we're looking forward to attending another Dover airshow."

It wasn't just the performers or static displays that made the event a success, though, said Dover Police Department Cpl. Mark Hoffman. It was the exceptional Airmanship of the service members and volunteers who made the open house what it was.

"For an event to be held of that size – after not holding one for eight to nine years – it was run beautifully," Hoffman said. "Every service member, volunteer and employee we encountered were extremely polite, personable and professional. We walked away absolutely amazed at how well this event was run, and I have heard the same from many others as well."

Overall, the entire event was a huge success, Walker said.

"There's no way the event would have gotten done without the City of Dover, Del DOT, the community and even the entire state of Delaware coming together to make it happen," Walker said. "Everyone really came together to make sure we had an awesome and safe show. We had such incredible buy-in from the performers to the vendors and spectators. I'm hoping we get to do this again ... a lot sooner than nine years."



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jared Duhon

Team Dover guests watch as the Thunderbirds begin their aerial performance during the 2017 Thunder Over Dover Open House Aug. 27, 2017, on Dover AFB, Del. The Thunderbirds are the Air Force's premier aerial demonstration team, led by Lt. Col. Jason Heard, commander/leader of the U.S. Air Force Air Demonstration Squadron and pilot of the No. 1 jet.



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jared Duhon

Team Dover guests thumbs up all the performers of the day during the 2017 Thunder Over Dover Open House Aug. 27, 2017, on Dover AFB, Del. The open house was a free, two-day event that featured more than 20 aerial demonstrations, static aircraft displays, military working dog demonstrations and other events.



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jared Duhon

The Thunderbirds taxi after performing at the 2017 Thunder Over Dover Open House Aug. 27, 2017, on Dover AFB, Del. The Thunderbirds arrived two days prior to the open house to meet media, base and community members and to practice performance routines.



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jared Duhon

Maj. Nate Hofmann, Thunderbird pilot, waves to the crowd after an aerial demonstration during the 2017 Thunder Over Dover Open House Aug. 27, 2017, on Dover AFB, Del. The Thunderbirds have performed for millions of fans since 1953, and are scheduled to complete nearly 70 performances this year.



U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Zachary Cacia

Lt. Col. Jason Heard, commander/leader of the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds Air Demonstration Squadron and pilot of the No. 1 jet signs autographs after completing a performance during the Thunder Over Dover Open House Aug. 27, 2017, at Dover Air Force Base, Del. The Thunderbirds demonstrated the versatility of the F-16 Fighting Falcon by performing aerial acrobatics, precision formations and high-speed passes during their performance.



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jared Duhon

The Thunderbirds perform a Delta roll during the 2017 Thunder Over Dover Open House Aug. 27, 2017, on Dover AFB, Del. The 2017 Thunder Over Dover Open House and Airshow featured performances from the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds, the Army's Black Daggers parachute and several other aerial performers.

# A Thank You as Dover Soars!

Men and women of Team Dover, thank you for making “Thunder Over Dover” a resounding success. I trust that each of you felt the swell of Dover Pride as our Air Force’s heritage, global reach, lethality and precision was displayed across diverse wing-tips this past weekend on our ramp. Led sharply by Lieutenant Colonel Ryan Orfe and his Open House Staff, all of Team Dover played a role in hosting our greater Delaware community — truly “All-In!”

This incredible event didn’t happen on its own. Civil Engineers assembling snow fencing, Maintainers towing aircraft, and hundreds of Airmen and Spouses parking cars, volunteering on the ramp, and so much more required tremendous resources and manpower. Your efforts made this weekend memorable for thousands of men, women, and children, many visiting our gates for the first time, including young men and women participating in an enlistment ceremony at show center. Joining them were several Airmen electing to re-enlist and affirm their commitment to our tradition of “Deliver Excellence!” at Team Dover. The precision and class of Team Dover allowed our new and continuing Airmen alike to weave into the greater Air Force story of Integrity, Service, and Excellence.

There were also many returning alumni, such as retired USAF Tech. Sgt. William Fili who rejoined us to share his Air Force legacy alongside his grandchildren. Tech. Sgt. Fili was shot down over Romania during World War II while flying missions targeting the critical Ploesti oil fields. A prisoner of war for five months, Tech. Sgt. Fili returned heroically to his team at Dover Air Force Base in 1945 to receive the Distinguished Flying Cross in a wing-wide ceremony held on our present ramp. Your hard work allowed Dover AFB to shine and Tech. Sgt. Fili to share his story, enriching us along the way.

Flawless security provided by our Base Defenders and Augmentees, coupled with the precise management of varied aircraft by our Air Traffic Controllers and Airfield Operations Staff, afforded a young aviation enthusiast the opportunity to work alongside his heroes. Paul, an 11-year-old boy, will always remember “Thunder Over Dover” as the weekend he “joined” the USAF Thunderbirds! An avid fan, Paul memorized the Thunderbird aerial script word for word. Upon hearing of his uncanny memory and enthusiasm, they called him to show center, handed him the narrator’s microphone, and stepped back as Paul narrated several maneuvers for tens of thousands to enjoy!

These are just a few of the thou-



sands of stories and memories resulting from your professionalism, dedication and hard work. Chief Sparks, your Commanders and Chiefs, and I received untold compliments on your courtesy and professionalism from all corners of the crowd.

We are humbled to serve alongside the men and women of the Eagle Wing, Liberty Wing and Mission Partners. Watching you routinely execute missions, overcome challenges, and inspire innovation, we never doubted that “Thunder Over Dover” would be a resounding success — you prove that Excellence is our standard each day. Opening our field for mission launches amidst a winter storm, returning fallen heroes with the utmost dignity alongside our Port Mortuary and Joint Service partners, delivering vital cargo to fields of war, and providing healthcare to retirees. Team Dover is precision, class, all-in, hospitality, customer service, and so much more... you ROCKED!

Aim High -- Dover Pride!



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## Dover’s Action Line

The Dover Action Line is a tool for everyone on base.

Sharing your suggestions, comments and concerns is essential to improving Dover Air Force Base.

If you have a concern and you haven’t been able to resolve it through normal channels, send an email to [436aw.pa@us.af.mil](mailto:436aw.pa@us.af.mil).

Together we can make the Dover Team even stronger.

Thanks for your support.

— Dover Action Line

## COMMUNITY NOTES

Book Your Holiday Parties at The Landings  
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First Friday End Of Summer at The Landings in Hangar 295  
September 1, 3:30 - 6:30 p.m.  
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**FSS Labor Day & Family Day Hours, September 1 - 5**  
**September 1 & 2**  
Mulligans Sports Bar & Grill 7 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**September 2**  
Closed: Auto Hobby Shop

**September 2 - 5**  
Closed: Aero Club

**September 4 Labor Day Open regular hours:** Golf Course, Mulligans Sports Bar & Grill and Oasis Pool (11 a.m. - 7 p.m.)

**Open holiday hours:** Fitness Center 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. manned (24/7 unmanned), and Patterson Dining Facility - Breakfast 6:30 - 8:30 a.m., Lunch 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Dinner 4:30 - 6:30 p.m., Midnight Meal 11 p.m. - 12:30 a.m.

**September 5 Family Day** The following FSS facilities will be open to serve you:

**Open regular hours:** Mulligans Sports Bar & Grill, Oasis Pool (11 a.m. - 7 p.m.), Bowling Center and King Pin Café.

**Open holiday hours:** Golf Course 8 a.m. - 7 p.m., Child Development Center, Family child care & Youth Center 7 a.m. - 4 p.m., Fitness Center 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. manned (24/7 unmanned) and Patterson Dining Facility - Breakfast 6:30 - 8:30 a.m., Lunch 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Dinner 4:30 - 6:30 p.m., Midnight Meal 11 p.m. - 12:30 a.m.

**All other facilities are closed**  
**All other FSS facilities will re-open on September 6 to serve you**

Parent Advisory Board Meeting  
September 7, 11:30 a.m.  
Child Development Center  
677-3716/6776376

Archery Clinic 101 at Dover AFB Archery Range  
September 7, 5 - 7 p.m.  
Registration deadline: September 6

Minimum age: 12 years old  
Outdoor Recreation  
677-3959

Bundles for Babies  
September 8, 1 - 3 p.m.  
Bldg 520, Room 205  
Airman & Family Readiness Center  
677-6930

Kid's Watercolor Squirt Art  
September 9, 1 p.m.  
Ages 3+  
\*\*Registration deadline: September 6  
Arts & Crafts  
677-3242

Give Parents A Break  
September 9, 1 - 5 p.m. at the CDC  
Register by September 6  
Airman & Family Readiness Center  
677-6930

No Studio Fee - Paint Your Own Pottery

September 9, 12 - 4 p.m.  
Cost: Biqueware only - NO STUDIO FEE!  
Great for all ages!  
\*\*No registration required  
Arts & Crafts  
677-3242

Football Frenzy at The Landings in Hangar 295  
Every Sunday starting September 10 - February 4, 12:30 p.m. - midnight  
Get the unique word of the week for your chance to win!

Enter to win weekly prizes that include NFL\* regular season game tickets and e-gift cards for NFL\* merchandise.

Grand Prize is Super Bowl Tickets!

For more information and contest rules visit: MyAirForceLife.com/FootballFrenzy or call 677-6024.

\*No federal endorsement intended.

Military Spouses' Family Child Care Orientation  
September 12 - 14, 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Become a Family Child Care provider

Orientation will be held at the Child Development Center

Contact Ms. Beverly Henderson at 677-3716 or email beverly.henderson@us.af.mil

Paint A Story  
September 13, 1 p.m.  
Perfect for ages 2 - 6  
\*\*Registration deadline September 11  
Arts & Crafts  
677-3242.

Wood Shop Class (Custom Cutting Board) - 2 part class  
September 13 & 20, 5 p.m.  
Ages 16+  
\*\*Registration deadline: September 8  
Arts & Crafts  
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Un-wine and Design (Heart at Home Wooden Sign)  
September 13, 6-8 p.m.  
Adults only - BYOB (State required at time of registration)  
Ages 18+  
\*\*Registration deadline: September 6  
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# Dover Airman to join Thunderbirds

By Senior Airman Zachary Cacia  
436th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

DOVER AIR FORCE BASE, Del. — The U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds are just days away from screaming through the skies above Dover AFB during the Thunder Over Dover Open House on Aug. 26 and 27.

Known for their red, white and blue F-16 Fighting Falcon fighter jets, their mind-blowing aerobatics and their rock star-like pilots, the Thunderbirds have performed all around the globe.

But none of this is possible without the support of more than 120 enlisted Airmen working various jobs who keep those jets flying all around the world. One lucky supply troop Airman from the 436th Logistics Readiness Squadron, Senior Airman Samantha Kreiner, is about to join that team.

"I'm stoked," Kreiner said with a huge smile stretching from ear to ear.

Kreiner has been stationed at Dover AFB the entire four years of her Air Force career, arriving here in April 2013. She is also somewhat of a local girl, growing up just a short 90 minute drive away in Edgewood, Maryland.

She applied for the position with the team earlier this year when she sent in a formal application package. She never thought that she would actually get the job.

"So I sent it up and crossed my fingers," she said. "I thought that there was no way I would get it; I thought I had no chance. I believed that there are so many other people who have more experience that would beat me."



U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Zachary Cacia  
Senior Airman Samantha Kreiner, 436th Logistics Readiness Squadron material management specialist, poses in front of Thunderbird 8 Aug. 24, 2017, at Dover Air Force Base, Del. Kreiner has been selected to join the Thunderbird team at Nellis AFB, Nev.

Three weeks went by without any news. But then, she received an email.

"I got the notification and I was like 'no freaking way,'" she said. "I was about to cry."

She got the job.

One of her mentors, Tech. Sgt. Brian Black, 436th LRS aircraft parts store noncommissioned officer in charge, was in the room when she found out.

"She was shocked," Black said. "I'm so happy for her. I can't be anything but happy for her."

Black was instrumental in helping

Kreiner apply for the job.

"I asked Sgt. Black for help," she said. "He's been with me from the beginning and is someone that I can always go to. He helped me write my biography and he helped me write the letter of recommendation to send up to the commander. He basically put everything in the correct format and helped me do everything."

Black had nothing but praise for Kreiner.

"She is one of the best supply troops that I've seen around here," he said. "She's one of the ones that you don't have to tell her what to

do, she comes in in the morning and knows exactly what to do and she's on it. Honestly, like I've said, with all the people we've got here in the squadron, she's one of the best that I've seen."

The main reason why she applied for the job was for an opportunity to travel.

"She had been here a few years," said Black. "She joined the Air Force to travel. She's from across the bay in Maryland, but when she joined, they sent her all the way to Delaware. It's nice being close to family, but she wanted to travel. The Thunderbirds travel all over the country and the world, giving her that chance."

She is itching to go.

"I'm so excited to travel," she said. "This will definitely be a good change of pace for me."

But her time at Dover has been fruitful.

"I learned a lot while I've been here at Dover," she said. "It has really prepared me for the job I'm about to go to."

Kreiner will head off to Nellis AFB, Nevada, later this year in November to join the Thunderbirds.

"I'll be doing basically what I've been doing here," she said. "We order parts for maintenance for whatever they need them for when they are on the road."

Her current squadron, however, will miss her.

"The squadron is a little upset to be losing her," said Black. "We are all excited for her. I know she's going to kick butt at her new job."

## Notes

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Incredi-Bowl Summer  
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Eagle Creek Golf Course  
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Information, Tickets & Travel  
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Aero Club  
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Eagle Creek Golf Course  
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# Thunderbirds' PA comes home to Dover

By Staff Sgt. Richard Mekkri  
436th Airlift Wing

DOVER AIR FORCE BASE, Del. — The 2017 Thunder Over Dover Open House and air show is a little more meaningful than other air shows that Staff Sgt. Tabatha McCarthy has attended. That's because, for this air show, McCarthy is coming home.

McCarthy, the United States Air Force Thunderbirds' Public Affairs Community Relations NCO in Charge, grew up in Magnolia, and attended Delaware Technical Community College for a year after high school. After her time at DTCC, McCarthy decided to follow in her parents' footsteps and join the Air Force.

"In this capacity it's way different than coming home on leave because I'm coming home in uniform and I'm coming home doing my job," said McCarthy. "It's almost like coming home to showcase what I do on the team."

McCarthy's first duty station was Shaw Air Force Base, South Carolina, where she worked for more than five years as a still photographer. It was during a four-month deployment to Africa when the travel bug bit her. She returned to Shaw AFB and told her supervisor that she was ready for more.

"I want to do more than just a deployment," McCarthy told her supervisor. "I want to PCS, I want to go see the world."

Her supervisor told her there was an opening with the U.S.A.F. Thunderbirds. McCarthy was nervous that she wouldn't have what it would take to be part of such an elite team. She applied anyway. Less than a month later, McCarthy cried when she got the news. She was going to be a Thunderbird.

McCarthy learned that being part of an elite team demanded more than she was accustomed to. She quickly rose to the challenge.

"(For) the tour program at Shaw, it was a big deal that I led 15 tours in one year, right?" said McCarthy. "We do almost that in a week for the T-birds so it's a huge difference. It's a different ballgame for sure."

Of the many duties that are required of McCarthy, her favorite is the Fallen Warrior Program. The program selects a fallen warrior or fallen hero from the local community and honors them by painting the individual's name in the wheel well of the #1 pilot's jet. McCarthy said that this is because the wheel well is the heart of the jet, thereby, allowing that person's memory to act as the heart of the F-16 Thunderbird jets and the pilots.

The honoree of the 2017 Thunder Over Dover Open House is Sergeant Joseph Szczerba. Szczerba, of Wilmington, was an eighteen-year veteran of the New Castle County Police Department.

"That saying, 'never forget,' we mean it," said McCarthy. "We will never forget the sacrifice that they have made for this country and for their families." McCarthy was herself honored during opening day of "Thunder Over Dover" with an unofficial homecoming ceremony called a FARKLE. FARKLE is an acronym that stands for, "friends and relatives, kin, loved ones and everyone else." The Thunderbird team met with McCarthy's family where they were able to share stories and posed for photographs.

"It's been an incredible journey," McCarthy said. "The support that the team has given me, it's been life changing."



Staff Sgt. Tabatha McCarthy meets with children from the Exceptional Family Members Program during the Thunder Over Dover Open House Family Day Aug. 25, 2017. The EFMP is a program that works with military and civilian agencies to provide comprehensive and coordinated community support to military families with special needs.

U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Richard Mekkri



On Saturday, Aug. 26th, Staff Sgt. Tabatha McCarthy was honored at an unofficial welcome home event during the Thunder Over Dover Open House at Dover Air Force Base, Del. McCarthy, who grew up in Magnolia, is the Thunderbirds' Public Affairs Community Relations Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge

## NOW SHOWING

### Girls Trip

(Regina Hall, Queen Latifah)

When four lifelong friends travel to New Orleans for the annual Essence Festival, sisterhoods are rekindled, wild sides are rediscovered, and there's enough dancing, drinking, brawling, and romancing to make the Big Easy blush.

Rated R for crude and sexual content throughout, pervasive language, brief graphic nudity, and drug material. 122 minutes.

Show time: 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 1

### Valerian and the City of a Thousand Planets

(Dane DeHaan, Cara Delevingne)

A dark force threatens Alpha, a vast metropolis and home to species from a thousand planets. Special operatives Valerian and Laureline must race to identify the marauding menace and safeguard not just Alpha, but the future of the universe.

Rated PG-13 for sci-fi violence and action, suggestive material and brief language. 137 minutes.

Show time: 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 2

### The Dark Tower

(Idris Elba, Matthew McConaughey)

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# 2017 Thunder Over Dover



"Thunder Over Dover" spectators watch "Panchito," a Mitchell B-25 bomber, taxi in after an aerial demonstration, Aug. 27, 2017, on Dover Air Force Base, Del. Dover AFB hosted an Open House featuring over 20 aircraft static displays, as well as numerous aerial demonstrations.

U.S. Air Force photo by Roland Balik



"Thunder Over Dover" parking volunteers stand ready to direct incoming vehicles from the North Gate to parking spaces on the main flight line ramp Aug. 27, 2017, on Dover Air Force Base, Del. Thunder Over Dover gives visitors the opportunity to see Air Force aircraft spanning the last century and provides visitors a chance to talk face-to-face with military personnel, to hear first-hand experiences while serving at Dover AFB and how we execute and sustain Rapid Global Mobility every day.

U.S. Air Force photo by Roland Balik



First responders from several local community agencies receive a briefing before the final day of the 2017 Thunder Over Dover Open House Aug. 27, 2017, at Dover Air Force Base, Del. Ensuring safety for the nearly 50,000 guests was a major priority during the open house.

U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Aaron J. Jenne



Members of the Black Daggers parachute with the American flag while ChefPitts flies in a corkscrew pattern around them Aug. 26, 2017, during the Thunder Over Dover Open House at Dover Air Force Base, Del. The Black Daggers are the U.S. Army Special Operations Command's parachute demonstration team.

U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Aaron J. Jenne



The United States Air Force Thunderbirds fly by a C-17 Globemaster during the Thunder Over Dover Open House and Airshow Aug. 26, 2017 at Dover Air Force Base, Del. The Thunderbirds have performed for millions of fans since 1953, and are scheduled to complete nearly 70 performances this year. See more photos on Page 10.

U.S. Air Force photo by Mauricio Campino



A B-2 Spirit flies overhead as Team Dover guests look on during the 2017 Thunder Over Dover Open House Aug. 26, 2017, on Dover Air Force Base, Del. The B-2 routinely conducts bomber assurance and deterrence missions providing a flexible and vigilant long-range global strike capability, and is just one demonstration of the U.S. commitment to supporting global security.

U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jared Duhon



Staff Sgt. Jacob Risch, 709th Airlift Squadron C-5M Super Galaxy loadmaster, holds his son during the 2017 Thunder Over Dover Open House Aug. 25, 2017, on Dover Air Force Base, Del. The open house and airshow featured performances from the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds, the U.S. Army's Black Daggers parachute team and several other aerial performers.

U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jared Duhon



Maj. Ryan Bodenheimer, U.S. Air Force pilot for Thunderbird #2, takes a selfie with students near the end of his visit to Dover High School, Dover, Del., Aug. 25, 2017. Senior Airman Katherine Rousset, 436th Operations Support Squadron air traffic controller, and other members of the Thunderbirds joined in for the group photo.

U.S. Air Force photo by Roland Balik



Guests of Team Dover interact with a static display helicopter Aug. 27, 2017, during the Thunder Over Dover Open House on Dover Air Force Base, Del. The open house showcased a spectrum of American air power from World War II to present day.

U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Aaron J. Jenne



The crew of a U.S. Coast Guard MH-65D Dolphin helicopter performs a search and rescue demonstration at the Thunder Over Dover Open House and Airshow Aug. 26, 2017, at Dover Air Force Base, Del. The open house was a free, two-day event that featured more than 20 aerial demonstrations, static aircraft displays, and other events.

U.S. Air Force photo by Mauricio Campino



Guests of Team Dover watch an aerial performer fly above Dover Air Force Base, Del., Aug. 27, 2017, during the Thunder Over Dover Open House. This was Team Dover's first open house since 2009, and the first held on the base since 1994.

U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Aaron J. Jenne

# 2017 Thunder Over Dover photos



U.S. Air Force photo by Mauricio Campino  
John "Skipper" Hyle performs a high-speed pass at the Thunder Over Dover Open House and Airshow Aug. 26, 2017, at Dover Air Force Base, Del. The open house is a way for Dover AFB to thank local and regional communities for their ongoing support.



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jared Duhon  
The "Flying POW/MIA" monument, Grumman OV-1 Mohawk, sits during the 2017 Thunder Over Dover Open House Aug. 27, 2017, on Dover Air Force Base, Del. There are 1,636 names on the aircraft and some have small flags to indicate a repatriated Vietnam War service member.



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Richard Mekker  
A family looks inside a static display during the 2017 Thunder Over Dover Open House Aug. 25, 2017, on Dover Air Force Base, Del. The open house and airshow featured performances from the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds, the U.S. Army's Black Daggers parachute team and several other aerial performers.



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Richard Mekker  
A child looks in awe at an aerial demonstration during the 2017 Thunder Over Dover Open House Aug. 25, 2017, on Dover Air Force Base, Del. The open house was a free, two-day event that featured more than 20 aerial demonstrations, static aircraft displays, and other events.



U.S. Air Force photo by Roland Balik  
Nicole and Ryan Kachmar, and their son John, watch an aerial demonstration during the second day of the base's Open House, Aug. 27, 2017, on Dover Air Force Base, Del. The Kachmar's traveled from Wilmington, Del. to view "Thunder Over Dover" performances and static displays.



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jared Duhon  
Cmdr. Grant Edwards, Australian Federal Police, Embassy of Australia, Washington, D.C., pulls a C-17 Globemaster III during the 2017 Thunder Over Dover Open House Aug. 27, 2017, on Dover Air Force Base, Del. The aircraft weights more than 282,000 pounds.

# Transitioning military families to civilian workforce

By Senior Airman  
Thomas T. Charlton

Joint Base Charleston Public Affairs

JOINT BASE CHARLESTON, S.C. — Two former Air Force spouses attended a Hiring Our Heroes Transition Summit held here Aug. 21 to 23.

Betty Welsh, wife of retired Gen. Mark Welsh III, former Chief of Staff of the Air Force, and Paula Roy, wife of retired Chief Master Sgt. Jim Roy, former Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force both offered advice and options to military spouses during the event.

HOH is a U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation initiative to assist veterans, transitioning service members and military spouses find employment opportunities outside the military.

"This event has given members and spouses of our local area a chance to really find work they excel at in the civilian sector," said Sandra Liotti, 628th Force Support Squadron work life consultant.

Fifty individuals came to support the event, offer their knowledge and provide different options for attendees to pursue.

"The summit gave attendees the opportunity to get wisdom from someone like me who has been a military spouse for over 30 years," said Roy. "During the summit, other spouses spoke about their experiences to help others understand how to balance their lives as a spouse and as an employee."

Welsh is one of the newest ambassadors for HOH. Her role is to provide any information she can to spouses who are seeking new employment options.

"I didn't have anything like this when I was looking for work," said Welsh. "I started out job hunting and searching through the employment advertisements in the newspaper. There weren't any computers for me to use back then. Spouses and military members now have the opportunity to make the transition as easy as possible and I am so proud to be a part of this foundation."

The summit provided representatives from industries such as law enforcement, aviation manufacturing, mining technologies and transportation. These representatives gave attendees the opportunity to learn about other careers and network with the leaders of the various industries.

"Where they are on their career journey will dictate what the event might offer to them, which is why networking is so important," said Mick Mahon, 628th FSS work life consultant. "Whether or not you're looking to get hired at this very moment, networking gives you the chance to get connected with the people who can open those doors for you."

Chief Master Sgt. Darrell Amoruso, 437th Maintenance Group superintendent, is retiring after 30 years of service and is preparing himself to find a new career path.

"I have been a part of the military for over half of my life and this life is all I know," said Amoruso. "This lifestyle is something these industries are looking for. Taking part in this summit gave me and others a chance to really see what's out there and who is interested in us. It made me feel better and more prepared for when I finally do retire from here."

HOH began in 2011 and has



Betty Welsh, wife of retired Gen. Mark Welsh III, former Chief of Staff of the Air Force, speaks to the spouses attending the spouse symposium during the Hiring Our Heroes Transition Summit at the Charleston Club on Joint Base Charleston, S.C., Aug. 22. Welsh is one of the newest ambassadors for HOH. Her role was to provide any information she can to spouses who are seeking new employment options.



Paula Roy, wife of retired Chief Master Sgt. Jim Roy, former Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force, left, takes part in the spouse symposium during the Hiring Our Heroes transition summit at the Charleston Club in Joint Base Charleston, S.C., Aug. 22. Her role was to provide any information she can to spouses who are seeking new employment options.

helped drop the unemployment rate of Department of Defense members from 15 percent to approximately 3.7 percent. The foundation travels to all U.S. military bases worldwide continuously providing help, knowledge and services to those who are interested.

"This program is a blessing to our military members, veterans and spouses," said Roy. "HOH itself is constantly growing and evolving to meet the needs of our people as times and opportunities change. I hope everyone takes an opportunity to at least look them up and see if the foundation can help them in any way."

For more information on HOH, visit their website at <https://hire-ourheroes.org/>.



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# Open House highlights Dover's Rapid Global Mobility

By Senior Airman Zachary Cacia  
436th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

DOVER AIR FORCE BASE, Del. — Yeah, a B-2 Spirit flyby and the Thunderbirds are cool, but if you were to ask any Team Dover Airman what they thought was cool, they would tell you something along the lines of flying monsters.

Held over the weekend of Aug. 26-27, the Thunder Over Dover Open House showcased the capabilities of the Air Force as a whole and Dover AFB's Rapid Global Mobility mission, while celebrating its longstanding relationship with the local Dover community.

"It's great to be able to show the public exactly what Dover Air Force Base does," said Col. Larry Nance, 436th Operations Group commander. "It's even better that we have our Airmen on the aircraft themselves, so they can explain what they do. Without the people, the airplanes are nothing."

Nearly 50 aircraft were on display during the open house. Dover AFB being home to a fleet of C-5M Super Galaxy and C-17 Globemaster III airlifters, put them on display on the ground and with aerial demonstrations.

"The public has been so excited and interested," said Nance. "They were climbing all around the C-5 and C-17. That's what is wonderful about our particular airplanes, they can actually climb on them and see around."

Capt. Ryan McCord, 9th Airlift Squadron C-5M pilot, was happy to be out on the aircraft showing the public what it was all about.

"It's a great opportunity to show everybody what the C-5M can do," said McCord. "It's really awesome for the local community to actually come out and see what we do on a daily basis."

Capt. Ricardo Morales, 3d AS C-17 pilot, echoed McCord.

"It's a good experience to be able to have the community here and to show them what we do," Morales said. "It's fun to be able to talk about something you know about and see how everybody is excited to see what you do."

Both static displayed aircraft on the ground had active duty and Reserve aircrew members onboard, creating a total force atmosphere that mimicked Dover AFB's operational atmosphere.

Dover-native Staff Sgt. Jacob Voshell, 709th AS, was one of the Reservists onboard the C-5M.

"This shows that we have a great capacity for teamwork between the 9th and 709th Airlift Squadrons," said Voshell.

Voshell stated that the reactions from the public were great.

"The community is fantastic, everybody is very positive, tons of smiles and everyone is amazed by the C-5 and how big it is," said Voshell. "I've answered a lot of questions. It's nice to see the reactions over and over again. I keep hearing people say 'Wow, this thing is huge.'"



U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman Zachary Cacia  
Eight-year-old Johnathan Walters of Milford, Del., sits in a C-17 Globemaster III's flightdeck during the Thunder Over Dover Open House Aug. 27, 2017, at Dover Air Force Base, Del. Walters and his family were one of countless other families given the opportunity to tour the inside of Team Dover's aircraft.



A C-5M Super Galaxy approaches for landing after completing an aerial demonstration during the Thunder Over Dover Open House Aug. 27, 2017, over Dover Air Force Base, Del. The open house featured Team Dover C-5M and C-17 Globemaster III aerial demonstrations, highlighting Dover's Rapid Global Mobility mission.



Attendees file into the front of a C-5M Super Galaxy during the Thunder Over Dover Open House Aug. 27, 2017, at Dover Air Force Base, Del. Dover AFB is home to a fleet of 18 C-5Ms. See more photos on Page 13.



Capt. Mike Knapp, 3d Airlift Squadron pilot, speaks to attendees during the Thunder Over Dover Open House Aug. 27, 2017, onboard a C-17 Globemaster III at Dover Air Force Base, Del. Knapp also acted as the operations project officer for the Thunderbirds during the open house.



Attendees file into the rear of a C-5M Super Galaxy during the Thunder Over Dover Open House Aug. 27, 2017, at Dover Air Force Base, Del. Dover AFB's fleet of C-5Ms are operated by the active duty 9th Airlift Squadron and the Reserve 709th AS. U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman Zachary Cacicia

A C-17 Globemaster III demonstrates low-altitude maneuvering during the Thunder Over Dover Open House Aug. 27, 2017, over Dover Air Force Base, Del. Dover AFB is home to a fleet of 13 C-17s.



Senior Airman James Felter, 3d Airlift Squadron loadmaster, speaks to attendees during the Thunder Over Dover Open House Aug. 27, 2017, onboard a C-17 Globemaster III at Dover Air Force Base, Del. The C-17 and C-5M Super Galaxy static-displayed aircraft featured aircrew members who highlighted their aircraft, their mission and their jobs.



Attendees file into the rear of a C-5M Super Galaxy during the Thunder Over Dover Open House Aug. 27, 2017, at Dover Air Force Base, Del. The open house featured both a C-5M and a C-17 Globemaster III on static display open for public viewing.

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