

Eagle Express

The way ahead

As we bid farewell to 2012 and begin 2013 there are a couple of "big rocks" on the horizon: an Operational Readiness Exercise (ORE) in March and a Combined Unit Inspection (CUI) in November.

The ORE is an AMC requirement that tests our ability to prepare, deploy and operate in a chemical environment. This mission is a "core competency" that we must be ready to execute at all times.

To help our Airmen knock the rust off, we have set up numerous ORE Readiness Days to offer refresher training. The training will refresh you on items such as SABC, CBRNE, PAR Sweeps, UXOs, Asset Covering, SALUTE reporting, M8/M9 basics, Alarms, Decon Kits...etc. Please contact your Unit Deployment Manager for more information and scheduling.

Once we successfully complete the ORE, we will switch gears and focus all efforts on CUI preparation. It will take a lot of hard work and attention to

Loading up for a great 2013



detail to prepare for this inspection; however, I know we are up to the task. Expect more — much more! — to follow as the CUI approaches.

Air Mobility RODEO provides Team Dover another chance to excel

This year's Air Mobility Command RODEO Competition will kick off July 28 to Aug. 3 at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash. Recently, Maj. Steven Sylvester was selected as the Dover AFB RODEO Team Chief. The RODEO gives us a great opportunity to show off our capabilities to the world, and we have had a good amount of success in the past. In fact, the team that competed in 2011 brought home every single C-5 trophy and nine award overall, including Best Airland Wing.

More than 2,500 Mobility Airmen from around the globe participating in the biannual, multinational readiness competition compete in core AMC capabilities of air drop, air refueling, aeromedical evacuation and cargo delivery operations. RODEO also focuses on ground operations, including: security forces, combat control, aerial port, and maintenance. In the past, RODEO has hosted participants and observers from international partners such as Indonesia, Israel, Saudi Arabia, the United Kingdom, Brazil and Afghanistan.

I can't wait to see Team Dover on display on this great international stage; we will do what we do best—Deliver!

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