



Eagle Express

In-transit Munitions Storage Area! Did you know...

Out on the other side of the runway is where our In-transit Munitions Storage Area is located, which is part of the Aerial Port Squadron. Many of you are aware that the Aerial Port moves volumes of cargo in support of the Defense Transportation System. What you might not know, is that they also possess one of Air Mobility Command's largest arms, ammunition, and explosives (AA&E) operations, airlifting munitions to combat troops worldwide. Operated by a 7 person team, they received and/or loaded 580 trucks containing 4,530,000 lbs of AA&E and processed, loaded/unloaded 3,933,600 lbs on and off of 819 aircraft supporting the military airlift system this past year.

Close to 60% of the AA&E mission involves Foreign Military Sales (FMS) material that supports US agreements with many allied nations. Overall, Team Dover supports 37 countries through this program. You may have noticed our Transient Alert folks launching and recovering some foreign aircraft around the base. These aircraft are generally here to pick up FMS material and AA&E. In fact, throughout 2012 our Port Dawgs received, processed, and loaded more than 100 foreign owned aircraft with over 2,860,800 lbs of purchased defense products for delivery to their homelands. This important mission not only strengthens our allies within their part of the world but it helps to ensure strong and positive international relations along the way.

BASH Team...Top of the Line!

Did you know that Dover has one of the most challenging Bird/Wildlife Aircraft Strike Hazard (BASH) fields in the Air Force? This is due to the fact that during peak migratory season (Oct-Apr) our airfield can see a large volume of over 5-10 thousand birds a day!

Why so many birds? Good question...Dover sits under the "I-95" of migratory bird patterns. The Delaware Bay as well as the multiple wildlife refuges (Bombay Hook) in close proximity adds to the problem. It is not uncommon to see a floating "iceberg" of snow geese out in the Bay or even in adjacent fields, which is where Kilo, our BASH dog, is most helpful in helping move the birds away. Our BASH program is a team effort between Wing Safety, Bird Strike Control, the CE Entomology/Pest Management, Environmental, Airfield Management, and the Tower.

The HQ AF BASH team just completed a Bird Staff Assisted Visit (SAV) at the end of Mar and called our program "Top of The Line" with multiple AF best practices--most notably the CE Entomology/Pest Management division for their role in keeping wildlife (namely deer) off of the runways.

Well done and well deserved!



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"Deliver!"

