



Eagle Express

Acting Secretary of the Air Force Visits Dover AFB

On 5 September 2013, we had the great opportunity to share our mission and people with the acting Secretary of the Air Force, the Honorable Eric K. Fanning. Secretary Fanning toured a number of facilities in order to meet airmen on the job, and better understand the unique mission and facilities we have here at Dover AFB.

Having switched over from the Department of the Navy in April, Secretary Fanning has traveled extensively in order to learn as much as possible about the Air Force's unique mission, capabilities, and people.

Stops included Air Force Mortuary Affairs Operations, the Fisher House & Center for the Families of the Fallen, Aerial Port, static displays for both the C-17 and C-5 aircraft, control tower, and time in the C-17 simulator.

The visit culminated with a base all-call, where Secretary Fanning addressed more than 700 of Dover's Airmen, including active duty, reservists, and civilians. A number of topics were covered, with sequestration and the resulting budgetary difficulties dominating the discussion.

"It's a crazy time in Washington, and I have never experienced anything like it," he said. "Sequestration is the most stunningly disruptive thing I have ever seen."

Additionally, the topic of sexual assault was emphasized. "I know there is a lot of fatigue on this subject, but if you see the reports, you would know it is a serious subject and there is a good reason we keep talking about it. We are being held to a higher standard and we should be."

Secretary Fanning concluded the all-call acknowledging Team Dover for the amazing work we accomplish on a daily basis. "Thank you for staying focused on the mission," he said. "It is inspiring to see that even with all the craziness going on, you stay focused on the mission and take pride in doing great work for your nation."

My most sincere thanks for making the visit a great success!



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"Deliver!"

