

DELAWARE DELEGATION CONGRATULATES DOVER AIR FORCE BASE -- April 15, 2008

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ing and recreational facilities for those men, women and families stationed at the base.

"This award tells the world what Delawareans and the Dover community have known for a long time - Dover Air Force Base is the best of the best," Sen. Joe Biden (D-Del.) said. "It's wonderful to see the daily commitment to excellence of the Dover team - airmen and women and their families - acknowledged and celebrated, while also recognizing the key role that airlift plays in wartime success. This is the first time in the history of the award that an air mobility base has won, another reminder of how critical Dover's airlift is to successful military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan."

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championship. It's like a home run with the bases loaded."

"Time and again, the men and women at Dover have answered the call of duty," said Congressman Mike Castle (R-Del.). "All of the airmen and civilians at the base, as well as those in the greater Dover community, have worked hard to make this one of the best installations in the country. I met personally with the Wing Commander Steven Harrison today to discuss issues of importance at Dover and to express my congratulations on winning the Commander in Chief's Award."

The Delaware Delegation met with an Installation Excellence Inspection Team to make the case for the base winning this award earlier this year.

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The 2008 Commander in Chief's

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(Editor's Note:

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<http://www.defenselink.mil/releases/release.aspx?releaseid=11834>)

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