

PRESS RELEASE

Donald J. Chupp selected as Dover AFB Honorary Commander

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DOVER AIR FORCE BASE, Del. – Mr. Donald J. Chupp, President and CEO of Fireside Partners Inc. was among 40 community leaders inducted as an “honorary” commander at Dover Air Force Base, Del., on October 20, 2018. During the first orientation on November 27, 2018, the group learned the basics of being an honorary commander and the structure and function of the wing staff agencies at Dover AFB.

The U.S. Air Force Honorary Commander program immerses community leaders in Air Force culture: its missions, customs and traditions. The program at Dover Air Force Base presents an opportunity for community leaders to learn about Team Dover’s daily operations and share their experiences with the Airmen stationed at Dover AFB, and conversely, for commanders and their units to interact with the Delaware community. The Dover AFB Honorary Commander program began in 1992.

Each honorary commander at Dover AFB is matched with a military counterpart throughout the base. Mr. Chupp is the Honorary Commander for the 436 Airlift Wing's Aircraft Maintenance Group (436 AMXG) which oversees all aircraft maintenance and major inspections on the C-5 and C-17 airframes, and Air Mobility Command's [Super Port](#).

He will serve in this capacity for one year and will be eligible to be re-nominated up to two more years. While in the program, he will attend unit functions including awards ceremonies, commander's calls, changes of command and social functions. Fireside Partners' team members can also expect to see military members at company functions as well, since honorary commanders are encouraged to invite their respective commander to interact within their professions.

Individuals are selected from across the state and includes professions ranging from school administrators and business owners to police officers and elected officials. This Air Force program was initiated to help members of the community understand the importance of the Department of Defense's missions. It also allows military commanders and their Airmen to learn more about the community in which they live.

Fireside Partners has always kept a close community relationship with Dover AFB. Chupp, an Air Force veteran formerly stationed at Dover AFB as a Transient Alert aircraft maintenance technician, notes "our business mission at Fireside Partners is closely akin to many facets of the mission at Dover AFB. As a business we are honored to have the relationship we do with our Air Force friends next door, and as an individual I am deeply honored to have been nominated and accepted into this important program."

For those interested in more information about the Honorary Commander program, visit the website www.Dover.af.mil or www.512aw.afrc.af.mil – click on Community Engagement.

*Dover AFB is home to the Department of Defense's largest aerial port and more than 11,000 Airmen and joint service members, civilians and families. Its personnel are responsible for global airlift aboard assigned C-5M Super Galaxy and C-17 Globemaster III aircraft. Additionally, the 436th Airlift Wing serves as host for key partners such as the **Air Force Reserve Command's 512th Airlift Wing**, the Air Force Mortuary Affairs Operations, the Armed Forces Medical Examiner System, and the Joint Personal Effects Depot, jointly responsible for the dignified return of fallen American service members.*