



**DAWNE NICKERSON-BANEZ**  
**CHIEF, COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**  
**436<sup>TH</sup> AIRLIFT WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

Ms. Nickerson-Banez has been the Chief of Community Engagement at Dover Air Force Base since April 2016. She serves as the liaison between the civilian community and the base community by planning, organizing, coordinating, and conducting documentation, command information, community engagement, and media operations activities. She is a trusted advisor to Wing leadership and project officer. Dawne hosts the Dover AFB Honorary Commander program with 40 participants. The 436<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing is a combined C-5 and C-17 base focused on rapid, global airlift by providing worldwide movement of high priority personnel and cargo. Dover AFB is home to the Air Force Mortuary Affairs Operations Center, Armed Forces Medical Examiner System, the Department of Defense's largest aerial port, and the Air Mobility Command Museum.



Dawne is a member of the Downtown Dover Rotary, Downtown Dover Partnership, Central Delaware Chamber of Commerce, Military Affairs Committee, and is a USO volunteer. She currently serves as the President, Galaxy Chapter, AFA. She has been a long-time supporter of Dover AFB through the Honorary Commander program for three years and two years on the AMC Civic Leader Council. Dawne volunteers with several non-profit organizations downtown.

**EDUCATION**

1993 AAS Paramedic Technology, Delaware Technical & Community College, Dover, Del.  
1995 BS Human Resources Management, Wilmington College, Dover Del., summa cum laude  
2003 MBA, Wilmington College, Dover Del., Dean's List

**ASSIGNMENTS**

18 April 2016 – October 2019, Chief, Community Engagement, 436th Airlift Wing Public Affairs, Dover AFB, Del.  
October 2019 – Present – Acting Chief, Public Affairs, 436th Airlift Wing Public Affairs, Dover AFB, Del.

**AWARDS AND HONORS**

2016 Civilian Volunteer of the Quarter, Second quarter  
2016 Category II, Civilian of the Quarter, Fourth quarter  
2016 Airman Service Award of the Year  
2018 Category II Civilian of the Quarter, First quarter  
2018 AMC Outstanding Communications Civilian OTY Category I  
2018 AF Outstanding Communications Civilian OTY Category I  
2019 436<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing 2018 Civilian of the Year, Category II  
2019 AF Civilian Achievement Medal  
2019 AMC Outstanding Communications Civilian OTY Category II