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AF leaders step aside

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — The Air Force's top civilian and uniformed leader tendered their resignations to Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates Thursday.

Secretary of the Air Force Michael W. Wynne and Chief of Staff of the Air Force Gen. T. Michael Moseley's resignations come near the close of a Department of Defense investigation into the Air Force's management of nuclear programs.

"Recent events convince me that it is now time for a new leader to take the stick and for me to move on," said Secretary Wynne in a statement released earlier. "Therefore I plan to tender my resignation to Secretary Gates. Even as I do, my heart, my thoughts and prayers remain with America's Airmen who will continue to do magnificent things for this great country."

General Moseley, who was appointed the 18th Air Force chief of staff in September 2005, has also tendered his resignation.

"Recent events have highlighted a loss of focus on certain critical matters within the Air Force," General Moseley's statement reads. "As the Air Force's senior uniformed leader, I take full responsibility for events which have hurt the Air Force's reputation or raised a question of every Airman's commitment to our core values.

"I think the honorable thing to do is to step aside," the statement continues. "After consulting with my family, I intend to submit my request for retirement to Secretary Gates. The Air Force is bigger than one Airman, and I have full confidence that the Air Force will continue working with the joint team to win today's fight, take care of its Airmen and meet tomorrow's challenges. I love the Air Force and remain proud of America's Airmen."



Secretary of the Air Force Michael W. Wynne and Chief of Staff of the Air Force Gen. T. Michael Moseley tendered their resignations to Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates on Thursday.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Eric Burks

Congrats!

Lt. Col. Brian Newberry, 7th Airlift Squadron commander, presents medals to the champions of the June 1 cycling events in the annual Washington Special Olympic Summer Games here. The cycling events marked the first time that an athletic competition for the event was held at McChord. For more on the summer games, see pages 8-9.

Operation Air Force hits McChord

By
Tyler Hemstreet
Staff writer

McChord Airmen are getting a firsthand opportunity to show Air Force Academy cadets what life is like outside the classroom.

Nineteen cadets from the Air Force Academy are staying here for three weeks as part of the Operation Air Force program.

The program gives the cadets the opportunity to get a wide breadth of experience in several areas so they have a good background when it comes to choosing their career path in the Air Force, said base program director Capt. Dale Moree, 7th Airlift Squadron.

"The program is designed to show them both the operational and the support side of the Air

Force," Captain Moree said.

The cadets are paired with various enlisted Airmen and senior noncommissioned officers from several different units to help them get a better feeling of how the enlisted force interacts with officers on a daily basis, he said. While all of the cadets will get a dose of the close day-to-day interaction between officers and enlisted Airmen, the sophomore and junior cadets who have not chosen an Air Force Specialty Code will get a wide breadth of experiences in various units to help them better determine what direction they might want to go in the future.

But there will also likely be opportunities for the cadets to experience a local flight and a simulator ride.

"We're trying to give them everything we can but also give

them some time in the office to learn some things," Captain Moree said.

Capt. Ian Ostermiller, an Air Force Academy graduate, is hosting two cadets during their stay for the 10th Airlift Squadron.

"For me it's a hands-on way to give back and mentor someone who hasn't started their Air Force career yet," Captain Ostermiller said.

Initial plans for the cadets include a 10th AS trip to a Mariners game in Seattle.

"We want to be an advertisement for mobility and a chance for them to get excited about the airframe, but the bottom line is we want them to come out of here accomplishing their syllabus and have a positive aftertaste of the whole experience," he said.

The cadets finish up the program here June 21.

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Airman's Roll Call addresses fraternization boundaries



Editor's note:
Airman's Roll Call is a leadership tool designed for supervisors at all levels to help keep Airmen informed on current issues, clear up confusion, dispel rumors and provide additional face-to-face communication between supervisors and their teams.

A few months ago, an Airman's Roll Call addressed Unprofessional Relationships. While most Airmen are familiar with the definition of unprofessional relationships, they may need further clarification about fraternization. Fraternization is actually a type of unprofessional relationship; one

that can have major repercussions for Airmen both professionally and personally.

An unprofessional relationship can occur between two officers, two enlisted members, an officer and an enlisted member, a military member and a civilian employee, or a military member and a defense contractor. When the relationship creates either the reality or perception of a superior exercising favoritism, misusing his or her office, or abandoning organizational goals for personal interests, it is considered unprofessional.

Fraternization refers to an unprofessional relationship between an officer and enlisted member specifically. Here are a

few points Airmen should know about fraternization:

"Fraternization" refers to an offense under Article 134 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice, for which officers may be punished. It occurs if an officer interacts with an enlisted member on terms of military equality such that respect for the officer's professionalism, integrity and leadership is compromised.

Fraternization need not include dating or sexual relations. It is any activity in which the parties — regardless of gender — are relating to each other on terms of military equality.

Under AFI 36-2909, Professional and Unprofessional

Relationships, both officers and enlisted members involved in unprofessional relationships (to include fraternization) may be given an order to terminate the relationship and may receive adverse administrative action. Other actions may also be taken when appropriate.

Fraternization and unprofessional relationships adversely affect the morale and discipline of our force. Understand where the line is, and don't cross it. For more information, refer to AFI 36-2909 or contact your local legal office.

Find Airman's Roll Call Online at <http://www.af.mil/library/viewpoints/>.

Retreat: A constant during times of change

By
Chief Master Sgt. Cary Hatzinger
62nd Mission Support Group
superintendent

The Friday before Memorial Day weekend traditionally marks the start of the official outdoor retreat ceremony here. This year the 62nd Mission Support Squadron had the honor of performing the first ceremony. As I stood at attention and watched the ceremony unfold, I couldn't help but think that this was the last time this squadron would have an opportunity to come together for a retreat ceremony. In just a few short weeks, the 62nd MSS and the 62nd Services Squadron will combine to form the 62nd Force Support Squadron. This is just one of the many changes that will take place this summer across the Air Force.

Later this summer, the 62nd Maintenance Group will be renamed the Material Group. At that same time, the 62nd Aerial Port Squadron and the 62nd Logistics Readiness Squadron will

leave the 62nd MSG and join them. If Air Mobility Command follows the rest of the Air Force, the aircraft maintenance squadron will leave the newly formed Material Group and move to the Operations Group. If all of these changes aren't enough to make your head spin, then add on the redesignation of our medical group to a medical squadron in order to meet BRAC requirements.

The Air Force is an organization that was born from the need for change. From our auspicious beginnings in the Army Signal Corps and Army Air Corps until today, we have prided ourselves on the ability to adapt and change to meet the warfighting needs of our nation. We must never forget that change enables us to adapt and overcome and without it we would quickly become a stagnant and dated force incapable of carrying out its mission.

As I watched the men and women of the 62nd MSS proudly conduct retreat, I realized the reason ceremonies like this are so important is they are rooted in tradition and serve as an anchor that binds us all together in our common pur-



Photo by Senior Airman Marc L. Lane

Airmen watch the flag lowered to half-staff during a special Memorial Day retreat May 15 at Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D.

pose. Retreat will be held at 4:30 p.m. every Thursday through Sept. 19. If you feel like the change is starting to overwhelm you, come on out and join us.

Professionals of the week

62nd Logistics Readiness Squadron

Airman 1st Class Eric Pfautz

Duty title:
Fuels maintenance apprentice

Duty section:
Fuels maintenance

Hometown:
Land O' Lakes, Fla.

Why he's tops:

Airman Pfautz's on-site identification and correction of vehicle discrepancies enabled the flight to consistently maintain a 98 percent vehicle-in-commission rate. Over the past two months, he issued 544,000 gallons of JP-8 to 63 home and transient aircraft, facilitating the success of the wing's "Combat Airlift" mission. While deployed to Manas Air Base, Kyrgyzstan, he issued 1.5 million gallons of TS-1 to 433 coalition aircraft. He also selflessly volunteered six hours repairing the Bishkek School playground fence, providing protection for 78 children from multiple local hazards. He was handpicked to brief the Air Mobility Command commander on the flight's fuel and logistical capabilities during his recent visit here.



Staff Sgt. Larshenrik Christensen

Duty title:
Material handling equipment technician

Duty section:
463L shop, logistics readiness vehicles flight

Hometown:
Hettinger, N.D.

Why he's super:

Sergeant Christensen is a leader within the squadron. While troubleshooting a 25K cargo loader, he recommended to the manufacturer to install a safety switch which prevents the deck from lowering while in a side-shift position and reduces vehicle downtime by 16 days per year. A true McChord ambassador; he traveled to Palau as a member of a civic action team charged with island reconstruction and apprenticeship programs. Over the span of seven months, he refurbished a community center, recapped four miles of road and maintained 25 heavy equipment vehicles. His actions bettered the lives of Palauans and were personally lauded by the Palauan president.



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Keeping security in mind

By
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A recent outbreak of security incidents surrounding the mishandling of classified documents has 62nd Security Forces Squadron officials asking Airmen and civilians to take their time and use the utmost discretion when it comes to working with the documents.

There have been more than double the amount of security incidents already this year compared to all of last year, according to Chris Caseman, a security officer with the 62nd SFS.

While there has not been one common factor prevalent in all of the cases, Mr. Caseman said people should take the same steps each time to prevent any type of security incident.

Those include putting a cover sheet on the document when it is out of the safe, putting the document back into the safe when it isn't being worked with, properly destroying any classified documents no longer needed and completely filling out the proper inventory of all of the classified documents, he said.

"It really comes down to taking your time and not being careless," Mr. Caseman said. "Keeping a good inventory is required so you can

keep track of everything and by getting rid of excess classified info, there is less of a chance of something getting misplaced or lost."

People should also be cognizant of who is viewing the documents at all times. Although everyone in the room may have all the proper security clearances and passed all the checks, the classified document owners should still ask the tough questions, he said.

"While everyone might have all the clearances, document owners should still ask if there is a valid need-to-know status from everyone in the room," Mr. Caseman said. "Verifying security clearances is something that should be happening every day. If it is your classified, you need to protect it."

The same kind of care should be used when dealing with classified documents stored on a thumb drive.

Users should routinely delete all the classified documents they aren't using off the thumb drive to prevent any buildup, clearly label the drive with a classified information sticker and make sure the drive is tracked by the unit security manager, Mr. Caseman said.

According to the McChord supplement to the Air Force Instruction 33-201-Vol.1, only government-issued thumb drives are to be used on government computers.



Photo by Randy White

Hot-dogging it

Airmen compete in a hotdog eating contest during a barbecue celebrating Enlisted Appreciation Day here May 28. The celebration also featured softball and kickball games, as well as tug-o-war contests.



LRS hosts AMC conference

By
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Adding to the excitement surrounding what has already been a banner year, the 62nd Logistics Readiness Squadron hosted the Air Mobility Command's LRS commander's conference here May 12-15.

The event marked the first time the LRS conference has been held at another base besides Scott Air Force Base, Ill., said Lt. Col. Travis Condon, 62nd LRS commander.

The trip to McChord for the conference by LRS commanders and logistics leadership at AMC gave the 62nd LRS a chance to show the rest of the mobility world the various Air Force Smart Operations for the 21st Century projects the squadron has been able to put together over the last year, Colonel Condon said.

"It's a kind of culture that hasn't been seen at other bases," he said. "The conference being here was a great way for them to get a feel for that culture."

While the first day of the conference focused on AMC logistics topics, the second day of the conference provided a chance for 62nd LRS Airmen and NCOs to brief everyone on the various squadron projects.

"Our guys were pretty calm, cool

and collected while talking about all the AFSO 21 projects," said Tech. Sgt. Joseph Nicosia, 62nd LRS AFSO 21 project officer. "A lot of hard work went into developing those projects, so when it came time to talk about them, they had a great understanding of every piece."

By touting the success and change in culture here behind projects such as improving the parts delivery to the aircraft and smoothing out the vehicle work order process, Colonel Condon said he hopes the squadron gave visiting commanders some project ideas to take back to their respective bases for possible implementation.

"This was an opportunity for us to show what worked here," Sergeant Nicosia said. "But we stressed that it's not just something that you can turn on right away. It takes a lot of blood, sweat and tears to make it happen."

And despite all the successful projects, Colonel Condon reiterated there is still more work to be done.

"There is room for improvement in every area ... we're just getting started," he said.

The 62nd LRS was recently named the best LRS in the Air Force, named the second-best fuels flight in the Air Force, was the runner-up for the American Petroleum Institute award and won all flight-level awards within AMC.



Photo by Adamarie Lewis-Page

Cultural celebration

Col. Jeffrey Stephenson, 62nd Airlift Wing commander, right, enjoys a cultural dance performance during a luncheon honoring Asian Pacific American Heritage Month May 28 at the Holiday Park Pavilion area.

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McChord Airmen

AROUND THE WORLD



Airmen can ease stress by tying up legal loose ends

By
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Staff writer

Establishing a power of attorney, drawing up a will and getting legal advice are things Airmen shouldn't leave to the last minute before deploying.

They should take care of these things ahead of time so they can spend more time with their families instead of tying up legal loose ends, said Capt. Nicole Bryson, 62nd Airlift Wing legal office.

"It just makes it easier on everyone if [Airmen] plan ahead," Captain Bryson said.

Airmen can get assistance setting up everything by calling the legal office and setting up an appointment several weeks ahead of time.

Due to the office's large client base of active duty members, Reservists on active duty and retirees, scheduling time to do last minute things before deployment



Photo by Airman 1st Class Susan Stout

Master Sgt. Bob Taff assists a client at the legal office at Luke Air Force Base, Ariz. Sergeant Taff is manager of the 56th Fighter Wing staff judge advocate office.

can sometimes be difficult, Captain Bryson said.

The legal office can help Airmen

appoint a person to whom they wish to give power of attorney privileges to help take care of domestic mat-

ters which the deployed member can't.

By establishing a "limited and very specific" power of attorney, Airmen can have the piece of mind that the person looking after their belongings isn't authorized to act outside the parameters set in the agreement, Captain Bryson said.

Powers of attorney can also help set up who will watch over and make medical decisions for the deployed member's dependents. Dependents of deployed Airmen can also visit the office for legal assistance should a landlord or tenant issue arise or to answer questions about the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act.

"We can give them advice on how to handle the situation," Captain Bryson said.

The office can also advise Airmen and spouses on family matters such as adoptions, paternity suits and divorce, said Master Sgt. Ron

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Edgington, 62nd AW.

Allowing extra time to prepare for deployment also gives Airmen time to carefully go through their will and think about each detail, said Sergeant Edgington.

Airmen should set aside at least two-and-a-half hours during their appointments to make wills. This time frame gives Airmen plenty of

time to meet with a military attorney, to fill out a will worksheet and answer some questions, he said.

Once all the questions are answered, the legal staff will process the data, produce the will and Airmen will be able to leave with signed and notarized documents.

"Sometimes it's hard on people — maybe a little morbid," Sergeant Edgington said. "But it's not for the individual, it's for the people he or

she leaves behind."

The legal office strongly recommends taking care of everything well in advance. Leaving these issues to the last minute puts additional pressure on an Airman and can even hold up his entire unit's departure, he said.

Powers of attorney can be set up on the line, as can a will, Sergeant Edgington said.

"It's not ideal and it would be a

difficult process, but we would figure out how to do it," he said.

However, the consequences of taking care of those matters under pressure can be tough on an Airman and even hold up the entire unit's departure, Sergeant Edgington said.

"By getting everything done early, it's just one less thing to worry about when Airmen are in that frenzy to get ready to go," he said.

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McChord plays gracious host to SPECIAL OLYMPICS

BY
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62nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Local Airmen, Soldiers and event volunteers from across the area teamed up here May 30 through Sunday to welcome Special Olympians, their coaches, families and friends for the annual Washington Special Olympic Summer Games.

More than 5,000 athletes, coaches and volunteers flocked to McChord to celebrate the games. Opening ceremonies emcee Brian Davis from Fox Sports Net Northwest and Grand Marshal Patrick Kearney from the Seattle Seahawks were also on hand to kick off the games as part of the Opening Ceremonies.

McChord not only hosted the opening ceremony, but also the family picnic, victory dance and celebration, as well as an athletic event for the first time in the base's history.

Cycling events were held here Saturday and Sunday, and ranged from 500-meter events to a 40K road race. Lt. Col. Brian Newberry, 7th Airlift Squadron commander, presented medals to the champions of Saturday's cycling events. It was an absolute honor, he said.

"After watching the competition, I can see they are truly all winners," he added. "I am gratified so

many personnel from my squadron, the base and Fort Lewis were able to make the event memorable for the Special Olympians and their families."

The 5K bicycle race gave the nearly 200 athletes who participated in the event a smooth, but challenging and scenic ride around the south end of the flightline and across the one of the taxiways.

Some of the athletes said they even got a little distracted looking at the C-17s on the runway, said 1st Lt. Burgess Gow, 62nd Maintenance Squadron, cycling event coordinator.

"They loved the course," Lieutenant Gow said. "It was neat because they said that in addition to riding the course they also got a little air show in the process."

The feedback received from the athletes, their families and volunteers was all positive, said Jill Ward, communications director of Special Olympics Washington.



Photos by Staff Sgt. Eric Burks

Athletes prepare for the bicycle race near the starting line Saturday.



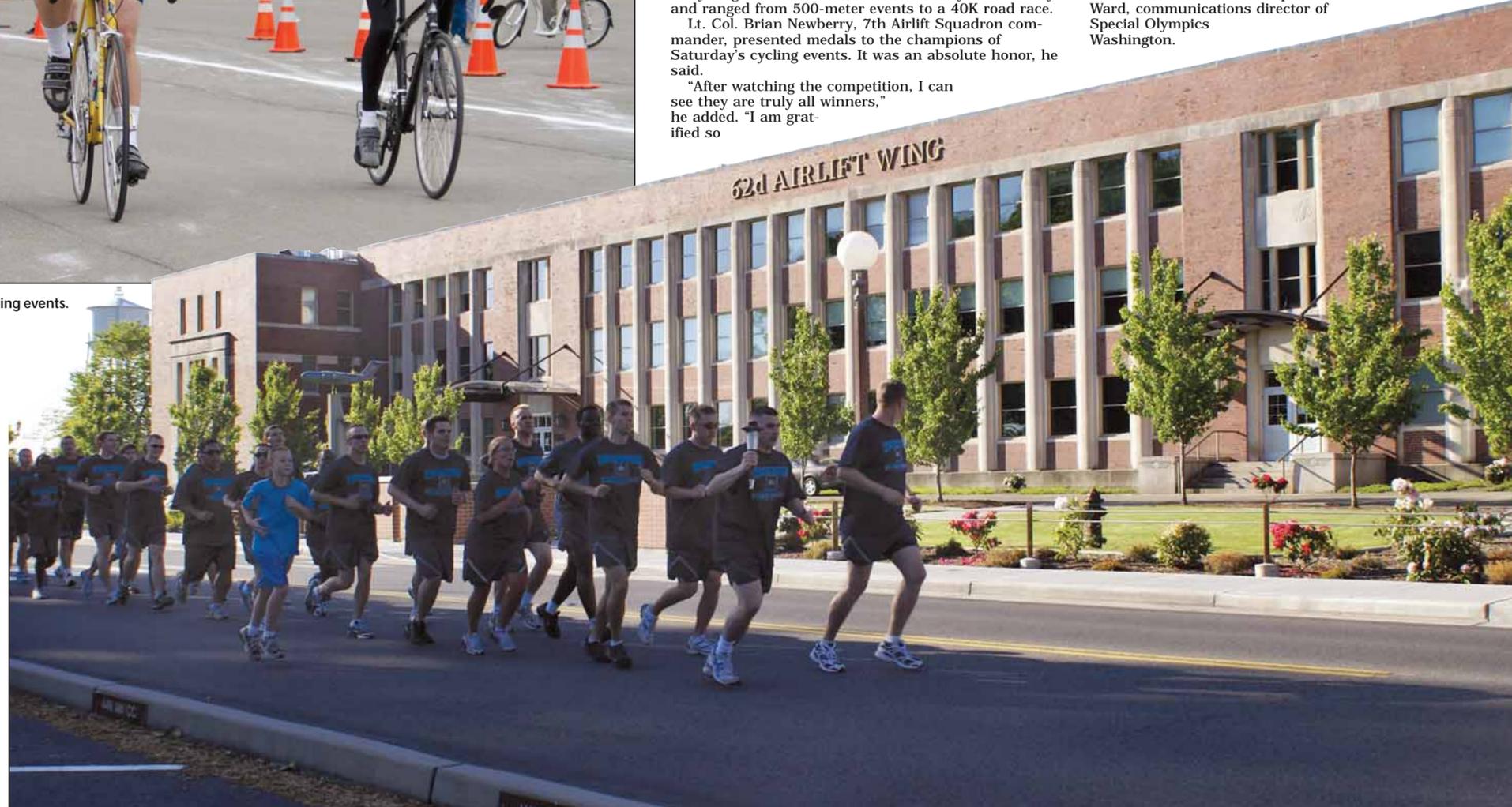
Athletes, their families and volunteers arrive for opening ceremonies May 30.



Athletes compete during Saturday's cycling events.



McChord's Fire Dog, Sparky, makes an appearance at Saturday's victory dance.



Staff Sgt. Antone Baillie, 62nd Security Forces Squadron, carries the torch along with security forces members and Washington law enforcement officers during the Torch Run May 30.



A large crowd celebrates during Saturday's victory dance in Hangar 1.

62nd MXS team wins fitness contest

By
Tyler Hemstreet
 Staff writer

When it came to choosing fitness and nutrition goals and sticking to them for the sake of competition, the Buzzards picked their opponents clean.

The four-person team comprised of Master Sgt. Timothy LeSuer, Tech. Sgt. Johnathan Shew, Staff Sgt. Eric Rozzano and Marilyn Eubank from the 62nd Maintenance Squadron's quality assurance section recently won the base contest in the Department of Defense-sponsored "Crews into Shape" health behavior improvement challenge program.

The month-long contest, which finished up earlier this year, focused on helping people work toward improving overall wellness. Points were awarded for exercising, maintaining or achieving a goal weight, eating fruits and vegetables and drinking fluids or water. Out of the 16 teams (124 participants) that registered for the challenge here, the Buzzards — named after the section's mascot — piled up 187 points.

"We all decided we needed to eat better and get out and exercise, so the contest was a good way to kick-start that," Ms. Eubank said.

The fact that the four worked in the same office made it easier for them to motivate each

other, she said.

Sergeant Rozzano lost 16 pounds throughout the competition and scored a 92.5 on his physical training test the following week after the contest ended.

While eating more fruits and vegetables and keeping a constant PT schedule wasn't very hard to maintain, Sergeant Rozzano said drinking the required amount of water each day was challenging.

"But it really helped me cut back on soda," he said. "That was a big contributor (to losing weight)."

For Ms. Eubank, the contest laid a good foundation for getting out and walking every day.

"It showed even small changes can make a difference. It doesn't have to be something drastic," she said. "The exercise part has kept me motivated — now I feel bad on the days when I can't get out and walk."

Health and Wellness Center officials were very pleased with the participation rates for the first year of the contest here.

"I thought it went well," said Tanya Henriques, health education program manager with the 62nd Medical Operations Squadron. "The top three teams did a good job keeping their logs. It's more proof that if you can write your wellness goals on paper, you have a much better chance of sticking to them."



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Zed Nelson

Tanya Henriques, health education program manager with the 62nd Medical Operations Squadron, presents Staff Sgt. Eric Rozzano a plaque at wing standup last week for winning the Department of Defense-sponsored "Crews into Shape" contest on base. Sergeant Rozzano and his three other teammates work in the 62nd Maintenance Squadron's quality assurance section.

The second place team was the Diaphanous Top Dogs from the 62nd Services Squadron with 186 Points. The 62nd Aerial Port Squadron team, the Longhorn Transporters, finished third with 183 points.



AF Marathon set for Sept. 20

By

Staff Sgt. Monique Randolph

Secretary of the Air Force
Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — Officials from the U.S. Air Force Marathon office made a stop at the Pentagon recently to increase awareness for the Sept. 20 event held at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio.

This is the twelfth year for the annual marathon, and officials hope to make it the biggest year yet.

“Our goal is to have 10,000 runners signed up for the events this year,” said Molly Loudon, marathon director. More than 6,700 runners participated last year.

Marathon events will include the 26.2 mile marathon, a 13.1 mile half-marathon, a 10K individual and four-person team race and a family-friendly 5K race the evening before on the grounds of neighboring event partner Wright State University. There also will be a two-day sport and fitness expo as well as a gourmet pasta dinner.

Bart Yasso, Runner’s World chief running officer, will conduct running clinics at the expo,

speak at the dinner and talk with runners. He also will present awards on race day.

The marathon will begin and end at the National Museum of the United States Air Force, and includes a few new elements from previous years.

“The course is walker-friendly, and people will have up to seven hours to complete it,” Mrs. Loudon said. “The course was also redesigned this year. There used to be a challenging hill at mile 23, and we’ve changed the course to get rid of that hill.

“We’ve also added some new spectator locations including the city of Fairborn, which is right outside the gates of Wright-Patterson,” she said. “The city is on board and they’re planning a community breakfast and other fun things for spectators to do. We’ve also added mileage around the flightline so runners can see the planes parked on the runway.”

The Air Force Marathon is open to the general public, all military members, family members, and civil service employees. Those who wish to participate or volunteer can register on the U.S. Air Force Marathon Web site. Permissive temporary duty is authorized for active-duty Airmen who participate in the marathon, with permission from their chain of command.



Photo by Abner Guzman

Pounding pavement

More than 50 Airmen and family members participated in the May 30 Fresh Air 5K Run/Walk at the south end of the flightline. The race winners included Ronald West, 20:05; Matthew Roder, 21:07; and Shawn Delang, 21:35, in the male category and Julie Parker, 24:00; Christine Stabile, 24:29; and Jennifer Allardice, 24:35, in the female category. The race was sponsored by the Health and Wellness Center, the 62nd Services Squadron, Pfizer and the base commissary.



Officials explain humanitarian operations during AF week

By
Tech. Sgt. Ben Gonzales
Air Force News Agency

PHILADELPHIA (AFP) — Senior mobility and medical Air Force officials met with the mayor of Philadelphia and other community leaders to explain how Airmen provide hope around the world through humanitarian operations recently at the National Liberty Museum here.

Lt. Gen. Christopher Kelly, vice commander of Air Mobility Command from Scott Air Force Base, Ill., led the Global Presence Seminar after being publicly welcomed by Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter.

Other panel members included Col. James Henderson II, the director of the Air Force Center for Engineering and the Environment at Brooks-City Base, Texas; and Col. Donald Thompson, a senior medical evaluator for strategic plans and operations in the Department of Defense's Office of the Inspector General at the Pentagon. The seminar highlighted heroism and humanitarian actions of the Air Force and was part of Air Force Week in Philadelphia.

"Every week is Air Force Week here," Mayor Nutter said to the standing-room-only audience. "We appreciate everything you do every day, every week and every year. You make Philadelphia and this country

safe and very proud."

Recalling the history of humanitarian operations by the Air Force, General Kelly said Airmen began providing assistance just weeks after the creation of the service with the Berlin Airlift and men and women in blue have continued that tradition of care through the years.

"(Humanitarian operations) is about taking care of others," General Kelly said. "It's about facing challenges and overcoming them to preserve life and hopefully preserve those thoughts of freedom and love and all the things this country stands for."

The general lauded aeromedical evacuation teams and the Airmen who fly, support and maintain airlift for the Air Force that serves the nation and provides hope for American warfighters as well as those in need around the world.

"How could you wish for or want a more noble profession than to provide hope to all mankind?" General Kelly asked. "Humanitarian relief and aeromedical evacuations provide for not just for (American servicemembers) and not just to people who are stranded, they provide hope to all mankind."

Serving others before self is a way of thinking that Airmen and Air Force medical professionals approach their occupations to provide hope.

"There is something inherent in the Air Force mindset that we have



Photo by Staff Sgt. Bennie J. Davis III

Lt. Gen. Christopher Kelly speaks to Airmen and community leaders about hope the Air Force has provided worldwide through humanitarian operations during the Global Presence Seminar held recently at the National Liberty Museum in Philadelphia. The seminar held during Air Force Week in Philadelphia highlighted heroism and humanitarian actions by the Air Force worldwide. General Kelly is the vice commander of Air Mobility Command from Scott Air Force Base, Ill.

compassion, integrity in what we do, and we are here not just to serve the military mission but we are here to serve mankind," Colonel Henderson said.

Air Force doctors, nurses, medical professionals and all Airmen provide that compassion through medical outreaches and medical readiness training exercises throughout the world; providing humanitarian assistance and medical care to 100 countries between 2002 and 2006.

The Air Force Week program is part of a proactive initiative to increase communication with the public. Air Force Week includes community visits and talks by Air Force officials, flight demonstration team performances and displays highlighting the Air Force men and women serving on the front lines. There will also be an Air Force Week Aug. 9 through 17 in Omaha, Neb., and from Nov. 14 through 21 in Los Angeles.



Cambodian cattle moo for Pacific Angel staff

By

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Pacific Air Forces Public Affairs

KAMPONG CHAM PROVINCE, Cambodia (AFP) — If asked, most people would guess that a humanitarian medical mission run by the U.S. Air Force is to give aid and assistance to people from third-world countries, or provide humanitarian relief to a place that has been hit by natural disaster or devastation. But one team on Operation Pacific Angel 01-08 was brought along specifically to help underprivileged animals.

Recently a veterinary team of two Air Force officers and one Army officer traveled around Kampong Cham Province in Cambodia. Their mission: to give care and vaccinations to the multitude of animals here.

The veterinary staff traveled to a new location in the province each day.

“What we are doing here for the local breed of Asian Brahman cattle is a combination inoculation treatment for prevention of Clostridium and Pasteruella,” said Lt. Col. Susan Miller, a veterinarian assigned to Brooks City Base, Texas. “The district veterinary health department only has Pasteruella treatments, so we are in effect doubling disease prevention. The cattle moo a lot and are scared when forced into the stocks where

we treat them, but it’s for their good.”

The veterinarian staff administers vaccinations to the cattle, rabies vaccinations and worm treatments to dogs and treats other animals such as pigs and horses for general problems.

As part of Pacific Angel 01-08, a joint/combined 13th Air Force-led humanitarian assistance operation, the staff made contact with more than 1000 animals of all types throughout five days of operations.

“We have seen mostly the local Brahman cattle and a Asian breed of domestic dog, but we also treated a pig for pneumonia and examined the local breed of Cambodian horse, which is full grown but the size of a pony,” said Colonel Miller.

“Everything is going well and we have treated a lot of animals. The biggest danger here is the chance of getting kicked by the cattle so you always have to be aware of your surroundings.”

The Asian Brahman cattle here are used mostly as working animals, but some are raised for beef consumption.

“We have been treating the cattle with a Cydecostin spray that will help kill parasites, internal and external,” said Capt. Kathryn Belill, a U.S. Army veterinarian from the Central Pacific Veterinary Command at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. “The livestock is healthy for the most part but a little under-



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Tom Czerwinski

Lt. Col. Susan Miller, a veterinarian from Brooks City Base, Texas, inoculates a Brahman cow with a combination drug for Clostridium and Pasteruella disease recently in Kos Ta Phen, a rural village five kilometers off the paved road in Kampong Cham Province, Cambodia. A team of three U.S. veterinarians traveled to a new location in the province each day of Operation Pacific Angel 01-08, a joint/combined 13th Air Force-led humanitarian assistance operation.

weight and endemic from the blood-sucking parasites they come in contact with.”

Operation Pacific Angel is a joint/combined humanitarian assistance operation conducted in the Pacific area of responsibility in

support of U.S. Pacific Command capacity-building efforts. Participating services include the active duty, Reserve and National Guard components of the Air Force, Army, Royal Thai Air Force and Royal Cambodian Armed Forces.



Visionary Air Force doctor helps hundreds of Iraqis

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ALI BASE, Iraq (AFPN) — A single doctor, a retired Air Force colonel, arrived here without much fanfare recently and left four days later. He left in his wake improved sight for many Iraqis and priceless training for Nasiriyah General Hospital physicians in Nasiriyah, Iraq.

He traveled with a few bags and a 50-pound box containing a microscope. A specialized, portable, eye-surgery microscope he used to treat people who may not have otherwise afforded it. He also carried 200 prescription glasses and 300 sunglasses to hand out freely to those in need.

He performed his wonders at a place called Camp Mittica, which the Italian Army called home before they turned it over to the Iraqi Army. It sits adjacent to Contingency Operating Base Adder and Ali Base, in Southern Iraq. Hundreds of Iraqis from the local area traveled there to see him.

"It's a wonderful experience to be able to make a little dent in lives around the world," said retired Col. Stephen Waller, a contract ophthalmologist from Wilford Hall Medical Center, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. "Most people don't know that more folks today, in 2008, are going blind than are being cured. There is so much left to do in ophthalmology and eye surgery around the world it would be immoral not to contribute in a small way at least to make mankind better."

His contributions here have had a big effect on the lives of the Iraqis who saw him and the Iraqi physicians who worked with him.

Khalid Abid Alshaheed is a doctor's assistant



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Sabrina Johnson

Retired Colonel Stephen Waller, a contract ophthalmologist from Wilford Hall Medical Center, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, performs a routine eye exam on a young Iraqi child recently. The doctor came to Iraq to provide eye exams, surgeries and free glasses to hundreds of Iraqis in need.

who works almost every day in the general hospital in Nasiriyah, which is about 11 miles from here with an estimated population of more than 560,000. He comes to Camp Mittica whenever a Western doctor does so that he can learn from them. A few months prior to helping with the eye surgeries, he was here helping with cleft surgeries.

"The patients are very happy to receive this help, this has a very positive effect," he said through a translator. "What we are doing here is

so helpful and it's completely free. For the eyes, here now, it's very useful for the people, and the doctors are doing their job in a very perfect way."

As for what he learns from the doctors, he said that 40 percent of his medical knowledge has come from the training he's received at Camp Mittica.

"[I am] learning additional information on the medicine and operations, and I am able to help out the Iraqis," he said. "The patients we aren't able to help at the general hospital we are able to help out here."

Doctor Waller was able to carry out the training and surgeries here in a mobile medical center, a semi-truck trailer the Italian government gifted to Iraq, which cost \$2.4 million. It meets every requirement and code a full U.S. hospital operating room does - plus it has wheels and can be towed around.

The trailer sat next to rows of other facilities containing rooms where patients waited to have their eyes checked. When Doctor Waller wasn't in the trailer performing surgery, he was found here, peering into patients' eyes and checking their prescriptions. Four boxes of prescription glasses and sunglasses were around him. If the doctor had a set that could help a patient, they could have them for free.

Just like in America, the Iraqis would come in to talk about laser eye surgery or what they could do to help their children with lazy eyes. The doctor worked through a translator to give them advice.

"The people are so eager to see foreign doctors," Mr. Tahir said. "I'm giving out a lot of artificial tears because people's eyes get dry in this part of the world. And I brought a little bit of medicine and antibiotics ... I probably won't use all of those, but I'll be able to give them to the Iraqis for their use."



Thrift Shop sale

The McChord Thrift Shop will host a bag sale tomorrow from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. For \$5 per bag (provided by the Thrift Shop), customers can fill the bag with whatever items they prefer. All large clearance items that cannot fit into the bag will be an additional 50 percent off their marked prices. Normal operating hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and the first Saturday of the month from 9:30 am to 2 pm. Consignments are taken each of these days from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. The Thrift Shop is always in need of donated PCS wrapping paper and paper or plastic bags. To get to the Thrift Shop from the main gate, turn left on Barnes Blvd., then turn right on Battery. The Thrift Shop is located in Building 717 across from Adventures Unlimited. For more information call 982-2468.

Steam plant shutdown

The base central steam plant will be shut down from June 14 - 15. The shutdown will start at 1 a.m. on June 14 and will be back on at 6 p.m. on June 15. The following facilities served with steam heat, steam-heated domestic hot water and/or process steam will be affected: 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 12, 22, 100, 160, 180, 181, 301, 304, 308, 315, 328, 341, 423, 546, 565, 566, 567, 572, 574, 707, 708, 710, 717, 726, 729, 735, 737, 738, 742, 745, 746, 757,

774, 778, 1119, 1120, 1122, 1147, 1148, 1149, 1150, 1151, 1152, 1155, 1156, 1160, 1164, 1165, 1166, 1167, 1169, 1170, 1174, 1175, 1178, 1179, 1183, 1405, 1419 and 1422. Hot water should be available for most of the day on June 14. Also, limited shower facilities will be available at the base swimming pool. The annual shutdown is necessary to perform maintenance on plant equipment and the distribution system that can only be done while the systems are out of service. For more information on the shutdown call John Keizer at 982-2583.

New Housing Office hours

The McChord Housing Office has recently revised its hours of operation. Walk-in hours are now 1 to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday. Appointment hours are 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. For community housing assistance, call 982-5517, and for military housing assistance, call 982-5516.

Lost and found

The 62nd Security Forces Squadron is currently in possession of numerous items of personal property such as bicycles, keys, etc. These items were found on or near McChord and may be reclaimed by contacting the Security Forces Investigation Section, located in Bldg. 160. For more information, contact the Investigations Section at 982-5936.

Names to Note

The following McChord Airmen recently graduated from the Forrest L. Vosler NCO Academy at Peterson Air Force Base, Colo., as part of the April 2008 class.

- **Tech. Sgt. Demond Connors**, 62nd Operations Support Squadron - **Distinguished Graduate**
- **Tech. Sgt. Michael Lyon**, 62nd Civil Engineer Squadron - **Distinguished Graduate**
- **Tech. Sgt. Shawn Abrams**, 62nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
- **Tech. Sgt. Nancy Auger**, 62nd Medical Operations Squadron
- **Tech. Sgt. Gregory Bernett**, 62nd AMXS
- **Tech. Sgt. Timothy Bhan**, 62nd Aerial Port Squadron
- **Tech. Sgt. Kea Brown**, 62nd Logistics Readiness Squadron
- **Tech. Sgt. Shannon Huffman**, Detachment 12, 373rd Training Squadron
- **Tech. Sgt. Alphanza Itson**, 62nd Operations Support Squadron
- **Tech. Sgt. David Leavitt**, 361st USAF Recruiting Squadron
- **Tech. Sgt. Daniel Martin**, 22nd Special Tactics Squadron
- **Tech. Sgt. Matthew Thompson**, 4th Airlift Squadron
- **Tech. Sgt. Eric Uhl**, 62nd Medical Support Squadron
- **Tech. Sgt. Jonah Wallace**, 62nd AMXS

