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Elmendorf Airmen, Hurricane Hunters continue missions while at McChord

By
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Staff writer

Even without their own support equipment, operating from temporary work quarters and spending nights in a local hotel, Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska, Airmen continue flying their missions.

Working with McChord Airmen while on temporary deployment here, the dedicated group continues to launch their U.S. Pacific Command, North American Aerospace Defense Command and U. S. Transportation Command missions.

McChord welcomed five C-17 Globemaster IIIs and three C-130J Hurricane Hunters and nearly 200 Reserve and active-duty Airmen from Elmendorf starting Jan. 31 as part of a precautionary redeployment in light of increased activity associated with Mount Redoubt volcano, located approximately 100 miles from Elmendorf.

Since arriving at McChord, the Elmendorf C-17s have flown six missions and 18 locals, even combining efforts with McChord aircrews on a couple local airdrops.

The Hurricane Hunters, from

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Photo by Abner Guzman

MOBEX success

Airmen from the 62nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron prepare to launch a C-17 Globemaster III during a simulated chemical weapons attack Thursday during the mobility exercise. For more information and photos from the MOBEX, pick up next week's edition of *The Northwest Airlifter*.

AF officials standardize training for nuke inspectors

By
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KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE, N.M. (AFNS) — Inspectors throughout the Air Force attended the first Nuclear Surety Inspector's Course from Feb. 2 to 6 at the Air Force Inspection Agency, Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M.

As the Air Force reinvigorates its nuclear program, the implementation of this class was a top priority. The objective of the course is to standardize all training and certification of Air Force NSI Inspectors.

"Each major command has or is currently conducting its own NSI inspector training course,"

said Chief Master Sgt. Brent Belcoff, AFIA Inspection and Oversight Directorate superintendent. "However, it lacks standardization, and this new class will remedy that."

In the fall of 2008, Lt. Gen. Ronald F. Sams, Air Force inspector general, assigned the Inspection and Oversight Directorate to create the curriculum and teach the course.

"We conduct the NSI oversight mission, so we were given the task to conduct the NSI training mission as well," said George Parrott, Inspection and Oversight Directorate deputy director. "We have taken lessons learned from the last five years and have applied them to this class. A lot of work has been put into this and we will continue to do so."

The first class included 18 attendees from

AFIA, the Defense Threat Reduction Agency and nuclear-capable major commands.

"We had a very diverse group of NSI inspectors in the course," Mr. Parrott said. "When you get a diverse group like that, people discussed a wide variety of personal NSI experiences. As a result, there will be an increase of knowledge about the NSI process."

One experienced inspector expressed his confidence in the course, saying it would benefit future inspections.

"I have performed about 30 NSIs in my career," said Jerry Garrett, Air Combat Command inspector general. "Because of this class, we will all have a broader scope to help us identify deficiencies in the NSI process, as well as ensuring nuclear accountability."

Weekend Weather

FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Hi: 45 Low: 31	Hi: 42 Low: 32	Hi: 44 Low: 33

Forecast generated at 7 a.m. Thursday
Courtesy of the 62nd Operations Support Squadron

Countdown to success

Rodeo	157 days
Operational Readiness Inspection	255 days

Don't miss it ...
Presidents Day

Monday is a federal holiday.

Airman's Roll Call: Remember Operation Homecoming



Airman's Roll Call remembers Operation Homecoming. Operation Homecoming is a highlight in the history of the Air Force. This week, 35 years ago, Air Force airlift began returning American servicemembers being held as prisoners of war by North Vietnam back home to the United States.

Operation Homecoming facts:
The signing of the Paris Peace Accords on Jan. 28, 1973, ended
• United States involvement in

the Vietnam War

• On Feb. 12, 1973, Military Airlift Command, the predecessor of Air Mobility Command, C-141 aircraft began flying POWs out of Hanoi, North Vietnam

• Beginning on Feb. 12, 1973, Pacific Air Forces C-9 aircraft flew smaller numbers of POWs out of locations in South Vietnam and Hong Kong

• The operation lasted until April 4, 1973
• The first group of POWs

released had been imprisoned for between 6 to 8 and a half years. The POWs were released based on their length of time as POWs, with the longest held being returned first

• 597 servicemembers were repatriated during the operation
• The first phase of the operation flew the returning servicemembers to Clark Air Base in the Philippines. The second phase transported the returnees to one of five continental United States bases — Travis AFB, California; Kelly AFB, Texas; Scott

AFB, Illinois; Andrews AFB, Maryland; and Maxwell AFB, Alabama

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

(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.)

Be sure to recognize that 'other team' this Valentine's Day

By
Chief Master Sgt. Dave Harper
62nd Operations Group

With Valentine's Day on the horizon, I'd like to take a few moments to recognize the other part of the Air Force team — our families. With nearly 28 years of active duty service, I've been married to my wife for 20 of those years this January.

I'm sure my wife would have many stories to share, such as the times she stayed behind during temporary duty assignments and deployments to care for our boys, staying home alone to cope with homework, illnesses and an assorted variety of family and childhood crises without my support.

Through it all we coped and I can say with great pride that her support has helped me to continue my dream of a long and successful Air Force career.

Both my sons are in their teens and play a big part in this endeavor, too. They are old enough to be curious and understand the sacrifices the families make for their continued service and are proud partners.

Don't get me wrong: things were not all peaches and cream, but there are a few things we learned along the way to keep things running smoothly. First and foremost is to keep your family informed of your pending deployments, TDYs and commitments as far in advance as practical. This allows time for planning and a chance to tie up loose ends. It also gives them time to

contemplate and adjust to the idea that you will be away. Let them know — within operations security — where you'll be and what you'll be doing. Ensure they have means to contact you. While away, take the time to let them know you are ok on a regular schedule.

I go the extra step to keep them involved in my career, telling them how things are going, news of potential permanent change of station opportunities and the different options we may have for continued service. This involvement has empowered them in the decision process and they tend to motivate me when I'm struggling.

Last but not least, let them know how much they mean to you and wish them a Happy Valentine's Day.

The Sharp Airman ...

knows what needs to be done and does it.

• If unable to meet the suspense for a task the Sharp Airman coordinates an extension well before the due date.

• If an extension isn't granted, the Sharp Airman puts in the time necessary to complete it on time.

• The Sharp Airman also knows that for any appointment, 10 minutes early is considered on-time, on-time is considered late and late is unacceptable.

• Finally, the Sharp Airman knows and practices all customs and courtesies.

Professionals of the week

62nd Maintenance Group

Staff Sgt. John King

Duty title:
Munitions maintenance crew chief

Duty section:
Munitions maintenance flight

Hometown:
Knoxville, Iowa

Why he's tops:

Sergeant King recently led an AFSO 21/ Lean event to review and improve the C-17 Globemaster IIIs infra-red countermeasure tracking and expenditure process. His efforts identified and eliminated redundant procedures and improved the overall process by more than 75 percent. He is also in charge of all munitions maintenance activities for the 62nd Maintenance Squadron's war fighting mission. His duties include receiving, issuing and maintaining the wing's \$12.3 million munitions stockpile, which includes 43 organizational custody accounts.



Senior Airman Gregory Olsen

Duty title:
Precision measurement equipment laboratory journeyman

Duty section:
Radio frequency / microwave section of the PMEL

Hometown:
Chicago, Ill.

Why he's super:

Airman Olsen recently developed a streamlined method for the verification of function generators and submitted a technical order improvement. The approved change — implemented Air Force-wide — reduces the normal time in maintenance for each generator by 25 percent and reduces the demand for support of the old equipment by more than 90 percent. Airman Olsen was also selected to perform a priority calibration during a recent temporary duty assignment to support the Portland Air National Guard avionics flight. The maintenance he performed restored the ability to test F-15 Eagle radar and transmitters and resolved a two week work stoppage.



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Tips for securing homes against break-ins

By

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Whether Airmen live on or off base, everyone is susceptible to home invasions or break-ins. There is no 100 percent, fool-proof way to ensure one's home will not be broken into. However, there are many ways to mitigate the chances of becoming the victim of a break-in.

Whether going on vacation or just going to work, these simple steps can make one's home less vulnerable.

Close the blinds or drapes when leaving. Many times, burglars will scope out different houses looking for certain items to steal. If they can't see into the home, they may move on to another.

Lock all doors and windows. Make sure to check these before leaving the home. Fix broken or inoperative door and window locks as well.

If the house has a fenced back yard with a gate, make sure the gate is locked. Burglars don't want to draw undue attention to themselves by having to jump over the fence. This helps reduce the chance of theft of large items such as televisions or stereos and any

items the homeowner may have in the back yard.

Have the most valuable items engraved with your name. If items are stolen, this may help to identify them if they are recovered. It is also much harder to sell these items, as people are hesitant to buy an item with someone else's name on it. Also, write down and file any serial numbers.

If leaving for an extended period of time, put the mail and newspaper delivery on hold. Seeing a mailbox overflowing with mail or multiple newspapers on the ground is a key indicator that the homeowner is not at home and may not return anytime soon.

If possible, install a timer on an interior and/or exterior light. Have them set to turn on and off at certain times during the day or night.

Let a neighbor know you are leaving so they can keep an eye on your home.

Find a house sitter.

Purchase a safe to store valuables and important papers. If purchasing a safe, make sure it is fireproof.

If living on base, inform the 62nd Security Forces Squadron before leaving and their Airmen will perform periodic checks on the home to ensure it is secure.



Photo by Abner Guzman

Watching your speed

Senior Airman Michael Wampler, 62nd Security Forces Squadron, uses a radar device for tracking the speed of oncoming traffic along Lincoln Blvd near Carter Lake Elementary. 62nd SFS and school officials are asking drivers to pay close attention to the 20 mph speed limit along Lincoln Blvd. during school hours.



Joint basing efforts under way at 3 AMC bases

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. (AFNS) — Three Air Mobility Command bases are in the process of merging with two Army posts and a Naval Air Station as a result of the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure Commission which identified that these military facilities could be combined to streamline operational efficiency and save taxpayers' money.

The bases scheduled to merge are McChord with Fort Lewis; McGuire Air Force Base, N.J., with Naval Air Engineering Station Lakehurst and Fort Dix Army post; and Charleston AFB, S.C., which is merging with the Naval Weapons Station Charleston.

The Lewis-McChord effort has recently launched a joint-basing

Web site to answer questions, and the bases' leadership has had two town-hall meetings to address individual concerns.

"The biggest piece for all of us has been the civilian employee issues," said Col. Shane Hershman, director of Joint Base Lewis-McChord initiative. "That is why we had the town-hall meetings and we are continuing to work to get the information out. We want to make sure we address all the concerns."

Upon completion of their merger in 2010, McChord and Fort Lewis will become the largest military installation on the west coast.

McGuire AFB is not only merging with an Army post, but also with a Naval Air Engineering Station.

According to Maj. Robert Wetzl,

the deputy director of the joint base program integration office at McGuire, the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) outlining each facilities responsibilities is set to be finalized in February.

"Our monthly meetings include people from services, logistics, operations, everyone necessary to make it (the transition) happen. We want the transition to be transparent to the user."

When the Charleston AFB and Naval Weapons Station Charleston complete their merge, the new installation will be known as Joint Base Charleston.

"We have had an outstanding relationship for years," said Lt. Col. Kevin Riley, the joint base coordinator for Charleston AFB. "This is

Team Charleston and we just look at this as adding new members to the family."

Col. Richard Stonestreet, AMC Programs Division chief is overseeing the joint-basing efforts said, "The men and women at our bases have been phenomenal while working with the Army and Navy to make joint basing a success. We're on track and expect to stay on timeline as the joint bases stand up."

"This is a good thing for our nation and our people," said Colonel Stonestreet. "We are saving money, capitalizing our efficiencies and improving our joint partnerships."

The Base Realignment and Closure Commission requires the joint basing be complete by 2011.

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Learning from each other

Army Sgt. Andrew Wood, A Co., 3rd Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division, briefs from left, Capt. Dimitri Martini, 62nd Comptroller Squadron; Maj. Robert Legg, 62nd Mission Support Group; and Col. Eric Newhouse, 62nd Airlift Wing, on the Army's Stryker Combat Vehicle Feb. 6 as part of a tour of Fort Lewis. The tour, sponsored by the Fort Lewis Joint Integration Office, featured housing areas, combat skills training and dining facilities. Tour participants also fired the M240 machine gun and rode in a Stryker. The JIO is the office directly responsible for helping the two bases become Joint Base Lewis-McChord by January 2010.



From ELMENDORF, Page 1

Kessler AFB, Miss., who were on assignment at Elmendorf, have flown five total missions.

"(The experience) was far beyond our highest expectations as far as cooperation goes," said Lt. Col. Mark Carter, 53rd Weather Squadron mission commander, part of the Air Force Reserve Command 403rd Wing which flies the Hurricane Hunters. "McChord has given us everything that we've asked for from ground transportation to vehicle dispatch to getting local weather and any special charts."

The same rang true with the active-duty units from Elmendorf.

"Everything's been pretty seamless, no big obstacles, no big headaches," said Master Sgt. Lawrence Craven, 703rd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron production superintendent. "Morale is pretty good."

Elmendorf maintenance crews have been taking advantage of the warmer weather here — compared to the recent minus 10 degree temperatures in Alaska — to accomplish some jobs on their aircraft that cannot be accomplished safely in

extreme temperatures.

"When we're working certain jobs in those icy conditions, it can be a little bit hazardous when you've got negative ten degrees outside and you've got ice on the stabilizer," said Airman 1st Class Joshua Bearinger, 703rd AMXS. "Here we don't have that, so it's much easier to get up there and make those changes."

Working with McChord Airmen, Elmendorf maintainers set up an agreement with the parts store to ensure maintainers can get the parts they need to keep missions for the three different commands they support up and running.

"McChord's been very helpful in enabling us to get the parts we need," Airman Bearinger said.

The Elmendorf wings even brought down their own maintenance quality assurance Airmen to ensure mission success, said Master Sgt. Stephen Santos, 703rd AMXS first sergeant.

"We're setting up shop just like back at our home station," he said.

To supplement their fleet of rental cars, Elmendorf also airlifted a few vans to McChord to simplify the transportation situation, Sergeant Santos said.

Airmen were also able to negotiate



Photo by Abner Guzman

Airmen inspect an Air Force Reserve Command C-130J Hurricane Hunter at McChord recently. The three C-130Js which had been temporarily deployed here since Feb. 1 are set to leave this weekend.

an agreement with a local gym so they could work out closer to their temporary quarters while they are here, he said.

The temporary deployment was initially scheduled for up to 30 days, and the Elmendorf Airmen routinely

check on the volcano conditions back home.

"We're pretty much on hold for the volcano," Sergeant Craven said.

The Hurricane Hunters are set to depart McChord this weekend to fly back to Keesler.



McChord Airmen

AROUND THE WORLD



Courtesy photo

SOUTHWEST ASIA — Capt. Ryan Halligan, 7th Airlift Squadron, updates his aircraft-mission computer before a flight during a recent deployment.



Courtesy photo

SOUTHWEST ASIA — Capt. Ryan Quinn, 7th AS, stands in front of the Combined Air Operations Center, where he works during his deployment.



62nd Maintenance Operations Squadron

works behind the scenes

BY
Tyler Hemstreet
Staff Writer

While it's likely you won't see 62nd Maintenance Operations Squadron Airmen changing tires, swapping engines or replacing various parts on McChord's fleet of C-17 Globemaster IIIs, rest assured the squadron plays a vital role in keeping the wing's mission operating at a high level.

"We're behind the scenes ... we provide the intangibles that might not be as sexy as what you see on the flightline," said Maj. Thomas McAuley, 62nd MOS commander. "We're the function that allows the 62nd Maintenance Group commander to make sure things are running well."

The 62nd MOS is comprised of four flights — maintenance operations center, plans and programs, quality assurance and maintenance training — totaling nearly 70 Airmen and civilians.

No matter where in the world McChord C-17s fly, the MOC has an eye on them. The 24/7 center tracks all pertinent information about each aircraft with a staff of 16 controllers working four shifts, constantly providing updates to the group commander and Air Mobility Command on the status of each aircraft.

"The biggest thing we're responsible for is information," said Master Sgt. Stacy Mason, 62nd MOS and the MOC superintendent. "We're the belly button of maintenance."

If an aircraft breaks down at an austere location with no maintenance support, the MOC is the first to know about it and get the ball rolling on getting the jet back up and running. If an aircraft lands at McChord with damage to the fuselage and needs to know where to park on the flightline, the MOC has already got the proper flight notified to fix it and where to go.

"We may not get all the glory, but we're constantly making things happen," Sergeant Mason said.

Working hand-in-hand with the 62nd MXG and 62nd Operations Support Squadron, the 62nd MOS plans and programs flight provides support to ensure

aircraft get scheduled for maintenance checks and everything fits into the flying schedule.

"There are lots of pieces involved in the mission which are tied into everything else," Major McAuley said.

To help sort that out, the 62nd MOS maintains the detailed maintenance history of each aircraft to help identify chronic problems that may impact aircraft reliability.

"If there are a lot of failures in a particular system, then we can go back and do the research," he said.

The squadron's quality assurance flight also keeps track of and identifies ways to improve a product when it fails, Major McAuley said.

And while a majority of the squadron's work involves taking care of aircraft, the training flight focuses on taking care of the next generation of maintenance Airmen.

Before heading off to their assigned flight within the maintenance group here, Airmen fresh from technical school spend anywhere from two weeks to more than two months at the squadron's training flight.

Through a combination of classroom learning, observational learning on the flightline and on the job training, 62nd MOS instructors prepare Airmen for their new jobs.

"The C-17 can be an intimidating aircraft when you're looking at it on the ground for the first time," said Senior Master Sgt. William Peoples, 62nd MOS chief of maintenance training. "Part of our teaching is confidence building and helping guide the new Airmen down the right track."

That education includes teaching Airmen to follow their maintenance manuals and where to turn and what questions to ask if they run into problems, Sergeant Peoples said.

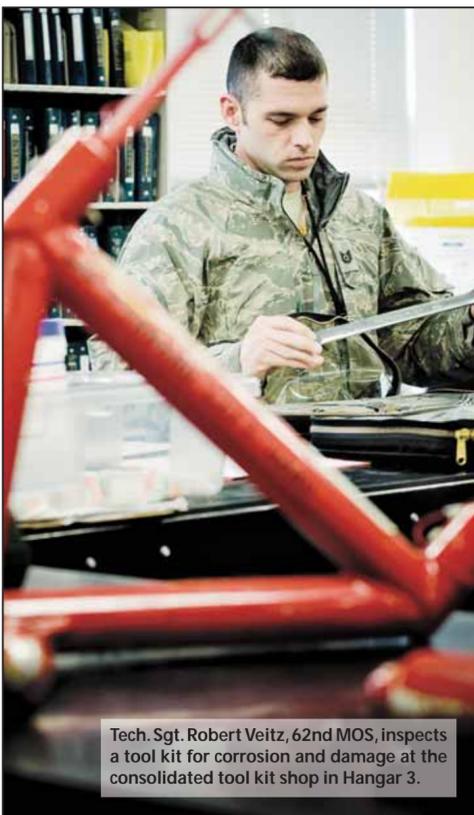
"The instructors get a real sense of satisfaction when they see their Airmen graduate and move on," he said. "I tell them 'We're not going to be in the Air Force forever, so we're training our replacements.'"



Master Sgt. Erick Burkhart, left, and Staff Sgt. Jeremy Bixel, both 62nd Maintenance Operations Squadron, field calls from the flightline in the maintenance operations center.

Staff Sgt. Adam Hargrove, 62nd MOS education and training instructor, left, and Airman Trevor Hubbell, 62nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, review aircraft maintenance training forms at the MOS distance learning center.

Photos by Abner Guzman



Tech. Sgt. Robert Veitz, 62nd MOS, inspects a tool kit for corrosion and damage at the consolidated tool kit shop in Hangar 3.



Staff Sgt. Christopher Morris, 62nd MOS, keeps an eye on incoming maintenance information on several of McChord's C-17 Globemaster IIIs.



Leaders meet for series of high-level talks

By

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WASHINGTON (AFNS) — Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. George W. Casey Jr. and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz, along with 35 other general officers from both services, met Tuesday in the Pentagon for a day-long exchange to discuss areas of mutual interest regarding interdependency and interoperability.

The “Warfighter Talks” were first held in 1965. Although the subjects have changed since then, the purpose of the event — to allow Army and Air Force senior leaders to personally interface and tackle issues concerning both services remains the same.

This year’s talks spanned current and future operations. Discussions included command and control of unmanned aircraft systems and improving liaison personnel exchanges between the services. The two services also addressed providing better intelligence to the joint force, as well as integrating and deconflicting air and ground munitions and assets.

“At the end of the day, these talks are about partnering more closely with our Army brothers

and sisters to produce the most effective and efficient Joint team possible to win our Nation’s wars,” said General Schwartz. “We will continue to adapt our Air Force team to build trust and interoperability with the Army to deliver the most capability possible to the combatant commanders.”

General Casey reinforced how closely the services had worked together in the recent past and how important this partnership was going forward given the ongoing conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan.

“Our nation is at war and we must succeed. We have made great progress in developing and implementing innovative joint warfighting concepts that will continue to make the Army and Air Force an even more effective team across the spectrum of conflict,” said General Casey.

The Army-hosted event was a day well spent, according to General Schwartz.

“I was particularly pleased with the outcomes of the discussion on how the Air Force can better provide liaison personnel to interface with the Army’s Brigade Combat Teams and other formations. We look forward to implementing the recommendations from these talks.”

The Air Force will host similar talks with Navy leaders in March and Marine Corps leaders in April.



Photo by Abner Guzman

Grand ole finial

The silver spade finial, as shown here, is the only finial authorized for placement on top of standard flags, according to Air Force Instruction. The eagle finial must only be used with the Presidential flag, and the spearhead, acorn and ball finials that were previously used are no longer authorized. When multiple flags are displayed or part of a ceremony, all finials should be the same.





Photo by Abner Guzman

Honor guard appreciation

The 62nd Airlift Wing hosts the Annual Honor Guard Appreciation Breakfast at 7:30 a.m. Feb. 20 at the McChord Clubs and Community Center to recognize Airmen who are part of the wing's Honor Guard. Tickets must be purchased by close of business today. Call Tech. Sgt. Bonnie Longie at 982-3775 for more information.

AF Good Conduct Medal reinstated

By

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WASHINGTON (AFNS) — Air Force officials have announced the reinstatement of the Good Conduct Medal for exemplary service by enlisted Airmen.

Reinstatement of the medal went into effect Wednesday, officials said.

The Air Force Uniform Board announced in 2006 the Good Conduct Medal would no longer be awarded.

It was thought at the time the award wasn't needed because nearly all Air Force members are exemplary performers. Previous awardees were permitted to wear the medal.

Meanwhile, the other armed services continued to award Good Conduct Medals to their enlisted members, said Lt. Gen. Richard Newton III, chief of the Air Force's manpower, personnel and services

directorates.

Airmen — who often serve in war zones alongside their Army, Navy, and Marine Corps counterparts as part of the joint-force team — also deserve recognition for their good service, General Newton said.

"Airmen are striving to do the very same thing that their battle buddies are doing in other services," the general said.

Award of the Good Conduct Medal to deserving Airmen, General Newton said, also is part of the Air Force's illustrious heritage.

The idea to reinstate the Good Conduct Medal surfaced during an awards and decorations meeting a year ago. Air Force Secretary Michael Donley signed off on the change in November.

Airmen generally are eligible to earn the Good Conduct Medal if they exhibit exemplary behavior over a three-year period. The award features a sky-blue ribbon with two vertical red, white and blue stripes.



Airmen receive UCMJ actions in January

By

Capt. Lauren Fisher
62nd Airlift Wing
Legal Office

The following individuals received non-judicial punishment actions under Article 15 Uniform Code of Military Justice here in January.

A Senior Airman was charged with a violation of Article 112a - Wrongful use of a controlled substance. The punishment imposed was a reduction of two stripes, and seven days of extra duty. An administrative discharge is pending.

An Airman 1st Class was charged with violations of Article 86 - Failure to Go, Article 91 -

Disrespect toward an NCO and Article 92 - Dereliction of Duty (negligent) for misuse of a government travel card. The punishment imposed was a suspended reduction of one stripe, 15 days of extra duty, forfeiture of \$250 for one month and a reprimand.

An Airman 1st Class was charged with violations of Article 86 - Going from place of duty, Article 86 - Failure to Go, Article 107 - False official statement and two specifications of Article 112a - Wrongful use of a controlled substance. The punishment imposed was a reduction of two stripes and a reprimand. An administrative discharge is pending.

An Airman 1st Class was charged

with one violation of Article 92 - Dereliction of Duty (willful) for violating the conditions of being on quarters for medical purposes. The punishment imposed was a suspended reduction of one stripe, 45 days of extra duty and suspended forfeitures of \$250 per month for two months.

An Airman 1st Class was charged with a violation of Article 92 - Dereliction of Duty (willful) for underage drinking. The punishment imposed was a suspended reduction of one stripe, 30 days of extra duty and a reprimand.

An Airman 1st Class was charged with a violation of Article 92 - Dereliction of Duty (willful) for underage drinking. The punishment

imposed was a suspended reduction of one stripe, 30 days of extra duty and forfeitures of \$150 for one month.

An Airman was charged with one violation of Article 92 - Dereliction of Duty (willful) for underage drinking. The punishment imposed was a reduction of one stripe, 15 days of extra duty, suspended forfeitures of \$200 per month for two months and a reprimand.

An Airman was charged with a violation of Article 92 - Failure to obey a lawful order and Article 107 - False official statement. The punishment imposed was a reduction of one stripe.

There were no court-martials convened this month.



City of Lakewood hosts community Clover Park School District event

Clover Park School District and the City of Lakewood hosts "Innovation, Involvement and Improved Student Achievement ... A Community Discussion" from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday in the council chambers at Lakewood City Hall, 6000 Main St. The event features the 45-minute movie "Flunked" and time for small group discussions.

The event is free and open to all community members. For more information, contact the district's community relations office at 583-5040.

McChord Phoenix Spouse voicemail

The Phoenix Spouse program here now has voicemail (982-PHNX) for families wanting to contact or get more information about their unit's Phoenix Spouses. The voicemail gives every squadron the ability to have a personalized mailbox where people can leave messages for Phoenix Spouses.

Peanut recall

Updated information on the

recall of contaminated peanut products is available at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration Web site: <http://www.fda.gov/oc/opacom/hottopics/salmonellatyph.html>.

The Public Health office here is coordinating recalls with base food establishments. According to Public Health officials, recalled items have been pulled from McChord shelves and no illnesses have been attributed to affected food items. For more information, call the Public Health office at 982-3717.

New hours at wing self-help store

The wing self-help store hours of operation are now 8 a.m. to noon weekdays. It closes on holidays and Air Mobility Command Family Days.

Honor Guard appreciation and awards breakfast

The annual Honor Guard appreciation and awards breakfast is 7:30 a.m. Feb. 20 at the McChord Clubs and Community Center. For more information, visit <https://einvitations.afit.edu/HonorsLongie/anim.cfm> or call 982-3775. Tickets must

be purchased before close of business today.

2009 women's conference

Registration remains open until Saturday for the 2009 women's conference March 13 at the Stone Education Center at Fort Lewis. Childcare registration continues until March 6. The event is open to all Defense Department ID card holders. For more information, e-

mail Ft.LewisWomensConference@yahoo.com or call 407-4071.

Flu shots now available

Flu vaccine is now available for active duty family members and retirees at the Immunizations Clinic here. For more information, call 982-5189.

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	McChord Chaplain Corps Faith & Worship Programs		For more information on Chapel services and programs, please call 982-5556. To contact Duty Chaplain after duty hours, contact the Command Post at 982-2635
	CATHOLIC SERVICES and RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: All Catholic services are in chapel two. Saturday: 4 p.m. Confession: Chapel 2, Bldg. 181 5 p.m. Mass: Chapel 2, Bldg. 181 Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Mass: Chapel 2, Bldg. 181 11 a.m. Mass: Chapel 2, Bldg. 181 12:30 p.m. Why Catholic? Small Group Study: Chapel Support Center, Bldg. 746 Monday: 12:00 p.m. Why Catholic? Small Group Study: Chapel Support Center, Bldg. 746	Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Faith Formation: 1st, 2nd & 3rd Wednesday of the month: Chapel Support Center, Bldg. 746 6:30 p.m. Why Catholic? Small Group Study: Chapel Support Center, Bldg. 746 PROTESTANT SERVICES and RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Sunday: 8:30 a.m. Liturgical Worship: Chapel 1, Bldg. 180 9:45 a.m. Sunday School: Chapel Support Center, Bldg. 746 11 a.m. Traditional Worship: Chapel 1, Bldg. 180 11 a.m. Contemporary Worship: Chapel Support Center, Bldg. 746	JEWISH SERVICES: Friday: 6 p.m. Every 1st, 3rd & 5th Friday of the month: Ft Lewis, Chapel 5, Bldg. T-2270 OTHER PROGRAMS: The following Chapel programs take place at the Chapel Support Center, Bldg. 746. Tuesday: 9:30 a.m. Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS); 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month 6 p.m. Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) Bible Study; 1st, 3rd & 5th Tuesday of the month Wednesday: 11 a.m. Adult Bible Study



MTI briefings

The wing Career Assistance Advisor hosts Military Training Instructor duty briefings 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. March 18 in the Airman Leadership School auditorium of Bldg. 851. For more information, call 982-3395.

Online GTC registration

Online registration for the new CITI Bank government travel card is available at: <https://home.cards.citidirect.com/CommercialCard/Cards.html>.

Online statements for cardholders will not be available before the client receives their first paper statement. The cardholder must

enter their card number, account name and address information in the exact format as it appears on the paper statement. For example, words like court, street, or road must be input exactly as they appear on the paper statement, either abbreviated or spelled out. Cardholders will also need their complete zip code, as displayed on the paper statement.

Madigan Annex TBI Program classes

Traumatic Brain Injuries Program Education Series classes for educators and healthcare providers are offered Thursdays at the Madigan annex. For more information, call

the TBI Nurse Educator, Lindy Peterson, at 968-3161.

New housing gate hours

The Woodbrook housing gate is open 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays. For more information, call the 62nd Security Forces Squadron at 982-5100.

FTAC in-processing now online

All first-term Airmen arriving from technical training must register via the Team McChord Professional Development Community of Practice at <https://afkm.wpafb.af.mil/ASPs/CoP/OpenCoP.asp?Filter=AM-DP-00-16>. For more information, call 982-6682.

**Names to Note**

The following Airmen scored 90 percent or higher on their career development course exam:

- **Airman 1st Class Daniel Reza**, 62nd Maintenance Squadron
- **Senior Airman Andrew Snow**, 62nd MXS
- **Senior Airman Benjamin Eisenhart**, 62nd Security Forces Squadron
- **Airman 1st Class Janna Less**, 62nd SFS
- **Airman 1st Class Jason Davis**, 62nd Communications Squadron

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