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## Child development center earns top accreditation

By  
**Tyler Hemstreet**  
Staff writer

McChord's Child Development Center recently became one of the first early childhood programs to earn accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children, the nation's leading organization of early childhood professionals.

"NAEYC Accreditation lets families in our community know that children in our program are getting the best care and early learning experiences possible," said Sherry Stephens, the 62nd Force Support Squadron's director of the child development program.

The CDC added its name to the list of several other Air Force child development programs garnering the NAEYC Accreditation status.

"We are mandated by law throughout the Air Force to attain accreditation," Ms. Stephens said.

Nevertheless, the process to get there wasn't easy, she said.

To earn NAEYC Accreditation in the new system, the CDC went through an extensive self-study process, measuring the program and its services against the ten new NAEYC Early Childhood Program Standards and more than 400 related accreditation criteria. The program then received

accreditation after an on-site visit by NAEYC assessors to ensure the CDC met each of the ten program standards. NAEYC-accredited programs are also subject to unannounced visits during their accreditation, which lasts for five years.

"This is to us what the Unit Compliance Inspection is for the wing," said Bette Doelger, 62nd FSS chief of the Airman and Family Readiness flight. "Parents can't do the mission if they're worrying about their children. This (accreditation) is the gold seal of approval."

More than 11,000 programs, serving one million young children, are currently accredited by NAEYC - approximately eight percent of all preschools and other early childhood programs.

"It takes an entire team to earn this accreditation - it's really indicative of each staff member's professionalism," Ms. Stephens said.

The NAEYC Accreditation system has set voluntary professional standards for programs for young children since 1985. In September 2006, the association's revised program standards and criteria introduced a new level of quality, accountability, and service for parents and children in child care programs. The new standards reflect the latest research and best practices in early childhood education and development.

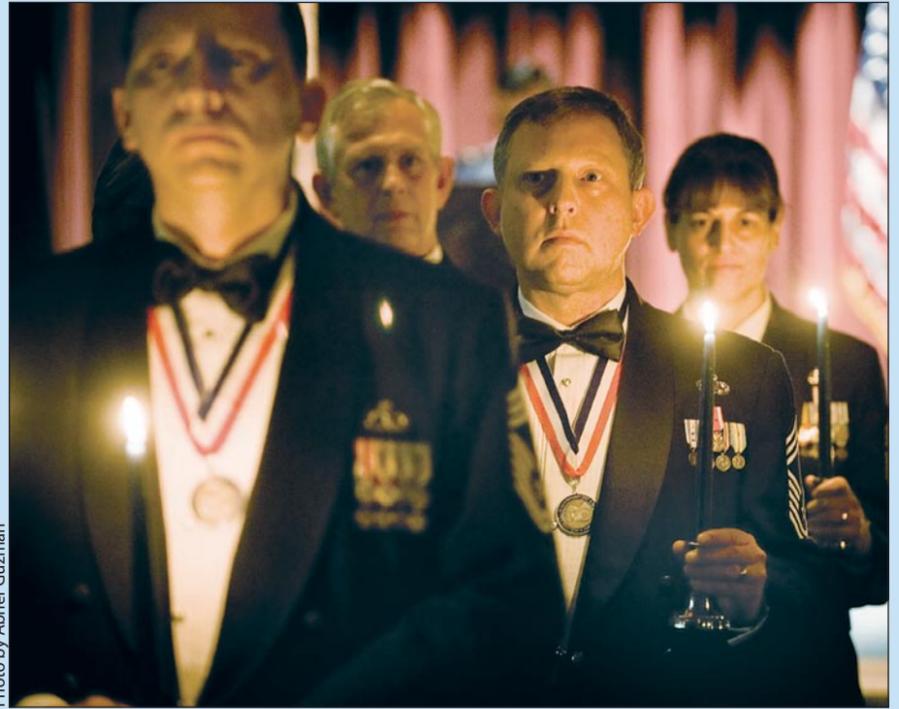


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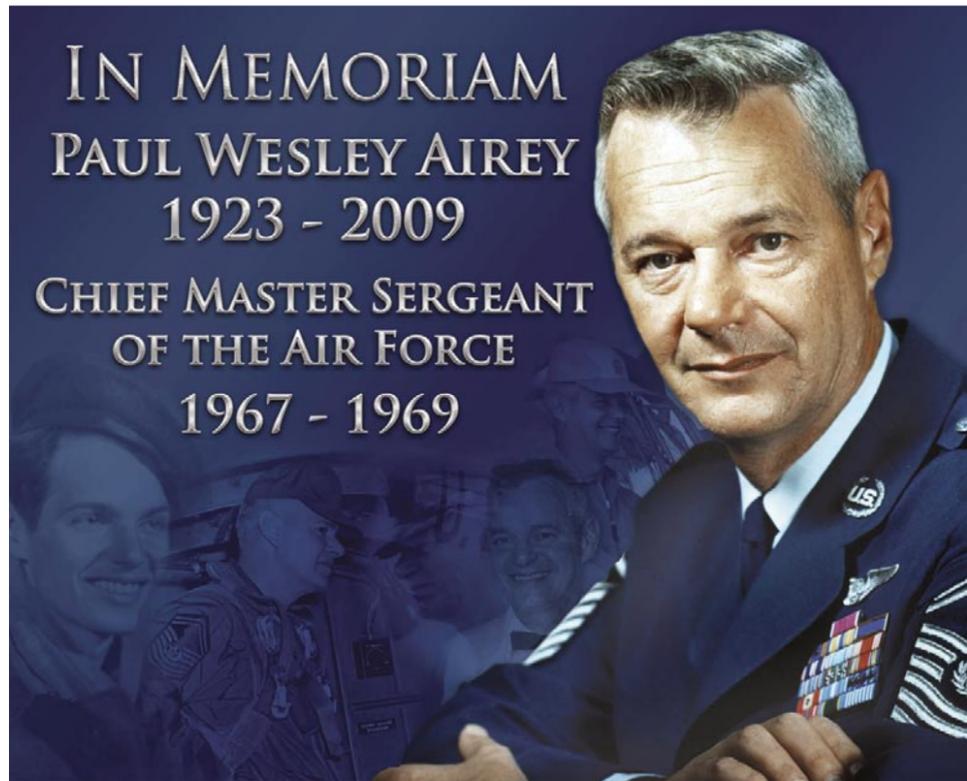
## Congrats, chiefs!

McChord's newest chief master sergeant inductees accept the Chief's Charge March 6 during an induction ceremony at the McChord Clubs and Community Center ball room. The ceremony, an enlisted tradition, honored the base's six new chiefs. For more coverage, see pages 8-9.



## Congratulations major selects!

29 McChord officers were named for promotion. See Page 15 for the names.



## Air Force mourns loss of first Chief Master Sergeant of Air Force

By  
**Senior Master Sgt. Sean E. Cobb**  
Office of the  
Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force

WASHINGTON (AFNS) -- Former Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Paul Wesley Airey died Wednesday in Panama City, Fla.

"Chief Airey was an Airman's Airman and one of the true pioneers for our service," said Gen. Norton Schwartz, Air Force Chief of Staff. "He was a warrior, an innovator... and a leader with vision well ahead of his time. His legacy lives today in the truly professional enlisted force we have serving our nation... and for that we owe him a debt of gratitude."

"Chief Airey is the most respected

enlisted Airmen in the history of the Air Force," said Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Rodney J. McKinley. "When we speak of today's Airmen standing upon the shoulders of giants as they reach for the sky and stars - it was upon Paul Airey's shoulders they stood. We will truly miss his leadership, counsel and friendship."

The first CMSAF was always a leader. During World War II he flew as a B-24 radio operator and additional duty aerial gunner. On his 28th mission, then-Technical Sergeant Airey and his fellow crewmen were shot down over Vienna, Austria, captured, and held prisoner by the German air force from July 1944 to May 1945. During his time as a prisoner of war

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### Weekend Weather

FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Hi: 51 Low: 35	Hi: 48 Low: 36	Hi: 51 Low: 38

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

### Countdown to success

Next MOBEX.....	49 days
Rodeo.....	129 days
Operational Readiness Inspection.....	227 days

### Don't miss it ...

### Airmen Against Drunk Driving

The next AADD meeting is 3:30 p.m. Tuesday in the McChord Clubs and Community Center.



# Airman's Roll Call: Women's History Month

Throughout history, women in the military have made significant contributions. This is especially true in the Air Force whether they are flying A-10 Thunderbolt IIs or commanding thousands of Airmen.

Women's History Month officially started in March 2000 by order of President Clinton when he signed a presidential proclamation highlighting women of the past and future. He encouraged all Americans to observe this month with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activi-

ties, and to remember throughout the year the many contributions of courageous women who have made this nation strong.

Air Force women who have made a difference include Marty Wiyall, serving in the Women Air Force Service Pilots; Betty Gillies, the first woman pilot to qualify for the Women's Auxiliary Ferrying Squadron; Sergeant Vanessa Sheffield, a C-130 Hercules maintainer back in the '70s when there weren't many women in the maintenance career field; and 2nd Lt. Raquel Dronenburg, currently training to be an unmanned air-

craft operator. And these are just four of the thousands of women who have helped make this the greatest Air Force in the world.

Other highlights:

- Esther Blake, the first woman in the Air Force, who enlisted the very first day, the very first minute, July 8, 1948, that women were authorized to serve in the active-duty Air Force.

- In 1995, Capt. Martha McSally becomes the first female to fly combat missions.

- Col. Eileen Collins became the first female space shuttle commander on July 22, 1999.

Air Force designers have created a special Women's History Month page at: <http://www.af.mil/whm09.asp> that will highlight not only the print and video stories run on Air Force Link during the month, but also feature special slideshows and a poster and wallpaper download area.

*Airman's Roll Call is 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.*

## Remember Core Values: be more than a 'nine to five' Airman

By

**Lt. Col. Robert Cook**

62nd Operations Support Squadron commander

Despite the late hour, freezing temperature and biting wind, an energetic crowd was out on the flight line at 12:30 a.m. on March 5 to welcome home the Airmen of the 8th Airlift and 62nd Operations Support Squadrons from their deployment supporting the 817th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron.

Emotions ran high as loved ones were reacquainted after a long winter's separation that included yet another missed holiday season answering the nation's call to duty. As I walked about the crowd shaking the hands

of my fellow Airmen, I was inspired by their pride of accomplishment and humbled knowing every single one of them would get back on the aircraft without question if told they were needed back in the fight immediately. Thankfully, this did not happen and these Airmen are enjoying a well-deserved break over the next few weeks.

Okay, so what is my point? This late-night reunion is proof positive the Air Force is not a "nine to five" job. The Air Force is a calling, requiring our absolute best, twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, whether in or out of uniform. General Ronald Fogleman said it best in "The Little Blue Book", our guide to Air Force Core Values: "The Air Force is not a social actions agency. It is not an employment agency. ...The Air Force exists to fight and

win wars--that's our core expertise. It's what allows us to be called professionals. We're entrusted with the security of our nation. The tools of our trade are lethal, and we engage in operations that involve risk to human life and untold national treasures. Because of what we do our standards must be higher than those of society at large. The American public expects it of us and properly so. In the end, we earn the respect and trust of the American people because of the integrity we demonstrate." (USAF Core Values, 1997)

Deployments bring our core values (Integrity first, service before self, excellence in all we do) into focus, but we sometimes lose sight of them at home station as we battle through the daily grind and off-duty pressures. We must be more than "nine to five" Airmen!

## The Sharp Airman ...

knows how to recognize and treat for shock. The symptoms of shock are: confusion, sweaty but cool skin, shallow, labored and rapid breath and a weak rapid pulse. To treat shock, ensure the airway is open; if a victim

is unconscious, place them on their side, keep calm, warm and comfortable, elevate lower extremities and seek medical attention. Do not give the victim food or drink.

## PROFESSIONALS

of the week

### Security Forces Squadron

#### Senior Airman Raymond Mahilum

**Duty Title:**  
Security Forces armorer

**Duty section:**  
Security Forces armory

**Hometown:**  
Dededo, Guam

**Why he's super:**

Airman Mahilum is an outstanding asset to the 62nd SFS armory section, a top notch leader and true professional. He is a hard working self-starter who consistently displays good judgment, is capable of managing multiple tasks, and always maintains the highest standards of appearance, bearing, and physical fitness. Airman Mahilum assisted the unit deployment manager in five mobility taskings and prepared \$1.2 million in weapons and equipment, properly equipping 75 Airmen for Operation Iraqi Freedom. During the 2008 Unit Compliance Inspection, his section obtained an outstanding rating and Airman Mahilum was coined. He was recognized as a top performer in April 2008, receiving the Defender of the Month award. Airman Mahilum is also working to receive his Community College of the Air Force degree in Counter Terrorism Fundamentals.



#### Senior Airman Joshua Osterbur

**Duty Title:**  
Unit security manager and Airman in charge of Electronic Security Systems

**Duty section:**  
Security Forces Plans and Programs

**Hometown:**  
Martin, S.D.

**Why he's tops:**

Airman Osterbur is one of the hardest working individuals in the 62nd SFS Plans and Programs section. His management of McChord's base entry identification card scanning system, Mobilisa ensured 40 guards were trained on the system and that thousands of personnel entering the base daily receive a security background check. Airman Osterbur is also the unit's lead for overseeing more than \$1 million in electronic security systems that monitor 49 alarmed facilities and vital operational resources. Additionally, he effectively manages the unit security program, ensuring there are no compromises of classified material. Airman Osterbur is currently pursuing his Community College of the Air Force degree in Criminal Justice and is an active member of the Unit Advisory Council and Security Forces Association.



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# Motorcycle's more visible after changes on base

By

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As the weather warms up and streets begin to dry, motorcycle enthusiasts will likely be out in droves to welcome the emergence of spring.

But before taking to the street, 62nd Security Forces Squadron officials are asking riders and passengers to be aware of recent changes to McChord's Vehicle Traffic Instruction.

While there have been no changes to the instruction requiring passengers and riders to wear a helmet, proper eye protection and sturdy, over the ankle footwear, the 62nd SFS has put into effect new regulations regarding wear of reflective garments, said Tech. Sgt. Joshua Olearnek, 62nd SFS NCOIC of police services.

Those changes include wearing a brightly colored upper outer garment — such as a long sleeve shirt, vest or jacket — during daytime and a reflective upper outer garment during night time.

"We also don't want people wearing reflective belts in lieu of this requirement," he said. "Upper outer garments that are not brightly colored must be covered with a brightly colored vest or jacket."

Night time is considered 30 minutes before sun down and day time is considered 30 minutes after sun rise, Sergeant Olearnek said.

Bright red, yellow, lime yellow,

orange and lime green are some examples of colors considered sufficiently vivid enough to ensure increased visibility from a distance, he said.

All reflective shirts, vests or jackets must have at least one patch, decal or stripe covering a six-inch by one-inch area affixed to the front and back of the garment. Reflective piping sewn into the seams of the upper outer garment that outline the entire garment also satisfies the requirement.

If an accessory such as a backpack is worn over the reflective material on the upper outer garment, the rider must ensure reflective material is placed over the accessory to fulfill the reflectivity requirement. The reflective material may not wrap around the rider's body, only the accessory.

However, this does not relieve the wearer of the upper outer garment reflectivity requirement, Sergeant Olearnek said.

For riders who still need to purchase the bright colored and reflective gear, 62nd Airlift Wing safety officials are asking them to consider gear specifically designed for motorcycle riders.

"Riders should try and buy jackets that not only meet the visibility requirements, but also offer protection in case they encounter a situation which requires them to dump their bike," said Ken Heath, 62nd AW chief of ground safety.

That also applies to vests.

"If they choose to wear a vest, rid-



Photo by Abner Guzman

Recent changes to McChord's Vehicle Traffic Instruction now require the wear of a brightly colored upper outer garment — such as a long sleeve shirt, vest or jacket — during daytime and a reflective upper outer garment during night time.

ers need to make sure it fits snug and doesn't cause any distraction," Mr. Heath said.

There have already been five fatal motorcycle collisions this year in the state of Washington, according to the Washington State Patrol. Total motorcycle fatalities reached 75 in 2008, up from 66 in 2007. In all, State Troopers investigated 584 motorcycle collisions, resulting in nearly 200 injuries, in 2008.

Analysis of motorcycle crash data indicates that approximately 60 percent of motorcycle fatalities are single-vehicle incidents, with the most common causes being excessive speed, impaired driving and in-

ability to stay in the lane, according to the WSP.

The Air Force Safety Center and Air Mobility Command are continuing to emphasize motorcycle safety as one of the top priorities for ground safety offices, said Lt. Col. Rod Lewis, 62nd AW chief of safety. "We are dedicated to maintaining a robust motorcycle training program here, and our ground safety office sustains the latest tools to help protect our most valuable resource — our people," Colonel Lewis said.

The wing hosts the next motorcycle training class March 30-31. For more information or to sign up, call 982-5325.



# McChord Airmen, aircraft support space shuttle launch

By

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943rd Rescue Group  
Public Affairs

Members of McChord's 313th Airlift Squadron delivered two HH-60G Pave Hawk helicopters from Davis-Mothan Air Force Base, Ariz., to Patrick AFB, Fla., over the weekend to support the upcoming Space Shuttle Discovery launch mission.

The 313th AS was assisting members of the 943rd Rescue Group, who deployed Saturday to Patrick to support the upcoming Space Shuttle Discovery launch mission.

The Air Force Reserve rescue group deployed two HH-60G Pave Hawk helicopters, nine maintainers and four pararescuemen to augment its parent unit, the 920th Rescue Wing at Patrick AFB for the upcoming space shuttle launch.

The Space Shuttle Discovery was initially scheduled for liftoff Wednesday from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, Fla. However, the launch was put on hold after a leaking gaseous hydrogen vent line was detected, according to NASA officials.



Photo by Master Sgt. Ruby Zarzyczny

A HH-60G Pave Hawk helicopter is loaded onto a McChord C-17 Globemaster III Saturday at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz. Two helicopters were loaded and deployed to Patrick AFB, Fla., to augment the launch of the Space Shuttle Discovery.

The Discovery crew is set to fly the S6 truss segment and install the final set of power-generating solar arrays to the International

Space Station. The S6 truss will complete the backbone of the station and provide one-fourth of the total power needed to support a

crew of six on the International Space Station.  
(62nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs contributed to this article.)

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Photo by Staff Sgt. Eric Burks



## Sharing experience ... and pizza

McChord chief master sergeants and first sergeants visit the Julius A. Kolb Airman Leadership School Tuesday for the "shirts and chiefs" pizza lunch with students. ALS class 09-C graduation is March 26 at the McChord Clubs and Community Center.



# Good Fellows

Col. Jeffrey Stephenson, 62nd Airlift Wing commander, briefs visiting White House Fellows on the role of the C-17 and McChord's combat airlift mission March 6. The White House Fellows visited McChord during a visit with Seattle industry leaders. Founded in 1964, the White House Fellows program is known as one of the nation's premier programs to develop leadership and public service. White House Fellows work one year as full-time, paid special assistants to senior White House Staff, the Vice President, Cabinet Secretaries and other senior government officials. Fellows also participate in roundtable discussions with leaders from private and public sectors, and attend trips to study U.S. policy domestically and internationally.

Photo by Abner Guzman



McChord Airmen

# AROUND THE WORLD

Photo by Maj. Damien Pickart



KYRGYZSTAN — Senior Airman Caroline Dunn, 62nd Logistics Readiness Squadron, records serial numbers of individual body armor being issued at Manas Air Base. Airman Dunn is deployed with the 376th ELRS.

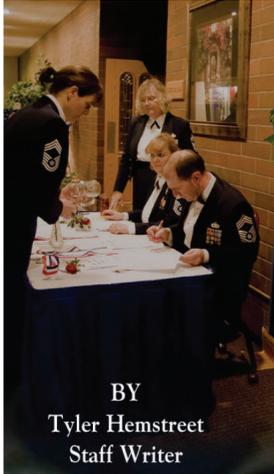
Photo by Tech. Sgt. Elizabeth Weinberg



KYRGYZSTAN — Senior Airman Mark Pannell, left, and Airman 1st Class Matthew Tidball, 62nd Logistics Readiness Squadron, fill up a 55-gallon drum with diesel during a recent deployment at Manas Air Base. Daily, the 376th ELRS fuels management flight provides fuel to these drums used for generators and heating units around the base.



# CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT INDUCTION CEREMONY



BY  
Tyler Hemstreet  
Staff Writer

McChord's six newest chief master sergeants were recognized March 6 during an induction ceremony at the McChord Clubs and Community Center.

Chief Master Sergeants Louis Orrie, 8th Airlift Squadron; David Suozzi, 62nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron; John Huntingdale, 86th Aerial Port Squadron; Herbert Cronk, 446th Maintenance Group; Douglas Green, 446th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron; and Mary Smith, 97th AS, were introduced as chiefs at the tradition-laden ceremony in front of family and base leadership.

The ceremony started with the new chiefs and their family members entering the room through a sword arch held above their heads by fellow McChord chief master sergeants.

"It's a great thing to see the role the family members play in the ceremony," said Chief Master Sgt. Cary Hatzinger, McChord's command chief. "You can just see the pride in their face as they come through the sabers."

After introductions, toasts, POW/MIA recognition and dinner, the formal portion of the ceremony commenced.

Candles — representing each of the enlisted ranks — were lit as a remembrance of experiences in each grade leading up to chief.

"It's recognizing the fact they've taken another significant step in their career," Chief Hatzinger said.

After reciting the Airman's Creed, the chiefs recited charges specific to new roles they take on as part of the new rank. The chief selects were then given their own candle, formalizing acceptance of the charges of being a chief, Chief Hatzinger said.

Those charges weren't lost on Chief Orrie, 8th AS superintendent.

"As a chief, a lot of people are going to be watching you and you're going to be held to a different standard," he said.

However, he said, the great responsibility that comes with being a chief can lead to many good things.

"When you make chief, you have the ability to make things happen, make change for the better and make sure your Airmen are really being taken care of," Chief Orrie said.

The scheduling of the ceremony couldn't have come at a more hectic time for Chief Orrie.

One day prior to the ceremony, then-Senior Master Sgt. Orrie and his 8th AS Airmen returned to McChord from a 120-day deployment.

"I hit the redeployment line (March 6) in the morning, and I had been going nonstop since I hit the deck Thursday," he said.

Some of the rush to get ready for the ceremony could have been prevented, as leadership made arrangements to get Chief Orrie back earlier in the week so he would have more time to get prepared. But the chief master sergeant select wasn't having any of that.

"They talked about getting me on an aircraft early, but my job is to take care of my folks from the beginning to the end," he said. "I didn't feel right about leaving early."

While it was hectic getting back and then preparing for the ceremony, it was something that Chief Orrie will never forget.

"I thought it was a spectacular ceremony," he said. "It was really memorable."



McChord Honor Guard members post the colors to begin the induction.



Command chiefs from the 62nd and 446th Airlift Wings present the Chief's Charge while inductees take center stage, holding individual candles lit as a symbol of accepting the charge.



Chief Master Sgt. Cary Hatzinger, 62nd Airlift Wing command chief, right, congratulates inductees following the ceremony.



Col. Jeffrey Stephenson, 62nd Airlift Wing commander, congratulates inductees and their families during the evening's closing remarks.



Chief Master Sgt. John Huntingdale, 86th Aerial Port Squadron, and his wife Ruth review a selection of family pictures of the new chiefs during the social hour portion of the event.



Chief Master Sergeants Dan Sacks, 62nd Airlift Wing, left, and Jimmy Jones, 361st Recruiting Squadron, review a photo of the saber team.



Chief Master Sgt. Louis Orrie, 8th Airlift Squadron, and his wife Mona work their way through the buffet line during dinner at the ceremony.



From left, Chief Master Sergeants Gloria Bennett, 446 Airlift Wing command chief, Herbert Cronk, 446th Maintenance Group, David Suozzi, 62nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Mary Smith, 97th Airlift Squadron, John Huntingdale, 86th Aerial Port Squadron, Douglas Green, 446th AMXS, Louis Orrie, 8th AS, and Cary Hatzinger, 62nd AW command chief, gather for a group photo.

Top left photo: Chief Master Sgt. Mary Smith, 97th Airlift Squadron, checks the seating chart prior to the start of the ceremony.

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Photo by Abner Guzman

## Nothing but net

Wilbert Norton, Western Air Defense Sector, scores a lay-up during a recent 45-41 win over the Maintenance Operations Squadron in a men's "over 30" basketball game at the base fitness gym. Regular season games in the league continue through March 20. For more information on McChord's intramural sports programs, call the sports director at 982-2728 or visit the base fitness center.



# Finance puts you in touch with new tools

By

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to do next, whether to submit to your supervisor and/or approving official, or take directly to the finance office.

The next time you think you need to go to finance, e-mail them instead at 62cpts-help@mcchord.af.mil to find out if you can complete the necessary forms in the comfort of your office or home. If you already know what form you need and want to use CASH Forms Lite, or just want some more information, go to the Air Force Portal under the "Life & Career" tab on the "Money - Finance Central" page. If computer availability is an issue then the CPTS customer service lobby has 2 kiosks set up specifically for your CASH Forms Lite access.

Your local 62nd CPTS is working hard to pay you quicker. They are determined to provide travelers as many tools as possible to turn in a perfect voucher the first time. If you have any further questions, contact the Financial Services flight commander, 2nd Lt. Chris Ellingson, via e-mail at christopher.ellingson@mcchord.

Tired of waiting in finance just to ask a question about which form to fill out? Or once you figure out which form you need, waiting for help to fill it out? Or maybe making the trip to Finance just to get turned away because you're missing documentation or a supervisor's signature? If this has happened to you, then Comptroller Assisted Self Help Forms Lite is what you've been waiting for!

CASH Forms Lite saves you time by reducing the need to visit the Financial Services Office for assistance completing manual finance forms. It utilizes a "Turbo Tax"-like wizard to walk you through the form-filling process from your computer at the office or at home. CASH Forms Lite will produce a properly completed, legible form ready to sign and then give you instructions of what

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he worked tirelessly to meet the basic needs of fellow prisoners, even through a 90-day forced march.

Chief Airey was born in Quincy, Mass., on December 13, 1923. At age eighteen, shortly after the bombing of Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, Airey quit high school to enlist in the Army Air Forces on November 16, 1942. He later earned his high school equivalency certificate through off-duty study.

Chief Airey held the top enlisted from April 3, 1967 to July 31, 1969. During his tenure he worked to change loan establishments charging exorbitant rates outside the air base gates and to improve low retention during the Vietnam Conflict. Chief Airey also led a team that laid the foundation for the Weighted Airman Promotion System, a system that has stood the test of time and which is still in use today. He also advocated for an Air Force-level Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy. His vision became reality when the academy opened in 1973, becoming the capstone in the development of Air Force Senior NCOs.

Chief Airey retired August 1, 1970. He continued advocating for Airmen's rights by serving on the boards of numerous Air Force and enlisted professional military organizations throughout the years. He was a member of the Board of Trustees for the Airmen Memorial Museum, a member of the

Air Force Memorial Foundation and the Air University Foundation.

After retirement, Chief Airey lived in Panama City, Fla. with his wife Shirley. Mrs. Airey died in 2001.

Chief Airey was always proud of Airmen. "I have seen many changes as we progressed from simple air power to today's aerospace force. The enlisted corps has kept pace with that progress, for it is pride and dedication that keep enlisted men at their posts, not the lure of an easy life and secure future. It is the desire to serve our country that motivates today's Air Force," he said at the Air Force's 20th Anniversary ceremony in 1967.

On the north wall of the Air Force Memorial in Washington D.C., Chief Airey's thoughts on Airmen are immortalized, "When I think of the enlisted force, I see dedication, determination, loyalty and valor."

The Air Force Association honored Airey with its Lifetime Achievement Award in 2007.

Chief Airey truly spent a lifetime serving a nation and a force he loved, said Michael Donley, Secretary of the Air Force. "From his first days flying World War II combat missions in Europe, to his work improving the welfare of enlisted personnel as the first Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force, and his recent role as a mentor to today's Airmen, Chief Airey was a man of honor and commitment to things greater than himself. His passing is mourned by all Airmen around the globe."

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Photo by Rob Lalicker

## Taco time!

Wing leadership lends a helping hand to family members of McChord's deployed Airmen at the Deployed Families Dinner Monday at the Chapel Support Center. The event also featured a movie after dinner and is just one program offered in support of Airmen and their families. Currently, 788 McChord Airmen are deployed or on temporary duty assignment.



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# Airmen receive UCMJ actions in February

By

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

A Staff Sergeant was charged with violations of Article 128 – Assault consummated by a battery and Ar-

ticle 134 – Drunk and Disorderly. The punishment imposed was a suspended reduction of one stripe, 10 days of extra duty, and a reprimand.

A Staff Sergeant was charged with violations of Article 107 – False official statement and Article 134 – Soliciting another to commit an offense. The punishment imposed was a suspended reduction of one stripe, suspended 15 days of extra duty, forfeiture of \$200.00 for two

months, and a reprimand.

A Senior Airman was charged with violation of Article 86 – Failure to go, Article 92 – Negligent dereliction of duty, and Article 107 – False official statement. The punishment imposed was a suspended forfeiture of \$1,167.45 for two months.

An Airman 1st Class was charged with violation of Article 128 – Assault consummated by a battery and Article 134 – Adultery. The pun-

ishment imposed was a reduction of two stripes, 30 days of restriction to the limits of McChord, forfeiture of \$699.00 for one month, and a reprimand.

An Airman was charged with a violation of Article 112a – Wrongful use of marijuana. The punishment imposed was a reduction of one stripe and forfeiture of \$324.00 for one month. An administrative discharge is pending.

## 0-0-1-3



The medical standard is one drink for women or two drinks for men if a daily drinker.

For periodic drinking, the standard is to keep the blood alcohol level or blood alcohol content under 0.05.

- Use personal risk management*
- Use situational awareness*
- Use your wingman*
- Use a friend*

- 0 Drinks under age 21**
- 0 DUI's**
- Max 1 drink per hour**
- Max 3 drinks in one night**

**DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE**



**Women's conference**

The Joint Women's Conference is 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. today at the Stone Education Center on Fort Lewis. For more information, call the Airmen and Family Readiness Center at 982-2695.

**Equity Housing office closure**

The Equity Residential housing office is closed today, but the maintenance office remains open. Work orders may be called in at 912-3500.

**Army/Air Force soccer team tryouts**

Tryouts for an Army/Air Force soccer team of 18 players are 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Saturday at Cowen Stadium on Fort Lewis. The team will compete against the Tacoma Tide semi-pro team May 10. Additionally, an Air Force-only team will be identified to participate in an Armed Forces soccer tournament May 16. For more information, call 982-0218.

**Airmen Against Drunk Driving**

The next Airmen Against Drunk Driving meeting is 3:30 p.m. Tuesday at the McChord Clubs and Community Center. All McChord Airmen are highly encouraged to participate in the AADD program. For more information, call 982-2571.

**Commissary early closure**

The McChord commissary closes at 5 p.m. Tuesday. Normal hours of operation resume Wednesday.

**MTI briefings**

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

**Stepfamily seminar**

The Stepfamily Seminar for Helping Agencies and Parents is 8 a.m. to 4p.m. March 23 at the McChord Clubs and Community Center. The registration deadline has been extended to March 20. For more information, call the Airmen and Family Readiness Center at 982-2695.

**Scholarship notice**

The Pacific Northwest Chapter of Airlift/Tanker Association is offering two \$250 cash scholarships, available to A/TA members or their dependents. Applicants must submit an essay by March 31 on the subject "the age of responsibility: my contribution to the nation." For more information, call 982-3858.

**Pitsenbarger Scholarship**

Applications for the Air Force Association's Pitsenbarger Scholarship must be turned in to the base education office customer service desk, or education@mcchord.af.mil, by April 1. The scholarship is available to active duty servicemembers working towards a bachelor's degree. Other requirements are listed on the application guidelines. For more information, call 982-5479.

**Retirement ceremony**

A retirement ceremony for Carole Kaser, 62nd Logistics Readiness Squadron, is 11:30 a.m. April 1 at building 1180. RSVPs are required by March 27. For more information, call 982-3729 or 982-5500.

**Chili cook off**

The 4th Airlift Squadron's annual chili cook off and homebrew competition is 4:44 p.m. April 4 at Holiday

Park here. This year's contest also features family activities and door prizes. For more information or to RSVP, call 982-4111.

**Parents University**

The Parents University workshop is 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Evergreen Elementary school on Fort Lewis April 4. For more information, call the Airmen and Family Readiness Center at 982-2695.

**Enlisted force structure**

The latest version of Air Force Instruction 26-2618, the enlisted force structure, is available online at: <http://www.e-publishing.af.mil/shared/media/epubs/AFI36-2618.pdf>.

**Base firewood permits**

A considerable supply of "you-cut" firewood will soon be available for personnel willing to obtain a base firewood permit. To add your name to the wait

list, email Carol.Lee@mcchord.af.mil with your full name and telephone number. The wait list will be used to notify a group of firewood cutters to obtain a firewood permit.

**Retiree Activities**

The Retiree Activities Office is looking for volunteers to assist with upcoming events and work in the office located in the customer service mall in Bldg. 100. The RAO is a resource and referral center which offers information concerning issues pertinent to retirees, including ID cards, DEERS, Tri-Care, health benefit changes, social security and Space available travel.

This year's annual dining out event is set for 6 p.m. April 17 at the McChord Clubs and Community Center. In addition to the banquet, the event includes a guest speaker and historical military reenactment.

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 <p><b>McChord Chaplain Corps Faith &amp; Worship Programs</b></p>		<p>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.</p>
<p><b>CATHOLIC SERVICES and RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:</b> All Catholic services are in chapel two. <b>Saturday:</b> 4 p.m. Confession: Chapel 2, Bldg. 181 5 p.m. Mass: Chapel 2, Bldg. 181 <b>Sunday:</b> 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 <b>Monday:</b> Noon. Why Catholic? Small Group Study: Chapel Support Center, Bldg. 746</p>	<p><b>Wednesday:</b> 6:30 p.m. Faith Formation: 1st, 2nd &amp; 3rd Wednesday of the month: Chapel Support Center, Bldg. 746 6:30 p.m. Why Catholic? Small Group Study: Chapel Support Center, Bldg. 746 <b>PROTESTANT SERVICES and RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:</b> <b>Sunday:</b> 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</p>	<p><b>JEWISH SERVICES:</b> <b>Friday:</b> 6 p.m. Every 1st, 3rd &amp; 5th Friday of the month: Ft. Lewis, Chapel 5, Bldg. T-2270 <b>OTHER PROGRAMS:</b> The following Chapel programs take place at the Chapel Support Center, Bldg. 746. <b>Tuesday:</b> 9:30 a.m. Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS); 2nd &amp; 4th Tuesday of the month 6 p.m. Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) Bible Study; 1st, 3rd &amp; 5th Tuesday of the month <b>Wednesday:</b> 11 a.m. Adult Bible Study</p>



The RAO is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to noon. For more information on the RAO or the dining out event, call the office at 982-3214 or visit [www.mcchordrao.com](http://www.mcchordrao.com).

#### 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/salmonel-latyph.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.

#### 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.

#### Madigan Annex TBI 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.



### — NAMES TO NOTE —

*Congratulations to the following Airmen who recently scored a 90 percent or higher on their career development course examinations:*

**Airman 1st Class Houston Boyt**, 62nd Security Forces Squadron

**Senior Airman Michael Little**, 62nd Aerial Port Squadron

**Airman 1st Class Alexander Paccia**, 62nd Logistics Readiness Squadron

**Airman 1st Class Daniel Reza**, 62nd Maintenance Squadron

**Airman 1st Class Travis Taylor**, 62nd APS

*Congratulations to the following Air Mobility Command 2008 Aviation Resource Management award winners:*

Outstanding AMC ARMS SNCO of the year - **Senior Master Sgt. Shawn Bitton**, 62nd Operations Support Squadron

Outstanding AMC ARMS civilian supervisor of the year: **Joseph Reulbach**, 62nd OSS  
*Congratulations to Team McChord's major selects!*

**Capt. Gregory Bailey**, 8th Airlift Squadron

**Capt. Jeffrey Banker**, 10th AS

**Capt. Brendon Bartholomew**, 8th AS

**Capt. Patrick Brady-Lee**, 4th AS

**Capt. Michael Capozzi**, 7th AS

**Capt. Jason Ceccoli**, 7th AS

**Capt. Casey Collier**, 4th AS

**Capt. Nicholas Delcour**, 7th AS

**Capt. Brant Dixon**, 7th AS

**Capt. Joshua Ellis**, 10th AS

**Capt. Derek Gallagher**, 10th AS

**Capt. Nathan Glavich**, 10th AS

**Capt. Chad Harris**, 62nd Operations Support Squadron

**Capt. Jesse Higer**, 62nd OSS

**Capt. Branin Klausman**, 7th AS

**Capt. Jeffrey Marshall**, 7th AS

**Capt. Todd Matson**, 4th AS

**Capt. William McDonald**, 62nd Airlift Wing

**Capt. Robin Moree**, 7th AS

**Capt. Tammy Ortung**, 62nd Force Support Squadron

**Capt. Christopher Ott**, 10th AS

**Capt. Brooke Page**, 62nd AW

**Capt. Michael Parker**, 8th AS

**Capt. Philip Poepelman**, 62nd OSS

**Capt. Derek Rhinesmith**, 4th AS

**Capt. Allen Specht**, 10th AS

**Capt. Anthony Truette**, 62nd Maintenance Operations Squadron

**Capt. Jody Turk**, 62nd OSS

**Capt. Ryan Wellman**, 10th AS

