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# McChord breaks ground on new housing area

By  
**Tyler Hemstreet**  
Staff writer

McChord leadership and Equity Residential officials took a ceremonial first step in the next phase of new construction Monday, breaking ground on a plot of land which will feature 32 new homes.

Construction of the Westcott Hills development — located southwest of Whispering Firs Golf Course off Lincoln Blvd. — is now underway.

“(The ground breaking is) symbolic of the years the Air Force has worked to bring this into fruition,” said Kimberlee Schreiber, Equity’s managing director. “It was a cementing of the partnership between Equity and Fort Lewis and McChord leadership. The partnership is solid and we’re committed to making this happen.”

In addition to the ceremony of turning over dirt with golden shovels, a tree was also cut down to pave way for the new road leading into the development.

“This project is about quality living quarters for our families so they can execute the mission,” said Col. Jeffrey Stephenson, 62nd Airlift Wing commander. “This is a wonderful thing.”

During the early stages of the Westcott Hills project, construction activity will increase in the area surrounding the project. Base officials have reduced the speed limit from 30 mph to 20 mph on the stretch of Lincoln Blvd. which runs past the site.

“While crews are working on getting the entrance cleared, there’s going to be a lot of logging trucks coming in and out of that area,” said Fred Travis, 62nd Civil Engineer Squadron deputy chief of operations. “That’s a blind corner coming into the construction area. We want people to be extremely cautious and really pay attention to all the activity in the area.”

In addition to logging trucks entering and leaving the site, there will also be crews tearing up pieces of the road to connect utilities.

“Flaggers will be out there and there may be some delays when we cut the road down to one lane,” Mr. Travis said.

As for the walking trail that runs along the west side of Lincoln Blvd. past the site, crews will create two



Photo by Abner Guzman

62nd Airlift Wing leadership and Equity Residential officials conduct a ceremonial ground breaking Monday in the Westcott Hills housing area off Lincoln Blvd.

crosswalks so walkers can bypass the project along the golf course before crossing back to the west side of the road.

The construction around the entry to the development is expected to

last between five and six months, Mr. Travis said.

The first homes should be finished early next year with the entire neighborhood completed by May/June 2010.

# AADD gets Airmen home safe

By  
**Tyler Hemstreet**  
Staff writer

There are no excuses when it comes to driving drunk — especially when a dependable ride home is just a phone call away.

Airmen Against Drunk Driving continues to remind Airmen of all ranks that when they’ve had too much to drink during a night out, simply pick up the phone and call 722-AADD.

“We’re only going to ask two questions when someone calls us for a ride,” said Airman 1st Class William Wittmer, 62nd Logistics Readiness Squadron and AADD president. “Whether or not you have your military identification card and where can we pick you up.”

With a growing number of volunteers, the organization wants all Airmen to know that AADD is available when the situation arises.

“If you call the line, you will get a ride home,” Airman Wittmer said. “We don’t ask why and

we’re not reporting you to anybody.”

While incoming Airmen receive an AADD briefing at the First Term Airman’s School here, Airman Wittmer said the group constantly makes an effort to get the word out about the phone number.

Airman 1st Class Maria Roman Rosado, 62nd Mission Support Group, was one of a group of volunteers who attended an AADD meeting Tuesday at the McChord Clubs and Community Center.

“It’s exciting that we’re getting more volunteers,” she said. “I have a four-year-old and a husband and still volunteer to be on call. If I can do it, anyone can do it.”

The group has received an influx of volunteer requests to brief incoming Airmen on the program at FTAC.

“I’m excited about doing it,” said Airman Roman Rosado, who is set to visit a class in June.

To volunteer for AADD or find your squadron point of contact, visit the Sharepoint site at: <https://eim.amc.af.mil/org/62aw/aadd/default.aspx>



Photo by Staff Sgt. Eric Burks

## Go green

2nd Lt. Katie Schultz, 62nd Civil Engineer Squadron, left, distributes reusable shopping bags during McChord’s Earth Day celebration Wednesday at the commissary. The celebration featured an information fair with booths from organizations offering free Earth Day-themed items and information.

Arrive Alive!  
Don't Drink and Drive!

AADD’s mission is to provide free, safe, confidential rides HOME to McChord Personnel who have been drinking within a 30 mile radius of McChord AFB and make the responsible decision to let someone else do the driving.

### Weekend Weather

FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Hi: 57 Low: 35	Hi: 58 Low: 37	Hi: 59 Low: 37

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

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### Don't miss it ...

## Fam-o-rama

11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at the Youth Center



# Airman's Roll Call: Mentoring critical to development

Mentoring is a critical component of the Air Force's Force Development construct. The program is normally a relationship in which a person with greater experience and wisdom guides another person to develop both personally and professionally. Mentoring is not a promotion enhancement program, but is designed primarily to prepare Airmen for increased responsibilities.

Air Force mentoring covers a wide range of areas, such as career guidance, technical and professional development, leadership,

Air Force history and heritage, air and space power doctrine, strategic vision, and contribution to joint warfighting.

Some of the benefits of the mentoring program are:

- Enhanced capacity to translate core values and strategies into productive actions.
- Increased mastery of the institutional and occupational competencies.
- Smoother transition for Airmen to receive further professional career development.
- More knowledgeable Airmen about the Air Force strategic plan

and direction.

- Greater retention of Airmen.
- More efficient leaders.
- Better communicators who are strategic in their thinking.
- Creation of a more innovative environment with more Airmen having the universal perspective.

A good resource to use while mentoring enlisted Airmen is "My Enlisted Development Plan." This plan provides a modern, web-based approach for enlisted Airmen to manage their career development. Available via the Air Force Portal, MyEDP is a one-stop-shopping electronic toolkit enabling Airmen

to designate their mentor or mentee, collaborate with peers, and track their professional career progression. Air Force officials plan to roll out officer and civilian versions of this program by fall 2009. Another important resource for mentors and mentees is the information contained in AFI 36-3401, Air Force Mentoring. The revised AFI is expected no later than October 1.

*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*

## Expeditionary role key to future relevance

By

**Lt. Col. J.R. Twiford**  
7th Airlift Squadron Commander

The future of our Air Force will be determined by our relevance, which will be measured by how effectively we operate in an expeditionary environment. Any function which can remain safely at home can be outsourced. Airmen in harm's way, projecting air and space power with a unique competence not possible for another service or corporation, is the end state for which the Air Force was established as a separate service.

The value of the deployed experience cannot be understated. It brings out the best from our sharpest and allows every Airman the incredible opportunity to see the direct connection

between the skills they've learned and the outcome resulting from their efforts in the battlespace. The simplicity of a deployed setting without commutes, commercials or the distractions of everyday activity provides an irreplaceable opportunity to focus on professional, spiritual, educational and physical goals.

The Swords of the 7th AS and many individual 62nd Airlift Wing Airmen make up the 817th EAS, operating from among three bases in the area of responsibility. These amazing Airmen are gaining experiences in professional positions they've never before had the opportunity to try: taking advantage of reflection time and chapel services; pursuing grade-appropriate academic degrees; some are becoming more 'Fit to Fight' than ever before in their lives.

Often it is the families of these deployed

Airmen that are the most impressive to see. Entirely new life strategies are required when learning to get by for extended periods without the servicemember, and the degree to which our families meet the challenges of separation can correlate directly to their loved one's successful performance in forward locations.

Prior to deploying, a family member explained to me that she is careful to speak about her experience apart from her loved one not as a sacrifice for the country – as it is often described – but as her gift to the country. She said that rather than use language putting her in a 'victim' role, she chooses to give to her fellow Americans what only she can – her unconditional support of that Airman.

Tomorrow's Air Force will be lean, agile and relevant. It will be expeditionary. And today's deployments are the key to that future.

## The Sharp Airman ...

reads the weekly Airman's Roll Call.

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mors and provide additional face-to-face communication.

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## PROFESSIONALS

of the week

### 62nd Operations Support Squadron

#### Norma Urqhart

**Duty Title:**  
62nd OSS secretary

**Duty section:**  
Command section

**Hometown:**  
Puyallup, Wash.



#### Why she's super:

Ms. Urqhart has served as the squadron secretary for nearly four years, exceptionally scheduling, coordinating and organizing the day-to-day operations of the commander, director of operations, superintendent, and first sergeant. Her superb communication skills and positive attitude enable the smooth operation of the commander's support staff at all times. She also directly supports a unit of more than 250 people, providing guidance and expertise on all unit administrative inquiries. Ms. Urqhart has also served the 62nd Airlift Wing as a vocalist, singing the National Anthem at retirement, change of command and induction ceremonies.

#### Jeanette Medina

**Duty Title:**  
Office automation assistant

**Duty section:**  
Command section

**Hometown:**  
Kinmundy, Ill.



#### Why she's tops:

Ms. Medina has been with the squadron for over three years. As the unit's security manager she verifies security clearances, processes line badge paperwork, and grants access to more than 250 people. In addition, she also validates Government Travel Card information into the Defense Travel System as the unit organizational Defense Travel administrator. Ms. Medina has also been hand-selected on numerous occasions to provide service to the 62nd Airlift Wing as a vocalist, singing the National Anthem at retirement, change of command, and induction ceremonies.

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# Practice makes perfect for Airman in spotlight

By  
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Senior Airman Winnie Otieno, 62nd Comptroller Squadron, had never picked up a baseball in her life.

So when she had the chance to throw out a ceremonial first pitch at Saturday's Salute to Armed Forces Night at Safeco Field, representing McChord and the Air Force, she knew she had to be prepared.

"I was really excited about the opportunity, but I'd never thrown a pitch before and I didn't know much about the game of baseball," said Airman Otieno, a native of Kenya who earned the opportunity to throw out the pitch after being honored as McChord's 2008 Airman of the Year.

After overhearing Master Sgt. Robert Martel, 62nd Aerial Port Squadron, talking to another Airman about baseball at a Transition Assistance Program class, Airman Otieno approached him for a little coaching.

Sergeant Martel - who'd previously coached little league and played on several installation baseball teams - gladly accepted.

The two started practicing, working up to the 60 feet, six inches (the distance from the pitcher's mound to home plate) Airman Otieno would be throwing from.



Photos by Dan Levine

Senior Airman Winnie Otieno, 62nd Comptroller Squadron, poses with Seattle Mariners catcher Jamie Burke.

"She took to it pretty easily," Sergeant Martel said. "We slowly built up her arm strength. I kept joking with her that she just didn't want to bounce a throw to home plate."

It was a steady process.

"The first time I threw it, I couldn't get it the whole distance, but Sergeant Martel kept encouraging me," Airman Otieno said.

Eventually the two developed a "breathe, ready, throw" preparation technique for Airman Otieno to utilize once it came time for her big moment.

She didn't disappoint the many



Airman Otieno, center, winds up to throw out a ceremonial first pitch as part of the Seattle Mariners' Salute To Armed Forces Night Saturday at Safeco Field.

military members - as well as her father and sister who made the trip from their home in Denver - in attendance, throwing a perfect strike.

"I was confident I could do it, it was just a matter of me being calm," she said. "(The pitch) made it so I was excited. It was a good experience. I'd pay a million bucks to do it again."

Sergeant Martel was on hand, watching from a seat above home plate.

"She executed it perfectly," he said. "I was so proud of her."

After throwing the pitch, Airman

Otieno got the ball autographed by several Seattle Mariners players.

"I felt like I was representing something bigger than myself," she said. "I never thought this would happen to me. I'm grateful for the Air Force."

The 7th annual Salute to the Armed Forces Night at Safeco Field honored the United States Armed Forces, service veterans & support organizations. Servicemembers from the Army, Navy, Marines and Coast Guard also threw out ceremonial first pitches before the game. The Mariners were dealt a 2-0 loss by the Detroit Tigers.



# McChord Reservist is AFRC Airman of the Year

By

**Airman 1st Class Patrick Cabellon and  
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Standing before a panel of six command chiefs, the Airman is asked to perform proper facing movements and is inspected with magnifying glass-like scrutiny. But Senior Airman Channel Bolton-Scholl doesn't break a sweat.

Airman Bolton-Scholl's nerves of steel helped her nail down the title of Air Force Reserve Command Outstanding Airman of the Year. A crew chief with the 446th Maintenance Squadron, Airman Bolton-Scholl can usually be found performing home station check inspections on C-17A Globemaster III aircraft.

The Outstanding Airman of the Year award is bestowed upon Airmen who show exemplary work ethic, both on the job in the Reserve and in their civilian work. They also are well-embedded in their communities.

Airman Bolton-Scholl embodies all

the traits AFRC is looking for in their Airman of the Year, according to her supervisor, Master Sgt. Keith Chase, 446th MXS aero repair section chief.

"She excels at her job and the task at hand," said Sergeant Chase. "She is a very hard worker. I never have to tell her to get anything done after she is shown the job tasks for the day." She also, according to her supervisor, helps train other traditional Reservists.

Airman Bolton-Scholl traveled to Atlanta, Ga., April 1 for the Airman of the Year interview along with three Airmen from other wings.

"When I was standing in front of the panel, I was so nervous," said Airman Bolton-Scholl. "When I was done being interviewed, I told them how nervous I was. They told me that they didn't even notice."

The command selected four Reservists to represent it in the Air Force's 12 Outstanding Airmen and First Sergeant of the Year competitions. Airman Bolton-Scholl will now compete against Airmen from other major commands and agencies.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Celena Wilson

AFRC's Outstanding Airman of the Year is Senior Airman Channel Bolton-Scholl, an aircraft maintenance specialist assigned to 446th Maintenance Squadron. The Eugene, Ore., native joined the Air Force Reserve in March 2005. She is currently assigned as a crew chief performing home station check inspections on the C-17 aircraft.

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# Sustaining the mission through green innovation

By  
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WASHINGTON (AFNS) — On Wednesday, the Air Force joined the nation in observing Earth Day. On this occasion, we take the opportunity to reflect on our daily commitment to excellence and leadership in protecting and preserving the environment and our natural resources. As we fly, fight, and win today and in the future, we have an inherent responsibility to do so while protecting and sustaining the environment in which we operate, train and live, a responsibility we take seriously.

Through the use of pollution prevention concepts like reduce, reuse, recycle at bases worldwide, we are winning today's fight with green solutions that support and enhance Air Force operations while protecting the environment.

We are taking care of our Airmen by building sustainable communities that are more considerate of the environment, and providing enhanced green space and recreational areas for the families that live on our installations.

We are recapturing our acquisition excellence through innovative green procurement and weapon system lifecycle management initiatives that encourage the purchase of less hazard-

ous, more energy efficient products, equipment and services.

The Air Force is a national leader in the purchase of "green" power, as evidenced by several U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Green Power Leadership awards in the last five years. Our dedication to finding alternative and renewable sources of energy has made us one of the nation's largest purchasers of environmentally friendly energy sources such as biomass, wind, landfill gas, and solar energy.

We have also taken aggressive strides to reduce electricity demand resulting in billions of dollars in cost avoidance. We will continue to reduce energy usage through energy conservation and increased efficiency initiatives. We want to continue to foster a culture where energy is a consideration in all that we do. Every Airman contributes to our success and we can be proud of our accomplishments!

As the Air Force fulfills its mission, we do so with the full understanding that we must not only ensure compliance with our environmental obligations, but also operate in an environmentally sustainable manner-to secure our natural resources for today's Air Force and tomorrow's generations. In commemoration of Earth Day, let us rededicate ourselves to responsible environmental stewardship and sustaining the mission through green innovation.



Photo by Randy White

## Digging Arbor Day

Christopher Cook, left, and Collins Coady, help plant a tree along Main Street as part of Arbor Day festivities here April 17. Airmen, family members and a local Girl Scout troop planted trees along the main road near the front entrance of the base. The Tree City USA program, sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters, provides direction, technical assistance, public attention and national recognition for urban and community forestry programs in thousands of towns and cities that more than 120 million Americans call home. McChord has earned a Tree City USA title for the last 15 years.



*McChord Airmen*

# AROUND THE WORLD

Photo by Senior Airman Andrew Satran



**SOUTHWEST ASIA** — Staff Sgt. William Powell, 62nd Communications Squadron, second from right, and fellow Airmen toss completed individual first aid kits they assembled into a bin during a recent deployment. The volunteers checked for anything out of date to ensure the kits distributed to personnel downrange are effective.

Photo by Senior Airman Brian Ellis

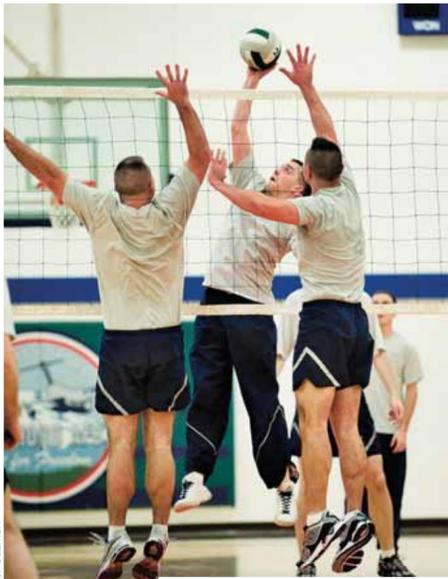


**SOUTHWEST ASIA** — Senior Airman Javarris Butler, 62nd Security Forces Squadron, right, and a fellow Airman provide force protection from a tower post during a recent deployment.



# Airman Leadership School

## prepares Airmen for next level



Senior Airman Robert Tingle, 62nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, spikes the ball during a volleyball game against shirts and chiefs.



ALS instructor Tech. Sgt. Carla Elliott, 62nd FSS, congratulates Senior Airman Michael Redick, 62nd Maintenance Squadron on graduating ALS while Senior Airman Jonathon May, 62nd Aerial Port Squadron looks on.



Senior Airman Christopher Buck, 446th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, works on a communications assignment for ALS.

**M**aster Sgt. Robert Childress, 62nd Force Support Squadron, has been to quite a few graduations in his three years as commandant of the Julius A. Kolb Airman Leadership School here.

While none are exactly alike, one graduation really hit home on the importance of his job and the course itself.

After the ceremony, proud parents of one Airman enthusiastically approached Sergeant Childress to express their gratitude toward the course and it's instructors on renewing their son's passion for his Air Force career.

Before going through the course, the Airman had thoughts about getting out of the Air Force — an idea his parents weren't crazy about, Sergeant Childress said.

"As a result of going through the course, he reenlisted," Sergeant Childress said. "It was a great day to hear (the excitement about their son) from a parent. I was ecstatic."

And while the 24-academic day, 192-curriculum hour course is tough, it is a requirement as Airmen make the transition from specialists to leaders, he said.

"It was intense, but everyone really comes together to help each other out," said Senior Airman Aindrea Tait, 62nd Maintenance Squadron, who earned the Distinguished Graduate and Academic Achievement awards as part of ALS Class 09-C, which graduated March 26. "There was a lot of information presented, but I was constantly thinking about how I could put it toward my work center."

ALS focuses on four attributes of curriculum: mili-

tary professional, combat leader, supervisor of Airmen and supervisory communications. The lessons are conducted through a variety of tests, guided discussions, guest speaker briefings and narrative writing assignments.

"I loved the open forum discussions," said Airman Tait, who puts on her staff sergeant stripes in June. "It was great for the learning process and helped everyone in the class be more comfortable speaking in a big group."

**BY**  
**Tyler Hemstreet**  
Staff Writer

The class also does physical training together three times per week and competes in a volleyball game against McChord first sergeants and chiefs.

Upon graduation, Airmen also receive 10 credits toward their Community College of the Air Force degree and a report detailing their progress toward the degree courtesy of the base education center.

"Some Airmen don't know how close they are to earning their CCAF degree, so hopefully that energizes them," Sergeant Childress said.

While the ALS curriculum and experience provides a solid foundation for being a supervisor, the primary benefit Sergeant Childress wants Airmen to leave with is a strong dose of confidence in their ability to be a supervisor.

"We want them to feel empowered," he said.

That feeling wasn't lost on Airman Tait, who said she was excited about her upcoming move into a supervisory position because the ALS experience was still fresh in her mind.

"It really helped me develop that confidence ... you can't be afraid to speak up sometimes," she said.



Col. Michael Hornitschek, 62nd Airlift Wing vice commander, fields questions from students during a briefing in the ALS auditorium.



The Julius A. Kolb Airman Leadership School Class 09-D graduates May 15 at the McChord Clubs and Community Center ballroom. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Carla Elliott at 982-5057. Those planning to attend must purchase tickets by May 8.

Airman Leadership School instructor Staff Sgt. Herman Rodriguez, 62nd Force Support Squadron, prepares a class in the ALS auditorium for a briefing. Sergeant Rodriguez, along with Sergeant Elliott and Tech. Sgt. Jennifer Rogers share instructor duties at ALS. Classes follow a 24-academic day, 192-hour curriculum.



Photo by Randy White

## Recruiter run

Airmen of the 361st Recruiting Squadron pass through Heritage Hill during a fitness run April 17. The run was part of the squadron's semi-annual recruiter conference, which featured several guest speakers and training pertaining to current issues in the field for enlisted accession recruiters, flight chiefs and flight secretaries. Recruiters from the squadron's seven flights across Washington, Oregon and Alaska attended the conference.



## FREE EVENT Annual Top 3 Kid's Fishing Derby

April 25

Carter Lake at McChord

Sign-up begins at 9 a.m.

Fish Check-in Time:  
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Start fishing time: 10 a.m.  
Stop fishing time: 2 p.m.

Contact Master Sgt. Robert Sabarese 982-5624 for more info.

- Free refreshments for kids.
- Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place for each age group (4-7, 8-10 and 11-14) and a grand prize for largest fish, most weight for five fish limit, most weight for less than five and smallest fish.
- Limited to one fishing pole per participant.
- Daily catch limit is five trout, any size. Fishing will be done using only one single non-barbed hook. Treble hooks are prohibited.
- Kids 12 years old or younger must be accompanied by an adult at least 21 years old.

Sponsored by McChord AFB Top Three Association





Photo by Tech. Sgt. Christine Uhl

## Fun run

Participants begin the Fort Lewis-McChord Autism "fun run/walk" at Cowan Stadium Saturday. Other activities included free massages, games and face painting for kids, door prizes, music, and a resource fair. The event was hosted by the Fort Lewis-McChord Autism support group and drew a total attendance of 475 people.

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# Military doctor cites need for early intervention of autism

By  
**Navy Lt. Jennifer Cragg**  
Defense Media Activity

WASHINGTON (AFNS) – A Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences faculty member discussed Autism Awareness Month recently and the importance of early, proper diagnosis and treatment of children.

"Parents should feel confidence in raising questions about whether their child has autism," Dr. Janice Hanson told "Dot Mil Docs" listeners during an April 9 webcast on Pentagon Web Radio. "They are often the first ones to raise concerns and to raise them in a way that a pediatrician can sort out whether to be concerned, how concerned to be, and what to do about it next."

According to officials with Autism Speaks, a science and advocacy organization dedicated to funding research into the causes, prevention, treatments and a cure for autism, early intervention is critical to gain maximum benefit from existing therapies. While there are no effective means to prevent autism, no fully effective treatments and no cure, current research suggests that early educational intervention for at least two years during the preschool years can result in significant improvements for many children with autism-spectrum disorders.

Dr. Hanson said children can be diagnosed with autism by age 3, but

parents might notice changes in a child as young as 6 months. Three categories of characteristics describe a child with autism, she said.

"Before complete diagnosis of autism, a child would show some symptoms in ... (each of) three areas: communication, social interaction and stereotypical behavior," Dr. Hanson explained.

The three categories that go along with a diagnosis of autism include delayed speech or language; differences in social interaction, such as avoiding eye contact or misunderstanding social cues; and stereotypical behaviors such as playing with toys with a ritual behavior or rocking over and over again.

"Autism is a disorder of communication and social interaction," the doctor said. "There is a range of disorders actually that fall within a spectrum that we call pervasive developmental disorders. The range goes from classic autism, with a fairly significant difference in communication and social interaction, to Asperger's Syndrome, which is more mild and sometimes more difficult to diagnose."

Dr. Hanson said the number of children diagnosed is hard to pin down with current data.

The Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences staff is working toward educating and training physicians and nurses to accurately diagnose autism early.

(Courtesy of American Forces Press Service)



# Task force seeks sexual assault response feedback

By

**Staff Sgt. Danielle Johnson**  
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Public Affairs

JOINT BASE MCGUIRE-DIX-LAKEHURST, N.J. (AFNS) — Members of the Defense Task Force on Sexual Assault in the Military Services visited Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst recently to speak with base leaders, sexual assault response coordinators and other base members.

The task force, which was chartered by Congress to look at sexual assault response programs in the military services and make recommendations on how these programs can be improved, visited the base to take a look at the unique challenges faced at the first tri-service joint base.

"We came here because we expect it to be challenging," said Navy Capt. Donald Henry, task force member and assistant chief of staff for intelligence. "We're interested not only in how the installation is combined and what decisions are made, but also what options were considered and not used to see if we might be able to make recommendations."

"In many ways, (Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst) is a great example for us to learn from because we are able to talk with people about what it is they're thinking," said Millicent Wasell, task force co-chair. "It's also interesting to see the three

bases' merged approach to sexual assault."

"We've seen tremendously committed people who are working hard on (the sexual assault response program) and are committed to maintain its effectiveness as the base is vigilant," she said. "The commitment that people have is just so evident, it's very positive."

Since Aug. 11, 2008, the task force, which grew out of a previous task force established to look at sexual assault and sexual harassment at the military academies, has been looking at various military installations to collect information about how the services' sexual assault response programs are performing.

The task force members, who include civilian experts and representatives from each of the military branches, will continue to interview individuals and conduct focus groups to determine what improvements can be made to current sexual assault response and prevention programs.

The task force, which is scheduled to present its report to Congress in August, is evaluating the effectiveness of sexual assault response programs at installations around the world, which is challenging for a number of reasons.

More information about the Defense Task Force on Sexual Assault in the Military Services is available online at [www.dtic.mil/dtfsams](http://www.dtic.mil/dtfsams) or by calling (888) 325-6640.



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## Leadership by example

Col. Jeffrey Stephenson, 62nd Airlift Wing commander, right, and Heather Van Mill, McChord's Sexual Assault Response Coordinator, center right, lead Tuesday's "Walk to End Sexual Violence." The annual walk was part of April Sexual Assault Awareness Month activities.



**Fam-o-rama**

Fam-o-rama is 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday on the Youth Center grounds. Activities include carnival games, face painting, skate park demonstrations, and a basketball tournament. Free hot dogs, cotton candy and beverages will also be available.

**Fishing derby**

The annual "Top 3 Kid's Fishing Derby" is 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. Sign-up begins at 9 a.m. and fishing time is 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, call 982-5624.

**'Knucklebuster 2009'**

The 62nd Maintenance Group hosts "Knucklebuster 2009" 6 p.m. today at Hanger 3. The Knucklebuster is an award recognizing the group's hard-working men and women who give 100 percent in the performance of C-17 Globemaster III maintenance, maintenance support and maintenance supervision. This year's guest speaker is retired Air Force Lt. Gen. Leo Marquez. For more information, contact 2nd Lt. Nathan Lucero at 982-6917 or Master Sgt. Richard Stratton at 982-7070.

**Air Force Association annual awards banquet**

The McChord chapter, AFA annual awards banquet is today at the Northwest Connection here. Social hour begins at 6 p.m. and dinner is at 7 p.m. For more information or to RSVP, call Mary Moss at 983-7026.

**McChord Airmen vs. Tacoma Tide basketball game**

A team of McChord Airmen will take on the local Tacoma Tide basketball team 7 p.m. Thursday at Stadium High School in Tacoma. Tryouts are open to

all Team McChord Airmen (active duty, Guard/Reserve, and tenant units). For more information, contact Master Sgt. Tony Brown at george.brown1@mcchord.af.mil or 982-6272, or Tech. Sgt. Marcus Stancil at marcus.stancil@us.army.mil or 967-6460.

**Rape Aggression Defense class**

A RAD class for women is 1 to 4 p.m. Monday. For more information or to register, call 982-0473.

**Asian Pacific American Heritage meal**

An Asian Pacific American Heritage meal is offered 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday at the Olympic Dining Facility. For more information, call 982-2711 or 982-2527.

**Madigan Annex TBI classes**

Traumatic Brain Injuries Program education series classes for educators and healthcare providers are offered Thursdays at the Madigan annex on Fort Lewis. For more information, call the TBI nurse educator, Lindy Peterson, at 968-3161.

**Military Spouse Appreciation Day bowling**

Military spouses with a sponsor assigned or attached to McChord bowl free at Sounders Lanes here from 4 to 6 p.m. May 8, Military Spouse Appreciation Day. For more information, call 982-2695.

**Asian Pacific American Heritage Month celebration**

An Asian Pacific American Heritage Month celebration is 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 13 in the main ballroom at the McChord Clubs and Community Center. For more information, call 982-6596.

**ID card office closure**

The identification card office in the customer service mall of Bldg. 100 is closed May 12 - 13 for hardware upgrades.

**Commissary case lot sale**

The McChord commissary May case lot sale honoring Asian Pacific American Heritage Month is 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. May 14 - 16. Free food samples, giveaways, and activities are scheduled May 16. For more information, call Victoria Best-Rush or Peggy Russell at 982-3285.

**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>.

**'Bundles for Babies'**

"Bundles for Babies" - a three-hour class covering topics such as the costs

of raising a child, stress factors, and caring for a baby - is 9 a.m. to noon May 20 at the Airman and Family Readiness Center. For more information, call 982-2695.

**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.

**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.



## 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:**

Noon. 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.

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**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



# \$500 Scholarship

Sponsored by Company Grade Officer Council (CGOC)

We are offering a minimum of 2 \$500 Scholarships

Eligibility: Dependents of military and civilian personnel who work at McChord AFB

Applicants must fill out a Scholarship Application Form and submit a paper on the following topic:



Topic:

Imagine for a moment you are being visited by the Ghost of America's Past, and he wanted to take you back to a moment in somebody's career, either Joseph McCarthy, Sandra Day O'Connor, or Harry Truman. It turns out you get the last word on how one of them helped and/or hindered the American way of life at that particular moment. So where & when do you go, and how do you answer?

Requirements:  
12 font Times New Roman  
1" margins  
Double-spaced  
3-5 pages

Submit:

No later than May 30, 2009  
Email paper to: 62aw.cgoc@mcchord.af.mil

POC: 217 Tiffany Sellers  
tiffany.sellers@mcchord.af.mil  
Work: 253-982-5561



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## Heartfelt thanks

Col. Shane Hershman, McChord's Joint Base realignment project officer, congratulates Dorothy and retired Chief Master Sgt. Norman Johnson on their Volunteer of the Year award April 17 at the Retiree Activities Office annual Dining Out. Colonel Hershman was guest speaker for the event, attended by nearly 100 retirees and family members.

## NAMES TO NOTE

Congratulations to the following winners of the Pacific Northwest Airlift/Tanker Association's annual scholarship:

- **Kevin Fleishman**
- **Mason Smiedendorf**

Both winners are McChord family members and submitted essays titled, "My Contribution to the Nation." Scholarship checks will be presented 11:30 Wednesday in the Rainier Room at the McChord Clubs and Community Center.

