

Shattered Futures



*Airmen face many
DUI consequences
to include:*

- Civilian jail and/or UCMJ action
- \$3,000+ in fines
- Lawsuits
- Loss of driving privileges
- Adverse military career actions
 - demotions
 - involuntary separation

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Put down the keys and pick up the phone

By

Col. Jeffrey Stephenson
62nd Airlift Wing commander

It's 3 a.m. ... the phone rings and my heart sinks. I've often said that nothing good happens after midnight and more times than not, these early morning calls reinforce that sentiment.

I pick up the phone and am informed an Airman is sitting in jail for drinking and driving ... maybe it's the father in me, but my first question is always the same; was anyone hurt?

Over the past few months, a group of dedicated McChord Airmen have put their hearts into an aggressive responsible drinking campaign. From our new "1v1 ... Two's In" Wingman program to the recent alcohol awareness comedy show, if you haven't gotten the message yet, you're just not paying attention!

Irresponsible drinking is not compatible with our values of Integrity, Service and Excellence!

Folks, the consequences of DUIs and alcohol-related incidents are serious and far reaching. We talk a lot about the devastating career and financial impacts, but you also risk injuring or killing yourself, or someone else. These are the real-life consequences if you choose to drive or take unnecessary risks while under the influence of alcohol! I promise you, the resulting physical and emotional scars last a lifetime.

Now many believe that alcohol use basically boils down to personal responsibility. While I know there is a large amount of truth in this statement, I can't condone the, "it's none of my business" attitude that sometimes accompanies it.

We all are part of the world's greatest Air Force and have a personal and professional responsibility to be wingmen to our fellow Airmen.

Our unique culture is based upon this

concept – Airmen taking care of Airmen 24/7, every day of the year. While personal responsibility is vital, it is just as important as an Airman to have the character to go the extra mile to protect your wingman through actions and not just words. If you see a fellow Airman heading down a destructive path, change their course of action ... take their keys, give them a ride, do what you have to do to keep them safe or call me; it's that important!

All Airmen officer, enlisted and civilian are my number one priority! You are all members of our Air Force family and I'm asking each and every one of you to think through your actions or lack of action, anticipate the good and bad consequences, and then act appropriately/responsibly!

I'd rather have you call me for a ride in the early morning hours, than take a call telling me I've lost a valuable member of my Air Force family!

The Sharper Airman knows ...

If they are a designated driver, not to drink!

- Not one drink, two drinks, or "just a few";
- None!

The Sharper Airman knows to keep an eye on the designated driver and discourage, rather than encourage, them to drink.



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.

PROFESSIONALS

of the week
446th Airlift Wing

Tech. Sgt. Glen Tuttle

Duty Title:
Explosive ordnance disposal technician

Duty section:
446th Civil Engineer Squadron

Hometown:
Nashua, N.H.

Why he's super:

Sergeant Tuttle embodies the concept of Team McChord. He volunteered for an eight-month backfill to the 62nd CES explosive ordnance disposal flight to fill the role of flight chief. During that tenure, he embraced the opportunity to prepare the section for the upcoming Operational Readiness Inspection, establishing a comprehensive training plan with cross organizational balance for ORI success. Sergeant Tuttle also identified key training deficiencies with annual recurring mandatory training and implemented an aggressive corrective action plan.



Senior Airman Alyssa Brandaberry

Duty Title:
Personnel journeyman

Duty section:
Commander's support staff, 728th Airlift Squadron

Hometown:
Bremerton, Wash.

Why she's tops:

During the last two years, Airman Brandaberry has been pursuing an associate's degree at Pierce College, maintaining a 3.4 grade point average while serving on contingency orders. She also represented the wing at the "Women in Aviation" international convention in February. Airman Brandaberry was awarded the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal for her continuous involvement in the community, most notably serving as a youth soccer coach and participating in the wing's speakers bureau. Her military awards and decorations include the Meritorious Unit Award, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and Air Force Training Ribbon.



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Airmen receive UCMJ disciplinary actions in May

By

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

• A captain was found in violation of Article 133 – **Conduct unbecoming of officer and gentleman for drunk and disorderly conduct.** The punishment imposed was a forfeiture of \$1,000 for two months, a suspended forfeiture of \$1,879 for two months, and a reprimand.

• A staff sergeant was found in violation of Article 92 – **Negligent dereliction of duty for drinking within a 12-hour flight window.** The punishment imposed was a reduction to senior Airman, a suspended forfeiture of \$1,109 for two months, 30 days of extra duty, and a reprimand.

• A senior Airman was found in violation of Article 112 – **Drunk on duty.** The punishment imposed was a suspended reduction to Airman first class, 30 days of extra duty, and a reprimand.

• A senior Airman was found in violation of Article 92 – **Negligent dereliction of duty for drinking within a 12-hour flight window.** The punishment imposed was a

reduction to Airman First Class, a suspended forfeiture of \$929 for one month, 15 days of extra duty, and a reprimand.

• An Airman first class was found in violation of Article 112 – **Drunk on duty.** The punishment imposed was a suspended reduction to Airman, 14 days of extra duty, and 14 days of restriction to base limits.

• A senior Airman was found in violation of Article 112a – Wrongful distribution of a controlled substance (Oxycodone). The punishment imposed was a reduction to Airman First Class, 30 days of extra duty, and a reprimand.

• A senior Airman was found in violation of Article 92 – Willful dereliction of duty for misuse of a government travel card. The punishment imposed was a suspended reduction to Airman first class, a suspended forfeiture of \$409 for one month, and 14 days of extra duty.

• An Airman first class was found in violation of Article 112a – Wrongful possession of a controlled substance (Adderall). The punishment received was a reduction to Airman, 30 days of extra duty, and a reprimand. An administrative discharge is pending.

• An Airman first class was found in violation of Article 107 – False official statement, and Article 134 – Fleeing the scene of an

accident. The punishment received was a suspended reduction to Airman, seven days of extra duty, seven days of restriction to base limits, and a reprimand.

• An Airman first class was found in violation of Article 112a – Wrongful use of a controlled substance (Oxycodone). The punishment imposed was a reduction to Airman basic, 30 days of extra duty, and a reprimand. An administrative discharge is pending.

• An Airman first class was found in violation of Article 112a – Wrongful distribution of a controlled substance (Oxycodone). The punishment imposed was a suspended reduction to Airman, 30 days of extra duty, and a reprimand.

• An Airman was found in violation of Article 86 – Failure to go, and Article 92 – Willful dereliction of duty for failing to meet deadlines for upgrade training. The punishment received was reduction to Airman basic, 15 days of extra duty, and suspended forfeiture of \$699 for one month.

The following are the results of courts-martial actions here in May.

• An Airman basic was court-martialed in a special court-martial for one charge and six specifications of Article 112a – Wrongful use of a controlled substance

(Marijuana, Oxycodone, Amphetamine, and Methylenedioxyamphetamine [Ecstasy]), and one charge and one specification of Article 86 – Absent without leave. The accused plead guilty to all charges and specifications and was sentenced by a military judge to confinement for seven months and 20 days and a bad conduct discharge.

• A lieutenant colonel was court-martialed in a general court-martial for one charge and two specifications of Article 120 – Wrongful sexual contact, one charge and two specifications of Article 133 – Conduct unbecoming of an officer and gentleman, one charge and one specification of Article 92 – Willful dereliction of duty, one charge and one specification of Article 128 – Assault consummated by a battery, and one charge and one specification of Article 134 – Obstruction of justice. The accused plead not guilty to all charges and specifications. A panel of officers found the accused guilty of one specification of Article 120, one specification of Article 133, the charge of Article 92, and the charge of Article 134. The panel found the accused not guilty of all other charges and specifications. The accused was sentenced to eleven months of confinement and a dismissal.



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IT'S NOT PROHIBITION.

IT'S A RESPONSIBLE DRINKING CULTURE.



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

DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE



President announces cyber security office

By

Jim Garamone

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFNS) The nation's computer network infrastructure will be defended as a national strategic asset, President Barack Obama said here May 29.

In a White House announcement, President Obama said he will appoint a cyber security coordinator for the critical infrastructure that all Americans depend on.

"We will ensure that these networks are secure, trustworthy and resilient," he said. "We will deter, prevent, detect and defend against attacks, and recover quickly from any disruptions or damage."

Personnel in the cyber security office will orchestrate and integrate all cyber security policies for the government, the president said. They will work closely with Office of Management and Budget officials to ensure agency budgets reflect those priorities, and, in the

event of major cyber incident or attack, will coordinate government response.

The cyber security coordinator will be a member of the national security staff and will serve on the president's national economic council.

"To ensure that policies keep faith with our fundamental values, this office will also include an official with a portfolio specifically dedicated to safeguarding the privacy and civil liberties of the American people," President Obama said. "Clear milestones and performance metrics will measure progress."

The cyber infrastructure is not limited to the federal government. The office will work with officials in state and local governments and international partners to combat cyber attacks, and also will work with the private sector to ensure an organized and unified response to future cyber incidents.

"Given the enormous damage that can be caused by even a single cyber attack, ad hoc responses will

not do," the president said. "Nor is it sufficient to simply strengthen our defenses after incidents or attacks occur. Just as we do for natural disasters, we have to have plans and resources in place beforehand, sharing information, issuing warnings and ensuring a coordinated response."

The problem is spreading. President Obama said cyber criminals launched attacks worldwide last year that cost consumers \$1 trillion.

America's economic prosperity in the 21st century will depend on cyber security, which also affects public safety and national security, the president said.

"We count on computer networks to deliver our oil and gas, our power and our water," he said.

Computers help run public transportation networks from the skies to subways, he noted, and hackers have launched attacks on electrical grids.

"Our technological advantage is a key to America's military dominance, but our defense and mili-

tary networks are under constant attacks," he said. "Al-Qaeda and other terrorist groups have spoken of their desire to unleash a cyber attack on our country, attacks that are harder to detect and harder to defend against. Indeed, in today's world, acts of terror could come not only from a few extremists in suicide vests, but from a few keystrokes on the computer, a weapon of mass disruption."

Part of the program is a national campaign to promote cyber security awareness and digital literacy. The effort also will be part of the president's initiative to build a digital work force for the 21st century.

"The task I have described will not be easy," he said. "Some 1.5 billion people around the world are already online, and more are logging on every day. Groups and governments are sharpening their cyber capabilities. Protecting our prosperity and security in this globalized world is going to be a long, difficult struggle, demanding patience and persistence over many years."

**Visit the 62nd Airlift Wing public Web site at
<http://public.mcchord.af.mil>**



MTI recruiting team visits McChord Thursday

By

Air Force Personnel Center
Public Affairs

If you've ever wanted to have the opportunity to mold civilians into Airman as an Air Force Military Training Instructor, the MTI Recruiting Team can answer any questions you may have concerning this challenging and rewarding

career.

The team will brief on all aspects of MTI special duty opportunities 8:30 a.m. Thursday at the Airman Leadership School auditorium in Bldg. 851. Spouses are highly encouraged to attend. Airmen 1st class with at least 24 months time in service, through technical sergeants with less than 16 years Total Active Federal Military Service are invited to attend the briefing

and are eligible to apply for this special duty assignment. Master sergeants are hired on a case-by-case basis.

The team can expedite the processing of an applicant's special duty application if they bring it with them to the briefing. To obtain a copy of the Air Education and Training Command special duty application, contact the wing career advisor.

AFPC 'Spread the Word' briefing available online

An electronic version of the Air Force Personnel Center "Spread the Word" briefing is now available online at: <https://ask.afpc.randolph.af.mil/pubaffairs/word/word.asp>. Briefing topics range from the assignment cycle and tempo banding to upcoming uniform changes and civilian hiring procedures. Personnel questions can be sent to the Spread the Word team at: stw.workflow@randolph.af.mil.



McChord Airmen

AROUND THE WORLD



Photo by Senior Airman Jon Polka

TURKEY — Airman 1st Class Michael Dunlap, 7th Airlift Squadron, marshalls a forklift while offloading cargo at Incirlik Air Base during a recent deployment.



Photo by Senior Airman Elizabeth Rissmiller

IRAQ — Tech. Sgt. Roy Hurd, 62nd Civil Engineer Squadron, uses an oxy-acetylene torch to de-militarize enemy weapons at Joint Base Balad during a recent deployment.



Responsible alcohol use ... your future depends on it



Senior Airman Bryan Walters, 62nd Airlift Wing Protocol, distributes envelopes containing wingman cards and keychains featuring the Airmen Against Drunk Driving phone number prior to a "Happy Hour - Comedy With a Message" performance by Bernie McGrenahan May 27.

DUIs cast alarming trend

Airmen reached last year's total number of Driving Under the Influence arrests in the first four-and-a-half months of 2009, constituting a negative trend that 62nd Airlift Wing leadership aims to put the brakes on.

"My concern is that our great young men and women are compromising what could be a great future career and negatively impacting their future life," said Col. Jeffrey Stephenson, 62nd AW commander.

From a simulated accident demonstration at the main gate to Bernie McGrenahan's "Happy Hour" comedy performances, leadership is trying a number of strategies to stop the negative trend, Colonel Stephenson said.

That effort also includes distributing new wingman coins for first sergeants and group commanders to hand out when they see or hear of Airmen intervening to prevent a potentially dangerous situation.

Key chains with Airman Against Drunk Driving's phone number, 722-AADD, have also been handed out, as well as wingman cards for every Airman to write in the name of a wingman — which at a minimum could include a commander or first sergeant's contact information printed on them — are things Colonel Stephenson hopes will help Airmen think before they get behind the wheel.

"It's just a reminder, so that maybe when they pull out their keys and see that wingman logo, it will spark something that says 'hey, I'm not even going to chance driving home,'" the colonel said.

Senior Airman Christopher Sullivan, 62nd Security Forces Squadron, wishes he made a decision not to drive home earlier this year. Airman Sullivan went out to a bar in Ta-

coma to have a few drinks to help clear his mind.

"I wasn't thinking about (driving under the influence), I was just like 'Ok, I had three drinks, I'm alright,'" he said.

Airman Sullivan was pulled over before arriving at another location instead of heading home, and failed a breathalyzer test.

"That's when I broke down," he said. "I was like, 'This is the end of my career.'"

While Airman Sullivan's future in the Air Force is uncertain at the moment, he is sure of a few things about his DUI.

"I know I could have prevented it," he said. "They always talk about having a plan, but I could have just stayed home and had some drinks there. I put myself in that situation. You're never totally boxed into a situation that you can't get out of."

One of the top options is calling AADD for a ride home, a program so successful the wing decided to distribute the key chains.

"Sometimes your friends aren't available to come pick you up," said AADD president Airman 1st Class William Wittmer, 62nd Logistics Readiness Squadron. "There is always someone with the AADD phone who will pick you up."

Since the beginning of the year, AADD volunteer Airmen have provided 26 free rides home to those who have called the 722-AADD phone number.

While Airman Wittmer understands calling a complete stranger instead of a friend for a ride can make some Airmen uncomfortable, the potential to lose one's career because of a DUI is a sobering reality.

"The pick-up is completely confidential. We don't tell anybody," he said. "I just want you to get home safe."



If you're going out and plan to drink, a filled-in wingman card could be a life saver.

The cost of DUI ... an Airman's story

Just six months ago, anyone visiting the base fitness center probably noticed Airman 1st Class Bethany Leis, 62nd Support Squadron. The Airman was prominently featured in several posters at the center, and online as part of an Air Force-wide fitness promotion campaign.

Today, the posters are gone, and Airman Leis is facing a discharge from the Air Force.

And that's just one cost of driving under the influence of alcohol.

The start of Airman Leis' evening may sound familiar to more than a few people.

"I didn't even want to go out that night," she said. "But a friend did, and said that they would just go out alone if I wasn't coming along."

"My plan was to go out, just have a couple of drinks," Airman Leis continued. "But I ended up drinking more than I expected."

By the next morning, Airman Leis' car had been totaled in a three-vehicle accident — she was arrested, charged with DUI.

Sitting there, unaware of much of what had happened, her first thoughts were, "Is my friend ok? Did I hurt anybody?"

Before those questions could be answered, she discovered several text messages on her cell phone from other Airmen who had been at the bar. One read, "HA-HA, you just got kicked out of the bar!"

Airman Leis then learned more details about accident.

"I'm so thankful no one was hurt," said Airman Leis. "I was doing a lot of things completely out of character for me... I was in tears."

Fortunately, the friend she had been out with was fine and was not involved in the accident.

As Airman Leis, this incident would bring many consequences, including the loss of driving privileges.

"You always think, 'Oh, it can't hap-



Airman 1st Class Bethany Leis, 62nd Support Squadron, appeared in a series of posters at the base fitness center prior to the DUI incident.

pen to me.' No one goes out planning to get into trouble. Well, it's happened to me twice."

Airman Leis now has a litany of legal issues and received a Letter of Reprimand, an Article 15, 30 days of extra duty, and is facing discharge from the Air Force.

The unfortunate episode has also had a substantial financial toll, she said.

"But as I see it, I'm very fortunate," said Airman Leis. "I was going down a destructive path and it's been a real wake up call to me."

"Fortunately, I didn't hurt anyone," she said. "My life isn't ruined, but some things are going to be a struggle. It's hard to deal directly with your problems, but that's the best route to go."

As Airman Leis waits to learn her Air Force future, she has been sharing her story with fellow Airmen. At times, it seems the message has fallen on deaf ears.

At a recent Memorial Day gathering, she talked with several Airmen, including the group's designated driver. A few hours later, the DD was asking her for a ride home.

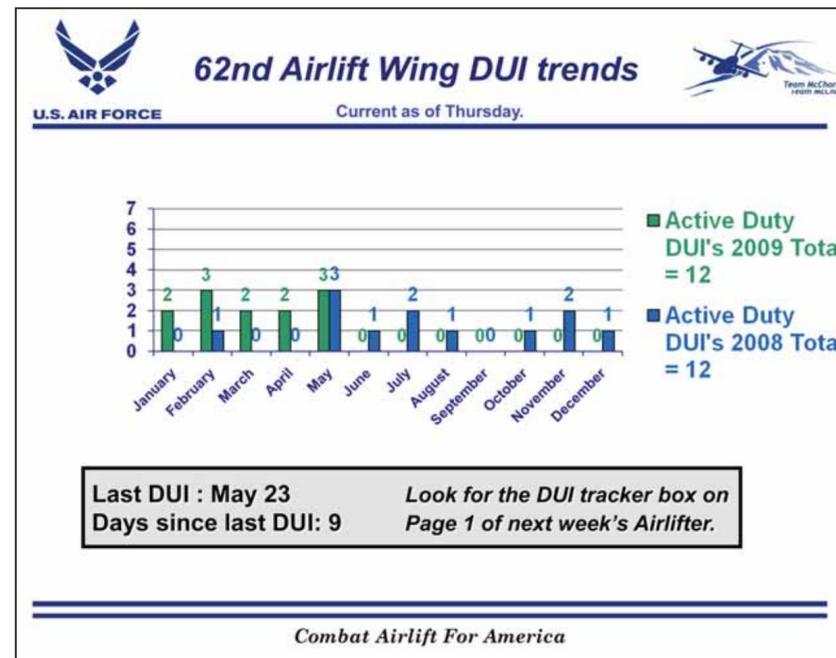
"I refuse to let this incident get me down and have a negative influence on my life," said Airman Leis. "I

have grown stronger as an individual through all of this and each day I wake up in hopes that the next person will learn from my mistakes, so they do not have to go through the same struggles and they can better protect themselves and others."

"Airman 1st Class - formerly Senior Airman - Leis is another person whose decision to drive while intoxicated has cut down her hopes of a successful career in the Air Force, said Master Sgt. Chris Almeria, 62nd FSS First Sergeant. "Far beyond the exorbitant price she will be paying for her choices, the losses to our squadron, the wing and the Air Force represent a 100 percent preventable tragedy. I hope that others can learn from her and not make the same mistake. Nobody thinks it could happen to them - right up until the point they are speaking with law enforcement. This tragedy proves yet again it can happen to anyone who doesn't leave with a plan to get home safely. She's not, nor ever has been a bad person - just a young Airman who made a poor decision."

If you take only half the time it takes to decide what to wear out to a bar, you can come up with a plan on how to get safely home ... please learn from the lessons Airman Leis has had to learn the hard way," said the sergeant.

By Staff Sgt. Eric Burks



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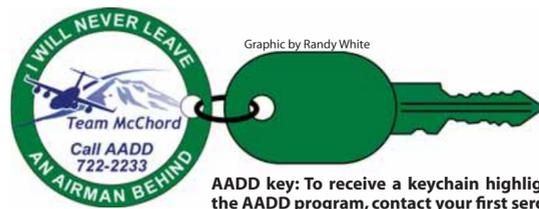
The medical standard is one drink for women or two drinks for men if a daily drinker.

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



Mr. McGrenahan entertained Team McChord members with four performances of his "Happy Hour - Comedy With a Message" show May 27 and 28.



AADD key: To receive a keychain highlighting the AADD program, contact your first sergeant.

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

Editor's note: The Northwest Airlifter would like to thank Airman Sullivan and Leis for sharing their stories in this edition. It is our hope that their experiences will prevent another DUI among McChord Airmen.

DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE

Photo by Gary Sandwick



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Summer games

Athletes compete in cycling events here Saturday and Sunday during the annual Special Olympics Washington Summer Games. McChord and Fort Lewis teamed up again this year to host the Games, which featured competitive events including aquatics, athletics (field events), cycling, power lifting, and soccer. Medals were presented to event champions by Airmen and Soldiers.



Opening ceremonies

Athletes, their families and volunteers arrive for opening ceremonies of the annual Special Olympics Washington Summer Games here May 29. McChord and Fort Lewis teamed up to host more than 8,000 athletes, coaches and volunteers participating in the annual Summer Games. Athlete Brandon Geverola of the Fort Lewis Tigers, and Lt. Mike Merriman, Yakima Police Department, lit the flame signaling the opening of the Games.



Photos by Staff Sgt. Eric Burks



WADS joins Soldiers, sailors to conduct air defense exercise

TYNDALL AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. (AFNS) — An Oregon National Guard base will host nearly 200 Soldiers and Airmen, and a U.S. Navy destroyer will patrol coastal waters while participating in a major U.S. Northern Command air defense exercise in mid-June.

Exercise Amalgam Dart '09 will take place at Camp Rilea and nearby Warrenton, Ore., June 18 to 20. It is one of several exercises under the Ardent Sentry '09 exercise series.

Local residents will see a minor influx of people and equipment moving into and out of the Warrenton and

Camp Rilea areas a few days before and after the actual exercise starts and ends.

As the continental U.S. geographical component of the bi-national North American Aerospace Defense Command, Continental U.S. NORAD Region personnel provide airspace surveillance and control and direct all air sovereignty activities.

From their Air and Space Operations Center here, the CONR commander and his staff will direct Air Force, Army and Navy assets, ensuring the air sovereignty and air defense of the continental United States.

F-15 Eagles from the Oregon Air National Guard's 142nd Fighter Wing in Portland and F-16 Fighting Falcons from the California Air National Guard's 144th FW in Fresno will serve as interceptors during the exercise. They will operate out of the Portland airport and from McChord, respectively.

The Western Air Defense Sector will detect, identify, track and scramble fighters if need be to intercept unknown or threatening airborne objects.

During Amalgam Dart '09, CONR participants will demonstrate a rapid-

ly deployable air defense system that could protect high-profile national targets against cruise missiles and other low-flying threats.

Deployable-Homeland Air and Cruise Missile Defense assets will be brought from South Carolina to Camp Rilea and Warrenton where they will remain for the duration of the exercise.

"Exercise Amalgam Dart '09 provides us with the opportunity to train and for potential scenarios that could affect the continental U.S.," said Maj. Gen. Hank Morrow, CONR commander.



Advanced composite cargo aircraft makes first flight

By

Derek Kaufman
88th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio (AFNS) — Members of the Air Force Research Laboratory and Lockheed Martin's famed 'Skunk Works' launched a new era of aircraft manufacturing technology and performance with the successful initial demonstration flight of the Advanced Composite Cargo Aircraft Tuesday at Air Force Plant 42 in Palmdale, Calif.

The ACCA is a modified Dornier 328J aircraft with the fuselage aft of the crew station and the vertical tail removed and replaced with completely new structural designs made of advanced composite materials fabricated using out-of-autoclave curing.

The ACCA fuselage is wider and stronger to accommodate military standard 463L pallets and features a cargo door and cargo ramp. The vertical tail features integrally stiffened skin. Despite its larger size, the materials and processes used for the fuselage reduced the number of parts by an order of magnitude relative to the original metallic design (approximately 300 versus 3,000) and drastically reduced the number of mechanical fasteners (about 4,000 vs. 30,000), program officials said.

The flight marks the final and most significant milestone of Phase II of the Air Force Research Labo-

ratory ACCA program, said Barth Shenk, an ACCA program manager from AFRL's Air Vehicles Directorate at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

"This has the potential to change aircraft manufacturing as we presently know it, for the better," Mr. Shenk said. "Today's successful flight is the culmination of years of teamwork between government and industry labs involving hundreds of dedicated researchers across the country to fundamentally change the way we make airframes."

Lockheed Martin officials said the ACCA took-off to the east from Air Force Plant 42 at 6:55 a.m. Pacific Time. The aircraft then banked west and climbed to an altitude of approximately 10,000 feet where the two-pilot crew took the vehicle through a series of airspeed and stability and control tests. Officials said the tests are important to understand how the composite cargo aircraft performs at varying speeds, attitudes, and altitudes. This data will be used as a baseline for future tests.

"Today is one of those perfect days where I get to be the first to fly a new aircraft and everything goes exactly as planned. The aircraft was a real pleasure to fly and we experienced absolutely no issues," said Rob Rowe, the Lockheed Martin lead ACCA test pilot.

Duration for the first flight was about 87 minutes.

Mr. Shenk said the ACCA isn't designed to be a prototype for a small airlifter or any other aircraft. It is a



Courtesy photo

The Advanced Composite Cargo Aircraft made its first test flight Tuesday from Air Force Plant 42 in Palmdale, Calif. The ACCA is proof of concept technology demonstrator for advanced composite manufacturing processes in a full-scale, certified aircraft. It was developed by Air Force Research Laboratory and Lockheed Martin officials.

proof of concept technology demonstrator for composite manufacturing processes in a full-scale, certified aircraft. In an effort to demonstrate and test the technologies while keeping costs down and on schedule, the small team of Air Force and Lockheed Martin engineers elected to modify the high-wing Dornier jet, mating its existing engines, wing, landing gear and avionics systems to the new composite structure. The modified fuselage has enlarged rear cargo doors and can accommodate two standard size military pallets.

The new composite structure is manufactured without complex tooling and the bonding process yields a 90 percent reduction of structural components and fasteners, said Frank Mauro, the vice president of Advanced System Development for Lockheed Martin.

"Historically aircraft cost has been generally determined by the size and weight of the vehicle. With ACCA we are proving that while size does matter, it isn't the be-all, end-all determination of aircraft cost," Mr. Mauro said.



MTI special duty briefing

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Steam plant shutdown

The base central steam plant shuts down June 13 and 14. The shutdown starts at midnight June 13 and concludes at 6 p.m. June 14. The following buildings served with steam heat, steam-heated domestic hot water, and/or process steam will be affected: 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 12, 22, 100, 160, 180, 181, 301, 304, 308, 315, 328, 341, 423, 546, 565, 566, 567, 572, 574, 707, 708, 710, 717, 726, 729, 735, 737, 738, 742, 745, 746, 757, 774, 778, 1119, 1120, 1122, 1147,

1148, 1149, 1150, 1151, 1152, 1155, 1156, 1160, 1164, 1165, 1166, 1167, 1169, 1170, 1174, 1175, 1178, 1179, 1183, 1405, 1419, and 1422. Hot water should be available for most of the day June 13. Also, limited shower facilities will be available at the base swimming pool. The annual shutdown is necessary to perform maintenance on plant equipment and distribution system that can only be done while the systems are out of service. For more information, call 982-2583.

Fitness center floor resurfacing

The fitness center gym floor and racquetball Courts will be closed for resurfacing June 15 to 21. Squadrons with physical training reservations should make arrangements with center staff to schedule another area within the fitness center annex. For more information, call 982-3292.

1st WS change of command

The 1st Weather Squadron change of command ceremony is 10 a.m. June 17 in front of Bldg. 3077 on Fort Lewis. The incoming commander is Lt. Col. James Mackey and the outgoing commander is Lt. Col. Mark Lajoie.

New Barnes and housing gate hours

The Barnes gate is now open 5:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. daily. The Woodbrook housing gate is open 6 to 9 a.m. and 3 to 6 p.m. weekdays. For more information, call the 62nd Security Forces Squadron at 982-5100.

Military Spouse Career Advancement Accounts

The Defense Department is expanding the Military Spouse Career Advancement Accounts – MyCAA

– for military spouses of active duty and activated Guard and Reserve Service members worldwide beginning in mid May. MyCAA will officially open its doors for eligible military spouses worldwide to receive up to \$6,000 of financial assistance to help pay for licenses, certifications and education in high growth, high demand portable career fields. For more information, visit <http://www.militaryonesource.com/skins/MOS/home.aspx> and click on the link "Military Spouse Career Advancement Accounts" at the bottom of the Web page under "Military Programs."

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.

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>.

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.

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.



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

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Reservists have more options when using education benefits

By

2nd Lt. Candice Allen
446th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Chapters 1606, 1607, and 33 are not in books, but they'll help you pay for your books for college. They all refer to the educational benefits Reservists have at their disposal.

Reservists can choose from several different educational benefits. Think of it as shopping for clothes - it's not just a "one size fits all" benefit anymore.

Chapter 1606

With the Montgomery GI Bill -Selected Reserve, all Reservists who enlist for at least six years are eligible and can use the benefit if they remain active in the Reserve. As of Oct. 1, 2008, the current monthly rate for the Chapter 1606 is \$329 for a full-time student.

After Sept. 11, 2001, more educational benefits trickled down and Reservists could shop around a bit more.

Chapter 1607

A Reservist who serves on active duty on or after Sept. 11, 2001 for a

contingency operation and who serves at least 90 consecutive days or more is eligible for the Reserve Educational Assistance Program-Chapter 1607. Reservists who served on active duty for three months will receive \$528.40, one year \$792.60, and two or more years \$1056.80 of monthly GI bill benefits.

Chapter 33

The new Post 9/11 GI Bill -Chapter 33 will offer Reservists the largest increase of educational benefits ever beginning Aug. 1.

"With REAP (Chapter 1607), you need 90 days of continuous active-duty orders to qualify," said Master Sgt. Robin Weiss, 446th Mission Support Squadron's superintendent of the wing training and education flight. "Whereas with Chapter 33, your active-duty time just needs to be cumulative, meaning if you have a total of 36 months of active-duty time in support of a contingency, you qualify for 100 percent of the active-duty benefits."

Reservists are able to take advantage of the Post 9/11 GI Bill if they have served at least 90 aggregate days

of active duty service in a support of a contingency after Sept. 11, 2001. The post-9/11 GI Bill benefits include a new basic allowance for housing stipend, transferable educational benefits to dependents, a books and supplies stipend, and the Yellow Ribbon GI enhancements.

The largest change to the GI bill is the ability to transfer your educational benefits to your dependents.

"We receive a lot of questions about transferability, everyone wants to know about it," said Sergeant Weiss.

Department of Veterans Affairs representatives are accepting sign-ups for the Post-9/11 GI Bill and Defense Department officials are working to get the word out on the proposed policy regarding the bill's transferability provisions to help servicemembers decide if the new benefit is right for them.

Proposals call for enlisted or commissioned members of the armed forces serving on active duty or in the Selected Reserve on or after Aug. 1 to be eligible to transfer their benefits as long as they qualify for the Post-9/11 GI Bill.

Another Pentagon proposal would

cover servicemembers who will reach the 20-year service mark, making them retirement-eligible, between Aug. 1, 2009, and Aug. 1, 2013.

The breakdown on this proposal:

Those eligible for retirement on Aug. 1, 2009, would be eligible to transfer their benefits with no additional service requirement.

Those with an approved retirement date after Aug. 1, 2009, and before July 1, 2010, would qualify with no additional service.

Those eligible for retirement after Aug. 1, 2009, but before Aug. 1, 2010, would qualify with one additional year of service after approval to transfer their Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits.

Those eligible for retirement between Aug. 1, 2010, and July 31, 2011, would qualify with two additional years of service after approval to transfer.

Additional details are available direct from the Veteran's Affairs office at <http://www.gibill.va.gov> or 1-888-GI-BILL-1 (1-888-442-4551). In addition, the following site has information on all GI Bill programs - www.gibill.va.gov/GI_Bill_Info/benefits.htm.

