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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

Airlift excellence evident at Air Mobility Rodeo

By

Col. Kevin Kilb

62nd Airlift Wing commander

All I have to say Team McChord is ... Holy Buckets!

A few weeks back, I told you I believed Air Mobility Rodeo represented another opportunity for us to shine ... a chance to demonstrate our Airlift Excellence ... Right here ... Right now!

Let me tell you ... you not only embraced that vision ... you propelled it to the highest level of excellence.

Not only did we safely host about 2,500 competitors and guests from around the globe, we also captured the following awards: Best C-17

Team, Best Airdrop Team, Best C-17 Low-level Airdrop Crew, Best Aerial Port Challenge Course Team, Best Joint Inspection Team, Best C-17 Post-flight Team, and most importantly... Best Air Mobility Wing ... congratulations to everyone! Also, way to go 446th Airlift Wing for capturing the Best Security Forces Team, Best C-17 Maintenance Team, and Best Fit-to-Fight Team awards!

When it comes to flying, maintaining and supporting the C-17, we showed the world, no one does it better than Team McChord.

From the Rodeo staff who worked behind the scenes to the Wranglers who literally worked whatever needed to get done, positive attitudes and a commitment to excellence were predominant in everything accomplished ... it was a total force team effort and everyone did an incredible

job. It's also important to mention that while Rodeo took center stage, we still had a large number of Airmen in the work centers and in the combat zone keeping the airlift mission moving ... thank you all for your dedication and excellent work.

After we take a much-deserved breather, our challenge will be to keep our priorities in focus. Like you've heard me say before, it's not about simply getting through events, but doing our very best each and every day. With this mindset, I am confident we'll continue to shine as we complete our upcoming Operational Readiness Inspection in October.

There is no doubt you are the best at what you do; together we make an incredible team dedicated to providing Airlift Excellence ... Right here ... Right now!

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knows that the Expeditionary Airman must stay ready to deploy anywhere in the world at a moment's notice.

The Airman's Manual is the one item you don't want to deploy without.

The manual covers a myriad of topics designed to make you successful in the deployed environment. For those that didn't know, there is a new one dated March 1; every Airman is required to have one.

If you don't have the latest *Airman's Manual*, contact your unit deployment manager and get one prior to the Operational Readiness Inspection/deployment.

PROFESSIONALS

of the week

62nd Airlift Wing

Tech. Sgt. Deric Walker

Duty Title:
NCOIC

Duty section:
62nd AW Protocol

Hometown:
Colorado Springs, Colo.

Why he's tops:

As NCOIC, Sergeant Walker serves as the office's government purchase cardholder and the flightline driving program alternate manager, and supervises two Airmen. Since arriving in Protocol in February, Sergeant Walker has planned, coordinated and executed more than 15 ceremonies and events. He was the primary point of contact during a visit by the Warrant Officer of the Australian Air Force, the equivalent to the Air Force's CMSAF. He's earned his Associate of Arts in general studies and is currently attending St Martin's University, pursuing a bachelor's degree in political science.



Staff Sgt. Ron West

Duty Title:
Protocol specialist

Duty section:
62nd AW Protocol

Hometown:
Rifle, Colo.

Why he's super:

Sergeant West serves as the office's primary vehicle control officer, flightline driving program primary manager, lodging specialist and supply room manager. Since coming to Protocol in February, Sergeant West has planned, coordinated and executed more than seven ceremonies and events. He was the primary point of contact for visits from the Air Force Surgeon General and Air Mobility Command's command chief. Sergeant West is currently enrolled in classes at Pierce College and will complete his Community College of the Air Force degree in hotel and fitness recreation by the end of the summer.



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All around success makes for stellar Rodeo 2009

By

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The 62nd Airlift Wing wrapping up the “Best of the Best” award at Rodeo 2009 was merely the icing on the cake, Rodeo officials said this week while reflecting on hosting the mobility competition.

Since Rodeo’s debut at McChord in 1994, the 2009 competition has to go down as the best so far, according to Jonathan Harris, a Rodeo program manager who’s attended each one here.

“The planning has gotten better and we’ve constantly improved the infrastructure for Rodeo along the way,” Mr. Harris said. “McChord really has the stamp on the Rodeo plan now.”

From the lodging and rental car arrangements to the setup and maintenance at Rainier Ranch, Mr. Harris praised the extensive volunteer support network which was required to orchestrate such a high-profile event.

“All the Wranglers and the folks at the 62nd Civil Engineer Squadron, as well as the base populace, worked really hard to make this a great event,” he said.

At one point during the week, there were five four-star generals in attendance, as well as the Secretary of the Air Force, Michael Donley, and Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force James Roy.

“That’s a lot of exposure, but it shows we do a great job,” Mr. Harris

said. “When you gather that many people from around the world together for nearly a week straight and have no major mishaps or injuries, you walk away and say ‘wow’”.

While the behind-the-scenes workings of Rodeo went off without a hitch, the 62nd AW team took care of business on the scoreboard. In addition to taking home the top overall award — the Best Air Mobility Team — the wing also captured awards for best C-17 team, best airdrop team, best C-17 low-level airdrop crew, best C-17 aircrew and best C-17 post-flight team. It also grabbed the top spot for the best aerial port challenge course team and the best joint inspection team.

“It really makes everything worth it for all the effort the guys put into the training,” said Maj. Timothy Kimbrough, 62nd AW Rodeo team chief.

While the 62nd Operations Group team got off to a slow start in the arrival portion of the competition, it was the lone hiccup in a nearly flawless week of competition.

The team bounced back with a stellar performance in the cargo delivery system drop.

“It turned (the competition) around and things really snowballed from there,” he said. “They fed off it.”

The 62nd Aerial Port Squadron team turned in a second place overall finish in its competition, winning the challenge course and best joint inspection team.

“We worked really hard to win the challenge course ... it’s basically the bread and butter in our career field,” said Staff Sgt. Justin Hartman, 62nd



Photo by Tech Sgt. Douglas Olsen

62nd Airlift Wing Rodeo team members gather for a group photo July 24.

APS team captain.

“Everyone stuck with it ... that was awesome,” he said. “People are (now) walking around with their heads held a little higher.”

The 62nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron team did its part in contributing to the overall team title, winning the best C-17 post-flight competition.

“To win that was a big accomplishment,” said Capt. Burgess Gow, 62nd AMXS team captain. “We kept it together, and that says a lot about the team.”

Fielding a team composed of Air- men new to Rodeo, the 62nd Security

Forces Squadron put together a solid week of competition, finishing second overall.

“They gave it 100 percent effort and I’m very proud of each one of them,” said Master Sgt. Guy Dashnea, 62nd SFS Rodeo team captain.

The SFS team also took pride in the fact its training partners — 446th SFS team and the 92nd SFS from Fairchild Air Force Base, Wash. — performed so well. The 446th team won the competition while the 92nd SFS took third.

“If we wanted anyone else to win it, it’s them,” Sergeant Dashnea said of the 446th SFS team.



WWII Veteran awarded Purple Heart

By
Tyler Hemstreet
Staff writer

After visiting the World War II monument in Washington D.C. four years ago, Alice Meisenheimer noticed a most glaring omission from the memorial: the name of 2nd Lt. George Gwinn, her father.

So she set out to do something about it.

After nearly three years of phone calls and correspondence between various Veterans' and government offices, Mrs. Meisenheimer accepted a Purple Heart on behalf of her father (who died in 1995) at a ceremony July 16 at the 4th Airlift Squadron.

"It was absolutely bittersweet because he wasn't here to receive it," said Mrs. Meisenheimer, flanked by her husband and son. "The process has taken three years, but everyone was so wonderful to work with. It was very exciting when we finally got the call."

Lieutenant Gwinn, a Montana native, commanded a 10-man crew and piloted a B-17 Flying Fortress during the war. His aircraft was shot down April 24, 1944 and he spent nearly 13 months in a German prisoner of war camp. The Purple Heart was awarded to him for wounds received in action after being shot down.

"A lot of (the WW II soldiers) came home and they were just happy to be home and alive so they



Photo by 2nd Lt. Dan Edelstein

Col. Michael Hornitschek, 62nd Airlift Wing vice commander, presents 2nd Lt. George Gwinn's Purple Heart to his wife, Norma, at a ceremony July 16.

just moved on," Mrs. Meisenheimer said. "The end goal of this was a Purple Heart. (Lieutenant Gwinn) deserved to be a recipient."

Throughout the process to get her husband acknowledged for his service, Norma Gwinn stood by while her daughter did the legwork.

"This was her thing that she wanted to do," said Ms. Gwinn, who traveled up from Arizona for the ceremony.

Ms. Gwinn said she wants her daughter to keep the Purple Heart and keep passing it along within the family.

"She worked so hard for it," Ms. Gwinn said.



Photo by Senior Airman Jon Polka

Bronze Star

Lt. Col. J.R. Twiford, 7th Airlift Squadron commander, left, presents Chief Master Sgt. Jeffrey Irby, 7th AS, the Bronze Star Medal at a recent ceremony at the squadron. According to the citation, from October 2006 to March 2007, Chief Irby successfully integrated Army, Navy and Air Force personnel specialists in support of more than 725 special operators engaged in sustained combat operations supporting both Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

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CMSAF Roy meets with Afghan counterpart during Rodeo

By

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Rodeo 2009 Public Affairs

Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force James Roy visited McChord July 23 and 24 during the Air Mobility Rodeo 2009 competition to meet with Abdul Malik, Command Sergeant Major of the Afghan National Army Air Corps, and observe Rodeo events.

"The purpose of coming out here is two-fold," Chief Roy said. "First is to visit the command sergeant major of the Afghan National Air Corps. It is certainly special to meet with my good friend Command Sergeant Major Malik. This really solidifies our continued support for this partnership we have in Afghanistan, and has helped us identify some of the things we can do to continue the relationship we've been building."

Chief Roy said meeting with the command sergeant major helped emphasize the support and commitment from the U.S. Air Force.

"We're here to support the Afghan

National Air Corps in any way we possibly can," the chief said.

Observing the events at Rodeo was also beneficial for members of the Afghan National Air Corps.

Command Sergeant Major Malik said he enjoyed seeing Rodeo and visiting with Chief Roy. He added that seeing the level of training and equipment also offered at the competition was also impressive.

While meeting with his Afghan counterpart was the primary objective of the visit, Chief Roy also met with Airmen participating in the competition.

"The second element of this visit is Rodeo," he said. "It's always great to talk to the Airmen doing the awesome things we do in air mobility. Also, to highlight the fact that we can bring not only our great Air Force and Airmen here, we can also bring our joint and coalition partners here to work together, because that's how we fight."

"We fight together and we should be training that way," Chief Roy said. "Whether we're doing humanitarian assistance or disaster relief, it's a great opportunity to bring it all together



Photo by Abner Guzman

Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force James Roy, left, and Command Sergeant Major of the Afghan Air Corps Abdul Malik, the top enlisted members of their respective services, meet at McChord July 23 during Air Mobility Rodeo 2009.

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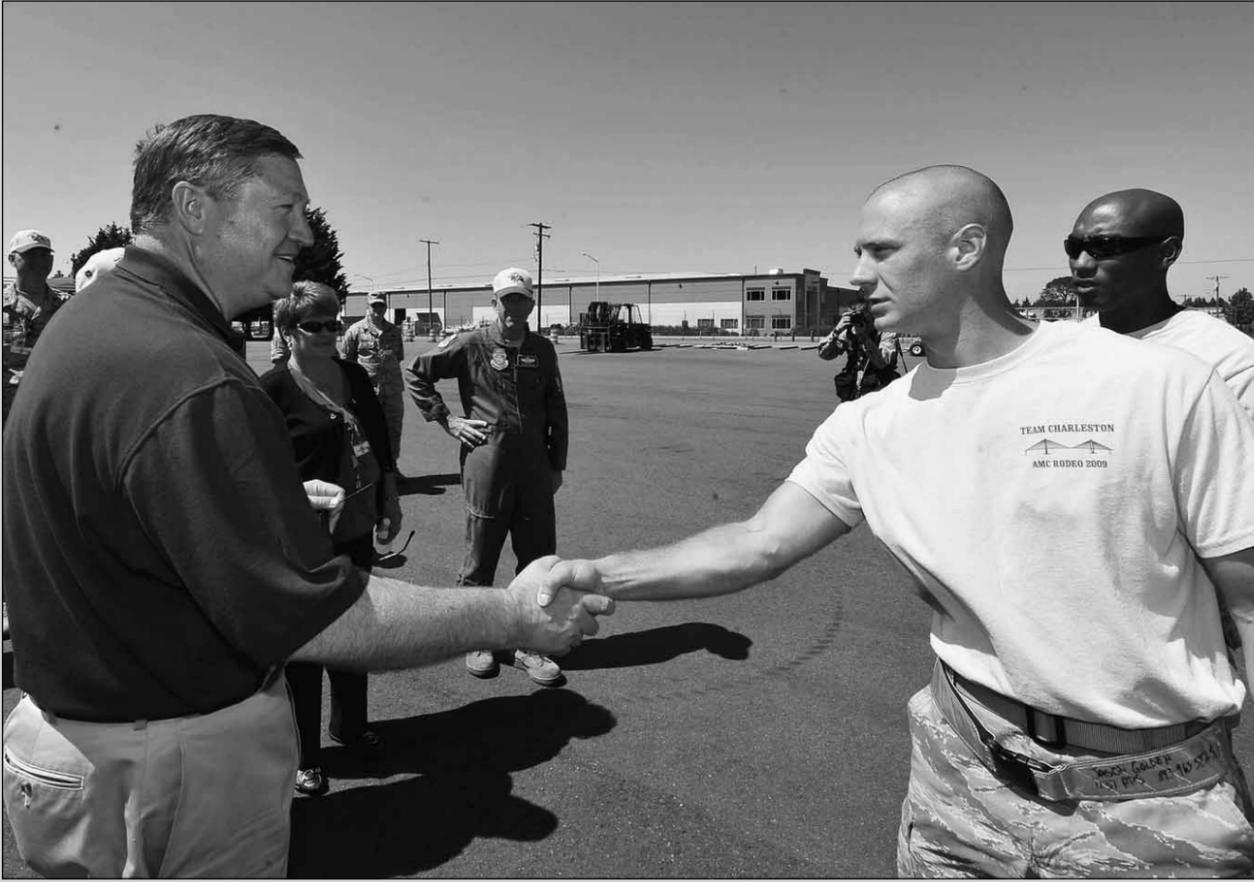


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Thank you for serving

Senior Airman Jason Golden, 437th Airlift Wing, shakes hands with Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley July 22 at McChord. Secretary Donley held a town hall meeting with Rodeo participants during his visit to thank them for their dedication and service. A transcription of Secretary Donley's remarks was printed on Page 3 of the July 24 *Northwest Airlifter* and is available online at: <http://public.mcchord.amc.af.mil>.



Photo by Abner Guzman



Command change

Col. Kenny Weldon, right, accepts command of the 62nd Mission Support Group from Col. Kevin Kilb, 62nd Airlift Wing commander, during a change of command ceremony Tuesday.



'THE WEEK THAT WAS RODEO'

More highlights from Rodeo 2009



Photo by Abner Guzman

62nd Civil Engineer Squadron members secure sign posts during Rainer Ranch preparations in June.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Douglas Olsen

Turkish airmen attend the Rodeo award ceremony at Rainer Ranch July 24.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Douglas Olsen

446th Aerial Port Squadron Rodeo team members transfer beams from one forklift to another during the Challenge Course competition July 22.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Stephen Schester

German air force Tech. Sgt. Andreas Troemer inspects the front end of a Humvee during the Aerial Port Joint Inspection portion of Rodeo July 22.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Douglas Olsen

446th APS Rodeo team members race to their C-17 Globemaster III during the Engine Running Onload event July 23.



Photo by Senior Airman Dayron Mitchell

A C-17 Globemaster III makes an air drop over Little Goose Dam in Starbuck, Wash., during Rodeo July 20.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Michelle Larche

Israeli air force members participate in the aerial port competition July 22.



Photo by Abner Guzman

Israeli maintainer Amir Simantov grins for the camera during a break on the flightline July 22.



Photo by Senior Airman Matthew Smith

German air force 1st Lt. Stefan Pfeifer performs a joint air drop inspection July 20.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Robert Tingle

Airman First Class Laci Kraft, 62nd Airlift Wing, left, serves Col. Kevin Kilb, 62nd AW commander, a hamburger patty at the Rainer Ranch chuck wagon July 24.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Robert Tingle

Israeli maintainers stand by during pre-flight preparations on the flightline July 22.



Photo by Abner Guzman

Night falls on Rainer Ranch July 24 after a day of Rodeo competition.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Douglas Olsen

62nd Security Forces Squadron team members pick up a litter as they near the end of the Combat Tactics course at Fort Lewis July 22.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Drew Shapiro

German Rodeo team members compete in the combat endurance course July 23.



Photo by Senior Airman Matthew Smith

Retired Col. Joe Jackson, a Medal of Honor recipient, and retired Col. Gail Halvorsen, the Berlin Airlift's "Candy Bomber," reminisce before the Rodeo awards ceremony July 24.

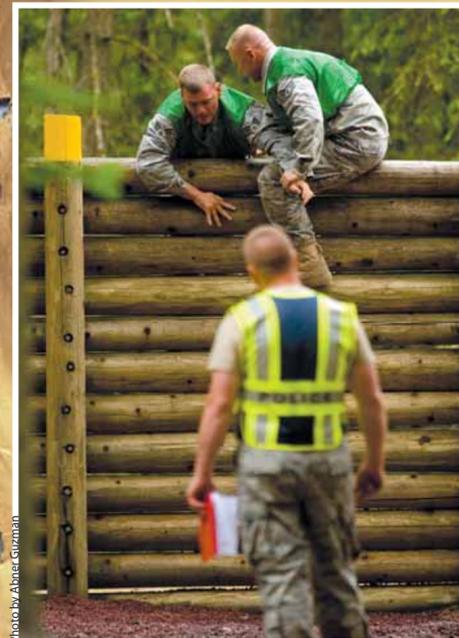


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Team McConnell members scale a wall while navigating the combat endurance course July 23.



Photo by Senior Airman Dayron Mitchell

A member of the Belgium air force team attempts to hook up heavy chains during aerial port competition July 23.



Photo by Abner Guzman

Staff Sgt. Stephen Green, 916th Security Forces Squadron, low crawls through the first obstacle of the combat endurance course July 23.

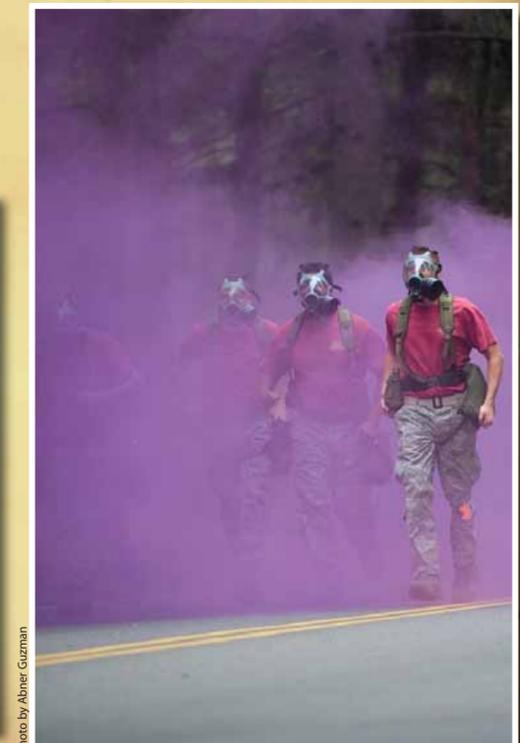


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446th APS team members emerge from a cloud of smoke in gas masks during the challenge course competition July 22.



Photo by Randy White

Town hall

Lt. Gen. Charles Stenner, Air Force Reserve Command commander, Robbins Air Force Base, Ga., briefs 446th Airlift Wing Airmen here July 24, about the priorities of the Air Force Reserve and the direction that AFRC is taking to support the Air Force, preserve the viability of the Reserve Triad of Airmen, family, and employers, resource efficiency, manpower, organizations, and modernization. General Stenner also visited McChord to attend the closing ceremonies of Air Mobility Command's Rodeo 2009.



McChord reservists take three awards at Rodeo

By

Tech. Sgt. Jake Chappelle
446th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Who says Reservists aren't as organized, trained, and equipped as their active-duty counterparts? That's a Reservist's job ... and that's what three Rodeo teams from the 446th Airlift Wing demonstrated at Air Mobility Command's Rodeo 2009 here, July 19-24.

The 446th AW Rodeo team won the Best Security Forces Team, Best C-17 Globemaster III Maintenance Team, and Best Fit-to-Fight team.

Winning also in Rodeo 1998, the 446th Security Forces Squadron was the first Reserve component team to win the Best Security Forces Team in the history of Airlift Rodeo, said Master Sgt. Lyndon DeBoma, 446th SFS operations and logistics manager.

Not only is the 446th SFS the only Reserve team to have won the trophy, said Sergeant DeBoma, but they are the only security forces team, period, to have won it twice.

Chief Master Sgt. Ed Stewart, 446th Security Forces Rodeo team leader, led fellow team members: Tech. Sgt. Zach Casey, Staff Sgt. Jack Montez and Senior Airman Mike Chapman to victory.

The team earned second in the Combat Weapons Course, second in the Combat Tactics Course, and fourth in the Combat Endurance Course, said Sergeant DeBoma. Out of 29 teams they won the Best Se-

curity Forces Team trophy.

According to Sergeants DeBoma and Casey, age equaling experience, along with hard training were key to the team's success.

"I think the oldest member of (our closest competitor) is about 26," said Sergeant Casey. "Our youngest member is 28. We still performed well."

The 446th Rodeo Maintenance team can also be proud about their award, according to Senior Master Sgt. Mark Cherrix, 446th Rodeo Maintenance team chief.

"It's great that we won," said Sergeant Cherrix. "I couldn't be happier. It was a total team effort. Everybody pulled together so we could win."

Sergeant Cherrix agrees with Sergeant Casey about experience being a key to performance, along with teamwork.

"My crew chief, Tech. Sgt. Jeff Reinke, was the main guy making it happen," said Sergeant Cherrix. "This was his sixth Rodeo so he knew what it was all about and what to expect. He also knew how to keep the team motivated. That's why I picked him, because I knew he could deliver. I think he's one of the best crew chiefs around and now he has the hardware to prove it."

Sergeant Cherrix led Master Sgts. Wayne Ruediner and David Eierman, Tech. Sgts. Jeff Reinke, Merle Brooks, Mike Chop, Jim McGreanor, Jerry Kallinen, and David Spurgeon, and Staff Sgts. Jason



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Jake Chappelle

(Left to right) Chief Master Sgt. Ed Stewart, Senior Airman Michael Chapman, Tech. Sgt. Zachary Casey, and Staff Sgt. Jack Montez, 446th Rodeo Security Forces team, walk off the Combat Tactics course at Fort Lewis after completing it during Rodeo competition July 21. The team was named Best Security Forces Team at Rodeo.

Eschette and John Todd. The alternates were: Master Sgts. Bryan Long, Ricky Singleton, and Bob Farrell, Tech. Sgts. Robert Ackerman, David Geallegos, Tom Teal, David Timney, and Ed McCrann, and Staff Sgt. David Wilde to their victory.

Sergeant Cherrix was also a member of the Best Fit to Fight team.

"I think we're breaking down a

stereotype," said Sergeant Cherrix. "That's the important part. A bunch of old Reservists went out there and beat the active duty. We don't get mandatory physical training and the opportunity to run around the track all of the time like they do. Our weekends are filled with work and training, so we have to take the initiative to train on our own. By winning the trophy, we proved we can do that."



Fit to fight

Top right: 446th Airlift Wing Rodeo team Staff Sgts. Ben Thomsen, 86th Aerial Port Squadron, left, and Jack Montez, 446th Security Forces Squadron, compete in the Rodeo Fit-to-Fight events July 19. The 446th AW team won the competition with a perfect score.

Lower right: A Malaysian airman competes in a timed run with other multinational service members during the Rodeo Fit-to-Fight competition July 19.

Below: 62nd Airlift Wing Rodeo team members compete during the Fit-to-Fight competition July 19.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Douglas Olsen



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Douglas Olsen



Photo by Master Sgt. Jonathan Doti



Maintaining the enduring spirit of Air Mobility Rodeo

By

Master Sgt. Colleen McGee
Rodeo 2009 Public Affairs

Air Mobility Rodeo is all about being the best and taking home the trophy. Underneath that goal, however, is something else – something intangible that lasts longer than Rodeo week.

Airmen call it “esprit de corps,” or “camaraderie.” It is the spirit of Rodeo. It can be seen in the exhibition hall, at the hospitality tents at Rainier Ranch and on the flightline between aircraft parking spots. But, the true evidence is on the faces of Rodeo rookies and returnees. Everyone has a different way to identify that spirit.

“Although it’s a competition, it’s also a friendly learning experience,” said Jonathan Harris, Rodeo program manager.

Teams learn tricks about everything from how to position tie-down straps to where to tuck an M-4 magazine in ways that speed access and use. Benchmarking is expected and encouraged.

“If a team does something well, the other teams will follow,” said Mr. Harris. “We’re really helping each other and our allies to be better in the Global War on Terror and global reach.”

Mr. Harris, a veteran of every Rodeo at McChord and a few elsewhere, said every Rodeo is, “... the same, but different.”

The significance of this year’s Rodeo for Mr. Harris was the connecting circle of Rodeos past and present at McChord.

“My best memory from this Rodeo will be getting to talk to General Fogelman,” said Mr. Harris.

Gen. Ronald Fogelman, former Air Force Chief of Staff, was then-Commander in Chief for U.S. Transportation Command during Rodeo 1994.

“His executive officer was, then-Colonel (Arthur) Lichte. To see the circle going from him being a part of the staff, to now General Lichte (Air Mobil-



Photo by Master Sgt. Colleen McGee

Airman Erdogan Kaya, left, of the Turkish air force has a friendly push-up competition with Chief Master Sgt. Larry Similton, Air Mobility Command, at Rainier Ranch during Rodeo July 23. Chief Similton won the push-up challenge and shared strength building strategy with the Turkish airman.

ity Command commander), he’s the one putting it on ... to see how we’ve grown in 15 years.”

For some, the spirit is in trying things for the first time because 2009 is their first Rodeo. Airman 1st Class Jason Gontinas, a 446th Airlift Wing C-17 Globemaster III crew chief, was able to go from the ground side of a C-17 to the flying side through a simulator set up in the exhibition hall.

“I didn’t think I’d get to do stuff like this,” said Airman Gontinas, as he tried to set a new record for the fastest assault landing. “It’s really fun actually ... I’ve got to beat this record!”

Mr. Robert Santoso, a representative from the Boeing simulator booth said there was a surprise in the simulator assault landing competition.

“The first day a C-17 pilot set the record,” he

said. “The second morning it was an 18-year-old maintainer who made a record 53 second landing.”

Prizes were awarded to the fastest to land the simulated C-17. There is one other prize that provides tangible evidence of the Rodeo spirit — hat pins.

William Johnson, the athletic director for the 62nd Force Support Squadron, has a cowboy hat on display at the souvenir stand with pins from all six Rodeos held at McChord. The pins are a way for him to keep a little of that Rodeo spirit with him.

“Half the fun is bartering for them,” said Mr. Johnson. “They’re something you can look back and reflect on the really great times with some really great Airmen.”



MPS hours during wing down day

The identification card section of the 62nd Force Support Squadron's Military Personnel Section will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. today, but will be minimally staffed. All other MPS functions are closed today and resume regular hours Monday.

62nd CES change of command

The 62nd Civil Engineer Squadron change of command ceremony is 2:30 p.m. Monday on the flightline side of the fire department, Bldg. 6. The incoming commander is Lt. Col. John Frey and the outgoing commander is Lt. Col. Mark McCloud.

Quarterly awards luncheon

The McChord 2nd quarter awards luncheon is 11 a.m. Thursday at the McChord Clubs and Community Center. Reservations must be made by close of business Monday. To RSVP, or for more information, call 982-7512.

Social Security benefits information seminar

The Social Security Administration will provide a Social Security benefits information seminar, to include new program initiatives for wounded and disabled veterans, 3 p.m. Thursday in Bldg. 551, Airman and Family Readiness Center Annex classroom. To register, or for more information, call 982-2695.

'Bundles for Babies' class

The Air Force Aid Society offers "Bundles for Babies" – a program for women in their second or third trimester of pregnancy or mothers of infants under 6 months of age. The three-hour class covers the costs

of raising a child, important health topics such as stress and caring for babies, and provides information on other Airman and Family Readiness Center and Air Force Aid Society programs. At the end of the class, attendees receive a "bundle" of goodies for the new baby. The next class is 9 a.m. Aug. 12 at the Airman and Family Readiness Center. To sign up, or for more information, call 982-2695.

Mandatory pre-separation counseling

Military servicemembers are required to complete the pre-separation counseling checklist at least 90 days prior to military discharge. Recommended attendance of the pre-separation class is within 12 months for those separating from service and within 24 months for those retiring. The class is offered bi-weekly on Thursdays from 8 a.m. to noon in Bldg. 551. Call the Airman and Family Readiness Center at 982-2695 for more information or to register.

Transition Assistance Program employment workshop

A TAP employment assistance workshop, provided by the Defense Department, the Labor Department, and the Veterans Administration is offered bi-weekly from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Bldg. 551. Topics include individual transition plans, resume development, effective job search, interviews, networking, and more. The workshop is facilitated by a trained Labor Department instructor experienced with the military transition and the current employment environment. Call the Airman and Family Readiness Center at 982-2695 for more information or to register.

Military Spouse Career Advancement Accounts

The Defense Department Military Spouse Career Advancement Accounts for military spouses of active-duty and activated Guard and Reserve Service members worldwide offer eligible military spouses 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 educational series classes for educators and healthcare providers are offered Thursdays at the Madigan an-

nex on Fort Lewis. For more information, call the TBI program education specialist administrator, Bronwyn Pughe, at 968-3193.

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>.

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.

Online GTC registration

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



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:
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Wednesday:

6:30 p.m. Faith Formation: 1st, 2nd & 3rd Wednesday of the month: Chapel Support Center, Bldg. 746

6:30 p.m. Why Catholic? Small Group Study: Chapel Support Center, Bldg. 746

PROTESTANT SERVICES and RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Sunday:
8:30 a.m. Liturgical Worship: Chapel 1, Bldg. 180

9:45 a.m. Sunday School: Chapel Support Center, Bldg. 746

11 a.m. Traditional Worship: Chapel 1, Bldg. 180

11 a.m. Contemporary Worship: Chapel Support Center, Bldg. 746

JEWISH SERVICES:

Friday:
6 p.m. Every 1st, 3rd & 5th Friday of the month: Ft. Lewis, Chapel 5, Bldg. T-2270

OTHER PROGRAMS:
The following Chapel programs take place at the Chapel Support Center, Bldg. 746.

Tuesday:
9:30 a.m. Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS); 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month

6 p.m. Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) Bible Study; 1st, 3rd & 5th Tuesday of the month

Wednesday:
11 a.m. Adult Bible Study



Air Mobility Rodeo 2009 Names to Note

Air Mobility Rodeo 2009 ended July 24 with closing ceremony celebration and the announcement of 74 awards including the coveted "Best of the Best" award.

Following are 16 of the main awards presented during the closing ceremony:

Best Air Mobility Team: **62nd Airlift Wing (Top award given)**

Knuckle Buster Award: 374th AW, C-130, Yokota Air Base, Japan

Best Aerial Port Team: 19th AW, Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark.

Best Contingency Response Team: 621st Contingency Response Wing, McGuire AFB, N.J.

Best Security Forces Team: **446th AW**

Best International Team: Republic of Korea

Best Aeromedical Evacuation Team: 86th AW, Ramstein AB, Germany

Best Aerial Refueling Team (Tanker): 22nd Air Refueling Wing, KC-135, McConnell AFB, Kan.

Best C-5 Team: 60th Air Mobility Wing, Travis AFB, Calif.

Best C-130/C-160 Team: 19th AW, Little Rock AFB, Ark.

Best C-17 Team: **62nd AW**

Best KC-10 Team: 60th AMW, Travis AFB, Calif.

Best KC-135 Team: 916th ARW, Seymour-Johnson

AFB, N.C.

Best Air-land Team: 60th AMW, Travis AFB, Okla.

Best Tanker Team: 97th AMW, Altus AFB, Calif.

Best Airdrop Team: **62nd AW**

Following are the sub-category winners:

Best Fit-to-Fight Team: **446th AW**

Best Aeromedical Evacuation Configuration: Team Turkey

Best AE Contingency Flight: 86th AW, Ramstein Air Base, Germany

Best Security Forces Combat Weapons Team: 92nd ARW, Fairchild AFB, Wash.

Best Security Forces Combat Shooter: Airman 1st Class Cory C. Linn, 60th AMW, Travis AFB, Calif.

Best Security Forces Combat Tactics Team: Team Germany

Best Combat Endurance Course Team: Team McGuire, McGuire AFB, N.J. (305th AMW, 514th AMW)

Best Aerial Port Challenge Course Team: **62nd AW**

Best Aerial Port 10K Forklift Operators: 521st Air Mobility Operations Wing, Ramstein AB, Germany

Best 60K Tunner Team: 60th AMW, Travis AFB, Calif.

Best C-5 ERO Team: 60th AMW, Travis AFB, Calif.

Best C-17 ERO Team: 97th AMW, Altus AFB, Okla.

Best C-130 ERO Team: 19th AW, Little Rock AFB, Ark.

Best Enroute ERO Team: 521st AMOW, Ramstein AB, Germany

Best In-transit Visibility Team: 19th AW, Little Rock AFB, Ark.

Best Joint Inspection Team: **62nd AW**

Best Joint Airdrop Inspection Team: 43rd AW, Pope AFB, N.C.

Best Contingency Response HELAMS Team: 621st CRW, McGuire AFB, N.J.

Best Contingency Response SPICE Team: 621st CRW, McGuire AFB, N.J.

Best Contingency Operations ERO Team: 615th CRW, Travis AFB, Calif.

Best Low-level Airdrop Crew: 47th Flying Training Wing, Laughlin AFB, Texas

Best T-1 AR Crew: 47th FTW, Laughlin AFB, Texas

Best T-1 Aircrew: 47th FTW, Laughlin AFB, Texas

Best C-5 AR Crew: 60th AMW, Travis AFB, Calif.

Best C-5 Aircrew: 60th AMW, Travis AFB, Calif.

Best C-17 Low-level Airdrop Crew: **62nd AW**

Best C-17 AR Crew: Team Charleston, Charleston AFB, S.C. (437th AW, 315th AW)

Best C-17 Short Field Landing Crew: Team Charleston, Charleston AFB, S.C. (437th AW, 315th AW)

Best Backing/Combat Offload Crew: Team McGuire, McGuire AFB, N.J. (305th AMW, 514th AMW)

Best C-17 Aircrew: **62nd AW**

Best C-130 Low-level Airdrop Crew: 86th AW, Ramstein AB, Germany

Best C-130 Short Field Landing Crew: 19th AW, C-130E/H, Little Rock AFB, Ark.

Best C-130 Backing/Combat Off-load Crew: 314th AW, C-130J, Little Rock AFB, Ark.

Best C-130 Aircrew: (Col Joe M. Jackson Trophy): Team Israel

Best KC-10 AR Crew: 60th AMW, Travis AFB, Calif.

Best KC-10 Cargo Loading Crew: Team McGuire, McGuire AFB, N.J. (305th AMW, 514th AMW)

Best KC-10 Aircrew: 60th AMW, Travis AFB, Calif.

Best KC-135 AR Crew: 121st ARW, Rickenbacher Air National Guard Base, Ohio

Best KC-135 Cargo Loading Crew: 916th ARW, Seymour-Johnson AFB, N.C.

Best KC-135 Aircrew (Gen Bruce K. Holloway Trophy): 916th ARW, Seymour-Johnson AFB, N.C.

Best OSA/VIPSAM Arrival Crew: 86th AW, Ramstein AB, Germany

Best OSA/VIPSAM Aircrew, 375th AW, Scott AFB, Ill.

Best C-5 Preflight Team: 60th AMW, Travis AFB, Calif.

Best C-5 Post-flight Team: 60th AMW, Travis AFB, Calif.

Best C-17 Pre-flight Team: Team Charleston, Charleston AFB, S.C. (437th AW 315th AW)

Best C-17 Post-flight Team, **62nd AW**

Best C-130 Pre-flight Team: 19th AW, C-130J, Little Rock AFB, Ark.

Best C-130 Post-flight Team: 314th AW, C-130E/H, Little Rock AFB, Ark.

Best KC-10 Pre-flight Team: Team McGuire, McGuire AFB, N.J. (305th AMW, 514th AMW)

Best KC-10 Post-flight Team, 60th AMW, Travis AFB, Calif.

Best KC-135 Pre-flight Team: 97th AMW Altus AFB, Okla.

Best KC-135 Post-flight Team: 916th ARW, Seymour-Johnson AFB, N.C.

Best C-5 Maintenance Team: 60th AMW, Travis AFB, Calif.

Best C-17 Maintenance Team: **446th AW**

Best C-130 Maintenance Team: 19th AW, C-130J, Little Rock AFB, Ark.

Best KC-10 Maintenance Team: Team McGuire, McGuire AFB, N.J. (305th AMW, 514th AMW)

Best KC-135 Maintenance Team: 97th AMW, Altus AFB, Okla.

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