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## McChord welcomes int'l teams

By

Tyler Hemstreet  
Staff writer

Monday morning a flood of international teams will arrive here for Air Mobility Command's Rodeo 2007, which begins July 21.

The teams will touch down starting at 10 a.m. and then every 20 minutes after until they have all landed, said Rodeo international teams director Aubrey Robertson, 62nd Airlift Wing.

"With all the flying and preparation it takes to get ready for Rodeo, crews might be a little tired [when they land]," he said. "But once they're finally here and that second wind kicks in, they'll start to get excited."

All of the international teams except Germany will be flying C-130 Hercules aircraft, he said.

After landing, each team will touch base with its sponsor squadron for Rodeo. Each sponsor squadron's job is to show its international team around the base and assist the team in any way it can, said Rodeo international teams representative Ladonna Couthran, 62nd AW.

Once all the teams get settled with their sponsors, they will get to fly around the area to get familiar with the lay of the land, practice airdrops and prepare their aircraft for competition, Mr. Robertson said.



Photo by Abner Guzman

## Ready to ride

Tech. Sgt. Ronald Garbarini, left, and Staff Sgt. Jeddiah Smith, both from the 62nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, fill out a pre-flight checklist Tuesday as part of Team McChord's Rodeo training at Moses Lake, Wash. See Page 6 for more coverage of Team McChord's Rodeo training at Moses Lake.

## 8th AS Airmen return home

By

Tyler Hemstreet  
Staff writer

More than 130 Airmen from the 8th Airlift Squadron here returned home July 3 after a 120-day deployment in support of Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom and the Global War on Terrorism.

The Airmen were deployed as the 817th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron at various locations throughout the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility and Europe.

While deployed, the squadron executed more than 2,850 sorties, racked up 5,600 flying hours and moved more than 39,000 passengers and 49,000 tons of cargo.

"It's kind of surprising to hear

how much we carried," said 1st Lt. Jesse Riggert, a pilot with the 8th AS, who said he flew almost every other day into Iraq and Afghanistan. The 8th AS flew multiple aeromedical evacuation missions, safely whisking away wounded warriors from the frontlines to advanced medical treatment facilities.

The 8th AS also flew three combat airdrop missions in Afghanistan providing life-sustaining supplies to coalition forces battling the Taliban.

"I am extremely proud of our combat airlifters of the mighty 8th AS," said Lt. Col. Al Miller, 8th AS operations officer. "The accomplishments of these outstanding Airmen flying combat missions in support of OIF and OEF are a result of superior attitudes, dedication and exceptional professionalism."



## Congrats

The Air Force recently announced the following officer promotions to colonel and lieutenant colonel:

- Lt. Col. Jon DeClerck, 62nd Operations Group
- Lt. Col. Greg Schwartz, 8th Airlift Squadron
- Lt. Col. Wyn Elder, 4th Airlift Squadron
- Maj. Kristi Kennedy, 62nd Medical Operations Squadron



### International competitors

Belgium	Saudi Arabia
Brazil	South Korea
Germany	Turkey
Netherlands	United Arab Emirates
Pakistan	

### International observers

Algeria	Kuwait
Australia	Malaysia
Argentina	New Zealand
Botswana	Nigeria
Canada	Oman
Chile	Peru
Colombia	Poland
Denmark	Romania
Finland	Switzerland
Greece	Ukraine
India	United Kingdom
Indonesia	

### Weekend Weather

FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Hi: 80 Low: 54	Hi: 78 Low: 54	Hi: 78 Low: 54

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

### Mission accomplished

Total McChord sorties .....	9,448
Total flying hours .....	32,191.6
Cargo moved (tons) .....	68,711.7
Departure reliability rate .....	83.9%
Mission capable rate .....	83.8%
Personnel currently deployed .....	744
Reservists currently activated.....	205

(Jan. 1 to Tuesday. Numbers updated Tuesday.)

### Don't miss it ... Promotion party

There will be a promotion party at 3:30 p.m. today for the base's newest lieutenant colonel and colonel selects at McChord's Clubs and Community Center.

# Rodeo ready to ride, wing ready to win



Courtesy photo

Col. Jerry Martinez, 62nd Airlift Wing commander, congratulates team McChord on its accomplishments during a commanders call.

By  
Col. Jerry Martinez  
62nd Airlift Wing commander

Team McChord, we have reached the home stretch for the Rodeo competition! The welcome mat is out for the Air Mobility Command Rodeo team and to our international competitors who began arriving this week.

An incredible amount of work has gone into preparing for this great mobility competition, not only on base, but also in our local community. I want to thank all of our local leaders who have stepped up to help us welcome our guests from across the country and around the world. There's a reason why AMC chooses to bring Rodeo back to the Pacific Northwest year after year, and our wonderful community is a big part of that decision.

In addition to our community, AMC knows it can count on McChord's Airmen to host a world-class competition. Despite a high operations tempo including many inspections, deployments and many other events, Team McChord has been carefully planning this event for more than a year. Now, we're transitioning from planning mode to execution. More than 400 McChord Airmen have stepped up to vol-

unteer as wranglers, distinguished visitor escorts and team hosts. For the next two weeks, these Airmen will be busy behind the scenes, keeping our guests comfortable and Rodeo running smoothly. While these Airmen will be showing off the hospitality of the Evergreen State, another group of Airmen from the 62nd Airlift Wing will show our guests our competitive side.

We have four teams of razor sharp professionals — aerial porters, maintainers, security forces and aircrew — who will stand toe-to-toe with the best mobility Airmen in the world and, in the words of one of our team chiefs, show them all how "big, bad and ugly" McChord Airmen are on the field of competition.

This is a friendly competition, but make no mistake, we're here to win! Like all the competitors, the 62nd AW has chosen its best to put forward, and I am confident we will bring home trophies. Our Airmen prove they are the best in the world every day as we keep those green tails flying to all corners of the globe. Now we will have the opportunity prove to our colleagues that the men and women of the 62nd AW are the "Best of the Best."

Thank you Team McChord for the work you've done. I hope you will come out to enjoy the competition and cheer on our McChord Airmen.

## McChord prepared to host premier air mobility event



"... McChord [is] set to extend an unmatched level of hospitality to our visitors ..."

Chief Master Sgt.  
Russell Kuck  
62nd Airlift Wing  
command chief

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Chief Master Sgt. Russell Kuck  
62nd Airlift Wing  
command chief master sergeant

In 1962 a combat skills competition called Rodeo made its first appearance as a way to enhance air mobility operations and promote esprit de corps.

Thirty two years later McChord would host the premier air mobility event for the first time creating a standard of excellence for others to follow.

Next week, more than 55 U.S. and international teams will begin arriving on base for Rodeo 2007 ... and we're ready.

Not only is McChord set to extend an unmatched level of hospitality to our visitors, but our Rodeo teams are geared up for competition and prepared to capture the "Best of the Best" distinction.

With 45 U.S. teams competing, including three

from the Marine Corps and one from the Coast Guard, as well as international competitors from locations such as Belgium, Egypt and the United Arab Emirates, there will be a lot of new faces and aircraft on our base.

As hosts, it's our responsibility to ensure our guests feel welcomed, comfortable and safe. Be sure to engage our visitors, keep the base clean and watch out for pedestrians and misguided drivers.

In addition to our competitors, there will also be a number of distinguished visitors and civic leaders observing the events and touring McChord. Keep an eye out for DV vehicles and salute as appropriate.

We have hundreds of people dedicated to making this year's Rodeo an international success.

Whether you're directly involved as a planner or volunteer, or simply an observer, be sure to present the positive image, level of excellence and team spirit Rodeo participants have come to associate with McChord throughout the years.

Hooah!

## Current, upcoming mission-tasks require focus, dedication

By  
Lt. Col. Bruce Roehm  
62nd Medical Support Squadron commander

Are you ready? Much should be on your radar screen requiring you to be prepared: permanent-change-of-station season, summer vacation, safety as we are one-third of the way through the 101 Critical Days of Summer, deployments as they continue unabated in support of Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom, Air Mobility Command's Rodeo just around the corner and then the unit compliance inspection in January 2008.

It is easy to feel overwhelmed by the sheer velocity of today's ops tempo. Personal readiness is paramount and directly correlated to the strength of one's character — intellectually and physically as well as mentally and emotionally. Further, your readiness contributes to the overall readiness of your element, flight, squadron, group and wing. You are an integral part of the team that is Team

McChord. We are depending on you, and you are critical to our success, so we can meet the mission and excel. Are you ready?

Here are a few questions to ask yourself: Do I have or am I working to obtain the proper skills and knowledge? Am I physically fit, and do I have goals to improve my fitness level? Do I have the right equipment and training to do my job? Do I have a personal and family plan just in case?

There are many ways to be ready.

Intellectually, this could be taking a class through the education and training center on base, reading and rereading technical orders, Air Force Instructions, career development course volumes and staying current with world events.

Physically, being fit is becoming an imperative and soon to be an explicit part of performance reports. It isn't just about running one-and-a-half miles and doing crunches and push-ups for your annual physical training test. It requires your pursuit of a fit lifestyle by eating healthy, striving for a healthy weight and setting goals that keep you

excited about fitness which may be to include swimming and hiking as cardio alternatives.

Whereas these two factors contribute greatly to your overall mental and emotional quotient, you must also consider the state of your personal matters such as a will, special powers of attorney and family care plans. Sustain your sense of family and friends. Spend quality time with them and ensure they can take care of themselves in your absence when we ask you to deploy or work overtime placing service before self to prepare for or execute a showcase event like Rodeo or the UCI.

So if you see any issues for yourself or your immediate team in being ready, don't walk past the problem, keep your integrity in check, and help us grow by adapting, overcoming, leading, mentoring and coaching yourself through the issue. Take pride when you are ready, and accomplish the mission by demonstrating excellence.

The Air Force's power comes from its Airmen ... the strength of that chain is dependent on you. Are you ready?

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# Trial program targets co-pay

FALLS CHURCH, Va. — A two-year test authorized by the 2007 National Defense Authorization Act allows Tricare beneficiaries to obtain over-the-counter versions of certain prescription drugs without a co-payment.

For now, the test includes the Tricare mail order pharmacy only. Plans call for expansion to retail network pharmacies once program details are ironed out.

Under the test, beneficiaries receiving prescription proton pump inhibitors such as Nexium, Prevacid, Aciphex, Protonix, Zegerid and Prilosec are eligible to receive Prilosec OTC, the only proton pump inhibitor available over the counter. The Department of Defense Pharmacy and Therapeutic Committee found there is no significant clinical difference between Prilosec OTC and its prescription-only counterparts.

Once the OTC test works its way to retail pharmacies, beneficiaries, however, should not expect to walk into any drug store and get OTC products for free at the register, Tricare officials caution.

Medication classes under consideration for future testing include topical anti-fungals and non-sedating anti-histamines.

(Article courtesy of Air Force Print News.)

## Professionals

of the week

### 62nd Maintenance Operations Squadron

#### Staff Sgt. Jonathon Kang

**Duty title:**

Noncommissioned officer in charge of commander's support staff

**Duty section:**

Commander's support staff

**Hometown:** Cheyenne, Wyo.



**Reason for recognition:**

Sergeant Kang's positive attitude, work ethic and exceptional customer service made it an easy choice to select him as a professional of the week. He hit the ground running when he arrived at the 62nd MOS in January. Sergeant Kang overhauled the entire orderly room in less than four months garnering accolades from the staff assistance visit inspection team. He sold 138 tickets as the Knucklebuster ticket sales point of contact contributing to a first class event for more than 400 maintenance group personnel. Sergeant Kang was also instrumental in helping the 62nd Airlift Wing merit the 2006 Gerrit D. Foster Jr. award for best military personnel flight in Air Mobility Command.

#### Staff Sgt. Joshua Fox

**Duty title:** Training manager

**Duty section:** Training flight

**Hometown:** North Little Rock, Ark.



**Reason for recognition:**

Sergeant Fox has displayed great devotion to duty during his time assigned to the maintenance training flight. He arrived at the unit in March and immediately went to Airman Leadership School where he earned Distinguished Graduate and Academic Achievement honors. Sergeant Fox consistently displays a positive attitude and motivation to learn. Upon coming back to the unit, he was issued his career development course and finished his first volume within three days, scoring 100 percent on his unit review exercises. Sergeant Fox also completed his second volume in two days scoring 98 percent on his URE.



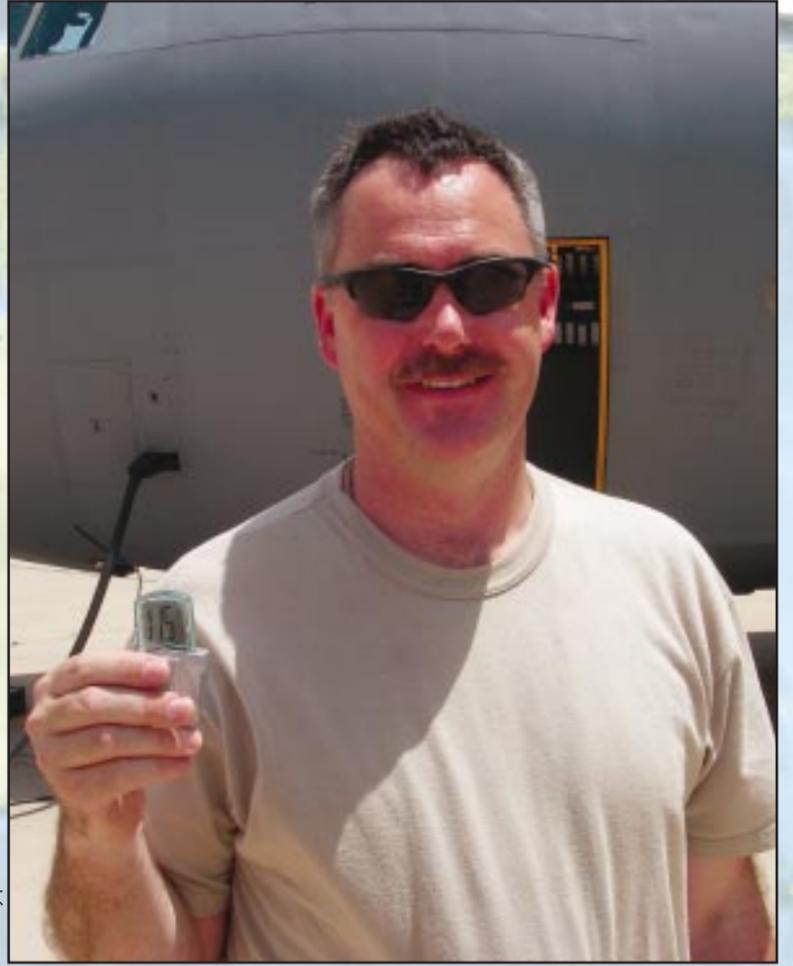
McChord's Airmen

# AROUND THE WORLD



Courtesy photo

**MANAS AIR BASE, Kyrgyzstan** — Senior Airman Jeremy Nalley, deployed from the 62nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, marshalls in an aircraft recently.



Courtesy photo

**IRAQ** — Master Sgt. George Mullenax, deployed from the 412th Logistics Test Squadron, shows just how hot it is on the flightline recently. Sergeant Mullenax is currently embedded with the Iraqi Air Force to teach them how to maintain C-130 Hercules aircraft.





Photos by Abner Guzman

From left, Staff Sgt. Zachary Hoene, Tech. Sgt. Carey Yamaguchi and Staff Sgt. Jeddiah Smith, all from the 62nd Maintenance Group's Rodeo team, prepare to launch a C-17 Globemaster III as part of a Rodeo-training session Tuesday at Moses Lake.



Tacoma News Tribune photographer Janet Jensen interviews aerial port squadron Rodeo members following an engine running on- and off-load demonstration Tuesday at Moses Lake.



Loadmaster Tech. Sgt. Shane McClanahan, 62nd Operations Group, Rodeo team, reviews his notes as he prepares for an airdrop on Tuesday at Moses Lake.

# Ready to rustle up victory

## McChord Airmen lasso final training prep at Moses Lake

By

Airman 1st Class Kirsten Wicker  
62nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs

The Grant County International Airport in Moses Lake, Wash., is usually a quiet and peaceful place.

However, this week the airport is abuzz with the sounds of C-17 Globemaster III engines and Airmen's shouts as McChord's Rodeo teams put the final touches on training for Air Mobility Command's Rodeo 2007.

Rodeo is a premier international air mobility competition that draws the "Best of the Best" from air forces around the world.

McChord's hand-selected Rodeo teams are training hard in the two weeks before the start of the competition July 21.

These teams will represent the 62nd and 446th Airlift Wings in the biennial Rodeo, which features events such as airdrops, air refuelings, security forces, aerial port, maintenance and aeromedical evacuation.



From left, Master Sgt. Ben Cruz, Senior Airman Gary Hix and Sergeant Hoene all from the 62nd MXG Rodeo team, discuss pre-flight maintenance issues during Rodeo training Tuesday at Moses Lake.

"This is the point where everything comes together," said maintenance competitor Staff Sgt. Zachary Hoene, 62nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. "We've been training, and we have all the little pieces put together. Everything should be natural at this point."

Situated in the vast plains of Eastern Washington, Moses Lake offers the perfect setting for final training preparations. The landscape is a

great, brown spread of earth and the air is dry and arid, with temperatures soaring into the mid-90 degrees Fahrenheit.

"This is a great way to train for Rodeo," said aerial port rodeo team commander, 1st Lt. Miguel Colon, 62nd Aerial Port Squadron. "It allows us time away from the base where we can train all day. It also builds camaraderie and physical fitness."

The training this week at Moses

Lake is so intense it garnered local media attention. Five local photographers and reporters photographed and interviewed the teams.

The visiting media were also able to fly with a Rodeo flight crew for an aerial demonstration.

While the crew practiced air assault landings, a land-and-stop and an airdrop of two pallets in a remote area, media were given a chance to observe and hang on for the ride through the low-level and precision flying for which the C-17 is noted.

The demonstration not only offered a unique experience in preparation for Rodeo, but also provided insight into the mission McChord's Airmen perform every day, as well as the teamwork it takes to make it happen, said 62nd AW Rodeo team commander, Maj. Anthony Carr, 10th Airlift Squadron.

"This is the first time in the preparation season that we've been able to get every part of the team together," he said. "We are trying to get them out there where they are able to focus a little more. Their practice the last few days has been really, really strong."

McChord's participation in Rodeo enables countries and units to increase interoperability by sharing best practices and building relationships with international air forces.

# 62ND AW RODEO TEAMS ROUND-UP

## 62nd AW Rodeo competitors

- Maj. Tony Carr, 62nd Airlift Wing Rodeo team commander (not pictured)

### 62nd OG

- Maj. Marc Miller
- Capt. Christopher Mazzei (not pictured)
- Capt. Ryan Orfe
- Tech. Sgt. Nathan Gershon (not pictured)
- Tech. Sgt. Shane McClanahan

### 62nd MXG

- 1st Lt. John Barry
- Master Sgt. Ben Cruz
- Tech. Sgt. Ronald Garbarini
- Tech. Sgt. Ronald Robinette
- Tech. Sgt. Carey Yamaguchi
- Staff Sgt. Zachary Hoene
- Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Konicek
- Staff Sgt. Shad Simms
- Staff Sgt. Jeddiah Smith
- Staff Sgt. Derrick Taylor
- Staff Sgt. Robert Veitz
- Senior Airman Zachary Conat

- Senior Airman Karl Espinda
- Senior Airman T.J. Grover
- Senior Airman Gary Hix
- Senior Airman James Moenning
- Senior Airman Justin Quinn
- Senior Airman Lowell Williams

### 62nd APS

- 1st Lt. Miguel Colón
- Tech. Sgt. Scott Winchell
- Staff Sgt. Justin Hartman
- Staff Sgt. George Parker
- Senior Airman Michael Nipper
- Senior Airman Jeffrey Winters
- Airman 1st Class Shawn Brown
- Airman 1st Class Nathan Williams

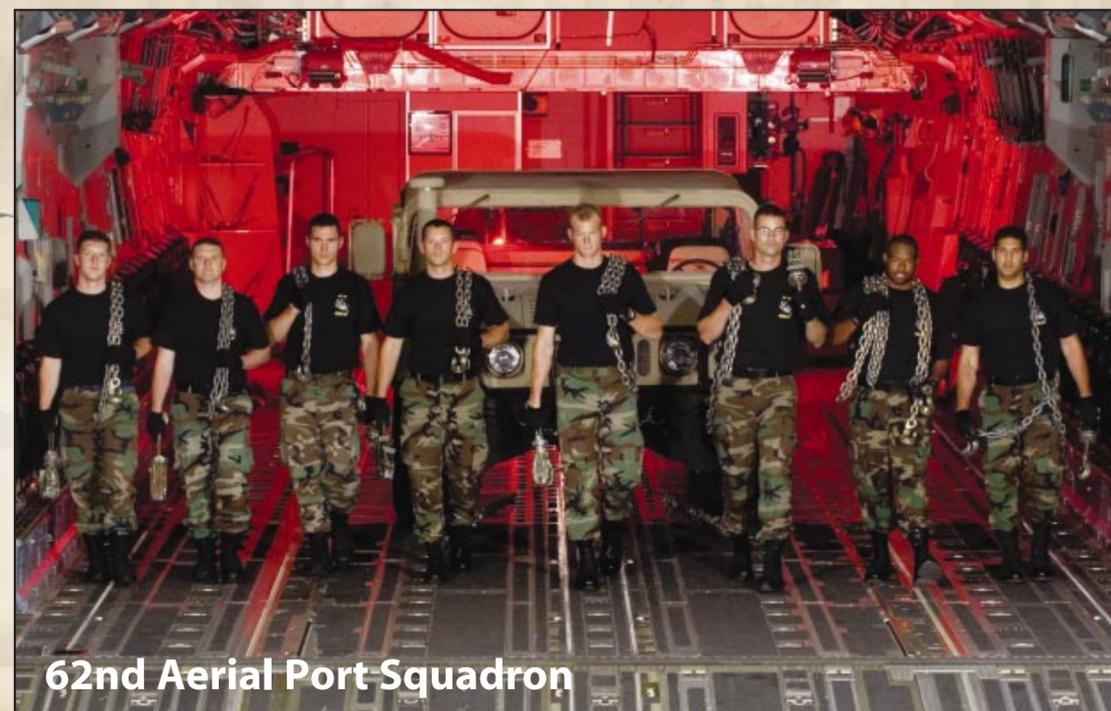
### 62nd SFS

- Staff Sgt. Robert Connelly
- Staff Sgt. Clayton Greenwell
- Senior Airman Andrew Craig

*With Rodeo less than a week away, McChord's teams have set their spurs to win. The teams have been training hard for the competition.*



**62nd Maintenance Group**



**62nd Aerial Port Squadron**

## SO YA WANNA TALK RODEO?

Air Mobility Command's Rodeo 2007 focuses on improving our worldwide air mobility forces' professional core abilities.

The last biennial competition took place here in June 2005 after a three-year hiatus due to the increased operations tempo in support of the Global War on Terror.

Rodeo began in 1962 as a combat skills competition designed to develop and improve techniques and procedures while enhancing air mobility operations, and promoting esprit de corps. In 1979, Rodeo was expanded to include international partners. Rodeo tests the flight and ground skills of aircrews as well as the related skills of security forces,

aerial port operations, aeromedical evacuation, and maintenance team members. It also provides joint and combined training.

An important long-term benefit is increased cooperation between air mobility forces from several nations. Collectively, the ultimate goal of the competition is to develop and improve techniques and procedures that enhance air mobility operations. Spirited competition furthers that aim, while strengthening the mutual goals and bonds of friendship developed between competing teams.

*(Information courtesy of Air Force Print News.)*



**62nd Operations Group**



**62nd Security Forces Squadron**

# Tee time *with Tiger*



(Above) Tech. Sgt. Andy Amor, a Tacoma native, shakes hands with Tiger Woods after completing his round during a Pro-Am tournament July 4 at Congressional Country Club in Bethesda, Md. Sergeant Amor was selected to represent the Air Force at the event. Mr. Woods was the event host as well as a contestant.

(Left) Sergeant Amor walks down a fairway with his son Drew and Tiger Woods during the tournament.

Photos by Senior Airman Dan DeCook

## Tacoma native competes against Tiger Woods in PGA event

By  
**Ron Bickerstaff**  
316th Wing Public Affairs

ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE, Md. — All boys do it. They do it the moment they learn the basics of sports. Boys imagine the bases loaded in the bottom of the ninth, seventh game of the World Series, down by one with a 3-2 count and Roger Clemens on the mound. The fireballer unleashes the heat. Smack, back, back, gone. Game over. The crowd goes wild.

Boys imagine the last game of the NBA finals, trailing by two, getting the ball in the corner at the three point arc and firing up a jumper over the outstretched hand of LeBron James. Swish, nothing but net.

Yes, all boys do it as part of the passage to manhood. But, once jobs, marriage, children and other obligations become a part of life, those memories fade like a pair of Levi's jeans.

One very lucky Airman here, however, was rewarded with a chance to return to his youth and live out a chance-of-a-lifetime opportunity.

Tacoma, Wash., native Tech. Sgt. Andy Amor, 316th Civil Engineer Squadron, was chosen to play with the greatest golfer on the planet: Tiger Woods.

Sergeant Amor represented Andrews at the inaugural Earl Woods Memorial Pro-Am Tournament, part of the AT&T National PGA Tour event at Congressional Country Club in Bethesda, Md.

The Earl Woods Memorial Pro-Am, named after Tiger Woods' father, a lieutenant colonel Green Beret with Special Forces in Vietnam, would pair service members with the best golfers in the world.

"It's very important to me that this tournament honor the men and women who serve in our Armed Forces," Mr. Woods said. "They put their lives on the line so that we are able to enjoy our freedom, and we'd love for them to come out and enjoy a few days of relaxation."

No one knows whether it was a full moon or just the luck of the draw, but Sergeant Amor got the call he would be teeing off with Mr. Woods.

"I really didn't think about it until everybody kept telling me about it" Sergeant Amor said.

"Everybody" included family members who

flew out from Kansas City, Mo., to be a part of his posse.

The first hole was an experience Sergeant Amor said he would never forget.

Mr. Woods stepped up to the par four, 402-yard first hole and drove it far, and down the middle. Sergeant Amor would tee off from the blue tee about 50 yards closer. His name was announced and he waved to the crowd as he placed his ball on the tee.

"It's amazing how quiet it got. I'm used to playing at Andrews where planes are flying and there are other noises," said Sergeant Amor. "I could feel my knees shaking."

Nerves didn't unhone the Airman as he hit it far down the fairway.

"I couldn't believe it, I out-hit Tiger," he said.

From that point, everything else was just a dream for Sergeant Amor. With his son Drew carrying his bag, he walked along with Mr. Woods and talked about what golfers talk about.

"Tiger shared with me some stories about his father. I went to high school in Kansas City and he told me how his father played for the Kansas City Monarchs in the old Negro Leagues. Awesome," said Sergeant Amor.

## Adventures Unlimited offers trips to Rodeo teams

By  
**Tyler Hemstreet**  
Staff writer

In celebration of Rodeo 2007, starting Monday Adventures Unlimited will be offering a different trip each day until July 27.

The trips are geared to accommodate the Rodeo teams and their support staffs to give them a taste of a little bit of everything in the Pacific Northwest, said Adventures Unlimited director Josh Boisvert, 62nd Services Squadron.

Whether the teams and staffs are from other parts of the U.S. or from other countries around

the world, Mr. Boisvert said the variety of trips will appeal to everyone.

"If the teams have some downtime during the competition and they want to get a good look at the local area, we can [help] them with that," Mr. Boisvert said.

The sightseeing trips include a tour of Tacoma-area destinations such as Point Defiance Zoo and the Museum of Glass; Seattle sights such as the Space Needle, Pike Place Market and Experience Music Project; and a whale-watching trip to the San Juan Islands.

There are also more active trips for those who would like to

sample the great outdoors during their free time such as an outdoor rock climbing wall, a bungee jumping trip and a seven-mile hike through Mount Si.

"There's no reason for the Rodeo visitors to just hang out on base," Mr. Boisvert said. "We want to get them out."

Getting out and exploring the region is something the Rodeo teams here to observe will likely have time for, said Rodeo international teams director Aubrey Robertson, 62nd Airlift Wing.

"We really let the international teams dictate to their host squadrons about what they want to do," Mr. Robertson said.

The 62nd Maintenance Squadron is hosting the Belgian team and an observation team from Chile. The squadron has already come up with a list of activities to keep their guests entertained should they desire to venture out, said Maj. Alesia Quiton, 62nd MXS commander.

The initial plan is to get together with the team members and decide which leisure activities will appeal to each member and if the squadron can offer something new for everyone, Major Quiton said.

"If they have interest in any of the trips Adventures Unlimited is offering, we will certainly facilitate that," she said.

# New name, same devotion

## Phoenix Spouses support Airmen

By  
Tyler Hemstreet  
Staff writer

It didn't take much to sell Jennifer Pearcy on becoming an advocate for McChord's spouses.

After a close friend moved away, she realized that she wanted to be a part of a support network for McChord's Airmen.

When she heard about the base's key spouse program and its purpose, she said she jumped at the chance to be a part of the team.

As a key spouse, Mrs. Pearcy plays an integral role in making sure Airmen and their families assigned to the 22nd Special Tactics Squadron have a support network in place.

The work that spouses like Mrs. Pearcy accomplish is integral to helping commands around the Air Force accomplish their missions, said Gen. Duncan McNabb, commander of Air Mobility Command.

In an effort to give key spouses the tools they need to fulfill this purpose, AMC decided to restructure the training for its key spouse program.

Thus AMC's Phoenix Spouse pro-

gram was born. The new program was created by taking the key spouse lesson plans from 13 bases and coming up with one program for all AMC bases, said community readiness consultant Russ Moreira, 62nd Mission Support Squadron.

Airman and Family Readiness Centers across the command present the eight-hour standardized core training.

The training focuses on educating spouses on the resources they have available to them, building peer-to-peer relationships, providing support during deployments and strategies for dealing with stress. There is also training devoted to suicide awareness.

"It's more organized, and it's put a lot more structure and training into the program," said community readiness consultant Laila Christensen, 62nd MSS.

Mrs. Pearcy said the new training did a more thorough job of laying out the tools and resources spouses here have available.

There are currently 85 spouses on base trained as Phoenix Spouses, Mr. Moreira said.

Base officials would like to see that number rise even more.

"The goal of AMC is to have one Phoenix Spouse per 100 Airmen," Ms. Christensen said.

The next Phoenix Spouse core-training session is from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 11 at the A&FRC.



Photo by Abner Guzman

## Smart summer

Librarian Kristin Padilla, 62nd Services Squadron, reads to children July 3 during the kickoff of McChord's 2007 Summer Reading Program at the base library. Participants can visit the library for story time at 1 p.m. every Tuesday in July and August. The program will culminate with a reading party in late August.



**Promotion party**

There will be a promotion party at 3:30 p.m. today for the base's newest lieutenant colonel and colonel selects at McChord's Clubs and Community Center.

**Career fair**

The Fort Lewis Army Career and Alumni Program will host its annual employment fair from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 20 at the American Lake Community Center on Fort Lewis. For more information, visit <http://www.lewis.army.mil/acap> or call 967-3258.

**Rodeo trips**

The 62nd Services Squadron is offering a number of sightseeing and outdoor adventures during Rodeo, which begins July 21. The sightseeing trips include a tour of Tacoma-area destinations such as Point Defiance Zoo and the Museum of Glass; Seattle sights such as the Space Needle, Pike Place Market and Experience Music Project; and a whale-watching trip to the San Juan Islands. The outdoor trips include rock climbing, bungee jumping trip and a hike through Mount Si. For more information, call Adventures Unlimited at 982-2206.

**Retirement ceremony**

Maj. Lynne Bayley, 62nd Communications Squadron commander, will retire at 9 a.m. July 29 at Heritage Hill. Major Bayley's retirement dinner will be at 6 p.m. July 29 at McChord's Clubs and Community Center. For more information, call Chief Master Sgt. Sheila Copeland at 982-2586.

**Changes of command**

The following change of command ceremonies are scheduled to take place:

- 62nd Services Squadron, 8 a.m. July 30 at the base flag pole.
- 62nd Mission Support Group, 9:30 a.m. July 30 in Hangar 3.

**Retirement seminar**

The civilian personnel flight is sponsoring a retirement seminar for the Civil Service Retirement System from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 31 to Aug. 1 at McChord's Clubs and Community Center. Spouse attendance is welcome. Seating is limited. For more information or to R.S.V.P., call Michele Ehlert at 982-5023.

**First Friday**

The next First Friday is from 4 to 6 p.m. Aug. 3 at McChord's Clubs and Community Center.

**Career marketing**

The Airman and Family Readiness Center is hosting a seminar entitled, "Marketing yourself for a second career," from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Aug. 15 at McChord's Clubs and Community Center. The seminar is targeted towards Airmen who plan to leave the Air Force within the next one to five years. It will cover job searching, resumes, networking and interviewing techniques. For more information or to sign up, call the A&FRC at 982-2695.

**Logistics scholarships**

The Rainier Chapter of the Logistics Officers Association will award two \$500 scholarships to professional logisticians seeking commissions or advancement in logistics-related career fields. For more information, call Maj. Alesia Quito at 982-7321 or 1st Lt. Emily Barry at 982-5344.

**Leave donation request**

The civilian personnel flight has received requests to solicit annual leave donations for John Branski, Jill Miller and Anita Barnes. To donate leave, complete Office of Personnel Management Form 630A and submit it to 62 MSS/DPCG, ATTN: Michele Ehlert.



# Faith and Worship Programs

**For more information,  
call the chapel support center at 982-5556.**

## Schedule of worship services

**Catholic Services:**

All Catholic services are in chapel two.

Saturday: 4 p.m. Confession

5 p.m. Mass

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Mass

11 a.m. Mass

**Protestant Services:**

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. Liturgical worship: Chapel one

9:45 a.m. Sunday school for all ages at the chapel support center

11 a.m. Traditional worship: Chapel one

11 a.m. Contemporary service: Chapel support center

**Jewish Services:**

Friday: 6 p.m. Fort Lewis chapel every 1st, 3rd and 5th at the corner of 12th Street and Liggett Avenue 966-8949

**Orthodox Activities:**

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy, St. Nicholas Church, 15th Street and Yakima Avenue, Tacoma

**Other services:**

Orthodox Christian Community, Cascade Chapel, Fort Lewis

Sundays: 8:45 a.m. Pre-Communion prayers

9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Confession is by appointment only. Call Father John Anderson at 967-1717 or 906-6843 or e-mail [father.anderson@us.army.mil](mailto:father.anderson@us.army.mil).

