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# McChord passes NSI with flying colors

By

Tyler Hemstreet  
Staff writer

Airmen who were evaluated during the Nuclear Surety Inspection here Sept. 12 to 18 received an overall grade of "satisfactory" — the highest overall grade given — by the Air Mobility Command's Inspector General team.

Each unit the IG team visited here had just one week to prepare for the NSI inspection, said nuclear surety manager Tom Thompson, 62nd Airlift Wing Safety.

"We like to preach that if the inspection team hit the base tomorrow, we'd be ready," Mr. Thompson said. "In this case, it showed we were indeed ready."

The NSI evaluated and awarded grades in the categories of management and administration; tools, test, tiedown and equipment; the personnel reliability program, logistics movement and safety.

The nuclear surety program management and administration area focused on the wing leadership's involvement in the program; the PRP area focused on the 62nd Medical Group, the 4th Airlift Squadron and the 62nd Mission Support Squadron; and the logistics movement area touched on the 4th AS's ability to conduct the mis-



Earlier this year, Airmen from the 4th Airlift Squadron and host-base ground personnel push nuclear cargo out of the rear of a C-17 Globemaster III during a Prime Nuclear Airlift Force mission.

sions, the 62nd Maintenance Group's role in preparing the airplanes and the command post and the 62nd Aerial Port Squadron's roles in the program, Mr. Thompson said.

"Everybody involved with the

program is thrilled with the results," said nuclear airlift monitor Capt. Jake Brown, 4th AS. "It's nice to be recognized for doing a good job."

Capt. Brown not only praised all the units involved in the inspec-

tion, but also the 4th AS office staff that assists in planning and managing the mission.

The 62nd AW nuclear surety program has earned Air Force-level awards eight out of the last nine years.

## October Fire Prevention Month kicks off

By

Tyler Hemstreet  
Staff writer

As Fire Prevention Week kicks off on Sunday, this year's theme of "Practice Your Escape Plan" will be highlighted by a housing safety demonstration here complete with a smoke machine.

The demonstration located at 3188 Pine Street will run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Oct. 10 and 11.

People will have the opportunity to crawl under the smoke throughout the house to simulate an escape route, said Sandra Cooper, 62nd Civil Engineer Squadron assistant chief of fire prevention.

The house will also have several fire hazards throughout that visitors will be encouraged to find, she said.

"We've had phenomenal feedback from people that have

crawled through the house in the past," Ms. Cooper said.

According to statistics, only 23 percent of all households have actually developed and practiced a home fire escape plan, said Lt. Col. Mark McCloud, 62nd CES commander.

"We want to put a great emphasis on educating everyone on knowing their escape routes, their rally point or meeting place and practicing their escape plan," Colonel McCloud said. "Practice is the key to routine reactions during crisis."

Ensuring home smoke detectors work properly and practicing a home fire escape plan with everyone in the household can be the difference between life and death, said fire prevention inspector Staff Sgt. Carlito Tacbas, 62nd CES.

The 62nd CES Fire Department has several other activities planned throughout the week. For more information, call 982-2603.

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## Weekend Weather

FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
		
Hi: 57 Low: 41	Hi: 59 Low: 46	Hi: 61 Low: 48

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## Mission accomplished

Total McChord sorties .....	13,303
Total flying hours .....	44,196.5
Cargo moved (tons) .....	94,253.6
Departure reliability rate .....	94.6%
Mission capable rate .....	83.9%
Personnel currently deployed .....	548
Reservists currently activated.....	232
(Jan. 1 to Wednesday. Numbers updated Wednesday.)	

## Don't miss it ... Enlisted calls

Senior non commissioned officers enlisted call is 7:30 a.m. or 3 p.m. Wednesday at the base theater, non commissioned officers enlisted call is 7:30 a.m. or 3 p.m. Thursday at the base theater and Airmen enlisted call is 7:30 a.m. or 3 p.m. Friday at the base theater.

# Keep safety paramount as fall begins

By

**Col. Shane Hershman**

62nd Airlift Wing vice commander

September 23rd marked the beginning of autumn, summer is officially over and the days have already begun to shorten. You have probably noticed the mornings and evenings are darker now. This is the time to start preparing for your family's safety. Last year there were sections of the county that were without power for a week after one of the wind storms. Is your family prepared to live without food and water for a week?

Not only does fall bring longer and darker days, but it brings a change in weather too. The rainy season here has begun and traffic safety is very important. The combination of

darkness, rain or fog can mean a very dangerous driving situation, especially on the main roads during the morning and evening commute. Currently, there are many construction sites along the main commuting routes. This, combined with rainy or foggy weather, makes the perfect recipe for an accident. Be aware of the weather conditions and construction sites; listen to any announcements relating to weather and road conditions on your local radio or television news. Adjusting your schedule or commuting route to accommodate for these conditions may prevent an accident, save your life or someone else's. It may mean that you need to leave home a little earlier to get to work on time; the most important thing is that you arrive here and at home safely every day. The extra time you take to prepare is far less than it

will take for you to recover from an accident. Being prepared means being safe and that is paramount.

Supervisors remind yourself and your staff of safety and road hazards that are inherent to the Pacific Northwest. This is the time to ensure that all Airmen know the hazards and how to prepare for them; personal safety, auto safety and preparedness.

Our next inspection will be the Unit Compliance Inspection in January(UCI). In the past year we have shown inspectors how well we do our job from the ORI, ATSEP, LSEP, ATSEV, two NSIs to name a few. I know that we will show the inspectors how well we complete our mission here at McChord, and you have begun your preparations for the UCI. As we move into the fall and winter, Be Safe!



**Col. Shane Hershman, 62nd Airlift Wing vice commander.**

# Supervision is a continual process, be involved

By

**Chief Master Sgt. Russell Kuck**

62nd Airlift Wing command chief master sergeant

"Welcome to the real Air Force." Remember when supervisors used to say this to their new Airmen? It was a way of taking charge of a troop and laying the groundwork for how things were done at their first real duty station. It brought them into the fold and ensured them that there was someone there to put them on the path to success.

These days, these words are more apt to mean that the supervision and mentoring they became accustomed to in basic military training and technical school are now diluted. The real Air Force it seems is often too busy to take the time to show them the ropes, make them part of a team and put them on a career development path.

Would it surprise you to learn that a number of Airmen have little or no contact with their supervisors

for weeks after arriving at McChord? Or, that supervisors these days often beat their troops out the door at the end of the duty day or have no idea what the inside of a dorm room looks like?

Supervisors, we need to get back to basics and be directly involved in our Airmen's development, mentorship and training. And, for those of you out there who have stepped up to your supervisory responsibilities, you need to reach out to your fellow NCOs who are floundering in this role and show them how it's done correctly.

No one should be more concerned with an Airman's success than their supervisor. In that same breath, when an Airman fails, their supervisor has failed as well.

Through solid, continuous leadership we can ensure the incredible Airmen we're bringing in to our Air Force grow and develop into outstanding supervisors and leaders.

We need our Airmen to succeed and we need our supervisors to take responsibility for that success. Hooah!



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

## Professionals of the week

### Western Air Defense Sector

#### Master Sgt. Renee Johnson

**Duty title:**

Superintendent of the Standards and Evaluation Branch

**Duty section:**

Standardization and Evaluation Branch

**Hometown:**

Dubuque, Iowa



**She's awesome because:**

Sergeant Johnson has been an instrumental part of the Western Sector – she is highly involved in all aspects of the WADS operational mission and continually works to develop those members around her. She is an active member of the Junior Enlisted Council and Booster Club. Her efforts resulted in her recent selection for promotion to master sergeant.

#### Tech. Sgt. Lyla Paopao

**Duty title:**

Client support administrator

**Duty section:**

Information Systems Flight

**Hometown:**

Lakewood, Wash.



**She's stellar because:**

Sergeant Paopao has been the driving force behind the implementation of the Automated Message Handling System (AMHS) and volunteered WADS to be the first unit on McChord to migrate from Defense Messaging System (DMS) to AMHS. This effort allowed WADS to be the test bed for the migration and assist the 62nd Airlift Wing and Air Mobility Command with troubleshooting and allow for the successful implementation of AMHS throughout the base. She has not only been successful as a project manager, but has excelled in her duties as a Client Support Administrator (CSA) and CSA trainer.

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# PC security everyone's responsibility

## Don't let yourself, coworkers become threat to our system

By

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Seldom a day goes by when the McChord Air Force Base Metropolitan Area Network (MAN) is not under surveillance or attack from an external threat. On average the 62nd Communications Squadron reports ten to 20 scans, probes, or attempts to gain access to our MAN. In many cases, these sources appear to be from other countries looking for an "open door." This is also known as scanning just like an unwanted visitor roaming the neighborhood for an open door. A probe is potentially a more serious threat where an intruder is standing at the doorstep looking in the window. An attempt is the most serious threat where the intruder is trying to turn the doorknob.

Rest assured the 62nd CS has state-of-the-art equipment designed to defend against external intruders to our "network neighborhood." But what about the internal threat to our network? Unfortunately, you could be a part

of that internal threat. "How do I become less of a threat?" you ask. Here are a few precautions you can take to prevent yourself from becoming a threat to the network:

- Take your Common Access Card (CAC) with you when you walk away from your computer
- Protect your CAC pin
- Don't use an unauthorized modem to access network
- Run virus scans on disks/USB drives prior to use
- Information Assurance Officers (IAOs) and Client Support Administrators (CSAs) fix vulnerabilities immediately upon notification

This list is not all inclusive, however, if we all practice these simple precautions we can lessen the likelihood of compromising our network. Remember the importance of Computer Security (COMPUSEC) when accomplishing your duties. Report any threats to our network to the Wing Information Assurance Office. Your vigilance as if in your own neighborhood will prevent our network from being compromised.



Photo by Abner Guzman

Voice Network Systems technician Staff Sgt. Zachary Knittle, 62nd Communications Squadron, uses a telephone test set to troubleshoot a line. Proper security practices mitigate the number and severity of threats to our system.



# Combined Federal Campaign underway this month

**By**  
**Tyler Hemstreet**  
Staff writer

The base Combined Federal Campaign is now running through Nov. 12.

Last year, Team McChord raised nearly \$152,000, said Capt. Edward Molenaar, 4th Airlift Squadron, McChord's CFC project officer this year.

Federal employees and service-members can participate in CFC and make contributions to a wide variety of charities in cash, check or payroll deduction. CFC was established in 1961 and allows millions of federal employees and military personnel to contribute to thousands of local and national nonprofit organizations.

By visiting [www.cfcgive.org](http://www.cfcgive.org), those interested in contributing can research charities using key words to search the campaign's database, Captain Molenaar said.

"It's a great way for people to search for something specific they

want to donate to and get information about that charity," he said.

Also new this year, the four-digit numbering system previously used to identify charities was changed to a five-digit system.

"We just don't want people filling out the form with the same number that they've memorized over the last 20 years and then have the money not go to the right charity," Captain Molenaar said.

There are several events organized on base in the next few weeks to raise awareness about a variety of charities. The base will host a four-person golf scramble at Whispering Firs Golf Course on Oct. 12 and a bowling tournament at Sounders Lanes on Oct. 17 to help get the word out about CFC, Captain Molenaar said.

Both events will offer discounted rates on greens and lanes fees and will provide a chance for attendees to meet with representatives from local charities, he said.

For more information, contact your squadron.



**Col. Shane Hershman, 62nd Airlift Wing vice commander, fills out a Combined Federal Campaign donation form at Bldg. 100. The campaign is now taking enrollment at McChord. For more information or to make a donation, contact your squadron CFC representative. More information is also available online at [www.cfc-give.org](http://www.cfc-give.org).**

# AROUND THE WORLD



Courtesy photo

**KABUL, Afghanistan** — Pictured left to right, 1st Lt. Ryan Quinn, 7th Airlift Squadron; Staff Sgt. Timothy Good, 62nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron; Capt. Jeff Marshall, 7th AS; Capt. Carl McBurnett, 7th AS; the president of Afghanistan, President Hamid Karzai; Maj. Daniel Tarleton, 62nd Operations Support Squadron; Master Sgt. Ronny Morton, 7th AS; and Airman 1st Class Benjamin Alexander, 7th AS, after the crew flew President Karzai from a United Nations speech recently.



Courtesy photo

**BAGHDAD, Iraq** — Capt. Jarod Blecher, left, and Capt. Andrew Stewart, both 62nd Aerial Port Squadron, take a break during a tour of a baggage yard during a deployment recently.



# Chief of staff addresses future of airpower at AF conference

By

Staff Sgt. Monique Randolph  
Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — The Air Force chief of staff wrapped up the three-day Air Force Association's 2007 Air and Space Conference and Technology Exposition with an address before a crowd of several hundred Sept. 26 here.

In his address, titled "To fly, fight and win in the 21st century," Gen. T. Michael Moseley drove home the need for recapitalization of the Air Force's aging weapons systems in order to prepare for the demands of the future.

"These conferences are powerful because they give us a wonderful opportunity to share, learn ... and grow," General Moseley said. "We all value these opportunities, and cherish the exceptional relationship the U.S. Air Force and Air Force Association have had for more than 60 years.

"If we focus solely on this tactical piece of Iraq and Afghanistan, or fixate solely on providing expedient tactical solutions, we put our nation's security in danger," the general said. "Instead, we must open our apertures and see the larger issues that concern us. We must consider strategic issues and develop long-



Gen. T. Michael Moseley, chief of staff of the Air Force, addresses the crowd at the Air Force Association's 2007 Air and Space Conference and Technology Exposition Sep. 26 in Washington, D.C.

term plans to address and solve them.

"Today the Air Force dominates in air and space and is rapidly expanding its capabilities in the domain of cyberspace," General Moseley said. "Today the Air Force provides those decisive effects on a global scale. Today it is universally recognized (as the) source of national strength.

Today, your Air Force provides our nation true global vigilance, global reach and global power, but our ability to accomplish all this in the future is at risk."

With forces actively engaged in the war on terrorism and new threats emerging, the Air Force faces the serious challenge of positioning the total force for things to come.

"(We are) fighting the war with the most combat tested and proven force in history, working feverishly to keep old -- and in many cases, obsolete -- weapons systems flying and fighting, while at the same time preparing for the roles the nation will ask us to accomplish in the future," General Moseley said.

To emphasize this point further, General Moseley relayed the story of an MH-53 Pave Low helicopter that recently crashed near Eglin Air Force Base, Fla. This particular aircraft was manufactured in 1969 and has flown numerous combat missions dating back to 1975. The same aircraft has completed four rotations to the combat theater, returning most recently in June 2007 after a 12-month deployment.

"The MH-53 is a great aircraft, but we've been retiring a few of them every year," General Moseley said. "We've lost six in combat, and now have only 21 left in the inventory. Over the course of the next year and a half, we'll eventually retire the remaining MH-53s."

The MH-53 was supposed to be replaced by the CV-22 Osprey, but because of delays in appropriation, production and delivery, there are currently only six, he said. "In this case and more broadly, we must balance current imperatives with future requirements."

Photo by Airman 1st Class Sean Adams

# September record-breaking month for air mobility

SOUTHWEST ASIA — The Combined Air and Space Operations Center's airpower summary provides a daily account of the integration and synchronization of coalition airpower with coalition ground forces in Iraq and International Security Assistance Force troops in Afghanistan.

As the final numbers came in for the month of September 2007, it became obvious that September was a record-breaking month for the air component mobility fleet.

"For the first time, the air mobility fleet transported more than 115,000 passengers and more than 20,000 short tons of cargo in, out and around the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility," said Maj. Gen. Maury Forsyth, Combined Forces Air Component deputy commander. "This includes a record high for the C-17 Globemaster IIIs, carrying more than 52,000 passengers."

"The air component contribution happens a lot in the background," he said. "Airlift is one of them. Seeing these September statistics, however, reminds me that every piece of equipment or person moved by air means fewer convoys on the roads of Iraq and Afghanistan. Airmen are in the fight at every level and I couldn't be more proud."

The following is the airpower summary for operations on Oct 2.

An Air Force B-1B Lancer targeted an enemy safe house in Asadabad



Photo by Staff Sgt. Brian Ferguson

**Passengers depart a C-17 Globemaster III in Southwest Asia Oct. 3. September was a record-breaking month for the air component mobility fleet. For the first time, the air mobility fleet transported more than 115,000 passengers and more than 20,000 short tons of cargo in, out and around the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility.**

with guided bomb unit-38s. The on-scene joint terminal attack controller confirmed the building collapsed and was destroyed.

Also in Asadabad, Air Force A-10 Thunderbolt IIs used cannon rounds and rockets to control enemy personnel. The JTAC confirmed the actions achieved the desired results.

A B1-B used flares in a show of force over targets near Khowst. The

JTAC declared the show of force and flares a success.

Other A-10s used cannon fire to suppress enemy fire from a safe house in Asadabad. The JTAC confirmed the mission was a success.

Air Force F-15E Strike Eagles used flares in shows of force to deter enemy activity in Tarin Kowt. The enemy dispersed and the JTAC declared the tactics were a success.

F-15Es also strafed insurgents in Tarin Kowt with cannon rounds. The enemy firing position was silenced and the JTAC reported the strafing runs a success.

In Sangin, A-10s used strafing runs with cannon rounds against an enemy compound. The JTAC confirmed that the rounds hit the intended target and the desired result was achieved.

A-10s also launched a GBU-12 against enemy personnel along a tree line in Sangin. The bomb hit the targeted area and the strike was reported as a success by the JTAC.

A Royal Air Force GR-7A Harrier conducted a show of force over Oruzgan.

The JTAC confirmed the action was successful.

Air Force C-130 Hercules aircraft and C-17 Globemaster IIIs provided intra-theater heavy airlift support, helping to sustain operations throughout Afghanistan, Iraq and the Horn of Africa.

Approximately 150 airlift sorties were flown, 350 tons of cargo were delivered and 4,700 passengers were transported.

Coalition C-130 crews from Australia, Iraq, Japan and Korea flew in support of operations in Afghanistan or Iraq.

On Oct. 1, Air Force, French and RAF tankers flew 50 sorties and off-loaded approximately 3 million pounds of fuel to 250 receiving aircraft.



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# AIRBORNE HEROES

## 22nd STS brings air power to the fight on the ground



Photo by Abner Guzman

22nd STS Airmen assist each other in putting on and inspecting their parachutes before a recent training exercise.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Douglas Olsen

22nd Special Tactics Squadron Airmen jump from a C-130 Hercules over the Puget Sound on a recent training mission. The mission requires them to land near a boat they airdropped, prepare it for movement and conduct waterborne operations. Airmen from the 41st Airlift Squadron out of Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark., provide the ride.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Douglas Olsen

A 22nd STS Airman proudly displays his combat controller patch before jumping out of a C-130 during a recent training mission.



Photo by Abner Guzman

(Above) 22nd STS Airmen board a C-130 in preparation for a water jump into the Puget Sound.

(Right) 22nd STS Airmen practice riding their dirt bikes onto a C-130 for a rapid exit from enemy areas during a recent training exercise.

By  
Tyler Hemstreet  
Staff writer

**Editor's note:** Due to operations security, some 22nd Special Tactics Squadron Airmen are not fully identified in this story.

The demand for joint terminal air controllers in the Global War on Terror is at an all-time high.

In deployed locations, JTACs work closely with Special Operations Forces from the Army, Navy and Marines to integrate air power with ground forces movements.

22nd Special Tactics Squadron Airmen here not only fill the role of JTACs, but are also trained to conduct assault zone surveys, provide air traffic control services and execute airfield seizures — giving them the ability to quickly take over and transform a sub-standard airfield for friendly aircraft to land safely.

"Every Special Forces team [from the other branches] wants a JTAC with them because they are so valuable to the fight," said one 22nd STS lieutenant combat controller who recently returned from a five-month deployment. "The teams want that contact with air support when they're out there."

And that's a demand the 22nd STS here is happy to supply.

Through constant training on various insertion methods, 22nd STS Airmen build conformability with high-risk activities such as jumping out of aircraft, riding dirt bikes and all-terrain vehicles and performing deep water dives, said Senior Master Sgt. Michael Lamonica, 22nd STS.

"The ultimate goal is to insert into any environment safely and without detection," Sergeant Lamonica said. "The goal of the training is to get it to be second nature because once you arrive at your destination, the hard part of the job starts."

Playing a big role in the vital link between ground forces and air power is something all up-and-coming JTACs take very serious-

ly. "Working with the SOF units, there's going to be all eyes on you when it comes to talking to the aircraft, so you really want to have all your training down tight," said one senior airman combat controller who's scheduled to deploy in a few months.

Knowing how to handle various weapons, calling in air strikes, moving and working with SOF teams are all tasks of a combat controller, Sergeant Lamonica said.

"Our combat controllers provide an Airman's perspective to solving the problems on the ground when talking to ground forces commanders," he said. "Our guys know what the capabilities of the firepower and what each air strike can or can't accomplish."

The wide range of skills the job of combat controller requires excites those who have yet to work in a deployed location with another service's unit.

"The level of multitasking required was a big surprise to me," said another 22nd STS senior airman who recently completed combat control training and is awaiting his first deployment. "But it's great because others can depend on you for anything out there."

Due to the special nature of the squadron's duties, it requires a large support staff to pack parachutes and maintain the radio equipment, tactical vehicles, snowmobiles, ATVs and dirt bikes. There are also Airmen who work to maintain the squadron's many weapons and overall equipment supply.

"They play an important role because we have needs that are unique to us," Sergeant Lamonica said.

When the 22nd STS is tasked for a deployment, the Airmen and civilians of combat support also play a role in completing the mission, he said.

That can sometimes mean riding on a convoy to deliver a fixed radio to a team or accompanying the combat controllers on the aircraft during an insertion, Sergeant Lamonica said.

"They embrace the warrior culture," he said. "The warrior ethos bleeds throughout every section in the squadron."

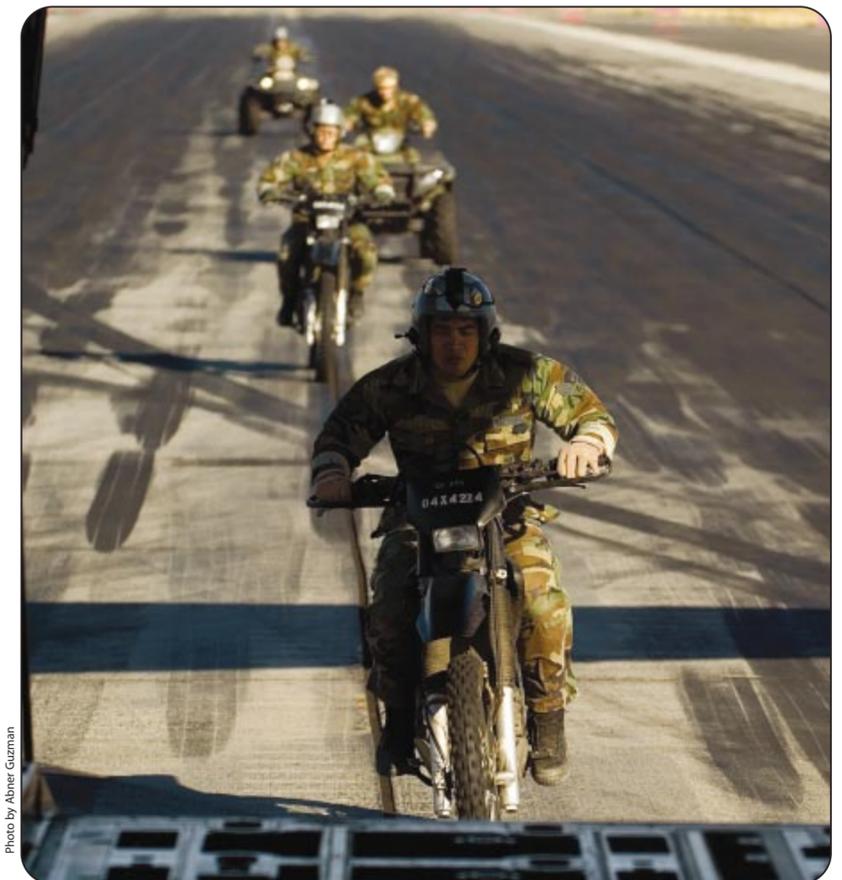


Photo by Abner Guzman

# AF claims gold in women's softball

By

1st Lt. Amber Balken  
75th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

HILL AIR FORCE BASE, Utah — The Air Force Women's Softball Team took home gold medals as they won the 2007 All-Armed Forces Women's Softball Championships with a record of 7-2 held Sept. 18 to 20 at Hill Air Force Base.

For the second time in three years, the Air Force won the tournament with power hitting and solid defense.

Coming in second for the tournament was the Army with a record of 7-2, but since the Air Force beat the Army twice, the Air Force won the championship. The Navy took third with a 3-6 record, and coming in fourth was the Marine Corps at 1-8.

The Air Force began the tournament with a 28-2 win over the Navy. The Air Force started the game strong with six runs on six hits including a home run by Staff Sgt. Latricia Munday from Lajes Field, Azores. Leading the Air Force was Tech. Sgt. Karrie Warren of Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla., going 5-for-5 batting and driving in four runs, and Senior Airman Carly Edwards from Osan Air Base, South Korea, who went 4-for-5 and drove in one run.

The Air Force's biggest challenge of the day would come when they would face the Army.



Photo by Alex Lloyd

**Air Force 2nd Lt. Kristina Dempsey rounds third base and looks to score during the All-Armed Forces Women's Softball Championships held Sept. 18 to 20 at Hill Air Force Base, Utah. For the second time in three years, the Air Force team won the tournament.**

The game started out with the Army taking a 2-0 lead in the first inning. The Air Force answered with a pair of runs in the bottom of the second inning. For the next five innings it was a battle of the bats. Both teams were con-

sistent in batting as well as base running.

Going into the bottom of the sixth inning, the Air Force had a 9-7 lead. The Army scored once and was threatening to score again with two on base when Spc. Shannka Taylor hit a three-run home run to put the Army up 11-9 going into the top of the seventh.

The Air Force once again turned to their batting. With two outs, Master Sgt. Laurie Doughty hit a double to right field scoring two and tying the game. The Air Force used smart base running to score four more runs before going into the bottom of the seventh with a 15-11 lead.

"My heart was pounding," Sergeant Doughty said. "I kept saying, 'I can do this. I can do this.' Then, I just took my pitch and drove it."

Army Capt. Kendra Allen hit a triple to start the inning for the Army. The defense of the Air Force was too much for the Army, though, as the game ended with a strike out, sacrifice fly and a fly ball.

The Air Force was undefeated after the first day with the 15-12 win over the Army.

The next time the two teams met would not be so favorable.

The Army team came out motivated and immediately took control of the game. They combined the power of their bats and their solid defense to take an early lead over the Air Force. The Air Force threatened to make a come back in the bottom of the second inning

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# AF falls to Navy in interservice game, 31-20

By

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U.S. Air Force Academy Public Affairs

U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. — The 40th meeting between the U.S. Air Force Academy and U.S. Naval Academy football teams saw the Midshipmen come from behind to win 31-20 Sept. 29 at Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium in Annapolis, Md.

Before a record crowd of 37,615, the Falcons lost for the fifth straight time to their service academy rival, and put Navy (3-2) a leg up on winning its fifth consecutive Commander-In-Chiefs Trophy, symbolic of interservice football supremacy.

The Falcons now hold a record of 3-2, 2-1 in the Mountain West Conference, but maintain the all-time series lead over the Midshipmen 25-15.

With Navy nursing a 24-20 advantage in the see-saw affair early in the fourth quarter, the Falcons drove down to the Mids 9 yard line. On the next three plays, Air Force was penalized 15 yards for a personal foul for a late hit, 5 yards for a false start and 10 yards for holding. Now on Navy's 39-yard line, Air Force punted short to the Navy 20.

Two plays later, Mids quarterback Kaipo-Noa Kaheaku-Enhada raced 78 yards for a touchdown, his second of the quarter. The Kapolei, Hawaii, native scored from 2 yards out on fourth down early in the stanza to cap a nine-play, 73-yard drive which gave his team the lead for good.



Photo by Capt. Jillian Torango

U.S. Air Force Academy Falcon senior Chad Hall high steps into the end zone at the end of his 16-yard touchdown run in the second quarter of Air Force's 31-20 loss to Navy Sept. 29 at Annapolis, Md. Hall also caught a game-high eight passes for 108 yards.

"When you play games like this, you absolutely have to max out the poise and discipline. We didn't do that today," said Air Force head coach Troy Calhoun. "Responsibility-wise that starts with us as coaches and players, too. You will not win with a stretch (of penalties) like that."

Excluding the fourth quarter momentum swing, the Falcons played well enough to win.

Air Force out-gained Navy 474 yards to 381. The Falcons had perfect balance, gaining 237 yards on the ground and 237 yards through the air, including a game-high 108 yards on eight receptions by Chad Hall.

The passing yardage was a career best for senior quarterback Shaun Carney, who completed 18-of-23 attempts. He also rushed for 63 yards on 15 carries. His 300 total yards made him Air Force's all-time total-yardage leader with 6,780 yards from scrimmage.

The yardage, however, did not always translate into points. The Falcons were held scoreless three times inside Navy's 20-yard line.

"We left a lot of points on the field," Carney said. "We weren't very disciplined in the red zone. We executed the coaches game plan until we got deep in their territory and started playing silly. We let the game slip away."

Down 7-3 in the second quarter, Chad Hall's 16-yard touchdown run reclaimed the lead for the Falcons, but Midshipman Zerb Singleton's 12-yard rushing TD put Navy on top at halftime 14-10.

Harrison and Navy's Joey Bullen traded short field goals to make it 17-13 Mids in the third quarter, before Hall capped an 11 play, 80-yard drive for Air Force with his second touchdown run. The 5-yard end-around play made it 20-17 Falcons after three quarters.

"We had some momentum," Hall said. "But to their credit, they came back and responded big time."



with the bases loaded, but the Army turned a routine ground ball into a triple play to close out the inning.

The hitting for the Army continued through the game with a single home run by Specialist Taylor in the top of the fourth inning and an inside-the-park home run by Cpl. Roxanne Finks in the top of the fifth.

The Army gave the Air Force their first loss, 13-5.

The next opponent for the Air Force was the Navy. Winning 11-4 going into the top of the sixth inning, the Navy batted through their line up and scored 11 runs on 12 Air Force errors.

The Air Force threatened to make a come back, scoring three runs in the bottom of the sixth inning, but Navy hitting and solid defense was too much. The Navy handed the Air Force their second loss of the day, 17-14.

The third day was make or break for the Air Force as they faced the Army in the first game. The Air Force would need to win all three games to clinch the title. The Army would need to beat the Air Force to clinch the title.

The Air Force set the tone for the entire game with a string of three triples and home run by Staff Sgt. Sarah Ryan from Nellis Air Force Base, Nev.

The Air Force used basic fundamental softball to hand the Army a 13-0 loss, the first shut out of the tourney.

"The team regrouped and we came out determined and with intensity," Sergeant Ryan said. "We weren't going to give up and we showed that."

The Air Force clinched their second gold medal in three years with two wins over the Marines and the Navy.

"The ladies came out today with the intensity and hunger they had the first day," said Rob Hoffman, the Air Force assistant coach from Hurlburt Field, Fla. "The entire team played well, they communicated and played fundamentally sound softball."

"The ladies showed great heart," said Air Force coach retired Senior Master Sgt. Cheryl Trapnell. "Everyone on the team stepped up, and never gave up."

## McChord blood drive

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# Faith and Worship Programs

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

The following chapel program takes place at the base chapel support center, Bldg. 746, unless otherwise noted:

**Adult Bible study** is from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

## 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 967-6590

### 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).



## We're so pretty

Please note the new look in the Northwest Airlifter's B section. We've changed the format to include the very best the Puget Sound-area has to offer, with everything entertainment such as movies, music, visual and performing arts, food, lifestyle and a packed calendar of what's going on locally in the upcoming week. Enjoy!

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# Airmen keep Soldiers, Marines in the fight

By

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Public Affairs

SOUTHWEST ASIA — Army Sgt. Scott Boomershire injured his ankle kicking down doors in Iraq. However, it's up to Airmen here, stationed hundreds of miles from the infantryman's unit in Baghdad, to help Sergeant Boomershire get the medical care he needs to put him back in the fight.

Members of the 386th Expeditionary Medical Group's Contingency Aeromedical Staging Facility team are charged with preparing injured servicemembers for transport to medical facilities around the world.

"If we receive someone who looks like they can

be treated in the area, we'll make sure they are cleared for travel and send them to a regional medical facility for treatment and return to duty," said 1st Lt. Elizabeth Quinn-Wilber, a CASF nurse deployed from Travis Air Force Base, Calif. "If medical conditions are too severe, we'll prepare the individual for flight aboard one of our C-130 Hercules and they'll be flown to Ramstein Air Base, Germany, for advanced care."

The CASF receives patients via C-130 from bases throughout the region or via ambulance from nearby military bases. Once patients arrive, the CASF staff makes sure their vitals are within normal limits, changes dressings if necessary, and prepares the servicemembers for their next journey.

"Most patients we receive are actually pretty close to being ready to go," said Senior Airman

Elle Liza Marie Franz, a CASF medical technician also deployed from Travis AFB. "We keep the patients for about 12 hours -- usually just long enough for transportation to be arranged."

The CASF processes more than 300 patients a month, with ailments ranging from hernias and broken bones, to gunshot wounds and improvised explosive device-related injuries.

It's those patients arriving after being hit with IED's that draw the most attention at the CASF. The CASF has implemented a "Battle Injury Program" where American flags are presented to those with combat injuries.

"It's the least we can do," said Maj. Cheryl Spray, the officer in charge of the CASF's medical control center and also deployed from Travis AFB. "It's a way to show that we appreciate the sacrifices that they make for us and it's a small reminder of what we're fighting for."



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**Officers' spouses club**

There will be an OSC social this month at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the McChord Club. Come dressed in your 60's outfits! All eligible spouses are welcome to attend.

**Gate construction work**

Please use caution when enter-

ing and exiting the Main Gate, Barnes Gate and Commercial Gate Thursday to Oct. 9. 62nd Civil Engineer Squadron will be performing work on the barrier systems and there may be some minor traffic delays. For more information, call customer service at 982-5739.

**Contracting Squadron closed**

The 62nd CS office will be closed from 8 a.m. to noon on Wednesday due to mandatory squadron training. For more information, call Master Sgt. Ralph Chavez at 982-3893.

**SNCO induction dinner**

There will be a senior noncommissioned officer induction dinner at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 19 at the McChord Club, Northwest Connection Ballroom. Social begins at 6 p.m. Semi-formal and

mess dress attire. R.S.V.P. to your squadron point of contact by Oct. 11.

**Retiree appreciation day**

McChord's annual retiree appreciation day and health fair will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 24 at the McChord Club. The event will feature a health fair offering a wide range of medical and health services including flu shots, blood pressure checks, a bone density test, and nutrition and fitness classes. Resources permitting, there will be a tour of a C-17 Globemaster III and door prizes awarded throughout the morning. All retirees, spouses, and survivors are encouraged to attend. For more information, call the Retiree Activities Office at 982-3214.

**Catholic faith formation class**

The Assumption Catholic

Community on McChord holds its faith formation classes at 6:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Chapel Support Center. Classes include preparation for first communion and confirmation. If you are interested in enrolling a student preschool through 8th grade in religious education courses, call Karen Lynch, Catholic RE Coordinator at 982-8178.

**Adult Rite of Christian initiation**

As an adult, if you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, please feel free to join us for RCIA at 6:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Chapel Support Center. If you are interested, have questions, or would like to go through the process of becoming Catholic, call Karen Lynch, Catholic RE Coordinator at 982-8178.





























