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DoD ID card holders are invited to  
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### Weekend Weather

FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Hi: 76 Low: 56	Hi: 75 Low: 55	Hi: 78 Low: 55

Forecast generated at 2 p.m. Tuesday  
Courtesy of the 62nd Operations Support Squadron

### Air Expo 2008 Countdown

visit [www.mcchordairexpo.com](http://www.mcchordairexpo.com) **16** days

Don't miss it ...

### 4th of July

Fort Lewis will host Freedom Fest 2008 at Cowan Stadium. Tomorrow's all-day event will feature live music, carnival rides and fireworks.

# Fourth of July message focuses on safety

By

**Gen. Arthur Lichte**  
Air Mobility Command commander

Now that we're a little more than one month into the 101 Critical Days of Summer, I wanted to take the opportunity to thank all of you for the safe start we've had so far. This year's slogan, "Be your own safety manager" has proved to be a great tool to keep us all properly focused, and with the Fourth of July weekend just a few days away, now's a great time to quickly re-emphasize some important points to keep us all on the right vector.

As I mentioned in the video for the 101 Critical Days of Summer,

our primary focus this year is to prevent vehicle accidents, which historically have been the leading cause of fatalities during the summer months. Last year, we lost 14 Airmen who died as the result of vehicle accidents, and our goal this year (and every year) is to reduce that number to zero. To make this happen, all of us (as Airmen) need to shoulder the responsibility of making this a reality. That responsibility, however, is a two-sided coin. From a personal perspective, I expect every Airman in the command to not break the law when it comes to wearing seatbelts and drinking and driving. It's not just a lapse in judgment — it's against the law. And, from a wingman's perspective, I expect every Airman

to take the personal responsibility to ensure those around them are making the right decisions and being safe. It's a heavy responsibility, and sometimes it means you'll need to take the choice away from a friend who can't make the right choice for him or herself.

This doesn't mean you can't have fun with family and friends. In fact, I encourage you to enjoy the summer — especially the upcoming Fourth of July weekend. If you plan on including fireworks as part of the holiday, please be safe. And, for those looking forward to some times on the road to reach their favorite vacation spot, please ensure you give yourself some extra time to get there and back safely. Over-extending your-

self by "marathon driving" is dangerous not only to you, but also the family members in the car with you. The potential consequences are just not worth it. I'd prefer that you come back from vacation late than not at all.

The worldwide mobility team is doing great things in support of the joint warfighter, and in this team effort every single Airman is important. Each of you are critical to AMC's 900+ daily sorties that take the fight to the enemy, resupply those in contact with the enemy, transport wounded, or food, water and medicine to those who need it. Thank you for your service and sacrifice, and thank you for continuing to make this summer season "fatality free."

# Oath of Enlistment worthy of review this holiday

By

**Maj. George Kinney**  
62nd Communications Squadron commander

Over 230 years ago, our Founding Fathers penned the Declaration of Independence, motivating 250,000 citizens to take an Oath of Enlistment to "swear (or affirm as the case may be) to be true to the United States of America." Their efforts on the battlefields of Lexington, Concord, Valley Forge and Yorktown secured our future as an independent nation, committed to a set of ideas enacted 11 years later in the Constitution of the United States.

With the enactment of the Constitution, our Congress changed the Oath of Enlistment to read, "I, do solemnly swear or affirm (as the case may be) that I will support the constitution of the United States." This basic oath from 220 years ago remains largely unchanged and all

members to this day swear to "support and defend the Constitution of the United States." This holiday serves as a perfect opportunity to not only celebrate the founding of the nation, but also to reflect upon what our Oath of Enlistment or Office charges each of us to do.

Like our Revolutionary War predecessors, we do not defend a person, place, or piece of paper, but a set of ideas written more than 220 years ago in the Constitution of the United States. We support and defend a way of government, comprised of three separate but equal branches of government. We are also defenders of an idea that government power stems from its citizens, each of whom express their opinions in an equal "vote" regardless of race, sex, economic or social position. Every citizen also has the right to assemble peaceably to ask our government to redress grievances.

Additionally, with our Oath of Enlistment or Office, we have sworn to support and defend a

set of individual rights. We are committed to ensure that every citizen is free from slavery and inservitude. Furthermore, we have committed ourselves to defend every citizen's right to freedom of religion and speech. We are also defenders of citizens' rights within the judicial system, which include a protection from unreasonable searches and seizures, as well as rights to due process, confront their accusers and a fair and speedy trial.

Since 1789, members of the armed forces have taken an Oath of Enlistment or Office, pledging to support and defend the Constitution of the United States. Take a moment this weekend to read our Constitution and understand what you have pledged to defend. It is an awesome set of ideas, which I am proud to say I will support and defend against all enemies, foreign and domestic.

Have a safe, relaxing and enjoyable Fourth of July!

## Professionals of the week

### 62nd Airlift Wing

#### Staff Sgt. LeeAnn Bledsoe-Jones

**Duty title:**  
62nd AW protocol specialist

**Duty section:**  
62nd AW

**Hometown:**  
North Augusta, S.C.

#### Why she's super:

Sergeant Bledsoe-Jones recently worked on a visit involving 83 high-ranking foreign nationals, who were escorted by the assistant Vice Chief of Staff. She also coordinated a visit by the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and managed all the moving parts for Mrs. Mullen to discuss family life issues with 62nd FSS sections such as the child development center and the Escape Zone. Lastly, she is certified to teach basic life support and self aid buddy care. She continually enhances her teaching methods in preparation for last-minute classes.



#### Senior Airman Bryan Walters

**Duty title:**  
62nd AW protocol specialist

**Duty section:**  
62nd AW

**Hometown:**  
Clovis, Calif.

#### Why he's tops:

Airman Walters is protocol's newest specialist but is already performing like a veteran. As a protocol specialist, he contributes to the preparation and coordination of all visiting DVs, wing, group and squadron changes of commands, retirement ceremonies, quarterly awards ceremonies and major events such as this year's Air Expo and the upcoming Rodeo 2009. His contributions were integral to the success of the 361st Recruiting Squadron's change of command, the 62nd Mission Support Squadron and 62nd Services Squadron's merger ceremony and recent visits by the 18th Air Force commander, Maj. Gen. Winfield Scott and chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Adm. Michael Mullens.



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# Housing privatization town hall dates set

By  
Tyler Hemstreet  
Staff Writer

Wing leadership along with housing privatization officials will host two town hall-style meetings in the upcoming weeks to discuss the design and development of the new housing community on McChord set to break ground in September.

The meetings are set for 3 p.m. on Wednesday and 7 p.m. July 10 at the base theater.

The meetings will cover in general terms which housing areas will be demolished and which will be renovated, and what general time frame is in conjunction with each

phase of the project, said Cal Lovering, a housing privatization project manager with the 62nd Civil Engineer Squadron.

"Unfortunately, we're not able to go into the level of detail that includes the time frame for renovations or demolition of specific houses on specific streets, but we will be able to detail the plan at a housing sub-community level," Mr. Lovering said.

Residents will also be able to look at the overall site design and view floor plans, he said.

"As we get closer to starting a phase we will be able to provide residents answers on specific homes," Mr. Lovering said. "Right now we're not able to provide specific answers to questions about

what things are going to look like two years into the project."

The hour-long meeting will consist of an introductory briefing followed by a question and answer session.

The housing privatization plan is on schedule to start in September. Details of the plan include building 250 new homes and renovating another 268 homes over the next eight years, adding to the 90 homes in the Olympic Grove tract.

According to McChord's housing privatization Web site, the new development plan, which also establishes the amenity standards set by Air Mobility Command for new communities includes neighborhood-wide recreational facilities, a community center with a kitchen

facility, lighted concrete walks or asphalt trails leading to playgrounds and road and trail connectivity throughout the premises.

The construction standards for the new houses call for larger living space above the minimum requirement, an attached two-car garage, double-wide driveways, enclosed backyards and covered patios, according to the Web site.

Airmen and their families will also be able to give feedback to the project, Mr. Lovering said.

They can also e-mail any questions to [calvin.lovering@mcchord.af.mil](mailto:calvin.lovering@mcchord.af.mil) and also follow the status of the project on the base intranet at [https://62msg.mcchord.af.mil/62CES/Housing\\_Privatization/default.aspx](https://62msg.mcchord.af.mil/62CES/Housing_Privatization/default.aspx), he said.

# Don't get burned by fireworks this Fourth of July

By  
Tyler Hemstreet  
Staff writer

This Fourth of July base officials are reminding Airmen and their families to steer clear of illegal fireworks and keep safety in mind at all times when using legal fireworks.

In 2007 there were more than 1,059 fireworks-related emergency incidents in Washington resulting in more than \$21.5 million in property loss, according to the Washington State Patrol.

In the state of Washington, common fireworks such as sparklers, cylindrical or cone fountains, illuminating torches, wheels, ground spinners and roman candles are legal, according to the Washington State Patrol's Fire Protection Bureau, while firecrackers, bottle rockets and skyrockets are illegal, except on tribal land.

Tacoma's fireworks ban will be treated as a civil infraction this year with a \$257 fine, rather than a misdemeanor resulting in jail time.

For those who choose to set off legal fireworks, safety should be the number one priority, said Ken Heath, 62nd Airlift Wing chief of ground safety.

"Anyone who's planning on using fireworks needs to handle them just as if they were handling a

weapon," he said.

It is illegal to have or use fireworks on base, as stated by the 62nd Airlift Wing Instruction 32-17, Base Fire Prevention Program.

However, sparklers will be allowed on base, said chief of fire prevention Sandra Cooper, 62nd Civil Engineer Squadron.

"But people still have to be careful with sparklers because they can still cause burns," Ms. Cooper

said.

Sparklers can burn at temperatures upwards of 1800 degrees Fahrenheit, according to the National Fire Protection Association. A safer and less expensive way to enjoy fireworks this year is to attend a professional fireworks display, Ms. Cooper said.

For more information on fireworks laws in each county and city in the state, visit <http://www.wa.gov/wsp/fireworks/mediakit/law.htm>.

## FIREWORKS SAFETY

In the state of Washington, only "common" or "safe and sane" fireworks are legal. Some types of "common" fireworks are sparklers, cylindrical or cone fountains, illuminating torches, wheels, ground spinners, flitter sparklers, smokey devices, aerial spinners and roman candles.

Even though these fireworks may be legal at the state level, they may be restricted or banned by various cities. All fireworks are banned on McChord. Contact your local Fire Marshall if you have any questions on types of fireworks or time lines for use in your area. If you decide to use fireworks this season, please use the following guidelines:

- Do not hold fireworks in your hand; instead place fireworks on a smooth flat surface away from the house and flammable materials, light the fuse and step far away.
- Store fireworks in a cool, dry place.

- Don't allow young children to play with sparklers due to the high heat produced.
- Closely supervise children.
- Always read and follow label directions.
- Buy from reliable sellers.
- Use fireworks outdoors only.
- Never experiment or make your own fireworks.
- Light only one firework at a time.
- Never re-light "dud" fireworks. Wait 15 to 20 minutes, then place in bucket of water.
- Never throw or point fireworks at other people.
- Never carry fireworks in your pockets.
- Keep water — both a hose and a bucket — close by for easy extinguishment.
- Never mix the use of fireworks and alcohol

Source: McChord Fire Department



Photo by Abner Guzman

## Welcome!

Maj. Gen. Winfield Scott, 18th Air Force commander, is greeted by Col. Jeffrey Stephenson, 62nd Airlift Wing commander, and Col. William Flanigan, 446th Airlift Wing commander, upon arriving at McChord Tuesday. The new 18th AF commander toured the base and met with wing leadership.

# Freedom Fest 2008

July 4 celebration at  
Cowan Stadium,  
Fort Lewis  
10 a.m. to Fireworks

There will be live  
music, carnival rides,  
stage entertainment,  
a Special Forces  
parachute jump and  
fireworks.

The general public is  
invited and must use  
Exit 119 off I-5.

For more information  
call 253-967-4294.



Photo by Abner Guzman

## Cleared for liftoff

Capt. Adam Smith, 7th Airlift Squadron, pushes Senior Airman Paul Garcia, also 7th AS, as part of the Globemaster Mile go kart race during Sports Day activities June 27 at the base track. Airmen participated in various sporting events throughout the day.

# 0-0-1-3



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

For periodic drinking, the standard is to keep the blood alcohol level or blood alcohol content under 0.05.

*Use personal risk management  
Use situational awareness  
Use your wingman  
Use a friend*

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

**DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE**



Whether it's taking a dip in the base pool to cool off or riding the ramps at the skate park, McChord offers lots of fun activities now that ...

# School's out for summer

## Summer activities for kids

The youth center offers several summer activities and events for kids this summer. Here is a sampling of a few. For prices and details, visit [www.mcchordafb.us/youthcalendar.html](http://www.mcchordafb.us/youthcalendar.html) or call 982-2203.

**Trip to Seattle:** Tuesday, noon-7 p.m.

**Teen Lock-In:** July 12, 10 p.m.- 6 a.m. at the youth center

**Teen Popcorn and Movie:** July 26, 7 p.m.

**Point Defiance Zoo Trip:** July 29, noon-4 p.m.

**Learn to be a Clown during National Clown Week:**

Classes July 28, 29, 30 and 31 from noon-4 p.m.

**Missoula Children's Theater:** Aug. 4-8. Play: "Rumpelstilzken" performance is Aug. 8, at 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. Auditions and rehearsals are Aug. 4-7 at Carter Lake School. Kids have fun learning lines, songs and dances in preparation for the final performance on Friday night at Carter Lake School. Open to all McChord AFB active duty, NAF & APF civilians and reservists.

**Mt. Rainier hike for ages 9-18,** Aug. 6.

**Mt. St. Helen's hike for ages 9-18,** Aug. 9.

**Pre teen Lock-in,** 10 p.m. to 6 a.m., Aug. 15.

**Wild Waves trip for pre teens,** Aug. 19.

**Wild Waves trip for teens,** Aug. 21.



From left, Hannah Huffman, Adriene Blakely and Rachel Goforth, arrive at the youth center ready to participate in a variety of scheduled games as part of the end of the school year. During the summer the youth center hosts Brain Challenges Monday through Thursday from 1-2 p.m., Fit Factor activities daily from 4-6 p.m. and Torch Club Meetings every Thursday from 3-3:30 p.m.



From left, Ishiah Barajas, Jay Renguul and Hayden Adelman take a break between maneuvers recently at the skate park located in base housing across from the youth center.



Karis Doughty takes a break from an afternoon of bike riding during the end of the school year cook-out held at the youth center.



The base pool is open seven days a week from noon to 6 p.m. until Aug. 31. Admission is \$1 daily and \$30 for an individual season pass. Family season passes can be purchased for \$50.

### Power outage Sunday

There will be a partial power outage on base Sunday. The power outage will start at 4 a.m. and will be restored at 8 a.m. The following facilities will be affected: BX (504), Bank (505), Credit Union (530), Gas Station (545), Burger King (510), Child Care (560, 578 & 580), Dental Clinic (527), (1158) Tank Farm, (700) Club, Main Gate (844, 845 & 849), 800, Ammo (802, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, & 825), (770) Soccer Field, Clinics (690 & 691), (768) Vet Clinic, (569, 576), Base Supply, (577) Commissary, Golf Course Maintenance (835 & 836), 570, 571), US West (Barnes & Outer Drive), Barnes Storm Water Lift Station, Traffic Lights (Barnes & Lincoln) and Memorial Grove. The power outage is necessary to perform maintenance and repairs on high voltage power lines.

### Hangar party

There will be a hangar party at 4 p.m. July 18 in Hangar 3 for Team McChord and their families. There will be a Kid Zone with fun for all ages, thousands of dollars in giveaways that will be

handed out as door prizes and free food. The Spazmatics, an 80s cover band, will perform live starting at 6 p.m. Delta ramp will be open to Team McChord and their families from noon to 5 p.m. to view the aerial demonstration teams' practices. The U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds will fly around 2 p.m. For both the practice air show and the hangar party, park behind Bldg. 100 and enter the ramp at the ECP between Hangars 2 and 3.

### Chief's Group scholarship

The McChord Chief's Group offers a scholarship program to defer the education-related financial obligations of active duty enlisted personnel in grades E-1 through E-5 pursuing mid-level and advanced degrees. Applications can be picked up at the Education Center (Bldg. 851), from any McChord active duty chief master sergeant or from the Chief's Group share point site. Scholarship applications are due by July 25 and can be sent via e-mail to [rodney.billinghurst@mcchord.af.mil](mailto:rodney.billinghurst@mcchord.af.mil) or given to your group superintendent or any McChord chief master sergeant. For more information, call Chief

Master Sgt. Rod Billinghurst at 982-5817.

### Burger King drive-thru open

The Burger King on McChord is currently under renovation, with the project set to be finished July 28. The renovation will include new restrooms, new tables and chairs and new counters in the dining room. While the dining room will be closed, the drive thru window will remain open during normal business hours: Monday through Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### New Housing Office hours

The McChord Housing Office has recently revised its hours of operation. Walk-in hours are now 1 to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday. Appointment hours are 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. For community housing assistance, call 982-5517, and for military housing assistance, call 982-5516.

## Names to Note

The following Airmen recently graduated from the Julius A. Kolb Airman Leadership School Class as part of class 08-E:

- **Senior Airman Brian Buczek**, 62nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
- **Senior Airman Anthony Cabanillas**, 62nd Security Forces Squadron
- **Senior Airman John Canifax**, 62nd Communications Squadron
- **Staff Sgt. Justin Corneau**, 62nd SFS
- **PO3 Margaret Crandall** Group Air Station North Bend
- **Senior Airman David Crespo**, 62nd CS
- **Senior Airman Randall Cummings**, 446th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
- **Staff Sgt. Glen Derra**, 5th Air Support Operations Squadron
- **Senior Airman Jill Dowd**,

- 62nd Medical Operations Squadron
- **Senior Airman Remington Finney**, 62nd AMXS
- **Senior Airman Paul Garcia**, 7th Airlift Squadron
- **Senior Airman Christopher Hawkins**, 62nd AMXS
- **Senior Airman Terdell Johnson**, 194th Mission Support Flight
- **Senior Airman Eric Kreuser**, 62nd SFS
- **Senior Airman John Lewellyan**, 62nd Aerial Port Squadron
- **Senior Airman Jeff Martin**, 5th Air Support Operations Squadron
- **Senior Airman Mason Mathews**, 22nd Special Tactics Squadron
- **Senior Airman Melanie Milhorn**, 62nd MOS
- **Senior Airman Mark Anthony Paguio**, 62nd MOS

- **Senior Airman Christian Recene**, 62nd AMXS
- **Senior Airman Christopher Shaw**, 62nd AMXS
- **Senior Airman Parish Sinn**, 111th Air Support Operations Squadron
- **Senior Airman Charles Stanley**, 62nd Maintenance Squadron
- **Senior Airman Stacie Sundberg**, 62nd Airlift Wing
- **Senior Airman Danielle Ward**, 62nd CS

### Award Recipients:

- John L. Levitow Award** – Sergeant Derra
- Distinguished Graduate Award** – Airman Cummings
- Distinguished Graduate Award** – Airman Garcia
- Academic Achievement Award** – Airman Cummings
- Leadership Award** – Airman Mathews



## 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).

