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Obstetric clinic now open on McChord

By
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A fully operational obstetric clinic opened Nov. 1 at the McChord medical Clinic here to provide quality pre-natal care up to the time of delivery for pregnant Airmen and their family members.

"The clinic is designed to provide quality care with the same caregiver throughout the duration of pregnancy, up to the time of delivery right here," said Army Lt. Col. Kristie Lowry, officer-in-charge. "Madigan Army Medical Center at Fort Lewis handles the actual delivery and any emergencies that may come up while the patient is pregnant."

The process begins with a blood test to confirm pregnancy, she said.

"If the blood test comes back positive, we schedule an initial appointment with our registered nurse," said Colonel Lowry.

During the hour-long, initial appointment, registered nurse Cyndi Mellor discusses topics such as nutrition and genetic counseling, orders any additional blood tests and schedules monthly appointments throughout the duration of the pregnancy. She also provides information about pregnancy, what to expect and how to stay healthy.

"Initial appointments are used as a time to educate and discuss any concerns with the patient," said the 20-year labor and delivery veteran nurse. "McChord is fortunate to have a quiet, low-stress environment where we are able to give quality time and attention to the patient throughout the entire pregnancy."

The clinic remains functional for acute issues such as colds and pregnancy discomfort, but routine care is key to a healthy pregnancy, she said.

The staff has an ultrasound and fetal stress equipment machines used to monitor a baby's heart beat and other vital signs.

The state-of-the-art equipment is just a part of the quality, patient-focused care the staff at the clinic are so passionate about. The clinic is staffed by a civilian board-certified physician, a civilian registered nurse and an active duty nurse practitioner. Appointments can be made through a TRICARE telephone representative.

"The women's health staff are pleased to be able to offer high quality, individual pre-natal care for all our eligible Air Force recipients," said Dr. Lee Artman, head of the obstetrics and gynecology clinic here. "Our dedicated staff of highly-trained and motivated individuals are here to serve."

The former Navy doctor has combined military and civilian medical experience of nearly 35 years.

"Our goal is to provide this care on a timely basis, with readily available access to our staff," he said. "We still work very closely with Madigan once it's time to deliver, but patients now have the benefit of basic pre-natal care right here on McChord."



Photo by Abner Guzman

Helping McChord families!

Airman Corey Carpenter, right; Airman 1st Class Bradley Sanders, both 62nd Aerial Port Squadron; Sheryl Swory, 62nd Force Support Squadron; her son Hayden, 4; and Elaine McPherson donate canned goods in the passenger terminal Monday. The First Sergeant's Council is collecting non-perishable food donations helping 145 McChord families celebrate Thanksgiving. Collection boxes are located in the Airman and Family Readiness Center, Air Passenger Terminal, Chapel Support Center and the Customer Service Mall. For more information on how you can help, contact any McChord first sergeant.

Army addresses civilian town hall

By
Tyler Hemstreet
Staff writer

McChord civilian employees gathered Wednesday at the McChord Clubs and Community Center for a town hall forum to further discuss joint basing personnel issues and hear from leadership representing both services.

The Army has been designated as the lead for Joint Base Lewis-McChord for managing and providing the base support services with an Army Joint Base commander and an Air Force deputy commander.

The town hall was part of a continued effort by leadership to discuss joint basing candidly with Air Force civilian employees.

"I'm all about doing the right thing and

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Two McChord SNCOs selected for chief

Senior Master Sgt. Louis Orrie, 8th Airlift Squadron, and Senior Master Sgt. David Suozzi, 62nd Maintenance Group, were selected for promotion to chief master sergeant. Air Force officials named 520 of 2,415 eligible senior master sergeants for promotion to chief master sergeant for a selection rate of 21.53 percent.

Weekend Weather

FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Hi: 53 Low: 42	Hi: 54 Low: 41	Hi: 53 Low: 41

Forecast generated at 7 a.m. Thursday
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Countdown to success

Nuclear Surety Inspection	55	days
Rodeo	248	days
Operational Readiness Inspection	346	days

Don't miss it ...

Wing Blood Drive

The Wing Blood Drive is 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. today in Bldg. 691



Letters to the Airmen:

Honoring our commitment to Wounded Warriors

By

Michael Donley
Secretary of the Air Force

Developing and caring for our Airmen and their families is a top priority. And no task is more important than ensuring our Wounded Warriors receive the services and support that they need throughout the recovery process. For this reason we are proud to support Secretary Gates' designation of November as Warrior Care Month. Our effort will highlight ways to access the many Warrior Care programs available to

service members and their families.

Airmen are integral to Wounded Care, providing world-class medical care for those injured in combat zones and constant care during critical transportation to facilities around the globe. During my recent visit to Southwest Asia, I witnessed the intensity firsthand when I saw Airmen save the life of a victim seriously injured by an Improvised Explosive Device. It was a hard-hitting reminder of the dangers you face and the superb care you provide every day.

While we strive for increased awareness during this campaign, let

us also be mindful of the work left to do. We must continue to eliminate any remnants of the stigma once associated with psychological health issues, and institute preventive measures to that end. There is no doubt that combat action leaves more than just the visible scars we often think of when discussing Warrior Care. It is our duty as Wingmen to understand the signs of combat-related stress and to do everything in our power to see our fellow Airmen and their families get the assistance they need. Programs like Air Force Wounded Warrior (AFW2) support our Airmen through personalized

care.

As we turn our focus to the upcoming holiday season, I hope that you will keep our Wounded Warriors and their families in your thoughts. Air Force families are essential to our success and willingly accept many of the same sacrifices we make as individuals. The families of wounded, ill or injured service members give even more as they take the journey toward recovery with their loved one. It is our solemn duty to keep our commitments to these Airmen and their families by providing the best possible care and support.

Weighing the cost: financial benefits of military service

By

Maj. Michael Jesson
62nd Comptroller Squadron
commander

As military members, we are often tasked with long hours and working under difficult or even dangerous circumstances. It is easy to believe that a career in the private sector would be easier, however the military's numerous financial benefits (education, tax savings, healthcare and retirement) should be considered when weighing continued service against a foray into the corporate world.

As the cost of college tuition has skyrocketed,

educational benefits have increased in value.

Educational benefits, from tuition assistance to fully funded undergraduate and advanced degree programs, are important to consider when calculating military compensation.

Many of you have already seen tax related benefits associated with military service. A tax free 12-month stay in the sand can net you a hefty sum of money.

Also consider the medical benefits of military service. With private-sector insurance plans costing more than \$5,000 for family coverage, military health-care benefits are an important component of total compensation; in addition, its value will change according to the number of family mem-

bers covered.

The Retirement benefits should certainly be weighed, when considering trading in a uniform for a suit and tie. If you enlisted when you were 18 years old, you will have already received roughly \$500,000 by the time most of your civilian counterparts touch their first retirement check. On top of that, your pension will continue to be adjusted every year to account for cost of living increases.

Although the sacrifices we make in the service of our country are often challenging and have high costs, it is important to recognize the very tangible benefits that accompany our profession of arms.

The Sharp Airman ...

Works to secure a clean energy future

The Air Force Energy Strategy is to reduce demand, increase supply and change our culture

- **Reduce Demand:** Increase energy efficiency through conservation and decreased usage, and increase individual awareness of the need to reduce our energy consumption
- **Increase Supply:** Research, test and certify new technologies, including renewable, alternative and traditional energy sources, to assist in creating new domestic sources of supply
- **Culture Change:** Create a culture where all Airmen make energy a consideration in everything they do, every day

Professionals of the week

62nd Aerial Port Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Julie Johnson

Duty title:
Noncommissioned officer in charge, personal property and passenger travel

Duty section:
62nd APS passenger terminal

Hometown:
St. Helens, Ore.

Why she's super:

Sergeant Johnson served as lead project officer for participation of 110 McChord Airmen at the Airlift Tanker Association Conference, Nov 4 to 7 in Anaheim, Calif. She secured lodging, banquet seating and event transportation for all Airmen, and arrived a day early to receive McChord's Airmen in Anaheim. Her efforts also ensured the participation of Medal of Honor recipient Col. Joe Jackson, retired. Sergeant Johnson normally leads the personal property and passenger travel team in providing 2,500 annual passenger movements and 2,000 household good actions. Her section is responsible for more than \$2.5M in contract action activities.



Debbie Carriere

Duty title:
Computer assistant

Duty section:
62nd APS computer room

Hometown:
Evansville, Ind.

Why she's tops:

Ms. Carriere provides critical computer support functions for the squadron. She researches, implements and administers solutions for more than 300 network systems through troubleshooting and resolution of computer hardware, software and security issues. Ms. Carriere was recently recognized as the squadron's quarterly civilian award winner. She is an active volunteer as a state foster care parent, and serves as clerk and assistant Sabbath school teacher at her church.



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SECAF looks ahead at Airlift Tanker Association convention

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ANAHEIM, Calif. — The Air Force's senior civilian leader stressed the importance of the air mobility mission, specifying that air refueling capability is fundamental to the United States' power projection across the spectrum of conflict.

Secretary of the Air Force Michael B. Donley told the audience of more than 1,000 mobility Airmen attending the 40th annual Airlift/Tanker Association convention Nov. 7 that global reach is a key enabler.

Recognizing mobility airlift units, Secretary Donley said U.S. airlift units are delivering people and materials with precision and reliability that is envied by other military air forces. Mobility forces provide an air bridge between the U.S. and distant lands.

"Mobility is a national asset and an essential capability," Secretary

Donley said. "The airlift - tanker team has bridged the tyranny of distance with enthusiasm and professionalism for many decades. You have shrunk oceans and closed the gap of those difficult last tactical miles."

It's a capability that can't be taken for granted, and that is why Secretary Donley said he is concerned with current sustainment models of the aging air refueling fleet that will require the aging KC-135 tankers to remain viable for the many years into the future.

This decision and others about modernization are just a few of the issues that will need to be addressed by the incoming administration.

"Early on [the new administration's] agenda will be critical decisions on the F-22 program, C-17 production lines, as well as deciding a source selection strategy for KC-X," Secretary Donley said.

Secretary Donley believes the Air Force's future is bright and the new administration will be working closely with defense leadership to

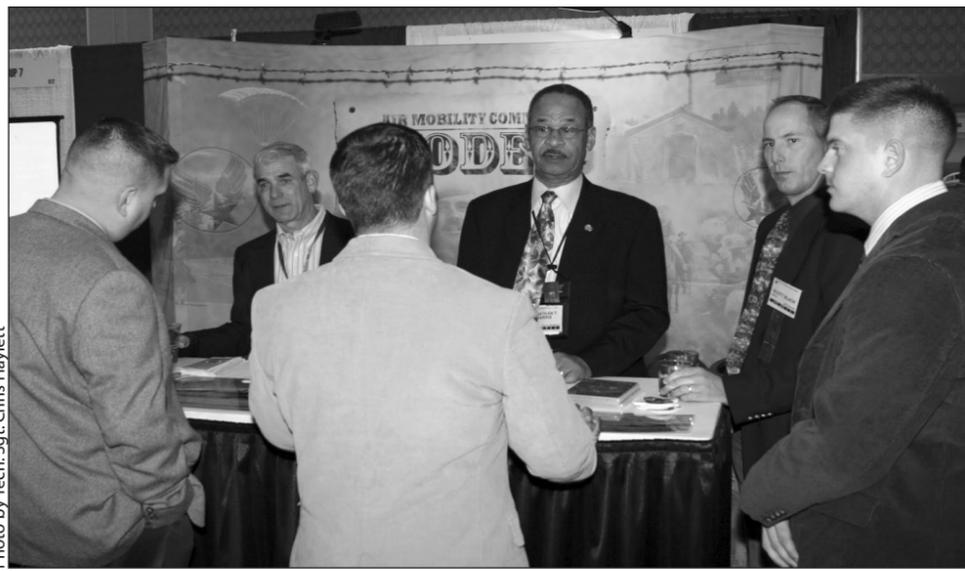


Photo by Tech. Sgt. Chris Haylett

Mr. Jonathan Harris, 62nd Airlift Wing, right, and Mr. Bill Bradley, a representative from Air Mobility Command at Scott Air Force Base, Ill., speak to attendees at the Air Mobility Command Rodeo booth at the 40th Annual Airlift/Tanker Association Convention and Symposium Nov. 7 in Anaheim, Calif.

create a steady transition.

"The incoming national security team will need all the support we can give them in the weeks and

months ahead," Secretary Donley said. "The Air Force leadership is pledged and committed to making this a successful transition."

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- 0 DUI's**
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McChord Airmen

AROUND THE WORLD



Courtesy photo

AFGHANISTAN – Senior Airman Lani Kleback, 62nd Force Support Squadron, distributes mail during a recent deployment.



Courtesy photo

AFGHANISTAN – Staff Sgt. Sarah Alarcon, left, 62nd Force Support Squadron, is photographed here with other convoy team members during a recent deployment.





Photo by Abner Guzman

Celebrate National American Indian Heritage Month

Living in Many Worlds

Schedule of Events

The Puyallup Tribe visits for a storytelling session and artifact display from 1 to 2:10 p.m. Tuesday at the McChord Clubs and Community Center. The base library features a National American Indian Heritage Month display through Nov. 30

Members of the Puyallup Chief Leschi School drum and dance group perform for McChord Airmen at the base theater Wednesday as part of a National American Indian Heritage Month celebration.





Photo by Sandra Cooper

Salute to veterans

Master Sgt. Eric Wentworth, 313th Airlift Squadron, presents the American flag to Korean War veteran and former prisoner of war Ralph Franck during a Veterans Day celebration at Eatonville Middle School in Eatonville, Wa, before an audience of 500 people. The event featured Capt. Kathryn Veseth, 7th Airlift Squadron, as key notespeaker and included a flag-folding ceremony from 62nd Civil Engineering Squadron fire fighters.

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McChord joins the Great American Smokeout

By

Tyler Hemstreet
Staff writer

Airmen are encouraged to give themselves 24 hours without tobacco on Thursday as part of the Great American Smokeout campaign.

Air Force senior leaders, including Chief Master Sergeant Rodney McKinley, Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force, have taken an active role in the campaign and are urging Airmen to use all resources they have available to help them kick the habit.

“You’re probably going to need help along the way, whether it’s nicotine patches or whatever it’s going to take,” Chief McKinley said. “Also, you’ve got to find some other avenues to help relieve the stress and pressure, so if you get that urge you can go do something about it. It’s a very difficult thing, and you’ve got to be committed because it’s really easy to get back and smoke that first cigarette, and then you’re right back on it again.”

Statistics from a recent poll show nearly 25 percent of the McChord population uses tobacco, according to Tanya Henriques, the health education program manager at the Health and Wellness Center.

“We’re also seeing an increase in use for Airmen in the E-1 to E-3 range,” Ms. Henriques said. “That’s disturbing and shows we need to continue to make an effort into changing the tobacco use culture.”

The HAWC offers tobacco cessation classes which use a combination of prescription medications and techniques aimed at teaching people to recognize certain behavioral patterns that can lead to lighting



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Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force

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up, Ms. Henriques said.

“We teach people to cope with those triggers without turning to cigarettes and develop a behavioral plan to address every trigger,” she said.

Making a commitment to kicking the habit is key to accomplishing the goal and sometimes it can take between seven and nine attempts before people are able to quit, Ms. Henriques said.

“I think for someone really trying to quit, first you’ve got to make the decision in your mind, ‘I am going to quit.’ And understand it’s not going to be easy, but you have to make a decision that you’re going to quit,” Chief McKinley said. “And you have to seek some professional advice to quit because if you just try doing it by yourself, it’s probably going to be very, very difficult. So my advice is be very committed and don’t

attempt to do this by yourself.”

Participating in Thursday’s smokeout is a good way to get started, Ms. Henriques said.

“If an individual can quit for 24 hours, then they can do it for a lifetime,” she said.

Tobacco cessation classes are open to all Defense Department identification cardholders. Call the HAWC at 982-5474 for more information.

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Strategic planners give glimpse of tomorrow's mobility force

By

Col. Lindsey Borg
Air Mobility Command
Public Affairs

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AFNS) — Air Mobility Command strategic planners gave an insider's view into the future of air mobility at the 40th annual Airlift/Tanker Association Conference Nov. 10 here.

The air mobility future contains airlifters able to takeoff and land on extremely short and unprepared airfields, aircraft constructed with composite materials, a new refueling tanker, and advanced digital networks to provide aircrews with detailed, joint team information for battlefield situational awareness.

Also possible in the future are enhanced systems to allow crews to fly — and land — in nearly blind situations, synthetic vision systems to allow maintainers and others to view technical orders and other documents on glasses as they work, and advanced cargo delivery systems

with high-weight capacities to take the supply chain vertical with pinpoint precision.

It is important to explore the future to ensure “this national security asset — air mobility — is developed to meet the requirements of the Air Force's joint partners, said Brig. Gen. S. Taco Gilbert III, AMC's director of Strategic Plans, Requirements and Programs.

“As we look into the future, we see a dynamic environment and dynamic opponents. Within that scope, what we need in the future has a technology piece, an operational piece and an organizational piece. It's our task to pull these together to match air mobility capability against the requirements of the joint team,” General Gilbert said.

Former Secretary of the Air Force Michael W. Wynne challenged industry partners to build a largely composite aircraft in 15 months for no more than \$50 million. With its fuselage and tail section complete, the aircraft — with composite materials as about 50 percent of its sur-

face area — likely will be ready for the Air Force to test in the spring of 2009, General Gilbert said.

Energy conservation and security also is a priority as AMC plans for the future. While current efforts to reduce aircraft weight and change some aspects of ground operations are proving successful, there's a continued demand for additional initiatives, AMC officials said.

Industry partners are exploring options like airships — inflatable flying machines with lower fuel consumption than airplanes — for passenger and cargo transport. The use of composite materials may also lower the weight, and fuel consumption, of future aircraft, while lessons learned from current research and testing will make future development efforts better, AMC officials said.

The AMC team employs mobility capabilities-based planning to ensure its efforts match national strategies and the needs of the Department of Defense. This planning approach helps guarantee air

mobility forces in the future will be equipped and ready to provide global reach to project the nation's global power, General Gilbert said.

For example, the United States' new Africa Command is in its infancy and still setting requirements for the support it will need for its theater of operations. Likewise, the Army's planned future combat system will likely require adjustments for airlift support due to the vehicle's anticipated size and weight, AMC officials said.

The current global air mobility, or en route, system is also being reviewed. Again, based on the requirements of the joint team and anticipated security challenges, the currently efficient system of major overseas ports may need to be adjusted, AMC officials said.

One aspect of the future not likely to change is budgetary challenges.

“Funding is limited today for large acquisition programs, and the future isn't likely to be greatly different in that regard,” General Gilbert said.



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Did you know?

A McChord C-17 made history Dec. 18, 2007, flying from McChord to McGuire Air Force Base, N.J., completing the first transcontinental flight of an aircraft using a blend of regular aviation and synthetic fuel. The fuel blend used by the Air Force mixes JP-8 with fuel processed using the Fischer-Tropsch process — a method that can convert virtually any carbon-based material into synthetic fuel.

How much cargo can the C-17 carry?

While the aircraft's maximum peacetime takeoff weight is 585,000 pounds, to put it in perspective, that works out to six Tyrannosaurus Rex dinosaurs (facing forward) or two Beluga whales (15 feet long and 3,300 pounds).

Did you know?

The C-17 made its maiden flight on Sept. 15, 1991, and the first production model was delivered to Charleston Air Force Base, S.C., on June 14, 1993. The first squadron of C-17s, the 17th Airlift Squadron, was declared operationally ready Jan. 17, 1995. The first C-17 arrived here in July 1999.

Did you know?

On Nov. 18, 2007, a McChord C-17 flew Air Mobility Command's one millionth sortie since Sept. 11, 2001. The landmark mission occurred when an aircrew from the 10th Airlift Squadron flew a C-17 to Manas Air Base, Kyrgyzstan. The historic mission consisted of transporting parachutes, medical supplies and frozen turkeys into theater, and moving coalition members out of theater to Manas.



C-17 Photo by Abner Guzman, Photo Illustration by Adamarie Lewis Page



Photo by 1st Lt. Erika Yepsen

The first-ever C-17 night vision-assisted landing on the Pegasus Ice Runway near McMurdo Station, Antarctica, was completed by an aircrew of active duty and Reserve Airmen from McChord on Sept. 11, 2008, delivering 50,000 pounds of supplies and equipment to National Science Foundation outposts as part of Operation Deep Freeze. The aircrew is part of Joint Task Force Support Forces Antarctica, headquartered at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii, and led by 13th Air Force. The joint task force is currently conducting Operation Deep Freeze in support of the National Science Foundation and U.S. Antarctic Program.



A pallet of cargo is released from the back of a C-17 during a local airdrop mission. The C-17's cargo compartment can hold more than 170,000 pounds of cargo.



Courtesy photo

Airmen take care of Airmen on Wingman Day

By

Capt. Chris McDonald
62nd Airlift Wing
Commander's Action Group

Taking care of your wingman is fundamental to our Air Force culture. McChord Airmen celebrate Wingman Day Nov. 20 with a series of events promoting the Wingman culture – taking care of fellow Airmen. The day's events include unit-level activities capped with a mandatory briefing in the base theater discussing

responsible drinking, tobacco cessation and financial management.

In coordination with their units, Airmen should plan to attend one of five 30-minute Wingman briefings at the base theater at 7 a.m., 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 4 p.m.

"Throughout the wing, groups and squadrons, Wingman Day facilitators were identified to serve as the commander's point of contact for unit-level activities," said Capt. Duane Richardson, Wingman Day project officer. "This armed them with the ability to lead small-groups within their units

in communicating commander-interest items in a variety of ways – the idea of Wingman Day isn't death by Powerpoint."

"Issues of the day will cover a variety of specific topics," said Captain Richardson, "but the key focus is the very manner in which we take care of Airmen – providing those tools to everyone on the team."

Specific Wingman Day concepts include the culture of responsible choices, responsible drinking, effective identification of – and intervention with – troubled Airmen, suicide pre-

vention, sexual assault response and prevention, domestic violence intervention and prevention and financial management.

"Our wingman culture connects every Airman across the globe; regardless of the unit patch we wear or specialty we bring to the fight," said Col. Jeffrey Stephenson, 62nd Airlift Wing commander. "This concept – in fact a way of life – defines us as Airmen," said Colonel Stephenson. "It is about more than one day; it is a culture of Airmen taking care of Airmen 24/7, 365."



Airman completes Ironman Triathlon

By

Tyler Hemstreet
Staff writer

Senior Airman Steve Martinez is part of a very select group.

Less than one percent of the world's population has completed an Ironman triathlon and a 446th Civil Engineer Squadron Airman completed the feat Aug. 30 in Louisville, Ky., finishing 307th out of nearly 2,000 competitors.

The Ford Ironman Louisville triathlon consisted of a 2.4 mile swim, 26.2 mile run and a 112 mile bike ride.

"The challenge really drew me to it," said Airman Martinez, a former Air Force reservist who recently completed his service commitment. "I wanted to see how far I could push myself."

Airman Martinez's desire to compete in an Ironman triathlon started when he was eight years old and saw an Ironman competition from Hawaii on television.

"For some reason, I kept watching it," he said. "From that point on, I told myself I was going to do one someday."

Airman Martinez followed through on that promise when he turned 24, buying a book on



Courtesy photo

Airmen Tony Milunas, left, Steve Martinez and Chris Edgerton celebrate Aug. 30 in Louisville, Ky., after completing the Ford Ironman Louisville Triathlon.

how to train for a triathlon. From there on out he was hooked. Although Airman Martinez competed in nearly 30 smaller-scale triathlons in a three year span before entering into an Ironman event, Airman Martinez still had to train for a full year to get ready for the big event.

While stationed at Lackland Air Force Base,

Texas, Airman Martinez found some inspiration in his two training partners, also Airmen.

"It's way too easy to wake up at 4 or 5 a.m. and talk yourself into going back to sleep," said Master Sgt. Chris Edgerton, 342nd Training Squadron, one of Airman Martinez's training partners. "When you have others integrated into your training plan then it becomes about more than just you."

Following a strict training regimen that required five to six days a week of working on two of the three events per day, Airman Martinez got into shape.

"If you're not competing with pain, you're not pushing hard enough," Airman Martinez said.

The camaraderie Airman Martinez built with his training partners helped each pull through the difficult times.

"(It helped) having someone to talk to on those long days of 100-mile rides and to help you push past your limits," said Master Sgt. Anthony Milunas, 59th Medical Operations Group.

Through it all, Airman Martinez prevailed — despite coming up short in one area.

"My goal was to finish in 12 hours," Airman Martinez said. "I finished in 12:01. I didn't reach my goal so I'm going to have to do another one."



Wing blood drive

The wing blood drive is 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. today in the 446th Aeromedical Squadron, Bldg. 691.

Government travel card transition

Government travel card holders have a new provider effective Nov. 30. As a reminder, account holders may receive dual statements, one from your new provider, CitiBank, and one from Bank of America if there is a balance on the account. For your convenience, Bank of America offers a free online payment service at www.myeasy-payment.com. For questions about your account, contact the finance customer service line at 982-3945.

McChord Energy Club

The McChord Energy Club meeting is 4:45 p.m. Nov. 25, Dec. 11 and Dec. 23 in the Wing conference room, Bldg. 100. All are welcome to attend. For more information, e-mail energy.club@mcchord.af.mil.

Law enforcement desk relocating

The 62nd Security Forces Squadron relocated the Law Enforcement desk this week to Bldg. 1305 during renovation of Bldg. 7. Phone numbers will remain the same. For assistance call 982-5625 or 982-5624. For emergencies call 911 or the crime stop line at 982-5777.

New hours at McChord Clinic

The McChord Clinic doors open at 7:20 a.m. instead of 7 a.m. The

change is for safety reasons to ensure there are an adequate number of staff members present to assist patients. Pharmacy windows will continue to open up for patients at 7:30 a.m. and close at 5 p.m.

MPF customer service hours

Customer service hours for all military personnel flight services have changed. The new hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays. Services are available 7:30 to 9 a.m. for appointments and emergencies only.

Customer service new hours

Customer service hours for passports and in-processing have changed. Passports are from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for walk-ins and 3:30 to 4 p.m. for appointments and emer-

gencies only. In-processing is now 9 a.m. to noon for walk-ins and 7:30 to 9 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m. for appointments and emergencies only. Hours for all other services remain the same.

Virtual out-processing applications

The virtual out-processing application available online through the virtual military personnel flight is mandatory for active duty members at each installation. Due to manning losses, the military personnel flight no longer provides this face-to-face service. Appointments for final out-processing, retirements and separations remain available. This month, assignment notification letters will be sent directly to the member and not through MPF.

Thrift Shop temporary closure

The Thrift Shop is closed for business through Jan. 2 as they hire and train a bookkeeper. Consignment checks may be picked-up Tuesday through Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and customers may withdraw items at no fee. Checks not picked up by Thursday will be mailed out. Existing contracts will be adjusted to reflect the full eight weeks of entitled consignment. Call Gwen Hershmann at (253) 686-4823 for more information.

Community response

Have a concern, question or complaint? E-mail the action line <http://public.mcchord.amc.af.mil/main/contactus.asp>. The inbox is monitored daily and inquiries are sent to the appropriate base agency for response. Team McChord is encouraged to use this system to resolve issues, after first using the chain of command.

Area Defense Counsel appointments

ADC customers must now call and schedule appointments instead of entering on a walk-in basis. For an appointment, call 982-2240.

CAC security concerns

Airmen are reminded not to not allow any person in an unofficial government capacity (i.e. commercial businesses, hotel or motel, bank, etc.) to take control of, scan, swipe or photocopy common access cards.



**McChord Chaplain Corps
Faith & Worship
Programs**

For more information on Chapel services and programs, please call 982-5556.
To contact Duty Chaplain after duty hours, contact the Command Post at 982-2635

CATHOLIC SERVICES and RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:
All Catholic services are in chapel two.

Saturday:
4 p.m. Confession: Chapel 2, Bldg. 181
5 p.m. Mass: Chapel 2, Bldg. 181

Sunday:
9:30 a.m. Mass: Chapel 2, Bldg. 181
11 a.m. Mass: Chapel 2, Bldg. 181
12:30 p.m. Why Catholic? Small Group Study: Chapel Support Center, Bldg. 746

Monday:
12:00 p.m. Why Catholic? Small Group Study: Chapel Support Center, Bldg. 746

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

PROTESTANT SERVICES and RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:
Sunday:
8:30 a.m. Liturgical Worship: Chapel 1, Bldg. 180
9:45 a.m. Sunday School: Chapel Support Center, Bldg. 746
11 a.m. Traditional Worship: Chapel 1, Bldg. 180
11 a.m. Contemporary Worship: Chapel Support Center, Bldg. 746

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

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

Tuesday:
9:30 a.m. Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS); 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month
6 p.m. Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) Bible Study; 1st, 3rd & 5th Tuesday of the month

Wednesday:
11 a.m. Adult Bible Study



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sorting through all of the issues that come up during joint basing," said Brig. Gen. Jeff Mathis, I Corps and Fort Lewis deputy commander. "We're going to take our time and get this done right the first time."

Leadership from both sides continued to stress to employees in attendance the importance of each person's job and the role it plays in each service's unique mission.

"You all have an incredibly important job – taking care of the warfighter," said Army Col. Cynthia Murphy, garrison commander at Fort Lewis. "If I take care of you, then you will take care of the warfighter."

After showing slides illustrating what the current Fort Lewis leadership structure looks like, officials stressed that the structure for the new joint installation is still a work in progress, and that each civilian plays an important role.

"We're working at it person-by-person, looking for the right combination," Colonel Murphy said.

The presentation also touched on what type of jobs will transfer from the Air Force to the Army and the fact that no jobs will be lost during the process.

"The installation support structure is going to grow," she said. "There will be more jobs to be had. I need to hire a lot more people."

Colonel Murphy's stance on the job growth echoed similar statements made by Col. Jeffrey Stephenson, 62nd Airlift Wing commander, Sept. 24 at the first civilian town hall.

The focused effort the functional working groups put in to identify any potential roadblocks and the solid working relationship displayed by leadership from the two services impressed community center director Josh Boisvert, 62nd Force Support Squadron.

"Both (the Army and the Air Force) seem to be on the same page and really focused on putting their best foot forward," Mr. Boisvert said.

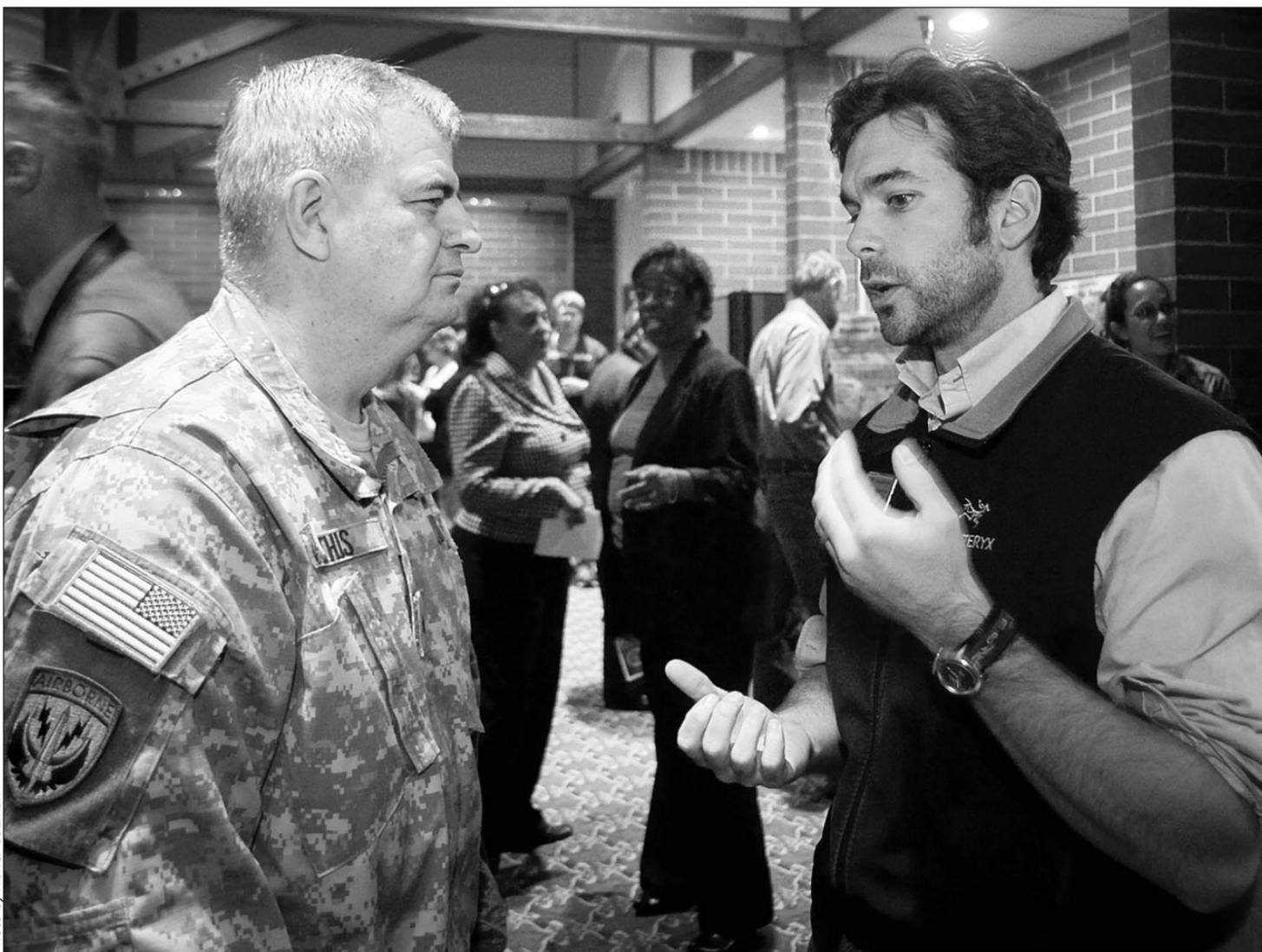


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Brig. Gen. Jeff Mathis, I Corps and Fort Lewis deputy commander listens as Joshua Boisvert, 62nd Force Support Squadron, expresses his concerns regarding joint basing prior to the town hall meeting Wednesday.

And while Mr. Boisvert said he still has questions about how his Air Force position will transfer over to an Army position in relation to job description and pay grade, he is confident in leadership's ability to help him navigate the transition, if it should happen.

Other audience questions arose about differences in Army and Air Force organizational methods and how that might create conflict.

Colonel Murphy was quick to point out the need for flexibility

throughout the process.

"There are going to be different ways of doing things ... everybody is going to have to keep an open mind," she said.

And while officials touched on the fact that there has been no guidance released yet on non-appropriated fund employees, they stressed employees shouldn't hold back if they have questions about the process.

"We're working on this together," said Col. Shane Hershman, Air

Mobility Command Joint Base Lewis-McChord initiative director. "If you run into a roadblock, let us know because we can cut through it."

Wing leadership and planners will keep civilian employees informed as updates arrive and future town hall events are scheduled. Additional information, guidance and questions and answers can be found at McChord's sharepoint Web site at <https://62aw.mcchord.af.mil/jointbasing.default.aspx>.



AF announces NASCAR sponsorship for 2009

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RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFNS) — Air Force officials announced Wednesday that it will begin a new NASCAR partnership with Gillett Evernham Motorsports when it sponsors the No. 10 car driven by Reed Sorenson for the 2009 NASCAR Nextel Cup season.

The Air Force's advertising agency, GSD&M Idea City, organized the sponsorship and will roll out a multimedia advertising campaign to support the partnership in early 2009.

The Air Force is both a primary and associate sponsor for the No. 10 car driven by Reed Sorenson, a 22-year-old three-time winner in the Nationwide Series. As a primary sponsor, the car will feature the Air Force paint scheme in four of 38 NASCAR races this season.

For the 2009 season, the Air Force is changing their marketing strategy to rebalance their sponsorship and activation programs to increase public awareness about the Air Force and to attract more recruits.

"Advertising and marketing that goes beyond the race track will help us connect with fans and emphasize the speed, power, precision and team work that is common to both NASCAR and the Air Force," said Col. Timothy Hanson,

Air Force Recruiting Service Strategic Communications director.

The Air Force has had a long-standing relationship with Wood Brothers Racing and the No. 21 car.

"They are perhaps the most respected team in NASCAR and they have been strong supporters of the Air Force," Colonel Hanson said. "While our sponsorship has changed we will always value the services they have provided us."

