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## Army Air Corps veteran to receive delayed Distinguished Flying Cross

By  
**Tyler Hemstreet**  
Staff writer

Sixty-five years removed from unknowingly earning the Distinguished Flying Cross, Army Air Corps veteran Joseph Moser will finally get his hard-earned day in the limelight.

Mr. Moser will be presented the Distinguished Flying Cross at McChord's Annual Awards Banquet Thursday at the McChord Clubs and Community Center.

As a first lieutenant for the 474th Fighter Group during World War II, Mr. Moser flew a highly successful bombing mission over a heavily fortified target on July 30, 1944 and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. Two weeks later, his P-38 Lightning was shot down over Germany and he was held as a prisoner of war, eventually being sent to the Buchenwald concentration camp.

Because of misplaced paperwork, Mr. Moser was never presented his Distinguished Flying Cross. He didn't even learn about the award until reading about it in a squadron diary given to him by a friend in the early 1990s.

After a few unsuccessful attempts by his family to petition state officials for a ceremony, the effort lost steam.

"I just figured it was lost and that I would never get it," said Mr. Moser,

now 87.

But momentum was re-ignited after author and friend Gerald Baron discovered the oversight in interviews with Mr. Moser for a book he was working on. Upon making some connections at a local Rotary Club meeting, Mr. Baron contacted retired Chief Master Sgt. Rick Arnold, who helped get the ball rolling again, he said.

"The whole process has been exciting and incredibly rewarding," Mr. Baron said. "It's exciting to see what (the commitment to awarding the Distinguished Flying Cross) means to the Air Force."

When Mr. Baron told Mr. Moser that he was finally going to be publicly acknowledged, the 87-year-old lifetime Whatcom County resident could hardly believe his ears.

"I thought he was pulling my leg ... I didn't really believe it," Mr. Moser said. "It still hasn't really sunk in - it's quite an honor."

And more than 30 of Mr. Moser's family members will make the trek from Ferndale, Wash., to McChord to witness the historic ceremony.

"They're all really excited," Mr. Moser said. "I've never mentioned much about what I did in the service. Since Gerald has been writing the book, they're learning new things about me. It's been real good for me to get (that information) out."

In addition to attending the award ceremony, some of Mr. Moser's family members will also experience a tour of the base.



Photo by Abner Guzman

## Tax time

Master Sgt. Sandra Zimmer, Western Air Defense Sector, left, a volunteer tax preparer, works on Airman 1st Class Brian Culp's, WADS, tax return Wednesday at the McChord Tax Center. The center officially opens today, as W-2 tax statements for active duty Airmen are now available online at <https://mypay.dfas.mil/mypay.aspx>. The tax center offers free services to active duty members, Reservists on orders, retirees and military family members. Active duty members should first contact their unit tax representative before seeking assistance from the tax center. A list of current unit representatives is available by calling the tax center at 982-6857. Retired servicemembers, Reservists and spouses of deployed servicemembers should call the center to schedule an appointment. For more information, see Page 10.

## Obama hails troops, families at Commander in Chief's Ball

By  
**Donna Miles**  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON - President Barack Obama saluted U.S. troops and their families, paying special tribute to wounded warriors and families of the fallen, during an inaugural ball Tuesday night that included a live videoconference with deployed Illinois National Guardsmen.

"Tonight isn't simply about the inauguration of an American president," Obama told the audience at the Commander in Chief's Inaugural Ball. "It's a celebration of

our military and our military families, so going forward you will have our support and our respect."

The ball, co-hosted by the senior enlisted advisors of the five branches of the armed forces, and attended by Navy Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the service chiefs, was among 10 official inaugural balls the president and first lady Michelle Obama attended last night.

Obama pledged that he, along with Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates and Veterans Affairs Secretary Eric K. Shinseki, would work tirelessly to serve those who

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Photo by U.S. Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Chad McNeely

Surrounded by each service's senior enlisted advisor, President Barack Obama addresses the audience at the Commander in Chief's Ball at the National Building Museum, Washington, D.C., Tuesday. The ball honored America's servicemembers, families, the fallen and wounded warriors.

### Weekend Weather

FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Hi: 45 Low: 34	Hi: 40 Low: 32	Hi: 34 Low: 26

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

### Countdown to success

MOBEX .....	14 days
Rodeo .....	178 days
Operational Readiness Inspection .....	276 days

### Don't miss it ...

## Housing Town Hall

There will be a joint Air Force and Army housing town hall meeting at 6 p.m. Wednesday at Heartwood Elementary School here.

# Airman's Roll Call: Expeditionary taskings



The Air Force provides vital capabilities to the Joint team in support of the Global War on Terror. Part of the missions and capabilities we deliver have until recently fallen into a broad category of tasks designated as "In-Lieu-Of". The Defense Department enacted several changes to Joint terminology in October, replacing most ILO designations with other terms that more accurately describe the nature of the tasks.

With the introduction of these new DoD terms, the Air Force is

launching the term "Joint Expeditionary Tasking" to describe the critical nature of the work Airmen are performing within the Joint team. Currently, there are a little more than 4,000 Airmen supporting JET.

The following are some facts about JET:

- In nearly all cases Airmen are filling jobs very similar to their Air Force jobs, duties which are within their core competencies. In 80 percent of the cases, Airmen are doing the same job they would be doing in the Air Force

- Nearly all force sourcing requirements being filled by our Airmen fall into Air Force core capabilities or competencies or involve us doing something for which no service has listed as a capability or competency

- Examples of JET include security forces cops guarding detainees, enlisted transportation personnel driving convoy trucks across the desert and civil engineers rebuilding infrastructure in Afghanistan Airmen working JET are excited and motivated to perform their mission. Many of them

are volunteers and many more wait impatiently for the opportunity to fill these critical roles. They are doing an incredible job and we should celebrate their accomplishments and recognize that working JET gives them invaluable joint war-fighting experience.

*Airman's Roll Call is designed for supervisors at all levels to help keep Airmen informed on current issues, clear up confusion, dispel rumors, and provide additional face-to-face communication between supervisors and their teams.*

## As you travel through life, remember to enjoy the ride

By

**Chief Master Sgt. Sheila Copeland**  
62nd Communications Squadron

Some 30 years ago an adventure started with a ride in daddy's (Thomas senior's) car. I left my mom, Ethel, and brother, Thomas junior, standing in the yard with tears streaming down their faces; they were not tears of sadness, but tears of joy. You see, the ride was to a four-year college in Maryland where I was to attend. For six months the ride was bumpy, no scholarships in sight, and the jobs I had did not pay me enough to support my basic needs.

Well, my father had often told me not to look at what is behind you, but look at what's ahead. With that in mind, and after picking up my pride, I used my last seventy five cents to go to the recruiter's office where I decided I was going to join this wonderful organization called the United States Air Force.

I was promised many things ... *I would live in condo's, have a health spa and travel throughout the world any time I wanted to while on leave ...* all of which sounded just fine. I did ask a question that was burning in my spirit, "Can I get an education and will they let me go to church?" My recruiter, Staff Sgt. Seward, put a big grin on his face and said, "Is that all you want?" He then said that I had come to the right place, because the education is free and young Airmen are highly encouraged to go to church for spiritual enrichment. For a moment I thought I was in heaven. I passed the test with flying colors, selected a job and signed on the solid line. The rest is history!

There are many lessons to be learned from this story. First, we may not receive everything that is promised in our lives. Also, while we can choose to ride through life on a wing and a prayer, without the support of our family, a positive attitude and love for what we do, our ride may not be a good one!

Additionally, the keys to a successful career rest within the commitment of your beliefs, your country and your job. Know there will always be naysayers who will point a finger at you at every turn; I call them bumps and craters in the road. That said, never forget that there will also be those who are beacons of light to direct your path every step of the way. These people will make your ride seem easy; be thankful for their outstanding tested and proven mentorship.

Finally, never let someone determine how you are going to ride. Pay your dues, love your family, do your job to the very best of your ability, get an education, travel, go to the spa (gym), get people promoted and serve this great country with pride! Accomplishing these minor mentorship steps should work to enhance your Air Force career tremendously! As I close out my 30-year career and travel down another path, I can honestly say, "I have thoroughly enjoyed the United States Air Force ride and I hope the same for all of YOU!"

## The Sharp Airman ...

keeps McChord looking its best.

- Pick up and throw away any stray trash or garbage.

- Put cigarette butts only in approved waste receptacles.
- Report building problems to facility managers immediately.
- Take items to be recycled directly to the base recycling center if satellite stations are full.
- Remember: McChord is more than just a base, it's our community.

## Professionals of the week

### 62nd Operations Group

#### Airman 1st Class Shaun Bryant

**Duty title:**  
Intelligence analyst

**Duty section:**  
62nd Operations Group intelligence flight

**Hometown:**  
Ann Arbor, Mich.

#### Why he's tops:

Airman Bryant, the newest member of his duty section, collects and disseminates all source intelligence to aircrew and wing leadership. In less than one month, he has proven himself as a master analyst by briefing wing leadership on the latest threats to our aircrews transiting the area of responsibility. He is a dedicated professional and an asset to the United States Air Force.



### 62nd Civil Engineer Squadron

#### Staff Sgt. John Cote

**Duty title:**  
Electrical systems journeyman

**Duty section:**  
62nd CES electrical systems shop

**Hometown:**  
Charleston, S.C.

#### Why he's tops:

Sergeant Cote installs, maintains, troubleshoots and repairs high and low voltage distribution systems. Recently, Sergeant Cote led a crew of eight in repairing one mile of damaged airfield lighting cable. He completed the project in one day, allowing night flying operations with no interruption. During last month's winter storm, he diagnosed and repaired a pop-up vehicle barrier at the back gate in less than two hours, restoring normal traffic flow in minimal time. In his spare time, Sergeant Cote completed 30 credit hours of college work and was awarded his Community College of the Air Force degree in electrical and mechanical technology.



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# Obama directs military to plan 'responsible' Iraq drawdown

By  
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WASHINGTON (AFNS) — President Barack Obama directed key defense and military officials he met with Wednesday to come up with plans for “a responsible military drawdown in Iraq.”

President Obama declared Wednesday’s meeting on Iraq productive and valuable.

Participants in the late-afternoon session during his first day in office included Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates; Navy Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; and Army Gen. David H. Petraeus, commander of U.S. Central Command.

Army Gen. Raymond T. Odierno, commander of Multinational Force Iraq, also participated by teleconference.

U.S. Ambassador to Iraq Ryan C. Crocker, key Cabinet members and senior national security officials

also were included, collectively providing what President Obama called “a full update on the situation in Iraq.”

“The meeting was productive, and I very much appreciated receiving assessments from these experienced and dedicated individuals,” the president said in a statement released after the session.

“During the discussion, I asked the military leadership to engage in additional planning necessary to execute a responsible military drawdown from Iraq,” he said.

President Obama said he plans to meet with the Joint Chiefs of Staff to discuss operations in Iraq, Afghanistan and the broader Middle East.

“In the coming days and weeks, I will also visit the (Defense Department) to consult with the Joint Chiefs on these issues, and we will undertake a full review of the situation in Afghanistan in order to develop a comprehensive policy for the entire region,” he said.



Photo by Rich Bartell

## Joint base meeting

J. Randall Robinson, Installation Management Command-West Region director, left; Lt. Gen. Charles Jacoby Jr., I Corps and Fort Lewis commander, center; and Maj. Gen. Winfield Scott III, 18th Air Force commander, meet at Fort Lewis Tuesday to discuss the future Joint Base Lewis-McChord.

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McChord Airmen

# AROUND THE WORLD



Courtesy photo

**SOUTHWEST ASIA** – Master Sgt. Dale Gagnon, 62nd Airlift Wing Exercise and Evaluations, meets with his brother, Army Col. Robert Gagnon, during a recent deployment. The colonel was passing through on his way to Iraq and had time for a brief visit with his brother.



Photo by Tech Sgt. Cliff Oberg

**ANTARCTICA** — Lt. Col. Derek Leckrone, 446th Operations Support Flight, poses briefly on his bike in zero-degree weather near McMurdo Station, Antarctica, on a recent mission supporting Operation Deep Freeze. The avid biker, the Reserve chief of tactics, is on a quest to bike on every continent.



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have served the nation in uniform.

"Every single day that I am in the White House, I will try to serve you as well as you are serving the United States of America," Obama told the group, which included about 300 wounded warriors, families of fallen servicemembers and military families.

"It is wonderful to be surrounded by some of the very best and bravest Americans," Obama said. "Your courage, grace and your patriotism inspire us all. To you, and to all those watching around the world, know that as president, I will have no greater honor or responsibility than serving as your commander in chief."

Obama said the celebration was made somber by the knowledge that many U.S. troops are serving in harm's way.

He spoke to some of those troops — members of the Illinois National Guard's 33rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team — during a live video feed from Kabul, Afghanistan.

Army Command Sgt. Maj. Mark Bowman, the top enlisted soldier in Task Force Phoenix, rendered the new commander in chief his first presidential "hooah" and introduced his fellow soldiers, many from the Chicago area.

Bowman invited Obama to return to Kabul to "sit down with some of the great Afghans we work with."

"As we develop their security forces," he continued, "come on back when you get a chance, sir."

Obama bantered with the troops about Chicago neighborhoods and baseball teams, then turned serious as he thanked them for their service and pledged his support.

"No matter where you are from, we are all grateful to you for your outstanding service," he said. "You make us proud, and we are going to do everything we can to make your work go smoother."

Obama told the troops they need to know that "every single American, regardless of party, regardless of what their politics are, support you, and will always support you."

As the United States fights two wars and faces dangerous threats to its security, "we depend on the men and women of our armed forces to keep us safe," he said.

Obama noted that service and sacrifice extend to the families that stand behind the men and women in uniform.

"Every time a serviceman [deploys], there is an empty seat at the table back home, and a family that has to bear an extra burden," he said. "And that's why tonight we don't just salute our troops, we



Photo by Abner Guzman

McChord Airmen gather in the First Term Airmen Center conference room Tuesday to hear President Barack Obama deliver his inaugural address from Washington, D.C.

salute the military families who have earned the respect of a grateful nation."

The president reiterated the call he made during his inaugural speech for the United States to embrace the deeply held values upon which the nation's foundation was built. "While the tests we face

are new, and the ways in which we meet them may be new, the values on which our success depends are old," he said.

"Those values — like hard work and honesty, courage and tolerance, loyalty and patriotism — those are values that are embodied in our armed forces," the president said.

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Airmen from the 4th Airlift Squadron pick up deployment bags put together by the United Service Organization before deploying in June 2008 from the passenger terminal here.



USO volunteer Nancy Black serves a sandwich to an Airman recently at the center's food counter. Last year the center served nearly 5,000 military members each month.



USO McChord Center Manager Tracye Kakely reads to children at Carter Lake Elementary recently as part of the Read for the Record program.

# USO gives back to Airmen

BY Tyler Hemstreet, Staff writer

Tracye Kakely's monthly planner is weathered, battered and the paper pages are still somehow clinging to the wire binding that holds the book together.

Ms. Kakely, the McChord center manager for the Puget Sound Area United Service Organization, flips through the book daily, penciling in a multitude of military events and organizational contact information so she can fit everything in her schedule and find a way to help.

The planner serves as a journal of all the events and military members the USO serves throughout the Puget Sound.

As a private, nonprofit entity, the USO does not receive money from the U.S. government, but depends solely on donations from individuals, businesses and corporations, and designated donations from the United Way/Combined Federal Campaign.

Through various programs and monetary and food donations, the USO takes care of McChord Airmen on a regular basis.

"We're supporting them before they leave (on deployment), while they're gone and when they come back," Ms. Kakely said.

The United Through Reading program gives Airmen here the chance to come in to the center before deploying and create a 30-minute video of themselves reading a story book out loud. USO volunteers then



package the video along with a letter from the Airman, the book and a bookmark and send it to the Airman's children shortly after he deploys.

"Most kids love getting mail with their name on it ... especially from the parent that they miss," Ms. Kakely said.

In addition to handing out care packages to Airmen as they board the plane headed for the theater, the USO and Ms. Kakely provide various care package items to Phoenix Spouses and other units on a routine basis. First sergeants and the Airmen they serve are also gracious recipi-

ents of much of the support the USO offers, whether it means free tickets to a concert or a sporting event or free doughnuts and coffee for a meeting.

"Without the USO, we'd be hurting," said Master Sgt. Bill Baker, 62nd Security Forces Squadron first sergeant.

"I love giving ... any way we can help, and there are so many ways," Ms. Kakely said.

Sometimes that help simply comes in the form of a friendly face and a warm meal. Active duty Airmen can visit the center located just outside the PAX terminal and pick up some complimentary breakfast items, a sandwich or a hot entrée.

Last year the center served nearly 5,000 military members a month, Ms. Kakely said.

"It's great for those busy single Airmen to help get them through a couple of days before they can get to the B/X," she said.

The food always comes with a side of generosity served up by some of the more than 70 volunteers who spend time working in the center.

Duncan Manning makes sandwiches, coffee and answers any questions Airmen throw his way.

"It's a great thing for me to be able to do something for the troops," said Mr. Manning, who's volunteered at the center for nine years.



Airmen pick up deployment bags containing items such as phone cards, toiletries, various snacks and reading materials.

# Tax assistance now available

Worried about filing taxes on time this year and don't know where to turn for help?

The McChord Tax Center officially opens today, offering free services to active duty servicemembers, Reservists on orders, retirees and military family members.

Active duty members should first contact their unit's tax representative before seeking assistance from the tax center. If the unit tax representative is unable to assist, you can contact a tax representative from any other unit. A list of current unit representatives is available by calling the tax center at 982-6857. Retired servicemembers, Reservists and spouses of deployed servicemembers should call the tax center to schedule an appointment.

The tax center is located in Bldg. 100, room 3007. Hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., weekdays. All tax services at the center are currently by appointment only. Each Wednesday of the tax season is designated

"1040 EZ" day at the tax center. From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Airmen and dependents with the simplest of tax returns (one or two W2s, no children and no investments) can walk in to have taxes prepared. Retired taxpayers or anyone who itemizes, has investments, small business costs or day care expenses to report must schedule an appointment.

The following documents and information are needed to complete your tax return:

- Military identification
- All W-2 forms
- All 1099INT, 1099R, and 1099DIV forms
- Form 1098
- Tuition expense forms
- Proof of a bank account (checkbook or a copy of a check) if direct deposit is requested
- Power of attorney (if necessary)
- Receipts for deductible expenses if itemizing deductions
- Proof of child care expenses (including provider Social Security number or tax iden-

tification number and address)

- Amount of any advanced child tax credit (rebate) received
- Social Security numbers and dates of birth of your spouse and/or dependents
- Previous year's tax return
- Any other tax-related documents

The tax center is limited to individual income tax assistance. Return preparation for personal businesses is prohibited by regulation, unless the client provides a completed Schedule C to the preparer. The staff may be able to provide some assistance on more involved situations; however, this is on a very limited, case-by-case basis. Taxpayers may complete more complicated schedules and bring them in with the rest of their tax documents for electronic filing.

For more information, call the tax center at 982-6857.

*Information provided by the 62nd Airlift Wing Legal Office.*



# Decisions loom for Joint Strike Fighter Program

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 By
 

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WASHINGTON (AFNS) — Decisions about the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter and F-22 Raptor aircraft programs are expected early in President Barack Obama's administration.

The F-35 program manager said Jan. 15 he sees strong support for the F-35 from the services, allied partners and, so far, on Capitol Hill.

Based on initial indications and

inquiries from President Obama's administration, Maj. Gen. Charles R. Davis said he's confident the F-35 program begun during the Clinton administration will continue, even if budget restraints force scale-backs. General Davis made the comments here as keynote speaker at a Brookings Institution forum, "The Joint Strike Fighter and Beyond."

"Support throughout what appears to be three administrations has been relatively consistent," he said. "As of yet, we see no reason that that support is going to change. There is nobody on Capitol Hill who

has said they want to cancel the Joint Strike Fighter."

That doesn't mean, he acknowledged, that the program to develop the next-generation strike aircraft weapon system for the Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and allied countries might not get scaled back.

General Davis conceded he gets many questions about the F-35's cost -- expected to be \$80 million to \$90 million, depending on the variant -- and delivery schedule. And if fewer aircraft are built, each will cost even more.

"We lose two airplanes in our [fis-

cal 2009] appropriation, and every other one of the airplanes being bought in that year goes up \$3 million," he said.

Another consideration, he said, is the cost of maintaining the aging legacy fleets the F-35 would replace if production is cut.

William Lynn, President Obama's deputy defense secretary nominee, told the Senate Armed Services Committee Tuesday it would be "very difficult" for the Defense Department to keep all its weapons systems development programs on track in tight budget times.





Photo by Abner Guzman

# Fit to fight

Staff Sgt. Ronald West, 62nd Force Support Squadron, top left, celebrates with a group of first-term Airmen upon completing a 35-minute, zero-impact, full body cardiovascular workout spin class Jan. 16 at the McChord fitness center annex. For more information on spin class availability, call the fitness center at 982-5666.



**Exceptional NSI Performers**

The following individuals were recently recognized for their exceptional contributions during the Nuclear Surety Inspection.

**Inspector General coin recipients**

- **Maj. Jeffrey Meyers**, 4th Airlift Squadron
- **Capt. Kevin Severe**, 4th AS
- **Master Sgt. Toby McKnight**, 4th AS
- **Staff Sgt. Lucas Erickson**, 4th AS
- **Master Sgt. Robert Daly**, 62nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
- **Thomas Denbrock**, 62nd AMXS
- **Anthony Bamba**, 62nd Aerial Port Squadron
- **Daniel Wissman**, 62nd APS
- **Staff Sgt. Janilda Garnier**, 62nd Airlift Wing
- **Edward Connors**, 62nd Maintenance Squadron
- **Daniel Russell**, 62nd Operations Support Squadron

**Individual recognition**

- **Tech. Sgt. Kenneth Bennett**,

62nd Maintenance Operations Squadron

- **Senior Airman Nathan Nowak**, 62nd MOS
- **Frederick Crumpton**, 62nd MOS

**Team recognitions**

**Aircraft Maintenance Preparation Team**

- **Master Sgt. Stephen Adamsky**, 62nd AMXS
- **Tech. Sgt. Nadar Adams**, 62nd AMXS
- **Tech. Sgt. Ronald Garbarini**, 62nd AMXS
- **Tech. Sgt. Cesar Vargas**, 62nd AMXS
- **Staff Sgt. Jeremy Bixel**, 62nd AMXS
- **Staff Sgt. Joel Caceres**, 62nd AMXS
- **Senior Airman Robert Tingle**, 62nd AMXS
- **Thomas Denbrock**, 62nd AMXS
- **Christopher Fudenski**, 62nd AMXS
- **Michael Harmon**, 62nd AMXS
- **Gregory Milatz**, 62nd AMXS
- **Aaron Rushton**, 62nd AMXS
- **Mark Schmidt**, 62nd AMXS

- **Ricky Thompson**, 62nd AMXS
- **Juan Duran**, 446th AMXS
- **Patricia Shedd**, 446th AMXS

**Command and Control Team**

- **Maj. David Reiss**, 62nd AW
- **Capt. Todd Matson**, 62nd AW
- **Capt. Jared Wood**, 62nd AW
- **Master Sgt. Bryan Barnett**, 62nd AW
- **Master Sgt. Darrell Johnson**, 62nd AW
- **Master Sgt. Kelly Lauseng**, 62nd AW
- **Tech. Sgt. Russell Burgess**, 62nd AW
- **Tech. Sgt. Ray Smittle**, 62nd AW
- **Staff Sgt. Daryl Barber**, 62nd AW
- **Staff Sgt. Janilda Garnier**, 62nd AW
- **Staff Sgt. Tyler Kost**, 62nd AW
- **Staff Sgt. Michele Zeltinger**, 62nd AW
- **Senior Airman Angela Kost**, 62nd AW
- **Senior Airman Letitia Ma**, 62nd AW
- **Senior Airman Tabitha Mahoney**, 62nd AW
- **Senior Airman Ariel Scott**,

62nd AW

- **Airman 1st Class Kieosha Height**, 62nd AW

**Exercise Load Team**

- **Maj. Kevan Barry**, 62nd OSS
- **Capt. James Summers**, 4th AS
- **Capt. Jeremy Williams**, 4th AS
- **Master Sgt. Toby McKnight**, 4th AS
- **Master Sgt. Adam Wendel**, 4th AS
- **Tech. Sgt. Matthew Thompson**, 4th AS
- **Staff Sgt. Lucas Erickson**, 4th AS
- **Senior Airman Jason Flynn**, 4th AS

**Mission Aircrew**

- **Maj. Kevan Barry**, 62nd OSS
- **Maj. Erin Montague**, 62nd AW
- **Capt. Ryan Nofziger**, 4th AS
- **Capt. Dustin Olson**, 4th AS
- **Capt. James Summers**, 4th AS
- **Capt. Jeremy Williams**, 4th AS
- **Master Sgt. Toby McKnight**, 4th AS
- **Staff Sgt. Phillip Blackford**, 4th AS
- **Senior Airman Jason Flynn**, 4th AS

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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**



**Annual Awards Banquet**

The 62nd Airlift Wing annual awards banquet is 6 p.m. Thursday at the McChord Clubs and Community Center. For more information, contact Master Sgt. Timothy Wood at 982-5823 or Master Sgt. Gary Willis at 982-6996.

**2009 women's conference**

Registration begins Saturday and remains open until Feb. 14 for the 2009 women's conference on March 13 at the Stone Education Center on Fort Lewis. The childcare registration period is Monday to March 6. The event is open to all Department of Defense ID card holders. For more information, e-mail Ft.LewisWomensConference@yahoo.com or call 407-4071.

**Online GTC registration**

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

Online statements for cardholders will not be available before the client receives their first paper statement. The cardholder must enter their card number, account name and address information in the exact format as it appears on the paper statement. For example, words like court, street, or road must be input exactly as they appear on the paper statement, either abbreviated or spelled out. Cardholders will also need their complete zip code, as displayed on the paper statement.

**Flu shots now available**

Flu vaccine is now available for active duty family members and

retirees at the Immunizations Clinic here. For more information, call 982-5189.

**Club Card features new design**

New McChord Club cardholders will be issued a club membership card with a new design featuring the Hap Arnold wings during the last week of January. The new card will also be issued throughout the year to members with expiring cards or those reported lost or stolen. All other members will be issued the new cards in 2010. For more information, call 982-5581.

**Weather advisories**

Call 982-TALK for winter weather advisories and delayed reporting information.

**McChord Clinic policy during inclement weather conditions**

The McChord Clinic staff follows base guidance during inclement weather conditions. During delayed reporting, clinic doors open as soon as there is enough staff in the building to safely operate the clinic. Appointments will be rescheduled as necessary.

**FTAC in-processing now online**

All first-term Airmen arriving from technical training must register via the Team McChord Professional Development Community of Practice at <https://afkm.wpafb.af.mil/ASPs/CoP/OpenCoP.asp?Filter=AM-DP-00-16>. For more information, call 982-6682.

**New housing gate hours**

The Woodbrook housing gate is open 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays. For

more information, call the 62nd Security Forces Squadron at 982-5100.

**Madigan Annex TBI Program classes**

Traumatic Brain Injuries Program Education Series classes for educators and healthcare providers are offered Thursdays at the Madigan annex. The next class, "TBI Program Town Hall Meeting" is 9 to 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the TUPA Conference Room in the Madigan Annex, Ramp 3. For more information, call the TBI Nurse Educator, Lindy Peterson at 968-3161.

**Law enforcement desk relocating**

The 62nd Security Forces Squadron relocated the Law Enforcement desk to Bldg. 1305 during renovation of Bldg. 7. Phone numbers 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. Pharmacy windows open at 7:30 a.m. and close at 5 p.m.

**MPF customer service hours**

Customer service hours for all military personnel flight services 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 emergencies 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.

 <p><b>McChord Chaplain Corps Faith &amp; Worship Programs</b></p>		<p>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</p>
<p><b>CATHOLIC SERVICES and RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:</b> All Catholic services are in chapel two. <b>Saturday:</b> 4 p.m. Confession: Chapel 2, Bldg. 181 5 p.m. Mass: Chapel 2, Bldg. 181 <b>Sunday:</b> 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 <b>Monday:</b> 12:00 p.m. Why Catholic? Small Group Study: Chapel Support Center, Bldg. 746</p>	<p><b>Wednesday:</b> 6:30 p.m. Faith Formation: 1st, 2nd &amp; 3rd Wednesday of the month: Chapel Support Center, Bldg. 746 6:30 p.m. Why Catholic? Small Group Study: Chapel Support Center, Bldg. 746 <b>PROTESTANT SERVICES and RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:</b> <b>Sunday:</b> 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</p>	<p><b>JEWISH SERVICES:</b> <b>Friday:</b> 6 p.m. Every 1st, 3rd &amp; 5th Friday of the month: Ft Lewis, Chapel 5, Bldg. T-2270 <b>OTHER PROGRAMS:</b> The following Chapel programs take place at the Chapel Support Center, Bldg. 746. <b>Tuesday:</b> 9:30 a.m. Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS); 2nd &amp; 4th Tuesday of the month 6 p.m. Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) Bible Study; 1st, 3rd &amp; 5th Tuesday of the month <b>Wednesday:</b> 11 a.m. Adult Bible Study</p>



# High-tech loss prevention safeguards exchange benefit

DALLAS – With a dual enduring mission to provide quality merchandise and services at competitively low prices and generate earnings to support Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs, the Army and Air Force Exchange Service is enlisting the support of the latest in loss prevention technology to protect military families' exchange benefit.

Electronic Article Surveillance systems, for example, are on the front lines of AAFES' efforts to deter shoplifting and prevent unpaid merchandise from leaving the store. Base exchange and post exchange management, based on local conditions and experience, in conjunction with supporting loss prevention personnel, identify specific items to be "tagged" with EAS devices. These "tags" are deactivated at

the cash register when the merchandise is paid for. Manufacturers have joined ranks by placing "tags" inside the packaging of many items to further reduce shoplifting. New "tags" have also been deployed that sound an alarm if someone attempts to remove it without the proper device.

Prior to reaching the checkout, products are monitored by an advanced closed circuit television system that can coordinate the movement of ten, twenty or even a hundred unblinking "eyes in the sky." In fact, this network of strategically positioned, micro-processor-driven, closed-circuit cameras are controlled by a central console that allows loss prevention associates to pan side-to-side, tilt up and down or even zoom in closely to examine

activity.

"Every loss prevention method we use has the common goal of discouraging theft before it even happens," said AAFES' Vice President of Loss Prevention Gerald Danish. "Of course, visible reminders like security 'tags' and camera systems not only deter criminal behavior, but also identify and document it. So, even if the equipment's presence doesn't prevent a crime, the resulting video and/or alarm are almost always invaluable in the resulting prosecution."

In the event shoplifting is suspected, AAFES loss prevention associates turn the issue over to local law enforcement. In addition to possible disciplinary action and/or criminal prosecution, the Federal Claims Collection Act, which began March 1, 2002,

allows AAFES to enact a flat, administrative cost (civil recovery) of \$200. There may be further fees, in addition to the Civil Recovery Program, depending on the condition of the stolen merchandise.

"AAFES associates are stewards of the dividend this command is charged with generating," said Danish. "Activities that diminish exchange shoppers' return on investment can, and do, negatively impact military Families' quality of life. Fortunately, our team is leveraging the latest crime fighting tools available to further strengthen the exchange benefit troops, and their Families, have come to depend on."

*Information courtesy of Army and Air Force Exchange Service corporate communications.*

