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Blood drive aims to help deployed

By
Tyler Hemstreet
Staff writer

In an effort to fill a need for blood used by U.S. forces in Iraq and Afghanistan, the Armed Services Blood Bank Center hosts a blood drive 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at Carter Lake Elementary School here.

Everyone eligible to donate is encouraged to do so on a walk-in basis.

The blood collected at the blood drive will arrive in Iraq or Afghanistan approximately two weeks from the time it is donated, said Victor Shermer, a public affairs specialist with the ASBBC.

The ASBBC has a requirement to fulfill the needs of troops overseas, military hospitals in the region and any other military hospitals that need additional support during emergencies and for extreme patient needs, Mr. Shermer said.

In order to meet these requirements, the ASBBC must collect about 800 units of blood per month.

"We have had difficulty reaching this goal primarily because the donor pool has shrunk so much due to the deployments," he said. "When shortages like this occur, the difference must be purchased from civilian blood centers."

Depending on the type and availability of blood, prices can range from \$200 to \$400 per unit, Mr. Shermer said.

The ASBBC is one of two military blood donor centers in the western region of the country and travels all over the western region collecting blood from various military organizations and installations.

The process of donating blood takes approximately 45 minutes and includes registration, interview and physical screening and the actual collection of a pint of blood.

Some people may not be eligible to donate if a year has not passed from returning from a deployment to Afghanistan, Iraq and eastern Turkey, which carry certain restrictions from donating. However, many of the other countries in the Middle East that the military travels to are acceptable. Kuwait and Qatar have no restrictions. In addition to the travel restrictions for the Middle East, some common reasons why potential donors are deferred include:

- Three months spent in the United Kingdom or six months anywhere else in Western Europe between 1980 and 1996; or have a cumulative of five years or more in Europe from 1997 to present.
- Had a tattoo put on or altered within the past year; although 20 approved states only have a one week waiting period. A list is available at the blood drive.
- Stationed in Korea between Seoul and the DMZ in the past two years.

Additionally, it is recommended donors weigh at least 110 pounds, are at least 17 years old, have been feeling well for the last three days and have eaten before donating, said Capt. Maria Gomez-Herbert, 62nd Medical Squadron.

For more information on event and to find out one's eligibility, visit the ASBBC Web site at <http://www.militaryblood.dod.mil/default.aspx>.



Photo by Tyler Hemstreet

On your mark, get set, go!

McChord family members take off from the starting line May 15 as youth center staff member Tracey Stage, 62nd Force Support Squadron, far left, gives the signal to run. The race was part of the 24th annual America's Kids Run, which bills itself as the largest children's running event worldwide through participation on U.S. military installations. Airmen from various squadrons ran with the more than 60 McChord children ranging from ages five to 12 who participated in the three-mile race.

Wingman program receives comedic boost May 27, 28

By
Tyler Hemstreet
Staff writer

Comedian Bernie McGrenahan is set to perform two hour-long shows May 27 and 28 at the base theater as part of the wingman program.

The performances start at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. on May 27 and 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. on May 28.

The comedian's familiarity performing in front of military audiences as well as the alcohol and drug awareness messages his shows feature was a big part of the reason he was invited to perform at McChord, said Master Sgt. John Schwartz, 62nd Civil Engineer Squadron, one of the organizers for the event.

"We've all heard safety briefings before, and the message can get stale after a while," Sergeant Schwartz said. "We're trying to bring a different aspect to the message ... he'll break the ice and make people laugh and then get into his personal message."

Mr. McGrenahan's performance touches on topics such as 'high-risk' drinking, alcohol poisoning and prevention, the dangers of drinking games, DUIs and penalties, making responsible choices and other issue-related subjects, according to his Web site.

After opening "Happy Hour" with a stand-up comedy show, Mr. McGrenahan shares the facts of how his college party got out of control and how social drinking escalated to high-risk drinking rapidly — and the consequences that followed, according to his Web site.

He encourages Airmen to avoid excessive consumption, motivating them to follow a more healthy and productive way of life.

"Some Airmen don't feel like (any of the drinking issues) are ever going to happen to them," Sergeant Schwartz said. "(Mr. McGrenahan's) performance will bring those issues closer to home."

The comedian hopes his performance can "inspire smart, safe, decision making, which will result in mission success," Mr. McGrenahan wrote on his Web site.

Weekend Weather

| FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY |
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| Hi: 68 Low: 42 | Hi: 70 Low: 43 | Hi: 71 Low: 44 |

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| Rodeo..... | 59 days |
| Next MOBEX..... | 112 days |
| Operational Readiness Inspection..... | 157 days |

Don't miss it ...

Family Day

Friday is an Air Mobility Command Family Day and Monday is Memorial Day.

Air Force core values key in returning 'back to basics'

By

Lt. Col. Rodney Lewis
62nd Airlift Wing Chief of Safety

In my last commentary seven months ago, I shared conversations and lessons learned from past commanders, peers and individuals who shaped my personal and professional growth. I wrote about a commander who challenged me to reflect upon the management style of Gen. Bill Creech, former commander of Tactical Air Command. To summarize, General Creech believed "the first duty of a leader is to create more leaders." In keeping with the general's edict, I shared some life-long Air Force nuggets I've learned along my journey:

- Your personal standards will define you in the eyes of others.
- Your personal standards should exceed military standards.
- Strive for inclusion.
- Think inclusion not exclusion.
- Optimize at least two levels above your own.
- Work your boss's priorities and issues.
- Be visible.
- Be prepared for the unexpected.

Time has proven these eight nuggets can provide a vector for a successful journey in our Air Force. In preparation for this commentary, I read my past one again, hoping it would provide a frame of reference and inspiration for this article. I soon realized it was missing an

important element – without a solid foundation grounded in our Air Force core values, those eight nuggets are worthless. An epiphany ... yes; no longer was I concerned about writing something that would be eloquent and lasting, but realized it's truly about the basics.

What do I mean when I say the basics? Over the last few months, "back to basics" is a phrase we've all heard from our most senior Air Force leaders to our local commanders. What I've learned is that we all define "back to basics" in our own way based upon our own unique experiences. For some, it means following the job guide; for others, completing a checklist in a high workload environment.

In October 2008, Gen. Arthur Lichte, Air Mobility Command commander said, "the Air Force has had some setbacks this past year, and the way to move forward positively is to get back to basics ... Airman cannot take shortcuts." Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley made it clear, "the U.S. has some very impressive capabilities when you put all the pieces together ... and it all starts with Air Mobility Command."

Personally, when I think of "back to basics", the fundamental philosophical question of "doing it right" versus wrong comes to mind. I'm not a philosopher, but mankind has struggled with the question of "should I do the right thing when sometimes it seems doing the wrong thing (taking a shortcut) is rewarded?" For example, if I don't follow that job guide exactly I may save a little time so I can go home early, or

if I don't complete my work I'm sure someone else will cover for me. These are examples of attitudes that can't co-exist with getting back to the basics.

The philosopher Plato addressed the question, "whether justice is better than injustice, or whether unjust man will not fare better than the just man?" His concluding answer was that justice is preferable to injustice. My novice translation – you will always fare better "doing it right" versus wrong, and "doing it right" the first time wins every time! This is an important idea in the profession of arms because human lives and our existence as a free and democratic society rest with our individual decisions.

Our Air Force vector to determine right versus wrong resides in our organizational core values. From my unique experiences, "back to basics" is truly embracing our Air Force core values 24/7/365. Integrity first, service before self, and excellence in all we do.

- Integrity first – do you exercise the character trait and moral compass to do what is right even when no one is looking?
- Service before self – are you willing to put the organizational goals and your professional duties above your personal desires?
- Excellence in all we do – are you striving for improvement and innovation in all of your actions?

Only you can answer these questions honestly, and your answers will determine if we as an Air Force and AMC will meet General Lichte's call to return "back to basics."

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PROFESSIONALS

of the week

62nd Comptroller Squadron

Senior Airman Nickolas Milton

Duty Title:
Finance customer service technician

Duty section:
Finance customer service

Hometown:
South Bend, Wash.

Why he's super:

Airman Milton serves as the team lead for military and travel pay, overseeing close to 6,000 travel voucher payments quarterly. He also manages the Government Travel Card program for nearly 5,000 active-duty and civilian personnel, maintaining 100 percent accountability. Airman Milton received his Financial Management Community College of the Air Force degree with a 4.0 GPA and is currently pursuing his bachelor's degree in Business and Finance. His hard work and professional attitude led him to earn the first sergeant's "Sharp Troop" award, 62nd CPTS Airman of the quarter and was recognized with the Air Force's "FM Aces High" award.



Airman First Class Ashley Walsh

Duty Title:
Customer service technician

Duty section:
Financial services

Hometown:
Gahanna, Ohio

Why she's tops:

Airman Walsh is a customer service technician for more than 16,000 active-duty, retired and civilian personnel. She is also the lead permanent change of station technician responsible for processing more than 2,500 PCS vouchers annually. Airman Walsh recently took over the civilian pay section and manages a \$74 million payroll. She dedicates her off-duty time to the Big Brothers and Big Sisters organization, Airmen Against Drunk Driving and attends classes at Pierce College pursuing her bachelor's degree in Atmospheric Sciences and Meteorology. Airman Walsh's dedication to the mission earned her Senior Airman Below the Zone and Air Mobility Command Financial Management Airman of the quarter.



Arrive Alive! Don't Drink and Drive!

AADD's mission is to provide free, safe, confidential rides HOME to McChord Personnel who have been drinking within a 30 mile radius of McChord AFB and make the responsible decision to let someone else do the driving.

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RAO volunteers keep retirees 'in the know'

By

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Staff writer

McChord Retiree Activities Office volunteer Ruth Sharp has an answer for nearly every question she gets.

Her wealth of knowledge comes from volunteering between three and 10 hours a week at the RAO for the last six years inside the customer service mall in Bldg. 100.

"I feel like I'm back in the groove with the Air Force," said Ms. Sharp, who's been involved in one way or another with the Air Force for nearly her entire life.

Ms. Sharp and the 29 other volunteers who serve in the RAO make it their mission to help retirees with questions about everything from health care benefits and where to get flu shots to space available flight and billeting arrangements. Whether it's putting customers in touch with resources to help them or distributing pamphlets with key information, the RAO does its part to help retirees get the information they need.

"The RAO volunteers are a valuable resource for our vast retiree population at McChord," said Chief Master Sgt. Cary Hatzinger, 62nd Airlift Wing command chief master sergeant. "Their dedication to helping retirees find the answers and assistance they need is second to none."

The team also produces a monthly newsletter, "Hangar Flying," which is sent out to patrons via e-mail.

To better get the message out about what the RAO offers, volunteers organize two large-scale events each year, the Retiree Appreciation Day Health Fair and the Dining Out event. Both events allow retirees from all branches of the service to gather and socialize.

April's Dining Out event attracted nearly 100 retirees from the local community as attendees were treated to a presentation of the World War II Historical Reenactment Group of Olympia and a speech from Col. Shane Hershman, head of the Office of Primary Responsibility for Joint Base Lewis McChord.

"We received a lot of great feedback from the event," said volunteer Hal Halford.

While the group's yearly events attract the most attention, its monthly lunch gatherings every second Thursday of the month at the McChord Clubs and Community Center's Fireside Room are something Ms. Sharp looks forward to the most.

"There's so much camaraderie in this group," she said. "I enjoy the friendships — that's the biggest thing for me."

For more information or to volunteer, visit the RAO office weekdays from 9 a.m. to noon or call 964-7427.

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AFPC 'Spread the Word' teams to brief McChord

By

Air Force Personnel Center
Public Affairs

Air Force Personnel Center "Spread the Word" briefings are scheduled at 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. June 3 at the base theater. All Airmen and civilians are encouraged to attend.

"One of the Air Force's top priorities is to develop and care for our Air Force people, and we want to hear from you about what works and what we can improve. Our AFPC teams look forward to sharing useful information with you and receiving feedback on what's important to you," said Maj. Gen. K.C. McClain, Air Force Personnel Center commander.

The "Spread the Word" briefings

provide information on personnel issues and delivery transformation, as well as allow all Air Force members direct, face-to-face contact with AFPC personnel to address concerns and provide feedback.

Specific topics covered in the briefings will include, among others, 365-day deployment options, the Global Air Expeditionary Force tempo-banding system, civilian hiring procedures, and assignment processes. The teams also include military and civilian assignments experts, as well as deployment experts, who will be available for questions after each "Spread the Word" briefing session.

For more information, contact Capt. Julie Rudy at 982-4009.

62nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs contributed to this article.



Biden announces housing assistance program expansion

By

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American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFNS) – Vice President Joe Biden announced May 14 the Defense Department's plan to expand its housing assistance program with \$555 million devoted to servicemembers forced to sell their homes at a loss due to the country's struggling housing market.

The financial support comes from President Barack Obama's American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to supplement the department's Homeowner's Assistance Program, Biden said aboard the USS Ronald Reagan during a visit with sailors and their families at Naval Base Coronado in San Diego.

The funds are allocated to provide benefits to military and civilian employees, according to a specific priority order, who suffered housing financial losses

since 2006.

"The sacrifices military families make for our country, in terms of deployments but also moving several times in their career, are immense," he said. "They often don't get to choose when they move and may be forced to sell their homes when they don't want to."

Several times during the average military career, military members may be ordered to change duty stations to meet the mission requirements for their respective branch of service. Duty calls on servicemembers and their families to relocate and establish a new home as frequently as every two to three years. Many have moved because of base closures under the 2005 Defense Base Realignment and Closure Act.

Some families have been forced to sell their homes despite the possibility of losing thousands of dollars amid the country's struggling economy and housing market. Many military members can't

afford to own a home near Fort Bragg, N.C., and rent or buy another near Scott Air Force Base, Ill., for example.

"We are in the middle of a credit and housing crises, and we recognize that military families cannot generally choose when to move," the vice president said, "so we've used the Recovery Act to dramatically expand what was once a fairly small program, assisting families forced to relocate due to base closures or normal assignment rotations."

The initiative isn't entirely new, however. The Pentagon has offered and provided similar financial assistance to military and civilian employees for more than 40 years, defense officials said. Until now, the program's primary support has focused on those who owned homes and lost money near closed or soon-to-be-closed down military installations under BRAC.

With the expansion, the Pentagon can now provide partial reimburse-

ment for home-sale losses to other groups. The priority order for the benefits, according to Pentagon officials, are as followed:

- Wounded servicemembers relocating for treatment or medical retirement, and for the surviving family members of those who have died while on deployment.

- Military and Defense Department civilian employees affected by BRAC without the need to prove whether the base closure or the general housing market decline caused the loss.

- Normal permanent change of station moves, but only on a retroactive basis that covers PCS moves between July 1, 2006, through Dec. 31, 2009.

All active and former members of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force and Coast Guard, as well as DOD civilians who have sold a home since 2006 may visit the Homeowners Assistance Program Website to learn specific program criteria and eligibility.



McChord Airmen

AROUND THE WORLD

Photo by Tech Sgt. Phyllis Hanson



KYRGYZSTAN – Staff Sgt. Eric Minar, 62nd Logistics Readiness Squadron, sets up a laser level to measure a fuel bladder's height and subsequently determine its fuel level at Manas Air Base during a recent deployment.

Photo by Tech Sgt. Phyllis Hanson



KYRGYZSTAN – Airman 1st Class Brandon Wright, 62nd Logistics Readiness Squadron, reads the levels of fuel being pumped from an R-11 refueling truck into a KC-135 Stratotanker on the flightline at Manas Air Base during a recent deployment.



62nd Civil Engineers keep fuel flowing

By Tyler Hemstreet, Staff writer

One might describe the 62nd Civil Engineer Squadron's liquid fuels shop as a blend of a trade which has been around since the Roman Empire mixed with a dash of modern technology.

"We're the Microsoft of plumbers," joked Staff Sgt. Manuel Garcia, 62nd CES.

Officially, the five-person shop maintains the collection of bulk storage fuel tanks on the flightline and other locations throughout the base, the valves on the intricate network of underground JP-8 jet fuel pipelines, the installation gas station and the de-icing fluid system tanks.

That maintenance includes weekly, monthly, semi-annual and annual checks for leaks, corrosion and to make sure all systems are operating properly, said Tech. Sgt. Josh Sallee, 62nd CES.

The section uses laptop computers to conduct checks on

the flow rate and pressure in the system of pipes and valves.

"Within the last ten years, that technology has become a big part of our job," he said.

It's just one more tool Airmen have to prevent any potential fuel-related disasters.

If there's too much pressure at the skin of the aircraft (near the fuel cells), there's a possibility of blowing the wing off during fueling operations," Sergeant Sallee said.

In addition to monitoring McChord's high-tech fuel system, other tasks require the section's Airmen to get their hands dirty, such as pumping out fuel tanks and changing components inside the many fuel valves. There are 24 hydrant outlet pits on the flightline alone, each containing several valves.

But all of those jobs occasionally take a back seat to one of the most delicate and labor intensive tasks — cleaning the

inside of the flightline fuel storage tanks.

The job requires Airmen to wear a safety harness while strapped to a cable anchored above ground, wear a forced air respirator and carry a backup tank with an extra five minutes of oxygen. For each Airman that is in the tank, four Airmen are required to be on the crew, Sergeant Sallee said.

Once inside the tank, the job starts.

"It's pretty dark and dirty in there," Sergeant Garcia said. Using a flashlight to guide the head of the pressure washer, liquid fuels Airmen clean the tank to remove built up sediment while conducting a thorough check for any signs of corrosion, he said.

While the tanks only have to be cleaned once every eight years, some look forward to it more than others.

"That's my favorite part of the job," said Sergeant Sallee with a smile.



Airmen and civilian members of the 62nd Civil Engineer Squadron liquid fuels systems maintenance shop use an R-12 servicing vehicle on the flightline to set a fuel hydrant control valve.



Staff Sgt. Damon Tienhaara, Tech Sgt. Josh Sallee, Tech Sgt. Jason Norberg and Staff Sgt. Manuel Garcia, all 62nd CES, from left, gather in the liquid fuel systems maintenance shop to assemble a hydrant control valve as part of a training session.



Sergeant Tienhaara verifies system pressure while performing a daily inspection in the fuel pump house.



Left: Sergeants Garcia and Tienhaara visually inspect a containment area at the base of a fuel storage tank.

Right: Sergeants Garcia and Tienhaara use a laptop in the fuel pump house control to read transmitter inputs as part of a quarterly inspection and training session.



Photos by Abner Gurman

AFSO 21 improves war-ready engines

By

Airman Melshondra Hopkins
20th Component Maintenance Squadron

(AFNS) – The 20th Component Maintenance Squadron is currently taking steps to improve the process of producing war-ready engines by applying Air Force Smart Operations for the 21st Century. From March 23 to 25, Airmen from the 20th Maintenance Group gathered to participate in the TF34 Rapid Improvement Event here.

The team consisted of representatives from the Air Combat Command TF34 Engine Regional Repair Center, 20th Maintenance Operations Squadron maintenance analysis section and engine management branch, 20th CMS test facility, 20th Equipment Maintenance Squadron aerospace ground equipment flight, the electronic warfare systems section and the propulsion flight office.

Master Sgt. Brandon Milligan, the ACC TF34 section chief, and Master Sgt. Kenneth Carr, ACC TF34 superintendent, guided the team in reaching its goal as the RIE team leads.

The spare engines are supplied to the 46th Maintenance Squadron, Eglin AFB, Fla., the 23rd Fighter Wing, Moody AFB, Ga., and the 52nd Fighter Wing, Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany. The overall purpose of the event focused on improving standardized and quality practices while decreasing the down time of TF34

engines.

While participating in the RIE, team members mapped out the engine repair process from the time of repairable engine delivery to the engine being fully mission capable and available for worldwide deployment. Next, the team determined what their ideal state would consist of and what the desired future state would be.

The RIE team members discovered current problems that were hampering the engine production process. They identified two general areas that excessively increased the down time of engines. These areas consist of the high pressure turbine clearance measurement and adjustment, known locally as the HPT grind, and the lengthy process of wrapping engines for shipment.

By collaborating, they identified numerous problems hindering the HPT grind process. This task requires extensive training that consumes large amounts of time. This restricts the number of proficient personnel due to high production demands. The task also requires a great deal of equipment movement from the support section to the grind room.

To reduce the time spent on the HPT grind they decided to sub locate grind equipment and a computer to the grind room, and contact the depot about both the excessive and inconsistent amount of time taken to grind HPTs. These corrections could potentially save 52 man hours and \$2,080 in labor cost per turbine.

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McChord AFB
FORCE SUPPORT



The following Airmen graduated May 15 as part of the Julius A. Kolb Airman Leadership School Class 09-D.

- **Senior Airman Brian Boeshart**, 62nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
- **Senior Airman Bryan Carey**, 8th Airlift Squadron
- **Senior Airman Claude Curry Jr.**, 62nd AMXS
- **Staff Sgt. Benjamin Eisenhart**, 62nd Security Forces Squadron
- **Senior Airman Joshua Faglier**, Western Air Defense Sector
- **Staff Sgt. Christopher Fite**, 62nd Aerial Port Squadron
- **Senior Airman Dustin Franklin**, 10th AS
- **Senior Airman Nicholas Hansen**, 62nd APS
- **Senior Airman James Harp**, 4th AS
- **Senior Airman Rian Horn**,



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- 62nd Communication Squadron
- **Senior Airman Hope Kilbourne**, 62nd SFS
 - **Senior Airman Timothy Macfarlane**, 62nd AMXS
 - **Senior Airman Jeffrey McConnell**, 62nd AMXS
 - **Senior Airman John**

- McDowell**, 8th AS
- **Senior Airman Timothy McKenna**, 62nd AMXS
- **Senior Airman Ronald Morales**, 62nd APS
- **Senior Airman Gregory Olsen**, 62nd Maintenance Squadron

- **Senior Airman Melinda Shooks**, 62nd APS
- **Staff Sgt. Kimberly Sims**, 1st Weather Squadron
- **Senior Airman Adam Smith**, 62nd SFS
- **Senior Airman Katherine Vilca**, 62nd CS
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John L. Levitow recipient:
Senior Airman Jeremy Jenniges, 4th AS
 Distinguished Graduate and Academic Achievement Award: **Senior Airman Michael Schmidt**, 111th Air Support Operations Squadron
 Distinguished Graduate:
Senior Airman Nathan Williams, 62nd APS
 Leadership Award: **Staff Sgt. Nathan Beam**, 62nd Civil Engineer Squadron



Commissary holiday hours

The base commissary remains open Monday during Memorial Day. Normal hours of operation will be in effect.

Special Olympics volunteers needed

The 2009 Washington Special Olympics kick off May 29 with opening ceremonies here. The base will also host a variety of other Special Olympics events through May 31, and volunteers are needed. Volunteers can be military, family members or civilians. Airmen can volunteer through their squadron points of contact, and all wishing to volunteer can contact Master Sgt. Jerry Walker at 982-7701.

Asian Pacific American Heritage Month

The McChord Multi-cultural Committee hosts a celebration featuring a band, performers and singers from 12:30 to 3 p.m. Saturday at the B/X food court.

62nd CES retirement

The 62nd Civil Engineer Squadron hosts a retirement party for Fred Travis' 49 years in federal service at 11:30 a.m. Thursday in Bldg. 588. Those interested in attending can call Earlene Moody at 982-2971 or Ginny Gonzalez at 982-5597.

Spouse Employment Training Scholarship

The Air Force Aid Society offers the Spouse Employment Training Scholarship to spouses of active-duty Air Force members through a partnership with Clover Park Technical College. The scholarship is for the Certified Nursing Assistant program, and the

next academic term begins June 29.

Applications for the Spouse Employment Training Scholarship are available at the Airman and Family Readiness Center (Bldg. 551/552) and the applications must be turned into the center no later than 4:30 p.m. May 29. For more information, call the AFRC at 982-2695.

Wingman Program performance

Comedian Bernie McGrenahan performs 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Wednesday and 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Thursday at the base theater. Mr. McGrenahan leads a one-man comedy show which focuses on alcohol and drug awareness.

MTI special duty briefing

A briefing from the Military Training Instructor recruiting team is 8:45 a.m. June 11 in the Airman Leadership auditorium on the fourth floor of Bldg. 851. The briefing will cover all aspects of MTI special duty opportunities. Airmen first class with at least 24 months Time in Service through technical sergeants with less than 16 years Total Active Federal Military Service are eligible to apply for this special duty assignment and are invited to attend. Master sergeants are hired on a case-by-case basis. Spouses of interested Airmen are highly encouraged to attend.

Military Spouse Career Advancement Accounts

The Defense Department is expanding the Military Spouse Career Advancement Accounts - MyCAA - for military spouses of active duty and activated Guard and Reserve Service members worldwide beginning in mid May. MyCAA will officially open its doors for eligible military spouses worldwide to

receive up to \$6,000 of financial assistance to help pay for licenses, certifications and education in high growth, high demand portable career fields. For more information, visit <http://www.militaryonesource.com/skins/MOS/home.aspx> and click on the link "Military Spouse Career Advancement Accounts" at the bottom of the Web page under "Military Programs."

Madigan Annex TBI classes

Traumatic Brain Injuries Program education series classes for educators and healthcare providers are offered Thursdays at the Madigan annex on Fort Lewis. For more information, call the TBI nurse educator, Lindy Peterson, at 968-3161.

Enlisted force structure

The latest version of Air Force Instruction 26-2618, the enlisted force structure, is available online at: <http://>

www.e-publishing.af.mil/shared/media/epubs/AFI36-2618.pdf.

Base firewood permits

A considerable supply of "you-cut" firewood will soon be available for personnel willing to obtain a base firewood permit. To add your name to the wait list, email Carol.Lee@mcchord.af.mil with your full name and telephone number. The wait list will be used to notify a group of firewood cutters to obtain a firewood permit.

McChord Phoenix Spouse voicemail

The Phoenix Spouse program here now has voicemail (982-PHNX) for families wanting to contact or get more information about their unit's Phoenix Spouses. The voicemail program gives every squadron the ability to have a personalized mailbox where people can leave messages for Phoenix Spouses.



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.

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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:
Noon. 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

