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International teams arrive for Air Mobility Command Rodeo

By
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Staff writer

Beginning Monday, a flood of international teams arrive here for Air Mobility Command's Rodeo 2009, which kicks off July 19.

Teams from Belgium, Germany, Malaysia, Israel, Republic of Korea, Turkey and Spain touch down starting at 10 a.m. and then every 30 minutes after until they have all landed, said Aubrey Robertson, Rodeo international teams director.

The German team arrives in a Transall C-160 and Malaysia in a Casa 295, while all other teams are flying C-130 Hercules aircraft.

As soon as the teams land, they will be greeted by Maj. Gen. Brooks Bash, Rodeo commander; Col. Kevin Kilb, 62nd Airlift Wing commander; as well as their host squadron.

After observing the last two Rodeos, Malaysia is competing for the first time this year.

"After coming here to observe the last couple years, they have a good feel for it," Mr. Robertson said. "They basically said that they're going to come in and give it their best shot."

Israel and Spain return to Rodeo as competitors for the first time in nearly 15 years.

"Except for the competitors on those teams who've recently retired, they aren't familiar with Rodeo at all," Mr. Robertson said. "It will be a new experience for both teams."

Each sponsor squadron's job is to show its international team around the base and assist the team in any way it can, said Rodeo international teams representative Ladonna Couthran, 62nd Logistics Readiness Squadron.

The 62nd LRS hosts the team from Spain and already has a meet-and-greet mixer at Habanero Mexican Grill scheduled to help everyone get acquainted, said 1st Lt. Paul Dryja, 62nd LRS.

"It's a way for us to introduce everyone and make our international guests feel more welcome," Lieutenant Dryja said.

After hosting a team from South Korea last year, Lieutenant Dryja said there were times Airmen's unfamiliarity with other countries' military rank presented an initial communication barrier when it came to military customs.

"Rank insignia of the international teams can be confusing at times," he said. "That's something that can be intimidating to some young Airmen."

The mixer will help break down some of those barriers.

"We want folks in LRS to be comfortable around our own international team," Lieutenant Dryja said, especially those working in the fuels sections or parts store where communication is key to getting things done.

Once all the teams get settled with their squadron sponsors, they will prepare for a week of flying around the local area to get familiar with the lay of the land, practicing airdrops and preparing their aircraft for competition, Mr. Robertson said.

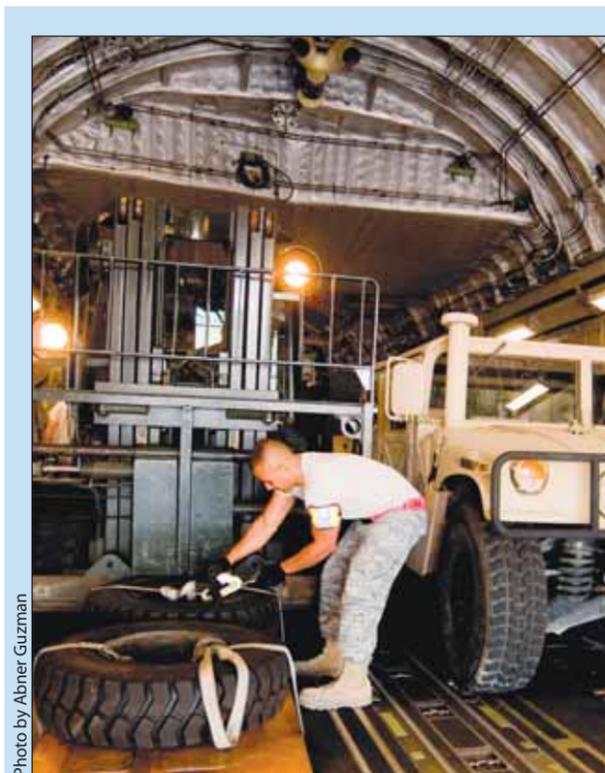


Photo by Abner Guzman

Move 'em out

Senior Airman Jason Caro, 62nd Aerial Port Squadron Rodeo team, removes cargo from a C-17 Globemaster while practicing an engine running offload Wednesday at Moses Lake, Wash. For more coverage of McChord's Rodeo teams, see Pages 8-9.

McChord Reservist earns prestigious AF award

By
Tech. Sgt. Jake Chappelle
446th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

A Reservist from the 446th Maintenance Squadron was named one of the Air Force's 12 Outstanding Airmen July 2.

This is the first time a member of the 446th Airlift Wing has been honored in this Air Force-wide annual competition.

Staff Sgt. Channel Bolton-Scholl, 446th MXS crew chief and Eugene, Ore., native, was named as one of the 12 Outstanding Airmen by a board at the Air Force Personnel Center at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas. The board selected the Airmen from the active-duty Air Force, the Air National Guard and the Air Force Reserve for recognition based on superior leadership, job performance and personal achievements.

"I felt really, really honored and excited to be chosen," said Sergeant Bolton-Scholl. "I didn't expect it to happen. People kept telling me, 'congratulations' and I didn't know why, so I just told them 'thanks.' Finally, I had to ask why everyone was thanking me and they told me about it. I had no idea."

Sergeant Bolton-Scholl's immediate and Air



Courtesy photo

Staff Sgt. Channel Bolton-Scholl

Force families are proud of her as well.

"I was pretty amazed and impressed when I found out she won the award," said Brian Scholl, Sergeant Bolton-Scholl's husband. "I am in awe by the entire thing. Because of her talent, charisma, and capabilities, she is able to exceed any challenging task."

"The Air Force has recognized one of 446th Maintenance Squadron's 'best-of-the-best'," said Senior Master Sgt. Steven Rector, 446th MXS maintenance

flight chief. "Sergeant Bolton-Scholl is one of those individuals who leads by example and exemplifies the core values of the Air Force each and every day. She's currently on her fourth deployment since being assigned to 446th Maintenance Flight in March of 2005. As a C-17 Globemaster III aircraft maintenance crew chief, she's always been willing to tackle any assigned task given her while attaining outstanding results every time.

"She's a remarkable technician and is a key member of our squadron in supporting the mission of providing combat airlift and she gladly accepts the challenge and responsibility of pursuing excellence," said Rector. "She will proudly represent our wing as one of the Air Force's 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year and we are all proud of her remarkable accomplishments."

Sergeant Bolton-Scholl embodies all the traits Air Force Reserve Command is looking for in their Airman of the Year, according to her supervisor, Master Sgt. Keith Chase, 446th MXS aero repair section chief.

"She excels at her job and the task at hand," said Sergeant Chase. "She's a very hard worker."

Sergeant Bolton-Scholl is currently deployed to Southwest Asia in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. This is her second deployment to U.S. Central Command's area of responsibility.

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Rodeo international teams arrive Monday.

Airlift Excellence, Wingman culture prevalent at McChord

By

Col. Kevin Kilb
62nd Airlift Wing commander

For the past two weeks, Stacey and I have been getting to know the amazing McChord Air Force Base community ... it's been an enjoyable, exciting experience.

I would like to once again thank all McChord Airmen and family members, as well as our community neighbors and joint base partners, for the very warm welcome and support given to me and my family during this time.

While settling in, I've had a chance to visit many of the organizations that keep McChord's airlift

mission going strong. Let me tell you, Team McChord's professionalism and dedication are truly reflected in all it accomplishes on a daily basis ... I've seen Airlift Excellence at every turn.

I've also been impressed by everyone's innovativeness and ability to adapt and change while improving processes and programs. I will do all I can to support this environment of continuous improvement so everyone can continue to excel ... Right here ... Right now.

Last, but not least, I've been struck by the amount of teamwork I've seen throughout the installation. It's evident you have all taken the Wingman culture to heart and understand the values it is based

on. These values are demonstrated in your actions every day, such as being a good friend or an excellent leader.

These principles will serve us well next week as we welcome competitors and visitors from across the country and around the world for Air Mobility Command Rodeo 2009.

This event provides a unique opportunity to make new friends and build relationships ... I encourage all of you to bring your families to opening ceremonies at 9 a.m. on July 19 at the base of the control tower to see the official kick-off for this premiere mobility competition.

Also, be sure to watch the skies starting Monday as our interna-

tional competitors and guests begin arriving. Managing aircraft arrivals as well as flying operations is a monumental feat of planning and logistics; these aircraft signify the start of a few very exciting weeks on McChord as we watch all of our hard work come to life.

I know you will provide our Rodeo guests with the same warm welcome and support you gave me and my family. Our Airmen prove they are the best in the world every day as we keep those green tails flying to all corners of the globe. This Rodeo competition provides us another chance to shine ... a chance to demonstrate our Airlift Excellence ... Right here ... Right now!

Challenge to Airmen – 'Do your best and do what's right'

By

Maj. Jamie Rhone
62nd Contracting Squadron commander

More than a decade ago, a mentor challenged me to "Do your best and do what's right." I was amazed at his ability to simplify many of life's lessons into one easy-to-recall statement. Fast forward a decade or so and I find myself as a husband, the father of a teenager, and a commander who repeatedly reminds those around me to "Do your best and do what's right."

Brig. Gen. Ronnie Hawkins recently opined to an audience of contracting commanders that they must encourage their Airmen (officer, en-

listed and civilians) to either "...be progressing or be out-processing!" Today's Air Force mission requires nothing short of our daily best, driving us to progress. Our challenging mission requires not only our individual bests but the synergies derived from similar contributions of our entire team. Doing your best means that regardless of how you're feeling today, you're committed to giving your all.

When it comes to "Doing what's right", I find myself facing more "right vs. right" decisions than "right vs. wrong." Right vs. wrong decisions such as "Don't drink and drive!" and "Don't steal that book!" are easy to make. The higher-level question is, "How to do what's right when both outcomes are right?" When faced

with this dilemma, I challenge myself to identify which option is harder and then do the more arduous option. This model is indeed counter-intuitive, but it has seldom failed me.

Combining the commitment to give your best with the steadfastness to do what is right will put one on a path for success. Keep in mind that this model will not always result in the "path of least resistance" nor will it make you immune to mistakes. Following this model will, however, ensure that the mistakes you do make, when doing your best to accomplish the mission, will be the type you can work through and recover from.

My challenge to you today is to do your best and do what's right.

The Sharp Airman ...

Remembers to extend customs and courtesies to other military services. This is equally true of the friendly armed forces of the United Nations.

Salute all commissioned officers and pay the same respect to the

national anthems and flags of other nations as rendered the United States national anthem and flag.

While not necessary to learn the identifying insignia of the military grades of all nations, you should learn the insignia of the most frequently contacted nations, particularly during an overseas assignment. (Air Force Pamphlet 36-2241, Section 8.8)

PROFESSIONALS

of the week

62nd Aerial Port Squadron

Staff Sgt. Jaime Quinones

Duty Title:
Fleet services supervisor

Duty section:
Fleet services/TRPF

Hometown:
Albuquerque, N.M.

Why he's super:

Sergeant Quinones has maintained a 98 percent in-commission rate of a \$538,000 vehicle fleet, resulting in flawless results on three Elite Fleet inspections. He's a caretaker of Air Transportable Galley/Lavatory units, where his painstaking preparation guaranteed 100 percent mission readiness of 24 units valued at \$18 million. He conducts weekly night shift physical training sessions to ensure shift workers are "fit to fight". Sergeant Quinones also ensures each of his assigned missions receives high quality fleet service in support of passengers and crew.



Staff Sgt. David Garcia

Duty Title:
Aerial Port training instructor

Duty section:
62nd APS combat readiness section

Hometown:
Tamarac, Fla.

Why he's tops:

Sergeant Garcia consistently strives for excellence – he was recognized as a Distinguished Graduate of the Julius A. Kolb Airman Leadership School and received the Leadership Award. Because of his high level of professionalism, he was hand-picked to lead the flag detail for a recent Retreat ceremony. Sergeant Garcia has completed his Community College of the Air Force degree and is currently pursuing a bachelor's degree in Professional Aeronautics. His military awards and decorations include the Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terror Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal and Humanitarian Service Medal.



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7th Airlift Squadron returns to McChord

By

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More than 150 Airmen from McChord's 7th Airlift Squadron were greeted by family and friends here Tuesday after more than four months deployed in support of Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom.

The 7th AS Airmen deployed as the 817th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron, flying missions throughout the combat zone and Europe. While deployed, Airmen flew more than 3,200 sorties transporting more than 131,000 passengers and 112 million pounds of cargo to sustain U.S. military forces in Iraq and Afghanistan. They also transported 10 critical patients from theater to advanced medical care in Germany on two emergency aeromedical evacuation missions.

The Airmen flew combat airdrop

missions delivering more than 1,587 bundles of resupply material to 67 remote forward operating bases in Afghanistan. Combat airdrops improve force protection by eliminating some resupply convoys to forward locations.

"I am extremely proud of our Airmen and their accomplishments; the leadership and courage at every level was truly humbling," said Lt. Col. James Twiford, 7th AS commander. "For four and a half months, these great Americans took the facilities and equipment available to them and in spite of limited numbers among these locations managed to sustain a surge tempo as much as 50 percent higher than previously seen."

"But without exception, it was the connection to loved ones at home that inspired these Airmen and gave them focus," the colonel said. "This support the family members provided was truly a gift to the nation... it is those families the country should thank."



Photo by Master Sgt. Dean Miller

Capt. Michael Capozzi, 7th Airlift Squadron pilot, gets a big hug from his daughter during the squadron's return to McChord Tuesday.



Airmen receive UCMJ disciplinary actions in June

By

1st Lt. Sean McConnell
62nd Airlift Wing Legal Office

The following Airmen received non-judicial punishment actions under Article 15 Uniform Code of Military Justice here in June:

• A technical sergeant was found in violation of Article 111 – **Drunk-en or reckless operation of a vehicle** and Article 134 for fleeing the scene of an accident. *The punishment imposed was a reduction in rank to staff sergeant.*

• A staff sergeant was found in violation of Article 92 – Failure to obey order or regulation for failing to refrain from using a Government Travel Card for unauthorized purchases and Article 134 – Check, worthless, making and uttering by dishonorably failing to maintain funds. *The punishment imposed was a suspended reduction in rank to senior Airman, forfeiture of \$1,109 for two months and a reprimand.*

• An Airman 1st class was found in violation of Article 86 – Failure to

go for failing to go to an appointed place of duty. *The punishment imposed was a suspended reduction in rank to Airman, forfeiture of \$200 for one month, and 30 days extra duty.*

• An Airman 1st class was found in violation of Article 112a – Wrongful use of a controlled substance (Marijuana). *The punishment imposed was a reduction in rank to Airman basic, 15 days extra duty, and a reprimand.*

• An Airman 1st class was found in violation of Article 112a – Wrongful use of a controlled substance (Marijuana). *The punishment imposed was a reduction in rank to Airman basic, forfeiture of \$300 for one month, 15 days extra duty, and a reprimand.*

• An Airman 1st class was found in violation of Article 112a – Wrongful use of a controlled substance (Marijuana and Psilocybin). *The punishment imposed was a reduction in rank to Airman basic, 15 days extra duty, and a reprimand.*

• An Airman 1st class was found in violation of Article 112a – Wrongful use of a controlled substance

(Marijuana). *The punishment imposed was a reduction in rank to Airman basic, forfeiture of \$300 for one month, 15 days extra duty, and a reprimand.*

• An Airman 1st class was found in violation of Article 112a – Wrongful use of a controlled substance (Oxycodone). *The punishment imposed was a reduction in rank to Airman, 30 days extra duty, and a reprimand.*

• An Airman 1st class was found in violation of Article 112a – Wrongful distribution of a controlled substance (Oxycodone). *The punishment imposed was a reduction in rank to Airman basic, 30 days extra duty, and a reprimand.*

The following are the results of courts-martial actions here in June:

• A Senior Airman was court martialed in a general court-martial for one charge and four specifications of Article 112a – Wrongful use, possession, and distribution of a controlled substance (Morphine pills and Marijuana); one charge and one specification of Article 80 – At-

tempted distribution of a controlled substance (Marijuana); and one charge and one specification of Article 134 – Threat, communicating. *The accused pled guilty, and was found guilty of distributing Morphine pills and Marijuana, found not guilty of possessing and using marijuana, and found guilty of communicating a threat. A military judge dismissed the attempted distribution of marijuana charge. The member was sentenced by the military judge to a bad conduct discharge, nine months confinement, and reduction to Airman.*

• An Airman 1st class was court martialed in a special court-martial for one charge and one specification of Article 112a – Wrongful use of a controlled substance (Oxycodone); one charge and one specification of Article 80 – Wrongful attempt to possess a controlled substance (Oxycodone). *The accused pled guilty, and was found guilty of wrongful use of Oxycodone and was sentenced to confinement for five months, forfeiture of \$600 for five months, and reduction to Airman basic.*



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McChord summer reading program kicks off

By

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Public Affairs

The base library's summer reading program began Tuesday, providing kids of all ages an outlet to have fun and stay focused on reading while school's out.

Each Tuesday at the base library, a program for children between the ages of 3 and 12 begins at 1 p.m. while young adults 13 and up meet at 3 p.m. The summer reading program concludes with a grand finale celebration for both groups 2 p.m. Aug. 11.

"We want them to come in, have fun, and keep reading," said Kristin Padilla, 62nd Force Support Squadron, and children's program coordinator.

"During summer, kids don't have the same opportunities as during the school year," she said. "If they stay focused on reading throughout the summer, it makes the transition to the next grade a lot easier."

The annual program features a different theme each year, said Ms. Padilla. This year's theme, "Be creative", was evident Tuesday as children transitioned between four stations geared toward musical activities – first a reading of "Chicka Chicka Boom Boom"; next were areas for creating of drumsticks and shakers; and finally a "musical petting zoo" with instruments of all shape and size.

Melissa Granillo, a parent whose son is participating in the program for the first-time, said, "He's really excited about reading, and we want to keep that going through summer."

And Debbie Ornelas, a parent with children in the program for a second year, said there are benefits for adults as well.

"It's really great, and it gives parents who may usually stay home a chance to get out and interact with others in the base community," she said.

Velvet Marlin, 62nd FSS, young adult program coordinator, said the teen-centric program focuses on arts such as photography, dance, and drawing, with different weekly



Photo by Staff Sgt. Eric Burks

Kristin Padilla, 62nd Force Support Squadron, welcomes children and parents to the library's summer reading program.

projects.

Tuesday's group drew Anime and Magna characters and featured a visit from a guest artist. The next class holds a "teen-made film festival", and

future events include a poetry slam and art show.

For more information on the summer reading program, visit the base library in Bldg. 851 or call 982-3454.



Chief James Roy is 16th chief master sergeant of Air Force

By

Tech. Sgt. Amaani Lyle
Secretary of the Air Force
Public Affairs Office

BOLLING AIR FORCE BASE, D.C. (AFNS) — After more than 30 years of service, the Air Force's top enlisted leader bade farewell to fellow Airmen in a June 30 ceremony here as a new Airman became the 16th chief master sergeant of the Air Force.

Along the manicured ceremonial lawn, hundreds of spectators cheered the service of Chief Master Sgt. Rodney McKinley, who retired as the 15th chief master sergeant of the Air Force, and welcomed the Air Force's new No. 1 enlisted Airman, Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James Roy.

Air Force Secretary Michael Donley gave introductory remarks and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz presented Chief McKinley with the Distinguished Service Medal for exceptionally meritorious service in a position of great responsibility.

"We'll miss your infectious drive and unwavering patriotism," Secretary Donley said to Chief McKinley. "Your legacy of leadership lives on in the thousands of men and women whose lives you've touched."

General Schwartz expressed his gratitude for Chief McKinley's distinctive brand of care and attention to Airmen, particularly wounded warriors.

"Chief McKinley was strengthened by his conviction and unconditional commitment to Airmen. Through it all, he's lent a sympathetic ear and compassionate heart," General Schwartz said.

The outgoing chief shared stories of a humble beginning as a "small-town boy" whose father drove him and two of his friends to the Military Entrance Processing Station in Cincinnati. His airplane flight to Basic Military Training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, would be his first.

"I didn't fully understand the significance of how my life was changing. The Vietnam War was winding down and it was still unpopular to wear a military uniform," Chief McKinley said.

The chief recalled that Airmen wore "1505" khakis and, for fitness, completed the 1.5-mile run in combat boots known as chukkas.

"It's amazing how some things never change," Chief McKinley said with a smile. "Uniforms are still a hot subject, and so are the boots!"

The chief's light-hearted remarks turned to solemn reflection, as he cited 42 Airmen killed in action and 251 Airmen wounded during his three-year tenure as chief master sergeant of the Air Force.

Of fallen Airmen, he said, "I carry each one of their names with me, and always will. I also mourn their loss. They were my Airmen."

In pledging support for Airmen wounded warriors, Chief McKinley acknowledged and addressed Tech. Sgts. Israel Del Toro and Matt Slaydon, two severely-injured Airmen, who were in attendance.

"We are dedicated to taking care of you and your family," he said. "Your courage and dedication in spite of your injuries continues to inspire us all."

Chief McKinley left no doubt about what meant the most to him during his Air Force journey.

"It isn't the awards, the decorations, or the rank that means the most to me; it's the people ... the relationships I've experienced along the way," the chief said.

In a final show of thanks, the Air Force Band and Honor Guard demonstrated their drill proficiency and readiness with a pass and review. Although it is customary for the senior officer to receive the troop formation, General Schwartz deferred the honor to Chief McKinley in recognition of his faithful, dedicated service.

General Schwartz and Navy Adm. Timothy Keating, the chief's former commander at U.S. Pacific Command, presented Chief Roy with a new service dress coat and hat representing his formal



Photo by Master Sgt. Stan Parker

Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James Roy speaks during the retirement ceremony for Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Rodney J. McKinley June 30 at Bolling Air Force Base, D.C. With Chief McKinley's retirement, Chief Roy was appointed the 16th chief master sergeant of the Air Force.

appointment as chief master sergeant of the Air Force.

A Monroe, Mich., native, Chief Roy shared his enthusiasm about taking on the new challenges for which the position calls.

"As the voice of the enlisted, my priorities will reflect the Air Force's priorities," Chief Roy said. "I will take great personal responsibility in advising Air Force senior leadership on the readiness, proper utilization, welfare and progress of our stellar enlisted force. I look forward to traveling across the world to look every Airman in the eye to tell them how proud I am they have chosen the United States Air Force as a profession."

Chief Roy did not hesitate to acknowledge Chief McKinley's contributions to the service.

"I am truly humbled and honored to follow Chief McKinley as the chief master sergeant of the Air Force," Chief Roy said. "The Air Force is a better service for having had him as our top enlisted leader."



McChord Airmen

AROUND THE WORLD



Courtesy photo

SOUTHWEST ASIA – Airman 1st Class Lakesha Gassaway, 62nd Communications Squadron, details updates of the 386th Expeditionary Maintenance Group SharePoint page to the group commander during a recent deployment.



Courtesy photo

IRAQ – Capt. Rebecca Dickinson, 62nd Airlift Wing Legal Office, far right, stands with her Wingmen of the 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing at Joint Base Balad during a recent deployment.



The Round-Up: 62nd AW Rodeo teams

With less than two weeks until Rodeo 2009, McChord's four teams have already put themselves through months of grueling physical training and now turn their attention toward mentally preparing for the competition.

Intent on repeating as best security forces team at Rodeo 2009, the 62nd Security Forces Squadron team is leaving nothing to chance.

The team's two months of training has included utilizing the shooting range and obstacle course at Fort Lewis, hiking up Mount Rainier and other local trails, as well as swimming laps at the base pool.

"We don't know what's happening in the competition, so we're trying to practice for everything," said Master Sgt. Guy Dashnea, 62nd SFS team captain. "We've been using pop up ranges, shooting moving targets and full distance targets. We're trying to do everything we can because we're not sure what's going to happen."

The SFS four-man team with two alternates is comprised of Airmen new to Rodeo, and Sergeant Dashnea is preparing them to handle any kind of scenario that the competition may present.

"We have the potential to finish first again," he said. "It's all about how much pain can you take."

The 62nd Aerial Port Squadron team is no stranger to pain.

The APS team which competed at Rodeo 2007 came up just short in its quest for a title.

"We're hungry this year," said Staff Sgt. Justin Hartman, a member of the 2007 team and current team captain.

The physical tune-up for the APS team has featured a hearty regimen of running, swimming and lifting weights. The team has also done drill after drill to prepare for the engine running on- and off-load competition and forklift driving competition.

The seven APS Airmen (five team members, two alternates) have also all spent time behind the wheel of a forklift, keeping a watchful eye on a cup full of water balanced on the dashboard to ensure a smooth ride and perhaps prepare for a challenge within the competition.

"There's quite a bit of pressure to not spill a drop," Sergeant Hartman said.

Sergeant Hartman is confident he has fielded the best talent his squadron has to offer and is quick to remind his team of what he learned in his past experience.

"You can never be the best at everything, but we can make sure that we are as prepared as possible," he said.

Most of the preparation for the 62nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron team has been in the scheduling

of the 22-man team in the weeks leading up to the competition, said Capt. Burgess Gow, 62nd AMXS team captain.

"I told the guys in the very beginning this isn't going to be your normal nine to five job," Captain Gow said. "Some days you come in at 8 a.m. to launch the jet, some days you come in at 3 p.m. to recover the aircraft when it lands. I have to have people at all different shifts. Scheduling around the aircraft is on the ground is key because we want to be the ones touching it."

That experience on the aircraft will be invaluable as competitions focusing on post and pre flight inspection kick off, he said.

"I'm really happy with how we're doing and I think we're going to kick some tail," Captain Gow said.

Precise scheduling has also played a role in the 62nd Operations Group Rodeo flying team preparing for competition.

Over the last two and a half months, the hand-picked crew of three pilots, two loadmasters and two joint inspectors (from the 4th and 8th Airlift Squadrons) has planned training sorties built around perfecting its air refueling and airdrop techniques, said Capt. Jeremy Brockman, a pilot with the 4th AS and the team's captain.

"It's just focusing on getting stuff down to plus or minus a second and within a couple of yards as far as our drops go," Captain Brockman said. "One foot can be the difference between first place and second place."

The fact that the team will be competing with others even drives everyone to be even more perfect in technique and timing, he said.

"It makes us better pilots and loadmasters to perfect our craft to the point we can tighten it down to basically no error in what we're doing," Captain Brockman said.

By
Tyler Hemstreet
Staff writer



62nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron



62nd Aerial Port Squadron



62nd Operations Group



62nd Security Forces Squadron

62nd Airlift Wing Rodeo competitors

Maj. Timothy Kimbrough, 62nd Airlift Wing team chief

62nd Aerial Port Squadron
Senior Airman Jason Caro
Staff Sgt. Christopher Johnson
Staff Sgt. Justin Hartman
Staff Sgt. George Parker
Tech. Sgt. Robert Rothenberger

62nd Operations Group
Capt. David Goodale
Capt. Jeremy Brockman
Capt. Josh Long
Staff Sgt. Adrienne Gariglio
Staff Sgt. Stephen Bassham
Tech. Sgt. Gregg Drury

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Senior Airman Daniel Carroll
Senior Airman Jimmy Sweat
Staff Sgt. Kyle Young

62nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
Capt. Burgess Gow
Master Sgt. Robert Daly
Senior Airman Steven Arrowood
Staff Sgt. Christopher Woods
Staff Sgt. Michael Granato
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Tech. Sgt. Patrick Remfrey
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First in, last out: 446th ALCF to decommission

By

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The 446th Airlift Wing is losing a diverse group of Airmen, whose professionalism and expertise is unrivaled when it comes to running an airfield at a deployed location. The decommissioning ceremony for the 446th Airlift Control Flight is Sunday.

The 446th ALCF is being shut down as Air Mobility Command shifts to larger packages and a more comprehensive forward-deployed operations doctrine which incorporates many of the ALCF roles at deployed locations. ALCF roles include the management of all air mobility missions including cargo movement, tanker missions, patient movement and aircraft maintenance.

The Airmen in the ALCF have the knowledge, experience, and the equipment to manage an entire airfield. After setting up in their mobile air reporting and communication shelter, they act as command post and airfield management for safe operation on the ground. When the mission is complete they are on the last plane out of the area.

"Before they send in the planes, somebody has to be there to manage them," said Tech. Sgt. Monty Clayton, who joined the 446th ALCF in 1997.

The 446th ALCF have taken part in many significant missions. When the Air Force took over the Operation Deep Freeze mission from the Navy, the 446th ALCF provided the first necessary command and control to direct planes carrying personnel and essential cargo to U.S. outposts throughout the desolate continent of Antarctica.

"There is a whole detachment to work the command and control for the continuous operation of Deep Freeze now," said Master Sgt. Tom Martin. "When we first did it, we provided AMC deployed Command and Control with only three Airmen."

The 446th ALCF also supported the fight against

illegal drugs and the trade of such substances in South America.

When not on active missions, the 446th ALCF operates an Affiliation Training Program to teach troops from other branches how to properly prepare and load-plan a plane with cargo. There are up to 20 classes per year, with about 10 to 25 attendees per class.

The 446th ALCF has been around since 1982 at McChord AFB, and was the first in the Air Force Reserve. Sergeants Martin and Clayton both joined the 446th ALCF in 1997.

"When Sergeant Clayton and I joined the flight we had no equipment of our own," said Sergeant Martin. "We just had a couple of radios. We had to borrow equipment from the (62nd Airlift Wing). Now, we have one of the largest assemblies of equipment in the wing!"

Or use to have the largest assembly of equipment until the unit began dispersing its equipment.

Equipment the 446th ALCF maintained has been transferred to the 452nd ALCF, March Air Reserve Base, Calif. It was loaded up into a March ARB-owned C-17 and in full flight by 5 p.m., June 11.

There are 15 Airmen currently working in the 446th ALCF. Each one is a professional in his or her job. Everyone has a multitude of different jobs in the flight, and is capable of performing numerous duties outside of their own AFSC.

"We call that cross-capability, and it helps us meet our timelines when we deploy," said Sergeant Martin.

The 446th ALCF is comprised of some of the most specialized Airmen in their jobs, said Sgt. Martin .

Any Airman could not just waltz into the 446th ALCF and get a position. They had to apply for the job and go through an interview and a tough peer performance review before acceptance into the 446th ALCF family.

Airmen of the 446th ALCF will be going their separate ways; some to other organizations, some



Photo by Airman 1st Class Patrick Cabellon

Tech. Sgt. Monty Clayton, 446th Airlift Control Flight, hooks up cargo to be brought onboard a C-17 Globemaster III for transportation to the 452nd ALCF at March Air Reserve Base. With the decommissioning of the 446th ALCF this year, all associated equipment from the unit is being transferred to March ARB.

will cross-train into other AFSCs and others still will return to their original AFSCs. "I'm really going to miss the people (in the 446th ALCF) the most; it's the people who make this job one of the best," said Sergeant Clayton.

The official decommissioning of the 446th ALCF is Sept. 30.

Hangar 12, where the 446th ALCF shop is located, will be turned over to the 446th Aeromedical Staging Squadron.



Reservists build memorial honoring Spokane hero

By

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A memorial statue and aerospace scholarship honoring fallen Columbia Space Shuttle astronaut and Spokane, Wash. native, Lt. Col. Michael P. Anderson, was dedicated June 26 at the Museum of Flight in Seattle.

The purpose of the memorial is to assist underprivileged kids of color who have a passion for mathematics, engineering, and aviation, said Lt. Col. Ron Limes, a pilot with the 97th Airlift Squadron.

"Michael's life is a guideline for my own," said Maj. Kimberly Scott, a pilot with the 728th Airlift Squadron. "Try your best, be passionate about what you do, serve, give back to the community, and value family. I try to remember these guidelines in my own life and in service with the 446th Airlift Wing."

The planning for the memorial and scholarship began two years ago, said Major Scott.

Washington State governor, Chris Gregoire, had asked why there was not a memorial in Seattle. So a team was put together between Spokane and Seattle to make this dream a reality. A replica of the statue was commissioned and fundraising began for the memorial and an aerospace scholarship to

ensure that youth have a chance to take part in the aviation programs at the Museum of Flight in Seattle.

The planning, committees, and progress was spearheaded by Maj. Gen. Harold "Mitch" Mitchell, mobilization assistant to the commander, U.S. Transportation Command, Scott Air Force Base, Ill. General Mitchell resides in Redmond, Wash.

"General Mitchell is a friend and mentor," said Colonel Limes. "I got a phone call from him and he asked if I wanted to help with the program. My role was coordinating with fundraising for the memorial and the scholarship. I was excited because it's finally here."

Major Scott was also hand-picked to lead the effort.

"I was chosen by General Mitchell to be a part of the team planning committee, which was a great honor," said Major Scott. I coordinated with fundraising, working with the media, the local community, and the museum to take this to fruition. General Mitchell and I carefully drafted the script for the memorial, to make sure that we put a personal touch on memorializing Michael's service and sacrifice. But I truly learned a lot and feel very passionate about this cause. It has been very hard work!"

"The statue is just the beginning," said Colonel Limes. "The scholarship will have the biggest impact."



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Jake Chappelle

Maj. Kimberly Scott, 728th Airlift Squadron pilot, speaks during the unveiling of the Lt. Col. Michael Anderson memorial and Aerospace Scholarship Foundation presentation at the Museum of Flight in Seattle, June 26.

But it's not just a matter of impact – the memorial is also about inspiration.

"Michael Anderson encouraged children to reach for their dreams," said Major Scott. "He was very active in the schools, the local community and his church. He felt strongly about his service to his country and his dedication to his community."



PCSing? Know your residential lease rights

By

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With Permanent Change of Station season approaching, you probably have a lot of things on your mind – your house or apartment lease shouldn't be one of them. If you act quickly, you may be able to end the lease and avoid termination fees under the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act and Washington state law. You have these rights even if your lease does not expressly mention them.

The SCRA provides a number of benefits and protections, including the ability to terminate residential leases under certain conditions. You are eligible to terminate your lease under SCRA if you have received orders for a PCS, deployment, or temporary duty assignment for a period of 90 days or more. If you decide to terminate, any obligation your spouse or children may have under the lease is also terminated.

To properly terminate your lease, deliver written notice of the termination and a copy of your military orders to the landlord or the landlord's

agent. This notice should be hand delivered, or sent by mail with return receipt requested. If you received orders for a PCS, deployment or TDY, the termination is effective on the last day of the month following the month in which the notice is delivered.

If you terminate a lease, unpaid rent must still be paid. Any rent paid in advance must be refunded.

In addition to SCRA, Washington state law allows a servicemember to terminate a tenancy for a specified time, if the tenant receives reassignment or deployment orders. To qual-

ify under state law, however, you must provide notice of termination no later than seven days after receiving your orders. There are special provisions for members who receive less than 20-days' PCS notice.

This article is not legal advice, but is presented simply to inform Airmen of favorable laws or programs that may or may not be applicable to an individual situation. If you would like to speak to a lawyer about your lease, and to see if you qualify for termination under SCRA, contact the 62nd Airlift Wing Legal Office at 982-5512.



Congratulations, Airman Leadership School Class 09-E grads!

- **Senior Airman David Albertson**, 62nd Maintenance Squadron
- **Senior Airman Mike Cacho**, 446th Operations Support Squadron
- **Senior Airman Daniel Cagle**, 62nd Security Forces Squadron
- **Staff Sgt. Alton Cossey**, 62nd Force Support Squadron
- **Senior Airman Jason Felts**, 62nd MXS
- **Senior Airman Ahmad Johnson**, 62nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
- **Senior Airman Keith Lee**, 62nd AMXS
- **Senior Airman Trevor Maiden**, 62nd AMXS
- **Staff Sgt. Sonny Ortiz**, 62nd MXS
- **Senior Airman Anthony Pendleton**, 8th Airlift Squadron
- **Senior Airman Jacob Ralston**, 62nd SFS
- **Senior Airman Charles Rudduck**, 62nd AMXS
- **Senior Airman Justin Theriot**, 62nd OSS
- **Staff Sgt. Christopher Tyndall**, 22d Special Tactics Squadron
- **Senior Airman Lani Unger**, 62nd FSS

- **Senior Airman Timothy Valdez**, 4th AS
- **Senior Airman Joshua Vance**, 62nd MXS
- **Senior Airman Shaun Wheeler**, 62nd Logistics Readiness Squadron
- **Senior Airman Ryan Willan**, 62nd Civil Engineer Squadron
- **Senior Airman Daniel Williams**, 62nd AMXS
- **Senior Airman Tyler Winslowe**, 62nd LRS
- **Senior Airman Anthony Zamora**, 62nd Communications Squadron

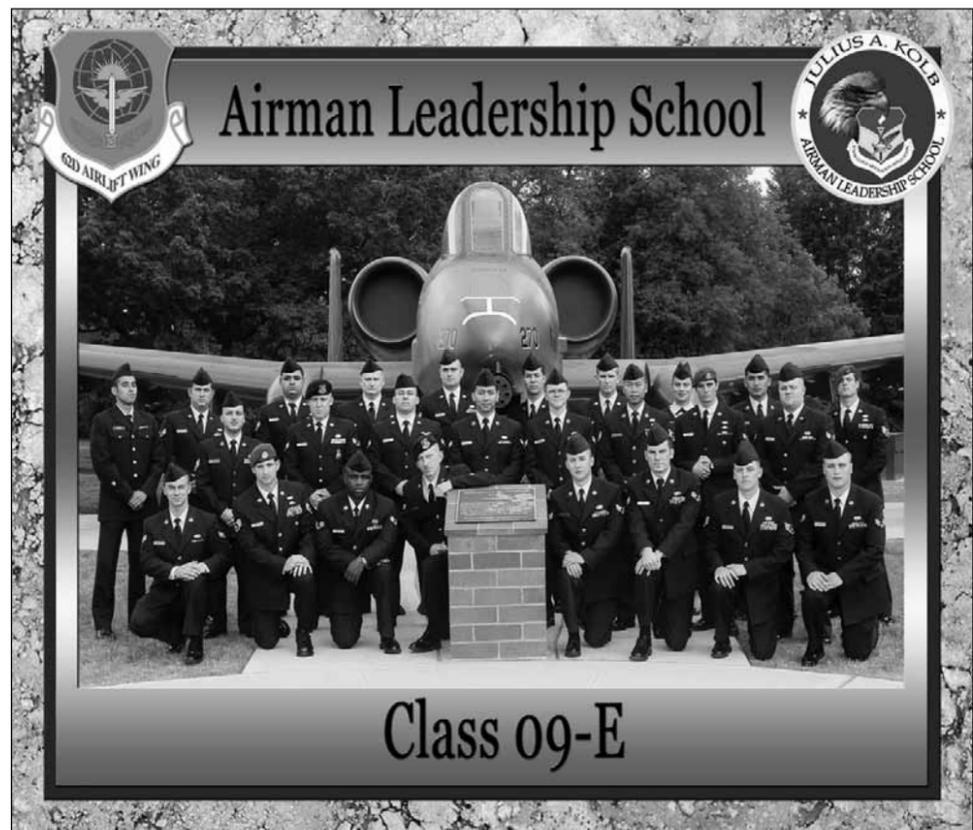
AWARD RECIPIENTS:

John L. Levitow recipient: Senior Airman Timothy Bonner, 22nd STS

Distinguished graduate and Academic Achievement Award: Petty Officer 3rd Class Esteban Ramirez, US Coast Guard Maritime Force Protection Unit, Bangor, Wash.

Distinguished graduate: Staff Sgt. Brian Wadtke, 22nd STS

Leadership Award: Staff Sgt. Ly Keu, Washington Air National Guard, 194th Medical Group, Camp Murray, Wash.



62nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron change of command

The 62nd AMXS change of command ceremony is 10 a.m. today in Hangar 9. The incoming commander is Maj. Christopher May and the outgoing commander is Lt. Col. Alesia Quiton.

Employer panels

The Airman and Family Readiness Center hosts "employer panels" 8 a.m. to noon today and July 24 in Bldg. 851. Various agencies will present their corporate/government profiles, career opportunities and job vacancies. To register, or for more information, call 982-2695.

McChord Thrift Shop \$5 bag sale

The McChord Thrift Shop \$5 bag sale is 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. The sale is in both donation rooms and all clearance items are 50 percent off. Consignments are open 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (volunteer staffing permitting). The Thrift Shop opens 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays and the first Saturday of each month, excluding holidays. For more information, call 982-2468.

Mandatory pre-separation counseling

Military servicemembers are required to complete the pre-separation counseling checklist at least 90 days prior to military discharge. Recommended attendance of the pre-separation class is within 12 months for those separating from service and within 24 months for those retiring. The class is offered bi-weekly Thursdays from 8 a.m. to noon in Bldg. 551. Call the Airman and Family Readiness Center at 982-2695 for more information or to register.

New Barnes and housing gate hours

The Barnes gate is now open 5:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. daily. The Woodbrook housing gate is open 6 to 9 a.m. and 3 to 6 p.m. weekdays. For more information, call the 62nd Security Forces Squadron at 982-5100.

Transition Assistance Program employment workshop

A TAP employment assistance workshop, provided by the Defense Department, the Labor Department, and the Veterans Administration is offered bi-weekly from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Bldg. 551. Topics include individual transition plans, resume development, effective job search, interviews, networking, and more. The workshop is facilitated by a trained Labor Department instructor experienced with the military transition and the current employment environment. Call the Airman and Family Readiness Center at 982-2695 for more information or to register.

Military Spouse Career Advancement Accounts

The Defense Department Military Spouse Career Advancement Accounts for military spouses of active duty and activated Guard and Reserve Service members worldwide offer eligible military spouses 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>.

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 gives every squadron the ability to have a personalized mailbox where people can leave messages for Phoenix Spouses.

New hours at wing self-help store

The wing self-help store hours of operation are now 8 a.m. to noon weekdays. It closes on holidays and Air Mobility Command Family Days.

Online GTC registration

Online registration for the new CITI Bank government travel card is at available at: <https://home.cards.citi-direct.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.

	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.
<p>CATHOLIC SERVICES and RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: All Catholic services are in chapel two.</p> <p>Saturday: 4 p.m. Confession: Chapel 2, Bldg. 181 5 p.m. Mass: Chapel 2, Bldg. 181</p> <p>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</p> <p>Monday: Noon. Why Catholic? Small Group Study: Chapel Support Center, Bldg. 746</p>	<p>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</p> <p>PROTESTANT SERVICES and RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:</p> <p>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</p>	<p>JEWISH SERVICES:</p> <p>Friday: 6 p.m. Every 1st, 3rd & 5th Friday of the month: Ft. Lewis, Chapel 5, Bldg. T-2270</p> <p>OTHER PROGRAMS: The following Chapel programs take place at the Chapel Support Center, Bldg. 746.</p> <p>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</p> <p>Wednesday: 11 a.m. Adult Bible Study</p>

