



Command Chief retires
 Chief Master Sgt. Cary Hatzinger, 62nd Airlift Wing command chief, retires in a formal ceremony 10 a.m. Nov. 13 in Hangar 3 after 25 years of Air Force service. All Team McChord members are welcome to attend and thank Chief Hatzinger and Mrs. Jane Hatzinger for their service.

Retiree appreciation
 Retiree Appreciation Day is 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 7 at the McChord Clubs and Community Center. For details call 982-3214.

AF vs. Army football game
 Live broadcast of the AF vs. Army football game 11:30 a.m. Nov. 7 at the McChord Clubs and Community Center Red Baron room.

Free holiday portraits
 The annual free holiday portraits event is 4 to 7 p.m. Nov. 6 at the Chapel Support Center.

Countdown to Success!

JB IOC 98 days

Bring it On!



Col. Kevin Kilb, 62nd Airlift Wing commander, welcomes Air Mobility Command Inspector General team members as they arrive at McChord Oct. 24 for McChord's Operational Readiness Inspection. (U.S. Air Force photos/Abner Guzman)



Above: Chief Master Sgt. Cary Hatzinger, 62nd Airlift Wing command chief, motivates Airmen at McChord's pre-ORI Pep Rally Oct. 23 in Hangar 9.

Left: Airmen participating in the wing ORI prepare to board a C-17 Globemaster III here to depart for operations in Alpena, Mich., for the inspection. The ORI began Oct. 25 and concludes Sunday.

Be a positive Airman!

by Chief Master Sgt. Kevin White
62nd Security Forces Squadron

You may have noticed how our Air Force leaders consistently strive to positively communicate in all forms of media whether written or spoken in an effort to keep our spirits high and our thoughts directed toward mission accomplishment.

Ronda Byrne, the author of the book titled *The Secret*, wrote that being positive is a sound variable associated with the universal law of attraction. It means that your thoughts dictate the reality of your life. If you really want something and truly believe it's possible, you can get it. In fact, the power of positive thinking may simply be attracted back to you.

I would say doing these minor, yet important things, will positively benefit Airmen:

- Be a positive person in the work center, work to build dynamic and extensive professional relationships.
 - Strive to eradicate any perceived barriers from your mind that might cause you to doubt your ability to perform, since our mission is to excel.
 - Attempt to positively communicate operational desires at every public opportunity, uplifting Airmen's hope for success.
 - Set important goals and take aggressive action to achieve. In your mind, you positively believe you can conquer all mountains and win all wars.
- It has been said that great thinkers like Einstein, Plato, Newton and Edison all knew the power of positive thinking and its connection to the universal law of attraction. We



Chief Master Sgt. Kevin White

know that these scientists were able to bring to fruition just about everything they could imagine. So for Airmen, I firmly believe that if we were consistent in becoming more positive thinkers, better relationship builders and more confident in our belief that we can conquer any potential challenge, then we will routinely attract a positive outcome!

Arrive Alive- Don't Drink and Drive!

AADD is a service provided to all Airman of McChord. We will provide a safe, no cost, consequence-free ride home.



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The Sharp Airman ...

correctly wears cold weather gear.

- The watch cap can only be worn when an authorized outer garment is also worn and when temperatures drop below 40 degrees.
- The only green fleece authorized to be worn as an outer garment is the version with slick material across the shoulders. There are two versions of this particular fleece garment, one with Velcro for "Air Force, Name and Rank" on the front and one without. Both versions are authorized for wear as an outer garment; the one without the Velcro "Air Force, Name and Rank" may only be worn as an outer garment until October 2010.

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by Senior Airman Kirsten Wicker
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McChord opens assault strip

A McChord C-17 Globemaster III approached the 5,500-foot-long stretch of paved runway with new turnaround points and a new width expanded to 90 feet. That's not much space on which to land a heavily loaded, half-million pound cargo plane, but officials here say it's the perfect runway for C-17 pilots to train on.

Wyoming National Guard members and special guests gathered at the Camp Guernsey Joint Forces Training Center here Saturday to celebrate the opening of its upgraded runway. McChord Airmen from the 7th Airlift Squadron lent a hand in this historical event by performing an assault landing of the first C-17 on the new runway, which went through \$9.6 million in upgrades to accommodate utilization by ever greater numbers of joint combat forces in pre-deployment training.

"These new facilities accommodating C-17s offer great capabilities to prepare for contingency operations more similar to what our military sees in current conflicts," said Lt. Col. James Twiford, 7th Airlift Squadron commander.

Called Guernsey Field, its aviation capabilities include a joint-use airstrip capable of supporting C-17s. Approximately 360 square miles of sparsely populated terrain and 65 square miles of restricted airspace up to 30,000 feet are part of the field. The runway was constructed to withstand the demands of the Air Force



A C-17 Globemaster III from McChord departs the Wyoming National Guard's Guernsey Army Airfield at Camp Guernsey in Guernsey, Wyo. (Photo by Brandon Quester/Public Affairs Specialist/Wyoming National Guard)

C-17s which will now be able to transport joint units to and from the facility as well as conduct combat airlift training utilizing the center's aerial delivery drop zones.

More than 100 people attended the ceremony, watching as McChord Airmen performed a C-17 flyover and a landing that demonstrated the airfield's and the aircraft's capabilities. Distinguished visitors included former Wyoming governor Mike Sullivan, former President of the Wyoming Senate, Jim Twiford, former state representative (former chair of Joint Transportation Interim Committee), Rep. Dave Edwards and Guernsey Mayor Michael Pettigrew.

At a glance:
Upgraded runway constructed to withstand demands of C-17. For complete story and more photos visit:
www.mcchord.af.mil

"Colonel Twiford's landing of the C-17 at the Wyoming National Guard's Camp Guernsey was the culmination of several months of coordination among the 7th Airlift Squadron, Camp Guernsey, the 62nd Airlift Wing, 18th Air Force, and Air Mobility Command," said Camp Guernsey deputy garrison commander, Lt. Col. Dave Herder. "John Ryan, (McChord Airspace Manager), Colonel Twiford

and myself - with help from each agency, spent a lot of time and energy ensuring the collaborative effort maintained the exceptional standards of a joint endeavor. At the end of the day it was an overwhelming success and the beginning of a new era in tactical training opportunities."

Professionals of the Week

62nd Force Support Squadron



Name: Tech. Sgt. Desiree Garcia
Duty title: Career development supervisor
Duty section: Career development operations
Hometown: Yakima, Wash.

Sergeant Garcia was selected as alternate wing personnel reliability manager and is the NCOIC of re-enlistments. She created a re-enlistment calculator to ensure days for all extensions are computed correctly. She has also taken over the administrative certification process and ensures members are certified.



Name: Staff Sgt. Herman Jesse Rodriguez
Duty title: Airman Leadership School instructor
Duty section: Airman Leadership School
Hometown: San Diego, Calif.

Sergeant Rodriguez skillfully delivers 1,200 hours of leadership instruction annually to develop 182 future NCOs for first-line supervisory roles. He ensures the classroom curriculum is tied to potential work center and battlefield operations. His unwavering dedication and attention to detail epitomizes Air Force core values.

62nd Maintenance Group



Name: Staff Sgt. David Coleman
Duty title: Quality assurance inspector
Duty section: 62nd MXG quality assurance
Hometown: Princeton, Ky.

Sergeant Coleman brings knowledge and experience and strives to spread expertise. He spearheaded a preventative maintenance initiative for C-17 Globemaster III pneumatic systems in the C-17 home station check process. The 90-day test has the potential to identify significant areas for improvement.



Name: Senior Airman Jennifer Mueller
Duty title: Knowledge operations management journeyman
Duty section: 62nd MXG
Hometown: El Paso, Texas

Airman Mueller has a broad base of knowledge and is the functional area records manager for the 62nd MXG. Her thorough knowledge and in-depth staff assistance visits have ensured the 62nd MXG maintains currency and compliance on all records. She also administers and coordinates suspenses and advises the commander.

Congratulations to the following Airmen who graduated recently from the Julius A. Kolb Airman Leadership School, Class 09-G:

Senior Airman Joseph Ruiz
 Senior Airman Zachary Sobotta
 Senior Airman Kyle Goodhart
 Senior Airman Ryan Pappas
 Senior Airman Melanie Andrade
 Senior Airman James Fletcher

Senior Airman James Henson
 Senior Airman Elizabeth Jones
 Senior Airman Joe Joslyn
 Senior Airman Aaron Kissell
 Senior Airman Paul Petro Jr.
 Senior Airman Eddson Vilca
 Senior Airman Garrett Ouzts
 Senior Airman Shannon Witt
 Senior Airman Esteban Granados
 Senior Airman Ramón Negrón
 Senior Airman Michael Richardson

Senior Airman Takuma Strain
 Senior Airman Scott Taylor
 Senior Airman Brian McClure
 Senior Airman Thomas Winger II
 Senior Airman Cody Kell
 Senior Airman David Gioia
 Senior Airman Jeffrey Sindelar
 Senior Airman Ashley Zdancewicz

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