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Team MacDill helps move a fortune in gold - page 10



Photo by Airman Basic David Tracy

Staff Sgt. Benjamin Woods, 6th Logistics Readiness Squadron air freight supervisor, places a pallet of Spanish coins in a line, Feb. 23, at MacDill Air Force Base. The coins, which were lost at sea in the 19th century, were palletized in preparation for their return back to Spain.

COMMANDER'S CORNER



Boundary Spanning Leadership

by Col. James Hodges

6th Mission Support Group commander

A topic that has recently garnered a lot of attention in leadership development literature is the concept of "boundary spanning leadership." In the progression from developing individual and team skills to developing capabilities for leading large organizations, boundaries between individuals, teams, and organizations are major challenges that can impede success. These boundaries require leadership and teamwork to span the gaps. I would like to take this opportunity to highlight two recent examples on MacDill AFB that exemplify boundary spanning abilities. The examples include the recent runway repair and the return of over \$500 million gold and silver treasure to the Spanish government. These situations required great leadership and teamwork to span boundaries in order to accomplish difficult yet meaningful missions.

The MacDill AFB runway recently closed for repairs and then reopened two weeks ahead of schedule. Something as complex as closing the airfield, completing the required repairs, dispersing aircraft, deploying aircrews and support personnel, and diverting our mission partners' distinguished visitor air traffic required one of the most difficult boundary spanning leadership challenges I've seen in my career. Fortunately, Team MacDill stepped up.

Planning for this complex project started in earnest about six months ago and included all of the 6th Air Mobility Wing's groups and staff agencies, our base mission partners, 18th Air Force, Air Mobility Command, Tampa International Airport, and the other bases to which we deployed our aircraft during the closure. The project team, leaders and followers alike, proactively mobilized shared goals and resources to weave together a plan that would meet the needs of the various stakeholders. The end product was a series of integrated and synchronized actions that set a new standard for Air Mobility Command runway repairs and airfield closures. It helped that we had the great fortune of sunny weather and a very good contractor, but our boundary spanning team also did their very best to make their own good luck!

Those of you that watched the Tampa Bay area news late last week might have seen that the Spanish government won a court settlement for the return of a treasure worth over \$500 million in gold and silver that had been previously recovered by a U.S. company and stored in the local area. Team MacDill was quickly enlisted to help facilitate the return of the Spanish treasure using our airfield, logistical capabilities, flight line facilities, and security on very short notice. This situation provided another great opportunity for Team MacDill to showcase its boundary spanning



Col. James Hodges

abilities. Consider the challenges: a foreign government needed to accept and transport its treasure worth over \$500 million; this effort had high-level international political and media interest; there were potential language barriers; it had to be planned with a high level of secrecy and discretion; there was less than a week to plan and execute the mission; and many details frequently changed. The bot-

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Settlement of estate

Army Maj. Jason Scott has been appointed as the Summary Court Officer (SCO) to handle the disposition of personal property of Army Sgt. 1st Class Michael J. Wiczorek.

Anyone indebted to or having a claim against the estate of Wiczorek should contact Scott at 813-529-3329 or jason.scott@centcom.mil.

March celebrates women's history

Courtesy of the Equal Opportunity Office

Did you know Marie Curie is the only woman to ever win two Nobel Prizes?

She received her first award for Physics for her work on spontaneous radiation with her husband. She received her second award in Chemistry for her studies of radioactivity.

The nationwide theme for this year's Women's History Month is Women's Education, Women's Empowerment. Women in this country have long fought against inequalities in the education system and opportunities available to them.

While today co-ed classrooms may be the norm, women throughout history have struggled to obtain the same educational opportunities as men. In fact, Harvard University was founded in 1636; however, it was not until 1833 that the first college to admit women- Oberlin College in Ohio- was founded. Remarkable developments have since been made to propel women forward in education, and today women now outnumber men in American colleges nationwide!

To recognize these ongoing achievements, the Women's History Month Committee will be hosting a panel March 23 at 10 a.m. in the chapel annex. A number of military and local community women who have made substantial strides in advancing women in education and the workplace will lead a discussion promoting women's empowerment through education. Light refreshments will be served. Please join us to celebrate the advancements in women's education and its continued importance!

Also, please join us on March 6 at 10:30 a.m. at the Tampa Convention Center, Ballroom D, to honor this year's winners of the Women's



Marie Currie, winner of two Nobel Prizes and a symbol of for Women's History Month 2012, the theme of which is women's education and empowerment.

History Month Military/Civilian Achievement/ Role Model of the Year in conjunction with the City of Tampa. We are proud to announce this year's MacDill winners - Capt. Jessica A. Guarini, 6th Operations Group, and Staci Vileta, 6th Air Mobility Wing director of staff. All are welcome!

If you would like to be involved in Women's History Month activities, please contact Capt. Kathryn Boucher at kathryn.boucher.2@us.af.mil.

Women in Black History: The entertainers

by Airman 1st Class Katherine Ogletree
6th Communications Squadron

"You can dance anywhere, even if only in your heart" – anonymous

Josephine Baker

Ernest Hemingway called her "the most sensational woman anyone ever saw," Jose-

phine Baker was truly a world class entertainer. Born as Freda Josephine McDonald in St. Louis, Miss., Josephine Baker was a dancer, singer, and actress who acclaimed fame in her adopted homeland of France.

Josephine Baker became the first African American woman to star in a major motion



Teen seminar series designed to prepare youths for life ahead

by Nick Stubbs
Thunderbolt editor

Readiness is a concept every service member at MacDill Air Force Base understands, but it's also key for the teenage sons and daughters of those service members.

It is with that in mind that MacDill's Teen Center will hold a weeklong free seminar starting March 12 designed to prepare teens for employment and careers, advanced education opportunities and leadership skills they'll need to perform well in the adult world.

The seminar is the first in a series to be held this year, and is part of a 2012, overall Air Force resilience initiative to assist Airmen and their families, said Loretta Gaines, assistant youth center director at MacDill and coordinator of the Air Force Teen Council chapter at MacDill.

Signups for the seminar began this week and will run through March 9. The event includes a number of interactive courses and events, including a day at the University of South Florida running the Rope Course – a challenging obstacle course designed to bolster confidence, teamwork and leadership skills. The week will culminate with an awards luncheon.

Among the skills teens will learn are a "True Colors" session to help them identify their own personality types and to identify the types of teens they are best suited to associate with. They will also learn what types of jobs best suit them, resume writing skills, dressing for a job interview and other social and professional skills.

Gaines said she expects about 20 teens to participate in the week of activities, all of which are mandatory.

"You can't pick and choose what you want to attend," she said. "It's all or nothing."

From the perspective of those heading the event, it's about recognizing that each teen has different capabilities and needs, said Gaines.

"For example, we realize not everyone is college material," said Gaines. "In those cases we focus on the types of jobs that don't require a degree."

But whether college-bound or moving directly into a trade, teens need to be aware of the importance of "readiness" for the future, she said.

"A lot of kids go to school and don't think much about the future," Gaines said. "We try to give them the tools early enough in their lives and lay the groundwork to think about what is ahead."

Call Gaines at 828-7956 for more information.



Photo by Senior Airman Melissa Paradise

Enlisted call

Maj Gen. Darren McDew, Air Force District of Washington commander, addresses Airmen during an enlisted call at MacDill Air Force Base, Fla., Feb. 24, 2012. McDew spoke about developing leadership and answered questions that audience members had.

MacDill welcomes new Airmen

The following First Term Airmen have arrived at MacDill from technical school.

6th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Airman 1st Class Brandon Mayberry, Easton, Pa.

6th Communications Squadron

Airman 1st Class Devin Zimmerman, Hurdle Mills, N.C.

Airman 1st Class Cortney Getz, Brookings, Ore.

Airman 1st Class Justine Cortez, San Diego, Calif.

6th Dental Squadron

Airman 1st Class Michael Bush, Orlando, Fla.

Airman John Kilbride, Plainfield, Ill.

Airman 1st Class Daniella Nyarko, Bridgeport, Conn.

6th Maintenance Squadron

Airman 1st Class Landon Brauner, Weston, Fla.

Airman 1st Class Parker Miller, Frisco, Texas

6th Medical Operations Squadron

Airman 1st Class Kasey Kilby, Wilkesboro, N.C.

6th Medical Support Squadron

Airman 1st Class Alexisandra Garland, Tuscan, Ariz.

Airman 1st Class Atiba Timley, Lee's Summit, Mo.

6th Security Forces Squadron

Airman 1st Class Christopher Fitchett, El Dorado Hills, Calif.

Airman 1st Class Karl Mehta, Brentwood, Calif.



Busy BEEs

by Capt. Carolyn Jensen

6th Medical Group Bioenvironmental Engineering Flight

A recent Public Service Announcement regarding a recall of Dual Ridge Metal boutique tissue holders purchased from Bed, Bath, & Beyond stores advised that

anyone who purchased these metal boxes should return them immediately to minimize exposure to the low levels of radiation found to be emitted by at least one lot (Note: The recall was just a precaution) and the tissue holders in question pose a minimal health threat.

In fact, if you spent about 30 minutes a day in proximity of one for a year, the level of exposure would equal approximately three chest x-rays. The Bioenvironmental

Engineering Flight (BIO or the BEEs) was listed as the point of contact for further information. "Why BIO you ask? Aren't they the gas mask fit testing, water sampling people? What's their role in radiation?" Well the answer is, we detect, monitor, respond during emergencies involving hazardous materials and advise senior commanders on actions to take to protect the base populace.

With only about 1,000 enlisted members and 330 officers spread across every base in the Air Force, Bioenvironmental Engineering is a relatively small career field with broad responsibilities. Our role is to provide health risk assessments to protect the health of base personnel and assist commanders in decision-making during both daily operations and emergency response. In order to accomplish this, we anticipate, recognize, evaluate, and make recommendations to control health risks posed by chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and physical (CBRN-P) hazards.

During normal operations, this involves performing air sampling for hexavalent chromium in the Corrosion Control shop, recommending controls to protect hospital personnel from blood-borne illness, or certifying that industrial x-ray operations do not exceed public radiation exposure limits. We also perform noise dosimetry test for work centers such as Military Working Dog handlers.

During emergency responses we recommend appropriate Personal Protective Equipment before responders enter the incident scene. On occasions the BEEs suit up and accompany first responders. Our role often requires the use of high value technical equipment used to detect chemical and biological warfare agents, radioactive materials and toxic industrial chemicals. We expedite our findings along with recommendations up the chain of command to mitigate health risk to base and local community. So, the next time you are in MOPP 4, waiting for the "All Clear," know that your BEEs are working as fast as possible to collect the data needed for commanders to make the call.

All hazards evaluated by the BEEs become part of an individual's medical longitudinal exposure record documenting

NEWS/FEATURES



Bear Essentials helping kids with stress

Sign up for a free teddy bear giveaway for children of deployed military members aged pre-school to 12. Call the Airman and Family Readiness Center at 828-0145 or (813) 655-9281.

There will be two events March 10: one at the Brandon Regional Resource Center at 9:30 a.m., 311 Pauls Drive, Brandon; and at the MacDill Youth Center, 7813 Bayshore Blvd. at 11:30 a.m.

Each child will receive a LPE Teddy Bear and a special book developed to help reduce anxiety and emotional stress due to deployment. Space is limited to 30 children per time slot/location.

The giveaway is an initiative of the Little Patriots Embraced program.

COMMENTARY

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tom line for this situation was the team overcame the international concerns, communication barriers, the need for secrecy, the short time-line, and worked flexibly in order to adjust to the many changes. The exemplary teamwork and the initiative of the project's team members bridged any potential gaps and ensured the Spanish aircraft took off with the treasure under the watchful eyes of leaders from the Spanish delegation and Team MacDill.

Through these examples we can see how positive leadership and teamwork can help bridge gaps and span boundaries to accomplish important missions. This boundary spanning skill set will become even more important in the current world environment where complex challenges and constrained resources demand that individuals, teams, and organizations work collaboratively and in an integrated manner. The near future holds such challenges in store for us all as the United States and the Department of Defense face continued mission demands while the budget is simultaneously being reduced.

At MacDill Air Force Base, we face a series of tough inspections and mission demands over the next year. If we all strive to span the boundaries between our various organizations and work closely together, we can all bring our capabilities to bear and accomplish the tasks at hand as a world-class team. We've shown we can do it before. I am confident we will continue to do it again and again.

Now, let's go show that MacDill is the home of the "Finest Air Mobility Wing on the Face of the Planet!"

BLACK HISTORY

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picture and to integrate an American concert hall. Additionally, Baker was affiliated and made significant contributions to the Civil Rights movement and assisted the French Resistance during World War II. Josephine Baker was the first American-born woman to receive the "Croix de Guerre," a major French military honor.

Katherine Dunham

The Washington Post called her, "Dances, Katherine the Great." Renowned throughout Europe and Latin America, as well as, popular in the United States, Katherine Dunham was the "Matriarch of Black Dance." Her vivid blending of culture along with her artistic genre of dance in the early 1930's created groundbreaking forms of movement, established black dance as an art form. She paved the way for other notables of dance such as, Alvin Ailey's American Dance Theatre, and Arthur Mitchell's Dance Theatre of Harlem to name a few.

For over 30 years, she maintained the Katherine Dunham Dance Company near Times Square in New York City, the only self supported American black dance troupe. Katherine Dunham also choreographed over 90 individual dances performed in Broadway productions such as Cabin in the Sky and Stormy Weather.

Not only did these women play pivotal roles in the dance and entertainment industries, but were also activists, authors, educators, as well as political figures. The duo also shared their gifts and talents that inspired others and opened the doors to the artistry of dance.

MacDill helps reunite Spain with lost gold

by Senior Airman Rachelle Coleman
6th Air Mobility Wing Public Affairs

Two Spanish Air Force C-130 Hercules aircraft departed MacDill Air Force Base last week after being loaded with approximately 17 metric tons, or approximately \$500 million in Spanish gold and silver coins.

Two aircraft were dispatched by the Spanish Government to retrieve the coins that were lost at sea in the 19th century. MacDill brought the full complement of support for its coalition partners — to include flight operations, logistical, security, and public affairs support.

Led by Lt. Col. Leslie Maher, 6th Operations Support Squadron commander, a team of Airmen joined together to coordinate the transfer of the “treasure” from a storage facility in Sarasota, Fla. to the runway at MacDill.

“Coordination for this effort was crucial at all levels -- from the nation-to-nation level, to the tactical execution level,” said Maher. “All parties had to be working from the same page, while keeping the right level of operational security intact. I personally worked with 19 different agencies to ensure the operation went without a hitch.”

After the “treasure” arrived at the base, Airmen palletized the half-a-billion dollars worth of Spanish coins and put them on the waiting aircraft.

“Mobilizing cargo is one of our core competencies - we have some of the world’s finest logisticians, and Spain could be assured we would do a first class job with a full-range of operations and security support,” said Maher.

To the 6th Logistics Readiness Squadron, this mission was simple but important.

“Other than the approximated value and high-visibility of the cargo, preparing cargo is pretty much standard across the board,” said Master Sgt. Gilchrist Eggleston Jr., 6th Logistics Readiness Squadron, small air terminal section chief.

“From the cargo support side, the mission required personnel with experience in cargo processing to include pallet build-up and documentation, to ensure the cargo was configured to specifications of the aircraft in which it was being loaded,” said Eggleston. “Personnel with load planning experience were also needed to ensure the aircraft’s load fell within the aircraft’s limitations to ensure safety of flight.”

As planned, the aircraft left MacDill, accomplishing all of this without hindering normal operations.

The gold was found by the Odyssey Marine Exploration treasure hunting corporation in 2007. Odyssey recovered the treasure from the Atlantic Ocean floor after finding the wreck off the coast of Portugal with a remote-controlled underwater robot.



Photo by Airman Basic David Tracy

Spanish Navy Rear Adm. Javier Romero, defense attaché, talks with Col. Lenny J. Richoux, 6th Air Mobility Wing commander, at MacDill Air Force Base Feb. 23. Romero was escorting \$500 million in Spanish coins back to Spain.



Jorge Dezcallar de Mazar, Spanish coins being transported, which were lost at Spanish C-130 aircraft.



Rodney Pate, a Transit Alert employee with the 6th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, marshaling a Spanish C-130 aircraft. AFB hosted two Spanish C-130 aircraft dispatched by the Spanish Government to retrieve



Photo by Airman Basic David Tracy

Spanish Ambassador to the United States, holds a press conference about the coins transferred to the Spanish government, Feb. 24, on MacDill Air Force Base. The coins, which were lost at sea in the 19th century, were palletized and shipped back to Spain on two



Photo by Airman Basic David Tracy

coins in a Spanish C-130, Feb. 23, 2012 at MacDill Air Force Base, Fla. MacDill is loading the Spanish coins that were lost at sea in the 19th century.

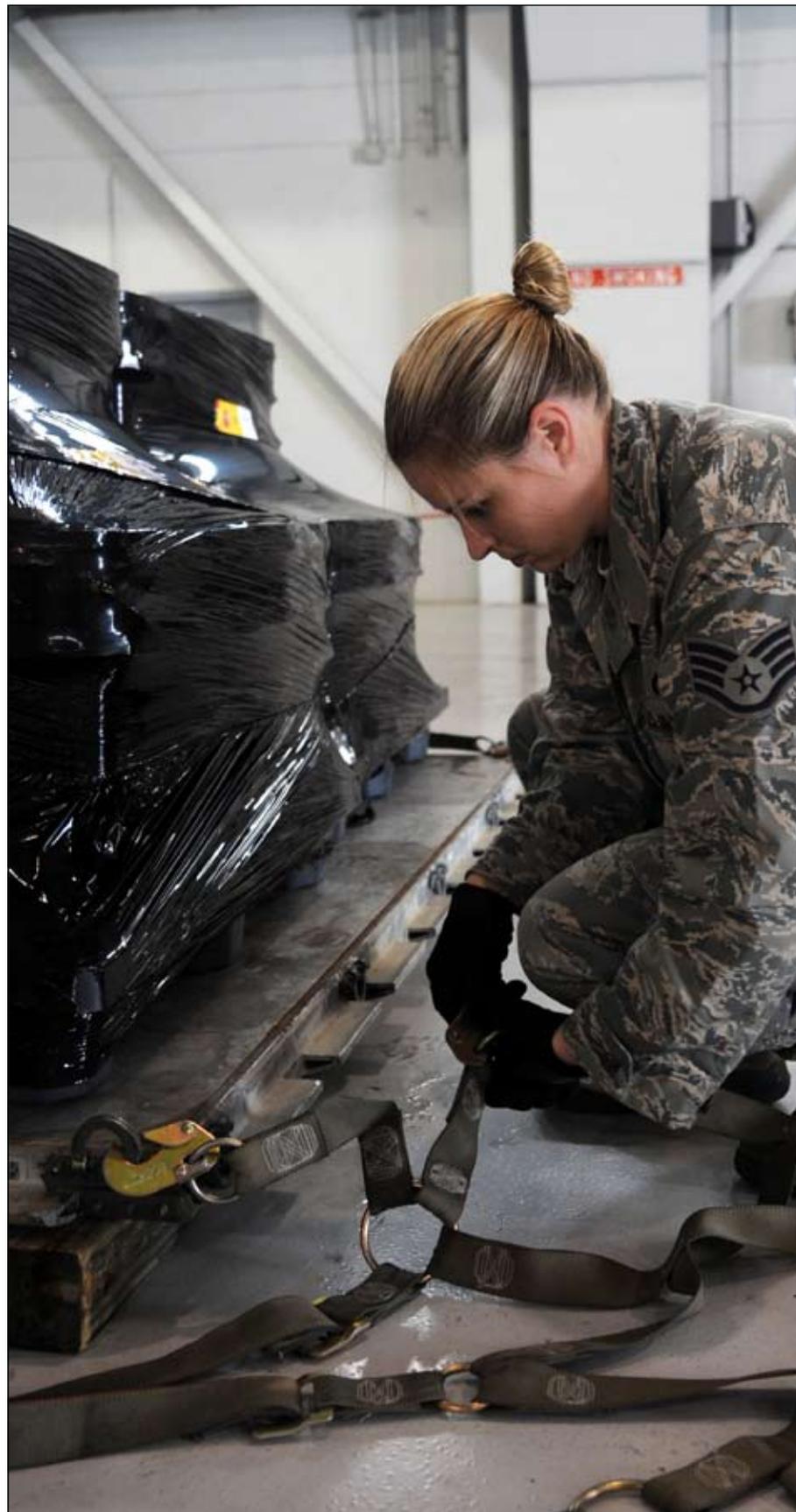


Photo by Airman Basic David Tracy

Staff Sgt. Rachael McCray, 6th Logistics Readiness Squadron Mobility Training Instructor, connects a cargo net to a pallet of Spanish coins to be loaded on a Spanish C-130 at MacDill Air Force Base, Feb. 23. The coins, which were lost at sea in the 19th century, are being palletized in preparation for their return to Spain.

SPORTS



Sports talk

by Mack Dill

Hello Sports Fans. It was another exciting week in the world of sports, but nothing has me more excited than the thought of Major League Baseball Spring Training getting under way right here in our own backyard.

Whether you're a fan of the American League or the National League, there will be plenty of chances between now and the first week of April to catch some games, some autographs and maybe even a foul ball or two as Florida's Grapefruit League goes into full swing.

If you've never been to a game during Spring Training, you'll want to make time for it this year. Besides being able to see our own Tampa Bay Rays in action, you'll get to see all of the teams that make up both the American League East as well as the National League East. And for good measure, there's a healthy dose of some AL Central and NL Central

teams as well. All in all, there are 15 teams that call Florida home over the next month, and the grueling schedule brings most within a stone's throw (if you have a really good arm) of MacDill.

If you want to stay close to Tampa, then you can check out the Yankees, Phillies or the Blue Jays. If you are up for a little more of a drive, then you'll be able to see the Pirates, Tigers, Orioles, Braves, Astros and the Rays. And finally, if you want to really take in the full circuit, then fill up the tank and head out to see the Nationals, Red Sox, Twins, Mets, Marlins and the defending World Champs the Cardinals.

Even if you don't have the time or inclination to drive that far, then have no fear. Each one of those teams will be playing in the area; just check out the full schedules online at: www.floridagrapefruitleague.com.

You can download an official guide put out by the State of Florida, or they'll even send

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Senior Airman Zachary C. Gosteli
6th Logistics Readiness Squadron



Job Title: Vehicle maintenance apprentice.

Hometown: Divernon, Ill.

Short-term goals: Finish my Community College of the Air Force degree.

Long-term goals: Get my bachelor's degree and go to officer training school.

Advice to others: You get back what you put in.

Role models and why: My grandfather, Roger Gosteli, served his country, provided for his family, and became a successful businessman through integrity and excellence.

BEEES

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potential-exposure to hazardous materials, which assist doctors in identifying occupational illness and injuries at the first sign of symptoms.

Now that you know more about whom and what your BEEs do, feel free to impress us with your new knowledge during your next time gas mask fit test. It won't necessarily help the test be completed faster, but it will make for great conversation and show appreciation for these wonderful hard working professionals!

For more, ccontact Capt. Carolyn Jensen at 827-9570.

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one to you at no cost. Inside the guide, you can get easy directions to each ballpark, ticket prices and website/telephone numbers for purchasing tickets.

Just to get you thinking about your next baseball road trip, here's a quick reference chart for each team and how far each one is from MacDill. So break out the GPS, load up the family and take advantage of one of the great traditions of the sports world!

Team	League	Division	Stadium and Address	City	Miles from MacDill
New York Yankees	American	East	George M. Steinbrenner Field 1 Steinbrenner Drive	Tampa	9
Philadelphia Phillies	National	East	Bright House Networks Field 601 N. Old Coachman Road	Clearwater	22
Toronto Blue Jays	American	East	Florida Auto Exchange Stadium 373 Douglas Avenue	Dunedin	28
Pittsburgh Pirates	National	Central	McKechnie Field 1611 Ninth Street West	Bradenton	43
Detroit Tigers	American	Central	Joker Marchant Stadium 2125 North Lake Avenue	Lakeland	44
Baltimore Orioles	American	East	Ed Smith Stadium 2700 12th Street	Sarasota	55
Atlanta Braves	National	East	Champion Stadium ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex 700 Victory Way	Kissimmee	78
Houston Astros	National	Central	Osceola County Stadium 631 Heritage Parkway	Kissimmee	86
Tampa Bay Rays	American	East	Charlotte Sports Park 2300 El Jobean Road	Port Charlotte	93
Washington Nationals	National	East	Space Coast Stadium 5800 Stadium Parkway	Viera	136
Boston Red Sox	American	East	JetBlue Park 11581 Daniels Parkway Hammond Stadium	Fort Myers	140
Minnesota Twins	American	Central	at Lee County Sports Complex 14100 Six Mile Cypress Parkway	Fort Myers	141
New York Mets	National	East	Digital Domain Park 525 NW Peacock Blvd	Port St. Lucie	162
Miami Marlins	National	East	Roger Dean Stadium 4751 Main Street	Jupiter	194
St. Louis Cardinals	National	Central	Roger Dean Stadium 4751 Main Street	Jupiter	194



MACDILL COMMUNITY



EVENTS

Friday

Boomers Bar & Grill

Friday Bash! 3-7 p.m. Bar snacks & drink specials! Guaranteed \$100 club card drawing, Bar Bingo, and DJ!

MacDill Lanes

Club Member Appreciation from 6-8 p.m. All club members and their family members bowl FREE!

Saturday

SeaScapes Beach House

Continental Breakfast by the Bay from 7-9 a.m. All guest \$5.95. Club Members & Family Camp Residents FREE. Spouse of Club Member \$4.95.

Monday-Friday

Surf's Edge Club

Global Tastes Lunch Buffet from 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Cost \$8. Mon: Latin Tue: Special Buffet Mardi Gras Wed: Asian Thu: Mexican Fri: Americana

Base Library

Teen Tech Week! 3-5 p.m. Mon: Slide Show Tue: Visual Letters Wed: Internet Scavenger Hunt Thu: Fanfiction Fri: Audiobook

Thursday

Airman & Family Readiness Center

Career by Design for 1-4 p.m. This workshop helps people assess and define career interest, values, motivation skills and career goals using interactive exercises and tools to aid in long-term goal planning and career fulfillment.

For more information please visit our website at www.macdill-fss.com



Courtesy photo

Scout's honor!

Members of the Wolf Den from MacDill Cub Scout Pack 56 recently had the opportunity to meet with Tampa Mayor, Bob Buckhorn. The scouts met the mayor at his office and spent about 30 minutes talking candidly with him and asking questions about his job. The meeting with the mayor fulfilled an achievement which required the scouts to visit an important place in their community, such as an historic or government location. (Left to right) Jackson Hodges, Bryson Hodges, Lucas Barnes, the mayor, Anderson Hodges, Cole Patrick Wright, and David Green.



Protestant services

Sunday - 9 a.m. - Praise Worship Service
9:30 a.m. - FAMCAMP Service (Bldg 2017)
12 p.m. - Gospel Service

Islamic services

Friday - 1:30 p.m. - Prayer Service

For all other faith inquiries or to view upcoming event information, call the Chapel at 828-3621 or visit the website at www.macdill.af.mil/macdillchapel

Catholic services

Saturday - 4:30 p.m. - Confession
5:30 p.m. - Mass

Sunday - 10:30 a.m. - Mass

Monday to Thursday: 12:10 p.m. - Mass



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