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Get the winning spirit

Team MacDill is within striking distance of taking the lead in the Air Mobility Command MatchUP 2009 base race. Every active duty, civilian and mission partner can help by registering at least two game pieces, and more is even better. You could win \$10,000.



COMMENTARY



Bloom where you are planted!

by **Col. Lawrence Martin**
6th Air Mobility Wing commander

We're seeing a lot of new faces around MacDill AFB this month. And they aren't our annual migration of fam campers. It's June, and our military PCS season is cranking up to bring us new folks in all areas of the base. Look around you -- in your squadron, in your unit, in your command. How many new faces do you see? And, most importantly, what do you do? Hopefully you're one of those friendly faces who make a positive difference in how our new people perceive their new home.....

Julia and I are often asked two things by our civilian friends. How many times have you moved (12 and counting), and how do you make these moves work? The simple truth is, we military folk thrive wherever we go; we bloom wherever we get planted because the "soil," our environment, our community, helps us make these difficult transitions easier. In our family, we call it making lemonade from lemons. Wherever we move, we look for the sweet instead of the sour. In Hawaii, we were far

from friends and family; however, we discovered rainbows and ocean runs. In Kansas, although the winters were desolate, we found wonderful neighbors and friends (ones we still keep in touch with)! Last year when I was on a remote, we all made lemonade (we just had to work a little harder). Julia and the boys moved back to her home to be close to her family, but she found a new military family, too, as the people of Little Rock Air Force Base adopted them. Meanwhile, I had the opportunity to help build a base, to lead phenomenal Airmen, and to fly.

We all depend upon our military friends to make moves work. We call friends who've lived where we are going to find out about neighborhoods, schools and commute times. We rely on sponsors we've never met to help us secure lodging, find rentals, deliver hot meals and watch Fluffy and Fido. Due to the nature of our transient lives, we only rarely get to return any favors directly to the giver; instead, we step up to help other military families and do for them just what has been done for us. We do this so often for each other, we



Col. Lawrence Martin

never think twice about the "effort," nor do we find what we do unusual.

On the more formal end, we also have some great resources to make transitions smoother. We have information at our base website (www.macdill.af.mil) and at our Airman and Family Readiness Centers (located on MacDill AFB 813-828-0145 and in Brandon 813-655-9281) on reintegration; financial management; planning your move; finding employment, homes and schools, and generally getting

settled in Tampa Bay.

What makes your move and new home good or bad? You do. Bloom where you are planted. The soil is especially good right here. Those who came before us have cultivated it well by giving to the local communities, by retiring here, by enriching the lives of others. We have a responsibility to sow even more seeds of friendship and create truly sweet lemonade....right here. It WILL make a difference – in your life and in the life of someone else.



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Photo by Senior Airman Angela Ruiz

Col. James Howe, 6th Maintenance Group commander, hands the 6th Maintenance Operations Squadron's unit flag to Maj. Benjamin Retzinger during a change of command ceremony at Hangar 1 June 23. The flag being passed to the individual assuming command is a symbolic tradition and a part of military history.

Meet the new 6 MOS commander

Major Benjamin D. Retzinger

New 6th Maintenance Operations Squadron commander

1) What do you expect of the Airmen under your command?

I think all Airmen must display loyalty – To America, to the Air Force and its core values, to their unit and the Airmen they serve with.

2) Who are your favorite leaders and role models?

Two people that I really try to emulate and learn from are my father and Vince Lombardi.

3) What does it mean to you to be new 6 MOS commander?

It's a great honor to be the 6 MOS commander and I am looking forward to the opportunity to serve – my country, the Air Force, and my unit.

4) When you hold your first commander's call what is the first thing you are going to tell your Airmen?

Most likely "Good morning." Then I'll remind all Airmen to never pass up the opportunity to do something right.

5) What are your thoughts about MacDill and living in Tampa?

So far I'm excited to be living and working at such an outstanding base in a beautiful and supportive community.



How safe are we?

You be the judge; AFCAST survey wraps up June 29

by Lt. Col. Jason Wolf

6th Air Mobility Wing chief of safety

As I watched the Penguins defeat the Redwings in the final games of the Stanley Cup playoffs this year, the merits of ice hockey and the game's similarities to many Air Force campaigns became clear: go in with a sound strategy, fight for every possession, and play the game with energy and determination. Hockey's two period breaks allow a chance for coaches and players to evaluate their strategy, boost their energy, and prepare to fight again. The Penguins showed they could execute these tenants better than any other team, and have Lord Stanley's Cup in their possession for the coming year as their prize.

As we near the end of the first period of this year's 101 Critical Days of Summer campaign, Team MacDill has a chance to evaluate our strategy, breathe new energy into the safety campaign, and prepare to fight every hazard to our Airmen during this important effort. As a vehicle in this push, every Airman is asked to have their voice heard via the Air Force Culture Assessment Safety Tools Survey (AFCAST). This survey is comprised of several 5-minute questionnaires which seek to analyze our safety culture, including attitudes, perceptions, and practices. At a minimum, each unit's surveys include a "discipline-specific" section (Operations, Maintenance, or Support) and an off-duty/recreation activities section, so important during these summer months. Other unit surveys may include DUI awareness, Voluntary Protection Program, and Motorcycle safety for riders/operators. Survey takers' identities are protected during the questionnaires, allowing open, honest feedback. At a minimum, AFCAST will make you think more critically as you work and as you approach your weekend activities. Equally as important, the aggregate results will help commanders and supervisors at all levels assess how our organization is doing, and allow them to revector our efforts through the remainder of the summer safety campaign. Right now, the score is

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Photo by Senior Airman Nancy Hooks

Members of various 6th Air Mobility Wing units cut the ribbon for their newly renovated building June 19. Work began in September 2008, wrapping up last month. The renovation allowed several units to share space in the new, larger facility.

Wing busy preparing for UCI excellence

by Nick Stubbs

Thunderbolt editor

There are a couple of ways to do things: the easy way, and the right way, and new Airmen who have not come to appreciate that old saw are getting an education from their seniors, as Unit Compliance Inspection preparations are in full swing.

Scheduled for Aug. 3 through 11, a team of Air Force inspectors will descend on MacDill, going through the 6th Air Mobility Wing's units with a uncompromising eye for detail and armed with a checklist that rivals a small city's phone book.

How will the Wing perform is a matter of preparation, and if you ask around, some, like Master Sgt. Fitzroy Howe, who along with Tech. Sgt. Kristi Cooley, is spearheading the preparation efforts for the 6th Security Forces Squadron, will tell you: "We'll be ready."

Emergency response and being first responders is a key element of the Security Forces role, so there is a lot of preparation emphasis in



Photo by Senior Airman Angela Ruiz

Senior Airman Danny Wilson, 6th Communications Squadron, thumbs through folders in preparation for the upcoming UCI.

those areas, said Sergeant Howe. But administrative chores and documentation are not forgotten, and the squadron has been focused on those areas, as well.

"It's a combination of things and while we still have some work to do (preparing), we will be ready when the inspectors have boots on the

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tied, and the first period is over. Don't let this chance to communicate directly with your coaches slip away!

The AFCAST surveys are available online at www.AFCAST.org through Monday, June 29. Additional details on unit-specific questionnaires and survey codes can be obtained through your unit safety representatives, unit commanders, or by calling Wing Safety at 828-3383.

Diamond Sharp

Staff Sergeant Carlos Angell Joint Communications Support Element



Job Title: Voice Over IP technician

Home town: Hayneville, GA

Short-term goals: Get a deployment with the unit.

Long-term goals: Finish my four-year degree.

Advice to others: Be diligent.

Role model (s): My dad, for always saying I can accomplish whatever I want.

Why did you join?: To take care of my family.



Think ahead to plan for end-of-year closeout purchases

With the end of the fiscal year just about 90 days away, don't forget to coordinate with the 6 Contracting Squadron for your end of year purchases. Below are the deadlines to submit requests:

Jul 3

- Service recurring requirements (rentals and PMAs) Commodities/Supplies \$100,000 - \$2,000,000
- Begin submitting Planning BVJs for GPC

Jul 31

- Services up to \$100,000

Aug 14

Commodities/Supplies under \$100,000

Contracting Squadron contacts

- Specialized Flight – CENTCOM/SOCOM/JCSE/SOCCENT
Edward “Jerry” Simmons, 828-4783
- Performance Management Flight – Civil Engineers and Avon Park
Sahin “Turk” Sonmez 828-7454
- Base Support Flight – 6th Air Mobility Wing units and other Tenants
Ronald Music 828-4784
- Government Purchase Card
Regina Height 828-7457
- Closeout Monitor

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"Boss & Buddy Night"
starting at
3:30 pm!



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We're looking for the BEST VOCALIST in AMC!

Enter the Base Level AMC Icon Competition

Friday, 10 July • 5 pm at the Surf's Edge Club

Your Vocal Talents Could Win You \$500!

Command Finals held Thursday, 22 October at AMC HQ, Scott AFB, IL where **YOU COULD WIN \$1,000!**

SIGN UP NOW! Log onto: <http://www.amcsys.com/AMC%20ICON2009.html>

Fax back your "Letter of Intent" to B2B-2587. For more information, contact Wendy Foster at B2B-3055

CALLING ALL FANS!

Come out & cheer on your favorite contestant!

Happy Hour Kick-Off at 4 pm - Cash Bar: \$2.50 Domestic • \$3 House Cocktails • \$2.00 House Wine

Complimentary Hors d'oeuvres Buffet for A Club Members • \$5 for Spouse/Non-Members

Meet the Celebrity Judges!



"Charley Becher"
TV personality from Fox 13



"Chad Brock"
Country Music Singer &
DJ for WQYK 99.5



"Gordie" Radio personality
from Orlando & the
Freak Show on Wild 98.7

MATCH UP

**Game Pieces to
ALL that Attend!**

Note: Base-level contest open to all Active Duty military and other authorized Services patrons 18 yrs & over. However, only AD AF Force members are eligible to advance to the command final.

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NEW!

Boss & Buddy Night!

Friday, 10 July • Fun begins at 3:30 pm at the Surf's Edge Club

Stop by the club... Bring your boss, bring your buddy, bring your entire office!

Coordinated by the MacDill Wing Top III Association

Hors d'oeuvres Buffet from 3:30-4:30 pm

AF Club Members: FREE* *Must show valid club card (Spouses: \$3; Non-Members: \$5)

Sign Up Today to be a Member & Receive FREE Dues for 60 Days! (Free Dues to E1-E3)



Summer heat can be brutal; here's how to win the battle

Tips to stay cool (Part III of III)

by Senior Airman Tania Reid
6th Air Mobility Wing Public Affairs

The state of Florida is known for its sub tropical climate but when the temperatures rise around the summertime, scorching heat results. Older people and children are affected the most by the high temperatures during these 101 Critical Days of Summer. If tempted to work outdoors there are ways to prevent heat exhaustion and overheating.

The consumer energy center members report there are other things to do and avoid during this season. Some of these things activities include:

Stay indoors and, if at all pos-

sible, stay in an air-conditioned place. If your home does not have air conditioning, go to the shopping mall or public library-even a few hours spent in air conditioning can help your body stay cooler when you go back into the heat. Call your local health department to see if there are any heat-relief shelters in your area.

Electric fans may provide comfort, but when the temperature is in the high 90s or above, fans will not prevent heat-related illness. Taking a cool shower or bath, or moving to an air-conditioned place is a much better way to cool off.

Drink lots of cool, non-alcoholic fluids. If you're exercising or working, drink 2 to 4 glasses of water an hour. If you lose a lot of fluid on a hot day, sports drinks are

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Great non-alcoholic drinks for summer

Aqua Fresca

INGREDIENTS:

4 cups drinking water
2 cups fresh fruit
1/4 cup sugar
2 teaspoons lemon or lime juice
lime or lemon wedges for garnish



PREPARATION:

In a blender combine water and fruit. Puree until smooth. Pour mixture through a sieve into a pitcher or serving container. Stir in lemon or lime juice and sugar. Add additional sugar to taste. Garnish with a lemon or lime wedge.

Virgin Piña Colada

INGREDIENTS:

1 cup pineapple juice
1 cup crushed pineapple
1/2 cup coconut milk (canned or fresh)
juice from one lime
ice to top of blender



PREPARATION:

Blend ingredients until ice is slushy. Pour into frosted glasses and enjoy immediately.

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preferred over water because they will replenish sodium.

Check with your doctor if you have health problems that require you to limit fluid intake or you're taking diuretics - ask him/her how much you should drink while the weather is hot.

Don't wait until you're thirsty to drink. Drink more fluids (nonalcoholic) regardless of your activity level. Don't rely upon thirst as an indicator of your need for water; it's not reliable in very high heat.

Don't drink liquids that contain caffeine, alcohol, or large amounts of sugar - these actually cause you to lose more body fluid. Also, avoid very cold drinks, because they can cause stomach cramps.

Avoid hot foods, and keep meals light. Foods (like proteins) that in-

crease metabolic heat production also increase water loss (the body has to work harder - and use more blood - to digest heavy foods).

NEVER leave anyone in a closed, parked vehicle. Certainly don't leave children or pets in a vehicle, even for "a few minutes." Heat builds up rapidly to exceptionally high temperatures in a closed vehicle, and it doesn't take much exposure to make children or pets very ill.

Pay attention to the warning signs of heat exhaustion:

- Red, hot sweaty skin, cramps, lightheadedness and fatigue will occur long before heatstroke.
- Get out of the heat immediately and seek medical attention before serious harm is done.



Rodeo team ready to conquer, bring trophy home again

by Senior Airman Tania Reid

6th Air Mobility Wing Public Affairs

The Air Mobility Command Rodeo team competition is just under a month away and Team MacDill's preparation is in full swing. With the "best of the best" aircrew, maintenance and security forces teams chosen the trophy is within reach for the competition held at McChord AFB, Wash. from July 19-24.

Each team member selected has never competed in the event but hopes to repeat the victory MacDill had in both 2000 and 2005.

"This will be the first rodeo that I, along with my team members, have participated in," said Capt. Bryson Rintala, 6th Maintenance Group, maintenance team officer in charge. "Even though we have no experience on the team, there were many current 6 AMXS members that have competed in the past rodeo competitions."

"It is known that the best way to score well during the competition is for the team members to work hard, maintain a positive attitude and stay focused on completing the technical orders from beginning to end..."

Capt. Bryson Rintala

The teams trained in their respective fields' everyday beginning May 2 and will continue until July 18 the day before they leave for the competition.

Maj. Christopher Bragdon, the rodeo team leader, said "Aircrews are preparing in air refueling and cargo loading. Maintainers are practicing for pre-flight inspections, basic post flight inspections, fuel servicing and daily operations."

"The security forces team will practice for the combat tactics course, combat weapons course, combat endurance course and the com-



Photo by Senior Airman David Minor

The MacDill Rodeo Team members showcase the KC-135R Stratotanker for the competition July 19-24. They have their sights set on bringing home the trophy once again.

bat marksman course," he added.

The team's strategies for this year were to choose the best representatives of each field. They were either hand selected by their supervisors or competed to be chosen.

"Our aircrew team began to fly exclusively on the rodeo aircraft in late May and the security forces team traveled to obstacles courses at other bases to train," said Major Bragdon.

At the obstacle course, the security force members were put to the test. They were challenged in multiple physical feats such as running with their gas mask on in their BDUs, climbing up steep walls and more, said Master Sgt. Fitzroy Howe, 6th Security Forces team leader.

While the teams have gained all the training they require to participate, there is still some fine tuning to add to the team's work ef-

fort.

"It is known that the best way to score well during the competition is for the team members to work hard, maintain a positive attitude and stay focused on completing the technical orders from beginning to end without skipping or alternating steps," said Captain Rintala.

Over the next few weeks, our team will continue to train hard and needs Team MacDill's support. To raise funds for their shirts, hats and other items, they will be helping to bag items for customers at the base commissary. The team will be located at register 13, July 2 from 12 until 7 p.m. The rodeo is a base-wide effort. Everyone can contribute to the success of the aircrew, maintainers and security forces members participating this year. So come out and support the rodeo team in their efforts to bring home the trophy.



Congratulations to all the new Tech Sergeants



Fernando Terry	Alejandro Allen	6 Communications Squadron	Nicholas William	Last Leon	6 Civil Engineer Squadron
Timothy	Andrus	6 Logistics Readiness Squadron	Sara Brad	Lubinski Manco	AFELM CENTCOM/IPE
Nikolas	Archbold	AFELM USJFCOM	Shingo Evan	Maydwell McCoy	6 Civil Engineer Squadron
Adrian	Armour	6 Maintenance Squadron	Jose Shubert	Melendez Mendez	6 Air Mobility Wing
Ryan	Aukerman	6 Logistics Readiness Squadron	William Jr.	Mendez	310th Airlift Squadron
Necola	Avery	310th Airlift Squadron	Brian	Miller	6 Medical Support Squadron
Clinton	Batchelor	6 Medical Operations Squadron	Brittany	Minton	AFELM USCENTCOM
Leslie Cora	Baxter	6 Civil Engineer Squadron	Lachaunda	Morgan	6 Operations Support Squadron
Arthur	Boss	6 Aircraft Maintenance Squadron	Wyndel	Morman	6 Medical Operations Squadron
Aleeka	Broner	6 Medical Support Squadron	Eric	Mutschlechner	6 Air Mobility Wing
Eric	Bryan	6 Force Support Squadron	Edwin	Negron	6 Medical Operations Squadron
Liberty	Castillo	AFELM USJFCOM	William	Nichols	6 Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
Dustin	Cooper	6 Aircraft Maintenance Squadron	Patrick	Oconnor	6 Operations Support Squadron
Kevin	Crisp	AFELM USJFCOM	Charles	Odle	AFELM USJFCOM
Alfredo	Davila	AFELM USCENTCOM	Tanea	Pearson	AFELM USJFCOM
Latanya	Denmon	6 Communications Squadron	Herberto	Perryman	6 Force Support Squadron
Melchor	Douglas	AFELM CENTCOM/IPE	Andre	Peters	AFELM SOCOM JIC
Eric	Dreibelbis	6 Maintenance Squadron	Shaun	Prouty	6 Security Forces Squadron
Bryan	Dufour	6 Aircraft Maintenance Squadron	Rajeev	Psota	6 Civil Engineer Squadron
Mikayle	Dupree	AFELM SOCOM JIC	Jonathan	Quast	AFELM USSOCOM DPLY
Carlos	Espada	AFELM USSOCOM DPLY	Nikki	Reed	6 Civil Engineer
Michael	Fatone	91st Air Refueling Squadron	Jason	Sawicki	6 Logistics Readiness Squadron
Marlon	Figgins	6 Logistics Readiness Squadron	Timothy	Smith	6 Security Forces Squadron
Jennifer	Gamble	6 Operations Support Squadron	Joshua	Sojot	AFELM DEF INTEL AG
Ebony	Gaskin	6 Air Mobility Wing	Zwide	Spencer	6 Medical Operations Squadron
John	Gilbert	310th Airlift Squadron	Nathan	Sprague	6 Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
Shandreka	Glanton	6 Logistics Readiness Squadron	Jeremy	Taboada	6 Civil Engineer Squadron
Leonardo	Gonzalez	AFELM SOCOM JIC	Louis	Thatch	6 Logistics Readiness Squadron
Breann Mary	Green	6 Force Support Squadron	Donovan	Thompson	6 Logistics Readiness Squadron
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Stephanie	Gregory	6 Operations Support Squadron	Willie	Wall	AFELM USCENTCOM
Teriong	Heath	6 Maintenance Squadron	Kraig	Waters	6 Logistics Readiness Squadron
Denielle	Hilliard	6 Force Support Squadron	David	Way	6 Logistics Readiness Squadron
Charles	Holbert	6 Operations Support Squadron	Kevin	Werlein	AFELM USJFCOM
James	Howell	6 Aerospace Medicine Squadron	Joseph	West	AFELM USCENTCOM
Kineta	Hudson	AFELM USJFCOM	Wesley	Woods	6 Communications Squadron
Vynasha	Johnson	6 Mission Support Group	Jason	Woolems	6 Force Support Squadron
Timothy	Jones	6 Force Support Squadron	Stacie	Zimmer	310th Airlift Squadron
Travis	Jones	91st Air Refueling Squadron			6 Medical Support Squadron
Christopher	Kisse	6 Force Support Squadron			
Jason	Koss	AFELM USJFCOM			

SPORTS



Photo by Senior Airman Nancy Hooks

Chiefs soar over eagles

Col. Jon Klaus, 6th Operations Group commander, takes a swing at the ball during the Eagles versus Chiefs softball game at the base softball fields June 19. The Chiefs won 15 to 20.

NEWS



Recruiting Team comes to MacDill

Thunderbolt staff report

More than 100 Airmen got the chance to learn how they can mold civilians into Airmen during a Special duty briefing held at the Base Theater June 18.

The briefing was conducted by Senior Master Sgt. John Bryant, Recruiting Team superintendent from the Air Education Training and Command in Randolph AFB, Texas.

He said that special duty assignments were open for Air Force active duty applicants' senior airman and above.

Applications are being accepted for Military Training Instructors and Leaders, recruiters, Professional Military Education Instructors and Training Instructors.

"We had an outstanding turnout and Sergeant Bryant had some valuable information on all the special duties programs the Air Force has to offer," said Master Sgt. Donald Clark. "Airmen who were not able to attend need not wait for the next visit to apply for a special duty"

For more information on how to apply or meet the requirements call Master Sgt. Donald Clark, 6th Force Support Squadron career assistance advisor at 828-1229 or email him at *Donald.clark1@macdill.af.mil*.

ground,” he said.

Sergeant Howe said there are 23 functional areas on which Security Forces will be rated. The importance of the job during an emergency makes it a critical element of the Wing, but Team MacDill is an alloy of many, including the 6th Maintenance

Squadron. It will get a sort of double-whammy during the inspections, as not only will it be subjected to the UCI, but also the Logistics Standardization and Evaluation Program. The LSEP evaluates the methods and procedures maintenance personnel employ for the various

jobs within the unit, and they demonstrate by doing.

“The LSEP inspectors want to see you doing it,” said Chief Master Sgt. Tyrone Schmidt, who is a lead in the preparation for the upcoming inspections.

That involves evaluators looking over the

shoulder or Airmen doing their jobs, which can be a bit unnerving for some, he said.

“We focus a lot of getting them (unit personnel) ready and comfortable with having someone hovering right over them while they are working,” said Sergeant Schmidt. “We’re do-

ing well getting ready, and we’re uncovering areas we can be better at and making adjustments.”

“On track,” is how Paul Chong, 6th Force Support Squadron superintendent and UCI coordinator describes his unit’s preparation for the inspection.

The squadron is

running a UCI check list, as well as an extensive self check list to get ready, said Mr. Chong.

“Documentation is key,” said Mr. Chong. “The IGs are ‘show me’ kind of people; they want you to be able to back up what you say.”

That documentation will be there and at the ready, he said.

“For the 6th Communications Squadron, the inspections are intensive,” said Senior Master Sgt. Torrance McGee, element chief and UCI coordinator. The squadron is using a 5,000-question check list to prepare, and it does double duty of drilling personnel not only on the UCI checks, but also Air Force Instructions. Sergeant McGee, along with fellow coordinators: First Lt. Gilburto Perez, quality assurance; Master Sgt. Elizabeth Guse, unit fitness manager; Master Sgt. Brent Thiery, 6 CS focal point; and Tech. Sgt. Angela Saunders, unit training manager; want personnel to be able to address all questions they inspectors may ask.

“If the inspectors ask it, we’ll be ready to answer,” said Sgt. McGee. “Our goal is to score another ‘outstanding.’”

BRIEFS



Community Yard Sale

There will be a community wide yard sale throughout the Harbor Bay Base Family Housing here June 27 and 28 from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. All are invited to come out and find great deals. For more information contact Amanda Weeks, community manager at (813)840-2600.

Writing Clinic

The Legal Office hosts a writing clinic on the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month in room 120 of the Education Center from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. and

is open to everyone. For more information contact Colleen Otero at 828-9289.

AMC Icon 2009

The Air Mobility Command Icon competition is back and looking for the best vocalist! MacDill's winner will receive \$500! Do you have what it takes? The competition will be held at the Surf Edge Club Friday, July 10 at 5 p.m. For more information and to sign up, log onto: <http://www.amcsvs.com/AMC%20ICON2009.html> for complete rules or call market-

ing at 828-3055.

Active Duty AF Marathon Team Members Needed

The 13th Annual AF Marathon will be on 19 Sep 09 at Wright-Patterson AFB, (Dayton) OH. AMC will again sponsor an active duty team comprised of both male and female runners representing various age groups who compete in the full marathon. Team members will be selected from the submitted AF Form 303. All others interested in competing in the

AF Marathon are encouraged to do so at their own expense. The USAF Marathon, Half Marathon, and 10K are held on Sept 19, 2009 and the 5K race is held on Sept 18, 2009 at Wright State University. AMC/A1 POC is Capt Charles Day, DSN, 779-0680.

Legal Voting Residence

Your legal voting residence address (block 3 of the Federal Post Card Application FPCA, SF- 76 helps determine the type of ballot a local election official sends to you.

So even if the home has been sold, rented or is no longer there because the site has been redeveloped, the address continues to be your legal voting residence for voting purposes as long as you continue claiming that state as your legal voting residence. Determining a voting residence is a concern to many. Some citizens do not know where they should be voting and what state they should claim as their home of legal voting residence. Note: If you have questions determining your state of legal

residence for voting purposes, you should consult with your legal counsel.

DAD 101 class

There will be a DAD 101 class Friday, July 17 from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. The class will be held in the Mental Health Conference room which is located on the second floor of the MacDill Medical Clinic. The class will be for expecting DADS- no expecting mothers allowed! The dress is informal thus you are not required to wear your uniform. To sign up for the class please call 827-9172 or John Navarro at 727-827-9172

New Commissary hours

The MacDill AFB Commissary has new operating hours since Nov. 2008 for our patrons' convenience. Our doors will be open at 6 a.m. until 7 p.m. from Monday through Friday for self-checkout services and normal services with operating registers begin at 8:30 until 7 p.m. For more information please call 828-8587.

MACDILL COMMUNITY



EVENTS

Friday

Meet the Rays

Stop by Grow Financial Credit Union on Florida Keys Avenue today starting at 11 a.m. to meet Tampa Bay Rays center fielder Ben Zobrist and players and enjoy a free barbecue lunch.

Saturday

Community Yard Sale

Get out and find some great deals at the Community Yard Sale throughout Harbor Bay Base Family Housing Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m.! Call Amanda Weeks at (813)840-2600 for more info.

Sunday

Community Yard Sale

Get out and find some great deals at the Community Yard Sale throughout Harbor Bay Base Family Housing Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m.! Call Amanda Weeks at (813)840-2600 for more info.

Monday

MDSS Change of Command

Come join the men and women of the 6th Medical Support Squadron welcome their new squadron commander Monday, June 29 at 9 a.m. at the Bayshore Club. Call 827-9440 for more information.

Base Pool

The base pool will close June 29, reopening July 3.

Wednesday

Wing Recognition/Promotion

It's time to congratulate our monthly promotees! Stop by the Surf's Edge Club at 4 p.m. to congratulate all of the July promotees. Call 828-1445 for more information.



Photo by Master Sergeant Mark Borosch

Airman 1st Class Adam Rogers, from the 6th Maintenance Squadron, removes the production brake on a KC-135 Stratotanker during an ISO Chronal Inspection. The inspections are done periodically to ensure the tankers are mission ready and safe.

CHAPEL SCHEDULE

Protestant services

Sunday - 9 a.m., Traditional Service

10:30 a.m., Religious Education, Noon, Gospel Service

Tuesday - Noon, Promise Keepers

Wednesday - 10:30 a.m., Women of the Chapel

Thursday - 11:30 a.m., Officers' Christian Fellowship

For more information regarding the Chapel or Chapel services, call 828-3621.

Catholic services

Saturday - Mass, 5:30 p.m.

Sunday - Mass, 10:30 a.m.

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

Saturday - Sacrament of Reconciliation, 4:30 p.m., (or by appointment)

Jewish and Islamic services

Call 828-3621 for information

AT THE MOVIES

\$4 for adults / \$2 for children 828-2780

Friday - 7 p.m.
Angels and Demons
(PG-13)

Saturday - 3 p.m.
The Battle for Terra
(PG)

Saturday - 7 p.m.
The Soloist (PG-13)