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Photo by Airman 1st Class Tori Schultz

Children play on an obstacle course during a base picnic at MacDill Air Force Base, June 27. The 6th Force Support Squadron provided a variety of child-friendly entertainment to include a magician, games and a giant water slide.

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# COMMANDER'S CORNER



## 40th anniversary of the all-volunteer force

by **Chuck Hagel**

U.S. secretary of defense

Forty years ago today, the Department of Defense implemented one of the most consequential and far-reaching changes in the history of America's armed forces with the establishment of the all-volunteer force.

**"It's because of their sense of duty that the American military remains the most trusted institution in our society today." — Chuck Hagel**

In commemorating the birth of our modern military, we recognize and thank the millions of men and women and their families who have served our country – on active duty, in the re-

serves, and in the National Guard. Skeptics and detractors claimed an all-volunteer force could not be sustained, but these remarkable Americans proved otherwise. They helped win the Cold War, stood against aggression in the Persian Gulf, kept peace in the Balkans, and put their lives on the line in Iraq and Afghanistan in the years since 9/11. They choose to serve our country because they believe in a cause that is bigger than themselves. They've always put the interests of the nation first, as have their families. It's because of their sense of duty that the American military remains the most trusted institution in our society today.

Our all-volunteer force faces challenges. It will need to rebalance, adapt, and evolve, as it has over the last 40 years. America's all-volunteer force will continue to make our military the strongest, most capable, and most respected fighting force in the history of the world.



**Chuck Hagel**

### 6th Air Mobility Wing shout-outs

Tech. Sgt. Ricky Osborne, 310th AS flight engineer, recently returned from a deployment to Afghanistan, where his quick thinking and expertise were on display.

While there he represented MacDill Air Force Base, the 310th AS and its first distinguished visitor deployment by supporting the commander of the International Security Assistance Force. While deployed, Osborne flew 88 sorties for a total of 65 combat hours. Most recently, Osborne discovered a malfunction on his C-37A air-

craft main entry door prior to the arrival of his passenger—the commander of the U.S. Northern Command. He immediately coordinated with his crew and maintenance personnel to arrange the diversion of a lower priority mission to replace their aircraft, which kept the mission from being canceled.

Osborne's coordination and precise diagnosis of the correct part to repair the aircraft proved invaluable, as the broken aircraft was repaired within minutes of the parts' arrival.



### COMMANDER'S ACTION LINE

**The Action Line provides two-way communication between the 6th Air Mobility Wing commander and the MacDill community. A 24-hour recording service is provided so personnel may submit questions, concerns or comments. Call the Action Line at 828-INFO (4636) or email [macdillwingcommander@us.af.mil](mailto:macdillwingcommander@us.af.mil).**

### Commander's vision

To view Col. Scott DeThomas' remarks on his vision for MacDill AFB, go to [www.macdill.af.mil](http://www.macdill.af.mil) and then click on "Col. DeThomas' priorities, mission, and expectations video" in the upper left corner.

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# WEEK IN PHOTOS



Photo by Senior Airman Melanie Bulow-Kelly

Col. James Hodges, 6th Mission Support Group commander, provides final remarks during the 6th MSG Dining Out ceremony at MacDill Air Force Base, June 21. The ceremony also served as a farewell for Hodges, as he prepares to depart for his next command.



Photo by Senior Airman Melanie Bulow-Kelly

Col. Barry Roeper, 6th Maintenance Group commander, presents the 6th Maintenance Squadron guidon to the new commander, Maj. Robert Ryder, during the 6 AMXS change of command ceremony at MacDill Air Force Base, June 28.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Tori Schultz

Col. Scott DeThomas, 6th Air Mobility Wing commander, presents Col. Matthew Molineux, 6th AMW vice commander, the Legion of Merit award at MacDill Air Force Base, June 24. Molineux received the award for his outstanding services and achievements.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Tori Schultz

Col. Robert Rocco, 6th Medical Group commander and members from the 6th MDG gather for the ribbon cutting of the new loading dock overhang at MacDill Air Force Base, June 25. The overhang was built to keep the loading dock area cool during the hot summer days.





## 2012 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report complete

Prepared by the Florida Governmental Utility Authority

We are pleased to present to you this year's Annual Water Quality Report. This report is designed to inform you about the quality water and services we deliver to you every day.

We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water. If you have any questions or concerns about the information provided in this report, please feel free to contact us.

### Where your water comes from

The David L. Tippin Water Treatment Facility produces the City of Tampa's drinking water and is the sole source of drinking water for MacDill Air Force Base. The primary source of water for the DLTWTF is the Hillsborough River. Water treatment at the DLTWTF includes: coagulation and flocculation, sedimentation and filtration, ozonation, pH adjustment, fluoridation and disinfection. During the dry season, the city also purchases water from Tampa Bay Water. This is supplied from groundwater, surface water and desalinated seawater supplies.

To better control disinfectant residual levels, the Florida Governmental Utility Authority uses calcium hypochlorite and aqueous ammonia to form the chloramine compounds that supplement the disinfectant residual provided by the City of Tampa and required by state and federal regulation.

### How we ensure your drinking water is safe

The FGUA's MacDill Water System is routinely monitored for contaminants in your drinking water according to federal and state laws, rules and regulations. Except where indicated otherwise, this report is based on the results of our monitoring for the period of Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2012. Data obtained before Jan. 1, 2012, and presented in this report is from the most recent testing done in accordance with the laws, rules and regulations.

As authorized and approved by the Environmental Protection Agency, the state has reduced monitoring requirements for certain contaminants

to less often the once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from one year to another. As a result some of our data is more than one year old.

### How to read the table

In the table at the end of this article, you may find unfamiliar terms and abbreviations. To help you better understand these terms we've provided the following definitions:

**Action level or AL** – The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

**Maximum contaminant level or MCL** – The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology

**Maximum contaminant level goal or MCLG** – The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

**Maximum residual disinfectant level or MRDL** – The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

**Maximum residual disinfectant level goal or MRDLG** – The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

**ppm** – Parts per million or milligrams per liter is one part by weight of analyte to one million parts by weight of the water sample.

**ppb** – Parts per billion or micrograms per liter is one part by weight of analyte to one billion parts by weight of the water sample.

### Additional health information

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As wa-

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**Settlement of estate**

Lt. Col. Collin Gilbert, commander of the 6th Logistics Readiness Squadron, regrets to announce the death of Tech. Sgt. Caleb D. Bennett, formerly assigned to the 6th Logistics Readiness Squadron. Capt. Allen Batiste has been appointed as the summary court officer to handle the disposition of personal property of Sgt. Bennett. Anyone indebted to or having a claim against the estate of Sgt. Bennett should contact Capt. Batiste at 813-828-1433 or allen.batiste@us.af.mil.

**Settlement of estate**

Lt. Col. Jason Kerr, U.S. Central Command headquarters commandant, regrets to announce the death of Sgt. Nicole Kristi Phifer, formerly assigned to CENTCOM Human Resources. Capt. Dan McGraw has been appointed as the summary court officer to handle the disposition of the personal property of Phifer. Anyone indebted to or having a claim against the estate of Phifer should contact McGraw at DSN 651-3077 or COMM (813) 529-3077.



# WATER

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ter travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

(A) Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.

(B) Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.

(C) Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses.

(D) Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.

(E) Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

## How to reach us

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact the FGUA's MacDill Utility Operations Center at 828-3984 or visit our web site at <http://www.fgua.com>. The FGUA office at MacDill is open from 7:30 a.m. until 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The FGUA encourages its customers to become involved in decisions that may affect the quality of their drinking water. Customers interested in becoming involved may attend regularly scheduled meetings of the FGUA Board of Directors. These meetings are advertised in your local newspaper and also on the FGUA's website.

STAGE 1 DISINFECTANTS AND DISINFECTION BY-PRODUCTS							
Disinfectant or Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Dates of sampling (mo./yr.)	MCL or MRDL Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Range of Results	MCLG or MRDLG	MCL or MRDL	Likely Source of Contamination
Chloramines (ppm)	Daily/2012	N	1.7	0.1 - 3.9	MRDLG = 4	MRDL = 4.0	Water additive used to control microbes
Haloacetic Acids (five) (HAA5) (ppb)	February 2012	N	18.1	18.8 - 22.3	NA	MCL = 60	By-product of drinking water disinfection
TTHM [Total trihalomethanes] (ppb)	February 2012	N	24.7	27.7 - 29.4	NA	MCL = 80	By-product of drinking water disinfection
<i>The results in the Level Detected column for Haloacetic Acids and Total Trihalomethanes are based on a running average for one quarter. The Range of Results is the range (lowest to highest) at individual sampling sites.</i>							
STAGE 2 DISINFECTANTS AND DISINFECTION BY-PRODUCTS							
Disinfectant or Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Dates of sampling (mo./yr.)	MCL or MRDL Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Range of Results	MCLG or MRDLG	MCL or MRDL	Likely Source of Contamination
Haloacetic Acids (five) (HAA5) (ppb)	May 2012, August 2012, November 2012	N	*	8.0 - 32.3	NA	MCL = 60	By-product of drinking water disinfection
TTHM [Total trihalomethanes] (ppb)	May 2012, August 2012, November 2012	N	*	22.9 - 37.9	NA	MCL = 80	By-product of drinking water disinfection
<i>* The data above reflects Stage II DBP three quarters of data and includes sample results for all monitoring locations. A fourth quarter of data is required to report a level detected.</i>							
LEAD AND COPPER (TAP WATER)							
Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Dates of sampling (mo./yr.)	AL Violation Y/N	90th Percentile Result	Exceeding the AL	MCLG	AL (Action Level)	Likely Source of Contamination
Copper (tap water) (ppm)	September 2011	N	0.98	0	1.3	1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
Lead (tap water) (ppb)	September 2011	N	3.5	1	0	15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
Turbidity - City of Tampa Water Department							





# BRIEFS



## **Museum of Science and Industry military appreciation**

Through Labor Day military members can get into the Tampa Museum of Science and Industry's permanent exhibits for free. Anyone with a military ID (active or retired) and dependents can visit <http://www.mosi.org/plan-your-visit/special-offers.aspx> for more information.

## **Tampa Museum of Art Military Appreciation Day**

All military (with ID), family members, retirees and those with a National Veterans Wheelchair Games lanyard can enter the museum free July 14. Special art activities for children will run from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The museum is open Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and is located at 120 W. Gasperilla Plaza, Tampa. For more information, visit their website at [www.tampamuseum.org](http://www.tampamuseum.org).

## **MARC book club meetings**

The MacDill Area Resilience Center Book Club had an enthusiastic showing last meet-

ing. "Calico Joe" was selected as the club's first month's read. It can be downloaded to an e-reader for free from the base library. Next meeting will be at 5 p.m. on July 25 and we'll discuss the first month's novel. "Joe" is a father-son reconciliation novel that centers on baseball in the early 1970's, so next meeting will have a baseball theme. Wear a favorite jersey or cap, and enjoy ball park goodies. For more information, contact Lt. Col. Rachelle Nowlin at [rachelle.nowlin@us.af.mil](mailto:rachelle.nowlin@us.af.mil) or 827-9529.

## **Critical Days of Summer**

The Critical Days of Summer are in full swing. The MacDill Safety Office has a goal of being "safe 'n sound—all year 'round." Work center briefs about numerous topics and driving under the influence will take place throughout the summer from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

## **Tinker summer closing**

Tinker Elementary will be closed during the summer, reopening July 29. Hours of registration will be Monday through Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 3:30

p.m. until Aug. 9. Monday-Friday operations will resume Aug. 12.

## **Commissary will close Mondays**

From July 8 through Sept. 30 the commissary will close on Mondays as a result of furloughs because of sequestration. Other days of operation remain Tuesday through Sunday.

## **PCSing overseas with a pet?**

The veterinary clinic needs to evaluate your pet at least six months before you change to an overseas duty station. Some countries require extra shots, vaccinations and a special tracking chip that the veterinary clinic must sign off on before your pet can travel with you overseas. Please do not wait until the last minute to have your pet checked out, because your pet will not be allowed to travel with you. For more information call 828-3558 or 828-3559.

## **Holiday commissary hours**

The MacDill Air Force Base Commissary will be open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on July 4, with no early bird hours.

# Trio of fun camps slated for MacDill youths

by Nick Stubbs

*Thunderbolt* editor

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The dog days of summer are anything but drab for MacDill youths, who have a host of activities to choose from courtesy of the Youth Center.

Since school let out for the summer break, the center has been holding special days and activities to keep kids productive, entertained and learning, with some of the best yet to come, said Loretta Gaines, assistant youth programs director.

Among the summer programs on the menu is the Healthy Eating and Fitness Camp July 8 through 12. For Youth Center children between 9 and 18, the camp focuses on the planning and preparation of health meals, with sessions on exercise and fitness mixed in.

“The kids will be cooking, both in the kitchen and grilling,” said Gaines. “It will be hands-on and a way for them to learn the fundamentals (of a healthy lifestyle.)”

The camp is free for Youth Center youths.

The next camp offered is strictly about fun. Children 9 to 18 can learn the art of being a disc jockey in the Youth Center DJ Camp, which will run July 22 through the 26. Children will learn how to mix and play music tracks and there will be a spin-off competition where students can show off their DJ skills. There is a \$10 fee for the DJ camp.

“That should be really fun for them (the children),” said Gaines.

The finals camp will give kids a chance to show off their acting chops, when the Missoula Children’s Theatre troupe visits MacDill Aug. 5 through the 9 to cast and stage a play featuring Youth Center children as the performers. This year’s play is the Wizzard of Oz, and children 5 to 13 are eligible for casting.

Missoula arrives with set decorations and everything else needed for a full-scale musical production, minus the cast. MCT, which has been touring for 39 years, will use 50-60 MacDill children in the show. MCT visits nearly 1,300 communities in all 50 states, three Canadian Territories and five provinces and 16 countries. Its mission is the development of life skills in children through participation in the performing arts.

Participation in the MCT production is free for Youth Center children.





# Fun in the sun

Members of Team MacDill and their families enjoy festivities at a base picnic at MacDill Air Force Base, June 27. The MacDill Day event was hosted by



Photo by Airman 1st Class Tori Schultz

Staff Sgt. Alonza Loury, 6th Force Support Squadron intramural sports director, and Airman 1st Class Alyssa Stamps, 6th Security Forces Squadron entry controller, record completion times for kayak races during a base picnic at MacDill Air Force Base, June 27. During the race, participants were required to drag kayaks down the beach before racing in the bay.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Tori Schultz

HM1 Daniel Smith, a U.S. Central Command medic corpsman, gets ready to compete during a kayak race at a base picnic at MacDill Air Force Base, June 27. Participants were required to drag kayaks down the beach before racing in the bay.





Photo by Airman 1st Class Tori Schultz

by the 6th Force Support Squadron as a get-together for Team MacDill members and a chance for families to mingle and have some fun.



Tori Schultz



Photo by Airman 1st Class Tori Schultz

Members of Team MacDill enjoy complimentary summer food favorites during a base picnic at MacDill Air Force Base, June 27. The 6th Force Support Squadron hosted an outdoor event for military members and their families that included food, live entertainment, sport challenges, and games.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Tori Schultz

Senior Airman Darrian Gordon, 6th Communications Squadron airfield system technician, prepares barbeque for a base picnic at MacDill Air Force Base, June 27. The 6th Force Support Squadron hosted an outdoor event for military members and their families that included food, live entertainment, sport challenges, and games.





## Fourth of July Holiday Weekend

### MacDill 6th FSS Operating Hours

MacDill Services	Thursday, 4 July	Friday, 5 July	Saturday, 6 July	Sunday, 7 July
<b>6th Force Support Squadron</b>				
Surf's Edge Club	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Child Development Centers	CLOSED	Combined @ CDC 2	CLOSED	CLOSED
Family Child Care	0830-1730	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Human Resources	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Resource Management	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Fitness Center	0600-1800	0600-1800	0600-1800	0600-1800
Golf Course	0630-1800	0630-1800	0630-1800	0630-1800
Golf Course Fairways Grill	0630-1500	0630-1700	0630-1500	0630-1500
Bowling Center	CLOSED	1500-2300	1500-2400	CLOSED
Information, Tickets & Travel	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Tickets Only	CLOSED	1000-1500	1000-1500	CLOSED
Library	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
SeaScapes Beach House	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Diner's Reef				
Breakfast	0630-0900	0630-0900	0630-0900	0630-0900
Lunch	1030-1330	1030-1330	1030-1330	1030-1330
Dinner	1630-1830	1630-1830	1630-1830	1630-1830
Midnight Meal	2230-0030	2230-0030	2230-0030	2230-0030
<b>Outdoor Recreation</b>				
Marina	0700-1900	0700-1900	0700-1900	0700-1900
Building 60	CLOSED	1000-1600	CLOSED	CLOSED
Skeet Range	CLOSED	0800-1400	0800-1400	CLOSED
Main Pool (Recreational)	1100-1800	1100-1800	1100-1800	1100-1800
(Adult Lap)	1800-1900	1800-1900	1800-1900	1800-1900
<b>Youth Center</b>				
Preteen	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Teen	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
School Age Program	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
<b>Arts &amp; Crafts Center</b>				
Framing & Engraving Shops	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Auto Shop	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Wood Shop	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
<b>Support Services</b>				
Military Personnel	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Civilian Personnel	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Base Education Office	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Airman & Family Readiness Cntr	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED



# You and the mosquito war

Courtesy of ENSYNC/ASTI Pest Management

Mosquitoes have a long history in Florida and in particular at MacDill Air Force Base. With dozens of species in the state, and breeding sites everywhere you look, the war begins every spring and continues into early winter.

Some of our most common species typically travel 25 miles per day, making pesticide applications ineffective and difficult. A bucket of water can breed thousands of adult mosquitoes, replenishing their ranks within only a few days.

Mosquitoes are irritating and, under the right conditions, can also carry dangerous diseases. Controlling their armies is an annual war.

## **How you can help:**

Mosquitoes have to have water in order to breed. Eliminate all possible sources of water outside. Check for bird baths, portable swimming pools, unused bbq grills, clogged gutters, or anything that can hold water. Either remove the water or change it at least weekly. Most ponds will also have fish that will consume mosquito larvae, but anything else that can hold water for several days is a potential breeding site.

You can also help by reducing your exposure. Avoid going out at times when mosquitoes are feeding, in the early morning or dusk hours. When you do go out, wear long sleeved shirts and pants. Avoid areas where mosquitoes congregate such as dense shrubbery or shade trees, and use repellants containing deet.

Children may be particularly susceptible to mosquitoes, so the same precautions apply.

If you see the fog truck approaching, move inside or into your vehicle temporarily. Although it is not prohibited, we will not intentionally fog into an occupied area.

When you notice a large number of mosquitoes, contact the agency responsible for your area.

The war on mosquitoes involves several different agencies on MacDill AFB all working hand in hand toward the common goal.

ENSYNC/ASTI Pest Management is the contractor for pest management at MacDill, and we are responsible for mosquito control over most of the base. While we do fog on the Golf Courses, Bay Palms also maintains their own equipment to apply in areas our equipment can't.

In housing areas on the base Hillsborough County Mosquito Control works with Harbor Bay to provide service to those areas.

Public Health also assists with our efforts with trapping surveillance, particularly in the event that disease vectors arrive in the area .



## Enjoy the summer responsibly

by Capt. Jeremy Pallas  
6th Medical Group

When you enjoy something you are likely to spend time, energy and money to engage in that behavior. Human behavior suggests that if we have a choice we are likely to avoid behaviors that bring us pain or discomfort. How do you enjoy something responsibly?

For instance, if you enjoy cookies or chips, common sense would suggest that you should avoid consuming an entire bag in a day. If you enjoy golf, you can't skip work every day to go hit birdies and bogeys.

Common wisdom often highlights the virtue of moderation and avoiding excess. There is nothing inherently wrong with pursuing passions or pleasures, yet at the end of the day you must reconcile the ultimate cost.

Over the summer, many choose to celebrate through backyard picnics or social gatherings where alcohol is often available. If alcohol is something you enjoy, does your use reflect moderation and responsibility?

You may be familiar with the term binge drinking, and may even have images of college parties where kegs and funnels abound in a collage of red plastic cups and beer pong. But the reality of binge drinking is far closer to home than many realize.

One in six adults binge drinks about four times a month, consuming about eight drinks per binge.

Furthermore, although college students commonly binge drink, 70 percent of binge drinking

episodes involve adults 26 and older.

Binge drinking is dangerous and entails drinking five or more drinks for males and four or more drinks for females within a short period of time, often with the intent to get drunk. At this level, a person's blood alcohol concentration is likely to be above .08.

Be aware that most alcohol-impaired drivers binge drink and most people who binge drink are not "alcoholics." Males are twice as likely than females to binge on alcohol. The social context of your drinking may increase the chances you may binge, thus be mindful of your surroundings and motivations when you consume alcohol.

Consider the costs of binge drinking and ask yourself if you are being responsible. Binge drinking is associated with motor vehicle crashes, violence against others, unintentional injuries and numerous physical health conditions. The financial costs for some are a direct result of decisions made while impaired. For example, a DUI can cost you in total about \$10,000.

The emotional costs may be associated with embarrassing photos posted on social media or managing the repercussions of social decisions made while intoxicated.

Be responsible, choose not to binge drink. If you are a parent, talk with your teenagers about what responsible drinking is, prepare them to manage peer pressure, and choose not to drink until they are 21.

If you have questions about your drinking behavior, you can contact the MacDill Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment Program at 827-9170.

**Critical Days of Summer**  
May 24 to Sept. 3

### Before you light the grill

Summer is upon us and the good times are rolling. The American Academy of Ophthalmology offers steps to prevent fireworks-related eye injuries:

- ◆ Don't handle fireworks unless you and all bystanders are wearing protective eyewear.

- ◆ Don't let young children play with fireworks. Older children should wear protective eyewear and be closely supervised by an adult.

- ◆ Make sure there are no flammable materials in the area.

- ◆ View fireworks from at least 500 feet away.

- ◆ Of course, it's better to avoid the backyard display put on by amateurs in favor of a professional public fireworks display. When you attend a professional fireworks display, follow these safety tips:

- ◆ Stay behind safety barriers.

- ◆ Don't touch unexploded fireworks: always contact local fire or police departments to help.

- ◆ Call 9-1-1 immediately if you or someone near you suffers a fireworks-related eye injury.

Let's keep it safe this holiday.





# MacDill welcomes new technical sergeants to team

MacDill Air Force Base is honored to have 43 staff sergeants selected for technical sergeant promotion this year.

## **310th Airlift Squadron**

Telisha Edwards

## **6th Aeromedical Squadron**

Cedric Parson

Rachel Reed

Christopher Shipman

Craig White

## **6th Air Mobility Wing**

Dominic Deweese

Bajame Kirby

Brian Palmer

## **6th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron**

Samuel Barnett

Michael Boylan

Kevin Bradley

Timothy Coleman

Nicholas King

Jeromy Millsap

Wayne Moore

Martin Storey

David Ward

## **6th Civil Engineer Squadron**

Keith Green

## **6th Comptroller Squadron**

Andrew Pace

## **6th Communications Squadron**

James Ebbs

Bryan Terry

## **6th Dental Squadron**

Dawn Michaelsen

## **6th Force Support Squadron**

Johnny Jackson

Jolene Storey

## **6th Maintenance Squadron**

Matthew Dowden

Aaron Morath

Nicholas Olcott

April Price

## **6th Logistics Readiness Squadron**

Moises Maramba

Falcon Ramos

Latoya Webb

## **6th Medical Operations Squadron**

Pacheco Rivera

## **6th Medical Support Squadron**

Sonja Curtis

Kent Duncan

## **6th Operations Support Squadron**

Brandon Brown

Michael Norton

Mychal Rue

## **6th Security Forces Squadron**

Michael Gisi

Shannon Hutto

Kristopher Parrish

Jaime Perez

Dmitriy Sklyar

## **91st Air Refueling Squadron**

John Brooks



# MOSQUITO

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be made aware early that disease-carrying mosquitoes are present. Knowledge of their presence also triggers an immediate ramping up of mosquito control activities in neighborhoods and surrounding areas.

Mosquitoes leave an annoying, itchy bite, but they also spread diseases like West Nile Encephalitis, Eastern Equine Encephalitis, or Saint Louis Encephalitis.

There are several other ways that mosquitoes can be controlled, and Hillsborough County and MacDill choose to fog. On base, fogging for mosquitoes employs a truck which sprays insecticide into the air. It drifts over large areas and kills mosquitoes.

Trucks are on base near sunrise and sunset to spray. When wind speeds are more than 10 mph the chemicals are not sprayed, because the chemical would not have the desired effect.

How can Team MacDill help keep the mosquito population down?

Mosquitoes need water for their eggs to survive and hatch. Changing standing water in items such as bird baths, water dishes, unattended swimming pools and buckets two times a week can help minimize where mosquitoes can lay their eggs.

In small ponds or other sources in which the water cannot be changed or drained, a fish called Gambusia can be used to reduce the mosquito population. These small, non-descript fish eat mosquitoes.

If a large population of mosquitoes is encountered, please contact pest management. For base housing and Hillsborough County, call 813-635-5400 or contact them online at [fl-hillsborough-county.civicplus.com/forms.aspx?FID=72](http://fl-hillsborough-county.civicplus.com/forms.aspx?FID=72). Anywhere else on base should call ENSYNC/ASTI Pest Management at 828-2991.





## EVENTS

### Friday

#### MacDill Lanes & Family Fun Center

Colorama Bowling – bring your friends out for a night of bowling fun and beat the house. Three games of bowling only \$15. Sign-up begins at 7 p.m. Games start at 8 p.m. Black lights, colored pin strike pots, super strike pot drawings.

### Saturday & Sunday

#### Base Pool

Recreational swimming from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Adult swim 6-7 p.m.

### July Special

MacDill Lanes & Family Fun Center

July kids bowling special \$1.50 per game and \$1 shoes.

### Tuesday-Friday

#### Base Pool

Adult Fitness Swim 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Recreational Swim 2-6 p.m. Adult Swim 6-7 p.m.

### Wednesday-Saturday

#### SeaScapes Summer Nights

Open 4-9 p.m. Evening dinner specials. Come relax and enjoy the view.

### Wednesday

#### Bay Palms Golf Complex

Wednesday Night Scramble from 5-7 p.m. \$20; \$15 for AGF card holders. Two-person scramble. Includes golf, cart, food and drink after the round and gift certificates.

### Thursday

#### Base Theater

FREE Movie. “Jack the Giant Slayer” at 5:30 p.m. Everyone welcome and feel free to bring your own food and drink.

## DIAMOND SHARP

### Staff Sgt. Juante Smith 6th Force Support Squadron



**Job Title:** Food service shift leader

**Hometown:** Tracy, Calif.

**Short-term goals:** I hope to complete my Community College of the Air Force degree and make the rank of technical sergeant.

**Long-term goals:** I want to finish my bachelor's degree and open up my own customer service business.

**Advice to others:** Play the game right and be inspiration instead of perspiration.

**Role model and why:** My role model is retired Chief Master Sgt. Juan Lewis. He clarified the things I needed to accomplish in order to succeed, both through words and actions.

**Why did you join the Air Force?:** I joined because I wanted to gain a head start in life.



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## CHAPEL SCHEDULE

### Protestant services

Sunday - 11 a.m. - Contemporary Service

### Islamic services

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

### Catholic services

Saturday - 5:30 p.m. - Mass

Sunday - 9:30 a.m. - Mass



Call the chapel at 828-3621 for more information or visit the chapel web site at <http://www.macdill.af.mil/macdillchapel>.



# NEWS/FEATURES



## Team MacDill congratulates newest Airmen Leadership School grads

The following Airmen graduated June 27, 2013, from Airmen Leadership School:

### **Awards:**

#### **Commandant Award**

Staff Sgt. George Holmes

#### **Academic Achievement Award**

Staff Sgt. Geoffrey Moshier

#### **Distinguished Graduate Award**

Staff Sgt. Geoffrey Moshier

#### **John L. Levitow Award**

Staff Sgt. Mason Olah

### **Graduates:**

#### **290th Joint Communications Support Squadron**

Staff Sgt. James Johnston

#### **6th Air Mobility Wing**

Staff Sgt. Christian Peek

#### **6th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron**

Staff Sgt. Mason Olah

#### **6th Communications Squadron**

Staff Sgt. Eugenio Henriquez

Staff Sgt. Cassidy Parker

Staff Sgt. Rebecca Sims

#### **6th Civil Engineer Squadron**

Staff Sgt. Daryl Teague

#### **6th Comptroller Squadron**

Staff Sgt. Logan Pendragon

#### **6th Logistics Readiness Squadron**

Staff Sgt. Geoffrey Moshier

Staff Sgt. John Strong

#### **6th Maintenance Squadron**

Staff Sgt. Quardarrius Fitts

Staff Sgt. Brian Kramp

Staff Sgt. Brent McCollough

Staff Sgt. Nathaniel Powers

#### **6th Maintenance Operations Squadron**

Staff Sgt. Charles Cerminaro

#### **6th Medical Operations Squadron**

Staff Sgt. Sarah Woods (Class First Sergeant)

#### **6th Operations Support Squadron**

Staff Sgt. Dorothy Zaloudek

#### **6th Security Forces Squadron**

Staff Sgt. Brett Carson (Bravo Flight cmdr)

Staff Sgt. Shadilynne Clark (class cmdr)

Staff Sgt. Marcus Dawson

Staff Sgt. Naquan Evans

Staff Sgt. George Holmes (Alpha Flight cmdr)

Staff Sgt. Kimberly Rayner

#### **US Coast Guard Cutter Crocodile**

Petty Officer 2nd Class Kevin Moore