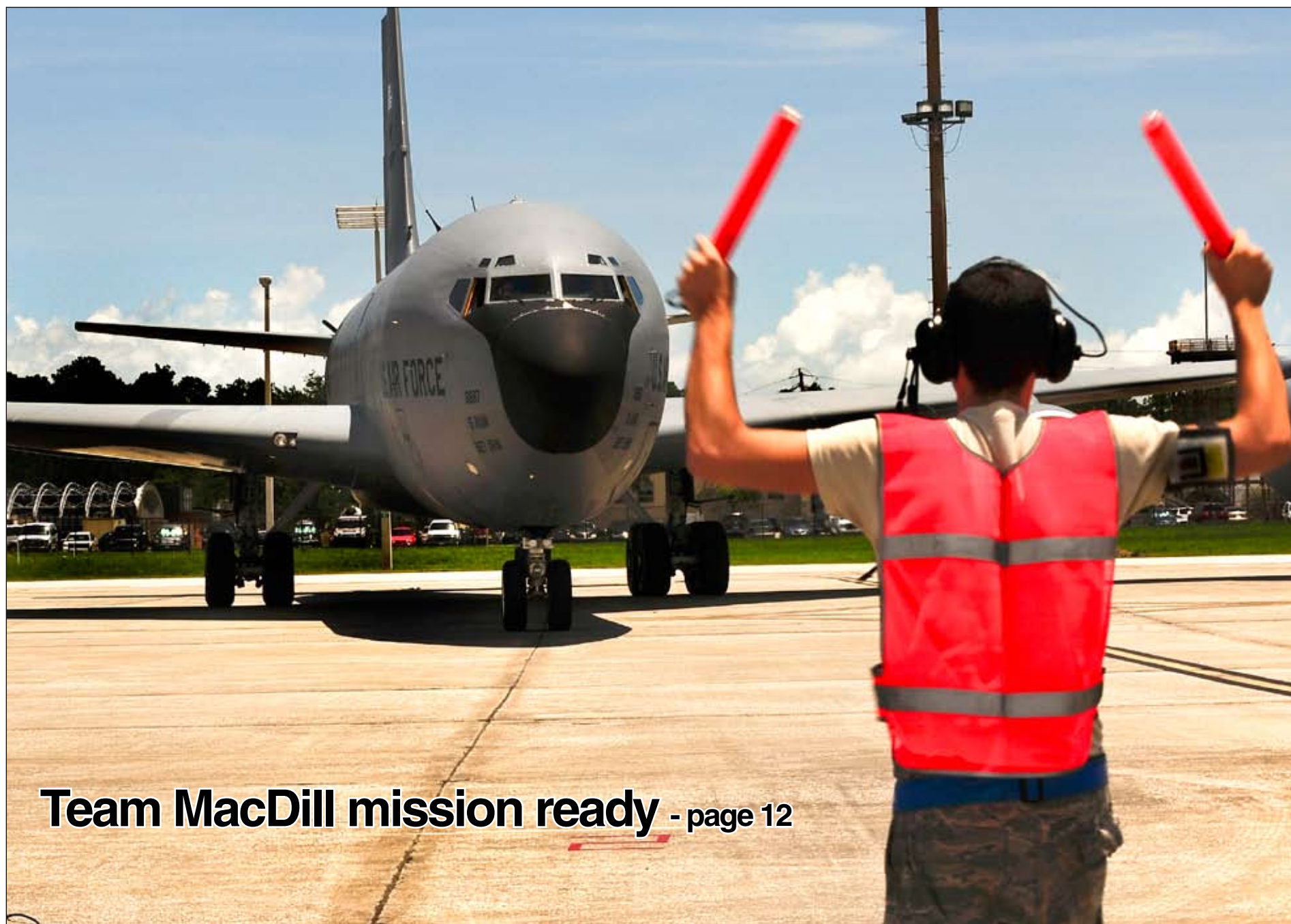


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**Team MacDill mission ready** - page 12

Photo by Staff Sgt. Angela Ruiz

Airmen from the 6th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, marshal a KC-135 to a parking spot on the flightline during a mobility exercise at MacDill Air Force Base, Fla., July 14. The mobility exercise prepares and evaluates Airman to complete the MacDill AFB mission to generate and execute air refueling, airlift and contingency response.

# COMMANDER'S CORNER



## How lucky we are to serve here; some Team MacDill standouts

by Col. Lenny Richoux

6<sup>th</sup> Air Mobility Wing commander

Did you know MacDill celebrated an anniversary last week? According to our crack historian, **Bill Polson**, we did. If you had been living in Tampa on July 14, 1939, you might have seen this headline in over-sized letters across the front page of the Tampa Tribune: "TAMPA GETS THE BIG AIR BASE." The decision the day before by the Secretary of War ended an intense competition to host what is now MacDill Air Force Base. That choice 74 years ago to build the base on Catfish Point just south of Ballast Point ultimately made Tampa an Air Force town!

It's also the reason we now enjoy serving our country in such gorgeous surroundings as part of a first-class community. If this is one of your first assignments, you may not realize how lucky you are to be here. Of the nine locations I've lived and served in during my 15 assignments, this combination of location and community is definitely tops, and there are some great ones on that list. Take advantage of what we have here. Better yet, get involved, and give back to the community that keeps giving so much to us.

There's another reason this past week has been awesome for MacDill. We welcomed our new 6th Air Mobility Wing vice commander and his family to the base and the Tampa area.

**Col. Dave Almand**, his wife **Cathy** and their sons **Travis** and **Lance** arrived safely and are getting settled. It's great to have the Almands here, and I know you all will make them feel like they're old friends.

We put Colonel Almand straight to work too. He jumped right into a fast-paced schedule including an exercise that tested a critical element of our shared mission with the 927th Air Refueling Wing. From all accounts, we knocked that one over the fence. Some thought we might be a bit rusty given the seven months that passed since our operational readiness inspection, but you performed like the IG just left yesterday.

Fantastic job by **Maj. Laura Holcomb**, 6th Logistics Readiness Squadron commander, and our Installation Deployment Officer, **Thomas Sanders**, on their well-oiled mobility machine. Hat's off as well to **Dave Cresswell** in Wing Plans and his Exercise Evaluation Team. They designed and executed a dynamic and flexible exercise that scratched all the itches even while compressing the schedule to accommodate real-world realities. First-rate effort!

Lots of people helped make this one a win, like **Staff Sgt. Ursus Vargas** from the 6th Medical Support Squadron. Vargas did a hands-on inventory of 627 line items during the run-up to the exercise. That's how you make sure medical pallets are 100 percent mission ready. And these exercises are the sorts



Photo by Airman David Tracy

**Col. Lenny Richoux** presents an outstanding sponsor award to **Tech. Sgt. Tanika Belfield** on behalf of **Staff Sgt. Angela Ruiz** at a recent newcomers reception.

of things that help us make sure we're 100 percent mission ready to carry out our nation's bidding. Well done!

Do you have an appointment at our clinic anytime soon? If you do, make sure you stop by and shake the hard-working hand of **Senior Airman Todd Lange** from the 6th Medical Support Squadron. Airman Lange's willingness to donate sweat and shoe leather to the mission cut the time needed for the clinic to conduct an annual inspection of 450 medical records from 45 days to 10.

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### COMMANDER'S ACTION LINE

The Action Line provides a 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 e-mail [macdillwingcommander@macdill.af.mil](mailto:macdillwingcommander@macdill.af.mil)



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Events, movies, more...

## New master sergeants named

Congratulations to the following individuals selected for promotion to master sergeant in this month's supplemental selection board.

### 6th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

James Elliot  
Michael Reese  
Carlos Morales

### 91st Air Refueling Squadron

Justin Konicke

### 911th Air Refueling Squadron

Aaron Ryder

### 6th Security Forces Squadron

Thomas Lowande

### 6th Operations Group

Amy Myers

### 6th Air Mobility Wing

Caren Price

## Commentary

# Attitude: It really does make a difference

by Lt. Col. Nathan Johnson

6th Medical Support Squadron

I once had a boss who told all who would listen, "Limitations Are Self-Imposed!" We heard this saying so often we often joked about it. Any challenge that we as an organization were presented with were tackled head on. The words "we can't" were replaced with "let's see how we can." After being around this boss for a year or so, most of us realized our attitudes had actually changed. I did a lot of thinking about this and I came to the conclusion that his attitude was the only variable that had changed in the equation. In other words, one individual's positive attitude influenced an entire organization.

Several times during my Air Force career, I've heard someone say, "Attitude influences altitude." Is it possible this altitude is truly linked to attitude? How do we "get" a positive attitude like this and how can we use this attitude to influence others? Could a positive attitude be a force multiplier in your work setting? I've never seen answers to these questions in a textbook, but my experience has shown eight simple things to improve our attitude.

1. The first tip is very simple. Believe in your co-workers. There will always be some who don't perform up to our expectations or standards. However, the vast majority will do wonders if given the opportunity. Plan for and expect greatness! You will be amazed at quick improvements in their attitude.

2. When conveying expectations, use positive examples and tone of voice. Remember, there is only one letter difference between "I can" and "I can't." Fertilize your workplace with "I can" attitudes.

3. Follow the golden rule; treat others as you would like to be treated. Your reputation as a leader who treats people fairly will go a long way on improving your subordinate's attitudes. A friend of mine, former LSU basketball Coach Dale Brown, said it best, "In any leadership position, the most important aspect of your job will be getting your team to work together. The underlying theme of teamwork will be your ability to convey a renewed sense of optimism. Your role as the captain will give the ship direction, purpose and ultimately success."



Lt. Col. Nathan Johnson

4. I once worked with a child psychologist. Whenever she saw someone with a less than optimal attitude, she would say, "Fake it until you make it." The thought here is by telling yourself that things are good, you start to look at the good instead of the bad. Negative attitudes spread like wildfire. Positive attitudes are the quickest way to extinguish negative attitudes.

5. Exercise, exercise, exercise. Numerous studies have shown that individuals who exercise regularly have a more positive outlook on life than their sedentary peers.

6. Get a good night's sleep. It's extremely hard to have a positive attitude while yawning all day!

7. Give back to your community. There are so many ways to do this. If you like to coach, then coach. If you like to get involved in your church, then do it. You like a clean world, then pick up some trash. Volunteerism really does improve the average person's mental state.

8. Read up on this subject. There are numerous books you can look at. A good one to start with is Norman Vincent Peale's "The Power of Positive Thinking."

These tips may not seem like much, but I challenge each and every one of you to take a close introspective look at them and how they may influence your attitude. And never forget, "Limitations are self imposed!"



## Almand takes over as 6th AMW vice commander

by Master Sgt. Bryan Gatewood  
6th Air Mobility Wing Public Affairs

Col. David Almand assumed the position of the 6th Air Mobility Wing vice commander July 15 from Col. David Cohen.

“I am extremely humbled and honored to serve the 6th AMW,” said Almand. “After spending a year in the CENTCOM AOR (U.S. Central Command area of responsibility), I have tremendous respect for our CENTCOM leaders and I’m proud to support them and our other mission partners.”

Cohen is moving to Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala, to be the Air University director of staff.

Almand is coming to MacDill from Al Udeid AB, Qatar, where he served as the chief, Air Mobility Division, 609th Air & Space Operation Center U.S. Forces Central Command. As the new 6th AMW vice commander he expects everyone to let their leadership know if something (personal or professional) is preventing them from doing their job to the best of their ability.

“We are so fortunate to have the most qualified and capable Airmen on the planet,” said the colonel. “Our job as leaders is to ensure our Airmen have the right training and equipment

and enable them to execute the mission.”

He also added that his heroes are the entire generation that joined the military after Sept. 11, 2001. “When our nation called, you all answered and have proven to be the smartest, most lethal and most resilient force the world has ever seen. You are all role models for future generations.”

Almand is a command pilot with more than 4,100 flight hours. He has flown C-141B and C-17A aircraft in support of multiple operations including Somalia, Bosnia, Iraq and Afghanistan.

When asked how he likes Tampa, Almand said, “We are reuniting with some great friends and I get to work for one of them whom I admire and respect very much. We are at one of the premier Air Force Bases, and in one of the greatest sports cities in the country — it’s a dream come true.”

Almand would also like to thank everyone who helped them get to MacDill. “My wife, Cathy, and boys, Travis and Lance, are excited to be a part of this outstanding community.”

Almand’s full biography can be found on the MacDill website at <http://www.macdill.af.mil/library/biographies/index.asp>



Col. David Almand

## Meet the new 6th AMDS commander

The 6th Air Mobility Wing would like to welcome Col. Aldo Domenichini, the new commander for the 6th Aerospace Medicine Squadron. Domenichini, who took command Monday, answered a few questions for the Thunderbolt.

**Thunderbolt:** What do you expect of the Airmen under your command?

**Domenichini:** Integrity, service before self, excellence in all endeavors and grow the bench.

**Thunderbolt:** Who are your favorite leaders and role models?

**Domenichini:** John Paul II and Mother Teresa. Truly selfless leaders.

**Thunderbolt:** What does it mean to you to be new commander?

**Domenichini:** I look forward to the opportunity to serve the flying mission and joint commands. This is quite different from my last assignment at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center.

**Thunderbolt:** When you hold your first commander’s call what is the first thing you are going to tell your Airmen?

**Domenichini:** Integrity, service before self, excellence in all endeavors and grow the bench.

**Thunderbolt:** What are your thoughts about MacDill and living in Tampa?

**Domenichini:** This is a beautiful location and exciting mission. My family and I look forward to exploring the area.

**Thunderbolt:** Is there anything else you would like to add?

**Domenichini:** My family and I are glad to be here and look forward to serving the MacDill community.



Col. Aldo Domenichini



# NEWS/FEATURES

## MacDill to hold enlisted Combat Dining In

by Airman 1st Class Michael Ellis  
6th Air Mobility Wing Public Affairs

One week left ... eight days to showtime ... preparation is almost done, now it's time to mentally prepare for what's about to happen at MacDill Air Force Base. From the enormous feasts King Arthur shared with his men who prevailed on the battlefield, to Gen. "Hap" Arnold's notorious 'Wing-dings' during the time of the U.S. Army Air Corps in World War II, the enlisted personnel on MacDill will uphold feasting traditions in an incredibly unconventional, nontraditional way.

"Come!" said Chief Master Sgt. Derrick Crowley, the 6th Air Mobility Wing command chief. "Until you come, you wouldn't understand how much fun the experience really is."

The Enlisted Combat Dining In has stemmed from the traditional, more formal Dining In/Out and has increased in popularity in recent years.

Elements which make the Combat Dining In unique would include: the required combat dress uniform and the war-type water games played at the event. The attire allows participants to be a little more loose, however the structure of the event calls for one to maintain respect for authority and follow rules while having fun.

MacDill's 2011 Enlisted Combat Dining In is scheduled for 5 p.m., July 29 at the field across from the Joint Communications Support Element.

"It's a time to forget stresses, lay aside work and personal issues and simply just have fun," Crowley said.

Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased in advance through one's first sergeant or senior enlisted leader.

"The Combat Dining In is for every enlisted member who steps foot on MacDill on a daily basis," said Crowley. "This base has all services represented and it's a time to come together in the spirit of fellowship. When we're done I want everyone to leave wondering - when will we do this again?"

As MacDill's command chief master sergeant,



Thunderbolt file photo

**A scene from the "combat" portion of a past Combat Dining In event.**

Crowley has wise advice to all future attendees:

"Bring the biggest super soaker you can find, fill it with water and let's go for it."





## **Hillsborough Public School District Town Hall Meeting**

Representatives from Hillsborough County School District and administrators from Tinker Elementary, Monroe Middle and Robinson High Schools will be on base on July 26 from 3:30 to 5 p.m. to offer military families information on School Choice. They will be available for questions and answers at the end of the briefing. The meeting is open to all military, DoD, and active Guard and Reserve families regardless of branch of service. For additional information, contact Nelly Richards, School Liaison Officer, at 828-0146 or the Airman & Family Readiness Center at 828-0145.

## **Bundles for Babies**

The Air Force Aid society is hosting an informational class for expectant parents Sept. 8 from 8 a.m. to noon. Representatives from multiple base agencies will be providing information and services to assist new parents in preparing for the arrival of your new baby. Participants will receive a “bundle” of information, resources, and a special gift! To sign up, contact the Airman and Family Readiness Center at 813-828-0145. (Open to all active duty branches of military)

## **Mentor wanted**

The 6th Air Mobility Wing is looking for a sharp staff sergeant to fill the position of Airman Dorm Leader. This is a two-year controlled tour with an option for a one-year extension in the 8H000 career field. Airman Dorm Leaders are charged with ensuring the quality of life, safety, and security of dorm residents as well as ensuring facilities are maintained at the highest level possible. Applicants must possess the highest leadership and mentorship qualities; have a minimum of one year experience as a supervisor, a current passing score for the Air Force Fitness Program, and not on a duty limiting profile. Applicants are required to submit copies of their last five Enlisted Performance Reports, a single page SURF, AFPT score, and a commander’s release statement. The deadline to apply is July 25. Estimated start date is Aug. 22. Submit applications to the 6th Civil Engineer Squadron, Unaccompanied Housing Manager. Contact Chris LeCompte, 6th Civil Engineer Squadron, at 828-5962 or MSgt Unhye Zipay, Supt., ADL at 828-2790 for more information.

## **New Education & Training Office hours**

The MacDill Education & Training Office is adjusting customer service hours.





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The new customer service hours are Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to noon. The preferred method of requesting an appointment or testing date is to email [education-02@us.af.mil](mailto:education-02@us.af.mil). Test dates may also be requested via AFVEC/AF Portal under “My Online Tests Requests” [https://rso.my.af.mil/afvecprod:AFIADL PME](https://rso.my.af.mil/afvecprod:AFIADL_PME) (Course 14, SOS, ACSC, AWC); and paper-pencil proctored exams. Email [Elizabeth.Neill@saintleo.edu](mailto:Elizabeth.Neill@saintleo.edu) for all CLEP, DSST, excelsior, Pearson Vue and CBT school exams. Additionally, the Army Education Representative is now available 18 hours a week and has new hours. The hours are Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Thursdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### German Driver’s License Test

The online/open book and self-administered testing of the German DLT (also known as the USAFE Drivers Exam) is opened to all CAC card holders using military computer systems and PCSing to Ramstein Airbase, Spangdahlem Airbase, or any supported GSUs. That includes Air Force members, DOD civilians, and all other personnel possessing a CAC card and PCSing/processing through an Air Force installation. Driver’s License Exam Website is <https://wwwmil.usafe.af.mil/dlt/default.aspx?TabID=1&Action=Home>. Army personnel may use this site as a study reference only, not as an official test.







**Proving  
mobility  
readiness!**

Photos by Staff Sgt. Angela Ruiz

Senior Airman Ryan Pizeck, 6th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron KC-135 crew chief, positions aircraft chocks on the flightline at MacDill Air Force Base July 14. Pizeck was participating in a mobility exercise that prepares and evaluates Airman on their ability to generate and execute air refueling, airlift and contingency response.



Photo by Senior Airman Linzi Joseph

Staff Sgt. Benjamin Woods, 6th Logistics Readiness Squadron air transportation specialist, adjusts cargo netting to build a pallet during a mobility exercise at MacDill Air Force Base July 13.



Photos by Staff Sgt. Angela Ruiz

A KC-135 and an R-11 aircraft fuel truck are parked on the flightline during the mobility exercise July 14. The truck carries fuel that supplies the tanker for its aerial refueling mission.

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Photos by Staff Sgt. Angela Ruiz

(Above left) Tech. Sgt. Michael Lake, 6th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron KC-135 crew chief, pins a gear on a KC-135 during a flight inspection during the mobility exercise. (Top right) Senior Airman Kyle Bradford, 6th Communications Squadron Milstar technician, builds a pallet for the exercise, while (Bottom right) Senior Airman Troy Hughes, 6th Logistics Readiness Squadron refueling operator, observes the gages on a R-11 aircraft fuel truck as it refuels a KC-135 on the flightline .



## ‘There I was’ The power of Airmen

by **Col. Patrick Williams**

6th Medical Operation Squadron commander

There are few Air Force Medical Service officers who are afforded the privilege of command and even fewer who get the opportunity to do so in a contingency environment, so I was really humbled when I was selected by the Air Force Central Surgeon General Office to command the 455th Expeditionary Medical Operations Squadron at Craig Joint Theater Hospital last Fall.

The Airmen of Craig Joint Theater Hospital, during its busiest time in history, demonstrated and showcased our country’s instruments of national power across the diplomatic, informational, military, economic, and cultural spectrums on a daily basis.

- **Col. Patrick Williams**

Professionally, I was well prepared for the tasking having previously commanded at one time or another all of the departments represented there in medical operations to include



Photo courtesy of Col. Patrick Williams

### **Col. Patrick Williams and friend while assigned to the Craig Joint Theater Hospital,**

the emergency room, operating room, intensive care unit, outpatient clinic, public health, bioenvironmental engineering, mental health, aeromedical staging flight, anesthesia, flight medicine, and an array of surgical subspecialties ... all totaling about 55 separate Air Force specialty codes.

It was there I really learned the true definition of airpower and the contribution of the 6th Air Mobility Wing to that capability.

Craig Joint Theater Hospital possesses an incredible capability. On any given day it’s easily the busiest trauma center in the world. There is a fairly constant flow of what are simply unimaginable traumatic injuries. Receiving

20 in a day was not uncommon and whereas even the finest, most technologically advanced Trauma Centers in the United States would become overwhelmed with two or three of these casualties, the Airmen at Craig Joint Theater Hospital routinely received six or more simultaneously and the organized, orchestrated chaos that followed resulted in an even more unimaginable 99 percent survival rate for any injured Airman, Sailor, Soldier, or Marine who rolled through those doors.

The phenomenal work the Airmen accomplished there did not go unnoticed; it was recognized at the highest levels. Every dignitary and distinguished visitor that visited Bagram Airfield inevitably ended up at Craig Theater Hospital during their visit, no matter the time constraints placed upon them during their visit. They included the president, secretary of defense, Air Force command chief, ISAF commander, Middle East and Central Asian Ambassadors, countless congressional delegations, and a host of our most senior military officers. They wanted to do two things during their visit; visit with the casualties and say “thank you” and shake the hands of the Airmen of Craig Joint Theater Hospital.

Our staff also hosted civilian medical leaders

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# COMMENTARY



## Why is resource conservation so important?

by Tech. Sgt. Burke Mills

6th Air Mobility Wing Command Post

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Because our nation and planet rely upon us as useful stewards of the environment.

The basic premise behind resource conservation is Reduce (reduce the amount of material we consume), Reuse (reuse as many products, containers, and materials as possible ... to include donations), and Recycle (recycle as many products, containers, and materials as possible and ensure you purchase products made from recyclable material).

Throughout the course of our daily lives, we are continuously utilizing resources whether by consumption or general use. Not only are we mandated by Air Force Instruction 32-7042, Waste Management and AFI 32-7080, (the AF) Pollution Prevention Program, to “recycle as much of the solid waste stream as possible ... each qualified recycling program will recycle metals, plastic, glass, used oil, lead acid batteries, tires, high quality copier paper, cardboard, and newspaper;” but it’s the right thing to do and requires very little effort on our behalf.

By recycling just one single product; whether it be an aluminum can, plastic bottle or cardboard box, we are contributing to low manufacturing costs nationwide because companies no longer have to construct their products out of raw materials when recyclable material is plentiful. Thus, they are conserving natural resources and energy for future generational use and preventing pollution in the process. This also contributes to a healthier and lasting population because less pollution and greenhouse gas is produced and introduced into the environment.

We create a triangular effect (Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle) by preventing pollution emissions which contribute to climate change and promoting natural resource growth (trees) which absorb greenhouse gasses and

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carbon. Throughout the course of this process, we are contributing to a more sustainable planet that will carry us forward for generations to come. The concept of Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle is about ensuring our nation's overall well being by protecting and sustaining its natural resources for future use and growth. There is pride in that; I certainly feel it.

Executive Order 13514 calls for federal agencies to recycle or otherwise divert at least 50 percent of their total waste from traditional landfills and incinerators by 2015. Meeting this goal will require a conscious effort by every individual and organization on base.

Each organization on MacDill AFB has been directed to establish and sustain a unit recycling program. Please ensure you are actively participating and encouraging others to do the same. This is about the future. One person can

make a lasting impact.

If you live in Hillsborough County; please visit the following website: <http://www.hillsboroughrecycles.org/faq.php>. It contains a plethora of information addressing the positive benefits of recycling in the community.

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, landfilling is the most common waste management option and the breakdown of organic materials at landfill sites result in the creation of methane gas which if released into the atmosphere is 21 times more potent than greenhouse gasses (<http://epa.gov/climatechange/wycd/waste/lifecycle.html>).

If you live in one of the areas listed below, recycling bins can be ordered online and are completely free. Please visit the following sites for community related recycling info:

- ◆ <http://www.hillsboroughrecycles.org/>
- ◆ [http://www.tampagov.net/dept\\_Solid\\_Waste/index.asp](http://www.tampagov.net/dept_Solid_Waste/index.asp)
- ◆ <http://www.pinellascounty.org/utilities/recycle.htm>

If you live in an apartment/condominium type dwelling; ask the local manager about enforced recycling and if there isn't a program, see if you can start one. If you live on base, Housing Maintenance (840-2000) will provide a blue recycling bin free of charge for placement at your residence. Recycle day for Military Family Housing is Friday. Recycle day for the rest of the base is Thursday.

For recycling info, the QRP Manager is Eric Vichich. He can be reached at 828-0460. Contact him if you need recycling bins or any assistance with your unit's recycling program.

Remember, resource conservation and recycling can easily become a part of your daily life and can be extremely fun and rewarding in the process.



# THERE I WAS

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from around the United States. Trauma surgeons and trauma directors from no less than six world-renowned American medical institutions visited because they wanted to see how and why we were so successful at what we did. They wanted to see our Airmen in action in the ER, OR, ICU, and in the cargo compartment of our aircraft. They were there to see how we did things so they could export our ideas and processes and be able to do the same things we did at their respective institutions at home.

In addition to executing their primary mission of treating battle injuries, the Airmen of Craig Joint Theater Hospital also embarked upon a robust humanitarian mission, performing interventions for the local Afghan community for their chronic medical and surgical conditions. Personnel conducted several outside the wire visits to local communities providing medical care and building trusting relationships with members of the local villages. I cannot emphasize enough the benefits that were realized from performing that important mission.

The Airmen of Craig Joint Theater Hospital, during its busiest time in history, demonstrated and showcased our country's instruments of national power across the diplomatic, informational, military, economic, and cultural spectrums on a daily basis. They were able to do that because of the Airmen assigned there.

The young active-duty surgeon for example, who recently graduated from a residency, was well-versed in the latest theory, equipment, machinery, clinical practice guidelines, surgical procedures, etc. They were often times partnered with a much more seasoned total force surgeon with years, and at times, decades of experience in their toolkit. That combination of youth and experience, each complementing the other's strengths, was one of the key factors in the success of the facility.

Another key to success were the Airmen of the 6th Air Mobility Wing. From one end of the facility to the other, without exception, every single duty section had a representative from the 6th AMW and more specifically the 6th Medical Group. Every squadron, flight, element, and individual duty section had a 6th AMW person working in it. Ultimately, every great save of a wounded Airman, Soldier, Sailor, or Marine had the fingerprints of an Airman from the 6th AMW on them.

I have never been more proud and I have never been more humbled to command a group of Airmen than I was while commanding the men and women of the 6th AMW deployed to the world's busiest trauma center performing the noblest all missions ... which brings me to my final point ... airpower.

Shortly after my arrival at Bagram, my wing commander asked me what airpower was. I gave him the textbook answer that I was pretty sure he wasn't looking for at the time; but since I wasn't sure where he was going with the conversation, and since it was my first day there, and since he was a general officer, I decided to play that one safe.

Following my reply he went on to tell me more about the Expeditionary Medical Group and its mission than any F-15 driver should really know. He told me about the awesome volume of patients passing through our facility, the never-before-achieved survival rates, the local villager hearts and minds that were won and the intelligence and diplomatic benefits reaped as a result of that. He told me of the incredible level of confidence that was instilled in the warfighters, who knew if they were injured their chance of survival was 99 percent. We discussed the interaction and relationship we had with the Afghan, Egyptian, Korean, and UAE hospitals throughout the area of responsibility and the advances in medical care across all of Afghanistan because of that.

We talked about aeromedical evacuation capabilities and the effects the AE mission delivers. In general, it was a discussion of the contributions of the EMDG to the instruments of national power across the entire spectrum of the DIME-C and how all of that capability must be delivered by Airmen because there is nobody else on this planet that can do it as successfully as we can ... that was his definition of airpower.

He taught me that day that airpower is not flying CAPs over the nation's Capital, it's not providing close air support, OCA, or an air bridge to the Middle East. He taught me that airpower is simply the Power of Airmen ... Airmen doing what nobody else can do. Airpower is demonstrated every day in every corner of the world by the men and women of the 6th Air Mobility Wing and on behalf of a grateful nation, thank you!

# MACDILL COMMUNITY



## EVENTS

### Friday

#### Surf's Edge Club

Membership Dinner – “A Taste of Italy” 5:30-9:30 p.m. Members: FREE; Non-members: \$14.95

#### Boomers Bar & Grill

Friday Bash! 3-7 p.m. Bar snacks & food specials! \$100 club card drawing, Bar Bingo, DJ/Trivia entertainment! Tables for groups may be reserved by calling April at 828-1453.

### Saturday

#### Arts & Crafts Center

Scrap Party from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. \$5 per person. PLAYPass holders FREE. 828-4413

### Monday

#### Teen Auto Club

1 p.m. at the Auto Hobby Shop.

### Tuesday & Thursday

#### Bay Palms Golf Complex

FREE Active Duty Clinic from 12-1 p.m.

### Wednesday

#### Arts & Crafts Center

Knitting Group 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Free & open to everyone – beginners to advanced.

### AMC ICON Competition

Come out & cheer on the contestants and meet the celebrity judges at the Surf's Edge. Happy hour starts at 4 p.m. Competition 5 p.m.

### Thursday

#### Outdoor Recreation

Kids Shoreline Fishing 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Meet at the Marina. Cost \$5 per person. Kayak & Canoe Instruction – base beach from 2-4 p.m. Cost 5pp. (11-17yrs) Sign up required. Call 840-6919.

**Get Your Song On!**

**Meet the Celebrity Judges!**

**NEW DATE!** We're looking for the **BEST VOCALIST in AMC!**  
Enter the Base Level AMC Icon Competition

**Wednesday, 27 July • 5 pm at the Surf's Edge Club**  
**Your Vocal Talents Could Win You \$500!**

Command Finals held Thursday, 20 October at AMC HQ, Scott AFB, IL where  
**YOU COULD WIN \$1,000!**

**SIGN UP NOW! Log onto: <http://tinyurl.com/MAFBICON>**  
For more information, contact Wendy Foster at 828-3055

**CALLING ALL FANS!**  
Come out & cheer on your favorite contestant!  
Happy Hour Kick-Off at 4 pm • Food & Drink Specials!

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

Scan here with your mobile device or log on to <http://tinyurl.com/MAFBICON> for more AMC ICON info

Get the free mobile app at <http://gettag.mobi>



#### Protestant services

Sunday - 9 a.m. – Praise Worship Service

Noon – Gospel Service

#### Islamic services

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

#### 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

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](http://www.macdill.af.mil/macdillchapel)



## AT THE MOVIES

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

Friday - 7 p.m.

Green Lantern (PG-13)

Saturday - 3 p.m.

Green Lantern (PG-13)

Saturday - 7 p.m.

X-Men: First Class (PG-13)



## **Staff Sgt. April Horn 6th AMW Legal office**

**Job title:** Military Justice Paralegal.

**Home town:** West Blocton, Ala.

**Short-term goals:** Complete my CCAF in Paralegal Studies (three credits to go) and make technical sergeant.

**Long-term goals:** Earn my Masters degree and raise a happy healthy son.

**Advice to others:** Your life is what you make of it. It can be amazing or miserable depending on your attitude or how hard you work for what you want.

**Role model and why:** My best friend, Laura Vargas. She is a stay-at-home mom with two children. She is going to school full time to get her Masters. She puts her family first but still manages her accelerated course load.

## **CORNER**

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How? Ten at a time, he walked each of those 450 records down to the Optometry Clinic for inspection. When they finished he walked 10 more down and took 10 back. According to the inspecting officer, no one else has ever given that level of extra effort and personalized customer service in the inspector's eight years of conducting that inspection. Airman Lange, you demonstrated the extra-mile effort that makes us the best Air Force in the world!

Another extra-miler is **Capt. Jesse Caldwell** of the 91st Air Refueling Squadron. As the Detachment commander of the 2011 RED FLAG-Alaska, Captain Caldwell, single-handedly organized and planned the arrival of the tanker task force for the exercise, including deployment and bed-down of tanker assets from two other air refueling wings ... all in a single week. Wow!

Finally, you and I can learn something from the I-can-help example of **Staff Sgt. Sacha Mays**. If you live in the dorm, you may already know her. She's an Airman dormitory leader assigned to the 6th Civil Engineer Squadron, and she has been tireless in her multiple efforts to improve the quality of life for our most junior Airmen living in the dorms. Great news for Sergeant Mays and the Air Force: she was selected recently to apply her helping hands in a new arena via the Nurse Enlisted Commissioning Program. Congrats Air Force; perfect choice!

Keep pushing the envelope, team. It's your energy that's propelling the most awesome Air Mobility Wing on the face of the planet!