

THUNDERBOLT

WWW.MACDILL.AF.MIL



Photo by Senior Airman Linzi Joseph

Bird's-eye view

Col. David Almand, 6th Air Mobility Wing vice commander, and Rudy Wyatt, 6th Air Mobility Wing anti-terrorism officer, prepare to depart for an orientation flight with the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office during the Anti-terrorism immersion at MacDill Air Force Base Aug. 12. The flight gave Col. Almand a bird's-eye view of MacDill AFB and its security procedures.

COMMANDER'S CORNER



Perks and programs for you; some team standouts

by Col. Lenny Richoux

6th Air Mobility Wing commander

I recently found out that there are many untapped resources entitling you to free entry or great discounts to summertime events and programs through the 6th Force Support Squadron-sponsored programs or through the Information, Tickets and Travel office.

For example, those of you enrolled in the Youth Center's Fit Family program, you're getting a free Fit Family Beach Day Friday. This is going to be a great time, and that's just one of many programs available to you.

Another is the PLAYpass, which is a program that gives returning deployed members and their families opportunities to enjoy free and discounted FSS-sponsored activities. There were about 92 events that were available to our redeployers and their families this month. For more details, please pick up the "Base, Bay and Beyond" magazine from any FSS facility or visit the FSS website.

Many of our children are returning back to school next week, and as a parent who's preparing my own family for the transition from summer break into the school-year routine, I can relate. Please stay posted to other events on base that focus on setting our students up for success.

We're investing a lot into our dependent programs, like the Child Development Center and

the new youth programs director position at the Chapel. I hope you're using these great initiatives.

Our deployed spouses and families are definitely on the forefront of the base population we are reaching out to support. We hosted the deployed spouses dinner Thursday and I'm glad that the turnout and effort hasn't waned since we started consistently doing this each month. Thanks to **Staff Sgt. Eric Schoenhals** for coordinating volunteers and side dishes from the **6th AMW Staff** and the **6th AMW Chapel**, who joined the **Airman and Family Readiness Center** with making this phenomenal event happen.

There are superior opportunities that are as close as the beach on the MacDill and as far away as Orlando for enjoying fun entertainment or visiting Florida attractions for free or at a discount. If you haven't had a chance to take advantage of what's offered and your schedule permits, please consider using them before the summer ends.

I want you to take advantage of every benefit the military affords you. With so much public interest currently being focused on resource and fiscal modifications, we must keep in mind that this is not new news to us. We have a culture of being good stewards with what we have. We're familiar with making adjustments and we know how to be prudent and responsible with taxpayers' and our own dollars.

Many of us are very much accustomed to ap-

proaching resource management with sensibility. My finger is on the pulse, and I'm confident we'll be able to defend our nation with the resources the federal government will give us.

This isn't a message to prognosticate about what we'll face, but there's a lot of talk and uncertainty looming. We should pay attention to what's being said and evaluate a path for ourselves to prepare for the future.

As the old adage goes, we prepare for the worst, but expect the best. Our future realities are unknown and the old adage of preparation is worth repeating. Preparation in the broadest sense is what we do best.

We are still in hurricane season and standing prepared to react responsibly if weather conditions bring the worst must remain a contingency in our seasonal planning.

Just a few weeks ago we readied ourselves to receive members from our 35th Airlift Squadron in Puerto Rico for a possible emergency evacuation. Fortunately, the storm didn't develop into a hurricane, and the personnel evacuation didn't happen. The exercise in preparation tested our capabilities to receive them and I was impressed with the actions of key players involved.

Hurricane season isn't over, so let's continue our proactive vigilance to safeguard our families and ourselves to reduce the effects if we're hit by such a disaster.

See **COMMANDER'S**, Page 16



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



Follow MacDill
Air Force Base
on Facebook



MacDill Thunderbolt

Publisher: Denise Palmer

Editor: Nick Stubbs

The MacDill Thunderbolt is published by Sunbelt Newspapers, Inc., a private firm in no way connected with the U.S. Air Force. This commercial enterprise newspaper is an authorized publication for distribution to members of the U.S. military services on MacDill. Contents of the MacDill Thunderbolt are not necessarily the official views of, or endorsed by the U.S. government, the Department of De-

fense, the Department of the Air Force or the 6th Air Mobility Wing.

The appearance of advertising in this publication, including inserts or supplements, does not constitute endorsement by the Department of Defense, the Department of the Air Force, 6th Air Mobility Wing or Sunbelt Newspapers, Inc., of the products or service advertised.

Everything advertised in this publication shall be made available for purchase, use, or patronage without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, marital status, physical handicap, political affiliation or any other non-merit factor of the purchaser, user, or patron.

Display advertising or classified advertising information

may be obtained by calling 259-7455.

News items for the MacDill Thunderbolt can be submitted to the 6th Air Mobility Wing Public Affairs office, Bldg. 25, MacDill AFB, FL 33621, or call the MacDill Thunderbolt staff at 828-2215. Email: thunderbolt@MacDill.af.mil.

Deadline for article submissions is noon, Thursdays to appear in the next week's publication. Articles received after deadline may be considered for future use. All submissions are considered for publication based on news value and timeliness.

Every article and photograph is edited for accuracy, clarity, brevity, conformance with the "Associated Press Stylebook and Libel Manual" and Air Force Instruction 35-101.



Your T-bolt Today

News/Features: page 4

'There I was'



News/Features: page 4

Back to school safety



News/Features: page 10

Storied life of Billy Waugh



Briefs: page 15

News to know



MacDill Community: page 17

Events, movies, more...



ACTION LINE

Q: I am a retired DoD civilian GS-12 who relocated to the Tampa Bay area after 40 years of service. Can you extend any MWR privileges to me?

A: Thank you for inquiring about access to MacDill's Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) facilities for retired DoD civilians. The bottom-line is if you can access the base you may use any of our MWR facilities. As you are aware, civilians who have retired from any DoD service component or agency are now eligible to receive a DoD civilian retiree card. This card provides them with a trusted credential to establish their identity and affiliation. The DoD civilian retiree card serves as proper identification for civilian retirees that utilize these facilities. Please come out and see all MacDill has to offer.

Col. Lenny Richoux, 6th AMW commander

Commentary

New AMC command chief sends letter to Airmen

by Chief Master Sgt. Andy Kaiser

Air Mobility Command Chief Master Sergeant

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. — To the Airmen of Air Mobility Command (officers, enlisted and civilians).

Greetings to you from your new command chief! I am Chief Master Sgt. Andy Kaiser, and my beloved bride Debbie and I are honored and delighted to be your new "senior enlisted servants" for this amazing command.

I say "servants" for two reasons. First, Debbie has been my bride for my entire Air Force career, and I certainly would not be blessed to serve in this role were it not for her. We work together as a team. Second, we purposely use the word "servants" because that is exactly what we plan to do - serve the men and women of Air Mobility Command alongside Gen. Raymond, AMC commander, and Diana Johns, as you support our joint team members around the world.

Having previously served as a group superintendent and wing command chief within Air Mobility Command, we are thrilled to be back after nearly five years. With our global missions and locales, the sun never sets on AMC. And the reason we are always on the go, always moving something or someone is simple, because we say yes. When the call comes in, when someone needs something, we answer that call so that they may prevail, no matter their mission or location.

We are the ones who deliver hope, fuel the fight and save lives. Whether supporting combat ops or humanitarian relief, you are perpetually answering the call, saying "Yes!" and stepping forward to help others prevail and to ensure Global Reach for America, always. How awesome it is to once again be a part of this mission!

A few initial thoughts for you as we begin this journey together:

◆ We are exceptional! No other group of people has pledged to give their very lives, if necessary, to ensure America's freedoms and security. While we can appreciate sports legends, Hollywood stars, brilliant inventors, hard-working entrepreneurs, and our nation's leaders, there is no other group of people who do what we do, willing to pay the ultimate price. Total Force service members amount to just 0.7 percent of the American population, yet we literally make all the difference in the world. That is something to be awfully proud of being a part of the "top one percent!"

◆ The mission demands our best! No matter what we do, others rely on us. It is for this reason we need to deliver our best every single day. Whether it is pushing a pallet, filling a prescription, fixing a troublesome engine, or one of thousands of other tasks, there is no room for slacking off. To do so could mean the very difference between mission accomplishment and mission stoppage, and not just our missions, but also the missions of those we serve. We are here to serve and we Airmen get the job done.

◆ We serve you and your families. Just as your missions ensure that others may prevail, so too does my work. In addition to advising General Johns, my role is to serve you by "running interference and removing roadblocks" as you execute the mission. Debbie believes her role is to serve our spouses and encourage them as they support their active duty spouse. Let's face it, being an Airman is an immense honor, and it is not for the faint-hearted. Being an Airman's spouse is equally rewarding and at times, incredibly tough. Debbie hopes to remind our spouses how truly precious they really are, and the critical role they play supporting our mission.

◆ Comprehensive Airman Fitness is a culture and a way of life. Our Air Force has had a

See **CHIEF, Page 6**

Settlement of Estate

Lt. Col. Kehl of the 6th Comptrollers Squadron regrets to announce the death of Senior Airman Tanya Fenin, formerly assigned to the 6th Comptrollers Squadron. 2nd Lt. Raymond Mims has been appointed as the Summary Court Officer (SCO) to handle the disposition of personal property of Fenin. Anyone indebted to or having a claim against the estate of Fenin should contact Lt. Mims at 813-828-4092 or raymond.mims@us.af.mil.

NEWS/FEATURES



'There I was'

Deployment, reunion an experience to remember

by Tech. Sgt. Shingo Maydwell

6th Air Mobility Wing Command Post senior controller

Everyone has mixed feelings about deploying. Well, maybe not everyone, but I did. Initially, I was ecstatic about the new adventure I was going to partake in, but my excitement was quickly extinguished when I thought about the news I had to break to my wife and three kids. It was difficult knowing I would be away from my family for 180 days, but what made it harder was I would be missing out on my oldest daughter's first day of kindergarten, my son's first birthday, my wife's birthday, my oldest daughter's birthday, trick or treating with my kids, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. Just the thought of my kids wondering if I was okay or if I would ever be coming home was not easy to deal with, especially since I have already spent so much time away from them. Luckily, I am married to an amazing woman of strength that can handle anything. With some open communication and aid from support agencies on base, my comfort level was where it needed to be; to focus on the road ahead.

A few weeks later, I found myself in a C-17 with a security forces team, an intel analyst, a command post controller from Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., and a contractor that had eaten something that did not agree with him, but was too scared to take his seat belt off to use the bathroom (needless to say he was not the most popular person on the aircraft). We all donned our individual body armor as we rapid-

ly approached Baghdad International Airport. After we landed, finished in-processing, and receiving living quarters, I was off to the work center to meet my counterparts and begin turnover. Unlike the majority of Air Force members, command post controllers do not get the luxury of deploying as a unit. Typically, controllers deploy from multiple bases and meet at the deployed location. So as you can imagine, not only do we have the challenge of a new work environment and a new mission, we have to get to know our coworkers and develop into a team as fast as possible.

Once I settled in, I began networking with as many different people from as many agencies as possible. I knew in order for our mission to work I would need to have access to every possible resource. The Honor Guard team was one of the many agencies I was able to network with. I immediately became a member and was selected as a pallbearer. Within the first month we had two Patriot Details for fallen heroes from improvised explosive device attacks. This experience totally changed the tone of my deployment and outlook on the value of life. Feeling the body weight of the remains of fallen heroes became all too familiar as Patriot Details became more frequent. With every step I took from the transfer vehicle to the aircraft I would have thoughts of this person's wife or husband, family members and friends sitting at home with their face buried in their hands crying uncontrollably over the loss of a loved one. As we slowly lowered the remains, looking down at the flag covered casket and giving a final ceremonious salute, we rested well knowing that a hero sacrificed his or her life for the greater good of the world.

Common faces became scarce as people started redeploying. The days seemed to be long and



Photo by Airman 1st Class Michael Ellis

Tech. Sgt. Shingo Maydwell at the MacDill Command Post.

drawn out the last week I was there. My flight was booked and the next thing I knew I was sitting in a window seat with great anticipation once again, but this time we were approaching Tampa International Airport. Finally, I arrive at the baggage claim and see my wife and kids searching with the same look of anticipation as I had. My wife spots me and instantly has tears in her eyes. She squats down and points me out to my kids. They have confused looks on their faces as they look at me, then look at her, then look at me again (I honestly believe they thought I turned into this person they could only see on the computer). By far the greatest feeling was when my family was in my arms

Back to school safety

by Master Sgt. Jesse Lopez

6th Security Forces Squadron NCOIC Installation Security

Team MacDill, as the summer vacation comes to a close, the anticipation of a new school year coupled with the excitement of seeing old friends once again, nears our doorstep. We would like to offer a few safety tips and tricks to help avoid any unnecessary accidents and to ensure we begin the new school year, Aug. 23 for Hillsborough County Schools, on the right foot.

Preparing for school – Parents, this one is for you. Think back to

the end of last school year and how much time it took to prepare the little ones for school. Although you enjoyed more "sleepy time" in the past few months, you must now make an adjustment to your schedule. Allow yourself ample time to get everyone ready for the day ahead ... giving yourself additional time will not only help you set a good routine and allow you time to tackle the unexpected. At all costs, avoid speeding on and off base in order to make up time, this is a no-win option.

Walking safety – The neighborhood streets will, once again, be filled with school aged children. Parents, please make sure your children use sidewalks to travel to and from school, the use of roads by pedestrians is not only dangerous, it is not authorized. One good practice, to in-

See **SAFETY**, Page 14

CHIEF

From Page 3

significant presence in the Middle East since 1990, and today's triple operations of Enduring Freedom, New Dawn, and Unified Promise continue to tax an Airman's ability to bounce back after a significant challenge. By embodying the four pillars of mental fitness, physical fitness, social fitness, and spiritual fitness, our Airmen don't just survive, they thrive in these formidable times. If we do not keep ourselves strong, then we cannot do the missions we are called to do.

◆ The difference between ordinary and extraordinary is that little "extra". While all Airmen are exceptional (see the first point above), there are ordinary Airmen and extraordinary Airmen. Some may erroneously think to be extraordinary, you have to give twice the effort. I disagree. Often the difference between the two categories is just a little more effort, a little more professionalism, a touch more excellence.

◆ Communication is critical! To that end, our plans include establishing "AMC Command

Chief" and "AMC Command Chief Spouse" Facebook pages. Our goal is to use this social media option to facilitate communication flow and encourage Airmen and spouses. In addition, I plan on generating periodic messages on current issues and enduring subjects. These are just two examples of how we hope to "keep the comm flowing".

◆ We'll see you soon! I can only best serve you by coming to you. Whether it is in Southwest Asia, our en route locations, or our state-side bases, I plan to spend time with as many AMC Airmen in the quickest manner possible. As much as she can, Debbie plans to join me on these visits.

Much more to follow, but for now Debbie and I simply say "THANK YOU!" to our Airmen and their families for serving. Your service and sacrifices make an incalculable difference to the Soldiers, Sailors and Marines who rely on us and on every single American, and we are honored and humbled to serve alongside each of you!

Who Will You Call When You Need Help?

When there's an emergency or disaster, think Air Force Aid Society! In the devastating hurricane season of 2005, AFAS provided nearly \$2.2 million in emergency assistance to Air Force members, retirees and widows. Help was provided for immediate needs such as food, gas, lodging, insurance deductibles, and small home repairs pending insurance claims.

You can apply for Air Force Aid Society assistance at your Airman & Family Readiness Center or use the online application on the AFAS website at www.afas.org. Just click on the "Need Help?" button at the top of the page. With hurricane season under way, and floods and tornadoes that have already impacted many Airmen, it's never too early to think about who you can count on for assistance.

NOTE Online application is only available to AIR FORCE members, retirees and widows. All other branches must continue to apply in person at the A&FRC.

Billy Waugh: One old Soldier who refuses to ‘fade away’

By Nick Stubbs
Thunderbolt editor

For most old Soldiers, especially those past their 80th year, the glory days of service and sacrifice are long past.

Then again, Billy Waugh, 81, is no ordinary “old Soldier.”

Waugh was a U.S. Army Special Forces legend whose career spanned several years of work with the Studies and Observation Group in the early days of U.S. involvement in Vietnam (before the war officially began). He earned the Silver Star Medal, four Bronze Stars, eight Purple Hearts (at one point left for dead by the enemy), four Army Commendation Ribbons, 14 Army Air Medals and a Presidential Unit Citation. He was nearly 50 when he worked for the CIA during the Cold War, and later worked tracking and conducting surveillance on famed terrorists Carlos the Jackal and Osama Bin Laden, long before most knew the later’s name.

Waugh was 71 when he participated in Operation Enduring Freedom in 2001, going into Afghanistan as a member of a CIA team there to topple the Taliban and Al Qaeda at Tora Bora.

That’s right, 71, and now 10 years later the Tampa area resident hasn’t slowed down a bit. Is he still working for the CIA? It might be hard to imagine, but then with Waugh, it’s also hard to say. Like that bunny on TV that hawks batteries, he just keeps on going. His last parachute jump was just a couple of years ago at 79.

“If the mind is good and the body is able, you keep on going if you enjoy it,” the energetic octogenarian said, leaning back in the swivel chair in the office of his Land O’ Lakes home, where he’s working on his latest book, an untitled piece about his days in Vietnam.

And he does enjoy it. On the road almost as much as not, he is

an active guest speaker all over the country, some of his most enjoyable engagements addressing military members looking to join Special Forces.

After a slide show set to the “Ballad of the Green Beret” and peppered with old photos of his SOG team, images of long-ago operations and the battle hardened faces of the Green Berets who carried them out, there isn’t anyone in the room who isn’t aching more than ever to become a part of that history, said Waugh, who admits he’s a great recruiting tool for the Army.

He keeps up the pace by working on his physical health, but perhaps most importantly keeps his mind engaged.

“Your mind is like your body,” he said. “You have to use it or you start to lose it.”

Waugh said he likes what he does helping educate and inspire, and he likes what he sees in today’s young military members.

“These kids are sharp,” he says of special ops recruits these days, adding that the evidence is in modern operations like the one conducted by Navy Seals to take out his old nemesis Osama Bin Laden.

Waugh drafted several plans to kill Bin Laden before the radical rose to terrorism infamy. He’d had him under surveillance for some time and knew his every move.

“I was within 30 meters of him,” said Waugh, who added, “I could have killed him with a rock.”

Waugh’s proposals were ignored, and the rest is history.

His surveillance work on Carlos the Jackal did pay off, proving instrumental in his capture in Sudan in 1994. Waugh chronicled that part of his CIA career in his book, “Hunting the Jackal,” co-written by Tim Keown.

Though a highlight of his career, helping capture who was then the most wanted terrorist in the world was just a chapter in Waugh’s life. It

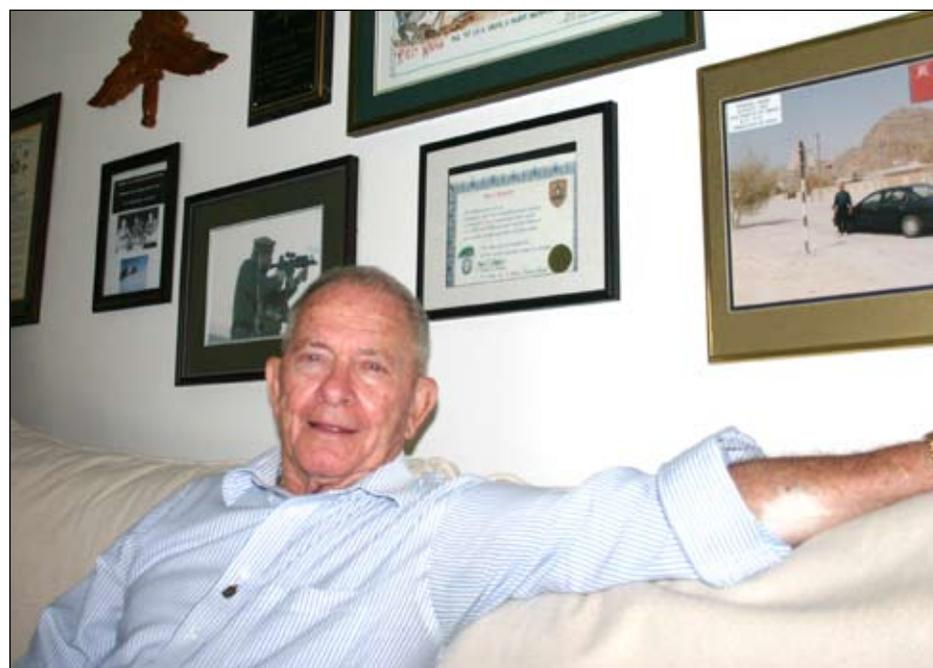
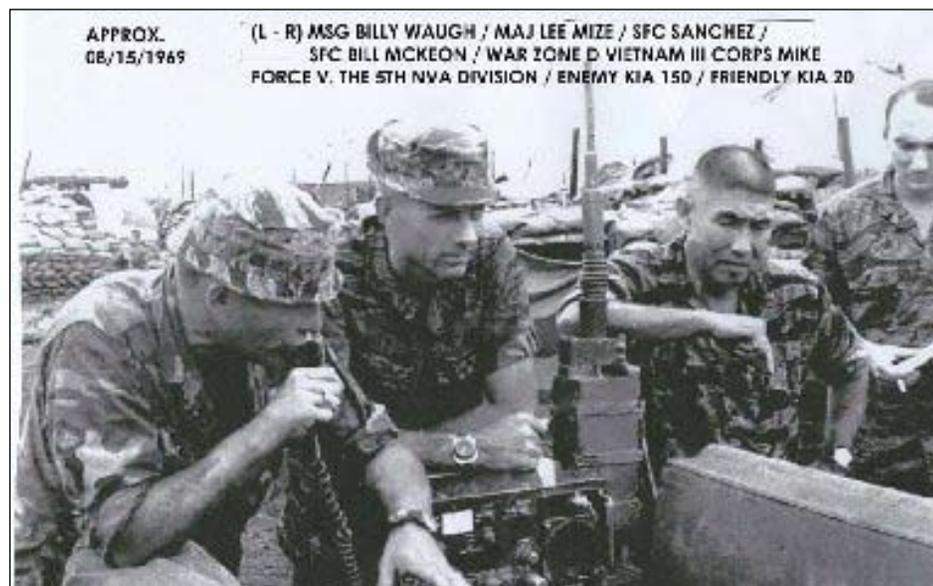


Photo by Nick Stubbs

Billy Waugh relaxing at home, just a few minutes from MacDill Air Force Base, where he visits regularly. Behind him are photos and other memorabilia from his years of military and CIA service.



Courtesy photo

Billy Waugh (second from left) with some of the “good men,” with whom he served in Vietnam.

was his time in Vietnam, where he “was allowed to be a Soldier,” that his most cherished memories were born, and where the bonds of brotherhood with fellow Soldiers were forged for a lifetime. They routinely reunite, the most recent event held earlier this year in Tampa, which

featured a ceremony and parachute jump at U.S. Special Operations Command at MacDill.

“Our operations were small units, well behind enemy lines,” said Waugh of his Vietnam service. He and his team were their own support. See **WAUGH, Next Page**

WAUGH

From Page 10

port on the ground, and the danger was as thick and the jungles they slogged through.

He recalls it as a time when the Air Force perfected “tactical air strikes.”

Following targeting information provided from the SOG teams like Waugh’s, aircraft carried out precision attacks on strategic targets.

“It took them a while to get the hang of it, but those guys (Air Force pilots) were good and they got very good at what they did.”

An old jungle “snake eater” who these days opts most often for the Reuben sandwich at the Bay Palms Golf Club on his regular visits to MacDill, Waugh says his goal is to keep contributing as a speaker and advisor as long as he has something to offer. It’s about service to country, but he admits it is much about the difficulty of winding down from a larger-than-life career as anything.

“Once you get used to that (a life of adventure), you’re not about to quit,” he said smiling. “How could you want to do anything else?”



Courtesy photos

(Above) Billy Waugh in 2002, at age 73 making a parachute jump from 1,000 meters. (Right) Waugh with Libyans he worked with while training Libyan special forces members. He was a CIA operative at the time, reporting on Libyan activities and that countries relationship with the Soviet Union.



Article 15s

Second quarters 2011- part I of II

Courtesy 6th Air Mobility Wing Legal Office

Over the past three months, the MacDill Legal Office processed 24 nonjudicial punishment actions under Article 15, UCMJ, involving Airmen in the 6th Air Mobility Wing and tenant units at MacDill Air Force Base. Offenses included, but were not limited to, assault, drug use and distribution, misuse of government travel card, falling asleep on duty, larceny of military property more than \$500, possession of drug paraphernalia, violating a general order by possessing and using intoxicating substances other than alcohol, dorm room inspection failures, making false official statements, dereliction of duty, failure to go, and failure to obey.

Drug Abuse

◆ On March 18, an airman from the 6th Security Forces Squadron received an Article 15 for using marijuana. The punishment consisted

of suspended forfeiture of \$733 pay per month for two months, 30 days extra duty, and a reprimand.

◆ On March 22, a senior airman from the 6th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron received an Article 15 for possessing the intoxicating herbal blend known as “D-ZL.” The punishment consisted of a reduction to the grade of airman basic and a reprimand.

◆ On March 25, an airman first class from the 6th Communications Squadron received an Article 15 for using marijuana and failing to report to the drug testing facility on time. The punishment consisted of a reduction to the grade of airman basic, suspended forfeiture of \$733 pay per month for two months, and a reprimand.

◆ On March 29, an airman first class from the 6th Security Forces Squadron received an Article 15 for using the intoxicating herbal blend known as “spice” and having a knife over 4 inches in length in their dorm room. The punishment consisted of a reduction to the grade of airman basic, suspended forfeiture of \$733 pay per month for two months, 30 days extra duty, and a reprimand.

◆ On March 29, a senior airman from the 6th Security Forces Squadron received an Article 15 for using the intoxicating herbal blend known as “D-ZL,” along with the possession, use, and distribution of the prescription drug Cyclobenzaprine. The punishment consisted of a reduction to the grade of airman basic, suspended forfeiture of \$733 pay per month for two months, 30 days extra duty, and a reprimand.

◆ On April 4, a senior airman from the 6th Security Forces Squadron received an Article 15 for using marijuana. The punishment consisted of a reduction to the grade of airman basic, suspended forfeiture of \$733 pay per month for two months, 30 days extra duty, and a reprimand.

◆ On April 4, a senior airman from the 6th Maintenance Squadron received an Article 15 for using marijuana. The punishment consisted of a reduction to the grade of airman basic and a reprimand.

◆ On April 14, an airman first class from the 6th Medical Support Squadron received an Article 15 for wrongfully possessing the intoxicating herbal blend known as “spice,” smoking in

See **ARTICLE 15s, Page 18**

Correction

A photo on Page 6 of the Aug. 12 issue of the Thunderbolt misidentified the director of Operation Homefront. The name should have been Jeff Gareau.



SAFETY

From Page 4

sure your child is visible to traffic, is to dress them in bright colored clothing. If your child is walking to school, insure they use marked street crossings and that they look both ways (for traffic) before entering the street. Drivers, remember pedestrians have the right of way when using marked crosswalks.

Driver's safety – If you are driving in a school zone (and it goes for anywhere else on base), pay close attention to your speed and your surroundings. Remember, it is against DoD, Air Force and wing policy to use your cell phone while driving (unless you use a hands-free device). Why take a chance? Ditch the cell phone all together, everyone's safety is well worth it. Not to mention, you'll earn 3 points for violating this rule and earning points is not a good thing in this situation. Also, be mindful of your speed, the speed limits on base are 25 mph (unless otherwise posted), 15 mph in base housing (to include school area), and 5 mph in parking lots.

School bus safety – Give your-

self enough travel time and plan on plenty of school bus encounters. If you find yourself behind a school bus (and you will), make certain to stop during the loading and unloading of passengers, and NEVER pass a school bus with red flashing lights! It is unsafe for pedestrians and other vehicles. If your child rides the bus, make sure they wear a seat belt while traveling and that they do not move around inside the bus while it is in motion. Finally, even though they have the right of way, remind your children to look both ways while crossing the street once they disembark the bus.

Life is too complicated these days, why make things more difficult? Being safe drivers, pedestrians, and school bus passengers will help ensure a safe and successful school year. Let's think safety while we provide our children the safest learning environment possible.

If you would like to gather more information or have questions about traffic rules or safety, contact Staff Sgt. Swearingen or Staff Sgt. Brown, 6th SFS Police Services at 828-2565 or 828-2373 or Wing Safety at 828-3385.

BRIEFS



Honor Guard NCOIC position

The 6th Air Mobility Wing is looking for highly motivated technical/master sergeants to fill the Base Honor Guard Superintendent position and staff/technical sergeants to serve as the NCOIC. Interested persons should submit their last 5 EPRs, single page SURF, and a personal cover letter stating your interest and what you hope to bring to the Base Honor Guard. Also, each applicant must work through their chain of command and include a commander's release letter for one year prior to applying. Submit applications to Chief Master Sgt. Bell or Senior Master Sgt. Clark no later than Sept. 10. For more information, call Bell, (813) 828-3969, or Clark, (813) 828-1229.

Operation Homefront Freedom Walk

Pre-registration has begun for the fourth annual Operation Homefront Freedom Walk is scheduled for Sept. 10 at the Fred Ball Park at Bayshore Blvd. It's a time to remember 9/11 victims and honor our military past and present who protect America's freedom. Free T-shirts while supplies last. Pre-register online at www.operationhomefront.net/florida.

For more information or to volunteer, call (813) 455-4684 or email jeff.gareau@operationhomefront.net.

Base Education Fair

MacDill's Education & Training Office is scheduled to host an Education Fair at the Bayshore Club Sept. 15 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event is free and open to all who have access to the base. More than 50 colleges and universities will be in attendance. For more information, call (813) 828-3315/1292 or email education-02@us.af.mil.

Case Lot Sale

MacDill Commissary is holding a case-lot sale starting Sept. 14. Sept. 14 hours are from 4 to 8 p.m. and Sept. 15-18 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

COMMANDER'S

From Page 4

We're in the homestretch of the 101 Critical Days of Summer. I want to, again, reiterate the importance of having a backup plan and assessing the risks of your outdoor activities.

Now on to special shout-outs — 6th Medical Group's **Senior Airman Todd Lange**, personally escorted a Japanese citizen who needed care at a local hospital, but was having problems negotiating the language and cultural barriers. Lange took care of him during his lunch hour and made sure that he got the care and service that he needed.

Senior Airman Tara Richardson, a systems journeyman in the 6th Logistics Readiness Squadron, maintains compliance, maintenance and acquisition for more than 300 computers and equipment assets valued in excess of \$1.5 million. She also volunteers 3.5 hours per week shadowing a 6th Dental Squadron dentist and has completed 18 hours as she pursues her goal of becoming a dentist. She hopes to enroll in the Pre-Dental school at the University of Tampa in the spring of 2012.

I am proud to serve with you in the finest Air Mobility Wing on the face of the planet!

MACDILL COMMUNITY



EVENTS

Friday

Bayshore Club

Membership Breakfast from 6:30-8:30 a.m. Free for club members! Non-members: \$6.95

FREE FitFamily Beach Day

10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Base Beach. Games conducted for all ages. For more info call 828-7956

Boomers Bar & Grill

Friday Bash! 3-7p.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

Bay Palms Golf Complex

Afternoon Couples Golf \$15 per person. 9 or 18 holes. Match at 1 p.m.

Sunday

MacDill Lanes

Scratch Sweeper Tournament at 12 p.m. Cost: \$40 per person. Five games across five pair.

Monday

Bay Palms Golf Complex

\$15 Golf per person; \$10 Golf after 3 p.m.

Wednesday

Outdoor Recreation

Last day to sign up for Weedon Island Kayak Adventures. Sat, 24 Aug from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Cost \$19.95 per person.

Thursday

Bay Palms Golf Complex

FREE Range Balls with purchase of greens fee or cart

Airman & Family Readiness Center

Family Deployment Dinner from 6:30-8 p.m.



*Inaugural
MacDill AFB*

COMMANDER'S CUP

4-Person Golf Scramble
Friday, 26 August
Bay Palms Golf Course

Registration Begins at 11:30am
Shotgun Start at 1pm
\$30.00 Per Person
(Includes Cart and Post-Tournament Meal)

- Assemble your team -
- Represent your unit -
- Take home the cup -
- **\$600 IN PRIZES** -

THIS EVENT WILL SELL OUT!
Deadline to Register Noon Tue, 23 Aug

Call 828-3441 to
Register Your Team Today!



CHAPEL SCHEDULE

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



AT THE MOVIES

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

Friday - 7 p.m.

Saturday - 4 p.m.

Saturday - 7 p.m.

Transformers: Dark of the Moon
(PG-13)

Transformers: Dark of the Moon
(PG-13)

Horrible Bosses (R)

ARTICLE 15S

From Page 11

their dorm room, and allowing others to smoke in their dorm room. The punishment consisted of a reduction to the grade of airman basic, suspended forfeiture of \$200 pay per month for two months, and a reprimand.

◆ On April 18, an airman first class from the 6th Operations Support Squadron received an Article 15 for using the intoxicating herbal blend known as “spice,” possessing drug paraphernalia, smoking in their dorm room, conspiring with another Airman to impede an investigation by wrongfully providing false information to investigators, and lying to investigators. The punishment consisted of a reduction to the grade of airman, restriction to base for 15 days, and a reprimand. Per AFI 36-3208, “Drug abuse is incompatible with military service and Airmen who abuse drugs one or more times are subject to discharge for misconduct.”

Failure to Go

◆ On April 13, an airman first class from the 6th Force Support Squadron received an Article 15 for failing a dorm inspection and failing to report for a Fitness Improvement Program. The punishment consisted of a reduction to the grade of airman, restriction to MacDill Air Force Base

for 60 days, and a reprimand.

◆ On May 5, an airman first class from the 6th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron received an Article 15 for failing to report for a Combat Arms Training and Maintenance class twice. Without his required training, he was not deployable. As a result of this misconduct, another member of the unit had to replace him with only three days notice. He also lied about consuming alcohol before reporting for work. The punishment consisted of a suspended reduction to the grade of airman basic with reduction below airman suspended and a reprimand. The suspended punishment was later vacated for this member not maintaining their hair in a well-groomed and neat manner.

◆ On June 9, a senior airman from the 6th Contracting Squadron received an Article 15 for failing to report for duty on time and lying about their whereabouts during the duty day. The punishment consisted of a suspended reduction to the grade of airman first class, 30 days extra duty, and a reprimand. The suspended punishment was later vacated for the member failing to report for duty on time and lying about their whereabouts during the duty day again.

◆ On June 13, an airman first class from the 6th Logistics Readiness Squadron received an Article 15 for lying about going to sick call, lying

about being ordered onto quarters, and failing to show up for work on three separate occasions. The punishment consisted of a suspended reduction to the grade of airman, restriction to MacDill Air Force Base for 30 days, 45 days extra duty, and a reprimand. The suspended punishment was later vacated when the member broke the restriction and left the base.

◆ On June 16, an airman from the 6th Civil Engineer Squadron received an Article 15 for failing to maintain their dorm room and failing to report for duty on time. Punishment consisted of a reduction to airman basic and a reprimand.

Failure to Obey

◆ On April 4, a senior airman from the 6th Comptroller Squadron received an Article 15 for failing to obey an order to not to leave the state of Florida and lying about disobeying the order. The punishment consisted of forfeiture of \$958 pay for one month, suspended forfeiture of \$958 pay for one month, 45 days extra duty, and a reprimand.

◆ On March 21, a staff sergeant from U.S. Special Operations Command received an Article 15 for driving on base while their driving privileges were suspended from a previous off base Driving Under the Influence charge. The punishment consisted of a reduction to the grade of senior airman and a reprimand.