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Photo by Airman 1st Class David Tracy

Tie a yellow ribbon 'round the old KC

Airmen from the 6th Maintenance Squadron use a crane to simulate lifting a KC-135 Stratotanker during a Crash, Damaged or Disabled Aircraft Recovery exercise on MacDill, Sept. 24. The crane is capable of lifting a maximum of 15,000 pounds. More photos, page 10.

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COMMANDER'S CORNER



It's time to focus!

by Col. Robert Rocco
6th Medical Group commander

Happy birthday Airmen! This year, Airmen all over the world are celebrating our Air Force's 65th birthday. If you had the chance to attend the Air Force Ball in Tampa Sept. 29, you heard our former Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz, celebrate our Airman-ship culture and challenge us to continue our tradition of greatness—to focus on mission and Airmanship.

Here is what I took from his incredible speech:

It's time to quit whining and re-emphasize a culture of winning. Our Air Force has experienced some challenging few years, with the smallest Air Force in our na-

tion's history. We no longer have the numbers to compensate for defeatism, waste, unprofessional behavior and chronic morale-sucking whiners.

Team, we remain a nation at war and yet we complain about fitness tests, uniforms, Air Force Smart Operations for the 21st Century and resiliency training. We brag about our warrior culture and yet treat fellow Airmen so unprofessionally, that our very foundation has come under scrutiny by the media. And when asked to put the extra time in to prep for inspection or build a better on-base community, we instead complain for complaining sake. I remember a scene in the movie "Memphis Belle" when on their final mission the commander of the Belle (formerly stationed here at MacDill) informed his crew that they would

make an unprecedented second pass over a target because "if we don't do it, someone else has to." That's a focused commander who understood winning.

How many of us routinely see a problem and walk by it assuming the next guy will handle it? Or worse, mope like someone took our lollipop instead of appreciating being fortunate enough to have a supervisor strong enough to hold us accountable? The captain of the Memphis Belle understood what was expected of him and acted accordingly. He was focused. He was a winner.

I took away an increased desire to stop thinking or asking why, to instead start saying why not. How many of us fall into the trap of individualistic thinking? When we all know a healthy team approach to duty is what any successful unit



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needs to be great. Don't confuse questioning the importance of mission focus with questioning expectations that may cross the ethics

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6th Air Mobility Wing shout-outs

Tech. Sgt. Timothy Sewell, C-37A flight engineer evaluator, led the flight engineer for the 310th Airlift Squadron with more than 5,000 flying hours across three aircraft.

While in-flight on a recent combatant commander mission supporting the U.S. Northern Command, Sewell identified an aircraft mal-

function that could have resulted in an in-flight emergency. Shortly after takeoff, the aircraft experienced a complete generator failure which resulted in a loss of aircraft electrical power. His quick reaction and checklist discipline allowed the mission to continue safely with minimal impact to the aircrew and passengers onboard.



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

Commander's vision

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

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Get CUI ready

- ◆ Conduct regular CUI preparation meetings. Unit leadership should be meeting frequently with their teams.
- ◆ Maintain strong continuity books in every section. complied with.
- ◆ Keep a positive attitude. Show the knowledge you have of your program.

Commentary

Being fiscally fit in FY 2013

by Col. David Pavey
927th Air Refueling Wing commander

The Department of Defense budget has aligned itself with strategic priorities to keep America safe while maintaining the strongest military in the world.

The fiscal year 2013 budget represents a historic shift to the future, recognizing that we are at a strategic point after a decade of war. We are being forced to redouble our efforts to make better use of the taxpayer's defense dollar and meet our fiscal responsibilities.

With the possibility of sequestration looming ahead, the Pentagon is now faced with having to slice another \$55 billion a year from its spending in the next nine years. The Secretary of Defense has said, "This is a budget for a joint force. It should not be thought of as a set of separate service budgets, but as a comprehensive and carefully devised set of choices that reflect the right

mix among force structure, modernization, readiness, pay and benefits."

Regardless if we reach sequestration or not, one thing is certain— budget cuts are certainly on the way for the Air Force as part of the DoD.

As we wait to see what plans Congress makes for our nation's budget, we must prepare ourselves for a leaner future. Like it or not, as the defenders of this great nation we have the task of exercising "fiscal fitness" in getting the job done. Our responsibility to do the best with what we have is not changing, but rather is being tested. In the profession of arms, readiness is our number one priority in preparing for war.

We train for contingencies through exercise, exercise, exercise. We must already be exercising now for the budget contingencies of tomorrow. The Air Force stresses the importance of raising a culture



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of Airmen who are physically, mentally and spiritually fit for duty. And now we must add "fiscally fit" to our warrior ethos as we prepare for our future budgets whilst maintaining readiness and resiliency.

How can you help in this effort? As Airmen, you are in charge of resources, whether they be money, equipment or time. It is important that you treat each of these resources as weapons and use them efficiently and effectively as we maintain a state of readiness for whatever our country asks.

MacDill CFC 2012: going for the goal

by Capt. Christopher Anderson

MacDill Combined Federal Campaign representative

This year's Combined Federal Campaign has officially kicked off across the federal government. During this year's campaign, which runs annually from September through the beginning of November, there will be representatives in every unit speaking about the CFC and the importance of contributing to the community and national charities.

The goal this year is 100 percent contact of all 6th Air Mobility Wing personnel, in order to give everyone the opportunity to give. The wing's goal is to raise \$133,608, and progress can be tracked via the thermometer posted at the corner of North Boundary Boulevard and Kingfisher Street.

The CFC was established in the early 1960s to consolidate fundraising efforts of numerous charitable organizations into a single campaign and also provide the federal donors the opportunity to make

charitable donations through payroll deductions. The CFC is the only authorized solicitation of federal employees in their workplaces on behalf of approved charitable organizations.

It supports more than 2,000 charitable organizations, including local, national and international charities. Federal employees continue to make the CFC the largest and most successful workplace philanthropic fundraiser in the world. In 2011 federal employees continued the long-standing tradition of selfless giving by donating more than \$272.7 million dollars for charitable causes around the world.

Take time to make a difference in someone else's life. Part of being a good Airman is giving back to the community, which gives much in return. The CFC offers the opportunity to help others in need, and there are a few ways to donate. Unit CFC representatives can help filling out a pledge form that allows one-time cash/check donations or electing to set up a payroll deduction as little as \$2 per month. Pledging online is the easiest method.

This year donating online is as easy as visiting www.suncoastcfc.org and clicking on the 'Pledge Online' button. The website helps search

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NEWS/FEATURES



Welcome, new Airmen

The following first term Airmen have arrived to MacDill directly out of technical school, joining America's best wing.

6th Aerospace Medicine Squadron

- ◆ Airman 1st Class Whitney Galloway— Brevard, N.C.
- ◆ Airman 1st Class James Hughes— Beckley, W.V.

6th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

- ◆ Airman 1st Class Brandon Richison— Gigharbor, Wash.
- ◆ Airman 1st Class William Schaniel— Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.

6th Communications Squadron

- ◆ Airman 1st Class Aaron Linn— Dayton, Ohio
- ◆ Airman 1st Class Nicholas Urbanski— Moreno Valley, Calif.

6th Logistics Readiness Squadron

- ◆ Airman 1st Class Shawn Nowocin— Decatur, Ala.

6th Maintenance Group

- ◆ Airman 1st Class James— Morin Hartford, Wis.

6th Maintenance Squadron

- ◆ Airman 1st Class Joshua Hammons— Temple, Texas
- ◆ Airman 1st Class Vincent Knapp— Meadville, Penn.

6th Medical Operations Squadron

- ◆ Airman 1st Class Janyzel Colon— Orlando, Fla.
- ◆ Airman 1st Class Elizabeth Sherry— Liberty, Utah
- ◆ Airman 1st Class Devon Wright— Palm Bay, Fla.

6th Operations Support Squadron

- ◆ Airman 1st Class Bianca Brown— Anchorage, Alaska
- ◆ Airman 1st Class Keara Bucek— Ygio, Guam
- ◆ Airman 1st Class Hunter Panetti— Silver Bay, Minn.

6th Security Forces Squadron

- ◆ Airman 1st Class Chantel Bailey— Pensacola, Fla.
- ◆ Airman Keondrae Lloyd— Lafayette, La.

91st Air Refueling Squadron

- ◆ Airman 1st Class Castulo Lucero— Avenal, Calif.

Briefs

Federally Connected Pupils Card

On Sept. 17 military students enrolled in Hillsborough County Schools were provided with an Enrollment of Federally Connected Pupils Card to be completed by a parent, legal guardian, or person acting as a parent with whom pupil resides and returned to the local school by Oct. 8. The data contained in the card is used to apply for grant money from the U.S. Department of Education Federal Impact Aid Program. A single funds-eligible card can benefit the school district from \$500 to \$1,000 per student. Support the local school districts by:

- Making sure cards are signed and dated.
- Turn in cards to the school by the due date of Oct. 8.
- Pre-kindergarten students can also be counted, if eligible.
- Make sure each section of the card that applies is filled out completely.
- If a student has transferred to another school, send the card to the new school.

For more information contact Hillsborough County Public School District Pupil Accounting Department at 813-272-4085.

EFMP briefing

The MacDill Exceptional Family Member Program is hosting a briefing for families, child care providers, physicians, educators and other supportive agencies, to increase awareness on special education law, IEP processes and Interstate Compact and Advocating. Pete Wright, an attorney that represents children with special education needs, will speak from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (lunch from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.) at the base theater, Nov. 3. Sign up no later than Nov. 1. Contact Kris Keyser at 828-0122, or email kristine.keyser.1@us.af.mil.

6th CS downtime

All 6th Communications Squadron work centers will be closed from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for a squadron function, Oct. 5. Only emergency issues will be worked during this time. The following services will be on call: consolidated service desk, airfield and telephone and land mobile radio. Contact 828-2666 in case of an emergency. For questions call 828-3336.

Fire Prevention Week

Fire Prevention Week kicks off with an open house from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at fire station # 2 on the flightline Oct. 9. For more information contact the fire prevention office at 828-4236 or email Master Sgt. Richard Golen at richard.golen@us.af.mil.

Special duty announcement

Considering recruiting sharp individuals into the Air Force as an Air Force recruiter, molding civilians into Airmen as an Air Force military training instructor, leading transitioning Airmen as a military training leader or educating Airmen as a professional military education instructor? Then an Air Education and Training Command special duty briefing can answer any questions concerning these careers. The briefing will take place from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Airmen Leadership School auditorium, Oct. 9. Spouses are highly encouraged to attend. Senior airman (with at least 35 months' time in service) through master sergeant (with less than 16 years total active federal military service) may be eligible to apply and are encouraged to attend the briefing. For more information contact the professional development team at 828-1704.

DoD implements new flight cancellation policy for travelers

by Army Sgt. 1st Class Tyrone Marshall Jr.

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFNS) -- The Defense Department is working with airlines to implement a new flight cancellation policy that will affect air travel for temporary duty travelers.

Andrea Carlock, chief of the program management branch, which serves as part of the Defense Travel Management Office, discussed the genesis of these changes and the potential impact on DoD travelers.

“Effective Oct. 1, 2012, any authorization that has airline reservations associated with it will be canceled if not approved and ticketed at least 72 hours prior to the scheduled flight departure,” she said.

Carlock explained requirements for short notice travel that service members and their authorization officials should be aware of.

“If you’re going TDY on short-notice travel, and you’re traveling within 72 hours of your flight departure time, you need to ensure that your [authorizing official] approves that authorization and [it is] ticketed,” she said. “If they do not approve it within 24 hours of creation, the reservation will be canceled.”

For travel departing within 24 hours, individuals need to ensure that they get their authorizations approved and ticketed six hours prior to scheduled flight departure time to prevent cancellation.

Carlock noted this information is available through the Defense Management Travel Office website and the Commercial Travel Office will provide information on travelers’ itineraries regarding cancellations.

A pop-up system is also being implemented for the Defense Travel System, she said, advising those intending to make flight arrangements of these new requirements.

CFC

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for charities, set up a payroll deduction and print a receipt. It takes only a few minutes. The great thing about online pledging is it is environmentally friendly. It's faster because there is no need to transcribe the information from a pledge form and therefore costs less to process. Also, it prevents errors caused by illegible handwriting and is the CFC's preferred method of making a donation.

See your unit CFC representatives for a copy of this year's charity catalog for information on thousands of certified charitable organizations supporting great causes. Also visit www.suncoastcfc.org for more information or to make a pledge online. Thanks in advance for selflessly supporting this year's Combined Federal Campaign.



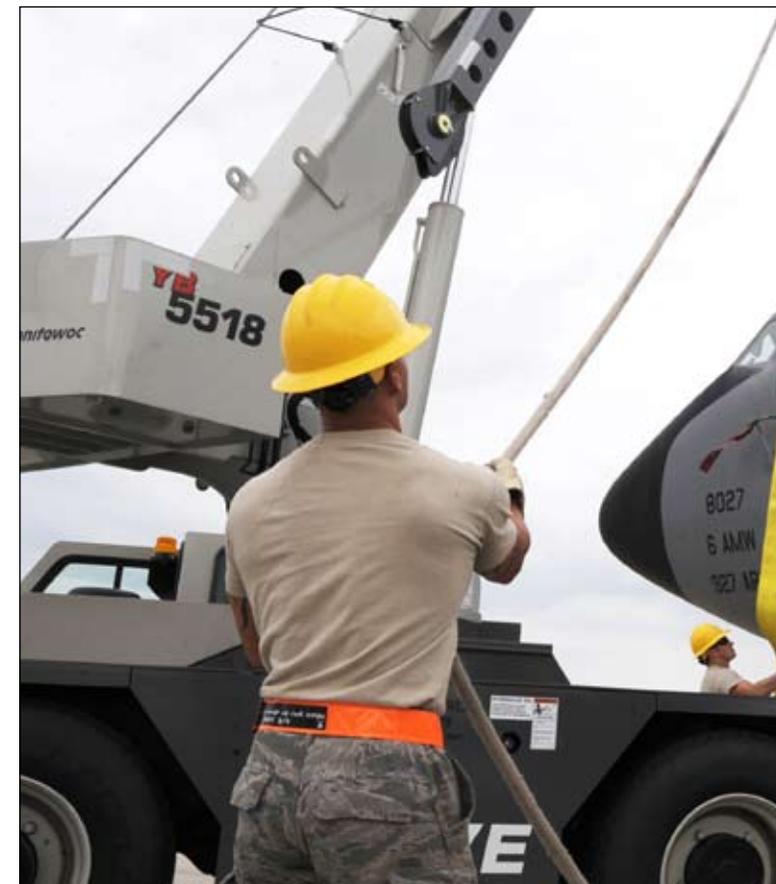
Recovery exercise - crash, damaged, disabled

Photos by Airman 1st Class David Tracy

Airmen with the 6th Maintenance Squadron roll-out a strap for a Crash, Damaged or Disabled Aircraft Recovery exercise on MacDill, Sept. 24.



Airmen from the 6th Maintenance Squadron connect a strap to a crane to life the aircraft as part of the exercise.



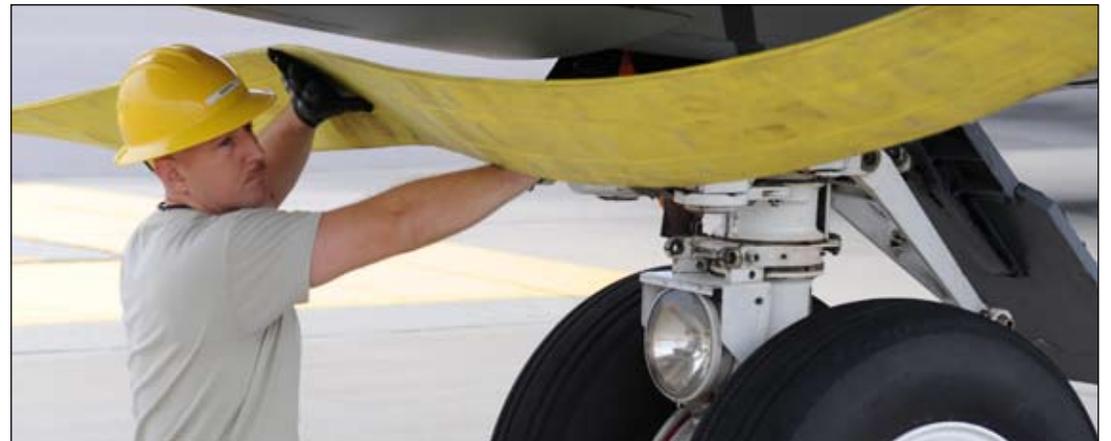
Senior Airmen Erick Hernandez and Tyler Miller, 6th Maintenance Squadron, connect a strap to a crane to lift a damaged aircraft during a Crash, Damaged or Disabled Aircraft Recovery exercise conducted annually to ensure aircraft removal in the event of an accident.



Tech Sgt. Jon Phillips, 6th Maintenance Squadron aero repair technicians, disconnects a spreader bar from a crane after completing the exercise.



6th Maintenance Squadron aero repair technicians, prepare to hoist an aircraft during a recovery exercise on MacDill, Sept. 24. The CDDAR training is a simulation of a crash.



(Top) 6th Maintenance Squadron aero repair technicians prepare to hoist an aircraft. (Above) Tech Sgt. Jon Phillips, 6th Maintenance Squadron aero repair technician, positions a strap under a KC-135 Stratotanker prior to lifting the plane.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

by **Andrea Bowen**

6th Medical Operations Squadron Family Advocacy

Secretary of Defense Leon E. Panetta once said, "Military families are a vital part of what makes our military, and our country, the strongest on earth."

Since 1981, October has been designated Domestic Violence Awareness Month. It is a time when individuals, families and institutions recognize the importance of healthy relationships and how to foster nurturing environments. October is a time to face difficult and stressful situations and seek help in vulnerable situations.

Military families are faced with extraordinary circumstances that sometimes place them at risk for violence. When family problems are ignored or minimized, violence may occur. Abuse and violence can escalate, become habitual and result in tragedy if not properly addressed. Fortunately there are resources available to assist military families at MacDill Air Force Base.

MacDill's Family Advocacy Program seeks to prepare families and intimate partners for the challenges relationships bring. Recognizing the signs of distress early is crucial to building strong relationships. Some of the ingredients

needed to build a healthy relationship are effective communication skills, constructive methods of resolving conflict and developing good coping skills.

Individuals and couples need to ensure proper management of anger and use fair negotiation techniques in their interactions. Airmen and their families help prevent domestic violence by utilizing prevention workshops such as: stress management, family life skills, parenting education, financial management and communication skills. Use of these skills strengthens relationships and deters family violence.

Become proactive in preventing family violence and intimate partner abuse by participating in specialized support groups and counseling opportunities. Help build resiliency by recognizing signs of distress early. Family and friends can make a difference by encouraging others to seek help, especially during turbulent and emotional times. It is up to each one of us to protect victims of violence. Domestic violence can affect anyone regardless of age, gender, socioeconomic status, nationality or religious affiliation. Remember the key is you.

For additional info contact family advocacy at 827-9172 or visit the 6th Medical Group.

Time running out to volunteer for retraining

From the Air Force Personnel Center Retraining Office

Noncommissioned officers in unrestricted career fields affected by the fiscal year 2013 NCO Retraining Program have until tomorrow to volunteer for retraining. NCOs who volunteer during Phase I have more opportunities to choose their next career field than those who "wait and see" if retraining will be necessary.

During Phase I, Airmen in unrestricted career fields may apply for any shortage career fields listed on the retraining advisory, if they meet requirements. Voluntary applications will be accepted only through Oct. 5.

During Phase II, the AFPC Total Force Service Center will immediately begin selecting a retraining AFSC from the most qualified and vulnerable Airmen involuntarily, in order to meet the remaining objectives.

Encourage those personnel who are still on the master vulnerability list, who have not been approved for retraining, to volunteer for career fields that have a retraining-in objective. If they wait, they could be involuntarily retrained.

The master vulnerability list is available on the virtual Military Personnel Flight web site, accessible via the Air Force Portal or the myPers web site.



EVENTS

Friday

Surf's Edge Club

Membership breakfast from 6:30-9 a.m. Club members free; non-members: \$6.95.

Youth Center

Last day to register for Intra-mural Basketball (ages 5-11) and Start Smart Basketball (ages 3 and 4). For more information call 828-7956.

Surf's Edge Club

Friday Bash from 3-7 p.m. bar snacks and drink specials. There's a guaranteed \$100 club card drawing, bar bingo and DJ. Bingo progressive cover-all starts tonight.

Tuesday

Airman & Family Readiness Center (MacDill)

Starting your own business—doing business with the government from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. This workshop will cover how to register with local agencies, find bidding opportunities and where assistance can be found. Call 828-0145 for more information.

Seascapes Beach House

Beach on Fire from 4-9 p.m. Texas Hold'em tournament starts at 6 p.m. No entry fee. Win FSS gift cards. Chef's Choice Dinner.

Wednesday

Seascapes Beach House

Beach on Fire from 4-9 p.m. Wacky Wednesday Family Nigh – kids eat for \$3.99. Southern Dinner Feature.

Thursday

Base Theater

FREE Movie! Dolphin Tale at 5:30 p.m. Everyone welcome and feel free to bring your own food and drink.

DIAMOND SHARP

Senior Airman José Colón 6th Comptroller Squadron



Job Title: Financial services technician

Hometown: Utuado, Puerto Rico

Short-term goals: My short-term goal is to acquire my bachelor's degree in economics from the University of South Florida.

Long-term goals: I plan to continue serving my country and those who serve as a commissioned officer in the greatest Air Force the world has ever known.

Advice to others: Never be afraid of asking hard questions or taking a step further. If you don't do it, all that will be left is the question, "What if I had . . .?"

Role model(s) and why: My father, because he always tried to do things in accordance with morals and ethics. Though he passed away when I was

7 years old, the desire to honor his memory remains alive. That is why living up to the Air Force Core Values is not hard for me.

Why did you join the Air Force?: As a Vietnam veteran and a man of strong values, my father always instilled in us the honor of serving your country and providing for your family. Serving in the U.S Air Force allows me to do both.



CHAPEL SCHEDULE



Protestant services

Sunday - 11 a.m. - Contemporary Service

Catholic services

Saturday - 5:30 p.m. - Mass

Sunday - 9:30 a.m. - Mass

Islamic services

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

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

EXCHANGE

ARMY & AIR FORCE EXCHANGE SERVICE

AF leaders encourage energy savings in latest 'Letter to Airmen'

Washington (AFNS) — Secretary of the Air Force Michael B. Donley, Chief of Staff of the Air Force General Mark A. Welsh III and Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James A. Roy issued a tri-signature "Letter to Airmen" on Sept. 28.

As part of Energy Action Month this October, the Air Force's top three leaders reminded Airmen that individual efforts do have an effect on energy savings.

October is Energy Action Month for our Nation. To emphasize each of our roles in energy savings, the Air Force has adopted 'I am Air Force Energy' as our theme. As energy consumers, we can impact the Air Force's fuel and electricity use every day -- by flying our aircraft at energy efficient altitudes, not letting vehicles or equipment idle, or simply turning off the lights. ... While individual efforts may seem small, they can have a big impact when multiplied across the Air Force."

View the entire letter at <http://www.af.mil/shared/media/document/AFD-121001-014.pdf>.

To assist in creating awareness of EAM, SAF/PAO has created a toolkit with talking points, a suggested activity list, a campaign plan, and a commander's call speech. Airmen can view the toolkit components on the Air Force Portal.

For more information on the Air Force Energy Program, visit www.safie.hq.af.mil/energy/index.asp and www.facebook.com/AirForceEnergy.

CORNER

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line. I'm talking about avoiding the lazy why— what we sometimes ask when tasked to do something we'd prefer to avoid. Focused Airmen ask, why not. They roll up their sleeves and get the job done.

Schwartz spoke of the bravery and sacrifices made by Airmen across our wing—their "actions in challenging times." How many of us substitute an attitude of resistance when faced with challenges or worse, indifference. Focused Airmen typically have an attitude based on persistence, an all-encompassing desire to get the mission accomplished, to be successful and a focused desire to succeed.

This year, I charge you all to focus and become involved in what we do base-wide. I challenge you to shift your focus from this is my job to Airmanship is my calling. General and Mrs. Schwartz flew here from Washington, D.C., to celebrate with us. Back in the day when a four-star general was the guest speaker at an event, leaders base-wide were tripping over themselves to sign up and hear him or her speak. I saw 800 people at this year's ball. How much more exciting an event would it have been if that number were doubled or even tripled? Whiners complain about inconvenience. Winners see the opportunity. Whiners complain about work demands. Winners cherish duty obligations. Whiners wonder why. Winners wonder why not.

This year is dwindling, and 2013 is less than two months away. I challenge us all to embrace the challenges it brings. Focus on the opportunities it presents, and deliver like the warriors our nation needs us to be.

Aim high teammates. Fly, fight and win!