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## VISION STATEMENT:

*“America’s Best Wing!  
Precise, Responsive, Trusted...Always!”*



## MISSION STATEMENT:

*“Generate and Execute Air Refueling, Airlift, and Contingency Response Capability, While Providing Base Support for Joint, Coalition, Interagency Partners, including USCENCOM and USSOCOM”*



## Digging into MacDill's past reveals much

by **Tech Sgt. Blaze Lipowski**  
6th AMW Public Affairs

I never knew I enjoyed history until I was stationed at Charleston Air Force Base, SC with the 1st Combat Camera Squadron. It took one trip to Fort Sumter, and then realizing that it was on that very ground, the beginnings of the Civil War began. I envisioned the soldiers frantically reloading the cannons. The blast must have been incredible.

In December 2007, I worked with Mr. Bill Polson, the base historian, on a project from our previous commander, Col. Robert Thomas. The project was to get the official photo, or any photo, of every commander of the 6th Air Mobility Wing, as well as all the previous base commanders of MacDill. I thought I would be able to get most of them on Air Force Link biographies page, plus what the Public Affairs multimedia center had on file. I was in for a surprise. The electronic files of the PA multimedia center only went back to 1995 and the AF biographies were a sporadic hit and miss.

MacDill was originally known as Southeast Field and later renamed MacDill Field. Finally, in 1947 it was named MacDill Air Force Base. MacDill had 53 previous commanders, starting in September 1939 with Lt. Col. Lynwood B. Jacobs.

The history of the wing is much more interesting, as well as challenging. It started out at France Field, Panama, as the 3d Observation group in 1919 and in 1920 was later renamed the 6th Observation group. Not only was it next to near impossible to find a photograph of a commander from a newly established base from Panama, but there were also "unknowns". No one knew who the first commanding officer of the 6th at France Field was. Within approximately the first 24 years the 6th existence, there are 16 years of missing names. What bothered me most was that there was an unknown person (s) in command from 1919 until 1923, then Major Follet Bradley in command from 1923 until 1926 and then another unknown from 1926 until 1931. I couldn't understand how someone did not have a change of command and why wasn't it recorded? Well, my mission was to find pho-

tographs, but it bothered me just to find all the "knowns", knowing that there are men out there deserving their rightful place in command history.

After I exhausted all that I could on base and at home, I was sent to Maxwell Air Force Base, AL to the Air Force Historical Research Agency to locate these commanders' photos. I was given three weeks. After learning the process on acquiring the information I needed to check on photographs, I searched for all the knowns that I could. While I waited for a set of volumes to be pulled, I researched another on France Field in the early days. Again, I just needed the photos. During one of my searches, I found the portraits and names of commanders of France Field from start to finish. Aggravation set in. The commander of the 6th was now separate from the base commander of France Field. The eight names of the history report started with Lt. Col. Millard F. Harmon, with the 3rd Observation Group. My wife has an account with an ancestry program on the web, and I found the 1920 census from France Field, 3rd Obs Group, and it listed Lt. Col. Millard F. Harmon at the top, just a few months before they changed the name to the 6th Obs Group. His occupation was listed as an Air Corps Officer.

When I showed my finding to Dr. Dan Haulman of the AFHRA, I made sure that I presented my case so as it wouldn't be discounted. When I finished, Mr. Haulman did take the information into account, but before "history could be changed", hard facts were needed, like the General Order #1, appointing the person to the post from the war department. A history report wasn't enough, nor a newspaper article. Had the U.S. census said Commanding Officer for occupation that may have sufficed. But, I figured, when it comes time for updating the lineage and honors for the 6th, the AFHRA will have names to work from.

MacDill was easier. There were names, but of course no photographs. I would search the web for the surname, and usually came up empty. The ones I did have success on were Col. Jean R. Byerly, WWII POW, who's granddaughter Lynda Byerly Sturges had supplied me with a vast amount of photographs when

he was base commander here from February 1951 until June 1951. Mrs. Warren Waddell, whose first husband Col. William Bent Hoynes, commanded MacDill from August 1951 until October 1951. Col. Louis Leibel's son, Robert, supplied me with a photograph of his father when he was in command two separate times from September 1958 until October 1958 and November 1958 until August 1959. These relatives still hold true to an Air Force family, and I thank them for their time, stories and, of course, the photos they have shared.

Finally, my most exciting find was one that was thought never possible, even by me. It was the very first MacDill commander, Lt. Col. Lynwood Baines Jacobs. I assured Mr. Polson that I would not retire until Mr. Polson had an official photograph of Colonel Jacobs. We only had one photograph, and it was a profile at best from the Tampa Tribune. I searched for him on my wife's ancestry program and traced his career (since he was a civilian just before WWI) as well as the trips his wife took on a steamer with the two children. I found his parents and I found his great grandparents from 1805. The Jacobs family dominated Delaware for well over a century, not pictures. My 20 years in the Air Force was approaching quickly, and in a last ditch effort, I put a "want it now" ad on Ebay. These are ads you can place if you do not see it for auction on Ebay. And, should someone enter in that object you're looking for, then a transaction can be made. Time went on, and I forgot about placing the ad. One day, in my E-mail, there was a response to the ad, which said, in effect, "I am the great granddaughter of Colonel Lynwood Jacobs. What do you want with his picture?" Of course, my heart stopped and I couldn't breathe for a minute, but I regained my composure and replied. She called me later at work, and I explained the situation. I sent her the only known newspaper photo of her great grandfather. Her father, Lynwood T. Jacobs, then e-mailed me his grandfather's official photo. This was relatively important, as he assumed command Sept. 8, 1939. This year will mark 70 years since Southeast Field, MacDill, was born.

I am happy to say, I can retire now.

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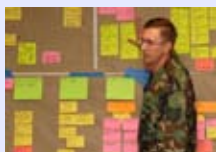


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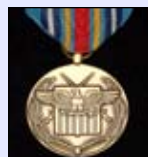
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## Be safe and prosper in 2009

### Did we mention, 'be safe?'

Thunderbolt staff report

It's a new year, which always brings to mind change and new beginnings in one's personal and professional life. It also is the beginning of a new statistical year, and the 6th Air Mobility Wing Safety Office is intent on making sure wing personnel don't become part of 2009's injury statistics.

### New Year's resolutions?

Why not search your conscience to see if there isn't some room for improvement in your worksite safety attitudes? Jimmy Buffet's old song talked about "Attitudes and Lattitudes," in which he framed a positive tune path for more meaningful routes to consider. Maybe all of us should consider ways and means where we can improve something as trite as our personal driving attitudes?

Maybe I can be a little more patient when the green light turns...and give others the right-of-way when traffic is heavy? Or maybe I can drive 25 miles per hour in the 25 mph zone, and not assume that I am entitled to a few more miles per hour since I am in hurry and what the heck? And, what about jobsite attitudes and latitudes? Surely they can stand some improvement? Have a safe 2009, at home, at work, on vacation and everywhere you go

Being a new year, it tends to be that time of year when we sometimes evaluate our life: successes, failures, educational goals, physical fitness goals, etc. During these times, we can find ourselves energized with thoughts of future dreams while others can find themselves troubled by negative thoughts of failure or lack of achievement. Being a friend, a co-worker, or supervisor, we are all wingmen and have the responsibility to look out for others with these negative thoughts. Advising others where they can find help or even giving some positive feedback can go along way. Making sure you and your

military family are safe is all of our responsibility.

Clean / check your smoke detectors regularly and change the batteries

when you change the time on your clocks during the fall and spring.

Although smoke detectors are in 92 percent of American homes, nearly one-third don't work because of old or missing batteries.

Wishing you had done so will not do you much good "after" a fire.

### Safety Tips

In an emergency, use cell phones.

Take the following steps in an emergency:

1) Immediately tell 911 dispatchers exactly where you are located.

Include the state, since your call may reach a distant 911 center. This enables emergency help to reach you quickly. (Be aware: mile markers, exits, crossroads, landmarks as you travel, to help in an emergency)

2) Next, tell what is wrong. Are there injuries, fire, people trapped? This allows the right kind of help to respond initially.

3) Then, tell who is calling. Give your cell number so dispatchers can call back if your call is disconnected. Remember, few 911 centers see cell numbers displayed. They must rely on you. (Memorize your cell phone number.)

4) Emergency two-way radio calls are handled similarly. Broadcast the above information repeatedly. Substitute your name, call sign, etc. for the cell number.

5) Remember, volunteers, police or others often can hear you when you cannot hear them. They must rely on you. In poor conditions, they may have to piece together your message. Keep it the same each time. Broadcast it repeatedly.





## Five fast facts about tobacco, quitting

Finding your motivation to quit is one of the keys to becoming tobacco free. Start today and begin building your list of reasons to quit. If you can't think of reasons on your own, ask your family, friends and co-workers. They can help you find your motivation to quit tobacco.

**1. Tobacco is expensive.** Take a few minutes to stop and think how much money smoking takes from your disposable income. It's more costly than you may realize. Where could you better spend your money? Here is the real cost of smoking.

**2. Tobacco kills.** Dip contains 28 cancer-causing agents, carcinogens. Dip causes lip, cheek, tongue, and other types of cancer of the mouth. It also causes leukoplakia, white patches in the mouth that can turn into cancer. According to the American Cancer Society report, Cancer Prevention and Early Detection Facts and Figures 2005, approximately 87 percent of lung cancer deaths can



be attributed to tobacco.

**3. Smoking causes many diseases and negative health effects.** According to "The Health Consequences of Smoking," a Report of the Surgeon General 2004, smoking has been attributed to abdominal aortic aneurysm, atherosclerosis, bladder cancer, cataracts, cervical cancer, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, coronary artery disease, diminished health status, esophageal cancer, hip fractures, kidney cancer, laryngeal cancer, leukemia, low bone density, lung cancer, oral cancer, osteoporosis, pancreatic cancer, peptic ulcer disease, pneumonia, stomach cancer and strokes.

**4. Tobacco use is harmful to the brain.** Several studies have shown evidence that chronic tobacco use promotes a decline of mental functioning, with or without a family history of dementia or Alzheimer's disease.

**5. Smoking can cause blindness.** Smokers are more likely to develop age-related macular degeneration. Macular degeneration can result in blindness because of the loss of 'straight-ahead' vision that we use for activities such as reading, hobby work and driving a vehicle.

Want to Quit? We can help! We offer a four-week tobacco cessation program that helps participants "kick the habit" for good using the American Cancer Society "Freshstart" program. Group discussion as well as information on exercise, stress management and weight control is included. Medication may be prescribed. The classes are offered at the HAWC and Brandon Community Clinic. Call the HAWC to enroll (813) 828-4739.

(Information taken from: American Cancer Society's Freshstart Tobacco Cessation Program, and <http://legacy.usw.org>, and ACS Cold Hard Facts About Dip brochure.)

### The Real Cost of Dipping/Chewing

Price per can = \$3.00

1 year

Price per pouch = \$2.00

1 year

2 cans per week

\$312.00

2 pouches/ week

\$208.00

1 can per day

\$1,100.00

1 pouch/day

\$730.00

### The Real Cost of Smoking:

Price per pack= \$4.75

1 year

10 years

20 years

1 pack per day

\$1,733.75

\$17,377.50

\$34,675.00

2 pack per day

\$3,467.50

\$34,675.00

\$69,350.00

3 packs per day

\$5,201.25

\$52,012.50

\$104,025.00



Give up a nasty habit





## 2008 federal income tax prep help

Tax assistance will be provided this tax season beginning the first week of February in the Retiree Activities Office located between the Base Exchange and the Commissary. This service is offered free of charge to retirees, spouses and active duty families.

The RAO will have five trained tax preparation volunteers preparing tax returns. Electronic filing will be provided. Refunds can be expected within approximately two weeks from the date of filing. The program is sponsored by the Staff Judge Advocate and is operated under the supervision of the RAO.

Tax preparers are trained under the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program and are certified by the IRS for performance at a level commensurate with most retirees' incomes.

Operating hours are 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Monday through Friday beginning Feb. 2, 2009. Appointments are available by calling 813-828-0248 or visiting the office on or after Jan. 12, 2009. Walk-in service will also be available on a first-come, first-served basis during operating hours. Active duty personnel in uniform will be given priority over other walk-in customers between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

If the RAO did not prepare your 2007 return, you should bring a copy of the return you filed for that year.

Additionally, the Brandon MacDill Fam-

ily Resource Center will begin scheduling appointments Jan. 5. Appointments will be offered Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., beginning Jan. 12. No walk-in service is available. Call 813-655-9281 to schedule a Brandon appointment.

## Road Closures

As part of the new Clinic construction project, the intersection at Zemke Avenue and Kingfisher Street will be reworked to connect to the new Zemke extension. This will require partial road closures on the following:

- ◆ Kingfisher St. south of the AAFES gas station.
- ◆ Zemke Avenue east of Kingfisher St. and west of Blackbird St.
- ◆ Great Egret Avenue east of Kingfisher St. and west of Blackbird St.

All affected street entrance routes will be marked by barricades. The closures will start on Monday, Jan. 12 and extend for the next 30 days. There will be lighted information signs posted on N. Boundary Blvd., West of Kingfisher St. and on Zemke Ave. west of Avocet St. Barricades will be in place by 6 a.m. Jan. 12.

## Union Representation

Bargaining Unit Employees are reminded that under Section 7114(a)(2)(B) of Chapter 71, Title 5, U.S.C., employees have the right to

be represented at any examination in connection with an investigation if: a. the employee reasonably believes that the examination may result in disciplinary action against the employee, and b. The employee requests representation.

## Reward Top Performers

MacDill's Tony Jannus Chapter of the Airlift/Tanker Association sponsors an award program. Within the two categories E-1 to E-4, and E-5 to E-6, members from all five services compete for base-wide honors, winning an Airlift/Tanker Association Performer of the Quarter trophy, and the option of joining the Tony Jannus Chapter. The theme for nomination packages is "How the Individual's Performance Contributed to Air Mobility". The nominee must be stationed at MacDill, no attached personnel. Simply type five main bullets, with no more than two supporting sub-bullets, maximum of 15 lines, on an Air Force Form 1206, save in .xfd format, listing actions and results from October through December 2008. Do not add filler or job descriptions, focus only on job performance. Please submit nominees via e-mail to [jon.incerpi@macdill.af.mil](mailto:jon.incerpi@macdill.af.mil) by close of business Monday, Jan. 12. If you have any questions, please contact the Tony Jannus chapter president, Lt. Col. Jon Incerpi at 828-2957.





## New badge part of historic change in force support

by April Rowden

Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFNS) — A new career badge made its debut when 57 officers graduated from the inaugural force support officer training course last month at Keesler Air Force Base, Miss.

After nine weeks of initial skills training, the officers are the first to showcase the badge of the new 38F Force Support Air Force Specialty Code. The AFSC, which incorporates services with the previously merged personnel and manpower career fields, came online Oct. 31.

“We wanted the badge to be unique while keeping some familiar elements from the legacy career field badges,” said Capt. Thomas Oziemblowsky, who designed the badge using input from the manpower, personnel and services A1 community. “We preserved the unique

history of each badge while establishing a new, distinct symbol for our new force support officers.”

Armed with formal art training, it took the captain less than four hours to create more than 50 thumbnail sketches. Captain Oziemblowsky is the chief of A1 Organization in the A1 Office of Strategic Plans and Integration at the Pentagon.

The design selected by Lt. Gen. Richard Newton, deputy chief of staff for manpower, personnel and services, incorporates the torch from the services badge and the delta from the manpower and personnel badge. The wreath around the torch and delta infuses the badge with a touch of tradition.

The images cradled in the wreath are steeped in symbolism. The globe represents the worldwide scope of operations and the diverse groups of customers the force support career field sustains. The delta signifies the link of support throughout the world. The flame represents excellence and captures the hall-

mark of force support organizations: strength, vigilance, spirit and camaraderie.

Captain Oziemblowsky and his teammates hope the new badge will help capitalize on the camaraderie forming under the new AFSC.

“There’s lots of pride in being the first of officers to go through this class and earn the badge,” said graduate 2nd Lt. Emily Shanes

from the 4th Force Support Squadron at Seymour-Johnson AFB, N.C.

Class leader Lt. Col. George Fenimore said the badge was embraced by the newly minted force support officers.

“There’s a natural pride in wearing one’s original badge,

so changing badges brings out mixed emotions. But we’ve worked hard in a variety of ways to earn this badge,” said the former instructor pilot assigned to the Active Guard and Reserves Readiness Management Group at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.

In 2006, Air Force officials began merging



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the manpower, personnel and services career fields to streamline programs responsible for “all things people,” including taking care of families and everything in between. The 38F IST course brings together skill sets from all three career fields to give the deployment-ready graduates a broader scope of knowledge, making them even more valuable to Airmen and commanders.

“The officers wearing this distinctive new badge are part of history,” said Mark Doboga, Director of Plans and Integration at the Pentagon. “Their proud display of the badge not only signifies that the Air Force continually looks for innovative ways of doing things more efficiently, it serves as a tangible manifestation of our force support officers becoming key advisors to their commanders on all things impacting the lives of our Airmen.”

Officers possessing the legacy 37F Manpower and Personnel and 34M Services occupational badges will discontinue wearing those occupational badges by Aug. 1. Starting immediately, but no later than Aug. 1, the 38F Force Support occupational badge will be worn. It will be displayed centered 1/2 inch above the top row of ribbons or left pocket.

Officers will earn the basic 38F Force Support badge after graduating from IST. The officers will wear the senior badge after seven years in the specialty and the master badge after 15 years in the specialty.

The force support officers will maintain the badge level attained in their legacy career field -- basic, senior or master -- when they transition to the 38F badge.

The badges should be available for purchase at the Army and Air Force Exchange Service in early 2009. Units may begin purchasing the badges in January using a Government Purchase Card at [www.iragreen.com](http://www.iragreen.com).



## **Fun run**

(Far left) Staff Sgt. Kristin Trevino, Marine Central Command, runs toward the finish line during the New Year's Run sponsored by the 6th Force Support Squadron here Jan. 7. Sergeant Trevino placed second in the overall race for the women. (Left) Staff Sgt. Robin Arp and Senior Airman Brandon Martin, from the 6th Communications Squadron, run toward the finish line during the run. Sergeant Arp placed third in the overall race for the women.





## Prescription medication: Yours for a reason

by Staff Sgt. Larry Wrenn  
Assistant NCOIC Military Justice

Any prescription medication you receive from the Pharmacy comes to you only after your healthcare provider has reviewed your medical history, your history of drug allergies, examined you and written a prescription for a specific medical diagnosis, and a separate team of Pharmacy specialists have double- and triple-check any medication you receive. All medications, prescription and over-the-counter, have side effects; especially if taken in the wrong dosage or combined with other drugs or alcohol. Your medical care team has checked that for YOU, but NOT for anyone else you might give your prescription to.

Some people have allergic reactions to medications and these allergies can be extremely

dangerous! If you give your prescription to another person, they can have a serious allergic reaction. You cannot predict another person's reaction to a drug that you take safely. You cannot predict your reaction to a drug that another person takes safely.

Take your prescriptions as your healthcare team has advised and if you have extra pills, dispose of them in a way that prevents their use by anyone else. The Food and Drug Administration recommends following any specific instructions included with your prescription regarding disposing of the medicine. If specific instructions are not included, you can dispose of your prescriptions in your household garbage, but mix them with an undesirable substance such as coffee grounds or kitty litter to make the medication less appealing to children or pets. Do not stockpile prescrip-

tions that are no longer needed. These medications degrade with time and exposure to the elements: light, moisture and temperature extremes.

The distribution of your prescription medications to a friend or family member, or the possession and/or use of prescription drugs that are not yours, is strictly prohibited by law. The selling of any prescription medications you have is illegal! The consequences for the wrongful possession of and/or criminal sale of prescription drugs include punitive discharge, fines and imprisonment.

If you have questions about your prescription medications please call the base pharmacy at 827-9300. If you wish to report illegal sharing of prescription medications please contact Air Force Office of Special Investigations at 828-4921 or Security Forces at 828-3322.



## Welcome back Team MacDill!

Welcome back Team MacDill! I hope you and your families had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday break and are ready for a busy new year. It's a great time to be at MacDill with lots of exciting events planned around the base and in the greater Tampa community. As we start the New Year, we need to stop and examine where we stand and where we want to be as a team. Our 6 AMW team has and will continually strive to be America's Best Wing. To make sure everyone on the team understands where we are going, wing leadership crafted our vision and mission statements late last year. Our statements and the objectives directly support Air Force and AMC priorities while we also support our many mission partners.

We are building on the Air Force and Air Mobility Command 'back to basics' focus as we concentrate our vision and mission on today's tasks. AMC leadership laid out the following major focus areas as the center of our command's 'back to basics' approach.

- **Win Today's Fight as part of the Joint/Coalition Force**
- **Develop and Care for our Airmen and Families**
- **Enhance Nuclear Mission Support**
- **Optimize Mobility Partnerships**
- **Prepare Mobility Forces for the Future**

Our wing leadership team has developed a comprehensive plan to align our efforts with AMC's focus areas. Every 6 AMW Airman must understand our plan to support each AMC focus area and missions that are unique to us here at MacDill and their own role in meeting the objectives. To shape and guide our efforts, the 6th Air Mobility Wing has new vision and mission statements.

"America's Best Wing! Precise, Responsive, Trusted...Always!"

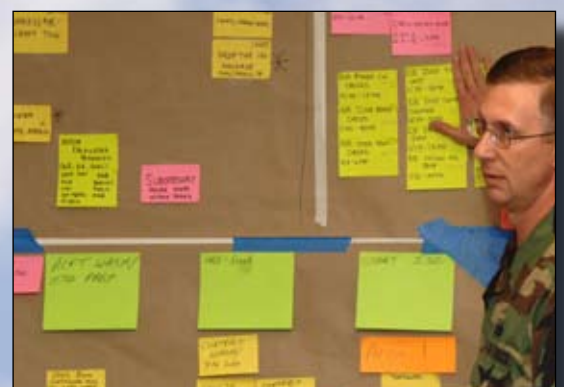
Our new vision statement defines what 6 AMW want to be as a team, sets a very high standard for excellence and describes the key attributes we will strive to define.

"Generate and Execute Air Refueling, Airlift, and Contingency Response Capability, While Providing Base Support for Joint, Coalition, Interagency Partners, including USCENTCOM & USSOCOM"

Our new mission statement reflects not only our wartime air mobility mission but our critical role supporting partners here at MacDill. Taken together, these statements will allow our Airmen to understand what they must do and sets a standard of performance we demand and expect every single day.

As we reviewed Air Force priorities and AMC focus areas, wing leadership developed a specific 6 AMW Strategic Alignment and Deployment plan. As part of the wing, you will see the results of this effort in objectives we'll use to improve how we do our mission, take care of our people and support our partners. Some objectives will set standards for improvement, while others will define tasks we must sustain every day.

As 6 AMW Airmen, we all need to understand these objectives and apply them to our own group, squadron, agency, flight and team. I challenge you to evaluate your entire operation, align your efforts with these objectives and continually strive for improvement. Communication up and down the chain of command will make this process work, so I'm looking forward to talking with you next week at my Commander's Call and addressing any of your questions or concerns. As a team, we can truly earn the title of America's Best Wing!



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# Improve Today's Fight as part of the Joint/Coalition Force

Improve and sustain the MacDill KC-135 mission at a 95% effectiveness rate by providing one additional aircraft to 618 TACC  
Improve and sustain the MacDill C-37 mission effectiveness rate at 98%  
Improve the percentage of deployable Airmen and in-garrison ready Airmen  
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Decrease the DUI rate and improve the ground and aviation ground mishap rates  
Mitigate PBD 720 personnel loss and work load issues  
Improve youth program and CDC utilization to meet the future demand of personnel/ housing expansion on MacDill  
Improve healthcare access and increasing enrollment from 26K to 30K by the end of FY09

# Enhance Nuclear Mission Support

Complete 100% of OPLAN 8010 taskings  
Ensure OPLAN 8010 CCP testing and general knowledge scores are all pass and that there are no OPSEC incidents

# Optimize Mobility Partnerships

Improve 6 AMW/927 ARW integration and collaboration efforts  
Improve base support for Joint, Coalition and interagency partners by increasing parking availability by 10% and decreasing the amount of time spent waiting at the gates during peak traffic times by 25%

# Prepare Mobility Forces for the Future

Decrease facility electrical energy use by 3%  
Decrease vehicle fuel consumption by 10%  
Implement a 6S program in every squadron not later than March 2009  
Decrease wing level meeting time and labor hours by 40%



## Air Force History

**A look back at this week in AF history for Jan. 9-15**

### January 9, 1917

Capt. Henry H. Arnold was assigned to Panama to organize and command the 7th Aero Squadron. Capt. John F. Curry commanded the 6th Aero Squadron at Fort Kamehameha, Hawaii.

### January 9, 1929

Maj. Paul Bock, flew a C-2 Army transport, 3,130 miles from Wright Field, Ohio, to France Field, Panama through Jan. 16. This



was the first airplane to be ferried by the Army Air Corp to a foreign station.

### January 9, 1945

U.S. Army Air Forces participated in the opening of Luzon, Philippines Campaign.



### January 9, 1956

1st Lt. E.A. Schmid became the first Airman to fly over the South Pole and first member to fly over both North and South poles.



### January 9, 1967

Tactical Airlift Command initiated Combat Lady, a test of classified weapons at Eglin AFB, Fla.



### January 9, 1973

The Short Range Attack Missile began operational testing from B-52s at Holloman AFB, N.M.

### January 9, 1976

The first operational Hybrid Explicit flight test occurred with the launch of production verification missile (PVM-12) from Vandenberg AFB, Calif.



## Air Force officials publish energy program policy

WASHINGTON (AFNS) — The secretary of the Air Force recently signed the Air Force Energy Program Policy. This document will serve as the blueprint for Air Force officials as they continue their goal to keep energy initiatives in the forefront.

“The Air Force energy strategy furthers an energy future that is secure, efficient, and environmentally sound” said Michael B. Donley, secretary of the Air Force.

The policy provides information for the management strategy, goals objectives and metrics, including organizational relationships and existing responsibilities.

Americans import roughly 58 percent of the country’s petroleum products. It is anticipated that they will continue to import an increasing percentage of energy supplies going forward. This increased demand for imports, coupled with dwindling resources and instability in the Arabian Gulf region makes it clear the need for an effective energy strategy.

The overarching vision in the Air Force Energy Initiative is “Make Energy a Consideration in All We Do.” This initiative will be met by reducing demand, increasing supply and changing the culture within.



## Eligibility expanded for Expeditionary Medal

**RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFNS)** — Department of Defense officials recently expanded the areas of eligibility for the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal.

The approved additions are two countries - Morocco and Burkina Faso - and Operation Nomad Shadow, with an initial area of eligibility of Turkey and Northern Iraq.

In March 2003, President Bush approved the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal for active-duty, Reserve and Guard servicemembers in recognition for their service in the global war on terrorism. To be eligible, individuals must have deployed abroad on or after Sept. 11, 2001, for service in Operation Enduring Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Servicemembers who qualify for both the Iraq Campaign Medal and the GWOT-EM during the same Operation Nomad Shadow deployment can be awarded either medal, but not both. Servicemembers are not entitled to more than one campaign or expeditionary medal for the same period of service.

For more information, Airmen can contact their local personnel section or



**Those serving in Morocco and Burkina Faso, as well as Operation Nomad Shadow, along with an initial eligibility of Turkey and Northern Iraq, are now eligible for the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal. DoD officials recently expanded eligibility.**

call the 24-hour Air Force Contact Center at (800) 616-3775.

## Got News?

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Royal Air Force photo

**A KC-135 Stratotanker from the 340th Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron refuels a Royal Air Force GR-4 Tornado over Iraq.**

## **Airpower summary: Tankers provide key fuel support**

**SOUTHWEST ASIA (AFNS)** — Coalition airpower integrated with coalition ground forces in Iraq and International Security Assistance Force troops in Afghanistan during operations Jan. 3, according to Combined Air and Space Operations Center officials here.

In Afghanistan, an Air Force MQ-1B Predator used Hellfire missiles and an Air Force B-1B Lancer dropped guided bomb unit-38s onto a team of improvised explosive device emplacements digging alongside a coalition route in the vicinity of Bolocan. The missions were confirmed a success by an on-scene joint terminal attack controllers.

In the vicinity of Sangin and near Shurakian, Navy F/A-18C Hornets performed shows of force to deter enemy activities and provided armed aerial overwatch for coalition convoys in the area. The JTACs declared the missions were successful.

A Navy F/A-18E Super Hornet conducted a show of force by expending flares and provided armed aerial overwatch for a coalition patrol that had taken fire in the vicinity of Musa Qal Eh. The mission was confirmed a success by the JTAC.

In total, 48 close-air-support missions were flown in support of ISAF and Afghan security forces, reconstruction activities and route patrols.

Fifteen Air Force intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance aircraft flew

missions as part of operations in Afghanistan. Additionally, four Navy and coalition aircraft performed tactical reconnaissance.

In Iraq, coalition aircraft flew 42 close-air-support missions for Operation Iraqi Freedom. These missions integrated and synchronized with coalition ground forces, protected key infrastructure, provided overwatch for reconstruction activities and helped to deter and disrupt hostile activities.

Twenty-four Air Force and Navy ISR aircraft flew missions as part of operations in Iraq. Additionally, three Air Force and coalition aircraft performed tactical reconnaissance.

Air Force C-130 Hercules aircraft and C-17 Globemaster IIIs provided intra-theater heavy airlift, helping to sustain operations throughout Afghanistan, Iraq and the Horn of Africa.

Approximately 130 airlift sorties were flown, more than 400 tons of cargo were delivered and nearly 4,700 passengers were transported. The airlift included approximately 108,000 pounds of troop re-supply that was air-dropped in Afghanistan.

Coalition C-130 crews flew as part of operations in Afghanistan or Iraq.

On Jan. 2, Air Force and coalition aerial refueling crews flew 46 sorties and off-loaded approximately 3.1 million pounds of fuel to 223 receiving aircraft.

*(Courtesy of Air Force Print News)*





## Budweiser military tribute extended

“Here’s to the Heroes” Provides Free Admission to Worlds of Discovery Theme Parks For Military Members and Direct Dependents

A tribute program that has provided free admission to Worlds of Discovery for more than 3.2 million members of U.S. and coalition armed forces and their families has been extended through 2009. Budweiser’s “Here’s to the Heroes” was launched in February 2005 to acknowledge the service of military men and women and the sacrifices made by their families.

“It is gratifying to all of us at Anheuser-Busch InBev that so many members of our armed forces have taken advantage of this program and honored us with a visit,” said Jim Atchison, President of Busch Entertainment Corporation. “This is a difficult time for our men and women in uniform – and their families -- and we are honored to give them something back.”

Here’s to the Heroes provides a single day’s free admission to any one SeaWorld or Busch Gardens park, Sesame Place, Adventure Island or Water Country USA for the

service member and up to three of his or her direct dependents. The program is sponsored by Budweiser, the flagship beer of Anheuser-Busch InBev.

Any active duty, active reserve, ready reserve service member or National Guardsman is entitled to free admission under the program. He or she need only register, either online at [www.herosalute.com](http://www.herosalute.com) or in the entrance plaza of a participating park, and show a Department of Defense photo ID. Also included in the offer are members of foreign military forces serving in the coalitions in Iraq or Afghanistan or attached to American units in the U.S. for training.

“This is one small way we can acknowledge and thank the soldiers, sailors, Marines, Airmen and Coast Guardsmen whose service helps to preserve the freedom and safety of every American,” Atchison said. “It’s important to all of us at Anheuser-Busch InBev that we show our gratitude to the men and women of our armed forces and their families for the sacrifices they make on our behalf.”

Here’s to the Heroes is

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the fourth tribute to military personnel offered by the company since Yellow Ribbon Summer welcomed service members home from the Gulf War in 1991.

Three Worlds of Discovery – SeaWorld Orlando, Busch Gardens Tampa and SeaWorld San Diego – operate year round. The company's remaining parks are seasonal, with varying opening dates this spring. Each park's operating schedule is available online.

Inactive, standby and retired reserve members, military retirees, U.S. Merchant Marine and civilian Department of Defense workers are ineligible for the program. The program does not include Discovery Cove or SeaWorld's new waterpark, Aquatica.

Orlando-based Busch Entertainment operates nine Worlds of Discovery across the U.S.: SeaWorld Florida in Orlando, SeaWorld California in San Diego, SeaWorld Texas in San Antonio; Busch Gardens Africa in Tampa, Fla., Busch Gardens Europe in Williamsburg, Va.; Discovery Cove in Orlando; Sesame Place in Langhorne, Pa. near Philadelphia; and waterparks Adventure Island in Tampa and Water Country USA in Williamsburg. Aquatica, SeaWorld's waterpark, opened in spring 2008.

The Worlds of Discovery play host to more than 25 million guests each year and employ 26,000 people nationwide. On the Web at *WorldsofDiscovery.com*

For more information, contact Fred Jacobs, Busch Entertainment Corporation Communications Vice-President, at 314.613.6077 or *Fred.Jacobs@WorldsofDiscovery.com*.

# MACDILL COMMUNITY



## EVENTS

### Today

#### Bayshore Club

There will be a free membership breakfast at the Bayshore Club from 6:30 a.m. until 8:30 a.m. Call the Bayshore Club at 828-4756 for more information.

#### Diner's Reef

Tonight is Pizza night at the Diner's Reef from 5 until 7 p.m.

### Monday

#### Surf's Edge Club

Bingo Extravaganza Monday night beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Surf's Edge Club.

### Tuesday

#### Base Library

Pre-School Story Time is Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Base Library.

### Wednesday

#### Surf's Edge Club

There will be a Pinochle tournament at the Surf's Edge Club Wednesday, Jan. 14 from 7 until 9:30 p.m.

#### Base Library

Family Story Time is Wednesday, Jan. 14 at the Base Library at 7 p.m.

### Thursday

#### Surf's Edge Club

There will be Pop Quiz Trivia contest at the Surf's Edge Club Thursday, Jan. 15 from 7 until 9 p.m.



Photo by Nick Stubbs

## BUZZZZZ!

It was a new year and a new haircut for Donald Young, 10, who let barber Kyle Stump do his magic with the clippers at the Commissary barber shop Dec. 31. Donald is the son of Paylwyn Young, deputy commander of the Sector St. Petersburg Coast Guard.

## CHAPEL SCHEDULE

### Today at 10:30 a.m. - Mass Honoring the Blessed Mother

#### Protestant services

**Sunday** - 9 a.m., Traditional Service  
10:30 a.m., Religious Education, Noon, Gospel Service

**Tuesday** - Noon, Promise Keepers

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

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

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

#### Catholic services

**Saturday** - Mass, 5:30 p.m.

**Sunday** - Mass, 10:30 a.m.

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

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

#### Jewish and Islamic services

Call 828-3621 for information



**Base Theater closed for renovations**