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Historic deployment for 310th AS

The luggage of members of the 310th Airlift Squadron waits to be loaded onto a C-37A at MacDill Air Force Base, Jan. 27. Emily, 3, hugs her father Lt. Col. Kurt Kremser, 310th Airlift Squadron C-37A pilot, prior to deploying. Story and more photos, page 10

COMMANDER'S CORNER



If it's in the air...

by Col. Barry Roeper

6th Maintenance Group commander

If you've been to a wing event recently, such as an award, promotion or graduation ceremony, you've probably heard folks shouting, "If it's in the air...MXG put it there!" It's the 6th and 927th Maintenance Groups' motto. Occasionally when it's shouted, I've heard disparaging remarks from others. I'd like to take this opportunity to explain what the phrase means to a maintainer and why it should bring commendation, rather than condemnation.

When I first enlisted in the Air Force, I was an aircraft maintainer working on the F-4 Phantom II aircraft (yes, it was a long time ago). Whenever I was walking on the flightline, carrying my technical order in one hand and my toolbox in the other, I would always stop when one of our F-4s was taking off, watch it rise up in the air and retract the gear. It was a beautiful thing, and it always filled me with a warm, intense sense of pride. That's because I knew that the work I did on that aircraft, the

energy, sweat, and occasionally blood I shed on that aircraft enabled that jet to take off with the assurance that the aircrew would successfully perform their mission and land safely. What a feeling!

Stopping to watch the aircraft take off wasn't a once-in-a-while thing; it was an every time thing. I just couldn't help it. Someone once told me that eventually I would tire of it and not even notice when a jet was taking off. Well, it's 32 years later, and if you see me walking down the flightline on my way to a meeting, you'll still see me turn and look whenever one of our jets take to the air.

I still feel that warm sense of pride that I've always felt. It's a little different, because now that pride is not in the work I've done myself, but the work my Airmen have done. It's their blood, sweat, and tears that put that aircraft in the air now, so it's more like the pride a parent feels. I sincerely hope and believe my maintainers feel the same sense of pride I felt when I was in their boots.

When we say "If it's in the air...MXG put it there," that's just us exhibiting the pride we



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6th Air Mobility Wing shout-outs

A Standardization and Evaluation section eight-member team, from the 91st Air Refueling Squadron, successfully overhauled 10 functional programs to comply with a major Air Force instruction rewrite, weeks prior to a higher headquarters inspection. During the 2012 Air Mobility Command Aircrew Standardization and Evaluation Visit, members of

the inspector general's office lauded their accomplishments with ratings such as "best flight evaluation folders seen in years," "excellent" administration rating, "outstanding" testing score and "exceptionally qualified" aircrew evaluation ratings. Their efforts also earned the Squadron's Warrior Flight of the Year award.



COMMANDER'S ACTION LINE

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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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News to know

Settlement of estate

Lt. Col. Jay A. Vietas, 6th Medical Support Squadron Commander, regrets to announce the death of 1st Lt. Elizabeth Allen, formerly assigned to the 6th MDSS, MacDill Air Force Base. Capt. Karen Chisholm, 6th MDSS, has been appointed as the summary court officer (SCO) to handle the disposition of personal property of Lt. Elizabeth Allen. Anyone indebted to or having a claim against the estate of Lt. Elizabeth Allen should contact Capt. Karen Chisholm at 813-827-9460 (work) or 813-505-2060 (cell).

'There I was...' Perspective

by Lt. Col. Brian Gilpatrick

91st Air Refueling Squadron director of operations

We have been conducting near-continuous operations in Southwest Asia since Operation Desert Shield began in 1990. Operation Enduring Freedom has been going on for more than 11 years. As a result, most of our Airmen have deployed so many times to Southwest Asia that it has become somewhat of a regular rotation.

I have deployed numerous times as a KC-135 crew member to several different bases. I know people who are on their twelfth deployment or have surpassed 300 combat sorties. Some of our bases, especially those outside of Afghanistan, have become so robust that their amenities compare to some stateside bases.

As I prepared for my most recent deployment, I found myself wondering what I really needed to pack. How was the Wi-Fi? Would I need a television? How about a bicycle? When I arrived, I heard about a shift from an expeditionary to an enduring presence and an initiative to begin accompanied assignments to the base. I also learned of numerous opportunities to travel off-base and was informed of an upcoming "flightline fest" to showcase our aircraft.

All of these initiatives and comforts are important and help ease the pain of being away from friends and family, especially during the holidays. However, they can also contribute to a loss of perspective. When something becomes so commonplace and so seemingly low threat, there is danger of losing focus or perspective on why we are there at all.

This loss of focus can even occur within some aspects of the mission. As the director of operations, I must ensure that my aircrews are focused on their mission. Generally, when deployed in support of combat operations, this wouldn't be a difficult task; however, when you have been flying the same basic mission for years, things can start to seem a bit ordinary. My deployed KC-135 crewmembers, flying three to four miles above Afghanistan, do not always see the direct impacts of their efforts. They are not in the heat of the fight for the most part and are not being threatened by any adversary. Most days, their biggest threat is avoiding other coalition aircraft or navigating the customs and immigrations process follow-



Lt. Col. Brian Gilpatrick

ing their flight.

As a KC-135 crew, our job is to be on station whenever and wherever we are needed to support ongoing operations. Some days our fuel is desperately needed, and others it is not. There are many factors that play into this equation such as location of the operation, type of air support needed, weather and availability of intelligence, reconnaissance and surveillance, along with many other factors.

Sometimes we are tasked with being on station just in case we are needed, providing available fuel for F-16s or A-10s or sitting alert to provide close air support at a moment's notice. Other times our fuel provides the flexibility and increased loiter time to guarantee intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance coverage or to enable historically low response times to calls for air support. Most days it is easy to understand how our fuel provides flexibility and support to air and ground operations, but some days it is not always as clear. Occasionally, we get so comfortable with the mission that we need a reminder of why we are here, an adjustment of perspective.

For me, this reminder came one seemingly normal day about two weeks into my deployment. Everything started as any other day, but that all changed with a short phone call. That call was to notify me that one of our re-deploying aircraft had been re-tasked and would be carrying a fallen warrior back to the United States. It is not often that KC-135s are utilized for this task, however on this day, we were

6th AIR MOBILITY WING ANNUAL AWARDS



Kevin Chambers, 6th Mission Support Group, accepts the 2012 Category I Civilian of the Year Award.



Chief Master Sgt. Joseph Powell, 6th Medical Group superintendent, accepts the 2012 Honor Guard Noncommissioned Officer of the Year Award on behalf of Staff Sgt. Aleta Palmer.



David Nelson, 6th Operations Group, accepts the 2012 Category II Civilian of the Year Award.



Capt. Taylor Reynolds, 6th Mission Support Group, accepts the 2012 Company Grade Officer of the Year Award.



Rudy Wyatt, 6th Wing Air Mobility Wing staff, accepts the 2012 Category III Civilian of the Year Award.



Master Sgt. Ben Cobb, 6th Operations Group, accepts the 2012 Senior Noncommissioned Office of the Year Award.



Master Sgt. Brad Robbins, 6th Mission Support Group, accepts the 2012 First Sergeant of the Year Award.



Lt. Col. Leslie Maher, 6th Operations Support Squadron commander, accepts the 2012 Noncommissioned Officer of the Year Award on behalf of Tech. Sgt. Roger Zehr, 6th Operations Group.



Airman 1st Class Christopher Ward, 6th Mission Support Group, accepts the 2012 Honor Guard Airman of the Year Award.



Senior Airman Devin Jagers, 6th Mission Support Group, accepts the 2012 Airman of the Year Award.

Settlement of Estate

Lt. Col. Collin Gilbert, commander of the 6th Logistics Readiness Squadron, regrets to announce the death of Staff Sgt. Emily Clayburn, formerly assigned to the 6th Logistics Readiness Squadron. 1st Lt. Melvin Boothe has been appointed as the summary court officer to handle the disposition of personal property of Clayburn. Anyone indebted to or having a claim against the estate of Clayburn should contact Boothe at 813-828-8135 or melvin.boothe@us.af.mil.



Just as weights can strengthen muscles, one's resiliency can be strengthened by working the physical, mental, social and spritual aspects. These are the four "wellness pillars."

Resiliency: Everybody's got time for that

Part I of IV

by Staff. Sgt. Brandon Shapiro
6th Air Mobility Wing Public Affairs

The military lifestyle is exceptionally fast-paced, demanding and hectic; however, through a series of focused actions, combating unforeseen stressors can become second nature.

Resiliency strengthening is the catalyst needed to get through hard times.

The masterminds behind ensuring the well-being of Airmen and their families have been working overtime to find ways of improving "Comprehensive Airman Fitness." They've determined that greater focus should be placed on four "wellness pillars" in order to maximize one's resiliency: physical, mental, social and spiritual.

Physical resiliency involves a balanced and healthy diet, regular exercise and the ability to project a professional image.

As stated, sticking to a healthy diet is just one of three essential elements that make up physical resilience, and through a few quick diet

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Basic instinct: teen dating

by Capt. Jeremy Pallas

6th Medical Group

As a parent, protecting our children is a basic instinct. From teaching them to look both ways before crossing the road, to avoiding a hot stove, we begin educating our children about the dangers of life early on. In a survey of parents, 81 percent admitted that teen dating violence is not an issue or admit they don't know if it's an issue. The reality is that one in four adolescents report verbal, physical, emotional, or sexual abuse from a dating partner each year. February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month; unless teenagers and parents are informed of the truth about teen dating violence and dating abuse, the ability to stop its harmful impact is futile.

Seventy-two percent of eighth and ninth graders reportedly date. Parents, educators, coaches and other mentoring adults should be prepared to help teens distinguish between healthy and unhealthy relationships. Often starting with teasing and name calling, dating violence may include physical, emotional or sexual abuse. Physical abuse may involve any intentional use of physical force with the intent to cause fear or injury— such as hitting, shoving, biting, strangling, kicking or using a weapon. Emotional abuse may include non-physical behaviors— such as threats, insults, constant monitoring, humiliation, intimidation, isolation or stalking. Finally, sexual abuse is any action that impacts a person's ability to control their sexual activity or the circumstances in which sexual activity occurs, including rape or coercion.

Teen dating relationships are real, not just fictionalized stories you may see on the television. It is important that teens recognize and understand what constitutes a healthy relationship. Discuss the 10 abusive partner warning signs with your adolescents:

- ◆ Checking your cell phone or email without permission
- ◆ Engaging in constant put-downs
- ◆ Extreme jealousy or insecurity
- ◆ Explosive temper
- ◆ Exerting financial control
- ◆ Isolating you from family or friends,
- ◆ Mood swings

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Historic deployment for 310th AS

by Airman 1st Class Sarah Breer
6th Air Mobility Wing Public Affairs

In January 2001 the 310th Airlift Squadron joined Team MacDill. Twelve years later, it made a bit of history, when one of its C-37A aircraft and two crews were deployed.

The squadron's twin-engine, turbofan aircraft routinely run missions from MacDill for high-ranking government and Department of Defense officials, but when the plane departed Sunday for its deployment to support the mission overseas, it was a first.

The deployment is a departure from the normal MacDill-based mission of the 310th AS of "providing five-star service to the four-stars," a great source of pride for the squadron, whose job it is to make sure the military's highest ranking members experience the same comforts and capabilities in the air as they do in their offices.

Onboard the plane, military members can use secure and unsecure internet, communication, phone and fax lines. High ranking officials can eat, sleep, and work all while aboard the plane, meaning that they can accomplish the mission while travelling.

"The C-37 mission is positive because we provide hands-on support to the war fighter," said Lt. Col. Derrick Hodges, 310th AS commander.

Two crews headed to the area of responsibility to support the mission overseas. One crew consists of two pilots, a communications system operator, a flight engineer and a flight attendant. Both crews share a squadron aviation resource manager.

Preparing for this historic first deployment was a new experience.

A typical deployment is at wing level, said Hodges. This slot was filled by a squadron.

"The Air Mobility Command tasked the squadron for the deployment, but since our squadron had never deployed with the C-37A, every process had to be built from scratch," said Hodges of the deployment.

A squadron of 62 members pulled the deployment together quickly. It usually takes a whole group with the support of the wing behind it to put a deployment together, with much more time to prepare.

"We had about five weeks' notice that we were tasked to fill this slot," said Hodges. "It has been a challenge since we have never deployed before, but we have stepped up. It is hard to measure what we have done, but long term, we are proud of what we bring to the fight."

Each service member going on this deployment volunteered to be a part of it, said Tech. Sgt. Ricky Osborne, 310th AS flight engineer. Everyone was pumped to go.

Osborne cross trained to be a flight-engineer from health services management. He chose to do this job.

"This job lets me travel to places most people don't get to go," Osborne said.

Members in the career fields that are deploying are all at least second term Airmen, as their jobs are not available out of basic military training.

In addition to military members, civilian contractors are also being deployed. A new contract had to be written so that they could go with the plane overseas. The civilians will perform full line-maintenance on the plane while it is deployed.

To do their job, they work together and have to know what they are doing, Osborne said. They could not succeed without the whole crew.

Hodges said he is proud of his unit for volunteering, but he isn't surprised that they did.

"We are different," Hodges said. "It takes a special person to do this job."

Everyone who is tasked to deploy is experienced and ready to go because the mission is necessary and important, said Hodges. We have to be on time and in the right place every time we do anything.

While deployed, the crews will do the same job they do stateside. The crews will replace an Air Force unit from Ramstein Air Base, Germany and will be gone for a typical rotation, approximately three months.





(Clockwise from top right) Staff Sgt. Tristan Nicholas, 310th Airlift Squadron flight attendant, unpacks food on a C-37A. Edison Godoy, Gulfstream data analyst, reprograms the Smart Link system that runs the cabin communication inside a C37A. Tech. Sgt. Ricky Osborne, 310th Airlift Squadron flight engineer, performs a pre-flight check in preparation for the deployment. Members of the 310th Airlift Squadron prepare for departure Jan. 27. (Background) Lt. Col. Kurt Kremser, 310th Airlift Squadron C37A pilot, says farewell to his children, Elisa, 6, and Katherine, 19 months.



Photos by Senior Airman Melissa Paradise



RESILIENCY

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changes you can increase alertness, concentration, calmness and relaxation.

Have you ever heard the phrase, “You are what you eat?” Well, that is exactly true. Those that find themselves nibbling on junk food for a quick snack are only setting themselves up for failure. These snacks appear to be harmless, but in all actuality every time someone eats candy or drinks a soda, not only are they signaling their body to store fat—they’re disassembling their own muscle, noted Dr. Helen Hazuda, professor of medicine at University of Texas Health Science Center.

How about breakfast? Are you making sure you start your day off with wholesome foods that contain enough vitamins, minerals, and carbohydrates to fuel your day? If not, you have failed yourself before you have even started.

To jumpstart your healthy approach, start with a small, yet nutritious breakfast. Second, make sure that you are eating at least four to five moderate meals a day; this will increase your metabolism, which subsequently increases your fat burning and energy storage. Lastly, refrain from snacking late at night and make sure you include foods from all the major food groups: grains, fruits and vegetables, milk and dairy, meat, and fats and simple sugars.

Although proper eating habits are a great start, without the essential caveat of regular exercise, their effects will have diminishing returns. Exercise has long been a key to what we now call resiliency and what

the first recorded exercisers, the Greeks, called their “healthy mind in a healthy body,” philosophy.

Exercise prepares the body both mentally and physically. Implementing at least a 20-minute cardio and 20-minute strength training routine five times a week will prepare you for the mental and physical challenges you may encounter. Additionally, regular exercise helps promote weight control, combats health conditions and diseases, improves your mood, boosts your energy and increases the effectiveness of sleep.

The bottom line is that physical activity and exercise are great ways to improve your mood, increase your health and relieve unwanted stress.

Through balanced and healthy eating habits and frequent exercise, the third essential element of physical resilience all but falls into place; projecting a professional image.

“A polished professional military image will not only make you stand out among your peers, but reflects how confident you are,” noted Lt. Col. Mark Horner, the former 380th Expeditionary Force Support deployed squadron commander. “It provides others with a sense of credibility in your abilities.”

Thus said, it’s apparent that with increased confidence and credibility, both mood and production will subsequently increase.

Resiliency, although it may seem cut and dry, cannot be fixed overnight, it’s an ongoing process—that starts with you!

NEWS/FEATURES



MacDill welcomes new Airmen

From the First-term Airmen Center
6th Force Support Squadron

The following first-term Airmen have arrived to MacDill from technical school. We are excited to have them and wish them the best!

6th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Airman 1st Class Tonni Upchurch, Tuskegee, Ala.

6th Air Mobility Wing

Airman 1st Class Benjamin Sorrell, Lee Ssummit, Mo.

6th Civil Engineer Squadron

Airman 1st Class Cedric Chandler, Wilmington, N.C.

6th Comptroller Squadron

Airman Timothy Camp, Sacramento, Calif.

6th Medical Operations Squadron

Airman 1st Class Erick Mendoza, Miami, Fla.
Airman Kirsten Neph, Burton, Mich.

6th Logistics Readiness Squadron

Airman 1st Class Brandon Mobley, Dallas, Texas

6th Maintenance Squadron

Airman 1st Class Blake Bennett, Detroit, Mich.

6th Operation Support Squadron

Airman 1st Class Issac Butler, Killeen, Texas

6th Security Forces Squadron

Airman 1st Class Otis Pompey, Montgomery, Ala.

91st Air Refueling Squadron

Airman 1st Class Crystal Cash, Abbeville, Ala.

Air Force implements force-wide civilian hiring freeze

by Staff Sgt. David Salanitri

Air Force Public Affairs Agency

WASHINGTON (AFNS) — Air Force senior leaders directed a force-wide hiring freeze among other workforce actions in a memorandum sent to senior commanders Jan. 16.

The actions are part of the Air Force's efforts to pursue reversible or recoverable steps to avoid impacts to core readiness caused by the looming possibility of sequestration and budgetary shortfalls.

Civilian pay makes up a large share of the Air Force's operating budget. With budgetary uncertainty and a projected fiscal year 2013 \$1.8 billion shortfall in the Air Force funding for overseas contingency operations, Air Force leadership is taking these immediate actions to reduce the force's expenditure rate.

The temporary hiring freeze applies to all positions that are open to applicants outside the Air Force for permanent, temporary and term vacancies in all appropriations, according to the memo. Reassignments and promotions within the current work force will continue because they do not affect the current force size.

The memo, issued by Lt. Gen. Darrell Jones, deputy chief of staff for Manpower, Personnel and Services, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C., states hiring actions already in progress where a selection was made and an entry on duty date already established will continue, and set EODs may remain. External hiring actions where a job offer has not been made will be withdrawn. Exemptions from previous hiring controls do not carry over.

Additionally, commanders are directed to immediately release temporary employees, and

not renew term employees. All temporary and term employees, to include reemployed annuitants that are not considered mission critical, should be separated in accordance with already established procedures.

More specific guidance on actions related to the civilian workforce hiring freeze and management of temporary and term employees is being developed and will be distributed through command channels as soon as details are available.

"These are uncharted waters concerning the federal budget and the effect it will have on the Air Force," Jones said in the memo. "It is imperative we work closely together to balance mission needs and minimize impacts to our dedicated civilian employees and their families."

For more information please contact the Civilian Personnel Section at 828-6090.

‘THERE I WAS...’

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called on to perform the honorable yet solemn task of safely transporting one of our fallen heroes back to his family.

I had witnessed these ceremonies, but I had never been a part of one. All I knew is that we had to make sure it was conducted with the dignity and honor that this hero deserved. As I worked with the crew to ready the aircraft and ensure a smooth departure, the mortuary affairs team arrived along with the escort, a Navy SEAL teammate and brother, who would travel with this fallen Soldier and guarantee a safe return.

Nothing could have prepared me for the feelings I would have or the emotion of watching the transfer case being loaded onto one of my aircraft. I was not prepared for the conversation I had with the escort. It

is something I will never forget, something that will forever remind me what service really means.

It was a stark reminder that our brothers and sisters in arms are still being wounded or killed-in-action every day. It was a reminder of what my mission is, what my KC-135s are providing every time they take off, and why they are necessary.

We must never lose sight of the fact that we have forces on the ground and in harm’s way every single day. Their safety is dependent upon us maintaining our focus, us being able to provide 24-hour, seven days a week effective and dependable air refueling, airlift and aero-medical evacuation, and upon us maintaining the proper perspective.

DATING

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- ◆ Physically hurting you in any way
- ◆ Possessiveness and telling you what to do.

Realize that some teens may be hesitant to seek help or discuss these concerns with you. As a parent, trust your instinct to care for children and be open, direct and honest in discussions.

Victims of teen dating violence are more likely to do poorly in school and report binge drinking, suicide attempts and physical fighting. The repercussions of teen dating violence are impossible to ignore, as it impacts not just victims but their families, friends, schools and communities. Take the time to educate yourself and others. For more information, contact the MacDill Family Advocacy Program at 828-9172.

CORNER

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feel in the work we do. We’re not implying that our group is solely responsible for getting the aircraft in the air. We know it takes everyone in the wing working together to ensure mission success. But what’s unique about the 6th and 927th Maintenance Groups is that the KC-135s assigned to MacDill Air Force Base are our sole reason for existence. Without the KC-135, other groups still have a function and missions to support, the MXG does not. It’s all about the KC-135. It’s our responsibility to keep this 50-year-old work-of-wonder flying, safely and effectively, every day and for many years to come. We take this responsibility seriously, and we take a lot of pride in doing it well. Believe me, you want your maintainers to take pride in the work they do.

Do not dissuade when you hear us shout, “If it’s in the air, MXG put it there.” Be appreciative of the pride and seriousness we take in keeping the KC-135, the backbone of the United States’ tanker fleet.

MACDILL COMMUNITY



EVENTS

Friday

Surf's Edge Club

Membership Breakfast from 6:30-9 a.m. Club members FREE; Non-members: \$7.95

Boomers Bar & Grill

Friday Bash! 3-7 p.m. Bar snacks and drink specials! Guaranteed \$100 club card drawing, Bar Bingo - \$1,000 jackpot and DJ!

Sunday

Seascapes Beach House

Super Bowl Party from 4 p.m. to close. Bar snacks! Cajun food specials! Beer and hurricane drink specials! Door prizes! Club members receive a \$10 food voucher. Dorm resident club members: FREE Football Frenzy gear; grand prize giveaway, 65" LCD TV! *Must be a club member to win.

Wednesday

Valentine Craft Bazaar

10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Raccoon Creek Pavilion, Bldg. 2017. Cost: \$8 per table rental/per selling vendor Set-up time will begin at 8 a.m. and open to the public at 10 a.m. Shop for yourself, a friend, or buy your Valentine a gift. There will be many beautiful crafts and homemade items for sale, including candles, afghans, knick-knacks, jewelry, candy, home-baked goods, and many more items. Crafters interested in having a table to sell items should register and pay at the Outdoor Rec office NLT noon Feb. 3 (Need 10 people, can take 20). For more information call Outdoor Recreation at 840-6919

Arts & Crafts Center

Canvas & "Cocktails" from 4-6 p.m. Cost: \$10 per person or Free for Single Airman. Call 828-4413 to sign up.



Photo by Senior Airman Adam Grant

Retired Chief Master Sgt. Lewis Singleton, speaks during the Martin Luther King Special Observance at the base chapel on MacDill Air Force Base, Jan. 24. The ceremony honored and celebrated King's contributions to the civil rights movement.



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CHAPEL SCHEDULE

Protestant services

Sunday - 11 a.m. - Contemporary Service

Sunday - 9:30 a.m. - FamCamp Service

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>.

Catholic services

Saturday - 5:30 p.m. - Mass

Sunday - 9:30 a.m. - Mass



NEWS/FEATURES



Scholarship for dependents

The 2013 Fisher House Scholarships for Military Children Program is available Feb. 22. The application can be downloaded from www.militrainscholar.org. Scholarship awards will be based on funds available; however, the anticipated individual awards amount is at least \$1,500. Children of active duty, reserve, guard, or retired military personnel may apply. Applications should be returned to the commissary customer service or secretary office no later than Feb. 22. For more information contact the scholarship managers at 856-616-9311 or militrainscholar@scholarshipmanagers.com.

Bounce Back Series

The 6 AMW Chapel staff will be hosting the following events during the first quarter of 2013 to help Team MacDill bounce back from any challenges you face. Call 828-3621 to RSVP for these events. Current chapel activities can also be found at www.macdill.af.mil/macdillchapel.

- ◆ Feb. 9 - Marriage Workshop, Bethany Retreat Center, Lutz, Fla., 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Facilitators will be retired Col. Rick and Sandee Lester.

- ◆ March 1 - Riding the Dragon Resiliency Workshop, Base Theater, 10 a.m. to noon, Keynote speaker will be Dr. Robert J. Wicks.

- ◆ March 22-24 - Singles' Retreat, Christian Retreat Center, Bradenton, Fla., March 22 at 7 p.m. to March 24 at noon. Keynote speaker will be Georgia Shaffer.

Daddy daughter dance

The base chapel will host a daughter-father dance from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Surf's Edge Club on Feb. 22. For more information or to register contact the chapel at 828-3621.

Tax assistance

The Retiree Activities Office at MacDill Air Force Base and the Brandon Airman and Family Readiness Center satellite office offer free tax assistance services to active duty members, military retirees and their families 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays. Services are available by appointment and on a walk-in basis. Call the RAO at 813-828-4555 and the Brandon AFRC at 813-655-9281.

Be sure to visit the 6th Air Mobility Wing website for news and information: www.macdill.af.mil