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# COMMANDER'S CORNER



## Honoring our heroes

by Maj. Gen. Darren W. McDew

Air Force District of Washington Commander

**Joint Base Andrews, Md.** — In the National Capital Region, you do not have to look far to find monuments honoring our heroic Airmen, Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen who have paid the ultimate price in defense of our great Nation.

This weekend, Americans will visit the memorials and cemeteries in Washington D.C. and throughout the U.S. as well as in Europe and the Pacific to honor the hundreds of thousand fallen service members who have given their lives for our country and our freedom.

Many will remember grandparents, parents, brothers, sisters, aunts and uncles who served in World War I and World War II, Korea, Vietnam, and the first Gulf War. Many more will pay tribute to husbands, wives, sons and daughters who recently lost their lives in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Think about that...memorials and military cemeteries spread across this nation and throughout the world. The VA's National Cemetery Administration maintains approximately 3.1 million gravesites at 131 national cemeteries in 39 states and U.S. territories, as well as in 33 "soldiers' lots" and monument sites. The American Battle Monuments Commission manages 24 overseas military cem-

eteries, and 25 memorials, monuments, and markers to honor those who served in World War I or World War II. The overseas locations memorialize more than 218,000 Americans with nearly 125,000 gravesites, and commemorate an additional 94,000 on "Tablets of the Missing."

In Arlington National Cemetery, 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment Soldiers (The Old Guard), U.S. Marine Corps Ceremonial and Guard Company Marines, U.S. Navy Ceremonial Guardsmen, U.S. Air Force Honor Guard members, and U.S. Coast Guard Ceremonial Honor Guard members will place more than 250,000 grave decorating flags. The flags will remain through Memorial Day.

The numbers are staggering, but they do not account for thousands more buried in state veterans' cemeteries throughout the country.

The numbers also tell a story. These heroes hailed from every town and city in America. They came from every walk of life - young men and women straight out of high school and college to farmers, policemen, teachers, doctors, lawyers - you name it. Their ethnic backgrounds are equally as diverse. But they all had one thing in common - they served our nation during times of peace and war. They served as shields for America to keep war from reaching our front door. Unfortunately,



Maj. Gen. Darren W. McDew

too many lost their lives in foreign lands never to see their families again.

Today, we are faced with the grim reality that the number of fatalities since we began operations in Afghanistan and Iraq is up to more than 6,400. Every one of those losses is

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## Commentary

### Perseverance

by Col. Matt Molineux

6th Operations Group commander

The 6th Air Mobility Wing team continues to excel in providing world-class combat, combat support, and humanitarian relief in operations around the globe. There can be no doubt our professional Airmen prosecute Air Force and presidential intent with technical expertise, dedication, and sacrifice, to achieve mission success always. We must not lose sight of these successes as we pause to reflect on recent challenges and the two fatalities we've endured. We value every Airman and cannot accomplish our mission without everyone on the team. Perseverance will carry the day.

Every Airman and Air Force civilian in our wing makes a vital contribution to mission effectiveness. I can't fly my

venerable KC-135 Stratotanker without all my teammates. I have to have my ID card to fly. I have to have my medical clearance to fly. Computer access to mission plan. Also needed are mission-capable aircraft, jet fuel paid for and in the tanks, command and control system, and Fire Dogs on the ramp should something go wrong. I have to have our team in order to go fly—and that's where we all have a common purpose: "Fly, Fight, and Win!"

You have to indulge me while I recount some of the critical contributions our wing members have made to the fight.

For instance, the 6th Medical Group provides the only benefit that touches every eligible beneficiary—on and off base—200,000 in the Tampa Bay area. Our medical providers and support personnel cleared 3,900 Airmen last year for deployment and respond to every aircraft emergency, 9-1-1



Col. Matt Molineux

call, and traumatic event on the base. They also continue to provide care long after these events have subsided, when most of us have had our attention averted to the next crisis. There is ALWAYS "a medic in the house!"

The 6th Mission Support Group has the herculean task of keeping this city called "MacDill" running, while supporting all Team MacDill members. The group re-  
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## Resiliency Region

### Anger is getting harder to control

**DEAR WING MA'AM:** Sometimes, I get so angry. Lately, I've been getting angry at the people I work with, my family, and I even yelled at one of my closest friends. I don't know if I'm stressed or what?!? I can't really tell what is bothering me, and sometimes it feels like everything bothers me. At times, I feel like I may do something I might regret. What can I do to control my anger?

- *The Last Straw*



Dear  
Wing  
Ma'am



**DEAR LAST STRAW:** Anger is a powerful emotion everyone feels from time to time. It is one of the most poorly handled emotions in our

culture today. Some common causes of anger are frustration, hurt, disappointment, annoyance, harassment or threats. The way you express your anger can be helpful or harmful. If you ignore your anger it can lead to health problems, tension, accidents and interpersonal problems. Uncontrolled anger can be dangerous and may lead to crime, abuse or more violent behaviors.

First thing you can do to help keep your anger under control is to recognize your anger. Are you feeling tense? Feeling frustrated or disappointed? Next, identify the cause of your anger; sometimes the cause may not be obvious. Third, take a positive step to resolve the problem that caused your anger. Try not to let the angry feelings fester inside you.

When expressing your anger, try to calm down before you discuss the issues. Be assertive when expressing yourself without making in-

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*Dear Wing Ma'am is written by Capt. Christy Cruz, a Licensed Clinical Social Worker. Wing Ma'am works as the Resiliency Program manager and clinical therapist at MacDill*

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*style and length. Not every question can be answered. This column seeks to educate readers and should not be used as a substitute for seeking professional assistance.*



## Air Force ends pilot travel card program

**WASHINGTON (AFNS)** — The Air Force recently decided to transition existing Controlled Spend Account travel cards to an enhanced Government Travel Card by the end of fiscal 2012.

“The CSA, a pilot travel card program, provided some enhancements for travelers, but also brought about significant challenges for our most frequent travelers and those with unique mission sets,” said Joan Causey, deputy assistant secretary for Financial Operations. “We recognized that for any travel card program to work, it has to work for all travelers. In the end, we were not satisfied that any proposed changes to the CSA program would get us to the desired state for our most frequent travelers.”

The actual transition will occur in August and September; current CSA cardholders should continue to use their cards as normal. The transition strategy allows travelers to continue using their “blue cards” without interruption. The card functionality will be converted to a GTC by CitiBank without the need to get a new card. Also, travelers will once again be provided with a permanent credit limit, and there will be no need to call for “temporary spend limit” increases.

One of the enhancements being pursued for the GTC program will be via the Defense Travel System. Default settings will be



Courtesy photo illustration

changed to automatically align most non-mileage expenses to the card. Additionally, the traveler can split-disburse any residual funds to their personal account. Finally, as a carry-over from the CSA program, Citi will upgrade their GTC online system to allow travelers to request electronic fund transfers of credit balances directly to their bank accounts.

“The CSA to GTC transition plan is already in motion,” Causey said. “We’re planning a brief test in July to ensure all systems are a go. If all systems perform as expected, roughly 300,000 cardholders will be converted during the August/September timeframe.”

Citi will not process any early transitions and should not be contacted to do so. Further questions by Airmen regarding the transition should be directed to local Agency Program

## Youth Employment Skills (YES)

by Michael Tyler

6th Force Support Squadron

The Youth Employment Skills Program is an on-base volunteer program for high school students and offered at select Air Force bases. This program, un-



Courtesy photo

derwritten by the Air Force Aid Society, is a joint effort between AFAS and Air Force Family Member Programs Flight to offer high school students an opportunity to learn valuable work skills, bank dollar credits toward their post-secondary education, and have a positive impact on their base community.

YES allows Air Force active duty family member high school students who are enrolled full-time as freshmen, sophomores, juniors, or seniors to bank \$4 in grant funding for every hour volunteered in an on base function. Students may accumulate as much as 250 hours over all four years of high school combined,

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## Congratulations to the latest graduates of Airman Leadership School

### Award Recipients

#### Commandant Award

Staff Sgt. Joshua Santa

#### Academic Achievement Award

Staff Sgt. Austin McCabe

#### Distinguished Graduate Award

Staff Sgt. Tyron Lombardo

#### John L. Levitow Award

Staff Sgt. Bonnie McPherson

#### 6th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Staff Sgt. Justin Casey

Senior Airman Michael Eichorn

Staff Sgt. Nathan Ledbetter

Staff Sgt. Tyron Lombardo

Staff Sgt. Austin McCabe

Staff Sgt. Ryan Pizzeck

Staff Sgt. Joshua Santa

#### 6th Communications Squadron

Staff Sgt. Danielle Denny

Senior Airman Cory James

#### 6th Force Support Squadron

Staff Sgt. Felicia Benavides

Senior Airman Jieun Yi

#### 6th Logistics Readiness Squadron

Staff Sgt. Johnny Washington

#### 6th Maintenance Squadron

Staff Sgt. Joshua Gravit

Staff Sgt. Adam Labenne

Staff Sgt. Matthew Vernoy

#### 6th Security Forces Squadron

Staff Sgt. Donald Brown

Staff Sgt. Kyle Davidson

Staff Sgt. Heather Heltz

Staff Sgt. Patisha Johnson

Staff Sgt. Bonnie McPherson

Staff Sgt. Lawrence Munoz

#### United States Coast Guard

Petty Officer 2nd Class Robert Hopkins

Petty Officer 2nd Class Timothy Pinette



# NEWS/FEATURES

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## Children, families feast on ‘Reading Is So Delicious’

by **Kathy Makar**

MacDill Library

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Registration kicks off this month for a shared summer reading program that will reach military families in all branches around the globe.

MacDill readers of all ages can dig into a buffet of book choices around the theme “Reading Is So Delicious.” Most programs will run eight weeks, with open enrollment during the summer. Activities will range by

location and include everything from edible art projects to discussions of books like “James and the Giant Peach.”

There was a 400 percent increase in participation across the program, and the plan is to continue this trend with creative programs that connect with readers of all ages. This year’s theme ties in two great flavors – reading for the fun of it and healthy eating.

Research spanning 100 years shows students typically score lower on standardized tests at the end of summer vacation than they do on the same tests at the beginning of the summer. Summer reading programs

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## READ

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can help to offset this loss, because studies also indicate students who read recreationally out-performed those who don't. Students read more when they can choose materials based on their own interests.

This year marks the third in which 250 base and installation libraries will participate in the shared summer reading program. Last year's program logged more than 10 million minutes spent reading by children and families participating in the program.

"This was such a great motivator" raved one parent. "I caught David reading on his own yesterday, and he never does that. Thanks for offering the program and the prizes."

Sponsored by the Department of Defense with program content developed by iREAD, "Reading Is So Delicious" will reach thousands of families. The theme is brought to life by illustrators Barry Gott, Chris Eliopoulos, Lucy Knisley and Patrick Girouard. Resource guides for the program were developed by librarians for librarians to motivate children to read.

"Summer reading programs are valuable not only in reducing fall-off in educational attainment over the summer, but as a means for families and children to spend time together, an especially important aspect for military families," added Kathleen Brady, library director.

For more information on the program, call 828-3607 or email [6SVS.Library@us.af.mil](mailto:6SVS.Library@us.af.mil).





# BRIEFS



## **Chapel youth programs starting**

Beginning in June, the MacDill Chapel will be offering youth ministry programs specifically for middle and high school students. The “Club Beyond” meeting will be held Tuesdays from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Chapel Annex 2. The “Deeper” program will be held Thursdays from 6 to 7 p.m. in Chapel Annex 2. Contact Shea Voslar at 482-7875 for more information.

## **DCC is seeking an E-5 to E-6**

The Davis Conference Center has an opening for a staff sergeant to technical sergeant. Any Air Force Specialty Code (5- or 7-skill level) may apply for the position, with a report date of June 15. Applicants are expected to remain in this position for one year. Individuals must obtain their unit commander’s approved release. To apply, contact Kevin Thompson at 828-6601 or [ernest.thompson@us.af.mil](mailto:ernest.thompson@us.af.mil).

## **Memorial Day event**

A Memorial Day ceremony is scheduled for 8 a.m. May 28 at the base flag pole next to the Bayshore gate. There will be a posting of the Colors, laying of a wreath, 21 gun salute, songs and poems by military artist, and remarks by 6th Air Mobility Wing Commander Col. Lenny Richoux. Parking is available in CENTCOM parking area lot 12 across from CENTCOM avenue. For more information, call Master Sgt. Cardell Hopkins at 813-827-9556 or email [cardell.hopkins@us.af.mil](mailto:cardell.hopkins@us.af.mil).

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Photo by Staff Sgt. Linzi Joseph

## Asian eats!

**Col. Robert Rocco, 6th Medical Group commander, speaks to attendees during the Asian-Pacific American Heritage Food Tasting event at MacDill Air Force Base, May 16. May is Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month, during which we honor the contributions and achievements made by Asian-Pacific Americans throughout the history of the United States.**

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for a potential maximum of \$1,000 toward their future vocational, technical or academic endeavors. In addition, the base will be credited \$2 for every volunteer hour, to be used in support of base youth program enhancements (up to a maximum of \$10,000 per year).

Interested parents with eligible students should contact the base Volunteer Program Manager, Mike Tyler, at 828-3224 or the base Youth Director, Charlie Lechner, at 828-7957 for eligibility requirements and enrollment procedures.





# Coalition of nations supporting the war

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

Their emblem is the American bald eagle, wings spread with foreign flags visible underneath. One member from the Coalition Coordination Center on MacDill, known as Coalition Village, described the two interpretations of the illustration:

If you're an American, it represents the U.S. covering and protecting the nations depicted under its wings.

If you're a foreign ally, it represents all the nations supporting the U.S. and enabling the U.S. to continue to soar.

"Either way, it's a representation of what we do here at the Coalition, supporting one another to accomplish a common goal," said Denmark Brig. Gen. Jens Praestegaard, Coalition chairman and senior national representative of Denmark.

The common goal Praestegaard was referring to is the one established soon after the 9/11 terrorist attacks which claimed more than 3,000 American lives to include woman, men, children and first responders. The impact was felt globally as citizens from more than 80 countries lost their lives.

The Coalition today is composed of 59 nations helping to fight the global war on terrorism.

"After President Bush's speech stating, 'you are either with us, or against,' nations (mostly NATO) began signing up immediately," said Praestegaard.

There are more than 230 coalition partners on MacDill operating on the bilateral agreements established between their country and the United States, supporting operations in the U.S. Central Command's area of responsibility.

U.S. CENTCOM area of responsibility includes 20 countries spanning 4.1 million square miles, also to include 512 million people speaking 18 major languages with four major religions.

Since the war started, foreign nations have deployed troops to support the war efforts.

In Afghanistan alone, there are 47 nations represented. Coalition partners have deployed more than 40,000 troops to Operation Enduring Freedom and to the International Security Assistance Force in Kabul, Afghanistan.

"Since 2001, U.S. CENTCOM has relied heavily on coalition partners for prosecution of the war on terror. This support is paramount to the command's success as it continues to execute multiple operations within its (CENTCOM) area of responsibility," said Jordan Col. Mamdoh Al-Ameri, director of Coalition public affairs.



Coalition Forces members gather for a group photograph at MacDill Air Force Base, **ism**, sparked by the attacks of 9/11, 2001 that left more than 3,000 people dead. The g



Photo by Senior Airman Melissa Paradise

A member of the Afghan military and his family hand out information on the United Arab Emirates at the annual Coalition Dinner at MacDill Air Force Base, Dec. 8, 2011. Fourty three countries from the Coalition Village participated in the event.



Petty Officer 1st Class Marie DeOlive attachment, listens to Mayor Bob Buck and tribute to our nation's resilience on Boulevard at Patriot's Corner, honors the Bayshore Patriots.





Photo by Staff Sgt. Nancy Falcon

home of Coalition Village. In all, 59 nations have military representatives on base to assist the U.S. efforts in the war on terror-  
 global impact of the attacks was felt by much of the world, as members of more than 80 nations lost their lives.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Linzi Joseph

ira, United States Central Command Coalition Forces French de-  
 horn speak during the 9/11 World Trade Center Artifact installation  
 n Patriot's Corner, Tampa, Sept. 9, 2011. The memorial, on Bayshore  
 the unyielding support shown to the men and women of service by



Photo by Staff Sgt. Nancy Falcon

A U.S. Central Command Coalition Forces member pays tribute to those who have served and died in war, conflicts and peacekeeping operations, at a memorial set up at the marina on MacDill Air Force Base, April 25. On April 25 each year, New Zealand and Australia commemorate ANZAC Day, which is a national day of remembrance in both countries, to honor the members of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps (ANZACs) who fought at Gallipoli during World War I.







# MacDill Exchange committed to offering best possible prices

by Marianne Blair

MacDill Exchange public affairs

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According to a recent article by *PC World*, more than half of U.S. adult mobile phone owners used a handset for shopping assistance while in stores during the 2011 holiday season. Additionally, a quarter of these shoppers went online to see if they could find a better price for a product they were considering buying.

With smart phones becoming more prevalent as shopping tools, price matching is becoming increasingly popular. With this in mind, the Army & Air Force Exchange Service's "We'll Match It!" program is ensuring military shoppers at MacDill pay the lowest price possible.

Depending on the item, price matches can be done with or without a competitor's ad:

- A price difference of less than \$10 is

matched on the spot.

- Pricing discrepancies greater than \$10 are matched with a current local competitor's ad.

In both cases, products must be identical.

"We even offer a 14-day price guarantee on any item originally purchased from the Exchange," said the MacDill Exchange's General Manager, Nicola Carter. "So, if an item is sold at a lower price by the Exchange, or any local competitor, the price can be matched up to two weeks after the purchase."

The Exchange Catalog and [shopmyexchange.com](http://shopmyexchange.com) also match lower prices (including shipping and handling) from other online retailers on identical items available for sale and delivery in the customer's area.

Details regarding the Exchange's price matching policy as well as exceptions can be found [www.shopmyexchange.com/CustomerSer-](http://www.shopmyexchange.com/CustomerSer-)



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### **Chapel seeks children's coordinator**

The MacDill Chapel is accepting bids for a part time Protestant Children's Church coordinator, paid by the Chapel Tithes and Offering Fund. A statement of work can be picked up at the chapel from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Resumes and sealed bids will be accepted through June 1. Interviews will be conducted June 4, from 1 to 4 p.m. The sealed bids will be opened at noon, June 5 in the Chapel conference room. Anyone with interest may attend. The Protestant Children's Church coordinator is expected to start work June 10. Applicants must have access to enter a military installation and are subject to a criminal background check as directed by Department of Defense Instruction 1402. For additional information, contact Tech. Sgt. Anthony DeVoile at 828-3621 or email [anthony.devoile@us.af.mil](mailto:anthony.devoile@us.af.mil).

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a loss to our nation, a loss to our military, and, most importantly, a loss to the families who grieve.

On this Memorial Day, at 3 p.m., wherever you are, I encourage you to pause and participate in the National Moment of Remembrance established by Congress. This is a moment of reflection and an opportunity to demonstrate our gratitude for our fallen warriors.

On Memorial Day and every day, let's continue to make sure our heroes are never forgotten.

I thank you for your service and wish you a safe holiday weekend.



# WING MA'AM

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sulting remarks. Try to avoid name calling and making accusations. Be direct, but don't get physical or violent. Remember, sulking in silence when you are angry is not going to solve your problem.

Constructive ways to control a flaring temper can be using humor for minor situations that cannot be helped. Any physical activity like weightlifting, golfing or running can be an excellent outlet for your anger feelings. Engaging in a hobby can also be a positive way to vent. Get plenty of rest and relaxation so your body can reduce tension and deescalate. When you're angry, take time to calm down and think. Then, discuss the issue with the person involved.

Remember, anger is a natural emotion that must be managed. Learn to recognize and understand your anger, then find healthy ways to express and resolve it.

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cently garnered four-star recognition for the strides taken in executing the U.S. Air Force Food Transformation Initiative as one of six pilot bases and crushed the toughest Cyber Inspection in the Department of Defense—“Outstanding.” However, while supporting the base, they also sent 75 percent of their Explosive Ordnance Disposal Flight and many combat truckers on deployment, an incredible 1,450 man-days in Afghanistan and Iraq conducting 1,400 combat missions “outside the wire” and moving more than 200,000 cargo tons in support of the President’s Operation Iraqi Freedom Responsible Drawdown—the largest retrograde movement since WWII. Additionally, 124 of our Defenders deployed to nine nations and 10 bases, filling 100 percent of their Air Expeditionary Force taskings. By the way, we don’t do these missions without money and our contracting agents awarded \$207,000,000 through 1,482 actions for the 6th Air Mobility Wing, U.S. Central Command, U.S. Special Operations Command, and 36 other partner units to make the mission happen. So

for the 6th MSG squadrons, they are absolutely “Six as One!”

The 6th Maintenance Group has the enormous challenge of working on the 50-year-old KC-135s on the ramp. Despite the speed bumps of aging aircraft, under-manning, and lack of parts availability, the maintainers produced 1,600 missions for 6,600 flying hours with 16 KC-135s. Our team conducted operations at three main locations for a month during a runway closure, with no relief from any higher headquarters taskings, resulting in an overall 98.3 percent mission effectiveness rate! Additionally, the 6th MXG dominated a worldwide mobility competition winning the “Best KC-135 Maintenance Unit” and was rated “Excellent” in the Logistics Compliance Assessment Program. In direct support of the fight, 127 of their Airmen deployed this year. “If it’s in the air, MXG put it there!”

So what? How does all this work affect the fight? Our primary task in the Air Force is to put iron in the air to produce combat airpower for the war fighters. All functions, medical,

support, maintenance, and operations are required to make this happen. YOU are critical in making this happen.

The result of our effort is the presentation of airpower in the battle space. To that end, the 6th Operations Group experienced unprecedented tasking levels this year. We sustained a tanker super-surge 109 percent above the norm for 10 months. We built 2,845 tanker missions, flew 16,000 flight hours, and transported 52 tons of cargo and 8,123 passengers. In overseas contingency operations we flew 2,188 sorties, offloaded 316 million pounds of fuel to 9,821 receivers, supporting 952 kinetic strikes, 711 shows of force, and 967 troops in contact. Additionally, our airlifters fully supported six combatant commanders, flying 2,184 hours and 740 sorties into 149 airfields with minimal support. They transited 52 nations with only three aircraft! Our operators flew in the initial Operation Odyssey Dawn strikes, expediting the elimination of the Libyan In-

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# MACDILL COMMUNITY



## EVENTS

### Saturday-Monday

#### Base pool opens

11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Food truck on Saturday from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Call 828-4982

### Saturday

#### MacDill Bowling Lanes

Bowling all day long! Late night cosmic bowling & drink specials! Live viewing of fight... UFC 146 Dos Santos vs. Mir Live at 10 p.m. Call 828-4005.

### Wednesday

#### Bay Palms Golf Complex

Club Members Appreciation Day - Free golf & cart. Must show valid club cards when check-in at pro shop. Call 840-6904.

### Airman & Family Readiness Center

Heart Link from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Spouse orientation for spouses with less than 5 years of Air Force affiliation or mandatory training for Key Spouses. 828-0145.

### Fitness Center

Zumba Party from 12-6 p.m. on the basketball court. T-shirts for the first 50 participants.

### Looking ahead

#### Arts & Crafts Center

Scrap All-Nighter. Begins at 5 p.m. June 1 and ends June 2 at 5 p.m. Cost \$30. Dinner, continental breakfast, and lunch provided. Reservations required, call 828-4413.

### Swimming Lessons

Four Sessions Available! \$48 per class/per person.\* • June 19-29 • July 3-13 • July 17-27 • July 31-Aug. 10.

\*Club members FREE swim class! (1 per family) Call 828-4982.



## Celebrating the peacekeepers

Photo by Staff Sgt. Linzi Joseph

Children from the MacDill Child Development Center pet Uta, a Tampa International Airport Police Department explosive detection canine, while Officer Cameron Beall, TIAPD K-9 handler, answers questions during a National Police Week event at MacDill Air Force Base, May 17. National Police Week recognizes the service and sacrifices of United States law enforcement personnel.



## CHAPEL SCHEDULE

**NOTE: Chapel services hours will be changing beginning June.**

### Protestant services

Sunday - 9 a.m. - Praise Worship Service  
12 p.m. - Gospel Service

### Islamic services

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

### Catholic services

Saturday - 4:30 p.m. - Confession  
5:30 p.m. - Mass

Sunday - 10:30 a.m. - Mass

Monday to Thursday: 12:10 p.m. - Mass

For all other faith inquiries or to view upcoming event information, call the Chapel at 828-3621 or visit the web site at [www.macdill.af.mil/macdillchapel](http://www.macdill.af.mil/macdillchapel)



# EXCHANGE

ARMY & AIR FORCE EXCHANGE SERVICE

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tegrated Air Defense System, facilitating the Libyans' reclaiming their country and earning the Jimmy Doolittle Trophy in the process for "the most outstanding aircrew in Air Mobility Command." We were a constant in Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom as a tanker force and transported primary actors in the operation resulting in Osama bin Laden's demise. The 6th OG delivers airpower/global reach to the fight every day.

Airpower is our business and we all contribute to the mission. We must reflect on our recent challenges, learn from them, and realize there are viable solutions in order to remove obstacles and prevent fatalities. If you don't know what the solution is, ASK.

I challenge you to ask a supervisor, mentor, friend, chaplain, medical provider, or family. There are answers. As we address our challenges, I further challenge you to recognize our successes. Your contribution to mission success is critical and the nation depends on all of us to deliver. Acclaimed motivator Napoleon Hill said, "Victory is always possible for the person who refuses to stop fighting." Be victorious!

## Asian-Pacific Americans grateful to those who serve

### Dear Friends:

On behalf of the Asia American Coalition of Florida, I wish to extend my warmest greetings on the celebration of the National Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. Three decades ago, my colleagues and I decided that we needed to form an organization to share our Asian culture with the public to foster better understanding and friendship.

President George Bush designated the month of May to celebrate Asian Pacific Americans due to two significant events in history: the arrival of the first Asian immigrants to the United States on May 7, 1843, and the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869.

Like millions of others who left their homeland to migrate to America, the first Asian and Pacific Islanders who arrived in the United States in the 19th century were seeking better lives from the ones they left behind. All possessed rich cultures, ancient heritages and beliefs that with hard work they would realize their share of the American dream.

As we celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage Month today, we honor all of those who have dedicated their lives to making our American Dream possible. We are grateful to those who serve, and to those who have sacrificed their lives to protect us and give us the peaceful, daily lives we enjoy in this great nation.

God Bless America!



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