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Dates and times are subject to change. Check with the event coordinator prior to the event.

Pemberton Gate Hours Schedule

The Pemberton Gate is scheduled to open from 7 to 9 a.m. and 2:15 to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday and continuing through the school year to meet the needs of the Dix Elementary School buses. These hours will be adjusted to facilitate early dismissals and holidays as designated by the school. Call 754-4509 for more information.

JB MDL Chapel Positions Available

The Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst Chapel has the following positions open for application: protestant religious education coordinator, protestant community coordinator, protestant music director, protestant youth director, gospel music director, contemporary music director, catholic religious education coordinator, catholic community coordinator, catholic music director, catholic accompanist and catholic sacristan. Application packets for each position are available from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, at the McGuire Chapel, located at 2503 East Arnold Ave. and the Dix Chapel, located at 5240 New Jersey Ave. Sealed bids and resume should be submitted to JB MDL Chapel Tithes and Offering Fund contract officer by 8 a.m. Sept. 23, 2013, McGuire Chapel. Call 754-4673 for more information.

Patriot Cup V Golf Tournament

The 174th Infantry Brigade is set to host the Patriot Cup V Golf Tournament 4-Person Scramble at 8:30 a.m. Sept. 13, 2013, at the Fountain Green Golf Course, located at 3152 Fort Dix Road. Registration opens at 7:30 a.m. and is open to all joint base partners and family members. The cost is \$65 and includes 18-hole green fee with cart and lunch. Call 562-6553 for registration form or for more information.

Spouses Flea Market

The 306th Maintenance Squadron is set to host a Spouses Flea Market from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 15, 2013, at 3211 W. Arnold Ave. The event will feature bake and craft sales, raffles, lemonade stand, cotton candy, hotdogs and more. Table fee is \$5. Call 723-2957 for more information.

JB MDL Spouses' Club Dessert Social

The Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst Spouses' Club is set to host a 'dessert social' from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Sept. 16, 2013, at the Dix Community Center, located at 1134 Hemlock St. The JB MDL Spouses' Club is an organization dedicated to serving its members and the community through charitable and social endeavors. Contact: Carmen Johnson at carmen.johnson72@gmail.com for more information.

Fort Dix AUSA Chapter Meeting

The Association of the United States Army is set to host a general membership meeting and buffet dinner at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 18, 2013, at the American Legion Post 35, located at 2 Meadowbrook Lane, New Egypt, NJ. The cost is \$10 per person. A cash bar ice breaker begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 562-5693 for more information.

Ninth Annual Diamond Classic Golf Tournament

The First Sergeant's Council and the Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst First Four are set to host the Ninth Annual Diamond Classic Golf Tournament starting 8 a.m. Sept. 20, 2013, at the Fountain Green Golf Course, located at 3125 Fort Dix Road. The cost is \$50 per person. Call 754-4870 for more information.

514th AMW Chief's Group Annual Golf Outing

The 514th Air Mobility Wing Chief's Group is set to host its Annual Golf Outing Sept. 20, 2013, at the Falcon Creek Golf Course, located at 2007 Can Do Way. Sign-in/registration and lunch begins at 11 a.m. The event begins at 1 p.m. The cost is \$65 per person and includes green fee, cart, lunch, awards and prizes. Call 754-5413 or 5622 for more information.

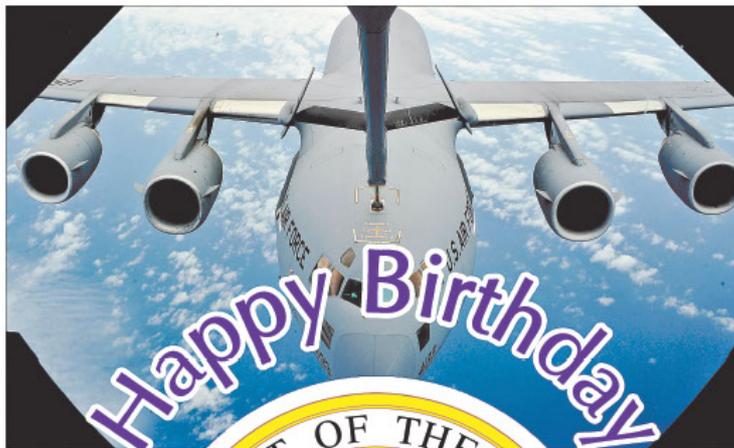
Indoor-Climbing Trip

The 87th Force Support Squadron Outdoor Recreation is set to host a three and a half hour indoor-climbing trip Sept. 21, 2013, at the Rockville Climbing Center in Hamilton, NJ. The fee is \$20 for active-duty personnel and \$40 for all others and includes round-trip transportation, equipment and Belay lesson. Registration deadline is September 18 and is limited to 14 participants. The group departs at 11 a.m. from 6045 Doughboy Loop. Call 562-6667 for more information or to register.

Oktoberfest 2013

The 87th Force Support Squadron is set to host the annual Oktoberfest 2013 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Sept. 27, 2013, at Tommy B's Community Activities Center, located at 2705 East Arnold Ave. The event will feature authentic German food, music and various other activities for JB MDL families, friends and employees. Call 754-2830 or 754-2396 for more information.

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Happy Birthday



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"I was stationed at Carrier Airborne Command and Control Squadron 120 in Norfolk, Va., and I had just gotten off 3rd shift. I was getting ready to go to sleep when the news really woke me up."



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Career knowledge, performance translate to relevance, respect

By Chief Master Sgt. David Dock
50th Mission Support Group

SCHRIEVER AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. — I arrived at my first duty station in November 1987 as a trained and motivated KC-135 Stratotanker maintainer. I was an expert — or so I thought. On my first day on the job, I walked toward the expediter truck excited about the drive to the flightline. I was about to be dropped off near a multimillion dollar flying machine and I knew my crew chief would say, "This one is yours, make us proud!" Oh, how wrong I was.

"Sergeant Reality", as we will call him, stopped me before I made two steps into the truck and said, "JEEP (which I learned much later stood for Just Enough Education to Pass), your job is to sit in the seat behind me in the truck. Do not speak. Read that bookshelf full of technical orders." Sergeant Reality continued, "If the truck stops, you stand up - I might have some work for you to do. If I don't, I will tell you to sit back down, and that means read more technical orders."

"How could this be?" I thought. I was a trained maintenance machine. The Air Force spent truckloads of money making me an expert. This pattern with "Sergeant Reality" went on for a month. The truck would stop, I would stand, and Sergeant Reality would tell me to sit down and read. On occasion, I would

serve as fire guard on a refuel or hook up a maintenance stand to the back of the truck, but most of my time was spent in silence, pouring over technical orders.

One cool morning, a few hours into my reading session, the truck stopped in front of an aircraft. I stood as instructed, waiting to be directed to take my seat. The crew chief from the aircraft informed the expediter he would need help and wanted an Airman to assist him. Sergeant Reality pointed past me to who we will call "Airman Lucky." "Airman," he stated, "get out." Sergeant Reality asked the crew chief what he needed help with. "My nose wheel tire has cord exposed and a flat spot on it," he said. "It needs to be changed."

Good judgment and a will to live immediately left me when I said, "Is it a 12-inch flat spot?" Sergeant Reality snapped around in his seat and screamed, "What did you say?" I replied "The technical order has a new change in it that allows a tire to have cord showing as long as the tire does not have a 12-inch flat spot."

In a fit of rage, Sergeant Reality yelled "Give me the T.O." I handed it to him and he read the instructions. He looked at the crew chief and said "Well, does it?" The crew chief shook his head no. Sergeant Reality exclaimed, "Then the tire's not bad, the T.O. changed."

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Leadership about collective progression

By Chief Master Sgt. Thomas Stiles
60th Dental Squadron

TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. — You can find leadership lessons in the strangest places.

Some people search high and low, far and wide for mentors and wise sages with the hope of finding leadership enlightenment, the moment when everything in your supervision tool box finds a purpose.

For me, that moment didn't happen during a weeklong seminar, conference or executive boot camp. It happened moments before a mandatory safety briefing during a video montage used to occupy the crowd before the briefing starts. It was a simple YouTube clip and I almost missed it.

Like many people in the auditorium, I was engaged in pre-weekend conversation and wasn't paying any attention to the screen. The event emcee was still making script changes and hadn't given

me the "turn off cell phones and pagers" warning.

I stopped talking and found myself turned to the screen. The clip played, I listened and I learned. I looked around the auditorium with the same excitement I feel watching great football. "Did you just see that?" I had found something that tied my leadership expectations in a nice and neat, three-minute package. The video clip is titled "Up Time America" by the late Kimberly Allyn, a motivational speaker, and inspired this commentary.

I was taught since basic training that you have the responsibility to take care of everyone who has fewer stripes than you. This is the basis of servant leadership.

Once we allow our own credibility to waver and our integrity to buckle to protect ourselves at the expense of our subordinates, the entire team is weakened.

As leaders, we must be the voice. We must be the shield. We must strive to

improve. This doesn't mean everyone gets a trophy. We also must deliberately deliver the hammer when needed. Our teammates deserve candor and transparency.

Accountability, credibility, resiliency and responsibility are the pillars of great leadership. However, I would say humility is the one trait that supports the trust bridge. The main goal of any supervisor should be to prepare, provide and prevent. Prepare them for the wartime mission by providing all the tangible and intangible things they need to accomplish the mission while preventing them from making the same mistakes you made. We must share our failures and successes for the greatest impact.

Respect those who have traveled the road before you and those who are walking behind you. So often, we are too quick to dismiss veterans' ideas as experiences built in a different Air Force then

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Service member spotlight: the little things in life

Airman 1st Class Marina Moore, 365th Maintenance Squadron aircraft electrical and environmentalist journeyman, is the joint base's featured service member of the week. Moore hails from Soda Springs, Idaho.

Q: Why did you join the military?

A: I joined to become part of something bigger than just me; something that would greatly impact my life and other lives. I've always liked to help others and better myself. I've found countless opportunities for both through the Air Force.

Q: What is your job and what is its impact on the mission?

A: As an aircraft maintainer, I help fix and maintain KC-10s and C-17s. I perform scheduled and time-change maintenance required to support worldwide missions.

Q: Do you have any past or current family members in the military?

A: My

Grandpa was an Air Force retiree. My father served a single enlistment in the Army. My uncle, who has been deployed three times to the Middle East, is currently serving in the Army.

Q: Who most inspires you?

A: My oldest sister, she's always taught me to stick to what



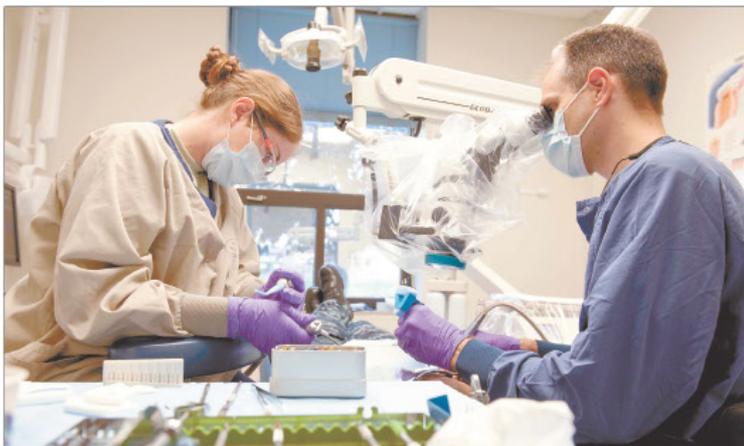
(U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Donald Pedro/Released)

I believe and keep going even when times get tough.

Q: What is one thing you'd like your fellow service members to take away or understand about the military?

A: It doesn't matter what you do, big or small, everything and everyone is essential.

Who's gonna fix your jacked-up grill?



Airman 1st Class Alyssa Wiscovitch, 87th Dental Squadron dental technician, and Maj. Rhett Casper, 87th DS endodontist, perform a root canal utilizing a surgical operating microscope Sept. 5, 2013, on Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J. Dental surgical microscopes allow for ease of use and employ ergonomic design for the dentist while performing surgery. This enables the dentist to maintain a comfortable position and focus on the patient. Most dental surgical microscopes are controlled via foot pedal for hands-free operation. Alyssa hails from Melbourne, Fla., and Rhett calls Lehi, Utah, home.(U.S. Air Force photo by Carlos Cintron/Released)

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Col. James C. Hodges
Commander, Joint Base
McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst and
87th Air Base Wing

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Martin assumes command of USAF Expeditionary Center

By Capt. Brooke Brzozowska
USAF Expeditionary Center Public Affairs

JOINT BASE MCGUIRE-DIX-LAKEHURST — Maj. Gen. Frederick "Rick" Martin assumed command of the U.S. Air Force Air Expeditionary Center during a ceremony Sept. 9, 2013, at the Expeditionary Center, here.

Gen. Paul J. Selva, Air Mobility Command commander, Scott Air Force Base, Ill., presided over the event, in which not only were there nearly 200 service members, family members and honored guests from across the joint base in attendance, but the assumption was broadcasted live on Defense Connect Online for members of the EC across the globe to watch.

The EC is the Air Force's Center of Excellence for advanced expeditionary combat support training and education, while also providing direct oversight for en route and installation support, contingency response, and partner capacity building mission sets within the global mobility enterprise. The E. C. provides operational control of the Mobility Operations School and the Expeditionary Operations School, and administrative control for six wings and two groups within AMC.

Selva recognized the mission scope the EC holds for all mobility forces, and the type of leadership caliber Martin brings to the mission.

"I called every secretary, every executive officer, every aide and most of the squadron commanders who have ever worked with Martin, and the answer to the question I asked was universal," said Selva. "I said, 'what can you tell me about Rick Martin?' They all said he is the calmest, most enjoyable person to work for they have ever met."

Selva explained Martin's variety of assignments, including his recent deployment as the deputy chief for the Office of Security Cooperation in Baghdad, Iraq.

"It didn't matter how hard the challenge," Selva said. "It didn't matter how complex the question. It didn't matter how tough the tasker. (Martin) would be the calm person in the middle trying to figure out how to get it done. That's what you get as your new commander. Calm. Capable. Courageous. An undaunted leader. That is Major General Rick Martin."



Maj. Gen. Frederick H. "Rick" Martin accepts the guidon and assumes command of the U.S. Air Force Expeditionary Center from the presiding official General Paul J. Selva, Air Mobility Command commander, during the Assumption of Command ceremony Sept. 9, 2013 on Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J. The Expeditionary Center provides operational control of the Mobility Operations School and the Expeditionary Operations School, and administrative control for six wings and two groups within AMC, two of which are the 87th Air Base Wing and the 621st Contingency Response Wing at JB MDL. (U.S. Air Force photo by Wayne Russell/Released)

After assuming command, Martin expressed his gratitude, reaching out to each of the units the EC supports and the community partnerships supporting the Airmen and their families at locations across the globe.

"When I think of partnerships, there's a

quote," he said. "If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together. I think this holds true for our community and mission partnerships."

"What do we do in this wonderful organization called the U.S. Air Force Air Expeditionary Center," Martin asked. "We build

relationships. Why is that important? That develops partnerships."

"There is mobility happening everywhere on every continent of the globe," Martin concluded. "Who's touching that? The people of the U.S. Air Force Expeditionary Center, and that means something."

Community members gather goods for 'Feds Feed Families'

By Airman 1st Class Sean M. Crowe
Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst Public Affairs

Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst units hosted collection points for community members to donate non-perishable food items and various goods as part of the annual Feds Feed Families program June 1, 2013, to Aug. 28, 2013, here.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture headed the federal campaign this year in which all federal agencies are asked to participate, according to www.usda.gov.

The program participants have collected 15.2 million

pounds of food and non-perishable items since its inception in 2009.

Each unit here had organizers and volunteers run the collection. Each unit used different methods to appeal to donors to reach their goals.

"One motivator for us was visually tracking our squadron's progress," said Petty Officer 1st Class Amanda Bines, 87th Security Forces Squadron confinement noncommissioned officer. "We also used other methods to raise donations. My partner and I pitted the flights against each other

to spark competition to see who could donate the most."

Community members mainly donated food items including canned goods, rice and nuts, but also donated health and hygiene supplies such as toothbrushes, toilet paper and shampoo. People could also donate money in place of food.

"Our Squadron gathered approximately 1,200 pounds of food and supplies in the first week," said Bines. "We had collected approximately 3,500 pounds of food and supplies by the end of the collection period. It's amazing what we can accomplish when we make a team effort."

Community members could donate at any of the many collection points scattered across the joint base including the Exchange, the McGuire Chapel and many squadron buildings. The 87th SFS members donated approximately 2,600 more pounds of food than last year.

"The senior leaders made the largest contributions in our squadron," said Bines. "Master Sgt. James Wisley, our squadron's swing shift flight chief, rallied about 2,200 pounds of goods from his section. It was the contributors who made the event a success."

Unit representatives gathered the non-perishable items at the end of the period and transported the supplies to the commissary where employees weighed the goods before distributing them to six local food banks.

"I think everyone in our squadron feels a natural inclination to help the community since it's our job as security forces and military members to protect and serve," said Bines.

MPs experience agony of OC spray



Staff Sgt. April Chambliss, 174th Infantry Brigade trainer/mentor, sprays a mobilizing military police Soldier with Oleoresin Capsicum, or "OC" spray during mobilization training Sept. 9, 2013, at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J. Other Soldiers from the 480th Military Police Company, Puerto Rico Army National Guard, watch and wait their turns to be sprayed and complete the subsequent tactics course. After being sprayed, the MPs complete five stations where they engage combatants, strike, block strikes, perform take-downs and subdue combatants, all the while feeling the effects of the OC spray themselves. "MPs have to learn to deal with cross-contamination," said Chambliss, "so that at any point they know they are still capable of subduing their subject even if hit with the OC themselves." First Army ensures mobilization training is relevant, realistic and reflects the most current conditions Soldiers will face in theater. First Army Division East directly supports the Chief of Staff of the Army's priority of providing trained, equipped and ready forces to win the current fight, while maintaining responsiveness to unforeseen contingencies. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. 1st Class Stan Maszczak/Released)

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First-class pilot first in class, wins top research award

By: Senior Airman Chelsea Smith
514th Air Mobility Wing Public Affairs

Taking a moment to contemplate the question, Maj. Brian Alexander bowed his head to carefully formulate an answer he may or may not have been brooding over since he received the news.

"I can't tell you why I was selected," said Alexander, 78th Air Refueling Squadron KC-10 Extender pilot. "I wrote the paper to finish the program. I didn't even know they awarded papers for outstanding academic research."

It was an unintended result after nearly four years of strenuous classwork, independent research, edits and re-writes that all culminated into a stellar research paper awarded the Airline Tanker Association "Global Reach" award for excellence in research.

Alexander's journey began in the winter of 2009 when he enrolled in the online master's program at Air Command and Staff College in pursuit of his master's along with 507 other long distance candidates. Alexander endured 11, eight-week classes covering subjects such as leadership in warlike, joint planning and international security studies.

Students were tasked each week to compose a five-page paper resulting in a collective research paper accounting for 40 percent of the student's final grade, said Alexander.

In total, Alexander said he spent 16 weeks developing a proposal and drafting a final product, though astonishingly, he said he was able to balance a full-time work schedule around school deadlines. Often dedicating up to 12 hours per week on school work, he completed the program in less than four years.

"The schedule was demanding," he said. "The concept of writing a research paper was daunting, but I had tremendous guided instruction from my advisors throughout the entire process."

Surpassing 480 in-residence students and 507 online students, his paper, entitled "Every Last Drop in the Tank: Analyzing Air Mobility Command's Fuel Usage, Policies and Savings Efforts during Ground Operations," differentiated fuel efficiency standards between AMC and commercial airliners, a topic he was self-admittedly well-versed in.

There were other students that he felt were doing much more groundbreaking research," he said. "Some were writing about teams on the ground in Iraq and Afghanistan and environmental issues such as fracking, but I felt like I was stating the obvious because it was all very common sense to me."

His common sense approach to the subject actually began years before hunkering down to complete his paper. Drawing on years of experience piloting KC-10 Extenders and flying commercially for JetBlue Airways and FedEx, Alexander



Maj. Brian Alexander, 78th Air Refueling Squadron KC-10 Extender pilot, displays his Airline Tanker Association Global Reach award for excellence in research given by Air Command and Staff College Aug. 25, 2013, at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J. Alexander topped more than 900 students to win the top honor while completing his master's degree in military operational art and science (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Chelsea Smith/Released)

translated his experienced, deep-seated understanding of the subject matter to his academic work.

"Alexander is one of the best officers and pilots we have in the squadron," said Lt. Col. Michael Cruiff, 78th ARS commander. "Between active-duty and reserve deployments, he has supported more than 12 overseas operations and was the first KC-10 deployed in response to the Sept. 11 attacks."

Cruiff and Alexander's friendship dates back to the late 1990s when they were first commissioned as second lieutenants following initial pilot training, in which Cruiff described him as one of the most talented in his training class and the best KC-10 pilot in their group.

"He was always very laid back and quiet," said Cruiff. "But he has always excelled academically, and outside of flying, he's

also a talented golfer and swimmer."

Praise also comes from Dr. Bart Kessler, ACSC Distance Learning dean, who recognized Alexander in a signed letter championing his win as a significant accomplishment underscored by outstanding sustained performance.

Naturally, his illustrious academic achievements pre-date his award and entry into the Air Force.

He holds a bachelor's degree in engineering sciences from the University of Virginia, and his family, also highly accomplished, includes his father, a retired naval officer who has a doctorate in electrical engineering and his mother, an English teacher for more than 20 years. Additionally, his wife currently works as a civil engineer while his sister works as a certified public accountant for Ernst and Young.

However, the accolades and full throttle adulation from his superiors and fellow unit members don't curtail his humble disposition because Alexander said he never thought there would be an ounce of repercussion after completing the program.

"A major motivation for enrolling initially was to obtain credit for ACSC to become more competitive for promotions," said Alexander. "But in hindsight, I gained a heightened sense of the Air Force as a whole because the program opened my eyes to functions beyond KC-10 operations."

It is this methodical and pragmatic rationale to all his successes that have relentlessly allowed him to excel academically and professionally in both his civilian and military careers.

The lieutenant colonel-select has been promoted to assistant director of operations and will assume additional duties of authoring awards and decorations and editing officer and enlisted performance reports, said Cruiff.

"Good work is always rewarded with more work," said Cruiff. "I anticipate continued successes in his leadership capacity as he takes on these crucial new roles."

As he officially settles into his new position, Alexander said he credits his school advisor, Dr. Dennis Duffin, his family and unit members for acting as a support system throughout the process.

"All I did was follow directions," said Alexander. "When they reviewed my research paper, it contained all the necessary components they were looking for. I take a very common sense approach to writing and ultimately, I was really just trying to graduate."

The online master's program, launched in 2007, operates through the ACSC and provides Air Force majors and civilian equivalents an educational opportunity to meet the needs of service while also accommodating current high operations tempo. Students are encouraged to finish the 88-week course within five years of their start date.

'Keep what you've earned' campaign marks decrease in alcohol incidents

By From Chief of Naval Personnel Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — The Navy Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Office announced Sept. 9, 2013, alcohol incidents among Sailors decreased 51 percent from Memorial Day through Labor Day compared the same period last year.

"This decrease shows Sailors are taking ownership of this issue," said Rear Adm. Sean Buck, 21st Century Sailor Office director. "As with all our programs, we look to Sailors to make responsible choices in their personal and professional lives."

The decrease followed NADAP's launch of the Keep What You've Earned Campaign, which promotes responsible drinking by reminding Sailors how much they have to lose.

"We had more than 700 fewer alcohol incidents during the well-known '101 Days of Summer' this year, and about one in four of those incidents were related to driving, under the influence," said Denise Favorite, NADAP director. "Our work isn't done, but these numbers show that Sailors are making responsible choices regarding their use of alcohol and contributing to a safer and more productive fleet."

Favorite attributed the campaign's success to grassroots support from the regional and local levels.

"The Navy Region Mid Atlantic was a huge supporter of our 'Keep What You've Earned' campaign this summer," said Favorite. "They hosted Memorial Day Weekend send-off events at six installations and rallied more than 650 Sailors together to march in support of responsible drinking during the Fourth of July liberty weekend."

Other 'Keep What You've Earned' summer safety events took place at Naval Base San Diego, Naval Station Great Lakes, Naval Shipyard Kittery, Naval Base Kitsap, and the Washington Navy Yard.

In addition to these events, NADAP partnered

with the Naval Safety Center's "Live to Play, Play to Live" Summer Safety Campaign. Together they encouraged Sailors and Navy personnel to take an online pledge to practice responsible drinking habits this summer. Hundreds of Sailors took the pledge, promising to plan ahead for a safe ride home, not try to "keep up" with others, and to know their limit, before they got there.

Responses from Sailors regarding why they pledged to drink responsibly included:

"I don't want to lose my career and future just because of an irresponsible drinking decision."

"I want my fellow shipmates to know that they have a good liberty buddy dedicated to their safety if a DD is needed."

"I have worked too long

and too hard to get to where I am today."

"My life is more important than a bottle of beer."

"The consequences of not drinking responsibly are worse than any hangover."

Visit the NADAP Flickr account to read more of the reasons why Sailors choose to drink responsibly.

NADAP will continue to promote the Keep What You've Earned campaign year-round, releasing new testimonial videos throughout the coming months. NADAP encourages Navy leadership and alcohol abuse prevention personnel to stay tuned to the NADAP Facebook page for the latest news on campaign resources and developments: <https://www.facebook.com/USN.NADAP>.



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Cleaning house saves precious time, money when both are short

By Staff Sgt. Gustavo Gonzalez
621st Contingency Response Wing Public Affairs

In a time of budget cuts and sequestration affecting the way a squadron, wing or branch of service does business, every piece of equipment must justify its worth; and time is of the essence.

For the 621st Contingency Response Wing here, they had too much of one and never enough of the other.

Thom Maxwell is the Air Force Smart Operations for the 21st Century master process owner for the 621st CRW. He was tasked with evaluating the organization of the wing's Global Reach Deployment Center for improved efficiency and cost savings. The GRDC is the mobility warehouse where the specialized air mobility response force repairs, prepares and stores its Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst-based equipment for worldwide alert.

The 621st CRW has a very unique mission. The unit specializes in training and rapidly deploying personnel around the globe within 12 hours to quickly open airfields and establish, expand, sustain and coordinate air mobility operations ranging from wartime taskings to disaster relief. Its forces are split equally between JB MDL and Travis Air Force Base, Calif. It is the only active-duty wing of its kind in the Air Force and the JB MDL GRDC is key to its continued success.

"The building wasn't dirty, but it is full of everything we need, and years of deployments had created piles of equipment with little regard for how we would need to get to the serviceable stuff, inspect it and move it out the door quickly during a major mobilization," said Maxwell. "Some of the equipment was obsolete or waiting for turn in, and some of it made us all just scratch our heads and wonder, 'What is this and how did it get here?'"

When he was hired as the wing's civilian manpower specialist in 2010, he noticed some of the equipment stored was the same equipment he used when he was here in 1994 as a senior airman loadmaster.

"Seventeen years later, this same equipment was still sitting around and hadn't moved," Maxwell laughed. "I've always wanted to go down there and get into it."

The goal of AFSO21 is to significantly increase the Air Force's combat capabilities by using the expertise of process users to identify issues that others may never see or deal with on a day-to-day basis. In this case, it involved asking the mobility masters of the 621st CRW what they would fix if they could make their jobs more efficient, then giving them the power to make those changes.

"We had to be smart about this," said Maxwell. "The moment Air Mobility Command sends down a task, our bags are already packed and we need to be ready to go from both coasts within that 12-hour deadline. If you spend eight of those hours looking for buried equipment, you've wasted them. You could have spent that time at home with your family or doing other mission critical items. This process improvement event was worth the week we were spending on it because it had the potential to save us much more when we needed it most."

Maxwell set four goals for the week-long AFSO21 event. "We had to find out what we had, and then get rid of what the 621st CRW no longer needed," he said. Once he had that under control, we needed to closely examine our equipment storage, movement and handling processes to improve the efficiency of the GRDC and the parking areas outside where our vehicles and larger cargo are staged. Finally, we had to put it all back together in a way that can be sustained during future operations."

Maxwell's guide for this program is the Six S's: sort, straighten, shine, sustain, standardize and safety.

"These lean tools are used as part of visual management in the workplace," he said. "This means that everything has a place. This way you can tell immediately if something is broken or missing, or needs replenishing."

A week, a team of 10 volunteer Airmen completely cleaned out the equipment in the GRDC. The equipment still usable to the 621st CRW was reorganized back into large cages, but this time it was assigned a specific location and labeled to make it easier to locate.

"If I had five items and you can see one is missing, you know that item is deployed," he said. "That is the process

of visual management."

According to Maxwell, if the units don't follow up, then all work done will have been for nothing.

"The key to success is follow-up and continuously staying with it," he said. "You have to keep going back every week, every month, to go through the equipment and see if it is still organized. This program will be considered a success when all of the unneeded equipment is reutilized to other units or turned into Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office or supply so that we don't have clutter in our warehouse."

Maxwell claims 743 items valued at \$393,000 were recovered in potential reutilization. They will be given to host base and tenant units, or disposed of by DRMO.

"All left-over items will be posted onto Sharepoint and MilBook for units to come and get," Maxwell said, referring to JB MDL host and tenant units. "We have these things and they're already bought and paid for. We can't use them, but maybe your unit can. That's how we can save money helping all of our partners in this fiscal environment."



Tech. Sgt. Matthew Powers, 819th Global Support Squadron, secures equipment to help clean out the Global Reach Deployment Center, here, Aug. 7, 2013. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Gustavo Gonzalez/Released)

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Army infantrymen assigned to Bravo Company, 2nd Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division from Fort Bragg, N.C., wait in the darkness at the Geronimo Drop Zone on Fort Polk during a mass air drop that began the ground combat phase of Joint Readiness Training Center rotation 13-09, Aug. 18, 2013. The Soldiers were prepositioned to link up with the airdropping forces and begin the buildup of forces. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Parker Gyokeres/Released)



Airmen assigned to the 621st Contingency Response Wing, Travis Air Force Base, Calif., shelter from the dust of a departing AH-64 Apache attack helicopter as they tear down their air mobility forward support base on the edge of the Geronimo Landing Zone Aug. 24, 2013, at Fort Polk, La., at the end of their Joint Readiness Training Center rotation 13-09. The 621st CRW specializes in rapidly establishing air mobility support operations in disaster-stricken, austere or hostile environments in response to natural disasters or combat operations. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Parker Gyokeres/Released)



(ABOVE) A Canadian Royal Air Force C-17 Globemaster III passes over the 'Strike' Drop Zone at Fort Polk, La., Aug. 17, 2013. The aircraft was conducting a joint airdrop training mission with the Royal New Zealand Air Force and U.S. Air Force Airmen based at Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Parker Gyokeres/Released)



(RIGHT) A bundle attached to a high-speed parachute bounces after impacting the 'Strike' Drop Zone Aug. 17, 2013, at Fort Polk, La. The package was delivered by a Canadian Royal Air Force C-130J Hercules during a joint airdrop training mission with the Royal New Zealand Air Force and U.S. Air Force. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Parker Gyokeres/Released)

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Joint Base Intramural Sports Standings

2013 Intramural Golf JB McGuire-Dix

Team	Win	Loss	Tie	PCT
87th CS	12	3	0	0.800
305th MOS	12	3	0	0.800
305th OS	12	4	0	0.750
87th FSS	12	4	0	0.750
605th AMXS	11	4	0	0.733
87th LRS	10	6	0	0.625
87th CES	8	6	0	0.571
305th MDS	9	7	0	0.562
87th SFS	7	6	1	0.536
621st CRW-A	8	7	0	0.533
305th APS	8	8	0	0.500
732nd AS	7	9	0	0.438
EC	6	8	0	0.429
314th RCS	4	8	0	0.333
373rd TRS	5	11	0	0.312
305th AMXS	4	10	0	0.286
AMC TES	4	12	0	0.250
621st CRW-B	1	7	0	0.125
1st/307th TSBN	1	10	1	0.125
HMLA-773	0	8	0	0.000

PCT = Winning Percentage

87th CS - B	0	1	0.000
605th AMXS	0	1	0.000
ACC-NJ	0	2	0.000

Game schedule
 Week 4
 Sept. 16 4 p.m. 314th RCS vs. AMC TES
 5 p.m. ACC-NJ vs. 87th CS - B
 Sept. 18 4 p.m. 305th MDS vs. 87th MDG
 5 p.m. 87th CS - A vs. 605th AMXS

All games played at McGuire Racquetball Court

2013 Lakehurst Fall Soccer

Team	Win	Loss	Tie	Points
Unarmed Forces	1	0	0	3
Mayhem	0	0	1	5
Aftershock	0	0	1	5
Furloughed Forces	0	1	0	1
Mavericks	0	0	0	0

Game schedule
 Week 2

Sept. 16 11:15 a.m.	Furloughed Forces vs. Aftershock
12:05 p.m.	Unarmed Forces vs. Mavericks
Sept. 18 11:15 a.m.	Mavericks vs. Furloughed Forces
12:05 p.m.	Mayhem vs. Unarmed Forces

All games played at Lakehurst Credit Union Annex Field

2013 Lakehurst Flag Football

Team	Win	Loss	PCT
Thunder Chickens	1	0	1.000
Little Giants	0	0	0.000
Titans	0	0	0.000
Unarmed Forces	0	0	0.000
Show Time	0	1	0.000

Game schedule
 Week 2
 Sept. 17 11:30 a.m. Unarmed Forces vs. Little Giants
 Sept. 19 11:30 a.m. Titans vs. Thunder Chickens
 All games played at Lakehurst Sports Complex Football Field
 Current as of Sept. 11, 2013.

Game schedule
 Week 23
 Sept. 17 Noon 314th RCS vs. 732nd AS
 Noon 87th FSS vs. 1st/307th TSBN
 Noon 305th AMXS vs. 87th CS
 Noon 87th LRS vs. 621st CRW-A
 Noon EC vs. AMC TES
 Noon 87th CES vs. 87th SFS
 12:01 p.m. 605th AMXS vs. 305th MOS
 12:01 p.m. 305th OS vs. HMLA-773
 12:01 p.m. 305th MDS vs. 305th APS
 12:01 p.m. 373rd TRS vs. 621st CRW-B

All games played at Falcon Creek Golf Course

2013 Intramural Wallyball JB McGuire-Dix

Team	Win	Loss	PCT
87th CS - A	3	0	1.000
AMC TES	2	0	1.000
87th MDG	1	1	0.500
305th MDS	0	0	0.000
314th RCS	0	1	0.000

Airmen download pallets



Airman 1st Class Michael Sinclair and Senior Airman Kyle Underwood, 305th Aerial Port Squadron air transportation apprentices, download pallets from a Boeing 747 Atlas Aircraft Sept. 5, 2013, on Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J. The 305th APS is responsible for uploading and downloading all inbound and outbound aircraft as well as fleet service. Sinclair hails from Gloucester City, N.J., and Underwood calls Napa, Calif., home. (U.S. Air Force photo by Russ Meseroll/Released)

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6th AS 80th Anniversary Celebration

The 6th Airlift Squadron invites all alumni to its three-day 80th Anniversary Celebration set for Oct. 3-5, 2013. The three-day celebration of the Air Forces' oldest airlift squadron kicks-off at noon Oct. 3, at the 6th AS Bull Pen, located

at 2202 West Arnold Ave. Visit www.80yearsofbullybeef.com for more details and itinerary of events.

2013 Ranger Challenger Competition

The 2nd Brigade Army ROTC is set to host the 2013 Ranger Challenge Competition Oct. 11-13, 2013. Day one consists of 11 events from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Oct. 12, 2013. Day two starts with a 10k foot march from 6:30-8:30 a.m. Oct. 13. Top team will compete in the Sandhurst Competition April, 2014, at West Point, N.Y. Call 562-3398 for more information.

2013 Halloween Fest

The 87th Force Support Squadron is set to host the 2013 Halloween Fest from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Oct. 25, 2013, at Tommy B's Community Activities Center, located at 2706 East Arnold Ave. Rules and entry forms are available for download at www.gomdl.com under the Community tab. Call 754-2830 for more information.

ESGR All Army Boss Lift

The New Jersey Committee for the Employee Support of

the Guard and Reserve and the United States Army Support Activity-Fort Dix is set to host the ESGR All Army Boss Lift Oct. 29-30, 2013. The two-day event will familiarize employers of Army Reserve and Army National Guard Soldiers on what it takes to be a member of the reserve component forces. Day one will provide employers the opportunity to witness the technology Soldiers have in their training tool kit to prepare for contingency operations around the world or homeland defense. Employers will have the opportunity to visit the Dix Joint Readiness Center on day two before going to field to observe Soldiers training at the Military Operations in Urban Terrain range. Call 562-3987 for more information.

2013 Military Appreciation Night

The 87th Force Support Squadron is set to host the 2013 Military Appreciation Night from 5-7 p.m. Nov. 14, 2013, at the Lakeshore Fitness and Sports Center, located at 123 Severnys Road. The evening includes children's games, face painting, balloon animals, bounce houses and more. Call (732) 323-2405 for more information.

JB MDL Spouses' Club Thrift Shop

The Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst Spouses' Club Thrift Shop is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday-Friday and the first Saturday of the month, located at 2508 Can Do Way. The thrift shop accepts gently used donations. Call 754-2368 for more information.

Navy Marine Corps Relief Society Thrift Store

The Navy Marine Corps Relief Society Thrift Store is open every Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday 9 a.m. to noon and Thursday 1 to 5 p.m. at 158 Berry Road. The sales income received from thrift shops is returned to the Sailors, Marines and their families in the form of emergency financial relief services. Donations after hours may be placed in the donation locker located by the front door. Opportunities are available for volunteers to sort merchandise, arrange displays and work as cashiers. Call (732) 323-2362 or visit for more information.

87th LRS Customer Service and Equipment

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Neighborhood Community Watch Meetings

The joint base community is set to hold a meeting for the neighborhood community watch program from 7 to 8 p.m. every second Tuesday of the month in Falcons Court North. The meeting is intended to inform community members on how they can help protect the community by taking part in neighborhood watches and patrols. Call 723-6563 for more information.

Firehouse Movie Night

A movie night is scheduled for 8 p.m. every second Friday of the month at The Airmen's Firehouse on McGuire. This event is open to all E-1s through E-4s. Free popcorn and beverages will be available. Call 754-2233 for more information.

87th MDG Training Hours

The 87th Medical Group will close for readiness training at noon the first Thursday of each month.

Crafty Birthday Parties

The Arts and Crafts center offers a chance for community members to host birthday parties at the center. Parties include two hours of party room use and one craft project with an instructor and all materials. Choose from a ceramic painting or plush animals parties. Call 562-5691 for more information.

Palace Chase and Palace Front Briefings

The joint base recruiter for the Air Force Reserves is set to host a briefing at 9 a.m. Wednesdays in Room 22 at 2916 Falcon Lane on McGuire. The Palace Front allows service members the opportunity to seamlessly transfer directly from active duty without a break in service. Call 754-2918 for more information.

Home School Art Class

The Arts and Crafts Center offers a 10-week mixed media course for ages six and up. Five sessions of pottery and five sessions of fine arts are included. Call 562-5691 for more information.

International Spouses' Group

The International Spouses' Group assists foreign-born spouses with cultural adaptation. The group serves as the first step, as well as ongoing support, for multicultural families. The group meets the last Friday of each month from 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for planned social and educational activities. Call 562-2767 for more information.

Beginning Crochet Workshop

A beginner's crochet class is set from 10 to 11 a.m. the first and third Saturdays of each month at the Arts and Crafts Center. Call 562-5691 for more information or to register.

Financial Readiness Program

The Financial Readiness Program assists service members and their families in improving personal financial status and their ability to perform as informed consumers. The program focuses on improving credit reliability and reducing debt. Available services include: complaint resolution, individual counseling, training classes, resource library, debt liquidation, budget development and planning. Call 562-2767 for more information.

Education and Training ABCs of College Briefing

An ABCs of College information session is set to be held every third Thursday of the month at 9 a.m. in the Education Center, 3829 School House Road, Falcon Courts North housing area Room 206. The briefing will provide information on how to choose a school and major, determine payment methods, plan for career success, register for upcoming classes and gain information about degree types. Email gaylor.simons@us.af.mil for more information or to register.

Construction Corner

From 87th Civil Engineer Squadron

Electrical Power Usage Demand

The 87th Civil Engineer Squadron is requesting joint base community members turn off all unused electrical devices at home and at work to help save energy. The utility provider is experiencing issues keeping up with the current electrical demand during the summer heat wave and are asking for help in limiting electrical usage or we may experience brown out.

McGuire Power Plant Demolition Project

Demolition of the McGuire Power Plant and associated facilities will continue through Oct. 31, 2013. Additional truck and construction vehicle traffic can be expected in the area.

Road closures

Repaving of Hancock Road is currently scheduled through September 2013. Traffic will be reduced to one way with flaggers during paving operation. Watch for workers striping roads.

Major Electrical Shutdown

A major electrical shutdown is scheduled from 9-9:30 a.m. Sept. 19, 2013, in the 1500, 1900, 2000, 2500 and 2700 areas, for disconnection of the electrical service to the new soccer field. The running track and pavilion will be without power from Sept. 19 through 26. Also, an electrical power shutdown is scheduled from 9-11 a.m. Sept. 26, for the connection of electrical service to the new soccer field. Affected facilities for both days of shutdown are: 1507, 1513, 1901, 1903, 1904, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1916, 1922, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 2007, 2502, 2704, 2705, 2719, 2720, 2783, 2784, 2786 and all of Falcons Court East.

Thrift Store and Airmen's Attic Demolition
Demolition of the Thrift Store and Airmen's Attic, located at 3446 Brody Road to include associated utilities and parking lot, is currently scheduled through Dec. 15,

2013. The old ball room in Pudgy's located at 2508 East Third St. is being renovated to house the Thrift Store and Airmen's Attic.

Water Line Replacement

Water line replacement work is currently scheduled through the end of 2013 in the 5500 and 5600 area, between Willow Pond and the U.S. Air Force Expeditionary Center, and between Doughboy Loop and Texas Avenue on Dix. Access to the sidewalk along Texas Avenue will be impacted during construction. During work in the shoulder of 8th Street, traffic may be restricted by construction crews in the area. Construction equipment and activities may limit access to interior roadways and parking lots intermittently during the work. No road closures are anticipated.

Electrical System Upgrade

Electrical system upgrade work at 1907 East Arnold Ave. is currently scheduled through December 2013 for the demolishing of old electrical service and distribution within the facility. Intermittent electrical shutdowns will be required to disconnect old service and reconnect to the new distribution system.

Walston Army Hospital Demolition

Demolition of the Walston Army Hospital and associated facilities is expected to take approximately seven months. Detour around the site will continue through March 2014. New Jersey Avenue will be closed to all but local traffic between 4th Street and Summerall Avenue for the duration of the demolition and traffic will be routed around the site via N. Scott Plaza, Maryland Avenue and 8th Street. 4th Street between General's Circle and New Jersey Avenue will be closed for the duration of the work. Patrons of the golf course need to use additional caution when crossing Fort Dix Road and New Jersey Avenue due to increasing traffic volumes on these roads.

Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst Chapel

Chapel Locations

McGuire Chapel - 2503 East Arnold Avenue
North Chapel - 3827 School House Road
Dix Chapel - 5240 New Jersey Avenue
Soldier's Chapel - 5950 Church Street
Cathedral of the Air - 264 Hope Chapel Road, Lakehurst N.J. 08527

Worship Hours

Catholic
Wednesday - 11:30 a.m. McGuire Chapel
Saturday - 5 p.m. McGuire Chapel
Sunday - 10:30 a.m. Dix Chapel

Protestant
Sunday - 9 a.m. Traditional - Dix Chapel
Sunday - 9:45 a.m. Contemporary - North Chapel
Sunday - 11:30 a.m. Gospel - McGuire Chapel

Army Support Activity
Sunday - 7:30 a.m. LDS - Dix Chapel
Sunday - 7:30 a.m. Protestant - Soldier's Chapel

For programs, faith groups, or special language needs not listed, please contact the Chapel at 609-754-4873.

Contacting A Chaplain

When should I call a Chaplain?

Chaplains are available for spiritual, relationship and grief counseling. They provide worship services, baptisms, weddings and memorials.

Your conversation with a chaplain can not be disclosed without your permission. No exceptions.

To speak with a Chaplain during duty hours (Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.) call 609-754-HOPE (4673).

For assistance after duty hours, call the Command Post at 609-754-3935 or 3936.

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Friday:
7 p.m.
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Saturday:
2 p.m.
Percy Jackson: Sea of Monsters
(PG-13)



Saturday:
7 p.m.
White House Down
(PG-13)

Recipe Roundtable



Got a favorite recipe that's a time-saving miracle, a gourmet masterpiece or just really yummy? Email the recipe and a photo to the Air, Land & Sea Times staff at 87abwpa@us.af.mil to share it with the joint base community. Be sure to include "Recipe Roundtable" in the subject line.

Spicy Sloppy Italian Joes!

A twist on a classic. Great item for a quick-fix lunch. Yields two sandwiches.

Ingredients:

- 1 lb ground beef or 1 lb Italian sausage
- 1/2 cup onion, diced
- 1/2 cup green bell pepper, diced
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 Serrano peppers, minced (optional) or 1 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes (optional)
- 1 (15 1/2 ounce) jar spaghetti sauce
- 1 1/4 ounces sloppy joe seasoning mix
- 8 slices Texas toast thick bread, frozen (the garlic bread kind found in the frozen section)
- 1/2 cup parmesan cheese

Cooking Instructions

Bake Texas toast style garlic bread slices per package directions. (I like the kind with cheese!). Brown meat (breaking up into crumbles), onion, peppers, and garlic in a large skillet over medium high heat until veggies are soft and meat is cooked through. Drain grease if necessary. Add dry sloppy joe packet and spaghetti sauce to meat mixture. Stir well to combine. Reduce heat to medium. Let sauce simmer until reduced to desired consistency, about 5-10 minutes (we like ours super saucy, so I only simmer about 5 min). I serve these open-faced, so spoon sloppy joe mixture over baked garlic bread pieces and top with parmesan cheese.

Recipes found at food.com

Get to know JB MDL!

Can you guess what this is? Submit your guess online at www.facebook.com/jb-mdl. Don't forget to check back next week when the full-size photo is revealed!



Did you guess last week's close-up photo? It's a furnace that was the source of heat for building 3124, which was historically used as the civil engineer building for Fort Dix, from 1917 to 1995.



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AMC training team builds secure partnership with Honduran Air Force

By Maj. Lorena Tejada

571st Mobility Support Advisory Squadron

TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. -- The 571st Mobility Support Advisory Squadron recently finished its first fully integrated mobile training team event with the Honduran Air Force.

Thirteen air advisors deployed to Base Aerea Coronel Hector Acosta Mejia in Tegucigalpa, Honduras from July 21 to Aug. 24, 2013, to train more than 50 partner nation military personnel over the 35-day engagement. Lessons included aircraft maintenance, fuels, secure communications, command and control, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance.

The Honduran air force commanding general, Brig. Gen. Manuel Palacios, addressed this premiere MSAS MTT during the opening ceremony. "We welcome our MSAS friends and partners as we find solutions to common challenges and build stronger bonds between our air forces."

As the first fully integrated MSAS building-partner-capacity event in Honduras, this engagement set a foundation for advancing the Honduran air force's capacity to support counter-narcotics missions and United States Southern Command's theater security cooperation objectives.

All Air Mobility Command BPC missions are conducted in coordination with the Air Force component of United States Southern Command and the U.S. Office of Security Cooperation in Honduras. However, this BPC event took integration and synchronization to the next level. The MSAS MTT cadre also included the expertise of an Inter-American Air Forces Academy aircraft maintenance instructor and an air battle manager from the Puerto Rico Air National Guard.

This event marked the first time MSAS aircraft maintenance teams focused on the Honduran Beechcraft B200. Tech. Sgt. Mateo Escareno, MSAS aircraft maintenance air advisor, and Tech. Sgt. Mauricio Moya, IAFAFA instructor worked closely with Honduran air force aircraft maintainers to

focus on a variety of aircraft systems and maintenance procedures. Moya provided his expertise during an on-site PT-6 engine course, while Escareno and Honduras air force personnel authored a thorough aircraft and maintenance program assessment of the platform.

Additionally, Tech. Sgt. Christopher White, intelligence air advisor, led the first-ever MSAS Intelligence course at the Honduran Air Force Operations Center, also known as COFAH. He helped their operators establish a basic intelligence foundation that provided greater situational awareness and common knowledge. White also guided the COFAH operators through a complex final exercise where they were able to respond to a downed military aircraft scenario with enhanced efficiency and improved coordination throughout the scenario.

"This was the first opportunity for COFAH to work side by side with base-level intel analysts to collaborate and develop checklists, procedures and team analysis," White said. "This training built common situational awareness across the airbases and shortened reaction time."

Technical sergeants Brian De Luca and Richard Rubalcava, communications air advisors, trained Honduran air force and navy radio operators as they successfully added a new secure voice and data communications capability to their forces.

Captain Jose Domingo Meza, HQ Honduran Naval Communications Director, said "We are committed to further developing this critical secure communications capability and already have plans for additional joint training for Honduran air force, navy and army operators."

During the closing ceremony, Col. Lawrence Pravecek, U.S. State Department Defense and air attaché for Honduras, addressed military graduates. "This MTT created the opportunity to collaborate and further develop our capabilities as air force partners. You have seized the moment! I hope you feel empowered to take your mission to a new level of success."

Knowledge

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Sergeant Reality sat back in his seat, took a large breath, and said to the crew chief "Let me introduce you to your new assistant crew chief, Airman Dock. He knows the T.O.s better than you! Get out of my truck Dock!" As I climbed out of the truck Sergeant Reality pointed at Airman Lucky and barked, "JEEP, you have a new job."

Every moment in your career will produce lessons. Although the events of my first month in the Air Force may seem harsh, they solidified in my mind what would make me successful. I needed to be relevant to the duties and positions I would hold. I needed to be respected for the knowledge and talents I brought to the fight.

I needed to back those skills with performance. I needed to demonstrate that I was ready to replace someone who had moved on. Sergeant Reality brought me back down to Earth and when I was prepared to be relevant, respected and could perform in the role needed, elevated me to that position.

Sergeant Reality instilled in me the idea that we're not just working a job - we're part of a much larger picture, we're part of a professional career. As Airmen, we each have a valuable skillset we presumably worked and trained hard to learn. I've served in the Air Force for 26 years and I'm still learning - it's a never ending process. Let's all strive to perfect our skills as Airmen and ensure our abilities are commensurate with our rank and position. The U.S. is counting on us.

Leadership

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turn around and dismiss a junior Airman's idea because they lack experience. We can't have it both ways. A true conscientious leader values the input of all.

The easiest things to fix seem to be the things we hold off on completing and then complain that the issue has given birth to more issues. No problem is too small for your position regardless of your pay grade. However, as a leader, you will never know problems exist until they are too large if your people don't feel comfortable coming to you. I have watched plenty of stubborn, inflexible, one-trick ponies fail because they thought they had "arrived."

One of the greatest lessons I learned from a dentist was the only thing more contagious than enthusiasm is lack of it. If you don't love what you do, your people will see it. You

can't be the fat gym teacher and tell your students to run while you live on a steady diet of Krispy Kremes. Your actions tell the tale. How you deliver your message is equally important. If you want your co-workers to display professionalism, teamwork and compassion, show them what it looks like.

We are an all-volunteer force and we know what we signed up to do. We signed up to be an active player in the greatest Air Force, representing the greatest country in the world. Fulfill your obligations to the best of your ability. Your teammates are counting on you. Don't spend too much time contemplating the obstacles. The ride won't last forever so make the best of it.

So there you have it, a short lesson on leadership. You can find knowledge in the strangest places. I have never met Kimberly Alyn, but I imagine she is someone who would make an appointment at the dental clinic and show up.