



## 62 AW/CC Roll Call

24 July 2017

### Team McChord,

First off, I want to say thank you for the extremely warm welcome to Joint Base Lewis-McChord, I cannot tell you how excited I am to back in the Pacific Northwest! It has been a busy week, but my family and I are thrilled to be here and I look forward to working for *you*. It is an honor to join such an outstanding team of professionals and I am extremely humbled to serve as your commander at the 62d Airlift Wing and represent all of Team McChord as the Air Force Senior Service Component Commander.

This first week in the seat has been incredible. As I spend time with Airmen around the base learning all that you do; your professionalism, dedication, and energy continue to impress me. The accomplishments you have achieved are a direct result of your steadfast commitment to the Air Force Core Values of Integrity, Service, and Excellence and I could not be more proud to work alongside all of you.

Next week JBLM hosts Exercise MOBILITY GUARDIAN, a culmination of years of planning to employ Rapid Global Mobility in an exercise designed to practice “the way we fight.” This capstone will be the Mobility Air Forces’ premier exercise. JBLM will host over 3,500 personnel from 35 partner nations to exercise every facet of Air Mobility Command’s mission in a true joint and coalition environment. The hard work you have already displayed and the precision preparation for the weeks ahead make me confident Mobility Guardian will be an enormous success.

So what exactly does this mean for you? Whether or not you are directly involved with Exercise MOBILITY GUARDIAN, its success depends on your support. Expect that things will look slightly different around the base. Look for extended operating hours at some facilities and the North Gate to help alleviate the daily influx of participants and be aware that portions of the base will close to the general base population. It will also be busier than usual at the gym, dining facility, gas station, and other establishments so please plan accordingly and help welcome our guests.

Finally, please make sure to take care of yourselves and your families during this busy time. *You* are the most valuable assets to Team McChord so look out for yourselves, friends, family, and fellow Airmen as you enjoy the wonderful summer weather. Thank you for all that you have done and continue to do to make JBLM an amazing place to live and work. I am excited to be your advocate during my time in command and I look forward to serving *you*.

***On the Horizon...***

**Exercise MOBILITY GUARDIAN**

30 July – 12 August

**AFA Air Force Ball**

8 September

**See the current McChord Bulletin for a complete listing of upcoming events [HERE](#)**

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