

Airlift Excellence...Right Here...Right Now!

62 AW/CC Roll Call

31 July 2013

Team McChord,

As we reach the halfway point of the Critical Days of Summer, **it's a good time for all of us to reemphasize safety.** The Pacific Northwest has so much to offer, especially with the great weather we've had, and I encourage everyone to get out and take advantage of it—I know I am! I just ask that when you're out biking with your spouse, boating with friends, or camping with the family, remember to **look out for yourself and take care of each other.** We've already lost 15 AF members to motorcycle accidents alone so **PLEASE—let's protect our most valuable resource—YOU!** Have fun and be safe!

10 AS and 22 STS Deployment: On Sunday, two of our Team McChord squadrons—the 10th Airlift Squadron and the 22d Special Tactics Squadron—once again deployed into the AOR. Over 70 Airmen from the 10th AS "Pathfinders", commanded by Lt Col Dave Fazenbaker, deployed for 60 days and will assume operations of the 817 EAS from another Team McChord unit, the 7th AS. In addition, 80 members of the 22nd STS, led by Lt Col Thad Allen, deployed to various locations in Afghanistan for 6 months. I continue to be impressed and humbled by the dedication and commitment of all our deploying Airmen and equally as important—their families. We look forward to their safe and speedy return.



Professionals of the Week



SrA Joshua Mitchell, 4 AS



SSgt David Schmitz, 4 AS

Learn More at:

<http://www.62aw.af.mil/news>

Tuition Assistance: The military tuition assistance program (MilTA) continues to be an outstanding resource available to military members and I encourage you to take advantage of it. However, there are some recent and pending changes to the program that affect when you can sign up for financial assistance and what fees are covered. We expect to receive more comprehensive guidance in the coming weeks, but for now just be aware that the AF Virtual Education Center computer system will not allow you to sign up for courses starting on or after 1 Oct 13 until mid-September. **The Air Force is cautioning all Airmen to avoid making financial decisions or commitments without an approved MilTA form.** To learn more, visit:

<https://eim.amc.af.mil/org/62ds/forcedevelopment/baseeducation/default.aspx>

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