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62 AW/CC Roll Call

2 October 2013

Team McChord,

As many of you know, due to ongoing budget negotiations, our government shut down on 1 Oct. I am as frustrated with the situation as you are, but I am still hopeful that our leaders will quickly find a solution to our financial issues. In the meantime, we are expected to continue to serve the American people with the passion, professionalism, and skill that I have seen you demonstrate each and every day.



On Monday, we received word that military pay will be protected. However, many of our civilian team members are going to be hard hit by a mandated furlough. We have also seen impacts on programs like Tuition Assistance. I encourage you to get advice specific to your situation from your squadron leadership, call your financial institutions, and have a plan in place. Please visit [http://www.defense.gov/home/features/2013/0913\\_govtshutdown/](http://www.defense.gov/home/features/2013/0913_govtshutdown/) for the latest information on the shutdown.

**Professionals of the Week**



**Amm Nick Barrena, 627th LRS**



**A1C Jose Murillo-Eid, 627th LRS**

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*Over the last year, the men and women, military and civilian, at Team McChord have seen and overcome some tough challenges. With federal pay freezes, sequester happening earlier this year, and now a government shutdown, our Nation has asked for more than your share of dedication and patience. I wish that I could do more to ensure that you get the support that you very much deserve, and I will continue to explore every avenue to do so. I am certain that good ideas on how to support us are soon to come. But for now, the best I can offer is my promise that I will be there alongside you, making good on our promise to continue to serve the Country we love as best we can.*

*David Kumashiro*  
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Commander



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