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62 AW/CC Roll Call

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Team McChord,

*As we observe Memorial Day this weekend, please take a moment to reflect on the men and women in our military who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our Nation—a sacrifice that serves as a constant reminder of the great burden of military service.* While most of us will never give our lives in service to our Nation, our Core Value of **Service before Self** should remind all of us of the commitment we have made to serve our country.

Besides being a great time to relax, fire up the grill, and celebrate with friends and family, **Memorial Day weekend also kicks off the start of the Critical Days of Summer Safety Program.** So enjoy the time off and be proud of the commitment you have made to serve. **If you could though, please be safe, look after one another, and make good choices this weekend!** Whether you're grilling the perfect burger, camping in the Cascades, or kayaking on the Sound, please Think Safety! As always, thank you for the amazing things you do and have an awesome Memorial Day!

Memorial Day

Memorial Day traces its origins to the Civil War. Originally called Decoration Day, it was a day to honor those who died in the war by placing flowers on their graves. After World War I, Memorial Day became the official day to honor service members who perished in all American wars. Congress declared Memorial Day a national holiday in 1971. The National Moment of Remembrance encourages all Americans to take a moment of silence at 3 p.m. to remember those who have given their lives in service to the nation.

On the Horizon...

**AMC Family Day [22 May]**

Enjoy the long weekend with your families!

**JBLM Half-Marathon/5K [30 May]**

Race starts at 8 a.m. and goes from Russell Landing to Solo Point, Lewis North. Half-marathon run & 5K walk/run. All pre-registered participants receive a t-shirt. Register at [www.JBLMmwr.com/races](http://www.JBLMmwr.com/races)

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