



*The McChord Way...Excellence, Innovation, Respect*

**62 AW/CC Roll Call**

**30 June 2017**

**Team McChord,**

Next week on July 4<sup>th</sup>, the United States will celebrate its 241<sup>st</sup> year of Independence. Since that fateful day in 1776 when our Founding Fathers so eloquently declared our independence from King George III and the British Crown, the United States has been a free and sovereign land. As President Kennedy observed the “cost of freedom is always high, but Americans have always paid it.” Citizen soldiers, like the Airmen of **Team McChord** have always risen to pay that price. Thank you for all that you do as a member of the Armed Forces to ensure that America remains the “Land of the Free.”

As we celebrate our Independence, please take the time to enjoy well-deserved time off with your family and friends. There are countless ways to enjoy the Pacific Northwest over the break and I hope that you take full advantage of all that the region has to offer. However, as you make your plans, please keep safety in mind as a momentary distraction or lapse in judgement could end the weekend prematurely and lead to tragedy. We need every member of **Team McChord** to accomplish our mission, so please look out for your fellow Airmen and make safe decisions as you celebrate our Nation’s birth.

One unique opportunity to enjoy the holiday with family and friends is Freedom Fest, hosted by JBLM MWR. This family friendly event will take place on 3 - 4 July, is open to the public, and will culminate at 2200 on the 4<sup>th</sup> with fireworks at Cowan Stadium. More information can be found at: <http://www.jblmmwr.com/freedomfest/>

After the well-deserved long-weekend, things will be busy for **Team McChord**. Beginning with the 62 AW Change of Command, where the Wing will welcome Col. Rebecca Sonkiss, and followed closely by Exercise MOBILITY GUARDIAN, the professionalism and expertise of our Airmen will be on full display. Thank you for all of your efforts to make these events a success while still providing **Trusted, Responsive Worldwide Airlift** on a daily basis.

You are the best at what you do and I am proud to serve with each of you. It has been an honor to serve you as the Air Force Senior Service Component Commander these past two years as we have worked together to **Advance Joint Basing**. I have been continuously impressed in the way that you have embodied **The McChord Way . . . Excellence, Innovation, Respect** and I look forward to seeing where **Team McChord** will take JBLM in the future.

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

**Lunch ‘n Learn Leadership Lecture**  
Lt Col Magruder 22 STS/CC (7 July)

**62d Airlift Wing Change of Command**  
14 July

**Exercise MOBILITY GUARDIAN**  
31 July – 12 August

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

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