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62 AW/CC Roll Call

5 December 2014

Team McChord,

I know Santa and his elves get most of the glory this time of year for their Herculean efforts at the North Pole, but make no mistake, our Team McChord Airmen were just as busy at the South Pole! As many of you know, each year our Active Duty and Reserve Airmen take part in **Operation DEEP FREEZE**—our C-17 support to the National Science Foundation at McMurdo Station, Antarctica. Our aircrews and maintainers stage out of Christchurch, New Zealand and fly through unpredictable and unforgiving weather to deliver people and supplies to one of the most austere locations on the planet. Although we usually operate our aircraft during the Antarctic “summer,” we also have the ability to conduct operations during the challenging “winter” months. During these prolonged periods of darkness, the C-17 is the only transport available due to our unique night vision operational capability. Last week, our last rotation of Airmen returned home after successfully concluding this DEEP FREEZE season. In total, we completed 27 missions, flew 275 hours, transported 1,750 passengers, and delivered an astonishing 1.7 million lbs of cargo! In a performance that would rival Kris Kringle on his best day, our Total Force has proven yet again that the men and women of Team McChord continue to have profound impact around the globe...even at the bottom of it!

Operation Deep Freeze



Want to see just what kind of conditions our Total Force team overcome every year? Click [here](#) for a short video of an actual landing on the frozen Pegasus runway!

On the Horizon...

New Fitness Management System

The Air Force Fitness Management System (AFFMS) is transitioning to a new up-to-date, user-friendly system. The new system comes on-line 15 Dec.

AAFES Holiday Show! [6 Dec]

See the Seagals put on a 2-hour show at the Carey Theater on Lewis Main. Tons of free prizes given away! Doors open at 1600, show starts at 1900.

Christmas Tree/Menorah Lighting [8 Dec, 1600]

‘Tis the season! Come out to the Chapel Support Center and witness the Christmas tree and Menorah lighting.

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