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COMMENTARY



'Reflections of a graduating military brat'

by **Tori Smith**

Bloomingtondale High School

Editor's Note: Tori Smith is the daughter of Lt Col Brian Smith, 91st Air Refueling Squadron commander at MacDill AFB. The Air Force's Year of the Family runs through July 2010.

Growing up as a military kid I have experienced quite a few "lasts," but recently in my new role as a high school senior, my "lasts" have increased at record speed. Friday night was my last high school football game as a varsity cheerleader and yet just a few short months ago, I had my last first day of high school. With these "lasts" and countless others of lesser and greater importance comes the realization that there is one "last" I have not spent much time thinking about.

The move we made a year and a half ago was actually the last move I will share with my family; at least as an involuntary participant. That really made me think that although I doubt anyone has taken an official poll, if asked, most military brats would say that moving is definitely the worst part of growing up military, and I completely agree.

Saying goodbye to friends and familiar surroundings every three

years (and occasionally more often) is just plain hard. Even harder is walking into a new school, not knowing if you will find someone to sit with at lunch or walk in the halls with, never mind being able to simply find all of your classes. And all the same time you are just trying to not show how lost and left out you feel.

So now I have established that moving is the worst part for me and maybe many other brats too, the irony is that it may also be the best. In my 17 years of military brat service, I have lived in nine states and attended eight different schools. Here is what I have learned along the way:

I learned acceptance with the news of our impending permanent change of station, saying goodbye to friends, meeting new friends and neighbors. Accepting new traditions and new quirks. Adapting to each new place demanded flexibility and a finely tuned sense of humor. I learned to be open minded (always) when meeting new faces and potential friends and when encountering new and sometimes intimidating situations. I learned to be courageous when taking my first steps into my new school and when saying goodbye to everything I have known for the past three

years: friends, sometimes family, familiar back roads, even my favorite mall. And now realizing that I once looked at that place and those people as negatives as I approach the journey before me with open arms. I learned to appreciate not only the military and their mission at each base but also the culture and history of the people and the city surrounding it. I learned gratitude from the people along the way; those who did both the little and the big things that truly made a difference to me and my family. I learned respect for the bond of my family as we transitioned together from place to place; and experienced all of the bumps in the road together.

This last move just before my junior year of high school was the most painful. Tearfully leaving behind my best friend in Virginia, the high school I had hoped to graduate from, and the all star cheer gym I loved, I made my way to one last assignment. I truly thought that this time it would be impossible to make the best of it. Yet as I sit to write this today, I am a proud member of a two-time state champion varsity cheerleading team and a successful student; I love the high school that I will graduate from in June



Tori Smith

and in a week I will be boarding a plane to visit my Virginia friends and my old home. My heart, soul, mind, and spirit have grown with each and every move, but this one was more significant than the rest. So next fall when I take my first steps on that ever-intimidating university campus, I will take with me my military brat life experience and with great confidence, that like my dad, I know that I have received the best training in the world.

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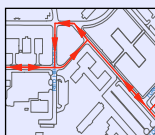
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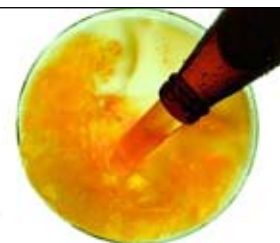
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Zero drinks for anyone younger than 21 or the designated driver

Zero instances of driving under the influence

One drink per hour maximum

Three drinks per night maximum for those of legal age to drink



by **Staff Sgt. Randall L. Rogers**
6th Force Support Squadron

As a U.S. Air Force Staff Sergeant with more than 10 years of experience, I understand the responsibilities of being a noncommissioned officer and a good wingman.

“Please think twice before making the same mistake I did”

... Staff Sgt. Randall Rogers

I would like to share my personal experience of being arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol. On Sept. 25, I made a poor choice of not having a game plan or a wingman after deciding to go out and drink alcohol. After leaving YBOR City with a blood alcohol level of .202, I made an irreversible error in judgment to get in my car and drive home. In hindsight, I should have called a cab or a friend for a ride. Being impaired by alcohol clouded my judgment, and as a consequence I made a very poor decision. I'm very lucky that I did not cause any physical harm to myself or anyone else; however, that decision led to my arrest and a significant impact on my career and financial standing.

Please think twice before making the same mistake I did. The Short Fitness Center recently hosted the Save-A-Life Tour on the dangers of drinking and driving. I attended that seminar after my arrest. Please recognize if

you get behind the wheel while intoxicated you place yourself at a great risk of taking someone's life and possibly your own, whether in a car, on foot or on a motorcycle.

As a result of my actions, I am now facing the following: Loss of my driving privileges on- and off-base; court and lawyer fees exceeding \$5,000; raised insurance rates; tarnished reputation among my fellow Airmen; and serious damage to my Air Force career. Nothing compares to the embarrassment that follows being picked up by your supervisor and First Sergeant and later standing tall trying to explain your actions to the wing commander. Your commander may also take administrative action against you. Keep all of these consequences in the forefront of your mind when thinking about driving drunk. Let me assure you, it is not worth it.

If you think this situation can't happen to you, think again! The Air Force has a zero tolerance policy on drinking and driving and will take appropriate action against all who violate this policy. So if you're planning on going out to have a good time or have a beer or two, remember to have a sound game plan that doesn't include you getting behind the wheel of a motor vehicle. Having a good wingman while going out to have fun may not only save your life, but others as well. Please heed my advice as a lesson learned and do not make the same poor choice I did. If you have any questions pertaining to the consequences of being arrested for driving under the influence, contact the legal office at 828-4421 or the local Area Defense Counsel office at 828-4455. Thank you for your time and attention.



New PT standards effective July 1, biannual testing begins

by Master Sgt. Russell P. Petcoff
Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — Maintaining peak combat readiness begins and ends with healthy, motivated and well-trained Airmen.

On Nov. 19, the Air Force's deputy chief of staff for manpower and personnel announced the new Air Force fitness standards will officially begin July 1, 2010.

Lt. Gen. Richard Y. Newton III said the services top leaders sought feedback from commanders and senior NCO leaders throughout the Air Force when deciding to execute the updated program that will test Airmen twice during calendar year 2010 -- once under the current program and once under the new program.

"Based on feedback from the field, we are implementing the July start date so Airmen have the opportunity to excel," General Newton said. "This implementation strategy will allow for a smoother transition of the new Air Force Instruction and afford commanders adequate time to establish installation fitness assessment cells to include adequate manning for the FACs."

According to General Newton, a new AFI detailing the new fitness standards is due out within the next few weeks. This fitness AFI is the first to cover the total force of active duty, Guard and Reserve.

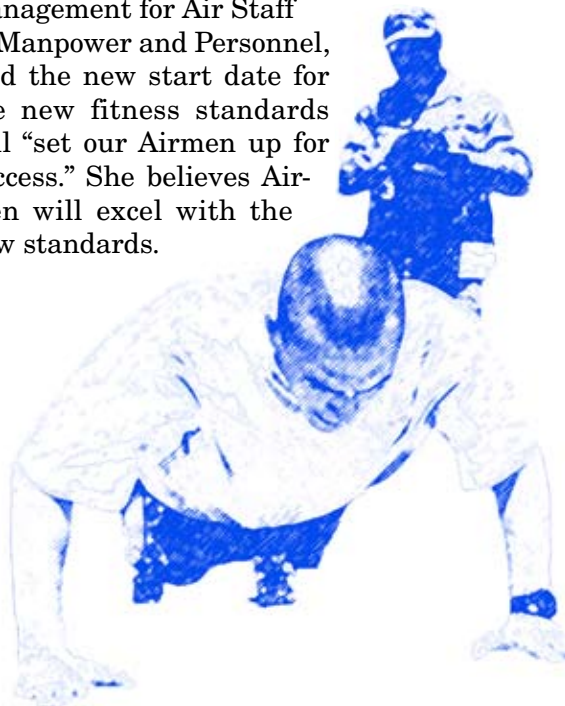
The general added that the July start date will provide commanders and Airmen plenty of time to be prepared and in compliance with the

new AFI.

"We want to do this right," General Newton said. "It's about readiness and our continued commitment to ensure we have a Fit Force, ready to perform its global mission."

Col. Joan H. Garbutt, chief of military force management for Air Staff

Manpower and Personnel, said the new start date for the new fitness standards will "set our Airmen up for success." She believes Airmen will excel with the new standards.



"Every time you raise the bar, our Airmen reach higher to meet the standards," Colonel Garbutt said.

Biannual physical fitness testing will begin Jan. 1 using current fitness standards. Units with FACs will use them to conduct the assessments. Units without FACs will continue to use

their physical training leaders, or PTLs, to assess Airmen. Enlisted and officer performance reports will reflect fitness training scores based upon their reports close out dates, General Newton added.

According to the change, during the Jan. 1 to June 30 testing phase, unit PTLs will provide two scores -- one for the current system and one for the new standard so Airmen can gauge their performance. Starting July 1, Airmen will officially test under new requirements with the new scoring. Scores will be annotated on EPRs and OPRs accordingly.

Under the new standards, the aerobic run will count for 60 percent of the test. Body composition will count for 20 percent. Under the current standard, they count for 50 and 30 percent, respectively. The sit-up and push-ups remain at 10 percent each. The new standards have differently valued waist measurements and 15 seconds, rather than 30, separating run scores.

Passing the test will require a composite score of 75 while also meeting a minimum level for each component. The new physical fitness test will place

Airmen in one of five age groups: less than 30, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59 and 60-plus. Results will fall into one of three categories: 90 and above, excellent; 75-90, satisfactory; and under 75, unsatisfactory.

Information on the Air Force fitness program is online at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/affitnessprogram/index.asp

Wing Staff organizing holiday care packages

by Nick Stubbs
Thunderbolt editor

There's no place like home, and that goes triple for deployed servicemembers. That's why getting a "little piece of home" in the mail means so much, and it's why the 6th Air Mobility Wing Staff is organizing holiday care packages for its deployed members.

Members of the wing staff are encouraged to contribute small food or comfort items, magazines or other useful items to go in boxes

set for delivery prior to Christmas. To make the deadline guaranteed by the U.S. Postal Service, packages must ship by Dec. 4, said Master Sgt. Gene Stassner, who is heading up the care package effort.

"We have at least 10 deployed, and maybe more we want to get packages to," he said. "I know as someone who has been deployed that it means a lot to get something from home, especially around the holidays."

The boxes to be shipped are 12 by 12 inches, about 6 inches deep,

so items must be small enough to fit the box, said Sergeant Strassner. Speaking from experience, he warns against including soap, as food items in the box "end up tasting like the soap." He also advises against liquids that could spill and spoil the package. Boxes will also have to clear customs.

The boxes will also contain cards signed by members of the staff offices. A designated day will be announced via e-mail, on which members can stop by the DS office and sign cards and drop items into gift boxes.

Family members also can add items to boxes, if they wish, said Sergeant Strassner.

"Almost anything from home, even the things you didn't think much of when you were home, is special and makes you feel better," he said. "It's something tangible that they can touch from home, and that makes them experience a bit of home when they are very far away."

Sergeant Strassner said anyone interested in contributing or who needs information can call him at 828-8860.

NEWS/FEATURES



ACTION LINE

The Action Line provides a two-way communication between the 6th Air Mobility Wing commander and the MacDill community. A 24-hour recording service is provided so personnel may submit questions, concerns or comments. Call the Action Line at 828-INFO (4636)



Unofficial movie, music files a threat to AMC network

by Nick Stubbs
Thunderbolt editor

MP3 music files, MPEG and other movies are all the rage in this age of computers, PDAs and even media-capable cell phones, but if you know what's good for yourself and your office computer, they won't reside on your Air Force workstation.

The exception is official media files for and distributed as part of Air Force business. All others may be erased without warning, and those responsible for them being on a networked computer could face disciplinary action.

Trend analysis has shown that most viruses that attack the MacDill AMC-2K network can be traced to the use of unofficial MP3



music and movie files. A warning this week by the 6th Air Mobility Wing Client Services office is that if these types of files are found as part of routine network scans, and they are determined to be unofficial, they will be removed without warning.

Because music and movie files are traded and shared heavily between computer and media device users, they are prime carriers of

computer viruses, said Second Lt. Christopher Loyd, OIC of Client Services. Each time a file is shared with another user, a virus infected media can infect its host. If the infected computer is on a network, the virus can spread like wildfire to other computers.

"You might play a song and hear it, but in the background a virus is attacking the computer or the network," said Lieutenant Taylor. "It potentially can halt (network traffic)."

Virus protection safeguard used on the MacDill network are useful in heading off such disasters, but with new infections being devised, there is always the chance something nasty could slip through and might cause havoc, Lieutenant Taylor said.

Any computer found to have an infected file is subject to be pulled off the network for analysis, and there may receive disciplinary action.

A letter would be sent to the user's commander from Client Services, detailing the violation. The offending computer user would have to repeat computer information protection training, file forms of completion and be scrutinized by superiors before being allowed back on the network.

In cases where the files are found to be pornographic or serious infractions of policy, 6th Security Forces investigators could be called in to examine the case, said Lieutenant Taylor.

In short, it's very serious business, he said.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Bryan Gatewood

Some early bird

Team MacDill Members sit down for an enjoyable early Thanksgiving dinner Nov. 19 at the Brandon Elks Lodge. This is the 8th Annual Early Thanksgiving Dinner put on by the Brandon Family Resource Center, hosted by the Brandon Elks Lodge with service provided by Altri Sales and Distribution. More than 300 people attended the dinner.

BRIEFS



Dale Mabry Gate Lane 2 Construction

Dale Mabry Gate Lane 2 is scheduled to close from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. for construction beginning Dec. 1 and continuing on and off through January.

Running Track Closure

The Short Fitness and Sports Center's running track will be closed from Dec. 7 through the 11 for resurfacing. For more information call 828-4496.

Seeking donations

Golf Course Snack Bar employees are seeking baking donations for Operation Cookie Drop. They are accepting any type of baking ingredients to include cookie dough, flour, sugar, eggs, brown sugar, chocolate chips, etc. Items can be dropped off at the Golf Course Snack Bar Weekdays from 6:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information call Alice or Josie at 840-6904 or 840-6906

Attention All AF communicators

An Air Force C4I All Hands is scheduled

for Dec. 2 from 9:30 to 10:45 in the Bayshore Officer's Club Ballroom. The guest speaker is Lt. Gen. William T. Lord, Chief of Warfighting Integration and CIO (SAF/XC) for the Office of the Secretary of the Air Force. Topics include Air Force in Cyberspace, career development, mentoring, and current challenges. The discussion is framed for Air Force members however all service communicators are invited. Please be seated by 9:15 a.m. To learn more, his bio is at www.af.mil/information/bios/bio_print.asp?bioID=6233&page=1 For more information, contact Lt. Col. Marsha Aleem at marsha.aleem@centcom.mil or call 827-3332.

Holiday recipes wanted

The 6 AMW Public Affairs office is looking for your best recipes to publish in the MacDill Thunderbolt and on MacDill's website www.macdill.af.mil. We will be accepting and publishing recipes through the new year. E-mail recipes to thunderbolt@macdill.af.mil

4th Annual Children's Festival

The Gasparilla International Film Festival

announces its fourth annual Children's Festival Dec. 5 at the CineBistro Hyde Park Theater, 1609 West Swann Avenue in Tampa. The Muppet Movie and another children's classic will start at 10 a.m. There will be filmmaker "hands on" demonstrations throughout the day, a presentation by a children's film and television casting director, and face painting by a movie special effects director. The Real Ghostbusters will appear at 12:15, followed by the film at 1 pm. Admission is free.

Free Quilting Classes

The MacDill Chapel Quilters is offering free quilting classes Mondays at 9 a.m. in Annex 1 at the base chapel. For more information contact Sue Freeman at (207) 310-3751.

Retiree Activities Office

The Retiree Activities Office members need volunteers to prepare federal income tax returns for active duty, retirees, and their family members. If you are interested in volunteering one or two days a week, call the RAO at (813) 828-4555.



Gotta Regatta!



Photo by Senior Airman Angela Ruiz

Master Sgt. Oliver Johnson, and Senior Master Sgt. Thomas Keyser both from Joint Communications Support Element, work with their team Nov. 20 to build a cardboard boat during the annual boat regatta at MacDill Air Force Base. The boat regatta is hosted by the base's outdoor recreation center and promotes team building for everyone that participated.



Photo by Senior Airman Angela Ruiz

Airman 1st Class Dunae Nathaniel steps away to observe while Senior Airman Michael Robbins, and Airman 1st Class Timothy Quinn all from 1st Logistics Readiness Squadron, build their cardboard dream boat.



Photo by Senior Airman Angela Ruiz

Airmen from the 91st Air Refueling Squadron work as a team Nov. 20, cutting and taping their cardboard creation for entry in the regatta. The boats don't have to last long — just long enough to finish the soggy sprint.

Annual Boat Regatta top times in seconds

1st Place 6 LRS/TMO	28.15
2nd Place JCSE/J3	28.46
3rd Place 6 CES/CED	29.56

YEAR OF THE AIR FORCE FAMILY



Photo by Senior Airman Angela Ruiz

Airman First Class Katherine Holt and just a few of her many Air Force Family members. The boat regatta is hosted by the base's outdoor recre-

Airmen fortunate, have more than one family

by Airman 1st Class Katherine Holt

6th Air Mobility Wing Public Affairs

Five pieces of 4x8 cardboard, two rolls of duct tape, two box cutters, and three hours was all participants in MacDill's Outdoor and Recreation's Annual Cardboard Boat Regatta had to build a boat at the base beach Nov. 20.

Five-man teams were scattered up and down the shoreline working tirelessly on their boat designs. Most teams were hoping for a win, others hoped for a miracle.

In any other story that would be speculation, but I am going to tell this story through my eyes.

Last year I was a spectator of the Regatta and I only got to see the end products of everyone's hard work. Being a part of a team shed some light on what it takes to make a boat made of cardboard and duct tape float.

Building a boat takes team work, trust and an even distribution of responsibility. Most teams took advantage of the allotted time, building un-

til the very last minute.

As we made our way into the water, I could feel my stomach turning with anticipation. I wasn't going to be a paddler, but I was anxious for my teammates. I was anxious to show off all of the boat that we built as a team, an office and a family.

For me, the Year of the Air Force Family takes on multiple meanings. I have my mother, father, sister, and my now two month old son; but I also have my Air Force Family. Events like the Annual Boat Regatta are Air Force Family events.

I spent time with three individuals in my office that have recently returned from a deployment. Due to mission requirements and personal requirements, we haven't been unable to catch up. The Regatta gave us time to do just that. The Regatta also gave our office a chance to welcome in a new Airman.

We are all a family. We all came together on Nov. 20 to put on a successful Boat Regatta. I encourage all units to have one team enter next year's race.



From family and friends to service and sacrifice

AMC's 'First Lady' reflects on 38 years of service

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. – During a ceremony here Nov. 20, AMC Commander Gen. Arthur J. Lichte, and his wife, Christine, will say farewell to the Air Force after 38 years of faithful service.

During her farewell spouse's luncheon Nov. 13, Mrs. Lichte took a moment to reflect on her and her husband's nearly-four decades of service to this nation.

"It is a time of reflection," Mrs. Lichte said,

"reflection on the career that has spanned over too many wars and conflicts that bring such pain and sadness to our military families, but have also brought so much joy and pride because we are a part of an organization that cherishes and deeply cares about its members."

Mrs. Lichte also thanked military personnel for their service. "You touch lives every day and you probably don't even know you are doing it," she said.

While discussing her and her husband's time

in service, Mrs. Lichte reflected on the people who touched their lives.

"I think back to Art's [Reserve Officer Training Corps] instructor, Col. Tom Hally, and his wife, Pat, who were so instrumental to us as we began our journey in the Air Force," she said. "They are still our friends today."

She also talked of a nameless military spouse who came to her aid in the Dallas Fort Worth airport years ago. "I was a very young and

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tearful mom, with two babies, struggling to get to a puddle jumper to Wichita Falls' Sheppard AFB, Texas. She lent me a hand and helped me make my connection."

She said also touching their lives were "two very special senior NCO wives" who mentored her in the ways of the Air Force.

And, she added, "Our first neighbors, Capt. Gary Burchell and his wife, Darla. They were, in our eyes, so very smart and wise and knew everything about the Air Force."

Mrs. Lichte also mentioned the numerous commanders' wives who provided examples of good and bad leaders and taught her valuable lessons.

She discussed why she felt blessed to be liv-

ing in Germany when the Iraq war started. "Blessed, you ask? Well, I was able to witness the courage and dedication of all military members whether they were the caregivers or the wounded, who demonstrated "service before self" every day.

"While at Landstuhl Regional Hospital I also saw the goodness of people — Americans, foreigners, it didn't matter," she said. "The generosity and love for those who sacrificed was a marvel to witness."

Mrs. Lichte said she could go on for hours describing all those who touched her and her husband's lives, and she had one last message for those spouses who have, and will continue to serve with their military husbands and

wives:

"You have all seen and been part of this magnificent military culture," Mrs. Lichte said. "For all the days of separation from your loved ones; for all the cookies you have baked; for all the dinners you made to welcome and comfort those in need or said farewell to; for all the hugs and tears you have shed; for all the fundraisers you have participated in; for the countless hours you have volunteered to help others ... I thank you for your service. My thoughts and prayers will be with you always.

"May God bless each and every one of you here today, may God bless all who serve — keep them safe, and may God bless us with peace in our world, and may God bless America."

Fuel Your Future

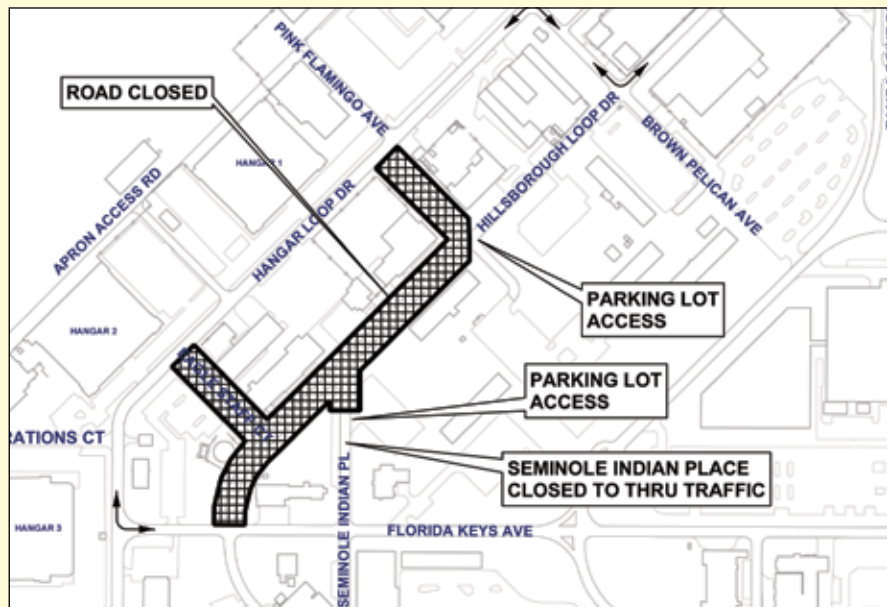


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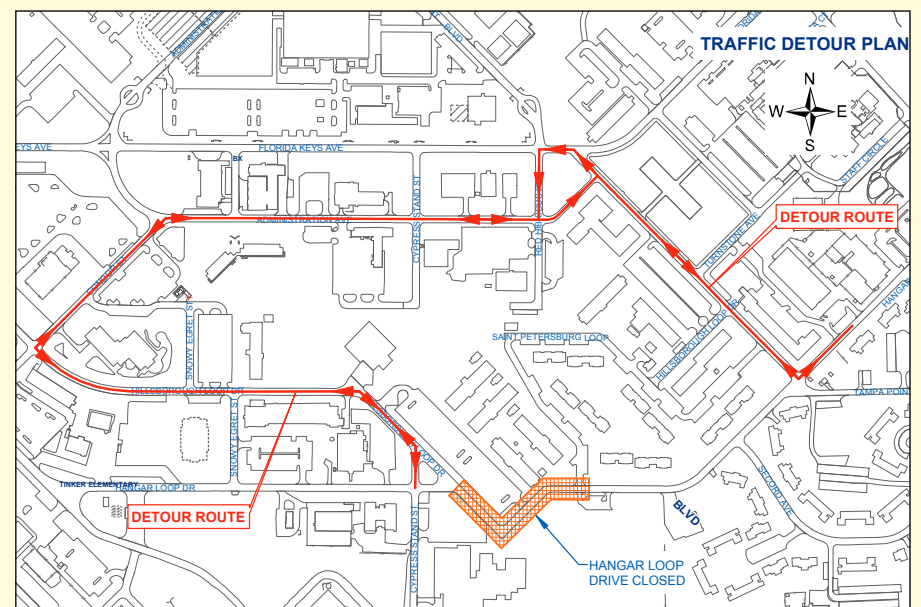


Construction on Hillsborough Loop continues

Road construction by the 6th Civil Engineers continues into the next phase of the repair of the Hillsborough Loop Drive.

The construction along Hillsborough Loop Drive includes the section of roadway from Pink Flamingo Avenue to Florida Keys Avenue and is scheduled to be completed by the end of March 2010.

We appreciate your patience during the construction period.



Construction adjacent to the Short Fitness Center starts Nov. 30

Road construction by the 6th Civil Engineers continues into the final phase of the repair of the Hillsborough Loop Drive.

The construction along Hillsborough Loop Drive adjacent to the Short Fitness Center will realign the pavement to eliminate the sharp bend in the roadway pavement. The construction is scheduled to begin Nov. 30 and is scheduled to be completed by mid-February 2010.

MACDILL COMMUNITY



HOLIDAY HOURS

	Nov. 27	Nov. 28	Nov. 29
Enlisted Club	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
CDC	0630-1800	CLOSED	CLOSED
Family Child Care	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Fitness Center	0800-2000	0800-2000	0800-2000
Golf Course	0630- 1730	0630-1730	0630-1730
Golf Course Snack Bar	0630-1400	0630-1400	0630-1400
Bowling Center	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
IT&T (Travel)	0900-1700	CLOSED	CLOSED
Tickets Only	0900- 1700	1000-1500	CLOSED
Library	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Officers' Club	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
SeaScapes	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Diner's Reef			
Brunch	0730-1300	0730-1300	0730-1300
Supper	1600-1800	1600-1800	1600-1800
Midnight Meal	2200-2300	2200-2300	2200-2300
Veterinary Clinic	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Outdoor Recreation			
Marina	0700-1730	0700-1730	0700-1730
Building 60	1000-1800	1000-1800	1000-1800
Skeet Range	0800-1400	0800-1400	0800-1400
Pool	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Youth Center	OPEN	CLOSED	CLOSED
Preteen	1200-1800	CLOSED	CLOSED
Teen	1200-1900	CLOSED	CLOSED
School Age	0630-1800	CLOSED	CLOSED
Arts & Craft			
Framing & Engraving	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Auto Shop	CLOSED	0900-1900	CLOSED
Wood Shop	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
AAFES/DeCA Facilities	Nov. 27	Nov. 28	Nov. 29
BX (Main Store)	0400-2000		
Class Six	0900-1900		
Military Clothing Sales	0700-1800		
Furniture Store	0400-2000		
BX Mall Barber Shop	0800-1800		
Charley's	0300-1800		
Anthony's Pizza	1000-1800		
Shoppette / Gas	0400-2300		
Game Stop	0500-1900		
Firestone	0700-1800		
Burger King	Closed		
Subway	Closed		
Dunkin Donuts	0600-1800		
Taco Bell	1030-1700		
Robin Hood	1030-1700		
Baskin Robbins	1100-1600		
Manchu Wok	1030-1800		
SOCOM Snack bar	Closed		
CENTCOM Snack bar	Closed		
Optical Center	0900-1800		
Optometry Care	0900-1800		
GNC	0930-1730		
Beauty Salon	0900-1800		
Petals & Blooms	0900-1800		
Cellular Phones	0900-1800		
Barber Shop Bldg. 17	CLOSED		
The Cleaners (BX)	0700-1800		
Commissary	0830-1600	0900-1900	0900-1900
Manpower	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Military Personnel	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Base Education Office	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
AFRC	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
ALS	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
First Term Airman	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Civilian Personnel Flight	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
6th SFS			
Visitor Reception Facility	0600-1800	0600-1800	0600-1800
Port Tampa Gate	0530-1000	0530-1000	Closed



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Bryan Gatewood

Clownin' around

Cleotis the clown makes a balloon sword for Jeziel Reyes, 5, son of Rene Reyes and Maj. Aura Cisneros, 6th Dental Squadron, at the Brandon Elks Lodge Nov. 19 during the annual Early Thanksgiving Dinner. More than 300 attended the 8th annual dinner, put on by the Brandon Family Resource Center and hosted by the Brandon Elks Lodge.

CHAPEL SCHEDULE

Protestant services

Sunday - 9 a.m., Traditional Service
10:30 a.m., Religious Education, Noon, Gospel Service
Tuesday -Noon, Promise Keepers

Wednesday - 10:30 a.m., Women of the Chapel
Thursday - 11:30 a.m., Officers' Christian Fellowship

For more information regarding the Chapel or Chapel services, call 828-3621.

Catholic services

Saturday - Mass, 5:30 p.m.

Sunday - Mass, 10:30 a.m.

Monday to Thursday: Mass, 12:10 p.m.

Saturday - Sacrament of Reconciliation, 4:30 p.m., (or by appointment)

Jewish and Islamic services

Call 828-3621 for information

AT THE MOVIES

\$4 for adults / \$2 for children 828-2780

Friday - 7 p.m.

Cloudy with a Chance of meatballs (PG)

Saturday - 3 p.m.

Cloudy with a Chance of meatballs (PG)

Saturday - 7 p.m.

Couple's Retreat (PG-13)