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FSS Bulletin

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134th Force Support Squadron

Why are you receiving this Bulletin?

The 134th Force Support Squadron Bulletin will be provided monthly to all members of the 134th Air Refueling Wing and tenant units. Our objective is to provide important information that will affect your career which is ultimately managed by you. Please contact the appropriate POC to the left for further information on the content of this Bulletin.

Readiness

*****REMINDER*****

- Members on Active Duty orders in support of Contingency Operations, i.e. Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Noble Eagle, etc may be authorized Pre-Alert TriCare & Transitional Assistance TAMP- 180 benefits. Visit <http://www.tricare.mil/mybenefit/> to confirm eligibility and learn more about TriCare benefits and options. TA-180 Transitional Benefits are **NOT** automatic. It is the member's responsibility to visit the DEER's ID Card section with a copy of your orders to include all Amendments so that the DEER's representative can end your Active Duty Orders and flip the status to TA-180 to allow you the 180 days of TriCare benefits authorized. POC: MSgt Reed, 3256

Education and Training

- **In-Processing:** All members are **required** to in-process and out-process any time they leave or return to McGhee Tyson on school orders. This ensures that members are paid correctly and efficiently and that all records are current and up to date.
- **ALS News:** Effective 1 Aug 2012, the minimum passing standard for the ALS Distance Learning course 00003 tests, versions 5-10, will be changed from 70% to 63%. This will be retro active, re-assessment of records and corrections are anticipated to be complete by 30 Sep 12.

POC: TSgt Wiggins, 3253 / SrA Welch, 3247

Career Enhancements

Do You have Changes to Your Marital Status or Dependents?

- If you have any changes to your marital status or dependents you will need to go to the MPS as soon as possible to make changes to your military personnel records. In order to add any dependent to your personnel records you will need to bring in the source documents for those dependents such as marriage and birth certificates along with social security cards. No changes can be made to your VRED until any new dependent has been added to the Military Personnel Data System (MilPDS). You will also need to add that new spouse or new dependent to DEERS and review your SGLI for any changes. POC: SMSgt Wise, 3250

Customer Service / Relocations

Retirements/Separations: Important Items to take note of

- Prior to submitting your vPC-GR application, have your unit CSS check over the application.
- When submitting your vPC-GR application, be sure to attach necessary source documents for your application to be processed correctly. If you are unsure if you need source documents please ask before you proceed.
- After you separate: If you have not received your NGB 22 within 30 days of your retirement, please let us know or contact ARPC at 1-800-585-0102. POC: TSgt Wilkinson, 3255

Unit Commander Support Staff:**134 ARW:**

MSgt Mary Myers

119th:

MSgt Rebecca Nicholson

572nd Band:

TSgt Brian Erickson

Maintenance:

SrA Dana Presnell

TSgt Lisa Hollis

MSgt Scott Jones

Operations:

TSgt Amy Cornett

Mission Support Group:

TSgt Matthew King

Logistics:

TSgt Lydia Circello

Medical:

SMSgt Jana Johnson

Civil Engineering:

MSgt Kim Bowers

Security Forces:

TSgt Michael Curry

Communications Flight:

SSgt Regina Trivette

“People are our Mission”

ID Cards / DEERS

- All dependents need **2 forms of identification** if they are over the age of 18. Students over the age of 21 need a letter from their respective college with the estimated graduation date included.
- You can now make ID Card appointments online at <https://rapids-appointments.dmdc.osd.mil/appointment/building.aspx?BuildingId=445&AspxAutoDetectCookieSupport=1>

Personnel Systems

MyPERS (formerly “AFPERS”)

- A web application that is personalized to you. It is essentially a ‘one-stop-shop’ for managing your military career. It contains links to other Personnel applications (PRDA, vPC-GR, vMPF, etc) and information/articles on current personnel issues regarding managing your Career. MyPERS can be accessed from the AF Portal homepage. POC: SrA Trentham, 3259

Services Sustainment Flight

- Our Food Service Staff strives to serve healthy, quality meals for all our customers. The menu patterns of the Air Force World-Wide Menu standards are used. The purpose of these standards are to provide the best menus for Air Force dining facilities. Local recipe adjustments are authorized. Comment Cards are available near the Cashier Stand.
- Billeting Reservations/cancelations can now be made by email, phone and in the reservation book located in the Billeting Office.
 - You can email your request to 134arw.lodging@ang.af.mil. Please include the following information: name, phone number, check-in date, check-out date, arrival time.
 - You can call the reservation desk at 865-336-3300 option 1 and leave a message with your reservation/cancellation request.
 - You may also make future reservations by filling out the reservation book located on the front desk at Billeting.

FAMILY CARE PLANS

AFI 36-2908, Family Care Plans, mandates the completion of family care plans for all Air Force members with families. This includes Air Force Reserve members, including individual mobilization augmentees and participating individual ready Reserve members. Air Force personnel are deploying at an all-time high to meet the challenges of supporting contingency operations requiring temporary duty, along with overseas assignments to family restricted areas and other duties requiring members to be separated from their family. These situations require unique family arrangements.

The Air Force assures itself of an available force to meet all of its needs by making certain that each member has made adequate arrangements for the care of his/her family members. Members may be subject to disciplinary action if they fail to make adequate and acceptable family care arrangements. Members must document their family care plans on the AF Form 357 if they are single parents, dual military couples with family members, and members with civilian spouses who have unique family situations as determined by the commander. Commanders should designate in writing, an individual to monitor the Family Care Program. Commanders, First Sergeants are responsible for ensuring all newly assigned members are counseled on family care responsibilities during in-processing. Members will notify their commander or First Sergeant immediately if changes in personal status or family circumstances require completion of an AF Form 357.

These may include: Birth or adoption of a child, Loss of a spouse through death, separation, or divorce, Change in status to a dual military couple, Assumption of sole care for an elderly or disabled family member, Absence of spouse through career or job commitments or other personal reasons.

Members will designate an individual or individuals to care for family members when the member is absent fulfilling a military obligation. Members can contact the base Legal Office for assistance with power of attorney documentation. Refer to AFI 36-2908 for more detailed information.

Please direct all Family Care Plan questions to your Unit First Sergeant.

Upcoming Events:

ASVAB Please contact SMSgt Wise 336-3250	16 Aug
AFOQT Please contact SMSgt Wise 336-3250	17 Aug
ASVAB Please contact SMSgt Wise 336-3250	15 NOV
AFOQT Please contact SMSgt Wise 336-3250	16 NOV
McGhee Tyson Chill Cook-Off (1530hrs)	17 Nov

“We are committed to delivering exceptional quality of life programs to our McGhee Tyson Family”