

# McCHORD AIRWAVES

September

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## President's Pen

Erica McDonald

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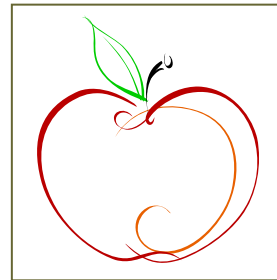
I could swear summer just started last month, but I think it is soon coming to an end. My rain gear was only put away for about one month this year, which has to be a record. We kicked off the OSC year with a family picnic, which included a little rain also. I want to thank our Social and Programs co-chairs for setting all of it up and making sure the year got off to a great start!

We have another exciting event coming up on September 23<sup>rd</sup>! The OSC will be hosting James Jewelers at the McChord Club from 1100-1900. James comes from Bangkok, Thailand and brings some exquisite jewelry. All of the funds we raise at this fundraiser go toward our welfare endeavors and scholarship program. I cannot think of a better reason to buy jewelry! That is also our next club social, so I look forward to seeing everyone there!

Best of luck in the new school year!

~Erica

McChord OSC President, 2008-2009



September's Social

*A Washington Apple Festival*

A plated lunch~ Waldorf salad, Quiche, roll, tea, coffee, iced tea and, of course, apple pie!

Cost is \$8.50

There will be an icebreaker, and great door prizes!

James Jewelers will be at the Club with their lovely jewelry to purchase

## McCHORD'S EDUCATION FAIR



Representatives from 40 + Colleges & Universities  
will be here to provide valuable information



**Date: 9 September 2008**

**Time: 1000-1400**

**Place: McChord Club (in the ballrooms)**



**You know you're a military spouse  
when...**

*Have a drawer full of cut-up PT shirts covered in  
shoe polish*



## Discover Your Own Backyard

By Barb DeClerck, Programs & Socials

With increasing gas prices, many of you are looking for activities a little closer to home. Why not discover Washington? Throughout this year, we will feature places to go or things to do that are on base, in the local area or a short drive away.

### On Base:

- McChord Volksmarch, 13 Sep 2008, 8 AM – 4 PM

Find details at [www.mcchordafb.us/adv\\_tours.html#Sep](http://www.mcchordafb.us/adv_tours.html#Sep)

### Just Outside the Gate:

- **The Western Washington State Fair** (AKA: The Puyallup Fair) [www.thefair.com](http://www.thefair.com)

5 – 21 Sep 2008; The Fairgrounds in Puyallup

(Take SR 512 east, exit 9th St. SW / 94th Ave. E. Turn left over the freeway and go down the hill for 1.4 miles. Fair Parking Lots are on the right side of Fairview Dr SW)

**DEALS:** Discount tickets available at Safeway or any Columbia Bank; Value Pack tickets available at Fred Meyer stores.

Chevron **Dizzy Passes** are available during the Fair for the regular price of \$25.00. Save \$2.50 on your **on-line** Chevron Dizzy Pass purchase by visiting any participating Chevron station. Pay just \$22.50 for unlimited rides when you have the discount code. Coupons with code available August 1-31 with purchase at any participating Chevron station. Discount only available on purchases made at [www.thefair.com/puyallup-fair/purchase-tickets.php](http://www.thefair.com/puyallup-fair/purchase-tickets.php) by 3 pm, Thursday, Sept. 4. The Chevron Dizzy Pass is valid Tue-Thu (Sept. 9-11) and Mon-Thu (Sept. 15-18). Includes unlimited FunTastic rides and \$3 worth of game coupons. *Excludes Extreme Scream.*

**Military Mondays** Admission is FREE for active, retired and reserve military and National Guard and their dependents, plus disabled veterans with a valid military ID on Sept. 8 & 15.

**Insider's tip:** Park behind Target at the Lakewood Towne Center and take the bus to the fairgrounds (first bus to fair at 8 AM, last bus to Lakewood 11:45 PM). Buses run at 30 minute intervals and drop you just across the street from the Blue Gate. Roundtrip is \$3 or \$1 per person with a valid Discount or Value Pack ticket. Up to 4 children (13 or under) ride free with a \$3 fare paying passenger. More information at [www.piercettransit.org/fair/fair.htm](http://www.piercettransit.org/fair/fair.htm)

- **Olympia Harbor Days** [www.harbordays.com](http://www.harbordays.com)

Aug 29, 30 & 31; Watching the Tug Boat races is a BLAST! Check out the photos & weekend events on the web site

### Farther Afield:

- Wenatchee Taste of the Harvest, Wenatchee [www.wendowntown.org](http://www.wendowntown.org)

Saturday, 20 Sep 2008; Events and shows in downtown Wenatchee.

- Kiwanis Wine Country Trek, Yakima [www.desertvalley.com/rides](http://www.desertvalley.com/rides)

Saturday and Sunday, 27 & 28 Sep 2008; A 2 day, 120 mile bike trek from Yakima to Prosser (and back) through the Yakima Valley

### Highlights from Adventures Unlimited:

Find costs and times at [www.mcchordafb.us/adv\\_tours.html#Sep](http://www.mcchordafb.us/adv_tours.html#Sep)

- 4 Sep Twin Falls Hike (Ollalie State Park)
- 7 Sep Mt St Helens Trip
- 21 Sep Victoria, BC, Trip
- 27 Sep Leavenworth Autumn Leaf Festival Trip

*"You're not  
stuck where  
you are, unless  
you decide to  
be"*  
~Wayne Dyer

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## 2008-2009 OSC Social Calendar "Discover Your Own Backyard!"

Explore & Uncover the AMAZING Pacific Northwest!

|          |          |                             |
|----------|----------|-----------------------------|
| 23 Sept  | 11am-1pm | Apple Fest & James Jewelers |
| 21 Oct   | 6-9pm    | Bunko with Ft Lewis OSC     |
| 11 Nov   | 6-9pm    | WA Wine Tasting             |
| 16 Dec   | 11am-1pm | Ornament Exchange           |
| 20 Jan   | 11am-1pm | Thrift Shop Fashion Show    |
| 13 Feb   | 6-9pm    | Annual Dessert Auction      |
| 17 March | 11am-1pm | Skagit Tulip Festival       |
| 14 April | 6-9pm    | Scholarship Awards Dinner   |
| 12 May   | 6-9pm    | Bingo Night                 |



## Air Force Ball Sat, 13 Sept 2008, Hangar 9

Social hour begins at 5 p.m., with dinner served at 5:45 p.m.

Guest speaker is Maj. Gen. Robert Allardice, A former 62<sup>nd</sup> Airlift Wing commander; Current director of strategy, plans and policy at U.S. Central Command, MacDill Air Force Base, Fla.

Following the speaker, "Pop- Offs", will perform to keep the party going until 9 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased beginning Aug. 15 from wing executives. **Tickets will no longer be available for purchase after Sept. 10.**

Cost: E-1 to E-6 and GS-6 and below \$15; E-7 to O-3, GS equivalent, retirees and civic leaders is \$20;

O-4 and above is \$25.

Enlisted Airmen should wear semiformal or mess dress uniform. Officers should wear mess dress uniform. Civilians should wear a civilian equivalent.

For more information or to volunteer to help,

### Open Board Positions:

*Thrift Shop Representative*

*Red Cross Representative*

*For more information, contact Erica McDonald @ 302-3443*

## \*Special Activities\*



Monday Morning Ladies League 2008-2009 bowling season begins September 8 at 9:30 am. We would like to have you join us. We bowl to enjoy each others' company and to have fun. Call Karen Stolp at 858-9554 or email at [mosseybacks@comcast.net](mailto:mosseybacks@comcast.net) for more information.

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"Sometimes you just have  
to take the leap, and  
build your wings on the  
way down"  
- Kobi Yamada

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## Pay it Forward

By Barb DeClerck, Programs & Socials

This section is intended to introduce our members to potential opportunities for volunteering their time and "pay it forward."

### McChord Thrift Shop

Bldg 717 (The white warehouse across the street from  
Adventures Unlimited)

Phone: (253) 982-2468

Hours: Tuesday - Wednesday - Thursday

9:30 AM to 2 PM

First Saturday of the month (Bag Sale 9:30 AM to noon)

9:30 AM to 2 PM

Consignments accepted 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM, Tuesday - Thursday

(You keep 80% of the sell price and the Thrift Shop keeps 20%)

The McChord Thrift Shop is a non-profit run by the McChord OSC. Items donated generate more than \$35,000 each year, which is then returned to the community by the OSC through monetary gifts and scholarships. Last year, the OSC provided scholarships to 6 military children and 13 military spouses totaling \$20,000. We couldn't do it without the Thrift Shop!

**How can you help?** Consign your unwanted items, volunteer to work during the week (child care is paid) or volunteer to work during a Bag Sale. Looking for a little more? Why not volunteer to work as the Thrift Shop Representative on the OSC Board? Contact Erica McDonald ([slycommander982@aol.com](mailto:slycommander982@aol.com)) if you are interested in volunteering.

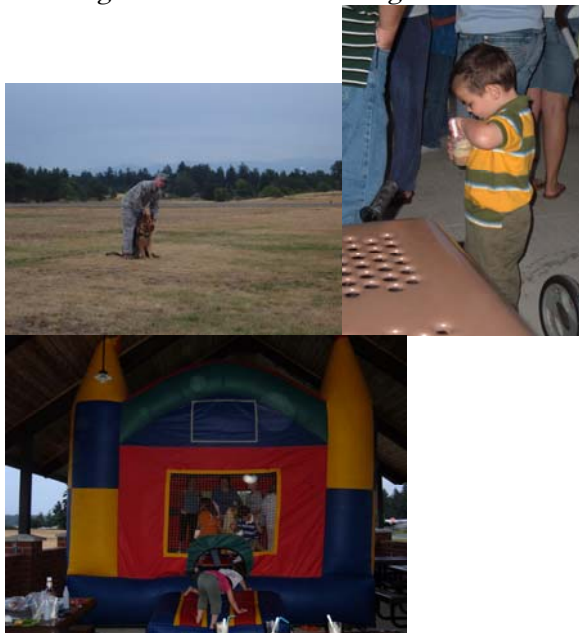
**Bag Sale days:** 6 Sep, 4 Oct, 1 Nov, and 6 Dec



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*Despite the Washington weather, all who attended truly enjoyed our August Ice Cream Social. Thanks to all who helped lift the large bounce house under the pavilion and to all those who organized, scooped ice cream & cleaned up after! Thank you to the fabulous Security Forces who shared their time with us too. The dog demonstration was great!*



*We're on the Web!*

*Visit us at:*

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