

Modify myPers to aid searches

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Airmen using myPers have multiple role options available to help them locate the information they need faster and easier.

When users log in, the system takes them to a default page attached to their authentication credentials (i.e., active-duty, Air Force Reserve, Air National Guard, retiree or civilian employee). However, there may be times when users need to stay in tune with areas outside their current status. For example, a civilian who is discussing force management programs with an active duty member may need to access the force management information for officer or enlisted personnel.

“Users who frequently need to access areas other than their current status might consider changing their default page,” said Thomas Oates, knowledge management operations branch chief.

Oates explained that users have two options to view different role-based information. They can navigate to the alternate area using the top menu bars and select the link for the page containing the information they need, or they can override the system detection and set their home page to the one they prefer. This can be done through the “Change My Default Home Page” link on the upper right hand corner of the page.

For more information about personnel issues or to change the myPers home page, visit the myPers website at <https://mypers.af.mil>.

‘Passport’ encourages cultural awareness



SKYWRIGHTER PHOTOS BY CINDY HOLBROOK
Gene McKinley and his son, Justus, listen to Tech. Sgt. Cathy Ulmer, flight chief of general surgery with the 88 Medical Group, explain about different countries and cultures during the “Passport to Asia and the Pacific” on May 17 at the Chapel 3 Annex. Storyboards featured information from 16 different countries.

Event part of heritage month at WPAFB

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Food, a martial arts demonstration and an opportunity to learn more about Asian and Pacific Islander cultures were all part of a celebration called “Passport to Asia and the Pacific” on May 17 at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base’s Chapel 3 Annex.

Children enjoyed playing musical chairs, doing the limbo, observing the numerous storyboards featuring important information from 16 different countries and a PowerPoint presentation that showcased Asian/Pacific Islanders who have made great contributions to the U.S. government, business, media, science, professional sports, film and music.

Children also had an opportunity to try ethnic foods provided by local vendors and collect stamps to place in their “passport” as they walked around the room learning about such countries as Japan, the Philippines, Thailand, Laos, Cambodia, India, Sri Lanka, China, Korea, Samoa, Singapore, Burma, Saipan, Malaysia, Guam and the state of Hawaii.

“Passport to Asia and the Pacific” was the first of two events at Wright-Patterson AFB planned to commemorate May as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

“Every base I’ve been assigned to has had an Asian-American Pacific Islander Heritage Committee, and the month of May is normally an observance month,” said Senior Master Sgt. Joe Dittman, superintendent, 88 Surgical Operations Squadron, who was born in the Philippines. “I’ve always been involved with the associ-

ation and I found out that Wright-Patt didn’t have an official organization. I spoke with the base Diversity office and they asked me if I would like to plan and head events for observance month. Wright-Patt is so big that it’s hard to cover every group, so I did some groundwork, picked a venue, chose a catchy theme (“CelebrateAsian 2014.”) and Mrs. (Kathryn) Pullen from the Diversity office ran it by Col. (Cassie) Barlow (88 Air Base Wing commander) and she thought it was a great idea and told us to do it.

“This first event is more for kids and includes storyboards on the different countries. We had actual fruit, vegetables, candy and other things from the different countries at each of the stations,” he said. “We were able to have six local Asian restaurants donate food, and we chose this venue to be closer to military housing, making it convenient for families to attend. I have 15 volunteers that came out and



Trevor Clarke, an instructor from the TAMA Martial Arts Center on Woodman Drive in Kettering, shows off Kung Fu movements that included a series of jumps, kicks and acrobatic motions as well as some sword demonstrations.



Six local Asian restaurants donated a variety of food items to the event for people to sample.

helped me,” Dittman said.

A special martial arts demonstration by Airman 1st Class Ebony Weeks and Trevor Clarke, an instructor from the TAMA Martial Arts Center on Woodman Drive in Kettering, was a part of the Passport to Asia & the Pacific event. Clarke showed off some Kung Fu movements that included a series of jumps, kicks and acrobatic motions as well as some sword demonstrations. Then Clarke and Weeks sparred to display forms in boxing, tai chi and other self-defense moves to an audience of nearly 80.

Lena Sears, a 6-year old attending the event enjoyed coloring, dancing and learning about the different countries.

“Her father is American-Samoan, and we thought this event would be fun for her,” said Amber Sears. “My dad works on base and heard about this event and told us about it. She loves learning about all the different cultures.”

The second CelebrAsian 2014 event will be “Sights, Sounds and Tastes of Asia and the Pacific” and will feature food, martial arts demonstrations, dancers and models in traditional costume along with guest speaker Jack Ling, executive director, Institutional Diversity and Inclusion from the University of Dayton. It will be May 28 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Community and Airman Center in Kittyhawk Center.

Safety tips

Play it safe when near or in the water this summer

Swim lessons, buddy system, safety rules top the list

By Chris Tirey
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Time spent poolside or at one of our many natural bodies of water in the local area can be enjoyable, especially during the warm to blistering hot days of an Ohio summer.

Unfortunately, it can also be extremely hazardous.

Please implement the following safety guidelines to avoid a tragic result while in



the water.

- Learn to swim. The best thing anyone can do to stay safe in and around the water is to learn to swim. The American Red Cross has swimming courses for people of any age and swimming ability.
- Always swim with a buddy; never swim alone. Even good swimmers can have an unexpected medical emergency in the water.
- Set water safety rules for the whole family based on swimming abilities (for example, inexperienced swimmers should stay in

water less than chest deep).

- Never leave a child unobserved around water. Your eyes must be on the child at all times. Adult supervision is recommended.
- If a child is missing, check the pool first. Go to the edge of the pool and scan the entire pool, bottom and surface, as well as the surrounding pool area
- Learn Red Cross CPR and insist that babysitters and others who care for your child know CPR.
- Swim in areas supervised by a lifeguard.
- Children or inexperienced swimmers should take precautions, such as wearing a U.S. Coast Guard-approved personal flotation device

when around the water.

- Watch out for the dangerous “too’s” – too tired, too cold, too far from safety, too much sun, too much strenuous activity.
- Use a feet-first entry when entering the water.
- Enter headfirst only when the area is clearly marked for diving and has no obstructions.
- Do not mix alcohol with swimming, diving or boating. Alcohol impairs your judgment, balance and coordination, affects your swimming and diving skills, and reduces your body’s ability to stay warm.
- Share the information above with others, look out for each other and have a terrific, safe summer.

SAFETY IMPERATIVE DURING CRITICAL DAYS OF SUMMER

The Critical Days of Summer period represents the time of year when our most valuable asset — Air Force personnel — are statistically at the greatest risk of experiencing a significant mishap. The Air Force finished the Critical Days of Summer in 2013 with 21 fatalities. In each of the two previous years, those numbers were 16 and 18 respectively. The loss of one Airman is one too many.

The theme for this year’s Critical Days of Summer campaign is “Risk: Double checks, not second thoughts.” Airmen are accustomed to working under time constraints and getting the mission done, and they normally complete tasks safely and efficiently. However, everyone must be in the habit of using double checks and sound risk management to prevent future mishaps and ensure Airmen have an injury-free summer.

As the summer season begins, commanders and supervisors across Wright-Patterson Air Force Base will continue to emphasize risk management and safety tips throughout the summer.

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E-7 promotion party scheduled

Wright-Patterson Air Force Base’s Top 3 Association will host a promotion party to pay tribute to technical sergeants selected for promotion to master sergeant and senior NCO status on May 28.

The start time for the event now is 4 p.m. at the Wright-Patt Club. Families and co-workers are invited to attend.

Junior Force Council to host All-Call

The Air Force Life Cycle Management Junior

Force Council will host an All-Call for the junior workforce May 30 from 9 to 11 a.m. at Kenney Hall in the Air Force Institute of Technology.

Lt. Gen. C.D. Moore II, AFLCMC commander; Patsy Reeves, executive director; and Chief Master Sgt. Maxwell Grindstaff, command chief, will participate in a panel format for two hours.

The senior leadership panel will address the topic “Thriving in a smaller Air Force: Perspectives on making yourself stand out.” This panel presentation will include senior-level insight for the

Junior Force, as well as an allotted time for any questions. After the panel and questions, there will be a networking opportunity for all attending.

After the All-Call, participants can accompany JFC members in supporting local businesses for a lunch on Springfield Street (across from the gate in the parking lot) where food vendors from around Dayton will be set up.

Call Erica Eviston, Program Management, Aeronautical Systems Development, at Erica.Eviston@us.af.mil for more details.

Medical Group to close for afternoon

The 88 Medical Group will close for an official function on June 13 from 1 to 4:30 p.m. This closure also includes the outpatient and Kittyhawk pharmacy and all medical facilities on Area B. Anyone having an emergency during this time should be aware that the Emergency Department is open for business 24/7.

Inpatient units will continue normal operations.

Job fair planned for veterans

The RecruitMilitary Veteran Job Fair will be held

May 29 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Paul Brown Stadium in Cincinnati.

This is an opportunity for job seekers to meet face-to-face with veteran-friendly employers, including AdvancePierre Foods, The Kroger Co., Convergys Corp., Kao Brands Co., Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center, PAC Worldwide Corp., Cincinnati Bell Telephone Co., Luxottica Retail, Norfolk Southern Corp., Prudential Financial, Home Depot, and more.

For more information and registration, go online to <https://events.recruitmilitary.com/events/cincinnati-veteran-job-fair-may-29-2014>.

The event is sponsored by AdvancePierre Foods and is being produced by RecruitMilitary in partnership with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

Memorial Day event scheduled

The Beavercreek Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8312 will host a Memorial Day ceremony on May 26 at 11 a.m.

VFW Post 8312 is located at 2389 Dayton-Xenia Road in Beavercreek. A free picnic will follow the ceremony.

Call 937-426-8666 for more details.