

Key Spouses,

As we are thankful for our freedom, we must keep our neighbors affected by the tornados in our thoughts and prayers. There are many local organizations taking collections for personal items to assist those in need. Please help if you can!

This month, the Best Hometown in the Air Force will have some great events for our families. Please pass this onto everyone in your units...

1. Spouse Appreciation - This Friday, 6 May from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Maxwell Event Center. The first 150 spouses to arrive will receive a special book. We will have informational tables with giveaways and free lunch from Chappy's Deli from 11:00 until 12:30. Spouses are invited to come and enjoy this terrific day celebrating YOU!
2. Mother's Day Specials - Your bowling centers are giving moms 2 free games of bowling when accompanied by a child on May 7th. Bring your mother to the golf course from noon until close on Sunday May 8th and enjoy free green fees for mom.
3. Free Deployment Dinner - The Red Cross is sponsoring a free dinner to those preparing to deploy or families that have a loved one currently deployed. The dinner will be on Tuesday 10 May from 5-7 pm at the Red Cross office just off Carmichael Road in Montgomery. They will have games for the kids and prizes for the adults. You are invited to visit and enjoy the evening. See the attached flyer for directions. (Key Spouses are encouraged to bring a deployed family with them)
4. Free Concert featuring Skyler and Grammy Award Winner Blue Miller! The concert will be held at the Maxwell Air Park on Friday 13 May starting at 6:30 pm. Bring your blankets and lawn chairs, but no coolers please. Concessions will be sold at the event.
5. Free Outdoor Movie - "Toy Story 3" will be shown outdoors at the field by Gunter Lanes on May 20th. The movie will start as soon as it gets dark. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets.
6. Maxwell and Gunter Grand Opening Pool Parties - Your Hometown pools will be opening for the summer on Saturday May 28th and will have parties from 11 am to 1 pm that day. Hotdogs and drinks will be served free with a paid admission. The pools will remain open until 6 pm. Daily admission is

\$1 per person with a military ID (guests are \$2). Season passes are available at a cost of \$30 for one person, \$40 for two people, and \$50 for a family of three or more.

7. Web Support for Service Members - For our military members and their families dealing with deployment, here is a website that has resources available to you: <https://www.nationalresourcedirectory.gov> They also have information dealing with military travel, education, benefits, and caregiver support.

8. Library Corner - Registration for the Maxwell-Gunter Community Library Summer Reading Programs starts 1 May and runs until June 2nd . Pick up an application from the Maxwell or Gunter Community Libraries. This year's theme is "A Midsummer Knight's Read". Also, you are invited to attend the FREE Summer Reading Kick-Off Party at Maxwell Community Library on Thursday, June 2, 2011, 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. for an outdoor Medieval Fair. Come dressed in costume and enter our costume contest. Attend Tommy Johns' medieval magic, stories and puppet show at 6:00 p.m. inside the library. Come to the King's outdoor feast (bring your own blanket for outdoor dining) and play games, win prizes, make crafts and much, much more. Don't miss out on the fun!

9. DBIDS Registration - All ID card holders are required to register their ID with Security Forces no later than 30 June. The registration is for the implementation of scanning all DoD issued ID cards at the gate for entry to the base. Scanning will begin 1 July and members who have not registered their cards by that time may be denied access to the base until their card is registered. This is to help increase security at our base entry points. Call the Visitor Control Center at 953-4283 if you have questions on the DBIDS program.

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