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Chief Barron shares his thoughts on enlisted welfare

The following are excerpts from an interview with Chief Master Sgt. Joseph Barron Jr., during his recent visit to Fairchild.

Q What was the purpose of your visit to Fairchild?

A First and most important, to say thanks. Thanks to all of our Airmen, for all they do everyday, and the sacrifices they and their families make for our country. I'm a firm believer in getting out from behind the desk to see what folks are doing. You can't tell the story about what our Airmen are doing in AMC unless you get out there and visit them in their environment.

Q You visited our Airman Leadership School and First Term Airman Center. What advice would you give young Airmen for a successful Air Force career?

A Work hard, be persistent and selfless. I think that Airmen who are only concerned with promotion without making some sacrifices along the way, will not make it very far in the future. Whereas those who serve selflessly, and are willing to make sacrifices, are the ones who will get ahead. Plus I think the people who are serving today need to trust our leadership to take care of them and their families.

Q You had lunch at our award-winning dining facility. Since you've joined the Air Force, how have services facilities changed?

A The quality of life has improved tremendously. Not to say that it was ever bad. But as our culture changes -- as society changes -- so do the things that are important to the youth joining the military. Quality of life and the improvements that we've made includes the quality of food that we serve in our dining facilities and the service we give our Airmen who use the dining facilities. The overall atmosphere in the dining facilities and the variety of food has improved tremendously. Our fitness facilities have come a long ways too. Some of our on-base fitness facilities are leaps and bounds above what you can join downtown.

Q Team Fairchild has deployed more than 1,160 Airmen in the Global War on Terrorism since January this year. What advice would you give to an Airman about to experience his first deployment?

A Be prepared mentally, physically and spiritually. As always important, make sure you're taking care of your family -- all of your family matters, your powers of attorney, your wills and bills. Make sure the people you leave at home don't have to worry about those things while you're gone and you don't have to worry about those things while you're deployed. Airmen joining today's Air Force are better prepared than we ever were. They are better prepared because we teach them more in basic military training. They know we are a country at war. They know the Air Force is expeditionary, and there is a good possibility they'll deploy very soon after entering the Air Force. The thing that amazes me everyday is they're willing to go. These great young Americans stand up and say, "Take me, I'm ready."

Q Why is fitness so important in the Air Force?

A I've always thought that fitness was important, especially in today's environment. Health costs continue to increase. We're fighting a war in an environment we never thought we'd have to. And we never thought that we would be doing things that we are doing today. The only way that we can continue is by being physically fit and physically prepared to serve in those environments. The bottom line is we are Airmen first -- we are warriors -- and we have got to be prepared to serve in a combat environment.

Q Is there anything you would like to add?

A I am excited to be back at Fairchild. I am thrilled to be a member of Air Mobility Command and serve with all of our great Airmen. I'm humbled by the miracles they perform everyday. I look forward to getting out and seeing the great things our folks are doing and share that story with the rest of the Air Force. They are true heroes, without a doubt!



Oktoberfest at Miller Park

Senior Airman Anthony Ennamorato

Senior Airman Erin Hicks, a Security Forces member from the 459th Air Refueling Wing, Andrews AFB, Md., currently assigned here to attend Airman Leadership School, becomes a "Captain" during her short flight in the egg carry at the First Sergeant's Oktoberfest hosted Friday. Helping her complete the mission were Fairchild's own, Senior Airman Kristina Furley, 92nd Logistics Readiness Squadron flight service center technician, and Senior Airman Donald O'Neil, 92nd Civil Engineering Squadron firefighter. More than 150 Airmen attended the festivities.

Fairchild surpasses AMC energy goals

October is Energy Awareness Month and Air Mobility Command is on track to exceed its energy goal for fiscal year 2006 reported Lt. Gen. Chris Kelly, vice commander of AMC, in a recent memo to commanders.

"However, I challenge you to strive to continue this trend of exceeding the stated energy conservation goals," General Kelly stated. "It will take a concerted effort by every wing, but I know that with the right emphasis, it can be done."

Fairchild is well ahead of its energy conservation goals, according to Bill Turner, the 92nd Civil Engineer Squadron base energy manager.

"We were down 57 percent at Fairchild," he said, citing the Executive Order 13123 requirement of a 30 percent reduction from a 1985 baseline. A second energy conservation mandate, Energy Policy Act of 2005, required a 2 percent reduction based on a 2003 baseline. Fairchild exceeded that goal with a reduction of 38 percent, including green power deductions. Not counting the green power purchases, the base was still at 11 percent below 2003 usage.

Green power is electricity that is generated from environmentally preferable renewable energy sources.

General Kelly urged commanders to encourage their Airmen to renew an emphasis on basic energy saving measures. "Turn off lights when not in use, keep thermostats at levels as directed by the base energy policy, and adjust them for hours when buildings are unoccupied," the general said.



Sparky, Smokey educate base on fire prevention practices

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Residential fires represent 22% of all fires and 74% of structure fires.

- Fires in the 1-2 family dwellings most often start in the:
1. Kitchen 23.5%
 2. Bedroom 12.7%
 3. Living Room 7.9%
 4. Chimney 7.1%
 5. Laundry Area 4.7%

(Information from <http://www.smf.ca.gov/factsonfire.htm>)

The Fairchild Fire Department will wrap up Fire Prevention Week tomorrow after a week of educating the community on the importance of fire safety.

The Fire Department made many appearances around the base this past week including presentations at Michael Anderson Elementary School, the Youth Center and the Child Development Center to educate the children on fire prevention. The Fire Department hoped to stress the importance of education of fire safety by spreading awareness to the public.

"Education begins with the individual," said Tech. Sgt. Michael Coger, 92nd Civil Engineer Squadron assistant chief of fire prevention.

"Prevent Cooking Fires: Watch What You Heat," this year's theme, was important to the fire department since cooking fires have been the number-one cause of most in-home fires

for the past four years.

According to Sergeant Coger, three out of every 10 fires start in the kitchen as the result of cooking gone awry.

Fire fighters dressed up as Sparky and Smokey, two of the fire department mascots, welcomed cars at the front gate as a reminder of Fire Prevention Week.

As a part of the education program, fire trucks were displayed around base with fire fighters passing out pamphlets on the importance of fire safety while giving youth the opportunity to tour the fire trucks. The Fire Department also opened its doors to the community, encouraging them to experience a day in the life of a fire fighter at the department.

Fire Prevention Week began after the Great Chicago Fire in 1871 as a way to memorialize and keep the public informed about the importance of fire prevention. Fire Prevention Week continues to educate the community today through local fire departments around the nation.

"Fire safety begins with you," said Sergeant Coger.



Senior Airman Anthony Ennamorato

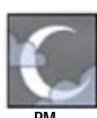
Staff Sgt. James Bradstreet, 92nd Civil Engineer Squadron firefighter, Sparky the Fire Dog and Smokey the Bear talk with children about fire safety at Michael Anderson Elementary School Wednesday.

Weekend Weather

TODAY
L 40°
H 68°



AM
Partly Cloudy



PM
Partly Cloudy

SATURDAY
L 40°
H 65°



AM
Mostly Cloudy



PM
Mostly Cloudy

SUNDAY
L 37°
H 57°



AM
Vicinity Showers



PM
Isolated Showers

Combined Federal Campaign

Percentage of eligible participants contacted:

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