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#### Jadelyn Blackburn

May 23 is RAF Lakenheath's next Passport Day!
In honor of this always popular event, as well as
Armed Forces Day on May 18, we are highlighting
Jadelyn – Jade for short – Blackburn from our
Military Personnel Flight (MPF). As well as helping
military personnel and their families every day,
Jade has personal connections to the military as
well. Her great grandfather served in the US Army
and was deployed during WWII, and her spouse,
Corban, currently serves in the US Air Force, following
in the steps of his father and grandparents.

#### **Employee Spotlight: MPF Passport Agent**

Jade and Corban have been stationed in the UK for the past two years. Before living in England, they were stationed in Japan at Kadena Air Force Base, where they adopted their dog, Dorothy. When she's not making the BEST cinnamon rolls ever, Jade works as a Passport Agent for the MPF here at RAF Lakenheath. It's her first position with the federal government, and Jade says it's brought to light a lot of strengths that she didn't know she had.

Having earned her Bachelor of Science in psychology,
Jade has pulled from her interest in studying human
behavior to interacting with customers face-to-face. In
fact, Jade's favorite part about her job is meeting new
people. She's a people person – an essential for her role
– but Jade is an animal lover too! As a child, she wanted
to be a veterinarian, and she's also been a vegetarian for
the last seven years too. Her favorite animal? The cuttlefish!
Still, Jade's favorite part about her job is meeting new
people, and the most interesting part is handling visa
applications. As well a being customer-focused,
Jade's role is also very tedious and detail-oriented.
Jade finds enjoyment in this aspect too, and likes the
challenge of working on visa applications in particular,
as they take a lot of time and are very specific.

In addition to the Passport Office, the MPF offers a wide range of support to military members (and their families!), ensuring they have a smooth transition through pivotal milestones throughout their military careers. From command sponsorship to updating their DEERS, to reenlisting or retiring, the MPF helps members through it.

Don't forget! Passport Day is May 23!



**Honoring our Armed Forces** 

This month, we celebrate Armed Forces Day on May 18 and Memorial Day on May 27 two days dedicated to our military heroes, both those who are currently serving as well as those who have made the ultimate sacrifice while serving. In recognition of these upcoming holidays, we connected with some of RAF Lakenheath's active duty personnel to learn more about what being in the military means to them and learn more about how they are currently training to be mission-ready (pg 20).

The month of May also brings with it a host of activities, events, and trips brought to you by the 48 FSS. Whether you're looking to enjoy some time closer to home or have a big adventure out in the UK, we've got you covered! Turn your Mondays throughout the month into fun days with the RAFL Community Center team's new series (pg 10)

U.S. Air Force Photo by A1C Alexander ) and then mark your calendars to end the month in style with the summer season's first Block Party on May 23 – we'll have food trucks, music, and bouncy castles! And, why not get out and explore more of England this May? ODR has their Hike of the Month to the Virginia Water Loop on May 18 if you're looking for some fresh air (pg 32), and ITT has some exciting trips planned too! Check out the mystical Stonehenge & City of Bath on May 18 or make like a foodie while exploring Blenheim Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, at their annual Food Festival on May 26 (pg 30).

And, definitely don't forget to celebrate mom! Don't wait

- book your table for Mother's Day Brunch at The Liberty Club's Bistro on May 12 by scanning the QR code on the back of this magazine. Come prepared with a heartwarming, handmade gift ahead of time by participating in Ward Community Center's special Mother's Day crafting session on May 10. It'll be just the

thing to show mom how much you care!

#### **Asian Americans** & Pacific Islanders

The month of May is also Asian American & Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month! In honor of the occasion, we are recognizing the contributions and sacrifices of the AAPI community in the United States Air Force. Learn more by flipping to page 12 or visiting us online at lakenheathfss.com.

**FSS Employment** & Armed **Forces Day** 



# Looking for something fun to do during the summer?



#### Registration is OPEN for the following instructional classes!

A CYPBMS account, current immunization record, and sports physical are needed to participate.

#### Summer Clinics hosted by Youth Sports

Ages 9-14 | 11am - 12pm Cross Country: Jun 17-28

Golf: Jul 1-12

Volleyball: Jul 15-19

Floor Hockey: Jul 29 – Aug 9 Ultimate Frisbee: Aug 12–16









#### **Indoor Soccer**

\$60 per month

Wednesdays

Ages 7-10 | 6pm - 7pm

Thursdays

Ages 11-14 | 6pm - 7pm

Ages 15-18 | 7pm - 8pm



#### **Ballet**

\$40 per month

Wednesdays

Ages 3-5 | 2pm - 2:45pm

Ages 5-7 | 2:45pm - 3:30pm

#### Dance

\$50 per month

Wednesdays

Mommy & Me • Ages 1-2 | 12:15pm - 1pm

Mommy & Me • Ages 3-5 | 1pm - 1:45pm

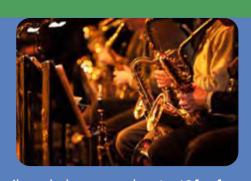
#### Contemporary/Jazz

\$50 per month

Wednesdays

Ages 5-10 | 3:30pm - 4:15pm

Ages 11+ | 4:15pm - 5pm



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Register by sending your name, email, and phone number to 48fss.fsyy.youthprograms or call for more info.

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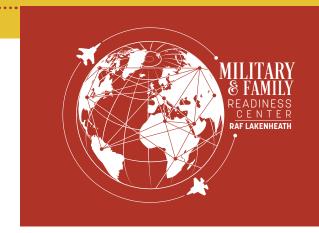
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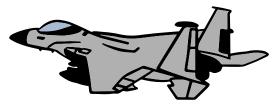
Wednesday • May 1 | 9am - 11:30am

Don't know where to start when making travel plans? Join us to jumpstart your next European adventure! Give us a call at 226-3847 or 01638 52 3847 to sign up!









#### Federal Employment: Resume Workshop

Wednesday • May 15 | 9am - 11am

Writing a federal resume is a different process than writing a resume for the private sector. Let us save you time and frustration by attending our informative class. Topics covered include how federal resumes are analyzed, formatting, length, KSAs, common pitfalls, and so much more.

#### **Upcoming Briefings & Workshops**

Pre-Deployment briefing	
Pre-Separation Counseling	Tuesdays • May 2 & 23   1pm - 4pm
Reintegration Briefing	Mondays & Thursdays   9am - 9:30am
Manage Your Move	Thursdays • May 9 & 23   8:30am - 11:30am
Transition Assistance Program (TAP) Workshop	
Donartment of Labor Employment Track	Thursday & Friday & May 16 & 17   8am   4nm

#### Closures

Friday • May 24 | Family Day Monday • May 27 | Memorial Day



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#### MOTHER'S DAY ORAFTS

Fri · May 10 | 5pm - 6:30pm • FREE

Join us to create a beautiful, handmade gift for the mom in your life! No sign-ups required.

#### UMMER MOVIE RICHT

Fri · May 10 | 6pm • FREE

Enjoy a tasty dinner from one of our food trucks, free popcorn to munch on during the movie, and inflatable bounce houses for the kiddos before the movie begins at 9pm!

#### CAVERGER HUNT

Sat · May 11 | 10am - 12pm • FREE

It's time to put on your looking glasses and thinking caps, because we need help with a scavenger hunt! Open to all. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult.



# RAF Lakenheath Community & Event Centers

Page Community Center is undergoing major renovations, which are expected to be completed in 2025. Our team will continue to run programming from Eagles' Landing – Community Event Center during this time. Follow us on "RAF Lakenheath Community & Event Centers" on Facebook for further information.

## MONDAY FUNDAYS

Mondays | 2:30pm - 4:30pm Eagles' Landing - Community Event Center

No sign-up required

#### Play Date

Mon · May 13 | FREE

We will provide an activity for kids (ages 2–8) to play together! Keep an eye on our Facebook page for details of the activity!

#### Music Madness

Mon • May 20 | \$2

Get the kids out to sing and dance to their favorite songs at this fun karaoke event! This event isn't just for kids – parents are encouraged to join in on the musical fun too!

## EVENT CENTER

Eagles' Landing - Community Event Center is a great multifunctional space that's available to rent for any occasion!

Our range of large and versatile rooms are perfect for meetings, dinner parties, award ceremonies, wedding receptions, socials, and birthday parties. We can help you with catering, or you can bring your own food. And, you can decorate to suit your special event!

With prices from just \$10 an hour, contact our Event Center Office for further details. Call 01638 52 5113 or send us an email at 48fss.events.community@us.af.mil to get in touch!

# ASIAM Mericas-Pachs LANDERS

Scan the QR code on page 5 to read more about AAPI contributions.

The month of May is Asian American & Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month. In honor of the occasion, we would like to recognize the contributions and sacrifices of the AAPI community in the US Air Force.

The AAPI community includes approximately 50 ethnic groups from 40 countries on the continent of Asia and the Pacific Islands of Polynesia, Melanesia, and Micronesia. They served our country as early as The War of 1812 and the Civil War, contributing meaningfully to our military history and protecting our freedom. Despite suffering discrimination and segregation at the hands of our federal government, this community of individuals has stepped forward to serve our country time and time again. As of 2020, there were over 17,000 people of AAPI heritage serving in the US Air Force.

The Medal of Honor is the highest distinction one can receive when serving in any branch of the US Military. This medal has been bestowed upon over 30 Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders spanning multiple wars and decades. One of these individuals, Daniel Inouye, served his country in more ways than one.

Department of Defense Office for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. "2020 Portrait of Asian/Pacific Islander Active Duty Service Members." Department of Defense. 2020. Accessed April 4, 2024

Bamford, Tyler. "Medal of Honor Recipient Daniel Inouye Led a Life of Service to His Country." The National WWII Museum. July 19, 2020. Accessed April 4, 2024

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Lieutenant Daniel K. Inouye served in the US Army during WWII and as a United States Congressman for 53 years. He became the first Japanese American to receive both the Medal of Honor and the Presidential Medal of Freedom.



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# Goodbye! Farewell! So long! See ya later!

As the cloud-covered sun sets on my time here, I find myself reflecting on the incredible time I've had with all of you. This has easily been the most joyous and fulfilling chapter of my 17-year career. My aim was to make every experience I was a part of as enjoyable, memorable, and exciting as possible and whether you know me from hosting karaoke nights, open mics, Liberty Fests, concerts, teaching PDCs, or just a head nod at the gym, I thank you for being a part of the experience. As I prepare to embark on a new adventure, I ask of all of you two things. One, carry forward this legacy of positivity and happiness throughout the base; and two, if you see me around this month, let's share one more moment even if it's just a smile and a farewell.

I love you and there's nothing you can do about it.

Goodbye, Friends. ~ Capt Donnell Brown





# Ready to Read



#### **Baby Rhyme Time**

Every Tuesday | 10:15am

Introducing children to music and literacy during early development helps them learn the sounds and meanings of words, and enriches bonding between parent and baby!

#### Decorate a Treasure Chest

Wednesdays • May 1 | 3pm - 4pm Ages 6-10

#### Teen Volunteer Training for **Summer Reading Program**

Wednesday • May 8 & 22 | 3pm - 4pm Ages 12+

#### Home School Show & Tell

Thursday • May 9 | 10:30am

Bring a special item or story that you would like to share and sharpen those public speaking skills!



#### **Preschool Storytime**

Every Tuesday | 10:45am Ideal for children ages 3-5

We will sing, dance, read, and play with a focus on early literacy skills.

#### Crafternoon at the USO

**Every 2nd Wednesday** May 8 | 3pm - 4:30pm

Stop by and make two crafts with us. Open to ages 12 years and under while supplies last. Due to small parts and safety, parental supervision is required.

#### Canvas Painting

Saturday • May 18 | 10:30am - 12pm

Adults: Come create with us! Try to re-create a classic masterpiece or use your own creativity to make your own! No library services will be available during this event. Ages 18+ only.

#### PaWs To Read

Thursday • May 23 | 4pm - 6pm

Our friends from the Red Cross will be at the library with a PaWs dog! Children can practice reading out loud to the dog and teens/adults can enjoy 20 minutes of pup therapy! Stop by the library or check out our Facebook page to sign up for a time slot.

#### Closures

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# IBERTY CLUB

#### Check out the Bistro's new hours!

Monday - Friday | 6:30am - 8pm Saturday | 8am - 8pm Sunday | Closed



#### Cinco de Mayo

Saturday • May 4 | 5pm - 8pm

Adult \$14.95 | Child (5-12) \$8.95 | Under 4 eat FREE!

The Liberty Club is serving up an all-you-can-eat Mexican buffet to celebrate the Fifth of May on May the Fourth! So whether you are celebrating Mexico's victory over the Second French Empire at the Battle of Puebla in 1862 or you're a big Star Wars fan, this buffet is sure to please!

Traditional or peach margaritas available for adults 18+ in the Bar!



#### **Mother's Day Brunch**

Sunday • May 12 | 11am - 2pm

Adult \$28 | Child (5-12) \$14 | Under 4 eat FREE!

Spoil the mom in your life with all-you-caneat brunch at The Liberty Club! To make your reservation today, scan the QR code on page 5.

Menu may vary; photo for illustrative purposes only.













6:30am - 10:30am

So many flavors to choose from – classic, chocolate chip, or served with chicken? Maybe start with the special of the month, which comes topped with Nutella!

#### Michelle's Sweet Treats

Fri • May 3 | 6:30am 'til sell out! 1 for \$3 | 2 for \$5

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#### **Brisket Sandwich**

Mon - Fri | 11am - 2pm • \$13.95

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#### Lunch Buffets

Every Tue - Thur • 11am - 1:30pm Adults \$14.95 | Children (5-12) \$8.95 | Under 4 eat FREE!

If it's lunchtime on RAFL, the place to be is The Liberty Club for one of their delicious, all-you-can-eat buffets!

- » Tuesdays Southern
- » Wednesdays Smoky BBQ
- » Thursdays Mexican

#### Steak Night

Fri • May 24 | 5pm - 8pm Prices vary

Tender, juicy, cooked-your-way steaks are sure to please on a date night, family night out, or dinner with the boys!

# PIZZA PLACE

#### May's Pizza of the Month

Small \$13.25 • Medium \$15.25 • Large \$18.75

'The Cinco de Mayo' housemade pie comes with a salsa base topped with chicken, onions, and jalapeños, all covered with our mozzarella cheese blend.

Scan the QR code on page 5 to visit our website & see more monthly deals!

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Lunch: 11am - 2pm · Dinner: 5pm - 8pm

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#### **Parts Store**

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#### **Motorcycle MOT**

Tuesday - Wednesday | 8am - 4pm The weather is changing, so make sure your two wheels are safe for the road with a MOT.

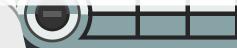
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#### **Car Wash**

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eteran's Day is for those who have served and Memorial Day is for our fallen military heroes, but how do we recognize those who are currently serving? Secretary of Defense, Louis Johnson, answered this question on August 31, 1949, when he announced the creation of Armed Forces Day after the unification of the armed forces under the Department of Defense. "Armed Forces Day shines a spotlight on the courage and commitment of active duty service members and reservists. It is a day to express gratitude to those who have chosen to defend their nation, regardless of the uniform they wear or the country they represent".1

We sat down with a SSgt Casey Guy, TSgt Samantha "Sloan" Middleton, and MSgt Robert Taylor from the 48th Maintenance Group (MXG) and asked them why Armed Forces Day is important to them and why they joined the military.

"[Armed Forces Day] provides that... appreciation for all our branches, as well as our reserve and guard units out there because they deploy and do the same job we do, and it's nice to see when everyone is getting their recognition.

I joined the military because I needed to grow up, and I needed that structure. And, it made me a way better person than I ever thought I would be... I owe the Air Force a lot."<sup>2</sup>



"I look at [Armed Forces Day] as an opportunity for me to look back on my career, and I've been in for eighteen and a half years so it's been a long, lengthy career.

And, how far we have also come with women, not only in the military, but in Maintenance – we've come really far. I've only got a few more years left, but it will be interesting to see how much more we can progress with that".3

"This year, as we commemorate the 74th anniversary of Armed Forces Day, I am reminded of the profound legacy of service that runs through my family. My greatgrandfather fought in the Korean War, while both of my grandfathers served during the tumultuous times of the Vietnam War. Their commitment to defending their country inspires me, and I see it as a personal responsibility to carry forward their tradition of service into the next generation. It is an honor bestowed upon me to uphold the legacy they forged through their sacrifices and dedication. Armed Forces Day holds a special significance for me as it is a day dedicated to celebrating the brave men and women who have served their country in the armed forces. In a nation where less than 1% of the population serves in the military, Armed Forces Day serves



as a reminder of the sacrifices made by this small but vital segment of society. It is a day to recognize the bravery and selflessness of those who willingly put themselves in harm's way to protect the freedoms we hold dear. As we celebrate Armed Forces Day, let us not only honor the individuals who serve, but also reaffirm our commitment to supporting them and their families in every way possible".1

All three of these individuals brought up some incredibly thought-provoking topics.

To return the favor to the Airmen who opened up and shared their story with us, we want to share with you a training they have been a part of implementing here at RAF Lakenheath for all four Fighter Generation Squadrons: 495th, 493rd, 492nd, & 494th.

SMSgt Simpson Hill and MSgt Robert Taylor, of the 48 MXG, shared how proud they are of being the only base currently using Strategical Preparation Evolving Armament Readiness (SPEAR) training or anything like it, and the fact that this bi-monthly training program has made it up to the Pentagon and its data is being pulled after reporting to brief to the Top Brass.





efore we get in too deep, let's clarify what the purposes of SPEAR are: to exercise muscle and memory use in unique scenarios; to expand Airmen's knowledge beyond their assigned positions; to open the door for discussion on tactics and techniques used; to allow Airmen to approach problems in multiple ways; and to provide an environment with no supervisory input (other than safety observation), to allow Airmen to experiment and complete taskings in an abnormal environment.

Since August 2023, when a 3-member team shows up to Weapons Load Standardization and it is a SPEAR month, Airmen are given a unique, real-world scenario to complete. Crews are not briefed on the scenario until they arrive. "When you see this real-time, [the crews] are like 'we don't know what to do with our hands."4 We asked a couple of the evaluators about their experiences opposite the crews conducting the loads, and the consensus is that while the crews might freeze up at first, eventually a lightbulb turns on in their heads and they start talking through their next steps.<sup>5</sup> This speaks directly to the SPEAR purpose of providing an abnormal

environment where the Airmen can approach problems in multiple ways.

Who creates the SPEAR scenarios? Loading Standardization Crews sit down and table talk - simple as that. They analyze the performance ratings across all types of loads and take a look at real-world current events. They then have to figure out how to bridge the gap between these two factors and branch out beyond normal operations.

One thing that was said several times by just about everyone who spoke on SPEAR was that they want to see the Airmen think outside of the box. Not every problem has a cookie-cutter solution, and these crews need to be prepared to do their jobs in every situation, whether that be loading in a different position or configuration, working with fewer crew members, while missing a certain piece of equipment, or something else - the list goes on.

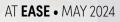
Yes, SPEAR is designed to prepare the crews for the Great Power Competition and taskings that may come alongside that, but TSqt Kenneth Gullette wanted to make sure Airmen didn't miss out on the fun aspect of the training either. Bringing fun into these scenarios allows the crew members to gain more self-investment and lets them see the benefits of how what they are practicing can be used in the real world. It might also re-spark their interest in the career field by allowing them to see how they are impacting the overall mission.<sup>6</sup> SPEAR allows the





In summary, SPEAR training is working to prepare Airmen of the 48th MXG for their next challenge, their next deployment, and every objective and obstacle they face from here on out. SPEAR is molding these Airmen to be educated decision-makers and independent problem-solvers. SPEAR is the 48 MXG's approach to accelerating their forces' training to be able to be better prepared in executing the 48th Fighter Wing's mission.

- 1. MSgt Robert Taylor, personal communication, April 4, 2024.
- 2. SSgt Casey Guy, personal communication, April 4, 2024.
- 3. TSgt Samantha Middleton, personal communication, April 4, 2024.
- 4. SMSgt Simpson Hill, personal communication, April 4, 2024.
- 5. TSgt Jonathan Picher, personal communication, April 4, 2024.
- 6. TSgt Kenneth Gullette, personal communication, April 4, 2024.
- 7. SrA Samantha Love, personal communication, April 4, 2024.





Throughout the month of May, receive points for participating in healthy events and activities. Complete as many cards as possible, and enter to win one of our fabulous prizes on May 31!

- 1 pt | Relax in the zen room, get a massage, or purchase from Juice Bros
- 2 pts | Complete a personal workout, squadron PT, or PT test
- 3 pts Take a fitness class, sports lesson, or 30-min personal training session
- 4 pts Take a F.I.T. class, varsity/intramural sport, or 60-min personal training session
- 5 pts | Participate in May Fitness Event

#### Tri-Base Tennis Tuesdays | 7pm - 9pm

Are you ready to meet some fantastic like-minded people and have fun playing tennis? Whether you're a pro or just starting out, join us for a day filled with friendly competition. We can't wait to see you on the court!

#### Tri-Base Lifting Saturdays | Times vary

Monthly workshops cover powerlifting, bodybuilding, figure, and self-improvement. Get guidance and information, and make connections with people who may share similar training interests. Keep an eye out for the upcoming workshops on our Facebook page!

#### **Tri-Base Lacrosse** Coming soon!

Get ready for the most thrilling lacrosse event of the year! No matter what your experience level is, this event is open to everyone who's ready to have a blast. Join us for a fun-filled day of socializing and sportsmanship, where you can showcase your competitive edge and make memories that will last a lifetime.

#### **Free Classes**

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE FITNESS & SPORTS

Check out the most up-to-date schedule on our Facebook by scanning the QR code on page 5! Please note that there will be no classes held on May 15th, 24th, and 27. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and hope to see you soon!

# SPORTS



#### Wing Sports Day

June 21 | 8am Most events require signup by May 31. Contact your squadron's sports representative for more information.

#### **May Fitness Run 5K**

May 11 • 10am | RAFL

#### 8-hour Squadron Run

May 31 • 8:30am | RAFL

#### **Tennis Tuesdays**

6pm – 7pm Six tennis classes for \$85

#### **Tennis Coach Certification**

June 17-19 | £450

#### **Intramural Softball**

LOI due June 21 with the season projected to start July 8. Contact your squadron sports representative for more information.

#### Lacrosse

**June 1** | 10am - 12pm

#### Reservations

Looking to reserve a room/space at the Fitness Center for your next event or workout session? We've got you covered! All you need to do is shoot an email to **48fss.fitness.reservations@us.af.mil** with the following details: your name, squadron, event/location, time, date, & DSN. Our team will take care of the rest.

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# LIBERTY FEST

**SATURDAY, JUNE 29** 

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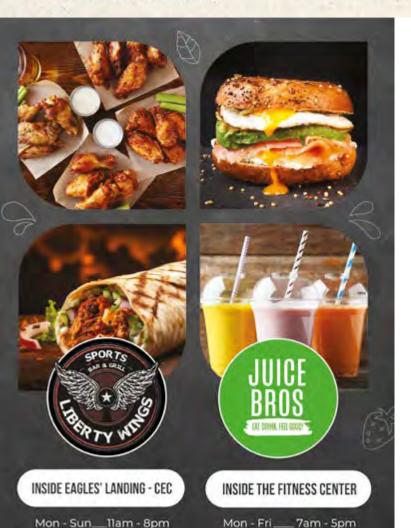


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#### GAMES

Every 2nd Thursday • May 9 & June 13 | 6pm start Bar bingo - \$10 for five cards

Every 4th Thursday • May 23 & June 27 | 6pm start Texas Hold 'Em - \$20 buy-in

#### EN MIC NIGHT

Every 3rd Friday • May 24 & June 21 | 9pm - 2am

Grab a mic, show off your talent, and let the good times roll at the Liberty Club's Open Mic Night! It's a playground for musicians, poets, and dreamers. See you there!

#### HIP-HOP, R&B, WINGS

Fridays • Wings: 8pm - 11pm | Music: 8pm - 2am

When the music hits, you can't help but move! Join us for a night of hip hop and R&B, accompanied by mouthwatering wings.



#### SATU IGHTS

FREE entry | 9pm - 2am

Latin Night • May 4 & June 1 | Calling all dance rookies and pros: Latin Night lets everyone shine on the dance floor! Join us for an unforgettable night of laughter, moves, and pure fun.

Karaoke Night • May 4 & 18 | Who needs a stage when you have a karaoke machine?

Country Night • May 11 & 25 | Bring your Southern charm and a little two-steppin' to brighten up the night!



#### **MAY CLASS SCHEDULE**

#### **CLAY PLAY**

Thursday • May 9 | 4:30pm - 7pm Reg \$30 | **R4R \$15** 



#### STAINED GLASS: SUNRISE

Saturday • May 11 | 10am - 4pm Reg \$135 | **R4R \$35** 



#### KIDS & CANVAS

Thursday • May 9 | 5pm - 7pm Reg \$35 | **R4R \$15** Extra Child \$15 | R4R \$7

#### **SEWING BASICS**

Friday • May 17 | 10am - 1pm Reg \$45 | **R4R \$25** 







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#### **WOOD & WORDS**

Friday • May 17 | 6pm - 8pm Reg \$45 | R4R \$25

#### **PAINT & SIP**

Tuesday • May 28 | 5pm - 7pm Reg \$30 | **R4R \$15** 





#### WHEEL THROWN POTTERY: TASTER

Tuesday • May 21 | 10am - 1pm Reg \$75 | R4R \$20

#### **SEWING PROJECTS**

Tuesday • May 28 | 5pm - 7pm Reg \$25 + supplies | R4R \$15 + supplies



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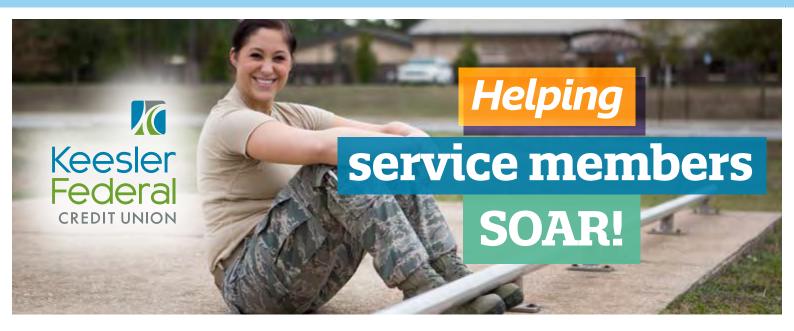
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## **MAY TRAVELS**

#### Lincoln DYO

Saturday • May 11 Adult £32 | Child (3-14) £30 | Infant £20

Transportation only

#### **Tower of London**

Sunday • May 12 (Mother's Day) Adult £65\* | Child (5-15) £49 | Infant £20

Transportation & Tower of London entry

\*Mothers receive 50% off this tour when accompanied by a full-paying child. Must be accompanied by a child to receive a discount. This offer cannot be exchanged for another.

#### **London DYO**

Sunday • May 12 (Mother's Day) & Saturday • May 25 Adult £35 | Child (3-14) £33 | Infant £20

Transportation only

#### Stonehenge & City of Bath

Saturday • May 18 Adult £83 | Child (5-17) £73 | Infant £20

Transportation, Stonehenge entry, & free time to explore the city of Bath

#### Blenheim Palace & Food Festival

Sunday • May 26

Adult £59 | Child (5-16) £47 | Infant £20

Adult £30 | Child £24 ·

Transportation and entry to the palace, park, & gardens





Saturday • May 11 Adults only £49

Transportation, vineyard tour, & tasting

#### Cambridge Beer Festival

Friday • May 24 Adults only £18

Transportation only

#### Disneyland Paris 3-Day

May 24-26

Adult £459 | Child (2-11) £399 | Infant £120

Coach transportation, return ferry crossing, 2 nights bed & breakfast accommodation, & 1-day/2 park tickets for **Disneyland Paris** 

Single supplement £120





## **COMING UP IN JUNE**

#### Royal Reims & Champagne 3-Day

18+

June 7-9 Adults only £319

Coach transportation, return ferry crossing, 2 nights bed & breakfast accommodation, free time in royal Reims, & champagne tour with tasting Single supplement £100

#### Loch Ness & the Glenfinnan Viaduct of **Harry Potter 4-Day**

June 19-22

Adult £489 | Child (2-11) £439 | Infant £200

Coach transportation; 3 nights bed & breakfast accommodation; Scottish Highlands tour of Loch Ness, Loch Lomond, and the Trossachs National Park; & a visit to the "Harry Potter" Viaduct Single supplement £200

#### **Brussels Extended Day**

Saturday • June 15 All £125

Coach transportation, return channel crossing, & free time to explore Brussels

#### **Bolsover Castle & Sherwood Forest**

Saturday • June 1

Adult £60 | Child (5-17) £54 | Infant £20

Adult £30 | Child £27 -

Transportation, Bolsover Castle entry, & free time in Sherwood Forest



#### Stratford-upon-Avon & Kenilworth Castle

Sunday • June 2

Adult £44 | Child (5-17) £38 | Infant £20

Transportation, Kenilworth Castle entry, & free time in Stratford-upon-Avon

#### The Making of Harry Potter

Saturday • June 22 Adult £85 | Child (5-15) £73 | Infant £20 Transportation & Harry Potter studio entry Must book by Tuesday, May 28



#### **CONTACT ITT FOR HASSLE-FREE ADVENTURES**



## **OH, 50** MUCH TO DO

#### **Virginia Water Loop**

Saturday • May 18 (Armed Forces Day) All £40 | Ages 10+

#### REC+ON £20

**Exertion Level: MODERATE** 

Includes: Transportation & a guided hike

Enjoy a scenic walk around the man-made Virginia Lake, built in 1752, and visit historical antiques that were gifted to previous kings and queens of England.

#### **E-biking Vineyard Tour**

Saturday • June 1 All £92 | Ages 18+

#### **REC\*ON** £46

**Exertion Level: MODERATE** 

Includes: Transportation, E-bike hire, & a wine tasting experience

Wine and E-biking... could it get any better? What if we told you the bikes basically pedal themselves? Enjoy an easy ride through the beautiful villages of Kent with an award-winning vineyard tour to follow.



#### Kayaking

Saturday • June 8 All £70 | Ages 10+

#### **REC**∗ON £35

**Exertion Level: MODERATE** 

Includes: Transportation & a

kayak experience

Kayak through creeks and get lost in a wilderness like no other with stunning views and incredible wildlife. Whether you're a seasoned kayaker or a beginner, this tour is designed to cater to all levels of familiarity and provide a unique and unforgettable experience.





HIKE of the MONTH



# Castle of the Month Dino

#### **RENTALS**

Did you know that Outdoor Recreation offers rentals? They do! There is a wide range of items available to rent for a small service charge to all active duty military, retired military, reservists, civilian employees, and their family members 18 years of age or older. Camping equipment, sporting equipment, yard games, tables/chairs, bouncy castles, and other recreation supplies are available for rent. For a complete listing and prices, scan the QR code on page 5.



#### North Sea Fishing

Book this castle anytime in May and save \$10 off

the daily rate or \$20 off the weekend rate.

Sunday • June 16 (Father's Day) All £150 | Ages 10+

#### REC\*ON £75

**Exertion Level: LOW** 

Includes: Transportation, complimentary warm beverage, & private group fishing charter with rod and reels

Venture out into the tranquil North Sea and enjoy some of the best fishing in the world. Cast out your line for cod, skate, and bass - whatever you catch, you keep!

#### **Surfing in Cornwall 3-Day**

July 4-6 (Independence Day Weekend) All £450 | Ages 10+

**Exertion Level: HIGH** 

Includes: Transportation, 2 nights bed and breakfast accommodation, surfing lessons, & free time to explore Cornwall

Ready for an experience of a lifetime? Surf the beautiful Cornwall coastline over this Independence Day.

Layaway option available with a non-refundable, non-exchangeable deposit of £200 per person upon booking. Full payment is due by Thursday, May 23. Travel insurance is highly recommended.





Breckland Pines is open all year-round, so there is no excuse to not stop on by!

Inquire about signing up for one of our memberships today!

Membership options:

- Annual membership | \$468
- 6-month | \$324
- 3-month | \$1<u>98</u>

Schedule ahead for our FREE PLAY option, or book a tee-time for the weekend, holidays, or Family Days.

Don't forget to book us to host your next fundraiser, squadron, or UNITE event!

ASK US ABOUT OUR BEGINNERS LESSONS!

SCAN THE QR CODE ON PAGE 5 FOR FULL

**PRICING INFO!** 

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# Keep the Fun Rolling iiii





#### **R4R DAP Family**

Sunday • May 5 & 19 | 11am - 6pm \$2.95 per person Two hours of cosmic bowling

#### R4R Airman

Friday • May 10 & 24 | 4pm - 10pm \$2.95 per person Two hours of cosmic bowling

#### **Armed Forces Day Special**

Friday • May 17 | 11am - 5pm \$2 off one hour of Bowling in uniform



#### May The 4th 🗼 Be With You Special Saturday • May 4 | 11am - 10pm \$44 cosmic bowling all day

#### Mother's Day Special

Sunday • May 12 | 11am - 6pm

**ONE-HOUR BOWLING SESSION** 

Mothers bowl free with paying bowler

TWO-HOUR BOWLING SESSION \$5 off any rent-a-lane

#### Memorial Day Special

Sunday • May 26 | 11am - 6pm \$5 off any rent-a-lane



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# Silling Samuel Strains







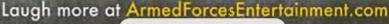


Saturday, May 11

RAF MILDENHALL Show Starts: 7 pm





















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#### **©** Facility Directory

Arts & Crafts

Bldg 906 | x2194 Mon-Fri: 10am-5pm Sat & Sun: Closed

U.S. Holidays & Family/Goal Days: Closed

#### **Auto Hobby Complex**

Bldg 1108 | x2454 Mon-Fri: 7:30am-5:30pm Sat & Sun: 9am-5pm U.S. & U.K. shared Holidays: Closed

#### **DIY Hours**

Tue-Fri: 10am-5:30pm Last sign-in: 4:30pm | Clean-up: 5pm Sat & Sun: 9am-5pm Last sign-in: 4pm | Clean-up: 4:30pm Mon, U.S., & U.K. Shared Holidays: Closed

**Light Conversion Pre-inspection Days** Mon & Fri | 1pm-2pm

#### **MOT Testing**

Mon-Fri: 7:30am-5:30pm Sun: 9am-5pm U.S. & U.K. shared Holidays: Closed

#### Motorcycle MOT Testing

Tue & Wed: 7:30am-5:30pm U.S. & U.K. shared Holidays: Closed

#### **Auto Tire & Lube Center**

Bldg 1030 | x2279 or x2278 Mon-Fri: 7:30am-5:30pm U.S. Holidays: Closed

#### **Base Education & Training**

Bldg 948 | x3851 Mon, Wed, & Thur: 8am-4pm Tue: 9am-4pm Fri: 8am-3:30pm U.S. Holidays & Family/Goal Days: Closed

#### Breckland Pines Golf Course

Bldg 1320 | x2223 Mon-Fri: 8am-5pm Sat & Sun: 8am-5:30pm Family/Goal Days: 8am-5pm Christmas Day & New Year's Day: Closed

#### Child Development Centers (CDC) **CDC East**

Bldq 659 | x3285 Mon-Fri: 6:45am-5:15pm

Bldq 439 | x5812 Mon-Fri: 6:45am-5:15pm

#### Community Activities Center (CAC)

Page @ Lakenheath Bldg 900 | x1627 Closed for renovations

#### Ward @ Feltwell

Bldg 94 | x7023 Mon-Fri: 9am-6pm Sat: Reservation only Family/Goal Days: 9am-3pm Sundays & U.S. Holidays: Closed

#### Play Area:

Mon-Fri: 9am-6pm Sat: Reservation only Family/Goal Days: 9am-3pm Sundays & U.S. Holidays: Closed

#### **Community Child Care Coordinator/ Family Child Care**

Bldg 250 | x2170 Mon-Fri: 8am-5pm

#### Eagles' Landing -**Community Event Center**

Bldg 958 | x5113 Mon-Fri: 9am-5pm Sat: Reservation only Sun & U.S. Holidays: Closed

#### Jolly Olde Eagle Pub

Bldg 958 | x2326 Fri: 5pm-10pm

#### **Phoenix Taxi**

Bldg 958 | x2306 Open 24/7

#### **Liberty Wings**

Bldg 958 | x2103 Mon-Sun: 11am-8pm

#### **Catering Office**

Bldq 958 | x2489 Mon-Fri: 9am-5:30pm

#### **Fitness & Sports Center**

Bldg 904 | x3607 Mon-Thur: 5am-9pm Fri: 5am-6pm Sat-Sun: 8am-4pm

U.S. Holidays & Family/Goal Days: 8am-4pm See front desk for after hours access

#### Juice Bros @ Fitness

Bldg 904 | 01638 53 2927 Mon-Fri: 7am-5pm Sat: 9am-4pm Sun: Closed

#### **Hard Copies Print Shop**

Bldg 977 - Ground Floor | x1719 Mon-Fri: 9am-5pm

#### **Hot Pit: Flight Line**

Bldg 1224 | x3184

#### Mon-Fri:

Breakfast: 5am-8am Lunch: 11am-2pm Dinner: 5pm-8pm U.S. Holidays, Family/Goals Days, & Weekends: Closed

#### Between-meal hours for grab & go options:

8am-11am • 2pm-5pm

#### **Human Resources NAF/HRO RAFL**

Bldg 977 Room G45 x4417 Mon-Fri: Appointments only from 9am-1pm, Walk-ins from 1pm-4pm Sat & Sun: Closed U.S. Holidays & Family/Goal Days: Closed

#### **Civilian Personnel RAFM**

RAFM Blda 435 | 238-2111 Mon-Wed: 8am-3pm Appointment only after 3pm

#### Information Tickets & Travel (ITT)

RAF Lakenheath BX | x3018 Mon-Fri: 10am-5pm Sat & Family/Goal Days: 10am-1pm Sundays/U.S. Holidays: Closed

#### **Knights Table**

#### Military Dining Facility

Bldg 934 | x3214 Closed for renovations

#### **Liberty Lanes Bowling Center**

Bldg 657 | x2108 Mon: Closed Tue, Wed & Thu: 11am-8pm Fri & Sat: 11am-10pm Sun: 11am-6pm

#### Liberty Club

Bldg 648 | x1611

#### Bistro

Bldg 648 | x1603 Mon-Fri: 6:30am-8pm Sat: 8am-8pm Sun: Closed

#### Cashier's Cage

Mon-Sat: 10:30am-4pm Sun: Closed

#### Casino Lounge & Bar

Sun-Wed: Closed Thur: 4pm-10pm Fri & Sat: 4pm-2am

#### Slots

Mon-Wed: 7am-8pm Thur: 7am-10pm Fri & Sat: 7am-2am Sun: Closed

#### **Liberty Library**

Bldg 907 | x3713 Mon & Tue, Thur & Fri: 10am-6pm Wed: 10am-7pm Sat & Sun: Closed U.S. Holidays & Family/Goal Days: Closed

#### **Liberty Lodge**

Bldg 984 | x6700 Front desk: 24 hours a day Check-in: 2pm | Check-out: 11am

#### Military & Family Readiness Center

Bldq 950 | x3847 Mon-Thu: 7:30am-5pm Fri: 7:30am-2pm

U.S. Holidays & Family/Goal Days: Closed

#### **Military Personnel Flight**

Bldg 977 | x1713 Mon-Fri: 8am-3pm

#### **Customer Support & ID Cards**

Schedule an appointment via lakenheathfss.com | x5131

#### **Career Development: Relocations** Phone & email support | x5131

#### Career Development: Promotion & Retention

Phone & email support | x1079

#### **Force Management**

Phone & email support | x5138

#### **Passport Services**

Phone x1210

#### **Outdoor Recreation**

Bldg 1109 | x2146 Mon-Fri: 10am-5pm Sat & Family/Goal Days: 10am-1pm Sun & U.S. Holidays: Closed

#### Pizza Place

Bldg 670 | x2181 or x2497 Mon: Closed Tue: 2pm-8pm Wed & Thur: 11am-8pm Fri: 11am-9pm Sat: 2pm-9pm Sun: 4pm-8pm

#### **Delivery**

Mon: Not Available Tues-Sun: 4pm-8pm Subject to change.



Bldg 1025 | x2370

#### Finance/Mailing Out

Mon, Wed, & Fri: 10am-5pm Tue & Thur: 11am-5pm Sat: 10am-2pm Sun: Closed Priority Express not accepted after 3pm.

#### Package Pick-up

Mon, Wed, & Fri: 10am-4pm Tue & Thur: 11am-4pm Sat: 10am-2pm Sun: Closed

#### Night Shift Package Pick-up:

Mon-Fri: 7am-8am

#### Customer Service/In & Out processing/Claims:

Mon-Wed & Fri: 10am-4pm Tue & Thur: 11am-4pm Sat & Sun: Closed

#### **VAT Relief Program Office**

Bldg 977 - Ground Floor | x3166 Mon-Fri: 8:30am-11:30am Walk-ins only

#### **Wood Shop**

Bldg 1104 | x3367 Wed & Thur: 10am-7pm Fri: 10am-5pm Sat: Class day only Mon & Tue: Closed Holidays & Family/Goal Days: Closed

#### Youth Center

Bldg 250 | x5437 Mon-Fri: 6:45am-5:15pm Sat & Sun: Closed Holiday & Family/Goal Days: Closed

#### Open Recreation/Teen

Bldg 250 (Youth Center) | x5437 Holidays & Family/Goal Days: Closed

#### School Age Care (SAC)

Bldg 250 | x5437 Closed federal holidays

#### **Youth Sports**

Bldg 250 | x1182 Refer online for season dates

#### **Hours Subject to Change**

Please check with the facility before making plans.

The MSG Training Day will be every 3rd Wednesday of the month. FSS facilities will be closed or at minimal manning.

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