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2021 National Military Youth of the Year

Department of the Air Force Youth Programs, in partnership with Boys & Girls Clubs of America are excited to announce that Victor O. from JB McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst earned the title of the 2021 BGCA National Military Youth of the Year. Victor hopes to leverage his platform as MYoY to advocate for youth mental health issues, especially those created by the pandemic as youth and teens struggled with on-line learning and a lack of social connection. He plans to attend Ramapo College and aspires to become a corporate lawyer.

On Sept. 21, he will join the five regional Youths of the Year from traditional BGCA clubs to vie for the honor of National Youth of the Year!

More information about Victor, the other amazing MYoY finalists and the program can be found on-line at <u>https://www.bgca.org/programs/youth-of-the-year</u>



Keesler AFB Dining Facility Credit Card Implementation

The Air Force Services Center recently implemented programs to allow patrons the option to pay for their meals using credit cards. AFSVC provided comprehensive credit card processing training with cashiers and food service accountants and now all three DFACs can process customer credit card transactions. The system accepts all major credit cards to include apple pay. This is part of an Air Force-wide initiative to implement credit card options in all Air Force DFACs by December 2022.

2021 Armed Forces Women's Softball Tournament

The Air Force Women's Softball team played against the Army and Navy teams in Fort Campbell, Kentucky, Aug. 10-14. The Air Force team took the silver medal after losing to the Navy 20-17. Three Air Force members were selected to be part of the all-tournament team: 1st Lt Victoria Valos (Edwards AFB, California), SSgt Megan Hinds-Wade (Luke AFB, Arizona), and SSgt Hannah Smith (Incirlik AB, Turkey).



2021 Armed Forces RugbyTown 7's Championship

The Air Force Men's Rugby 7's team took second place at the RugbyTown 7's event in Glendale, Colo., on Aug. 8-22. The Air Force team competed in the round-robin style tournament against the Coast Guard and Navy teams. After making it to the Championship Game, Air Force lost to the Navy, 14-7.

DAF Gaming League (DAFGL) Season 2

Season 2 for the DAF Gaming League kicks off Sept 12 and runs through the end of November, culminating in the Worlds in December. As of Aug. 24, there are 600 global teams and more than 2,000 players registered. Season 2 games include Call of Duty: War Zone, Smash Ultimate, and Apex Legends.



Anchored4Life E-Learning Series

Department of the Air Force and US Navy Child & Youth Education Services School Liaison Programs developed an Anchored4Life video series providing families and caregivers with fun and engaging activities to introduce, practice, and strengthen resiliency life skill development with youth. These short videos are great for families or for group activities to support youth around the globe. The videos can be viewed unlimited times on the Anchored4Life website at https://anchored4life.com/e-learning-series/.

Joint Service School Liaison Program Manager Listing

Did you know there is an education office for PreK-12 at every installation? Education Specialists provide more than transition assistance and are able to help with local school navigation; deployment support; scholarship and grant resources; and more. To find your local installation School Liaison Program Manager and find out what resources are available to you please connect through the MI School Liaison Contact List at <u>School Liaison Contacts MILITARY INSTALLATIONS</u>.

FY21 Summer Reading Program (SRP)

The SRP has now entered its final weeks. This year's program ends Sept. 13. Almost all base libraries reported increases in participation. In some instances, participation increased by 49% from 2019! A combination of increased virtual and hybrid SRP program offerings contributed to rising levels of program participation.

Nellis AFB, Nevada, along with seven USAFE Geographically Separated Units, implemented the Integrated Library System (ILS) to better promote SRP events and provide greater access to book collections. Base libraries are planning for the FY22 Winter Reading Program and order submissions for the FY22 SRP. Air Force libraries are always accessible, visit the AF Portal for 24/7 access to AF library databases.

