



RAF LAKENHEATH
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**Employee
Spotlights**



Meet your FSS!

Another outstanding FSS employee is in our spotlight this month! Michael Braa works at Outdoor Recreation. He is a friendly face you might recognize from walking in the store or from taking one of their new Hike of the Month tours! Mike is a great example of how your FSS Dollar works to provide a better way of life for our military community.

Employee Spotlight: Michael Braa

Mike has been at RAF Lakenheath for 2 years. He is currently a military spouse, but proudly served as an active duty member for 6 years. One of the things he loves the most about working for the 48 FSS is that it gives him the opportunity to explore, engage, and share in his passions and interests with the military community that he has been a part of for a decade. Mike says that working for the 48 FSS has shown him a new side of the military and helped him develop an appreciation for mission support personnel that he will carry with him wherever he goes.

Mike helped organize and develop the new Hike of the Month series, and you can expect to see his smiling face on each hike as the host! His position at 48 FSS has helped reinvigorate his passion for outdoor recreation and given him the opportunity to see the country while also sharing the opportunity with the Tri-base community. You can catch Mike hiking out to historically relevant sights to satisfy his enthusiasm for Shakespeare.



Scan for more info!

Support your FSS and have fun in the New Year!



Hike of the Month

This exciting new series presented by ODR brings you a new guided hike exploring Britain's rich history and rugged terrain each month! Join us as we explore the island and find new ways to appreciate all there is to see and do here.

January

Famous Cotswold Way

Sun • Jan 8

Exertion: Moderate

Price: £49 per person

Includes transportation and guided hike.

February

Surrey Furry

Sat • Feb 25

Exertion: Low

Price: £49 per person

Includes candid private group photos with your fur-babies, transportation, and guided hike.



Check out the QR code on page 5 to book!

Excitement for 2023 with FSS updates!

We have some news that you will be happy to hear!

Auto Hobby

The car wash is closed until March - but that's only because we are getting an UPGRADE! See page 26 for more details!

Liberty Club

Starting in January, you can expect to see some improvements. We will be remodeling the casino, bar, and The Bistro!



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Meet your FSS!

You might have met Alex if you've taken any of the outstanding classes offered at our Wood Shop! When you spend with 48 FSS, you not only support valuable employees like Alex, you are also funding programs that reduce costs for active duty members, their families, "big A" airmen, and deployed-affected families through programs like R4R and RecOn.

Employee Spotlight: Alex Featherstone

He's a talented woodworker with a friendly smile and personality to match! Alex is a UK national who offers valuable knowledge about the craft of woodworking. One of the things he loves most about working for the Wood Shop is his ability to work with customers on their own projects, guiding them on everything from crafting axe handles to giant tabletops. Ever ordered a shadow box as a going-away or promotion gift? Chances are, Alex has had a hand in creating that. He loves that each piece is unique and contains a bit of the history of our service members' careers within it.

Working for the 48 FSS has helped Alex develop a love for and proficiency in wood craft that he enjoys sharing with our community. He really wants to spread the news that their machines can be used on personal projects! That's right; if you want to try your hand at shelf-building or table-making, you can use the Wood Shop's space and equipment to get the best result. You'll even have helpful advice from talented folks like Alex who have experience working on lots of interesting projects like solar panels to a custom-built camper van!

Don't forget: when you rent that woodworking space or take a class, you are giving back to your community by funding R4R and RecOn!



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Take a class at the Wood Shop and support active duty military and their families!

Going-Aways Made Easy

Utilizing your Wood Shop allows for the hiring of skilled employees like Alex, which in turn provides a quicker turn-around on awards, going-away, and promotion gifts that make those events into truly special occasions.

Programs like R4R and RecOn also benefit from Wood Shop revenue and are beneficial to active duty members and their families.

Spending at the Wood Shop is another great way to use the power of the FSS dollar to support our community!

February Classes at the Wood Shop

Highland Cow Class

Mondays and Tuesdays in February (except Feb 14)
5pm - 7pm | \$30 | R4R \$15

Check out the QR code on page 5 to book!



REC★ON Explained

Have you ever wondered what it means when you see the RecOn logo listed next to an ODR trip? We all know it means a discount, but who is eligible?

RecOn is available to all active duty members & their dependents. There are no special qualifiers - any rank, enlisted, or officer are eligible! When you book a trip with ODR, just ask if there are any RecOn spots available and enjoy the benefits!



Free Classes & Family Fun!

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Meet your FSS!

If you've arrived in Lakenheath recently, your room at the TLF might have been serviced by Tiffany! She is a housekeeper at Liberty Lodge. Staying with 48 FSS facilities builds the community that we all enjoy and allows people like Tiffany to further their career while at RAF Lakenheath.

Employee Spotlight: Tiffany Coons

Tiffany is a military spouse who was born and raised in Okinawa! She works hard at the TLF, turning a hotel into a warm welcome to our community! One of the things she loves most about working for Liberty Lodge is the amount of face-to-face interaction she has with the guests - and their pets! Every single one has traveled so far to arrive here, and Tiffany loves hearing all the backstories of the people who are settling into their new lives in England! Even though the stay in lodging is only temporary, Tiffany and the team take pride in being able to provide a transitional home.

Working for the 48 FSS has helped Tiffany feel at home in the community. She loves working in such a positive environment and participates in hotel trainings that are offered! While the work is tough, she says there is nothing more rewarding than a supportive team and looking at all the neatly set-up rooms at the end of the day. Plus, Tiffany has the scoop on all the local spots. She can tell you where to go shopping - even share some book recommendations, like from her recent favorite author, Colleen Hoover!

Housekeeping is a tough, often behind-the-scenes job. Next time you're checking in, remember the role everyone plays in our community and thank your housekeeper!



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Using the facilities on base allows for our community to grow and support each other!

Something for the foodie in all of us:

By patronizing the food spots on base, the FSS can continue to hire go-getters like Tiffany, who can continue welcoming newcomers to our RAFL community!

The Bistro at The Liberty Club is open every day but Sunday to satisfy your cravings, and every month there's Southern buffets on Tuesdays and rotating buffets on Wednesdays at The Grill. So, there's always something new coming right to you!

In March, the theme is Mexican cuisine! The lunchtime special is the Torta, and the buffet will have all of your favorites in one place!



Liberty Club Buffets

Tue & Wed | 11am - 1:30pm

Adult \$13.95 · Child (5 - 12) \$8.95

Check out the QR code on page 5 to see our most up-to-date information!

Liberty Lodging

The one-stop-shop for any and all incoming or outbound travel! Family coming to visit, or just looking for a night away?

Call 01638 52 6713 to make a reservation.



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An FSS Military Child

Meet Joshua Mullen, a current employee with Child & Youth Programs on RAF Lakenheath. Josh grew up in a military household and has done what those resilient military children do best – thrived wherever he landed!

Read on to learn a little bit more about him as we celebrate his success with the 48 FSS and his legacy as a military child who now works with military children!

Employee Spotlight: Joshua Mullen

Josh has been living at RAF Lakenheath since 2019 and has been working with CYP for just over 5 months. The thing he loves the most about his work with the FSS is the wonderful people he meets and gets the pleasure of interacting with on a daily basis. He is very excited to be working on the upcoming *Month of the Military Child Carnival* CYP hosts every year in April. Working with CYP has shown Josh that childcare is his passion and has helped him find a definite direction for his career. However, there is more to Josh than just his work!

He also enjoys working on cars and jokingly describes himself as “older than Google,” which is crazy but true! Josh’s dad served in the United States Army for 23 years. During that time, he was stationed in Germany, where he met Josh’s mom – a German citizen. In his free time, Josh loves to binge shows on Netflix and is currently finishing up “You.”



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Working with
children is
an amazing
and fun
experience.
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Support your FSS and our military children!

FSS supports military children!

The dollars you spend with FSS help fund a lot of special programs that directly benefit our military kids on RAF Lakenheath! Take a trip with ITT and you can be sure some of that expense pays for special activities like the annual *Egg Hunt* and *Month of the Military Child Carnival*. It also helps ensure that our facilities are fully staffed and able to offer lots of fun activities, like **skate nights at Page** or the **Summer Reading Program at Liberty Library**.

However you spend with the 48 FSS, know that your FSS Dollar is being put to work for everyone, and that includes the military child!



Protect the planet for your military child!

On our center spread, we have highlighted a few of the ways your 48 FSS is making improvements that will lead to a better future for our kids. From vegetarian and vegan menu items at The Bistro to a brand new car wash at Auto Hobby that will save *hundreds of thousands* of liters of water, your FSS is looking out for you and our military kids!

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Jacob Alvarez

This month, we're focusing on a former service member-turned-spouse who you might encounter when grabbing a quick morning coffee at The Liberty Club. His friendly face represents what the FSS is all about - community connection and service.

Keep reading to learn more about Jacob and how he has made the most

Employee Spotlight: Jacob Alvarez

Jacob has been living in the UK since March of 2022. He works at The Liberty Club and can whip up one mean latte! Jacob loves working at the Club because it offers flexibility and a supportive staff who work together to ensure the workload doesn't become too heavy. Jacob says this helps him keep a positive outlook about being stationed overseas so far away from his family and friends back home. One of the highlights of Jacob's career so far at The Liberty Club has been working the Air Force Ball, which he describes as a unique and challenging experience due to the massive number of people working together towards one goal. The Liberty Club plays a critical role in many of the big events that happen on base, and Jacob enjoys being a part of all that action! He enjoys the diversity in his duties and being able to wear many hats as an employee for 48 FSS. Jacob is thankful for the experience he is gaining in the hospitality industry and values that his career has not stagnated while being overseas.



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stationed overseas.
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May 12 is Military Spouse Appreciation Day!

FSS supports and loves military spouses!

Are you a military spouse? If so, you might already know how great the 48 FSS is for creating connections in a new community. There are so many great activities each month that provide opportunities to meet like-minded individuals. Attend the Spouse Orientation breakout session with **M&FRC** at Newcomers for important information about life here on RAF Lakenheath. Or, try the new Page Turners Book Chat happening at **Liberty Library**. From hiking and adventuring with **Outdoor Recreation** to getting in shape at the **Fitness Center**, the 48 FSS is a great place to start meeting new friends that may just last a lifetime.



Witness history in the making at the Coronation in London!

Whether you're traveling to Central London on May 6 with **ITT** or braving the traffic and the crowded trains on your own, we know plenty in our community will want to be a part of this historic moment.

Pics or it didn't happen!

Send us your selfie at the Coronation and we might share it on our socials!



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National Best Friends Day

June 8 is National Best Friends Day, so this month we are highlighting a friendship rather than an individual. This spotlight shows how activities supported by your FSS Dollar can bring people together to forge long-lasting, meaningful relationships.

Friendship Spotlight: Sarah Knight & Maria Lowry

Sarah Knight is our very own 48 FSS Commander’s administrative assistant. She is a bubbly, friendly local national who has lived in the UK for 22 years. She loves working for the 48 FSS because of the people and the relationships she has come to value. One of these relationships is with Maria Lowry, a Special Education Assistant at Lakenheath High School. Sarah and Maria met through the 48 FSS and bonded over their love of crafting. The two have enjoyed getting to know each other in various classes at both the Wood Shop and Arts & Crafts. Their favorite and most challenging project was the Easter Planter at the Wood Shop. They came with a group of four and had a great time creating memories full of laughs and learning. Sarah and Maria’s friendship highlights just how important it is to nourish those new relationships. You never know who your next best friend might be! So grab a buddy, sign up for an activity, and see where it leads you!



“No friendship is an accident.” - O. Henry

FSS helps create bonds that last a lifetime.

Living the military lifestyle means packing up and moving away from friends every few years. This can make it challenging to create deeper connections with our community and can leave us feeling a bit light on close friends at times.

If you're looking for a way to strengthen your friendships or make new acquaintances, you could try signing up for an FSS activity! Maybe you have a shared interest like golfing and want to hit the links at **Breckland Pines**. Or, you could bring a group together for some laughs and friendly competition at **Liberty Lanes**. Look no further than your FSS for opportunities to nourish relationships while at the same time benefiting our Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Fund. Every FSS Dollar you spend goes right back into improving our programming and activities, supporting employment opportunities for military spouses and dependents, and improving our Tri-base community.

You may have noticed our glow-up!

We thought with all the upgrades the 48 FSS has been getting - like a brand new car wash at Auto Hobby and renovations at The Liberty Club - our FSS knight, Sir Vis, deserved his own makeover!

Look for this logo to spot everything FSS. From big events to new products, services, or delicious meals, we've got everything you need to know about what's going on around RAF Lakenheath!

Nurturing
Friendships
& Supporting
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Kimberlin Schneider

July 25 is National Hire a Veteran Day, and this month we are spotlighting one of our veteran employees right here at the 48 FSS. Kimberlin Schneider works at Breckland Pines Golf Course. He does so much behind the scenes to ensure customers have a great experience. From planning events to making sure the equipment is in proper working order, Kimberlin plays an important role in making your FSS run smoothly!

Employee Spotlight: A friendly face at Breckland Pines

Kimberlin grew up in northwest Montana and enjoyed boating on the Flathead River before he decided to enlist in the United States Air Force. He served for 24 years and was stationed at RAF Lakenheath three times for a total of 11 years in the Tri-base area. In his current role as Operations Assistant at Breckland Pines, he is involved in a lot of event planning, equipment management, and day-to-day customer interaction. Kimberlin says the most challenging aspects of his employment with FSS have been handling two major building renovations and helping to plan big base events like Island Life and Liberty Fest. His employment at Breckland Pines has provided great learning experiences regarding all that goes into making an on-base golf course run smoothly to provide customers with a pleasant experience. He's also gained a lot of knowledge about the retail side of golf and has quite the insight about the accessories and clothing needed to keep the shop stocked with the items golfers need to enjoy the game.

Kimberlin is a proud Magna Cum Laude graduate from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. We are lucky to have him at the 48 FSS!

Fun in the sun has never been easier!

Summer is for swinging golf clubs!

When the sun is out and the breeze is warm, what better way is there to enjoy the day than on the links at Breckland Pines?

Between June and September, grab a friend and take part in Wednesday Night Socials. Tee off starts at 4pm with 9-hole matches and a fun, new format each week!

Interested in improving your game? Book a lesson with our dedicated golf instructors and maybe next year you will take the title of Club Champion!

To find out more about Breckland Pines, scan the QR code on page 5!



Interested in what else is going on this summer?

Check out all the fun activities planned for the summer right here on RAF Lakenheath by scanning the QR code on page 5. We all want to make the most of traveling, but sometimes you need something fun close to home!

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Natalie Calloway

We all just had a great time riding rides and eating delicious treats at Liberty Fest, and this month we are highlighting a military spouse who does so much to make those big base events possible! From contracts to catering, Natalie ensures all the fun at 48 FSS goes off without a hitch. Apart from her professionalism, Natalie has a friendly and outgoing personality and is sure to leave you with a smile on your face.

Employee Spotlight: Natalie Calloway

Natalie is a military spouse who has been stationed at RAF Lakenheath for two years. She loves living abroad and never misses the chance to travel! Natalie is a valued member of our Non-Appropriated Funds Accounting Office (NAF/AO). She has worked for one FSS or another for the past 18 years. After eight PCS moves, she is thankful for the continuity FSS has provided for her career. She's enjoyed working at several bases on big events like bazaars, air shows, and our very own Liberty Fest. She loves getting the opportunity to meet vendors from around the world and values her experience doing everything from renovating buildings to opening base restaurants. If there's one thing Natalie wishes people understood about her job, it's that things are more complicated than they seem! She has to work with several people from different areas of the base to even draw up a single contract. Sometimes these things take time, but we can count on her to do the job right! What she loves most about working for the 48 FSS is the people. She values the relationships she's cultivated and loves forming a community with her coworkers. Natalie is a bright and bubbly personality who can't get through a joke without laughing, and might have you cracking up at any moment!

She's a great example of your FSS Dollar at work!



You make big base events happen!

Food and fun funded by your FSS Dollar!

Here on RAF Lakenheath, we want to ensure a great community experience and a welcoming atmosphere for everyone to enjoy. With that in mind, we incorporate things like the Children's Holiday Party, Monster Mash Bash, Fall Fest, and Liberty Fest into our planning and budgeting. All these events are made possible by money you spend at our facilities. You don't have to question where your money is going when you take a class at Arts & Crafts or have a drink at The Liberty Club; it's going back into the FSS Dollar cycle to make sure there are lots of fun activities planned year-round!

Wrap up the summer with more events!

On Friday, August 18 we've got two great options for you to round out your summer with some outdoor fun!

Page Community Center is throwing the final **Block Party** of the season before school resumes. Celebrate your summer at Freedom Field with bouncy castles, games, food, and more! The party starts at 4pm and goes until 8pm.

Or, if you're in the mood for a little outdoor cinema, head over to Feltwell where **Ward Community Center** is hosting a back-to-school **Cine-Friday!** Bring your blankets, pillows, and camping chairs so you can be comfy while you enjoy an outdoor movie. The fun starts at 6pm, so get there early and snag a prime spot!

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Ryan Glass

Look... at the Library! It's a bird!? It's a plane?! No, it's our REFERENCE LIBRARIAN. Ryan may not have wished to fly, but as a child she did want to be either a witch or geologist. And, while she didn't directly follow one of those paths, as an avid reader she can jump into a book and take on the role of either one of those whenever she likes! Her most recent read was "Fourth Wing" by Rebecca Yarros, and she can't wait for the next book!

Employee spotlight: Liberty Library's Superhero

Mrs. Ryan Glass, our local Reference Librarian at Liberty Library, has been here with us in England since June 2023. However, she is not new to the military lifestyle; she is a U.S. Air Force spouse of 15 years. Like a lot of military spouses, Ryan is familiar with the challenges associated with creating and maintaining a career of her own. That's why she is so grateful to have the opportunity to work in her career field while stationed overseas.

Ryan's favorite thing about her position at Liberty Library is serving her community, and every library is a little bit different! No matter where she is, she loves getting to learn something new about the many ways a librarian can serve their community. In fact, that's something Ryan wishes more people were aware of – just how much librarians do behind-the-scenes. It's so much more than just scanning books in and out all day!

Recently, Ryan was a huge player in the success of 2023's Summer Reading Program, which is like the Library's "Big Game." Whew! Summer readers had the opportunity to escape into another world – maybe one where they themselves were casting spells or studying rocks. But, if you missed it, don't fret! Liberty Library is awaiting your visit, and what better time to pick up a new book than National Read a Book Day on September 6? Or, if you're feeling inspired by our leap into the Sir-Vis-Verse, try your hand at a graphic novel. Ryan's favorite is "Lore Olympus" by Rachel Smythe.

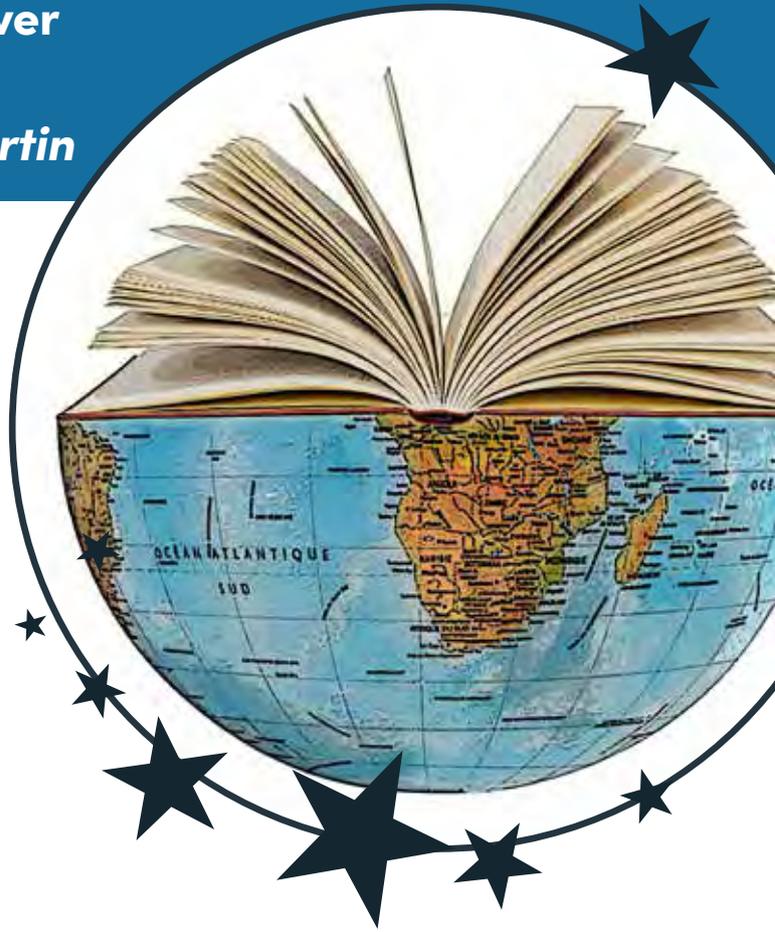


“A reader lives a thousand lives before he dies... The man who never reads lives only one.”

~ George R. R. Martin

National Read a Book Day & Library Fun!

Liberty Library’s Summer Reading Program is their biggest event of the year, and this summer’s was one for the books with 566 readers logging over 765,500 minutes. Wow! But, Liberty Library has more than just books! As well as also offering movies and games to rent for film buffs and gamers alike, it’s a community gathering space. Boasting weekly programming and several free events for all ages throughout the year – from Baby Rhyme Time to Craft & Chat for the adults – there’s something for everyone at Liberty Library. Stop in for National Read a Book Day on September 6 to pick up your next adventure, or celebrate National Comic Book Day on September 25 with FSS! We’ll be exploring the Sir-Vis-Verse through our social media and across our facilities. In fact, roll on over to Page Community Center for superhero skating – details on page 31.



Happy, Happy Birthday U.S. Air Force!

Several of our facilities are joining in on the birthday festivities. The Knights Table will have a delicious birthday cake to satisfy your sweet tooth – details on page 24. Show your support with the Fitness Center during their POWMIA Ruck March – details on page 25. Or, are you looking for a little off-base excursion? Join Outdoor Recreation for a hike to Old Glossop in the Peak District to view the B-29 crash site – details on page 16. However you decide to celebrate the U.S. Air Force’s birthday on September 18, know that the 48 FSS is partying right there with you.

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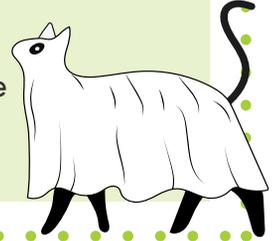
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Carly Mayberry

When she's not cheering you on while you're knocking down pins, Carly likes volunteering with her mom in her village, baking yummy cookies, and collecting retro toys and Funko Pops! And, Carly's a fan of spooky season too. She loves dressing up for Halloween, and if given the choice to meet one monster, she'd jump with ghoulish glee to meet Casper the Friendly Ghost. It was one of her favorite movies as a kid, and she even named her cat after him!



Employee spotlight: Liberty Lane's Recreational Assistant

Carly Mayberry, a Recreational Assistant at Liberty Lanes, has been in England since 2016 – as this is her and her family's second go around at RAF Lakenheath – and they have been overseas in USAFE and PACAF since 2009. But, Carly is no stranger to traveling and living abroad! When she was younger, she went on a school trip to Australia where she had the opportunity to go snorkeling in the Great Barrier Reef, and later she lived with her parents in Singapore where she attended high school. How adventurous!

Carly's willingness to try new things and meet new people has translated well into her position at Liberty Lanes. There is more to working at Bowling than handing out shoes to customers after all, and everyone has a role in maintaining the day-to-day running of the facility. One way Carly contributes to the team is by promoting upcoming events and specials through social media. She loves working on Bowling's Facebook page and appreciates the opportunity to continue to learn new skills in her role. Carly also adds to the team by creating a welcoming environment for customers, with one of her favorite things about her job being meeting and interacting with people!

If you have a *spare* moment this month, why not stop in and *strike* up a conversation? Creep it real and get crafty during Liberty Lanes' spooky-inspired Pin Decorating Competition this month, or bring the *double, double, toil, and trouble* during their Halloween special.

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My favorite
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Bones*, as I enjoy
suspense thrillers.
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"It's all just a bunch of HOCUS POCUS!"



~ Max Dennison, Hocus Pocus

Boo-wling and more themed events!

Is there ever a bad time to go bowling?! Every month, Liberty Lanes runs special, themed events and this month is no exception! Make sure to check out their spine-chilling specials on page 18, as well as a whole calendar of frighteningly fun FSS events scheduled for this October on page 20 or on our blog at lakenheathfss.com.

On a budget? We got you, boo. Liberty Lanes and several other FSS facilities regularly run Recharge for Resiliency (R4R) and Deployed-Affected Programming (DAP) specials for Airmen and their families who are looking for a fun day out without breaking the bank. Keep an eye out each month to take advantage of these!



Mental Health Awareness

While we celebrate the weather cooling off, the leaves changing colors, and all the ways you can have fun and connect with our community this autumn, it is important to remember self-care. October 10 is World Mental Health Day, and it is a good time to check in with yourself and make a conscious effort to keep your mind – along with your body – healthy! To help, we've included some brain teasers and mental health resources on page 33.

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Community Centers

At the 48th FSS, we actually have two wonderful community centers to serve both RAF Lakenheath and RAF Feltwell – Page and Ward. And, while their team may be small, they are mighty! Between the two facilities, these five keep things running day-after-day, working together to make sure there's fun for all! Say hello to November's Team Employee Spotlight: Mia Tobitt, Phillip Feist, Kaitie MacIntosh, Maria Thomas, and Joanne (Jo) Sparkes (from left to right).

Team Employee Spotlight: Page and Ward Community Centers

Our community centers are a great example of how FSS supports you while you're overseas. The team is comprised of local nationals, a veteran, and several military spouses, all working together to bring you some of the best programming and events around! They all agreed that the best part of their jobs is getting to meet and provide a sense of wonder to the community.

Part of the fun of working at one of our community centers is the variety of activities that are always happening. From hosting Armed Forces Entertainment tours and big base events like Liberty Fest to programming for everyday family fun, our community centers team does it all! Page Community Center puts on skating events throughout the month, as well as hosts private birthday parties, squadron events, and more! As for Ward Community Center, they host craft days, bingo nights, and cinema extravaganzas – just to name a few.

Each team member has a unique strength that ensures the success of our community centers, and each person brings their own hobbies and passions to the team too! If you're into horses or looking for a trivia partner, Mia is your gal, and if you're needing some baking tips you must strike up a conversation with Jo. Her brownies are the best! Phillip likes collecting currency from different countries that he visits, and Kaitie is a huge fan of T-Swift and hot pink – it's her signature color. Up for anything? Maria is too! From relaxing at home to skydiving, she's cool with taking in the vibes! Why not come out to one of our community centers' upcoming events and meet the team?

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We help to bring
magic and joy to
the community!
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"BREATHE IN, FOLKS. SMELLS LIKE FALL."

~ Taylor Doose, *Gilmore Girls S3. E7*

Upcoming Events

FSS has something new happening every single month thanks to all of our fabulous facilities, and our community centers team is to thank for so many of them! Last month, Ward Community Center hosted a sickeningly sweet Trunk-or-Treat and Page Community Center had a frightfully fun time at Monster Mash Bash. More excitement is planned for the upcoming festive season, including a Winter Cinema event taking place every third Friday of the month from November to April, as well as the highly anticipated Children's Holiday Party on December 2. That's right; Santa is coming to town! And, if you're interested in who the next rock star visiting Lakenheath is, follow Page Community Center on social media to stay in the loop on all things Armed Forces Entertainment.



Eagles' Landing - Community Event Center

Are you looking to host your own event? The community centers team has you covered there too! Eagles' Landing - Community Event Center is open for business and the perfect location for all your hosting needs, with three different room sizes for every type of event - from formal ceremonies to birthday parties. Scan the QR code on page 5 to learn more.

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Dining Facilities Team

We have two wonderful military dining facilities on RAF Lakenheath, the Knights Table, next to the dorms, and the Hot Pit, on the flight line near the barber shop. Pictured to the left is your DFAC team, made up of active duty, civilians, and local nationals alike. Outside of their work, they are sports enthusiasts, gamers, personal trainers, and even an esthetician. With such a varied bunch, they are able to bring something new to the table every single meal!



Team Employee Spotlight: Knights Table and Hot Pit Dining Facilities

The Knights Table and Hot Pit are cornerstones of the 48 FSS and play a critical role in supporting the mission here at RAF Lakenheath. DFACs are often the first introduction new airmen have to their Force Support Squadron (FSS), and our dining team takes this responsibility very seriously. They are proud to support and connect with our community, and they believe that interacting with customers is the very best part of their work.

The DFAC's main purpose is to provide delicious and nutritious meals to military personnel, civilians, and dependents! Their impact is huge – providing tasty meals to fill over 5,000 bellies throughout the week. While guidance is provided by the Air Force, our DFAC team like to get creative and challenge themselves by coming up with new, yummy dishes day after day, while still adhering to the strict guidelines provided to them. From Wing Wednesdays to hot sandwich bars, they serve different specialty meals throughout the month so your tastebuds will never get bored.

Additionally, the DFAC team is always ready to accommodate airmen who are missing home, with made-in-house, specialty meals like the upcoming Christmas day meal. At the Thanksgiving meal last month, leaders at all levels came out to serve food as a way to give back and connect with the community. By organizing these special meals, the DFAC provides a little taste of home to our airmen – easing the strain of being so far away during the holidays – especially for our unaccompanied members living in the dorms. Come visit our DFAC team!



"Cooking is all about people. Food is maybe the only universal thing that really has the power to bring everyone together. No matter what culture, everywhere around the world, people get together to eat."

~ Guy Fieri

Holiday Season Merrymaking

We are deep in the heart of winter now, and we can all start to feel a bit of the holiday blues from time to time, especially being far from home and the people and things we find comforting during this time of year. But, your FSS is here to help! We've got all the goods and fun to make you feel like you're right at home!

For those who see "December" as synonymous with "big meal," The Liberty Club is doing a family night on December 13 and the Knights Table has you covered with their Christmas meal on December 25.

Or, if you want your house decked out to the nines, try one of the classes at Arts & Crafts or the Wood Shop to make some great winter decor!

And, if December for you is all about quality time with the people you love, you can always head to Liberty Lanes for some bowling fun or take a trip with ITT or ODR!



48 FSS

Upcoming FSS Closures

There are a lot of exciting changes coming to your 48 FSS! Unfortunately, this means some facilities will be out of commission for a limited time. Scan the QR code on page 6 to read more about the upcoming renovations and closures at facilities like the Knights Table and Page Community Center.

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