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A word from the wise: CMSAF No. 5 speaks at SNCO induction, leaves message for young Airmen



Airman 1st Class Kendra Fulton

Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force No. 5, Chief Master Sgt. Robert Gaylor speaks to the crowd during the Senior NCO induction ceremony held Thursday.

BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS ALYSSA MILES
THE BOMBARDIER

Barksdale welcomed the fifth Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force as its guest speaker at the Senior NCO induction held Thursday.

(Retired) Chief Master Sgt. Robert Gaylor shared words of wisdom with more than 30 NCOs who were inducted into the senior-enlisted ranks.

Chief Gaylor joined the Air Force at the age of 19 in 1948, a year after it separated from the Army.

"When I joined the Air Force it was still trying to define itself," Chief Gaylor said. "I was an Air Force cop, but I wore the Army uniform for the first two years that I was in."

In 1965, after serving as a military training instructor at Lackland AFB, Texas, Chief Gaylor graduated from the Second Air Force NCO academy here with honors, and was chosen to be an instructor at the academy. He taught there until 1966 when the academy closed.

"Things have changed a lot since I was stationed here," he said. "The 11th Bomb Squadron was the base exchange, the old

housing has been torn down and there weren't any one-way streets."

Chief Gaylor returned to Barksdale after a tour in Thailand and helped with the reopening of the Strategic Air Command NCO Academy. On Aug. 1, 1977, he became the adviser to the then Secretary of the Air Force, John Stetson, and Chiefs of Staff of the Air Force, Gens. David Jones and Lew Allen, on the well-being of the enlisted servicemembers in the Air Force. He retired on July 31, 1979.

Although Chief Gaylor was stationed at many bases, one place in particular has always felt like home.

"Barksdale was my greatest assignment," he said. "My wife and I always talked about moving here after I retired."

Now, 27 years after his retirement, Chief Gaylor still cares for the well-being of today's Airmen and shows it by giving words of encouragement.

"Airmen should accept the Air Force as a total way of life," he said, "and be totally committed to it. Everyone will eventually go their separate ways, but Airmen should never lose sight of the Air Force mission."

"I am very thankful for all the Airmen serving in our Air Force. It wouldn't be what it is today without them."

Airmen urged to register to vote

AIR FORCE PRINT NEWS

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas -- Officials from the Air Force Personnel Center at Randolph AFB, Texas, encourage Airmen to register to vote during the Armed Forces Voter's Week today and Saturday so they can be a part of the election process.

Airmen serving away from their voting residence can submit a Federal Post Card Application SF-76 for registration or to request absentee ballots.

"We have set a Sept. 15 goal to deliver Federal Post Card Applications to all Airmen and their families. The significance of this date is in some

states it is a 'last chance' Airmen will have to register and request ballots," said John Lowrance, Air Force voting action officer at AFPC.

State voting rules are available in the 2006-2007 Voting Assistance Guide, available online at www.fvap.gov.

"Airmen may also contact base voting assistance officers who can assist them and family members with the registration and voting process," Mr. Lowrance said. "With thousands of local, state and federal positions up for election, Armed Forces Voter's Week is part of an overall plan to ensure Airmen have access to the information and tools they need to vote."



Barksdale members are invited to a prisoner of war and missing in action retreat ceremony at 4:30 p.m. Sept. 15. The event will include a retreat, formations, a wreath-laying ceremony and Taps. Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Ernie Savage will honor POWs and those who are still MIA and speak about their legacy. For more information, call the chapel at 456-2111.

Weekend Weather



Today
Partly Cloudy
Hi: 94
Low: 64



Saturday
Partly Cloudy
Hi: 95
Low: 68



Sunday
Isolated
Thunderstorms
Hi: 92
Low: 68

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Sortie Scoreboard

2d Bomb Wing monthly flying goals

	11th Bomb Squadron	40th Bomb Squadron	30th Bomb Squadron
Depicted in sorties			
Goal:	102	56	58
Flown:	97	54	56
Remaining:	5	2	2
As of:			
Aug. 31			



Remembering 9-11

The battle rages on in the GWOT

BY COL. DANIEL CHARCHIAN

2D BOMB WING COMMANDER

Monday marks the fifth anniversary of the tragic 9-11 attacks on our great nation. Nearly everyone can remember where they were the moment the planes hit the World Trade Center buildings, the Pentagon and the final hijacked aircraft came down in the field in Pennsylvania, but I would like for everyone to take a moment to remember one more thing – that the Global War on Terrorism is far from over and that the associated risks are still quite real.

It has been five years since the war reached the United States and following the events of September 11, 2001, the United States took the fight to the enemy. Since we have not experienced a subsequent attack on American soil it is natural for people to think that the threat has been mitigated – at least here at home.

It is true that the United States and our coalition partners have come a long way and have many GWOT success stories, but one need only watch the evening news, listen to radio reports or look to the internet to see that the war continues in the Middle East. We have made great strides to thwart terrorist activities both at home and abroad, but we cannot let our guard down – the threat is still very real and most experts believe that the war will continue for some time.

I realize this is not news for the men and

women of Barksdale. Our professional Airmen are constantly training to maintain their edge and are deploying to all parts of the world to provide support to warfighting commanders – in fact, on Labor Day I saw a 100 member deployment off from Barksdale for AEF 3/4. They are consistently moving forward into harms way to defend and preserve our way of life and to help bring the freedoms we cherish to those who have been forced to live under the control of terrorist regimes. Each and every one of you should be very proud to be involved in such a noble cause.

Make no doubt about it – the Global War on Terrorism is the Air Force Chief of Staff's number one priority. The sacrifices you make here and all over the world are being recognized. Five years have passed since the horror and devastation of the 9-11 attacks, but we must never forget that our men and women are still fighting, being wounded and dying on the battlefield. In fact, one of our Air Force members Maj. Jill Metzger was just recently listed as Missing in Action while serving in Kyrgyzstan.

While it may be easy to look around and see that we seem safe here at home and the war appears to be far away, we must never forget that the attack on the United States five years ago was only the beginning. We must all remember that the war still rages on and we must remain vigilant and relentless if we are to succeed in stamping out the forces that threaten our very way of life.

Action Line 456-4000

actionline@barksdale.af.mil

The Action Line is an avenue for complaints, suggestions and kudos on services provided at Barksdale. Comments can help make the base a better place.

Although the Action Line is always available for use, the best and fastest way to resolve problems is through the chain of command or the organization involved.

Individuals are encouraged to go that route first. If the problem is still unresolved, call the Action Line and the appropriate base agency will address the problem. Positive feedback about Barksdale is also encouraged. Please leave a name and phone number when calling the Action Line.



Col. Daniel Charchian
2d Bomb Wing Commander

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ATSO question of the week

Q: What is done during Post-Attack Reconnaissance?

A: Remain in shelter or under cover unless otherwise directed. Keep exposure to a minimum and remember contamination avoidance. When contamination is present and movement is required, don't move between zones without prior approval. Follow appropriate contamination control procedures. Check the pre-positioned M8 throughout the immediate area for signs of contamination. Check all detectors in your area and listen for audible alarms. Check for unexploded ordnance. Report positive and negative findings to your UCC. Negative detector readings don't necessarily equate to hazard-free assets; liquids may have dissipated but low level vapors may still be present (REF AFMAN 10-100 pg. 126, AFMAN 10-2602)



Tech. Sgt. Jim Varhegyi

WASHINGTON – Smoke billows from the Pentagon after a hijacked commercial jetliner crashed into the building Sept 11, 2001. The Pentagon crash followed an attack on the twin towers of the World Trade Center in New York City in one of the worst terrorist actions in history.

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Offer opportunities for personal and professional wellness and growth

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Remembering Sept. 11, sacrifices that followed

BY MAJ. DARREN EASTON
37TH HELICOPTER FLIGHT COMMANDER

F.E. WARREN AIR FORCE BASE, Wyo. – Over the course of time, and specifically since Sept. 11, 2001, many of our comrades have made the ultimate sacrifice for their country, giving their very lives in the name of freedom. I salute each and every one of them and owe them my service to the same cause as a debt of gratitude.

Countless others, however, have given the same sacrifice, although in a different way. To paraphrase a passage in the Bible, it is good to die for a cause, but even more difficult to live for that cause.

When I swore my life to the Constitution of the United States of America, like all of us in uniform, I pondered the prospect of dying for it. Now, many years down the road, and many nights away from my wife and children, I realize what I really swore was to live for the Constitution, and if necessary, put myself in harm's way for it.

The Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Airmen who have made the ultimate sacrifice are not so different from thousands of patriots who live among us, sacrificing a few minutes or hours at a time for the cause of freedom. They give their lives freely, albeit incrementally, to operate, guard and maintain our Air Force, day in and day out – 24 hours, seven



Illustration by W.C. Pope

The Statue of Liberty cries in the aftermath of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

days a week, 365 days a year – for the same cause as those who stormed Baghdad to topple a tyrant whose reign threatened the stability of a region and possibly the globe.

The commanders who sent their troops into harm's way in Iraq and Afghanistan, no doubt, spent many hours searching their souls to ensure they did not send their troops into harm's way without due cause. They weighed the risks against the benefits to the specific mis-

sion, and with heavy hearts, gave their orders.

Likewise, supervisors at all levels, from commanders to the first line Senior Airmen, let us consider carefully what we are asking of our Airmen before we compel them to sacrifice their lives, even if only a few minutes at a time.

Recently, in my unit, we planned a mission that got cancelled at the last minute. I overheard one of my Airmen say, "That's an hour of my life I'll never get back."

Sometimes, that's simply the cost of doing the mission. Our challenge as supervisors at all levels, down to the Senior Airman in charge of other Airmen, is to evaluate the tasks we assign those in our charge in order to ensure the things we are asking of them work toward the goal of mission accomplishment.

Earlier in my career, I had a supervisor who was a great leader, an exemplary officer and a patriotic American. However, he had a habit of assigning the same project to two or three dif-

ferent officers at the same time. I might be working on a project, only to find after hours of effort that another officer in the unit was working on the same thing. It was discouraging to think the time away from my family was duplicating the efforts of others away from their families.

The lesson I learned from this, as a commander, is we must consider carefully the tasks we assign our Airmen and ask ourselves what the nation is gaining from the sacrifice we are demanding of our troops.

This is not to condemn any particular commander or policy, but rather to inspire all those in any position of leadership to think about the sacrifice they are asking of their Airmen, a few minutes at a time.

Every unit in the Air Force has both a direct mission requirement and the ancillary duties that support it.

Mission execution, esprit de corps, quality of life and base appearance all contribute to the mission.

The true question to ask is not, "How long?" any specific task takes, but rather, "Does it contribute to the mission?" Is the time well spent? When our Airmen get out of bed in the morning, do they know they are going to make a difference that day? Are they confident their sacrifices are essential, or are they just punching the clock? Are we asking them to do what is important, or are we wasting their time?

When I get a detail together to police around my unit for trash, the History Channel almost never sends a crew over to chronicle the sacrifice of the brave and valiant men and women of the 37th HS.

However, those Airmen just gave ten minutes of their lives they will never get back, and I have to respect that. It is my job as their leader to ensure they know that even in the small details, their sacrifice is important.

What I am asking supervisors of all levels, from Senior Airman to general officers, is when they order their Airmen to execute any task, they remember they are asking for the ultimate sacrifice a few minutes and hours at a time.

Remember that while our Airmen may not be fighting in the streets of Baghdad, they nonetheless are sacrificing of their lives every day in service to their country. Let's make it count!



Mission possible

Honor Guard needs members to serve

By 2D Lt. M. CAITLIN FLYNN
2D BOMB WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Its members raise the flag and post the colors at a change of command, and at a military funeral, paying final tribute to a fallen comrade. It is the Honor Guard, an elite group of Air Force members who volunteer their time to pay respect to others.

The primary mission of the Barksdale Honor Guard is to provide military funeral honors for deceased active duty members, retirees and veterans who served honorably in the Air Force. The group also provides honors and ceremonies for distinguished persons, change of command ceremonies, civilian programs, parades and celebrations.

According to Master Sgt. Anthony Blake, NCO in charge of the Barksdale AFB Honor Guard, the volunteers who make up the organization are assigned for one year each, during which they perform full-time Honor Guard duty for two weeks out of every six week period.

Sergeant Blake said that the Honor Guard is currently in need of new members to keep them at the optimal level of manning so that they are able to continue performing their mission.

"We strive to have three teams of 22 members each, but right now we are 16 members short of that goal," he said.

Col. Daniel Charchian, 2d Bomb Wing commander, said that he appreciates the sacrifices that the men and women of the Barksdale Honor Guard make to support the organization's important mission, which is mandated by law.

"The mission of the Honor Guard is critically important – to honor fallen veterans and support the local military and civilian communities," Colonel Charchian said.

Sergeant Blake said that this special mission requires a certain type of person.

"Members of the Honor Guard



Courtesy photo

Barksdale Honor Guard members prepare to fold the flag after a funeral this spring in the local area. The Honor Guard is currently in need of members to continue their mission of serving the local on- and off-base communities.

need to be motivated and physically fit, with good military bearing and a positive attitude," he said. "Most of all, they need to have a willingness to give back to their country, base and community."

Every Airman interested in becoming a member of the Honor Guard must either be currently working on his or her five-level Career Development Courses or have them completed. He or she must be recommended by his or her supervisor and then receive approval by his or her unit's First Sergeant and commander. Once the member officially joins the Honor Guard, he or she will receive specialized training.

Sergeant Blake said that Airmen can expect to gain a lot from their involvement with the Honor Guard, including improved leadership skills, teamwork and discipline.

"The biggest personal gain someone can get from being involved with the Honor Guard is the pride they'll get for giving respectful tribute to the men and women who have served honorably in the past and to those who have died performing

those duties," he said.

Sergeant Blake said that Honor Guard members should be proud of their involvement, since they were each hand-picked for their superior personal and professional qualities.

"The members of the Honor Guard act as ambassadors for the base and the United States Air Force," he said. "They are truly the best of the best and are a great representation of the base and their respective units. They leave a lasting impression on everyone they come in contact with."

Colonel Charchian agreed.

"I am very proud of our Barksdale Airmen who volunteer to participate in the Honor Guard for their dedication, commitment and service to others," he said. "They are part of an honorable tradition that truly embodies the spirit of the United States Air Force, and they should be proud of themselves for that."

For more information on the Barksdale Honor Guard, call 456-5246 or visit its Web site at www.barksdaleservices.com/honor-guard.htm.

Toastmasters travel to Texas for tips on talking

By 2D Lt. FRANK HARTNETT
THE BOMBARDIER

Three newly appointed officers of Barksdale's Conquerors chapter of toastmasters went to Longview, Texas for a seminar last month.

(Retired) Senior Master Sgt. Paige Redfield, Toastmasters' president, Gale Funk, vice president of education, and 1st Lt. Chris Wilson, vice president of public relations attended, the Toastmasters' Learning Institute to receive valuable lessons in how to run a successful toastmasters chapter and communicate effectively with others.

"Every six months the local chapter elects new officers," Lieutenant Wilson said. "The new officers then go to one of the local Toastmaster learning institutes."

Numerous sessions are held throughout the local area from Shreveport to Dallas.

At the institute, new officers learn valuable skills and hone their existing talents. Press releases, marketing tips and lessons in marketing were a few of the issues discussed at the seminar.

"We are a club devoted to building confidence, sharpening communication skills and developing leaders," Lieutenant Wilson said.

The seminars also serve as an opportunity for local members to network. Toastmasters regularly build connections and career opportunities as events such as the learning institute.

"I come to Toastmasters because of the self-improvement it offers, said Deanna O'Malley, a toastmaster.

As a mother of four, Ms. O'Malley enjoys the break away from the family to take a moment and work on her communication skills.

Lieutenant Wilson said the institute was a chance to have great lessons and also meet fantastic people.

"Whether you are trying to overcome a fear of public speaking or merely working on fine tuning your communication skills, Toastmasters has something for you," said Lieutenant Wilson.

Toastmaster meeting information

Toastmaster meetings are 5-6 p.m. Thursdays in the 2d Maintenance Group's Conference Room. For more information, contact Lieutenant Wilson at 780-8842.

The Bombardier asks:

Where were you during the attacks of 9/11?

"I was in my senior economics class."



Airman Erin Kirkpatrick
26th Operational Weather Squadron

"Port-au-Prince, Haiti in support of Operation Uphold Democracy."



Army Staff Sgt. Charlie McCree
Bossier City Recruiting Station

"I had just finished the night shift at the command post. I was working on the Battle Staff during the 2d Bomb Wing's practice nuclear generation."



Lt. Col. Ray Turek
2d Bomb Wing



Learning the hard lessons

On-Scene Commanders' School teaches first responders

BY 2D LT FRANK HARTNETT
THE BOMBARDIER

Representatives from many squadrons, including civil engineering and security forces, reacted to a mock mid-air collision simulating in two fatalities outside Barksdale

Wednesday. The exercise was part of the curriculum for the On-Scene Commanders' Course taught on base.

The course usually requires students to travel to Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., however, the OSC school was able to take their lessons on the road and teach at Barksdale.

Willie Rogers, deputy director, on-scene commanders' course, has been teaching the course since 1997. He said the

past nine years have been very rewarding. Using his knowledge and experiences from real-life contingencies, he provides his students with a realistic and effective learning experience.

"Lots of my students have taken this course then found themselves facing disaster at their home base," said Mr. Rodgers.

"One of my students left on a Thursday and by the next week he was the on-scene commander handing the hospital shooting at Fairchild AFB, Wash., then a few weeks after that they had a B-52 crash with four fatalities."

"He told me after those incidents 'Willie, tell your students to pay attention, because it can happen to them'."

The students who take the course have the chance to react and learn how to handle an accident scene before it happens.

"It's a great opportunity," said 1st. Lt. Brad Cox, 2d Civil Engineer Squadron readiness flight.

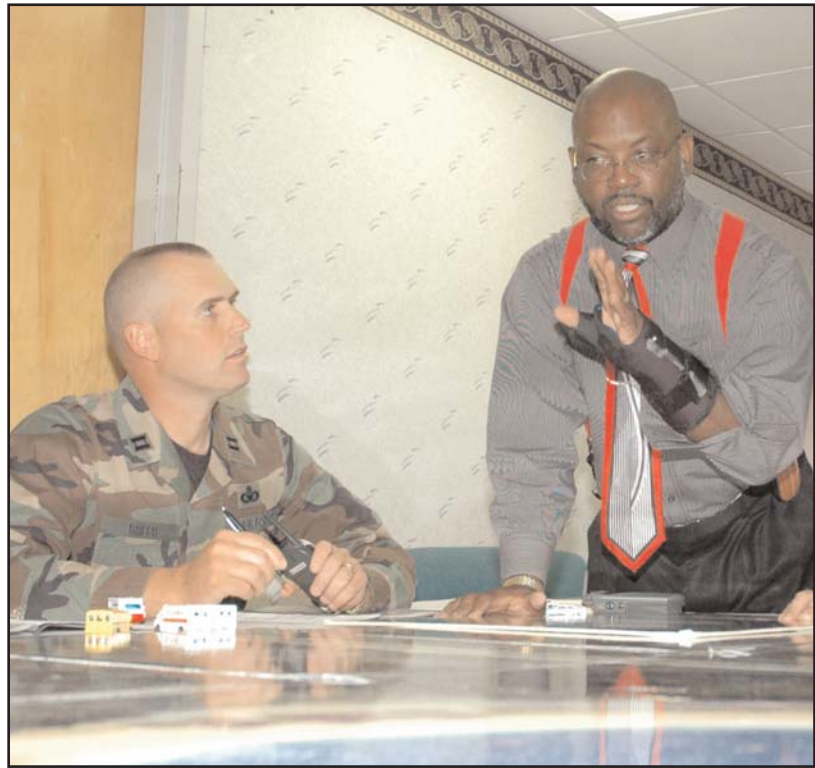
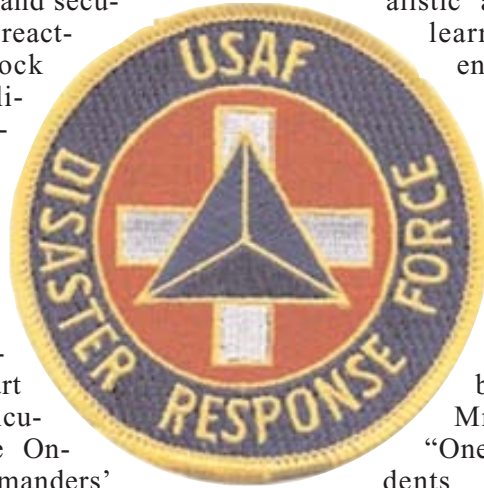
"I'd rather learn how to react and be the commander here, than learn on-the-fly."

The course included briefings from security forces, the base fire department, 2d CES readiness flight, legal office, EOD and public affairs.

The course is a mix of briefings and simulated scenarios. The blend of academics with practical applications keeps students on their toes

"The scenario was stressful, we were trying to get information but at the same time our teammates had their own issues to settle" said Lieutenant Cox.

"It's important that the students learn the lessons here," said Mr. Rodgers. "Because when it really happens, they need to be ready."



Photos by 2d Lt. Frank Hartnett

Willie Rodgers, deputy director, on-scene commanders' school reviews the exercise scenario with Capt. Mark Breed, operations officer, 2d Security Forces Squadron.

**Practice risk management
Don't drink and drive.**

For current and accurate command information, call the Barksdale Straight Talk Line 456-3065.



Maj. Kevin Cullen, 2d Security Forces Squadron commander and 1st. Lt. Brad Cox, 2 CES readiness flight listen to briefings in the disaster control center during a simulated mid-air collision.



Legal office sets dates for pre-deployment wills

All Airmen must keep wills updated

BY STEPHANIE BEMROSE
THE BOMBARDIER

The legal office will close for four days in October to focus solely on will preparation for Airmen who will deploy later this year.

The dates scheduled for will appointments are Oct. 12, 16, 19 and 23 for deploying Airmen.

It's important for people to have an updated will not just for deployment, but for everyday life, as people have a greater chance dying in a motor vehicle accident than while deployed, according to Maj. Julie Huygen, deputy staff judge advocate. They shouldn't wait for a deployment to do a will, she said.

"A will does two basic things – it states who gets your 'stuff' and who takes guardianship of your children when you die," the major explained. "There's nothing about a will or dying without one that's deployment-specific. Wills don't have an expiration date, but they need to be kept current."

The major and Capt. Ravi Kapoor, chief of legal assistance, advise that anyone whose life circumstances have changed should update their will. Situations that may cause someone to have another will to be drafted are having children, getting married or divorced, or if a relative has died who was named in their previous will.

Major Huygen said Airmen who wait until the last minute make more work for the legal office because wills are manpower-intensive. However, the legal office already sets aside two half-days each week for legal office staff members to do wills.

"Right now, our will appointments are booked into October," the major said.

Captain Kapoor believes it's most important for people to have a will who have children so they can

Will appointment information

Will appointments are available 9 a.m. to noon Mondays and 1-4 p.m. Thursdays by appointment only. Before the appointment, visit the legal office or its Web site for a will worksheet. People can bring their old will to their appointment but this is not necessary unless they have an unusual situation stated in their will.

The legal office has reserved will appointments on Oct. 12, 16, 19 and 23 for military members deploying before Dec. 31. Any military member who is deploying and needs a will should call 456-2562 immediately for an appointment.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 456-2562.

appoint a guardian and control how their estate will be taken care of if they pass away. However, because state law will give single members' money to their parents in the event of their death, if someone wants their money to go somewhere else, then it's important for them to have a will, too.

"The state law is fine if you want the state to decide where your money goes, but if it's important that your money doesn't go to the state but to someone related to you or a friend, then you must have a will to state your wishes," the captain said.

Captain Kapoor wants Airmen to make an appointment to have their will updated, if necessary, as soon as they know they are deploying – the sooner, the better.

The survey is on!

Take *The Bombardier* readers' survey this month by visiting
http://www.afnews.af.mil/internal/survey/survey_index.htm.

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Our editors would like to know what you think would make your base newspaper better!

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16 Barksdale Airmen receive Article 15s

SUBMITTED BY THE 2D BOMB WING
LEGAL OFFICE

The military justice system is a commander's program designed to support good order and discipline and to ensure mission accomplishment. When commanders decide to impose nonjudicial punishment under Article 15, Uniform Code of Military Justice, they have a variety of punishments from which to choose. For enlisted members, the possibilities include reduction in rank, forfeiture of pay, restriction (e.g., to the base or from clubs), extra duties, correctional custody, and a reprimand. Officers may receive forfeiture of pay, arrest in quarters, restriction, and a reprimand. In deciding on an appropriate punishment, the commander takes into account the facts of the case as well as the member's duty performance, attitude, potential and disciplinary history, such as previous reprimands or nonjudicial punishment. The following 16 Airmen received Article 15s during July 2006:

2d Security Forces Squadron

An airman was three hours late for duty and took a four-hour lunch. Punishment was reduction to the grade of airman basic, forfeiture of \$636 pay per month for two months, and 30 days extra duty. This individual has since been discharged.

An airman 1st class possessed and drank alcohol underage. Punishment was suspended reduction to the grade of airman, forfeiture of \$200 pay, and 30 days extra duty.

An airman fell asleep while on duty. Punishment was reduction to the

grade of airman basic and 14 days extra duty.

An airman 1st class fell asleep while on duty. Punishment was reduction to the grade of airman and 14 days extra duty.

An airman 1st class failed to properly sponsor a new airman. The airman 1st class also failed to follow procedures for receiving prescription drugs as a PRP member. Punishment was suspended reduction to the grade of airman and 14 days extra duty.

An airman 1st class was late to a mandatory appointment and left work early. Punishment was reduction to the grade of airman, forfeiture of \$333 pay, and 14 days extra duty. This individual has since been discharged.

2d Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

A senior airman committed assault and battery. Punishment was suspended reduction to the grade of airman 1st class, forfeiture of \$797 pay per month for two months, and 30 days correctional custody.

An airman 1st class was driving under the influence of alcohol. Punishment was reduction to the grade of airman and 30 days extra duty.

2d Civil Engineer Squadron

An airman 1st class failed to maintain vehicle insurance and made a false official statement. Punishment was reduction to airman and a reprimand. This individual has since been discharged.

A senior airman was caught com-

mitting indecent acts with a civilian. Punishment was reduction to airman 1st class and a reprimand.

2d Maintenance Squadron

A staff sergeant misused the Government Travel Card. Punishment was reduction to the grade of senior airman, suspended 30 days extra duty, and a reprimand.

An airman basic failed to return to work after lunch. Punishment was forfeiture of \$636 pay per month for two months and 30 days extra duty. This individual has since been discharged.

2d Munitions Squadron

A senior airman went to a bar instead of staying home as directed after being released early from work due to back pain. Punishment was reduction to airman 1st class.

A senior airman did not attend a mandatory uniform inspection and then made a false official statement about his attendance. Punishment was reduction to airman 1st class and 14 days extra duty.

A senior airman displayed offensive or obscene material on a government computer. Punishment was reduction to the grade of airman 1st class.

2d Operations Support Squadron

An airman basic tested positive for marijuana. Punishment was forfeiture of \$636 pay and 30 days restriction to base. This individual has since been discharged.

AAFES dispenses fuel pump transfer safety

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DALLAS – A military service member goes to the gas pump to fill two five-gallon containers, and then puts them in the trunk while running errands. After parking at the Ft. Leonard Wood hospital, the car bursts into flames. By the time the fire and smoke cleared from the June 5 explosion, 10 vehicles were destroyed.

"The Ft. Leonard Wood Fire Department suspects the fire most likely started when an electrical spark from the tail or brake light ignited fumes that accumulated in the hot enclosed trunk," said Army & Air Force Exchange Service Health and Safety Manager Mike Myers. "It was a miracle no one was fatally injured."

With 269 gas stations worldwide serving 11.6 million customers, AAFES has a vested interest in educating military families on the dangers of careless gasoline use. The American Petroleum Institute recommends the following precautionary measures for storing and transporting gasoline:

*Store at room temperature, away from potential heat sources such as the sun

*Keep appliance pilot lights or igniters more than 50 feet from stored gasoline

*For better ventilation, handle gasoline outdoors

In addition, Myers recommends keeping gasoline containers tightly closed and not

storing them in the trunk for a prolonged period of time.

"Gasoline and other fuels are extremely dangerous and we must exercise great care when using, transporting or storing them."

Transporting and storing gasoline is not the only potential hazardous situation. A separate but equally important issue is static electricity. Additional refueling and fuel safety guidelines include:

*Turning off the vehicle engine while refueling

*Putting the vehicle in park and/or setting the emergency brake

*Disabling or turning off any auxiliary sources of ignition such as a camper or trailer heater, cooking units or pilot lights

*Not smoking, lighting matches or lighters at the pump or when using gasoline anywhere else

*Using only the refueling latch provided on the gasoline dispenser nozzle - never jamming the refueling latch on the nozzle open

*Only using only approved portable containers and placing them on the ground to avoid a possible static electricity ignition of fuel vapors. Containers should never be filled while inside a vehicle or its trunk, the bed of a pickup truck or the floor of a trailer

*When filling a portable container, manually controlling the nozzle valve throughout the filling process

*Filling container no more than 95 percent full to allow for expansion



After Katrina: ACC's intel team applies lessons learned

BY MASTER SGT. MARK HAVILAND
AIR COMBAT COMMAND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, Va. — The men and women of Air Combat Command's intelligence directorate haven't been stocking up on distilled water and plywood, but they're prepared for the busy part of the 2006 hurricane season or any natural disaster that might affect the United States.

"We're light years ahead of where we were this time last year in our ability to rapidly provide imagery and mapping support to disaster response forces," said Col. James Poss, the command's intelligence director.

Of course, this time last year people at ACC — and throughout the nation — held their breath as Hurricane Katrina made landfall near New Orleans. Katrina caused more than \$50 billion in damage and claimed more than 1,600 lives, earning it a place in history as the nation's costliest hurricane and the sixth most intense Atlantic storm. Four weeks later, Hurricane Rita stormed ashore and added to the misery and destruction in the Gulf Coast region.

The Air Force response was swift: more than 5,500 people rescued, 12,258 tons of relief supplies delivered and 29,661 people airlifted from the areas are just a few of the highlights. The command's intelligence directorate did its part, too, deploying resources more commonly associated with the battlefield to collect and produce imagery that helped save lives and assess damage to critical infrastructure.

Though still providing around-the-clock support to warfighters in Afghanistan and Iraq, ACC's intelligence team deployed 31 people in support of Katrina operations and produced more than 2,300 imagery and mapping products for use by national, military, state and local civilian authorities.

In the aftermath, however, Air Force officials looked for ways to improve disaster response operations.

"The most valuable lesson we learned [from Katrina] was to be able to provide timely imagery to civil authorities," said Lt. Col. Michael Hill, chief of the directorate's force level intelligence systems branch. "Dealing with civil authorities quickly identified the need to support crisis operations at the unclassified level."

A host of other issues -- some logistical and some organizational -- needed closer examination, Colonel Hill explained. The directorate also had to



U.S. Air Force Photo

The U-2 Dragon Lady is considered the leader among manned intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance systems. An aircraft such as this collected images over the Gulf Coast region last year after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

remain ever-mindful of the legal issues with regard to defense support and military imagery support to civil and law enforcement authorities.

The directorate got a jump on the 2006 hurricane season in April by sponsoring a multi-agency workshop to discuss defense support to civil authorities. At the workshop, representatives from 27 federal and Defense Department agencies, including the Department of Homeland Security, the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, Joint Staff, Air Staff, National Guard Bureau, Northern Command, Joint Forces Command and various Air Force agencies focused on developing an imagery collection, production and dissemination strategy to support contingencies.

"From this workshop, the Directorate of Intelligence set forth on a two-track approach to the hurricane season. One was a comprehensive look at roles, responsibilities, policies, procedures and manning for defense support to civil authorities, and the other focused on imagery dissemination," said Colonel Hill.

At the heart of the workshop, Colonel Hill explained, was the question of who takes the lead, who works for whom, how the civil support mission is executed and, as might be expected, who supports the mission. These roles, responsibilities, policies, procedures and manning issues, along with the process for developing a prioritized imagery collection list for use by all services during a natural disaster were "clearly spelled out" during the workshop, the colonel said.

Another part of the workshop

focused on the Air Force imagery dissemination architecture. In the event that ACC assets are again called upon to conduct civil support operations, officials here want to provide as much data to the lowest level as quickly as possible. Plans are in place to use an unclassified, centralized Web-based area to get imagery — still photographs and full-motion video — to users with Internet capability and to provide an alternative to those who don't.

The directorate also formed a tiger team focused on aiding Air Forces North in civil support operations. AFNORTH, located at Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla., is the Combined Forces Air Component Commander to Northern Command and provides command and control of assets involved in air operations supporting recovery efforts.

During the 2005 hurricane season, AFNORTH established the first Air and Space Expeditionary Task Force in support of Hurricane Katrina, Wilma and Rita recovery operations. The tiger team formed a cooperative effort with the AFNORTH staff and the two organizations worked together to ensure processes, training and needs for additional manpower were well documented to meet the potential challenges of the 2006 hurricane season.

Colonel Poss saw this effort as a critical measure in getting the Air Force support function poised and properly equipped to execute state-of-the-art intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance operations, at a moment's notice, whenever and wherever needed.

"In the immediate aftermath of a disaster, first responders and

local officials at the scene may not have the means to receive data electronically," Colonel Hill said. "It's important that we establish an alternate means of providing information to them as quickly as possible."

One means of getting data to disadvantaged users would be to deploy imagery and communications packages such as Eagle Vision and the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency's Mobile Integrated Geospatial-Intelligence System. Eagle Vision, a ground station for processing imagery received directly from

commercial satellite platforms, and MIGS, a ground station capable of processing intelligence data from space, airborne and surface sensors, both offer the capability of receiving and exploiting still imagery at forward-deployed — or in the case of a disaster, isolated — locations.

"Intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance assets can provide imagery and video products which are invaluable to federal agencies, first responders, local law enforcement and even private citizens," said Colonel Poss. "As the principal operator of these U.S.-based assets, ACC has an important role in ensuring ISR products get to customers who need them — as quickly as possible — in the most appropriate format."

One year after Katrina, the command's intelligence assets are poised to provide unparalleled support to civil authorities — should another natural disaster strike. Aircraft and space-based cameras combined with recently approved flights by the Predator unmanned aerial vehicles and a partnership with National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency will ensure those authorities have a better than bird's-eye, though still unclassified, look at the affected area — providing imagery key to rescue, response and recovery operations.

"We will incorporate lessons learned, capitalize on emerging technology and continue protecting and supporting Americans in time of need after disasters such as Hurricane Katrina," said Colonel Poss.



Staff Sgt. Candy Knight

MANAS AIR BASE, Kyrgyzstan – Sergeant Turner, 376th Expeditionary Security Forces, passes out pieces of the ribbon cut during a children's playground dedication ceremony June 22. Members of the 376th ESF and Civil Engineer Squadrons built the playground equipment.

917 SFS return from Manas AB

BY TECH. SGT. SHERRI SAVANT
917TH WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Many children anxiously gather around with hands outstretched to take hold of a small piece of the ribbon, cut only moments earlier when their new school playground was dedicated.

Standing over them with handfuls of that ribbon was the Wing's own Tech. Sgt. Tony Turner, who was one of 13 917th Security Forces Squadron members deployed to the children's homeland, Kyrgyzstan, from Feb. 14 to Aug. 25.

In their off time, Sergeant Turner and his team chose to "give something back" to the poverty-stricken area just outside the fence line by designing and constructing a playground—one much appreciated by the locals.

"We had kids walking three to four miles from surrounding villages just to come play on the playground," Sergeant Turner said. "Seeing them enjoy what we did for them...that was probably the most memorable thing for me."

The 917 SFS departed Barksdale in late January for Silver Flag Alpha, two weeks of training prior to deployment. They arrived, in country, on Valentine's Day.

Their mission while there was to secure the interior and exterior perimeters of Manas AB, in addi-

tion to working at the armory and the vehicle search area at the main gate of the base.

"There was always the threat of a terrorist cell attacking you, and we were always postured for that to happen," Sergeant Turner said. "But on any given day, if you had time, you could go off base and go shopping or horseback riding."

"One day you're sitting in a humvee with a weapon guarding a fence line, and the next, you're sitting on a horse up in the mountains looking at some of the most beautiful country in the world," he said.

Deployments like this one are never successful without some sacrifice personally or professionally, however.

For Sergeant Turner, a single parent, it meant sacrificing his entire summer visit with his children. Tragedy struck his family mid-tour also, when his sister lost all four of her children in a house fire.

Professionally, the trip to Manas was his first as a team leader.

"There are definitely sacrifices," he said, "but there is something to be said about the pride you feel when you get done. I raised my hand and took an oath to defend my country, and when the opportunity presents itself, I'll step up to do it. I can't sit back and let someone else go."

Change of command

Col. Curtis Piontkowsky, 608th Air Communications Squadron, will relinquish command to Colonel Paul Suarez during a change of command at 3:30 p.m. today in the Barksdale Club. Dress is uniform of the day for military members and casual for civilians. For more information, call 2d Lt. George Delong at 456-0389.

Claims office

The Legal Office claims division will not be accepting household goods claims Sept. 18-29 for end-of-year close out. If, during that time, a claim reaches the two-year statute of limitations, please contact them immediately for an appointment to file at 456-5960. During this time, they will still be accepting the DD Form 1840/1840R (pink form), which must be submitted within 70 days of household goods delivery if you have household goods damaged or missing.

Spades tournament

The African American Heritage Committee is hosting a membership drive and spades tournament at 6 p.m. today at the Stripes Ballroom. All ranks are welcome. Door prizes and food are provided, as well as a cash prize for the top team. For registration information, call 1st Lt. Roy Rhinehart at 456-3195 or Staff Sgt. Erica Baker at 456-4519.

Home School Group

The Barksdale Home School Group meets from 7-9 p.m. the second Monday of every month at Chapel One. The next meeting is Monday. The group is open to all military families and has many events planned for this year such as co-op classes, archery, field trips, etc. Please contact Shonette at 752-1458 or Rebecca at 455-6510 for more information.

News briefs

Pet show

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service is hosting a Pets On Parade Pet Show from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the base exchange and will include contests and information. There is no registration fee. For more information, call 741-3243.

Patriots' Dinner

The Patriots' Celebration Dinner will be held at 7 p.m. today in the Ballroom of Diamond-Jacks Casino Resort to honor military members. The following Barksdale members have been nominated by their superiors: Tech. Sgt. George Anderson, Tech. Sgt. John Biery, Staff Sgt. Jessie Cadavid, Tech. Sgt. Louanna Campbell Master Sgt. Michael Gibson, Master Sgt. Kevin Jones, 1st Lt. Wendy Moreno, Tech. Sgt. Brenda Policy, Airman 1st Class Jason Pierce, Staff Sgt. Dawn Richard, Tech. Sgt. Barbara Schleben, and Master Sgt. Laura Sherfick. Tickets are \$20 for military members. For more information, please contact Julie McCoy at 746-0252.

Employment

Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps has immediate employment opportunities for retired or retiring Air Force officers and NCOs. Whoever has retired within the past 10 years or is within six months from retirement, may qualify to be a JROTC instructor. AFJROTC currently has 13 officer and NCO vacancies in Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma and a total of 85 vacancies worldwide. To submit an JROTC instructor application and learn more about the program, visit www.afoats.af.mil and select "AFJROTC" or contact Jo Alice Talley, chief of instructor management, at (866) 235-7682, extension 7742, DSN: 493-7742, or commercial (334) 953-7742.

Retraining

Air Force officials have announced the start of the fiscal year 2007 NCO retraining program. The FY07 NCO corps will target approximately 1,113 SNCOs and NCOs to retrain from Air Force Specialty Codes with NCO overages to AFSCs with NCO shortages. The voluntary phase of the program runs through Sept. 18.

If necessary, an involuntary phase will begin shortly afterwards. Some restrictions apply, depending on grade and AFSC. Contact a local commander's support staff for complete details and a list of available retraining in AFSCs.

Tri-Care Online

The 2d Medical Group now gives instant access to scheduling same-day medical appointments. Users must register as a beneficiary before they can book appointments with their Primary Care Manager. Active duty members can log on at 7 a.m. and all others can log on at 7:30 a.m. All active duty members need to establish an account. For more information, visit www.tricareonline.com. A link is available on the Barksdale home page.

Chief boards

The 2006 chief master sergeant evaluation board is scheduled to convene Oct. 10-20 at the Air Force Personnel Center. The 2007 senior master sergeant evaluation board is scheduled to convene Feb. 5-23, 2007 at the AFPC. Those who are eligible to meet one of these boards should review the individual fact sheet for the chief master sergeant and senior master sergeant promotion cycles. For this fact sheet or more information, contact a commander's support staff member or visit the AFPC Web page at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil.



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9-11

Five years later

Barksdale Airmen respond to the multiple attacks

STAFF REPORTS

In the hours following Sept. 11, 2001, Barksdale got a surprise visit in the form of President George W. Bush.

The base was seven days deep into a nuclear operational readiness exercise when the attacks began. Air Force One left Sarasota, Fla., to return to Washington D.C., but was diverted to Barksdale. While here, the president made his address to the nation before heading to Offutt Air Force Base, Neb. en route to Washington D.C.

Lt. Gen. Curt Bedke, who was then the 2d Bomb Wing commander said he was proud of the teamwork and professionalism of the wing's members.

"You were engaged in a tough and important exercise involving strategic units from across the military and when tragedy struck, you reacted with flexibility and ingenuity. You quickly changed gears and focus and did the two most critical tasks we required of you. First, you ensured the protection of our people and resources; second, you worked with sober resolve to make sure we can remain ready to defend the nation," he said.

Then 8th Air Force commander, Lt. Gen. Tom Keck said, "The swift transition for some of our 8th AF wings from an exercise to this real-world crisis was commendable. All of you should be extremely proud of your professionalism and critical support during these tragic events."

During the President's address from Barksdale he said, "I want to reassure the American people that the full resources of the federal government are working to assist local authorities to save lives and to help the victims of these attacks. Make no mistake: the United States will hunt down and punish those responsible for these cowardly acts."



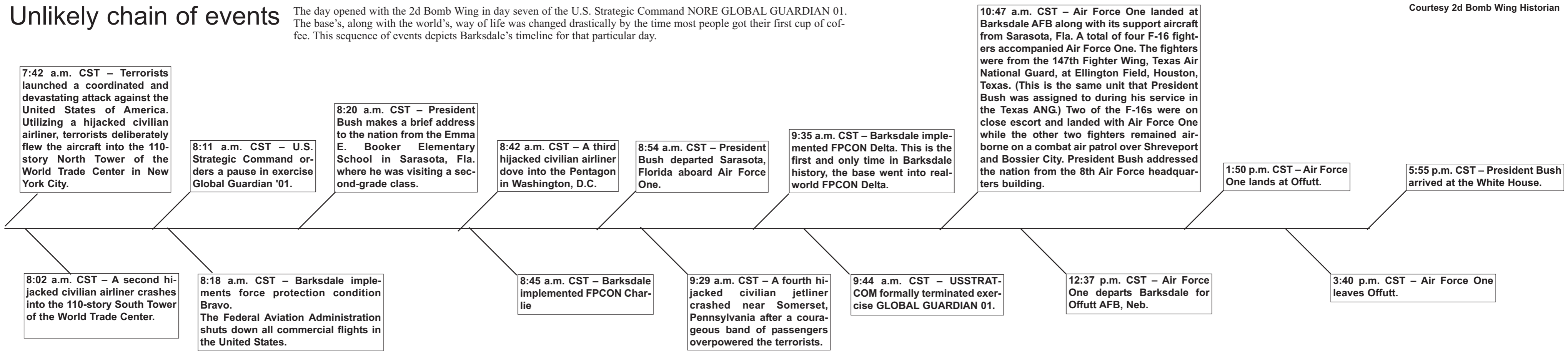
Courtesy 8th Air Force Museum Sept. 11 Collection Win McNamee/Reuters Copyright 2001

President George W. Bush addressed the White House Press Corps at 8th Air Force headquarters building Sept. 11, 2001, when he diverted here on his return to the White House.

Unlikely chain of events

The day opened with the 2d Bomb Wing in day seven of the U.S. Strategic Command NORE GLOBAL GUARDIAN 01. The base's, along with the world's, way of life was changed drastically by the time most people got their first cup of coffee. This sequence of events depicts Barksdale's timeline for that particular day.

Courtesy 2d Bomb Wing Historian





Services events

Win \$11,000

Super bingo is Tuesdays in the Stripes ballroom. It features eight \$100 cash games, two progressive cash jackpots including a \$11,000 cash jackpot and a new "Air Fare to Anywhere" prize. The program is open to all ranks, retirees and civilians. Club members get special pricing. Dinner and early bird games begin at 5:30 p.m. Calling begins promptly at 6:30 p.m. Call 456-4926 for more information.

Hold 'em finale

The Texas Hold'em year-end tournament is 6:30 p.m. Sept. 22 at the Stripes Lounge. The night features a Hold'em tournament open to the base public, with prizes for the top eight finishers. At 8 p.m., the year's winners play for a trip to Las Vegas. Call 456-4926 to sign up.

Scrapbook classes

Scrapbook classes are 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Friday at the arts and crafts center. Cost is \$3 a person. Additionally, a wide variety of scrapbook supplies are available for purchase at discount prices. Call 456-3140 to learn more.

Piano lessons

Piano lessons are now available for first-time students ages five and older. Lessons are taught by Staff Sgt. Jason Gray and are scheduled on a weekly basis at the Youth Center. Call Sergeant Gray at (205) 229-0164 or the youth center at 456-3448 for more information.

Family night

The rockin' & rollin' family night is 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the Barksdale Club. Children and members are admitted free while non-members pay only \$5. Enjoy child friendly tunes and a buffet for both children and adults. Additionally, arts and crafts are avail-

able for the children. Call 456-4926 for details.

Barksdale star

Due to the overwhelming response of the Barksdale Star talent competition, Stripes is holding an additional event at 8 p.m. Sept. 15. This event is slightly different than the last because it takes place in conjunction with the Tops In Blue Talent Search. Participants not only have the opportunity to win an audition with an entertainment company, but all active duty may also get their performance taped and submitted to Tops In Blue. Participation and admission are free. All persons interested in entering the competition need to call the Barksdale Club at 456-4926.

New rental equipment

Brand new equipment is available for renting at Equipment Rental. Wood chippers are \$35 per day, brush cutters are \$45 per day, 7'x16' trailers are \$25 per day and riding mowers are \$45 per day and includes trailer. Call 456-3426 for more information.

Personalizing Stripes

Patrons are invited to participate in personalizing the Stripes Lounge by donating hats, old BDU name tags and sports jerseys. Donations are prominently displayed in the lounge. People who donate receive a drink on the house. Call 456-4926 to learn more.

Fall festival

The arts and crafts center is now accepting vendor and automobile entries for the annual fall festival car and motorcycle show. The event is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 14 at Hoban Hall. Booth rental is \$40 for a single space or \$65 for two spaces.

Motorcycle and car show entries cost \$15 per application and includes a free event t-shirt. Applications are available at the arts and crafts center. Call 456-3140 for more information.

New parking lot

The new parking lot and entrance road are open at the Fox Run Golf Course. Stop by and enjoy the improved parking accommodations and a nice homestyle breakfast. The range is now fully operational. Contact the Fox Run pro shop for a tee time by calling 456-3832.

Cajun Warrior Attitude

Catch it!

Family: Daughter

Hometown: Decatur, Ga.

Unit: 2d Bomb Wing
Commander Support Section

Job title: NCO in charge of wing staff client system administration

Job description: Provide customer service for wing staff members computers and correspondence

Most rewarding job aspect: Completing a job and satisfying a customer

Goals: Make chief master sergeant

Hobbies: Football and sports games

Favorite movie: Casino



Staff Sgt. Kris Johnson

My pet peeve: People who always complain, but don't do anything about it

Favorite TV show: Family Guy

I'm proudest of: My current

success since I've been in the Air Force

Favorite performer: Outkast

Favorite meal: Fried pork chops, cabbage, rice and gravy, yams, cornbread and a tall glass of sweet tea

Favorite book: "Who Moved My Cheese?" by Spencer Johnson

By best asset is: My personality

Person I admire the most: My mom

Most influential person in the Air Force and why: Chief Master Sgt. Jeffrey Barnes because he told me that he sees success in me and he knows that I am going to be a great asset to the Air Force.



Chapel events

Education

Protestant Religious Education will resume at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Chapel 2 Annex and is scheduled for every Wednesday evening until further notice. For more information, call the chapel at 456-2111.

Catholic Services

Confession, 4:30-5:15 p.m. Saturday in Chapel Two
Mass, 5:30 p.m. Saturday in Chapel Two, 9 a.m. Sunday in

Chapel Two and 11:30 a.m. Sunday in Chapel One

Protestant Services

Liturgical communion service, 9 a.m., Sunday, Chapel One
Community worship service, 10:30 a.m., Sunday, Chapel Two
Inspirational gospel service, noon, Sunday, Chapel Two

Islamic Services

Prayer services, 1:30 p.m. Friday, Masjid Noor, 1000 Delhi Road in Bossier City

At the movies

“Miami Vice”

Rated: R
Playing: 7 p.m. today and Sunday
Run time: 135 minutes
Cast: Colin Farrell, Jamie Foxx
Synopsis: Ricardo Tubbs is urbane and dead smart. He lives with Bronx-born intel analyst Trudy Crockett, as they work undercover transporting drug loads into South Florida to identify a group responsible for three murders. The intensity of the murder case pushes Crockett and Tubbs out onto the edge where identity and fabrication become blurred, where cop and player become one—especially for Crockett in his romance with Isabella and for Tubbs in the provocation of an assault on those he loves.

“The Ant Bully”

Rated: PG
Playing: 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday
Run time: 117 minutes
Cast: Julia Roberts, Nicolas Cage
Synopsis: New in town, Lucas Nickle has been taking out his frustration on the innocent ant hill in his yard. But one day the ants retaliate. Using a magic potion, they shrink Lucas down to ant size and sentence him to live like an ant in their colony. In this strange, new world, Lucas will learn important lessons about friendship, get a whole new perspective on life and ultimately find the courage to stand up for himself.

Airman, Family Readiness Center

Moving off-base seminar

This 90-minute workshop will be held at 8 a.m. Wednesday and is designed to assist dorm residents with transitioning into the local community. Topics include: preparing to live in an apartment, roommate selection, budgeting, saving, managing and reducing debt. Individual budget assessments will be conducted. Call 456-8400 for more information.

Resume workshop

This class will be held at 8 a.m. Wednesday and will teach participants how to write a resume. Participants will also learn to make cover letters and how they are used. Call 456-8400 to register.

Single parents group

The Single Parents Support Group will meet at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday. The Single Parents Group is designed to promote interaction between single parents by allowing an opportunity to share parenting experiences. The group meets the second Wednesday of each month. Call 456-8400 for more information.

Troops to Teachers

This workshop is for active-duty and DoD civilians interested in a second career in education. It is facilitated by the

Louisiana Troops to Teachers Director, Education Office and Louisiana Tech. University. Participants will learn the program function and will receive application information.

Selling your home

This workshop is at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday. The objectives of this workshop are for each participant to understand and become familiar with the different aspects of preparing and selling their home. This workshop is designed to provide basic information on home marketing and the sales process. Call 456-8400 for more information.

Sponsorship training

Participants will meet for this training 10 a.m. Thursday and learn the importance of good sponsorship, as well as the responsibilities of a sponsor and the resources available for providing newcomers with the best possible relocation experience. Call 456-8400 to register.

Deployed families’ dinner

The Barksdale Airman and Family Readiness Center invites the families of deployed members to a night of food, friends and fun at 5:30 p.m. Sept. 28 in the Chapel 2 Annex. The event is free and on-site childcare will be provided. Call 456-8400 to sign-up.



Persistence under pressure

Air Force lieutenant breaks Army push-up record

BY SENIOR AIRMAN
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AIR FORCE PRINT NEWS

CAMP SHELBY, Miss. — The installation record for the most push-ups in the gas chamber without wearing a mask was 162. And thus a challenge was made to the Airmen attending combat skills training here.

Without a second thought, 1st Lt. Stephen Maddox picked up the gauntlet Aug. 30.

He had certainly done more than 162 push-ups before. The lieutenant played football for the Air Force Academy before his current assignment to the 325th Communications Squadron at Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla.

Urged on by his fellow Air-

men, he answered with two words: "Bring it."

First up was his actual gas chamber qualification. He would have to knock that out before moving on to the challenge. After some quick calisthenics, he dropped his mask and did 70 push-ups. For Lieutenant Maddox, it was a warm-up.

"The record was set in 2004

by a Wisconsin National Guardsman," said Army Master Sgt. Jerry Nickles, a nuclear, biological and chemical NCO and training instructor. "The push-ups aren't the problem. I've seen people do 200. It's staying in there with all that gas."

Lieutenant Maddox and several supporters entered the chamber filled with tear gas. He tore

off his mask and immediately hit the ground to start his shot at the record.

Others joined in, removing their gas masks as well and keeping pace with the lieutenant. One Airman did 17 before he had to get out. Another did as many as 50. By the time Lieutenant Maddox hit his first 70, he hit his stride.

"I knew I had to just keep at it," the lieutenant said. "There was no way I was going to quit."

He took a couple of breaks, but as the effects of the gas would set in, he immediately got back to task. One by one, his supporters fled the room, the gas too much for them to stay inside.

A few minutes later, Lieutenant Maddox emerged from the chamber. A crowd of more than 100 Airmen stood by, waiting to hear if he'd done it.

Someone yelled out "165!" The crowd went wild; his boisterous supporters kept calling out the number. No one could believe it, not even the Soldier instructors.

"Plenty have tried and have done 50, 60, 70," Sergeant Nickles said. "I certainly didn't think he'd do it. That record will be around for a while; no one is breaking that."

For Lieutenant Maddox, the victory was one of Air Force pride and friendly competition with the sister services.

"When they told us about it, they issued it as a challenge," Lieutenant Maddox said. "The Air Force never backs down from a challenge.

"Plus it's always good to beat the Army," laughed the former offensive lineman.



Air Force photo

First Lt. Stephen Maddox broke a long-standing Army record for the number of push-ups completed in a gas chamber without wearing a mask Aug. 30 when he managed 165 before emerging from the chamber.



Sports shorts

Football frenzy

Football frenzy is underway at Stripes every Sunday and Monday. Barksdale members can watch all the games with NFL Sunday Ticket. Club members get a chance to win a trip to an NFL game, the Pro Bowl or the Super Bowl that includes game tickets, airfare, hotel and transportation. Call 456-4926 for more information.

Fitness Center Safety Day Events

Sign up at the fitness center for a day of fun on Sept. 29. The day features a Chiefs versus Eagles volleyball game at 1 p.m., a first shirt versus commanders one-pitch softball game at 2:30 p.m. and ends with an all squadron wacky relay competition at 4 p.m. Call 456-4135 for more information.

POW/MIA Run

The fitness center will host a POW/MIA 5K run on Sept. 15 at 7 a.m. Call 456-4135 for more information.

Spring Xtreme Fitness

The National Aerobic and Fitness Trainers Association is hosting Spring Xtreme Fitness Sept. 16-17 at the fitness center. The primary group workshop takes place on Sept. 16 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and the power cycle workshop takes place on Sept. 17 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Cost is \$89 per course plus required manuals. Group manuals cost \$70 and cycle manuals cost \$50. Register online at <http://www.nafta1.com> or by phone at 1-800-925-6403.

Run for fun

A new running and fitness incentive program begins on Sept. 18 at the fitness center. The primary goal of the program is to aid in achieving a healthier attitude and bodies for people scoring 75 percent or below on their last PT test. The program increases core strength, muscular endurance and overall PT score. Sign up at the fitness center by

Wednesday to participate. Participants receive a t-shirt upon completion of the program. Call 456-4135 to learn more.

Proper weightlifting techniques

The fitness center is hosting a class every Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on proper weightlifting techniques and an orientation on the facility equipment. People between the ages 13 to 15 are required to attend the facility equipment orientation. Call 456-4135 for more information.

Free judo classes

Free judo classes with Sensei Duffield are available at the fitness center on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Classes for youth ages 5 to 12 are from 6-7 p.m. and classes for ages 13 and older are from 7-8 p.m. Call 456-4135 for details.

Superman bowling program

Kids of all ages are invited to participate in the bowling center's superman bowling program. The program is held from Monday through Oct. 31 and features a free glow in the dark bowling ball and superman t-shirt for completing the program.

Sign up at the bowling center and pick up a superman punch card to participate. Kids may bowl any time during open bowling for a total of 16 games at \$10 per visit. The punch card may not be used during league play or cosmic bowling. Call 456-4133 for more information.

5K runs

The fitness center is now holding 5K runs on a monthly basis. The upcoming events will begin at 8 a.m. Oct. 28 and Dec. 14. Call 456-4926 for more information.

'Say no to drugs' bowling program

Bowl against drugs this summer by participating in the bowling centers' "Say no to drugs, Say yes to bowling" program. Present a valid stu-

dent identification at the bowling center and receive a punch card for one free game of bowling per day. Call 456-4133 for more information.

3-D archery

3-D Archery tournaments take place Sept. 24. Cost is \$25 for professionals, \$10 for non-members, \$5 for members, youth and

cubs, and free for peewees. Participants without base privileges must register by the Monday before the event. Call 453-0976 or e-mail outdoorrecreation@barksdaleservices.com for more information.

Grind time

The fitness center is home to a new eight week fitness incentive

program called Grind Time effective Sept. 18. The primary goal of the program is to aid in achieving a healthier attitudes and bodies for people scoring 75 percent or below on their last PT test. Sign up at the fitness center by Wednesday to participate. People receive a t-shirt upon completion of the program. Call 456-4135 for more information.