

AFE: Ensuring aircrew safety

By Airman 1st Class Sean Martin

2nd Bomb Wing Public Affairs
Aircrews spend hours of planning, preparation and training to fly their missions, but sometimes missions don't work out as expected. That's why the 2nd Operational Support Squadron's Aircrew Flight Equipment shop plays a key part for aircrews — helping them prepare for the unexpected.

The Barksdale AFE Flight works in direct support of the Air Force Global Strike Command mission. It is their job to provide the aircrews with safe and effective flight equipment. This is accomplished with meticulous equipment inspections, and ensuring the best equipment is available to reduce injuries and increase aircrew survival.

"The big picture is we maintain, inspect, repair and issue the equipment that keeps crew members alive in the air, on the ground and the time in between," said Capt. Edward Nichols, 2nd OSS AFE flight commander.

The AFE Flight helps the mission by reducing injuries and increasing the survival rate by providing aircrew and passengers with the best equipment available through new technologies, system training and quality system maintenance.

AFE is broken down into three areas. These areas include:

- The wing's AFE building where aircrew training is conducted. They are trained on aircrew chemical defense, aircrew equipment and emergency egress procedures.

- The Information Operations Center, where the majority of the aircrew flight equipment is located. This section deals with maintaining, inspecting, storing and equipment issue to the crew members.

- The flight line section is in charge of maintaining, servicing and assembling aircraft drag chutes, parachutes and survival kits. They also perform inspections on equipment that is loaded onto the aircraft

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Out in front of change



Tech. Sgt. Roy E. Stockinger Jr., 917th Civil Engineer Squadron structural carpenter, places the last new letter onto the 917th Wing Headquarters sign. The new letters are being placed in the sign ahead of changes coming to the Reserve Wing at Barksdale. The 917th Wing will be deactivated, and the 307th Bomb Wing reactivated in ceremonies at Hoban Hall on Saturday. In addition to those changes, the 47th Fighter Squadron will be redesignated as the 917th Fighter Group in the same ceremonies. Although the equipment and personnel assigned to the 917th FG will remain at Barksdale, command and control for the unit will fall under the 442nd Fighter Wing at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo.

B-52 spouses experience the real thing

By Tech. Sgt. Jeff Walston
917th Wing Public Affairs

Spouses of B-52 Stratofortress crewmembers from the 93rd and 11th Bomb Squadrons had the opportunity to see what their husbands are doing on a daily basis during a refueling mission at Barksdale on Nov. 16.

Approximately 15 spouses learned firsthand what it was like to fly with their spouses as they observed the refueling process of the B-52 from the boom operator's area in the rear of a KC-135 Stratotanker.

The KC-135 crew, who are from the 101st Air Refueling Wing at the Air National Guard Base in Bangor, Maine, consisted of Lt. Col. Dana A Beers, aircraft commander; Lt. Col. Karl W. Kornchuk, co-pilot; Master Sgt. Edward J. Seymour and Master Sgt. Christopher R. Boucher, who are both boom operators.

The 101st ARW, affectionately known as the "MAINEiacs", is located at the Bangor International Airport and provides 24-hour air and ground refueling for many aircraft whose destination takes them across the Atlantic.

Each of the spouses were given the opportunity to watch the refueling process and a couple even got to communicate with their husbands, who were on the B-52 from the 93rd Bomb Squadron of the 917th



Tech. Sgt. Jeff Walston/U.S. Air Force
Spouses of 93rd Bomb Squadron and 11th Bomb Squadron flight crews pose for a picture before taking off for a Spouse's Flight on a KC-135. The flight allowed the spouses to watch the refueling of a 917th Wing B-52 Stratofortress from the boom operator area of the refueling aircraft. The KC-135 was from the 101st Air Refueling Wing, Bangor, Maine.

Wing.
"I'm glad Christy will get the opportunity to experience a little of what we do here during

our drill weekends," said Lt. Col. Joseph Jones, commander, 93rd BS. "I know it will be one of those experiences she'll always remember."

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Dr. Martin Luther King Day: A day on, not a day off

By Staff Sgt. Karen Johnson
 2nd Bomb Wing Equal Opportunity

The third Monday of January is a federal holiday honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday. This year marks the 25th anniversary of the holiday. The theme is "Remember! Celebrate! Act!" The observance was enacted by Congress in 1986 to commemorate King's commitment and struggle for social change. It is a day for all Americans to reflect on racial equality.

Influenced by theologians, philosophers and ideological leaders like Gandhi, King's leadership focused on nonviolent activism to remove unjust racial barriers and eliminate social evils. His struggle for equality was not won without sacrifice.

The first major campaign of the

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civil rights movement began in Montgomery, Ala., with the year-long boycott of city busses in response to Rosa Parks' arrest following her refusal to give up her bus seat to a white passenger. However, boycotting Montgomery busses was not without peril or cost. King organized carpooling and travel for 17,500 former bus riders. For his efforts, King received threatening letters and phone calls, was arrested twice and his home was

bombed. Through adversity, King continued to preach nonviolent resistance. The Montgomery boycott successfully ended when the Supreme Court ruled Alabama's transportation laws were unconstitutional.

The importance of the nonviolent campaign in Alabama laid the framework for further successful campaigns aimed at desegregation and equal rights throughout the South. Grassroot boycotts sprung up in Birmingham and Mobile, Ala., and Tallahassee, Fla., as community leaders embraced King's vision and message. Sit-in demonstrations, Freedom Rides and marches began as united adults and youths protested nonviolently; many of these activists were arrested, beaten and some were

even killed. Many Americans were deeply affected by King's work and began to advocate change on a national level.

In 1964 President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Civil Rights Act with King in attendance. King's protests in Selma, Ala., also led to the passage of the 1965 Voting Rights Act. On April 4, 1968, King was assassinated, ending his life but not his dream for racial equality.

Each year, we honor his memory and sacrifice by reflecting on the Civil Rights Movement that won respect and fair treatment for all Americans regardless of race. This year Barksdale AFB will join together to commemorate King's life and legacy.

The power of physical training

By Chief Master Sgt. James Fulton

375th Security Forces Squadron

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. — Way back in the day, Air Force physical fitness meant being able to cross the finish line at the end of a 1.5-mile run, lighting a cigarette and trying not to have a heart attack before your next test the following year. Of course, our global mission was a lot different.

We were still basking in the glow of the Cold War victory, and we only had to maintain what the generation before us had set out to do and accomplished. It was so easy; all we had to do was kick back, flip on the com-

puter monitor and watch for something to happen. A deployment would last for 90 days at best and by the time you remembered why you had joined the Air Force in the first place it was time to come home again. The times have really changed.

We are now the innovators of world peace. In every corner of the globe there is a Soldier, Sailor, Marine or an Airman defending someone who cannot defend themselves and for no less than 180 days at a time. Our families used to cringe at the slightest mention of a deployment, now we affectionately refer to them as ro-

tations, meaning "it is my turn." How do we do what we do over and over again? How do we survive the ugliness of war, the separation from our families and the misery of solitude?

One way we accomplish our mission is based on our personal ability to control the things we can and adapt to the things we cannot. It is human nature to seek normalcy in every aspect of our lives. It gives us a sense of calm and feeling of control.

When we pack our bags to deploy, we try to limit ourselves to the essentials, but always seem to have room for something special; things like

a picture drawn by a child, a photo of coworkers, or maybe a gift from mom. One item we always need to bring with us is the physical and mental health developed by having a strong personal fitness program.

Physical training is not just about passing a test once or twice a year; it is about adapting to the Air Force way of life. When we go down range to accomplish the mission we need to have the physical endurance to sustain long hours under harsh conditions.

Additionally, we need to be able to release the tension that mounts from those harsh conditions; the fear and anger,

and as terrible as it can be, sometimes even the loss. Being able to maintain your personal fitness program by going for a run, or working out in the gym provides that mental release, while at the same time giving us that sought after sense of calm and feeling of control.

While deployed, we cannot control our location, but we can control what we do while we are there. By having a good personal fitness program you're more ready to deploy. While deployed, it will help you maintain a physical and mental toughness to see you through until you return home.

WHAT'S YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION?



Chief Master Sgt. Rita Bogart
 2nd Communications Squadron
 Hometown: Rome, Ga.

"My resolution is to start running and receive a good run time on my physical fitness test. I plan to work out with my squadron's fit crew at 6 a.m. every morning."



Capt. Matthew Deacon
 2nd Bomb Wing
 Hometown: Boston

"My New Year's resolution is to be better about saving money. I will start by using the Thrift Savings Plan and trying to budget better, such as limiting the amount of times I go out to lunch during the week."



Staff Sgt. Jamey Lee
 2nd Security Forces Squadron
 Hometown: Ettrick, Va.

"My New Year's resolution is to become a better father and husband for my family by spending more quality time with them throughout the year."



Tech. Sgt. Charles Marting
 2nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
 Hometown: North Palm Beach, Fla..

"I actually do not make any New Year's resolutions. I believe that people should not wait until the first of the year to try and change something about themselves."

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Trading basketballs for buffaloes

By Tech. Sgt. Jeff Walston
917th Wing Public Affairs
Fact: an adult buffalo can reach speeds up to 25 miles per hour. Almost anything you need to know about a buffalo, on any given day, can be found easy enough on the Internet. But for one Bossier City native, learning that lesson on the Internet would have been too easy.

Danielle Morgan has spent the majority of her young life "not" doing things the easy way. As an athlete, she trained hard to stay on the top of her game and excelled in soccer, softball and basketball from elementary years all the way through Airline High School and two years at Louisiana State University-Eunice, where she played basketball from 2006-2007. She spent her last year as the captain for the Lady Bengals.

When Danielle completed junior college at LSUE, she had acceptance letters from Arizona State, Texas Christian University at Fort Worth and the University of Colorado.

According to Danielle's father, retired Lt. Col. Charlie Morgan, a former process manager for the 917th Wing, her final choice may have had something to do with her visits to Colorado with him during Air Force Academy reunions. Colonel Morgan

graduated USAFA in 1976. Originally, the plan for Danielle at CU was to concentrate on her studies. Being involved in a sports program wasn't really part of the plan this time around, Colonel Morgan said.

Of course, that was the original plan.

"The first CU football game I came to, right before the game started, I saw the buffalo run out and I just got so excited," Danielle said. "Honestly, I had no idea that happened. I'm from Louisiana and I'd just moved here. But I knew right then and there that's something I want to be a part of."

The University of Colorado has one of the most distinctive mascots in all of intercollegiate athletics, a real-live buffalo named Ralphie that leads the football team out on the field at both the start of the game and second half.

But when all is said and done, there would be no Ralphie without Ralphie handlers, and they are all students.

"Being a Ralphie handler is hard," said Benny Frei, director for the Ralphie handler program, CU graduate and a former handler himself. "These are good kids who love the university. Every year there are over 40 students who try out, but each time we can



Tech. Sgt. Jeff Walston/U.S. Air Force
Ralphie, the University of Colorado mascot, leads the CU team onto the field before the start of the CU-Kansas State University football game at Folsom Field in Boulder, Colo. Ralphie's handlers are Danielle Morgan, Sean Tufts, John Delva, Bryce McDermott and Willy Strazza.

only take a handful."

Over the years Ralphie has become the face of Colorado athletics, and in some ways a national celebrity. So, being a Ralphie handler is a privilege that doesn't come easy. There is an application process, an essay, a multi-interview process that concentrates on personal character, and a physically demanding tryout. The student applicants must be in peak physical and mental condition. They cannot be scared of animals, and must be comfortable around people as well as animals. They must be fast, strong and quick. And, above all, they must be dedicated.

"I don't think the kids realize what they are getting into when joining the team," Frei said.

"It was parents' weekend of her first year when Danielle told us she wanted to be a Ralphie handler," Colonel Morgan said. "I just thought, 'She's fast and personable ... who's going

to beat her?'"

At the end of her first year, Danielle tried out — only one female slot was open.

Danielle made the cut and was chosen to fill an open slot in the team. With her selection her work had just began.

"Our workouts in the weight room are intense. We do a lot of power lifting and speed drills," Danielle said. "You really have to work hard."

The handlers train like any other athlete. There are strenuous workouts in the gym, lots of 120-yard sprints, and two practices a week running with Ralphie. That kind of workout schedule takes a lot out of a college student. But there is a payoff.

"Being in front of all the fans here at Folsom Field is the greatest feeling in the world. It's the coolest thing I've ever done," said Chip Samson, who returned to CU as a graduate student and became a Ralphie handler for a sec-

ond time.

"Through all the other wild adventures I've been on, this is the best thing I've ever done in my life," Samson said.

Samson is not the only one who feels that way.

"What's so cool about Ralphie is what she represents to our athletic teams and to our school and the sense of pride that we have for our mascot — and this awesome team we have to take care of her," Danielle said. "To run a buffalo around the football field — how cool as that?"

One of Louisiana's own has moved on to new adventures, rising to the top

again, making family and friends left behind proud to call her one of Bossier City and Louisiana's finest.

For Frei, who watches handlers come and go, he's experienced firsthand the excitement of being drug down the sidelines by Ralphie at 25 miles per hour, and he knows it will always be on all of their lists of accomplishments.

"This is one of the greatest college traditions out there and something the handlers should be proud of. They will never forget it," Frei said. "They're all icons who represent the university in the best way."

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Danielle Morgan

University of Colorado student



Tech. Sgt. Jeff Walston/U.S. Air Force
Lt. Col. (Ret) Charlie Morgan, a former process manager for the 917th Wing, gets a lick from Ralphie. Colonel Morgan was at CU to watch his daughter, Danielle, who is a Ralphie handler, perform during the game between the Colorado Buffaloes and Kansas State Wildcats.



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What's up, Doc?

By Tech. Sgt. Jeff Walston
917th Wing Public Affairs

The journey through life teaches valuable lessons, and some of those lessons mold who we are and help define what we'll contribute to society for the remainder of our days.

For him these lessons came very early, said Lt. Col. Joseph "Joe" C. Jones, who took command of the 93rd Bomb Squadron on Aug. 2, 2009. Lessons he learned would be the catalyst that shaped the warrior he became, the doctor he is, and the plans he has for the future of the 93rd BS.

Born in Pensacola, Fla., Colonel Jones was adopted by Winford and Thelma Jones as an infant and spent his childhood years in Vernon, Fla.

"I was an only child because my mother couldn't have children. They were wonderful parents," Colonel Jones said. "I was very lucky to have the parents I had."

Colonel Jones' father was a chief petty officer in the U.S. Navy, and his mother went on to become a licensed practitioner nurse.

After growing up in Vernon, Colonel Jones attended the Oxford Scholar Program at Jesus College at Oxford, England, in 1980.

He completed his bachelor of science in physical science, with double minors in math and computer science from Troy State University, in Troy, Ala.,

in 1982, and was commissioned in 1984 at Officers Training School, spending the next eight years on active duty.

While still a young captain serving at Barksdale as a radar navigator and flying in the 62nd Bomb Squadron, Colonel Jones' journey took a new direction when both of his parents were stricken with cancer at a "fairly young" age.

"I had to watch my dad die of lymphoma and my mother from complications of lung cancer. I just thought things could've been done better," Colonel Jones said.

He continued with his military career and served as the executive officer to the vice commander of the 8th Air Force in 1990, but according to the Colonel Jones, in the back of his mind he felt he should go to medical school.

He resigned his (regular Air Force) commission and took a Reserve commission, using his separation bonus for medical school.

"I spent the early years in my career in the Reserve and attending medical school, which was very demanding. There was also a brand new B-52 Reserve Bomber unit standing up, which is fairly dynamic too," he said.

The 93rd BS, which was originally formed Aug. 21, 1917, with the activation of the 93rd Aero Squadron under the 3rd Pursuit Group, 1st Pursuit

Wing, 1st Army, at Kelly Field, Texas, and then re-activated Oct. 1, 1993, at Barksdale, under the 917th Wing.

Shortly afterward, Colonel Jones joined the Air Force Reserve and reported onboard as a flight commander, in June 1995.

At the time, Colonel Jones was not only concentrating on completing tasks for the promotion to the rank of lieutenant colonel, but was also trying to complete medical school. With his support system coming at him from all sides, he completed medical school in 2000. That is when hard decisions had to be made.

"There were certain things I needed to do that I wouldn't have been able to as a resident — just wouldn't have had the time. So, I took a year to get those things accomplished and cycle back into my residency," Colonel Jones said. "I communicated that with Louisiana State University and the program director, Dr. Larry Slay. They were comfortable with it and even held a position for me."

On Sept. 11, 2001, Colonel Jones' journey and plans took another detour.

"I was actually flying on that day for LSU when I was forced to land in Center, Texas. Ten days later I was sitting on the British Indian Ocean Territory Island of Diego Garcia as a member of the 20th Expeditionary Bomb Squadron



Lt. Col. Joseph Jones, 93rd Bomb Squadron commander, helps the flight crew prepare a B-52 Stratofortress for takeoff on a training sortie Oct. 27. Maj. Gen. Charles D. Luckey, who is a U.S. Army officer and the Assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff for Reserve Matters, was on board for the sortie. He was visiting the 917th Wing at Barksdale to get a general feel for issues affecting the Reserve component. It was the general's first flight in a B-52.

preparing for combat missions over Afghanistan," Colonel Jones said.

During the intervening years, before he actually started his residency in January 2005, Colonel Jones deployed more than four times, flying 38 combat missions and accumulating more than 500 hours of combat in Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. He completed his residency program three years later at the end of 2007.

For Colonel Jones, the field in which he chose to practice, internal medicine, has proven to be very rewarding. Not because of the recognition or accolades from medical associations or his peers, but from his patients.

"My rewards come dai-

ly in the smiles on the faces of my patients," Colonel Jones said. "That means more to me than any award you could get in medicine, just because it's centered on patient care."

Colonel Jones may not look for accolades from his peers, but it doesn't mean there are none.

"Com-compass-ate" says it all about Colonel Jones, a true commander who embraces his mission with vigor. Passion ... you can hear as his voice quivers with emotion and pride as he speaks about his troops," said Colonel Keith Schultz, 917th Operations Group commander. "He is the ultimate modern day warrior, who wields a double edged sword to smite his enemies with one edge; while the opposing edge is a doctor's scalpel he craftily wields to mend the battlefield warrior."

The 93rd BS was recently given primary responsibility for the Air Force's B-52 formal training mission after receiving 11 additional B-52s, approximately 320 maintainers and 40 operations personnel from the 2nd Bomb Wing. This move placed the 93rd BS in a partnership with the Regular Air Force under the Total Force Enterprise.

As he took command of the 93rd BS in 2009, he immediately sets his sights on the mission and his new responsibilities and challenges.

"In the late '80s there was absolutely no tolerance for deviations from attention to detail as it pertained to the use, applications and handling of weapon systems," Colonel Jones said. "I bring that same attention to detail to this process. We plan to take the 93rd BS and 11th Bomb Squadron construct and turn out the most proficient aviator, and all the time that the aviator is training in

this Flight Training Unit, we will instill attention to detail, commitment to the war fighting ethos, commitment to your country, respect for your weapons system and in its capabilities and in developing those core skills required by a war fighter in this aircraft."

With the deactivation of the 917th Wing, and the reactivation of the 307th Bomb Wing scheduled for this month, Colonel Jones says his insight into the past will assist him in the role he'll play in the future of the 93rd BS, as well as moving his own career forward as a war fighter, wherever that may be.

"Understanding and respecting our heritage generates a connection to the heroes of our past and inspires the heroes of our future — plain and simple. Certainly, I have realistic goals and expectations; I probably won't become the chief of staff of the Air Force," the colonel said with a smile. "I am a traditional reservist, so any career aspirations would have to be in line with those realities."

No matter what the future holds for Colonel Jones, he is moving forward with an enthusiasm that has not gone unnoticed.

"Joe is the Energizer Bunny. I don't know if I've ever met anyone who can absorb the amount of details, work nonstop, yet still be focused on his people," said Lt. Col. Jeff Stogsdill, 343rd Bomb Squadron commander. "I quit trying to be like Joe Jones a long time ago. It'll wear you out."

No matter what the outcome is, as for his experiences on the journey through life and his links to the past, Colonel Jones said, "So far, it's been a wonderful ride."



Master Sgt. Greg Steele/U.S. Air Force

Lt. Col. Joseph "Doc" Jones, commander, 93rd Bomb Squadron, speaks with local media during the 10th annual NATO Days in Ostrava air show, Ostrava, Czech Republic on Sept. 18. Colonel Jones became part of history as part of the crew who landed a B-52 Stratofortress at the Leoš Janáček Airport in support of the air show Sept. 15. The air show is the largest air, army and security show in central Europe. This marked the first time a B-52 bomber has visited the Czech Republic. The 93rd BS is assigned to the 917th Wing at Barksdale Air Force Base.

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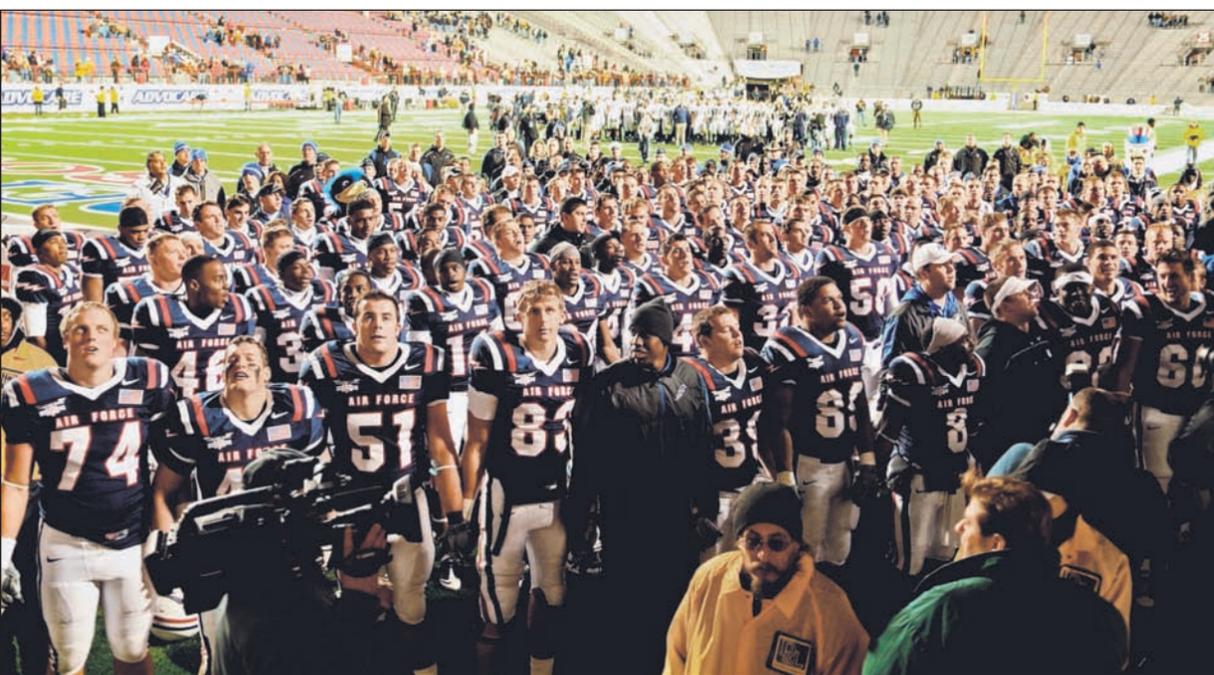
A B-52 Stratofortress from the 917th Wing's 93rd Bomb Squadron performs a flyover for the crowd at the AdvoCare V100 Independence Bowl in Shreveport on Dec. 27. The jet was flown by a Total Force crew of Regular Air Force members from the 2nd Bomb Wing's 11th Bomb Squadron and Air Force Reserve members from 93rd BS. The U.S. Air Force Academy Falcons defeated the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets in the Independence Bowl 14-7.

Air Force Academy comes out on top of Ga. Tech in AdvoCare V100 Independence Bowl



Airman 1st Class Sean Martin/U.S. Air Force

Members of the Air Force Academy football team raise their trophy during the 2010 AdvoCare V100 Independence Bowl at Independence Stadium.



Airman 1st Class Sean Martin/U.S. Air Force

The Air Force Academy Falcons sing their alma mater after defeating the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets during the Independence Bowl.

Select Airmen prepare to become notification officers

By Senior Airman Allison M. Boehm

2nd Bomb Wing Public Affairs Members of the Airmen & Family Readiness Center at Barksdale, home of Air Force Global Strike Command, are preparing select individuals with an extremely sensitive duty — to become an Air Force notification officer.

“These Airmen are being prepared to perform one of the most traumatic and greatest challenges in life — notifying a spouse, parent or sibling of the death of their loved one,” said David Day, 2nd Force Support Squadron casualty manager. “These notifications to the next of kin must be performed in a dignified, compassionate and professional manner as promptly as possible after their loved one is placed in a casualty status.”

The notification officers' primary duty is to notify the next of kin of their Airmen's death.

However, the notification officer is also responsible for briefing the primary next of kin the option to have media access and possible travel to Dover to witness the dignified transfer if their loved one was killed on the battlefield.

Once briefed, the notification officer will be required to call Air Force mortuary during the initial notification and allow them to speak to the primary next of kin to answer questions and obtain a final decision on both matters.

For more information

To learn more or to attend the next training session, call (318) 456-8400. You must sign up in advance of attending the class.

The notification officers in training, who are all required to hold the rank of major or above, learn the customs and procedures that are required of the job. However, Day wants the trainees to take away an important aspect of the job during the training.

“They may be called upon at a moment's notice to perform one of the most difficult tasks ever asked of them to perform during their military career,” Day said. “Their actions and ability to be professional, sincere, and compassionate in carrying out this most crucial task will make a life time ever-lasting impact on not only themselves but the loved ones involved for the rest of their life.

“As a notification officer, you speak as a representative for every Air Force member today, both active duty and retired, to all of those who have served, both past and present and to understand that your actions in front of the deceased member's family reflects every facet of Air Force life and that of our Air Force heritage.”

Training is conducted the first Tuesday of every month at 2 p.m. in the Airmen and Family Readiness Center.

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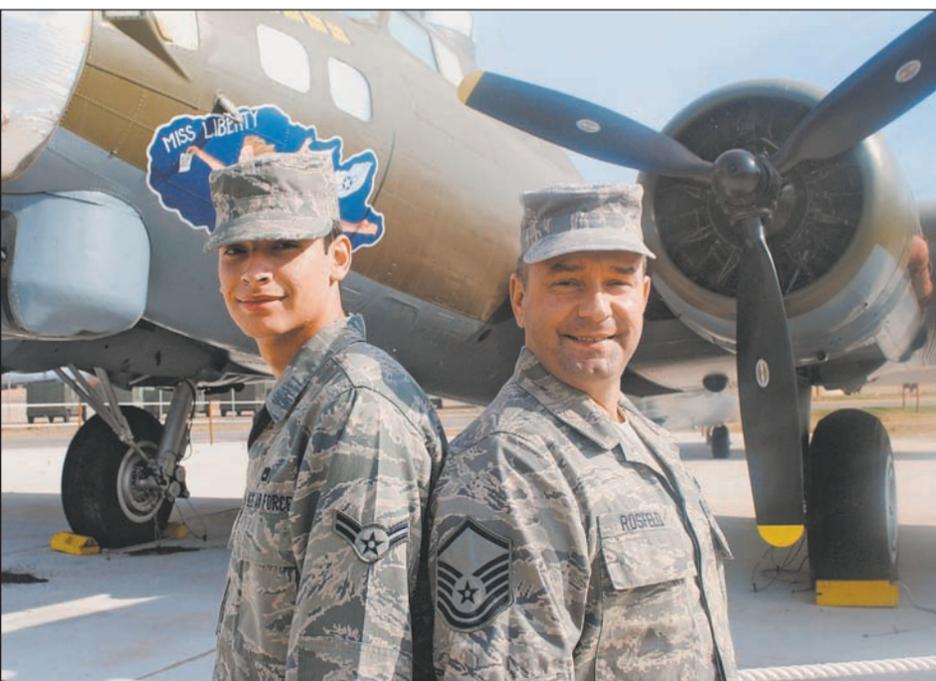
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Danielle Hill/Warrior Master Sgt. Phil Rosfeld, 2nd Maintenance Squadron, and Airman 1st Class Derrek Rosfeld pose for a photo outside the 8th Air Force Museum. Airman Rosfeld, a 2010 graduate of Bossier High School, followed in his father's footsteps by joining the Air Force in July. He was visiting his family before heading to his first base, Aviano Air Base, Italy.

It's a family affair

By Danielle Hill
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The relationship between a father and son is a sacred and special bond. For Master Sgt. Phillip Rosfeld, 2nd Maintenance Squadron, and his son, Airman 1st Class Derrek Rosfeld, their bond recently grew a little deeper.

In July, Derrek decided to follow in his father's footsteps and entered the Air Force.

"I grew up as an Air Force brat and saw what my father did every day," Airman Rosfeld said. "I knew I wanted to serve my country and do a job that I liked."

The parallels that follow the lives of these two Airmen are remarkable.

The were both in the 324th Training Squadron while at Basic Military Training at Lackland AFB, Texas, and were even on the same floor while they spent their time there. Both Airmen also celebrated their birthdays while they were in BMT.

"I was able to show him my bed and locker from when I was in basic 21 years ago," Sergeant Rosfeld said.

"Going back to BMT to see him graduate brought back many intense feelings within me. When I saw him and we went back to the squadron, those all melted away. The apprehension turned to pride," he said.

The similarities carried on past BMT. They both trained in a maintenance occupation. Sergeant Rosfeld works on the air-to-ground equipment end of things, while Airman Rosfeld worked in aircraft armament for the F-16.

Both Airmen also have the joy of experiencing Aviano Air Base, Italy, as their first overseas assignment.

The elder Rosfeld was overcome with emotion for the pride he has for his son, who took leave enroute to Aviano AB to visit with his family for Christmas. "This is the best Christmas present I could ask for," he said.

Sergeant Rosfeld expressed his pride as a father and an Airman. "As a father, I know him coming into the Air Force secures my knowledge that he is a professional and he will be taken care of. As an Airman, I am confident that our Air Force is a bit stronger now that a true professional joined our Air Force family. He left as a teenager and came back as a man."

Airman Rosfeld, who graduated from Bossier High School in May, feels they now have a more special bond.

"We now share a common language. Coming back I know can talk to him about Air Force things and we understand it. I was listening to him talk on his two-way radio earlier and I knew what he was saying."

Airman 1st Class Derrek Rosfeld
Son of Master Sgt. Phil Rosfeld

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He feels he has an advantage other Airmen might not have, his father said. "I have someone with knowledge of how the Air Force works. He can pass that knowledge on to me and hopefully I can pass it along to others."

Both Airmen plan to make the Air Force a career. With 21 years under

his belt, Sergeant Rosfeld's goal is to achieve the rank of senior master sergeant. Airman Rosfeld's goal is to eventually outrank his father.

"I guess I need to make chief master sergeant so that he can't outrank me," laughed Sergeant Rosfeld.

AFE

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and respond to problems that are discovered by maintenance or the aircrew themselves.

There are many different types of equipment that AFE deals with. The equipment consists of aircrew helmets, life preserver units, survival vest and equipment, night-vision goggles, parachutes, eye and ear protection and chemical warfare equipment. They also issue weapons to deploying Airmen.

AFE supports many organizations on base, such as the 2 BW, the 96th, 20th

and 11th Bomb Squadrons, and various other agencies.

"It is very important to me to be a part of such an important part of the mission," said Airman 1st Class Darian Bonney, 2nd OSS aircrew flight equipment journeyman. "I know that if something were to go wrong, the aircrew would be safe and have all the essential materials to survive because of our dedication to them and the equipment they are issued."



We've got the right medicine

U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman Allison M. Boehm



Airman 1st Class Ashley Parker, 2nd Medical Group pharmacy technician, fills prescriptions and verifies pill counts for patients at the Barksdale pharmacy. The Barksdale pharmacy provides medication for military members, retirees and dependents.

One final spray down



Master Sgt. Greg Steele/U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Pat McKeever, former 47th Fighter Squadron pilot, and Capt. Jason Cobb, 47th FS pilot, hose down Maj. Aristotle Rabanal after returning from his final flight with the squadron on Dec. 21.

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Col John J. Mooney III, 917th Wing commander, is interviewed by Phil Rose, Professional Pilot magazine managing editor, while on the ramp at Barksdale on Dec. 10. Rose was at Barksdale gathering information for a story about the professional pilots of the 917th Wing for an issue of the magazine to be published early this year.



Lt. Col. James Travis, 47th Fighter Squadron commander; Lt. Col. Richard Holt, 93rd Bomb Squadron; Lt. Col. Denis Heinz, 93rd BS; Lt. Col. Dave Leedom, 93rd BS; Col. John J. Mooney III, 917th Wing commander; Lt. Col. Joseph Jones, 93rd BS commander; Maj. Bryan Bailey, 93rd BS; and Col. Keith Schultz, 917th Operations Group commander, pose for a photo.

Professional Pilot magazine visits 917th Wing

U.S. Air Force photos by Tech. Sgt. Jeff Walston

Jack Sykes, Professional Pilot magazine art director, proves you can perform a "crash and burn" scenario in an A-10 simulator as he inadvertently rolls his jet into the ground during a familiarization session as Capt. Grant McCall, 47th Fighter Squadron, provides guidance.



Just a light dusting



Senior Airman Alexandra M. Boutte/U.S. Air Force

Lead criminal investigator Monte Jones, 2nd Security Forces Squadron, dusts for fingerprints at a crime scene at Barksdale. When dusting for fingerprints, investigators use fingerprint powder, brushes and hinge lifters to collect prints for further investigation.

Briefly

BESG open house

The Barksdale Enlisted Spouse Group will hold an open house Jan. 22 from 2 to 4 p.m. at The Landings at Barksdale Welcome Center, 201 Langley Drive. The event is free and open to anyone who wants to come and learn what the BESG has to offer. It is a come and go-type event and light refreshments will be served. Membership is open to spouses of active duty enlisted members of all branches, spouses of Air Force Reserve, spouses of retired enlisted, and civilians GS-8 and below. For more information, visit www.org-sites.com/la/barksdaleenlistedspousesgroup/, call Kate Pease at (318) 525-6680 or e-mail bessgmembership@hotmail.com.

The Landings at Barksdale January events

- ▶ Jan. 14: Pet Dress-Up Day at 4 p.m. at Welcome Center.
- ▶ Jan. 19: Taco Soup Day from 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. at Welcome Center.
- ▶ Jan. 25: Bowling Night. RSVP by Jan. 21.

BESG scholarship

The Barksdale Enlisted Spouse Group will be awarding two college scholarships for the fall semester. These scholarships are for anyone pursuing an Associates or Bachelors degree that meet the requirements outlined in the application packet. Application packets have a deadline of March 28. A packet can be obtained by emailing barksdaleenlistedspousegroup@hotmail.com

TRAC briefing

The re-enlistment Transaction Reporting and Control briefing is a mandatory briefing for members who are pursuing a re-enlistment. The re-enlistments office will now be holding a TRAC briefing Wednesdays at 3 p.m. in the MPS building T-4353, Room 22. Appointments are not required. Please arrive 15 minutes prior to the start of the briefing. Any questions, call (318) 456-7656.

Caregiver network

Military families now have free access to an online network of quality caregivers who can assist with everything from

baby-sitting to dog walking. Sittercity is the nation's largest online source for local baby sitters, nannies, elder care providers, dog walkers, housekeepers and tutors, and contains more than 1 million caregiver profiles. Military members and their families can activate their membership at www.sittercity.com/dod. The Sittercity Corporate Program, funded by the Defense Department, offers military families — including active duty, Guard and Reserve — with a paid membership to the site.

Education grant program

Concerned about the soaring cost of higher education for your children? Maybe the Air Force Aid Society (AFAS) can help. Under its General Henry H. Arnold Education Grant Program, the society awards \$2,000 each to selected applicants. The program continues to be offered to dependent sons and daughters of active duty, Title 10 AGR/reservists on extended active duty, Title 32 AGR performing full-time active duty, retired, retired reservists with 20-plus qualifying years of service, and deceased Air Force members. Spouses (residing stateside) of active duty and Title 10 AGR/reservists on extended active duty; and surviving spouses of deceased members are also eligible candidates.

Last year, 23 children and eight spouses from Barksdale were awarded \$2,000 education grants from the Air Force Aid Society through the General Henry H. Arnold Education Grant Program. For questions, contact an Air Force Aid representative at the Airman & Family Readiness Center at (318) 456-8400.

FLEP, ELP applications

Applications for this year's FLEP and ELP will be accepted starting on Jan. 1. Both the FLEP and ELP programs require attendance at an American Bar Association (ABA) accredited law school. Upon graduation and admission to practice law in the highest court of any state, territory of the United States or a federal court, candidates are eligible for designation as judge advocates. To be considered for FLEP or ELP, ap-

plicants must complete all application forms, apply (acceptance is not required at the time of application for FLEP/ELP) to at least one ABA accredited law school, receive their Law School Admissions Test (LSAT) results, and complete a Staff Judge Advocate interview by Feb. 15. Officers must also provide a letter of conditional release from their current career field. The programs are both extremely competitive, so it is important for interested applicants to start working on their application packages now.

For more information on the programs or to obtain application materials, interested applicants should visit www.airforce.com/jag. Questions can also be directed to any Barksdale AFB judge advocate by calling (318) 456-2562.

Military & Family Life Consultants

Military and Family Life Consultants are here to listen and are available to help service members and their families regarding deployment/reintegration, marriage and relationships, parenting/siblings and family, communication challenges, stress and anxiety, depression, grief and loss, and daily life issues. Consultations and training are free and anonymous. After-hours and weekend appointments are available. Call the MFLC directly at (318) 918-9379 or the Airman & Family Readiness Center at (318) 456-8400.

Pharmacy hours

Effective immediately, there will be a change in operating hours at the satellite pharmacy. In order to better serve our customers, we will be opening at 8:30 a.m. and closing at 6 p.m.

The main pharmacy will continue the same operating hours of 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and any of our customers can visit either pharmacy at their discretion to have their new prescriptions processed. Refill medications will still need to be called into the refill line and picked up at the satellite pharmacy.

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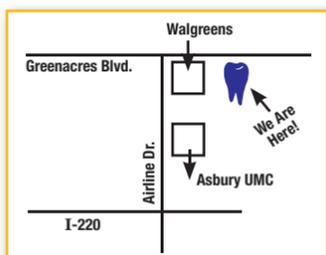
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Featuring: a bull riding competition.
Admission: \$22-\$67.
Info: (318) 747-2501.

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CLASSIC ARMS GUN & KNIFE SHOW

When: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Jan. 8; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Jan. 9. RiverView Hall, 600 Clyde Fant Memorial Parkway, Shreveport.
Featuring: buy, sell or trade new and old guns, ammo, gun parts, books, knives, knife sharpening, coins, jewelry, camouflage, militaria and related items at discount prices. Persons under 18 must be accompanied by a parent.
Admission: \$2-\$7.
Info: (985) 624-8577 or www.greatsoutherngunshow.com.

SHREVEPORT BOSSIER BOARD GAME DAY

When: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Shreve Memorial Library Broadmoor Branch, 1212 Captain Shreve Drive, Shreveport.
Featuring: an open gaming event; bring favorite board games; new gamers and families are welcome; a variety of games available to play.
Admission: free.
Info: mschlat@gmail.com.

FIRST SATURDAY TOUR: "ELOQUENCE IN MOTION"

When: 2 p.m. R.W. Norton Art Gallery, 4747 Creswell Ave., Shreveport.
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Henrietta Wildsmith/Warrior

The Academy of Children's Theatre with Mahogany Ensemble and Theatre of the Performing Arts upcoming production, "Hairspray," will take place Jan. 7-9 and Jan. 13-16 at Riverview Theater in Shreveport. For tickets, call (318) 272-6491.

depictions of travel throughout the centuries of holiday journeys.
Admission: free.
Info: (318) 865-4201.

MARDI GRAS 12TH NIGHT PARTY

When: 6:30 p.m. Shreveport Convention Center, 400 Caddo St., Shreveport.
Featuring: royalty presentation, music by the Molly Ringwalds, open bar, '80s attire and Mardi Gras attire.
Admission: \$40.
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GO FOR THE GOLD

When: 7:30 p.m. First Baptist Church of Shreveport, 543 Ockley Drive, Shreveport.
Featuring: Nena Plant Wideman Piano competition finalists and the Shreveport Symphony Orchestra.
Admission: \$12-\$42.
Info: (318) 227-8863 or www.shreveportsymphony.com

See: Professional Bull Riders, **fri.07**

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THE PERRYS

When: 6 p.m. Central Assembly of God, 700 Highway 80, Bossier City.
Admission: free.
Info: (318) 949-0010.

See: Classic Arms Gun & Knife Show, **sat.8**

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MONSTER NATION MONSTER TRUCKS

When: 8 p.m. Jan. 14-15. CenturyTel Center, 2000 CenturyTel Center Drive, Bossier City.
Featuring: monster trucks racing on an oval track, monster truck freestyle, freestyle motocross, including back flips and other surprising thrills.
Admission: \$19-\$27.
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SATURDAY SPEAKER SERIES: STILL WITHIN EARSHOT: MUSICAL MOMENTS IN SHREVEPORT HISTORY

When: 2 p.m. R.W. Norton Art Gallery, 4747 Creswell Ave., Shreveport.
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Info: (318) 865-4201.

See: Monster Nation Monster Trucks, **fri.14**

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MUDBUGS VS. DAYTON GEMS

When: 6:35 p.m. CenturyTel Center, 2000 CenturyTel Center Drive, Bossier City.
Featuring: a professional hockey game.
Admission: \$17-\$36.
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Admission: free.
Info: (318) 949-0010.

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MUDBUGS VS. FORT WAYNE KOMETS

When: 7:05 p.m. Jan. 28-29. CenturyTel Center, 2000 CenturyTel Center Drive, Bossier City.
Featuring: a professional hockey game.
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When: 7 p.m. Jan. 7-8, 13-15; 2 p.m. Jan. 9, 16. Riverview Theater, 600 Clyde Fant Memorial Parkway, Shreveport.
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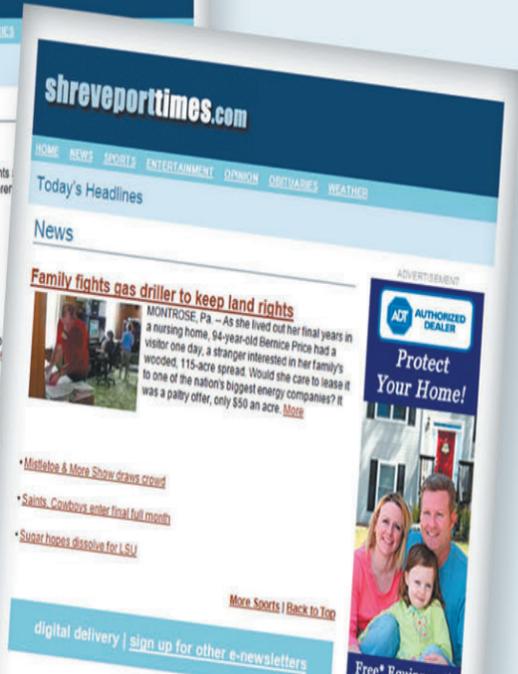
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