

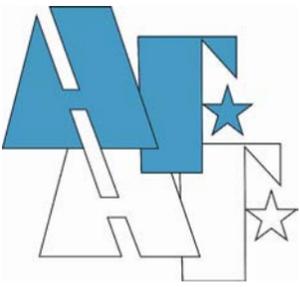


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Airmen gear up for start of AFAF

By Senior Airman Allison M. Boehm

2nd Bomb Wing Public Affairs
Barksdale, home of Air Force Global Strike Command headquarters, is preparing for the 2011 Air Force Assistance Fund Campaign to kickoff Feb. 14.

According to the campaign's Web site, the AFAF was established to provide for an annual effort to raise funds for the charitable affiliates providing support to the Air Force family — active duty, retirees, reservists, guard and their dependents, including surviving spouses. The organizations provide assistance in the form of emergency aid, educational needs, or secure retirement homes for widows or widowers of Air Force members in need of financial assistance.

"Contributions to the AFAF will lend critical support to your fellow Airmen and their families," said Capt. Jordan Filer, AFAF installation project officer. "Unlike other fundraising events on the base, these funds go to one of four charities, all of which go back to Airmen. Our focus for the 2011 campaign is to increase Barksdale's knowledge of the AFAF itself and ultimately increase the number of members who contribute to this honorable cause."

Last year, Barksdale's 2010 AFAF campaign proved successful as base personnel donated enough funds to reach 100 percent of the base's goal. From March 29 to May 7, Team Barksdale raised more than \$100,220 — almost \$25,000 more than 2009.

The four charities Airmen can donate to are the Air Force Aid Society, Air Force Enlisted Village Indigent Widow's Fund, Air Force Villages Indigent Widow's Fund and the General and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation.

The AFAS is the official charity of the Air Force and provides Airmen and their families with worldwide emergency financial

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Staff Sgt. Travis Robertson/U.S. Air Force Lt. Gen. Charles E. Stenner Jr., commander of the Air Force Reserve Command, presents the 307th Bomb Wing flag to Brig. Gen. John J. Mooney III during reactivation ceremonies at Barksdale on Jan. 8. During the same ceremonies, the 917th Operations Group was redesignated as the 917th Fighter Group and the 917th Wing was deactivated.

307th Bomb Wing reactivates at Barksdale

By Tech. Sgt. Jeff Walston
307th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

A crowd of more than 900 witnessed Lt. Gen. Charles E. Stenner Jr., commander of Air Force Reserve Command, preside over ceremonies deactivating the 917th Wing, redesignating the 917th Operations Group as the 917th Fighter Group and reactivating the 307th Bomb Wing at Barksdale Air Force Base on Jan. 8.

Brig. Gen. John J. Mooney III, 307th Bomb Wing commander, accepted the wing's colors from the presiding officer and in doing so accepted the charge of leading the members of his command and upholding the unit's honor and traditions, as well as the mission of the new Air Force Reserve wing.

General Mooney said he was thankful for the opportunity he has been given to lead the AFRC and 10th Air Force in strengthening the nuclear enterprise of this great nation.

"The 307th Bomb Wing is first and foremost a combat wing with a sole focus

on strategic nuclear deterrence and global strike. We will embrace 'Deter and Assure.' At our heart will be a culture of rigorous compliance and continued dedication to excellence," General Mooney said.

The new Air Force Reserve wing will also focus on B-52 aircrew training and the bombing mission.

The 307th Bomb Wing was activated as the 307th Bombardment Group (Heavy) in 1942. The unit was deactivated on Sept. 30, 1975, after the end of the Vietnam War.

The 307th BW will report to the Tenth Air Force, Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base, Fort Worth, Texas, and will be gained by the Air Force Global Strike Command. Headquarters Air Force at the Pentagon directed these new actions in support of AFGSC which is also located at Barksdale and will oversee Air Force nuclear weapons training and operations at the new unit.

Scattered through the audience at Hoban Hall for the reactivation ceremony were approximate-



Staff Sgt. Travis Robertson/U.S. Air Force Approximately 40 307th Bomb Wing alumni from World War II, the Korean War, Vietnam and the Cold War era are recognized during reactivation ceremonies for the 307th Bomb Wing in Hoban Hall at Barksdale on Jan. 8. During the same ceremonies, the 917th Operations Group was redesignated as the 917th Fighter Group and the 917th Wing was deactivated.

ly 40 alumni of the 307th Bomb Wing from the Korean, Vietnam and Cold War eras. Most traveled many miles to witness the reactivation.

"I expected this would be my last great adventure," said Master Sgt. (Ret) Loren Longman, an 88-year-old veteran of the 307th, who traveled from Tampa, Fla., by car. "It was my honor to be a part of the reactivation."

To show the alumni how their heritage will be kept alive, they were escorted through the 307th BW headquarters building where historic artifacts and photos are prominently displayed throughout the hallways. Many of the veterans expressed their gratitude for the unexpected briefings at B-52 and A-10 displays after the ceremonies.

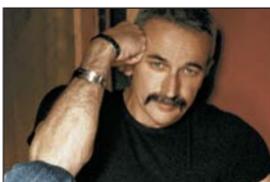
"Today we are in the

company of patriots, heroes, members of the greatest generation ... the legacy of the 307th Bomb Wing is legendary, from Wake Island to Rabaul - YAP - TRUK - PALAU - BALIKAN - 5,800 sorties over Korea and ARC Light sorties during Vietnam. We are honored to have been chosen to continue this great heritage," said General Mooney.

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emergency financial assistance, education assistance and an array of base level community enhancement programs.

The Air Force Enlisted Village Indigent Widows' Fund provides rent subsidy and other support to indigent widows and widowers of retired enlisted people 55 and older. More information is available at www.afenlistedwidows.org.

The Air Force Villages Indigent Widows' Fund supports the Air Force Village in San Antonio, a life-care community for retired officers, spouses, widows or widowers and family members. The Air Force Village Web site is www.airforcevillages.com.

The General and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation provides rent and financial assistance to indigent widows and widowers of officers and enlisted people in their own homes and communities. The LeMay Foundation Web site is www.afvw.com/lemay.html.

To donate, Airmen must contact their squadron's point of contact which will be announced closer to the start date.

Last year's installation project manager, Capt. Dennis Widner, 2nd Logistics Readiness Squadron, hopes this year's donations will be as generous as last years.

"Barksdale members take their responsibilities to heart and relay the fact that the AFAF is truly Airmen taking care of Airmen."

Deployment journal:

A strange encounter rekindles responsibilities

By Tech. Sgt. Kevin Wallace

100th Air Refueling Wing Public Affairs
 HERAT, Afghanistan — The last two and a half weeks were long, as I spent them in the field without a change of clothes or shower. I rectified that within minutes of arriving at Camp Stone, a base near my own in Herat province, Afghanistan.

While awaiting a convoy to Camp Arena the next day, I happened across the team of Americans who train the Afghan National Army 207th Corps. Covering a story was the last thing on my mind at that moment, but what I learned had to go to print.

Earlier that week, 12 ANA military investigators completed the first-ever ANA comprehensive two-week Criminal Investigation Basic Course at an ANA base called Camp Zafar.

What they learned was like CSI — but for real.

The ANA investigators were trained on many aspects of crime scene investigation, and were ex-

cited to talk about their newly found skills.

The fact that I stumbled on the story was exciting; however, how I encountered that tale blew my mind.

The person who introduced the story to me came from a base a few miles from mine in England. She's now at a base a few miles from mine in Western Afghanistan.

To me, this was a strange coincidence, but Airman 1st Class Lausanne Morgan, from Royal Air Force Lakenheath (England's) public affairs office, stood before me nonetheless.

In fact, she took the photos of the CSI training. Her husband works with me back at RAF Mildenhall (England), and I helped sort out some of her predeployment worries.

I'd forgotten about Airman Morgan's troubles with her deployment, and had absolutely no idea she was deployed less than 10 miles from my camp.

With a fresh shower and a clean

uniform, the recent foot patrols, convoys and being shot at by insurgents seemed like a distant memory. I began to feel guilty for forgetting about a promise that I made while back in England.

I promised both Lausanne and Ethan (Morgan) that I'd make contact with Lausanne over here and make sure she was well.

Wrapped up in work, I'd forgotten that.

Destiny took its course and I was afforded the chance to make good on my promise, despite my own shortcomings.

This is her first deployment, and I'm happy I'm nearby if she needs anything.

I'm pretty sure I'll head back out into the field soon, as there are many Soldiers out at remote combat outposts, observation posts and fire bases who are doing amazing things and don't get much coverage for their efforts.

I've been completely focused on these Soldiers and am still committed to spotlighting them when

and where I can.

Perhaps I need to spread my focus though.

You see, the strange meeting with Airman Morgan reminded me that, as servicemembers, relationships and taking care of junior Airmen is vital.

I'm here away from my family and friends, and am lucky I can completely rely on my new comrades to watch my (back) while in the field. This is my third deployment though. For me, this isn't new.

What about Airman Morgan?

This is her first deployment, with very little time in service, and she is so far away from her family.

From now on, I'll check up on her frequently and check in with my subordinates back at RAF Mildenhall more often, as well.

With each and every life experience, we should strive to make ourselves better. This week's lesson was taught by my own conscience, and I will do better.



Staff Sgt. Travis Robertson/U.S. Air Force

A present-day 307th Bomb Wing Airman speaks with retired Master Sgt. Loren T. Longman, a 307th BW alumni, before the reactivation ceremonies for the 307th BW. Sergeant Longman is a World War II and Korean War veteran who served in the 307th BW from 1947-55.

307th Bomb Wing

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As General Mooney concluded his remarks, he looked out into the audience and spoke to the men and women of the 917th FG and 307th BW.

"In you, I see the highly disciplined and elite team of citizen Airmen who are undertaking this mission, fully understanding the special trust and responsibility placed on us by our nation for the most powerful weapons in its arsenal. Thank you for your commitment and service. I know you will make the two organizations that stood up here today the finest in the AFRC and the U.S. Air Force. ... Thank you."

Practice makes perfect



Staff Sgt. Terri Barriere/U.S. Air Force

Members of the 2nd Bomb Wing Honor Guard practice ceremonial drills Jan. 25 in preparation of the wing's upcoming annual awards banquet at Barksdale. The annual awards banquet, which will take place Feb. 11, honors the wing's outstanding performers for 2010. For more information or to purchase a ticket, contact unit first sergeants.

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Seabees call Barksdale hive their home

By Senior Airman Alexandra M. Boutte
2nd Bomb Wing Public Affairs

Barksdale, home of Air Force Global Strike Command, houses numerous Air Force tenant units on base to support the Air Force mission. So who are the military members in green fatigues?

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 28, a component of the Naval Construction Force, commonly known as Seabees, also call Barksdale home.

Seabees perform construction to support combat forces by building and maintaining camps, airfields, roads, bridges and piers. The Seabees also provide force protection measures like hardening structures and equipment, and building fences. They are trained in and perform defensive combat operations when necessary by establishing and securing perimeter defenses, patrolling, employing weapons systems and

performing other light infantry skills. Seabees routinely respond to natural disasters in the United States and across the world, including Hurricanes Katrina and Ike and most recently the earthquake in Haiti.

Barksdale provides a large training compound for the Seabees to utilize one weekend per month. The Seabees use the Warrior Training Center, located on the East side of the installation, for navigation and Humvee training. The battalion has weapons located in the 2nd Security Forces Squadron armory and uses Barksdale's firing range. A few active-duty Seabees also occupy base housing.

"Barksdale provides excellent facilities and services for NMCB 28 headquarters and command staff. Barksdale allows personnel from NMCB 28 to perform construction training and military training to include camp set-

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Cmdr. Robert Oliver
NMCB 28 commanding officer

up scenarios, weapons qualifications and convoy operations," said Cmdr. Robert Oliver, NMCB 28 commanding officer.

The Readiness Support Site of NMCB 28 moved several times in its early years as a southern battalion. The initial location was the Naval Ammunition Depot in McAlester, Okla., and later settled at Barksdale in 1978.

"Barksdale is centrally located among six states in which NMCB 28 personnel live, work and train,"

Commander Oliver said.

There are approximately 16,000 personnel in the NCF, 500 of them operating out of Barksdale. NMCB 28 consists of one of the largest geographic coverage areas including Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Tennessee and Texas.

Within the NCF, there are seven naval construction regiments, three active and four reserve, and 21 naval mobile construction battalions, nine active members and

12 reserve members.

The Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 28 provides construction and engineer support to the United States Marine Corps, Naval Forces and other military forces. The NMCB 28 also provides humanitarian assistance and disaster relief to civilian population.

"We are a one-stop shop here," said Senior Chief Petty Officer Keith Legier, NCMB 28 readiness support site supervisor. "We are mission-ready and can leave at a moment's notice. We build, we fight."

With a primary mission of providing construction and engineer support to combat forces, the Seabees are ready to deploy on short notice to any point on the globe. NMCB 28 recently deployed as a battalion to Iraq as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom and performed combat support missions.

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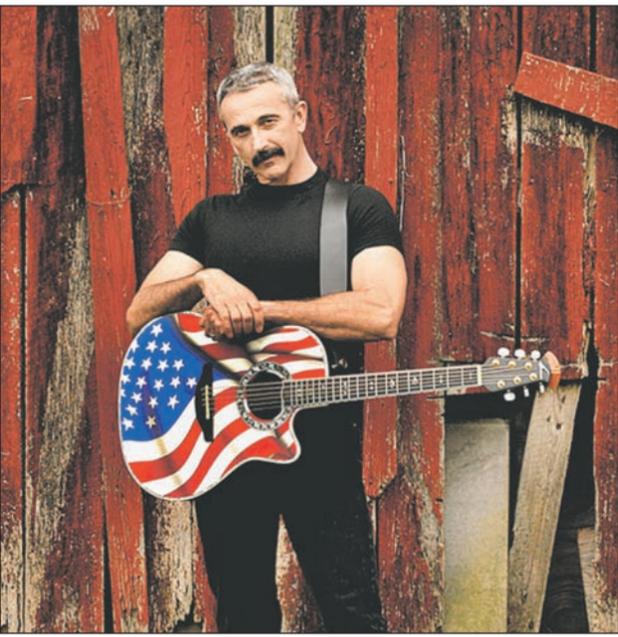
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Matthew Starling/Special to Warrior

Country music singer Aaron Tippin will perform a free Valentines for Veterans concert Thursday at CenturyTel Center.

Country music singer to headline Valentines for Veterans concert

By Danielle Hill

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Barksdale Airmen and local veterans are in for a treat next week.

Country music recording artist Aaron Tippin will perform a free concert at CenturyTel Center on Thursday. Benton native and A&E television star Billy the Exterminator will emcee the event.

"I have a strong relationship with troops. I go every year to Afghanistan to perform for the troops. I also travel all around the country to different military installations to give back to our military members," Tippin said during a phone interview.

"I think it is very important to give back to the men and women who fight for our freedoms. I cannot express enough the gratitude I have for our troops and veterans."

The concert is part of the Valentines for Veterans concert series being held in 13 different areas. The show is free, but attendees must have a ticket.

Tickets can be obtained at the Barksdale Tickets and Tours office, different Barksdale Federal Credit Union locations and Overton Brooks VA Medical Center.

"Barksdale Federal Credit Union is proud to sponsor a free concert to show our appreciation and support for our veterans. The men and women of the armed forces protect our freedom and our prayers are always with them and their families," said Kelly Roberts,

For more information

When: 7 p.m. Thursday.

Where: CenturyTel Center, 2000 CenturyTel Center Drive, Bossier City.

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Info: (318) 990-5848 or visit www.bfcu.org/home/locations/center for a list of Barksdale Federal Credit Union ticket locations.

vice president of business development for Barksdale Federal Credit Union.

The concert series began in 2007 as part of the National Salute to Veteran Patient Week. Organizers of the concert hope to raise awareness of VA medical facilities and encourage the local community to volunteer at Overton Brooks VA Medical Center. Overton Brooks VAMC serves a population of more than 131,000 veterans.

"This celebration with Aaron Tippin is a small way of saying thank you to our veterans and military," said Bob Frasier, chief of voluntary service for Overton Brooks.

This isn't Tippin's first visit to the Shreveport-Bossier City area. He performed at the 2009 Defender's of Liberty Air Show.

"I'm excited to come back to the area," said the former corporate pilot.

Tippin encourages veterans and Barksdale Airmen to "come on out and let's have some fun."

Bomb wing traces lineage back to World War II

By Tech. Sgt. Jeff Walston

307th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

The 307th Bomb Wing has a rich history that dates back to 1942 when it was activated as the 307th Bombardment Group (Heavy) by the Army Air Corps Combat Command after the attack on Pearl Harbor that thrust the United States into war with Japan.

In succeeding years, the 307th's participation in World War II, the Korean Conflict, the Cold War, and the Vietnam Conflict proved it to be one of the most renowned bombing units in military annals.

On April 15, 1942, the 307th began operations as a B-17 Flying Fortress bomber unit at Geiger Field, Wash. Its first mission — to guard the northwestern United States and Alaskan coasts against armed invasion.

After patrolling the American coastline for five months, the 307th's B-17s were replaced with the famous B-24 "Liberators."

The group's bombers received their first taste of combat Dec. 27, 1942. Twenty-seven of the group's aircraft were deployed from Oahu to Midway Island. From there, the B-24s staged their first attack against the Japanese during the war.

For the remainder of the war, the 307th aircraft continued to cripple the debilitated enemy. The group elements neutralized Japanese forces at Yap, Truk, and Palau Islands. Bombing strikes against Japanese shipping centers in the Philippines inhibited the enemy from gaining a further strong hold in the area. An unescorted attack by the group's aircraft against oil refineries at Balikpapan, Borneo, Oct. 3, 1944, helped assure an allied victory in the South Pacific.

No longer needed, the highly decorated group returned to the United States in December 1945, and was subsequently deactivated.

The 307th Bombardment Group was reactivated Aug. 4, 1946, at MacDill Field, Fla., the group was equipped with huge B-29 Superfortresses and the wing was appropriately designated "Very Heavy."

The Strategic Air Command then selected the 307th as its first anti-submarine unit in December 1946. Precursor to similar SAC units, the group acted as a "guinea pig" in the development of new anti-sub tactics and operational procedures.

In 1950, the group was temporarily assigned to Kadena Airfield on Okinawa. From there, the group bombers staged attacks against the rapidly advancing communist forces in South Korea.

Finished with its task in Korea, the 307th returned to the United States in 1954. Assigned to Lincoln Air Force Base, Neb., the group's B-29s were replaced with swept-winged B-47 Stratojets. The sleek new bombers were the first jet-propelled aircraft assigned to the wing.



Special to Warrior

A formation of B-24s from the 307th Bomb Group takes to the skies during World War II. Group bombers received their first taste of combat Dec. 27, 1942. Twenty-seven of the group's aircraft were deployed from Oahu to Midway Island. From here, the B-24s staged their first attack against an enemy fortress on Wake Island. The enemy was taken by surprise during the predawn raid. Before Japanese units responded with a barrage of anti-aircraft fire, 307th bombers had blasted 90 percent of the Wake Island stronghold. All the aircraft returned safely from what was considered the longest mass raid of that time. It was from this mission that the 307th Bomb Group became known as "The Long Rangers."

The wing was then designated as the 307th Bombardment Wing (Medium).

On July 1, 1955, the 307th Bomb Wing was placed under the command of the Eighth Air Force. There were 43 B-47s and 21 KC-97 type aircraft assigned to the Wing.

The 307th Bombardment Wing, along with other units at Lincoln AFB, were realigned under the SAC's Second Air Force headquartered at Barksdale on Jan. 1, 1959.

During its tenure at Lincoln AFB, the wing set records that may never be equaled again. It won a SAC Bomb Competition and participated in the Cuban Missile crisis. On Oct. 1, 1959, the wing established a never broken SAC record for 2,327 consecutive sorties without deviation from the flying schedule, and they also won the SACs coveted "Fairchild Trophy."

May 1960 witnessed the transfer of the 307th Air Refueling Squadron to Selfridge AFB in Michigan. This was done as part of SAC's plan for aircraft dispersal and to position the tankers farther along the EWO routes of the egressing bombers. The ARS remained at Selfridge until deactivated in 1964. The unit was later reactivated in KC-135 tankers and served through the Persian Gulf War.

While at Lincoln, the 307th functioned as a Combat Ready Unit, conducting combat training missions and maintaining an alert force commitment, both at Lincoln and overseas bases, until its deactivation on March 25, 1965.

The 307th was formed again as a tanker wing for the "Vietnam Conflict," and later in the "Conflict"

served as a "B-52 Wing" flying "Arc Light" missions. In the spring of 1967, the wing added strategic bombing to its mission. Equipped with the B-52D Stratofortresses and crews loaned from other wings, it began high altitude bombing of enemy targets in South Vietnam on April 11. Under the operational nickname "Arc Light," the wing bombers flew more than 35,000 strikes against the communist enemy from 1967 to mid-1970.

After another brief retirement period, the 307th was reorganized from the 4258th Strategic Wing at U-Tapao Airfield, Thailand, to support the air war in the Republic of Vietnam. Designated the 307th Strategic Wing on 1 April 1970, the two-war veteran unit began operations as an aerial refueling wing. Equipped with KC-135 Stratotankers, the wing refueled Vietnam-bound fighters under the nickname "Young Tiger." From 1967 to mid-1970, the wing tankers flew more than 50,000 sorties and were credited with 80 aircraft "saves."

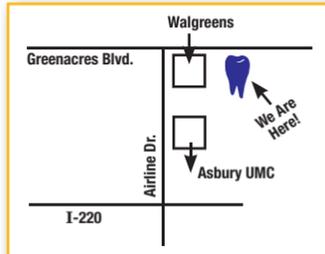
The 307th Strategic Wing was selected as SAC's outstanding wing for 1972, and received the Omaha Award for its support of Southeast Asia (SEA) operations. It was deactivated on Sept. 30, 1975. The wing was awarded four Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards with the Combat "V" Device, and twice was awarded the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross, with Palm.

During its brief history in Southeast Asia, the 307th received three Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards — two of which were with other 8th Air Force units — or their role in the Vietnam Conflict.

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917th Wing announces 2010 Airmen of the Year

From 307th Bomb Wing Public Affairs
 Congratulations to the 2010 Airmen of the Year award winners for the 917th Wing.
 The winners will be officially recognized for this honor during ceremonies scheduled for March 6.
 They are the last to be awarded Airmen of the Year for the 917th Wing, since the wing was deactivated Jan. 1. During the same ceremonies, the 917th Operations Group was re-designated as the 917th Fighter Group and the historic 307th Bomb Wing was reactivated. For more information on the reactivation of the 307th Bomb Wing, see page 1A.



Airman of the Year
 Senior Airman Kimberly Simon
 717th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron



Noncommissioned Officer of the Year
 Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Walston
 917th Wing Public Affairs



Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year
 Master Sgt. Danny Fischer
 917th Maintenance Squadron



First Sergeant of the Year
 Master Sgt. Wendell Weeks
 917th Maintenance Operations Squadron first sergeant

Cruise Missile Flight ensures safety, reliability of munitions

Article & photos By Senior Airman Brittany Y. Bateman
 2nd Bomb Wing Public Affairs
 The 2nd Munitions Squadron personnel impact the entire Air Force.
 The mission of the 2 MUNS cruise missile flight is to provide safe and reliable munitions and support to their customers anytime, anywhere.

There are approximately 100 Airmen who make up the 2 MUNS cruise missile flight here at Barksdale, home of Air Force Global Strike Command, all are qualified on the electronic components of the Air Launched Cruise Missile. They know what their functions are and are capable of loading, testing and transporting single mis-

siles, fully loaded pylons and launchers.

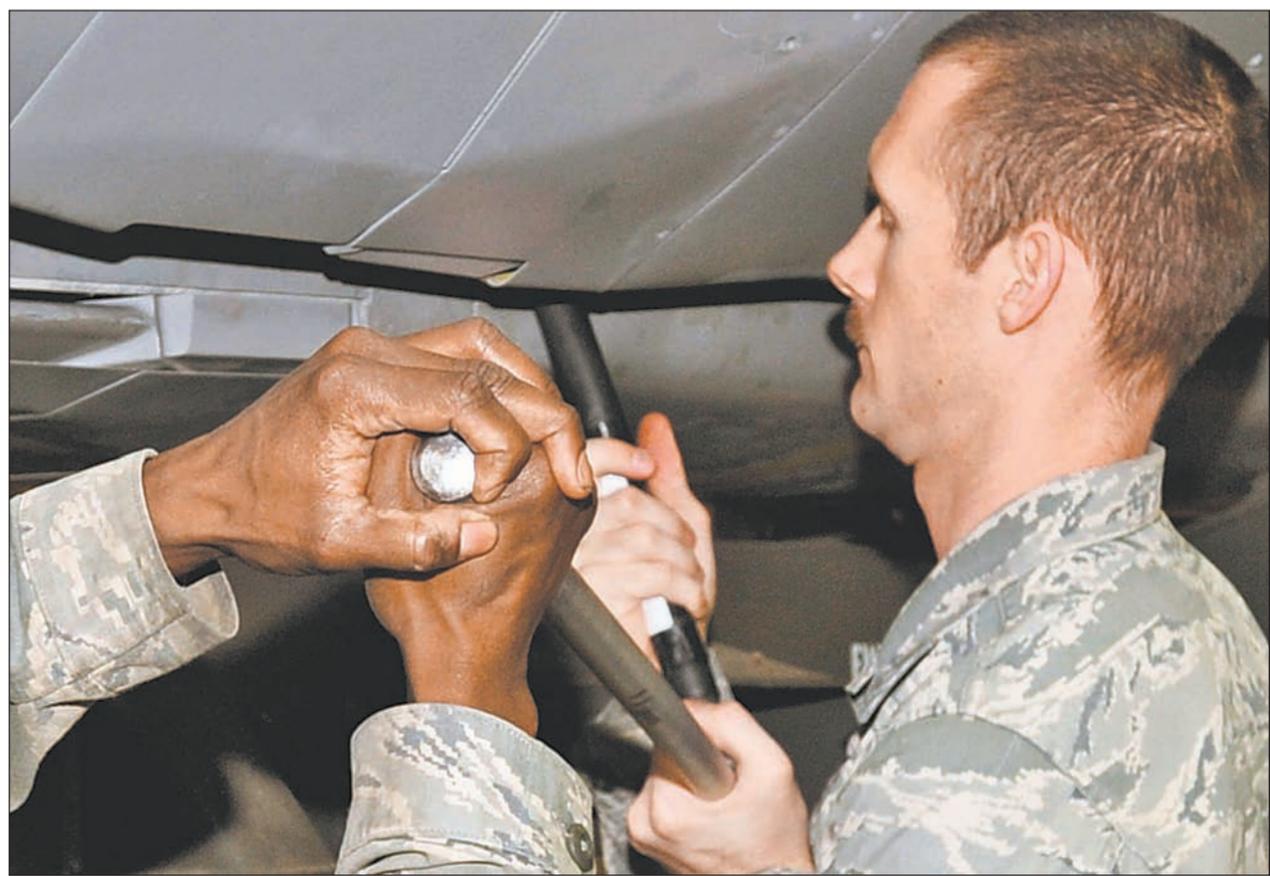
"On a daily basis, I work with my team to maintain and test our weapon system to ensure its reliability," said Senior Airman Jorge Hernandez, 2 MUNS missile maintenance technician. "We transport missiles, replace components and run full weapon system tests. I wanted to be a part of this flight to be able to work on one of the Air Force's most advanced weapon systems."

When Airmen from the 2 MUNS deploy they provide required weapons and personnel when directed by headquarters.

"We bring a stand-off weapon capability to the fight," said Senior Master Sgt. Sean Wheat, 2 MUNS cruise missile flight chief. "Weapons from this flight have been used in conflicts on several occasions and could be again. It is our responsibility to ensure these assets are ready to go at a moment's notice to support the needs of the combatant commands."

Airmen from this career field can apply their skills to the civilian world after their military careers end.

"The skills we apply to our jobs can be useful in any number of contract companies such as Boeing, Lockheed Martin and Martin Marietta," Airman Hernandez said. "The most important part of Cruise Missile Flight are the men and women who ensure the precision and reliability of all weapons assigned."



Senior Airman Bryan Hylton, 2nd Munitions Squadron, performs a Conventional Air Launched Cruise Missile download from a launcher on Barksdale. When Airmen from the 2 MUNS deploy they provide required weapons and personnel when directed by headquarters.

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Senior Master Sgt. Sean Wheat
 2nd Munitions Squadron cruise missile flight chief

Missile cruise Airmen, receive training at the Missile Maintenance Apprentice Technical School at Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif. They receive four

months of training for the basic cruise missile course and another two-month course that only some Airmen attend which covers the test equipment they

maintain. "We transport packages to and from our building load them into checkout frames, download and upload missiles, build, break

down and install ejector racks on missiles, install and test ejector rack electro explosive devices, upload and download warheads from missiles and transport packages to and from the flightline on a daily basis," said Staff Sgt. Andrew Boone, 2 MUNS launcher maintenance team chief. "Without us the Air Force wouldn't have a long range, first strike capable conventional munitions."



Senior Airman Bryan Hylton, 2nd Munitions Squadron, performs a Conventional Air Launched Cruise Missile download from a launcher. The mission of the 2 MUNS is to provide fully mission-capable cruise missiles and bombs whenever called upon.

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Eighteen chief master sergeant selectees were recognized at the Chief Master Sergeant Recognition Ceremony at the Barksdale Club on Jan. 21. Each newly appointed chief select received a medallion before the event and a shadow box commemorating their accomplishment.

U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman Alexandra M. Boutte

Congratulations, newest chief master sergeants



Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force No. 5 Robert Gaylor and Chief Master Sgt. (Sel) Robert Hoyt, Air Force Global Strike Command, cut the cake at the Barksdale Club during the Chief Master Sergeant Recognition Ceremony. The senior and junior ranking chief master sergeants were chosen to cut the cake.



Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force No. 5 Robert Gaylor was chosen to be the guest speaker during the Chief Master Sergeant Recognition Ceremony. He spoke to the newly appointed chief selects about responsibility and taking care of themselves and the Airmen they lead.



LEFT: The Chief Master Sergeant Recognition Ceremony was held at the Barksdale Club to recognize 18 new chief selects. Each honoree was presented a shadow box representing their career from the rank of airman to chief master sergeant. A line number was sewn in each chief master sergeant stripe.

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917th heritage continues as fighter group

By Tech. Sgt. Jeff Walston
307th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

When the 917th Wing was deactivated here Jan. 8, it did not signal the end of the 917th designation because the wing's 917th Operations Group was redesignated as the 917th Fighter Group.

In a ceremony presided over by Lt. Gen. Charles E. Stenner Jr., Air Force Reserve Command commander, the flag of the 917th Fighter Group was uncased, formally redesignating it as an A-10 Thunderbolt II unit.

Col. Eric Overturf, 442nd Fighter Wing commander, Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., accepted the new flag from General Stenner. The new fighter group is now part of the 442nd FW.

"I'm proud to be your commander," Colonel Overturf said to the Airmen of the 917th FG. "Make no mistake ... you can rest assured when the nation calls on the 917th for airpower, we'll answer the call, and we'll be ready."

The 917th Wing flag was unfurled and encased, thus signifying the end of the wing's mission and serving as a final symbol of closure for all those, past and present, who were a part of the wing.

The A-10 close-air-support aircraft previously assigned to the 917th WG will remain at Barksdale. The fighter group will be assigned to the 442nd Fighter Wing at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., and will be gained by Air Combat Command, Langley AFB, Va.

"We're losing the A-10s to Whiteman, but they'll still be here. We will still support them, but we are focusing on the bombers," said Brig. Gen. John J. Mooney III, 307th Bomb Wing commander and former commander of the 917th Wing.

The 917th Wing started in 1963 at Barksdale as a troop carrier. General Stenner noted that its lineage has changed over the years, but the unit has never deactivated. He said members of the unit past and present can be proud of what they have achieved and will continue to achieve.

Command Post: construction under way

By Airman 1st Class Sean Martin
2nd Bomb Wing Public Affairs

The 2nd Bomb Wing command post will soon move to a new location, providing more space for people and equipment to carry out the mission.

The wing command post, currently operating from Air Force Glob-

al Strike Command headquarters, will soon transfer to Bldg. 3433, the 2nd Civil Engineer Squadron headquarters.

"The move will allow AFGSC and the 2 BW command functions to operate independently," said Lt. Col. David Brosius, Barksdale Command Post chief.

The purpose of the 2

BW's command post is to monitor wing-level operations, serving as the eyes and ears for the wing commander. The new command post will be fully mission capable with transferred or replaced equipment.

A new building is also slated to be built alongside the new command post

that will house satellite communications equipment vital for the command post to stand up. The equipment includes radios, a Klaxon system and a Tactical Aircrew Alerting Network, which is a one way pager to the aircrew members. A new 145-foot radio tower will be constructed as well.

"This will support the U.S. Strategic Command's mission," said Senior Master Sgt. Eric Muhlenbruch, 2 BW command post superintendent.

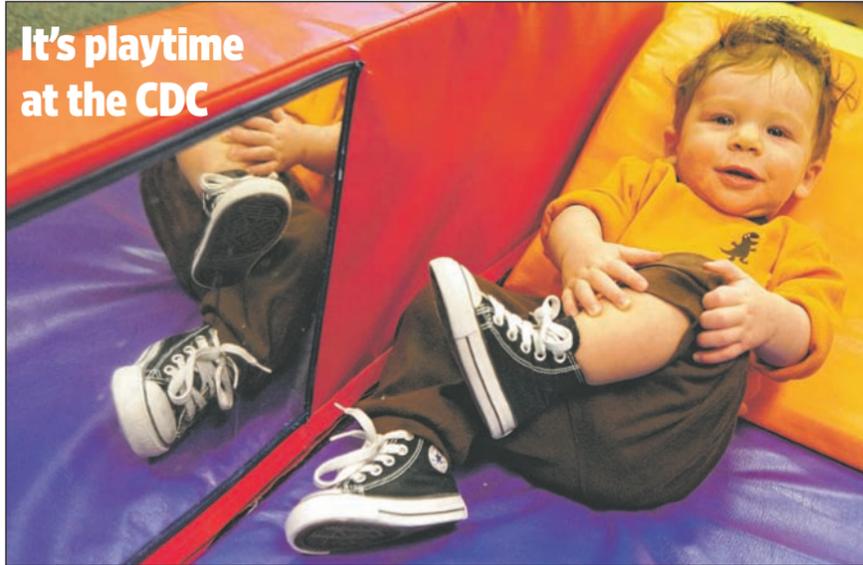
The move will have minimal impact on AFGSC and 2 BW missions.

The final move is set to take place sometime in the spring of 2011.

Practice round



Senior Airman Alexandra M. Boutte/U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Kevin Hillman, 2nd Security Forces Squadron combat arms instructor, studies his target after a practice round with the M8-70 shotgun at Barksdale. Each instructor has to qualify for the shotgun annually. The instructor stands 25 meters away to fire, and to qualify there needs to be 25 hits on the target.



It's playtime at the CDC



Lucas Layman, 8 months, lounges in a climber play center at the Barksdale Child Development Center located on Barksdale. Lucas is the son of Tech. Sgt. TaraShawn Layman, 2nd Medical Support Squadron, and Staff Sgt. Brandon Layman, 2nd Civil Engineer Squadron.

U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman Joanna M. Kresge

Peyton Spare, 7 months, daughter of Airman 1st Class Sarah Spare, 2nd Communications Squadron, plays with a ball at the Barksdale CDC. The CDC not only provides child care weekly to military members and Department of Defense civilians, but also offers a bimonthly "Give Parents a Break" program for parents with deployed spouses. For more information about the Give Parents a Break program, contact the Airman and Family Readiness Center at 456-8400.



Senior Airman Larry E. Reid Jr./U.S. Air Force Tops In Blue vocalists Senior Airman Quentin Thomas and 2nd Lt. Rhoda Lazo perform before a large crowd Feb. 11, 2009, in Las Vegas. Tops In Blue, the Air Force's expeditionary entertainment unit, is scheduled to perform "America the Beautiful" during festivities leading up to Super Bowl XLV in Arlington, Texas, on Sunday.

Tops In Blue to perform at Super Bowl XLV

By Erin Tindell

Air Force Personnel, Services and Manpower Public Affairs

SAN ANTONIO — Tops In Blue, the Air Force's expeditionary entertainment unit, is scheduled to perform "America the Beautiful" during festivities leading up to Super Bowl XLV in Arlington, Texas, Feb. 6.

The group will perform alongside actress Lea Michele during pre-game activities. Tops In Blue performed as the halftime show during Super Bowl XIX in 1985, and Air Force Services Agency officials are pleased to have the group invited back.

"This year's Tops In Blue team is extremely excited about this opportunity, and every member looks forward to representing the Air Force both live and on television throughout the world," said Tom Edwards, the director of Tops In Blue.

Tops In Blue is a group of Airmen composed of 35 vocalists, dancers, musicians and technicians who perform for deployed service members and coalition forces, helping to provide a sense of pause and escape for them, so they feel inspired to continue their missions.

For the past 57 years, Tops In Blue has traveled to more than 20 countries to perform more than 120 times each year for Airmen and families around the world.

Super Bowl XLV will be televised on FOX Feb. 6, with kickoff scheduled for 6:25 p.m. ET. Tops In Blue will perform shortly after 6 p.m.

For more information about Tops In Blue, visit www.topsinblue.com.

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When: 7:30 p.m. Riverview Theater, 600 Clyde Fant Memorial Parkway, Shreveport.
Featuring: Beethoven and Shostakovich, presented by the Shreveport Symphony Orchestra.
Admission: \$12-\$42.
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KID ROCK

When: 7:30 p.m. CenturyTel Center, 2000 CenturyTel Center Drive, Bossier City.
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AN EVENING WITH THE GLENN MILLER ORCHESTRA

When: 6 p.m. Horseshoe Casino & Hotel, 711 Horseshoe Blvd., Bossier City.
Featuring: a seated dinner and dancing; benefiting the Shreveport Opera.
Admission: \$100, individual; \$1,500-\$7,500, sponsorships.



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Comedian Mike Epps will perform at CenturyTel Center Feb. 20. For more information, call (318) 747-2501.

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"THE COLOR PURPLE"

When: 7:30 p.m. The Strand Theatre, 619 Louisiana Ave., Shreveport.
Featuring: a Theatre League of Louisiana production.
Admission: \$44.50-\$59.50.
Info: (318) 226-8555.

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COMEDIAN MIKE EPPS

When: 7 p.m. CenturyTel Center, 2000 CenturyTel Center Drive, Bossier City.
Admission: \$39.50-\$47.50.
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"THE MUSIC MAN"

When: 8 p.m. The Strand Theatre, 619 Louisiana Ave., Shreveport.
Featuring: a production by Windwood Productions.
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ALL SHOOK UP: THE MUSIC OF ELVIS PRESLEY

When: 8 p.m. The Strand Theatre, 619 Louisiana Ave., Shreveport.
Admission: \$30.50-\$52.50.
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THE FANTASTICKS

When: 7:30 p.m. Riverview Theater, 600 Clyde Fant Memorial Parkway, Shreveport.
Featuring: the Shreveport Opera.
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When: 8 p.m. Horseshoe Casino & Hotel, 711 Horseshoe Blvd., Bossier City.
Admission: \$100-\$110.
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Briefly

New MDG hours

Effective in February, the 2nd Medical Group is changing its hours of operations on training days to better suit its customers and its training requirements. The clinic will no longer close at 3 p.m. every Thursday for training, but will instead close the second Thursday of each month at noon for the remainder of the day.

2011 Community Assessment Survey

The Integrated Delivery System working group is sponsoring the 2011 Community Assessment Survey of servicemembers, spouses, reservists, spouses of reservists and civilians. This survey is the best way for Air Force community members to make their opinions and needs known. The results of the survey will be used by base leadership and the Air Force to target resources where they are most needed and enhance the well-being of the community.

Air Force community members at Air Force bases worldwide will be randomly selected to participate in the study. Participation is crucial to the success of the project; selected servicemembers are strongly urged to take part.

If you have any questions regarding Barksdale's 2011 Community Assessment, contact Russell Cook at (318) 456-6595.

BESG scholarship

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

The Landings at Barksdale February events

► Thursday: Valentines' Craft Day for kids at Welcome Center between 3 and 5 p.m.

► Feb. 14: Giving away Valentine's Day treats at Welcome Center from 2 to 5 p.m.

► Feb. 18: National Heart Association Day. Pick up a red bracelet at the Welcome Center.

► Feb. 21: Offices closed.

► Feb. 24: National Chili Day. Stop in for chili from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Welcome Center.

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.

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.

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