

Barksdale participates in upcoming CORE

By Airman 1st Class Sean Martin

2nd Bomb Wing Public Affairs

Barksdale, home of Air Force Global Strike Command, will conduct a Phase II Conventional Operational Readiness Exercise on Tuesday through Feb. 25.

A CORE tests the wing's ability to conduct a conventional mission. It evaluates how it can perform in a chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and high-yield explosives type environment and also during pre-, trans- and post-attacks.

"We are exercising the wing's ability to conduct the conventional mission, and there is generally a lot of flying to show that we can hold to the mission," said Capt. Matthew Anderson, 2nd Bomb Wing chief of exercises and plans.

Phase I of a CORE consists of loading cargo onto aircraft, processing Airmen through the deployment lines and preparing both to deploy.

The Phase II CORE simulates that the 2 BW is deployed to the fight and aircraft flying sorties.

"We are simulating that the base will be in the eighth day of war," Captain Anderson said. "The maintainers will have to show they can generate aircraft in a quick manner, security forces will show how they can protect and guard things on base and services will have to show they can support an increased tempo."

Many changes will occur during this exercise, and it will affect all.

Servicemembers on base, retirees and dependents, can expect a few changes that will occur around base, Captain Anderson said. People can expect to see potential road closures near the exercise area, temporary gate closures, alternate routes and increased force protection condition measures. On Thursday afternoon, the medical clinic will not schedule any appointments. The base exchange and commissary will not be included in the exercise.

Captain Anderson stated all of these changes will only be temporary. During FPCON Delta, we would normally shut the gates permanently, but during the exercise it will just be temporary, he added.

A CORE is only required once a year for the base. Barksdale will be evaluated by the exercise evaluation team on how Team Barksdale reacts during certain scenarios. They will observe events around base and then report their findings to the base commander.

"If nothing is found every time we conduct these exercises, then something is wrong," said Capt. Brad DeSmith, 2 BW chief of wing exercises and evaluations. "Because as many moving parts as this wing has, there is bound to be a few problems that need to be addressed."

"We are going to try our hardest to minimize as many inconveniences on base people may encounter," concluded Captain Anderson. "If we all cooperate and work together, this should be a good exercise."



Col. Tim Fay (outside left), 2nd Bomb Wing commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Joe Ann Pace (outside right), 2 BW command chief, pose for a group photo with the 2 BW annual award winners Staff Sgt. Kelley Kessler, Capt. Michael Pontius, Richard Knowles, Senior Airman Cory Shaw, Senior Master Sgt. Derrick Games, Rachel Penwell, William Duckworth, Terri Campbell, Senior Master Sgt. Todd Krulcik, and Senior Airman Marthinus Taljaard.

2nd Bomb Wing Airmen take home annual awards

Article & photos by Senior Airman Joanna M. Kresge

2nd Bomb Wing Public Affairs

The 2nd Bomb Wing annual awards banquet was held Feb. 11 at Hoban Hall.

"Heritage, Vision, Excellence!" was the theme of the event, which highlighted the 2010 accomplishments of Barksdale Airmen. The evening began with a private medallion ceremony for all nominees and their guests, followed by dinner and a speech from Bossier City Mayor Lorenz Walker.

The event culmination was the presentation of awards that were unveiled one at a time from sealed envelopes carried by guards.

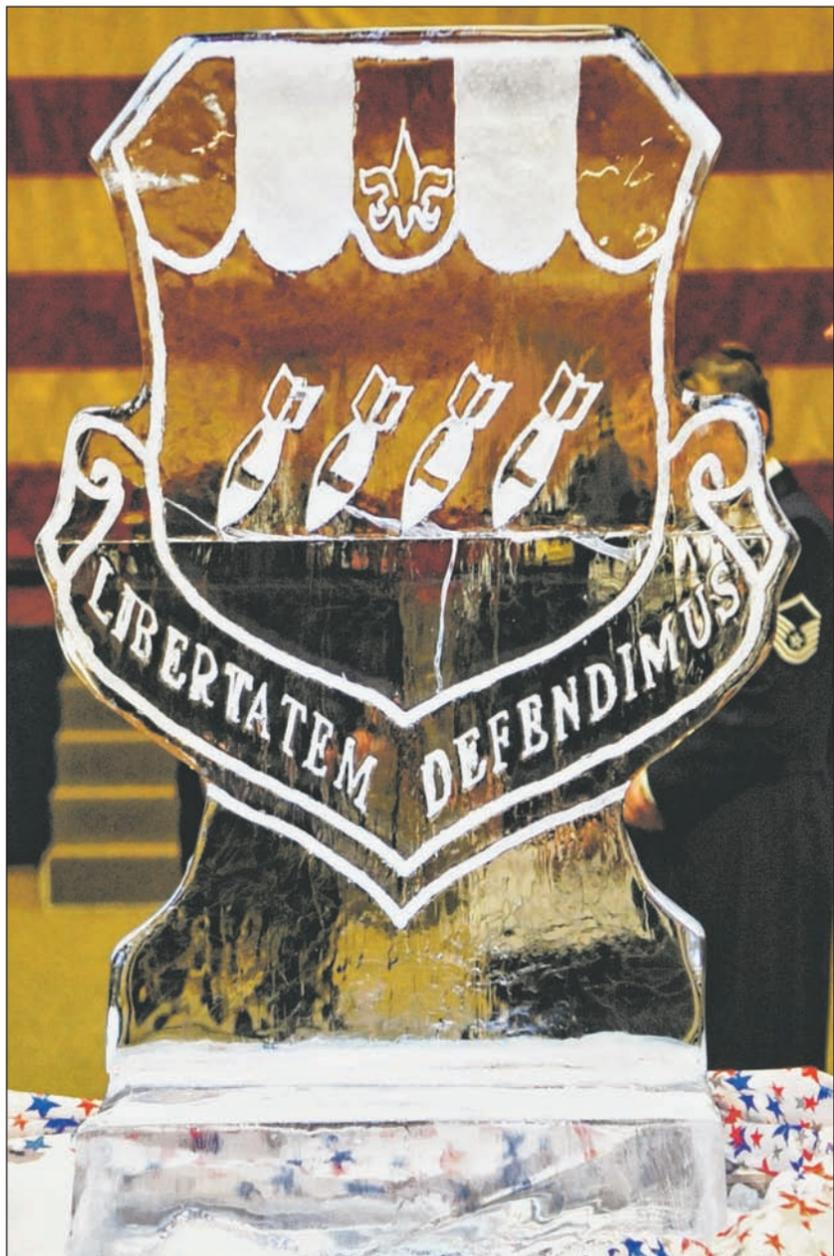
The following individuals were named 2010 award recipients:

- Airman of the Year: Senior Airman Marthinus Taljaard, 2nd Medical Group.
- Noncommissioned Officer of the Year: Staff Sgt. Kelley Kessler, 2nd Mission Support Group.
- Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year: Senior Master Sgt. Todd Krulcik, 2nd Maintenance Group.
- Company Grade Officer of the Year: Capt. Michael Pontius, 2nd Operations Group.
- Category I up to GS 8: Terri Campbell, 2nd Medical Group.
- Category II GS 9 and above: Richard Knowles, 2nd Bomb Wing Staff Agencies.
- Category III NAF 3 and above: William Duckworth, 2 MSG.
- Category IV NAF 2 and below: Matthew Stinson, 2 MSG.
- Volunteer of the Year: Rachel Penwell, Barksdale Enlisted Spouses' Group.
- Honor Guard Member of the Year: Senior Airman Cory Shaw, Barksdale Honor Guard Charlie Flight.
- First Sergeant of the Year: Senior Master Sgt. Derrick Games, 2 MXG.

In his closing remarks, Col. Tim Fay, 2 BW commander, addressed the award winners.

"There are nearly 6,200 Airmen standing guard here at Barksdale AFB as part of the 2 BW, and of these nominees here tonight, these winners are absolutely the best of the best. Congratulations and well done."

The winners will compete for awards at the Air Force Global Strike Command level.



An ice sculpture depicting the 2nd Bomb Wing shield stands at the 2 BW annual awards banquet Feb. 11 at Hoban Hall. The theme of the event was "Heritage, Vision, Excellence!"

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Professionalism on- and off-duty

By Airman 1st Class Jose L. Hernandez

5th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

MINOT AIR FORCE BASE, N.D. — Nearly one year ago, my military training instructor, Tech. Sgt. Daniel McKeown, told members of my flight to never get complacent. Yet, it wasn't until I arrived at Minot Air Force Base that I began to fully understand the true value and meaning of those words.

Fresh out of Basic Military Training and technical school, I went from an environment of stringent training to an environment of receiving more personable guidance and instruction here. While my on-the-job training was intense, the work atmosphere was more relaxed and I had a lot more personal freedom.

I realized most Airmen go through the same experience. And, as time goes by, it's easy to slowly begin to stray away from some of the fundamental principles they were taught. Soon, it may be evident there is a lack of attention to anything ranging from uniform irregularities to keeping hair within regulations. This was part of the complacency Sergeant McKeown spoke of.

As Airmen representing Air Force Global Strike Command, it's crucial we all take a moment to reflect on the significance of upholding

our Air Force doctrines and ideals.

Everything we learned, from the moment we first stepped foot in our initial military training environment, had a purpose. From etiquette to dress and appearance, we were groomed to be part of an institution that places integrity first, service before self and excellence in all we do.

Whether we work in services or as maintenance personnel, we are all expected to behave professionally and show the proper respect to one another. To ensure this, it is essential we keep our wingmen in check.

At times, even I catch myself not paying full respect to those I work with, and I've caught myself taking a joke too far with my co-workers. So, I remind myself that while I see my colleagues as friends, I still must try my best to show them the respect they all deserve, because it reflects on my moral fibers and character.

I still remember briefings in Basic Military Training designed to lecture us on the importance of maintaining proper etiquette at all times regardless of where we were or who we spoke to.

Our MTI explained, time and again, that our conduct both on- and off-duty reflects the standards and principles the Air Force has taught us

and the importance of keeping true to our core values — no matter where we found ourselves in the future.

We were taught that the American public has a very high regard toward service members. They understand the sacrifices service members make in order to ensure the safety of the country, and thus they hold us in high esteem.

As uniformed personnel, we are entrusted with a worthy and respectable role in communities all across the country. That's a significant standing in society that few people can say they are part of.

Because of the trust and confidence they place in us, we should always remember that when we are off base and in our communities, whether we are in civilian clothes or in uniform, our communities expect us to conduct ourselves professionally at all times. When just one person doesn't, that erodes the public's respect.

Like Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James A. Roy said, "The Air Force Core Values are what we live by, and they will continue to guide our standards."

I, for one, am proud to be a part of this organization and will continue to do my best to live by the standards taught to me by the Air Force.

Mike Jarrett, 2nd Force Support Squadron wood crafts center manager, fixes a gift for Master Sgt. Marcus Cooper, 2nd Maintenance Operations Squadron first sergeant. Jarrett builds retirement and going-away gifts, trophy cases, recognition boards, podiums, conference tables and much more. "I can pretty much build anything a customer needs as long as it is made of wood," he said. Anyone who needs assistance with a project can receive help from Jarrett. The wood crafts center also has classes to teach others how to use the wood-working tools. For more information, call (318) 456-3409.

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Another day, another deployment

Article & photos by Senior Airman Chad Warren

2nd Bomb Wing Public Affairs
In a post 9/11 Air Force, deployment is a near certainty. Airmen are required now more than ever to venture into harm's way in order to complete the mission. With the reinvigoration and modernization of the United States' nuclear arsenal, members of Air Force Global Strike Command are no exception.

The stress that comes with a deployment is felt long before an Airman arrives down range. From the day someone is notified of a deployment, the preparation begins. There are several appointments and mandatory training requirements to accomplish prior to leaving Barksdale. Most Airmen must also undergo additional combat skills training at a separate location from Barksdale before they arrive down range.

"There is a lot of out-processing to do," said Senior Airman Sarah Chevalier, 2nd Logistics Readiness Squadron storage and issue apprentice. "The hardest part for me has been the immunizations and trying to keep up with all of my appointments."

Certain training classes, such as self-aid and buddy care, focus on specific scenarios that a deployed Airman could encounter. Though numerous, appointments and training play an important role in the overall readiness of the deploying member.

Deployments are a bitter-sweet affair for many service members. According to Master Sgt. Bryan Wilson, 2nd Comptroller Squadron first sergeant, most people are excited to deploy and contribute to the fight abroad although

they worry about the strain placed on their family and home life.

"While deployed, Airmen can feel helpless about issues back home," Sergeant Wilson said. "Even small things like their spouse having car trouble or kids acting up can take a toll."

The prospect of deployment is different for each individual, and family obligations play a major part in someone's outlook. Airman 1st Class Jon Morgan, 2nd Contracting Squadron service contract specialist, is single and has no dependents; something he said contributes to his low level of stress leading up to his deployment in May.

"I feel great about the opportunity to deploy," Airman Morgan said. "This will allow me to experience a rich culture and will enhance my ability to have the 'know how' in a foreign market economy."

Conversely, many deploying Airmen have family members here on Barksdale who will be without their loved one for an extended period of time.

"I am a single mom of an 18-month-old son," Airman Chevalier said, who will be gone for nearly a year on her upcoming deployment. "This will be the hardest part for me."

Being separated from family members is an inevitability of military service and is the reason an up-to-date and effective family care plan is essential. With the correct mindset and proper preparation, Airmen can take much of the stress and uncertainty out of deployments.

"I'm nervous but excited to finally get the chance to go," Airman Chevalier said. "A year is a very long time, but I see so many positive things coming out of this."



Staff Sgt. Belinda Martinez, 2nd Logistics Readiness Squadron unit deployment manager, prepares back order supplies to be shipped to deployed Airmen. Due to the high number of deployed personnel, the demand for supplies sometimes outweighs the supply and the equipment must be sent when the supplies are ready.

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Airman 1st Class Jon Morgan
2nd Contracting Squadron service contract specialist



ABOVE: Staff Sgt. Joseph Moniz, a self-aid and buddy care instructor with the 2nd Logistics Readiness Squadron, demonstrates how to properly turn a casualty during a class. Self-aid and buddy care is a first-aid class that is a required element of the predeployment training for all Airmen.

LEFT: Staff Sgt. Joseph Moniz teaches a class for Airmen who are deploying soon. Self-aid and buddy care is a first-aid class that is a required element of the predeployment training for all Airmen.

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BAFB Airmen face unlawful taxation

By Senior Airman Allison M. Boehm
2nd Bomb Wing Public Affairs

The Louisiana Department of Revenue recently has been sending military members bills on an annual basis for Louisiana taxes only because the servicemember filed a federal income tax return from a Louisiana address.

The 2nd Bomb Wing Legal Office here at Barksdale, home of Air Force Global Strike Command, urges members to immediately visit them if that is the case so an attorney can advise them how to proceed.

"I fear that there are many more members out there with the same type of story and that in the coming months, as this issue becomes more and more public, we will begin to realize that the scope of the LDR's unlawful practices, and the damages they have inflicted on our members, is much greater than any of us imagined," said Capt. Robert Burlison, 2 BW Legal Office assistant staff judge advocate, chief of legal assistance and labor law.

"Barksdale Airmen need to ensure they are educated on the issues we are facing with the LDR and know they have federal rights that will protect them from the LDR's unlawful actions. The base legal office is on their side and is not taking this issue sitting down."

The federal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act states it is illegal to attempt to collect an unlawful debt and requires the debt collector to obtain validation of the debt from the creditor when the debtor challenges the debt.

As Captain Burrilison explains, the burden is thus on the creditor, not the debtor, to prove the debt, something the LDR can never do because all it has is a Louisiana address, which by itself is nowhere near sufficient to prove the debtor has re-

For more information

To dispute a bill from the Louisiana Department of Revenue or any questions, contact the 2nd Bomb Wing Legal Office at (318) 456-2561.

sided in Louisiana.

In past years, the 2 BW Legal Office has seen approximately 60 legal assistance clients who have received unlawful tax demand bills from Louisiana.

"Every active-duty member and spouse at Barksdale likely receives a Louisiana tax bill, which means that well over 5,500 military members and spouses receive these bills each year," Captain Burlison said.

Airmen who have been stationed at Barksdale and filed their income tax with a Louisiana address are at target.

If an Airman has been given this claim from the LDR, the legal office will draft a dispute letter for the member notifying the LDR if they continue to demand Louisiana tax on the member's military income, the LDR could be subject to civil penalties and a lawsuit for actual and punitive damages.

"So far we've been successful writing letters and having members attach a copy of their LES and orders, but we have not yet been able to stop the LDR from continuing to send bills for subsequent tax years," Captain Burlison said.

"We've recently escalated the issue all the way up to the Air Force Chief of Legal Assistance and the Office of the Secretary of Defense. They have been in contact with a number of higher-ups in Louisiana, including Louisiana legislators and the Federation of Tax Administrators."

'Mighty Eighth' celebrates Outstanding Airmen of the Year

By Staff Sgt. Brian Stives
8th Air Force Public Affairs

The 28 finalists who represent the best of the best in the Mighty Eighth will be recognized during the 8th Air Force's Outstanding Airmen of the Year banquet March 3.

During the banquet, one Airman from each of seven categories — Airman, NCO, Senior NCO, Company Grade Officer, First Sergeant, Civil-

ian Category I and Civilian Category II — will be chosen to represent 8th Air Force during the Air Force Global Strike Command 12 Outstanding Airmen Competition.

Whittling down this year's list of nominees from the annual award winners at each wing under 8th Air Force was extremely challenging, according to Chief Master Sgt. Brian Hornback, 8th Air Force command chief.

"The caliber of this year's Airmen was outstanding," the chief said. "I'm extremely proud of each and every one of this year's finalists. The number of amazing Airmen we have in Mighty Eighth is overwhelming. I am continually amazed and humbled to be surrounded with dedicated and professional Airmen every

day and I thank each and every one of them for their service and sacrifices."

The OAY banquet recognizes the nominees for their superior leadership, job performance, community involvement and personal achievements.

"General (Floyd) Carpenter (8th Air Force commander) and I would like to extend our gratitude to all of you for the work that you do to make 8th Air Force's mission possible," Chief Hornback said. "I would like to, again, congratulate the nominees and wish them luck as they move on to the next level."

Tickets to the banquet are \$38 and are available at the 8th Air Force's Outstanding Airmen of the Year Web site until Thursday.

For more information

When: 6 p.m. March 3. Eldorado Resort and Casino. 451 Clyde Fant Parkway, Shreveport.
Featuring: awards banquet.
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Taking cover from the rain



Airman 1st Class Micaiah Anthony/U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Angelique Richardson (left), Staff Sgt. Breihan Fetz (center) and Senior Master Sgt. John Jackson, members of the 2nd Bomb Wing judge advocates office, take shelter under an umbrella during a fire emergency in the parking lot in front of the 2nd Civil Engineer Squadron building on Feb. 9. Their building was evacuated for a test of the fire alarm system.

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New initiative set to improve 2 MDG healthcare

By Staff Sgt. John Gordinier
2nd Bomb Wing Public Affairs

The 2nd Medical Group is implementing a new Department of Defense initiative to create a patient-centered medical home in the Family Health Clinic.

Medical homes at Barksdale and other Air Force Global Strike Command bases will provide effective communication, enhanced patient care, appropriate competency and team ownership.

“The intent of this new initiative is to maximize your continuity of care with the same provid-

er, nurse and technician in your respective Family Health Team for every appointment,” said Maj. Milton Johnson, 2 MDG group practice manager. “While we understand that 100 percent continuity is not possible in every case, continuity of care is the forefront of our mission.”

To meet the intent of the new program, the Family Health Clinic is being redesigned to accomplish two major goals, said Major Johnson. The first goal is to create an enjoyable and productive health care environment promoting a team approach to meeting

patients’ health care needs. The second goal is to ensure people receive their care from their assigned Primary Care Manager.

To enable this process, it is necessary to realign or reassign some beneficiaries to a new PCM, said Master Sgt. Michael Amos, 2 MDG assistant practice manager.

“You may receive a letter with your new PCM identified,” Sergeant Amos continued. “Internally within the 2 MDG, all providers are being assigned to teams. When your provider is unavailable, we will make an at-

tempt to provide you an appointment within the team before referring you to off-base care.”

Major Johnson said every effort will be made to schedule patients with their provider or the provider’s team. Regardless of reassignment, all patients will continue to call the appointment line at (318) 456-6555 for their patient care needs. In an emergency, call 911 or go to the nearest emergency room for treatment.

“During this time of transition, we would like to thank you for your patience as we institute this new initiative,” Ser-

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geant Amos said. “We are working hard to increase our access to quality health care and provide the best possible care in an efficient manner.”

AADD makes improvements

By Senior Airman Allison M. Boehm
2nd Bomb Wing Public Affairs

Barksdale’s Airmen Against Drunk Driving program has always provided a reliable alternative to drinking and driving, but with recent improvements, they are saving even more lives and careers.

To combat the possibility of Airmen making the mistake of drinking and driving, Barksdale’s AADD organization made vast enhancements, and according to AADD president Senior Airman Jennifer Coffin, “the program is stronger and better than ever.”

Past problems of insufficient publicity and lack of volunteers were improved upon, and the program’s purpose and message of its service is now publicized throughout the 2nd Bomb Wing, Air Force Global Strike Command and 8th Air Force.

“The AADD program is undoubtedly more effective,” Airman Coffin said. “The organization has gone to great lengths to ensure several measures were met that will improve the AADD mission.”

The council worked with 2 BW Safety Office to release AADD phone number cards to every squadron. These wallet size business cards contain vital numbers Airmen can utilize should their plan to make it home falls through. Also, the AADD phone number was changed from (318) 456-0013 to (318) 456-AADD (2233) in an effort to provide a more memorable contact number, and a bank account was opened to help pay for gas cards for volunteer drivers in the near future.

According to AADD vice president Air-



Senior Airman Allison M. Boehm/U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Megan France, Airmen Against Drunk Driving treasurer, changes the AADD phone number on a Barksdale sign that is designed to encourage Airmen who are leaving the base to use the service for a safe, reliable ride home. The AADD phone number was changed in an effort to provide a more memorable contact number.

man 1st Class Madelyn Landwehr, before the program improvement, AADD averaged one to two calls per weekend and a total of 20 saves were recorded from Jan. 1 through Sept. 30, 2010. However, in the last quarter of 2010, AADD logged 89 additional saves, an 88 percent increase in a third of the time.

AADD now averages approximately five calls per weekend, an increase that according to Airman Coffin is a result of the AADD council’s efforts.

“The recent changes have been beneficial to the AADD program,” said Master Sgt. Merrill Burrows, AADD adviser. “With the change in the phone number, the high publicity and the leadership involvement, AADD’s presence on Barksdale is recognized and, more importantly, utilized when necessary. This is a huge achievement.”

Still, the council wants every Airman on base to know the purpose and existence of the AADD service and have no reservations in making the decision to call (318) 456-AADD (2233).



Barksdale children enjoy snow day



Rebekkah Counha, 10, throws a snowball at her sister, Jacquelyn, 5, and mother, U.S. Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Jennifer Counha, Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 28, in front of their home on Feb. 4. The Counhas enjoyed their snow day by having snowball fights and making snow angels.

Tech. Sgt. William Ostrom, 2nd Logistic Readiness Squadron, prepares to push his son, Case, 5, down a hill in their backyard on Feb. 4. Due to snow and hazardous driving conditions in northwest Louisiana, many schools were closed for the day.

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Protecting your home from carbon monoxide

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It is often called a silent killer and can strike without notice. The odorless, colorless, toxic gas can make its victims feel as if they have the flu.

However, there are ways to protect yourself and your family from carbon monoxide in your home.

According to the United States Environmental Protection Agency website, if you are experiencing flu-like symptoms, such as headaches, dizziness, disorientation, nausea and fatigue, that subside when you leave your home, you may have a carbon monoxide leak.

"Because it's undetectable to the human senses, there are not many signs of a CO leak in a home or at work. The signs of a CO leak come at the expense of the person exposed," said Airman 1st Class Kendall Walters, 2nd Civil Engineer Squadron fire prevention. "Signs of low to moderate CO poisoning are headache, fatigue, shortness of breath, nausea, dizziness. These symptoms are very similar to the flu but with no fever. High-level CO poisoning results in progressively severe symptoms, including mental confusion, vomiting, loss of muscular coordination, loss of consciousness, and ultimately death."

The Landings at Barksdale make every effort to help make sure their residents don't experience any problems of carbon monoxide leaks.

"We have a preventative maintenance program setup at The Landings at Barksdale," said Betty Thomas, maintenance supervisor. "We go into a home every three months. We do three quarterly preventative maintenance inspections and one annual preventative inspection. At that time, we check the carbon monoxide detectors along with other items. In our new housing area, the carbon monoxide detectors are hard wired with a battery backup. In our older communities, the carbon monoxide detectors are portable plug ins and also have a battery backup."

If someone is exposed

For more information

To learn more ways to keep your home safe from carbon monoxide, call the 2nd Civil Engineer Squadron fire prevention unit at (318) 456-2642.

to carbon monoxide, they should dial 911 immediately and then exit the home. Both emergency personnel and housing maintenance will need to determine if the home is safe.

Often time, the battery on a carbon monoxide detector needs to be replaced and will cause the alarm to beep. If this happens, call housing maintenance and they will respond to check the alarm.

Airman Walters said there are several ways to prevent CO gas from being dispersed:

- ▶Have a CO alarm that meets the requirements of the current UL 2034 safety standard. Install the detector to manufactures instructions.

- ▶Never leave a vehicle running in an attached garage, even with the door open.

- ▶Make sure appliances are installed and operated according to the manufacturer's instructions and local building codes.

- ▶Never burn charcoal in the home.

- ▶Never use gas appliances such as ranges, ovens or clothes dryers to heat your home.

- ▶Do not cover the bottom of natural gas or propane ovens with aluminum foil – this blocks the combustion air flow through the appliance and can produce CO.

- ▶Never use portable fuel-burning camping equipment inside a home, garage, vehicle or tent unless it is specifically designed for use in an enclosed space and provides instructions for safe use in an enclosed area.

- ▶Having the ducts cleaned on a regular basis is also a great preventive measure.



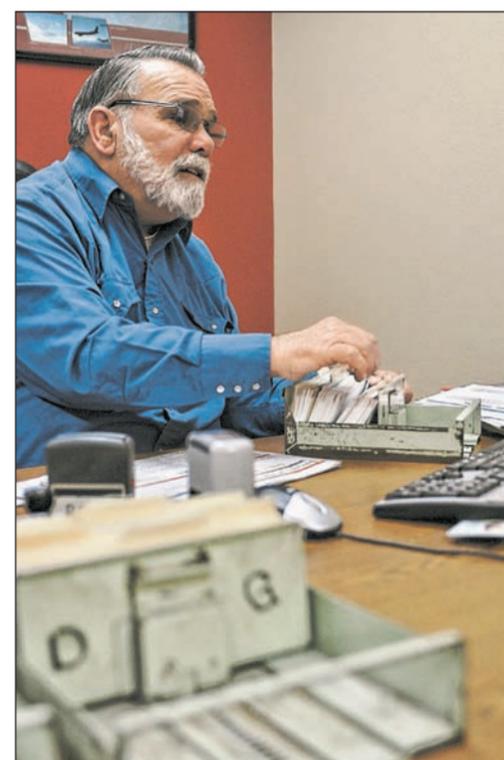
Participants in the Barksdale Fitness Center's body sculpting class warm up prior to their workout. The body sculpting class utilizes body bars, medicine and stability balls and free weights to tone the upper and lower body, back and abdominals.



Warming up the muscles

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

Participants in the Barksdale Fitness Center's body sculpting class perform an exercise with the use of a medicine ball.



Senior Airman Chad Warren/U.S. Air Force

Sorting the mail

Kenneth Middleton, 2nd Communications Squadron postal clerk, sorts mail at the dormitory postal center. Mail that continues to be delivered after an Airman moves out of the dorms must be readdressed and forwarded to them at their new residence.

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Change in PRP reinstatement times

All nonflyer PRP members need to be notified that PRP will no longer have reinstatement on Thursday afternoons. Reinstatement will be offered on Friday mornings and afternoons. Effective now, the following reinstatement day and times will apply:

►Monday through Wednesday: 7:30 to 8 a.m. (must check in NLT 7:45 a.m.) and 3 to 3:30 p.m. (must check in NLT 3:15 p.m.).

►Thursday: 7:30 to 8 a.m. (must check in NLT 7:45 a.m.); no afternoon reinstatement.

►Friday: 7:30 to 8 a.m. (must check in NLT 7:45 a.m.) and 3 to 3:30 p.m. (Must check in NLT 3:15 p.m.).

SIPR assessments

The 2nd Communications Squadron is conducting weekly SIPR network health assessments every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please ensure all SIPR workstations are online during the stated times. All systems not online during this time frame may be removed from the network as unpatched systems present a security risk. For any questions or comments, contact the 2 CS help desk at (318) 456-2666.

Dangerous chemical banned

A series of dangerous chemicals being marketed as "bath salts" or "plant food" have been added to the Controlled Dangerous Substance Act, making it illegal to possess, manufacture or distribute them in Louisiana. These products are being marketed by the brand names Ivory Wave, Ocean, Charge +, White Lightning, Scarface, Hurricane Charlie, Red Dove, Cloud-9 and White Dove. Violators could face up to 30 years imprisonment. Individuals and retailers with these products should contact their local law enforcement to find out how to safely dispose of these drugs.

Recycling drop-off center hours

The drop-off center is now open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. More containers were added to help recycle cardboard, brown paper bags, white paper, newspapers, catalogs, junk mail, textbooks, gift wrapping, clear plastic bottles, plastic jugs, bagged

shredded paper, aluminum and steel cans. All these items can be placed in any of the containers at the center. Trash, glass, food products or scrap wood is not accepted. The brown recycling containers throughout the base can also be used. For more recycling information, call (318) 456-5293.

North Gate barrier light instructions

As vehicles approach the barrier, they should pull the front of the vehicle up to the sign that reads "Stop Here on Red." The light should be red, wait for light to turn green and then proceed. As soon as subject vehicle clears the sensors, the light is reset to red and the procedure is repeated. If traffic should back up in the inbound lane, a sensor will tell the light to turn steady green for about 45 seconds. Traffic should proceed through the barrier area and once traffic subsides, the sequencing of the lights will go from green to yellow to red, and then revert back to the red/green scenario until traffic gets heavy, then the steady green process is repeated. If you approach the barrier and the light is green, proceed through.

Airman birthday appreciation dinner

The Red River Dining Facility will host a first quarter Airman birthday and appreciation dinner at 5 p.m. March 24. Prizes will be awarded to the oldest and the youngest Airman whose birthday is in January through March. There will also be a raffle for all Airmen, E-4 and below, to win door prizes between 5:30 and 6 p.m. For any questions or concerns, contact Senior Airman Marie Brown or Senior Airman Zaire Jackson at (318) 456-8367 or (318) 456-7227.

Fit Force circuit training

This circuit training will take place from 9 to 10 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at the Fitness Center basketball court No. 2. Contact Staff Sgt. Jacqueline Maddox via e-mail or at (318) 456-4135 for more information.

Safety, accident board president course

The Air Force Safety Center will conduct this course at Barksdale from April 19-21. The BPC qualifies O-5 and O-6 officers to lead safety and accident boards. The AF Safety Center will

allow O-5 selects to attend. The course will train future AFI 91-204 Safety Investigation Board and AFI 51-503 Accident Investigation Board presidents regarding their duties and responsibilities for Class A aviation, space and missile mishaps. Instruction includes interim board procedures; SIB composition and duties; the safety privilege; mishap analysis; safety and accident investigation board procedures. Course includes contractor and technical expert support; lessons learned by safety center representatives and past board presidents. For more information, contact your unit commander or Capt. John Boos or Tech. Sgt. Daniel Penhallegon at DSN 781-5602.

Speak up, be heard

Take the 2011 Community Assessment. Survey invitations will be randomly distributed to active duty and Reserve members, spouses and AF civilians through March. All responses are completely anonymous.

Humane Society of Northwest Louisiana volunteers

Volunteers are needed to assist in the daily care of dogs and cats at the Humane Society of Northwest Louisiana shelter. Morning and evening hours are available, seven days a week. If interested or for more information, contact the HSNWL at rescuehswla@gmail.com or call (318) 219-7387.

Spouse orientation

Air Force Global Strike Command will host a spouses orientation led by Julie Kowalski at the Chapel 2 Annex from 8:45 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Feb. 25. All spouses of members assigned to the command are welcome and encouraged to attend. The orientation will provide an overview of the command, spouses and booster clubs. There will be refreshments and discussion. For more information, contact Maj. Hayley James at (318) 456-0612.

Ethnic committees

The Equal Opportunity office is seeking volunteers who are interested in being project officers and also for committee members to serve on several different special observances held throughout the year, including Women's History Month, Holocaust Remembrance Day, Asian Pacific American Day, Heritage, Hispanic Heritage, Nation-

al Disability Employment Awareness Month, and Native American Heritage. Each committee will need a project officer and members to ensure any activities planned are implemented. If you are interested in serving on any of these committees, contact the Barksdale Equal Opportunity office at (318) 456-8003 for further details.

New MDG hours

The 2nd Medical Group has changed 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.

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 barksaleenlisted-spousegroup@hotmail.com.

The Landings at Barksdale February events

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

►Monday: Offices closed.

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

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 state-side) 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.

Use of weight control drugs/surgery

All active duty members are assigned a primary care manager at the AF Medical Treatment Facility. It is the member's duty and responsibility to communicate any care received from outside providers (doctors) in the civilian community. Any procedures, services and all medications prescribed by a civilian provider, whether member personally paid for them, must be reported and communicated to the member's PCM.

Per AF instruction 44-102, section 3.5 (use of weight-control drugs and surgery), weight-control medication is not approved for routine use in overweight active-duty members and will not be a standard part of the Medical Treatment Facility Formulary.

Short-term use of weight control medication may be considered in carefully selected overweight patients. This includes patients with a body mass index of 30 kg/m² or greater, or those with a BMI equal to or greater than 27 with other significant risk factors such as high blood pressure, high cholesterol or insulin resistance problems. These specific individuals will require a detailed medication evaluation and tests in conjunction with behavioral modification.

If an active-duty member is placed on these drugs, there must also be specific guidelines pertaining to profiles, PRP and flying status. If used, a profile is required prohibiting deployment for the duration of the short-term supervised therapy.

Active-duty members are not authorized to ob-

tain weight-reduction surgical procedures.

If there are any questions or concerns, contact your PCM at the medical treatment facility.

AFI 44-121 guidance

The Air Force recently published an Air Force Guidance Memorandum revising AFI 44-121, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment program. The revised language makes punitive the prohibition in the current AFI regarding the ingestion of any substance (other than alcohol or tobacco) for the purpose of altering mood or function. The possession of any intoxicating substance described in this paragraph, if done with the intent to use in a manner that would alter mood or function, is also prohibited. As the new AFI provisions are punitive, violations of the expanded prohibitions will be punishable as violations of a lawful general regulation under Article 92, UCMJ. This revision is an addition to the already existing tools used by commanders to address the abuse of otherwise lawful substances such as spice, salvia, inhalants, propellants, solvents, household chemicals, others substances used for "huffing," prescription or over-the-counter medications when used in a manner contrary to their intended medical purpose or in excess of the prescribed dosage.

Military & Family Life Consultants

Military and Family Life Consultants 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.

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Info: (318) 226-8555.

MUDBUGS VS. ALLEN AMERICANS
When: 7:05 p.m. CenturyTel Center, 2000 CenturyTel Center Drive, Bossier City.
Featuring: a professional hockey game.
Admission: \$17-\$36.
Info: (318) 747-2501.

"HANSEL AND GRETEL: A CREOLE TALE"
When: 6 p.m. Feb. 18, 25; noon Feb. 19, 26; 2 p.m. Feb. 20, 27. Bossier Parish Community College, 6220 E. Texas St., Bossier City.
Featuring: a production by the Cavalier Players.
Admission: \$5.
Info: (318) 678-6021.



Douglas Collier/Warrior

The Cavalier Players will be performing "Hansel and Gretel: A Creole Tale" at the Performing Arts Center at Bossier Parish Community College on Feb. 18-20 and Feb. 25-27.

Admission: \$39.50-\$47.50.
Info: (318) 747-2501.

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"THE FANTASTICKS"
When: 7:30 p.m. Riverview Theater, 600 Clyde Fant Memorial Parkway, Shreveport.
Featuring: the Shreveport Opera.
Admission: \$15-\$90.
Info: (318) 227-9503.

See: "Hansel and Gretel: A Creole Tale," fri.18

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COMEDIAN MIKE EPPS
When: 7 p.m. CenturyTel Center, 2000 CenturyTel Center Drive, Bossier City.

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When: 8 p.m. The Strand Theatre, 619 Louisiana Ave., Shreveport.
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"EXCAVATING SELF"
When: 7 p.m. Feb. 25-26. Marjorie Lyons Playhouse, Centenary College, Shreveport.
Featuring: Escaped Images Dance Company.
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When: 7 p.m. Hurley School of Music Anderson Auditorium, Centenary College, Shreveport.
Featuring: piano concert.
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See: "Hansel and Gretel: A Creole Tale," fri.18

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CLASSIC ARMS GUN & KNIFE SHOW
When: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Feb. 26; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Feb. 27. Bossier Civic Center, 620 Benton Road, Bossier City.
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