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Community attends 2011 Defenders of Liberty Air Show

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

Tens of thousands of spectators had their eyes to the sky as Barksdale, home of Air Force Global Strike Command, hosted its 2011 Defenders of Liberty Air Show, which showcased America's Airmen, the Air Force's leading technology, vintage aircraft and extreme aerial demonstrations May 7-8.

"The air show was an opportunity for us to show our appreciation to the surrounding communities that support Barksdale's Airmen," said Col. Tim Fay, 2nd Bomb Wing commander.

There was plenty for the crowd to see from aerial demonstrations to many static displays.

The A-10 "Warthog" Thunderbolt Demonstration Team from Davis Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz., demonstrated the agility of the aircraft and how it performs in combat situations.

"The Warthog is my favorite aircraft," said 11-year-old Zackary Baldwin from Tyler, Texas. "I like how it looks and I like the big gun on the front. I even got to meet the pilot and see the gun outside of the aircraft on the ground...it's really cool."

More aerial demonstrations took to the sky, including Heavy Metal, Jacquie B, Greg Poe, Randy Ball, Matt Youkin, Dave Leedom, Ray Kenney, Kevin Coleman, Eric Downing and Gary Boucher. The Canadian Parachute Demo Team, the SkyHawks, made the long trip to thrill the audience with their daring parachuting techniques.

The aerial demonstration "Tora! Tora! Tora!" was a depiction of the attack on Pearl Harbor during World War II with plane chases and pyrotechnic explosions and was the favorite for one spectator.

"I was very pleased with Tora! Tora! Tora!; it was spectacular," said spectator Julie Flintmeyer from Dallas. "The first explosion startled me and caught me off guard, but I was able to get some great (photos) of this realistic battle scenario."



Senior Airman Joanna M. Kresge/U.S. Air Force

There was just as much activity on the ground as in the sky.

More than 60 static aircraft displays were on the ramp, many of which were open for a walkthrough where spectators could see the aircraft up close and personal. The Shockwave Jet truck thrilled the crowd with flames and smoke and raced Randy Ball in his MIG-17. The semi-truck, which is equipped with three afterburners, went from 0 to 300 miles per hour within a few seconds. Shockwave won the race.

"This was my fifth air show, and I'd have to say this was one of the best ones," said Mark Flagge, who drove up from Mobile, Ala., to attend the show and visit with family stationed at Barksdale. "Usually, it is a hassle to gain entry and find parking for air shows, but it was relatively easy this time. The security forces and Barksdale Airmen greeting personnel were very friendly and polite. The weather was fantastic and it was a great show."

For more photos of the air show, see page 5 and visit the Barksdale website at www.barksdale.af.mil

LEFT: Tora! Tora! Tora! pilots taxi during the 2011 Defenders of Liberty Air Show. The team uses professional announcers, pyrotechnics, historic fighters and bombers to re-enact the Pearl Harbor attack.



Tech. Sgt. Jeffery Walston/U.S. Air Force

A B-2 Spirit Stealth Bomber from Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., flies past the announcer's booth during the 2011 Defenders of Liberty Air Show. The B-2 aircraft has the capability of carrying more than 40,000 pounds, including conventional and nuclear weapons.

LEFT: Airman 1st Class Michael Booth, 2nd Maintenance Squadron, stands guard over a security cordon during the 2011 Defenders of Liberty Air Show at Barksdale on May 7. More than 225,000 military, retiree and community members attended last year's show.

8th Air Force change of command announced

From 8th Air Force Public Affairs

Maj. Gen. Floyd Carpenter will relinquish command of 8th Air Force (Air Forces Strategic) to Brig. Gen. Steve Wilson during a change-of-command ceremony June 3 at Hoban Hall on Barksdale.

General Wilson will join the Mighty Eighth from the Pentagon, Washington, D.C., where he currently serves as the director for Joint Integration, Directorate of Operational Capability Requirements, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Plans and Requirements, Headquarters U.S. Air Force.

General Carpenter will remain at Barksdale as the special assistant to the commander, Air Force Global Strike Command.



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It's not just a job, it's my profession

By Senior Master Sgt. Joseph Robinson
 2nd Contracting Squadron

There was a time not too long ago when one would actually be informed of the current state of affairs in a manuscript called the newspaper.

As an 11-year-old, it was my responsibility to ensure all my neighbors would have their newspaper before they had their first cup of coffee. At 11, having a job meant I was responsible and reliable, but never wanted to be considered a professional newspaper delivery service provider. Being considered a professional or having a profession was deemed to be a prestigious title that only doctors, lawyers or a New York Yankee deemed worthy enough to have.

I was content with having a job when I enlisted but soon realized that I joined a unique profession.

The word "job" is defined in the Webster dictionary as "An activity done regularly for payment." One may argue that as a servicemember we do get paid regularly for the activity that we do, but we do more than just an "activity" and the payment for such tasks is not one that would make Bill Gates envious.

Being entrusted to defend our great nation should not be considered as an activity that is taken lightly. Besides firemen and policemen who put their lives at risk to aid and protect Americans daily, no other profession is entrusted with such a "job" that a service-

member is entrusted with. Even the aforementioned "finest and bravest" are solely entrusted with the security and well being of constituents within their respective municipality, while all servicemembers are responsible for ensuring the well being of every American from Alaska to Florida and every state in between.

I have long considered myself to be a "professional" servicemember. I argue that one does not have to be a 20 or 30 year "lifer" to be considered a professional servicemember. I define a professional servicemember as one who truly exemplifies the Air Force core values of integrity first, service before self and excellence in all we do.

Throughout my numerous professional military education courses and countless NCO Academy and Airman Leadership School guest speaker speeches on the topic that I have endured, I've come to the conclusion that the core values can simply be defined into one sentence — doing the right thing and the right job for your fellow American.

There are numerous reasons one may join the Armed Forces ranging from college tuition need, skill search, patriotism to boredom. Those same servicemembers who were looking for a way to pay for higher education or wanting to learn a trade all respond the same way in one form or the other when they are asked, "What do you do for a living?" They respond with, "I'm in the Air Force."

When a doctor is asked the same question he doesn't respond by saying, "I'm in the medical field" nor does a lawyer respond with, "I'm in the legal system." They clearly state their profession as we do.

Stating that you are in the Air Force comes with the understanding that is clearly your profession. You can be a crew chief, paralegal, supply or a lab technician and it doesn't matter to the average American. The only thing the average American knows is that you are in the Air Force, which means you are a skilled, responsible and reliable defender of our nation's interest and security.

My neighbors back home are still safely drinking their morning cup of coffee and instead of their newspapers nowadays, they are on the internet reading the news due impart to the professional service men and women of the armed forces. In 1961 the United States Navy came out with the recruitment slogan "It's not just a job, it's an adventure." I serve with a revised version of the Navy slogan with "It's not just a job, it's my profession."

Keep shoveling



Senior Airman Brittany Y. Bateman/U.S. Air Force A contractor from a concrete construction company shovels gravel during construction of a new sidewalk on Barksdale. The construction company is based out of Winnsboro. They specialize in roads, highways and sidewalks.

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Air show demo teams visit local community

Article & photos by Senior Airman Allison M. Boehm
2nd Bomb Wing Public Affairs
Demonstration teams for the Defenders of Liberty 2011 Air Show visited local middle school students May 6 before the air show kicked off — but their visits are not always about recruiting.

Members from the A-10 West Demo Team from Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz., took time away from the demands of air show to visit with a special group of children. Tech. Sgt. Lorenzo Garcia and Staff Sgt. Matthew Turner, crewmembers from the A-10 demo team, spent the morning with 10 young patients of Shriners Hospital for Children.

“This is a wonderful experience,” Sergeant Garcia said. “It is an honor to have the opportunity to come here and visit with these amazing kids. I am so fortunate to be a member of this team and be given the chance to impact a child’s life — just to see them smile and hopefully help get their minds off everyday issues makes this visit worth it.”

The children spent the morning posing for pictures with the two Airmen and learning about the A-10 aircraft. They also received Air Force stickers, small posters of the A-10 aircraft and were even able to hold one of the bullets the Airmen brought in from the plane.

“Sometimes facial expressions speak louder than words,” said Tammy Moore, child life specialist at Shriners. “All I saw were smiles from the children today. The children really loved this visit.”

Moore also considered this experience a very neat opportunity for the kids to be able to see different professions and know that someone in the community cares about them and wants to come see them.

“We are so thankful these Airmen took the time to visit with our children here at Shriners,” she said. “This will be something the kids will remember.”



ABOVE: Staff Sgt. Matthew Turner, A-10 demonstration team crew member, shows Edgar Perryman, 16, a bullet from the A-10 aircraft. Sergeant Turner visited children at Shriners Hospital for Children in Shreveport on May 6 prior to the 2011 Defenders of Liberty Air Show.



LEFT: Tech. Sgt. Lorenzo Garcia and Staff Sgt. Matthew Turner, A-10 demonstration team crew members, visit with Macie Bigbee, 9, at Shriners Hospital.

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Mother's Day is every day

Article & photos by
Senior Airman Joanna M. Kresge
2nd Bomb Wing Public Affairs

Many Airmen may not realize the work that goes on behind the scenes at home while they are working to defend the country. They may not notice the countless hours of cleaning, the numerous boo-boo kisses, the frequent late nights spent comforting sick children, and the selfless service of their stay-at-home spouse.

Maj. William Free, 8th Air Force B-2 evaluator, knows all too well the significance of what his wife, Hilary, does on a daily basis. That is why Mother's Day is especially important to him and his family.

"In the military, we have multiple opportunities throughout our careers to be recognized for various reasons," he said. "Without the support of our spouses, many of those opportunities would not be possible. I am so grateful for what my wife does for our family, managing our home and teaching our children, and I think it's important for her to know that her efforts have not gone unnoticed by me."

Free, a teacher by trade, stays home with their children; Will, 5, Ashlin, 4, and Presley, 1 and home schools them.

"It seemed like we never got to spend time together, so when we moved here from our last base, we decided we were going to make time as a family," Free said. "We wanted to serve as a family together through our ministry and wanted the core of our family to be stronger. We have chosen to home school, which is challenging some days, but the children seem to really enjoy it. They love being at home, and I love having them all together during the day."

Free considers herself lucky that her husband has never been gone for any extended period of time; however in late 2007, her husband



Hilary Free says the pledge of allegiance with her children, Ashlin, 4, and Will, 5, prior to beginning their school day in their home in Shreveport. She home schools all three of her children, including her 1-year-old daughter, Presley.

deployed for nearly five months to Andersen Air Base, Guam.

"It is hard as a mom when you are home alone with the kids all the time, but it's bearable," she said. "I really can't complain about his deployment. We definitely missed him, but I had help, I stayed with my parents for two months and his parents for two months, so I wasn't home by myself. We were able to communicate and we knew he wasn't in harm's way, thank God."

Since the Frees arrived at Barksdale, Major Free has continued to make frequent trips as part of temporary duty assignments to stay current with his flying hours. During these times, Free finds herself home with three children and no husband to lend a helping hand. This can even make trips to the grocery store a challenging task; however, Free has a solution for just about every household task.

"When we go to the grocery store, I give them tasks so they can help me put the fruit and vegetables in the basket," she said. "The more I involve them the better. If we go to

one of the stores that have the small shopping carts for kids, they really feel like they aren't just there to hang on to mom. Giving them a purpose and making them feel important helps their behavior, gives them sense of responsibility, and they really enjoy it because I try to make it fun.

"I also involve them in cooking and cleaning, which helps the entire household and relieves the burden of doing everything myself. It doesn't matter if they make a mess while they are doing the dishes or sweeping up, it gives them the opportunity to learn at some point that we can't do everything for them."

Many stay-at-home mothers may find that their job at home consumes most of their time, however Free still finds the time and energy to not only host a weekly bible study dinner in her home, but help with a community project.

"This has been a beautiful thing for our family — to be able to serve together, and for our kids to see that it's not always about them. It's about helping other people — they are grasping that at such a young age."

Major Free, in appreciation for the work his wife does, takes every available opportunity to give her a break from her motherly duties.

"Throughout the day, Hilary, like most stay-at-home moms, has very little time for herself," he said. "The needs of our children are always first, and she maintains a great deal of patience balancing their needs with her own. I offer to take the kids on what we call 'adventures' so that Hilary can have time to herself."

Mother's Day prompted Free to look back on what it means to her to be a mother.

"As I reflect on my time as a mother, I laugh at the many mistakes I have made," she said with a smile. "I look at our children and see how they have grown and I thank God for his continued strength, grace and mercy. Motherhood has been the most challenging experience of my life, but by far the most rewarding."

This Mother's Day, Major Free and the children expressed to his wife just how much she means to them.

"As a family we ask each other in the evenings what we are thankful for, and for this Mother's Day we shared with her what we are most thankful for about her," Major Free said. "There is not enough that I can do for her on Mother's Day to let her know how much she is appreciated for what she means to me as a wife and a mother to our children. It is important for me and our kids to make this day special for her and to acknowledge all she has done by allowing her the opportunity to be served, encouraged and appreciated."



Free calms a conflict between her daughters Ashlin, 4, and Presley, 1, outside their home in Shreveport. She stays home with her three children, who help her with household chores, attend home-school classes, assist with Bible studies and other church activities, and spend quality time playing outdoors together.

New amenity blooms at The Landings

By Danielle Hill
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The Landings at Barksdale has added yet another reason to live on base.

Residents now will have their flower beds weeded and mulched without ever having to lift a gardening tool.

"The new amenity that we are offering is to take care of our residents' flower beds if they prefer not to maintain them," said Dreamer Dowden, The Landings at Barksdale community manager. "This is monthly weeding and yearly mulching."

For those residents who have a green thumb, they can continue to maintain their own flower beds by simply filling out a landscape request card and returning it to the main office.

"The Landings can review and approve each yard," Dowden said. "Also, any new planting will need to be requested as well so that The Landings can review each plant/tree in case that is the wrong type of plant for our housing area, which could cause damage."

This process has already taken effect, and some residents may already be seeing a change around their communities.

"The first step to this amenity has already started. They are removing weeds and adding mulch to beds that are clearly not maintained by the resident. Step two will be to review all the requests that have come in to maintain their own flower beds. Step three will be for The Landings to review the housing area to see if there is any planting that we feel needs to be added to complete the curb appeal," she said.

As part of the contract, The Landings will not be adding flowers to the flower beds. Residents can add flowers and decorations to their yard, they just need to contact the office beforehand.

When the Chief's Group makes its rounds to judge Yard of the Month, they will be looking for the yard with the most curb appeal. The Yard of the Month winners will be the residents who put that extra bit of effort into their yard.

"The policy changed to a contractor for several reasons," Dowden said. "First, to provide another amenity to assist those busy servicemembers, and second, to maintain curb appeal."

For more information

For questions or concerns, call The Landings at Barksdale at (318) 747-2723.

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Tech. Sgt. Jeff Walston/U.S. Air Force

Kathy Haynes watches closely as Tech. Sgt. Kenny Stewart, 18th Air Refueling Squadron, maneuvers the KC-135's refueling boom into position for hook up by an A-10 on the flight to Patrick AFB, Fla., during the 307th Bomb Wing Civic Leader Tour.

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Air show rocks Barksdale

RIGHT: A young girl watches the 2011 Defenders of Liberty Air Show from a C-17 Globemaster. The C-17 was one of the many static displays available for the public to tour the aircraft.

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LEFT: Spectators grab some shade under the wing of a C-17 from Altus Air Force Base, Okla., during the Defenders of Liberty Air Show.



Senior Airman Kristin High/U.S. Air Force

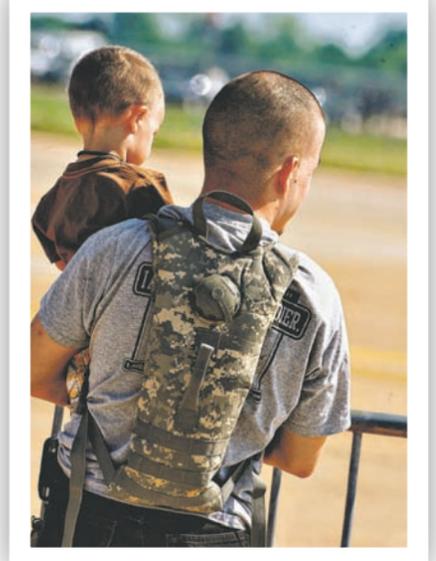


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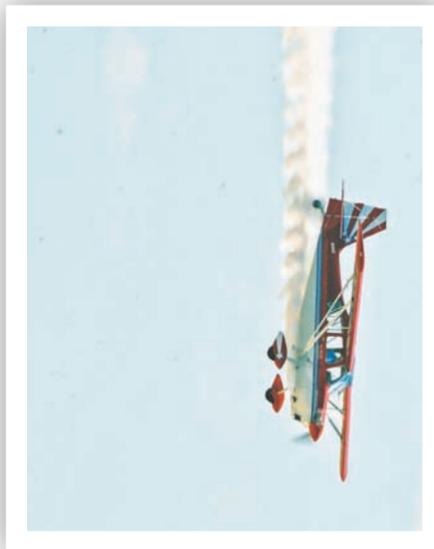
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RIGHT: Army Spc. Mark Russell, 2-108th Cavalry at Fort Humbug in Shreveport, watches the aerial aerobatics of Gary Boucher.



Senior Airman Joanna M. Kresge/U.S. Air Force

ABOVE: Spectators enjoy Tora! Tora! Tora! during the Defenders of Liberty Air Show. Tora Tora Tora showed the crowd a depiction of the attack on Pearl Harbor in remembrance. American and Japanese planes were performing simulated "dog fighting" along with explosions and pyrotechnics.



Senior Airman Joanna M. Kresge/U.S. Air Force

LEFT: Capt. Brooke Bozarth, 2nd Communications Squadron, encourages attendees at the 2011 Defenders of Liberty Air Show to buy an air show program.



Senior Airman Joanna M. Kresge/U.S. Air Force

LEFT: Aviator Gary Boucher performs for crowds during the 2011 Defenders of Freedom Air Show. Boucher, an associate professor in the department of chemistry and physics at Louisiana State University Shreveport, performs at air shows in his spare time.



Senior Airman Kristin High/U.S. Air Force

Airman First Class Caleb Gore, 2nd Security Forces Squadron, guards a B-2 Spirit Stealth Bomber during the 2011 Defenders of Liberty Air Show. The B-2 has the capacity to carry up to 40,000 pounds of weapons, including conventional and nuclear weapons.



Senior Airman Joanna M. Kresge/U.S. Air Force

A member of the Canadian Forces Parachute Demo Team, the Sky-Hawks, floats to the ground during the first day of the Defenders of Liberty Air Show. The 2011 air show line-up included Pearl Harbor recreationists Tora! Tora! Tora! and the A-10 Demo Team.

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Staff Sgt. Robert O'Neill and Airman 1st Class Randall Farmer, 2nd Security Forces Squadron, pursue a vehicle for a traffic infraction.



On patrol with SFS

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

Sergeant O'Neill observes a busy intersection during the high-traffic volume lunch rush. Sergeant O'Neill was on the look out for traffic violations including speeding and individuals who run stop signs during his patrol.



Barksdale celebrates National Fitness Month

By Airman 1st Class Samuel O'Brien
2nd Bomb Wing Public Affairs

May is National Fitness Month, and the fitness center on Barksdale is going all out to give its patrons the best the experience possible.

The fitness center will host a series of special events throughout the month designed to not only promote physical fitness, but also to do it in a way that makes working out enjoyable.

Although participants can still enjoy regular events such as Maxed-Out Fridays, aerobics classes, Zumba, and the monthly fun run, sport events will be emphasized as well.

"We hope to motivate and challenge people into participation of new and different fitness activities," said Tech. Sgt. Tommy LaBarron, 2nd Force Support Squadron NCO in-charge of programs and sports.

For Airmen who are interested in sports, fitness center personnel will also host events such as a three-point shooting contest, home run derby, dodge ball, soccer and an obstacle course. May 25 will

For more information

To learn more, stop by the fitness center for pamphlets and sign-up sheets for all of the events.

be the official "Sports Day" featuring many of the month's same events in one day. Additional sports day events include the Spartan Challenge, a tug of war and a flag football tournament.

"Fitness can be fun. It doesn't always have to be about the physical training test," said Michael Kaplan, fitness and sports director. "Getting out and participating in sports as well as fitness will definitely assist you with whatever opportunities you have when it comes time to actually take that PT test."

Col. Tim Fay, 2nd Bomb Wing commander, will present sports day trophies to the top three squadrons. Airmen and their families will later be treated to a free lunch from a local steakhouse. Prizes will be given away and special events will occur throughout the month.

Airmen mourn passing of 'Chief Flasch'

From 2nd Bomb Wing Public Affairs

The Air Force's highest ranking enlisted Airman is celebrating the life of retired Chief Master Sgt. James J. Flaschenriem, joining those who knew him well here at Barksdale in mourning the April 26 passing of one of the first chief master sergeants in Air Force history.

"Chief Flaschenreim was a leader and mentor to hundreds of enlisted Airmen," said Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James Roy. "As one of the 625 original Charter Chiefs, he helped lay the foundation for future generations of Airmen, and will be missed."

Chief Flasch, as he was known, was one of the cadre of Charter Chiefs promoted Dec. 1, 1959, as part of Congressional action to create an elite top 1 percent enlisted E-9 rank. The Air Force called the new E-9s "chief master sergeants," or now more commonly, "chiefs." Before that, the highest enlisted rank in the Air Force was E-7, or master sergeant. Congress initiated two "super grades" as a part of the Career Compensation Act of 1958 promoting 1 percent of the force to the pay grade of E-9, and 2 percent to the pay grade of E-8 — to be known as senior master sergeants in the Air Force.

"I was blessed to spend more time with Chief Flasch than most," said

Master Sgt. Neil Heerdink, Barksdale Airman Leadership School commandant. "He was notorious for arbitrarily showing up at the ALS a couple times each month to visit with the staff and students to reminisce, attend retreat, and tell stories of the days he spent in his beloved Air Force." "Chief Flasch was touted as a 'Chief's Chief,'" Sergeant Heerdink said, "because of his infectious positive attitude and unwavering love of the Air Force."

"I will go so far as to say that Chief Flasch was an Airman's Airman. From his enlistment until his death — a span of over 64 years — he led by example and was the pinnacle for our Air Force core values. We should all strive to be the type of Airman Chief Flasch was."

Chief Flasch earned his ranks quickly over the years — sewing on Chief stripes at 31 years old, after only 11 years, 5 months and 7 days in the service. He retired in July 1968 to begin a career in real estate in Bossier City, La.

He was an active member of the Charter Chief Group and Retired Chief Group at Barksdale, serving on committees, accepting speaking engagements for graduations, attending dining-ins/outs, chief induction ceremonies and other events.



Senior Airman Joanna M. Kresge/U.S. Air Force Charter Chief Master Sgt. James Flaschenriem poses for a photo beside a display at the Airman Leadership School dedicated to him in 2010. The Chief donated his white mess dress to the school. The set of mess dress that now resides in the school house is one of only three left in existence.

James J. Flaschenriem was born July 14, 1928, in Redwood Falls, Minn., and enlisted in the U.S. Air Force on June 22, 1948. He began his 20-year career as a personnelist at March Air Force Base, Calif., and later served in various bases around the world including Japan, Korea, the Philippines, Guam, Hawaii and here at Barksdale.

Chief is survived by his wife of 60 years, the former Mary Blalock of Plain Dealing, La., his three daughters, Mary Louise, Kathleen Ann and Eileen Marie, three granddaughters and seven great-grandchildren.

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Warren-Dawn, the final stretch

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

An individual, who will more than likely be described as an icon at the 307th Bomb Wing when she retires from military service, has been sworn in for the last time.

Senior Master Sgt. Laraine Warren-Dawn, services superintendent, 307th Force Support Squadron, took her final oath from Brig. Gen. John J. Mooney III, 307th Bomb Wing commander, surrounded by family and friends March 16.

Sergeant Warren-Dawn has a long and distinguished career with the Reserve Wing at Barksdale, which began in 1981 when she left Shreveport for Basic Training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. After Food and Bakery School Training at Lowry AFB, Colo., she reported to the 917th Wing later that year and was assigned to the 917th Civil Engineer Squadron at Barksdale.

As an Air Reserve Technician for the 307 BW, Sergeant Warren-Dawn's day-to-day activities revolve around all of the activities of Services. She develops goals and objectives, reviews and revises policies, procedures, and mission objectives, and implements

quality improvements. She also briefs the Wing, Mission Support Group and FSS Commanders regarding issues ranging from unit status on lodging to all issues related to Services operations and administration.

"Serving my country has been very satisfying. I've met many great people throughout the years," said Sergeant Warren-Dawn. "This job is like a second family, my Services members know I care a great deal about them. There is nothing I wouldn't do to help them."

"This is also one of the best part time jobs you can ask for; and with all the benefits, that's a bonus," she said.

There are few areas in where Sergeant Warren-Dawn's dedication to her "second family" is more noticeable than lodging. She handles all of the Wing's lodging for the main and alternate Unit Training Assembly's (UTA) accommodations at seven local hotels, with a yearly budget of \$900,000.00.

"The lodging program has been my biggest challenge," Sergeant Warren-Dawn said. "But, the biggest reward is that although it has taken several



Tech. Sgt. Jeff Walston/U.S. Air Force
Senior Master Sgt. Laraine Warren-Dawn, services superintendent, 307th Force Support Squadron, takes the re-enlistment oath from Brig. Gen. John J. Mooney III, 307th Bomb Wing commander.

years, I think we are having fewer problems with it."

This is the last reenlistment for Sergeant Warren-Dawn. Louisiana is her home, and she will follow her father and husband who both retired at Barksdale.

"I have a strong commitment to the United States Military; I work to instill this trait in the airmen under my supervision," Sergeant Warren-Dawn said. "I really feel after 35 years, it will be time to hang my hat up and allow the younger group to take over. That's the reason we are mentoring them, so they will be prepared to take over. The 307th Bomb

Wing is one of the best reserve units in AFRC, and I have visited a great number of them in the past 30 years."

Sergeant Warren-Dawn has already started preparing for retirement, although it is a few years down the line.

"I will be able to travel more and spend more time with my family. I won't have to say, 'oh we can't do that this weekend, I have a UTA,'" Sergeant Warren-Dawn said. "I will be able to commit full time to volunteering at school with my grandkids and the Bossier Parrish Head Start Program, which is dear to my heart."

Cherry Pickin'



Senior Airman La'Shanette V. Garrett/U.S. Air Force
Staff Sgt. Joshua Clanton, 2nd Civil Engineer Squadron electrical systems craftsman, operates the control system on a cherry picker at the 2nd Bomb Wing headquarters on Barksdale. The crew repaired the infrastructure in front of the building after relocating more than 100,000 bees and a 30 pound honeycomb.

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When: 1 p.m. East Ridge Country Club, 1000 Stewart Drive, Shreveport.
Featuring: shotgun start, four-person scramble.
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SIDE-BY-SIDE CONCERT

When: 6:30 p.m. C.E. Byrd High School, 3201 Line Ave., Shreveport.
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When: 5 p.m. artspace, 710 Texas St., Shreveport.
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When: 4-10 p.m. May 20; 11 a.m.-10 p.m. May 21; 11 a.m.-6 p.m. May 22. St. George Greek Orthodox Church, 1719 Creswell Ave., Shreveport.
Featuring: homemade Greek food and pastries, live Greek band, dance groups, tours of the remodeled sanctuary of St. George, crafts and more.
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Briefly

Landings at Barksdale May events

► **Friday:** Military Appreciation Lunch. Free lunch to all residents at Fox Run Snack Bar from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. One meal per person.
► **May 26:** Liberty Heights pool grand opening: Come join the celebration from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
► **May 26:** Welcome Center closed.
► **May 27:** Offices closed 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
► **May 30:** Offices closed.
► **May 31:** Chuck E Cheese token day. Come by the Welcome Center between 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to get free tokens. Reserve your tokens by May 23.

Barksdale Homeschool Group

The Barksdale Homeschool Group will be holding a curriculum event from 10 a.m. to noon Thursday at the Barksdale Youth Center gym. All are welcome, attendees do not need to be a homeschooler; BAFB Homeschool Group will have a membership table

available to answer questions about homeschooling and membership to the group. For more information, call Angela Polson at (318) 588-2497.

Exceptional Family Member Support Group Meeting

There will be a Exceptional Family Member Support Group meeting from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Chapel Annex II. Babysitting will be provided and snacks will be served. For more information, call Clifford Hawkins at (318) 456-8400.

Barksdale's Spring 2011 CCAF Graduation

The Base Education Office would like to invite the Barksdale community to come out and congratulate the newest Community College of the Air Force graduates. The ceremony will be held May 26 at 7 p.m. at the Bossier City Civic Center. This graduation ceremony recognizes the hard work and dedication of each graduate and the educational achievements they have attained.

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