

B-52H reaches aviation milestone

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

Fifty years ago, the Air Force delivered a devastating, long-range, multi-role bomber to its fleet — the B-52H Stratofortress. May 9 marked the 50th Anniversary of operational service by the B-52H, a milestone in Boeing and aviation history.

From entering the skies to combat Soviet tensions during the Cold War to maintaining a presence in recent conflicts, the B-52 continues to be an important element of the Air Force Global Strike Command bomber fleet.

“From looking back to when the first A-model was made in 1952, the capabilities of this aircraft have grown so much,” said Maj. Chris Otis, 20th Bomb Squadron assistant director of operations. “To be able to say I’m a crew-member of the B-52 and have it instantly recognized says a lot about what this aircraft has accomplished.”

The B-52H entered service May 9, 1961. Over the past 50 years, the bomber has served as a nuclear deterrent, entering combat in the skies over numerous conflicts.

According to Web site Boeing.com, no bomber in U.S. military history has been called upon to remain operational as long as the B-52.

“The B-52 is arguably the greatest military aircraft of all time,” said retired Col. Ronald Thurlow. “It has served as the symbol of American military might for the past 56 years, and is recognized as such not only here in America, but by our friends and enemies around the world. It appears the H-model will continue that legacy for several decades to come.”

Extensive system and structural upgrades have extended this aircraft’s service life, which is expected to continue beyond the year 2030.

“Half a century ago, no one would think this aircraft would be where it is today,” Major Otis said. “It is a true testament to this airframe.”

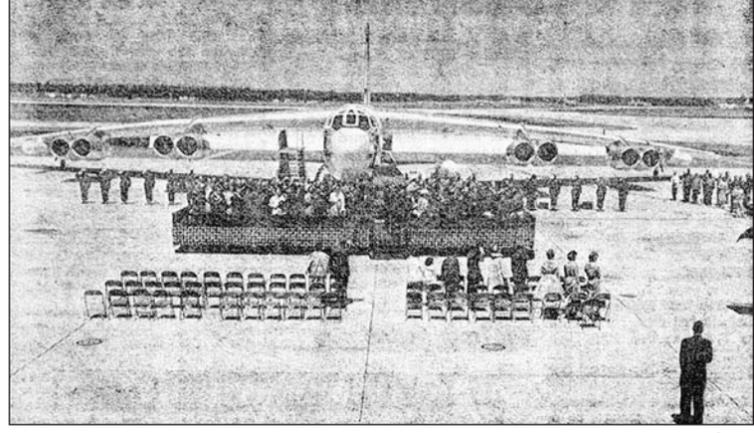
The role of the Stratofortress as a heavy bomber continues and will be a viable part of the U.S. bomber fleet well into the century.

“The B-52H has protected this nation during the darkest days of the Cold War and they are continuing that mission in this Age of Terror,” Colonel Thurlow said. “The entire world recognizes the B-52 and what it represents, and the U. S. Air Force should not hesitate to use this milestone to remind our own service, our nation and the rest of the world that we too remember.”



Tech. Sgt. Robert J. Horstman/U.S. Air Force

ABOVE: Munitions on display show the full capabilities of the B-52 Stratofortress.



Courtesy photo

RIGHT: The first B-52H to be assigned to Wurtsmith Air Force Base, which was also the first to be stationed on Michigan soil, is parked behind the reviewing stand on Wurtsmith’s runway. The ceremony, during which the Stratofortress bomber was christened “State of Michigan,” was held May 11, 1961.

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AFOSI seeks top quality Airmen

By Steven Carmical
AFOSI personnel recruiting manager
and Linda Card
AFOSI Public Affairs

The Air Force Office of Special Investigations is the Air Force agency responsible for investigating major crimes and works against terrorist and foreign intelligence efforts. It is also constantly seeking exceptional non-commissioned officers for duty as enlisted special agents.

AFOSI has been the Air Force’s major investigative service since August, 1948. More than 2,700 members provide criminal investigations and counterintelligence services to commanders of all Air Force organizations. To do that consistently well, AFOSI must constantly replenish its agent force and its primary source of new agents is the

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active duty enlisted force.

“Airmen from all career fields in the Air Force can join AFOSI and bring something to the fight,” Special Agent Angelina Montecalvo, superintendent of the Applicant Processing Branch at Headquarters AFOSI. “We are constantly seeking top quality Airmen to join our team by retraining into OSI.”

“The standards are high and it’s tough to make the cut, but we know there are many good Airmen who

meet the standards and would make great agents,” said AFOSI Command Chief Master Sgt. John Fine. Chief Fine retrained into AFOSI 23 years ago from the security forces career field and said his career as a special agent has been very exciting and tremendously rewarding.

According to Agent Montecalvo, AFOSI’s primary recruiting focus is on staff sergeants with five to 10 years in service, technical sergeants with less than one

year in grade, and top quality senior airmen who are eligible to retrain.

“We will consider others who don’t fall within those parameters, but that’s our primary target group,” she said.

Once approved for retraining, all new special-agent candidates attend training at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Glynco, Ga. The candidates must complete both the 11-week Criminal Investigator Training Program and seven weeks of AFOSI-specific coursework. Both courses offer training in weapons use, forensics, surveillance and surveillance detection, antiterrorism techniques, crime scene processing, interrogations and several other topics.

After successful comple-



Senior Airman Renae L. Kleckner/U.S. Air Force
Special Agents Martha Ward and Bryan Schmelzer, forensic science consultants, 2nd Field Investigations Squadron, AFOSI Region 7, depart from a house they used for training.

tion of a one-year probationary period, some agents receive specialist training in economic crime, antiterrorism service, counterintelligence, computer crimes and other sophisticated criminal investigative capabilities. Others attend 12 weeks of training to acquire skills in electronic, photographic and other technical surveil-

lance countermeasures.

“Besides being inquisitive and able to interact with a variety of different personality types, agents must be able to take initiative and be detached enough to handle the possible shock in criminal investigations,” said AFOSI Detachment 219 commander, Agent Melody Mitchell.

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Here's your shot: Team Barksdale and local community members photograph air show

By 2nd Lt. Tori Lalich

2nd Bomb Wing Public Affairs

Every year, the members of the 2nd Bomb Wing Public Affairs don their cameras, their video equipment and arm themselves with pens and paper in order to capture images from the annual air show.

This year we decided to include pictures from the attendees of the air show in our documentation.

Gathering photos of the air show from military and civilians who work on base, their spouses, and civilians who visited the 2011 Defenders of Liberty Air Show has remind-

ed me of the unique perspectives others can have behind a camera. It takes a special type of person to capture these images and present them to others for their critique.

For the following photos, I have no critique. These photos embody the feeling of the air show, the crowd, the aircraft and demonstrations, and of course, the food. They have captured emotion, attitude and passion.

These are the photos of the 2011 Defenders of Liberty Air Show from the members of Team Barksdale and the local community.

For more photos, visit www.barksdale.af.mil.



This A-10 Thunderbolt II, assigned to the 917th Fighter Group, features a unique nose art paint scheme. The design resembles the "Warthog," which the jets are affectionately named after.

courtesy photo by Tech. Sgt. Steven Davis, 608th Strategic Operations Squadron C2 element console operations



courtesy photo by Chris Reich

A P-51 Mustang, an F-4 Phantom and an A-10 Thunderbolt II fly together in a Heritage Flight over the 2011 Defenders of Liberty Air Show. Heritage Flights offer attendees a rare opportunity to see historic and modern aircraft in formation together.



courtesy photo by Staff Sgt. Matthew Connell, 26th Operational Weather Squadron

A young girl sits in the driver's seat of a Louisiana State Police OH-58 helicopter. The Louisiana State Police and local police and sheriff's offices all contributed various aircraft, vehicles and personnel to the air show as a show of the positive relationship Barksdale enjoys with the surrounding communities.



courtesy photo by Doug Maiden, 2nd Civil Engineer Squadron



courtesy illustration by Tech. Sgt. Jeremy Smith, 2nd Munitions Squadron verification and checkout equipment. Attendees of the 2011 Defenders of Liberty Air Show, May 7-8, took advantage of more than 50 static aircraft displays to put their photography skills to good use. This is an F-15E from Seymour-Johnson Air Force Base, N.C.

LEFT: Spectators at the 2011 Defenders of Liberty Air Show at Barksdale set up chairs and umbrellas around or under static aircraft in order to enjoy the aerial demonstrations.



courtesy photo by Nichola Davis, wife of Tech. Sgt. Steven Davis, 608th Strategic Operations Squadron C2 element console operations. Heavy Metal performs during the Twilight Show portion of the 2011 Defenders of Liberty Air Show. The Twilight Show was a special performance for members of the base and their families to enjoy.



courtesy photo by Tech. Sgt. Deborah Frazier, Air Force Global Strike Command Civil Law

LEFT: Many Airmen around base, like members of Team 5/6, volunteered their time at food booths to help make the air show experience more enjoyable for guests.

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Barksdale Airmen honor, welcome home WWII veterans

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2nd Bomb Wing Public Affairs

Airmen from Barksdale, home of Air Force Global Strike Command, along with citizens from the Shreveport and Bossier City community welcomed World War II veterans home from their trip to Washington, D.C. at the Shreveport Regional Airport May 12.

Barksdale's Honor Guard was there to honor the distinguished veterans with a cordon and color guard while the crowd cheered and clapped.

The veterans returned home after spending three days and two nights in Washington touring monuments, memorials and museums. The World War II memorial was opened in 2004, honoring the millions who served in the military during the war. The trip was organized to give WWII veterans the opportunity to see the monument made in their honor for the first time.

"It was wonderful! People treated us like royalty. They celebrated with us and honored us," said Samuel Canter, a WWII veteran.

The Barksdale Retiree Affairs Office organized the welcome home for the veterans.

"We have the best retiree office in the Air Force here at Barksdale Air Force Base, which is led by retired Col. Steve DePyssler and his wonderful team," said Col. Tim Fay, 2nd Bomb Wing commander. "They are constantly making sure we are including and honoring these great Americans from a great generation.

"The sacrifices this generation made, and every generation of American men and women, is worthy of remembrance and honor," Colonel Fay continued. "It is wonderful that we have an opportunity to offer them thanks for everything they did to make America free."



A World War II veteran goes down an escalator at Shreveport Regional Airport. Barksdale Airmen and citizens of the local Shreveport-Bossier City community welcomed the veterans home from their trip to Washington, D.C. The veterans got the opportunity to view their memorial for the first time. Barksdale and the local community welcomed the veterans home to show support and gratitude.

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World War II veteran



Dorothy Kneipp, World War II veteran, is greeted by Kenneth Koval, State Commander of Post 5951 Louisiana Veteran of Foreign Wars, at the Shreveport Regional Airport.



LEFT: World War II veterans walk through the Honor Guard cordon at the Shreveport Regional Airport after returning from a trip to Washington, D.C.

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Lt. Col. Scott Adams, 307th Bomb Wing chaplain, briefs members of the clergy about the responsibilities of the military chaplain during lunch at the Barksdale Club. The 307th BW showcased its mission capabilities over a four-day period for clergy members, local civic leaders as well as the employers of some the bomb wing's Airmen during three back-to-back community support events.

307 BW showcases mission capabilities

Article & photos by Tech. Sgt. Jeff Walston
307th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

The 307th Bomb Wing from Barksdale showcased its mission capabilities over a four-day period for local civic leaders as well as the employers and clergy of some the bomb wing's Airmen during three back-to-back community support events March 30-April 2.

The first scheduled event was a Civic Leader Tour, which involved a flight on a KC-135 Stratotanker to Patrick Air Force Base, Fla., March 30, followed by Clergy Day April 1, and Employer Appreciation Day April 2.

"It's well known within the Air Force Reserve that the mission can't be successful without the support of the local community," said Brig. Gen. John J. Mooney III, 307 BW commander. "In order to maintain the moral and focus of our Airmen who are out there on the front lines, we have to ensure that those who support them in their communities understand what it is they do when they leave their homes and jobs to come to Barksdale on their Reserve weekends."

Civic leaders witnessed the refueling of A-10 Thunderbolts during their flight to Patrick AFB. Once they arrived, they received briefings about the 920th Rescue Wing, 45th Space Wing, and the 301st Rescue Squadron.

"This is my first time with the 307th Bomb Wing. I found it all very interesting," said Suzy Lehr, Military Affairs Council. "I like learning about what (we) do at Barksdale. I didn't realize Reservist did so much."

During all three community relation events, participants were scheduled to witness the refueling of aircraft assigned to Barksdale and receive briefings about the 307 BW mission and the Reservists who serve our country every day.

Unfortunately, due to bad weather, a delayed take off at Patrick AFB, Fla., forced the cancellation of the flight scheduled for clergy members on Friday.

The clergy members were given a wing



Brig. Gen. John J. Mooney III, 307th Bomb Wing commander, greets Dustin Johnston in the commander's conference room at the 307th BW headquarters building at Barksdale. Johnston, who is a youth pastor for Central Assembly of God, Haughton, was part of Clergy Day at the 307 BW.

tour that started with a windshield tour of the base. They received briefings at A-10 and B-52 static displays and lunch at the Barksdale Club where they were briefed by Lt. Col. (Chaplain) Scott Adams about the duties and responsibilities of military chaplains.

Employers were able to get an up close and personal look at how both the B-52 Stratofortress and A-10 Stratofortress refuel in flight during missions. They also received briefings about Barksdale, its aircraft and what the Reserve Airmen at Barksdale do during drill weekends.

The employers were briefed by representatives of the Employer Support of Guard and Reserve during a luncheon after the flight. The mission of the ESGR is to develop and promote employer support for Guard and Reserve service by advocating relevant initiatives, recognizing outstanding support, increasing awareness of applicable laws, resolving conflict between employers and service members.

Both flights were taken on a KC-135 Stratotanker assigned to the 18th Air Refueling Squadron, with support personnel from the 931st Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. Both units are from McConnell Air Force Base, Kan.

Financial readiness equals peace of mind for Airmen

By Crystal Jordan

Air Force Global Strike Command Public Affairs
In April, military and civilian Airmen got a bit of a financial scare when there was a chance that for lack of an approved federal budget they wouldn't be paid.

"Many servicemembers and civilian government personnel believed their pay was guaranteed," said Joseph Montanaro, certified financial planner for USAA financial services company. "This close call opened some eyes to the importance of financial readiness."

Experts like Montanaro say it's important to have money set aside for the unexpected, be it a government shutdown or any other unanticipated expense.

Stephanie Reyes, a chief of programs at the Barksdale Airman & Family Readiness Center, said setting aside an emergency fund provides peace of mind, allowing people to concentrate on the mission instead of economic uncertainties.

"Emergency funds — a savings account amounting to three months worth of living expenses — should be

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our Airmen's first priority when building a budget," she said.

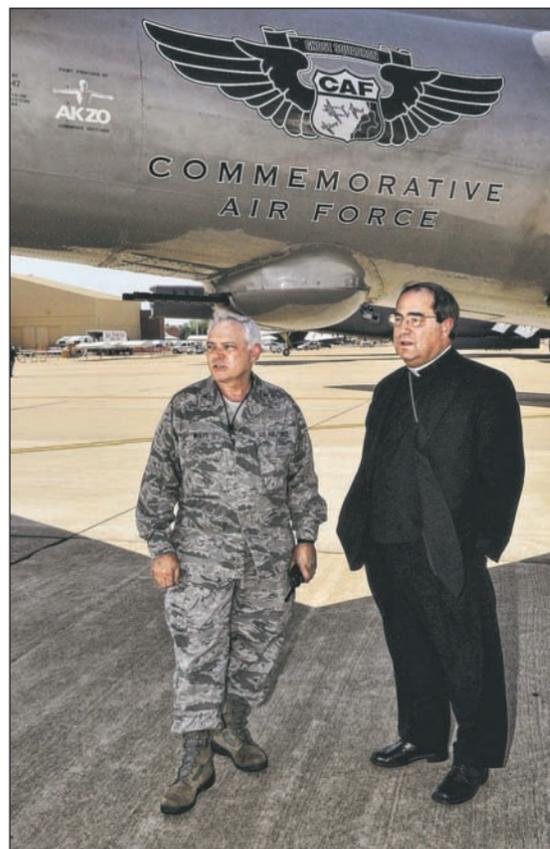
An 'emergency-fund' savings account is the cornerstone to a monthly budget, Montanaro said.

But it can be hard to know where to start.

Most families don't believe it's possible to save enough money to make a difference, Reyes said. She has a simple answer, "start small." Any amount set aside each month will help with trying to establish financial security, she said.

Counselors at Airmen and Family Readiness Centers offer classes for Airmen — military and civilian — to help build budgets and educate them on investment and saving strategies.

Financial institutions and banks like USAA offer financial planning assistance as well. "We help them build budgets, manage expenses, and aid in planning for retirement," Reyes said.



LEFT: Col. Kevin Wolfe, 307th Mission Support Group commander, and Bishop Michael Duca of the Shreveport Diocese, take advantage of the shade provided by "FIFI," a B-29 sitting on the ramp at Barksdale. While on base, Bishop Duca, along with Bishop Neal J. Buckon of the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA, visited with military clergy from Air Force Global Strike Command and the 2nd Bomb Wing. The reason for their visit to Barksdale was to celebrate Confirmation with the Holy Family Catholic Parish on base.

Barksdale welcomes Archdiocese

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

RIGHT: Lt. Col. Todd Callahan, 11th Bomb Squadron training officer, greets Bishop Neal J. Buckon, of the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA, on the ramp at Barksdale. During his time on the ramp, Bishop Buckon was able to witness several acts that were practicing for the Defenders of Liberty 2011 Air Show.



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2 CES begins Rickenbacker Avenue construction project

By Airman 1st Class Antonio Gonzalez
2nd Bomb Wing Public Affairs

The 2nd Civil Engineer Squadron began reconstructing the road on Rickenbacker Avenue in front of the Barksdale Fitness Center May 9.

Construction crews will be adding drainage structures, which will prevent high-water conditions on Rickenbacker Avenue and improve motor vehicle safety.

To mitigate traffic congestion, the road construction project will be split into two phases.

The estimated completion is July 11 for the first phase and Aug. 12 for the second phase, in all approximately three months.

The overflow parking lot for the fitness center is projected to reopen July 11. Detour signs are posted to aid drivers during the three month construction period.

"There will be a short-term inconvenience due to detour routes, but it will result in a long-term

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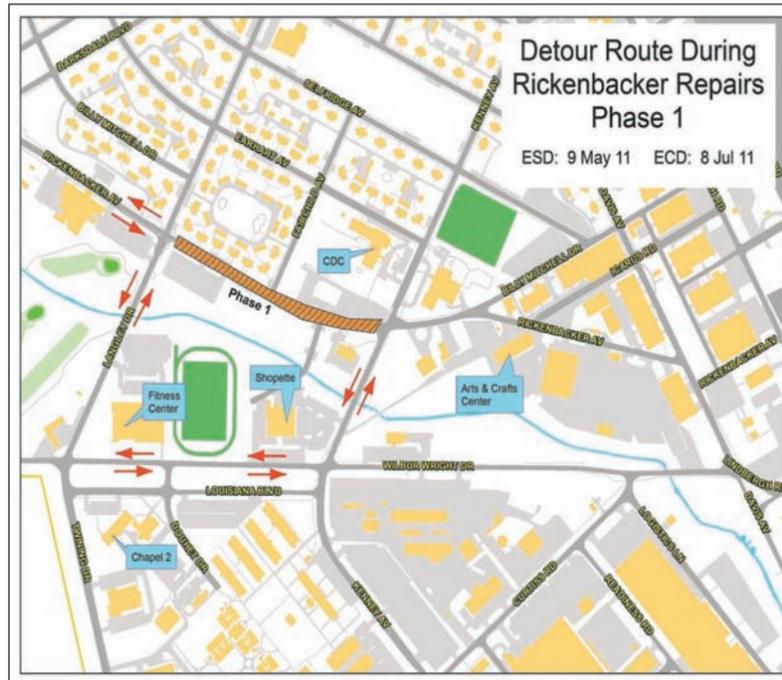
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benefit once completed," said Dave Nesmith, 2 CES Civil Engineer Program Flight professional engineer.

Airmen are warned, even with the ongoing construction, that cutting through base housing is a violation of base regulations.

"If there is an increase in violations of cutting through base housing near the fitness center are during peak hours, we'll set up check points, checking licenses and make on-the-spot corrections," said Staff Sgt. Donald Clifton, 2 Security Forces Squadron, police services NCO in-charge.

The 2 CES appreciates everyone's patience during this construction period, Nesmith said.



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By Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality

May is Clean Air Month and the beginning of the ozone season. It is also the time of year when air quality is most important, because of the increase possibility of ozone formation on hot, dry summer days.

Why is ozone so important? "Ozone can irritate your respiratory system, reduce lung function, make lungs more susceptible to infection, aggravate asthma and other lung diseases, and potentially cause permanent lung damage," said Brian Larrimer, 2nd Civil Engineer Squadron Environmental Quality element chief. "The Barksdale community tends to be very active - working and playing outside in the extreme heat and sunlight of the summer months during ozone season. Children, the elderly, people suffering with respiratory and lung diseases, even active, healthy people can be affected by ozone."

An easy way to keep informed about air quality is through EnviroFlash. EnviroFlash is an e-mail alert system delivering air quality information straight to users' inboxes or phones. Once people subscribe and fill in basic information like e-mail address and ZIP code, they will receive daily alerts with the local Air Quality Index forecasts. Subscribers will also receive alerts

For more information

To learn more about current air quality, go to the DEQ Web site at www.deq.louisiana.gov and the interactive EPA Web site www.airnow.gov.

when ozone or particle pollution is expected to be unhealthy.

"Folks can stay aware of ozone levels near the base by checking air quality forecasts on the EnviroFlash Web site," Mr. Larrimer said. "On days when ozone levels are rising, do your part by reducing your use of automobiles, car pool, consolidate and delay errands until late in the day, conserve energy and use low volatile organic compound paints and solvents."

To stay better informed about ozone and other air quality matters, the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality encourages people to sign up for the EnviroFlash system at <http://shreveportarea.enviroflash.info>.

"Hot weather increases the risk of elevated ozone levels," said Peggy Hatch, DEQ secretary. "Because higher ozone can have an impact on the public, we urge people to take advantage of the free EnviroFlash system. It's a simple way to stay informed and take appropriate steps to protect your health."



ABOVE: Senior Airman John Hines and Capt. Keith Lorenz, both from 2nd Communications Squadron, prepare their climbing equipment prior to ascending the new communications tower.

Re-enlisted at 149 feet

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

RIGHT: Captain Lorenz administers the Oath of Enlistment to Senior Airman John Hines on a communications tower at Barksdale. Airman Hines is the first Barksdale cable maintainer to have the opportunity to be re-enlisted at 149 feet.

RIGHT: Airman Emily Meyer and Staff Sgt. Jared Smither, both from 2CS, raise the American Flag to the top of a communications tower.



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The following Airmen received nonjudicial punishment in April 2011:

Nonjudicial Punishment 2nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

An airman first class received nonjudicial punishment for violation of Article 112a, misuse of a prescription medication, and Article 121, larceny. Punishment imposed consisted of a reduction to the rank of airman, forfeitures of \$370 pay per month for two months with one month suspended, 45 days extra duty and a reprimand. The member is currently being processed for administrative discharge for drug abuse.

An airman first class received nonjudicial punishment for five violations of Article 128, assault consummated by a battery. Punishment imposed consisted of a suspended reduction to airman, forfeiture of \$822 pay per month for two months, 45 days restriction with 15 days restriction suspended, 15 days of extra duty suspended, and a reprimand.

A staff sergeant received nonjudicial punishment for violation of Article 107, false official statement. Punishment imposed consisted of forfeiture of \$620 pay, 30 days of extra duty, and a reprimand.

2nd Civil Engineer Squadron

An airman first class received nonjudicial punishment for two violations of Article 92, failure to obey a lawful order, and one violation of Article 134, wrongful use of spice. Punishment imposed consisted of a reduction to the rank of airman basic. The member is currently being processed for administrative discharge for drug abuse.

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2nd Maintenance Squadron

A technical sergeant received nonjudicial punishment for violation of Article 86, absent without leave, and Article 92, dereliction of duty. The member failed to turn in his convalescent leave paperwork and remained on unapproved leave. Punishment imposed consisted of a reduction to the rank of staff sergeant and 20 days of extra duty.

Two staff sergeants received nonjudicial punishment for two violations of Article 92, failure to obey a no contact order. Punishment imposed for both consisted of a suspended reduction to the rank of senior airman, forfeitures of \$200 pay per month for two months and 21 days of extra duty.

An airman first class received nonjudicial punishment for violation of Article 92, dereliction of duty. The member provided alcohol to an airman who was under the legal drinking age. Punishment imposed consisted of a suspended reduction to the rank of airman and 14 days of extra duty.

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2nd Medical Support Squadron

An airman first class received nonjudicial punishment for violation of Article 134, incapacitation for duty due to excessive alcohol use. Punishment imposed consisted of a suspended reduction to the rank of airman, forfeitures of \$300 pay per month for two months, and a reprimand.

2nd Munitions Squadron

An airman first class received nonjudicial punishment for violation of Article 92, dereliction of duty for violating a technical order. Punishment imposed consisted of suspended forfeitures of \$100 pay per month for two months and 45 days extra duty.

A staff sergeant received nonjudicial punishment for violation of Article 92, dereliction of duty for violating a technical order. Punishment imposed consisted of forfeitures of \$200 pay per month for two months, and 30 days extra duty.

An airman first class received nonjudicial punishment for two violations of Article 128, assault consummated by a battery. Punishment imposed consisted of a suspended reduction to airman and 14 days extra duty.

An airman first class received nonjudicial punishment for violation of Article 111, driving while intoxicated. Punishment imposed consisted of a reduction to the rank of airman, suspended forfeitures of \$250 pay per month for two months, and 45 days of extra duty.

Lights, camera, action



Staff Sgt. Terri Barriere/U.S. Air Force Art Nerio, videographer from local Shreveport broadcast station KTAL 6, films Senior Airman Cornelia Jackson, 2nd Force Support Squadron Sustainment Flight, as she prepares lunch in the Red River Dining Facility on Barksdale. The story aired May 12 as part of the network's yearlong spotlight on Barksdale.

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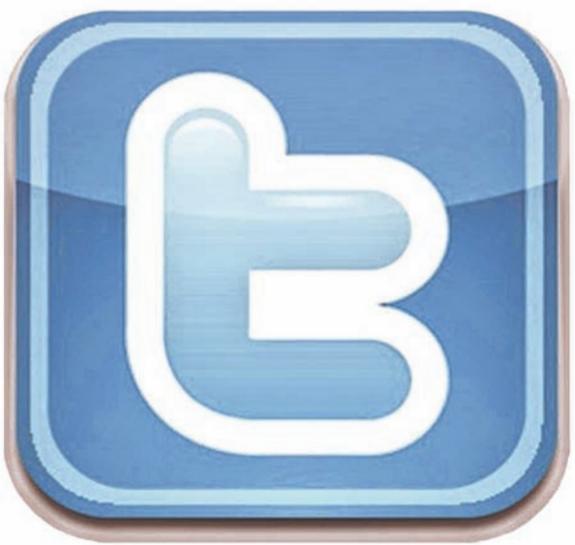
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From Air Force Global Strike Command Public Affairs

The commander of Air Force Global Strike Command has a new way of communicating with Airmen, stakeholders and the American public: Tweeting.

Lt. Gen. Jim Kowalski, whose Twitter name is @AFGSC_CC, shares nuggets of information through one of the fastest-growing social media tools online. So, how do you follow that conversation?

Here's a tutorial. In minutes, you'll be tracking what the commander has to say. First, visit www.twitter.com/afgsc_cc. You don't even need a Twitter account to tune in, you can simply eavesdrop. But, if you'd like to get involved in the conversation, here's how anyone can set up his or her own account, along with some guidelines for tweeting:

1. Visit <http://www.twitter.com> and type in the requested information under "New to Twitter?" Remember, your full name will be visible to anyone interacting with you on the site, so be sure to use appropriate information for your privacy and comfort level. Twitter assures you that email and password will be kept confidential. You must supply an actual email address to be able to confirm your account.

2. A box will pop up with the full name and email address you typed in, with the option of creating a username. Choose a username that represents you, either in a personal or professional fashion, depending on how you plan to use your account. Public Affairs reminds everyone that even if setting up an account for personal use, you are still representing the Air Force 24 hours a day. Read terms of service and if you agree, click "Create My Account."

3. Start building your network. A list is available of military "tweeps" (online names, or handles, of other military people who tweet) from Global Strike Command Public Affairs. Or, search for people with names you are interested in following. For instance, if you like to cook, type in "cooking," "recipe," "food," or other terms of interest. If you don't follow anyone, then there will be nothing for you to read every day. You select whom you want

to follow, and you only see those tweets.

4. Be sure to search for @AFGSC_CC and click "follow" to get regular updates from General Kowalski.

5. Global Strike Command is tweeting too! Visit www.twitter.com/afglobalstrike and click "follow" to add us to your twitter feed. Or search for @afglobalstrike.

Once you have begun following users and gathering your own followers, there are additional options such as setting up a profile, adding a photo, and other tasks that can make your presence more known on the site and enhance your twitter identity, if that's what you want to do.

Global Strike heritage: a mission to save 9,000

By Crystal Jordan

Air Force Global Strike Command Public Affairs

It was May 1945, and World War II was coming to a close. Repeated attempts at negotiations to repatriate thousands of prisoners of war in camps at Barth, Germany, were not going smoothly.

When it was clear that a compromise could not be reached, General Dwight D. Eisenhower, commander of the Supreme Headquarters of Allied Expeditionary Forces, called on 8th Air Force to use the one aircraft they had in numbers — bombers — to rescue the American POWs.

The mission, referred to as Operation Revival, succeeded in airlifting nearly 9,000 American troops out of the war zone from prison camp Stalag Luft 1, using 450 separate, conventional bomber flights May 12-14, 1945.

"Accounts like these are a testament to the importance of conventional bomber missions then and now," said Bruce Stewart, Air Force Global Strike Command historian's office. "This truly is an amazing story."

Modified B-17 Flying Fortress bombers were the primary aircraft used for the massive extraction effort. This unusual task for the bomber required each aircraft's gun to be removed and the B-17 to be operated with a barebones, five-person crew, as opposed to its usual crew of 10.

By minimizing the number of crew, the bombers could maximize the number of POWs able to be extracted from the prison camp. Planks were laid across the aircraft bomb bays, where some of the healthiest and able POWs hitched a ride home.

For more on Operation Revival, visit www.91stbombgroup.com/91st_tales/operationrevival.html.



Courtesy photo from Charlie Hudson

Ex-prisoners of war from Stalag Luft 1 await their flight to freedom aboard B-17s from the 91st Bomb Group flying out of Basingbourn, England.



Courtesy photo from Charlie Hudson

Operation Revival evacuee Charlie Hudson swapped a Colt 45 for this motorcycle. The two Russian soldiers were pleased with the trade, but when Charlie tried to load it aboard the plane, General Bill Gross, commander of Operation Revival, said no. Undaunted, Charlie loaded the bike in the back of the plane just before the return trip, camouflaged it with blanket and other gear, and brought it home to Basingbourn.

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Featuring: homemade Greek food and pastries, live Greek band, dance groups, tours of the remodeled sanctuary of St. George, crafts, kids' activities and more.
Admission: \$3-\$5.
Info: (318) 222-5225 or www.greekandmorefestival.com.

SENIORS DAY 2011
When: 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Earl G. Williamson Park on Caddo Lake, 11425 LA Highway 1, Oil City.
Featuring: dancing and musical entertainment, games, fishing and more.
Admission: free.
Info: (318) 929-2806 or www.caddoparks.com.

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CENTER FOR FAMILIES 5K RUN/WALK
When: 8 a.m. Ellerbe Road United Methodist Church, 10130 Ellerbe Road, Shreveport.
Featuring: The race will begin at the church and go through the scenic Ellerbe Road neighborhood.
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Info: (318) 222-0759 or www.sportspectrumusa.com.

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When: 7 p.m. Fairfield Studios, 1510 Fairfield Ave., Shreveport.
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The Shreveport Farmers Market will take place June 4 from 7 a.m. to noon at Festival Plaza in downtown Shreveport. The market features fresh produce, prepared foods, crafts and more. It will take place every Saturday through Sept. 3 and from 3-6 p.m. Tuesday afternoons June 7-July 19.

Info: (318) 219-7688.

& Hotel, 711 Horseshoe Blvd., Bossier City.
Admission: \$65-\$75.
Info: (888) 512-7469 or www.riverdome.com.

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THE LOUISIANA HAYRIDE
When: 2 p.m. The Scottish Rite Temple, 725 Cotton St., Shreveport.
Featuring: live musical entertainment by Homade Jam, Mickey Gill, Donna Ray, Bruce Blake, the Blake Brothers, Bud Christian and comedian Bubba.
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WYNONNA IN CONCERT
When: 8 p.m. Horseshoe Casino

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SHREVEPORT FARMERS MARKET
When: 7 a.m.-noon. Festival Plaza, 101 Crockett St., Shreveport.
Featuring: fresh produce, prepared foods, crafts and more. The market will open every Saturday, through Sept. 3. Tuesday afternoon markets will take place June 7-July 19, from 3-6 p.m.

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Admission: free.
Info: (318) 938-7261 or www.greenwoodla.org.

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When: 1 p.m. American Legion Post No. 14, 5315 S. Lakeshore Drive, Shreveport.
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Briefly

Landings at Barksdale May events
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►Thursday: Welcome Center closed.
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►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 Monday.

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 at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Bossier Civic Center. This graduation ceremony recognizes the hard work and dedication of each graduate and the educational achievements they have attained.

Graduation ceremony for other graduates

In conjunction with the upcoming CCAF consolidated graduation, the Education Center would like to showcase the achievements of those who have graduated within the last six months from other civilian universities. This will include those who have received their associates, bachelor's or masters degrees. If you are an active duty, GS or contractor interested in participating in the spring graduation Thursday, contact Sandy Griffin at Sandra.griffin.ctr@barksdale.af.mil. You will be required to provide your school's cap and gown and your diploma.

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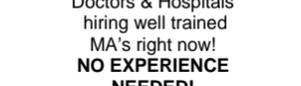
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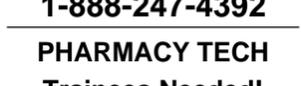
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