

Barksdale Fire Muster gives squadrons a taste of firefighter's life

By Airman 1st Class Samuel O'Brien

2nd Bomb Wing Public Affairs
Four squadrons stepped into the boots of Barksdale's bravest to compete in the third annual 2nd Mission Support Group Fire Muster outside Barksdale's Airman Leadership School June 10.

The 2nd Force Support Squadron, 2nd Contracting Squadron, 2nd Communications Squadron and 2nd Civil Engineer Squadron squared off in a competition of firefighting skills.

"The competitive environment gave the Barksdale Fire Department an opportunity to give hands-on experience to Air Force members who may never have the chance to see some of the training and skills required to be a firefighter," said Staff Sgt. Steven O'Brien, 2 CES fire crew chief.

"The event is also a mo-

rale booster," Sergeant O'Brien continued. "Anytime the opportunity to intermingle with the base community is presented, it's a positive experience. The Fire Department demonstrates some of the practices used in their day-to-day operations, and the community gains a better understanding of the skills needed to be a firefighter."

The muster was made up of five competitive events that provided the participants a variety of challenges.

Teams competed in search and rescue, an exercise in which firefighters in full gear move through a smoke-filled house to retrieve a 175-pound dummy. In the hose connection relay event, teams unraveled, connected and used a hose to knock over a traffic cone as quickly as possible. For the midnight alarm event, teams simulated receiv-

ing an alarm while sleeping. They had to get out of bed and get their gear on as quickly as possible. The self-aid buddy care event required team members to strap a dummy to a litter and navigate several obstacles to reach safety. The final event was the hose joust, which is described as a "reverse tug-of-war." Two teams with a hose try to push a suspended target toward the other team.

All the teams had their individual triumphs, but in the end, the 2 CONS emerged victorious.

"Instead of saying we participated, I would say we conquered, because 2 CONS came out on top," said Senior Airman Jennifer Coffin, a contracting specialist.

Airman 1st Class Daniel Speed, 2 CONS contracting specialist, felt the event was a productive distraction from everyday tasks.



Airman 1st Class Micaiah Anthony/U.S. Air Force don fire-protection gear during the third annual Fire Muster. The 2 CS, 2nd Force Support Squadron, 2nd Civil Engineer Squadron and 2nd Contracting Squadron competed against each other during the event. Fire musters are held for friendly competition, to boost morale and display firefighter craftsmanship.

"It was good to get everyone out here, have a good time and take a break from the mission for a second, so we can be refreshed going back into it," he said.

SEE FIRE, 5A

JROTC cadets get glimpse into Air Force mission

By Senior Airman Joanna M. Kresge

2nd Bomb Wing Public Affairs

Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets from more than 100 schools visited Barksdale June 9 to learn about Air Force careers.

Tables representing various careers lined Hoban Hall as cadets rotated around the room talking with career field experts and getting hands-on experience with Air Force equipment. The goal of the event was to give cadets a greater understanding of Air Force careers and culture.

"JROTC career day gives cadets the opportunity to come out to an active-duty base and actually see all the different career fields in the Air Force," said Capt. David Pabst, 11th Bomb Squadron, B-52 Stratofortress electronic warfare officer and 2nd Bomb Wing point of contact for the event. "They see the commercials on television, but it's hard to get an idea of what we actually do just by seeing those commercials. Here they get to speak with the experts in career fields and see if the Air Force is something they want to pursue."

Captain Pabst said the event can be an important factor in the consideration of post-high school paths for some of the cadets.

"Many high school students don't know what exactly they are going to do with their lives once high school ends. However, when they experience something like this, they get a better idea of what the military is like," he said. "We want them to see that they can come into the Air Force, get



Staff Sgt. Derek Dobson, 2nd Security Forces Squadron, briefs Cadet Tech. Sgt. Jacob Griffin, South Panola High School, about the gunner position on a security forces HUMVEE during the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps Career Day at Barksdale. JROTC cadets from more than 100 schools in five states visited Barksdale, home of Air Force Global Strike Command, to learn about numerous Air Force careers from subject matter experts.

their school paid for, get the training they need and then after they've completed their service easily transfer to the civilian sector - it really opens their eyes to what is out there."

While many of the cadets took serious consideration of a career in the Air Force,

many others, like cadet Tech. Sgt. Dustin Todd from Bossier High School, spent the day simply enjoying information presented about the mission.

"It was a lot of fun to see all the military stuff today, the Airmen who work here really know what they're doing," he said. "I'd

have to say that the hazardous materials display was my favorite, because they actually show you how the system works and they tell you how they take care of everyone by checking the level of chlorine in the water. It was really cool."

The cadets were not the only ones to take something away from the event; the Airmen who hosted booths benefitted also.

"I think the Airmen benefit a lot from this event, because it gives them the opportunity to be recruiters," said Captain Pabst. "Our leadership tells us all the time, and I believe it - we have the best Airmen in the Air Force and this is a great opportunity for them to mentor and influence the rising generation - the future warriors of the Air Force."

Tech. Sgt. Brian Lubiejewski, 2nd Maintenance Squadron engine specialist, enjoyed the opportunity to educate future Airmen and share his own experiences.

"A lot of these kids come here completely uninformed," he said. "When they think 'B-52' they just think about pilots, so this helps to break it down for them and they can see how many jobs it takes to make our planes fly. They asked a lot of questions, and I told them a few of my war stories, sharing that with them gives me a sense of pride because I love my job."

"We do our jobs every day, but when we actually have the opportunity to sit and talk about what we do, it's a great experience, and we can only hope the cadets get as much out of it as we do," concluded Captain Pabst.

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Leadership across the spectrum

By 1st Lt. Shannan Hansen

386th Expeditionary Force Support Squadron

SOUTHWEST ASIA — “Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experience of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, ambition inspired, and success achieved.” — Helen Keller

Leadership is the art and science of motivating Airmen to perform above standards to reach a common goal: Achieving the mission. When entering the military as a company-grade officer, we are always told to find a leadership style and try another style when one does not work effectively.

Does anyone truly know what specific leadership style works for them? How do they learn what leadership style to use? When young officers start out at their first duty assignment, they are placed in a situation where they must trust those around them.

They are told from day one, find a senior NCO and put him or her in your hip pocket. Let him or her mentor you and shape your character to help make you a better leader. Many officers look up to senior NCOs for guidance and support in every position held throughout their career.

As young officers, we typically observe our fellow Airmen while trying to mold our leadership style through trial and error.

There are some leaders who are very direct and do not take into consideration the views of others. This causes them to possibly lose the respect and motivation of their subordinates.

When Airmen do not feel as if their opinions or advice matter, they begin to slowly shut down.

There also are leaders who care about their

Airmen to the point that they are afraid to hold them accountable for their actions.

There have been duty sections that fall apart because NCOs are afraid to act when challenged by their peers. As this happens, we start to fail our Airmen through lack of effective leadership.

In most cases, there are leaders who put people first and take the time to get to know every Airman within their span of control.

Leadership is instilled in officers and senior NCOs every day to motivate and encourage those they may lead. A leader is not just an officer or senior NCO, but anyone who is up to the challenge.

Are we holding our enlisted force to a higher standard as they progress in their careers? Are NCOs shaping our junior enlisted personnel the same way we are constantly mentored as officers?

I asked one of my NCOs who has been in the military for 10 years to write an enlisted performance report. The response given was, “Ma’am, I do not know how to write an EPR because they have always been written by my supervisors.”

In this particular situation, an NCO failed to properly equip a subordinate for required career progression. According to Air Force Instruction 36-2618, Paragraph 4.1.5, leaders are expected to “epitomize excellence and lead by example through exhibiting professional behavior, military bearing, respect for authority, and the highest standards of dress and appearance.”

Effective leadership may take constant introspection and personal adjustment when applying it to different situations. There are some

leaders who do not take the time to understand who their personnel are and what each individual has going on in his or her life.

No matter where someone works, there will be difficult personalities and/or tense exchanges if there is a lack of effective communication. The ability to listen and understand is as important as communicating clearly to build and sustain productive relationships. This may be controlled by performance management while conducting on-the-job training within the work environment.

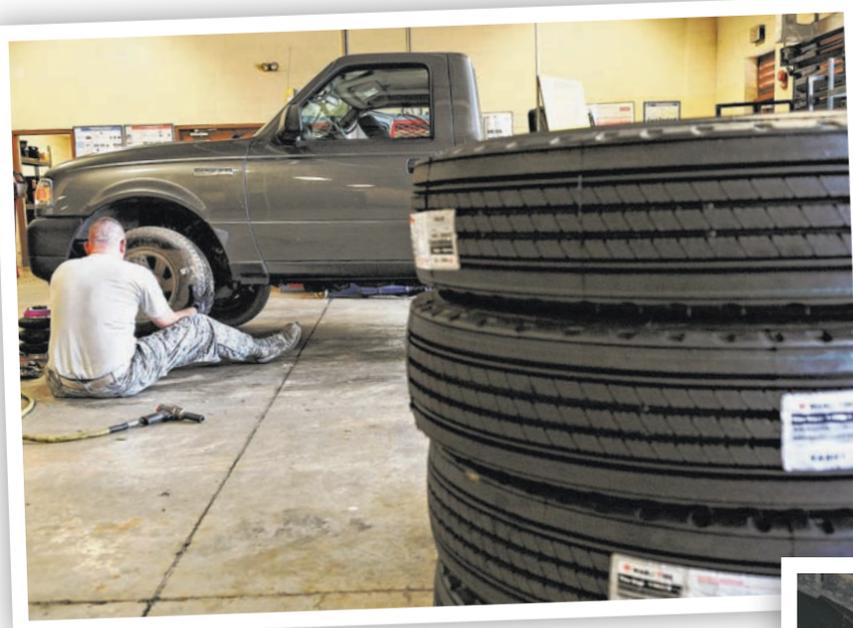
There is a long-term focus toward creating a climate of shared understanding about what is to be achieved. This will help develop leaders to increase the chance the mission will be achieved.

Leaders are constantly put through challenges that tend to change their character and the way they deal with different situations. Having a vision is just not enough. Leaders see things that should be done and things that should be fixed. What makes leaders different is that they act by taking steps to achieve their vision.

In the enlisted force structure, there are three distinct tiers depending on the level of education, training and experience each member possesses. NCOs are charged with mentoring and developing Airmen as they grow while demonstrating the Air Force Core Values.

They must instill professional behaviors in subordinates and correct those who violate standards. In the same manner that officers are mentored by senior NCOs, our junior enlisted members should also be mentored by NCOs.

Today’s Airmen become tomorrow’s leaders through the art and science of effective leadership.



Tech. Sgt. Vincent St. Hilaire, 2nd Logistics Readiness Squadron, NCO-in-charge of allied trades, places a spare tire on a government-owned vehicle at the vehicle maintenance center. The vehicle was brought to the shop with a punctured tire.

Vehicle maintenance keeps mission rolling

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



A spare tire was used until a new tire could be ordered and installed.



Tech. Sgt. Vincent St. Hilaire removes a flat tire from a government-owned vehicle at the vehicle maintenance center.





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

A new Air Forcewide PLAYpass Program will provide deployed single Airmen and Air Force families respite from the challenges of deployment. In continuing efforts to build a resilient force, single Airmen returning from deployment and families of deployed members can receive special discounts and rewards to help make their deployment easier.

Families of deployed get pass to play

From 2nd Bomb Wing Public Affairs Staff Reports

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The new PLAYpass card replaces the DePLAYment program offered during the Year of the Air Force Family last year. The program has been expanded to provide deployment respite support for not only deployed families but also support for returning single Airmen.

“Basically the Air Force took the inputs from the DePLAYment program that ran through the Year of the Air Force Family,” said Kyle Hamaoka, 2nd Force Support Squadron marketing director. “The Air Force listened, they made some adjustments, and now the program is back and it’s better than ever. We recognized that the single Airman has needs too. Now, they’ll be getting cards upon their return from deployment. They’ve also got fewer restrictions; the blocks of discounts on each card can be used for any services within 2 FSS.”

Some notable locations the passes can be used include but are not limited to: hourly childcare, Outdoor Recreation trips and programs, items at equipment rental, team sports, Youth Center functions, auto hobby maintenance and summer pool passes.

The Airman and Family Readiness Center will distribute PLAYpass cards pre-

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printed with specific dollar amount coupon blocks that can be applied to the specified programs offered at each participating location. Each card is valued in excess of \$500.

“It’s like a punch card, and the Airman or family member gets it stamped each time it’s used,” Hamaoka said. “For instance, if you wanted to buy a summer pool pass, which is \$40, you could get a pool pass, get your card punched and not pay for the pass at all.”

Hamaoka says the program should offer Airmen and families some peace of mind.

“I think it’s really a great program,” he said. “The deployed Airman can leave knowing that their family members have resources here in the services this base provides. It’s just a

way to make sure the families here are taken care of and that single Airmen have the means to decompress when they get back from overseas.”

Stephanie Reyes, A&FRC chief, says the center has signed up more than 20 families in the last few weeks and she encourages more Airmen and families to come sign up for the program.

“The response we’ve had so far is great, but it’s important that families of deployed individuals and single Airmen stop by and get their passes so they can take advantage of the hundreds of dollars they’ll save with the different programs on base,” she said.

The PLAYpass cards may be picked up at the A&FRC now through December 2011.



Special to Warrior

Deployed Barksdale Airman 1st Class Kayla Miller, 96th Expeditionary Bomb Squadron intelligence mission planner, was awarded as Andersen’s Best, which is a recognition program that highlights a top performer from the 36th Wing at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam. Each week, supervisors nominate a member of their team for outstanding performance and the wing commander presents the selected Airman with an award.

2 OSS Airman earns award while deployed to Guam

From 36th Wing Public Affairs

ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE, GUAM — A deployed Barksdale Airman was awarded as Andersen’s Best at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, on June 7.

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Airman Miller

their team for outstanding performance and the wing commander presents the selected Airman with an award.

Airman Miller helps build intelligence scenarios designed to see how the 96th EBS crews plan and execute their mission based on data provided. In addition to creating robust training scenarios and educating 55 aircrew members on enemy tactics, Airman Miller briefs senior staff on current intelligence and threat levels across the Pacific.

“Airman Miller is a vital asset to providing intelligence and threat levels across the Pacific to senior leadership and wing staff,” said Lt. Eric Hoffman, 96th EBS. “By providing in-depth training scenarios, she has elevated intelligence training by 14 percent.”



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Texas Wounded Warrior founders visit 307 BW

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307th Bomb Wing

Dick Goetz never imagined that simply playing in a golf tournament would put him in the pilot's seat of a B-52 Stratofortress at Barksdale three years later.

Goetz, a golf pro from Tyler, Texas, traveled to California during the Summer of 2007, where he played in the fourth annual Marine Corps Celebrity Classic Golf Tournament at Camp Lejeune's Paradise Point Golf Course. There, he met Maj. Gen. Robert C. Dickerson, Commander of Marine Corps Installations East and many young veterans who had lost limbs in recent combat actions.

The experience stayed with Goetz, and after returning to Texas, he and two golfing buddies, Ron Nash and Harley Wilke, founded "Texas Wounded Warrior" to help Texas veterans who had been wounded in service of their country.

Texas Wounded Warrior makes it part of its mission to honor, and to empower our Wounded Warriors by providing them a week-end of fun, fellowship and entertainment on the golf course.

"We have been able to garner a lot of support in Tyler," Goetz said. "So far we have helped 35 wounded warriors from all over



Thomas P. Gros, board member, Texas Wounded Warrior, gets a briefing about electronic warfare onboard a B-52 Stratofortress at Barksdale from Capt. Patrick Godinez, electronic warfare officer, 11th Bomb Squadron.

For more information

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the State of Texas. We've raised over 82,000 dollars in our first three events."

Escorted by Brig. Gen. (Ret) Jack Ihle, a former commander of the 917th Wing, the founder's group made a stop at Barksdale AFB for a briefing on the Air Force Reserve from

Brig. Gen. John J. Mooney III, 307th Bomb Wing commander, and a close-up look at some Air Force Reserve Command assets assigned to the 307th BW and 917th Fighter Group.

"Even after 42 years as a professional golfer, there's nothing with more rewards than helping these kids," Goetz said. "We have widened doorways for wheelchair access, and bought bicycles for amputees. We try to offer some additional amenities and support to these wounded veterans that the government doesn't provide to help

them adjust to civilian life. We've even helped a widow go back to school after her husband was killed."

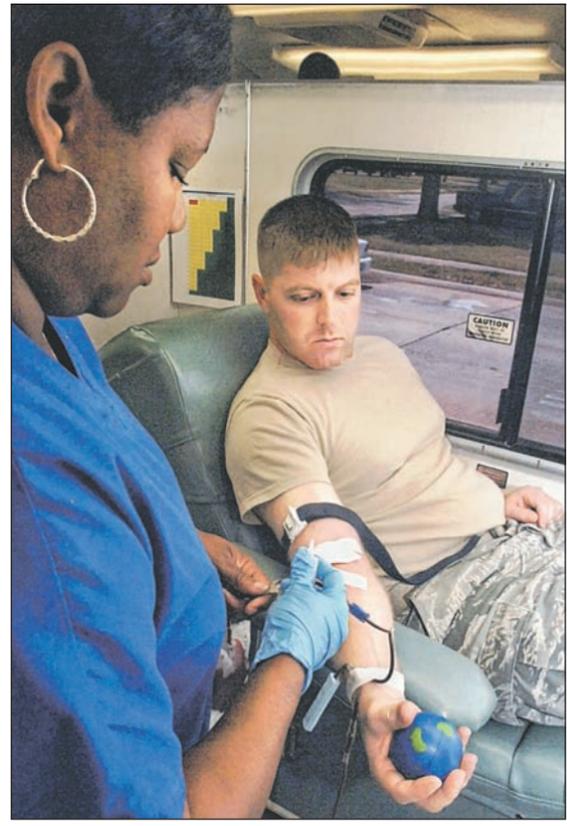
The Texas Wounded Warrior doesn't fly solo. In the past, they have teamed up with organizations like "Hope for the Warriors," Jacksonville, N.C., to assist wounded veterans.

"There are wounded veterans all over the country," Goetz said. "When we can, we will funnel a portion of our funds to a particular area to help others. Now, we are looking to help Shreveport-Bossier City veterans as well."



Retired Brig. Gen. Jack Ihle, a former commander of the 917th Wing, hands a dummy 30mm round back to 1st Lt. Gant Petty, A-10 pilot, 47th Fighter Squadron, during a visit in the A-10 hangar by the founders of Texas Wounded Warrior. Also pictured are Harley Wilke (right), one of the founders of Texas Wounded Warrior; Thomas P. Gros, board member; Dick Goetz, chairman, TWW; Ron Nash, vice-chair, TWW; General Ihle; and Lieutenant Petty.

Airman donates blood to help save lives



Senior Airman Allison M. Boehm/U.S. Air Force A LifeShare Blood Center employee begins the blood-donation process on Tech. Sgt. Kyle Terro, 372nd Training Squadron. Sergeant Terro donated blood on Barksdale June 7. The LifeShare donor bus routinely comes to Barksdale to provide Airmen an easy opportunity to donate blood.

Global Strike tests nuclear readiness

By Crystal Jordan

Air Force Global Strike Command Public Affairs

Recently, Air Force Global Strike Command leaders presented a challenge to their units and installations: keep doing what you're doing but also maintain "Constant Vigilance."

The challenge was to successfully complete the first-ever command-wide nuclear operational readiness exercise, called Constant Vigilance, without taking a break from scheduled wing-level activities, exercises and training.

"This operation energized every part of the command," said Maj. Scott Ryan, the deputy chief for the Air Force Exercise Operations branch at Global Strike headquarters. "It allowed our units to train like they fight."

"Not stopping day-to-day ops allows our units more time to train," Major Ryan said. "By taking this challenge on, wings completed unit-level exercise requirements while conducting the command-wide nuclear operational readiness exercise."

"Nuclear operational readiness exercises provide unit commanders the opportunity to demonstrate and assess their nuclear combat capability," said Robert Thomson, chief of the exercises division at Global Strike Command headquarters.

Running the exercise while continuing regular operations across the command in April also let the wings continue to keep their scheduled flying operations on track, he said.

Here's how it worked. Beyond practicing nuclear operations, the headquarters' intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance directorate also developed force protection scenarios, or "danger scenarios," to challenge wing response levels and actions. Exercise scenarios ranged from simulating an active-shooter threat to a hazardous material spill on base. All Air Force Global Strike Command units participated in the ten-day exercise and met the challenges the command set for them, Thomson said.

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Fire muster gives spark

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While the muster only touched on a small number of the skills necessary to be a firefighter, it simulated actual events and conditions, which created a real-world feeling

and experience for those from other squadrons. "I respect the firefighters," Airman Speed said. "They have a tough job. This was hard out here today."



Airmen from the 2nd Contracting Squadron don fire-protective gear during the midnight alarm event for the third annual Fire Muster. The midnight alarm event simulates lying in bed at night when the alarm goes off. Participants have to get out of their cots and don the full firefighter ensemble. By regulation, firefighters have 60 seconds to be completely dressed and headed out of the station.



An Airman from the 2nd Force Support Squadron prepares to enter a confined space filled with smoke for the search-and-rescue event. Participants must crawl through a smoked-filled area and retrieve a 175-pound mannequin. This event simulates disorientation while searching for victims in a smoke-filled home or warehouse.

An Airman from the 2nd Civil Engineer Squadron unravels a fire-hose during the hose connection relay for the third annual Fire Muster. Four Airmen from each squadron must unravel fire hoses, connect them to the truck, give the signal to turn the water on and knock down a traffic cone with a stream of water.



An Airman from the 2nd Civil Engineer Squadron runs while holding a fire-hose nozzle during the hose connection relay for the third annual Fire Muster.



Airmen from the 2nd Communications Squadron lay in cots for the midnight alarm event. The midnight alarm event simulates lying in bed at night when the alarm goes off. Participants have to get out of their cots and don the full firefighter ensemble.

U.S. Air Force photos by Airman 1st Class Micaiah Anthony

An Airman from the 2nd Force Support Squadron rolls up a fire hose after the hose connection relay during the third annual Fire Muster. Four Airmen from each squadron must unravel fire hoses, connect them to the truck, give the signal to turn the water on and knock down a traffic cone with a stream of water.



Airmen from the 2nd Force Support Squadron battle against Airmen from the 2nd Civil Engineer Squadron during the hose joust for the third annual Fire Muster. The members from each squadron must use a fire hose to spray a target to the opposite side.

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Senior Airman Chad Warren/U.S. Air Force

Senior Airman Marie Brown, 2nd Force Support Squadron food operations team member, serves lunch to a patron at the Red River Dining Facility. The Red River Dining Facility has recently changed its menu to include even more healthy food options for Airmen.

From burgers to salads: Barksdale DFAC focuses on healthier food items

By Senior Airman Allison M. Boehm

2nd Bomb Wing Public Affairs

One burger, a serving of french fries, a glass of soda and piece of cake for dessert — yes it sounds enticing, but add condiments and you're looking at a mouth-watering meal of nearly 1,000 calories.

With a focus on fitness, more Airmen are saying "no thank you" to high-calorie, high-fat meals and are instead lining up for healthier food options. The Red River Dining Facility here is on board with the change.

"As Air Force members, being healthy and maintaining fitness is a crucial part of our service," said Airman 1st Class Kayla Dordell, 2nd Force Support Squadron food service specialist. "Staying healthy is more than just regularly working out; eating healthy plays a huge part."

Staff Sgt. Marquish Dixon, 2 FSS food service specialist, agrees with the importance of healthy eating.

"As food specialists, we follow the food nutrition pyramid chart to ensure each food group is available for our Airmen," she said. "We are keeping members fit to fight and providing them with a well-balanced meal with healthy variety choices."

The DFAC is now preparing food with little to no butter or salt, draining oils and grease from cooked meats, using more olive oil to cook with and providing an even larger variety of healthy foods.

When Airmen go through the food line, they can look at small tags with nutritional information containing calories per serving, fat, cholesterol and sodium content. Healthy food items are even asterisked on the nutritional information tag to make it easily recognizable as healthy food.

Of course food options such as burgers and fries are still available — but why would anyone want to with the surplus of healthy options available. After all, as the old adage says, "you are what you eat."



Senior Airman Chad Warren/U.S. Air Force

Staff Sgt. Jeremiah Prude, 2nd Force Support Squadron food operations team member, assists a fellow employee while preparing for lunch at the Red River Dining Facility.

AF funds future ICBM studies

By Vicki Stein

Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — The first of several studies to determine the best options for maintaining or replacing the nation's 450 Minuteman III Intercontinental Ballistic Missile weapon systems after 2030 is underway, Air Force officials said here recently.

"The Air Force is strongly committed to the ground-based leg of the nation's nuclear triad and we're taking all actions appropriate — the analysis, the assessment, the planning — for this capability, in 2030 and beyond," said Maj. Gen. William Chambers, the assistant chief of staff for strategic deterrence and nuclear integration.

As part of that commitment, the Air Force is making a \$28 billion investment in nuclear deterrence operations across the Future Years Defense Program, the general said in statements provided to the House and Senate Armed Services Committee's Strategic Forces Subcommittees April 5 and 6.

That investment and planned studies will ensure that the Air Force retains or procures systems and capabilities that are best for our na-

tion's strategic deterrence, he said. Options for a new GBSD capability, he added, range from upgrading the current ICBM force to the possibility of a new system.

"Although a decision on a follow-on ICBM is not needed for several years, the Nuclear Posture Review recognized the need for studies to inform a decision on ground-based strategic deterrence beyond 2030," he said, explaining that the results of these studies will inform and help clarify the costs and benefits of a follow-on ground-based strategic deterrent capability.

Lt. Gen. James Kowalski, the commander of Air Force Global Strike Command, told the Senate Armed Services Committee April 6 that the command is working with headquarters Air Force on the capabilities-based assessment of a ground based strategic deterrent. The \$1 million initial study, internally funded by AFGSC, is expected to be complete by July 2011 and will establish the requirements baseline for the missile's desired speed, range, payload capacity and other requirements.

During FY12, Air Force officials are planning to internally source funds

in the amount of \$4.6 million to develop the Analysis of Alternatives study guidance and use the guidance to build the AoA study plan, officials said. This funding will also fund initial pre-AoA concept characterization and technical descriptions.

These efforts will produce a recommendation regarding the best ICBM follow-on options from a broad range of alternatives — from full replacement to sustainment of the current ICBM beyond 2030.

Approximately \$26 million will be required, in total, during FY12-14 to complete the entire Materiel Solutions Analysis phase, which includes the AoA and other activities leading to the initial acquisition milestone and a Program of Record.

While Air Force officials are conducting these studies, the Minuteman III ICBM, first deployed in the 1960s continues to undergo Life Extension Programs to ensure the weapon system is viable through 2030 as mandated by Congress.

Minuteman III ICBMs are located at missile wings headquartered at F.E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyo., Malmstrom AFB, Mont. and Minot AFB, N.D.

Below the Zone while deployed



Tech. Sgt. Chris Scott/U.S. Air Force

Airman 1st Class Madeline Conley, 2nd Operations Support Squadron life support specialist, is presented with her new stripes from Lt. Col. Frederick Frostic, 36th Operations Support Squadron Commander, and Lt. Col. John Edwards, 96th Expeditionary Bomb Squadron commander, at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam. Airman Conley was selected below the zone for promotion to senior airman. She is currently deployed from Barksdale to Andersen AFB in support of the continuous bomber presence mission.

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New residents receive welcome gifts

By Danielle Hill
 dhill@shreveporttimes.com
 The Landings at Barksdale are currently offering a number of incentives for residents. Whether you are a current resident or you are looking to become a resident, The Landings at Barksdale has a deal for you. New residents are being

offered a welcome gift. This is their choice of a washer and dryer set, a \$500 Visa gift card or a 50-inch television. According to The Landings, "New residents may select any gift option on their move in day and it will be delivered to them within 30 days of their move in." The offer is only good in

June, during which Airmen currently living in housing can earn \$500 for referring a friend to The Landings. "All Airmen who are currently residents in housing are eligible for the refer-a-friend," said Dreamer Dowden, community manager. "They cannot be the sponsor of the Airman, nor can they already be on our

waiting list." To make sure they get this incentive, a registration card must be filled out. The cards are available at the housing office and should be filled out when the original application for residency is filled out. The referral incentive will be paid after the first full month of residency by the new tenant.

If an Airman is currently stuck in a lease, The Landings will pay up to \$1,5000 to help them get out of their lease so they can move into a house on base. All they have to do is provide The Landings with the landlord's break lease fee and they will pay it once you move in. Along with living on base,

The Landings at Barksdale offers many amenities to Airmen and their families. There are recreational facilities, picnic areas, a pool and play areas for children. There is no application fee or pet deposit, nor is there a monthly utility fee. For more information, call The Landings at Barksdale at (318) 747-2723

VA officials work to provide post-9/11 family caregiver benefits

By Donna Miles
 American Forces Press Service
 WASHINGTON — A month after the Veterans Affairs Department began processing applications for primary family caregivers of eligible post-9/11 veterans, officials reported steady progress toward delivering the new services and benefits. VA officials began processing applications for new services May 9, four days after President Barack Obama signed into the law the Caregivers and Veterans Omnibus Health Services Act of 2010 into law. A month later, VA spokesman Drew Brookie reported 1,119 applications in process, with caregiver training programs already under way. Five caregivers have completed the training and require only a final VA home visit before they can begin receiving the new entitlements, Brookie said. The new law provides eligible family caregivers who care for severely disabled veterans a monthly stipend, mental-health services and access to health-care insurance if they are not already entitled to care, or services under a health plan. Caregivers also qualify for travel expenses, including lodging and per diem when accompanying their family member for care, comprehensive caregiver training, medical support and respite care. The benefits extend to family caregivers of veterans who have sustained a serious injury, including traumatic brain inju-

ry, psychological trauma or another mental disorder incurred or aggravated in the line of duty after Sept. 11, 2001. The veterans must be unable to perform daily living activities on their own, or need supervision or protection due to their injury or neurological impairment, officials explained. In addition, qualifying veterans must be enrolled in VA health services. After 625 veterans and family caregivers submitted applications for the new benefits and services the first week VA began accepting them, VA Secretary Eric K. Shinseki encouraged others to follow suit. "We are off to a good start, having helped hundreds to apply, but we know there are thousands more who will qualify and need to apply today," he said. "I encourage eligible veterans and their family caregivers to apply now to receive the benefits they have earned." Brookie described the steps VA is following to process applications and expedite delivery of the new benefits and services. Within three business days of receiving an initial application, a VA caregiver-support coordinator contacts the veteran and primary family caregiver to complete the application and schedule caregiver training. A VA clinical team then coordinates a clinical eligibility assessment. This involves determining what help the veteran needs for everyday activities such as eat-

ing, bathing and grooming and whether the veteran needs supervision or protection, Brookie said. If the veteran meets clinical eligibility criteria, VA then provides primary family-caregiver training. Caregivers have three ways to complete the training: in the classroom at a local VA medical center or community location, online via a security-protected website, or through self-study using a workbook and DVD. VA has kicked off the training, providing its first classroom sessions for 12 caregivers June 9 and 10 for 12 in Washington. Additional classroom training tentatively is planned for Durham; Reno, Nevada; and Atlanta Brookie said. In addition, several caregivers are completing their training through the self-study option, which Brookie said is expected to be revised based on the input from classroom training. The online training is scheduled to be live by June 25, he said. After the caregiver completes the training, a VA clinician will visit the home to ensure the veteran and caregiver have what they need "to be safe and successful in a home setting," Brookie said. Five caregivers are now awaiting their home visits, he said. The home visit is the last requirement before the family caregiver begins receiving a monthly stipend, based on the level

of assistance the veteran required, Brookie said. At that point, caregivers without health insurance may also begin receiving health insurance benefits through VA's Civilian Health and Medical Program of the VA. The stipend and health-insurance benefits will be retroactive to the initial application date, Brookie said. Secretary Shinseki lauded the new benefits and services, recognizing the sacrifices caregivers make every day to help their loved ones who served in uniform. "They are critical partners with VA in the recovery and comfort of ill and injured veterans, and they deserve our continued training, support and gratitude," he said. Applications for benefits can be processed by telephone through VA Caregiver Support Line at 855-260-3274, in person at a VA medical centers with a caregiver support coordinator, or by mail or online at www.caregiver.va.gov, using VA's new caregiver application, VA Form 1010-CG. VA plans to report to Congress on the feasibility of expanding the enhanced services to family caregivers of veterans of all eras, officials said. Although some of the enhanced benefits are available to pre-9/11 family caregivers now, officials said many of the other newly enacted benefits will require new regulations to serve this population.

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11 BS Change of Command

The 11th Bomb Squadron's change-of-command ceremony is at 1:30 p.m. June 23 at Hoban Hall. Lt. Col. W. Heath Wharton will assume command from Lt. Col. Kieran T. Denehan.

FTAC NCOIC

The First Term Airmen Center is looking for a highly motivated technical sergeant to become the NCO-in-charge at the Barksdale Professional Development Center. The position is a special-duty assignment with a reporting identifier of 9F000. This is a two-year controlled tour. No extensions beyond two years will be granted. The selected individual would need to be in place by Aug. 1. Staff sergeant packages will also be considered. Information on requirements can be found at <https://afkm.wpafb.af.mil/TeamBarksdaleCAA> in the "documents" section, folder "FTAC Hire." For more information, contact Master Sgt. Kimberly Owens at (318) 458-4700 or e-mail at Kimberly.owens@barksdale.af.mil.

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Traffic sign change

Effective now, the stop sign will be changed to a yield sign to improve traffic flow at the intersection of Davis Avenue and Barksdale Boulevard West. Be aware the traffic traveling westbound on Barksdale Boulevard West still has the right of way. Proceed with caution.

Team Barksdale Chief's Group golf tournament

The Chief's Group is hosting a four-man scramble today with a shotgun start at noon at the Fox Run Golf Course. The entry fee is \$10 plus green fees and cart, and there is a \$5 mulligan package. The tournament is open to military and civilians. First-, second- and third-place prizes are available for the lon-

gest drive and closest to the pin, as well as door prizes. Prizes will include a TaylorMade driver, golf balls, Academy sports gift certificate, green fee/cart certificate (local golf courses) and casino buffet coupons. To register, contact Senior Master Sgt. Barriet Thomas at (318) 456-3724 or barriet.thomas@barksdale.af.mil.

8th Air Force golf tourney

Headquarters 8th Air Force will be hosting a shotgun start golf tournament June 24 at 1 p.m. to say farewell to 8th AF Commander Maj. Gen. Floyd Carpenter and to welcome the new commander, Brig. Gen. Steve Wilson. All proceeds will go toward the 8th AF holiday party. Prices are: E1-E4, \$31; E5-E7, \$34; GS1-GS7, \$34; E8 and up (to include all officers), \$38; guests, \$45. All prices include green fees and carts. There will be awards for first, second, third and last place, as well as door prizes, a longest-drive contest and a closest-to-the-pin contest. Strings, mulligans and a 50/50 drawing will

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Military Ball photos

There was a minor delay with the photo orders from the Military Ball of the Ark-La-Tex. The photo lab was affected by the tornados in the South. Photos were shipped to customers last Friday. The large

group photos are still being worked on.

Barksdale PTA

The Barksdale AFB PTA will be holding its first general membership meeting at 5:30 p.m. June 23 in room 201 at the Airman & Family Readiness Center. For those that aren't familiar with PTA, it is the Parent Teacher Association. This is open for anyone. It doesn't matter if you have kids in Bossier, Caddo, private or home school. We invite you to come to our first general membership meeting and learn what this group has to offer. For more information, e-mail barksdaleafbpta@gmail.com.

Airman's Attic hours

The Airman's Attic will now be open on the first and third Monday of each month from 6 to 7 p.m. This is to try to give those active duty members who are on shifts an opportunity to utilize the Attic since they are not able to get there during normal hours. Therefore, during these special hours dependents will only be allowed if they are accompanied by active duty member.

BESG congratulates scholarship winners

The Barksdale Enlisted Spouse Group would like to congratulate 2010-11 scholarship recipients Mychal Grames and Elmtra Dooley. Each recipient won a \$500 scholarship. Mychal is the son of Senior Master Sgt. Derrick Grames, and Elmtra is the wife of Sergeant Terry Dooley.

Spice, bath salt testing

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Applicants are expected to have a minimum of 3 to 5 years experience in the field of administration and familiarity with the principles and methods of emergency medical care management. 10 years experience as a Nationally Registered Paramedic is required; this position will report directly to the Board of Commissioners of Bossier Parish EMS and is responsible for the oversight of day to day operations of a 24 hour/day ALS service to a population of 48,500 in 750 square miles; there are approximately 4500 runs annually, the service works closely with the fire districts of Bossier in addition to other emergency service agencies; this position is considered the Financial Secretary for the organization.
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Sammy Halphen, Interm Director

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RON WHITE: MORAL COMPASS

When: 7:30 and 10 p.m. Horseshoe Casino & Hotel, 711 Horseshoe Blvd., Bossier City. **Admission:** \$65-\$75.

Info: (888) 512-7469 or www.riverdome.com.

2011 CITY AMATUER MATCH PLAY GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

When: 8 a.m. June 17-19. Querbes Park Golf Course, 3500 Beverly Place, Shreveport. **Featuring:** tournament open to all male amateur golfers. **Admission:** \$85, entry fee per player includes green fee. Entry deadline is 5 p.m. June 15. **Info:** (318) 673-7773 or www.mySPAR.org.

MOVIES & MOONBEAMS

When: 8:30 p.m. Riverview Park, Clyde Fant Memorial Parkway, Shreveport. **Featuring:** outdoor screening of "Yogi Bear."

Admission: free. **Info:** (318) 673-7892 or www.mySPAR.org.

SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER CAPTAINS VS. FORT WORTH CATS

When: 7:05 p.m. June 17-18; 6:05 June 19. Fair Grounds Field, 2901 Perishing Blvd., Shreveport. **Featuring:** a minor league baseball game. **Admission:** \$5. **Info:** (318) 636-5555 or captains@sbcaptains.com.

TRAVIS TRITT

When: 8 p.m. Municipal Auditorium, 705 Elvis Presley Ave., Shreveport. **Featuring:** Cody Cooke and the Bayou Outlaws. **Admission:** \$27-\$47. **Info:** iebooking@aol.com.

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THE SHREVEPORT HOUSE CONCERT SERIES

When: 7 p.m. Fairfield Studios, 1510 Fairfield Ave, Shreveport. **Featuring:** Eric Taylor. **Admission:** \$20. **Info:** (318) 219-7688.

'MY MOMMA DIDN'T RAISE NO FOOL'

When: 7 p.m. June 18; 5 p.m. June 19. The Vickie Roberson Theatre, 233 E. 67th St., Shreveport. **Featuring:** stage play production by Vickie Roberson. **Admission:** \$12.50. **Info:** (318) 861-1993 or www.vickieroberson.com.

HUMMINGBIRD SEMINAR

When: 9-10 a.m. Louisiana Nursery, 12290 Mansfield Road, Keithville.

Featuring: Lynn Eddy, Master Gardener and hummingbird specialist. **Admission:** free. **Info:** (318) 925-0971.

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SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER CAPTAINS VS. GRAND PRAIRIE AIRHOGS

When: 7:05 p.m. June 20-22. Fair Grounds Field, 2901 Perishing Blvd., Shreveport. **Featuring:** a minor league baseball game. **Admission:** \$5. **Info:** (318) 636-5555 or captains@sbcaptain.com.

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'LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS'

When: 8 p.m. June 23-25, July 1-2; 2 p.m. June 26, July 3. Shreveport Little Theatre, 812 Margaret Place, Shreveport. **Featuring:** a Shreveport Little Theatre production. **Admission:** \$22. **Info:** (318) 424-4439.

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