



## BAFB firefighters conduct joint training with Bossier City fire department

**By Maja Z. Stevanovich**  
2nd Bomb Wing Public Affairs

Joint training between the Bossier City fire department and Barksdale firefighters was conducted July 28 and 29. Both drills took place at night in the old east side housing area here, which is currently being demolished.

The training scenario involved a tornado touching down causing multiple simulated emergencies, which would prompt a multi-agency response joint training with the Bossier City fire department. Four houses were used to simulate two fires, a building collapse and a gas leak.

"We created this scenario to challenge our firefighters," said Tech. Sgt. Kavan Moniz, assistant chief for safety and compliance. "This type of training is beneficial because our firefighters can actually see their strengths and weaknesses, and we can praise and correct where and when it's necessary."

The training is designed to run like an actual nighttime emergency. The initial response will only have four firefighters on scene, requiring each member of the team to rely on previous training to start and complete



**Senior Airman Chad Warren/U.S. Air Force**  
Firefighters with the 2nd Civil Engineer Squadron respond to a simulated fire on Barksdale. The training was held in the unoccupied Capehart housing area, which is currently being demolished.

the task. The initial response crew will have to quickly prioritize what task they will perform, as it will be impossible for one crew to complete this emergency alone, stated Moniz.

"Working together with the local community raises overall re-

sponse readiness of our Airmen," said Tech. Sgt. Craig Spears, assistant chief for training. "It is like any team event, teams practice together for the 'big game.'"

Working with the community fire departments will raise both

SEE FIRE, 3A

**Senior Airman La'Shanette V. Garrett/U.S. Air Force**  
A firefighter with the 2nd Civil Engineer Squadron responds to a simulated fire in the old east side housing area on Barksdale, which is currently being demolished. The scenario was part of a joint training exercise between Barksdale firefighters and Bossier City firefighters.

## Barksdale holds first motorcycle awareness ride

**By Staff Sgt. Terri Barriere**  
2nd Bomb Wing Public Affairs

More than 130 riders shined up their bikes and donned protective gear to attend a motorcycle safety remembrance ride hosted by the 2nd Bomb Wing Safety office — the first of its kind here.

The riders attended an hour long awareness briefing prior to embarking on a two hour course, which led them through the local community before dropping them off on base for a post-ride celebration.

"This is a great opportunity to bring everyone together for a little education and a lot of fun," said Col. Tim Fay, 2nd Bomb Wing commander. "Like everything at Barksdale, we have great Airmen taking care of each other, stepping up and showing their fellow Airmen the way. It's awesome for me to be able to be a part of this."

A member of the local Sheriff's Department, the wing commander, wing chaplain and the safety office were on hand to encour-

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**Tech. Sgt. Raymond Merrow**  
2nd Communications Squadron

age riders, offer advice and share words of wisdom.

Master Sgt. Kevin "Dozer" Carter, 2nd Civil Engineer Squadron, said the day's ride was about mentorship.

"The ride went awesome," Carter said of the 71-mile ride. "We had nice weather, everyone rode safely, there were no incidents and the local community was really supportive. This was also a good opportunity to educate motorcycle riders on base on the proper wear of safety attire, the rules and regulations for riding on base and ensure everyone knows the proper requirements."

The riders were broken down into groups of 10 to 15 riders with

one experienced rider leading the front and one bringing up the rear. The outing gave motorcycle enthusiast the opportunity to ride as a group, correct any mistakes their fellow Airmen may be making and help improve everyone's overall riding skills.

Many of Team Barksdale members participated in the ride as a way of giving back to the younger riders on base.

"I thought the ride would be a fun opportunity to get out and ride during duty hours while helping to mentor younger riders," Staff Sgt. Mitchell Jacobs, 2 CES, who has been riding for five years. "This was also a good opportunity for networking with



**Airman 1st Class Micaiah Anthony/U.S. Air Force**  
Participants in the Motorcycle Awareness and Remembrance Ride drive down East Texas Street in Bossier City. All active duty riders and passengers must wear Department of Transportation or Snell-approved helmets, full-fingered gloves, brightly colored backpacks, wrap-around eye wear and a reflective vest or brightly colored long-sleeve outer garment while riding on or off base.

other riders on base."

In addition to providing mentorship for younger Airmen, the safety ride proved to be a learn-

ing opportunity for all the riders, both new and experienced.

Tech. Sgt. Raymond Merrow,

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# Motorcycle safety: a new perspective

**By Chief Master Sgt. Derek Conrad**  
 917th Fighter Group chief of quality assurance

In March, I found myself wedged under the front bumper of a pickup truck with my bike next to me in a thousand pieces. I am fortunate to still be alive, and I limped away from the experience with a renewed perspective on motorcycle safety.

While the overall trend has started to shift downward for motorcycle fatalities involving Air Force members, we have already exceeded last year's numbers with 85 days remaining, the majority of which are embedded in the 101 Critical Days of Summer. So far this year, 33 percent of all off-duty ground mishap fatalities in the Air Force have been attributed to motorcycle accidents. As I read, I caught myself wondering what made me so lucky.

Safe riding wasn't always a priority for me. I bought my first street bike a month before my 16th birthday. My dad rode, so it didn't take much to convince him my first ride should be a bike. But he knew youth and wisdom rarely walked hand in hand and that left unchecked, I could easily find myself in a situation where my riding skills were insufficient to cover my lack of good judgment.

I got my very first speeding ticket after technical school while home on leave. It was costly and the Justice of the Peace, who was a family friend and retired Air Force, showed no mercy. Looking back, I'm grateful he didn't. It started to open my eyes. I often took unnecessary chances and didn't practice good risk management, but I was better at it than when I started.

I sold my third bike in 1996 and took a 12-year hiatus from riding, but in 2008, I got back in the saddle with the purchase of a Triumph Sprint ST. It was a great bike that handled well, and it was good for the commute to work as well as some middleweight touring.

At the ripe old age of 40, I've settled down quite a bit and have a firm grasp on risk management principles and the consequences of bad decisions. Even though I am a careful rider and fairly well read on motorcycle safety facts, I let complacency sneak into my riding habits.

The accident happened at the intersection of Knight Street and East Preston Avenue. The other driver didn't see me as he was pulling on to East Preston. I saw him look in my direction, but I never made eye contact with him. Motorcycle safety training teaches you

to make eye contact with drivers at intersections as you approach them. I let myself believe he would look back — it almost cost me my life.



I should have grabbed the brakes as soon as he looked away, but I kept on. It was too late to do anything but brake hard when he pulled into the intersection. I remember feeling the front

wheel sliding, the handlebars shaking, and then hitting the truck. I was stuck under the bumper of the truck, flat on my back, my knee was touching my chest and I burned with pain. I grabbed the front tire and bumper pushing as hard as I could. I got out, but couldn't stand up. Passersby kept me lying down until paramedics arrived.

My protective riding gear minimized my injuries. There was a hole all the way through the palm of my left glove, but not a scratch on my hand. My reflective vest was shredded, as was the back of my jacket. The helmet took a little road rash on the back, but my bike didn't fair as well. It was a total loss.

Looking back, it's hard to believe I didn't care about the bike for an instant after the crash. It's strange how priorities shift in the blink of an eye.

Now, I observe fellow motorcyclists with a more critical eye. I look for safety gear, and I have a tendency to criticize those who don't wear it. I know it's hot. I know it takes some extra time to gear up, but let me tell you this—it's worth the hassle.

A seasoned rider will tell you, it's not a matter of if you will go down; it's a matter of when. I was one of the guys who thought it wouldn't happen to me. I was wrong.

My advice — try learning motorcycle safety lessons the easy way. I can assure you it's better than the alternative. Wear your gear and exercise sound personal risk management. Jump at every opportunity given to you to enhance riding abilities through rider training classes, even if you are a seasoned rider. They're great ways to meet other riders and take your skill set to the next level.

Many people have asked me if I will ride again. My response — heck yeah, there is a new bike on my horizon riding alongside a fresh perspective of safety. See you on the road.

## Ride raises awareness

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2nd Communications Squadron, said the ride's awareness theme put the focus right where it needed to be — on safety.

"This is a good program for mentoring young troops but also for making sure safety is on the forefront of everyone's mind so we can hopefully prevent any more tragic losses in the future," he said.

The safety ride also served as an opening event for the Barksdale chapter of the Green Knights.

Barksdale's chapter, Chapter 75, is part of a large, military-wide network dedicated to mentorship and fellowship among riders.

Sergeant Carter, also the Green Knights Chapter 75 president, said the chapter is a private organization that will help wing safety out by teaching base riders the proper attire and skills, and help mentor young riders on how to stay out of trouble.

Carter said the Barks-



Airman 1st Class Micaiah Anthony/U.S. Air Force

A participant in the Motorcycle Awareness and Remembrance Ride waits for the next group to depart from Barksdale. More than 130 participants rode in the event. All appropriately trained motorcycle enthusiasts were able to participate in the ride.

dale chapter will provide a newsletter and weekly mentorship, fellowship, rides to its members.

## SAFETYCORNER Bicycle safety

**By Tech. Sgt. William Richardson**  
 2nd Bomb Wing Safety

At the time this article was written, bicyclists in stage 14 of the Tour de France were traveling from Saint-Gaudens to Plateau De Bielle.

It is amazing that a human can actually pedal fast enough to keep up with a car driving the speed limit here. With average speeds of 26 miles per hour, these trained athletes are able to navigate the roads with ease — well almost. During stage nine, a French camera car filming the action tried to avoid hitting a tree and sideswiped one rider who in turn bumped another who crashed into a barbed wire fence. While this sort of thing should never happen in such a grueling competition, it should definitely never happen on Barksdale.

With the fluctuation of high gas prices and good riding weather, do not expect to see the cycling enthusiasts put up their bikes just yet. During the past few months, Barksdale has experienced some close calls with regards to bicyclists riding on the road. These close calls can be avoided to ensure safety for everyone.

So whether you are a hard core Tour de France wannabe, a "c'mon honey let's go for a bike ride because I feel guilty about eating that piece of triple chocolate cake," or "sure kids, you can go ride bikes in the street without adult supervision," type of person, here are some safety tips for you.

First and foremost, Air Force Instruction 91-207 paragraph 3.2.3. states "Wearing portable headphones, earphones, or other listening devices while operating a motor vehicle, running, jogging, walking, bicycling, or skating (e.g. roller skates, roller blades, skateboards, etc.) on Air Force installation roadways is prohibited, with the exception of a hands-free telephone headset or single-bud earpiece."

Additionally, paragraph 3.5.4. states "All persons who ride a bicycle, including motor drive bicycles, on an Air Force installation shall wear a properly fastened and approved (e.g., Consumer Product Safety Commission, American National Standards Institute or Snell Memorial Foundation) bicycle helmet."

Now that those crazy Air Force instructions we are all aware of are out of the way, you're good to go to start riding on the road!

Well, not quite. The state of Louisiana has a few words of wisdom as well. Revised Statutes 32:194 states "Every person riding a bicycle upon a highway of this state shall be granted all the rights and shall be subject to all the duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle."

What this means is that if you see a stop light stop sign, or any other traffic sign, abide by it. Just because you are on a bike does not mean you don't have to follow the rules of the road.

Next (this one is pretty important) RS 32:197 states, "Every person operating a bicycle upon a roadway shall ride as near to the right side of the roadway as practicable, exercising due care when passing a standing vehicle or one proceeding in the same direction. Persons riding bicycles upon a roadway shall not ride more than two abreast except on paths or parts of roadways set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles. Whenever a usable path for bicycles has been provided adjacent to a roadway, bicycle riders shall use such path and shall not use the roadway."

A good example of this on base is Pike's Peak Trail, which runs from the 8th AF Museum out to the East Reservation. This trail is designed for recreational use and "speed cyclists" are not authorized to use Pike's Peak Trail per base operating instruction due to their higher speeds.

Another important point about sharing the road with cyclists is the Colin Goodier Protection Act or RS 32:76.1. It states, "The operator of a motor vehicle, when overtaking and passing a bicycle proceeding in the same direction on the roadway, shall exercise due care while the motor vehicle is passing the bicycle and shall leave a safe distance between the motor vehicle and the bicycle of not less than three feet and shall maintain such clearance until safely past the overtaken bicycle. An operator of a motor vehicle may pass a bicycle traveling in the same direction in a no-passing zone only when it is safe to do so." So watch for cyclists and give them safe clearance.

Air Force Instructions — check! Louisiana state laws — check! Now let's go!

Not so fast. What good is a safety article that doesn't keep our military children informed as well? Here are some quick rules of the road to keep them safe.

First, wear a properly fitted helmet. Believe it or not, there are some parents that either don't care if their child wears a helmet, or they want to get them a helmet that looks cool but is too big, and is covering the child's eyes. Parents, help your children and make sure the helmet fits!

Additionally, whether daytime, dawn, dusk, foul weather or at night, your children need to be seen by others. Wearing white has not been proven to make you more visible. Rather, always wear neon, fluorescent or other bright colors when riding day or night. Also wear something that reflects light, such as reflective tape or markings or flashing lights. Remember, just because your child can see a driver doesn't mean the driver can see your child.

This article is meant to guide people in the right direction when it comes to bicycle safety. Now, there will be some people saying, "Oh man, I can't believe he forgot about this!" or "What does he know, he is just wing safety writing an article." Bottom line is, the 2nd Bomb Wing Safety Office wants everyone to be safe out there on the road.

### For more information

If you have any questions, contact the safety office at (318) 456-2560.

# Barksdale welcomes new command chief

By Staff Sgt. Terri Barriere  
2nd Bomb Wing Public Affairs

The 2nd Bomb Wing recently welcomed its newest enlisted leader to the team, Command Chief Master Sergeant Larry Malcom.

After just two weeks on the job, Chief Malcom reports that he is "utterly pleased" by the caliber of Airmen he's met since arriving on base.

"I arrived the week after the NSI and met Airmen working out in the heat who were still all smiles," he said. "They displayed the proper respect and decorum ... that lets me know their leadership has made it a top priority and the Airmen have risen to the occasion."

As command chief, Malcom serves as advisor to the 2 BW commander on all matters concerning the morale, welfare, health,

utilization and professional development of Airmen, civilians, their family members and retirees, a job he describes as a phenomenal opportunity.



Chief Malcom

historical 8th Air Force and the 2th Bomb Wing is truly an honor."

Chief Malcom brings 25 years of experience to Barksdale and a healthy dose of ad-

"To continue serving our Airmen is a blessing," he said. "There is nothing like the opportunity to serve Airmen everyday who put their lives on the line in the AOR, dropping bombs and taking the fight to the enemy. To be a part of Air Force Global Strike Command, the

vice along with it.

"Positive attitudes, smiles and skills go a long way," advises the chief who is also a self-proclaimed advocate for education. "We never stop learning. Learning is vital to the enlisted and officer force. We have to continue to educate ourselves on how to do things smarter, better and more efficiently. I advocate for all the education we can get for our Airmen to make them better Airmen and warriors." To further set Airmen up for success, Chief Malcom offers his TEAM concept — To Excel, Attitude Matters.

"Attitude gets you going in the right direction and can sustain you but to be successful you have to have the skills," he said. "It isn't about the number of stripes or amount of your paycheck ... it's you that determines your level of success. You have to do your best no matter what the situation. There

won't always be a pat on the back, but you have to go home at night and be able to look at yourself in the mirror."

The chief said it's important for Barksdale Airmen to not only maintain positive attitudes and good relationships with each other, but to continue to foster the great relationship Barksdale has with the local community.

"I am amazed at the relationship we have with the local community and military affairs council," he said. It's obvious when meeting people like Helen Black that the local community loves our Airmen and Barksdale."

As a former resident of Barksdale, the chief was also appreciative of the opportunity to return to the place of his childhood and be a part of the same mission his father once was.

## Fire departments join forces

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agencies' confidence in each other since they get a chance to learn from each other," Spears said.

The training was designed to provide quality, realistic training for both agencies and to identify any issues that may arise in a training environment as opposed to a real emergency. Practicing together helps familiarize response crews with each other, allowing for crews not to have to meet for the first time on an emergency scene, added Spears.

"We at the Bossier City Fire Department are excited about entering into this mutual aid agreement and participating in joint training exercises with the Barksdale Fire Department," said Steve Pennell, deputy chief of fire operations, Bossier City Fire Department.

"The agreement is equally important for each department so that we sort of set the ground rules and know each other's role in advance of an incident," said Pennell. Under the agreement, each agency may be called to respond to support the operations and work under the command and control of the requesting agency, he added.

Conducting joint training ensures a smooth operation in the event of a real world joint response. It is imperative that Barksdale crews are familiar with the Bossier City Fire Department, said Spears.

Training like this facilitates a safer and more efficient response, resulting in a positive outcome, he concluded.

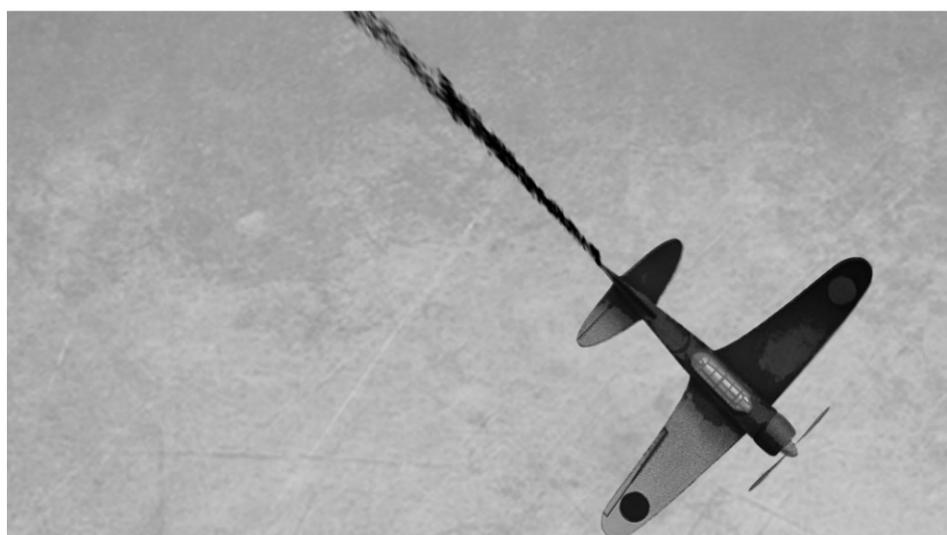


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A firefighter with the 2nd Civil Engineer Squadron responds to a simulated fire in the old east side housing area on Barksdale, which is currently being demolished. The scenario was part of a joint training exercise between Barksdale firefighters and Bossier City firefighters.



Senior Airman La'Shanette V. Garrett/U.S. Air Force

Airman 1st Class Logan Hoffman, 2nd Civil Engineer Squadron, prepares to close the door of a fire truck after suiting up to respond to a call on Barksdale. The 2 CES responded to a simulated fire in the old east side housing area, which is currently being demolished. Four houses were used to simulate two fires, a building collapse and a gas leak.



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Staff Sgt. Jermain Smith, 2nd Bomb Wing chaplain assistant, removes a chalice from its protective covering in Chapel 2. The chalice is used for communion during daily mass every Monday through Thursday at 11:30 a.m.

# A day in the life of a chaplain assistant

Article & photos by  
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The faint sound of footsteps grow louder as they approach a door. The footsteps stop and keys jingle as a heavy wooden door slowly creaks open. The light spills across the floor, slowly stretching toward the front of the room. A silhouette standing in the door way is suddenly replaced with an Airman as the chapel lights flicker on.

Staff Sergeant Jermain Smith, 2nd Bomb Wing chaplain assistant, starts work each day by walking around the perimeter of Chapel 1, ensuring the security of the building hasn't been compromised and the chapel grounds are presentable. Once inside, he checks his e-mail for any pressing issues that need to be addressed.

Around 9 a.m., Smith makes his way to Chapel 2 to set up daily mass.

"It is very important to set the chapel up correctly for each service," Smith said. "The chapel provides different services for different religions, and we want to ensure that the church's environment matches the service being provided at that time."

After setting up, Smith gathers offerings collected during the services from both chapels and takes it to a local bank. The offerings help support events sponsored by the chapel, retreats, River's Edge and family programs.

"Sergeant Smith has tackled the difficult job of revamping our appropriated funds and has secured more than 50,000 dollars in end of year funding," said Lt. Col. Robert Odell, wing chaplain.

The remainder of Smith's morning consists of performing administrative duties such as managing contracts, meeting contractors and purchasing office supplies. Smith also utilizes this time to assist other chaplain assistants.

"We help each other out and make sure all tasks get done so our team can stay on track," Smith said.



Sergeant Smith pulls curtains back in Chapel 2 on Barksdale. With the exception of Friday, the chapel is set up every day for mass.

In the afternoon, Smith visits different squadrons with a chaplain as part of a religious support team. The visits help boost morale and remind Airmen that the chapel is always there for them.

"Giving Airmen the support they need and keeping their morale up is our main focus," Smith said.

The remainder of Smith's day is spent briefing the wing chaplain on offerings and funds, documenting purchases made throughout the day and finishing paperwork.

"Smith is an outstanding NCO and leader within our chapel program here at Barksdale," Odell said. "He takes on every challenge and I'm blessed to have him as a part of our team."

# AFGSC vice commander earns two-star nomination

From Air Force Global Strike Command Public Affairs

Secretary of Defense Leon E. Panetta announced July 28 that the president has made the following nomination: Air Force Brig. Gen. Everett H. Thomas has been nominated for appointment to the rank of major general while serving as the vice commander, Air Force Global Strike Command, Barksdale Air Force Base, La. Brig. Gen. Everett H. Thomas is vice commander, Air Force Global Strike Command, Barksdale Air Force Base, La. General Thomas assists the commander in organizing, training, equipping and maintaining our nation's Minuteman III intercontinental ballistic missiles, B-2 and B-52 aircraft. Air Force Global Strike Command provides combatant commanders with combat ready forces to conduct the strategic nuclear deterrence and global strike missions.



General Thomas



Airman 1st Class Alex Gaunt, 2nd Civil Engineer Squadron Explosive Ordnance Disposal apprentice, outfits 2nd Lt. Joshua Layfield, chaplain candidate, in a protective suit. Layfield is part of the Chaplain Candidate Intensive Internship Program which gives incoming chaplains an overview of different ministries within the military. The protective suit is one of the resources available to keep EOD Airmen safe during field operations.

# Called to serve

Article & photo by Staff Sgt. Ted Daigle  
307th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

Military life can be demanding. Airmen often find themselves seeking help to open up not only with physical and mental challenges, but spiritual ones, as well. Learning to address those spiritual needs led 32 members of the Chaplain Candidate Intensive Internship Program to Barksdale from July 20-25.

The candidates visited several different units at Barksdale and learned how they, as chaplains, can better serve the various spiritual and religious needs of Airmen.

The program is designed for chaplain candidates to get a broad overview of military life by visiting five different military installations and meeting with service members from all branches of the armed forces, said Lt. Col. Steven Nicolai, chaplain candidate program manager at Headquarters U.S. Air Force Reserve Command.

"The candidates see all the chaplain ministries and how these ministries are often shaped by the mission of the base," he said. "The mission they will see at a

"It has been helpful to see what is right for us and for our families."

2nd Lt. Benjamin Quintanilla

Global Strike Command base is different from the mission they will see at a basic military training base, so the ministries are different, as well."

At the end of each day, the candidates meet to reflect and pray on what they have learned, said Maj. Pierre Allegre, a chaplain candidate mentor. "This reflection allows the candidates to determine which specific ministry they feel called to."

Candidates in the program gain invaluable insight into all the different ministries, but they also get a perspective on life as an Air Force chaplain, said 2nd Lt. Benjamin Quintanilla, chaplain candidate.

"It has been great," he said. "It has been helpful to see what is right for us and for our families."

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# Barksdale fighter pilots set aviation record

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307th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

Four Barksdale-based Air Force Reserve fighter pilots made aviation history by setting a new record for combined hours in the cockpit of the A-10 Thunderbolt II fighter jet July 15.

Col. James Macaulay, Lt. Col. David Deaton, Lt. Col. Marc Olson and Lt. Col. Brady Glick, all assigned to the 47th Fighter Squadron, which is part of the 917th Fighter Group, participated in a four-ship flight during which the pilots surpassed the 20,000 combined hour mark — a feat never before accomplished by four pilots in the A-10.

This kind of feat does not happen overnight.

“I’m grateful that God has blessed me by allowing me to serve my country for this long,”

Deaton said. “I never imagined when I graduated from the Air Force Academy in 1978, that I would still be doing what I love 33 years later.”

This event marked the second record-setting sortie for this group of pilots. The four colonels set the previous record of 17,742 combined hours in the A-10 during a four-ship flight in 2008. Together, all four pilots have completed more than 10,000 sorties.

Immediately following the flight, Macaulay was promoted to the rank of colonel in a ceremony presided over by Col. Eric S. Overturf, 442nd Fighter Wing commander at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo.

“This milestone is really a testament to the professionalism of the maintainers and the durability of the ‘Hawg,” Macaulay said. “In 20,000 hours, none

of us have punched out (ejected) or had a major mishap. For every hour we get in the seat of the jet, there’s over 15 hours of maintenance and support that makes them fly.”

In addition to the record breaking sortie, Macaulay also took the lead in A-10 flying hours with over 5,200.

“It’s been a distinct honor to fly with the 47th Fighter Squadron, and the best attack pilots in the world,” Macaulay said.

Some Airmen assigned to the 47th Fighter Squadron are scheduled to deploy after the first of the year.

According to Overturf, the four-ship flight also set a record for being the “oldest on record.” The total ages of the four pilots add up to a whopping 200 years and 2 months.

“Attack!”



Lt. Colonels Marc Olson, David Deaton, Brady Glick and James Macaulay walk to their jets to participate in a four-ship flight. During their flight, they surpassed 20,000 combined hours, marking a feat never before accomplished by four pilots in the A-10. The four Barksdale-based Air Force Reserve fighter pilots are assigned to the 47th Fighter Squadron.



Staff Sgt. Dietrich Jackson/U.S. Air Force

Staff Sgt. Melvin Freeman, 307th Force Support Squadron services specialist, gets a little assistance from an active duty Airman June 22 at Travis Air Force Base, Calif. Freeman was part of a group of 18 Airmen providing support for the 60th Force Support Squadron at Travis AFB.

## Reservists go west to lend helping hand

By Staff Sgt. Ted Daigle

307th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

Go west! It’s a common old phrase 18 members of the 307th Force Support Squadron from Barksdale Air Force Base, La., took to heart as they headed to support the 60th Force Support Squadron at Travis Air Force Base, Calif. Due to recent deployments of its own Airmen, the 60th FSS was in need of some assistance.

Led by Senior Master Sgt. Laraine Warren-Dawn, 307 FSS services superintendent, members of the 307 FSS were challenged by unfamiliar conditions, long days and extreme temperatures,” said Lt. Col. Corey Brunson, 60 FSS commander.

“After only the second day here, they helped work in 90 plus-degree heat during the day and until 2:30 in the morning to help set up for a Tops in Blue show we had,” he said.

Tops in Blue is an active duty U.S. Air Force special unit made up of vocalists and musicians selected for their entertainment abilities.

In addition to helping with special projects like the Tops in Blue performance, the 307th FSS also covered shortage areas in the base fitness center, dining facility and flight kitchen, said Warren-Dawn.

Brunson was so impressed with the efforts of the 307 FSS he awarded the group a plaque at the end of their deployment.

“I have heard nothing but rave reviews about their enthusiasm and performance. They stepped in as though they were part of our team and performed magnificently,” Brunson said. “They are welcome back anytime.”

Lt. Col. Kenneth Ratliff, 307 FSS commander, also had a positive view of the efforts of the Airmen.



Staff Sgt. Dietrich Jackson/U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Jessica Wilson, 307th Force Support Squadron services specialist, prepares coffee for a meal at Travis Air Force Base, Calif.

“Senior Master Sergeant Warren-Dawn and all of the troops who went to Travis Air Force Base did a great job,” Ratliff said.

**“I have heard nothing but rave reviews about their enthusiasm and performance. They stepped in as though they were part of our team and performed magnificently.”**

**Lt. Col. Corey Brunson**

60th Force Support Squadron commander

## Junior enlisted Airmen get opportunity to visit the Air Force Academy

By Maja Z. Stevanovich

2nd Bomb Wing Public Affairs

Qualified Barksdale junior enlisted Airmen will have the opportunity to visit the Air Force Academy this fall through the Leaders Encouraging Airmen Development program.

The visit to the Air Force Academy will take place from Sept. 22-25. The deadline for applications is Aug. 17.

“Visiting the Air Force Academy allows interested Airmen the opportunity to talk with current cadets who were prior-enlisted and personally witness opportunities and challenges the Air Force Academy has to offer,” said Master Sgt. Kimberly Owens, Barksdale career assistance advisor.

Seeing the campus and getting an idea of what it’s like to live and study there is a good first step before applying to the academy, she added.

“This is a great program for those junior enlisted Airmen that are looking to become an officer, but have minimum or no college experience,” Owens said.

“The airmen get to enroll in a prestigious university without having student loans, attend classes as a full-time student and earn a monthly salary while receiving free room, board, meals, medical and dental care. They gain invaluable leadership experience and are guaranteed a profession as an Air Force officer,” Owens said.

For interested Airmen, academics are key, said Owens. Those looking to apply must have stellar records to be competitive, including outstanding SAT and ACT test scores, she added.

“Airmen bring a different perspective to the cadet wing and aid in the overall development of future Air Force officers,” said Capt. Christopher Goshorn, Air Force Academy, diversity recruiter. “They also bring their operational experience and knowledge, strengthening the character and leadership development of each cadet.”

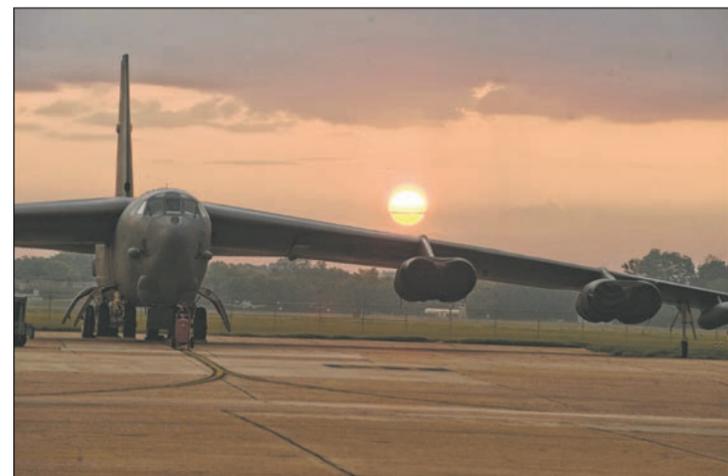
Airmen looking to apply for the Air Force Academy visit must be at least 17 years old, but not older than 23 on July 1 of the year they would enter the academy or 22 if entering the prep school. They also must be an unmarried U.S. citizen with no dependants, be of good moral character, have a well-rounded background, pass the candidate fitness assessment and pass the medical exam required by the academy.

Fifteen Airmen will be chosen for the visit in September and 85 active duty Airmen and 85 Air National Guard and Air Force Reserves will be accepted into the program each year, Owens said.

Airmen interested in the academy commissioning process should visit the base education office or call the academy admissions office directly to gain more information.

Airmen can also visit [www.academyadmissions.com](http://www.academyadmissions.com) for more details on the application process and life at the academy.

## Good morning, B-52



Airman 1st Class Micaiah Anthony/U.S. Air Force

The sun rises behind a B-52 Stratofortress on the flight line of Barksdale on July 27. The B-52 is capable of flying 7,652 nautical miles or 8,800 miles without being refueled by another aircraft. The BUFF is classified as a long-range, heavy bomber and is capable of carrying 70,000 pounds of mixed ordnance.

# Barksdale hosts back-to-school event

U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman Kristin High



Children participate in a school uniform fashion show held at Back-to-School Night in Hoban Hall on July 25. The event provided parents an opportunity to speak with school officials from the community.



Maj. Janine Wiggins, Air Force Global Strike Command, and her son, Philip, 5, glance over a yearbook at Back-to-School Night. The event provided parents an opportunity to speak with school officials from the community about the different schools and the programs offered.

**RIGHT:** Staff Sgt. Albert Hunsiker, 2nd Force Support Squadron, and his wife Beth speak with Shona Duche, counselor for Rusheon Middle School in Bossier Parrish, at Back-to-School Night. The event provided parents an opportunity to speak with school officials from the community.



Tech. Sgt. Yvonne Dees, Barksdale Airman Leadership School instructor, speaks with Nancy Doerner, principal of Princeton Elementary School in Bossier Parish, at Back-to-School Night. The event provided parents an opportunity to speak with school officials from the community about the different schools and the programs offered.

**RIGHT:** Staff Sgt. Tinisha Lawson, 2nd Force Support Squadron, fills out an e-mail roster for her daughter's school at Back-to-School Night. The event provided parents an opportunity to speak with school officials from the community about the different schools and the programs offered.



Paden Gunter and Amiyah Garrett, both 5, sort through school supplies they received at Back-to-School Night. School supplies were donated and distributed by Friends of Family Support, an organization that supports programs given through the Airman & Family Readiness Center.



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# Barksdale combines real world, deployment exercise



By Airman 1st Class Samuel O'Brien

2nd Bomb Wing Public Affairs  
Barksdale Airmen completed a dual deployment and deployment simulation exercise at Hoban Hall July 27-28.

The exercise portion of the deployment tasked 263 people and 323 tons of cargo while simulating aircraft arrivals and departures. The Airmen and their equipment were then simulated being deployed to their new location.

"This allows us to meet our exercise requirements for the year by combining a real world deployment with an exercise," said 1st Lt. Joe Mercurio, 2nd Bomb Wing installation deployment officer. "It also saves us from having to bring 300 people out

here to do the same thing over again."

The exercise ensured that Airmen who have not deployed yet are familiar with the process and have all their records up to date in case they are tasked with an actual deployment.

Participants went through several checkpoints to double check their eligibility, medical, dental, training and immunizations before being cleared to deploy.

"It helps to already know the system of processing in general for when it becomes a real life situation," said Airman 1st Class Madeline Furman, 2 MXS armament system technician.

Representatives from the chaplain's office, the

Airman and Family Readiness Center and unit deployment managers were on hand in case there were any questions or concerns from the participating Airmen.

"I'm here to answer any questions, clear up any discrepancies that might arise or anything that might have been missed or might have come up suddenly," said Tech. Sgt. Craig LeClair, 2nd Maintenance Squadron unit deployment monitor.

The combined event took place over two days, during which time a group of Barksdale Airmen actually departed for their deployment to Guam.

The multi-faceted exercise featured another component, involving the Ready Augmentee Pro-

gram. The program allows Airmen from several squadrons to experience jobs outside their own, such as simulated cargo loading onto a B-52. This helps them prepare for tasks they may have to take on during a real world deployment that they would not be used to doing.

"We have Airmen inspecting cargo, which they never do on a regular basis," Mercurio said. "It's helpful for deployment because in a real situation they'd be tasked to do this with only a few days notice."

Last week's exercise marks the first time Barksdale has done this type of exercise since 2009 and the first time ever combining it with a real world deployment

U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman Chad Warren  
Simulated deployers walk through a metal detector during a mobility exercise on Barksdale. The exercise was the first one of its kind at Barksdale to process simulated deployers alongside real-world deployers.

RIGHT: A group of simulated deployers process the deployment line during a mobility exercise. Before deploying, Airmen must make their way through a deployment line to ensure they have all of their affairs in order before they leave.

RIGHT: 2nd Lt. Kathleen Chatara, 2nd Force Support Squadron, briefs a group of simulated deployers during a mobility exercise July 28. The exercise was the first one of its kind at Barksdale to process simulated deployers alongside real-world deployers.



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# Homes for Heroes lands in Shreveport-Bossier City

Article & photo by Danielle Hill

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Local heroes are now able to save more on their real estate in Shreveport-Bossier City.

The mission of Homes for Heroes, a nationally recognized real estate savings program, is to provide extraordinary savings to local heroes who provide extraordinary services to our community every day.

"We give back to those that give back to our community or country," said Kayla Whatley of Universal Home Mortgage.

The program is open for, but not limited to, military, health care professionals, emergency medical technicians, firefighters, police officers, security guards, teachers and educational support staff.

"As long as you can show us how you help the community, we will try to help you," Whatley said.

Through this program, Whatley and Coldwell Banker Realtor

## For more information

To learn more about the Homes for Heroes program, call (318) 210-7727 or search "Homes for Heroes Shreveport-Bossier City" on Facebook.

Jenny Hogue-McCarty are able to provide both buyers and sellers with substantial discounts that help offset the costs of buying or selling a home.

Whatley and her husband, Kevin, along with Hogue-McCarty started the program in the local area. It has only been active in the area since the beginning of July.

"I knew about the program when I lived in North Dakota," Hogue-McCarty said. "When I moved here I wanted to start the program down here as well. I looked into it in February, but then didn't pursue it any further. When I met Kevin I noticed

he had the Homes for Heroes page up on his computer, so I expressed my interest in it."

Hogue-McCarty, wife of Capt. Tom McCarty, 49th Test and Evaluation Squadron, recently relocated here from Minot Air Force Base, N.D. She is a military markets specialist and USAA mover's advantage preferred agent. She is the only real estate agent in the area associated with Homes for Heroes program.

According to its website, Homes for Heroes was formed in 2002 by a group of Minnesota real estate-related business owners following the tragedy of Sept. 11 and was bolstered by a shared admiration for the "heroes" employed as firefighters, emergency medical technicians and law enforcement officers. Later, the program was expanded to serve even more workforce heroes, including teachers, health care workers and other everyday heroes who provide quality services to the public every day.



every day.

The Homes for Heroes coordinators are also looking for local businesses to become Friends of Heroes. With this program, local heroes will be provided a dis-

count at the businesses. If you are interested in taking part in the program, call (318) 210-7727.

"It is our way of saying 'thank you' to all the local heroes," Whatley said.

## Briefly

### BOSC membership drive

The Barksdale Officers Spouses' Club's "Welcome to Margaritaville" kickoff party will be held Aug. 16 at the Barksdale Club. They are currently having a membership drive until Tuesday during which time dues are only \$50. To join now, download a membership form from their website, [www.barksdaleosc.com](http://www.barksdaleosc.com), then mail the completed form and payment to the BOSC mailbox. For more information, e-mail [BarksdaleOSC@gmail.com](mailto:BarksdaleOSC@gmail.com).

### Oktoberfest Golf Tournament

The first Oktoberfest Golf Tournament for this year will take place at 1 p.m. Aug. 12. All proceeds will go toward making this year's Oktoberfest the best one yet. Prices are as follows (\$10 cart fee per person): E1-4 \$15.50, E5-7/GS1-7 \$19, E8-UP/GS8-UP \$23, guests \$30. To sign your teams up, email Lieutenant Matthew Trevino at [matthew.trevino@barksdale.af.mil](mailto:matthew.trevino@barksdale.af.mil).

### East gate road construction

Road construction on Industrial Drive under I-20 and just north and south thereof, will last for approximately 60 days. When construction commences, traffic will be down to one lane in both directions. This will severely impact traffic flow and congestion on Industrial Drive in and around the East Gate.

### Landings August events

► **Aug. 11:** Play in the Sand Day: Come to

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► **Aug. 15:** National Relaxation Day: Enter to win one of two gift baskets from Bath Junkie in Bossier City. Winner will be drawn Aug. 16.

► **Aug. 25:** Banana Split Day: Come by the Welcome Center from 3:30 to 5 p.m. to get a banana split.

### Senior NCO Professional Enhancement Course

There is a Senior NCO Professional Enhancement Course Aug. 22-26 for master sergeant selects. To sign up, go to <https://afkm.wpafb.af.mil/TeamBarksdaleCAA>.

For questions, call or e-mail Master Sgt. Kimberly Owens at (318) 458-4700 or [Kimberly.owens@us.af.mil](mailto:Kimberly.owens@us.af.mil).

### Summer pet embargo

The summer pet embargo runs through September. If the temperature reaches 85 degrees or higher on the tarmac at the departure location or any en route location, the servicing airline will not accept the pet for shipment. The embargo does not apply to pets traveling in cabin, only for those pets being checked-in as cargo. Air Mobility Command flights (Rotator) do not participate in the summer pet embargo program. For questions please contact the TMO, Passenger Movement section at (318) 456-4901.

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**MOVIES & MOONBEAMS**  
**When:** 8:30 p.m. Riverview Park, Clyde Fant Memorial Parkway, Shreveport.  
**Featuring:** outdoor screening of "Grownups."  
**Admission:** free.  
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**sat.06**

**TASTE OF CULTURE**  
**When:** 6 p.m. Skybox, Independence Stadium, 3301 Pershing Blvd., Shreveport.  
**Featuring:** a fundraising event for the Multicultural Center of the South with food and entertainment of 26 cultures that represent Shreveport-Bossier City and north Louisiana.  
**Admission:** \$35.  
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**tue.09**

**SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER CAPTAINS VS. FORTH WORTH CATS**  
**When:** 7:05 p.m. Aug. 9-11.

Fair Grounds Field, 2901 Pershing Blvd., Shreveport.  
**Featuring:** a minor league baseball game.  
**Admission:** \$5.  
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**sat.13**

**BOOK SIGNING**  
**When:** noon-4 p.m. Louisiana State Exhibit Museum, 3015 Greenwood Road, Shreveport.  
**Featuring:** Dr. Frances Swayzer Conley, author of "Home to Holly Grove: Cherishing Our Rich Heritage."  
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**Info:** (318) 632-2020 or (318) 996-0419.

**sun.14**

**COMEDIAN MARTIN LAWRENCE**  
**When:** 7 p.m. CenturyLink Center, 2000 CenturyTel Center Drive, Bossier City.  
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**'HAIRSPRAY'**  
**When:** 8 p.m. Aug. 5-6; 2 p.m. Aug. 7. Shreveport Little Theatre, 812 Margaret Place, Shreveport.  
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