



Members of the 2nd Munitions Squadron Global Strike Challenge munitions team perform a fusing operation on a MK-82 bomb in preparation for the upcoming Global Strike Challenge competition. The munitions portion of the competition requires the teams to demonstrate their ability to quickly build munitions as well as construct a munitions assembly conveyor, expertly drive heavy equipment and ace a knowledge-based exam.

2 MUNS gears up for Global Strike Challenge

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2nd Bomb Wing Public Affairs

With only weeks left until the 2nd annual Global Strike Challenge, the 2nd Munitions Squadron team members have kicked training into high gear to ensure they bring the first prize trophy — and bragging rights — home to Barksdale.

During the Global Strike Challenge, Airmen from operations, maintenance and security forces teams from bomber and missile wings throughout the command will compete to be named best-of-the-best — a victory Airmen from 2 MUNS have been training to claim.

The munitions piece of the competition requires the teams to demonstrate their ability to quickly build munitions as well as construct a munitions assembly conveyor, expertly drive heavy equipment and ace a knowledge-based exam — all while looking good for the dress and appearance inspection.

The team's recipe for success includes focusing only on the competition and training five days a week right up until day one. The group works on bomb building in the mornings and group studies in the afternoon — a combination the team lead says is sure to produce results.

"We're practicing more this year than we did last year ... covering all



Members of the 2nd Munitions Squadron Global Strike Challenge team race against the clock to simulate arming Mark-82 bombs in preparation for the upcoming Global Strike Challenge competition. The MK-82 is an unguided, low-drag, general-purpose bomb.

our bases ... making sure we go over everything from basic procedures to operations," said Tech. Sgt. Anthony Crawford, 2 MUNS team lead.

Crawford said he's sure the rigorous training schedule will help make the team successful.

"I am 100 percent confident the team will do well," he said. "We took home second place last year, but we're looking to improve. I talked to a

good buddy of mine who's leading the team at Dyess and I told him we're definitely fighting for first place."

Though all challenge newbies, members of the 11-man team jumped at the chance to represent the squadron in the highly visible competition. The team was put together with Airmen from throughout the 2 MUNS with various levels of experience and

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Barksdale gets 'Street Smart'

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A 23-year old active-duty Airman attends a party. After having more drinks than he planned, he decides to reach in his pocket for his cell phone to call a ride. As he pulls his phone out he realizes he has a text message from a hottie he met earlier in the night, — "Hey Jason, I'm headed home. Meet me there in 20 minutes." Driving down the road unrestrained and impaired, Jason reaches for his cell phone and hits another vehicle head on. He is thrown into the steering wheel and then into the windshield on impact. He suffers from two collapsed lungs, fractured ribs, a separated sternum, two snapped femurs, a cracked pelvis and a spinal cord injury.

This is the scenario that Scott McIntyre and Joseph H. McCluan presented to the audience and gave to volunteer Airman 1st Class Jason McNew, 2nd Maintenance Squadron aerospace ground equipment journeyman, during the "Street Smart" safety presentation at Hoban Hall on Barksdale Aug. 12.

More than 800 Team Barksdale members showed up for the presentation.

Barksdale is one of 75 military installations the "Street Smart" program will visit across the United States and overseas. Part of a military initiative, "Street Smart" is being sponsored by Anheuser-Busch with a grant of \$170,000.

McIntyre and McCluan are firefighter paramedics from Orlando, Fla., and represent Stay Alive From Education, which organized the program and aims to take the audience into real life drama experienced by firefighters/paramedics as they work to save the lives of individuals who have made poor choices when it comes to drinking

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and driving, using drugs and not wearing seat belts.

"We found the need as firefighter paramedics to start this program because we are running a lot of traffic crashes with needless deaths of people not wearing seatbelts, drinking and driving and texting while driving — basically making poor choices," McIntyre said. "So we decided to do something about it."

After showing a slideshow of graphic pictures of the aftermath of car crashes, the firefighters then began discussing the ways in which alcohol and drugs can affect the brain and alter judgment.

"This program allows us to show and talk about those dangers and the consequences of people's actions from a different point of view — our point of view as firefighter paramedics," stated McIntyre.

After discussing reasons why people choose not to wear seatbelts, the firefighters then pulled a volunteer from the audience; McNew was chosen as the ideal candidate.

They proceeded to place McNew on a stretcher, strapped him down and began demonstrating and explaining many of the injuries and painful procedures the paramedics would have to perform on him to save his life.

"Just going through the demonstration of those procedures was overwhelming," McNew said. "It didn't make me change anything, because I wear my seatbelt faithfully. But it made me appreciate and respect what I do on a

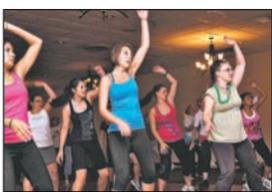
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Joseph H. McCluan, firefighter paramedic from Orlando, Fla., demonstrates a procedure on Airman 1st Class Jason McNew, 2nd Maintenance Squadron, during the "Street Smart" safety presentation at Hoban Hall.

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Today's continuous bomber presence more active and important than ever before

By Lt. Col. John Edwards

96th Bomb Squadron commander

After seven years of deployments to Andersen AFB, Guam, it was not surprising when a captain engaged me on the importance of the continuous bomber presence mission.

It was a thought provoking question given our military's currently high operations tempo with actions in Iraq, Afghanistan and Libya. As we talked, I realized the urgent need to clarify to the entire squadron the mission, methodology and the criticality of deterrence. More specifically, I needed to address how "presence" enables deterrence.

I want to provide four lessons learned from the 96th Bomb Squadron's recent deployment that may better prepare others for their CBP mission, as Air Force Global Strike Command continues deploying bombers to the Asia-Pacific region.

United States Pacific Command's endstate is to ensure the United States, its territories and interests are protected, and the Asia-Pacific region is stable and secure. AFGSC bombers enhance this stability and security by routinely deploying forces to Andersen where they conduct routine training missions, often times with regional partners, while also familiarizing themselves with flying across the vast Pacific Ocean.

While deployed, the Red Devils participated in numerous higher headquarter directed taskings known as "LIGHTNING" missions.

Although there are various types of LIGHTNINGs, they all dependent on the specific geographical focus area. These missions enabled the squadron to complete routine training and provided unique opportunities with regional partners. In fact, operating with our regional partners fulfilled the USPACOM commander's, number one focus area—strengthen and advance alliances and partnerships.

Flying these often long-duration sorties,

many in excess of 17 hours, also served as a credible deterrent to regional foes by illustrating the B-52's capability to operate anywhere across the Pacific. During this deployment, the Red Devils flew more than 1,400 flying hours, enabling us to complete 218 percent of LIGHTNING requirements, which was a testament to the tremendous dedication and work of our deployed maintenance and support personnel who prepared aircraft daily for flight. We had a constant dialogue with the 13th Air Force planning staff in order to meld our flying operations into more effective presence to meet the required end-state. Without this dialogue, our operations would likely have not fulfilled the commander's intent nor communicated a credible deterrent posture to regional foes.

Second, the 96th Bomb Squadron fully integrated into the host unit. With operational control of our squadron under the 36th Wing, it was essential for us to work together, both on and off duty. In fact, the Red Devils completed our 9+6 beach project that cleaned nine coastal village and six military beaches, garnering praise from Guam's lieutenant governor and a community award from the Guam Chamber of Commerce. Most importantly, we furthered the relationship between the base and local community providing further proof to the benefits of a larger military presence on Guam, which was being debated in the local media.

Third, it was key to keep the squadron focused on the CBP mission by providing feedback on our operational effectiveness. Twice a month, we reviewed our four priorities and evaluated our performance or score card, which tracked our training and exercise objectives.

This feedback was central to our understanding of where we were, where we are and where we needed to go to fulfill our mis-

sion. Additionally, we included intelligence assessments of our missions to highlight and reaffirm our effectiveness.

Fourth, it was vital for us to keep our spouses informed of our deployment. In this arena, we turned to social networking, specifically Facebook, to meet this requirement. We posted weekly updates and pictures of our activities such as promotion and award ceremonies. Feedback from our Red Devil Spouses Group was clearly positive with the best indicator being the additional 30 spouses who joined the group since the beginning of the deployment, resulting in a 276 percent increase. Most importantly, they appreciated being informed weekly of what their military spouses were doing while deployed.

In the end, the continuous bomber presence's deterrent goal is important for many reasons. The lives and financial costs of combat would likely be a significant challenge given the current fiscally constrained environment in our country.

Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Admiral Mike Mullen stated the effectiveness of presence best when he said, "we can, merely by our presence, help alter certain behavior." He further stated, "Before a shot is even fired, we can bolster a diplomatic argument, support a friend or deter an enemy."

From the very top, our military leadership recognizes the importance and value of deterrence. The deterrent and presence function is fundamental to AFGSC's mission to develop and provide combat ready forces for nuclear deterrence and global strike operations to support the President of the United States and combatant commanders. The 96th Bomb Squadron's completion of its recent CBP deployment has proven yet again the Red Devil's ability to meet the end-state of USPACOM — a stable and secure Asia-Pacific region.

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job knowledge in order to create an environment conducive to training as well as preparing for the competition.

"This is my first challenge, and I volunteered because I wanted the squadron to be represented well," said Staff Sgt. Sean Gunter, Global Strike Challenge munitions team crew chief. "We've got a good team, these guys are dedicated and practicing hard every day to make sure we do well."

Though the daily practices have been in preparation for the upcoming competition, Gunter said it has also enhanced his knowledge of the job and helped sharpen his skills.

"The competition is really measuring our ability to produce rapid munitions in real life," he said. "Preparing for the competition makes us more efficient. The practicing definitely helps you learn procedures, a good flow of operations and increases your sense of urgency."

The rigorous training schedule for the competition encourages team members to practice all facets of their job, not just day-to-day

operations.

"There are many aspects of this competition you just don't do everyday working in the various sections of the squadron," Crawford said. "The practicing helps keep the information fresh and provide training for those who need it."

Crew member Airman 1st Class Bradley Kainrath agreed.

"I'm excited about the chance to be a part of the team," Kainrath said. "This is a good way to show off all the hard work we've put in and see just how much it pays off. I haven't really gotten the chance to work with the munitions yet so having this time now is definitely expanding my knowledge."

More than 450 Airmen will take part in the Global Strike Challenge competitions at various locations throughout the country, culminating in a symposium and score posting event at Barksdale in November.

Meet the 2 MUNS Global Strike Challenge Team:

Tech. Sgt. Anthony R. Crawford
(Team Leader)
Staff Sgt. Sean Gunter
(Crew Chief)
Staff Sgt. Gary Borden
(Crew Member)
Staff Sgt. Christopher Cheaney

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daily basis — buckle up."

McIntyre stated that the main thing to do is use common sense; there is a seatbelt in the car for a reason. Use the designated driving programs and the wingman concept and enjoy life. The number one noncombat killer of military members is car crashes. It only takes 30 seconds to put a seatbelt on — but over an hour to do an autopsy.

"Every 12 minutes in the United States someone dies in a car crash — since we have been here, four people have died and number five is about three minutes away," McIntyre said.

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Airman 1st Class Jason McNew, 2nd Maintenance Squadron, is strapped down on a stretcher during the "Street Smart" safety presentation held at Hoban Hall.



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Run for the shade



AIRMAN 1ST CLASS MICAH ANTHONY/U.S. AIR FORCE
Maj. Bryon Gleisner, Air Force Global Strike Command, runs down a trail on Barksdale. Recent temperatures on Barksdale have reached up to 107 degrees, so it is important to ensure you stay hydrated and take frequent breaks in shaded areas.

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Barksdale holds fundraiser for flood-impacted Minot Airmen, families

By Airman 1st Class Antonio Gonzalez

2nd Bomb Wing Public Affairs

Barksdale Fitness Center hosted a Zumbathon fundraiser at the Stripes Club on Aug. 11 to raise money for Minot Air Force Base N.D., Airmen and families affected by the recent floods.

The Zumbathon was part of Operation Warmheart, an Air Force-wide charity run by the First Sergeants Association.

More than 40 Airmen, civilians and spouses attended the event and raised a total of \$1,000 for the displaced families.

"No matter where you are in the world, we are all wingmen in the Air Force," said Michael Kaplan, 2nd Support Squadron chief of fitness and sports.

This event is all about showing the Air Force what Team Barksdale is all about — helping those in need, he added.

"It's a great opportunity to give to the people up at Minot," said Tech. Sgt. Christa Sullinger, 2nd Maintenance Squadron

aerospace ground equipment mobility NCO-in-charge. "I had a good time and got a great workout."

Attendees participated in exercises that included music and resistance training to aid overall fitness. The fitness center chose a Zumbathon due to the popularity of the fitness routine not just at Barksdale, but throughout the U.S.

"Zumba is a lot of fun," said Stacy Davison, Zumba instructor at the Barksdale fitness center. "It doesn't feel like you're working out, so people enjoy it more than running on a treadmill. It's more like a party. You sweat, have a good time and lose weight."

Those interested in supporting the flood relief can make a monetary donation by sending a check to Operation Warmheart; being sure to write "flood relief" in the memo/for section of the check. All proceeds directly benefit the Minot AFB Airman & Family Readiness Center.



Participants of the Zumbathon fundraiser move to the beat at the Stripes Club. The fundraiser was held to raise money for Minot Air Force Base, N.D., Airmen and families effected by the recent floods. More than 40 Airmen, civilians and spouses attended the event and raised a total of \$1,000 for the displaced families.

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Wolf Pack meets Buff challenge

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In 1958, a gallon of gas cost 30 cents, a mid-sized house could be purchased for \$18,000 and Barksdale Air Force Base received its first B-52 Stratofortress. Since then, the aircraft has seen many changes and undergone several tests and upgrades.

For the past 25 years, upgrading the B-52H Stratofortress has been the mission of the 49th Test and Evaluation Squadron.

The 49 TES is comprised of military members and civilians that all work to better the B-52H's hardware, software, weapon systems, survivability, sustainability and lethality. The squadron is comprised of several shops, bringing in specialists from many different career fields.

"The 49 TES is a great

squadron to work in," said Staff Sgt. Justin Millen, 49 TES computer systems programmer. "We come together and work hard to accomplish the mission."

The engineers and electronic technicians in the shop modify, enhance and test the equipment before it is put on the aircraft. The software engineers and computer technicians develop new programs and simulators. They also enhance electronic information capture and distribution systems and improve software and hardware.

The 49 TES aircrew fly the B-52Hs and test the equipment in combat scenarios. Once the tests are completed, the aircrew provides feedback to the analysts.

"Testing in war-fighting scenarios provides many challenges and can be very demanding," said Maj. Gavin Berne, 49 TES

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RAYMOND BOULTER**

radar navigator. "However, testing in this manner is extremely valuable. It reveals the capabilities and flaws of the equipment."

The analysts study all the data collected during testing and present the results to their commanders. The commanders then brief the major commands on the outcome of all the tests, upgrades, flaws and developments.

"We help major commands understand the reliability and accuracy of aircraft and weapons so they can strategically develop defensive and offensive plans," said 1st Lt. Jeremy Thompson, 49 TES analyst.

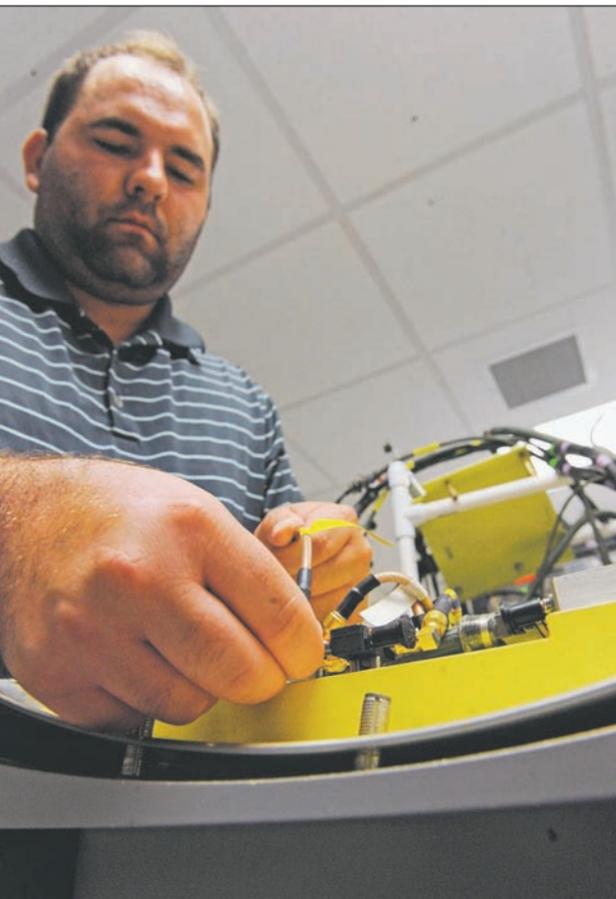
Engineers, pilots, software engineers, analysts, electronic technicians and computer technicians are just a few of the positions in the squadron. Likewise, testing and development isn't the only thing the squadron does.

When new equipment is implemented into the B-52H, the 49 TES trains the cadre of the B-52H operational squadrons so they can train their own aircrews.

The 49 TES also conducts live-fire missile launches at the Utah Test and Training Range, as part of their Nuclear Weapon Systems Evaluation Program. The program grades the entire process needed from stock-



Thomas Foster (left) and Joshuah Dolotina, electronic technicians, pack a box with cruise missile parts in the 49th Test and Evaluation hangar on Barksdale. The 49 TES works daily to better the B-52H Stratofortress' hardware, software, weapons, weapon systems, survivability, sustainability and lethality.



Joshuah Dolotina, electronic technician, works on a cruise missile door panel in the 49th Test and Evaluation Squadron hangar on Barksdale. The door panel is comprised of computers and sensors that allow the missile to communicate with the ground. It is also able to measure the missile's speed and altitude.

pile to target.

"Everything from getting the aircraft ready for takeoff, to the missile hitting the target and detonating is graded," Thompson said.

However, the 49 TES does depend on other units on Barksdale to help accomplish the mission.

"The 2nd and the 307th Bomb Wing's assistance is vital," said Lt. Col. Raymond Boulter, 49 TES commander. "Without them, we wouldn't be able to accomplish the mission. We are a small part of a big team."

Recently, the 49 TES has improved the B-52H in many areas. According to Boulter, the squadron has increased the lethality of the B-52H by 70 percent and has increased the aircraft's survivability by 75 percent. The 49 TES has also developed a cruise missile simulation program designed to give weapon operators hands-on training.

"We are using every tool at our disposal to make a better war fighter," said Millen.

The B-52 has been around for many conflicts and has played a huge role in defending our nation. With the help of the 49 TES, the B-52H is projected to remain in service until 2040.



Thomas Foster, electronic technician, works on a cruise missile door in the 49th Test and Evaluation Squadron hangar. The door panel is comprised of computers and sensors that allow the missile to communicate with the ground. The panel also allows the missile to be controlled during flight.

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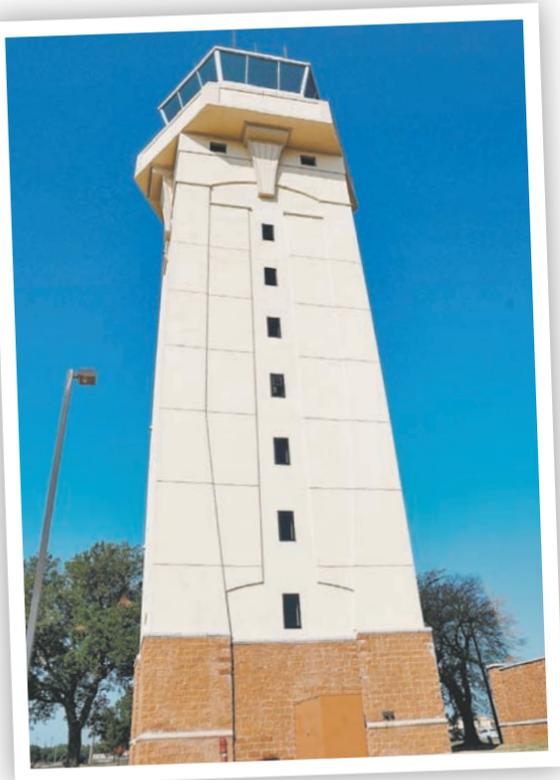
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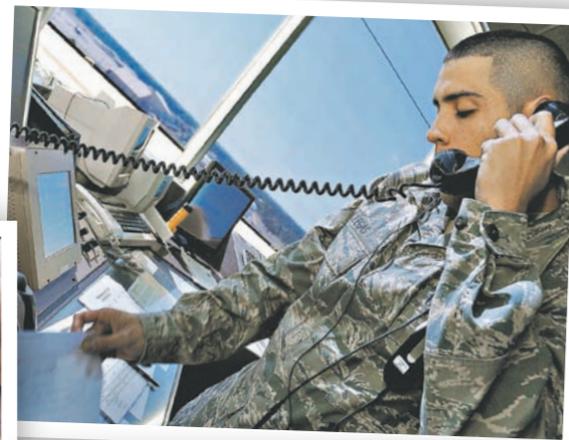


LEFT: Standing at approximately 10 stories tall, the base air traffic control tower houses several offices and the air traffic control crew that run the aircraft activity on the flight line. The tower has at least four air traffic controllers on shift at all times, including the local controller, flight data, ground controller and the watch supervisor.



Several Airmen of the 2nd Operations Support Squadron air traffic control tower watch as two aircraft enter the runway for takeoff on Barksdale.

RIGHT: Airman 1st Class Carlos Villegas, 2 OSS air traffic controller, briefs weather information to incoming aircraft. The tower has at least four air traffic controllers on shift at all times, including the local controller, flight data, ground controller and the watch supervisor.



Airman 1st Class Michael Tscheschlog, 2 OSS air traffic controller, demonstrates how to use a light gun. The light gun is used to direct aircraft if radio communications are lost.



Tscheschlog points out the different base agencies on the Air Field Automation System that would be notified in case of an emergency on the flightline here. With the ability to also view current weather updates, emergency checklists and runway conditions, the AFAS is an important information hub for the air traffic controllers.



Tscheschlog communicates with a B-52 pilot taxiing on the Barksdale runway.



Bird's-eye view

U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman Amber Ashcraft

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LEFT: Mark Whipple, 2 OSS watch supervisor, supervises the air traffic controllers as aircraft enter and exit the runway on Barksdale.



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Hard-wired

Article & photos by
Senior Airman Chad Warren

2nd Bomb Wing Public Affairs

Dust covered everything in the small, dimly lit closet. The stale smell permeated the room as if it had not been accessed in decades. The only evidence of human activity here, aside from the layers of black marker graffiti on the cracked paint, was the massive tower of plastic and wires dividing the already cramped workspace in half. This little known closet in the middle of a busy office is the nerve center for all of the telephones in the building.

Cramped in this tiny cave is Airman 1st Class Stephen Sovine, plugging away at terminals on the huge telephone switch. Testing telephone ports on the other side of the building, he walks back and forth every few minutes to switch out equipment and try again. He has 40 pages of work orders in one hand; this is one.

"This was supposed to be a simple job," Sovine said, unable to locate an active telephone port. "They are never simple."

Sovine is a client systems technician with the 2nd Communications Squadron and one of only a handful of Airmen entrusted with the monumental task of handling on location jobs that cannot be resolved remotely. With hundreds of jobs to be completed and more coming in constantly, it is up to Airmen like Sovine to fight and win the uphill battle of supply versus demand.

"Some simple installs can be really quick, but some jobs can take one or two days," said the Austin, Texas native. "On a really good day, I can get through 10 or 11 tickets if everything goes smoothly."

Jobs are broken down into low, medium and high priority based on the urgency and mission impact. Higher priority, mis-

"I love getting out and working with customers, and I get to meet new people every day."

AIRMAN 1ST CLASS STEPHEN SOVINE

sion critical communications systems are given immediate attention. The majority of tickets are low priority jobs, which are tracked and completed in the order they were received.

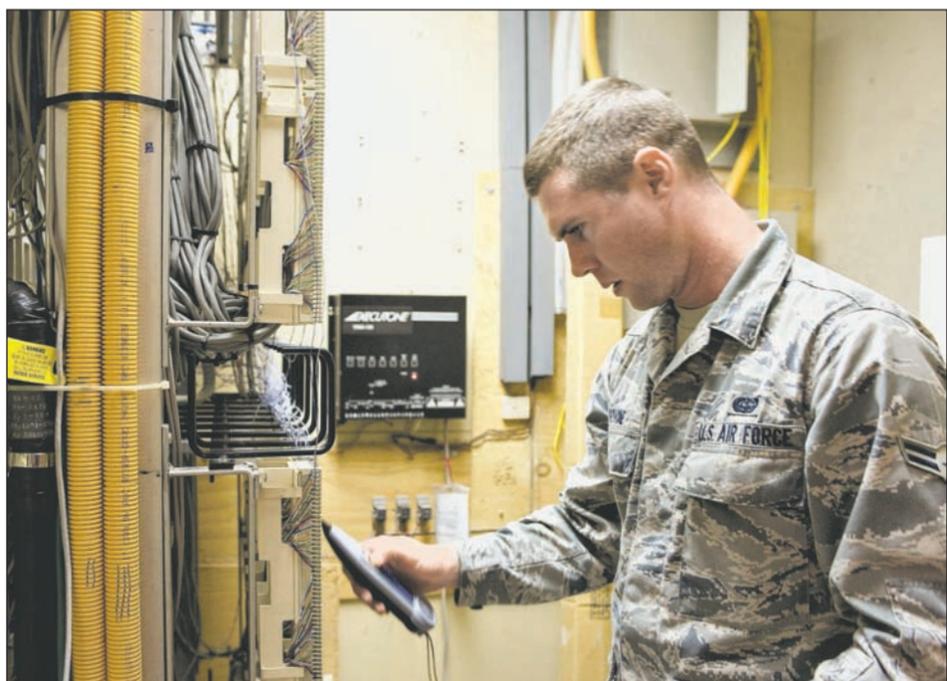
Telephone installation, line activations, software installation and any issue that requires a technician to physically be present is handled by his office. The sheer volume of work associated with the upkeep of Barksdale's communications infrastructure is daunting.

"We have about 300 active jobs right now and 13 client system technicians here on Barksdale," Sovine said. "We are always making headway, but the job is never done."

Keeping up with the demand of customers is a never ending task, constantly chipping away at the pile of work orders while more are piled on top. Sovine is constantly on the move, constantly working; that is the way he likes it.

"I don't see a lot of desk time, which works for me," he said. "I love getting out and working with customers, and I get to meet new people every day."

Whether it is sweating in a tiny, cramped room connecting telephones or installing software for an office full of people, Sovine keeps Barksdale connected, one job at a time.



Airman 1st Class Stephen Sovine, 2nd Communications Squadron, checks for an active telephone port on Barksdale. Using an amplifier, Sovine is able to locate which terminal corresponds to each telephone port.



Airman 1st Class Stephen Sovine, 2nd Communications Squadron, re-routes a phone line. By bridging two terminals together, Sovine can transfer a phone line from one office to another.

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

Bundles for Babies

Bundles for Babies, an Air Force Aid sponsored program facilitated by Airman & Family Readiness Center staff and the New Parents Support Program, will take place from 9 to 11 a.m. Wednesday. Bundles provides expectant parents with a wealth of information enabling them to be responsible parents as well as a bundle of baby items. The program addresses financial implications, child safety and nurturing the child, as well as family resources available to them. For more information, call (318) 456-8400.

Exceptional Family Member Program Group Meeting

The Exceptional Family Member Program Group will meet from 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at Chapel 2 Annex. This meeting is designed to inform Barksdale AFB "Q" coded families about services that may be required or needed. It is also designed to identify gaps in the EFMP system, allow members to address concerns, seek assistance and more. Each support group meeting will have a guest speaker. The group meets monthly, on the third Tuesday of the month at Chapel 2 Annex.

Families First Event

The Families First event will take place at 6 p.m. Monday at the Bowling Alley. For families of deployed personnel, those that are deploying and those that have recently returned from deployment. Reserve your spot by today by calling (318) 456-8400.

Federal Employment

This workshop will take place at 8 a.m. Tuesday at the Airman & Family Readiness Center. Gain an understanding of the Federal employment process and the Federal resume such as format, content and KSAs. Participants will receive hands-on experience in finding key words, writing KSAs and using usajobs.gov. For more information, call (318) 456-8400.

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Personal Readiness Briefing

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TAP

This workshop will take place from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday at the Airman & Family Readiness Center. It is facilitated by the Department of Labor and VA representatives and is designed to assist military members and their spouses make good career decisions and understand their benefits as they move from military service to civilian life. Topics covered will include personal appraisal; career decisions; applying for the job; re-

Airmen await deployment



SENIOR AIRMAN CHAD WARREN/U.S. AIR FORCE

Airmen wait to leave for Guam after processing the deployment line in Hoban Hall on Aug. 4. Air Force Global Strike Command Airmen routinely deploy to Guam in support of the continuous bomber presence in the area.

sumes; dress for success; the interview; job offers; filing for VA compensation; education benefits; medical care through the VA; VA guaranty home loans, VGLI/DVI insurance; final burial benefits and Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment Program.

VA Benefits

This program will take place from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday at the Airman & Family Readiness Center. Facilitated by VA representatives, this program is designed to assist military members in understanding their benefits after their military service. Topics include information on filing for VA compensation; education benefits; medical care through the VA; VA guaranty home loans, VGLI/DVI insurance; final burial benefits and Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment Program.

Informed decision seminar

There is an Informed Decision Seminar at 8 a.m. Aug. 24 and Sept. 15. 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.

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"Your Kingdom Come"

The Barksdale Protestant Women of the Chapel organization is hosting a fall kick off. The PWOC theme for 2011-2012 is "Your Kingdom Come." The event will be held at 6 p.m. Sept. 1 in the Chapel 2 Annex. Attendance of chapel worship services is not a requirement, and all women with access to the base are welcome to attend and bring friends. Childcare will be available for women of deployed spouses, if their spouse is working, or out of town. Please R.S.V.P. by Saturday to Nili at (325) 280-9632 or njkoster@me.com.

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When: 7:05 p.m. Aug. 19-20, 22; 6:05 p.m. Aug. 21. Fair Grounds Field, 2901 Pershing Blvd., Shreveport.

Featuring: a minor league baseball game.

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When: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Aug. 20; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Aug. 21. Bossier Civic Center, 620 Benton Road, Bossier City.

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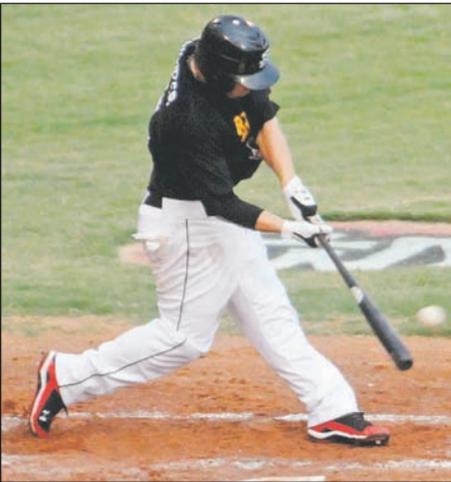
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