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Minot Chapel named Air Force's best large chapel

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MINOT AIR FORCE BASE, N.D. --

Team Minot's chapel celebrated winning the Charles I. Carpenter Award for being the Air Force's Outstanding Large Chapel Team on March 2, 2017.

Minot's chapel had to beat out another large chapel team within Air Force Global Strike Command before getting to compete at the Air Force level. There, they climbed to the top after going up against nine other MAJCOM large chapel teams across the entire Air Force.

"We were completely

elated and ecstatic, we could not believe it," said Maj. Lance Giannone, 5th Bomb Wing senior chaplain. "I shouldn't say couldn't believe -- I know what this staff is capable of. It's a reflection of all the hard work of every staff member."

Both Giannone and Maj. Jayme Kendall, 5th BW deputy wing chaplain, know that it was not just their efforts, but those around them.

"We have seven active duty chaplains as well as two reservists, and we currently have three chaplain assistants as well as a host

of contractors and over 250 volunteers," Giannone said. "All of those people working hard and working together as a team helped us earn this award."

"It's a lot of hours they're putting in," Kendall added. "It's everyone together that makes it happen."

The Minot chapel has received awards before for best large chapel, but this will be at its biggest scale since Giannone and Kendall have been here.

"This year and last year we won at the MAJCOM level," Kendall said. "But this will be the first time

since I've been here that we've won at the Air Force level."

Giannone knows one thing placed Minot's large chapel above all the others in the Air Force.

"In my opinion it boils down to individual performance," Giannone said. "Additionally, we have been provided with the resources needed to accomplish the mission."

Although Kendall is thankful for the award, she knows it's the everyday mission that really matters.

"I think our goal is always to do the best that we can

each day," Kendall said.

"I'm humbled and honored that we won this time, but my personal goal is that we be the best that we can be and if we happen to get recognition again great, if not, that's ok too because it's a great chaplain corps to be a part of."

The Minot chapel staff poses in their juice and coffee bar where they serve Airmen free refreshments at Minot Air Force Base, N.D., March 13, 2017. The staff was awarded with the Charles I. Carpenter Award for being the Air Force's Outstanding Large Chapel Team.

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5th Bomb Wing Members Deploy in support of Operation Inherent Resolve

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MINOT AIR FORCE BASE, N.D. -- More

than 400 Airmen from the 5th Bomb Wing recently deployed to the Middle

East, in support of U.S. Central Command's Operation Inherent Resolve. The 23rd Bomb Squadron sent a number of B-52H Stratofortresses to take over day-to-day operations, which will be the first time in 12 years aircraft from the base have deployed in support of combat operations.

According to Capt. Erik Nelson, 23rd BS B-Flight commander, the squadron underwent an intensive spin-up plan prior to this deployment. They also capitalized on lessons about executing the mission, which they learned from the 20th and 96th Bomb Squadrons who have, and are currently deployed to the U.S. CENTCOM area of responsibility.

"I couldn't think of a better squadron to deploy with," said Nelson, who

will fly combat operations for the first time. "I think I can speak for the entire squadron when I say we are well-prepared and ready."

The 23rd will lead the 5th BW, flying combat operations out of the Middle East.

"The Bomber Barons are 100 percent ready," said Lt. Col. Michael Maginness, 23rd BS commander. "They are experts in the mission sets that they can expect to execute downrange."

According to Maginness, during this deployment, the 23rd BS will celebrate their hundredth anniversary.

"One of the greatest honors I can think of is serving your country in combat," said Maginness. "I can think of no better way to cross the century mark, than answering our nation's call -- as the 23rd has been doing since

1917."

Airmen deploy to assure allies, deter adversaries and defeat our enemies, and in the face of ever-increasing threats, Team Minot Airmen and aircraft can strike any enemy on short notice anywhere in the world.

"This is another historic deployment for the 5th Bomb Wing," said Col. Matthew Brooks, 5th Bomb Wing commander. "I am proud of our Airmen and have the utmost faith in their ability to proudly, confidently and professionally execute this important mission."

Minot Airmen board a plane during a mass deployment at Minot Air Force Base, N.D., March 9, 2017. Airmen deploy to assure allies, deter adversaries and defeat our enemies.

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Minot OSC supports base community

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MINOT AIR FORCE BASE, N.D. --

The Minot Officers' Spouses Club organizes nonprofit, educational and social activities that help raise money towards college scholarships for military dependents, local charities and organizations.

The club is primarily philanthropic, according to Tim O'Hara, MOSC president.

"Our main goal is to raise money for charities and scholarships for dependents and spouses enrolled in school," O'Hara said.

O'Hara also mentioned the MOSC scholarship program is open to all dependents

of active duty, retired or deceased military members of any rank or branch of service.

"We try to contribute as much as we can to base functions in order to support military families," said Dianne Renkas, MOSC charitable coordinator. "We recently gave \$1,000 to the base summer reading program, \$1,000 to Minot's Airmen Against Drunk Driving program, \$500 to the Youth Center and \$250 to the Minot Youth Mentoring program."

The club also holds two fundraisers every quarter and maintains the base Thrift Shop, which is one

of their main revenues for scholarship money, according to O'Hara.

"Last year we gave away \$6,000 in scholarships," said O'Hara. "Since August 2016, the program has raised approximately \$20,000 between the thrift shop and fundraisers."

O'Hara also mentioned one of the club's priorities is helping military families in any way they can.

"Whenever we receive a charitable request, one of our first questions is, 'How many military members or military families is this going to

benefit?'," O'Hara said.

Renkas added the club has monthly socials and is always welcome to new members.

Those interested in applying for a MOSC scholarship can go online and fill out an application by March 15th.

For more information on any of the MOSC scholarships or charity requests, visit their website at www.minotosc.com or check out their Facebook page.

AFGSC Command CMSgt tours, speaks at Minot AFB

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MINOT AIR FORCE BASE, N.D., --

Chief Master Sgt. Calvin Williams, command chief of Air Force Global Strike Command, toured Minot Air Force Base, March 9-10, 2017, to visit work centers and discuss significant topics with Airmen.

"This is a highlight for me," Williams said. "I get to come here as my sixth base visit to talk with Airmen, but most importantly, I get to come as the guest speaker for this year's Chief Induction Ceremony."

Williams visited 10 different 5th Bomb Wing and 91st Missile Wing units on base, to include guard mount at the 5th Security Forces Squadron armory and on-the-job training at the 91st MW headquarters building.

"To me the most important thing is being able to come out and just talk to Airmen and hear their concerns," Williams said.

At a Team Minot enlisted all-call, Williams spoke to Airmen about the mission, family, force distribution and potential controlled tours for defenders, mirroring discussions from a recent visit by the previous Secretary of the Air Force Deborah Lee James.

"When it comes to remote assignments, family separation and deployment, our families make a sacrifice just as we do," Williams said. "One thing is guaranteed to us as enlisted members; a job. My wife has dropped everything and picked up a new job after every [permanent change of station] and my oldest son went through four different

high schools; it is the ultimate sacrifice."

Prior Secretary of the Air Force Deborah Lee James visited here recently and listened to concerns and played a major role in improvements on behalf of Minot AFB, Williams added.

Staff Sgt. Andrew Lintelman, 91st Security Support Squadron security forces trainer, was eager to hear about these possible changes to his career field.

"Controlled tours are a great concept to increase retainability across the Air Force," Lintelman said. "In my seven year experience here, I have seen a lot of Airmen separate from the military from lack of orders. I think more

Airmen would re-enlist if they had a better idea that they will get orders to another installation."

Controlled tours will not only increase the retainability across the Air Force, but it will improve quality of life for Airmen and their families.

"It will give families a better timeline of how long they will be stationed somewhere," Lintelman said. "When trying to figure out housing arrangements, a tour like that would make it easier to decide whether to rent on base or potentially move downtown into your own home."

As Williams discussed his near 30-year career coming to an end, he exclaimed his appreciation of being the guest speaker for the induction ceremony.

"As I transition out of my career, I look at the new group of chiefs coming up and I see they're super smart and more in-touch and in tune with their Airmen, and to me, that's the best part of growing and developing as a chief," Williams said.

At the beginning and end of his all-call, Williams reiterated his appreciation to Airmen.

"I'll start and end this the same way -- thank you for all you do for our great Air Force."

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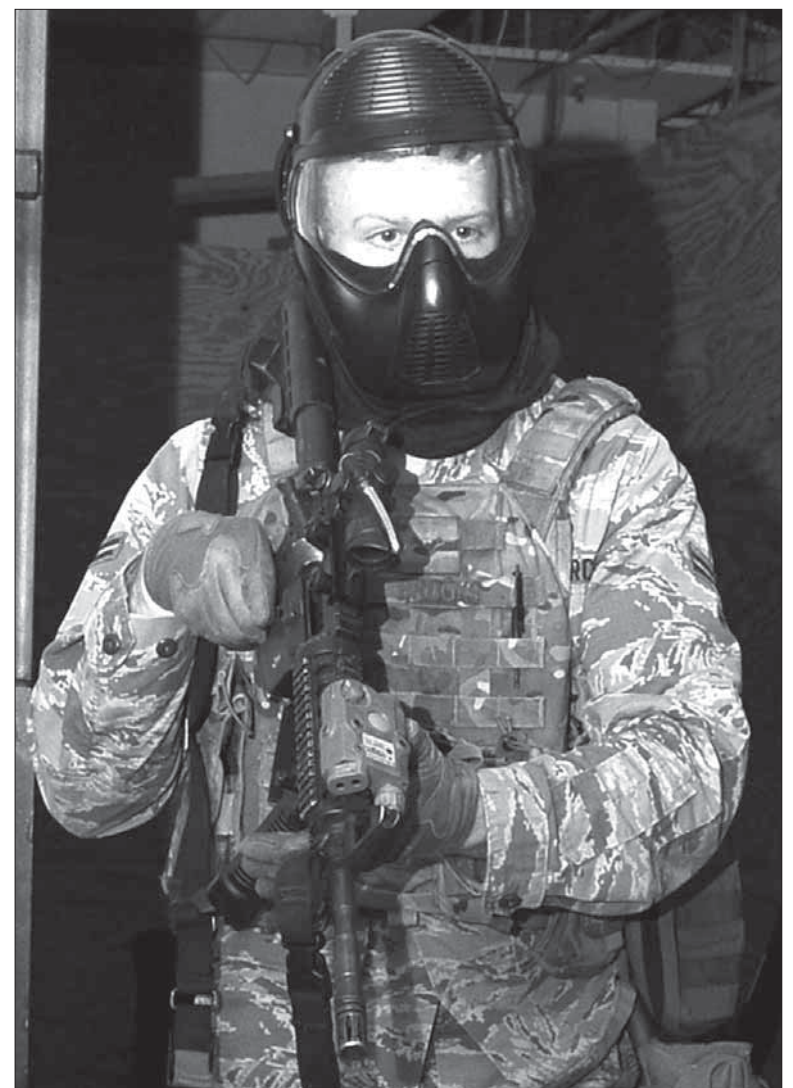
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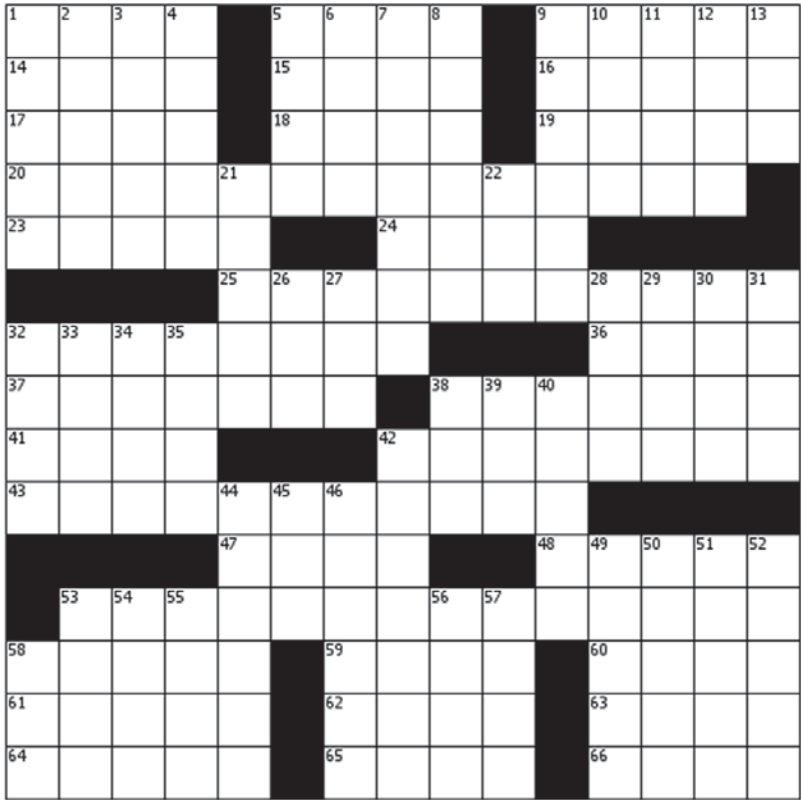
Members of the 5th Security Forces Squadron participate in tryouts for the squadron's Global Strike Challenge team at Minot Air Force Base, N.D., March 16, 2017. The tryouts pushed the defenders to their physical limits with a ruck in full gear, push-ups, pull-ups, sit-ups, buddy runs, room clearing and weapons firing. Teams from both the 5th and 91st SFS's will compete to become the best SFS in Air Force Global Strike Command for 2017.

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

- Across
- 1. Self-help level
 - 5. "... pretty maids all in ____"
 - 9. Prospectors' discoveries
 - 14. Effortlessness
 - 15. Hindu god of destruction
 - 16. Avouches
 - 17. Or follower
 - 18. Cake finisher
 - 19. "Carmen" composer
 - 20. Hitchcock classic
 - 23. Authority
 - 24. Racing sled
 - 25. Rider on a crowded subway car
 - 32. Popular purchase in the 1950s
 - 36. Fictional Jane
 - 37. Sid's partner in "Your Show of Shows"
 - 38. Birthplace of Camus
 - 41. Roberts' co-star, more than once
 - 42. Very involved, as in controversy
 - 43. Small weapon
 - 47. Jay seen at night
 - 48. Urge physically, but gently
 - 53. Annual project
 - 58. Ancient Greek epic
 - 59. Cut from the same cloth
 - 60. Frankenstein's assistant
 - 61. Terpsichore's forte
 - 62. Turned to the right
 - 63. It passes
 - 64. Musk creator
 - 65. Sea eagles
 - 66. Editor's notation



- Down
- 1. Poppy products
 - 2. "Rocky" actress Shire
 - 3. School assignment, perhaps
 - 4. Disrobes
 - 5. Catch phrase meaning "No way!"
 - 6. "Little Caesar" gangster
 - 7. Principle in shingling
 - 8. Pre-exercise exercise
 - 9. Tar pits locale
 - 10. "Metamorphoses" poet
 - 11. One way to miss part of a movie
 - 12. Vase-shaped pitcher
 - 13. Fast way to the U.K.
 - 21. Israel's Dayan
 - 22. Exclamation of disgust
 - 26. Cargo unit
 - 27. Sea delicacy
 - 28. Welfare state?
 - 29. Turn in a spiral vortex
 - 30. Pennsylvania harbor city

- 30. Pennsylvania harbor city
- 31. Get in return
- 32. Under the influence
- 33. Swedish university town
- 34. Sad ending for love
- 35. Sat in a cask
- 38. Santa ____
- 39. Showed the way
- 40. Actress Davis
- 42. Alternative to a buzzer
- 44. Motorless craft, usually
- 45. Stimp's friend
- 46. Interlock, as gears
- 49. Inventory count
- 50. One or two, e.g.
- 51. Treasure hoarder of fable
- 52. White-plumed bird
- 53. Blinds piece
- 54. Ice cream purchase
- 55. Regatta, for example
- 56. Claim on property
- 57. These may be split
- 58. Words with a ring to them?

SUDOKU Solution to puzzle on page 10

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Solution to last week's Crossword puzzle.

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SNL Alumni Dean Edwards To Headline Show Here Star of MTV2's "Guy Code" To Appear In Free Show

The 5th Force Support Squadron is pleased to welcome comedian Dean Edwards of Saturday Night Live and MTV2 fame for a free show at the Jimmy Doolittle Center on Thursday, April 20 at 7 p.m. Also featured on this show is Air Force veteran and touring comedian Dennis Gaxiola.

Headliner Dean Edwards rose to fame performing on Russell Simmon's Def Comedy Jam on HBO. His ability to impersonate almost anyone

resulted in his reprising the role of Donkey in Dreamwork's Halloween classic, Scared Shrekless. You may have seen Edward's impressions of hip hop artists Jay Z and Lil Wayne on a number of late-night shows.

"It's great that our Airmen have the opportunity to enjoy world-class comedy right here," stated Lt Col Jeffrey Bosque, 5th Force Support Squadron commander.

Edwards brings a dynamic energy to the stage and is one of the comedy world's most in-demand performers. His arsenal of characters and spot-on impressions have earned him media attention as well as a legion of fans.

As one of the stars of MTV2's Guy Code, Edwards helped the show become the network's most successful in its history. He also hosted TV One's clip show, Idiots and serves as a correspondent on BET's new program, Don't Sleep. Edwards performed on Comics Without Borders and Showtime at the Apollo. He is a Bronx native who served six years in the U.S. Army Reserve and two seasons on Saturday Night Live. He lives in New York City.

Featured performer Dennis Gaxiola has appeared on Stand Up Revolution, First Amendment Stand Up, Laffapalooza and many more. He is known as a man with comedy for all audiences.

The comedy show is open to adults 18 years of age and older only. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. A delicious buffet featuring spaghetti, Cincinnati chili with all the toppings, hot dogs for coneys, and more will be available from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Cost is \$5 for club members and \$7 for non-members. Purchase of the buffet is not required to attend the comedy show. Limited seating available. For more information, call the Doolittle Center at 723-3731.

Strike Up Some Fun During Scotch Doubles 9 Pin No-Tap Tourney

Rough Rider Lanes is holding a St. Patrick's Day Scotch Doubles 9 Pin No-Tap Tournament on Saturday, March 25 from 2-6 p.m. Cost of the tournament is \$30 per couple; shoe rental included.

Participants will bowl 5 games of Scotch Doubles 9 Pin No-Tap. One partner will throw the first ball. If they get a strike on the first ball then the other person bowls the first ball of the next frame. If they do not get a strike, then the partner has to shoot at the spare. Must have 20 bowlers to conduct the event and bowlers must be age 18 or older. Sign-up at Rough Rider Lanes or call 727-4715 for details.

Doolittle Center First Friday To Feature International Flavor

The Jimmy Doolittle Center invites you to enjoy a special International First Friday event on Friday, April 7 from 4-9 p.m. Join the fun with corn hole, darts, and crud as well as International themed activities.

A delicious menu featuring a mix of cuisine from around the world will be served from 4-6 p.m. Cost is FREE for Club Members and spouse, \$7 for adult non-members, \$3 for children 6 years of age and older, and FREE for children age 5 and under. The event is family friendly with kids activities. For more details, call 723-3731.

Auto Hobby Hosting Ladies Night On March 27

Auto Hobby is hosting a Ladies Night on Monday, March 27 from 5-7 p.m. Ladies are invited to learn the basics on how to maintain their vehicle and tires. The class is taught by a certified mechanic.

Cost for Ladies Night is \$10 per person and includes complimentary snacks. A door prize will be given away at 6:30 p.m. Dependents may also attend. Registration deadline is March 24. Please wear clothes you don't mind getting dirty and close-toed shoes. To register or for more information, call Auto Hobby at 723-2127.

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CLUB MEMBER DRAWING ON FRIDAY, MARCH 24th WILL BE FOR \$2,000.

You must be present to win. Become a club member today to qualify. Simply visit Rockers Bar & Grill or the Jimmy Doolittle Center to obtain your application. The next weekly club member drawing will be held on Friday, Mar. 24 at Rockers Bar & Grill and the Jimmy Doolittle Center. Drawing time varies each week between 5:30-6:30 p.m.

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Mar 31 **Family Pizza Night & Karaoke**

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Apr 3 **Family Child Care Pre-Orientation**

Would you like to work in your home, make a difference on Minot AFB, and in the life of a child? Then attend the FCC New Provider Pre-Orientation at the Family Child Care office on April 3 from 6-8 p.m. to see if it is for you! All persons providing care in their homes for more than 10 hours per week must be licensed. People who become affiliated providers living downtown have the same opportunities as base providers. For more details, please call the Family Child Care office at 723-6662.

Every Tues **Family Fun Night**

Take the whole family out for a delicious meal. Rough Riders invites you to enjoy their Family Fun Night every Tuesday from 5-9 p.m. Club members can enjoy 2 large one topping pizzas, 12 breadsticks, and 2 pitchers of soda for only \$25. Non-members can join the fun for only \$32. Call 727-4377 for more information.

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Apr 3 **Federal Résumé Workshop**

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Apr 14 **Wine & Paint Class**

The Arts and Crafts Center invites you to their Wine & Paint class on Friday, April 14 from 6-8 p.m. Cost is \$26 per person for a two-hour exciting painting experience. Step-by-step instruction will be provided. Pre-registration is required at the Arts & Crafts Center from April 4-13. There is limited seating available so be sure to register early. Class is open to adults 17 years of age and older only. Wine is not included in cost. You must provide your own wine if desired - must bring I.D. For more details, call 723-3640.

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Apr 3 **Off-Base Budget Class**

Planning to move off base? Are you ready to manage the costs? The Airman & Family Readiness Center is hosting an Off-Base Budget Class on April 3 from 2:30-4 p.m. Airmen will obtain important information on leases, military clauses, renters insurance, and complete a budget worksheet. Attendees should bring their current LESs and have knowledge of their bills. Call the Airman & Family Readiness Center at 723-3950 to register or for details.

Apr 15 **Country & Karaoke Night**

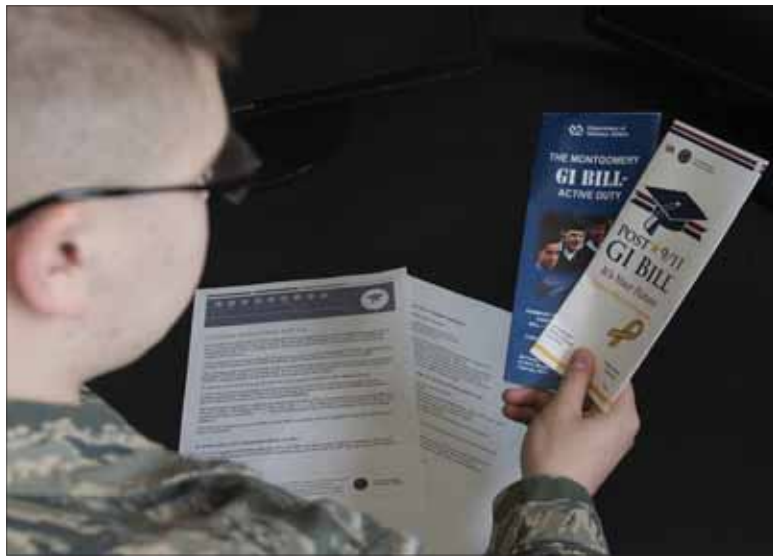
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duty personnel: the Post-9/11 GI Bill and the Montgomery GI Bill.

The Post-9/11 GI Bill provides education benefits for service members who have served on active duty for at least 90 days since Sept. 10, 2001. It can pay full tuition and fees at school, provide a monthly housing allowance and give up to \$1,000 a year for books and supplies.

The Montgomery GI Bill helps service members meet their education and training costs with monthly benefit payments. The value of this GI Bill is based on the current maximum monthly payment rate multiplied by the 36-month limit. The payment rate automatically adjusts every year for inflation on the first day of the fiscal year (Oct. 1).

The 36-month limit refers to academic months to

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Snow, wind kept Airmen in missile field

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MINOT AIR FORCE BASE, N.D., --

After fast-paced briefings on system checks and major maintenance, Intercontinental Ballistic Missile operators head out to their office for the day; a launch control center.

Upon arrival, crew changeover relieves prior operators from their duties and refreshes the missile capsule with new missileers.

A successful system check on the capsule and all assigned launch facilities leads to the beginning of a typical 24-hour shift, that is, until a blizzard rolls in and that typical shift turns into a 48-hour mission.

On March 6, small bouts of snow and 60 mph wind gusts caused 91 MW ICBM operators to stay an extra night until a crew could safely replace them.

"Based on the weather reports, we advised our crew to stay on site," said Lt. Col. Jonathan Austin, 91st Operations Group deputy commander. "They stayed in the capsule and completed their work like any normal shift, just for the second day in a row."

Once visibility reached zero, it was deemed safer for operators to stay where they were, whether it was on base

or 60-90 feet underground in a LCC.

"It's all about safety," Austin said. "When you're traveling 30-80 miles one-way on unpaved roads, it is safer and easier for our Airmen to stay in place."

Upon initial notification of an extended mission, missileers found themselves with mixed emotions.

"Of course you're going to be a little disappointed that you're not going home as planned, but we are here to do our job, right alongside the security forces members that are here for four or five days at a time," said Capt. Morgan Emerson, 741st Missile Squadron missile combat crew commander.

Despite challenges, missileers maintained their vigilance and were prepared to operate; even if they had to use the back-up plan.

"It's a game of dealing with sleep shifts and fatigue, and then face power failures to the capsule and LFs," Emerson said. "At one point during this 48 it seemed like all at the same time, the capsule and LFs were running on diesel, our back-up fuel. We knew how bad it was outside because we could see everything shifting to diesel, but yet we couldn't

actually see outside."

Missileers are trained and prepared to complete any tasks they are given, even on an extra shift.

"We are down there every day, 365 days a year, to include holidays or normal week days" Austin said. "Whether it's a quiet day with little going on, or major maintenance and you have to direct maintenance crews and respond to tests. At the same time, you're receiving messages through the National Military Command System and you're responding to those messages; you never know if it's a test or something you need to act on."

Some missileers optimized the extra time and used it as a training opportunity.

"When I found out we were staying out there for an extra day, I took out task orders and we studied and performed checklists," Emerson said. "It was a great opportunity to study and really focus on what we are doing out there."

For Capt. Will Coley, 91st Operations Support Squadron instructor, this mission was the first time he conducted a 48-hour shift.

"I completed 190 alerts when I was stationed at Malmstrom Air Force Base, Montana," said Coley. "This was my first alert at Minot and it just so happened to be my first 48 [hour shift] as well. It was my 'welcome to Minot' moment."

Although some people may not find it ideal to be stuck underground for 48 hours, most missileers take pride in their accomplishments and are rewarded for their unique job.

"We weren't sure how we were getting back the second day, so we were able to fly in a helicopter back to base," Emerson said. "It's something every missileer talks about wanting to do before they leave Minot. I'm so glad I got the opportunity."

Members of the 91st Operations Group pose for a photo at Minot Air Force Base, N.D., March 15, 2017. These missileers recently completed 48-hour alert missions due to a winter storm on March 6.

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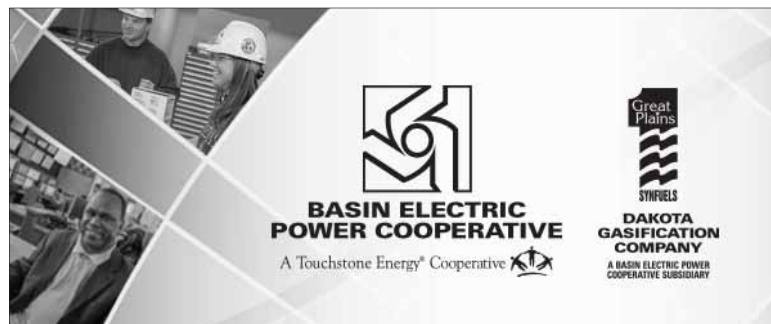
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women along with their families joined Minot area civilians at the event and bid on several items such as a handmade poker table and event tickets to the Medora Musical and Norsk Hostfest.

The auction is sponsored by Minot Area Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee. Throughout the years this event has raised nearly \$650,000 for the Minot AFB morale efforts.

Each year, the event raises thousands of dollars to help with expenses of Minot Air Force Base competitions. The distributed funds are used to support the Base's competition teams, squadron activities, annual awards banquets and Operation Warmheart (year-round program providing essentials such as food, clothing, etc. to needy service members and their families, as well as Thanksgiving baskets during the holiday season). The auction items were donated by area businesses and individuals to help make this event successful. Donations from private individuals and businesses were accepted, and were classified as serious, humorous, unusual, imaginative or creative.

During the Auction, John MacMartin and fellow members of the Minot Chamber of Commerce and the Prairie Warrior Auction extended a special thank you to chair Betty Fedorchak, Esoterica, for her tireless dedication to this event. This year's event marked Fedorchak's last year as chair for the event. She has graciously retired her role and is looking forward to whoever will take her place although they may have some large shoes to fill. Betty has only missed two auctions in the last 31 years.



John MacMartin Minot Chamber of Commerce President and Auctioneer John Bearman.



Chief Master Sergeant Paul M. Elliott III in a bidding war with another auction attendee.

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Tuition Assistance:

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The Air Force will pay for up to 124 semester hours toward a bachelor's degree and 142 for a master's degree through tuition assistance. Tuition assistance is also limited to \$166 per quarter credit hour, \$250 per semester credit hour and \$4500 per fiscal year.

Tuition assistance can't be used until an Airman has gone through a briefing, and must be started within a year of the briefing. If not used, the Airman must go through the briefing again.

"We try to get them to use all their TA while they're in," said Filkins. "It's there, so why not use it? Once you max out, you can start using your GI Bill if you have to."

There are only a few things that tuition assistance won't cover, including apprenticeships.

Financial Aid:

Filkins also recommends applying for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid at www.fafsa.org.

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Scholarships:

Scholarships can be found

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"The biggest thing we try to convince people of is to take the time to apply for them," said Filkins. "Worse thing that's going to happen is they're going to say you don't qualify. The best thing that's going to happen is you're going to get more money for school."

While in search for scholarships, there are some sites that are free and some that cost money. Avoid the websites that have a fee to do a scholarship search.

"You should never have to pay to apply for a scholarship," said Filkins. Advice from the Education Center:

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Avoid choosing the first and only school that you've looked in to.

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Research available careers and required degrees in your next duty location in case you leave the service and decide to stay in that area.

Try an interest assessment and aptitude test if unsure of what you want to do in the future. There may be something you're interested in but never thought of since joining the service.

Use tuition assistance while active duty before falling back on a GI Bill.

Always apply for scholarships.

Never pay to search or receive a scholarship.

Airman Dalton Shank, 5th Bomb Wing Public Affairs broadcast journalist apprentice, reads pamphlets on the Montgomery GI Bill and the Post-9/11 GI Bill at Minot Air Force Base, N.D., March 10, 2017. A higher education can be achieved with little to no cost by utilizing the services offered through the Air Force.

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ND STATE FAIR CENTER

APRIL 1-2, 2017

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