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Air Forcehosts EFMP summit for exceptional family members RICHARD SALOMON | AIR FORCE'S PERSONNEL CENTER

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, Texas (AFNS) --

eing the parent of a child with asthma, cancer, autism or any other life-threatening or chronic condition is often a difficult journey that requires patience and sacrifice.

Fortunately, thousands of active-duty members have found support through the Air Force **Exceptional Family Member** Program, which allows Airmen to proceed to assignment locations where suitable medical, educational and other resources are available to treat family members with special needs.

In an effort to communicate directly with Airmen and families, the Air Force hosted an EFMP summit at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, Texas, Aug. 28-29 to address concerns, help identify solutions and share resources for exceptional family members from each major command. The summit was also broadcast live on the EFMP-Assignments Facebook page.

An Exceptional Family Member is a family member enrolled in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System who has a diagnosed

physical, intellectual, or emotionalpsychological condition that requires ongoing specialized medical or educational services.

"Our EFMP professionals communicated directly with families to answer questions and create awareness of the network of

resources available to them," said Kimberly Schuler, AFPC's policy chief for Humanitarian, EFMP and Expedited Transfers assignments. "The Air Force



The Air Force hosted an Exceptional Family Member Program summit Aug. 28-29 at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, Texas. EFMP allows Airmen to proceed to assignment locations where suitable medical, educational and other resources are available to treat special needs family members. U.S. AIR FORCE COURTESY PHOTO

in EFMP. Special needs coordinators at base medical treatment facilities screen family members so service members can obtain the necessary assignment limitation code, "Q," which identifies them as EFMP.

having a family member with special needs. The family support component provides referral information, support services, respite

care and relocation services, as well as contacts with government resources and civilian agencies. The family support function also

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assists with school-related issues, finance questions, crisis situations, and provides outreach and educational briefings to installation leadership and the community. Lastly, family support personnel help connect families with each part of the

"EFMP combines the expertise of the assignments, medical and family support professionals," Schuler said. "All three components work together to effectively care for the concerns of special needs families.'

One of the summit's goals was to gauge the impact of recommendations from last year's EFMP rapid improvement

event and look for additional opportunities to improve the program going forward. As a result of the 2017 event, more than 40 full-time EFMP employees were added Air Force-wide, processes were improved for the more timely transfer of military health records and training was added for customers using TRICARE Online.

"There was a lot of good information sharing this year," Schuler said, "so we have some positive things to build on for the coming months and the next summit."

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FAMILY MEMBER PROGRAM, WHICH **ALLOWS AIRMEN TO PROCEED TO ASSIGNMENT LOCATIONS WHERE** SUITABLE MEDICAL, EDUCATIONAL AND OTHER RESOURCES ARE **AVAILABLE TO TREAT FAMILY MEMBERS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS.**

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"Memphis Belle" exhibit opens at National Museum of the USAF

FORT GEORGE G. MEADE, Md. (AFNS) -hrough the cockpit windscreen, Capt. Robert Morgan saw flashes of light from the wings and

engine cowling of a German Focke-Wulf Fw 190 at his 12 o'clock and closing at an incredible rate. Each wink of light from the fighter's wing root meant another 20mm cannon shell was heading directly at his B-17F Flying Fortress at over 2,300 feet per second.

Having no room to dive in the crowded formation of B-17 bombers of the 91st Bomb Group, he pitched up. The Luftwaffe fighter's shells impacted the tail of the aircraft instead of coming straight through the windscreen.

Over the intercom Morgan heard his tail gunner, Sgt. John Quinlan, yelling that the aircraft's tail was shot to pieces and what was left was in flames.

It was January 23, 1943. Morgan and his nine crewmen aboard the "Memphis Belle" had just fought their way through a swarm of Luftwaffe fighters, dropped their bombs on a Nazi submarine base in the coastal city of Lorient in occupied France and were fighting to survive the return trip to the Eighth Air Force base in Bassingbourn, England. Morgan began calculating if the crew should bail out and become prisoners of war before the tail tore completely off the



bomber trapping the crew in a death spiral culminating in a fiery crash.

A moment later, Quinlan reported that the fire in the tail had gone out. The "Memphis Belle" and its crew would survive the mission; the crew's eighth and the bomber's ninth.

They would have to survive 17 more missions to complete the required 25 to rotate home. All would be flown during a period of World War II when the Luftwaffe was at the height of its destructive powers.

Against all odds, the "Memphis Belle" crew flew those missions, their last to once again bomb the U-boat pens at Lorient on May 17, 1943, before returning safely to England for the final time. Bottles of Champagne were uncorked and radio operator Tech. Sgt. Robert J. Hanson collapsed onto the flightline and kissed the ground.

For the "Belle" itself, it was only

"HOW DOES ONE CLIMB INSIDE OF THIS AIRCRAFT KNOWING THAT THEY ARE PROBABLY NOT GOING TO COME HOME? AND THEY DON'T DO THAT ONE TIME; TWO TIMES; THREE TIMES; 10 TIMES – THEY HAVE TO DO IT 25 TIMES,"

- JEFF DUFORD

mission 24 and the plane had to fly once more with an alternate crew on May 19.

The B-17 and its crew would be the first to return alive and intact to the U.S. They were welcomed as heroes and immediately embarked on a 2 ¹/₂-month, nationwide morale tour to sell war bonds. The tour was also to encourage bomber crews in training that they too could make it home. It made celebrities of both the "Belle" and its crew. Ironically, the two and a half months of press conferences, parties and glad-handing officers and politicians was about the same amount of time during the "Belle's" combat tour that 80 percent of the 91st Bomb Group's B-17s and their crews were lost to German fighters and antiaircraft fire. "Eighty percent losses means you had breakfast with 10 men and dinner with only two of those 10," Morgan said in an interview after the war. During the totality of the air war over Europe more than 30,000 U.S. Airmen aboard heavy bombers, like the B-17, would be killed. Seventy-five years to the day after that 25th mission, the Museum of the U.S. Air Force will honor the bravery of those bomber crews, some of the

The crew of the Boeing B-17 "Memphis Belle" is pictured at an air base in England after completing 25 missions over enemy territory. The crew, left to right: Tech. Sgt. Harold P. Loch, Staff Sgt. Cecil H. Scott, Tech. Sgt. Robert J. Hanson, Capt. James A. Verinis, Capt. Robert K. Morgan, Capt. Charles B. Leighton, Staff Sgt. John P. Quinlan, Staff Sgt. Casimer A. Nastal, Capt. Vincent B. Evans and Staff Sgt. Clarence B. Winchell.

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first Americans to take the fight to the Nazis in WWII, when they unveil for public display the largely restored B-17F, Serial No. 41-24485, "Memphis Belle" as part of a three-day celebration, May 17-19, 2018. According to the museum

curator in charge of the "Memphis Belle" exhibit, Jeff Duford, the weekend will include more than 160 WWII re-enactors showcasing their memorabilia, WWII-era music and vehicles, static displays of other B-17s, flyovers of WWII-era aircraft and presentations of rare archival film footage. The "Memphis Belle" will be the centerpiece of an exhibit documenting the strategic bombing

campaign over Europe. "The 'Memphis Belle' is an icon that represents all the heavy bomber crewmen who served and sacrificed in Europe in World War II," Duford said, "In many ways

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the 'Memphis Belle' is the icon for the United States Air Force.

"You look at the U.S. Marines, they have this wonderful icon of the flag being raised over Mount Suribachi on Iwo Jima and everyone recognizes that. It symbolizes service and sacrifice and tenacity and teamwork. Well, the Air Force has that symbol too, and it's this airplane. It demonstrates teamwork. The crews had to work together. The planes in formation had to work together. The formations had to work together with the fighter escorts."

The service and sacrifice of the young men still leaves Duford awestruck even after working on the "Belle" project for a decade.

"How does one climb inside of this aircraft knowing that they are probably not going to come home? And they don't do that

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Pil ot Tr aining Next cadrediscuss essons learned, way forward

DAN HAWKINS | AIR EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMAND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

NATIONAL HARBOR, Md. (AFNS) -

ir Education and Training Command officials announced the second iteration of Pilot Training Next would begin in January 2019 during a panel at the 2018 Air Force Association Air, Space and Cyber Conference.

To refine the curriculum for the next class, the PTN cadre used data collected from the first cohort of the Air Force's innovative and experimental approach to enhance the future of pilot training to conduct a "Lessons Learned" workshop in conjunction with the AFWERX hub based in Austin, Texas

"In the first iteration of PTN, we made some significant gains in terms of the lessons we learned in training using current and emerging technologies, as well as individualized training methods," said Lt. Col. Robert Vicars, PTN director. "Moving forward, we want to learn from our first experience to make this training process smoother and more efficient."

During Secretary of the Air Force Heather Wilson opening remarks at AFA, she stressed the importance of people and their innovative ideas. She talked about the idea and the testing being done at PTN and that the results so far have been promising. "When they start out. trainees are typically able to fly just 10 minutes or so, of

an hour and half training ride, with the instructors doing the rest," Wilson said. "But if they get a lot more practice in virtual reality, the students are flying about 90 percent of their first rides, shaving weeks off flying training."

Thirteen students graduated from the first PTN iteration Aug. 3. The course ran 24 weeks and included 184 academic hours, with approximately 70 to 80 flight

"USING AI AND VR IN THE TRAINING ENVIRONMENT IS A GAME-CHANGER,"

-LT. COL. JASON COLBORN, PTN DETACHMENT 21 COMMANDER

> hours in the T-6 Texan II, as well as approximately 80 to 90 hours of formal flight training in the simulator (which doesn't account for training conducted on students' own time).

Technology Lessons

One of the key tenants of the PTN program is the round-the-clock access to an immersive simulation training environment, with students having 24/7 access to simulators in their living quarters. Critical to building that individualized and continuously accessible training environment has been the use of virtual reality and artificial intelligence. "Using AI and VR in the training environment is a game-changer," said Lt. Col. Jason Colborn, PTN Detachment 21 commander.

U.S. Air Force Second Lt. Charles Keller and Airman First Class Tyler Haselden, Pilot Training Next students, train on a virtual reality flight simulator at the Armed Forces Reserve Center in Austin, Texas, June 21, 2018. Air Education and Training Command officials announced the second iteration of Pilot Training Next would begin in January 2019 during a panel at the 2018 Air Force Association Air, Space and Cyber Conference in National Harbor, Maryland.

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"One of the lessons we learned is that using these technologies still requires some up-front investment in terms of VR content creation, as well as development of the AI in a way that keeps pace with the students' timeline."

When it comes to data collection, context matters as the data comes in many different forms, Vicars said.

"During this first class, we learned how to manage and validate a continuous data flow from multiple sensors," said Vicars. "Moving forward, we are adding redundancy to our data flows to ensure more consistent data is gathered."

Training Methodology Lessons

Unlike the traditional undergraduate pilot training model, PTN offered students the opportunity to learn in a collaborative learning environment in a learner-centric way, in line with AETC's redesigned Continuum of Learning model, said Vicars.



'We'rea team': Fir st husband-wife pil ots to fly the B-2 retire from the Air Force

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WHITEMAN AIR FORCE BASE, Mo. (AFNS) --

ows of chairs were filled with family members, close friends and fellow military members. As the ceremony began, all eyes were on the couple standing up front.

Thirteen years earlier, the scene was nearly identical. Back then, John was wearing his Air Force uniform, though Jennifer was wearing a wedding gown. Now, they were wearing flightsuits with oak-leaf rank on the shoulders.

And, the same friend spoke at both events. Jared Kennish first made his remarks as the best man, and now as a colonel and the 131st Bomb Wing Operation's Group commander at Whiteman Air Force Base.

"It's an honor to speak as John and Jennifer Avery retire from the Air Force, just as it was to speak at their wedding," Kennish said. "This couple has made history."

Lt. Col. John Avery and Lt. Col. Jennifer Avery were the first husband-wife pilot team to fly the B-2 Spirit.

Their two, 20-year-long careers culminated with the couple's joint retirement ceremony on Sept. 7, 2018, at Whiteman AFB, Missouri.

Jennifer retires with more than 1,600 flying hours in the activeduty Air Force and Missouri Air National Guard. John retires with more than 2,500 flying hours in the active-duty Air Force and Missouri ANG.

The Air Force retirement is a traditional ceremony that signifies the completion of an Airman's long, honorable career of service to his or her country

Col. Jared Kennish, left, stands next to Lt. Cols. John and Jennifer Avery during their joint retirement from the Missouri Air National Guard, Sept 7, 2018, at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo. The Averys married on Feb. 5, 2005, becoming the first husband and wife team to fly the B-2 Stealth bomber. At their official retirement September ceremony at Whiteman AFB, standing in front of their families and closest friends, John and Jennifer were presented medals for outstanding military service and certificates of appreciations from the president of the United States before the reading of the orders declaring they were "relieved from duty and retired.'

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first is a theme for the Averys. Growing up in Miami, Jennifer said she was "shy and maybe even a little insecure - uncertain of myself." After high school, she headed to Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta. She carried with her a childhood memory of visiting an Air Force base in Charleston, South Carolina. "I'll never forget my Uncle Bill taking me into a flight simulator. That stuck with me, even to this day. I thought flying was incredible.'

Jennifer graduated in 1995 with a bachelor's of science degree in biology and, as a member of ROTC, received a commission in the Air Force as a second lieutenant.

"I knew exactly what I wanted to do next," she said.

Jennifer earned her pilot wings in June of 1997, which eventually took her to Ellsworth AFB, South Dakota, to fly the B-1 Lancer – and begin making history.

She was the first female B-1 pilot to go to combat, flying four sorties over Kosovo in support of Operation Allied Force in 1999. Not long after, Jennifer applied to fly the B-2 Spirit, based at Whiteman AFB, Missouri. "I was drawn to the challenge of flying this unique aircraft

"One of the biggest

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"This is a thank-you for a job well-done," Kennish said, "and an opportunity to highlight the history made by this couple both individually and together." Of the hundreds of B-2 pilots to come after John and Jennifer, just two other married couples are among them. It's just one of their many distinctions. Being

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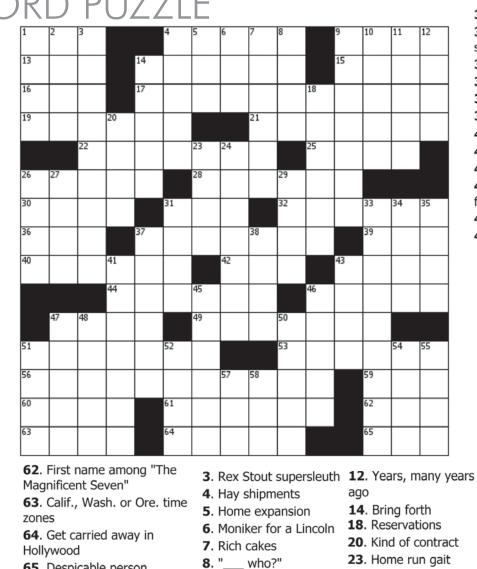




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Norsk Høstfest is held annually in the fall in the N.D. State Fair Center on the North Dakota State Fairgrounds in Minot, N.D., USA. The festival

was founded in 1978 by the late Chester Reiten and a group of friends who shared his interest in celebrating their Nordic heritage. The festival, now entering into its 41st year, has grown into North America's largest Scandinavian festival with tens of thousands of people attending from all over the world. The festival features world-class



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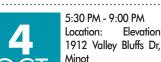
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Performances: October 5, 6, 12, 13 at 7:30 PM October 7 and 14 at 2:00 PM House opens 30 minutes prior to show time.For more information check out: Facebook/ Church Basement Ladies

AROUND THE AREA



AMANDA DUCHSHERER | DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST

MINOT, N.D. inot Symphony Orchestra opened their 2018-19 season last Saturday, Sept. 22, at Minot State University's Ann Nicole Nelson Hall with "P' for Peace."

"Originally I had planned a totally different first concert, but we ran into conflicts with our soloists for the season and I had to move things around," said Efrain Amaya, Minot Symphony Orchestra Maestro and assistant professor of music at Minot State University. "I think the thought of 'P' for Peace' came when I noticed the names of a couple of the pieces that we were doing started with a P. Then I thought of playing with words of 'P' for Peace' instead of 'P' for Piece of Music.' I really wanted to make a call for peace. I find that we fight over trivial things and it looks more than ever that the country is divided. My hope is that perhaps we will all realize that we all want the same things, but we most of the time just stubbornly only see one way of achieving that.

"Music, like all art forms, has the power to unite us and heal us.

The performance begins with Claude Debussy's "Prelude to the Afternoon of a Faun", moves into "Pulcinella" by Igor Stravinsky and Faure's incidental music to the play "Pelleas and Melisande," and ends with composer Franz Liszt's "Le Prelude."

While this is the Minot Symphony Orchestra's 93rd season, this will be Amaya's fourth.

"This will be my fourth season as music director. I've had many highlights during my tenure. I guess the ones that stand out the most to me are the concerts when I have featured pieces of mine. As I'm a composer as well as a conductor, it's always a treat for me to be able to conducts my own music. Some concerts that stand out are the ones involving the chorus that have joined us in several concerts through these past three years. Choirs like the Minot High School Choir, the MSU Concert Choir, the Minot Chamber Chorale, the Western Plains Orchestra Children Chorus, among others," Amaya said. "P' for Peace," is the first of six concert series performed by the Minot Symphony Orchestra in their 2018-19 season. "Things that go Bump in the Night," Oct. 27, "Holiday Magic," Dec. 8, "Decomposing Composers," Feb. 2, "Movie Magic," March 2, and "The Mighty Five," April 27, comprise the rest of the season. "I am excited about the upcoming season," Amaya said. "I have included a couple of my pieces in a couple of concerts, and I'm looking forward to

sharing some of my favorite pieces like Debussy's "The Afternoon of a Faun," Mussorgsky's "Pictures at an Exhibitions," Ravel's "Bolero," Poulenc's "Gloria," and many others. See you at the Symphony.'

The Minot Symphony Orchestra is comprised of student, community, and professional musicians from the Minot area.

"As we start our 93rd season, I don't think the core mission of the orchestra has changed much. The Minot Symphony Orchestra had - from the beginning - a strong Minot State University connection and this relationship has kept growing and developing to this incredible and fortunate partnership that we have now. Thanks to MSU and the MSO Association the orchestra thrives, and I foresee it becoming more professional as we look into the future," Amaya said.

All performances are held at Minot State's Ann Nichole Nelson Hall. Prices and tickets can be found online at www. minotsymphony.com.

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BETH DUCHSHERER | NORTHERN SENTRY

f you are new to North Dakota you may have heard mention of the Norsk Høstfest. It is the event of the year for many North Dakotans and others who travel from distances as far as Sweden and Norway to attend this festival of Scandinavian and Nordic cultures. The festival began on Wednesday, September 26 and will continue to have events until the closing reception

on Saturday, September 29. Featured performances include: Alabama; Tanya Tucker with special guests, The Texas Tenors; Michael Bolton; and The Beach Boys. Other performers that are equally entertaining include Daniel O'Donnell, Johnny Reid, Engelbert Humperdinck, and the recent award winner from America's Got Talent, Darci Lynne with her amazing ventriloquism talents. The Norsk Høstfest celebrates

Scandinavian culture and the heritage of the five Nordic countries of Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden. With this many heritages represented the North Dakota State Fair Center takes on a whole new personification. The different hallways are ornately decorated and each named after a capital city from each country. On your way

to Copenhagen Hall you will venture down "Troll Stroll" where you may encounter a troll or two. If you stay awhile in Copenhagen Hall you can take in free entertainment such as the Western Plains Children's Choir and the Medora Gospel.

There is also more than just the outstanding entertainment to take in at Høstfest. Phenomenal restaurants like En To Tre and stations serving traditional recipes such as lutefisk, lefse and rømmegrøt will delight your tastebuds. There is an extensive display of skilled artisans and vendors from around the world who have set up shop to share their crafts. Various items like handmade Viking silver jewelry, Rosemaled plates, and Scandinavian sweaters are just a brief list of everything that is available at the festival. There are artisans who demonstrate their craft for onlookers such as the steady hand for carving wood into a ornate chest or weaving a rug with a loom right before your eyes. This festival is not just for

adults either. Children are more than welcome as well. There are many events for the children to become excited about and participate in such as the arts & crafts and the ever popular Viking Games. They may even

meet the popular Queen Elsa and have their picture taken with Elsa, Anna, Olaf and Kristoff from FrozenTM. Make sure to stop by the Cozy Kid Corner in The Villages to be entertained with stories of Scandinavia. Tales from Russian Folklore, Viking tales & myths and even thrilling troll tales will excite kids and adults of all ages.

The cultural celebration has been running since 1979. New this year is the Cafe En To Tre which is a more casual version of the original with a open-faced sandwiches and a variety of Norwegian cakes.

There is a lot of history and culture that visitors will learn and experience. But don't be discouraged if you are not Scandinavian or have a Nordic background, you are welcomed as a friend from the moment you step on the shuttle to the festival. One favorite activity is for the guests is to welcome you by saying "Hello, and where are you from?" This standard Høstfest greeting may actually win you money if you find the secret person hidden among the crowds.

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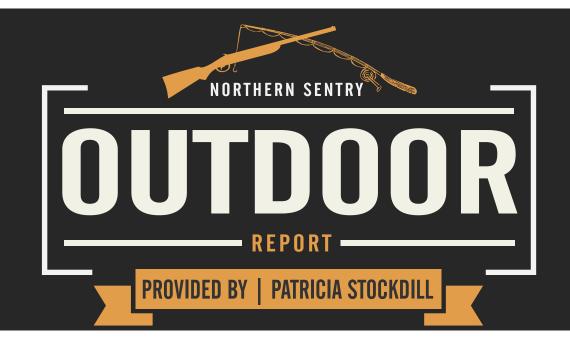
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Some Larger Walleye In Shallower Water.

*Devils Lake, Ed's Bait Shop, Devils

Lake: Continued Working Bridges In The

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Lake: Continued Good Small Walleye

The Highways, Poles, And Bridges.

Lake Darling Slowed For Activity With

*Lake Darling, Upper Souris Nat'l.

Wildlife Refuge, Foxholm: Little Shore Or

Cooler, Windy Weather.

No New Reports.

^{*}Lake Metigoshe, Four

Seasons, Bottineau: Not Much

Activity On Lake Metigoshe With

*Lake Metigoshe, Lake Metigoshe State Park, Bottineau:

*Lake Sakakawea/Lake

Audubon, Cenex Bait & Tackle,

Garrison: Not Many Anglers On The Water. Limited Reports

*Lake Sakakawea/Lake

Audubon, 6-Mile Bait & Tackle,

Garrison: Work A Little Shallower

From Lake Sakakawea And Lake Audubon With Cooler Weather.

Success. Try Jigging Deep Water Around

*Devils Lake, Woodland Resort, Devils

*Lake Darling, Ruthville Store, Ruthville:

A Few Anglers Still On Lake Metigoshe

With Generally Quiet Success. No

Missouri River System Reports.

Some White Bass Mixed In

Cooler Weather And Wind.

*N.D. Game & Fish Dept. Game

1,844.16 Feet Above Mean Sea Level

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Dates to Know:

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• Sept. 29: Nonresident waterfowl season opens.

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Deep In 50 Feet For Walleye Using Jigging Raps. * Lake Sakakawea, Scenic 23, New Town: A Nice Fall Walleye Bite Around The

Midsection. Work Shallower With Jigs And Minnows * Lake Sakakawea, Van Hook Bait & Tackle, New Town: Bait Shop Closed But

Camping Still Available. *Lonetree Wma Area Lakes, Harvey:

Look For A Bit Of A Fall Walleye Bite From Wells And Sheridan County Lakes.

*North-Central/Central N.D. Lakes, Towner Hdwe. Hank, Towner: Area Lakes Generally Remain Quiet.

Hunting:

*Cranes: Look For Cranes To Start Trickling Into Pockets Of Northwest N.D. In Areas With Shallow Alkali Wetlands. *Doves: Fewer Birds With Cooler

Weather Moving Them Out. *Upper Souris Nwr, Foxholm: Unit I

Currently Open For Partridge And Grouse Hunting With Unit li Opening Nov. 26. *Waterfowl: Fair To Good Numbers

Of Local Ducks And Geese. Scattered Numbers Of Lesser Canada Geese Could Start To Meander Into Some Areas. No New Reports From Central N.D.

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one time; two times; three times; 10 times - they have to do it 25 times,' said Duford. "Once they got inside the airplane, they had no place to run. There were no foxholes to be dug. The skin on those airplanes is so thin that a bullet or flak fragment would go through it like a tin can because that's essentially what it was.

"The odds were that every 18 missions, a heavy bomber was going to be shot down. So when you think the crew had to finish 25 missions to go home, statistically it was nearly impossible. It was one-in-four odds that a heavy bomber recruit would finish their 25 missions. Those other three crew members would've been shot down and captured, killed or wounded so badly they couldn't finish their tour.'

The fact the "Memphis Belle" crew survived their tour was of great value to the U.S. Army Air Forces in maintaining support for the daylight strategic bombing campaign over Europe, which was still, in fact, an experiment.

"Back then, there was no book on high altitude strategic bombing. The generals didn't know any more than we did. They had to figure bombing strategy as we went along," said Morgan in a book he would write after the war, "The Man Who Flew the Memphis Belle".

The B-17 was named the "Flying Fortress", because it was bristling with .50 caliber machine guns covering every angle of attack by German fighters, save one. The theory was that all that defensive firepower would be amplified by heavy bombers flying in tight formations, called "boxes", enabling them to protect each other from attacking fighters.

While the German Messerschmitt and Focke-Wulf fighters sometimes paid a price for attacking the formations, they soon developed tactics that exploited a design weakness in B-17Fs, like the 'Memphis Belle."

While twin .50 caliber machine guns in top and belly turrets and the tail and single .50 cal. gunners protected the bomber, the 12 o'clock position was covered by a lone .30 caliber machine gun – no match for the German fighters. Because the bomber formations had to fly straight and level to initiate their bombing run, the Luftwaffe fighter pilots began attacking the formations head on. The ensuing carnage was ghastly.

"The secret to the B-17 was the capability of flying in tight formations, so tight that the wings were often almost touching," wrote Morgan. "We were able to put out an amazing amount of firepower... but, I also positively feel that was a bit of divine intervention for our crew.

While the addition of Allied fighter escorts helped fend off some German attackers, the fact that the B-17s had to fly at 25,000 feet or lower to maintain any semblance of accuracy on target put them in the range of the deadly German 88mm anti-aircraft gun. No amount of machine guns or friendly fighters could counter the dense flak approaching targets while flying straight and level.

who had volunteered to serve his country in the best way he knew how.

It was hoped that a film documenting a bomber crew as they successfully completed a combat tour would calm new recruits, who were hearing stories of the carnage overseas, and assuage the doubts of the public, press and politicians that strategic bombing was a failure.

Wyler, an immigrant who was born in the Alsace region of modern-day France when it was part of the German Empire prior to World War I and who would go on to win three Best Director Academy Awards, including one for "Ben-Hur", was commissioned as a major and headed to England with a film crew to document the fight in skies over Europe.

Wyler and his cameraman flew with B-17 combat crews and began filming missions of a B-17F of the 401st Bomb Squadron of the 91st Bomb Group named "Invasion II". His staff also began interviewing and making publicity photographs of the crewmembers, as they drew closer to completing 25 missions.

However, on April 17, 1943, the reality of war spoiled the Hollywood ending during their 23rd mission to Bremen, Germany. Invasion II crashed after being hit by flak over Borhmen, Germany, setting the cockpit and wing on fire. The crew managed to bail out, but all became prisoners of war.

Wyler regrouped and found a plane and crew with the 324th Bomb Squadron that was also close to completing their combat tour. The "Memphis Belle", named for Morgan's girlfriend, Margaret Polk of Memphis, Tennessee, and its crew took center stage.

While the crew of "Hell's Angels" completed their tour on May 13, 1943, four days before the "Belle", there was no film of that plane and crew. Consequently, it was the "Belle" and its crew that would fly mission 26 back to the U.S. and receive a hero's welcome.

Wyler's film, "Memphis Belle: A Story of a Flying Fortress", would be released and distributed by Paramount Pictures the following vear.

It was a film that came with a high price tag. One of Wyler's cinematographers, 1st Lt. Harold J. Tannenbaum, a veteran of World War I, was killed in action during the filming when the bomber he was in was shot down over France on April 16, 1943.

Until the end of the war, the "Belle" was used as a training aircraft, but instead of being torn apart for scrap like most of the other 12,700 B-17s built during the war, the city of Memphis, Tennessee, put the aircraft on display for nearly 50 years

The historic aircraft came to the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force in October 2005, when work began on a careful, multi-year conservation and restoration effort including corrosion treatment and the full outfitting of missing equipment. Casey Simmons arrived shortly after the "Memphis Belle" as a restoration specialist for the museum. From the beginning, it was apparent that priority one in the restoration was getting it right. His first assignment was to fabricate a glycol heater that was missing from inside the left wing. No visitor to the museum would ever see it. "I know it's there and that's cool because it's going to get all the parts that it needs to be a complete aircraft," said Simmons. "When you don't have the part you try and find a part from another airplane or you go to the blueprints and make the part completely from scratch.' While the museum has other B-17s in its collection, the "Memphis Belle" requires a whole other level of patience and dedication.



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Bomber crews had to just grit their teeth and pray.

"They felt like they were a great crew. They were tightly knit, confident and dedicated to what they were doing," said Duford. "However, being in those formations, flying straight and level with enemy antiaircraft and fighter aircraft, there certainly was a little bit of luck for them too."

Luck, both good and bad, was also a factor in the "Belle" crew, despite not being the first crew to complete 25 missions, being the one to return to the U.S. for a bond and morale tour.

The "Belle's" selection for the morale tour was the result of a film project about the strategic bombing campaign that was the brainchild of USAAF Gen. Hap Arnold and a Hollywood director, William Wyler,

"Other restoration projects are

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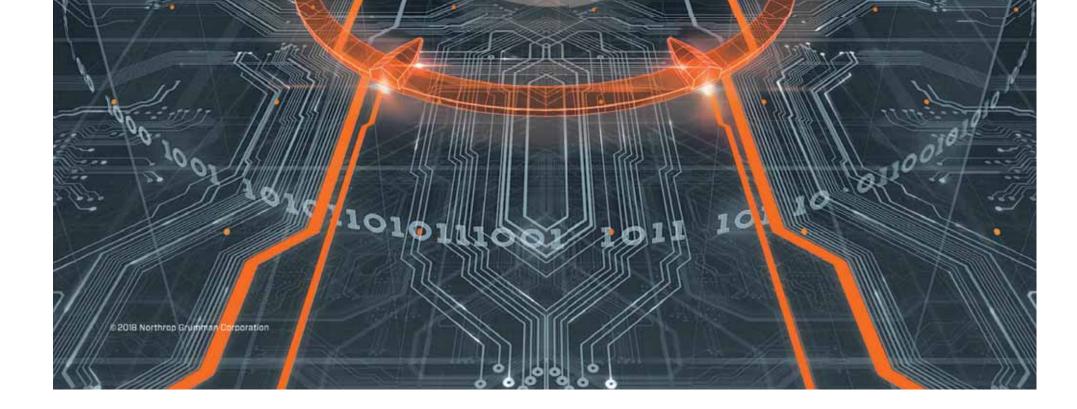
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typically a general model of a certain aircraft. So it represents a lot of them. This one is a specific aircraft, so you have to get it right; exactly to the rivet," said Simmons.

The museum specialist did not try to restore the "Belle" to how it rolled off the Boeing line, but utilized films, photos and records from its time in combat to bring the B-17F back to fighting trim, scars and all

"There are certain damage spots on the "Memphis Belle" that were fixed over time, so we have to make sure that those show up on the aircraft the way they were," said Simmons. "If they put five rivets in an area as opposed to the standard four that are supposed to be there, we have to get that correct... When you go through video footage, old film footage, or photographs, and you do find a little glimpse of what you're looking for, that's a big moment. We have to get it right for those bomber crews."

The bravery of those bomber crews continued after all the whoopla back home died down. Even Morgan was eager to get back in the fight.

While on a morale tour stop in Wichita, Kansas, Morgan caught a glimpse of the future of strategic bombing, the still secret B-29 Superfortress. He volunteered immediately to train on the new bomber and earned command of his own squadron of B-29s that deployed to Saipan in the Pacific Theater.

On November 24, 1944, his 869th Squadron of the 497th Bomb Group was the first, other than Doolittle's Raiders in 1942, to bomb Tokyo. He would go on to complete another 24 combat missions in the B-29 before the end of WWII. He retired from the U.S. Air Force Reserve in 1965 as a colonel

While the restoration and display of the "Memphis Belle" will ensure the story of the dedication, bravery and airmanship of its 10 crewmembers that returned home safely in 1943 honors all the Airmen that fought in WWII, Duford is particularly enthusiastic that the exhibit will allow Museum of U.S. Air Force visitors to learn the story of the little known 11th crewmember of the "Memphis Belle"

As much as any Airman, he embodied the spirit and sense of duty shared by all the heavy bomber crews. "It's the story of one of the waist gunners, Émerson Scott Miller," said Duford. "You don't see him in any of the war bond photos and you don't see his name listed as one of the 'Memphis Belle' crew members. He came overseas as a technician repairing the autopilot systems on B-17s. He was safe. He didn't have to fly the missions but he decided he wanted to do more and volunteered to fly in combat. He joined the 'Memphis Belle' crew after they had flown about nine or 10 of their missions. So he had flown 16 of his missions when the rest of

EFMP SUMMIT from page 2

A few of the key points taken from the 2018 event included the need to enhance career planning guidance for new EFMP enrollees, creating more awareness for EFMP social media sites such as Facebook and YouTube and implementing improvements to the new EFMP enrollee orientation course, slated to debut in January 2019.

Senior Master Sgt. Nathan Yeaworth, a cyber systems manager at RAF Lakenheath, United Kingdom, has been enrolled in EFMP for about four years and has three family members with educational challenges.

"I took a lot of notes from the summit and plan to share this information with our junior Airmen at our squadron calls," Yeaworth said. "Although some program improvements still need to be made, this was a good meeting going forward. It included a good mix of enlisted members, officers and civilians

who provided good feedback." EFMP enrollment has doubled since 2009. More than 31,000 active-duty enlisted members and officers with one or more exceptional family members are enrolled in the program. Enrollment in EFMP is

mandatory for all active-duty Airmen who have a family member with special needs. The program is limited to the Airman's spouse, child or other person actually residing in the Airman's household who is dependent on the Airman for financial support and meets Department of Defense enrollment criteria as a military health care beneficiary.

All Airman and Family Readiness Centers have a staff member assigned to help enhance the quality of life of Airmen and their special needs family members as well as members not officially enrolled in the program.

"For new EFMP families, it can be a confusing time,' Yeaworth said, "but they do not have to shoulder the burden alone.'

The EFMP broadcasts can be found on AFPC's YouTube channel at www.YouTube. com/AFPCPA. For more information, go to the EFMP-Assignments Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/ EFMPAssignments/?tn-str=k*F or visit https://www.afpc.af.mil/ Benefits-and-Entitlements/ Exceptional-Family-Member-Program/.



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Second Lt. Austin Sneed, Pilot Training Next student, trains on a virtual reality flight simulator at the Armed Forces Reserve Center in Austin, Texas, June 18, 2018. Air Education and Training Command officials announced the second iteration of Pilot Training Next would begin in January 2019 during a panel at the 2018 Air Force Association Air, Space and Cyber Conference in National Harbor, Md.

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takeaways we learned is the fact that PTN students having autonomy and individualized training, as opposed to the traditional UPT students' set syllabus, really sped up student learning," Vicars said. "While this approach created sortie scheduling challenges, we are looking at more adaptive scheduling tools to help with that problem."

Another lesson learned was one that while the instructor pilots intentionally took a very open approach to training that valued options-based choices, there was a need to create a more structured approach to the individual's options during training to allow for a more meaningful experience, said Vicars.

"In the next iteration, we will have the students use the learning management system with an AI-enabled search engine to help aggregate relevant content based on machine-generated, performance-based search terms," said Vicars, "We will also give them more robust emergency procedures training to help build airmanship."

Additionally, striking the right balance between making early aircraft platform tracks, such as (combat air forces, mobility air forces, or special operations forces),

designed to teach students how to fly, priming them for transition training at flying training units is a major consideration for PTN officials as they look ahead to the second class.

"In terms of preparing UPT students for the transition to follow-on training, we found we need to build integrated flying training unit teams with representation from 19th Air Force, the different major commands, and the FTUs," Colborn said. "By having those open lines of communication and refining the training for the later phases of the program, we can smooth the students' transition out of PTN to the FTUs."

Creating concrete milestones for students using the PTN curriculum will also be a priority for the next class.

"While individualized training provides uncertainty in terms of a student's progress, there are ways that can help add certainty to student outflows," Vicars said. "This will give both the student

and cadre a better sense of progression through the program, as well as provide interim goals."

PTN Moving Forward

Before the next class begins, the PTN team has plenty of work ahead of them to get ready to incorporate the lessons learned, including student selection and partnerships with accessioning sources, Colburn said.

The next PTN class will approach student selection with a more holistic approach, with applicants being selected based on a battery of test results, including psychological, cognitive and intelligence tests, said Vicars.

In a partnership with the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado, PTN will also have a simulator-only distance learning program to help determine the value of full access to relevant learning materials and AI-support training.



the 'Memphis Belle' crew completed their 25th.

"Capt. Robert Morgan really wanted Scott Miller to come back on the war bond tour, but Miller hadn't finished his 25th mission, so he had to stay. While the 'Belle' crew was celebrated and famous and there were parties for them. Scott Miller was still flying in combat."

Fittingly, Miller finished his 25th mission aboard another B-17 on July 4, 1943, but for him, there were no parades, no press conferences, no meeting movie stars and no special duties.

"We got in touch with Scott Miller's family," said Duford. "They donated a trunk full of artifacts, and so Scott Miller has a place in the exhibit and his story will be told... He could have just simply done his duty repairing those autopilot systems and gone home safe. But he put his life on the line and then was forgotten. Now he's going to be remembered now and for generations to come.'

and providing common experiences that create a typical pilot, are topics being addressed.

Program Considerations While the training is

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that has a mission so vital to deterrence and global safety," she said of the \$2.2 billion stealth bomber that is capable of both nuclear and conventional missions. "To be one of the few pilots to fly this aircraft that is the backbone of nuclear security was an amazing prospect."

She was accepted into the program and began training shortly thereafter. Her first flight in the B-2 was on Feb. 12, 2002, making her the first woman to fly the B-2 stealth bomber. Now, 16 years later, seven other women have become B-2 pilots and others are now in training.

In March 2003, she would do again what no other woman before her had accomplished.

Jennifer flew a mission in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, becoming the first woman to fly the B-2 in combat. Today, she is still the only woman to have flown the B-2 combat.

"Jen is a trailblazer," Kennish said. "Her career has been nothing short of spectacular. And the same can certainly be said for John, who chased Jen from South Dakota all the way to Missouri."

Move to Missouri

John grew up in Great Falls, Montana, where he watched F-16 Fighting Falcon fighter jets from a nearby base fly overhead.

"I really wanted to fly," John said. "And I joined the Air Force because I wanted to fly cool planes. I knew being a military pilot, I would be serving my country and have a pretty incredible day-to-day job at the same time."

He completed an economics degree at Carleton College, Minnesota, and later was commissioned as a second lieutenant through the U.S. Air Force Officer Training School (OTS) in 1999. He earned his pilot wings in 2000, and soon was stationed at Ellsworth AFB, South Dakota, to fly the B-1.

Jennifer was already there and remembers wondering, "Who's the new pilot?"

The first time John saw her, he remembers wondering why she was late to the parachute safety class they were both taking. And, that he wanted to meet her.

John and Jennifer began dating, though it was less than six months later that she left South Dakota for her next assignment to fly the B-2 stealth bomber. It wasn't long after that John also applied and was accepted to fly the B-2 something he said he would not have pursued if it weren't for Jennifer "I wanted to fly the B-2 because that was the plane my future wife was going to fly," John said. "That, and it's without a doubt the world's most elite aircraft. As a pilot, there's nothing more rewarding. Knowing your job is to protect our country, while deterring enemies really is an amazing job to have." Whiteman Air Force Base Now both at Whiteman AFB, John and Jennifer resumed dating. Jennifer accepted John's marriage proposal during a vacation in Germany, where John

had nervously carried around a diamond engagement ring in his pocket until "just the right moment."

On Feb. 5, 2005, the couple married in Colorado. Deployments and training kept them apart during their first four months of marriage, though they did end up with overlapping short-term assignments in Guam and were able to live together on the island. They were thankful to be together then, but always careful to not request preferential treatment because of their marriage - or when they had children, first their son Austin, now 12, and then their daughter Elizabeth, now 9.

Balancing demanding mission and training schedules continued to compete with family life.

Jennifer remembers John's deployment when Austin was just a baby and the guilt she felt when he was the last child to be picked up at daycare, as well as the exhaustion from singleparenthood and a demanding job. Day-to-day was tough, plus Jennifer faced moving for her next assignment while John was required to finish his assignment at Whiteman.

So in 2007, rather than face separating her family, Jennifer decided to leave her active-duty career.

"That was the hardest day," Jennifer remembers. "That drive to work was emotional. But, I felt in good conscience it was the right decision. At the same time, a lot of people believed in me. I'd had so much support along the way, including from John. In the end, I knew it was only myself I needed to worry about letting down and I hadn't disappointed myself. I felt like I had accomplished so much and I'm proud Î did those things. More than anything, I just want my kids to be proud of their mom."

After holding civilian positions at Whiteman AFB, Jennifer joined the Missouri ANG at Whiteman and resumed flying as a B-2 pilot. Again, her path was unprecedented as the first and only female B-2 pilot in the ANG.

By 2008, John also transitioned to the Missouri ANG at Whiteman AFB, and was selected as part of the first group of Guardsmen to fly the B-2. He became the first ANG member to attend B-2 Weapon Instructor School and then the first to become an instructor at Whiteman AFB.

Additionally, John was also the

the B-2 with the Missouri ANG is certainly a win, said Justin Grieve, 509th Bomb Wing Operations Group commander. "At Whiteman, we train elite aviators to fly the world's most strategic airplane. Whether they do that through active duty or the Guard, we're all B-2 pilots defending the homeland.⁷

It's that partnership between an active-duty wing and a Guard wing, called total-force integration, that the Averys helped execute, Eaves said, adding, "Jennifer and John have been trailblazers in the truest sense of the definition. Literally making history on active duty and in the Guard, that wasn't something they set out to do. It's just who they are."

Working together The B-2 brought John and Jennifer back together, and also made them the team they are now, the couple said.

Air Force regulations don't allow spouses to fly in the same aircraft with each other, but John and Jennifer did fly one sortie together in the T-38 Talon training jet before they were

married.

There was an equal division of labor and no struggle for control in the aircraft. Jennifer remembers, much like at home. Through the years, the couple learned to divide parental and domestic duties, as well as to make sacrifices for the benefit of the other.

"We were able to support each other and fully appreciate the other's successes and failures because we knew exactly what the other person was going through," John said.

"We're a team," Jennifer said simply.

The Averys have no doubt this unity will continue now that they've left the Air Force. The family of four moved to Boise, Idaho, which fit their criteria of living in a medium-sized city in the West, near the mountains and full of outdoor recreation.

The kids started their new schools. John flies the B-767 for FedEx and Jennifer works as a Department of Defense consultant for flying-related acquisitions. Both have private pilot's licenses.

"We're excited for this next phase of our lives," John said. **Retired**, together

At their official retirement September ceremony at Whiteman AFB, standing in front of their families and closest friends, John and Jennifer were presented medals for outstanding military service and certificates of appreciations from the president of the United States before the reading of the orders declaring they were "relieved from duty and retired."

Reflecting back on the rigors of pilot training, the long hours and irregular schedules, life's daily demands, the ups and downs of marriage and parenthood, the stresses of leadership positions, worry from combat deployments, John and Jennifer remember the good.

"Yes, it was hard," John remembers. "There was a lot of give and take on both sides. We look back though, and have the best memories.

"We did it. All the way through," Jennifer said. "Together."



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You & your friends are invited to a women's luncheon on Tuesday, October 9th at the Grand Hotel, 12:15-2:00, \$13.00 inclusive. For reservations contact Darcy at 837-8233 or minotchristianwomens@hotmail. com. Program: A silent auction of garden produce, baked goods, crafts, gift baskets, quilted pieces, home canned jams, pickles, etc. will be held. Please join in the fun by bringing items (new items only please) and/or bidding! Please have items for the auction to the luncheon no later that 11:30. Accordian players Jerry Schlag with Karen Stevens & Marla Rose will provide foot stomping music while we bid and visit! Speaker, Heidi Studer, Dent, MN will give a message of hope and encouragement with her talk: "The Greatest Gift of All." Wear your jeans, denim skirts, hats, boots, or whatever's comfortable!

WHAT'S GOING ON MAFB

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

TODAY

- TAP GPS Workshop, 0730-1630, held at the Education Center, hosted by A&FRC
- Keystone Meeting, 1600-1700, Youth Center
- Torch Club Meeting, 1600-1700, Youth Center
- Friday Fun Members Buffet, 1630-1830, Rockers Bar & Grill
- Yoga, 1700, Fitness Center
- Club Members \$\$\$ Drawing, 1730-1830, Jimmy Doolittle Center and Rockers Bar & Grill
- Zumba, 1800, Fitness Center
- Karaoke Night, 2000-close, Rockers Bar & Grill
- Back to School Lock-In, 2100, Youth Center
- Lights & Strikes Bowling, 2100-2400, Rough Rider Lanes

SATURDAY

- Zumba, 0900, Fitness Center
- Yoga, 1000, Fitness Center
- Bowl the Night Away with "Lights & Strikes", 2000-2400, Rough Rider lanes • Hip Hop All Nighter, 2100-0300, Rockers Bar & Grill
- Run 4 Fitness, 1145, Fitness Center • Brown Bag Book Talks, 1200, Base Library

• Circuit Training, 0600, Fitness Center

• Story Time, 1030, Base Library

• Cycle, 1130, Fitness Center

• Run 4 Fitness, 0600, Fitness Center

• Game Day, 1000-1930, Base Library

• Fit To Fight, 1130, Fitness Center

• Fit to Fight, 1700, Fitness Center

Zumba, 1830, Fitness Center

• Pre-Separation Counseling, 0800-1100, A&FRC

• Family Fun Night, 1700-2100, Rough Riders Pizza

• Club Member Benefit, 0900-2000, Rough Rider Lanes

• Fit Family Boot Camp, 0900, Fitness Center

- Pre-Deployment/Remote Readiness Training, 1300-1400, A&FRC
- Respite Care Provider Recruitment Fair, 1500-1800, held at the Minot Public Library hosted by A&FRC



5 October

- Oktoberfest First Friday, 1600-2200, Jimmy Doolittle Center
- Keystone Meeting, 1600-1700, Youth Center
- Torch Club Meeting, 1600-1700, Youth Center
- Friday Fun Members Buffet, 1630-1830, Rockers Bar & Grill
- Club Members \$\$\$ Drawing, 1730-1830, Jimmy Doolittle Center and Rockers Bar & Gri
- Zumba, 1800, Fitness Center
- Give Parents a Break, 1800-2200, CDC & Youth Center
- Mixed Fun League, 1830, Rough Rider Lanes
- Karaoke Night, 2000-close, Rockers Bar & Grill
- Lights & Strikes Bowling, 2100-2400, Rough Rider Lanes

6 October

MONDAY

- NFL Sunday Ticket Football Frenzy Club Members are #1 Foam Hand Day & Enerbase \$50 Gift Card Giveaway, 1130-1800, Rockers Bar & Grill
- Family Zumba, 1400, Fitness Center
- Yoga, 1500, Fitness Center

- 4-H Club, 1600-1700, Youth Center
 - Mug Club Special, 1600-1800, Rockers Bar & Grill
 - Digital Literacy Club, 1630-1730, Youth Center
 - Boss & Buddy \$1 off Draft Special, 1630-1830, Rockers Bar & Grill
 - Members Wind Down Wednesday Buffet, 1630-1830, Rockers Bar & Grill
 - Squadron Extramural League, 1730, Rough Rider Lanes
 - Yoga, 1830, Fitness Center
 - Tactical Fitness, 1930, Fitness Center

¹ Zumba, 0900, Fitness Center

- Youth Bowling League, 1000, Rough Rider Lanes
- Pre-Columbus Day Bowling Special, 1400-2000, Rough Rider Lanes
- Bowl the Night Away with "Lights & Strikes", 2000-2400, Rough Rider lanes
- Fight Night UFC 229: Khabib vs McGregor, 1900, Rockers Bar & Grill

Rough Riders Pizza Special September Special – Roasted Red Pepper

This month's special is our delicious basil butter crusted dough covered with a classic base of marinara sauce, followed by a layer of pepper jack cheese, and topped with Italian sausage, chopped roasted red peppers, and mozzarella cheese before being cooked to perfection. A drizzle of Sriracha sauce completes this scrumptious pizza! Small: \$11 Med: \$15 Large: \$17- Members receive \$2 off any pizza Try it on a Panino! \$8.25 meal — includes side & drink

The B-Fifty Brew Drink Special <u>October Drink of the Month – Pumpkin Pie Smoothie</u> A delicious blend of pumpkin pie filling and whole milk over ice. Topped with a vanilla flavored whipped cream and sprinkled with cinnamon.

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• Fitness Bucket List begins at the Fitness Center

- Registration for Alpha Warrior Regional Pre-Qualifier Competitions begins at the Fitness Center
- Registration for Youth Indoor Soccer begins at the Youth Center
- Tactical Fit Express, 0600, Fitness Center
- Cycle, 1130, Fitness Center
- Reintegration Briefing, 1300, A&FRC
- Digital Literacy Club, 1630-1730, Youth Center
- Zumba, 1730, Fitness Center
- Battle Rig Fitness, 1800, Fitness Center
- Knitting Club, 1800, Base Library
- Key Spouse Monthly Meeting, 1800-1930, held at the PDC, hosted by A&FRC
- Yoga, 1830, Fitness Center

THURSDAY

- Last day to register for Intramural Indoor Soccer at the Fitness Center
- Tactical Fit Express, 0600, Fitness Center
- Fit to Fight, 1130, Fitness Center
- High Performance Nutrition Class, 1200-1245, Fitness Center
- Reintegration Briefing, 1300, A&FRC
- Fitness Hour, 1600-1700, Youth Center
- Fit to Fight, 1700, Fitness Center
- Members 2 for 1 Appetizers, 1700-1900, Rockers Bar & Grill
- Olympic Weight Lifting, 1730, Fitness Center
- Fun 9 Pin No Tap League, 1800, Rough Rider Lanes
- Mixed Couples League, 1830, Rough Rider Lanes
- Zumba, 1830, Fitness Center
- NFL Thursday Night Football Frenzy, 1900, Rockers Bar & Grill



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