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Mrs. Claus poses with 12 of Santa's elves for a photo after being rigged into their parachutes for Operation Toy Drop 2018 at Ramstein Air Base, Germany, Dec. 13, 2018. Members of the 5th Quartermaster Theater Aerial Delivery Company worked with the 435th Air Ground Operations Wing, 86th Airlift Wing, and seven coalition partners

U.S. AIR FORCE PHOTO | AIRMAN 1ST CLASS KRISTOF J. RIXMANN

Santa, Elves jump for Operation Toy Drop 2018

SENIOR AIRMAN DEVIN M. RUMBAUGH | 86TH AIRLIFT WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany (AFNS) -- Santa Claus and his elves delivered toys to children via military freefall and static-line jumps as part of the 7th annual Operation Toy Drop event on Alzey Drop Zone, Germany Dec. 11-13, 2018.

Each day of the operation, U.S. Air Force, U.S. Army, and seven partner nations took off in an 86th Airlift Wing C-130J Super Hercules aircraft to conduct low-level passes over the drop zone.

Throughout the operation, paratroopers conducted approximately 140 personnel drops each day.

On the final day of the event, the 37th Airlift Squadron dropped several crates of toys while Santa Claus performed a high altitude military freefall

jump, and Mrs. Claus and 12 elves performed static-line jumps onto Alzey Drop Zone.

After the jump, Santa Claus, Mrs. Claus, and the elves gave toys to local children from around the Kaiserslautern military community.

"It's a great way to build our community," said Maj. Benjamin Wingler, 1st Combat Communications Squadron director of operations and jumpmaster. "It shows that we're not just here to use the land as the U.S. Army or Air Force, but we're here to give back to the community."

The U.S. Army 5th Quartermaster Theater Aerial Delivery Company, based at Rhine Ordnance Barracks, Germany, hosted the event.

The three-day operation ended with coalition partner jumpmasters presenting their

Top Inset Photo: Santa Claus cheers as he completes a military freefall jump during Operation Toy Drop 2018 over Alzey Drop Zone, Germany, Dec. 12, 2018. Santa and his elves jumped from 86th Airlift Wing Super Hercules aircraft and delivered gifts to children.

Bottom Inset Photo: Army Capt. Rizoli Elias, 5th Quartermaster Theater Aerial Delivery Company commander, hands a stuffed animal to a child during Operation Toy Drop 2018 on Alzey Drop Zone, Germany, Dec. 13, 2018. Santa and his elves delivered gifts via cargo delivery system drops from an 86th Airlift Wing Super Hercules aircraft.

U.S. AIR FORCE PHOTOS | SENIOR AIRMAN DEVIN M. RUMBAUGH

nation's jump wings to other country's paratroopers who jumped with them during the week.

"It's just a great week for building partnership capacity," Wingler said. "It's a great training environment that gives back to the community."



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Reserve spouse to memorialize fallen EOD Airman

TECH. SGT. NESTOR CRUZ | 944 FIGHTER WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

LUKE AIR FORCE BASE, Ariz. (AFNS) -- **B**ronze statues can be seen almost anywhere but one rarely hears the amazing stories behind their creation. The spouse of a Reserve Airman here at Luke Air Force Base, Arizona, recently sculpted a bust of Senior Airman Daniel Johnson, 30th Civil Engineer Squadron explosive ordnance disposal technician, Vandenberg Air Force Base, California. Johnson was killed in action Oct. 5, 2010, while serving

during Operation Enduring Freedom. "My husband has a contact with the EOD Warrior Foundation, so through the contact we came up with the idea to give back in some way because the military family and the EOD family had done so much for our family," said Stephanie Hunter, spouse of Senior Master Sgt. Stephen Hunter, 944th Civil Engineer Squadron EOD program manager. "Lauren (the point of contact) was very helpful. She got behind the idea and sent out emails looking for Gold Star families we can honor." Gold Star families are those with family members in the U.S. Armed Forces who made the ultimate sacrifice in service of their country. The response was massive. Stephanie and her husband received a flood of emails from families hoping to memorialize their fallen heroes. One email in particular connected with Stephanie in a special way. "We chose to honor Senior Airman Johnson because his duty background mirrored my husband's, plus Johnson is from Minnesota, my home state, so I felt a bit of a hometown connection with him." Johnson was assigned to the 30th CES at Vandenberg AFB. He deployed in 2009 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Johnson deployed again in 2010, this time to Kandahar,

Afghanistan. There, he was credited with single-handedly saving an Afghanistan National Army soldier injured by an improvised explosive device. "I just wanted to make the Johnson family proud of this memorial for their son and realize that he's not forgotten," Stephanie said. "The Johnson family has been very supportive of this project." Hunter said he's very proud of his wife's contribution to his military family. "I'm in awe of Stephanie's unique way of supporting the EOD community and our fallen comrade," he said. Even though sculpting the bust was a labor of love, Stephanie was dissatisfied with her work. "I'm an artist and extremely critical of my own work," she said. "Sometimes all I can see is what's wrong with the project. But Jim Johnson (Senior Airman Johnson's father), gave me approval to move forward. I felt great." The sculpted bust is now at a foundry where a mold will be made before being cast in bronze. "The sculpture is going to change a couple times before

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Airman 1st Class Phillip E. Rock, a 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron B-2 weapons load crew member, weaves a dream catcher on Nov. 15, 2018, in his dorm at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo. Rock's family history is deeply rooted in both the U.S. armed forces and the Navajo tribe.

U.S. AIR FORCE PHOTO | STAFF SGT. KAYLA WHITE



Navajo Airman continues family's military legacy at Whiteman

BRYE STEEVES | 509TH BOMB WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

WHITEMAN AIR FORCE BASE, Mo. (AFNS) -- (This feature is part of the "Through Airmen's Eyes" series on AF.mil. These stories focus on a single Airman, highlighting their Air Force story.)

Airman 1st Class Phillip Rock is part of his family's legacy of military service – a legacy that, in fact, would not have continued if it weren't for that military service itself.

Stationed at Whiteman Air Force Base, Rock is a B-2 Spirit weapons load crew member in the 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. It is his first Air Force assignment and the most recent in his family's military history.

"I was raised in Kayenta, Arizona, which is an hour away from the four corners," said Phillip, who is three-quarters Navajo American Indian. "It is really the heart of the reservation."

Raised by his grandparents, he learned much about his cultural heritage from them. He also learned where his family's long military lineage began.

This Rock family tradition started with his great grandfather, Joseph Rock – Grandpa Joe – who served in World War II.

"At first, I didn't know much about what my great grandfather had done," Phillip said.

Grandpa Joe died in 2004 at age 92 when Phillip was 5 years old. It wasn't until he was nearly a teen that Phillip realized his great grandfather was a war hero.

One day, when Rock was 12 years old, he was flipping through TV channels with

his grandfather, Ernest Rock Sr., in their living room. They stopped to watch a historical documentary about World War II.

Rock recalled asking his grandfather about his great grandfather's role in the major world conflict which spanned across Europe and the Pacific.

"I said, 'Isn't that the war Grandpa Joe fought in? What did he do?'"

His grandfather told Phillip "He was a code talker."

Western expansion, cultural repression

It was the early 1900s and Joseph Rock was a young boy living on a Navajo reservation in Arizona. As the country expanded westward, much of the tribe's land was taken by the U.S. government. Joseph was sent to school, where his long hair was cut and his name was changed.

"He went up to a chalkboard, pointed at a random configuration of letters, and that's how he became Joseph Rock," Phillip said. "Four generations later, we still carry on that last name."

Grandpa Joe was also punished in school if he spoke his native language – the same language that would later save countless lives.

By 1941, shortly after the U.S. had entered WWII, the Marine Corps began to recruit Navajo tribal members for a top-secret code-communications program that wouldn't be declassified until two decades later.

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the final product, so it'll be a different feeling when I finally see it in bronze," Stephanie said. "It'll be permanent."

The Johnson family intends to place the finished bust at a climbing center in Mukwonago, Wisconsin.

Stephanie hopes her work will encourage others to give back to the Air Force family.

"I just want to inspire

others to do the same thing for their military family and do something outside of themselves," she said. "I'm extremely honored and humbled to be part of this project and I'm thankful to the EOD Warrior Foundation for helping to support this project."

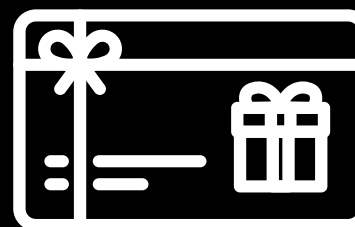
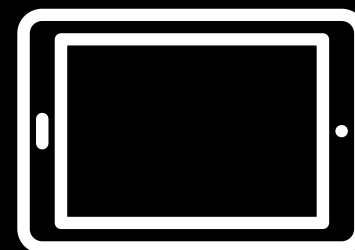
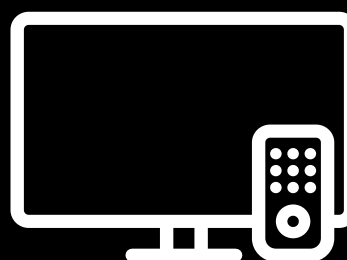
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1st Lt. Valyn Beasley, 55th Medical Group practice manager health-care administrator, poses for a photo Dec. 19, 2018, at the Ehrling Bergquist Clinic, Bellevue, Neb.. Beasley was recently admitted into the National Coalition of 100 Black Women of Omaha, a non-profit advocacy organization designed to increase the economic growth, health & wellness, educational, political and social gains for women of color, in recognition for her community service.

U.S. AIR FORCE PHOTO | TECH. SGT. RACHELLE BLAKE

100 Black Women of Omaha inducts Offutt AFB Airman

CHARLES J. HAYMOND | 55TH WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

OFFUTT AIR FORCE BASE, Neb. (AFNS) --

In her office, hangs a white board covered with hand-written personalized to-do lists for Airmen she has taken under her wing. Although she left the realm of counseling to serve her country, she continues to find ways to integrate it into her new life with one goal in mind – to guide the leaders of tomorrow.

1st Lt. Valyn Beasley, 55th Medical Group practice manager healthcare administrator, was born and raised in North Omaha, merely miles from Offutt Air Force Base. While stationed so close to home, she spends her time, not only mentoring those inside its gates, but also members

of her community and it has not gone unnoticed.

She was recently inducted into the National Coalition of 100 Black Women of Omaha, a non-profit advocacy organization designed to increase the economic growth, health and wellness, educational, political and social gains for women of color, with specific emphasis on enhancing the quality of life and lifestyles of all African-American women.

“These are all things that are important to me and I stand for their mission and values, especially education,” Beasley said. “Education has always been very important to me. It is one thing no one can take from you.”

Beasley has her master’s

degree in counseling and business administration and is currently accepted into three Ph.D programs in organizational leadership.

“Growing up a first-generation student, in a single-parent home along with the other adversity that came with it, I have always been asked ‘how did you make it through all the struggles and hardship,’” she said. “I was in the lived-experience, so it did not come as a struggle to me, it was simply life for me. I have the ability to get through high stress conditions and still succeed.”

It is that mindset she hopes to pass along through her work with the NC100BW.

“Through advocacy these women work as change agents to influence policy that promotes gender equity in health, education and economic empowerment,” Beasley said. “It was an honor to be inducted. Now, I feel a greater sense of responsibility than I ever have. I need to do, and be, better in order to live up to this organization.”

After she applied for membership in the coalition, she was interviewed, where the president and the committee had to decide if

she was qualified to become a part of the group.

Beasley was recognized for her community service and how she impacted her environment. She is a part of a mentorship group that advises young women, ages 11-18.

“I am already doing the work that this organization is designed to achieve,” she said. “I care about my community and am always working to make it and others better.”

Beasley said she is very happy to be a representative of Omaha and hopes to improve the future of her home area.

“I was honored that the work I have been doing in my community for so long was recognized,” said Beasley. “I am truly passionate about helping others achieve their full potential, personally, professionally and academically. I believe being inducted into the NC100BW of Omaha will help me to influence others on a larger scale, because of my involvement others have already asked me how they can get involved and I believe bringing awareness and educating is one of the best ways to influence others.”

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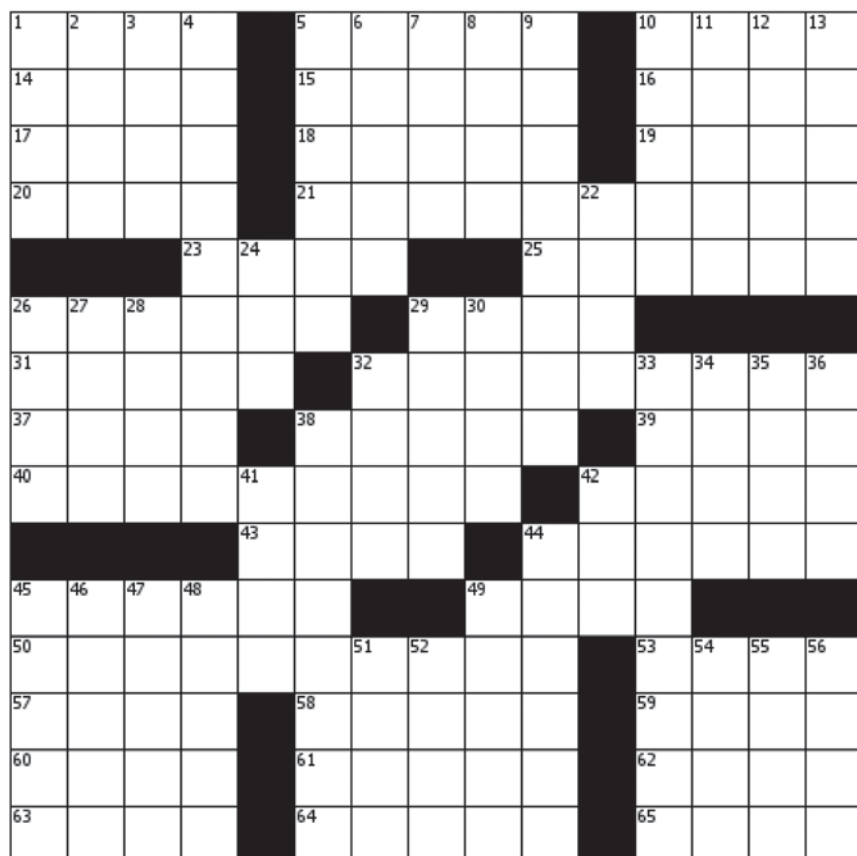
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- 5. Legwear of yore
- 10. Some Morse symbols
- 14. Famous musical
- 15. Take one's time
- 16. Once again
- 17. "Anatomy of a Murder" director Preminger
- 18. Peculiar speech form
- 19. Vehicle at an auction, perhaps
- 20. Sound of relief
- 21. It's in your head
- 23. Norton Sound city
- 25. Reverberated
- 26. Rapeseed oil
- 29. Small speck
- 31. One way to read
- 32. Parcheesi, e.g.
- 37. Tall spar
- 38. Irritable
- 39. Public uproar
- 40. Canned fruit
- 42. It may be cast out
- 43. They're caught on the beach
- 44. Daily ritual, below the border
- 45. Joint injury
- 49. Trumpeting bird
- 50. Bechamel, e.g.
- 53. Ballet finale, e.g.
- 57. Freedom from hardship
- 58. Was in a funk
- 59. Jai ____



- 60. Befuddled
 - 61. ____ ear and out the other
 - 62. Water source
 - 63. Glossary entry
 - 64. Temporary housing
 - 65. Fawning females?
- Down**
- 1. Rough seas feature
 - 2. Words to live by
 - 3. Tiny arachnid
 - 4. Power company problems
 - 5. Mark of infamy
 - 6. Military chaplain
 - 7. Verdi's "Caro nome," e.g.
 - 8. Ancient city near the Dardanelles
 - 9. Perfect proportion
 - 10. Villainous Vader
 - 11. ____ a customer
 - 12. Wickiup relative
 - 13. Scimitar, e.g.
 - 22. Scored perfectly
 - 24. Tiresome
 - 26. Word with boot or day
 - 27. Winglike
 - 28. Narrow victory margin

- 29. "Sugaring Off" painter
- 30. Horse feed
- 32. Group of quails
- 33. Immigrant's document
- 34. Draws a bead on
- 35. Subject to debate
- 36. Sicilian peak
- 38. Pass along
- 41. Ohio Indian
- 42. Circle width (Abbr.)
- 44. Subjects of Gustavus I
- 45. Blood and tears link
- 46. Aspect
- 47. Stair part
- 48. Mr. T's gang
- 49. Means of detection
- 51. First-class
- 52. On top of
- 54. Spicy stew
- 55. Hill partner
- 56. Is unwell

SUDOKU Solution to puzzle on page 14

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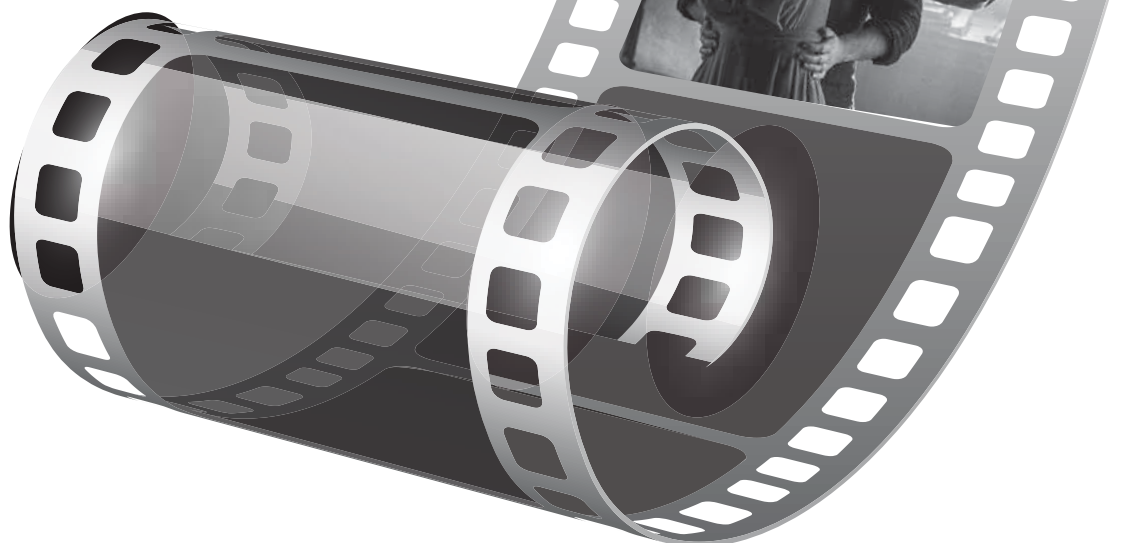
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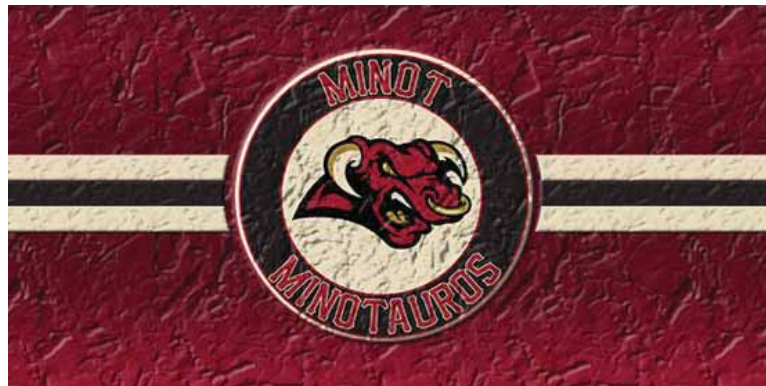
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MINOT AIR FORCE BASE, N.D. -- It all started with an airshow in the United Kingdom.

U.S. Air Force jets roared overhead, dazzling the crowd and displaying the might of American airpower. A little boy stood awestruck, vowing that one day would fly one of those awesome jets.

That same boy immigrated to the U.S. with his family and enlisted in the Air Force, electing to serve his new nation.

He became an air transportation specialist, deploying and making sure aircraft were in the fight. Later, he earned a special duty assignment as a facility manager in the 740th Missile Squadron at Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota.

On December 13, Staff Sgt. Sean Platt answered the phone while on-duty at Delta-01 Missile Alert Facility, discovering that it was none other than Secretary of the Air Force (SECAF) Heather Wilson.

Platt, the same boy who began his dream at an airshow, was shocked and excited to find out that he was one of only five Airmen selected by Headquarters Air Force for the prestigious Senior Leader Enlisted Commissioning Program (SLECP) and that he had also earned the opportunity to attend pilot training after commissioning. This achievement is the culmination of four years of hard work and represents the first step toward achieving a life-long dream of serving as a military aviator.

Through multiple assignments and deployments, Platt recalls he fell in love with the Profession of Arms, set a goal to earn a commission and pursued the opportunity to fulfill his lifelong dream of flying.

The SLECP, which allows select Air Force senior leaders to hand-pick the best and brightest from across the service to commission through officer training school, represented a natural means to achieve this goal. Unlike the Airman Scholarship & Commissioning Program and Officer Training School (OTS) application process, SLECP offers a fast-track method of earning a commission without the need to submit an application or meet a board.

Platt's squadron, group and wing leadership also felt this program would be a great opportunity for their young noncommissioned officer.

"I could tell right away that he was destined for great things and would be an outstanding leader, mentor, and officer for the Air Force," said Lt. Col. Benji Johnson, 740th MS commander.

"Platt's sustained performance and demonstrated leadership is an example for all NCOs," said Master Sgt. Joshua Lorenz, 740th MS superintendent. "His passion is to lead and I look forward to what he will accomplish for the men and women in the United States Air Force."

After meeting with the 91st Missile Wing commander, Col. Glenn Harris, Platt was thrilled to be informed that he was Air Force Global Strike Command's nominee for the program and would be competing at Air Force Headquarters for one of the coveted spots.

After two more anxious months of hoping and waiting, the SECAF's phone call was the welcome conclusion to a four-year long journey to earning a commission.

With his selection, Platt will be enrolled in the SLECP-O track for members who have already earned an undergraduate degree. Upon selection for the program, SLECP-O personnel depart their unit to attend Officer Training School (OTS) and then attend either rated or non-rated technical training.

Members who have not completed their undergraduate studies are vectored into the SLECP-A to attend school while remaining on active duty, after which they report to OTS followed by technical education in their new career field.

"Serving as a commissioned officer will provide me the opportunity to guide, mentor and develop our Airmen into tomorrow's global leaders," said Platt.

Platt will continue to serve in the 740th MS until he is assigned to an OTS class and commissions as a second lieutenant. He will then attend Undergraduate Pilot Training.

For more information on commissioning in the Air Force, contact the Education Office at 701-723-2772 or visit <https://www.airforce.com/how-to-join/process/enlisted-to-officer>.

Air Force base of preference initiative evolves to permanent program

KAT BAILEY | AIR FORCE'S PERSONNEL CENTER PUBLIC AFFAIRS

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, Texas (AFNS) -- The Base of Preference enhanced assignment initiative begins Jan. 9, 2019, and provides enlisted Airmen who have 48 months' time on station as of May 2019 the opportunity to apply for available Permanent Change of Station assignments in the continental United States, or CONUS, through an immediate, straightforward and transparent process.

This is the latest evolution of the Base of Preference program run by the Air Force's Personnel Center and now includes eligible career Airmen in all Air Force specialty codes assigned to CONUS locations.

"This final step in the initiative normalizes the process we began in April, simplifying the BOP application so Airmen and commanders can make professional development and career decisions by aligning preferences with available requirements," said Ron Gallucci, AFPC assignments programs and

procedures program manager.

In April, AFPC launched an initiative designed to improve how it delivers BOP program information to Airmen, increasing the visibility of available locations. The initial phase included seven AFSCs: logistics plans (2G0X1), materiel management (2S0X1), RF transmission systems (3D1X3), administration (3F5X1), health services management (4A0X1), contracting (6C0X1) and financial management and comptroller (6F0X1).

In July, AFPC added pharmacy (4P0X1), personnel (3F0X1) and tactical air control party (1C4X1).

"Starting in January, AFPC will post the available CONUS locations where Air Force requirements exist—by skill level and Air Force specialty code—on the Assignment Management System, similar to the Overseas and Overseas Returnee/CONUS Mandatory Mover assignment cycles," Gallucci said.

He advises Airmen with pending

BOP applications to update their assignment preferences based on the posted available requirements. If an AFSC is not listed, Gallucci said no available requirement in that AFSC exists that quarter.

AFPC will send targeted messages directly to eligible Airmen assigned to CONUS locations, which will include cutoff dates and links to submit their applications.

"This evolution provides transparency to commanders and Airmen alike," Gallucci said. "It's important that AFPC remains agile, innovative, and responsive to Airmen's needs and Air Force requirements."

These programmatic changes do not include nor affect in-place or retraining BOP applications, nor will they impact battlefield airmen, enlisted aircrew or the security forces (3P) breadth of experience initiative.

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Dates to Know:

- **Dec. 28:** Zone 1 Canada goose season closes.
- **Dec. 30:** Light goose, High Plains duck, merganser, coot, and tundra swan seasons close.
- **Dec. 30:** Bighorn sheep, elk seasons close.
- **Jan. 1:** First Day Hike, Fort Stevenson State Park, Garrison, 6 p.m. Meet at Visitor Center.
- **Jan. 6:** Upland bird and archery deer seasons close.



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OUTDOOR NOTES:

*Ice is never completely safe. Avoid areas with vegetation, moving water, pressure ridges, and springs. Check conditions as you go along on the ice.

Fishing:

Lake Sakakawea elevation, Dec. 24: 1,839.75 feet above mean sea level (MSL); 21,000 cubic feet per second (CFS) Garrison Dam average daily releases.

Devils Lake elevation: 1,448.11 feet above mean sea level (MSL).

Stump Lake elevation: 1,448.08 MSL.

*Devils Lake, Woodland Resort, Devils Lake: Fair to good walleye success. Try areas with structure, such as Rocky or Military points in 27 to 35 feet with jigging Raps, buckshots tipped with minnows, or jigs and minnows. Also try Northern Feeder Lakes where there is continued walleye success. Most perch are on the small size with best success still in Black Tiger Bay.

*N.D. Game & Fish Dept. game wardens: No Devils Lake or north-central area lakes report. Lake Audubon producing small walleye but watch varying ice depths.

*Devils Lake, Ed's Bait Shop, Devils Lake: Continued walleye and perch activity with most anglers still working east around Black Tiger Bay. Lots of activity on Creel Bay.

*Devils Lake, Woodland Resort, Devils Lake: No new reports.

*Lake Darling, Karma C-Store, Ruthville: Continued walleye activity at Lake Darling and up around the Grano area. Buffalo Lodge Lake improving.

*Lake Darling, Upper Souris Nat'l. Wildlife Refuge, Foxholm: No new reports.

*Lake Metigoshe, Four Seasons, Bottineau: Overall fair success for a mix of walleye, crappie, and bluegill. Anglers marking fish but bite is a little finicky yet. Occasional small pike.

*Lake Metigoshe, Lake Metigoshe State Park, Bottineau: No new reports.

*Lake Sakakawea/Lake Audubon, Cenex Bait & Tackle, Garrison: South side of Lake Audubon producing a few walleye from the second

access point to Nelson Bay. Also try the old church bay. Use extreme caution with varying ice conditions. Missouri River tailrace remains fair to good for walleye.

*Lake Sakakawea/Lake Audubon, 6-Mile Bait & Tackle, Garrison: Continued fair success from Lake Audubon.

*Lake Sakakawea, Scenic 23, New Town: Some activity from Tobacco Garden west to White Earth Bay and Lund's Landing on Lake Sakakawea but the Van Hook Arm has open water. No activity in the river around New Town.

*Lake Sakakawea/Missouri River, Scott's Bait & Tackle, Pick City: Lake Audubon spotty for walleye. Ice depth varies, especially in areas with springs. Missouri River tailrace continues producing walleye and ling during the day with rocks producing walleye, including some nice-sized ones, from shore. Some down river success from boats, as well, during the day.

*Lake Sakakawea/northwest N.D. lakes, Scenic Sports, Williston: Lake Sakakawea fair to good from Long Creek to White Earth Bay for walleye. Look for rocky areas in the bays for crappie. Most spearfishing is around White Earth Bay where there is clearer water. Continued shore-fishing around the pump house on the open water of the Missouri River but look for shoreline edges to ice over with cooler weather. Trenton Lake continues producing crappie.

*Lonetree WMA area lakes, Harvey: No new reports.

*North-central/central N.D. lakes, Towner Hdwe. Hank, Towner: Antelope and Round lakes continue producing walleye with occasional pike mixed in.

Hunting:

*Pheasants: Bird numbers remain fair in pockets but birds are extremely flighty. Work heavier cover in areas with snow.

*Predators: Lots of activity with numbers of coyotes being taken but trapping success is slower.



Minot State Development Foundation receives Edson & Margaret Larson Foundation grant to support Veterans Entrepreneurship Training Program

MICHAEL LINNELL | DIRECTOR OF UNIVERSITY COMMUNICATIONS

MINOT, N.D. –

The Minot State University Development Foundation, in partnership with Minot State's College of Business, announced the University has received an Edson & Margaret Larson Foundation grant.

The grant will support the start of the Minot State University Veterans Entrepreneurship Training (VET) Program. Minot State entrepreneurship students working in this program will assist veterans (or veteran spouses) who are interested in starting their own business.

"The VET Program is my brain child," said Minot State assistant professor of entrepreneurship and management Tracey Mays. "In developing the entrepreneurship program, I wanted to give students the opportunity to provide service to the community using the theories they learned in the classroom. This will be one of their possible portfolio experiences to demonstrate to themselves and future employers they have applied skills learned in the classroom to real-world businesses. I am always looking to give them opportunities for hands-on learning."

Approximately 25 percent of transitioning veterans are interested in running their own business according to research conducted by Bunker labs. The VET Program is designed to help veterans and others start businesses in the local Minot community, which invigorates the local economy through job creation and the development of a local entrepreneurial ecosystem. As a neighbor and friend of the Minot Air Force Base, it is essential the Minot community continues to support our veterans.

"I have a special place in my heart for veterans," Mays said. "My father was a retired Army veteran and my husband is a veteran, serving in the Air Force. Chuck Barney, director of the Severson Entrepreneurship Academy, helps with the Boots to Business program at Minot AFB and has found many vets that are interested in starting their own business upon separation or retirement. I thought there is a need there and our students can apply skills learned in the entrepreneurship program to help the vets start or grow their businesses."

The VET program will begin with veterans and veterans' spouses as clients, but will extend to a broader program for anyone in the Minot community that needs business start-up and entrepreneurship consultation. Prospective and current small business owners will be able to seek analysis and consultation from entrepreneurship students who are supervised by Minot

State faculty and staff.

It also affords students an opportunity to use what they have learned in the classroom to deliver value to a real business client. This program will give students the opportunity to develop their entrepreneurial portfolio and practice much needed leadership and management skills. The student will practice this by helping veterans start a new venture or by helping young start-ups become more successful by using the entrepreneurial skills acquired through theory and coursework. The student will offer the veterans interesting insights from using their knowledge of theory as well as provide them advice from their unique perspectives, using creativity and energy to put their skills to work to help the veteran's business. This experience will provide students with relevant work experience that is transferrable in a job setting and it will also help teach them goal setting, consulting, project management, leadership, problem-solving, communication and analytical skills.

In addition, the Edson & Margaret Larson Foundation grant will allow for the creation of a resource library. This resource library will give students resources and reading materials necessary to help them better consult the clients, such as books on sources of funding for veterans and small businesses. The funds would also be used to purchase hardware and software to develop business plans, projected financial statements and sample marketing materials for clients, allow for the development and delivery of student lead workshops on entrepreneurship topics, and provide marketing materials to help attain potential program participants. It will also provide students scholarships for participation in the program.

ABOUT THE EDSON & MARGARET LARSON FOUNDATION

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NAVAJO TRADITION from page 4

At first, fewer than 30 Navajo Indians were recruited as code talkers. In total, only about 400 of the 44,000 American Indians who served in WWII were Navajo code talkers. Joseph Rock was asked to work among them, and he accepted.

"He was told if he served, the family would get some of their land back and a house," Phillip Rock said. "None of that happened."

But those promises weren't what enticed Grandpa Joe to join the military. He wanted to serve his country, and did so honorably.

"My great grandfather was proud of his service," Phillip Rock said. "It's his legacy."

Military recruitment

This was not the first time American Indians were recruited for U.S. military service, either as combatants or code talkers. During the first World War, American troops relied on messages transmitted in Cherokee and Choctaw tribal languages to pass secret information. However, the languages used were eventually all deciphered by enemy troops.

The Navajo language, though, is considered particularly linguistically difficult. And at that time, it had not been written down. The U.S. government knew it would be nearly impossible for a non-Navajo to learn.

So, in the early 1940s, Navajo code talkers used their language to create more than 200 new words for military terms and then committed them to memory.

"The enemy never understood it," a Marine general was quoted as saying after the Navajo code was first used in WWII. "We don't understand it either, but it works."

The Navajo code is the only spoken military code that has never been deciphered, and Navajo code talkers are credited with saving thousands of Americans' and allies' lives.

Winning the war

Before he knew his

Grandpa Joe served as a code talker, Phillip learned about his tribe's role in WWII as a boy in school.

"We were taught that we should be extremely thankful for what they did," Phillip said. "Without the code talkers, we wouldn't have won the war."

During the Battle of Iwo Jima in 1945, Navajo code talkers worked around the clock sending and receiving thousands of messages. One Marine later stated, "Were it not for the Navajos, the Marines would never have taken Iwo Jima," according to the Naval History and Heritage Command.

Joseph Rock was one of those code talkers involved in the critical battle to claim the Pacific island.

During the battle, a grenade landed only feet away from Joseph Rock, who "watched it hit the ground," Phillip said. Then, Joseph Rock saw one of his fellow Marines dive on top of it, giving his life to save Grandpa Joe.

"He wanted to save the life of a code talker," Phillip Rock said. "It's inspiring what people will do to continue with the mission. My Grandpa Joe owed his life to that man."

Neither Joseph Rock nor the Rock family was ever able to find out who the Marine was, but know future generations of Rocks have their lives thanks to his valor.

"I owe my life to that man, too," Phillip said.

Culture and service

Since Grandpa Joe, many members of the Rock family have answered their nation's call including his grandfather, his father, uncles and an aunt.

For Phillip, his great grandfather's service as a code talker influenced Phillip's own decision to join the Air Force.

Phillip is the most recent member of his family to serve in the military.

"I feel like it was a prideful thing to carry on that lineage of service," said Phillip. "It felt like the right calling. My Grandpa Joe was the first to wear this name on a uniform. I am very proud of this name. I knew I wanted to carry that on and wear it on a uniform."

Meanwhile, Navajo principles have taught him respect, perseverance and determination.

"My culture really shapes who I am," Phillip Rock says. "I wear my culture on my sleeve and my name on my chest."



Air Force dental tech gains 'once in a lifetime experience'

STAFF SGT. JEREMY L. MOSIER | 386TH AIR EXPEDITIONARY WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

SOUTHWEST ASIA (AFNS) --

Members of the 386th Expeditionary Wing dental team were given a unique opportunity to join forces with the Army veterinary clinic to provide support to the K-9 unit at an undisclosed location in Southwest Asia, Dec. 8.

In most instances in a deployed environment the medical group supports the vet by providing medications and food related support, but on this day it was to perform a teeth cleaning on Military Working Dog Vviking.

"I am very grateful to do this out here," said Staff Sgt. Torri Olivieri, 386th Expeditionary Medical Group dental services noncommissioned officer in charge. "Working with a military working dog and supporting the mission in this aspect is a once-in-a-lifetime experience."

In a deployed location, the veterinary clinic leans heavily on the medical group in emergencies to support the K-9 unit if the veterinary clinic is unavailable.

"I called the dental tech and dentist down here today so they could get hands-on experience with the MWD, because if there is an emergent situation they would be the ones



Top Photo: Staff Sgt. Torri Olivieri, 386th Expeditionary Medical Group dental services noncommissioned officer in charge, conducts a teeth cleaning at an undisclosed location in Southwest Asia, Dec. 7, 2018. While deployed, the veterinary clinic relies on the medical group for many of their medications and as a contingency plan if an emergent situation were to occur.

Bottom Photo: Army Capt. Carolyn Scholl, 719th Medical Detachment Veterinary Services veterinary core officer, prepares to insert a breathing tube in military working dog Vviking's throat during a routine teeth cleaning at an undisclosed location in Southwest Asia, Dec. 7, 2018. During this routine teeth cleaning, the veterinary clinic invited members of the 386th Expeditionary Medical Group dental clinic to perform the cleaning, which is a rare opportunity for dental technicians.

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taking care of the dog," said Army Spc. Caitlin Hinds, 719th Medical Detachment Veterinary Services vet technician.

While the veterinary clinic is a role three facility, which means they are able to support a majority of surgeries, they aren't specifically trained to perform routine cleanings.

The vet clinic takes the opportunity to invite both medical clinic staff and dog handlers to many routine visits, such as blood draws and check-ups, to ensure they have the knowledge and are comfortable to do these things if they are unavailable, Hinds explained.

Staff Sgt. Angelina Borges, 386th Expeditionary Medical Group military working dog handler, discussed an incident earlier this year when her partner, MWD Vviking, was having issues

lying down and sitting and the vet was there to help her every step of the way to help improve his health.

"I am really thankful for the vet clinic here and how they have explained everything to me," Borges said.

The trust and willingness to accommodate one another has really bolstered the partnership between the Army and Air Force and Hinds looks to keep improving that relationship.

"I can go to the kennel master and medical group and say, 'I need this,' and they are more than willing to help," Hinds explained. "It makes me feel good, because I am building the bonds back."

The cohesiveness between units at 'The Rock' stems from these bonds and has developed with trust and partnership with one goal in mind—to complete the mission.

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Joshua Orr, 60th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, uses a CreaForm HandyScan 700 to capture digital information to render a three-dimensional image of an aircraft part into specialized computer software, Nov. 16, 2018, at Travis Air Force Base, Calif. The scanner will be utilized in conjunction with two additive manufacturing units, one polymer and one metal, to print aircraft parts on site.

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Innovation enhancing mission for Air Force's largest air mobility wing

TECH. SGT. JAMES HODGMAN | 60TH AIR MOBILITY WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. (AFNS) -- Airmen at Travis Air Force Base are implementing innovative strategies to reduce man hours and increase mission effectiveness.

Over the past several months, the base has implemented a variety of innovations including 3D printing and 3D scanning.

Cultivating a culture of innovation is essential to mission success, said Col. Matthew Leard, 60th Air Mobility Wing vice commander.

"At Travis (AFB), Airmen are empowered to identify and solve problems at their level, rapidly," he said. "We want Airmen to think big and try the ideas others say will never work. It does not always have to be proven technology or have a business case. Let's just try it, who knows it may just work."

The innovations under

way at Travis AFB were made possible when the Air Force distributed \$64 million in Squadron Innovation Funds in an effort to increase readiness, reduce cost, save time and enhance lethality of the force.

In October, Travis AFB procured a 3D hand scanner capable of producing three-dimensional representations of aircraft parts. The device has also been used to inspect aircraft damage.

"The scanner displays the deepest part of a dent to the nearest thousandth of an inch," said Master Sgt. Christopher Smithling, 60th Maintenance Squadron assistant section chief for aircraft structural maintenance. "The scanner can identify the shape of a dent, as well as if it's sharp, smooth or round, which allows us to give our engineers a better damage analysis than we could before."

Smithling said the scanner was first used in November

to inspect the landing gear of a C-17 Globemaster III after a bird strike, and over the past month, has greatly reduced the time required to complete damage inspections.

"One of our C-5 aircraft went through a hail storm in 2013 and we found many dents on all the panels," he said. "We've performed an inspection of this aircraft every 180 days and we've had to measure every dent that's still on the wing's surface. The first few times we did that, it took us 48 hours. We had that C-5 in our hangar last week and we were able to inspect the four primary structural panels in 30 minutes."

The 60th MXS is also in the process of procuring two 3D printers, one polymer printer and one metal printer, so they can reproduce aircraft parts.

"With the two additive manufacturing units, we will be able to grab any aircraft part, scan it, and within four to eight

hours, we will have a true 3D drawing of it that we can send to the additive manufacturing unit to print it," Smithling said.

That capability, he said, will decrease the time Travis AFB aircraft are out of service.

"Right now, we could have one of our aircraft down for about 48 hours while we try to get the part it needs," he said. "Once we have this additive manufacturing capability in place, we will likely be able to print and replace parts in a few hours and return our aircraft to flying status much quicker."

Innovation is also leading to improved patient care at David Grant USAF Medical Center, the largest medical center in the Air Force. The Dental Clinic at DGMC received a Form2 printer in August, which has enabled the clinic to produce a variety of items used for dental surgery.

"We currently fabricate surgical guides, hard night guards and dental models or casts with different variations," said Capt. Geoffrey Johnston, 60th Dental Squadron prosthodontist. "We are also investigating printing temporary crown and bridge restorations, complete and partial dentures and orthodontic clear aligners."

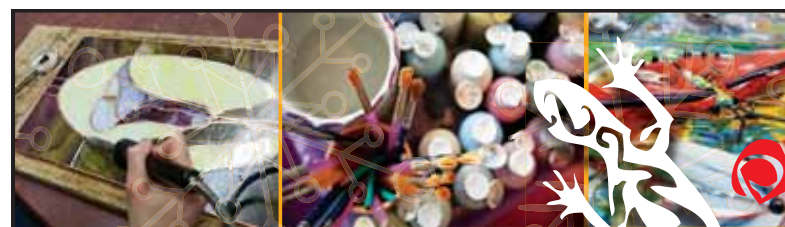
"Prior to additive manufacturing techniques, there were shapes and

designs for instruments and restorations in dentistry that were either impossible or so expensive and cumbersome to fabricate, they were not feasible to create," Johnston added. "The Form2 overcomes those pitfalls and does so with resins that have been determined biocompatible for intraoral use."

This technology leads to improved patient care, said Johnston.

"By merging 3D radiographs of jaws with 3D models of actual teeth, we are able to plan exact placement of implants and with 3D printing technology added to that, we are able to carry out those plans with extreme precision," he said. "This precision of placement gives us the ability to more predictably avoid nerves, vessels and adjacent teeth with our implant placement. Also, this technology enables us to have temporary crowns made before dental implant surgery to attach to the implants at the time of surgery."

Currently, Travis AFB Airmen are working on a dozen 2018 SIF-funded projects and preparing to submit innovative ideas for the 2019 SIF campaign. Airmen can submit ideas through the U.S. Air Force Ideation Platform at <https://usaf.ideascalegov.com/>.



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For the full listing of 5th Force Support Squadron facility hours for the Christmas and New Year's holiday period of December 22 - January 1, visit 5thforcesupport.com Registration begins for the Dog Sledding Trip to Ely, Minnesota at Outdoor Rec Christmas Vacation Bowling Special, 0900-1600, Rough Rider Lanes Torch Club, 1600-1700, Youth Center Friday Fun Members Buffet, 1630-1830, Rockers Bar & Grill Gentle Yoga, 1700, Fitness Center Keystone Meeting, 1700-1800, Youth Center Club Members \$\$\$ Drawing, 1730-1830, Rockers Bar & Grill Zumba, 1800, Fitness Center Mixed Fun League, 1830, Rough Rider Lanes Lights & Strikes Bowling, 2100-2400, Rough Rider Lanes Karaoke Night, 2100, Rockers Bar & Grill 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Year's Day – For the full listing of 5th Force Support Squadron facility hours for the Christmas and New Year's holiday period of December 22 - January 1, visit 5thforcesupport.com Dakota Inn New Year's Lunch Special, 1030-1330, Dakota Inn Dining Facility 	
SATURDAY	WEDNESDAY	<p>4 January</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last day to register for the Winter Archery League at Outdoor Rec Barre, 0600, Fitness Center Torch Club, 1600-1700, Youth Center Friday Fun Members Buffet, 1630-1830, Rockers Bar & Grill Gentle Yoga, 1700, Fitness Center Zumba, 1800, Fitness Center Club Members \$\$\$ Drawing, 1730-1830, Rockers Bar & Grill Keystone Meeting, 1800-1900, Youth Center Mixed Fun League, 1830, Rough Rider Lanes Lights & Strikes Bowling, 2100-2400, Rough Rider Lanes <p>5 January</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Year New You Fitness Event, 0900-1100, Fitness Center Youth Bowling League, 1000, Rough Rider Lanes Lights & Strikes and Saturday Unlimited Bowling, 2000-2400, Rough Rider Lanes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Zumba, 0900, Fitness Center Youth Bowling League, 1000, Rough Rider Lanes Fight Night UFC 232: Jones vs Gustafsson 2, prelims at 1900 and main card at 2100, Rockers Bar & Grill Bowl the Night Away with "Lights & Strikes", 2000-2400, Rough Rider Lanes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registration begins for Basketball & Cheer begins at the Youth Center Winter Challenges continues all month long at the Base Library Circuit Training, 0600, Fitness Center Club Member Benefit, 0900-2000, Rough Rider Lanes Story Time, 1030, Base Library Run 4 Fitness, 1145, Fitness Center Brown Bag Book Talks, 1200, Base Library Pre-Deployment/Remote Readiness Training, 1300-1400, A&FRC 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 	<p>Rough Riders Pizza Special</p> <p>December Special – Shrimp Scampi Pizza A creamy base of alfredo sauce coated with mouth-watering mozzarella & parmesan cheeses, topped off with spinach, herbs, and shrimp. Small: \$11 Med: \$15 Large: \$17- Members receive \$2 off any pizza Try it on a Panino! \$8.25 meal – includes side & drink</p> <p>January Special – Ciabatta Sandwich Check out our mouthwatering Ciabatta Sandwich with chicken, bacon, swiss cheese, lettuce, tomato, onion, and seasoned with flavored butter. Try it with avocado! \$8.95 meal includes chips & tea - Members receive \$1 off</p> <p>The B-Fifty Brew Drink Special December Drink of the Month – Cupcake Delight Frappuccino A tasty drink combining whole milk, vanilla bean powder, and a delicious twist of strawberry, raspberry, and toffee nut syrups. Topped off with whipped cream and colorful sprinkles. Try yours hot or iced!</p> <p>January Drink of the Month – Peach Cobbler Frappuccino Enjoy our take on this yummy dessert! Made with white peach syrup, cinnamon dolce, whole milk, and finished with whipped cream sprinkled with cinnamon powder. Try yours hot or iced!</p> <p>Auto Hobby December Specials December 16-30 \$1 OFF Stall Fees Flat Stall Normal Price: \$3 per hour Santa Special: \$2 per hour Lift Stall Normal Price: \$6 per hour Santa Special: \$5 per hour</p> <p>January 2-19 Scan Tool Hook Up Check engine light making you nervous? Bring in your vehicle to find the problem! Regular Price: \$25 Special Price: \$15</p>
SUNDAY	THURSDAY	
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MONDAY		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Year's Eve – For the full listing of 5th Force Support Squadron facility hours for the Christmas and New Year's holiday period of December 22 - January 1, visit 5thforcesupport.com New Year's Eve Party, 2200-0300, Rockers Bar & Grill 		



Team Minot spouses put cookies in boxes during the 2018 Cookie Drive at Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, Dec. 17, 2018. Volunteers prepared bags of cookies donated by base personnel as well as companies and families in the local area in order to help spread holiday cheer. U.S. AIR FORCE PHOTO | SENIOR AIRMAN JONATHAN MCELDERRY

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The Team Minot Spouses Club hosted its annual cookie drive, December 17 at Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota.

During the cookie drive, more than 12,000 cookies were donated to give to single Airmen living in the dorms on base, as well as Airmen working during the holidays.

“The purpose of the cookie drive is to bring a little extra Christmas cheer to Airmen who may not be able to go home to see their families,” said Shannon Howell, the event organizer. “For instance, most of the dorm Airmen are 20 years old or younger and they can’t always afford to fly home for the holidays. We just want to give them a little extra Christmas spirit to brighten up their day and let them know we’re thinking about them.”

More than 1,000 Airmen in the dorms received a bag of cookies with a signed note attached to each bag.

“We’ve had cookies that were donated by many different volunteers, including base families,

local businesses and the Minot Chamber of Commerce,” Howell said. “A majority of the bags we have were colored by the base’s elementary school children as well as elementary school children from downtown.”

With the help of the Team Minot First Sergeant’s Council, the spouses club was able to ensure every Airman received a bag of cookies. After volunteers prepared all the cookies, first sergeants went around base and gave the bags to Airmen in their units.

“This is a great event that brings in the holidays the right way,” said Senior Master Sgt. Wayne Sharp, 5th Maintenance Squadron first sergeant. “This cookie drive wraps up a strong year at Minot. It brings a family atmosphere to the base and it’s a way to give back to the Airmen and show them that we appreciate what they do and we’re here for them.”

While the first sergeants hand-delivered cookies to Airmen across the base, Sharp also mentioned how the event was a complete success due to the spouses and volunteers.

“This event helps show people the amount of

support the spouses provide to the Airmen here,” Sharp said. “The cookie drive is just a small part of what the organization does every year, but this event was the icing on the cake, or in this case, the icing on the cookie.”

INSET TOP PHOTO: Shannon Howell, the 2018 Cookie Drive event organizer, tapes a letter for a cookie bag at Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, Dec. 17, 2018. During the cookie drive, more than 1,000 Airmen in the dorms received a bag of cookies with a signed note attached to each bag.

INSET BOTTOM PHOTO: Team Minot spouses take a selfie during the 2018 Cookie Drive at Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, Dec. 17, 2018. Cookies were donated by many different volunteers, including base families, local businesses and the Minot Chamber of Commerce.

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