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Metal heads

Airman 1st Class Ryan Frederick, 5th Maintenance Squadron aircraft structural maintenance apprentice, saws through metal with a band saw at Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, Dec. 11, 2018. A band saw is used to precisely cut different types of metals.

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Air Force applicant, Linda Bamba, her mother Airman 1st Class Mahantie Koffi-Ezane and Tech. Sgt. Alfred Daprato, 319th Recruiting Squadron recruiter, pose for a photo at the recruiting office in Woonsocket, Rhode Island. While gathering information about the Air Force for her daughter, Koffi-Ezane was inspired to join. The mother has already completed basic military training and is at her first duty assignment while her daughter waits to ship to BMT.

COURTESY PHOTO

Like daughter, I like mother: Recruiter helps family join USAF

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

When senior year of college became expensive and it was tough to keep up, a mother asked her daughter to consider joining the military as her father and others in his family had done.

However, no one expected the mother to sign up for service while gathering information for her daughter at the Air Force recruiting office in her Rhode Island hometown.

"Mom beat her to the punch," said Tech. Sgt. Alfred Daprato, 319th Recruiting Squadron recruiter who works out of the office in Woonsocket, Rhode Island.

Airman 1st Class Mahantie Koffi-Ezane reported to her first duty station at Joint Base Andrews, Maryland, just after Christmas 2018. Her daughter, Linda Bamba will ship to basic military training in January 2019.

"It was actually her idea to join; I just wanted to go with her to the recruiting office to make sure everything was okay," said Koffi-Ezane. "Then one thing led to another."

Once she learned about the opportunities and benefits of joining the Air Force, she began to ponder her own path.

Koffi-Ezane said she often thought about joining the military during the years she was a military spouse but always thought her age made her ineligible to join. Once Daprato let her know she was still of recruitment age, she signed up for the battery test and application.

"I left so excited," said the new Airman who was

on a year-long wait list for a community college nursing school at the time she met her family's recruiter.

"I'm really happy for her," said Bamba. "I think this was something she always wanted to do. It was always my plan to join after I graduated college. It worked out well in time."

According to Daprato, it is not uncommon for military members to inspire family to join the Air Force, especially in New England. What makes this pair unique is they both become future Airmen within a month of each other.

"It's cool they both came out of the same office with the same recruiter," Daprato said.

"He's one of the best," Koffi-Ezane said about her recruiter, Daprato. "He was very patient in answering all my questions."

The mother's recruitment process had already begun when her daughter returned to Rhode Island after graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in public relations and sociology from Syracuse University in New York.

"Once I got to the recruiting station, my recruiter sold me," said Bamba. "My dad is in the Marine Corps and (since I was a little) I wanted to be him. I figure I'll go enlisted and become an officer later."

She immediately followed her mother's steps in the Air Force application process. Her mother was able to guide her along the way. Koffi-Ezane also wrote to her daughter from BMT to let her know what it was like and what to expect.

"I went to her graduation and got to see it in person," said Bamba. "She was able to make her dreams a reality. I'm excited and ready to go."

After graduating from BMT at Joint Base San Antonio -

Lackland, Koffi-Ezane opted to work for the Recruiters Assistance Program for 10 days and help Daprato's office facilitate the recruitment process of other future Airmen.

"My family was surprised and worried about my age," said Koffi-Ezane. "Some were encouraging and some were doubtful. But now they are supportive and excited because I'm in. I'm glad I can inspire and support others."

Even if the mother-daughter pair don't end up stationed together, Bamba is sure they can visit and share their Air Force experiences. The mother serves in the public health career field and her daughter hopes to do something in the intelligence career field. Both said they enjoy the stability the Air Force provides.

"The Air Force is the best branch in being family oriented so they've got that," said Daprato.



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Air Force Commissioned Officer Training course trainees stand in formation, May 24, 2018, on Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. OTS has recently merged COT with the Total Force Officer Training course to increase the quality and quantity of officers it can produce annually.

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OTS restructures program to increase quality, quantity of officers

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MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, Ala. (AFNS) -- The Air Force's Officer Training School is changing the paradigm for building officers, pivoting away from separate programs for line and non-line officers and conducting merged classes beginning in January 2019. The Total Force Officer Training and Commissioned Officer Training courses will be phased out over the course of 2019, according to Col. Pete Bailey, OTS commandant. They will be replaced by a combined eight-week course, which will offer an off-ramp for a limited number of non-line specialties. "The purpose for this

change is twofold," Bailey said. "First, we are ensuring the best leadership training is offered to all who attend OTS, in a setting which better mirrors the environment in which they will serve. Also,

and non-line officers, OTS can increase the quantity and quality of its officers. The initiative increases officer production capacity from around 2,700 graduates annually to 3,300 with a surge capability of up to 3,800. Students also gain the opportunity to train alongside officers who they would not have interacted with until much further along in their careers, providing a shared foundation for both line and non-line officers. "The real nexus behind the new syllabus was to make the right training, for the right Airman, at the right time," added Bailey. "Producing good officers and good leaders is not only a force multiplier, but will also help revitalize the organization that we take to war, which is the squadron. When you have the responsibility of training over 54 percent of the officers who access into the United States Air Force annually, you have to get it right."

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- CO. PETE BAILEY, OTS COMMANDANT

this change assists in the development of a more resilient organization, which is effectively resourced to meet both steady state and surge requirements of the Total Force." The OTS "One Syllabus for One Officer" concept is enabled by moving from its current three-training squadron construct to a more efficient two-training squadron model, said Lt. Col. Erick Saks, 24th Training Squadron commander. With two squadrons training both line

and non-line officers, OTS can increase the quantity and quality of its officers. The initiative increases officer production capacity from around 2,700 graduates annually to 3,300 with a surge capability of up to 3,800. Students also gain the opportunity to train alongside officers who they would not have interacted with until much further along in their careers, providing a shared foundation for both line and non-line officers. "The real nexus behind the new syllabus was to make the right training, for the right Airman, at the right time," added Bailey. "Producing good officers and good leaders is not only a force multiplier, but will also help revitalize the organization that we take to war, which is the squadron. When you have the responsibility of training over 54 percent of the officers who access into the United States Air Force annually, you have to get it right."

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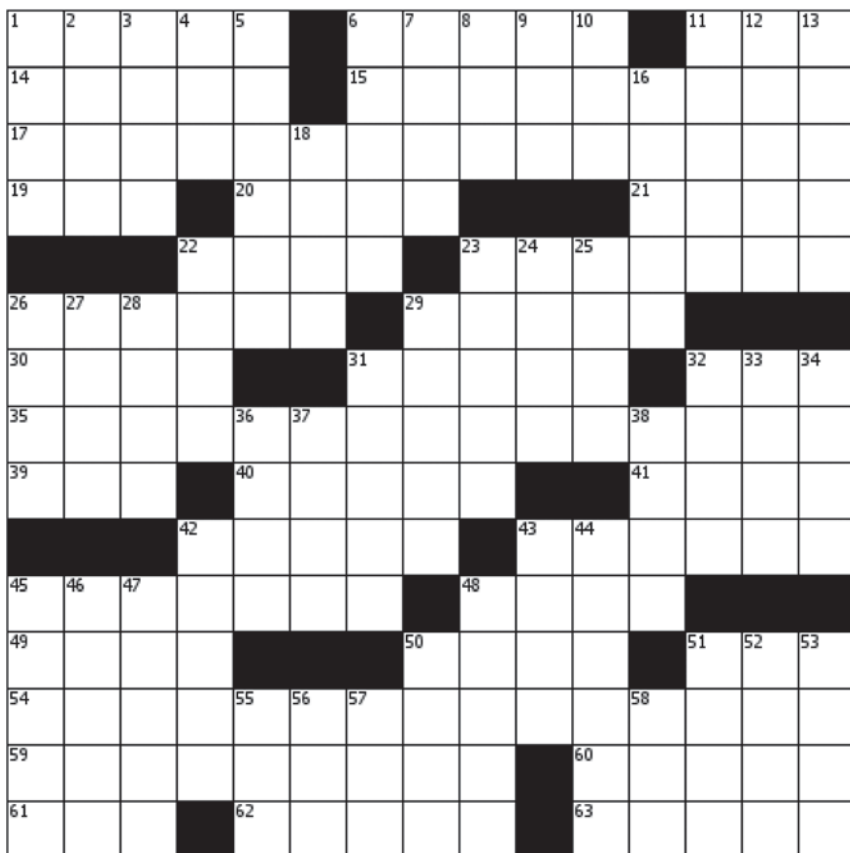
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Across

- 1. Prince Charles's realm
- 6. Bean products?
- 11. Palindromic preposition
- 14. Phenomenon
- 15. One working 40-hour weeks
- 17. Hot time
- 19. ___-cone
- 20. Stir fry veggies
- 21. Juan's kiss
- 22. Type of pigeon
- 23. Ungracious winner
- 26. Small sword
- 29. Funny, but not funny ha-ha
- 30. Beasts of burden
- 31. Relief spot
- 32. Mai ___
- 35. This provides 54-Across in the 17-Across
- 39. Winter hrs. in Denver
- 40. Stock category
- 41. "Do ___ others..."
- 42. Diner handouts
- 43. Brightness measurement
- 45. ___-game: situation in which gains equal losses
- 48. Reasons for shots
- 49. Construction piece
- 50. "___'s Gold": Peter Fonda film
- 51. Deg. for a Barron's reader
- 54. See 35-Across
- 59. "Annie" setting
- 60. Montana, once
- 61. Gal. divisions



- 62. Stun gun
- 63. Make sure of

Down

- 1. Gets hitched
- 2. "___ calling"
- 3. Toy blocks brand
- 4. See 18-Down
- 5. Bread is one

- 6. "Hypothetically, for example..."
- 7. Many comedy teams
- 8. Sprite
- 9. Jolson and Jarreau
- 10. R-V connection
- 11. Ant, in dialect
- 12. Actress Witherspoon
- 13. Wild throw, e.g.

- 16. Michael Jackson boast, in a 1987 hit
- 18. With 4-Down, post-Christmas
- 22. Dubya, initially
- 23. Adventures
- 24. Ovid's 53
- 25. Roughly
- 26. Meander

- 27. WWII enemy
- 28. Presumptuous
- 29. Turns on the waterworks, so to speak
- 31. Misanthropy
- 32. Point at the dinner table?
- 33. Tiny farm critters
- 34. "___ You Babe"
- 42. Change, in sci-fi flicks
- 43. Robert of "The Sopranos"
- 44. Triborough Bridge terminus
- 45. "Legs" rock band
- 46. Roeper's partner
- 47. Highway exits
- 48. Candidate's handout
- 50. Sudden desire
- 51. Selfish kid's cry
- 52. Borscht ingredient
- 53. Frizzy haircut
- 55. Cheerios ingredient
- 56. Cell "messenger"
- 57. Small batteries
- 58. Tell a whopper

SUDOKU Solution to puzzle on page 10

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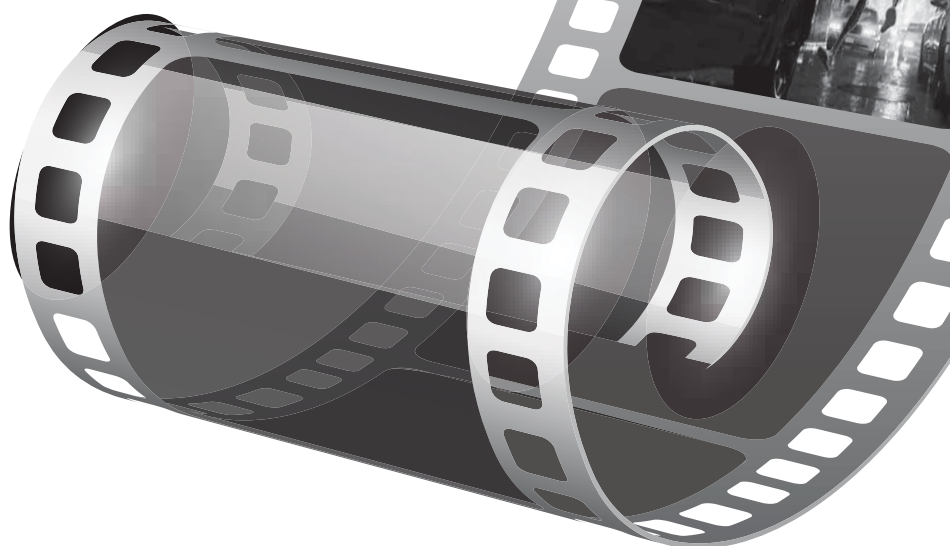
Solution to last week's Crossword puzzle.

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REEL TIME THEATER MOVIE SCHEDULE



Honey Garlic CRISPY CHICKEN



Recipe courtesy of: www.cuisinervillage.com/2018/12/honey-garlic-crispy-chicken.html

INGREDIENTS:

- 10 ounces boneless skinless chicken thighs cut into cubes
- 1 whole egg
- 1/3 cup cornstarch
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 tbsp low-sodium soy sauce
- 1/2 tsp black pepper
- Honey garlic sauce**
- 1 tbsp canola oil
- 3 cloves garlic finely chopped
- 1 tbsp ginger finely chopped
- 5 tbsp honey
- 2 tbsp brown sugar
- 1/2 cup soy sauce
- 1/2 tsp sesame oil
- 2 tbsp cornstarch
- 1/4 cup water
- 1 tsp sesame seeds optional
- 1 tbsp green onions optional

INSTRUCTIONS:

- In a mixing bowl, combine the cubed chicken thighs, eggs, 2 table-spoons of cornstarch, and soy sauce. Mix well and set aside.
- To make the sauce, combine the soy sauce, water, honey, and brown sugar in a bowl and mix well. In a pan, heat the canola oil at medium high heat and cook ginger and garlic until fragrant and soft. Pour the soy sauce mixture and let cook by stirring occasionally. While the sauce is slowly cooking, mix cornstarch and water in a small bowl to make a slurry. Slowly add the cornstarch slurry into the pan while constantly stirring the pan. Cook over medium heat until sauce thickens. Add sesame oil and mix well.
- To make the fried chicken, whisk together the all-purpose flour and the rest of the cornstarch and add them into the bowl of prepared chicken. Combine well. Heat about 2 inches of frying oil at 375 degrees Fahrenheit and fry the chicken in batches. Fry for about 3 minutes and remove from oil. Place chicken on drying rack for about 5 minutes. Fry the chicken another time for another 2 minutes or until golden brown and crispy. Remove from oil and drain off excess oil.
- Add the fried chicken into the pan with the cooked sauce and mix well.
- Top with sesame seeds and green onions

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Senior Airman Joshua Sacerio, 5th Maintenance Squadron aircraft structural maintenance journeyman, uses a center punch at Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, Dec. 11, 2018. A center punch is a tool used for making indentations in metal to guide the drill correctly.



An Airman from the 5th Maintenance Squadron sheet metal shop dresses a center punch at Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, Dec. 11, 2018. The center punch is a tool used for making indentations in metal to guide the drill correctly.

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MINOT AIR FORCE BASE, N.D. --

Grinding away shards of aluminum and steel, the Airmen work diligently to maintain the framework and structure of the B-52H Stratofortress. Soon, the metal takes shape as they create new parts essential for this aircraft to operate and fly. Among their duties, members of the 5th Maintenance Squadron aircraft structural maintenance sheet metal shop form types of metal, paint, prime and conduct corrosion inspections on the B-52. "We make replacements parts with different types of metal and form it to maintain the aircraft," said Airman 1st Class Jonathan Dixon, 5th MXS structural maintenance apprentice. Besides making parts the sheet metal shop also fashions rivets, conducts skin repairs and change panels on the aircraft. "Our goal is nuclear assurance," said Dixon. "We always ensure we complete our job on time and keep the B-52s flying." He said the sheet metal shop's motto is "We fix the buff, to blow stuff up." "We get requests from the flight line and different shops around base to either create new parts, or repair old ones, daily," said Dixon. The Airman in the sheet metal shop use a variety of hand and pneumatic tools such as drills, grinders and band saws. "Our job is important because without the sheet metal shop the B-52s wouldn't be able to fly," said Dixon. "We create those replacement parts it needs to hold it together."



Airman 1st Class Jonathan Dixon, 5th Maintenance Squadron aircraft structural maintenance apprentice, sands a piece of metal at Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, Dec. 11, 2018. Metal is sanded to ensure the sides are smooth and won't crack under stress.



Airman 1st Class Jonathan Dixon, 5th Maintenance Squadron aircraft structural maintenance apprentice, uses a foot shear to cut a piece of metal at Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, Dec. 11, 2018. A foot shear is used to safely cut and slice metal.



An Airman from the 5th Maintenance Squadron sheet metal shop drills a hole at Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, Dec. 11, 2018. The shop uses a variety of hand and pneumatic tools such as drills, grinders and band saws.



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Minot Association of Builders Announce 2018 Association Awards

ELYSHA HEAD | MINOT ASSOCIATION OF BUILDERS

Minot, ND – The Minot Association of Builders celebrated the building industry and presented yearly awards on December 5th. On December 5th, the MAB announced its 2018 award lineup at the Builders' Bash. Over 100 people gathered together to observe the installation of the 2019 board of directors as well as the installation of the 2019 president, Pat Bailey of Muus Lumber and Hardware. The event was emceed by Shaun Sipma and guests partook in an Ugly Christmas Sweater contest, Builders' Bingo and The Feud.

The following awards were presented throughout the evening: (photos in counterclockwise from left order) New Member Recruitment Challenge – Gene Beau Lac Jr, Spike Recognition – John Coughlin, BEAM Award Winner – Souris River Designs, The Dan Feist Extra Mile Award Winner – Gravel Products Inc, Citizen of the Year – Chad and Angie Thompson of Prairie Grit Adaptive Sports, Associate of the Year – Houston Engineering, Inc., Builder of the Year – All-State Contracting, and Best Dressed Award – Matthew Jon Geinert



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- **Jan. 18 & 19:** Pheasants Forever State Habitat Meeting, Bismarck.
- **Tournaments:**
- **Jan. 12:** Makoti Lake, Lake Darling.
- **Jan. 19:** Lake Sakakawea, Tobacco Garden; Lake Sakakawea, Lewis & Clark State Park; Lake Audubon, Totten Trail.



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Fishing:

*Lake Sakakawea elevation, Jan. 7: 1,839.57 feet above mean sea level (MSL); 16,400 cubic feet per second (CFS) Garrison Dam average daily releases.

Devi's Lake elevation: 1,448.18 feet above mean sea level (MSL).

Stump Lake elevation: 1,448.14 MSL.

*N.D. Game & Fish Dept. game wardens: Devils Lake remains somewhat slow even with anglers moving throughout much of the lake. Lake Coe and Silver Lake WMA has some activity but overall success is somewhat slow, as well. Lake Audubon producing small walleye. Look for pike spearing activity in the back bays along the east end of Lake Sakakawea but ice depths are variable and dangerous yet. New Town to White Earth fair for walleye. Poor ice yet on the Van Hook Arm with most anglers still just working along the shoreline. Rice Lake producing a few small pike. Some anglers on Makoti and Hiddenwood lakes but no reports of success.

*Devi's Lake, Ed's Bait Shop, Devils Lake: Fair to good walleye success but perch are a bit more finicky on Devils Lake. Better perch activity is coming from Stump Lake.

*Devi's Lake, Woodland Resort, Devils Lake: Improving walleye and perch success in 8 to 20 feet and deeper. Try East Devils Lake and Black Tiger bays for both perch and walleye. Work deeper later in the afternoon for perch. Pike fair to good in shallower water. Access is OK but watch for some areas with hard snowdrifts. Bring shovels and tow ropes in case of breaking through a drift.

*Lake Darling, Karma C-Store, Ruthville: Still lots of activity on Lake Darling but overall success slowed.

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

*Lake Metigoshe, Four Seasons, Bottineau: Good numbers of anglers on the ice with fair to good bluegill and crappie success. Occasional walleye mixed in.

*Lake Metigoshe, Lake Metigoshe State Park, Bottineau: Hit-and-miss success for walleye, bluegill, and crappie but not many pike reports. Warm weather created slushy shorelines on many area lakes.

*Lake Sakakawea/Lake Audubon, Cenex Bait & Tackle, Garrison: South side of Lake Audubon continues producing walleye. A few anglers walking onto Centennial Bay back bay for pike but use extreme caution with variable ice.

*Lake Sakakawea/Lake Audubon, 6-Mile Bait & Tackle, Garrison: Anglers starting to move off the Totten Trail boat ramp on Lake Audubon. Access limited by large pressure to the south, however. Fair to good for small walleye. Sort

through for keepers, though. Continued success east around Velve Point for larger walleye. Try jigging Raps or buckshots with minnow heads in 17 to 22 feet. Sketchy ice at best in some back bays of Lake Sakakawea on the east end. Extreme caution advised if walking out because it's also highly variable in depth.

*Lake Sakakawea, Scenic 23, New Town: Fair to good pike spearing success along the rocks in the Van Hook Arm. Some walleye success along the shore in the Arm but ice conditions are too dangerous yet for anglers to move around much on the Arm. More activity is farther upriver around White Earth Bay where there is better ice.

*Lake Sakakawea/Missouri River, Scott's Bait & Tackle, Pick City: Weather permitting, Missouri River continues producing walleye and ling from boats and the wing walls. Try jigs and minnows from the wing walls and boats. Also try crankbaits from shore off the rocks. Lake Sakakawea still has open water in spots. Lake Audubon hit-and-miss for walleye

*Lake Sakakawea/northwest N.D. lakes, Scenic Sports, Williston: Continued walleye success around Lund's Landing and White Earth Bay with best success in 20 feet towards sundown on Lake Sakakawea. Try minnows or jigging Raps. Cottonwood Lake good for pike. River remains unfishable with poor ice.

*Lonestree WMA area lakes, Harvey: Activity remains about the same throughout area lakes.

*North-central/central N.D. lakes, Towner Hdwe. Hank, Towner: Limited reports from area lakes other than some activity remains at Antelope Lake.

N.D. Parks & Recreation Dept. ski trails: *Cross Ranch, Hensler: No new reports.

*Fort Stevenson, Garrison: Fat bike trail in good condition. Cross-country ski trail has about 3- to 4-inch base and is packed. Overall fair condition with some possible patchy snow in open areas.

*Lake Metigoshe, Bottineau: Fat tire and cross-country rails open and groomed.

Downhill skiing:

*Bottineau Ski Area, Bottineau: 12- to 18-inch base with beginner run, 5 runs, 7 tubing lanes, with 2 jumps and 1 rail Terrain Park open.

*Huff Hills, Mandan: 22- to 28-inch machine groomed base with spring conditions. 5 runs and 2 lifts open.

*Terry Peak, Lead, S.D.: 3 lifts & 25 runs open.

Snowmobile N.D.:

*East-central Valley (Cass & Richland counties): Fargo East & West trails open with 3- to 6-inch base.

*Lake Region (Nelson & Ramsey counties) Trails 1, 2, 5 & 6 open with 3- to 9-inch base. Good condition.

*North-central (Benson, McHenry, Pierce, Ramsey, & Towner counties): NC 1, 2, & 3 trails closed but all other trails are open with 4- to 5-inch base. Fair to poor condition.

*Southern Valley (Richland County): All trails open and groomed with 4- to 7-inch base.

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Air Force Reserve Command A4 Directorate, Logistics, Engineering and Force Protection, hosts a user acceptance testing session for the Battle Record Information Core Environment mobile app at Davis Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz., with the 924th Fighter Group maintainers in March 2018. Headquarters Air Force, AFRC, and Monkton teamed up to create and launch an iOS modern mobile app that enables maintainers to directly access the maintenance database from the flightline at the point of aircraft repair at the end of 2018. COURTESY PHOTO

BRICE app simplifies maintenance action, saves time

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ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. (AFNS) --

The Air Force Reserve went live with an app that is expected to save time and stress for aircraft maintainers late last year, with an estimated 100 users to be enrolled by February.

Headquarters Air Force, AFRC, and Monkton teamed up to create an iOS modern mobile app that enables maintainers to directly access the maintenance database from the flight line at the point of aircraft repair. This eliminates the need to secure their tools, go to back to their office and log into a network computer to document the maintenance actions performed.

The BRICE app, or Battle Record Information Core Environment, was designed with all the necessary Department of Defense security and authentication required to allow the maintainers to input, store and transmit data in real time to the maintenance database.

"Maintainers didn't have a convenient way to input their maintenance actions into the system of record," said Maj. Jonathan Jordan, Headquarters Air Force Reserve A6 logistics IT policy and strategy branch chief. "They have to travel to a desktop computer, go through the sign-in procedure for both the computer and the maintenance data system, then they can enter the data for the maintenance performed on the flightline."

During user acceptance testing at Davis Monthan Air Force Base, Arizona, 81 percent of

testers estimated the app saved an hour or more of time per day.

"Live data availability is paramount for field units to take swift maintenance actions and schedule work orders as changes are occurring across the flight line," said Christopher Butigieg, Headquarters Air Force project delivery manager. "Additionally, returning time back to maintainers is an added benefit as task documentation is completed throughout the day rather than at the end of shift."

Because the data entry can occur in real time by using the new app, there is a greater probability of accuracy and less steps involved compared to the current steps of writing notes on a piece of paper and transcribing them into the database later from an office.

Some of the challenges overcome with development of the app were overwhelming security documentation requirements and connectivity challenges on the flightline. Through a partnership with Monkton, Amazon and Verizon, the team was able to create a secure path to take the modern technology and interface with a legacy database system securely from almost anywhere according to Jordan.

"Over the past couple of years there has been a paradigm shift from desktop computing to mobile. This application provides a friendly and easy-to-use interface that is familiar to an everyday mobile users," said Butigieg.

He said the app performs the same desktop computer

actions on a handheld device and typically more efficiently by utilizing on-device hardware and software.

The biggest benefit is improved quality of life according to Master Sgt. Daniel Brierton, AFRC A4 Directorate, Logistics, Engineering and Force Protection, eTool Functional Manager, A4 Directorate, Logistics, Engineering and Force Protection.

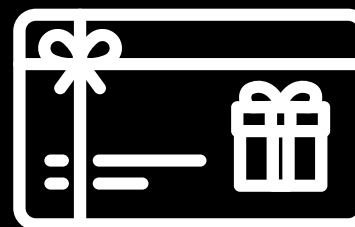
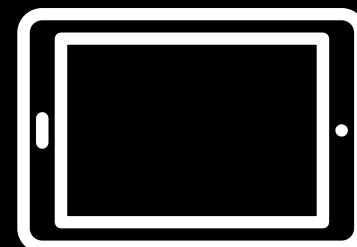
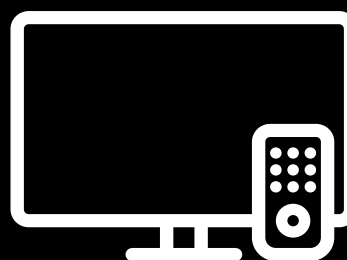
As someone who has worked in aircraft maintenance for 10 years Brierton knows how the workload has changed especially when the maintainer shortage was at its peak.

"When we signed up for aircraft maintenance, the image in our head was not sitting at a desk," said Brierton. "Maintainers are here to fix jets. This effort aides maintainers by reducing time spent on documentation, transit, and legacy IT systems."

According to Jordan, if each maintainer saved an hour of time by using the app, as many reported in the acceptance testing, this would result in over five million hours of recouped time on maintenance tasks Air Force-wide.



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TODAY

- Torch Club, 1600-1700, Youth Center
- Friday Fun Members Buffet, 1630-1830, Rockers Bar & Grill
- Gentle Yoga, 1700, Fitness Center
- Mini Swim Meet, 1700, Fitness Center
- Club Members \$\$\$ Drawing, 1730-1830, Rockers Bar & Grill and Jimmy Doolittle Center
- Texas Hold 'Em, 1800, Rockers Bar & Grill
- Zumba, 1800, Fitness Center
- Give Parents a Break, 1800-2200, Youth Center and Child Development Center
- Mixed Fun League, 1830, Rough Rider Lanes
- Lights & Strikes Bowling, 2100-2400, Rough Rider Lanes

TUESDAY

- Run 4 Fitness, 0600, Fitness Center
- TAP GPS Workshop, 0730-1630, held at the Education Center, hosted by A&FRC
- Barre, 0915, Fitness Center
- Game Day, 1000-1930, Base Library
- Cycle, 1130, Fitness Center
- Off-Base Budget Class, 1430-1600, A&FRC
- EFMP-FS Sun Catcher Craft, 1700-1900, held at the BBC Community Center on Sirocco Drive, hosted by A&FRC
- Fit to Fight, 1700, Fitness Center
- Zumba, 1800, Fitness Center

SATURDAY

- Ice Fishing Trip, 0800-1700, at Lake Metigoshe, hosted by Outdoor Rec
- Zumba, 0900, Fitness Center
- Baseball Camp (Ages 5-8), 0930-1100, Youth Center
- Youth Bowling League, 1000, Rough Rider Lanes
- Baseball Camp (Ages 9+), 1130-1300
- Star Wars Spectacular, 1300, Base Library
- Lights & Strikes and Saturday Unlimited Bowling, 2000-2400, Rough Rider Lanes

WEDNESDAY

- Last day to register for the January Creative Kids Class at Arts & Crafts
- Circuit Training, 0600, Fitness Center
- TAP GPS Workshop, 0730-1630, held at the Education Center, hosted by A&FRC
- Club Member Benefit, 0900-2000, Rough Rider Lanes
- Bundles for Babies, 0900-1030, A&FRC
- Story Time, 1030, Base Library • Run 4 Fitness, 1145, Fitness Center
- Pre-Deployment/Remote Readiness Training, 1300-1400, A&FRC
- Off-Base Budget Class, 1430-1600, 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

SUNDAY

- NFL Sunday Ticket Football Frenzy, 1130-1800, Rockers Bar & Grill
- Family Zumba, 1400, Fitness Center
- Yoga, 1500, Fitness Center

THURSDAY

- Last day to register for the Wine & Paint Class at Arts & Crafts
- Registration begins for the Warbirds Battle Rig Challenge at the Fitness Center
- Tactical Fit Express, 0600, Fitness Center
- TAP GPS Workshop, 0730-1430, held at the Education Center, hosted by A&FRC
- Barre, 0915, Fitness Center • Creative Kids Class, 1030-1100, Arts & Crafts
- Thrift Savings Plan for Civilian Employees, 1100-1300, A&FRC
- Cycle, 1130, Fitness Center • Reintegration Briefing, 1300-1400, A&FRC
- Off-Base Budget Class, 1430-1600, A&FRC
- Fitness Hour, 1600-1700, Youth Center • Fit to Fight, 1700, Fitness Center
- Members 2-4-1 Appetizer Night, 1700-1900, Rockers Bar & Grill
- Olympic Weight Lifting, 1730, Fitness Center • Craft Club, 1800, Base Library
- Have a Storm Ball League, 1800, Rough Rider Lanes
- Zumba, 1800, Fitness Center

MONDAY

- Tactical Fit Express, 0600, Fitness Center
- TAP GPS Workshop, 0730-1630, held at the Education Center, hosted by A&FRC
- Reintegration Briefing, 1300-1400, A&FRC
- Off-Base Budget Class, 1430-1600, A&FRC
- Digital Literacy Club, 1630-1730, Youth Center
- FCC New Provider Pre-Orientation, 1700-1900, FCC Office located inside Rough Riders Pizza
- Zumba, 1730, Fitness Center
- Craft Club, 1800, Base Library
- Yoga Strong, 1830, Fitness Center

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 18 January**
- Last day to register for the Dog Sledding Trip to Ely, Minnesota at Outdoor Rec
 - Barre, 0600, Fitness Center
 - TAP GPS Workshop, 0730-1630, held at the Education Center, hosted by A&FRC
 - 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 and Jimmy Doolittle Center
 - Keystone Meeting, 1800-1900, Youth Center
 - Wine & Paint Class, 1800-2000, Arts & Crafts
 - Mixed Fun League, 1830, Rough Rider Lanes
 - Lights & Strikes Bowling, 2100-2400, Rough Rider Lanes
 - Karaoke Night, 2100, Rockers Bar & Grill
- 19 January**
- Pre-Martin Luther King Jr. Day Bowling Special, 0900, Rough Rider Lanes
 - Zumba, 0900, Fitness Center
 - Baseball Camp (Ages 5-8), 0930-1100, Youth Center
 - Barre, 1000, Fitness Center
 - Youth Bowling League, 1000, Rough Rider Lanes
 - Baseball Camp (Ages 9+), 1130-1300
 - Lights & Strikes and Saturday Unlimited Bowling, 2000-2400, Rough Rider Lanes
 - Hip Hop All Nighter, 2100-0300, Rockers Bar & Grill

Rough Riders Pizza Special
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Maj. Rachael Winiiecki, 461st Flight Test Squadron F-35 test pilot, and Airman 1st Class Heather Rice, 412th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron crew chief, pose for a photo right after Winiiecki landed her F-35 Lightning II on her first test mission flight in the fifth-generation fighter Dec. 14, 2018.

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First female F-35 test pilot completes flight mission

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EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. (AFNS) -- routine F-35 Lightning II flight test mission recently marked a significant event in Air Force history at Edwards Air Force Base, California.

Maj. Rachael Winiiecki, 461st Flight Test Squadron developmental test pilot, completed the first flight mission led by a female.

"I may be the first female developmental test pilot (in the F-35), but (test pilots) are just one small part of the test enterprise," Winiiecki said.

She said although aviation tends to be a male dominated field, the number of women in flight test is increasing. Winiiecki said that there are several female test directors, test conductors, discipline engineers and flight test engineers at the 461st FLTS, in addition to those serving in engineering, maintenance and

support functions. Namely, she spoke about her crew chief for the mission, Airman 1st Class Heather Rice, of the 412th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.

"It was great having Airman Rice there," Winiiecki said. "I am very proud of the work she does on the line, and I'm glad that she is part of our team."

Before joining the 461 FLTS, Winiiecki commissioned through the Reserve Officer Training Corps. Upon completion of pilot training, she flew the A-10C operationally including deployments to Southwest Asia, Eastern Europe, and the Pacific theater. She then graduated from the U.S. Air Force Test Pilot School at Edwards and was previously assigned as an F-16 Fighting Falcon test pilot with the 416th Flight Test Squadron.

According to Lt. Col. Tucker Hamilton, 461st FLTS commander, Winiiecki's experience with the A-10 was one of the factors to her being

selected as an F-35 test pilot.

"Major Winiiecki was selected to become an F-35 test pilot based on her exceptional flying ability and the important voice she brings to the F-35 development as a prior A-10 (Thunderbolt II) pilot," Hamilton said.

Winiiecki said that having the ability to bring the A-10 mission sets to the 461st FLTS, such as close-air-support, combat search and rescue and forward air controller, is important so the focus is not just on the air-to-air capabilities of the F-35, but also the air-to-ground capabilities.

"I really do appreciate the perspective that I can bring coming from the A-10 and the F-16 to hopefully bring some influence from that perspective. As testers, the contacts we have

back in the Combat Air Force are valuable," she said. "We can reach out to our networks to solicit feedback, solicit information on how we could and should accomplish our mission sets in the future. That's really where we can open doors. I can reach back to my friends and contacts in my previous community just like other test pilots here."

As a member of the 461 FLTS, Winiiecki will be part of a team that oversees developmental testing of all variants of the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter.

"I'm honored to have the opportunity to become part of the diverse team at the 461st. While there may only be a few individuals in these photos (of the event), there are countless dedicated personnel working hard

to ensure we execute safe, secure, effective and efficient flight tests."

After Winiiecki concluded her first mission, she reflected not just on her milestone, but also on the other women who have contributed to the history of Edwards and the Air Force, while also looking to the future.

"I am grateful for the women who have broken barriers previously, they built the path," Winiiecki said. "I look forward to the day when sorties like this are a regular occurrence."

"Major Winiiecki's accomplishments are exactly why we continue to be at the center of the aerospace testing universe," said Brig. Gen. E. John Teichert, 412th Test Wing commander. "Breaking barriers is what we do, with history-making impact every day for the warfighter."

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