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From right, 1st Lt. Alexander Hansen, 742nd Missile Squadron mission lead, and 2nd Lt. Elizabeth Jordan, 742nd MS missileer, practice turning keys in a missile operations building at Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, Jan. 15, 2019. The 91st Missile Wing contributes to the nation's strategic defense by sustaining and operating various Minuteman III intercontinental ballistic missiles and the associated launch facilities.

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Staff Sgt. David Bafaro, 380th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron military working dog handler, calls in the results of his search with MWD Simon during a joint training event Jan. 15, 2019 at Al Dhafra Air Base, United Arab Emirates. The MWD team was tested on observing and locating a training aid, their K-9's explosive detection capability and the handler's ability to communicate the situation to EOD and fire department members when they arrive on scene.

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380th ESFS and ECES conduct joint training

TECH. SGT. DARNELL T. CANNADY | 380TH AIR EXPEDITIONARY WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

AL DHAFRA AIR BASE, United Arab Emirates (AFNS)

The 380th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron military working dogs team conducted a small-scale training event with 380th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron's Explosive Ordnance Disposal and fire department Jan. 15 at Al Dhafra Air Base.

This training allowed different squadrons to work simultaneously on various areas while improving their joint operations.

"The most important purpose is to improve the working relationship with these organizations," said Tech. Sgt. Mark Allen, 380th Expeditionary Security Force Squadron military working dog handler. "It isn't often that you can get multiple agencies together for a normal training exercise, this usually happen when Inspector General-, Wing- or Air Force-level inspections are occurring. This training not only helps the partnership between us, but also allows the opportunity to get significant training without worrying about a pass or fail."

The MWD team was tested on observing and locating a training aid, their K-9's explosive detection capability and the handler's ability to communicate the situation to EOD and fire department

members when they arrive on scene.

"This scenario focused on the handler not getting tunnel vision during a search," said Allen. "Most of the time, we would have a spotter but I wanted to see how my handler would respond when he was alone. I also wanted to see how my handler would do as on-scene commander until the appropriate agency arrives on scene."

The fire department trained and certified members on plotting and cordoning off the area, while EOD members trained on operating their robot and operational procedures. Ultimately, this enabled them to evaluate how accurately they follow protocols during responses.

"It is important to try to make these scenarios as realistic as we can in a training environment," said Tech. Sgt. Charles Hall, supply and munitions NCO in charge. "This includes having other agencies that would normally be involved in a real-life event participate, allowing each team to learn not only their roles and capabilities, but also the roles and capabilities of everyone else. It also allows our teams to work out any discrepancies or misunderstandings between agencies before having to come together for a real incident."

Joint training scenarios like this ensure better communications between

different sections and improves the effectiveness of Al Dhafra AB's base defense.

"By including other squadrons and flights, it not only helps them prepare, but it also establishes more efficient and effective actions during a response," added Allen. "At the end of the day, we are part of this amazing team here and the only way to make the team better is to practice together. It's nice that we can each do our own portion of the mission, but it's great to see how different units respond and mold together into one team to accomplish the required task."

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AFLCMC team working to acquire next generation fixed-wing helmet

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WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio (AFNS) --

The Air Force Life Cycle Management Center's Human Systems Division working with members of the Advanced Tactical Acquisition Corps or ATAC, one of the center's premier leadership development programs, are in the early stages of acquiring the next generation helmet for aircrews in fixed-wing aircraft with the exception of the F-35.

Recently, with recommendations from ATAC, the Human Systems Division awarded \$600,000 in grants via AFWERX Vegas to three companies to develop and present prototypes for the helmet by the end of May 2019.

The team worked closely with AFWERX Vegas, an Air Force innovation hub specializing in engaging entrepreneurs and private sector vendors, to

identify the pool of companies that could potentially develop the new helmet faster, more efficiently and with cutting edge technology.

Replacing legacy helmets on fixed-wing aircraft has become a priority in part because over time new requirements have added sub-systems, and devices, that the helmets were not originally designed for.

"It (legacy helmet) is a 1980's designed helmet that was not made to withstand and balance everything – technology – that we are putting on them," said 1st Lt. Naomi Harper, a program manager with the Human Systems Division. "If the weight is off, the center of gravity is completely off, which can cause neck issues and pain. Our goal is to find a helmet that is lighter, has more stability and is compatible fixed-winged

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MINOT AIR FORCE BASE, North Dakota -- TSgt Douglas Hull, stationed at Minot AFB, N.D., recently passed away. Anyone with a claim for or against his estate should step forward at this time by contacting 1st Lt. Robert Brinkerhoff, reachable by telephone at 701-723-2020, or by email at robert.brinkerhoff@us.af.mil

Team Minot Inducts New Honorary Commanders

MINOT AIR FORCE BASE, N.D. -- Team Minot inducted its newest members into the Honorary Commander Program on Jan. 14, at the Jimmy Doolittle Center on base.

For decades, commanders of Team Minot have partnered with local leaders and business men and women to develop partnerships between Team Minot and neighbors across North Dakota. The program looks to share both the 5th Bomb Wing and 91st Missile Wing missions with the Honorary Commanders, and to strengthen the relationship with the surrounding community.

The newest Honorary Commanders in this year's induction were Mr. Ted Bolton of the Northern Sentry, Mr. Al Lee of Dickey's BBQ, Sheriff Robert Roed of the Ward County Police Department, and Mr. Ed Steckler of Coldwell Banker 1st Minot Realty.

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World War II fighter pilot, PTSD advocate laid to rest at Arlington Cemetery

LOU TIMMONS, SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE PUBLIC AFFAIRS

ARLINGTON, Va. (AFNS) --

Capt Jerry Yellin, World War II fighter pilot, who flew the last combat mission in August 1945, was laid to rest with full military honors Jan. 15, at Arlington Cemetery, Virginia.

Yellin enlisted two months after Pearl Harbor on his 18th birthday. After graduating from Luke Air Field, Arizona, as a fighter pilot in August 1943, he spent the remainder of the war flying P-40, P-47 and P-51 combat missions in the Pacific with the 78th Fighter Squadron. He was part of the first land-based fighter mission over Japan on April

7, 1945, and was the lead on the last mission of the war on Aug. 14, 1945.

He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross with an oak leaf cluster and the Air Medal with four oak leaf clusters.

Although his flying career was short, he witnessed more turmoil than any human being should ever have to witness. Yellin was discharged in December 1945 and suffered from post-traumatic stress disorder, before it was recognized as such.

After thirty years of suffering, his wife introduced him to the topic of transcendental meditation and it turned out to be the key to a better life. Yellin shared his positive experience with transcendental meditation as a motivational speaker and worked tirelessly in his efforts to help other service

Captain (Ret.) Jerry Yellin is an Army Air Corps veteran who served between 1941 and 1945. Yellin enlisted two months after Pearl Harbor on his 18th birthday.

U.S. AIR FORCE PHOTO | STAFF SGT. CARLIN LESLIE

members with PTSD.

Additionally, he wrote two books on his experiences in the war, and he was profiled in volume 5 of "Veterans in Blue," showcasing his contribution to the legacy of the Air Force.

Yellin passed away on Dec. 21, 2017, at the age of 93. His wife of 65 years, the former Helene Schulman, was interred with him. A flyover of four A-10 aircraft from the 23rd Wing at Moody Air Force Base, Georgia, paid him the final tribute.

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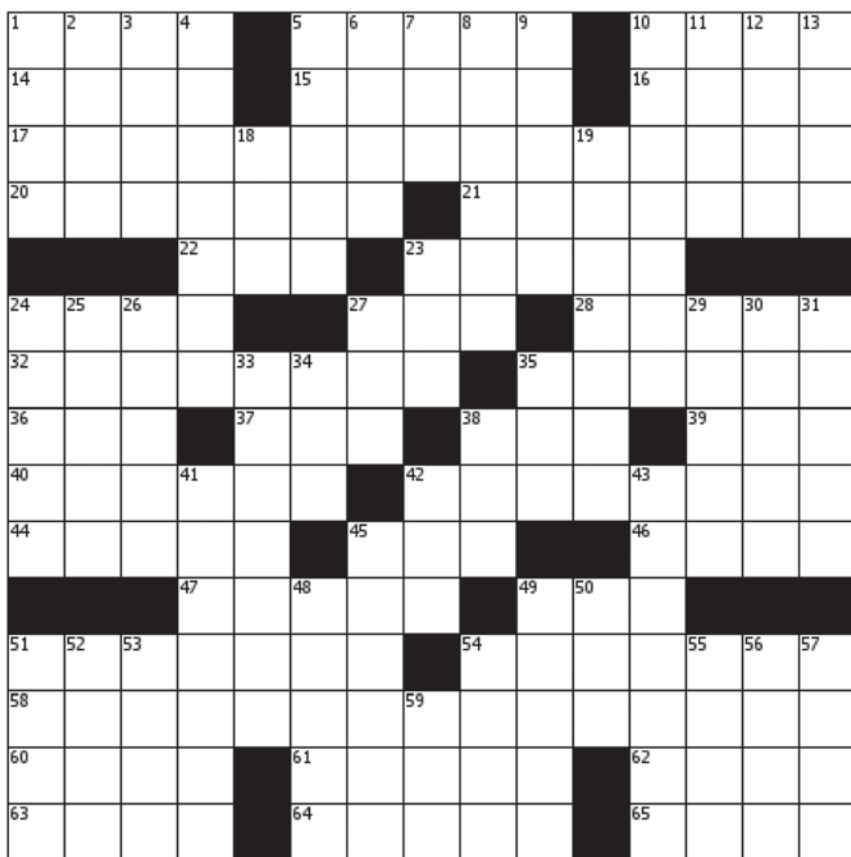


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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Across

- 1. Raise cane?
- 5. Some are double
- 10. Bundle of joy
- 14. East of the Urals
- 15. Riveter of WWII
- 16. Tub on the table
- 17. Block
- 20. Fencing figure
- 21. Arrange the sheets?
- 22. Word with head or mind
- 23. Given the ax
- 24. Color of raw silk
- 27. Long, long time
- 28. Transmission innards
- 32. Block (With 42-Across)
- 35. Cooper's product
- 36. High toss
- 37. Reactor part
- 38. Chip off the old block
- 39. Greek "T"
- 40. Already up
- 42. See 32-Across
- 44. Big tops
- 45. Anti vote
- 46. Gambol
- 47. In motion
- 49. Furthermore
- 51. Gawk
- 54. Lay waste
- 58. Block
- 60. First-class
- 61. Jocular address
- 62. One of the woodwinds
- 63. Jeff's comic strip cohort



- 64. Hold the reins
 - 65. New Jersey cagers
- Down**
- 1. Destined lot
 - 2. Posthaste
 - 3. Food found in a bed
 - 4. Ad-libs, maybe
 - 5. Rooster's comb

- 6. Vast multitude
- 7. School of thought
- 8. Vitamin B3
- 9. Granada gentleman
- 10. Heavy rock
- 11. Edison's middle nam
- 12. Produce choice
- 13. Bygone time
- 18. Tell it like it isn't
- 19. Ritzy
- 23. Befuddlement
- 24. Enthusiastic approval
- 25. Scutwork
- 26. Burt Ward role
- 27. It can be bitter
- 29. Robot Detoo in "Star Wars"

- 30. Furnish with better weapons
- 31. Difficult time for Sosa
- 33. Did a dry cleaner's job
- 34. Electrified particle
- 35. Dressy wrap
- 38. Tricky
- 41. Screen ingenue, often
- 42. Links statistic
- 43. View with disfavor
- 45. Dumbbell
- 48. Things to do
- 49. House style
- 50. Half and half
- 51. Con job
- 52. Commandment starter
- 53. Isn't wrong?
- 54. Used cars
- 55. "Let ___" (Beatles tune)
- 56. Spoils
- 57. Easter buys
- 59. Praiseful poem

SUDOKU Solution to puzzle on page 10

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Difficult

Solution to last week's Crossword puzzle.

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BUMBLEBEE (PG-13)
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“ On the run in the year 1987, Bumblebee the Autobot seeks refuge in a junkyard in a small California beach town. Charlie, on the brink of turning 18 years old and trying to find her place in the world, soon discovers the battle-scarred and broken Bumblebee. When Charlie revives him, she quickly learns that this is no ordinary yellow Volkswagen. ”

Creamy Cajun CHICKEN PASTA



Recipe courtesy of: www.whatsintheapan.com/creamy-cajun-chicken-and-sausage-pasta/

INGREDIENTS:

- 3 Tbsp butter (divided)
- 1 lb. chicken breasts
- 6 oz. smoked sausage (sliced into 1/4 inch pieces)
- 8 oz. baby Bella mushrooms (sliced)
- Cajun seasoning to taste
- Italian seasoning to taste
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Creamy Parmesan Sauce:**
- 4 cloves garlic (minced)
- 1 cup chicken broth
- 1 tbsp Worcestershire sauce
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 2 tsp Cajun seasoning
- 1 tsp Paprika
- 1/2 tsp garlic powder
- 3/4 cup Parmesan cheese (grated)
- Sea salt (to taste)
- Pasta:**
- 8 oz. penne pasta

INSTRUCTIONS:

• Pasta: Boil pasta in salty water according to the package instructions. Drain and set aside.

• Chicken, sausage and mushrooms: Generously season chicken with salt, pepper, Cajun and Italian seasonings. Do not slice it yet - you will be cooking it whole. Slice sausage into 1/4 inch circles and slice mushrooms.

In a large skillet, add 1 tbsp butter and melt it over medium high heat. When the pan is hot, add whole chicken breasts and cook for about 4-5 minutes on each side until browned for a total of 8-10 minutes. Remove chicken onto a plate and slice into strips.

Add sliced sausage pieces and brown them on medium heat for 2-3 minutes on each side until darker in color around the edges. Remove from the skillet onto a plate.

Deglaze the pan with a splash of water and add 2nd tbsp of butter and sliced mushrooms into the skillet (add more butter as well, if needed). Saute until your mushrooms should look nice and moist, and dark. Once cooked, remove them from the pan as well.

• Sauce:

To make the sauce, add remaining 1 tbsp butter to the pan, allow it to melt and then cook garlic in it until slightly browned - only for a couple of minutes. Next add chicken broth, Worcestershire sauce and heavy cream and bring to a light simmer. Add Cajun seasoning, paprika and garlic powder and mix into the sauce. Add Parmesan cheese and whisk to blend for 2-3 minutes to thicken the sauce. Taste the sauce and add salt to taste.

Add cooked pasta into the sauce and mix in well. Next add the chicken, sausage and mushrooms back into the pan and allow them to reheat for 2-3 minutes. Close the lid to help the heat stay in. Serve immediately!

UPCOMING EVENTS



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25 JAN 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Location: Souris Valley Animal Shelter 1935 20th Ave SE, Minot.

Who's ready for a night of fun? Souris Valley Animal Shelter is proud to announce the return of popular comedy show "Raise the Woof", Friday, January 25, at the Clarion Hotel in Minot. Raise the Woof is a troupe of comedians that travel across North America raising money for animal welfare and rescues with their own brand of hilarity. So get ready for a night of laughter! Appetizers will be served and a cash bar available. Get



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25-26-27 JAN 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM
Location: Minot State University Ann Nicole Nelson Hall 500 University Ave W, Minot.

James Lapine and Stephen Sondheim take everyone's favorite storybook characters and bring them together for a timeless, yet relevant, piece... and a rare modern classic. The story follows a Baker and his wife, who wish to have a child; Cinderella, who wishes to attend the King's Festival; and Jack, who wishes his

Friday, Jan 25, 2019 @ 7:30 PM
Saturday, Jan 26, 2019 @ 7:30 PM
Sunday, Jan 27, 2019 @ 3:00 PM



Western Plains Opera Company presents **Into the Woods** Music and Lyrics by STEPHEN SONDEHEIM Book by JAMES LAPINE cow would give milk. Come see the Western Plains Opera's production of Into the Woods. This family friendly event will sure to be a great time! Click the link to get your tickets today. For More information: Facebook event/Into the Woods - Musical Production

26 JAN 8:00 PM - 11:59 PM
Location: The Spot Pool Hall 6 2nd St NE, Minot.

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Dance the night away with our DJ get in! For more information check out: Facebook event/High School Hangover Dance

27 JAN INDOOR RUMMAGE SALE 1/27/2019 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Location: The Wyatt at Northern Lights

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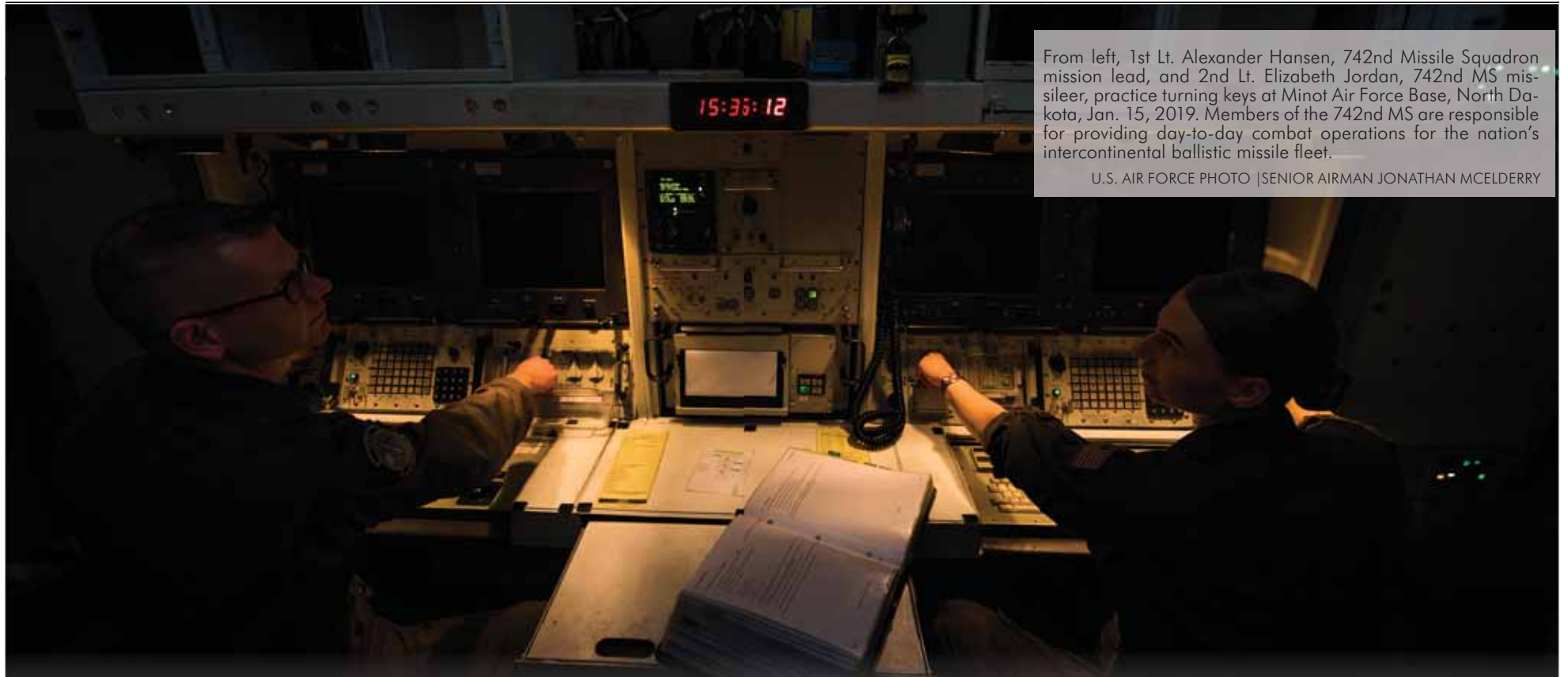
31 JAN 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Location: Sleep Inn & Suites 2400 10th St SW, Minot, ND 58701

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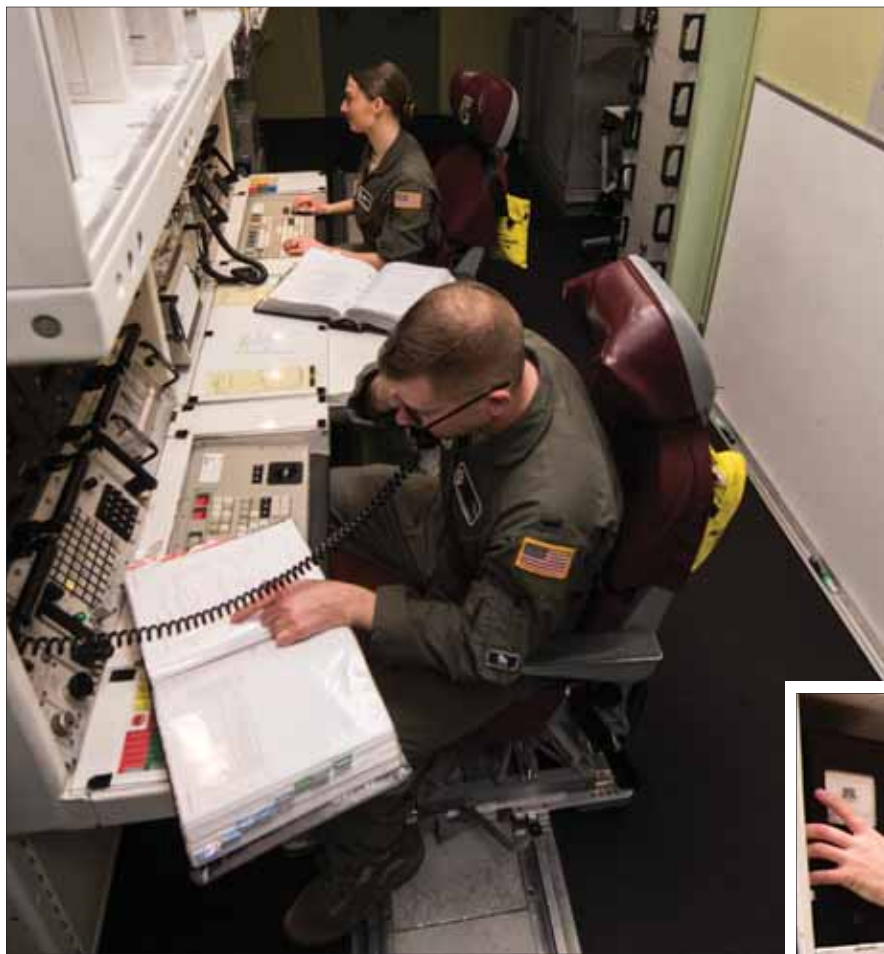
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Dates to Know:

- **Jan. 26:** Fat tire bike race, 10 a.m. registration; racing at noon. Fort Stevenson State Park, Garrison.
 - **Jan. 26:** Ducks Unlimited State Convention, Jamestown.
 - **Jan. 31:** Deadline for removing all hunting gear, including tree stands, etc., from N.D. Game & Fish Dept. Wildlife Mgmt. Areas.
 - **Feb. 1:** Lonetree Rocky Mtn. Elk Foundation banquet, Harvey Eagles, 5 p.m.
 - **Feb. 9:** Souris Valley Longbeards Nat'l. Wild Turkey Federation banquet, Minot, Grand Hotel, 5 p.m.
- Tournaments:**
- **Jan. 26:** Devils Lake, 6-Mile Bay.
 - **Feb. 2:** Lake Sakakawea, Van Hook Arm.



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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.
*Remember to keep any fish caught in 20 feet of water and deeper because they don't survive coming up from those depths.
*It's illegal to chase, harasses, or pursue all wildlife – including coyotes – with any motorized vehicle.

Fishing:
Lake Sakakawea elevation, Jan. 21: 1,839.43 feet above mean sea level (MSL); 18,000 cubic feet per second (CFS) Garrison Dam average daily releases.
Devils Lake elevation: No available update.
Stump Lake elevation: 1,448.13 MSL.
*N.D. Game & Fish Dept. game wardens: Not much activity on Lake Metigoshe or other small area lakes. Generally OK access on Lake Metigoshe. Devils Lake remains slow for walleye and perch. The best success is for pike. Access is still OK but beware of ice heaves and varying ice depths. Missouri River System reports.
*Devils Lake, Ed's Bait Shop, Devils Lake: Black Tiger Bay continues producing perch in the day with a walleye bite in the morning or late afternoon. Also try Woods-Rutten Road for walleye. Some pike spearing activity along Rocky Point or 6-Mile Bay.
*Devils Lake, Woodland Resort, Devils Lake: Best walleye success is in the early morning and late afternoon. Lots of small fish with some nice keepers in between. Perch remain finicky. Fish are looking but not biting. Good pike success using tip-ups.
*Lake Darling, Karma C-Store, Ruthville: Lake Darling producing a few walleye but nothing steady. Some pike starting to show up from Lake Audubon.
*Lake Metigoshe, Four Seasons, Bottineau: Weather limiting Lake Metigoshe activity with fair at best success for both bluegill and walleye.
*Lake Metigoshe, Lake Metigoshe State Park, Bottineau: Some spearing success for pike on Long Lake along with a few walleye. No reports from Lake Metigoshe.
*Lake Sakakawea/Lake Audubon, Cenex Bait & Tackle, Garrison: Lake Audubon producing some walleye but the lake has more snow on the ice after the weekend weather so be prepared in the event of getting stuck. Some spearfishing activity on east end Lake Sakakawea back bays with some success. Try Steinke or Douglas bays. Weather permitting, anglers finding some walleye in the Missouri River tailrace.
*Lake Sakakawea/Lake Audubon, 6-Mile Bait & Tackle, Garrison: Move around on Lake Audubon to locate walleye, although access might be more difficult after recent snow. No Lake

Sakakawea reports.
*Lake Sakakawea, Scenic 23, New Town: Ice conditions improving on the Van Hook Arm with anglers starting to move around more. Try 13 to 20 feet for walleye using jigs and minnows. Some pike success using tip-ups or spearing along the breakwater rocks with fairly good water clarity.
*Lake Sakakawea/Missouri River, Scott's Bait & Tackle, Pick City: Limited activity with recent cold and snowy weather.
*Lake Sakakawea/northwest N.D. lakes, Scenic Sports, Williston: West end of Lake Sakakawea slowed for walleye with White Earth Bay still producing the best success. Work shallow water with tips-up and frozen smelt for pike, though, for the most activity. Trenton Lake continues producing crappie. Decent walleye bite on the Yellowstone River.
*Lonetree WMA area lakes, Harvey: No new reports.
*North-central/central N.D. lakes, Towner Hdwe. Hank, Towner: Weather continues limiting activity on area lakes.
N.D. Parks & Recreation Dept. ski trails:
*Fort Stevenson, Garrison: Weather permitting, trails are packed and groomed for cross-country skiing and in good condition. Fat tire bike trails also groomed and in good condition.
*Lake Metigoshe, Bottineau: Lots of cross-country skiers on the trails with fat tire bike trails also seeing activity. Trails in fair to good condition.
Downhill skiing:
*Bottineau Winter Park, Bottineau: 12- to 18-inch base with beginner runs, 5 runs, 7 tubing lanes, with 2 jumps and 1 rail Terrain Park open.
*Frostfire Ski Area, Walthalla: Delayed opening for the season.
*Huff Hills, Mandan: 22- to 28-inch powder, packed powder base. 7 runs and 3 lifts open.
*Terry Peak, Lead, S.D.: All express and lifts open with 28 runs open

Snowmobile N.D.:
*East-central Valley (Cass & Richland counties): Conditions deteriorated and trails closed until conditions improve.
*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 good condition but some icy areas.
*Northeast (Cavalier, Pembina, & Walsh counties): 4- to 10-inch base with Moonlight Gorge trail open from Langdon to the east. NESCA, Tetrault, Tri-county, and Parsite trails open. North Nekoma Trailblazers trail open from Langdon to Nekoma to Milton.
*Southern Valley (Richland County): All trails open with 4- to 7-inch base. Fair conditions with ice in some areas.
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PBS KIDS WRITERS CONTEST

Prairie Public launches PBS Kids Writers Contest

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January 16, 2019 –
Prairie Public has launched the PBS Kids Writers Contest to promote the advancement of children's reading skills through hands-on, active learning. The deadline to submit stories is March 22, 2019.
The contest encourages children in grades K-3, in the prairie region and communities across the country, to write and illustrate stories. Each story entered will be evaluated by Prairie Public staff and a team of local teachers and librarians until a first-place winner and three Red Ribbon Favorites are chosen for each grade level. Every child who enters the contest will receive a certificate of achievement and personalized, positive feedback from contest

evaluators. First-place winners will receive prizes, have their stories featured on the Prairie Public website, and have the opportunity to read their stories on Prairie Public's statewide radio network.
Entry forms and complete rules are available from Prairie Public online at prairiepublic.org or by calling Christine McClellan at 701-239-7527.
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Virtual, augmented reality may hold key to future Air Force training

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JOINT BASE LANGLEY-EUSTIS, Va. (AFNS) -- A demonstration of how virtual reality and augmented reality (VR/AR) can benefit Air Force training processes took place Jan. 8.

The demonstration was geared toward Airmen within the aircraft armament systems and munition systems, and gave a glimpse of how VR/AR applications can aid in providing an enhanced experience to Airmen preparing aircraft for combat missions.

Aircraft armament systems Airmen are responsible for maintaining launch and release devices on aircraft. This means that when a pilot pulls the trigger, the devices successfully launch away from the aircraft toward the intended target. Munitions systems Airmen are responsible for the assembly and processing of non-nuclear munitions. They handle, store, transport, arm and disarm weapons systems to ensure the safety of all Airmen involved in preparing aircraft sorties.

These two groups of Airmen operate in a complex work environment where aircraft up-time is paramount. VR/AR technology may present a unique way for the Air Force to ensure every Airman can get the training they need, catered to the individual's preferred method of education.

"It's a way to build the readiness and experience level by leveraging advanced technologies," said Chief Master Sgt. John Jordan, 2W1 aircraft armament career field functional manager, Headquarters Air Force A4/A4LW(?). "In the past, we received this level of experience because the weapon systems were in need of constant repair and maintenance. Now, our systems are more advanced, and it's hard to practice difficult repairs."

"We can build our skillsets and proficiency faster," he continued, "by not having an aircraft break to perform the training. We could break one virtually at any time, any place. VR/AR is a unique way to fully train while still maintaining our mission capable rate."

In this demonstration, Air Force leadership experienced an immersive VR training scenario, donned a head-mounted display for AR application and used

hand-held devices for an AR training scenario.

The immersive VR scenario allowed users to walk inside a hangar with a piece of munition positioned for maintenance. The user could look around the hangar, interact with the munition, pull up the technical order in a full-view mode or even watch a video of someone successfully installing that specific item on the munition. Essentially, the person could take apart and reassemble a bomb in the middle of the conference room.

"The younger Airmen have a natural draw to this type of technology," said Master Sgt. Ron Levi, ACC A4WC munitions policy manager. "In a classroom setting, VR/AR could allow instant immersion into the field to help those Airmen understand the content better, faster."

In Air Force technical schools, newly enlisted Airmen must attend classes and complete assessments to learn how to perform their duties, said Levi. If the Air Force fully implements VR/AR into its training processes, the students could have virtual hands-on experience much earlier in their careers, which could bridge the training-to-experience gap challenge that the Air Force now faces.

The in-garrison mission may be different from the deployed mission, said Jordan. That gap can become noticeable if an Airman who has a home-station duty on a certain airframe or munition deploys and must work with unfamiliar equipment or in a joint environment. VR/AR could be used as recurrent or just-in-time training to bolster the combat capabilities of those deploying Airman.

Demonstrations like these are made possible through AFWERX, an Air Force program designed to combat today's challenges through innovation and collaboration among the nation's top subject matter experts. It's a way to increase combat capability and solve complex national security issues by partnering with academic institutions, science and technology communities, and private industries.

AFWERX sponsored a small business innovation research special topic, and Vectrona Innovative Systems and Technologies earned a grant to

conduct a demonstration of VR/AR applications for weapons and munitions systems training. Vectrona then partnered with Ario to create the backend platform to house the application. The company is in phase 1 development, which is an analysis to assess technological and operational feasibility, and will report its progress and findings back to AFWERX in early February.

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aircraft and equipment."

Michael DeRespinis, program manager with the Human Systems Division said that working with AFWERX has been beneficial in that it has helped increase competition to replace the helmet and is facilitating the rapid delivery of prototypes.

DeRespinis also said that the division would like to select one of the prototypes and put that company on contract by Sept. 2019 for further development activity and future production.

Because of AFWERX Vegas, a process that in the past would have taken years to complete, will now only take months, which in turn will allow the Human Systems Division to field the helmets to aircrews faster.

The ATAC team comprised of a group of competitively selected mid-level military and civilian acquisition professionals from across AFLCMC, the Air Force

Research Laboratory and the Space and Missile Systems Center, are focused not only on supporting the Human Systems Division during this process, but also on figuring out the best way to transition technology.

"Innovation hubs like AFWERX are starting to spin up around the Air Force," said Adam Vencill, a member of ATAC and a program manager by trade. "A challenge the Air Force has is getting products on contract that comes out of these hubs. We (ATAC members) were tasked to create a business model that helps that transition process."

Nicole Barnes, ATAC contract specialist and member said that working with AFWERX, the Human Systems Division and being part of a rapid acquisition process has been rewarding. She added that the ATAC program is an example of leadership's commitment to the workforce and to positive change.


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 <p>\$179,900</p> <p>RANCH STYLE – 3 bedroom, 3 bath home in SW area close to school. Deck off dining room. Basement recently sheetrocked. Attached garage. Large backyard with room to build a triple garage off paved alley.</p> <p>MLS #182235</p>	 <p>\$149,900</p> <p>READY TO GO – Move this modular home to your own lot. 29x72 3 bedroom, 2 bath 2016 home that has never been lived in. Open kitchen, dining and living room. Master suite. 9 foot ceilings.</p> <p>MLS #190080</p>	 <p>\$114,900</p> <p>PRICE REDUCED! 2 bedroom, 1 bath cozy starter home with fenced back yard. Close to school. Open living room. Bedrooms have large closets. Full unfinished basement. Attached garage.</p> <p>MLS #182238</p>
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TODAY	TUESDAY	 <p>UPCOMING EVENTS:</p> <p>1 February</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Base vs Base Rowing Challenge begins at the Fitness Center • Winter Reading Program and Winter Challenges continue all month long at the Base Library • Barre, 0600, Fitness Center • Torch Club, 1600-1700, Youth Center • TAP GPS Workshop, 0730-1630, held at the Education Center, hosted by A&FRC • 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 • Mixed Fun League, 1830, Rough Rider Lanes • Lights & Strikes Bowling, 2100-2400, Rough Rider Lanes • Karaoke Night, 2100, Rockers Bar & Grill <p>2 February</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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, Youth Center • Lights & Strikes and Saturday Unlimited Bowling, 2000-2400, Rough Rider Lanes <p>Rough Riders Pizza Special <u>January Special – Giabatta Sandwich</u> Check out our mouthwatering Giabatta 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 <u>January Drink of the Month – Peach Cobbler Frappuccino</u> 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 <u>January 20-31</u> Oil Purchase Special Purchase oil and filter from Auto Hobby and get the stall FREE for 1 hour. <u>February 1-28</u> Tire Mounting Special Come in to Auto Hobby to mount your own tires and have the staff balance them & we will waive the stall fee! *Includes flat & lift stalls – Ask for the February special to receive discount on services. Offer valid 1-28 February during operating hours.</p>
SATURDAY	WEDNESDAY	
SUNDAY	THURSDAY	
MONDAY		



Security Force members conduct foot patrols during tier 1 and 2 Commando Warrior training at North West Field near Andersen Air Force Base, Guam Dec. 11, 2018. The training was hosted by the 736th Security Forces Squadron as part of the CSAF's Year of the Defender initiative. Sixty-eight active duty and Air National Guard members graduated from the 14-day course Dec. 14, 2018.

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The 736th SFS are defenders of the force

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ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE, Guam (AFNS) --

The dictionary defines the word “defender” as a person who defends someone or something. It’s no coincidence security force members throughout the Air Force use this moniker. Defender is well-suited; however, just one word could not speak to their flexibility, warrior ethos or enormous responsibility.

If you’ve spent more than a week in the Air Force, you’ve seen these individuals working in the capacity as law enforcement, military working dog handlers or flight line security. Many typecast these members because they’re the first person you see every day when your ID is checked to get on base.

Some do not realize their impact to combat operations, but

everyone who has donned the blue beret understands what is asked of them. Specifically, the training they must complete to be combat effective.

Sixty-eight active duty Air Force and Air National Guard security force members graduated tier 1 and 2 Commando Warrior training at the Pacific Regional Training Center Dec. 14, 2018. The 736th Security Forces Squadron from Andersen Air Force Base, Guam hosted the iteration.

“As part of the (Air Force chief of staff’s) Year of the Defender initiative, we lead the way in providing world-class ground combat training for all security force members,” said Maj. Richard Cheng, 736th SFS commander. “Commando Warrior serves as a gateway into the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command region

as well as a major nexus for all defenders conducting the new revolutionized tier training.”

During the 14-day course, students received in-depth training in convoy operations, counter improvised explosive devices, navigation techniques, advanced weapons tactics and other skills to promote base and mobile security. These skills are most vital to members deploying downrange.

“My biggest takeaway from this training is the team building aspect, to be effective we all have to finish despite different strengths and weaknesses,” said Staff Sgt. Seth Gordon, 374th Security Forces Squadron patrolman at Yokota Air Base, Japan. “I’m excited to bring this knowledge back to Yokota so we can incorporate it.”

Without a doubt, the cadre is the essential ingredient. The tone is

set from day one without saying one word. Military tabs affixed to instructors’ uniforms highlight diverse backgrounds. Ranger, Airborne, Air Assault, Jump, Jungle, K-9 and Pathfinder are some of the qualifications held.

“Having a Ranger tab helps me with the leadership angle not only for students but most importantly for my cadre,” Tech. Sgt. Robert Keefe, 736th SFS Commando Warrior flight chief. “The techniques and knowledge gained at Ranger school have helped me become a more active and open-minded leader. The cadre knows this, which allows them to be more creative to advance our curriculum.”

Like a puzzle, each member is a great piece alone, but together creates a dynamic sight picture on the battlefield. Even without the flare, each instructor draws from

past experiences to give students the edge needed to operate in combat situations.

“Our training allows the students to have a level of familiarity with scenarios they may encounter being deployed,” said Tech. Sgt. Edgar Gonzalez, 736th SFS Commando Warrior instructor. “Giving students the knowledge and hands-on training allows them to be confident if they were placed in that situation, which could save lives.”

The 736th SFS has shown their commitment to preparing frontline security force members with invaluable training and have facilitated “Defensor Fortis.”

“We are providing defenders everywhere the absolute best instructors possible in order for Airmen to meet the multi-domain threats facing the Air Force today,” said Cheng.

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