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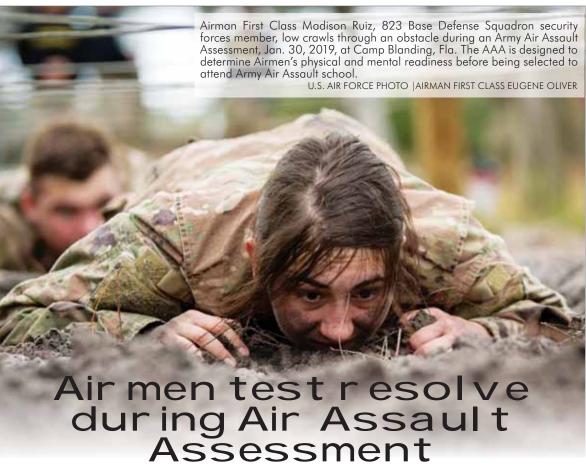
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AIRMAN FIRST CLASS EUGENE OLIVER | 23D WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

MOODY AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. (AFNS) -adre from the 820th Base Defense Group evaluated approximately 37 Airmen during an Army Air Assault Assessment.

The assessment measured each Airmen's readiness to determine who would be selected to attend the 10-day Army Air Assault School, at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. The BDG is one of the few units within the Air Force that sends their Airmen to AAS to enhance their personal readiness and also reinforce their unit's lethal capabilities.

"Everything we learn at AAS is a part of our mission scope within the BDG," said Staff Sgt. Nicholas Groomes, 822nd Base Defense Squadron training instructor and cadre team member. "It's rare to find an Army school curriculum (that) falls under our umbrella, so the more experience we can get for our Airmen the better off the BDG can be downrange."

The assessment provided Airmen with an opportunity to challenge themselves personally and to assess their physical and mental readiness said. "Being self-aware to perform in high-stress situations.

"The reason I wanted to go to AAS was to test myself and to prove that I could get through something so difficult," said Senior Airman Jeffrey Lewis, 822d BDS fireteam leader. "You always hear of how superior the

Army Air Assault School is and how physical it is. I saw this as a milestone to achieve and an opportunity to improve."

To be eligible to attend the school, Airmen have to complete a wide array of tests: rappel tower operations, ruck layout and sling load inspections, the Army physical fitness test, an obstacle course and a 12-mile ruck march.

"There are very few opportunities for Airmen to go to AAS and the BDG is one of the only units that gives their Airmen the chance leader, explained what it to attend, so I wanted to take advantage of that," Groomes said. "It's a great opportunity for Airmen to (assess) themselves and learn what things they need to improve, not only physically, but mentally to push through."

While still having to pass all proficiency tests, Airmen were required to perform constant remedial physical training throughout the duration of the assessment to test their physical and mental resiliency.

"The biggest thing I needed, to get through (the assessment), was a strong drive and motivation," Lewis and keeping my mental composure through very intense situations was key."

During AAA the cadre implemented strenuous measures to help simulate the physical and mental demands Airmen should expect at Fort Campbell.

make the assessment more rigorous than the school to better prepare our Airmen for success when they arrive there," said Staff Sgt. Ulysses Ortiz, 820th Combat Operations Squadron unit trainer and lead cadre team member. "We have very few slots at the schoolhouse, so we only want our most deserving Airmen to go."

Of the 37 Airmen that started the assessment, approximately 10 were deemed qualified for AAS.

Tech. Sgt. Christopher Zavala, 822d BDS squad took to finish the assessment and how attending Army Air Assault School will benefit not only himself but other Airmen's careers in the future

"The biggest thing it took for me to push through the AAA was just channeling that inner drive that motivated me to train so hard for it in the first place," Zavala said. "I wanted to lead by example and Air Assault will add more tools to my toolbox, which gives me the ability to explain and elaborate those things to my Airmen coming in from (technical) school to help them succeed."



Kansas Guar d Air man innovates superior training method

AIRMAN EMILY AMYOTTE | 190TH AIR REFUELING WING

- With a high deployment tempo and limited aircraft, finding the aircraft available for boom operators to practice tying down cargo to the floor of the jet was almost always a problem.

Master Sgt. Nathan Neidhardt, 190th Operations Group aircrew training noncommissioned officer in charge, solved this problem by creating a fullyfunctioning cargo loading training simulator which checks all the boxes for improving safety, utilization of man-hours and logistics of cargo loading training.

What first sparked the idea the floor." to create a simulated KC-135 Stratotanker floor was the issues Neidhardt would continuously run into when trying to schedule a jet for training.

"It came up from a lack of aircraft since we're so busy deploying," he said. "Trying to schedule a cargo loading class with an actual aircraft was just hard. So the next floor and use it."

Previously, boom operators and just under \$3,000 in required an operational jet to perform this training. This caused hurdles and inconveniences for different Maj. Westley Broxterman entities around the base.

"While we were on the jet trying to train, the aircrew had to sit and twiddle their thumbs wasting valuable training time," Neidhardt said. "Whereas with this simulator, it's on our

TOPEKA, Kansas (AFNS) own time. We don't need anybody there, it's just the booms."

In addition to wasted time, the previous method of training inside a KC-135 was often a safety hazard to Airmen and the aircraft. The indoor simulator also addresses these issues.

"We're not in the jet where it's dark, cold, wet and everything else," he said. "It's a controlled room where people can walk around and see different areas. It's a better learning environment that allows them to make mistakes without the fear of damaging

The plywood simulator perfectly resembles the floor of a KC-135, minus the materials used to construct it. Using references from his cargo loading handbook and knowledge of the jets he works with on a daily basis, Neidhardt was able to create a blueprint for the floor simulation, illustrating support beams and tie-down best thing is to create a mock points in a grid-like pattern.

After one weekend supplies, Neidhardt, his son and another Airman from the 190th Operations Group, had built a collapsible, indoor training simulator that would eliminate the need for a jet during cargo loading training.

This is helpful because it

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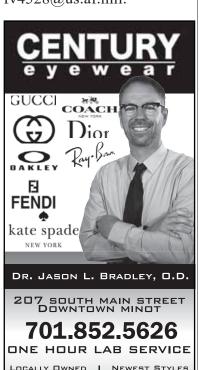
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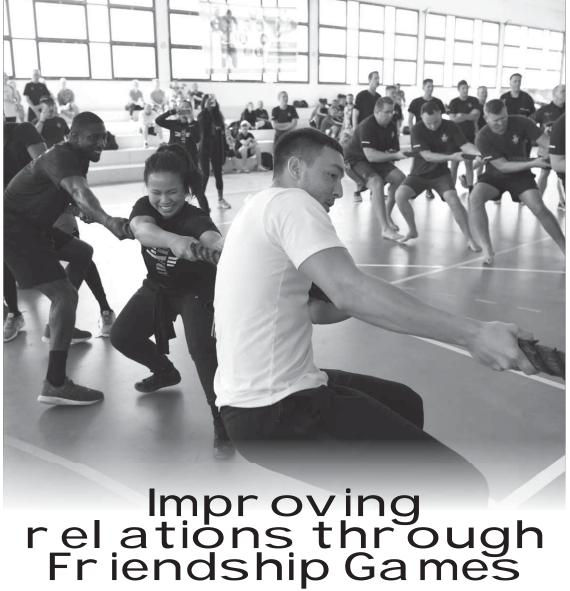
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TECH. SGT. DARNELL T. CANNADY | 380TH AIR EXPEDITIONARY WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

AL DHAFRA AIR BASE, United Arab Emirates (AFNS) --

ore than one hundred service members from the U.S., United Arab Emirates, and several coalition nations participated in the Friendship Games Feb. 6, at with their coalition forces Al Dhafra Air Base.

This semi-annual event used games to promote partnerships between the different countries.

"This is the one time of year where we all get together and participate in sports," said Anthony Dalton, 380th Expeditionary Force Support Squadron

The U.S. team competes in the tug-of-war portion of the Friendship Games Feb. 6, 2019, at Al Dhafra Air Base, United Arab Emirates. These games allow servicemembers to interact with and get to know each other in a universally-accepted environment.

U.S. AIR FORCE PHOTO | TECH. SGT. DARNELL T. CANNADY

fitness director. "We try to pick universal sports that everyone wants to compete

The 380th EFSS worked counterparts to coordinate and organize the games. It kicked off with a 4k run and very exciting. Getting included competitive events like basketball, soccer, a relay race and tug-of-war matches.

"It's called the Friendship Games but people come out here and they want to win, they're very competitive," Dalton said. "Whether they're first, second or third, Friendship Games at Al they're happy to participate Dahfra AB was the true in an event and represent their country.'

members to interact with and get to know each other in a universally-accepted environment.

"I believe these games are very important because it builds camaraderie between I don't think I've seen the countries and helps bridge the gap by getting to know one another on a personal level," said Staff Sgt. William Hazelwood, 99th Expeditionary

Reconnaissance Squadron launch and recovery supervisor and Friendship Games participant. "Participating in the games with members from other countries was fellowship with other members, exchanging conversations and competing were the highlight of the games for me."

Regardless of who won or lost, by building relationships through the winner.

"When we come out These games allow service here all together, we're truly one force," Dalton added. "Everyone talks with each other, everybody competes, so I just like the camaraderie that these events bring. anything like that during my time working for the Air Force where all the countries come together and participate in sports."

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- 1. Token punishment
- 5. Dramatis personae
- 9. Prison sentences
- **13**. Phone greeting
- 15. Without repetition
- 16. Be an accomplice
- **17**. With ____ to the ground
- 18. Stand for
- **19**. "____ went thataway!"
- **20**. Three black things
- 23. Slangy denial
- 24. Takes the wheel
- 25. Turns thumbs down on
- 28. Pitchblende, e.g.
- **31**. Health farm
- **32**. Molecule component
- **33.** Void companion
- **35**. One of the Three Musketeers
- **39**. Three black things
- **42**. Pickle piece
- 43. Raw linen color
- 44. Skye, for one
- 45. Souchong, e.g. 47. Schoolyard game
- **48**. Employee investment acronym
- 49. Pour, as wine
- 52. German car
- **54**. Four black things
- 60. "Alice's Restaurant" singer
- **61**. Form of lie
- 62. Osmond sister
- **63**. Cordon
- 64. Cookie favorite

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- 65. Popeye's love
- 66. Timer filler
- 67. Wanders (about)
- **68**. Site of temptation Down
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- 2. Horne of "Stormy Weather" fame
- 3. "Break ____" (theatric motto)
- **4**. Three white things
- 5. Crooner Perry
- **6**. From the top
- 7. Oodles
- 8. Doctrines
- **9**. Four white things
- **10**. Feel more than disdain
- **11**. Orange discards
- **12**. Eye ailment 14. Killer whale
- 21. Counterfeit
- 22. Add more cushioning
- 25. Certain campaign funders, for short
- 26. Resting on
- 27. Alaskan seaport
- 29. Unpolished person
- 30. Campaign poster word
- 34. Pasternak heroine

Solution to puzzle on page 10

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Solution to last week's Crossword puzzle.

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SELMA (PG-13) FRIDAY, FEB. 22 • 1900



A chronicle of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s campaign to secure equal voting rights via an epic march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama, in 1965.

GREEN BOOK (PG-13) SATURDAY, FEB. 23 • 1700



A working-class Italian-American bouncer becomes the driver of an African-American classical pianist on a tour of venues through the 1960s American South.

THE KID WHO WOULD BE KING (PG) SUNDAY, FEB. 24 • 1500



The story of a team of female Africanvital role in NASA during the early years of the U.S. space program.

53. Office note

36. Sound from a mad

40. King had a famous

46. Digital alternative

50. DeGeneres or Barki

51. Princess's crown

41. Football's British

49. Little Rascals

37. Certain Nobel

38. Aerobics style

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54. Peg Riley's daughter

55. Told tales

56. Seth's son

57. Excessively dry **58**. Take a bride

59. Sharp, as vision

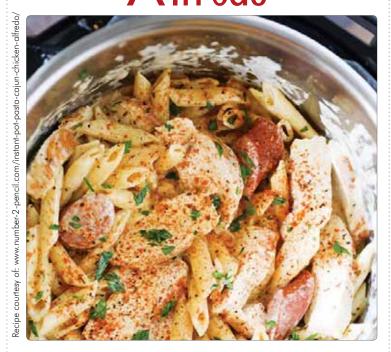








INSTANT POT PASTA Cajun Chicken Alfredo



INGREDIENTS:

- 2 tablespoons of olive oil
- kosher salt and freshly ground black
- 2 chicken breasts, about 1 pound total
- 4 cloves of garlic, minced
- 14 oz smoked turkey sausage, sliced
- 1 quart of low sodium chicken broth
- 1.5 tbsp gourmet Cajun Seasoning
- 1 pound of uncooked penne pasta
- 2 cups of heavy whipping cream • 8 oz of freshly shredded real parme-
- san cheese
- flat leaf parsley minced for garnish

INSTRUCTIONS:

Season chicken breasts with salt and pepper.

Set 6 Qt Instant Pot to Saute function and hit Adjust button until More is lit. This heats Instant Pot to highest heat for searing.

Sear chicken breast in Instant Pot for several minutes on both sides until evenly

Remove chicken from pot and set aside to be added back in with the rest of the ingredients. Add sausage and garlic to pot and cook for about one minute. Add chicken broth and use wooden spoon to scrape up browned bits from the bot-

tom of the pot. Add uncooked pasta and cajun seasoning. Return chicken breasts to Instant Pot and stir all ingredients together. Hit off button to end Saute function, then lock lid in place with Pressure valve set to sealing. Cook on Manual, High Pressure for 6 minutes. Instant Pot with take 10-15

minutes to come to pressure and then count down from 6 minutes.

Once cooking is complete, use Quick Pressure Release. Since we are cooking a pound of pasta, there may be some starches and liquids that start to splatter. If that happens, use wooden spoon or an oven mitt to quickly close pressure valve. Wait one minute and try again.

Once pressure pin drops, unlock lid and remove chicken breasts. Use a meat thermometer to ensure they have reached 165 F degrees. Set aside to rest. Stir pasta mixture together and add warm cream. Slowly add in freshly grated

parmesan cheese and stir until melted Slice chicken breast and combine with pasta.

Serve with additional shredded parmesan and chopped flat leaf parsley.



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11:00 AM - 2:00 PM Location:

Taube Museum of Art 2 Main St N Minot.

Our "Walk and Wander" social format makes its return for the Taube Museum of Art's 12th Annual Soup It Up fundraiser on Saturday, February 23, 2019. It is being brought back the Museum to give us the opportunity to showcase what we have to offer the community. We are excited bring to you a NEW Soup



Sampling Experience! Attendees will to sample all the soups available and check out: Facebook event/ Soup visit with the artisans selling their works. It Up Fundraiser Table seating will be limited and on a

rotation basis with this new SOCIAL "walk and wander" the Full Museum FORMAT. For more information

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM Location: Make a Scene Kids Theatre 2915 10th St SW, Minot. All acts (sin

dancing, juggling, painting, welcome to audition. All ages too! After all acts have auditioned on Monday, February 11th, 15 acts will be chosen (and announced via Facebook live) to move on to the show will be held at Minot State University on Saturday, February 23rd at 3pm. At the show, our judges

15 ACTS WILL GO ON, YOU MAKE THE Minot's Got Talent talent show. The will choose their top acts to win cash show are \$5 and can be purchased

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DAVIS-MONTHAN AIR FORCE BASE, Ariz. (AFNS) ---

n the darkness of night, forward area refueling point team members wait for a HC-130J Combat King II to members land – marking the start of training.

FARP, a specialty within the petroleum, oils and lubrication career field, trains Airmen to effectively refuel aircraft in remote locations when air-to-air refueling is not possible or when fueling stations are not accessible.

Davis-Monthan is one of seven bases which can provide FARP capabilities. Of the entire U.S. Air Force, there are a total of 63 qualified FARP team members – nine for each base.

"We come in with everything we need to deliver fuel from one aircraft to another," said Staff Sgt. Drake Burch, 355th Logistics Readiness Squadron FARP operator. "So that others have enough Escape (SERE) school fuel to complete their missions and make it back home safe."

FARP plays a role in the U.S. military's adaptive basing abilities to deliver airpower lethality more effectively and efficiently anywhere in the world by being able to provide a mobile refueling point anywhere an aircraft can land.

"With the ability to set up a refueling site with both minimal equipment and personnel, we are able to provide versatility while leaving a low footprint" Burch said.

To maintain readiness

in adverse conditions, FARP training can take place anytime, day or night, and consists of wearing roughly 60 pounds of gear, to include: a rifle, vest, magazines, night-vision goggles, a helmet and

survival gear, while performing refueling tasks to simulate encounters they may face downrange.

"We practice how we play," said Staff Sgt. Matthew Lara, 355th LRS FARP operator. "It helps us prepare for real-world situations. Downrange we could have scenarios where we have to land, refuel and leave in under an hour."

Training can be strenuous and demanding. To even qualify for FARP, Airmen must pass Survival, Evasion, Resistance, and and go through an altitude chamber. In training situations, which can sometimes take place in pitch black darkness, FARP members must show they can refuel aircraft even in the most austere

U.S. Air Force Airmen prepare for routine nighttime forward area refueling training at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz., Oct. 4, 2018. FARP training prepares Airmen to effectively refuel aircraft in austere locations when air-to-air refueling is not possible or when fueling stations are not accessible.

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environments. Training in less-than-ideal conditions allow Airmen to hone their skills which will, in turn, allow them to support the mission in any situation.

"It's demanding – both physically and mentally. On the job, exhaustion can easily creep up on you and thoughts of wanting to quit start to cross your mind, but you don't quit," Lara said. "In a real-world situation you can't just stop, you have to keep going to complete the mission.'

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provides boom operators at the 190 Air Refueling Wing with more adequate training and ensures the safety of Airmen and valuable equipment on board the jet.

"At the end of the day, the boom operator is in charge of loading the cargo safely," Neidhardt said. "If the cargo doesn't get loaded safely, then there's a chance of that airplane being damaged or crashing. So it's up to our booms to load cargo safely and properly because if he doesn't, it affects the whole crew."

Neidhardt believes that the cargo loading simulator has been a valuable investment for the Wing and the boom operators who will receive enhanced, innovative training.

"As an instructor and training NCOIC, my goal is to make every boom operator better than me," he explained. "I want each boom operator to not settle for 'just good', but 'the best.' So when I train, I push them and I want them to be better than me because its a legacy thing. I did it for the booms and future booms."





Dates to Know:

- Feb. 22: West Dakota Waterfowlers Delta Waterfowl banquet, Minot
- Grand Hotel, 5 p.m.
 Feb. 23: Light goose conservation order
- March 2: Souris Valley Mule Deer Foundation banquet, Minot Grand Hotel, 5 p.m.

Tournaments: • Feb. 23: Trenton, Lake, Williston.



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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

*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

<u>Fishing:</u> Lake Sakakawea elevation, Feb. 18: 1,837.91 feet above mean sea level (MSL); 25,900 cubic feet per second (CFS) Garrison Dam average daily releases

Devils Lake elevation: 1,448.28 feet above mean sea level (MSL).

Stump Lake elevation: 1,448.25 MSL.

*N.D. Game & Fish Dept. game wardens: Devils Lake remains quiet with access limited to tracked vehicles. Those anglers going out are finding a few walleye and perch. Watch ice conditions with slush pockets in many places with more pockets showing up farther east on the lake. Use caution because they're extremely difficult to see. Drifts are also quite deep. Lake Sakakawea slow with difficult access. Van Hook Arm fair at times for walleye. Moving around on the lake is difficult, although the ramp is open. Watch for slush pockets in spots. White Earth Bay slow. Drifts also deep. No other reports.

*Devils Lake, Ed's Bait Shop, Devils Lake: Moving around on the lake is difficult but those with tracked vehicles are finding walleye success around the Woods-Routen Road and Black Tiger Bay. Look for perch activity in Black Tiger Bay.

*Devils Lake, Woodland Resort, Devils Lake: Somewhat improving walleye success with some larger fish now showing up. Move around to locate perch with a few bigger ones also showing up. Increasing pike activity, as well. Stay on trails on the lake unless using tracked vehicles. Otherwise be sure to bring a shovel and tow rope. Trails open in some areas but wind would make it difficult to keep them open.

*Lake Darling, Karma C-Store, Ruthville: Look for more activity with warmer, stable weather but reports remain light.

*Lake Metigoshe, Four Seasons, Bottineau: Moving around on the lake is difficult without tracked vehicles. Some small bluegill success and

improving pike activity but limited walleye success *Lake Sakakawea/Lake Audubon, Cenex Bait & Tackle, Garrison: Limited reports with moving around on Lake Sakakawea and Lake Audubon still difficult, along with tough access.

*Lake Sakakawea/Lake Audubon, 6-Mile Bait & Tackle, Garrison: Poor access continues limiting reports from Lake Sakakawea and Lake

*Lake Sakakawea, Scenic 23, New Town: Tracked vehicles needed or pickups with chains to move around on the Van Hook Arm but the ramp

is plowed open. Fair small walleye success.
*Lake Sakakawea/Missouri River, Scott's Bait & Tackle, Pick City: Little to no activity on the

Missouri River or Lake Sakakawea

*Lake Sakakawea/northwest N.D. lakes, Scenic Sports, Williston: Access is still available with pickups on the upper end of Lake Sakakaw with increased pike success in shallow water. Try herring or frozen smelt. Better walleye success remains around Long Creek or Lewis & Clark State Park. Trenton Lake remains fair for crappie Yellowstone River decent for walleye.

*Lonetree WMA area lakes, Harvey: Access tough on area lakes but some are open and

producing some perch and walleye. Check on

local access before heading out, though.
*North-central/central N.D. lakes, Towner Hdwe. Hank, Towner: Snow continues limiting

activity and access on area lakes N.D. Parks & Recreation Dept. ski trails (conditions can vary):

*Fort Stevenson, Garrison: Trails groomed and in good condition with 4-inch base on crosscountry and 3-inch base on fat tire bike trails. Some drifting in a few areas with last weekend's new snow but overall good conditions.

*Lake Metigoshe, Bottineau: Trails in good condition and groomed, weather permitting. Look for lots of activity with somewhat warmer weath 'No reports from other parks

Downhill skiing ((conditions can vary): *Big Sky Resort, Big Sky, Mont.: 47- to 87-inch machine groomed, packed powder base with 35

lifts and 301 trails open. 7 Terrain Parks open with 10 jumps and 80 rails. *Bottineau Winter Park, Bottineau: 15- to 24-

inch base with beginner runs, 7 runs, 7 tubing lanes, with several jumps and rails with 1 box Terrain Park feature open.

*Holiday Mtn. Ski Area, LaRiviere, Manitoba: 12 runs and 3 lifts open.

*Huff Hills, Mandan: 30- to 32-inch powder, packed powder base. 9 groomed runs and 3 lifts open depending on weather.

*Terry Peak, Lead, S.D.: 18- to 24-inch packed powder, machine groomed base. All lifts and

Snowmobile N.D. (conditions can vary): *Cattail (Barnes, Cass, Steele, & Traill countie Trails open with 4- to 8-inch base.

*East-central Valley (Cass & Richland counties: Trails open and in good condition with 6- to 12-inch base. West side of Rural Cass South Trail closed on the west side from Davenport to

*Lake Region (Nelson & Ramsey counties): Trail 4 closed but all others open with 10- to 14-inch

base. Good condition.

*Missouri Valley (Emmons & Burleigh counties):
6- to 10 -inch base with all trails open.

*North-central (Benson, McHenry, Pierce, Ramsey, & Towner counties): NC 1, 2, & 3 trails closed but all other trails are open with 6- to 10-

inch base. Fair to good condition.
*Northeast (Cavalier, Pembina, & Walsh counties): Border, Pembina, Neche, and Cavalier trails closed but all others open with 6- to 10-inch base. Many ditch trails full of snow. North Nekoma Trail open from Langdon to Nekoma to

*Peace Garden (Bottineau & Rolette counties): All trails pen and in fair to good condition with 4- to 12-inch base.
*Red River North (Pembina & Walsh counties):

Trails open and in good condition with 5- to 10-

*Red River South (Grand Forks & Walsh counties): 4- to 12-inch base with all trails open and in good condition.

*Sargent (Richland & Sargent counties) 4- to 10-inch base with all trails open.

*Sheyenne Valley (Barnes, Dickey, LaMoure, Ransom. & Stutsman counties): 4- to 8-inch base with good conditions. All trails open except L-1, L-3, L-4, & O-2. Trail L-2 open from Fort Ransom to Verona.

*Sno-Trails (Bottineau, McHenry, Renville, & Ward counties) 8- to 14-inch base with all trails except International Trail open.

Southern Valley (Richland County): All trails open with 6- to 12-inch base, although Trail 1 closed from Colfax to Walcott. Good conditions.

Mountain Lion Tracks Confirmed in Lincoln

NORTH DAKOTA GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT

he North Dakota Game and Fish Department has confirmed that animal tracks observed in the city of Lincoln early this morning were from a mountain

Furbearer biologist Stephanie Tucker said the tracks indicated the cat moved through Lincoln and a development area to the east of the University of Mary, and continued south toward the Oahe Wildlife Management

"We followed the tracks to the south of the University of Mary," Tucker said. "It appeared to be heading toward the river and the wildlife

management area."

Officers from the Lincoln Police Department and Burleigh County Sheriff's Department helped in tracking the lion.

This is the second confirmed mountain lion in the Bismarck area within the last month. In early January, law enforcement personnel shot and killed a mountain lion near the Bismarck Municipal baseball

The Bismarck area is located in mountain lion hunting zone 2 in North Dakota. The mountain lion season in zone 2 is open through March 31. There is no limit on the number of mountain lions that can be taken in zone 2.

North Dakota Earth Day Patch Contest

he state Game and Fish Department's annual Earth Day awareness campaign is accepting entries for design of a 2019 Earth Day patch. North Dakota students ages 6-18 are eligible to participate. The deadline to submit entries is diameter. There is a limit of March 15.

The Game and Fish Department will announce a winner in three age categories – 6-9, 10-13, and 14-18. Each winner will receive a pair of binoculars. The final patch design will be chosen from the three winners.

The winning design will be used on a patch given to members of Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, 4-H clubs and any school participating in Earth

Day cleanup projects on stateowned or managed lands in North Dakota in April and May.

The patch should incorporate some aspect of Earth Day celebrated April 22 – or keeping North Dakota clean. It must be round and three inches in five colors on the patch, and lettering must be printed. Name, address, age and phone number of the contestant must be clearly printed on the entry form. Only one entry per person is allowed.

Earth Day contest rules and entry forms are available on the Game and Fish Department's website, gf.nd.gov. For more information, contact outreach biologist Pat Lothspeich by email at ndgf@nd.gov, or call 701-328-6332.













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ith a command mission that relies heavily on a more than 65,000 person civilian workforce, recruiting, developing and retaining top talent is critical to success. This is the driving force behind the ongoing AFMC effort to transform the civilian day offers were made at the hiring process across the enterprise to meet mission

"Ask anyone to describe the federal government's civilian hiring process and they will probably say the current system is too slow, too cumbersome and badly out of sync with our mission needs," said Bill Snodgrass, AFMC director, Manpower, Personnel and Services. "We need to change this in order to build a human capital system that meets the needs of a 21st century Air Force. A big part of this effort is focused on finding ways to speed up the civilian hiring process.'

Recent hiring events lead by the Air Force Life Cycle Management Center at the Kessel Run project in

Newcomers Expo attendees learn about the work and mission of various directorates across the Air Force Life Cycle Management Center, Oct. 3, 2018. Events to draw new talent to Air Force Materiel Command are planned throughout 2019.

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Boston and at Eglin AFB, Florida, provided prospective multiple secretary of employees the opportunity to register, interview and receive on-the-spot job offers, filling a number of open positions at one time. More than 90 sametwo events.

"We are extremely pleased needs today and for the future. about our success at these events and the high-caliber of talent that we acquired to fill critical needs across the center," said Eric Dilworth, AFLCMC director of personnel. "The model works, of the industrial hiring age and and we are excited to expand use of the process and the decreased hiring timelines at future events."

> hiring timeliness by 12 to speed up the employment process. Four major hiring initiatives are providing positive returns, particularly when coupled with continued process improvements in all talent acquisition areas.

"By leveraging the Air Force-approved civilian hiring initiatives, continued utilization of Congressionally-provided direct hiring authorities, and by implementing an enterprise recruiting approach that capitalizes on process improvements, we are exhausting all means to more efficiently hire civilian employees." Snodgrass said. "A lot of work remains; however, we are moving out driving towards a world class hiring model. We are leading the Air Force in this area."

The establishment of a non-AFMC improved its civilian competition cell to process non-competitive hiring actions used on a biweekly basis percent in fiscal year 2018 and such as temporary promotions plans to continue finding ways or management reassignments helped human resources teams close more than 3,000 actions in the past six months, with an end-to-end average of 31 days—less than half the time of the previous average of 70 days.

A centralized selection team for the contracting and logistics career fields is decreasing the time it takes for the command to recruit and hire new entry-level hires. Similar to the way the military assigns entry-level enlisted and officers to teams, selection and assignment relies on the expertise of a central hiring team consisting of subject matter experts and human resources specialists, resulting in faster acquisition of new

A two-year civilian hiring pilot program that realigned Air Force Personnel Center operating location manpower and resources at Hill AFB, Robins AFB, Tinker AFB and Wright-Patterson AFB to AFMC began in Oct. 2018, and is better positioning the command to identify and implement process change and efficiencies across the enterprise. The realignment also provides opportunities for teams to identify best practices at individual locations that can be leveraged as enterprise-wide solutions.

Additionally, an effort to automate resume review is under development to help streamline the assessment process. This, coupled with a command-wide resume repository, is creating new opportunities to share resumes collected during recruiting events enterprise-wide in an effort to ensure the right candidate is identified to fill specific hard-to-fill positions across the command.

"As we work through new strategies to recruit an agile civilian workforce, we are harnessing the power of industry tools to produce change," said Marcae Riggs, chief, AFMC Personnel Programs Branch.

At the Air Force Sustainment Center's Warner Robins Air Logistics Complex, at Robins AFB, Georgia, the Pre-Employment Process Center model is to fill open positions at the center. At the PEPC one-day hiring events, candidates are interviewed, receive a tentative job offer, complete pre-employment requirements such as physicals, drug testing and fingerprints, and leave with a firm job offer and projected start date. The average total time to complete the process is less than three hours and has resulted in 500 firm job offers to date.

Pulling off these events requires a lot of planning, teamwork and collaboration to set the stage and ensure the appropriate decision makers are on site to complete the hiring process.

"AFMC has partnered with the AFPC Talent Acquisition Team, center personnel teams, hiring managers and installation personnel offices to ensure events are a success," said Riggs.

An additional 161 recruiting events targeted at the science and engineering career fields are planned for 2019 at locations across the country. A virtual career fair is also planned for early spring.

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Recently, the 841st Missile Security Forces Squadron at Malmstrom Air Force Base, innovated the way they conduct recapture and recovery training.

"Sharpening our competitive edge in this new age will require creative approaches, innovation, resources and execution at the speed of relevance," said Secretary of the Air Force Heather Wilson.

The 841st MSFS collaborated with missile maintainers to share one of their training tools, the T-41 trainer. The trainer is a realistic, one-to-one replica of the launch facilities throughout the missile field and used by missile maintainers. This replica provides the squadron an opportunity to train in an environment similar to a response to a real-world threat.

The training simulates the same scenario these Airmen would face in the missile field under a real-life recapture and recovery situation, said Tech. Sgt. Daniel Seifert, 841st MSFS A-flight sergeant.

Recapture entails using force to take back control of a nuclear weapon if an adversary takes control of the weapon, Seifert said. Recovery happens by teams going out and recovering the weapon if it is stolen.

"(This training) helps our nuclear deterrence mission; it gives us and our allies confidence that we are good stewards of nuclear weapons in the Air Force and security forces, not just (at) Malmstrom but the entire (nuclear) triad," said Seifert.

The nuclear triad is a compilation of platforms and weapons that serve as the backbone of America's national security. The triad consists of submarinelaunched ballistic missiles, airlaunched cruise missiles and intercontinental ballistic missiles across the Department of Defense.

Malmstrom AFB hosts the largest ICBM fleet in the United States and protecting these assets directly support the National Defense Strategy objective of dissuading, preventing or deterring state adversaries and non-state actors from acquiring, proliferating or using weapons of mass destruction.

"There is no substitute for the prospect of a devastating nuclear response," said Gen. Paul J. Selva, Joint Chiefs of Staff vice chairman.

The triad, along with assigned forces, provides 24/7 deterrence to prevent catastrophic actions from our adversaries and they stand ready, if necessary, to deliver a decisive response, anywhere, anytime. Malmstrom AFB defenders are reimagining the way they train to increase their lethality in the event they are called upon to serve and protect.

"The surest way to prevent war is to be prepared for it," said Gen. John E. Hyten, commander of the U.S. Strategic Command.



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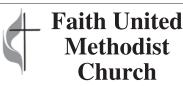
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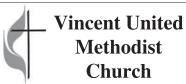
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TODAY

- Post President's Day Bowling Special, 0900, Rough Rider Lanes
- Torch Club, 1600-1700, Youth Center
- Friday Fun Members Buffet, 1630-1830, Rockers Bar & Grill
- Gentle Yoga, 1700, Fitness Center
- Keystone Fortnite Friday, 1700-2200, Youth Center
- Club Members \$\$\$ Drawing, 1730-1830, Rockers Bar & Grill
- Kids Night Out 5 BW Air Force Annual Awards Banquet, 1730-2130, CDC & Youth Center
- Zumba, 1800, Fitness Center
- Mixed Fun League, 1830, Rough Rider Lanes
- Karaoke Night, 2100, Rockers Bar & Grill
- Lights & Strikes Bowling, 2100-2400, Rough Rider Lanes

WEDNESDAY **SATURDAY**

- EFMP-FS Jump-n-Fly, 0800-1000, held at High Air Ground, hosted by A&FRC
- Baseball Camp, 0900-1100, Youth Center
- Zumba, 0900, Fitness Center
- Youth Bowling League, 1000, Rough Rider Lanes

 Sunday Escapes Book Club, 1330, Base Library • Family Zumba, 1400, Fitness Center • Yoga, 1500, Fitness Center

- · Library Mini-Golf, 1800, Base Library
- Lights & Strikes and Saturday Unlimited Bowling, 2000-2400, Rough Rider Lanes
- Circuit Training, 0600, Fitness Center

• Run 4 Fitness, 0600, Fitness Center

• Game Day, 1000-1930, Base Library

• Fit to Fight, 1700, Fitness Center

• Cycle, 1130, Fitness Center

Zumba, 1800, Fitness Center

- TAP GPS Workshop, 0730-1600, held at the Education Center, hosted by A&FRC Right Start, 0730, held at the Jimmy Doolittle Center, hosted by A&FRC
- Club Member Benefit, 0900-2000, Rough Rider Lanes
- Spouses Welcome, 0900-1400, held at the Jimmy Doolittle Center, hosted by A&FRC • Story Time, 1030, 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

THURSDAY

- Last day for the Base vs Base Rowing 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
 - Dakota Inn Black History Month Special, 1030-1330, Dakota Inn Dining Facility Cycle, 1130, Fitness Center

 - Reintegration Briefing, 1300-1400, A&FRC
 - Fitness Hour, 1600-1700, Youth Center
 - Fit To Fight, 1700, Fitness Center
 - Half Price Appetizers (with purchase of each adult entrée), 1700-1900, Rockers Bar
 - Olympic Weightlifting, 1730, Fitness Center
 - Zumba, 1800, Fitness Center

- Last day for the Winter Reading Program at the Base Library
- Registration for Youth Baseball & T-Ball begins at the Youth Center
- Winter Challenges continue through March 20 at the Base Library
- TAP GPS Workshop, 0730-1630, held at the Education Center, hosted by A&FRC • Torch Club, 1600-1700, Youth Center
- Mardi Gras Friday Fun Members Buffet, 1630-1830, Rockers Bar & Grill
- Club Members SSS Drawina, 1730-1830, Rockers Bar & Grill
- Texas Hold 'Em, 1800, Rockers Bar & Grill
- Keystone Meeting, 1800-1900, Youth Center
- · Mixed Fun League, 1830, Rough Rider Lanes
- Karaoke Night, 2100, Rockers Bar & Grill · Lights & Strikes Bowling, 2100-2400, Rough Rider Lanes

2 March

- Baseball Camp, 0900-1100, Youth Center
- Youth Bowling League, 1000, Rough Rider Lanes
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Columbus AFB instructor pil ots connect with Vir ginia Tech AFROTC cadets

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COLUMBUS AIR FORCE BASE, Miss. (AFNS) --

given the opportunity to Virginia Tech Air Force ROTC Detachment 875 was given the chance when instructor pilots from the 37th and 48th Flying Training Squadrons visited the university Feb. 8-11.

Nine instructor pilots, five T-6 Texan IIs, a T-1A Jayhawk, aircrew flight equipment personnel and the 14th Medical Group flight surgeon recently returned from a TDY to Roanoke and motivation," said Lt. Col. Blacksburg Regional Woodrum Field, Virginia, where they connected with cadets from the Virginia Tech Air Force ROTC program.

The trip was an effort to boost rated career interest, but also added continuation training for also helped meet Air Education and Training Command's vision of "Recruit Next" by recruiting, training, and educating Air Force ROTC cadets on Air Force flying missions, primarily the Training mission.

"This is an opportunity for them to see what the rated career fields are all about," said Capt. Andrew Barstow, 37th FTS assistant chief of training. "It's a pretty cool opportunity, not just the nature of it, but the impact as experience was getting the

Barstow also said the experience gives cadets a better t's not everyday cadets are realization of what they're getting into, and will help them work closely with U.S. Air make more informed decisions Force pilots; however, the about their future Air Force careers.

Before the pilots began flying, they hosted a social Feb. 8, in the dorms so cadets could get to know the IPs better by asking questions about their experiences and what it's like to be a pilot.

"Having Columbus Air Force Base come in and having guys who are current instructor pilots now gives relevancy, excitement Barry Burton, Virginia Tech Air Force ROTC Det. 875 commander. "It's a hands-on actual view of what it's like from a pilot's perspective on the lifestyle and experience.'

Burton said cadets get excited and motivated when they're able Columbus AFB's IPs. The pilots to engage with pilots via videoconference, however, "having pilots on the ground takes it to a much higher level."

To make the most out of their visit, the T-1A IPs were also able to meet with North Carolina Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Agricultural and Technical State University Det. 605 cadets at Greensboro, North Carolina.

> Throughout the weekend, the 28 cadets were briefed and experienced the capabilities of the T-1A and T-6 aircraft.

"My favorite part of this opportunity to not only fly in

the T-6, but get to learn and ask questions from the pilots," said Olivia Ellis, Virginia Tech Air Force ROTC Det. 875 cadet. "This opportunity made me feel grateful for the opportunities the Air Force offers cadets and I think opportunities like this should be available to more cadets."

Capt. Max Adler, 41st

FTS check pilot, Maj. Scott Meskimen, 14th Operations Group executive officer, and Barstow were part of the IP group and are Virginia Tech alumni. This visit provided an opportunity to return to their alma mater and show new cadets some aspects of a pilot's life.

"It's a very amazing experience," Barstow said.

"I'm shaking hands with cadets and I'm walking through the same hallways I did as an ROTC cadet. It's kind of surreal when I think about it. We got so much support to help us make it happen, so I'm really appreciative and excited. I feel like I'm giving back to the guys that help me get to this position

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