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Staff Sgt. Stephen Foxworth, 5th Maintenance Squadron aircraft hydraulic systems craftsman, operates a hydraulic test stand at Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, April 4, 2019. Aircraft hydraulic systems maintainers are responsible for ensuring aircraft hydraulic and pneumatic systems work properly.

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Wilson, Goldfein outline Air Force progress, need for larger force

SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE PUBLIC AFFAIRS

WASHINGTON (AFNS) -- Secretary of the Air Force Heather Wilson and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. David L. Goldfein told lawmakers on two House committees Tuesday that the Air Force must get bigger and funding must be predictable to meet – and defeat – security threats at home, globally and in space in an era of great power competition. “In Fiscal Year 2020, we will continue to build a more lethal and ready Air Force, while fielding tomorrow’s Air Force faster and smarter,” Wilson and Goldfein said in a joint statement highlighting the themes presented first to the House Armed Services Committee and later in day to the House Appropriations Defense Subcommittee.

In both appearances, they cited findings from the independent and bipartisan National Defense Strategy Commission to explain the stakes. “Regardless of where the next conflict occurs or which adversary it features, the Air Force will be at the forefront,” the Commission said.

Increasing the number of operational squadrons to 386 from the current 312 is required, they said, to meet requirements in the National Defense Strategy and to “prevail over our highest priority competitors.” The analysis from which 386 was derived included thousands of simulations and war games “produced an unmistakable conclusion: the Air Force is too small for what our nation needs.”

“It’s no surprise that the Air Force we have is the smaller than the Air Force we need,” Wilson told the Appropriations Defense Subcommittee.

Wilson and Goldfein at both hearings also urged Congress to pass a supplemental spending bill that would include funds to repair Tyndall Air Force Base that was heavily damaged by Hurricane Michael in October and Offutt Air Force Base that was submerged last month by 7 feet of water in some places

Secretary of the Air Force Heather Wilson and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. David L. Goldfein testify during a House Armed Services Committee hearing in Washington D.C., April 2, 2019. The committee convened to discuss fiscal year 2020 budget requests with the Air Force and Army senior leaders.

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when the Missouri River flooded.

Building a more lethal and ready force

While Wilson and Goldfein dealt with issues ranging from the impact of climate change on operations to the development of hypersonic weapons, the use of artificial intelligence and the Air Force’s role in cyber warfare, among others, they highlighted a core set of issues.

Ensuring readiness was one. When fiscal year 2020 ends, they said, the Air Force will increase by 4,400 Airmen and 5,143 civilians. That growth follows 2019 in which the Air Force increased pilot production by graduating 1,211 pilots with production expected to hit 1,480 in 2020.

“We are more ready for major combat operations today than we were two years ago. More than 90 percent of our pacing squadrons are ready to ‘fight tonight’ with their lead force packages,” Wilson and Goldfein said in their Fiscal Year 2020 Posture Statement to Congress.

The Service’s space budget also increases in fiscal 2020 with a 17 percent increase over the 2019 budget, building on advances and further accelerating efforts to protect and defend the nation’s ability to operate in space.

The top service leaders also affirmed the importance of a safe, secure and effective nuclear deterrent. The Air Force provides two-thirds of the nation’s nuclear triad and 75 percent of the nuclear command, control and communications capability, they told the Armed Services Committee.

“Since the end of the Second World War over 70 years ago, every President and every Congress has supported the nuclear triad as a vital element of our national defense. We must continue to do so,” they said.

Fielding tomorrow’s Air Force faster and smarter In this era of great power competition, Wilson and

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Staff Sgt. Logan Winter, 5th Operations Support Squadron airfield management noncommissioned officer in charge, speaks into his radio at Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota April 4, 2019. Airfield management oversees operations of the airfield. U.S. AIR FORCE PHOTOS | HEATHER LEVELLE



Air field management runs checks and balances

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Even though B-52H Stratofortresses regularly takeoff at Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, there are many checks and balances done to ensure a smooth departure.

Airfield managers are responsible for various aspects of airfield operations to assure that all takeoffs and landings occur without incident.

“We are in charge of airfield safety, filing flight plans and maintaining the airfield at all times,” said Staff Sgt. Logan Winter, 5th Operations Support Squadron airfield management operations noncommissioned officer in charge.

Although it is everyone’s responsibility to keep the flight line free of debris, these Airmen are the primary eyes on the flight line and must be prepared to address anything on the airfield that may need to be fixed prior to a B-52 taking off.

“During normal operations, we go out to inspect the flight line every two hours,” said Winter. “When we have snow, we could be out there all day for traction control readings.”

Attached to their vehicle, there is a piece of equipment that takes traction control readings. In the past, they had to speed up and abruptly slow down to verify the flight line traction was in a good state, said Winter.

Having good equipment can make operations run smoother, but no matter the amount of equipment, these Airmen must have a strong attention to detail when examining the airfield, Winter continued.

Airfield management is essential to operations by ensuring everything on the airfield is safe for our Airmen in the skies.

“In order for a plane to take off, they need us here,” said Winter.

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Military nursing exchange brings together 23 partner nations

TECH. SGT. JESSICA HINES | USAFE-AFAPRICA PUBLIC AFFAIRS

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany (AFNS) -- Representatives from 23 countries around Europe and Africa gathered at Ramstein Air Base, this week to share and collaborate during the 2019 European African Military Nursing Exchange.

The four-day event brought together nurses and medical professionals to present and share best practices, lessons learned and innovative healthcare practices pertaining to various military nursing specialties.

Col. Jill Scheckel, U.S. Air Forces in Europe-Air Forces Africa command surgeon, welcomed the diverse group of health professionals and their best practices to the event. "We have invited each country to brief us on their current military medical readiness, global healthcare impacts and disaster response capabilities and challenges."

"We all ascribe to evidence-based medicine and there's no better time than now to share experiences to improve our military medicine and move towards this goal," she added. The 2019 EAMNE is the

Nurses and medical professionals from around Europe and Africa receive small-group training at Ramstein Air Base, Germany, April 3, 2019. The 2019 European African Military Nursing Exchange is the sixth iteration of its kind, with extensive planning and coordination to connect partner nations in a collaborative environment that promotes hands-on training scenarios.

U.S. AIR FORCE PHOTO | TECH. SGT. JESSICA HINES

sixth iteration of its kind and required extensive planning and coordination to connect partner nations in a collaborative environment that promotes hands-on training scenarios. With the rise in humanitarian medical assistance across the globe, coordinated events such as this expand upon the critical life-saving practices countries can share with each other.

"We wanted the hands-on opportunity for each country to have the chance to demonstrate their individual capabilities," said Col. Maureen Charles, USAFE-AFAPRICA command nurse.

According to Charles, previous EAMNE events were held in Garmish-Partenkirch, Germany, which limited training opportunities because they lacked the necessary equipment to fully demonstrate medical response efforts.

Hosting the event on Ramstein AB allowed for a wide array of medical

equipment and static displays for attendees to observe and test.

"It's all about the learning opportunities, because we really want our partner nations to get to know each other and be able to take what they learn here back to their countries," Charles added.

U.S., European and African military nurses also focused on each nation's unique cultures, communication patterns and capacity for interoperability.

"We are duty bound to provide the best medical support that we can to the troops engaged in peacekeeping missions and during times of conflict and natural disasters," Scheckel said. "Medical support is what we are all about. Peacekeeping is a hard and noble business."

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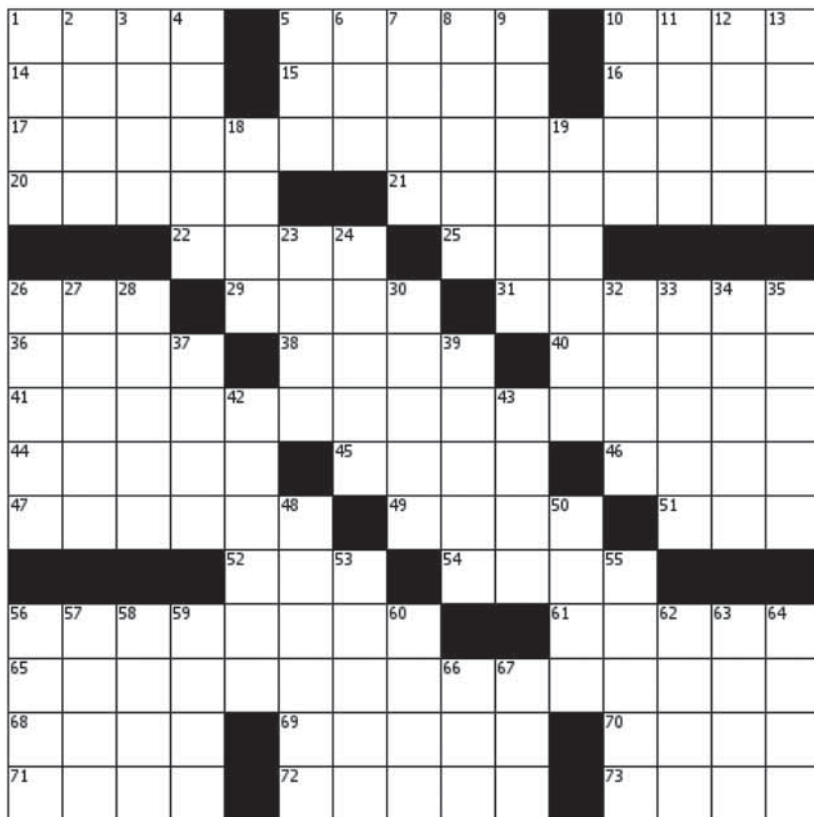
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Across

- 1. Boar's weapon
- 5. Moroccan capital
- 10. Bound bundle
- 14. Istanbul bigwig
- 15. Perfume attribute
- 16. King Harald's predecessor
- 17. Politician's nemesis?
- 20. Ecclesiastical council
- 21. Cheap tires
- 22. Brown, fuzzy fruit
- 25. Gas pump choice, for short
- 26. Major network
- 29. Western defense org.
- 31. Outcome
- 36. It can float during the fall
- 38. Recipe amts.
- 40. Not docked
- 41. Ready for battle
- 44. Prevent from entering
- 45. Ukraine's capital
- 46. Larry, Curly and Moe, for example
- 47. Rubbernecker
- 49. Part of a film
- 51. Fr. noblewoman
- 52. Ashe Stadium necessity
- 54. Producers' nemesis
- 56. Like loving couples, e.g.
- 61. German surrealist Max
- 65. Impoverished existence
- 68. Prefix with magnetic or dynamic
- 69. Far from flighty
- 70. ___-eyed
- 71. Give olfactory offense
- 72. Card game authority
- 73. High spirit



Down

- 1. Russian news agency
- 2. Like a storied duckling
- 3. Tender legbone
- 4. Life preserver material
- 5. U.K. military fliers
- 6. Emerson's "jealous mistress"
- 7. Nobelists Niels
- 8. Islamic chieftain
- 9. Reduce to rags

- 10. Dog treat
- 11. Reef denizen
- 12. Extol
- 13. Party times
- 18. Norse god
- 19. Flavoring of orange and almond
- 23. Power unit
- 24. Comforting words
- 26. Overlays with metal
- 27. Picasso's lid
- 28. Brazilian dance
- 30. Nerve type
- 32. Editor's command
- 33. Exploiters
- 34. "--- Be" (Beatles)
- 35. Nevada resort site
- 37. An emotion
- 39. Storage locale
- 42. Soak
- 43. Vile's apt anagram
- 48. Go over and over

- 50. Feet are divisions of a meter in this
- 53. Five minutes after a quarter of
- 55. Text
- 56. In the distance
- 57. Family lineage diagram
- 58. Raced
- 59. Bad way to run
- 60. Memorable date in history
- 62. --- and void
- 63. Periclean promenade
- 64. "And --- There Were None"
- 66. "Open 9 --- 6"
- 67. Keats' "Bards of Passion and of Mirth," e.g.

SUDOKU Solution to puzzle on page 10

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Solution to last week's Crossword puzzle.

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- 1/2 cup Dried Cranberries
- 1/2 cup Red Onion
- 1/2 cup Crumbled Bacon
- 2 Heads Broccoli
- 1 cup Mayo
- 3 tbsp Apple Cider Vinegar

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1) Wash the broccoli and pat dry. Cut the florets off of the broccoli and place in a large bowl.
- 2) Add cranberries, almonds, bacon, and onion in the bowl with the florets. In a small bowl, combine mayo, apple cider vinegar and sugar. Whisk until smooth.
- 3) Pour over broccoli and other ingredients. Toss until coated. Refrigerate until ready to serve.

UPCOMING EVENTS



12 APRIL 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM
 Location: Sleep Inn & Suites
 2400 10th St. SW
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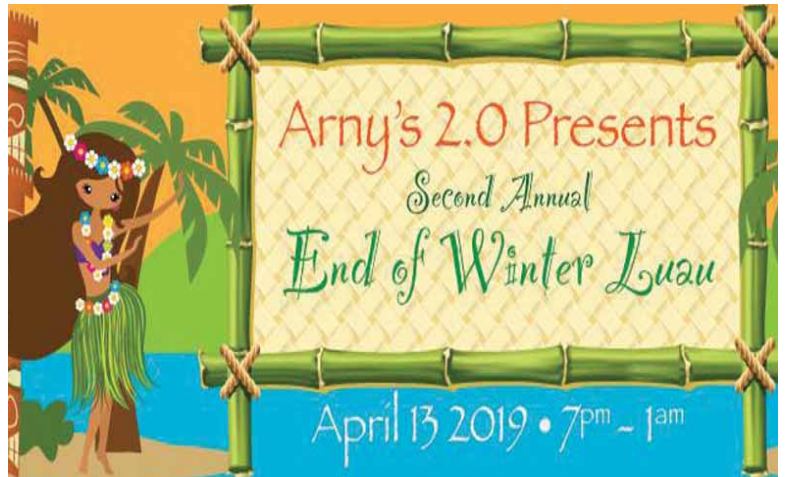
The Ward County Historical Society invites you to the Sleep Inn & Suites, Minot, on Friday, April 12, from 6:30 to 9 p.m., for our Great Gatsby Gala. There will be a silent auction, hors d'oeuvres, cash bar (21+), and live entertainment by the Minot



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 Location: Arny's Lounge and Bottle Shop
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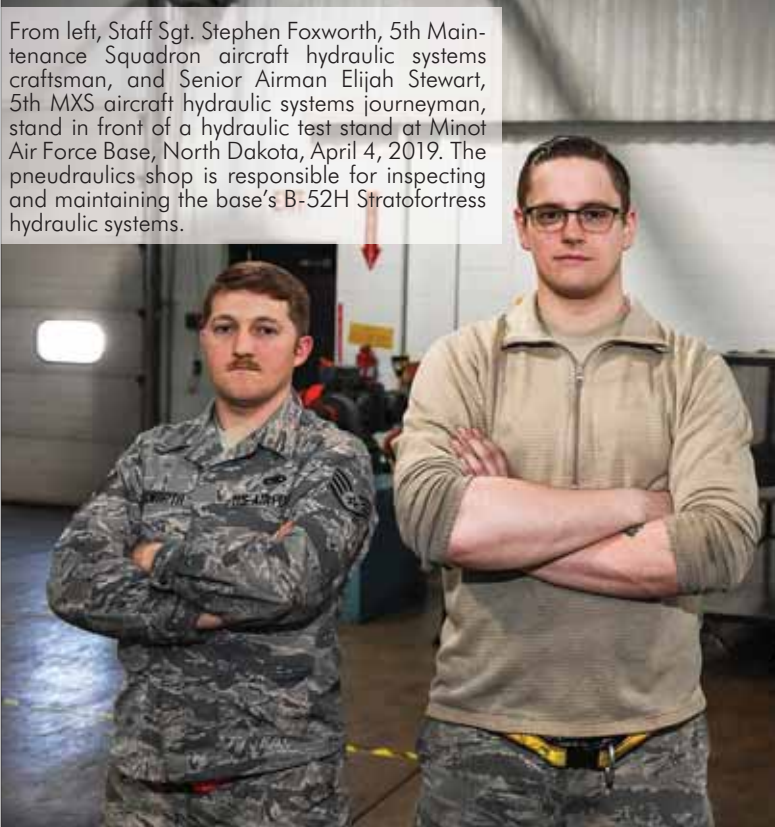
Staff Sgt. Stephen Foxworth, 5th Maintenance Squadron aircraft hydraulic systems craftsman, and Senior Airman Elijah Stewart, 5th MXS aircraft hydraulic systems journeyman, create hydraulic hose lines at Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, April 4, 2019. Pneudraulics Airmen provide hydraulic support for both the 5th Bomb Wing and 91st Missile Wing.

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5th MXS pneudraulics Air men work well under pressure

MINOT AIR FORCE BASE PUBLIC AFFAIRS, NORTH DAKOTA | SENIOR AIRMAN JONATHAN MCELDERRY

The Minot Air Force Base 5th Maintenance Squadron aircraft hydraulic systems section is responsible for inspecting and maintaining all the base's B-52H Stratofortress hydraulic systems. These Airmen maintain all fluid, air or gas-pressured devices on the B-52H Stratofortress. Pneudraulics maintainers also ensure aircraft hydraulic and pneumatic systems are always working properly.



From left, Staff Sgt. Stephen Foxworth, 5th Maintenance Squadron aircraft hydraulic systems craftsman, and Senior Airman Elijah Stewart, 5th MXS aircraft hydraulic systems journeyman, stand in front of a hydraulic test stand at Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, April 4, 2019. The pneudraulics shop is responsible for inspecting and maintaining the base's B-52H Stratofortress hydraulic systems.



Staff Sgt. Stephen Foxworth, 5th Maintenance Squadron aircraft hydraulic systems craftsman, sets up a hydraulic test stand at Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, April 4, 2019. Pneudraulics Airmen use hydraulic test stands to simulate aircraft hydraulic system operations.

On Right: Staff Sgt. Stephen Foxworth, 5th Maintenance Squadron aircraft hydraulic systems craftsman, disposes of used hydraulic oil into a used oil drum at Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, April 4, 2019. The pneudraulics shop is responsible for inspecting and maintaining the base's B-52H Stratofortress hydraulic systems.



Staff Sgt. Stephen Foxworth, 5th Maintenance Squadron aircraft hydraulic systems craftsman, operates a hose assembly machine at Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, April 4, 2019. It can take up to 30 minutes to create a proper hydraulic hose line from start to finish.



AF PROGRESS

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Goldfein said, "We cannot win this contest with an acquisition system from the Cold War. We must move fast to stay competitive, and we are fundamentally transforming what we buy, how we buy it, and from whom we buy it."

They also noted the advances the Air Force has realized in speeding up and streamlining the acquisition process. To date, the service has eliminated 78 years of "acquisition schedule time" and saved \$15 billion in the last nine months. There is heightened focus – and results – from using prototypes, tailored acquisition strategies and agile software development, they said.

The service, in the fiscal year 2020 budget, is set to continue the development and purchase of key weapon systems to include the KC-46, B-21 and F-35 while also investing in modernized F-15EX's to replace the aging F-15Cs.

"We remain committed to the F-35 and its game-changing capabilities, and will continue purchasing 48 aircraft each year," they said.

The Importance of Consistent, Predictable Funding While the fiscal year 2020 lays the foundation for building "the Air Force We Need," additional topline funding is required in future budgets to grow to 386 operational squadrons.

And central to meeting Air Force goals, Wilson and Goldfein said, is the necessity of predictable, consistent funding.

"No enemy in the field has done as much to harm the readiness of the Air Force than the combined impact of artificial spending restrictions, worsened by operating for 10 of the last 11 years under continuing resolutions of varied and unpredictable duration," the joint statement says.

"Let's be clear. We cannot fully implement the National Defense Strategy to protect America's vital national interests with unpredictable and constrained budgets. We must come together to find a way forward," they said.

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- **April 13:** Fort Stevenson State Park Maple Sugaring Day, 10 a.m., Garrison.

Fishing:

*Lake Sakakawea elevation, April 9: 1,844.56 feet above mean sea level (MSL); 13,000 cubic feet per second (CFS) Garrison Dam average daily releases.

Devils Lake elevation: 1,448.50 feet above mean sea level (MSL).

Stump Lake elevation: 1,448.54 MSL.

*N.D. Game & Fish Dept. game wardens: Ice deteriorating throughout north-central lakes and no activity with anglers waiting for ice-out. Devils Lake ice conditions deteriorating so use extreme if walking out because conditions can rapidly worsen. No Missouri River System reports.

*Devils Lake, Ed's Bait Shop, Devils Lake: Limited activity on Devils Lake with deteriorating ice conditions. Not much water coming into northern feeder coulees with limited fishing success.

*Devils Lake, Woodland Resort, Devils Lake: Ice deteriorating with no walk-on activity recommended as lake transitions to open water shorelines.

*Lake Darling, Karma C-Store, Ruthville: Little activity as anglers wait for more open water shorelines on Lake Darling.

*Lake Metigoshe, Four Seasons, Bottineau: A few anglers walking onto Lake Metigoshe earlier in the week with occasional walleye and bluegill. Use extreme caution, however, with deteriorating ice conditions.

OUTDOOR NOTES:

*Lake Sakakawea/Lake Audubon, Cenex Bait & Tackle, Garrison: Some anglers still venturing onto the east end of Lake Audubon with spotty walleye success. Good numbers of pike anglers fishing from shore along the open waters of Lake Sakakawea's back bays. Missouri River tailrace slowed but improving walleye success around the Bismarck-Mandan area.

*Lake Sakakawea/Lake Audubon, 6-Mile Bait & Tackle, Garrison: Nice pike bite in just about any back bay on the east end of Lake Sakakawea. Try large herring or smelt Some walk-on activity earlier in the week for walleye from Velva Point on the east end of Lake Audubon. Missouri River tailrace remains fair for walleye. Best success from boats is in the early morning or evening unless it's overcast but wing walls are generally producing the most activity.

*Lake Sakakawea, Scenic 23, New Town: No access onto the Van Hook Arm with open water shorelines. A few pike showing up from shore but not many anglers out yet.

*Lake Sakakawea/Missouri River, Scott's Bait & Tackle, Pick City: Missouri River tailrace slowed but improving walleye success around the Bismarck-Mandan area.

*Lake Sakakawea/Lake Audubon/Missouri River, Scott's Bait and Tackle, Pick City: Lots of open water along Lake Sakakawea shorelines with good pike success. Try smelt or herring with water possibly a little chilly for casting crankbaits yet. Missouri River producing a mix of ling, walleye, and pike but overall success slowed with lower releases. Try jigs and minnows or plastics. Try the wing walls as well or casting crankbaits from shore.

*Lake Sakakawea/northwest N.D. lakes, Scenic Sports, Williston: Little Muddy River continues producing nice walleye catches. Try jigs and minnows or plastics. Missouri and Yellowstone rivers starting to slowly clear and are dropping. Look for improving

activity. Lake Sakakawea open past Lewis & Clark State Park. Look for docks to be in place soon. Shorelines starting to open on smaller area lakes but no reports of activity yet.

*Lonetree WMA area lakes, Harvey: No activity with ice totally unsafe for access and no open water activity yet.

*North-central/central N.D. lakes, Towner Hdwe. Hank, Towner: Not much activity on area lakes with anglers generally waiting for ice-out. Some anglers heading to the Missouri River tailrace and finding some walleye activity from the wing walls.

*Lake Darling, Upper Souris Nat'l. Wildlife Refuge, Foxholm: Outlet Fishing Area has a lot of activity on the walking trails with anglers fishing the area catching bullheads. The refuge is open for spring turkey for Unit 51 license holders.

N.D. rivers:

*Des Lacs River, Foxholm: River stage, 6.12 feet.

*Little Missouri River, Watford City: River stage, 2.96 feet.

*Missouri River, Washburn: River stage, 8.59 feet.

*Pembina River, Walhalla: River stage, 8.56 feet.

*Souris River, Foxholm: River stage, 6.72 feet.

*Souris River, Minot: River stage, 5.01 feet.

*Yellowstone River, Sidney, Mont.: River stage, 5.81 feet; streamflow, 10,900 CFS.

Hunting:

*Turkeys beginning to strut with warmer weather.

Migration:

*Good numbers of light geese starting to move through Devils Lake and Lonetree areas earlier in the week. Few are stopping to rest and are generally pushing north.

*Only a handful of small flocks farther west around Upper Souris Nat'l. Wildlife Refuge.

Numbers to know:

*N.D. Game and Fish Dept., main Bismarck office: (701) 328-6300, website: (<http://gf.nd.gov>).

*Report All Poachers: (800) 472-2121 or (701) 328-9921.



Minot State University students to host Miles for Smiles Saturday, April 13

AMANDA DUCHSHERER | DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST

MINOT, N.D. – Members of the Minot State University National Student Speech Language Hearing Association (NSSLHA) are hosting Miles for Smiles to raise money for Operation Smile on Saturday, April 13. The event begins at 10 a.m. at Oak Park shelter number 16 and will feature a charity walk, silent auction, raffle, and children's game and activities.

Operation Smile is an international medical nonprofit that provides free, safe surgeries to individuals born with cleft lip and cleft palate around the world. Every three minutes a child is born with a cleft lip and/or palate and, as a result, they may suffer from malnourishment and difficulty with speech.

"This is the eighth year that NSSLHA has put on Miles for Smiles," said Brenna Dyke, Miles for Smiles coordinator and junior communication disorders student at Minot State. "Last year, Miles for Smiles paid for 23.5 surgeries. Our goal is to pay for as many surgeries as we can."

It is estimated that only 6.3% of surgical procedures worldwide take place in undeveloped countries. Funds raised for Operation Smile provides more opportunities for more operations. It costs as little as \$240 to perform a cleft lip and/or palate surgery thanks to medical professionals who volunteer their time and corporations that donate supplies and equipment.

Participants can register for Miles for Smiles up to and on the day of the event. The price is \$25 for the public, \$20 for Minot State students with ID, and free for children 12 and under.

"Our NSSLHA club, as well as our entire communication disorders department, has a sense

of community," Jenna Wiltzen, NSSLHA president and senior communication disorders major, said. "We work closely together within our classes and organizing club activities — Miles for Smiles, for example. We often develop strong friendships with each other as we have many commonalities, including the goal of helping others."

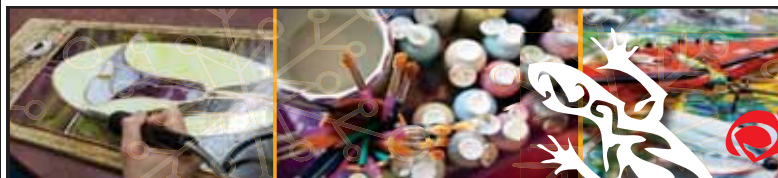
The Minot State NSSLHA club promotes volunteerism both within the Minot community and on the University campus and tries to have one to two volunteer events per month. Their primary events focus, however, is on the annual NSSLHA conference and Miles for Smiles.

"Both of these events take a lot of dedication and organization from the committee members. It is amazing to see the end results of their hard work," Madison Leier, NSSLHA president-elect and junior communication disorders major, said. "Our club is looking forward to Miles for Smiles on the 13th and to see all of that committee's hard work pay off as well."

For more information about Miles for Smiles, the Facebook event can be viewed at Miles for Smiles 2019 - Minot, North Dakota (www.facebook.com/events/1922879511093347)

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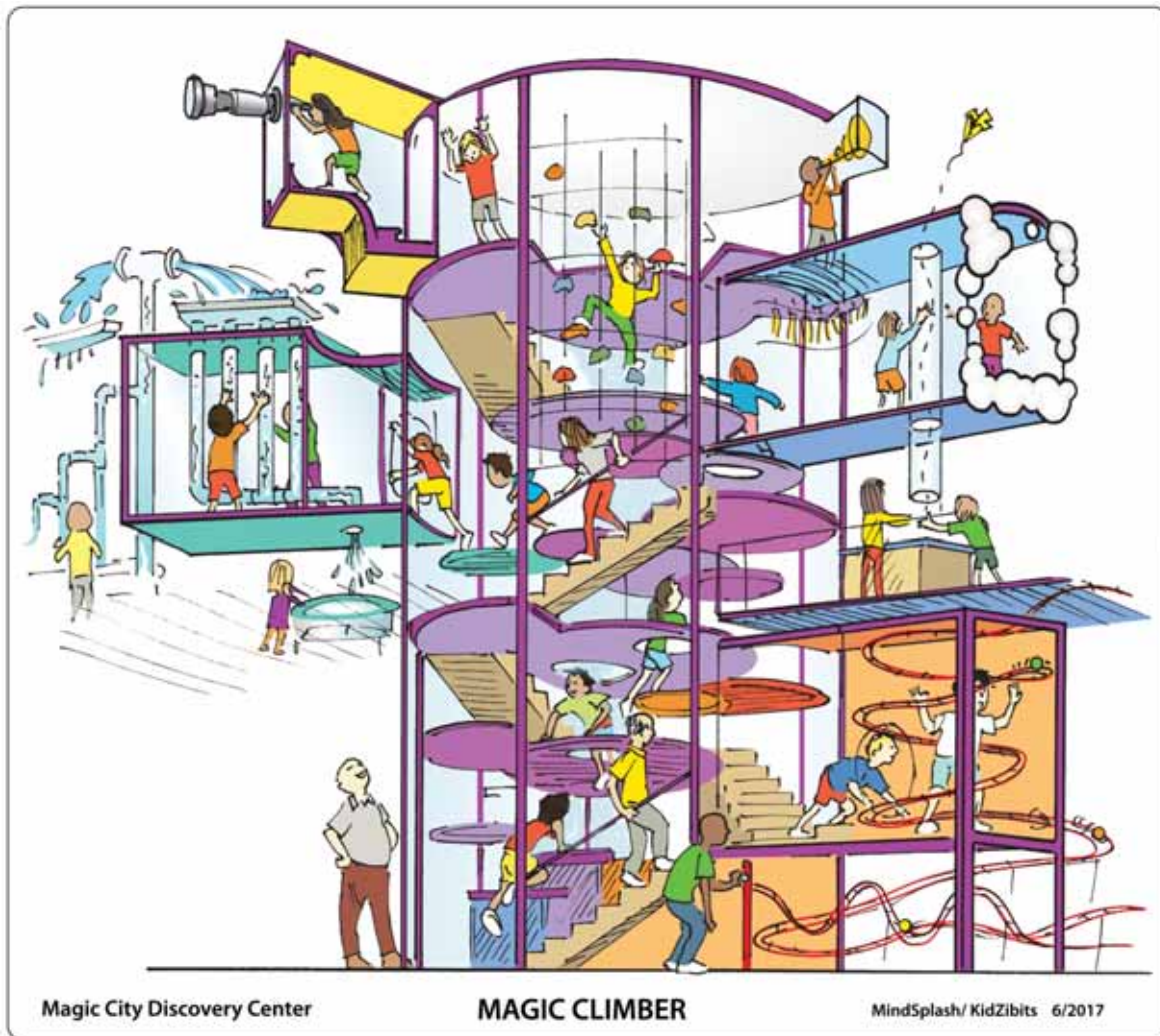
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CHILDREN'S DISCOVERY CENTER COMING SOON TO NORTH DAKOTA

WENDY KELLE |, INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MCDC

An environment of discovery is coming to north central North Dakota with the Magic City Discovery Center (MCDC). MCDC is a large scale, interactive children's museum focused on helping children learn about science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics, collectively referred to as STEAM, through interactive exhibits and play.

After reaching more than half of the \$7 million capital campaign goal in less than one year, "it's clear the people of North Dakota want something exciting, challenging, educational and fun for the children of our state," Interim Executive Director Wendy Keller of Minot said.

When states and communities offer child-focused educational and recreational opportunities, they attract and retain families, helping to fill jobs and enhance quality of life, Keller said, which is another reason businesses and community groups are investing in the Magic City Discovery Center.

The Center will be located on Park District land on north hill in Minot, offering a spectacular view from the windows of the 21,000 square foot discovery center. Once completed, the building will have three floors offering 12,000 square feet of exhibits, two community/birthday rooms and an awesome 2-story climber that pops through the roof to

provide a 360 degree view.

The people of North Dakota like adventure and variety, Keller said, and they frequently take weekend and day trips of more than 100 miles for sports, concerts, camping and other activities, "so the children's museum will be much more than a community museum. It will truly be an asset for the entire state; one that is used by families throughout the region. It will attract tourism and promote North Dakota's dedication to families and preparing our youngest citizens for future work in STEAM-focused careers."

Growing up in the small North Dakota communities of Harwood and Oakes, Keller

(formerly known as Wendy Engquist) thrives on promoting the state where she was born. "The more fun and educational opportunities we can offer, the more successful our state will be in supporting families, preparing children for the future, and providing a skilled workforce that enhances our economy. The Magic City Discovery Center is an important step on the journey to reaching those goals."

For more information and to see drawings of exhibits, visit www.magiccitydiscoverycenter.com, email wendy@magiccitydiscoverycenter.com or call 701-858-PLAY (7529).

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Høstfest Announces Full Lineup

NORSK HØSTFEST

MINOT ND – Norsk Høstfest has unveiled the remaining three shows for the 2019 festival. Gabriel "Fluffy" Iglesias, Ricky Skaggs and Kentucky Thunder, and Charley Pride with special guest ISMO will fill out this year's lineup. Iglesias, one of America's most successful stand-up comedians, has performed to sold-out arenas around the world while Skaggs and Pride have been country music staples for decades with numerous hits on multiple music charts. ISMO, who is performing before Pride's show, hails from Finland and has earned the title of "funniest man in the world."

The three shows join already announced concerts featuring Rock & Roll Hall of Famers Chicago, Clint Black and The Texas Tenors, ventriloquist and celebrity impressionist Terry Fator, international Irish entertainer Daniel O'Donnell, and Chicks With Hits featuring country music favorites Terri Clark, Pam Tillis and Suzy Bogguss. "We are excited for our 2019 lineup," said David Reiten, President of Norsk Høstfest. "We have a nice variety of shows with something for everyone. Come and take in all the festivities Høstfest has to offer from Viking Village to the amazing food."

North America's largest Scandinavian festival begins Tuesday evening, Sept. 24, 2019, with the Scandinavian-American Hall of Fame awards banquet and RV Pre-Party dinner and dance. A change for 2019 is opening hours. Doors will open at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday-Saturday, (Sept 25-28, 2019) with access to everything the festival offers: food, shopping and

entertainment. In addition to Great Hall of the Vikings concert lineup, Høstfest typically features more than 100 daily concerts and shows on seven festival stages. General admission entertainment will include fan favorites like Williams & Ree, Mollie B, and Neil Diamond Tribute Show. More will be announced on hostfest.com as it is booked.

Tickets for the next three shows go on sale 9 a.m., CDT, Thursday, April 11 at hostfest.com or by calling (701) 852-2368 or in person at 1020 S Broadway Minot ND 58701. However, 2019 Friends of Høstfest — a membership program — may buy tickets early and will experience many other perks at the festival from discounts to special access. Guests can learn more about this program by visiting www.hostfest.com/membership.

PERFORMANCE TIMES:

- CHICKS WITH HITS:** 1 PM, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25
- DANIEL O'DONNELL:** 7 PM, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25
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- CLINT BLACK AND THE TEXAS TENORS:** 7:30 PM, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TAP GPS Workshop, 0730-1600, Held at the Education Center & hosted by the A&FRC • Torch Club, 1600-1700, Youth Center • Friday Fun Members Buffet, 1630-1830, Rockers Bar & Grill • Gentle Yoga, 1700, Fitness Center • Tumbling Showcase, 1700-1900, Youth Center • Club Members \$\$\$ Drawing, 1730-1830, Rockers Bar & Grill (name of Club Member drawn also announced at the Jimmy Doolittle Center and Rough Riders Pizza) • Zumba, 1800, Fitness Center • Keystone Meeting, 1800, Youth Center • Texas Hold 'Em, 1800, Rockers Bar & Grill • Mixed Fun League, 1830, Rough Rider Lanes • Live Music by Joshua Herman, 1900-2300, Ground Zero Lounge inside the Jimmy Doolittle Center • Lights & Strikes Bowling, 2100-2400, Rough Rider Lanes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration Opens for Wine & Paint Class at Arts & Crafts • Pre-Separation Counseling, 0800-1130, A&FRC • Barre, 0915, Fitness Center • Game Day, 1000-1930, Base Library • Express Cycle, 1130, Fitness Center • Off-Base Budget Class, 1430-1600, A&FRC • Fit to Fight, 1700, Fitness Center • Zumba, 1800, Fitness Center • Swerk, 1900, Fitness Center 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last Day to Register for Creative Kids Class at Arts & Crafts • Circuit Training, 0600, Fitness Center • Club Member Benefit, 0900-2000, Rough Rider Lanes • Bundles for Babies, 0900-1030, A&FRC • Story Time, 1030, Base Library • 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 • Boss & Buddy \$1 off Draft Special, 1630-1830, Rockers Bar & Grill • Members Wind Down Wednesday Buffet, 1630-1830, Rockers Bar & Grill • EFMP Peer Support – Focus on ADD/ADHD, 1630-1730, A&FRC • Yoga, 1830, Fitness Center • Swerk, 1930, Fitness Center 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tactical Fit Express, 0600, Fitness Center • Barre, 0915, Fitness Center • Creative Kids Class, 1030-1100, Arts & Crafts • Express Cycle, 1130, Fitness Center • Reintegration Briefing, 1300-1400, A&FRC • Off-Base Budget Class, 1430-1600, A&FRC • Trivia Registration, 1600-1845, Ground Zero Lounge inside the Jimmy Doolittle Center • Fitness Hour, 1600-1700, Youth Center • Fit to Fight, 1700, Fitness Center • Club Members' 1/2 Price Appetizers (with purchase of adult entrée), 1700-1900, Rockers Bar & Grill • Olympic Weightlifting, 1730, Fitness Center • Zumba, 1800, Fitness Center • Trivia Night, 1900, Ground Zero Lounge inside the Jimmy Doolittle Center
SATURDAY	UPCOMING EVENTS:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spring Aero-Ba-Thon Fitness Sampler Event, 0900-1100, Fitness Center • Youth Bowling League, 1000, Rough Rider Lanes • For the Love of Green, 1300, Base Library • Board Games at the Ground Zero Lounge, 1600, Ground Zero Lounge at the Jimmy Doolittle Center • Lights & Strikes and Saturday Unlimited Bowling, 2000-2400, Rough Rider Lanes • Fight Night UFC 236: Holloway vs Poirier 2, Preliminaries begin at 1900 and Main Card at 2100, Rockers Bar & Grill 	<p>19 April</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last Day to Register for Pinterest Party at Arts & Crafts • No School at Minot Public Schools • Barre, 0600, Fitness Center • Torch Club, 1600-1700, Youth Center • Friday Fun Members Buffet, 1630-1830, Rockers Bar & Grill • Gentle Yoga, 1700, Fitness Center • Club Members \$\$\$ Drawing, 1730-1830, Rockers Bar & Grill (name of Club Member drawn also announced at the Jimmy Doolittle Center and Rough Riders Pizza) • Give Parents a Break, 1800-2200, 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 <p>20 April</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zumba, 0900, Fitness Center • Youth Bowling League, 1000, Rough Rider Lanes • Swerk, 1100, Fitness Center • Board Games at the Ground Zero Lounge, 1600, Ground Zero Lounge at the Jimmy Doolittle Center • Lights & Strikes and Saturday Unlimited Bowling, 2000-2400, Rough Rider Lanes • Hip Hop All Nighter, 2200-0300, Rockers Bar & Grill 		
SUNDAY	<p>Rough Riders Pizza Po Boy Sandwich A tasty combination of grilled shrimp, shredded lettuce, red onion, and delicious remoulade sauce on a hoagie roll! Try it today for \$9.75 - includes chips and a drink!</p> <p>The B-Fifty Brew Spinach Frittata Add some variety to your day and dig in with a medley of eggs, Parmesan cheese, onion, garlic, spinach, and Swiss cheese! Try it today for \$4!</p> <p>Auto Hobby April Specials Studded Tire Removal Special - April 1-14 Stop by Auto Hobby to dismount your studded winter tires and mount all-season tires. Plus, utilize our staff's expertise to assist with balancing! Special Price \$10 per tire with stall fee included!</p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Zumba, 1400, Fitness Center • Yoga, 1500, Fitness Center 	<p>Monday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Registration Begins for Garden Plots at Outdoor Recreation • Tactical Fit Express, 0600, Fitness Center • Swerk, 0915, Fitness Center • Reintegration Briefing, 1300-1400, A&FRC • Off-Base Budget Class, 1430-1600, A&FRC • Yoga Strong, 1700, Fitness Center • Battle Rig Fitness, 1800, Fitness Center • Zumba, 1800, Fitness Center 		



USO spring tour entertains troops in Afghanistan

CAPT. ANNA-MARIE WYANT | 455TH AIR EXPEDITIONARY WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

BAGRAM AIRFIELD, Afghanistan (AFNS) -- Hundreds of Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines currently deployed to Bagram and Kandahar airfields, Afghanistan, got a chance to meet celebrities and relax during two USO shows March 31 and April 1.

Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Paul J. Selva and USO President and CEO J.D. Crouch II accompanied seven performers including chef and TV personality, Robert Irvine, country singer, Craig Morgan, former MLB player, Shane Victorino, pro surfer and singer, Makua Rothman and UFC fighters: B.J. Penn, Chris Weidman and Felice Herrig.

"The Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, Coast Guardsmen and civilians deployed throughout Afghanistan have left behind the comforts of home to serve in challenging conditions to protect our great nation, our friends and our freedoms," Selva said. "It's our objective to bring a touch of home to those who are not at home, and more importantly, remind them that America is thankful for their service."

The celebrities echoed Selva's thanks during their performances, which required a lot of audience participation and resulted in many laughs and cheers throughout.

USO volunteers pose with chef and TV personality, Robert Irvine, country singer, Craig Morgan, former MLB player, Shane Victorino, pro surfer and singer, Makua Rothman and UFC fighters, B.J. Penn, Chris Weidman and Felice Herrig after the USO show at Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan, April 1, 2019. The USO has been bringing entertainment to service members overseas for more than 77 years to help keep them connected to their home and family.

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"Thank you for serving, for being here downrange," Victorino said. "It means a lot to me ... something I will never take for granted is to be an American and live in the United States of America. Thanks very much for all that you guys do."

"You guys are fighting the ultimate fight and sacrificing so much for our country and our freedom," Herrig added. "I'll be thinking about all of you and dedicating my next fight to you."

The show closed with a performance by Morgan and his band—plus a special guest. Selva joined the band onstage with his guitar to play and sing along for the last few songs. Several attendees sang along throughout, and nearly the entire audience joined in the closing song: "America the Beautiful."

After the shows, the performers - who all volunteered their time to come on the tour - signed autographs, took selfies and chatted with service members, many of whom were star-struck.

"I've always been a huge fan of Craig Morgan because I grew up on country music, but I've

never had the chance to see him live. It was really awesome," said Tech. Sgt. Tabitha Thomas, a 455th Air Expeditionary Wing command post controller at Bagram Airfield. "Seeing the vice chairman play with him was definitely a once in a lifetime experience as well, so I'm glad I was there to see it."

Thomas said she loved the show and enjoyed the variety of entertainment, but most of all, she appreciated the support from the USO and performers.

"Seeing the camaraderie between stars from so many different backgrounds was really cool," Thomas said. "Having something like these shows really boosts morale and reminds us that what we're doing out here matters."

This was the first USO tour in Afghanistan in 2019. The last tour was on Christmas Eve and included shows at Kandahar, Bagram and Forward Operating Base Dahlke. The USO has been bringing entertainment to service members overseas for more than 77 years to help keep them connected to their home and family.

CSAF stresses importance of mission support role at I-WEPTAC

SHANNON CARABAJAL | AIR FORCE INSTALLATION AND MISSION SUPPORT CENTER PUBLIC AFFAIRS

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-LACKLAND, Texas (AFNS) -- The Air Force's top general stressed the installation and mission support community's role in the National Defense Strategy when he kicked off the 3rd Annual Installation and Mission Support Weapons and Tactics Conference, or I-WEPTAC, at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, April 8.

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. David L. Goldfein addressed more than 200 mission support group leaders and later received a preview of the four briefings I-WEPTAC teams will present at the conference outbrief, April 10.

At the conclusion of the briefings based on this year's theme of "The Installation Weapons System," Goldfein said he was excited about the information the teams presented.

"That was spectacular," he said. "It's the kind of thought and innovation we need to design the Air Force of the future in alignment with the National Defense Strategy."

Hosted by the Air Force Installation and Mission Support Center, I-WEPTAC is the Air Force's only installation and mission support, or I&MS, innovation forum during which teams develop solutions for current and future agile combat support challenges. The outputs are actionable recommendations that deliver agile I&MS capabilities in support of national defense and major command operational plans.

Goldfein told more than 150 members of the four I-WEPTAC mission area working groups and senior Air Force leaders in attendance he would be back next year and would bring the commanders of the major commands with him.

"I couldn't be happier and am leaving as a believer in this process," he said.

In his earlier opening remarks to more than 200 commanders and senior enlisted members assembled for a Mission Support Leadership Summit held in conjunction with I-WEPTAC, Goldfein said focusing on readiness and innovation keeps the Air Force more lethal and ready for the fight of the future.

"No matter which adversary or what location, in any fight, the Air Force will be central to that fight. As a land-based force, we actually don't accomplish anything until we first 'fight the base.' That's where you come in," Goldfein said of protecting Air Force people and resources on the installation.

He said the National Defense Strategy Commission calls the Air Force the "halting force."

"By virtue of the speed that we can get to the fight, geographic combatant commanders expect

the Air Force to be able to arrive first to halt enemy activity so our joint and allied partners can take the attack to the enemy," he said. "That means we have to train every day back home and have our joint battle rhythms established so that when I give you the call to go forward, you have all the tools you need."

He emphasized the commander's role is not only in the fight itself, but in preparing Airmen.

"I know with absolute clarity that we have from right now, this moment, until that next war starts to get ready," he said. "As commanders, you have one mirror check that is nothing short of a sacred duty: to ensure every Airman we send into harm's way is properly organized, properly trained and properly equipped so they can get the nation's work done."

Goldfein said the Air Force has "complete trust" in group and squadron leaders, encouraging them to innovate and make decisions at their level.

"Don't wait for me," he emphasized. "There are things you can get after on your own without waiting for me or the secretary of the Air Force. I'm going to keep fighting to make sure we have the resources we need, but I completely trust every one of you in this room. You know what your organization needs, what your wing commander needs and you know where to place resources. I trust you to get after the things you can get after."

For attendees, the opportunity to hear directly from Goldfein was an encouraging way to begin I-WEPTAC week.

"It was good to hear the chief's priorities, specifically as it relates to our warfighting capabilities and our ability to establish the air base," said Col. Rockie Wilson, 628th Mission Support Group commander at Joint Base Charleston, South Carolina. "It's good to hear what the strategy is from an Air Force perspective so we know how to target our efforts going forward."

Capt. Alex Pagano, an Ogden Air Logistics Complex logistics career broadening officer at Hill Air Force Base, Utah, presented his team's I-WEPTAC briefing to the chief of staff on the topic of "Logistics Under Attack."

"He's a really incredible person to brief because he allows you to have a conversation with him," Pagano said. "So to be able to talk about what's on our minds with him and then get that direct feedback is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that we can take back to our units and help execute the mission of the Air Force."

For more news and information about I-WEPTAC, visit <https://www.afimsc.af.mil/iweptac2019/>.

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