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Congratulations to the 69th Bomb Squadron for bringing the 2024 Brigadier General Kenneth N. Walker Award for the Best Overall Bomber Squadron to Team Minot. Keep up the good work, Airmen! See page A2 for more on the award.

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The Knighthawks Winning Is Awesome

Commander of 69th Bomb Squadron Talks About Their Award

ROD WILSON, NORTHERN SENTRY

It was a fitting end to what was a year of change and adaptation for the 69th Bomb Squadron. It also seemed to come at the perfect time as the Knighthawks returned from their 6 week Bomber Task Force deployment to RAF Fairford, BTF 25-2.

Lt. Col Joseph Cangealose commands the 69th and was able to take a few minutes to talk about what factors contributed to the presentation of the 2024 Brig. Gen. Kenneth N. Walker Award for the Best Overall Bomber Squadron in Air Force Global Strike Command.

Let’s talk about the 2024 Brigadier General Kenneth N. Walker Award for Best Overall Bomber Squadron. What do they look for when they choose a squadron for this award, and what does winning the award mean to the Airmen of the 69th?

Lt Col Cangealose: The Walker award is the award for best overall performance over the last year. For the Knighthawks, winning it is awesome. The men and women have worked tirelessly over the past year, starting out last May when they went on a Bomber Task Force in Europe. The came home back from that and we immediately went on an agile combat deployment exercise for a few weeks in July, a nuclear exercise, and a no notice deployment to U.S. Central Command to cap off the year, so they have been super busy and they have absolutely crushed the mission on all of those. I couldn’t be more happy to see them win the best bomb squadron in the Air Force.

The 69th Bomb Squadron, according to Lt. Col Cangealose has about 89 flyers right now. Lt Col Cangealose has been in Minot for about 2 ½ years “and I was stationed here previously for about 4 ½ years as well between 2013 and 2017.”

I know you just returned from (Fairford) England. Maybe you could review some of the highlights of the BTF and fill us in on what happened during this deployment?

Lt Col Cangealose: During this Bomber Task Force especially we really demonstrated the power of the strategic bomber deployment. It’s all about power projection and long range strike capability for us. Deploying to another theater and putting jets on the ground there allows us to strengthen not only our relationships but the tactics with those allies and partners as well. We flew hundreds of flight hours while we were there, we supported 4 geographic combatant commands and showcased the global reach and responsiveness of the BTF’s.

We integrated with 13 partner nations; we flew sorties down into the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility as well. We integrated with our partners in the Middle East, and we integrated with our European partners and allies.

We dropped both high explosive and inert munitions throughout Europe. We executed the first ever flyover of Oslo, Norway. We also improved dynamic targeting tactics significantly.

It was really a great experience for the air crew to fly a low pass over the capital of another country. It was a pretty incredible signal of allies and partnerships.

It appears that the Bomber Task Force model of deployment will be standard procedure for the 69th in the foreseeable future. Could you review what it takes for Team Minot to support this type of mission.

Lt Col Cangealose: This type of deployment takes seamless integration from all of Team Minot. It’s about getting the bombers, the flyers, the maintainers over there. It doesn’t happen without all of the rest of the supporting team here, specifically the LRS (Logistics Readiness Squadron) plays a huge hand to make sure all of our cargo gets out there and all of our personnel are cleared for the deployment. It truly is a Team Minot effort to get this large footprint out the door in time and the seamless re-integration so we can get everything back here so we can get back up and running and flying global missions again the following week.

Cangealose shared that there were 224 total Airmen that were part of this BTF, and he becomes the command of the expeditionary bomb squadron. This particular BTF was a bit more challenging as the 69th deployed while planning the BTF deployment.

The mission of the 69th Bomb Squadron is certainly vital to the United States and of course our allies. What has changed in the preparation of Airmen assigned to the 69th as they work to support this mission.

Lt Col Cangealose: I wouldn’t say that anything in our mission has really changed, we’ve always been responsible for power projection and long range strikes. These missions are great training opportunities for us to fly in non-U.S. airspace. The Knighthawks



Lt. Col Joseph Cangealose, Commander, 69th Bomb Squadron.

are the best in the business, I can promise you that. We don’t really have to do significant preparation on the tactics, it’s really the flying in that airspace.

On the short end we flew some sorties that we flew over there would be 8 to 9 hours and we flew some sorties that were over 24 hours. A BTF shows us that we can pick up with a large bomber package and put it in another theater rapidly, and almost immediately be able to execute missions. If the airfield supports us we can probably get in there and operate. The evidence that what we do, we do well. There is no better evidence than an award that says Minot has the best bomb squadron in the Air Force.

My final question is about the future of the 69th Bomb Squadron. What are the future challenges as the 69th transitions to what will be the B-52 J model? Also, as the B 52 J model comes online, will there be an expanded mission for the 69th?

Lt Col Cangealose: Our biggest challenge with the B 52 J is going to be adapting to our new tactics with some increased capabilities. As far as the mission set goes, I don’t see it changing. Our mission will still center around long range strike and nuclear capabilities. The biggest capability that we are looking forward to getting is the increased data link capability. We’ll take the challenges in stride.

For Lt Col Joseph Cangealose, he is in “the best job in the Air Force. I’ve got such a phenomenal team here. They continue to impress me every time. The fact that they won, I am not shocked. They deserved it. They are true professionals in everything they do. I don’t want to leave this job because I get to lead a group of professional and highly motivated Airmen.”



The Cangealose family- L to R: Nolan (9), Jill Cangealose, Lt Col Joseph Cangealose & Mitchell (12).

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38th Annual Prairie Warrior Auction set for April 24

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Minot Area Chamber EDC (MACEDC) is getting geared up for the 38th Annual Prairie Warrior Auction on April 24, 2025, at the North Dakota State Fair Center Magic Place as plans are in place and donations are rolling in. The public is invited to an evening of food, fun, and bidding to support the military personnel on Minot Air Force Base, as proceeds from the event will go to the Prairie Warrior Association and Home for the Holidays initiative.

The Prairie Warrior Association helps squadrons at Minot Air Force Base pay for events, meals, and other morale-boosting activities aimed at improving day-to-day life for all who serve. Home for the Holidays is a program facilitated by MACEDC that sends first-term airmen home to visit their friends and family members throughout the November and December holiday season.

Verendrye Electric Cooperative is the presenting sponsor of the event for the third year in a row. “Verendrye Electric Cooperative has been a proud supporter of the military since 1955,” said Tom Rafferty, MACEDC Military Affairs Committee chair and Verendrye Electric Member Services and Communication Manager. “We are grateful to all who serve and want to do our part to help. We are proud to support the annual auction that supports Minot Air Force Base.”

Doors open at 4:30 p.m. and

the taco buffet begins at 6:00 p.m. The live and silent auctions will be open with a wide selection of items that won’t disappoint including donations of unique military items, contributions from the community you can’t find anywhere else, private events, local experiences, and more. The event will include a 50/50 raffle and additional opportunities to support. The bidding system for the silent auction is completely digital, so the public can participate and win even if unable to attend the auction itself. The website for the items will be available to start placing bids on Friday, April 18. The deadline for submitting donations has been extended to Monday, April 14, and we encourage the community to bring any of their items to MACEDC office at 1020 20th Avenue in southwest Minot.

“In 2024, the Prairie Warrior Auction raised nearly \$112,000 to support Team Minot, and we’re hoping that this year will be even bigger and better” shared Ryan Ackerman, 2025 MACEDC

Board Chair. “Being able to see all the support rolling in from the community each year – from individuals, businesses, and organizations – is amazing to see. The fact that it was because of the support toward our friends and neighbors in the military that we were able to help 138 first term airmen visit their families for the holidays really exemplifies the commitment that the Minot area has to supporting each other.”

The auction is open to the public and costs \$25 per person, and all attendees must be over 21 to attend. Active-duty military and spouses are welcome to attend the event at no cost.

Table sponsorships for businesses, organizations, and individuals to directly support the Home for the Holidays initiative are available for purchase and selling fast. Learn more, preview auction items beginning on April 15th, and secure your ticket ahead of time on the Minot Area Chamber EDC website.

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A VIEW FROM
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If you watch sporting events, or any event that requires a team effort, you know that winning is certainly not a coincidence. There are a several factors that come in to play when a team wins consistently. First, there is tradition. A team that has made winning a practice will often have a long tradition of success. There are, of course, those Cinderella teams that may be making their first appearance in the Final Four (as an example). Sometimes tradition will also lead to expectations, and that's really not a bad thing. As new members join the team they are taught or informed about the expectation of the team.

Then there is good coaching or leadership. These 2 words can be used interchangeably, but in my opinion there is a difference. I have played for several good coaches. One trait that they have in common is that they developed good leadership on their team. It goes without saying that once several members of the team buy into what the coach is teaching, they become the leaders. There are natural born coaches and there are natural born leaders. However, it takes good coaching AND good leadership to develop a winning



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There's no question those of us who live in North Dakota, like parades. We see them everywhere when the weather co-operates. And, we sometimes see them leading up to Christmas when it can get quite cold.

We have community parades, high school parades, college parades, kiddie parades and even parades for special events, like a big cookout or something.

And it all seems to lead up to the biggest parade of all, the North Dakota State Fair in Minot in late July.

That parade has always been quite an event, but in recent years has grown and has seen some interesting and unusual entries.

One of the earliest "summer" parades, however, that we will see is Williston Band Day on May 11.

team. I used to think that age was part of the magic ingredient that led to good leadership. We used to look up to the seniors on our high school football team. They were the leaders, but honestly, only if the coach held them to the higher standards. But age is not necessarily that magic ingredient. Take for example, Sydney Crosby of the Pittsburgh Penguins NHL Hockey Club. His second year on the team he was elected captain of the team because in the opinion of several players, he was a great leader. Why? Because he held himself, and his teammates, to a higher standard.

The last, and one that I use the most in my own life, is the "GAHF". Yep, the Give A Hoot Factor! I have heard it called other things, but it simply means that even with great coaching, and excellent leadership, the team members have to step up to the plate and give a hoot about playing the game. They don't look around at others to carry the team, they realize that it (whatever "it" is) cannot be accomplished without every member of the team giving a 100% effort. My Dad used to say that "The Coach Doesn't Play The Game". A high school coach that I once had said that "every member of the team needs to be a leader at some point in a season. There are not taking plays off by any member of the team if we expect to win." That is so true. I was an offensive lineman in football. It was pretty easy for the quarterback to see where the big guy that tackled him came from. And in another reference to football, I took a lot of pride in my play if the quarterback would send the running back through the hole (OK- really nerdy football here- but the hole is where

Not By Coincidence

I was supposed to block) where I was playing.

So, what is your point Mr. Wilson?

I have the opportunity in my column(s) to tell it like it is. There is a strong tradition of excellence at Minot Air Force Base. It doesn't say "The Average Come North" on the front gate, it says, "Only The Best Come North" and I have heard it several times "Only the Very Best Leave Here."

This past year has been a great example of what good leadership and coaching has created at Minot Air Force Base. Team building 101: Great people attract great people. Great people raise others to their level. That is why the community of Minot and the Minot Air Force Base brought home the Blanchard Trophy. I know that Col. Lamarand and Col. Schlabach will point to Minot as the reason the Blanchard Trophy came north again this year, but I am one who will go to the mountaintop and proclaim that Minot Air Force Base is a great base, and it is with pride that I write the stories I do about their success.

And folks, it didn't stop at the Blanchard Trophy. What about the Omaha Trophy to the best Missile Wing in U.S. Strategic Command. The Omaha Trophy is the highest honor bestowed upon a nuclear enterprise unit by a civilian organization.

But it doesn't stop there. The Minot Air Force Base recently won a national award that recognizes how well they're supported here in the community.

Minot is one of three areas recognized as a 2025 Great American Defense Community. The Association of Defense

Communities gives this designation to cities that strongly support their military bases. Yes, we are Team Minot!

And not to be outdone, the 69th Bomb Squadron at Minot Air Force Base is the recipient of the 2024 Brig. Gen. Kenneth N. Walker Award for the Best Overall Bomber Squadron. The award is presented annually to the best bomber squadron in Air Force Global Strike Command.

Most assuredly I will have forgotten some awards. And to those folks I apologize in advance. But as we all know, winning awards takes a great team. Reach around and give yourself a slap on the back Team Minot. You deserve it!

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Summer parades and car shows...

Much like the State Fair parade, Band Day has grown recently and just about every kid in western North Dakota who is in a school band, looks forward to spending that day on the streets of Williston.

That's only the beginning. There are numerous others that sometimes include car shows, craft shows, livestock shows and beer fests.

In reality, the parade season has already kicked off with the St. Patrick's Day parade in Fargo on March 15. Not a terribly large parade for the city of Fargo mind you, but it's been consistent for a number of years and those who are Irish, or claim to be Irish, show up to enjoy it.

Following are just a few of other seasonal excitement that will be coming this summer across the state of North Dakota. They include:

Devils Run Parade and Car Show in Devils Lake, May 30-June1; Buggies and Blues in Mandan, June 7 and 8; Rhubarb Festival in Rugby, June 8; Irrigation Days in Oakes, June 12-15; Rods and Hogs car show in Jamestown, June 14; Rally in the Valley in Valley City, June 14; the Hazelton Community Day parade, June 21; the Pembina Hills Show and Shine in Walhalla, TBA; the Independence Day

parade in Mandan, July 4; the 4th of July parade in Berthold; 4th of July parade in Carrington; Elgin Days, July 10-13; Makoti Threshing Show, July 13 and 14; the State Fair parade July 19; Langdon Days, July 18-20; Rock the Block Dakota Territory Car Show in Bowman, July 27; the Deuce of August parade in Mountain (Pembina County) Aug 2; the Chokecherry Festival in Williston, Aug. 8; and the Rods and Rock Car Show in Carson Aug. 16.

There are undoubtedly others I'm sure I missed, and if I did, I apologize to those communities and/or organizations that may have been overlooked. Those listed have already been advertised or placed on social media calendars so interested people can begin setting their schedules for the parade or festival of their choosing.

In reality, all you have to do is an internet search for parades and festivals in any community in North Dakota, and you'll find something.

As an example, not many of us outside of southeastern North Dakota know about Kathryn, a small community south of Valley City. As it turns out, Kathryn, population 64, is having its 125th celebration on June 6, starting at

7 p.m. It appears there's going to be a big party in Kathryn the first Friday in June.

For a number of years, we've all experienced the centennial parties across the state. Those were huge and had special meaning if you grew up in one of the communities celebrating its centennial. There doesn't appear to be any centennial celebrations this year, but numerous other festivals could rise to the occasion.

And when we look at all the parades, car shows and festivals in North Dakota, it is suggested that the Deuce of August is the most unusual for a variety of reasons.

It celebrates Icelandic culture because many immigrants to Pembina County came from Iceland. Gimli, Manitoba, Spanish Fork, Utah and Minneota, Minn., are among only a handful of communities like it in North America.

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What started as a simple way to lift spirits on dreary days has grown into a heartwarming community moment. Rainy days, which can sometimes bring our moods down, have instead become an opportunity for connection and joy. Even Security Forces joined in on the fun this year, adding to the excitement. Word spread quickly when some photos and videos

were shared on the Minot AFB Families Uncensored Facebook page. Lisa’s friend, Crystal Garcia, saw her post and brought her daughter Emily out to join the fun. “She was excited to be out there, too!” Lisa said with a smile. It just goes to show—rain or shine, it’s all about what we make of it.



On April 13 it was still pretty chilly outside, but these sisters stuck it out for the thrill of getting splashed by street puddles from oncoming cars.



Bryndi Hermosillo and Locklyn Hermosillo created a way to have some fun on this rainy day. Their brothers Wyatt and Ryver joined in later.



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for military-affiliated students. The silver status distinction signifies that NDSU exceeds the standard for creating a supportive environment for military students. “We are honored to receive this recognition, which highlights our dedication to serving those who have served,” said Todd Yackley, school certifying official. “At NDSU, we strive to provide military-affiliated students with the resources, guidance, and community they need to achieve their academic and career goals.” NDSU offers a variety of services to military-connected

students, including assistance with GI Bill benefits, academic advising, career support and a Veterans Educational Training Program. The university is also home to an active Student Veterans Organization, which fosters camaraderie and advocacy for student veterans on campus. The Military Friendly Schools list is published annually to help service members and their families make informed decisions about higher education. This year’s list will be featured in G.I. Jobs magazine and on MilitaryFriendly.com.

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- Hide food around the house or yard and let your dog use their nose to search for it.
- Use a snuffle mat—you can make them homemade with fleece and a rubber mat or even use a fluffy, stringy rug—and spread food throughout it.
- Instead of using high calorie treats for training sessions, try hand-feeding your dog’s meal to them for an everyday mind workout.
- Put their dinner in a muffin tin filled with tennis balls for a homemade puzzle feeder. If that’s too easy, there are a variety of puzzles to buy that range from easy to expert.
- Use a hollow toy with holes, such as a Kong or bone, and fill it with treats and your dog’s meal. Vegetables, fruits, yogurt, peanut butter, and bland meat are a few extra healthy fillings. To make it last even longer, try freezing it with some water.
- Walks are great for physical exercise but can be opportunities for mental enrichment as well. Letting your dog sniff around, exploring new parts of the neighborhood, or practicing basic etiquette will help make the most of your walks.
- A flirt pole encourages your dog’s natural urge to chase. It’s basically a stick with a lure on the end of an attached string and can help you train impulse control, build communication skills, and of course, enrich your dog.

- If you have an athletic or working breed on your hands, try involving them in a sport. Agility courses, canine freestyle, disc dog, dock diving, lure coursing, and scent work are a few popular sports that will give your dog lots of extra enrichment. If there are no dedicated courses near you, many of these sports can be learned (and practiced) right in your back yard or a local park.
- Try planting a garden just for your pup. Herbs like mint, chamomile, lavender, and rosemary give off pleasant smells and can even be eaten. You can also include other features such as a pool or sprinkler and a designated digging pit to give your dog the full enriching experience.
- You can find many different “doggy TV” shows on the internet. Put one on while you’re busy and let your dog watch and listen for a variety of dog-favorite sights and sounds.
- Bring your dog along for a windows-down car ride to expose them to new sights, sounds, and smells.
- Instead of leaving Fido at home for that trip to Home Depot or the local lunch spot, try bringing him along for some valuable exposure to new people and a different environment. Before bringing your dog to any public setting, make sure they are pet-friendly.
- Doggy daycare and group training classes are awesome places to give your dog social enrichment under professional supervision. Keep in mind that different dogs and different age groups need varying amounts of stimulation. By giving your dog the proper enrichment, you can ensure that they live their life to the fullest!

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LISA HOLMES, THE HEART OF MINOT

Entrepreneur, classic car enthusiast, and Honored Veteran, George Masters, began his military career at Minot Air Force Base in 1972, and had “the privilege” of being an invited guest on the acclaimed Honor Flight in 2023 that flew out of Bismarck. In 2025 the Honor Flight will depart from Minot International Airport on April 27th.

This time George’s role is one of 40 volunteers. Honored Veterans, numbering 105 plus 25 requested Guardians, will be joined by a medical staff, counselors, logistics personnel, and 44 wheelchairs (just in case.) Each volunteer has a specific assignment providing safety and companionship to the Guests of Honor.

The 6:30 a.m. flight out of Minot will carry the precious cargo to DC where luxury motor coaches will be waiting to transport them in style as they visit several

war memorials dedicated to all branches of service including the Vietnam/Korean, Iwo Jima, Air Force and Pentagon 9/11 Memorials. Each destination will include a step-on guide to provide some history at each stop. Opportunities will include disembarking for closer looks, photos and heartfelt memories. Veterans will also witness the Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier that leaves them moved with shared pride and a deep sense of meaning. The busy day ends with a banquet honoring the guests and a key-note speaker, Lt. General Bruce “Orville” Wright, an Arlington VA guest.

Every part of this event is 100% sponsored by corporate and private donations of \$200,000 that must be met even before the flight can be scheduled. Ever-increasing costs are the charter flight of

\$125,000, hotel/banquet/meals \$40,000, ground transportation/incidentals \$10,000, plus Honor Flight clothing \$25,000...veterans need never reach for their wallets for anything other than memorabilia.

The return flight to Minot will arrive back in Minot the evening of April 28th .

The Honor Flight network was founded in 2005 so that veterans can visit, without cost to them, to visit and reflect on the memorials dedicated to their service.


Visit westernndhf.org if you would like more information about the organization or to be part of the welcoming congregation upon the veterans’ return to Minot International Airport on April 28th.




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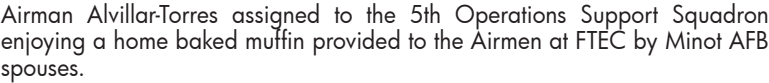
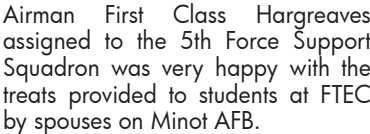
NATALY ZARRELLA, NORTHERN SENTRY

Beyond the classroom instruction and leadership development, a thoughtful and surprising gesture awaits the new Airmen at every session thanks to a group of caring spouses who provide homemade and store-bought baked goods to welcome the newest members of Team Minot.

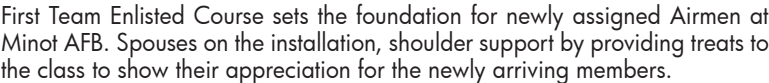
Every other Thursday morning, volunteers deliver cookies, brownies, Rice Krispies treats, muffins, and mini cupcakes to the Professional Development Center, where FTEC sessions are held. Each class typically includes around 40 Airmen, many of whom are away from home for the first time and adjusting to a completely new environment.

“We are so lucky to have Mrs. Erin Chapman continue to organize the volunteers for the FTEC treats,” said Monica Schlabach, a fellow spouse and supporter. “She goes above and beyond, even filling in to bake when there are gaps. She truly has a heart for all Airmen.”

This thoughtful tradition doesn't go unnoticed. It's a small but meaningful way to

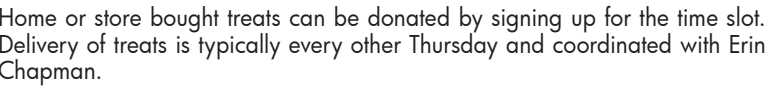


Those interested in donating baked goods for future FTEC sessions are encouraged to get involved. Contributions homemade or store-bought can be



At Minot, it's clear that a little sweetness can go a long way. And thanks to the dedicated efforts of spouses like Erin Chapman, Airmen may be far from home—but they're never far from the warmth of support.

The advertisement features a dark blue header with the Vibeto Orthodontics logo, which consists of a stylized 'V' inside a circle. Below the header is a photograph of a smiling family of four (a man, a woman, and two children) outdoors in a grassy area. Overlaid on the bottom right of the photo is the text 'BEAUTIFUL SMILES FOR A LIFETIME' in white. Below the photo, the text 'GREAT SMILES COME FROM VIBETO ORTHODONTICS' is displayed in a large, blue, serif font. Underneath this, a bulleted list highlights 'Traditional metal and clear braces' and 'Invisalign® and Invisalign Teen™ clear aligners'. Further down, the text 'SCHEDULE A COMPLIMENTARY INITIAL ORTHODONTIC CONSULTATION TODAY!' is written in a smaller, blue, sans-serif font. The bottom section of the ad has a dark blue background with white text providing the name 'Bryan Vibeto, DDS, MS', the phone number '(701) 839-6010', and the address '2615 Elk Drive Suite 2, Minot, ND 58701'.





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Air Force personnel involuntarily discharged over vaccine mandate offered reinstatement

SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE PUBLIC AFFAIRS

ARLINGTON, Va. (AFNS) -- The Department of Defense is offering a pathway for reinstatement for service members involuntarily discharged for refusing the COVID-19 vaccine. The military departments will review discharge records, using standardized criteria, to identify those separated solely due to the vaccine mandate. Those whose records don't clearly indicate a sole-cause separation will be contacted directly.

Each eligible former service member will be contacted by mail, email (if possible) and phone by a uniformed representative and invited to apply for reinstatement. The outreach will explain the streamlined application process, potential financial benefits (including required offsets) and the requirement for a four-year service commitment upon reinstatement.

Interested individuals will undergo pre-screening to assess their physical and medical eligibility, utilizing Military Entrance Processing Stations (MEPS). While screened according to accession standards, they'll be adjudicated against retention standards, with waivers liberally applied. Only presidentially appointed,

Senate-confirmed civilians can disapprove waivers.

The Boards for Correction of Military/Naval Records (BCM/NRs) will prioritize these reinstatement cases, subject to existing statutory priorities. The BCM/NRs will review records for errors or injustices and may order corrections, including reinstatement without a break in service, restoration of rank and credit for lost service time. The service secretaries retain final disapproval authority for reinstatement of eligible service members.

Pre-reinstatement assistance will include expedited pay and benefits estimates. The gap in service will count as active service for retirement pay calculations

for those previously in full-time status. Ready Reserve members will receive retirement points as outlined in 10 U.S.C. § 12732(a) (2), with a minimum of 50 points annually.

After receiving a compensation estimate, former service members will have 60 days to accept reinstatement in writing, acknowledging the four-year service commitment (a two-year option exists for those within two years of retirement eligibility at their separation date). Those declining reinstatement may still apply to the BCM/NR for other relief. This policy does not apply to those separated for misconduct unrelated to the vaccine mandate.



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Solution to last weeks
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Solution to puzzle on page B9

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- Across**
1. Matter or body start
5. It could be made in heaven
10. Russian press agency
14. "Silent Night" writer Joseph
15. Bye-bye, in Marseilles
16. Memorable Robinson role
17. Cinnabar, taconite, etc.
18. Hindu queens
19. Words with empty stomach or upswing
20. He keeps the count
21. Gilbert & Sullivan comic opera
23. Washington summit
25. Battery size
26. Pretoria dollar
27. Legal tender
32. Beef units
34. Things said
35. Swampy land
36. Emulates Pac-Man
37. They move merchandise
38. Hotfooted it
39. Dutch commune near Arnhem
40. Filthy places
41. Surmise
42. Parts of a carte on a cart?
44. Ostentatious
45. John's "Pulp Fiction" co-star
46. Egg cream additive
49. Gilbert & Sullivan comic opera
54. Malt beverage
55. Anguished cry
56. Army uniform fabrics
57. Up the pot
58. Sound from a chapel tower
59. One who rules the roast
60. Biosphere sci.
61. Cigar butt?
62. Clothing colorists
63. Capitol VIPs

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- Down**
1. Pepe Le Pew's quest
2. Marilyn's real first name
3. Gilbert & Sullivan comic opera (with 29-Down)
4. Recipient of many unhappy returns
5. Defaced
6. Robin of song
7. Frank's daughter
8. Provide a roof
9. One-time bachelors
10. Mythical horse builder
11. Japanese aboriginal
12. Lasting impression, of a sort
13. Mitsubishi rival
21. Cans, in Liverpool
22. Asian oxen
24. Apprehends
27. Tree trunks
28. Half brother of Hermes
29. See 3-Down
30. Their purpose is to have a ball
31. Word with rear or book
32. Cardamom or chickpea, e.g.
33. Fill with cargo
34. Mark time
37. Like Gilligan
38. Legal action
40. It moves from state to state
41. It's 7-10 on the Beaufort scale
43. Bending readily
44. Bible quotations
46. On the wagon
47. "Rocketman" singer
48. Rod companions
49. Exaggerated publicity
50. Track event
51. It may be plastered
52. Multitude
53. Visage
57. D.D.E.'s rival



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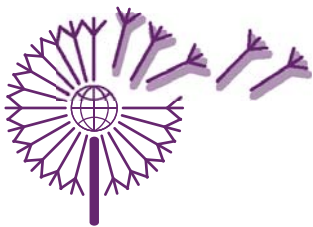
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MOMC Highlight: Hadley Dawn Pitman

HANNAH WATERS, NORTHERN SENTRY

Meet Hadley Dawn Pitman, a bright and bubbly eight-year-old with a big heart and a story many military children can relate to. Hadley is the oldest of two, with her little brother Liam Pitman who is two years old. With just eight years under her belt,

Hadley has already experienced a lifestyle full of movement, change, and resilience—all part of being a military kid. Hadley was born in Alaska, but she’s called several places home since then. “This is my fourth base,” She commented, she has

become used to relocating every few years even if it is not always what she wants to do. She currently lives on Minot AFB, which she admitted is “just really cold,” even for someone born in Alaska. When asked if Minot is colder than Alaska, Hadley remarked that it’s just colder than Georgia, in her eyes, Minot has not hit those Alaskan temperatures yet.

But despite the frequent moves, Hadley found comfort in the base community. “I like to live on base because I have all my friends,” she said. One of her favorite parts of the military lifestyle is when she unexpectedly reunites with old friends. “Natalie [one of my friends] lived in Georgia with me, and now she lives here with me. That’s cool,” she shared with a smile.

Still, being a military kid is not always easy. The hardest part for Hadley is leaving friends behind. “We have to move places every two and four years. I’ll just make new friends, and then we have to move away from them.” It’s a challenge many military kids know too well. But Hadley’s found ways to stay connected with her friends. “I have their text numbers,” she said when



2LT Ian Pitman from 5 CES and Hadley Pitman after Ian had gotten home from work.



Paige and Ian Pitman and their children Hadley and Liam Pitman during a family photoshoot!

asked if she keeps in touch with friends. She expanded by saying that her friend Emma has a phone so she can text her on her tablet. But not all of her friends have devices, so communicating over long distances is trickier. Luckily, the girl’s parents often let their daughters use their own phones to stay in touch.

What is Hadley’s favorite base so far? Surprisingly, it’s here, on Minot AFB. “This [is my favorite] base because I only have two friends,” she said honestly. In Georgia, “I had 10 friends because as soon as I would get home, they would keep knocking on my door.” Now, with fewer distractions, Hadley has found a new appreciation for quiet time.

“I get more free time to myself.” And yes, she likes that.

When she’s not busy navigating new places or catching up with old friends, Hadley’s just a regular kid who loves having “double sleepovers with friends.” And she’s even got some thoughts on her dad’s job in the military. “He works on a giant computer and goes in everyone’s rooms,” she said in a very matter of fact way.

Hadley may be young, but her life is filled with change, friendships, family, and new beginnings. Through her eyes, we get a glimpse into what it means to grow up as a military kid, full of challenges, but also rich in adventure, connection, and heart.

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Drivers who are not mechanically inclined tend to put their vehicles in the hands of a trusted mechanic to perform routine maintenance like oil changes. But there's a host of simpler vehicle maintenance tasks that drivers don't want to overlook, some of which can be performed without visiting the auto body shop.

- **Brake inspections:** Brake inspections are best left to the professionals, who can check the thickness of brake pads and look for other indicators of excessive wear. The automotive resource Cars.com recommends having brakes inspected during routine tire rotations, which many automotive professionals suggest should be done every six months.
- **Car wash:** Car washes might not be the first task drivers associate with vehicle maintenance, but they can prevent long-term damage to cars and trucks. Damage from bird droppings and road salt and ice melt products in the winter can damage a vehicle's paint job and its undercarriage. Wash the car on your own at home or visit a professional car wash to

perform this simple yet vital maintenance at regular intervals and whenever you notice significant buildup of dirt and grime on the car's exterior.

- **Air filter:** The air filter on a car or truck prevents debris, dirt and other contaminants from getting into the engine. The auto insurance experts at Allstate® advise drivers to inspect their vehicle air filters once a year. Air filters in need of replacement may appear dirty, and reduced fuel economy, unusual engine sounds and reduced horsepower are some other potential indicators that an air filters needs to be replaced.
- **Windshield wipers:** Windshield wiper blades are easily overlooked, but various automotive experts recommend replacing wiper blades every six to 12 months. Old wiper blades won't perform at peak capacity, dramatically reducing visibility during heavy rain and snowstorms. Anyone can replace their own windshield wiper blades in a matter of minutes, and new blades won't break the bank.

Vehicle maintenance is not exclusive to tending to what's under the hood. Keeping a car running smoothly for years involves routine tasks that many drivers can perform without professional assistance.



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The Minot North baseball team is showing signs of real potential early in their season. While they've faced some strong opponents, they've also proved they can bounce back in a big way. On the road against Dickinson, they started with a 5-10 loss but turned things around in the second game, winning 9-4 behind a strong offensive effort and great teamwork. Against Century, the team struggled to find rhythm. They dropped Game 1 in a 0-5 shutout and came up short again in Game 2, 5-9. But even in the losses, there's clear progress as the team continues to figure out how to work together as a family.

This is the very first year Minot

North has had a girls varsity soccer team—and they've already made history.

Led by Morgan Perrin, Mia Lewis, and Diego Gaytan, the squad is focused on three big goals:

1. Qualify for the state tournament (Top 4 in the WDA,
2. Learn how to play at a high level as a team, and
3. Build the kind of consistent effort it takes to succeed long-term.

They opened the season with the first win in program history with a 3-2 victory on the road in Bismarck, but then had a tough 1-6 loss to Minot High. Their first win was a huge confidence booster and a reminder that this team is capable of great things.

Minot North's softball team has been one of the most exciting to watch so far, with big swings, even bigger scores, and the kind of energy you can hear from across campus. They started off with a 2-6 loss to Red River but immediately bounced back in Game 2 with an impressive 8-6 win. From there, they picked up steam—sweeping Century in three

straight games with scores of 14-4, 10-7, and 16-6. Those games were packed with hits, hustle, and heart.

But the road got rough again with back-to-back losses to Dickinson (0-13, 6-15) and then two high-scoring games against Legacy (6-16, 15-17). Even in defeat, the team showed fight and never gave up, proving they have what it takes to keep improving.

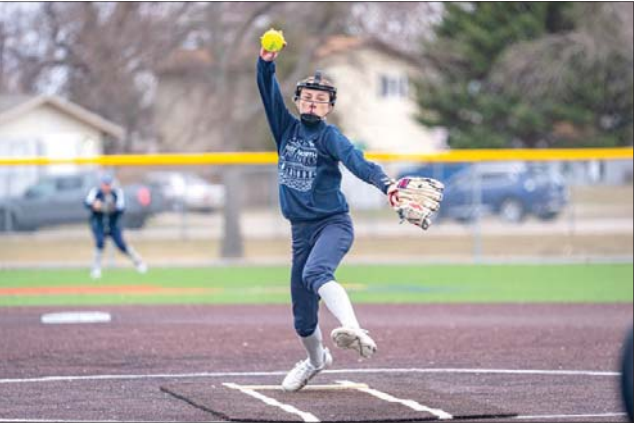
At Minot North, every game played this year is a first. Every win is a milestone. And every loss is part of the story we're writing together. Whether it's baseball battling back, soccer scoring history, or softball lighting up the scoreboard, our athletes are giving everything they've got.

Coach Krahler said it best: "Life begins at the end of your comfort zone." That's exactly where our teams are—pushing past limits, trying new things, and building a legacy that will last for years.

There's something exciting happening here, and this is just the beginning.

Northern Sentry Welcomes Minot North High School Contributor Bryleigh McBride

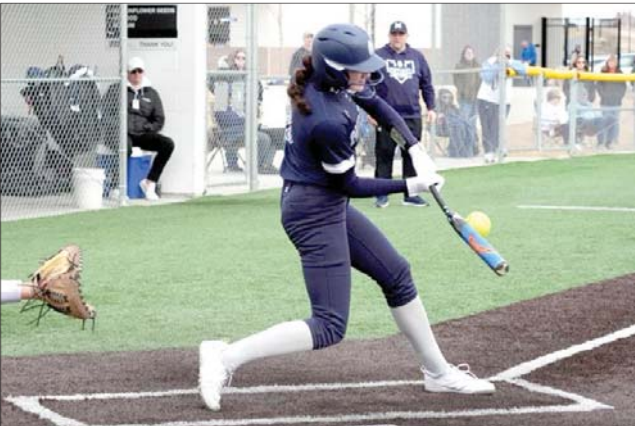
My name is Bryleigh McBride, and I am a 9th grade student at Minot North. I actively participate in extracurricular activities including Softball, Golf, FIRST Robotics, Trap Shooting, Chess Club, Envirothon, and TSA. I also love contributing to my school band by playing bassoon, clarinet, and piano. While playing bassoon, I have been involved in various honor bands throughout the city and state. Through my involvement in academics and athletics, I enjoy contributing to my school community and gaining as many opportunities as possible. My future college plans include majoring in technology or communications while minoring in music.



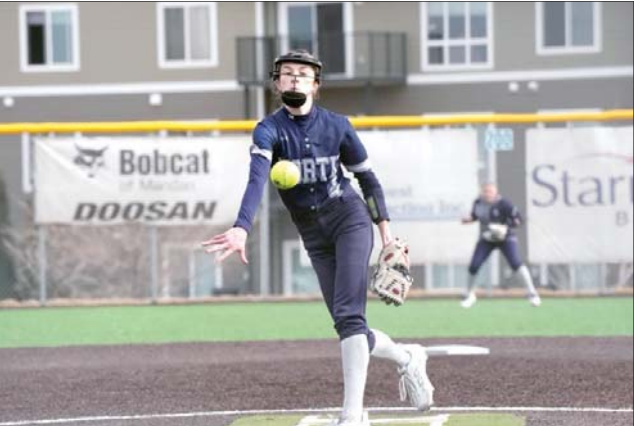
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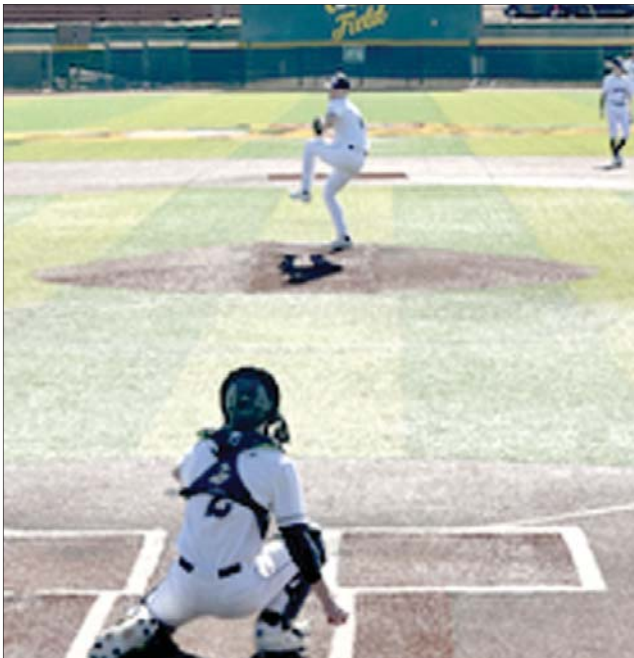
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As Minot Air Force Base’s new School Liaison Program Manager, it is such an honor to serve our military-connected students from all branches within and around Minot, North Dakota. I hope that I may bring love, laughter, and light to this program—putting my own spin on all tasks, lifting up those with whom I have the pleasure of meeting!

Over the past ten years, I have served our United States government as a Head Start PreK teacher, Army PreK teacher, and Air Force employee. In fact, I entered the Department of the Air Force in June 2020 as Minot AFB’s Family Child Care (FCC) Coordinator and grew the program to be the largest in the Air Force, facilitated the National Association of Family Child Care (NAFCC) Accreditation of three childcare providers, and took on additional roles to serve the entire Child and Youth Programs Flight: Facility Manager; Government Purchase Card Holder for the Youth Programs, School Liaison Office, and FCC Office; and USDA Coordinator—to name a few. Prior to the School Liaison Program Manager position, I was the Community Child Care Coordinator at Minot AFB.

Although I am proud to have accomplished the above



ALYSSA KELLY
SCHOOL LIAISON PROGRAM MANAGER, GS-12
DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE SCHOOL
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professional feats, I am most proud of my husband and children. These individuals have uplifted me as I devoted countless hours to supporting our nuclear mission. Our love of ping-pong, baseball, and Svengoolie sustained us when we arrived during COVID and continues to strengthen our family’s foundation. Without their love and support, I wouldn’t be able to genuinely serve our military-connected students in the capacity for which they deserve. I believe family is the foundation of our nation’s success and to that end, I ardently strive to support our families as they bravely serve our nation.

The Minot AFB School Liaison Office is an Installation Commander-driven program with a footprint reaching 2,000+ students across nine independent school districts consisting of 28 public schools, two private schools,

and homeschoolers. As a School Liaison Program Manager, I am committed to outreach, advocacy, and partnership initiatives that generate real-time solutions for our military-connected students in Pre-Kindergarten through grade 12 in North Dakota. I focus on enhancing quality of life for military-connected families through unparalleled leadership initiatives with regard to the Military Interstate Children’s Compact Commission (MIC3), STARBASE North Dakota, Yellowfin Bus Transportation, and Federal Impact Aid.

I look forward to working alongside you as we serve one another to make this world a little bit brighter and easier for all! Please reach out anytime with any PreK-12th grade questions you may have at mafb.school.liaison@us.af.mil.



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MEMORIAL STUDENTS MAKE CARDS IN DIGITECH & CAREERS CLASSES

DigiTech and Careers Classes at Memorial Middle School, led by teacher Sandra Larson, made cards for the Western North Dakota Honor Flight taking place later this month. In February, they also made Valentine’s cards for a Minot Memory Care Nursing Home.



A LOOK BACK THIS WEEK IN USAF HISTORY

LT. JAMES OBENAUFLANDS A BURNING B-47 AND SAVES CREW MEMBER

APRIL 28, 1958



Lt. Obenauf received a Distinguished Flying Cross for his heroic actions. (USAF Photo)

On April 28, 1958, a 341st Bombardment Wing B-47 performed a routine flight out of Dyess AFB, Texas. After about 3 hours and at an altitude of 34,000 feet, one of the engines exploded and the crew proceeded to bail out. As he was about to crawl out the navigator’s escape hatch following the pilot, 1st Lt. James E. Obenauf noticed the instructor-navigator, Major Joseph Maxwell, unconscious and missing his helmet. Obenauf was unable to revive him and made the brave decision to risk death and remain in the burning aircraft in an attempt to save his fellow officer. He flew the plane to a lower altitude from the backseat position and at 450 mph in freezing temperatures, he set a course back to Dyess. Due to the elements, Lt. Obenauf’s vision faltered while navigating the aircraft. He was able to perform a safe landing with the support of air traffic control and his own skill. Obenauf and Maxwell made full recoveries, and for his heroism and bravery, Lt. Obenauf received the Cheney Award, Aviator’s Valor Award, Koren Kolligan Trophy, and a Distinguished Flying Cross.

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Contemporary Service 11:00am
(Holy Communion 1st Sunday)
Children's Church available

Holy Week Happenings
Palm Sunday: Traditional / 9am, Contemporary / 11am
Maundy Thursday Service / Thursday 17 April, 6pm
Good Friday Service / Friday 18 April, 8pm
Community Easter Egg Hunt / Saturday 19 April, 11am
Traditional Easter Service (8:30am), Contemporary Easter Service (11am)

Northern Lights Chapel
230 Missile Ave
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Catholic Mass

Sunday 1000
Daily Monday-Friday 1200

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Hof (Norse Pagan)
1700 on 2nd & 4th Wednesdays

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Friday, April 18
Vespers of the Un-nailing 3:30 PM-4:30 PM
Matins with Lamentations 6:00 PM-7:00 PM
Saturday, April 19
Vespers Divine Liturgy of St. Basil 10:00 AM-11:30 AM
Saturday, April 20 & Sunday, April 21
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9:30am Contemporary Service
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Pastor Rick Craig
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Sunday School (All Ages): 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Coffee Fellowship: 10:30 a.m.
Worship Services: Sunday 11 a.m.

Cornerstone Presbyterian Church

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852-0315

Sunday Schedule
Contemporary Worship 9:00am
Sunday School (All Ages) 10:00am
Traditional Worship 11:00am

Wednesday Evening Schedule
Community Dinner 5:30-6:30pm
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9:15am Sunday School
10:30am Worship

WEDNESDAY
11:30am Soup Kitchen
5:30pm Family Supper
6:30pm Adult Bible Study, IBCY, Kids' Club

Pastor Brian Keithline

St. Mark's Lutheran Church
Missouri Synod

Sunday Divine Service 9:30 AM
Morning Bible Study and Sunday School 11:00 AM
Wednesdays
Kid Connection 6:00 PM

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Sunday Services
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Pastor David Miller

First Baptist Church
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Classic Worship Service 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School (All Ages)..... 9:45 a.m.
Contemporary Worship Service..... 9:50 a.m.
Adult Sunday School 11:00 a.m.
Contemporary Worship Service..... 11:05 a.m.
Children's Church 11:05 am.
Wed. AWANA (Sept. to May) 6:30 p.m.
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.
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April 2025 Month of the Military Child

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All Month Long: Month of the Military Child Book Display at Minot AFB Library & Magic City Sweets* FREE scoop of ice cream		1 Rockin' into MOMC at YC Clap-In 2:30-4:15pm	2	3	4 Proclamation Signing Bismarck, ND 12:00pm ND PURPLE UP DAY	5
6 Magic City Discovery Center* FREE ADMISSION for all military families	7 Magic City Discovery Center* FREE ADMISSION for all military families	8 Magic City Discovery Center* FREE ADMISSION for all military families	9 Minot AFB Library Literacy Story Time Program 10:30am Magic City Discovery Center* FREE ADMISSION for all military families	10 Homeschool Spring Festival (community-wide homeschool event) Bud Ebert Park 12pm-3pm Magic City Discovery Center* FREE ADMISSION for all military families	11 Dakota Elementary Clap-In and Assembly 8:40am Minot AFB Thrift Store One Free Item to Military Child 4-6pm MOMC Carnival at Youth Center 6-8pm (Open to the Base) Magic City Discovery Center* FREE ADMISSION for all military families	12 Minot AFB Library Star Wars Program 1:00pm Magic City Discovery Center* FREE ADMISSION for all military families
13	14	15	16 Minot AFB EFMP & Library Egg Hunt 3:30pm	17 Pre-teen Glow Dance Spectacular at the Youth Center (Open to the Base)	18 Qdoba* FREE CHIPS and QUESO for kids under 12 years old with purchase of an entrée (south location only) Putt District* FREE game for all military children	19 Putt District* FREE game for all military children
20	21 Minot AFB Food Court and Exchange 9:30am-10:30am Pancake Breakfast (\$1 children 1-17, \$4 adults) & 11:30am-1:00pm Crafts and Fun!	22 Glenburn School Live Music Event: Farah Siraj 10:00am (Homeschoolers Invited)	23	24 WeeLinks Golf* FREE evening of golf and clinic to all military families	25 Memorial Middle School Clap-In and North Plains Clap-In & Assembly 7:20am/8:30am Operation Megaphone – MS Late night Teen Lock-in at Youth Center (Open to Base) Tie-Dye Shirt Event Minot AFB Housing -Sign-ups Required-	26 MAFB Spouses' Group* Scholarship Brunch 10-11:30am (contact MAFB Spouse Group to Attend)
27	28	29	30 FCC Provider Spotlight Minot AFB Housing Residents Nominate a FCC Provider for a Prize Skate Party and Craft Parent Involvement (School Age Care-only event) Minot AFB Library Literacy Story Time Program 10:30am	“The official flower of the military child is the dandelion. Why? The plant puts down roots almost anywhere, and it’s almost impossible to destroy. It’s an unpretentious plant, yet good looking. It’s a survivor in a broad range of climates. Military children bloom everywhere the winds carry them. They are hardy and upright. Their roots are strong, cultivated deeply in the culture of the military, planted swiftly and surely. They’re ready to fly in the breezes that take them to new adventures, new lands, and new friends.” -unknown author *Minot ND Business – No endorsement intended		

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A student enrolled in Dakota Elementary jumps in excitement outside of the campus during the Month of the Military Child “clap in” at Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, April 11, 2025. Dakota Elementary invited parents and staff to welcome the children to school with a standing ovation as they entered the building.



U.S. Air Force Col. Jimmy Schlabach, 91st Missile Wing commander, greets children at the entrance of Dakota Elementary on Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, April 11, 2025. Faculty and parents gathered outside the building to celebrate Month of the Military Child.



COL. SCHLABACH JOINS DAKOTA ELEMENTARY FACULTY AND FAMILIES DURING CLAP-IN FOR STUDENTS

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Senior Airman Agnieszka Keczkowska-Martinez, assigned to the 91st Missile Maintenance Squadron, drops her daughter off at Dakota Elementary School on Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, April 11, 2025. Dakota Elementary invited parents and staff to welcome the children to school with a standing ovation as they entered the building.



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The survey results help Department of the Air Force leadership and project owners identify areas for improvement, ensuring the long-term sustainability and quality of housing for service members and their families. All responses are **completely confidential**. CEL & Associates, the independent firm conducting the survey, will handle all responses, and no identifying information will be shared with the Air Force.

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The Greater Minot Zoological Society will be hosting Easter at the Zoo, at Roosevelt Park Zoo, on Saturday, April 19th, 2024, from 11 am to 2 pm and the zoo will only be open during these hours. Easter at the Zoo admission is \$3 per person for non-members, and free for members. You may also purchase your membership in person during the event to receive free admission. The event will feature crafts, activities, a visit with the Easter Bunny, plus a photo station for guests to take photos, and a goody bag of candy for each child as they exit the Zoo (while supplies last).

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4:00 PM - 9:00 PM

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19 APR

MINOT HOT TOTS AND HONEYBEES EASTER EGG HUNT

10:00 AM

Corbett Field, 1124 E Burdick Expy

Come on down to Corbett Field this Easter Eve to celebrate the upcoming spring season with inflatables, pictures with Tate R. Tot and the Easter Bunny, and an Easter Egg Hunt for children ages 1 - 9! This event is completely FREE to the public



For more information:

Facebook/ Minot Hot Tots/ Events

21 APR

SENSORY FRIENDLY NIGHT AT THE DISCOVERY CENTER

4:00 PM - 5:15 PM

Magic City Discovery Center,
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Sensory Nights are designed for children and their families who may have special needs, differently-abled individuals, and those who have sensory sensitivities. We understand that the museum can be a bustling place. During Sensory Friendly Night, we provide adjusted sound levels and limit attendance to create a calmer environment.



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7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

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24 APR

38TH ANNUAL PRAIRIE WARRIOR AUCTION

4:30 PM

North Dakota State Fair Center,
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The public is invited to an evening of food, fun, and bidding to support the military personnel on Minot Air Force Base and Home for the Holiday initiative. The proceeds from the event will go to squadrons at Minot Air Force Base to help pay for events, meals, and other morale-boosting activities aimed at improving day-to-day life for all who serve. Home for the Holidays is a program facilitated by MACEDC that sends first-term airmen home to visit their friends and family members throughout the November and December holiday season.

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Cordell Bomar, executive chef (left), and Airman Rajae Spencer, 5th Force Support Squadron food service worker (right), pour soup into a serving tray at the Dakota Inn Dining Facility (DFAC) at Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, April 10, 2025. The DFAC team oversees daily operations, ensuring quality service and meals for Airmen.



Senior Airman Jamylia Milton, 5th Force Support Squadron food service worker, pours food into a serving tray at the Dakota Inn Dining Facility at Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, April 10, 2025. The food operations section of services is responsible for preparing, serving and ensuring the safety of meals provided for on-base personnel.



Airman Rajae Spencer, 5th Force Support Squadron food service worker (left), and Cordell Bomar, executive chef (right), place buttered bread on serving trays at the Dakota Inn Dining Facility at Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, April 10, 2025. Each meal is prepared daily and cooked fresh by chefs and Airmen.



Tech. Sgt. Montana McCormick, 5th Force Support Squadron operations manager, serves food to an Airman at the Dakota Inn Dining Facility (DFAC) on Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, April 10, 2025. The DFAC serves breakfast, lunch and dinner every day as well as a wide array of grab-and-go and dine-in options.



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*Basic principals
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The vehicle lifts that are supporting a vehicle you are working or being stored can represent one of the most productive tools in your shop, or one of the most dangerous pieces of equipment for you if not used and maintained properly. You'd never drive a vehicle that hadn't had the brakes inspected in years. Here are some basic and common sense principles apply to vehicle lifts in your shop and daily inspections are part of your job.

Whether you're using two-post lifts, parallelograms, mobile column lifts, drive-on lifts or in-ground lifts for servicing vehicles, you should follow these basic safety rules.

1. BUY CERTIFIED LIFTS

There's only one nationally recognized safety standard for vehicle lifts: ANSI-ALI/ALCTV/CE, administered by the Automotive Lift Institute (ALI/ETL). ETL testing labs verify that a manufacturer's lifts meet the national safety standard for vehicles lift. The Automotive Lift Institute working through ETL testing procedures involves rigorous third-party testing verifying lift manufacturers comply with current ANSI requirements for lifts as defined by the International Building Code, which mandates that lifts be third party tested to meet these safety requirements. To verify equipment status, look for the gold ALI/ETL verification tag next to the lift's controls.

2. BUY CERTIFIED LIFT OPTIONS

A commonly overlooked mistake is using an uncertified option or accessory on a certified lift. Doing so will void the lift's certification. It's simple: If the optional accessory isn't certified then the lift isn't certified. ALI/ETL standards (&ANSI standards & building code standards), require all accessories, such as drive-on lifts, rolling jacks and truck adaptors, to be certified. Although certification is good for the life of the lift, older models may not meet the most current standards. Complying with American National Standards Institute (ANSI), Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and Public Employees Occupational Safety and Health (PEOSH) requirements is the key to keeping vehicle lifts at the highest possible safety level.

3. NO LOCKS ARE LIABILITY

Always raise the vehicle and then lower it onto the lift's mechanical locks as required by ANSI. Refer to ALI safety manual lifting it Right or the manufacturer's operating instructions for detailed information. An easy way to visually verify the locks are being used is to include a weight gauge (a pressure gauge calibrated to the lift's lifting capacity) on your lift. A weight gauge can also be a great diagnostic tool. If using an old in-ground lift that doesn't have locks, it's time for a new lift. While some in-ground lifts can be retrofitted with an aftermarket lock, it's not the most cost-effective option, and your lift will still not be ALI/ETL certified to be compliant with ANSI rules and building code laws.

4. IT'S EASY TO OVERLOAD

Manufacturers of the most common two-post side by side lifts mandate that none of the four swing arms be overloaded. As an example: Some may think that a 15,000 pound rated lift that's loaded with a 14,200 pound

ambulance isn't near capacity. They're wrong! It's easy to see why two-post side-by-side lifts are often overloaded, even though the total lift capacity hasn't been exceeded.

5. INSPECT EQUIPMENT ANNUALLY

ANSI/Automotive Lift Institute ALCTV Standard for Automotive Lifts-"Safety Requirements for Construction, Testing, and Validation" requires technicians to perform a daily operational safety check. The code also requires an annual inspection by a qualified individual. Failing to do so could expose your shop to liabilities that could be associated with an injury if an accident were to happen.

6. TRAINING AND TESTING

Contact the Automotive Lift Institute, your lift supplier, or a local lift inspection company for a copy of the 20-minute lifting it Right video hosted by legendary. Like any product, lifts vary in style, type, capability, longevity and warranty.



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Comment on our Facebook post with a GIF showing what you're most excited to see or do at iMagon! (One entry per person.) DEADLINE:
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OUTDOOR REPORT



by Patricia Stockdill

FISHING:

- Lake Sakakawea elevation, April 14: 1,831.35 feet above mean sea level (MSL); 18,200 cubic feet per second (CFS) Garrison Dam average daily releases.
- Devils Lake elevation: 1,449.63 feet above mean sea level (MSL).
- Stump Lake elevation: 1,449.53 MSL.
- N.D. Game & Fish Dept. game wardens: Some pike and walleye activity from the bridges on Devils Lake with some activity now along the lake's open water shoreline areas. Ice starting to break up along the shorelines on Lake Metigoshe. No Lake Sakakawea reports.
- Devils Lake, Woodland Resort, Devils Lake: Decent shore-fishing success continues for walleye along the bridges and open water shoreline areas.
- Lake Darling, Karma C-Store, Ruthville: No reports.
- Lake Metigoshe, Four Seasons, Bottineau: No new reports.
- Lake Sakakawea/Lake Audubon, Cenex Bait & Tackle, Garrison: Open water shorelines on the east end of Lake Sakakawea with Garrison Bay open and accessible from boats. Missouri River tailrace remains fair for walleye from the tailrace to the Spillway Channel "blow-out".
- Lake Sakakawea/Lake Audubon, Hwy. 83 Lawn & Leisure, Garrison: Try back bays on the east end of Lake Sakakawea for pike casting smelt. North Lake on Lake Audubon opened up; look for some early season walleye activity.
- Lake Sakakawea, New Town: Van Hook Arm largely ice-free and main lake is open down to New Town. Look for some open water shoreline activity around Deepwater and Parshall bays.
- Lake Sakakawea/Missouri River, Scott's Bait & Tackle, Pick City: Missouri River tailrace continues producing walleye from boats with jigs and minnows or plastics. Try crankbaits from shore off the rocks with success from the boat ramp casting jigs and minnows. Wing

Thanks to Woodland Resort, our Outdoors Report sponsor, for helping keep readers up-to-date on happenings throughout the region. For complete details about fishing Devils Lake and its array of recreational opportunities visit their website, (www.woodlandresort.com), Facebook at (facebook.com/woodlandresortDL), telephone (701) 662-5996, extension 1, or email (woodlandresort@gondtc.com). They're located at 1012 Woodland Drive, Devils Lake, N.D. 58301.



NORTH DAKOTA GAME & FISH PHOTO

- April 20: Sandstone Arch Guided Hike, Theodore Roosevelt Nat'l. Park South Unit, Medora. Meet at the Halliday Well Trailhead (Mile 7 on South Unit Scenic Drive), 10 a.m. Free (entrance fee required) Guided hike about 2.5 hours around the park's only sandstone arch. Contact the park, (701) 623-4466, for more information.
- April 24: Hands-on Habitat Spring Cleaning, Esther's Acres, 7210 142nd Ave. NE, Glenburn, 6 p.m. Sponsored by Souris Valley Pheasants Forever.
- May 1: Paddlefish snagging season opens. Go to the N.D. Game & Fish Dept. website, (gf.nd.gov), for regulations and tag purchase.
- May 2 through 12: Audubon Nat'l. Wildlife Refuge Migration Game, Interpretive Trail north of Visitor Center in celebration of May 10 World Migratory Bird Day. Free self-guided hikes along trail with educational games at each kiosk. Located a mile east of U.S. Hwy. 83 along the south shore of Lake Audubon.
- May 3: MonDak Rocky Mtn. Elk Foundation banquet & N.D. elk tag raffle, Upper Missouri Valley Fairgrounds, 519 53rd St. E., Williston, 5 p.m.

walls producing some success. Look for pike activity along the open water shorelines in the back bays on the east end of Lake Sakakawea.

- Lake Sakakawea/northwest N.D. lakes, Scenic Sports, Williston: Upper end of Lake Sakakawea is open but no reports of success. Look for some walleye activity around Lund's Landing and White Earth Bay with jigs and minnows if docks are in for boat access. Missouri and Yellowstone rivers muddied due to recent rains. Small area lakes generally open but not many, if any docks, are in place yet.
- North-central/central N.D. lakes, Towner Hdwe. Hank, Towner: No

activity with open water shorelines on many area lakes due to wind and warmer weather.

SPRING TURKEY SEASON:

- Birds fairly active for the season opener.

LIGHT GOOSE MIGRATION:

- A few scattered birds remain around northwest North Dakota, north-central and east-central parts of the state, and Devils Lake.

NUMBERS TO KNOW:

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Continuing His Father’s Legacy of Faith

Chief Master Sergeant James W. Henderson, USAF, Retired, honorably served his country for 28 years, including four years at Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, where he concluded his distinguished military career. He dedicated his life to ministry, faithfully pastoring Gospel Tabernacle Church of God in Christ in Minot for over 38 years. His leadership, compassion, and unwavering faith left an indelible mark on the congregation and the wider community. In addition to his pastoral duties, Chief Henderson served as a Police Chaplain with the Minot Police Department, offering spiritual guidance, support, and comfort to officers and residents alike. He was a pillar of strength and service throughout the city of Minot. In June 2024, Chief Henderson passed the mantle of leadership to his son, James R. Henderson, who served in the United States Navy for six years. James R. Henderson began his career with the Minot

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“Your Minot, Your Lyrics” Anthem Contest Deadline is April 21

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The deadline for the “Your Minot, Your Lyrics” Anthem Contest is imminent. Entries must be submitted online by midnight on Monday, April 21, 2025.

Writers, wordsmiths and poets with a deep connection to Minot, are invited to take part in a special Anthem Poetry Contest that will serve as the official poetic voice for Minot. The goal of the contest is to create a powerful anthem that celebrates the strength and resourcefulness of the people of Minot, located in the heart of the Western Plains. The poems should reflect the resilience, determination, and unity that define our community. The anthem will not only be a tribute to Minot’s enduring spirit, but also a celebration of what makes it a wonderful place to live—a city that has weathered challenges, embraced its people, and flourished with pride.

Eligibility: The contest is open to all writers, wordsmiths and poets with a deep connection to the Magic City. Entries from all backgrounds and skill levels are welcome. There is no fee to enter.

Format: The poem should be structured like an anthem – a piece that could be performed with strength and pride. The poem must incorporate a theme of harmony and unity while celebrating the spirit of Minot. This could be in the form of a hymn, a rallying cry, or an inspiration call to action, ideally fitting for public performance. The anthem should be between 20 and 40 lines – long enough

to capture the essence of Minot but concise enough to be easily performed or sung.

Original Work: All submissions must be original, not previously published or performed. Plagiarism or use of AI will result in disqualification. Submissions must be in English.

Deadline: Entries must be received by midnight on Monday, April 21, 2025.

Prizes: \$500 cash, lyrics credit, and 2 season tickets for the Minot Symphony’s 25-26 season will be awarded to the top entry. The 2nd and 3rd place entries will receive a 6-ticket flex pass for the MSO.

How to Submit: Entries must be submitted electronically on the form at www.minotsymphony.com.

The entries will be reviewed by a panel of judges and the winner will be announced at the Minot City Council meeting on Monday, May 19, 2025 and the anthem will be premiered by the Minot Symphony Orchestra with area choirs in March 2026.

Full contest details and entry form can be found at www.minotsymphony.com. Contact the Minot Symphony Orchestra at 701-858-4228 or email minotsymphony@minotstateu.edu with any questions.

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Adult rainbow smelt are about 4 to 6 inches long, a small fish that’s proven to be a major player in fishing success on North Dakota’s largest lake – Lake Sakakawea.

They’re not native to North Dakota waters, let alone Sakakawea.

Yet they found a home in “the Big Lake” since 1971, a year after the arrival of salmon.

When salmon, another non-native, cold-water species, were introduced into Sakakawea in 1970, North Dakota’s fisheries biologists knew they needed a forage species adapted to the same deep, cold-water environment, described N.D. Game and Fish Department Missouri River System Supervisor Russ Kinzler.

They also knew Great Lakes salmon fed on smelt. Following the arrival of salmon into Lake Sakakawea, a mere 7,440 adult smelt were netted from Lake Superior during their April spawning run and introduced in Sakakawea.

The largest of six Missouri River System reservoirs, Sakakawea is 100-plus feet deep in places, providing cold water habitat vital for both salmon and smelt, especially its eastern end.

Typical of what often happens when a new species finds a niche in a new habitat, Sakakawea’s smelt population flourished in their new environment.

As they flourished so, too, did the number of predator fish species, especially walleye and those newly introduced salmon.

The success earned Sakakawea a multi-state reputation as a go-to walleye fishery.

Also typical of what happens when a new species finds – and settles – into a new habitat, their population leveled.

Yet smelt remain the primary source of food, Kinzler explained, especially for walleye on the lower end with its cold, deep water.

More than 50 years after the arrival of smelt, Lake Sakakawea is still a go-to walleye destination despite the state’s rollercoaster ride of weather extremes of droughts and floods and resulting fluctuating lake elevations. “Without smelt we wouldn’t have the number of walleye...I don’t think we could maintain the population of (Sakakawea) walleye we have without smelt,” Kinzler said.

Smelt spawn in early spring – April – in shallow water. “We’re talking a few inches of water,” he added. They need stable or slightly rising water levels, which on a reservoir primarily dependent on Rocky Mountain snow melt, varies in any given year.

Even major wind events can strand eggs high and dry.

Spawning beds require cobbled, rocky structure, not clay or other structure.



Since rainbow smelt were introduced into Lake Sakakawea in 1971 they have become a major forage fish for predator species, including walleye and salmon.

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- Inflatables at the Turf, 0800-1600, Turf, hosted by Outdoor Recreation
- Lifeguard Certification Class, 0800-1630, Outdoor Recreation
- Bootcamp, 0900, McAdoo Fitness Center
- Family Bootcamp, 1000, McAdoo Fitness Center
- High-Tech Home Run Derby, 1600-2100, Rough Rider Lanes
- Friday Flicks, 1630-2200, Rockers Bar & Grill
- Progressive Bingo, 1730, Rockers Bar & Grill
- Karaoke Nights, 2100-2330, Rockers Bar & Grill

SATURDAY19

- Cold War Spy Escape Room Game Ends, Minot AFB Library
- Teen CERT Training, 1300-1700, M&FRC
- 90's/00's Pop Culture Trivia, 1700-1900, Rockers Bar & Grill
- Airmen Movie Night, 1900-2200, Turf, hosted by Outdoor Recreation

SUNDAY20

MONDAY21

- AFFT, 0530, McAdoo Fitness Center
- Bootcamp Express, 0545, McAdoo Fitness Center
- FTEC, 0730-1600, Professional Development Center
- Inflatables at the Turf, 0800-1600, Turf, hosted by Outdoor Recreation
- Garden Plot Renewal, 0830-1630, Outdoor Recreation
- Bootcamp, 0900, McAdoo Fitness Center
- Family Bootcamp, 1000, McAdoo Fitness Center
- Grilled Cheese Week Special Lunch, 1030-1330, Dakota Inn Dining Facility
- AFFT, 1100, McAdoo Fitness Center
- Thrift Savings Plan for Military Members, 1300-1500, M&FRC
- Cycle, 1700, McAdoo Fitness Center
- Writing Club, 1800, Minot AFB Library

TUESDAY22

- AFFT, 0530, McAdoo Fitness Center
- Run Fast, 0600, Dome, hosted by McAdoo Fitness Center
- FTEC, 0730-1600, Professional Development Center
- Career & Certification Exploration Track, 0800-1600, M&FRC
- Tuition Assistance (TA) Brief, 1000, Education Center — Room 211
- Game Day, 1000-1930, Minot AFB Library
- AFFT, 1100, McAdoo Fitness Center
- Cyber Education Fair, 1100-1300, Rockers Bar & Grill, hosted by Education Center
- Run Far, 1900, Dome, hosted by McAdoo Fitness Center

WEDNESDAY23

- AFFT, 0530, McAdoo Fitness Center
- Bootcamp Express, 0545, McAdoo Fitness Center
- FTEC, 0730-1600, Professional Development Center
- Base Right Start, 0730-1230, Jimmy Doolittle Center, hosted by M&FRC
- Career & Certification Exploration Track, 0800-1600, M&FRC
- Bootcamp, 0900, McAdoo Fitness Center
- Open House, 1000, Outdoor Recreation
- Pre-Deployment/Remote Readiness Training, 1000, M&FRC, Zoom Meeting
- SkillBridge Brief, 1000, Education Center — Room 211
- Storytime, 1030, Minot AFB Library
- AFFT, 1100, McAdoo Fitness Center
- Yoga, 1700, McAdoo Fitness Center
- Intro to Pencil Drawing, 1700-1900, Arts & Crafts Center
- Zumba, 1800, McAdoo Fitness Center

THURSDAY24

- AFFT, 0530, McAdoo Fitness Center
- Run Fast, 0600, Dome, hosted by McAdoo Fitness Center
- Informed Decision Seminar, 0800-1200, Professional Development Center
- TAP (DOL) Employment Track Workshop, 0800-1600, M&FRC
- Reintegration Briefing, 1000-1100, M&FRC, Zoom Meeting
- AFFT, 1100, McAdoo Fitness Center
- Tuition Assistance (TA) Brief, 1330, Education Center — Room 211
- Zumba, 1700, McAdoo Fitness Center
- Glow Dance Spectacular, 1800-2000, Youth Center
- Run Far, 1900, Dome, hosted by McAdoo Fitness Center

FRIDAY25

- AFFT, 0530, McAdoo Fitness Center
- Run Fast, 0600, Dome, hosted by McAdoo Fitness Center
- FTEC, 0730-1600, Professional Development Center
- Pre-Separation Counseling, 0830-1130, M&FRC
- Reintegration Briefing, 1000-1100, M&FRC, Zoom Meeting
- AFFT, 1100, McAdoo Fitness Center
- Moving Out of the Dorms Budget Class, 1300-1500, M&FRC
- Tuition Assistance (TA) Brief, 1330, Education Center — Room 211
- Zumba, 1700, McAdoo Fitness Center
- Run Far, 1900, Dome, hosted by McAdoo Fitness Center

SATURDAY26

- FTEC, 0730-1600, Professional Development Center
- Bootcamp, 0900, McAdoo Fitness Center
- Family Bootcamp, 1000, Turf, hosted by McAdoo Fitness Center
- Friday Flicks, 1630-2200, Rockers Bar & Grill
- Pre-Teen Late Night, 2000-2200, Youth Center
- Operation Megaphone Teen Lock-In, 2000-0800, Youth Center
- Zumba, 0800, McAdoo Fitness Center
- Intro to Paint, 1500-1700, Arts & Crafts Center

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