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U.S. Airmen assigned to 91st Missile Maintenance Squadron smile before performing maintenance operations during Operation Bully Stick near Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, Oct. 23, 2025. Operation Bully Stick is an exercise designed to test the wing's ability to rapidly generate intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) readiness under agile combat employment (ACE) concepts. See page

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January Squadron of the Month **5th Security Forces Squadron**



The 5th Bomb Wing Command Team would like to congratulate the 5th Security Forces Squadron (5 SFS) on being the Northern Sentry Squadron of the Month.

The 5 SFS holds the Air Force's most mission-critical security units, entrusted with responsibilities that impact both national defense and local community safety. Coming off their Nuclear Surety Inspection, the 5 SFS, stood alone, being named Air Force Global Strikes "Best in Command" and receiving the highest Nuclear Surety rating in 5 years.

The 5 SFS integrated and trained 50 Defenders from Barksdale AFB for USSTRATCOM's GLOBAL THUNDER exercise. Defenders posted for 24-hour operations spanning 7-days while coordinating with 2 Numbered Air Forces and 8 base agencies.

15+Completing convovs allowing seamless generation of B-52 aircrafts. Simultaneously the 5 SFS supported decentralized operations on undisclosed airfield.

Finally, the 5th Bomb Wing and 91st Missile Wing leadership recognized the 5 SFS for their swift intervention in stopping an impaired bus driver. An action that protected and potentially saved the lives of 41 military children.









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Making Peace with the Quiet



SHE'S NOT FROM AROUND HERE AMY ALLENDER

I can never quite decide if I like this time of year or not.

On one hand, I'm ready. After more than a month of building toward Christmas—decorating every surface, planning gatherings, cooking special meals, and trying to soak in all the magic—there's a sense of emotional whiplash when it all stops.

One day the house is glowing with twinkle lights and festive clutter, and the next, the calendar is empty and the tree feels... enormous. Decorative, yes. But also, intrusive. In the harsh light of a looming new year, the garland feels more gawdy than glitzy; overstimulating instead of nostalgic.

I start craving clear counters. An empty mantle. Less visual noise. I want my living room back. I want

And yet, there's a letdown too. All the anticipation is gone. The parties are over. The special meals are finished. All that's left is jeans that are too tight, and pine needles that never fully get swept out of the carpet. After weeks of buildup, we're abruptly returned to normal life—packed lunches, ordinary dinners, unremarkable evenings. The house is quieter. The days feel longer. The sparkle is quite literally

January ushers in a fresh start. But also leads us to a strange middle place: both relieved and sad. Ready for normal, but not ready to let go.

I want the clean-slate feeling a new year promises, but I also want to linger in the glow of Christmas just a little longer. I want forward momentum without losing the warmth of what just was. And if I'm honest, that tension makes me uncomfortable.

I don't love in-between seasons. I like categories. I like things to fit neatly into place. Maybe that's why I've never quite known what to do with lefse. Is it bread? Dessert? An appetizer? It somehow manages to be all of those and none of them at the same time—and that ambiguity

January feels like that. It doesn't belong to the excitement of December or the promise of

unsettles me more than it should.

spring. It's quieter. Plainer. Less impressive. It asks us to live without constant celebration—to find our footing again when the music stops and the decorations come down.

This in-between season forces us to sit with ourselves. With our homes stripped back to basics. With routines that don't feel special yet. With lives that aren't lit up by events or gatherings or holidays to anticipate.

And that can feel uncomfortable. But I'm learning that discomfort doesn't always mean something is wrong. Sometimes it just means something is settling.

I think there's an invitation here, even if it doesn't come wrapped in sparkle. An invitation to learn how to live without constant stimulation. To discover whether joy can exist without an occasion attached to it. To ask ourselves who we are when the house is quiet and the calendar

This stillness is not the same as emptiness, and it's a place where clarity grows. Where roots deepen. Where we learn to be content not because everything is exciting, but because everything is enough.

That kind of peace doesn't arrive loudly. It doesn't announce itself with parties or traditions. It grows slowly, in the ordinary days, when we choose to show up anyway.

January reminds me



things appropriate in December, but I'm forced January, to face the bare, inbetween season.

AMY ALLENDER PHOTO

contentment isn't built during the highlight reel moments of life. It's built in the quieter stretches—when we learn to love our surroundings without embellishment, to enjoy people without a reason to celebrate, and to find meaning in days that look unremarkable to the average observer.

This season is awkward. It might always will be.

But maybe that's not a flaw. Maybe it's a chance to reset our expectations, clear our spaces, and practice being at peace when life is simple instead of spectacular.

The decorations will come back.

The celebrations will return. There will be plenty of moments that ask us to go all out again.

For now, I'm learning to sit in the in-between—the "lefse of life"—to let the quiet do its work, even when it feels unfamiliar.

Join me next week when I examine how this in between time affects the body, and how Cornerstone Chiropractic can meet you in the gap.

For more on life in North Dakota, and developing a positive mindset about where you are join me online at amyallender.com or on Facebook and Instagram @heyminot.

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A VIEW FROM **OUR SIDE**

ROD WILSON

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Happy New Year to everyone, and I hope you enjoy this edition that highlights the Northern Sentry...i.e. 2025. I keep a library of papers at my office and just added the 51st edition which will be the end of my 2025 papers because we didn't have a December 26th paper.

From my office the saved editions of the papers are taken to Garrison, ND and bound into historical books that are "loaned" to the Minot Air Force Base library. I receive several phone calls a year asking about previous year's papers and I refer them to the library, and if the paper they are looking for is not there, then there is the digital copies of our papers on northernsentry. com, and finally there is the 5th Bomb Wing historian who has all of the copies of the Northern Sentry, and its predecessors, on micro film in his office. I have had the pleasure of reviewing an older edition with him as I was looking for a historical record of a story that I was working on. The last time I used the 5th BW library was about a year ago when I was looking for information about the 5th Fighter Squadron that used to be stationed at Minot AFB.

AND THE RECORD **CONTINUES**

I have on several occasions talked about the record I have going with "warm welcomes" at the front gate. Well, we have now passed 70 warm welcomes" in a row, and a couple of those welcomes were on some pretty weather challenged days in December. On one of the days the main highway to the base was very icy. There were quite a

Still A Good First Impression

few cars and pickups in the ditch between Minot and the base. When I arrived at the front gate and opened my window the young lady said, "Good Morning, I sure am glad you made it to the base safely this morning." A short conversation about the road conditions and the fact that she was from Texas ended with her saying "Have a great day and a Merry Christmas." Yep, a very, very good first impression. No complaints at all about the weather and of course her smile was a great ending to a nice conversation.

BOTTINEAU WINTER PARK WELCOMES YOU!

Several of my friends have made the trek to Bottineau Winter Park and report that the snow conditions are excellent. Never skied? No time like the present to learn how. There are ski and snowboard rentals, along with lessons to help you get started. To be honest, I only tried snowboarding once and gave up the notion that I need to snowboard in my lifetime.

And then there is the option of just renting a tube and heading for the tubing hill. The bottom line is that there is something for everyone to do, even those who may prefer the lounge area that overlooks the slopes. Hot chocolate, maybe a hot dog for lunch. The Bottineau Winter Park is truly a family destination.

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2026

First, of course, the summer of 2026 will be busy with change of Commands on base. Taking over the 5th Bomb Wing command will be The Sherrif, Col John Burrell, moving over from the 5th Operations Group. And then returning to Minot will be Col George Chapman. The Chapmans spent a year at F.E. Warren where he was Deputy Commander of the 20th Air Force under Maj. Gen. Stacy Jo Huser.

On base we continue to see progress on the new facility that will house the Greywolf helicopters and the supporting squadrons. I have been told that it will be "exceptional" to have them all in one building.

The funding for several key projects at Minot AFB, including the Sentinel Missile system, seem to remain on track thanks to our congressional delegation who are in key positions for this type of funding. 2026 could be a very important year for Sentinel, and of course the B52 H transition.

Away from the Minot AFB will be the long anticipated opening of the Theodore Roosevelt Congressional Library on a hill overlooking Medora, ND. July 4th will be the official opening of the library, celebrating the 250th anniversary of the United States of America. A trip to Medora is always special, and the new TR Library will be one of those "bucket list" events.

A TRUE RIGHT OF PASSAGE

I had to laugh yesterday when my son sent me a picture of my grandson who just learned to run the snowblower. He folks, it's a true rite of passage and accomplishment to clear the sidewalk and driveway with a snowblower. True, the weather is not always great, but once it's done there is a feeling of



Grandson Charlie takes on winter snow drifts

THIS WEEK'S CHUCKLE

People who wrestle with their conscience usually go for two out of

Have you heard about the Divorcees?



UPSIDE DOWN UNDER MARVIN BAKER

We all know that Fargo has always been a growing community. When the railroad reached Fargo in Iune 1872, our state's largest city really started to expand.

Six years before that, the territorial Legislature enacted a law that allowed for immediate divorce. In other words, a couple not getting along, could arrive in Fargo, walk into a law office and 10 minutes later, be divorced. The thinking was those who were in bad relationships could come to a growing Fargo and start a new life. This became known as the 10-minute divorce.

But by 1877, pressure on the territorial Legislature forced a change that lengthened residency requirements to three months. Still, loopholes were found and Fargo became known as the divorce capital of the nation.

Unhappy married couples would arrive in Fargo on the noon train, check into a hotel, then leave on the afternoon train. Thus, while they continued to pay the hotel fee and show receipts up to three months, they were considered residents of Fargo and could thus divorce without question.

The kicker was they didn't even have to be U.S. citizens. So German or Norwegian immigrants were allowed to divorce in a court of law which for a number of years was legally binding.

Apparently, a lot of unhappy wealthy couples from across the nation and parts of Europe got news of "the divorce capital of the nation," and began flocking to Fargo to set up de-facto residences so they could divorce in three months.

When Dakota Territory became North and South Dakota

inherited this odd law and seeing the "economic" success Fargo was having with this, Sioux Falls and Yankton promoted the three-month residency requirement for a lawful The economic impact of the

November 1889, both states

divorce capital was based on the number of lawyers collecting fees for filing divorces, the number of hotels and restaurants that sprang up to accommodate an influx of new people and the railroad for transporting said people to Fargo.

Like a chapter out of the old west, citizens of North Dakota in the 1890s started getting concerned about the unusual reputation Fargo was getting from around the nation. And despite, money flowing into Fargo like molasses on a hot, July day, there were residents of Fargo who had a strong disdain for what was happening.

By 1899, Bishop John Stanley headed a reform movement that landed in the state Legislature. That year, North Dakota lost its reputation as "divorce mill" when Gov. Fred Fancher signed a bill into law requiring a divorce petitioner for divorce to have lived in the state for at least one year and be a U.S.

The impact quickly began to fade and by 1910, Fargo was just another growing community on the northern Great Plains. Some lawvers staved to practice other forms of law and some of the hotels and restaurants disappeared, but many did stay as Fargo's growth continued even without the crutch of lax divorce

Since the 1940s, Las Vegas has been known as the divorce capital. Most of us know that Nevada has some of the most lenient laws regarding marriage and divorce in the country. It's legal across Nevada, but because Las Vegas is home to legal gambling, people are drawn there to get married or divorced.

But Fargo had that dubious distinction at least 74 years before Las Vegas would "steal" that title away from our state's largest city.

Fargo's divorce laws were so well known, at least back then, that a Minor League baseball team that played in Fargo in the 1920s was called the Fargo Divorcees. And across the Red River in Moorhead, the baseball team was known as the Moorhead Barmaids.



Artist rendering of new Teddy Roosevelt Presidential Library in Medora.



Breezeway that welcomes guests.

AIRMAN 1ST CLASS VINCENT PADILLA, 5TH BOMB WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

MINOT AIR FORCE BASE, N.D. - Airmen assigned to the 91st Missile Wing (91MW) successfully executed Operation Bully Stick, an exercise designed to test the wing's ability to maintain its critical role within the nuclear mission under shortened time frames during the fall of 2025.

Bully Operation Stick emphasized that the intercontinental ballistic missile mission relies on more than a single career field.

'Operation Bully Stick is not exclusive to maintenance Airmen," said Senior Master Sgt. Edward Burlison, a 91st Missile Wing operations chief. "It also took the efforts of security forces, missile combat crew members, munitions squadrons, planners, security and maintenance controllers and supervisors working together to make sure the operation ran as smoothly as possible."

Throughout the operation, teams executed a series of coordinated actions across multiple mission areas, ensuring safety, security procedural compliance while maintaining continuous communication between aboveground personnel and missile combat crews.

"If you break down the tasks being performed during Operation Bully Stick these tasks are performed over several days," said Staff Sgt. Zacharye Hougen, a 91st Missile Maintenance Squadron team chief. "With Operation Bully Stick, we did what would take 2 to 3 days and accomplished it within 16 hours.

Exercises like Operation Bully Stick reinforce the wing's ability to execute time-sensitive tasking while validating training,



Senior Airman Sierra Smith, 91st Missile Maintenance Squadron missile maintainers, performs maintenance operations during Operation Bully Stick near Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, Oct. 23, 2025. Operation Bully Stick is an exercise designed to test the wing's ability to rapidly generate intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) readiness under agile combat employment (ACE) concepts.

U.S. AIR FORCE PHOTOS I AIRMAN 1ST CLASS VINCENT PADILLA

procedures and teamwork across the unit. By integrating multiple units, the 91MW continues to

demonstrate its commitment to safe, secure and effective nuclear deterrence operations.



Airman 1st Class Nykus Borders, 91st Missile Maintenance Squadron maintainer, maintenance performs operations during Operation Bully Stick near Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, Oct. 23, 2025. Operation Bully Stick requires missileers to complete a weeks worth of tasks in under 16 hours.



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A LOOK BACK

THIS WEEK IN USAF HISTORY

SAC CHANGES MINUTEMAN & PEACEKEEPER ASSIGNMENTS TO INCLUDE MIXED GENDER CREWS **JANUARY 1, 1988**



Linda Aldrich at a Minuteman console in the 1980s. (Linda Aldrich, from nps.gov)

Up until the late 1970s, the United States Air Force restricted female service members to only noncombat positions. In 1978, women were finally given the chance to serve on Titan II missile crews, and their roles in the missile field only grew from there. However, for some time, missile crews were restricted to all-male or all-female assignments. It wasn't until January 1, 1988 that Strategic Air Command changed the policy for Minuteman and Peacekeeper crew assignments to permit mixed gender crews in launch facilities. This inclusive effort aimed to reduce scheduling issues and increase opportunities for female Airmen.

After the integration, SAC stressed the importance of guaranteeing equal career progression for men and women. This was one major step forward in the journey towards women's equality in the armed forces.

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GAME SALUTE: FRIDAY, JANUARY 2

Recipients of the Northern Sentry Salute will be honored at the respective Minot Minotauros home game. In recognition, each recipient and three guests will receive V.I.P. seating to the noted home game, a \$25.00 Gift Certificate good for concessions at the game, and during the game they will be recognized by the Minotauros public address announcer as well as having their photo and nomination published in the Minotauros Magazine.

Team Minot showcases two legs of the nuclear triad to new U.S. Strategic Command leadership team

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On the second stop of their first field visit as the new command team for U.S. Strategic Command, U.S. Navy Adm. Rich Correll, commander, and U.S. Army Command Sgt. Maj. JoAnn Naumann, command senior enlisted leader, got a firsthand look of the Airmen and mission at Minot AFB, North Dakota, Dec. 16, 2025.

USSTRATCOM Ascommander, Correll oversees the nation's nuclear arsenal which is comprised of the land, sea and air-based nuclear capabilities collectively known as the nuclear

Minot AFB is the only installation in the Department of War that hosts two legs of the nuclear triad. The 5th Bomb Wing (5BW) provides the air leg by maintaining and operating the nuclear capable B-52H Stratofortress aircraft. The 91st Missile Wing (91MW) provides the land leg with a fleet of Minuteman III intercontinental ballistic missiles (ICBM).

During their visit with Team Minot, Correll and Naumann visited with leadership and Airmen from both wings to see up close how Minot AFB uniquely supports both mission sets.



U.S. Navy Adm. Rich Correll (right), commander, U.S. Strategic Command (USSTRATCOM), greets U.S. Air Force Col. Jimmy Schlabach (center), 91st Missile Wing (91MW) commander, at Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, Dec. 16, 2025. Minot AFB's 5th Bomb Wing and 91MW provide two legs of the nation's nuclear triad and fall under USSTRATCOM.

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"The focus and effort by the Airmen at Minot is absolutely impressive," said Correll.

After taking a seat inside the

B-52H Stratofortress aircraft and engaging with aircrew and Airmen, Correll took time to recognize the 5BW Warbirds'

outstanding performance and thanked the Airmen.

"Our strategic deterrence mission only happens because of you," Correll said. "The aircraft take flight because of you. The missiles are ready and credible, because of you. Thank you and your families for your service."

Correll and Naumann's immersion into the Team Minot mission included in-depth briefings on the bomber alert mission, ongoing modernization projects for both wings and a firsthand look at how the 91MW Rough Rider Airmen regularly maintain and secure the Minuteman III ICBMs.

Correll received a traditional "Bully Stick" in reference to U.S. President Theodore Roosevelt's adage to "speak softly and carry a big stick" and the 91MW's ICBM arsenal. After being immersed in the 91MW "Bully!" battle cry tradition, Correll took time to personally recognize Rough Rider Airmen for their outstanding performance in their units.

Despite the unseasonably warm temperature, the day's strong winds and remnants of a recent ice storm, Correll witnessed Team Minot's resilience and adherence to the base mantra: Only The Best Come North.

"It is an honor to witness Team Minot's spirit and resilience that ensure this critical mission never stops," Naumann said.

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from U.S. Air Force Col. Jimmy Schlabach, 91st Missile Wing commander (center right), during a base visit at Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, Dec. 16, 2025. Correll visited Minot AFB to learn Team Minot's role in USSTRATCOM's global reach capabilities.

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U.S. Navy Adm. Rich Correll, commander, U.S. Strategic Command (USSTRATCOM) (center left), receives a Bully Stick Command (USSTRATCOM) (left), coins Airman 1st Class Zavia Command (USSTRATCOM), is shown the interior of a B-52H Eason, a 5th Logistics Readiness Squadron fleet management journeyman, at the Jimmy Doolittle Center on Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, Dec. 16, 2025. Correll presented coins to recognize high-performing Airmen who excelled while supporting the Team Minot mission.

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Stratofortress by U.S. Air Force Capt. Michael Brown (center), the aircraft commander from the 69th Bomb Squadron (69BS), and U.S. Air Force Capt. Michael DeFazio (right), a copilot from the 69BS, at Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, Dec. 16, 2025. Correll visited Minot AFB to learn Team Minot's role in USSTRATCOM's global reach capabilities.

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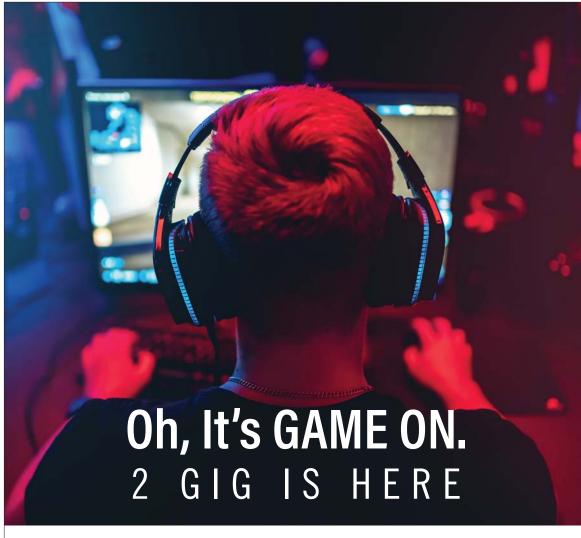


Airman 1st Class Andrea Figueroa Meza, a 5th Operational Support Squadron aircrew flight equipment journeyman, gives a presentation about pilots' survival equipment to U.S. Navy Adm. Rich Correll, commander, U.S. Strategic Command (USSTRATCOM), at Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, Dec. 16, 2025. During Correll's visit, he visited various Team Minot units to understand their missions.

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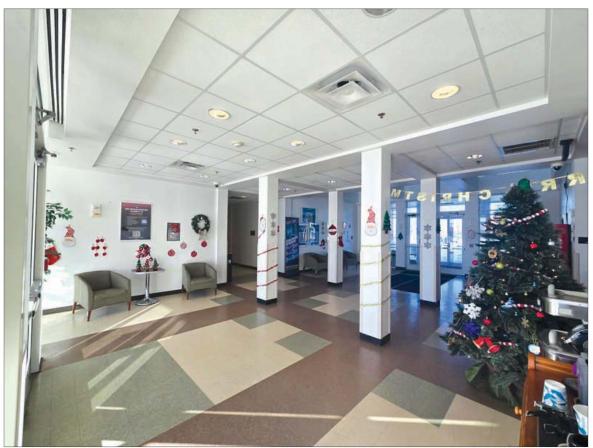








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DORM DECORATED

All 12 Minot AFB dorms were decked out for Christmas thanks to a dedicated team of volunteers from across the base, spreading holiday cheer, one hallway at a time.

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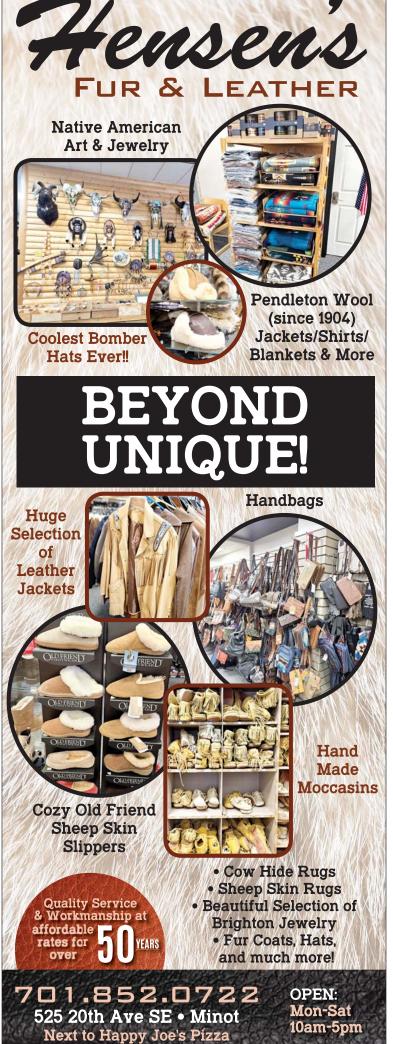
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What Would You Like to See in 2026?

ERIN BEENE, NORTHERN SENTRY

The Northern Sentry is not a typical newspaper. In fact, did you know it is one of only a handful of military-wide newspapers still in operation, not just those serving Air Force bases? In researching this, I couldn't even find a single active weekly paper like it still running. That alone makes the Northern Sentry something special.

But the real question is: why does it still exist?

If you've spent any time at Minot Air Force Base, you already know the answer. Minot isn't quite like other bases, in more ways than one. A large majority of the base population actually lives on base, making it one of the largest military housing communities in the United States. Add in the long, freezing winters, and you'll quickly notice something unique happens here: people come

Those winters have a way of forging bonds. Units, squadrons, and families often grow closer here than they might elsewhere. I've even heard Minot described as being similar to an overseas assignment, so far from what's familiar that people naturally lean on one another. Community isn't optional here; it's essential.

And that's exactly why the Northern Sentry still exists.

At its heart, the Northern Sentry is a community newspaper. We focus on people's lives, shared experiences, and the unique circumstances that come with being stationed at Minot AFB, not just headlines and announcements. The people and the community are what make this paper not only relevant, but

If you're curious about the full history of the Northern Sentry, it goes back decades (you can find out more by searching for the article "70 Years of Sharing Your Minot AFB Adventure" on our website). But today, our mission remains simple: to serve you and document this unique Minot AFB chapter that so often becomes a pivotal part of a military career.

Which brings us to you. As we look ahead to 2026, we want to know: what do you want to see more of? What kinds of stories resonate with you?

Our data gives us some clues. Personalized stories about families, resilience, and strength consistently perform well on Facebook. Reporter Nataly Zarrella's recent, refreshingly honest piece "The Base Everyone Loves to Hate" (yes—MAFB) reached more than 20,000 views. Our most-read article on the

website this past summer was a deeply researched story by reporter Kerianne Noel about household goods issues, because it directly affected your lives.

The message is clear: you want stories that reflect your experiences.

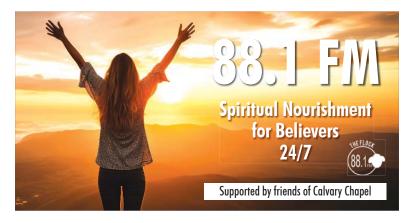
But we can't tell those stories without your help.

If you know a family on base doing something meaningful, an Airman with a unique talent or hobby, or a local community member who made a difference in your life, we want to hear about it. Share it with us, and let us help tell that story.

You can message us on Facebook or email details directly to erin. beene@willowtreemarketing.com

Tell us what you want to see in 2026, and we'll keep working to bring you the stories that matter most, stories that reflect this fun, challenging, and truly unique Minot AFB community.







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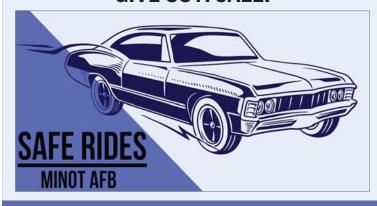
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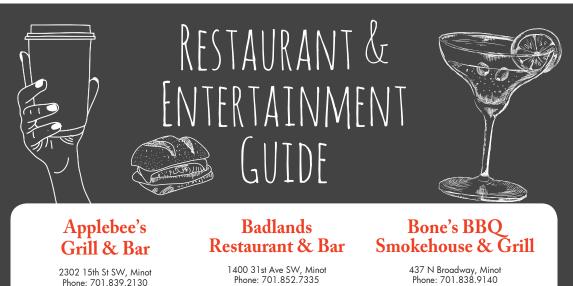


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B-52 crew comfort seating inbound: 49th TES conducts testing

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BARKSDALE AIR FORCE BASE, La. --

Air Force Global Strike Command/A5N – Commercial Capabilities and Integration and Transition Division, the 49th Test and Evaluation Squadron (TES), and industry partners completed a flight test Monday, Nov. 3, to evaluate an adaptive seat cushion for the B-52H Stratofortress designed to reduce fatigue and improve aircrew performance during long-duration missions.

Aircrew from the 49th TES installed three Kalogon Smart Cushions aboard a B-52H Stratofortress to assess the system's airworthiness.

The Department of War began exploring new seating technology in response to House Armed Services Committee legislation H.R. 8070, which identified inadequate seating systems as a contributing factor to aircrew fatigue and reduced mission effectiveness. Global Strike's A5N led the effort through an AFWERX Small Business Innovation and Research contract. The Kalogon Smart Cushion aims to close that gap by improving comfort, circulation and longterm health during missions lasting 24 to 36 hours.

The smart cushion system, known as the Orbiter Ace, improves blood circulation and reduces physical strain without requiring manual input from aircrew.

"Kalogon's core technology functions because it allows blood flow to return to previously pinched muscle cells, much like when you release your fingers after pressing them together and color returns to them," said Jake Milanowski, Kalogon systems engineer. "Increased blood flow while seated prevents muscle deterioration and helps prevent cell death. Better spinal support and positioning can prevent long-term back pain, which can impair daily activities and inflight movement."

During the five-hour sortie, aircrew evaluated the system's ability to redistribute pressure and maintain comfort. They completed pre-flight and post-flight surveys to provide feedback on circulation, discomfort and

fatigue. That data will be compiled into a report for product leads to review and determine if any modifications are needed.

Master Sgt. Christopher Lawn, AFGSC aircrew flight equipment requirements manager, helped Kalogon navigate the Air Force certification processes.

"By providing a seat cushion that enhances aircrew comfort during long-duration missions, I believe crewmembers will experience benefits both in performing their primary mission and in their overall health," Lawn said.

Based on test results, the team plans to manufacture nine cushions in early 2026 and conduct a long-duration sortie with a full crew. Those overseeing the test hope the smart cushion will decrease pain and injury during long flights and help aircrew recover more quickly between missions—reducing the

need for therapy, surgery or rest due to pain.

If successful, the Kalogon Smart Cushion will receive airworthiness status and begin transition to the B-52 fleet. AFGSC/A5N is also reviewing its potential use in additional platforms, including the E-4B, B-1 Lancer and Missile Launch Control Centers, as part of broader modernization efforts.

AFGSC/A5N CCIT Division has been paving the way for commitment to rapid prototype and fielding through partnerships with small businesses and technology developers since 2022, long before the newest Secretary of War's acquisition guidance. Projects like Kalogon Smart Cushion aim to close persistent operational gaps, enhance mission endurance, and improve the health and performance of the Airmen who execute the longrange strike mission.



Aircrew from the 49th Test and Evaluation Squadron installed three Kalogon Smart Cushions onboard a U.S. Air Force B-52H Stratofortress for a test flight at Barksdale Air Force Base, La., Nov. 3, 2025. Those overseeing the test hope the smart cushion will decrease pain and injury during long flights and help aircrew recover more quickly between missions—reducing the need for therapy, surgery or rest due to pain.

U.S. AIR FORCE PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS DEVYN TAYLOR



Kalogon systems engineers provide three smart cushions for aircrew from the 49th Test and Evaluation Squadron to test on a U.S. Air Force B-52H Stratofortress at Barksdale Air Force Base, La., Nov. 3, 2025. Kalogon engineers revised the cushion based on earlier feedback to improve performance in real-world missions.

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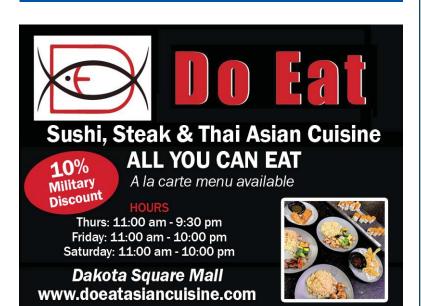
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NOTES ON BEING SAFE

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North Dakota winters have a tendency to be severe, and bad weather came come on very fast, with little or no warning!

Even the experienced and safest drivers can find themselves temporarily stranded on North Dakota roadways, whether they be interstates, highways, or county roads. The Safety Office offers the following life-saving tips drivers should remember if they're trapped in their vehicle during a blizzard or stranded on the road during severe cold weather.

Stay in the vehicle. Don't leave the vehicle to search for help. The highway patrol advises to stay put. It is very easy for people to get disoriented when battling blowing and drifting snow. Being lost in open country during a blizzard is extremely dangerous. In a vehicle, people have shelter from the elements and are most likely to be found a lot faster.

Be seen. Display a trouble sign on the vehicle. Hang a brightly colored cloth on the vehicle's radio antenna and raise the hood. Using the headlights also makes the vehicle more visible to emergency crews, but use them sparingly to avoid draining the battery.

Avoid overexertion exposure. Overexertion from trying to push a vehicle out of a snow drift, shoveling heavy drifts and performing other difficult tasks during strong winds, blinding snow and bitter cold may lead to a heart attack -- even for people who are in good physical condition.

Beware of carbon monoxide poisoning. Run the engine sparingly. Keep a window open for ventilation, and ensure the vehicle's exhaust pipe isn't blocked with snow.

Conserve your vehicle's fuel. Allow the vehicle to run only long enough for the interior to get warm.

Keep moving. Use minor exercises to keep up circulation and stay warm. Try not to stay in one position for too long.

Make us of your winter survival kit. That is why you packed it in your vehicle in the first place, to make use of it. Remember if you have used it, replaced used items as soon as possible!

Always remember when traveling during winter months use risk management practices as you would on the job, a little common sense goes a long way, especially when your stranded during a



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How to make driving in inclement weather more safe

Impaired visibility can be a safety hazard while driving. Everything from sun glare to hail can affect a driver's ability to see the road and navigate it effectively. Before drivers get behind the wheel, they should make note of their local forecast and make a plan for what to do if rain, snow or other conditions make it challenging to

The International Association of Traffic and Safety Sciences indicates that, based on an examination of crash test data conducted by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the "likelihood of a crash increases during periods of low visibility, despite the tendency for less traffic and for lower speeds to prevail during these times."

Drivers can take several steps to improve their visibility when driving in poor weather conditions.

- · Inspect and change windshield wiper blades. Wipers are instrumental in clearing precipitation away from the windshield. If they're not functioning properly, wipers cannot do their jobs. Drivers should replace their wipers at the first indication that they are no longer effective. In some conditions, wipers can freeze or stick. Drivers should then pull over and clean the wipers manually.
- · Clear obstructions. Always make sure the windshield is clear before driving. This can include removing ice and snow in the winter and cleaning off mud or bug splatter

in the spring and summer. Use the front and rear defrost if condensation fogs up windshields and windows. Slow down. Foul weather can reduce drivers' ability to see far into the distance. Drivers should always drive slower in inclement weather in order to improve reaction time.

- · Top off fluids. Always keep the windshield washer reservoir full and keep extra fluid in the trunk. In addition, look for a fluid that does not freeze in very cold temperatures.
- · Learn how to drive in fog. Each year, more than 38,700 vehicle crashes occur in fog, states the Federal Highway Administration. Travelers Insurance recommends slowing down, staying focused and using regular headlights and not high beams when driving in fog.
- · Go out only if necessary. In snowy or icy conditions, drive only if it's absolutely necessary, as snow and ice can impair visibility and make roads slick, says AAA.
- · Avoid driving at dusk and dawn. The human eye can have trouble adjusting to rapidly changing light and darkness conditions, which are common at dusk and dawn. If possible, drivers should make trips during the heart of the day, especially if poor lighting conditions typically make it difficult for them to drive.

Drivers can take steps to improve visibility when inclement weather makes roadways hard to navigate.





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LET'S TAKE A LOOK BACK AT MINOT AFB IN 2025! THESE PHOTOS FROM LAST YEAR ENCAPSULATED SOME OF THE STAND-OUT MOMENTS, SPECIAL EVENTS AND HARD WORK FROM OUR AIRMEN, FAMILIES AND COMMUNITY LAST YEAR.

JANUARY 2025

FEBRUARY 2025



MMIII TRANSPORTER ERECTORS RETIRED AFTER 37 YEARS

Airmen assigned to the 91st Missile Maintenance Squadron use a transporter erector to accomplish Minuteman III missile maintenance at Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, Jan. 14, 2025. The transporter erector has been a piece of equipment used since its creation in the late 1980s and has served as a reliable and efficient way of performing missile maintenance and transport.

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FALCON MATHCOUNTS TAKE FIRST

The MathCounts team from Memorial Middle School, Laurel-Elaine Smith, Alice Alexandra, Jay Jensen, and Gavin Kennedy, lead by coach Pam Vantilborg, finished first place in the Ward County Chapter MathCounts Competition held at the Minot State University in Minot on February 5, 2025.

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BOMBERS ARRIVE IN EUROPE FOR BTF 25-2

Airmen from Minot Air Force Base exit an Atlas Air Boeing 767 aircraft at RAF Fairford, England, Feb. 8, 2025. The arrival marks the main passenger movement of Airmen deployed in support of Bomber Task Force Europe 25-2. While deployed, the unit will operate as the 69th Expeditionary Bomb Squadron and will integrate with NATO Allies and other international partners to synchronize capabilities and assure security commitments across the U.S. European Command area of responsibility.

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MINOT STATE UNIVERSITY HOSTS **MILITARY APPRECIATION GAME**

(From left) Reid Arnold, Minot State University Beavers forward, U.S. Air Force Col. Jimmy Schlabach, 91st Missile Wina commander, Dr. Steven Shirley, Minot State University president, U.S. Air Force Col. Benjamin Jensen, 5th Bomb Wing deputy commander, and Jacob Schuldt, Iowa State University Cyclones defenseman, participate in a ceremonial puck drop during the MSU military appreciation hockey game at Maysa Arena, Minot, North Dakota, Jan. 11, 2025.

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THE SECURITY FORCES GROUP NEWEST AND "COOLEST" TRAINING COURSE

The 91st Security Forces Group (SFG) at Minot Air Force Base recently launched its first-ever Cold Weather Defender Course, a comprehensive training program designed to equip Security Forces members with the skills necessary to survive and thrive in the unforgiving cold of North Dakota. The first two groups of Defenders attended the three day course in February 2025, putting their skills to the test in some of the most extreme weather conditions.

NATALY ZARRELLA PHOTO



VICE CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE **U.S. AIR FORCE VISITS MINOT AFB**

U.S. Air Force Gen. Jim Slife (left), Air Force vice chief of staff (VCSAF), and U.S. Air Force Col. Jimmy Schlabach (right), 91st Missile Wing commander, arrive at a missile launch facility during a base visit near Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, Feb. 15, 2025. As the VCSAF, Slife assists the Air Force chief of staff with organizing, training, and equipping 689,000 active-duty, Guard, Reserve, and civilian forces serving in the United States and overseas.

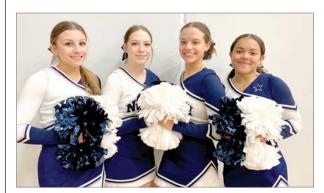
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SENTINELS HOOPS FOR TROOPS

Minot North High School Basketball Seniors (L-R): Camden Afforth #21, Tamari Carter #13, Kaden Flavin #1, and Kaiden Helm #22 following the Military Appreciation Game held at Minot North, Friday, January 31, 2025.

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WINTER STATE CHEER COMPETITION

Minot North High School Cheer Squad members Jaylin Thomas-Joyner, Ava Bounds, Caoimhe Kinkade and Alina Kibler, students who are affiliated to Minot Air Force Base, will compete in the North Dakota Cheer Coaches Association Winter State Competition on February 15.

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5TH MUNITIONS SQUADRON POWERS BTF 25-2 WITH PRECISION AND PRIDE

U.S. Air Force Airmen assigned to the 5th Munitions Squadron day shift pose together during the Bomber Task Force 25-2 deployment at RAF Fairford, England, Feb. 16, 2025.

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BOMBER TASK FORCE MISSION ONYX CROSS' STRENGTHENS READINESS

U.S. Air Force Capt. Curtis Smith, 69th Expeditionary Bomb Squadron B-52H Stratofortress pilot, speaks into the radio inside the cockpit during exercise Onyx Cross as part of the Bomber Task Force 25-2 deployment over Europe, March 3, 2025.

U.S. AIR FORCE PHOTO I STAFF SGT. KRISTEN HELLER



STATE OF THE BASE

U.S. Air Force Col. James Schlabach, 91st Missile Wing commander and U.S. Air Force Col. Jesse Lamarand join Senator Randy Burckhard and MACEDC President Brekka Kramer in Bismarck to present the State of Minot Air Force Base to a joint session of the ND Legislature, March 6, 2025 at North Dakota Legislative State Capitol in Bismarck, N.D.

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USAF B-52 CONDUCTS LOW-PASS OVER OSLO DURING TOWER BLOCKHOUSE

A U.S. Air Force B-52H Stratofortress conducts a low-pass over Oslo, Norway, alongside two Royal Norwegian Air Force F-35 Lightning IIs during Bomber Task Force 25-2 mission TOWER BLOCKHOUSE March 14, 2025. Bomber Task Force missions provide critical opportunities to integrate and train with regional

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BOMBER BARONS CONCLUDE EXERCISE RED FLAG 25-2

A U.S. Air Force B-52H Stratofortress assigned to the 23rd Bomb Squadron takes off during Red Flag 25-2 at Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada, March 13, 2025. Red Flag is an advanced aerial training exercise held several times a year which aims to prepare aircrews for real world combat situations.

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MAINTAINERS KEEP B-52S FLYING HIGH AT RED FLAG 25-2

Senior Airman Zachary Cecchini, 23rd Bomber Generation Squadron crew chief, installs a tire on a U.S. Air Force B-52H Stratofortress during Red Flag 25-2 at Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada, March 12, 2025. Cecchini assisted his team with several maintenance tasks during Red Flag 25-2.

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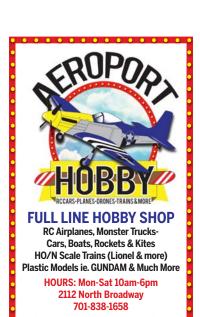
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A warm welcome home for 118 traveling veterans to Minot International Airport, Minot, N.D., March 28, 2025. The mission of the Honor Flight Network is to transport America's veterans to Washington, D.C. to visit the memorials dedicated to honoring those who have served and sacrificed for our country.

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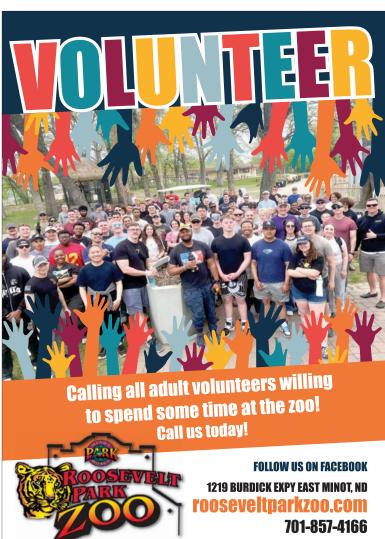
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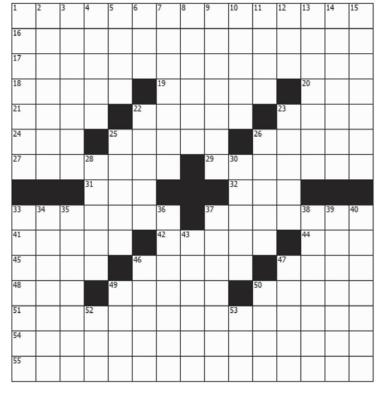




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- 1. Two-time Masters champion
- 16. Clear winner
- 17. "Keep in touch" 18. Some managers, briefly
- 19. Each, with "a"
- 20. Hardy follower?
- 21. "Are you __ out?"
- 22. Leading
- 23. Vulcan's realm
- 24. University of Bologna literary lion
- 25. McCarthy era figure?
- 26. Legal right
- 27. Extends a library privilege
- 29. Radcliffe grads
- 31. Org. known for firing?
- 32. Medical suffix
- 33. Audiovisual task
- **37**. Abate
- 41. Purifies, as one's soul 42. Deceive
- 44. Yachting prize
- 45. Bone: Prefix
- **46**. _ Landing: Philadelphia park
- 47. One of a noted trio
- 48. Baloney
- 49. Hopping mad
- 50. Cheryl et al.
- 51. Held nothing back in
- 54. "Who knows?"
- 55. Mild exclamation



Down

- 1. More melodramatic
- 2. Articulate
- 3. Commuter's choice
- 4. Sign up for 5. Parts of aprons
- 6. "Botch-__": Clooney
- 7. Is unable to stand
- 8. More green 9. "CHiPs" star
- 10. Fish dish
- 11. Winter break?
- 12. Long time

- 13. "You said it!"
- 14. "1984" region
- 15. Make notches in
- 22. Boutros-Ghali's successor
- 23. "Aunt __ Cope Book": 1979 bestseller
- 25. They're draped
- 26. Timothy Q. Mouse's pal
- 28. Père's
- frère
- **30**. Oafs 33. Excluding
- 34. "Make up your mind!"
- 35. More spruce

- 36. Deduced
- 37. Grow old 38. Arizona product
- 39. Irish Sea inlet __ Bay
- 40. Letter
- 43. Hospital worker 46. City on I-15
- 47. Immense expanses, in poetry
- 49. Prefix with -logue
- 50. Focusing agent
- 52. H.S. course
- 53. Some coll. degrees



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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!

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L-R: Tom Rafferty, Verendrye Electric Cooperative; Brad Doll, Verendrye Electric Cooperative; Col. James L. Schlabach, Commander 91MW MAFB; Col. Jesse W. Lamarand, Commander 5BW MAFB; Brekka Kramer, MACEDC; Ryan Ackerman, MACEDC, at the Prairie Warrior Auction April 24, 2025.

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DRIVING FORWARD

91st Missile Security Operations Squadron Tactical Response Force defenders prepare to advance uphill as a 550th Helicopter Squadron MH-139 Grey Wolf readies for takeoff during the Nuclear Convoy Course at Camp Guernsey Joint Training Center's North Training Area, Wyoming, April 7, 2025.

U.S. AIR FORCE PHOTO I STAFF SGT. MICHAEL A. RICHMOND

MAY 2025



ROARING THUNDER IN ACTION

Airmen from the 91st Missile Security Forces Squadron maneuver through tactical drills during Operation Roaring Thunder, a week-long field training exercise held at Camp Ripley, Minnesota. The exercise, which began May 18, brought together 170 Airmen for intensive combat readiness training designed to enhance tactical skills, weapon system proficiency, and mission preparedness in high-intensity scenarios.

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B-52 EXECUTES MIGHTY RHINO

A U.S. Air Force B-52H Stratofortress assigned to the 23rd Expeditionary Bomb Squadron takes off in support of Bomber Task Force Europe (BTF) at Morón Air Base, Spain, May 23, 2025. BTF missions familiarize aircrew with air bases and operations in different geographic combatant command areas of operations to enable strategic access and integration with coalition forces in an effort to deter global

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STRENGTHENING PARTNERSHIPS

Members of the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara (MHA) Nation and 91st Missile Wing (MW) personnel pose for a group photo following a gift exchange at Missile Alert Facility H-01, at Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, May 27, 2025. Mark Fox, chairman of the MHA Nation, presented traditional gifts to 91MW leadership as part of a cultural engagement to honor partnerships between Native American communities and the Department of Defense.

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JUNE 2025



LOCKED & LOADED

Airmen assigned to the 5th Munitions Squadron guide a munition down a conveyer belt during a Combat Ammunition Production Exercise (CAPEX) at Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, June 23, 2025, CAPEX is a non-aircraft mass live-munitions production exercise in support of air tasking orders, providing an opportunity to evaluate munitions combat readiness.

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AFOTEC COMMANDER VISITS

MINOT AFB

U.S. Air Force Maj. Gen. Michael Drowley (center),

Air Force Operational Test and Evaluation Center

commander (AFOTEC), is greeted by members

of Detachment 23, 373rd Training Squadron, at

Uniform-01 on Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota,

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A STAR-SPANGLED CELEBRATION

Bries siblings show their patriotic spirit in red, white, and blue during Freedom Fest on Friday, June 27. Hosted by the 5th Force Support Squadron, the daylong celebration brought the base community together with family-friendly festivities and a dazzling fireworks display.

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891ST MSFS PARTICIPATES IN MENTAL HEALTH COLOR RUN

Airmen from the 891st Missile Security Forces squadron pose for a group photo after the Mental Health color run at Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, June 30, 2025. The run helps build community support reminding everyone they're not alone in their struggles.

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JULY 2025

June 25, 2025.



PREVENTION TEAM WINS **EXCELLENCE AWARD**

The Integrated Resilience Office (prevention) received the 2025 Department of Defense (DOD) Promoting Excellence in Prevention award at Minot Air Force Base, July 2, 2025 . The Prevention team is led by Director Laurel Grams (middle) Chief Donita Theiler (right) analyst Jeremy Meier (left). During the year the prevention office developed a Minot specific curriculum for the annual suicide prevention training.

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TOP HONORS FOR 91ST MISSILE WING

Gen. Anthony Cotton, U.S. Strategic Command commander (left), U.S. Air Force Col. James Schlabach, 91st Missile Wing commander (center), and Mr. Randy Norwood, Omaha Chamber assistant vice president (right), pose for a photo during the Omaha Trophy ceremony at Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, July 9, 2025. The Omaha Trophy was awarded to the 91MW due to their exemplary readiness, performance and dedication to safeguarding national security.

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GREAT AMERICAN DEFENSE COMMUNITY

U.S. Air Force Col. Jimmy Schlabach, 91st Missile Wing commander, gives remarks during the Great American Defense Communities (GADC) recognition ceremony at the North Dakota State Fair, Minot, North Dakota, July 18, 2025. The GADC program was developed to recognize and celebrate communities demonstrating an exceptional commitment to improving the lives of service members, veterans and their families.

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SHOPETTE 2.0: MINOT AFB UNVEILS UPGRADED EXPRESS STORE WITH BIG CELEBRATION

BW Commander Col. Lamarand and 91 MW Commander Col. Schlabach join the AAFES team for the ribbon-cutting ceremony at the Express grand opening July 30, 2025.

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WELCOME HOME AIRMEN

The beginning of August, B-52H Stratofortresses completed Bomber Task Force 25-3 & returned to Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota. Thank you for your dedication, hard work and service. We're glad to have you back home where you belong!

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NEW SPACE, STRONGER BONDS

Members of Minot leadership and the Chapel Team cut a ribbon during the opening ceremony for the Airmen Ministry Center at Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, Aug. 8, 2025. The Airmen Ministry Center is a space designed to foster connection, relaxation and camaraderie among Airmen of all ranks.

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SEPTEMBER 2025



TEAM MINOT HONORS THE FALLEN

Team Minot Airmen participate in a 9/11 Memorial ruck march at Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, Sept. 11, 2025. The memorial ruck honored those killed in the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks.

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91ST MSOS CONVOY RESPONSE FORCE PARTICIPATES IN ARROW

A 91st Missile Security Operations Squadron Convoy Response Force defender simulates a convoy being attacked during the Advanced Recapture Recovery Operational Warfighter (ARROW) exercise at Camp Guernsey's North Training Area, Wyoming, August 8, 2025. ARROW challenges CRF teams from F.E. Warren Air Force Base, Minot AFB, and Malmstrom AFB to demonstrate their readiness in case of convoy attack

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WORLD'S BEST BOMB BUILDERS

U.S. Air Force Airmen from the 5th Munitions (5MUNS) celebrate during the 2025 Air Force Combat Operations Competition at Beale Air Force Base, California, August 15, 2025. 5MUNS won 1st place this year for Team Minot.

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GAMEBALL FLIES

5th Bomb Wing and 91st Missile Wing leadership deliver the game ball at Sentinel Stadium for the Minot North High School football game in Minot, North Dakota, Sept. 20, 2025. The pre-game ceremony highlights the partnership between Team Minot and the local community.

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891 MSFS STAYS READY

Airmen from the 891st Missile Security Forces Squadron (891MSFS) participate in a field training exercise at Camp Ripley Training Center, Minn., Aug. 28, 2025. The 891MSFS trained in a simulated, squad-level deployment where they conducted drills, training and other tasks that would prepare them for a base ground defense mission in a deployed environment.

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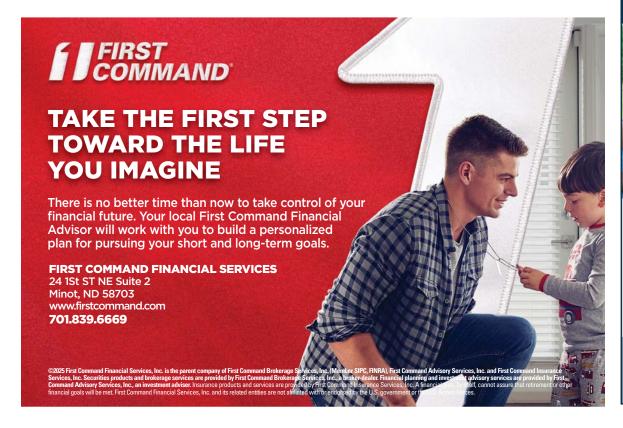
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OCTOBER 2025



GLOBAL THUNDER 26

Airmen assigned to the 5th Security Forces Squadron, Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, watch a B-52H Stratofortress take off as part of Exercise Global Thunder 26 at Minot AFB, North Dakota, Oct. 26, 2025. Global Thunder is an annual command and control exercise designed to train U.S. Strategic Command Forces and assess joint operational readiness.

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NOVEMBER 2025



NORTH PLAINS ELEMENTARY HONORS VETERANS AT ANNUAL CELEBRATION

Col. Thomas Taylor, deputy commander of the 5th Bomb Wing, and his wife, Amanda, join Minot Mayor Mark Jantzer; Col. Jesse W. Lamarand, commander of the 5th Bomb Wing at Minot Air Force Base, and his wife, Nathalie; Dr. Amanda Capote, North Plains Elementary School music teacher and event organizer; Minot Public Schools Superintendent Mark Vollmer; North Plains Elementary Principal Ned Strand; and Chief Master Sgt. Becky S. Thomas, 91st Missile Wing Command Chief, and her husband, Detrick, during the school's Veterans Day celebration at North Plains Elementary School on Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, on Nov. 7, 2025.

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DECEMBER 2025



OPERATION HOMEBOUND FUNDRAISER RAISES OVER \$31,000 TO SUPPORT MINOT AIRMEN TRAVELING HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

The Minot Area Chamber EDC (MACEDC) is proud to announce that the December 4 Operation Homebound fundraiser raised \$31,235 to help Minot Air Force Base Airmen travel home for the holidays. The communitywide effort, supported by locally operated Jersey Mike's and Qdoba, marks one of the most successful Operation Homebound fundraisers to date.

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Minot State University is excited to again offer face-to-face classes at the Minot Air Force Base. There is no application fee for active-duty military personnel. Military personnel can complete their Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) degree and earn a bachelor's degree from Minot State. For more information, contact Brigitte Mikula at 701-727-9044 or by email at Brigitte.mikula@minotstateu.edu

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Service members receive \$1,776 one-time "Warrior Dividend"

MINOT AIR FORCE BASE, N.D. --

During a White House speech to the nation on Dec. 18, 2025, President Donald J. Trump announced that approximately 1.45 million U.S. service members would receive a one-time, taxfree payment of \$1,776 ahead of Christmas.

The payment, described by the administration as a "Warrior Dividend," was tied to a planned commemoration of the nation's founding year, 1776, as well as the approaching 250th anniversary of the United States. The intent was to recognize military service and the role of the armed forces in national defense.

"The Department recognized the hard work of our service members with this one-time Warrior Dividend," said U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Kevin O. Cutchin, NCOIC of the 5th Comptroller Squadron's Financial Operations Flight. "This one-time payment exemplified the Department's ongoing commitment to improving the housing and quality of life for our military members and their

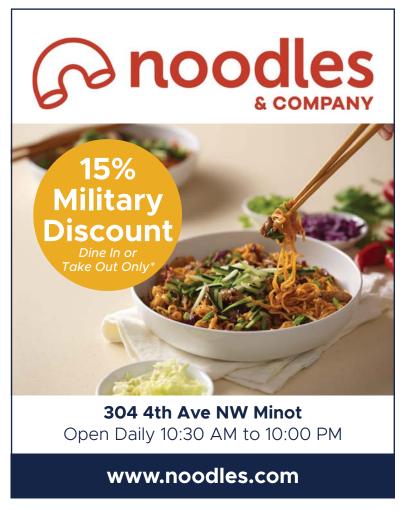
The payment was issued as a non-taxable supplement regular monthly housing allowance payments. The Warrior Dividend was disbursed and classified as a one-time Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) supplement, even for members who did not currently draw a BAH payment. Approximately 1.28 million active-duty service members and about 174,000 reserve component members were expected to receive the payment.

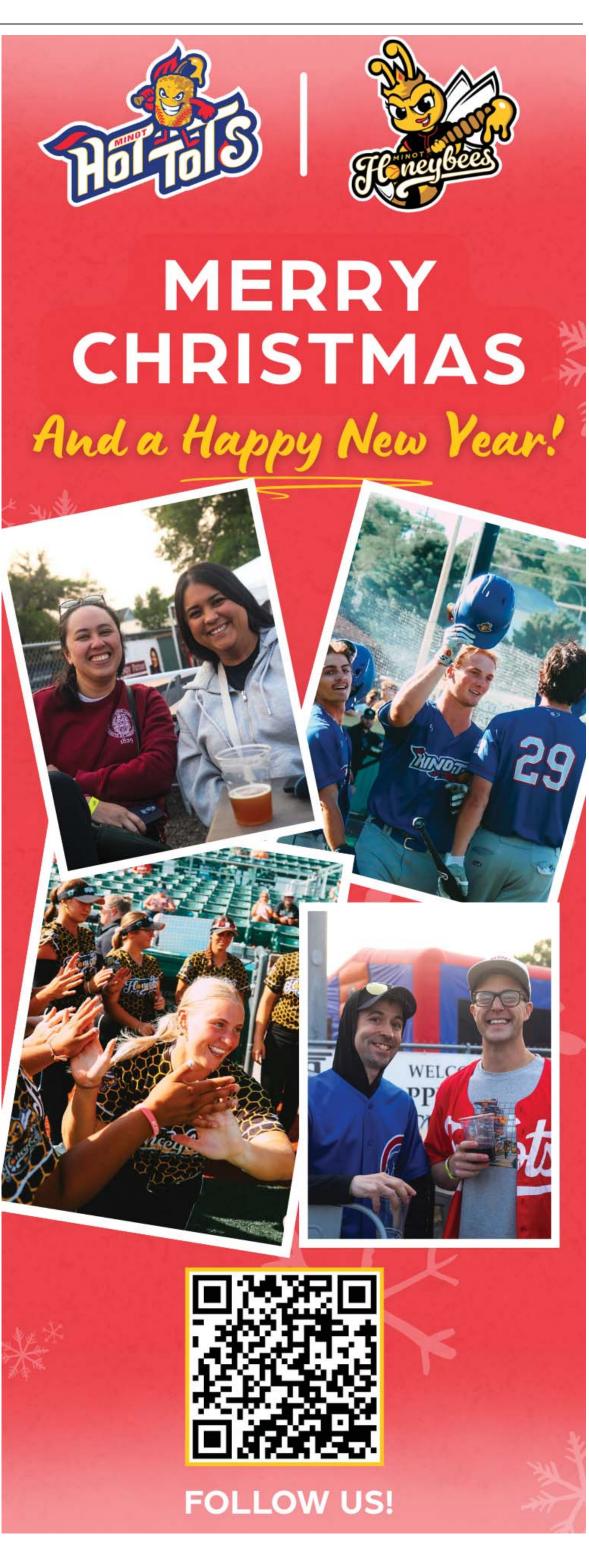
Eligibility was based on status as of Nov. 30, 2025, according to the announcement. Activeduty members in pay grades 0-6 and below as of Nov. 30, 2025, were eligible. Reserve component members were eligible if they were on active-duty orders of 31 days or more as of Nov. 30, 2025.

Service members were expected to receive the payment before Dec. 20, 2025. The payment was delivered through the standard military pay disbursing system.

If Minot AFB service members did not receive their dividend by the scheduled date, they were directed to contact the 5CPTS finance office at (701) 723-3309.







ND Insights: Military-Family-**Supporting Website**



SCHOOL LIAISON PROGRAM MANAGER, GS-12 DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE SCHOOL LIAI-SON PROGRAM



North Dakota's Insights.nd.gov website now features educational data available to the public. This website "is the state's official source for information about public education across North Dakota. The information is provided by partner agencies through the Statewide Longitudinal Data System and is brought about through the collaborative work efforts of the following North Dakota agencies: Dept. of Public Instruction, Career and Technical Education, ND University System, Job Service ND, Dept. of Commerce, school districts and work force development programs. Insights. nd.gov is intended to inform policy makers, agencies, researchers and communities on ND public schools and workforce development on many topics, including public education. The site is expected to contain more information as it becomes available" (https://

insights.nd.gov/, "Welcome"). This website features updated school accountability reports and I find all of it highly interesting and user-friendly! In fact, as I was clicking on each local school where my children are enrolled, I communicated the militaryconnected student count and demographics to my husband who then requested to see the information, clicking through the schools listed and the years of recent changes also listed, and I didn't get my tablet back for 30

However, when you click "Explore Public K-12" and then "STEM Opportunities," nothing is listed for our area, so I contacted North Dakota Department of Public Instruction (NDDPI) on December 15th and requested they update the information listed to include four local opportunities: The Magic City Discovery Center, Minot North High School's Minot Robotics Team #10173, my FIRST Lego League Team #48013 Dragon Master Builders, and STARBASE ND. These opportunities should be reflected soon.

In addition, when you click

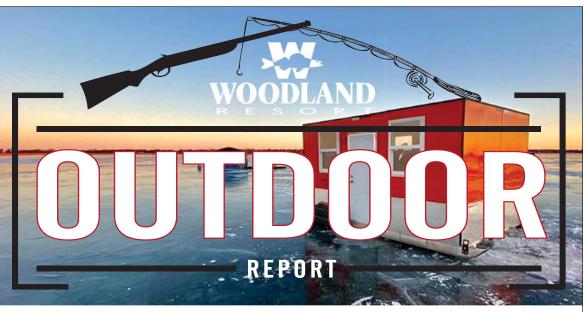
"Insights into North Dakota Colleges and Universities" and then "Information for Parents" and scroll down to "What Other Types of Financial Aid Are Available for Higher Education?" there's no reference to military-connected student scholarships, so I contacted NDDPI via my same December 15th email and requested they add the following bullet under the first Scholarship bullet: Military-Connected Student Scholarships

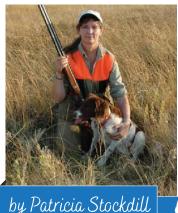
– The Department of the Air Force, School Liaison Program provides a "Scholarship Listing" to serve the following individuals: Active Duty, Guard & Reserve & Retirees, DoW Civilians, Recruiters, ROTC Instructors, Geographically Separated Units (GSU), National Atmospheric (NOAA), US and Administration Public Health Service (USPHS), Foreign national personnel and allied partners, Contractors, and Educators & Community. request your own digital copy, which is updated annually, please email: mafb.school.liaison@us.af. mil. This information should also be reflected soon.

We are so lucky to have such comprehensive data at our fingertips! I am so thankful for the information provided, as it helps me with my own data reporting, but more consequential—it helps our community: local families and military-connected families who can now make wise, data-driven decisions regarding their student's education. I will be including the link to this website in my emails to incoming families. Our collective benefit from such work is invaluable! If you know of any other local opportunities or see any other information to add, please reach out to NDDPI's Information Technology department or me at mafb.school.liaison@us.af.mil.

The information in this article is provided as a resource and does not constitute endorsement by Minot AFB, the United States Air Force, or the Department of War of the external website, or the information, products, or services contained therein.







FISHING:

Lake Sakakawea elevation, Dec. 29: 1,829.53 feet above mean sea level (MSL); 15,800 cubic feet per second (CFS) Garrison Dam average daily releases. Devils Lake elevation: 1,448.84 feet above mean sea level (MSL). Stump Lake elevation: 1,448.86

- N.D. Game & Fish Dept. game wardens: Increasing activity on Lake Metigoshe with OK bluegill success. No reports from Devils
- Devils Lake, Woodland Resort, Devils Lake: Generally tough early ice season walleye and perch bite yet on Devils Lake bays.
- Lake Darling, Karma C-Store, Ruthville: Inconsistent weather limiting reports from Lake Darling.
- Lake Metigoshe, Four Seasons, Bottineau: Lots of activity on Lake Metigoshe with improving walleye and bluegill success. Occasional pike mixed in.
- Lake Sakakawea/Lake Audubon, Cenex Bait & Ťackle, Garrison: Some walleye activity on Nelson and 9-Mile bays on Lake Audubon. Try around 13 feet depending on time of day. Missouri River tailrace producing walleye from the honey hole down to second coal vein, weather permitting. Use extreme caution if venturing onto any back bay on the east end of Lake Sakakawea with variable ice and potential for springs.
- Lake Sakakawea/Lake Audubon, Hwy. 83 Lawn & Leisure, Garrison: OK walleye success on the east side of Lake Audubon. No reports from the east end of Lake Sakakawea with the main lake open yet early in the week.
- Lake Sakakawea, New Town: No new reports from the Van Hook Arm or New Town area on Lake Sakakawea.

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.



- Ice is never completely safe. Avoid areas with vegetation, moving water, pressure ridges, and springs. Check conditions as you go along on the ice and don't move around at night.
- Jan. 2: Resident and nonresident Canada Goose Missouri River Zone season closes.
- Jan. 3 & 4: Free Skate Rental, Citizens Alley Ice Rink, 106 E. Central Ave., Minot, beginning at noon.
- Jan. 4 Resident and nonresident High Plains Ducks, Coots, and Mergansers season closes.
- Jan. 4: Resident and nonresident Light Goose season closes.
- Jan. 4: Archery deer season closes.
- Jan. 4: Pheasant, partridge, grouse, and turkey seasons close. • Jan. 10: Fire & Ice Pickleball Tournament, Cameron Indoor
- Tennis Center, Minot. Register at the pickleball association website, (www.minotareapickleball.org) Jan. 10: Frozen Bizon Fat Tire Bike Race, Bison Plant Trail, Minot.
- Jan. 11: Bowling for Birds sponsored by Souris Valley Pheasants Forever, North Hill Bowl, 11 a.m.

TOURNAMENTS:

- Jan. 10: Lake Darling; Lake Sakakawea, Lewis & Clark State Park; Devils Lake, Woodland Resort.
- Lake Sakakawea/Missouri River, Scott's Bait & Tackle, Pick City: Missouri River tailrace wing walls producing a few walleye with some success from shore at night.
- Lake Sakakawea/northwest N.D. lakes, Scenic Sports, Williston: No new reports from upper Lake Sakakawea or northwest area
- North-central/central N.D. lakes, Towner Hdwe. Hank, Towner: No reports from area lakes.

DOWNHILL SKI REPORTS (CHECK FOR UPDATES):

- Big Sky Resort, Big Sky, Mont., (800) 548-4486: 199 trails and 27 lifts open with 28- to 44-inch
- Bottineau Winter Park, Bottineau,

- (701) 263-4556: 12-inch base with 6 runs, tubing runs, 1 chair, 1T-bar, and 2 carpets open.
- Frostfire Ski Area, Walhalla, (701) 549-3600: 7 runs open.
- Huff Hills Ski Area, Mandan, (701) 663-6421: 12- to 14-inch base with 4 runs and 2 lifts open. Terry Peak, Lead, S.D., (605) 584-2165: 14- to 24-inch base with 8 runs, 3 lifts, and 1 carpet

- NUMBERS TO KNOW: • N.D. Game and Fish Dept., main Bismarck office: (701) 328-6300, website: (http://gf.nd.
- Report All Poachers: (701) 328-9921.



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- For a full listing of New Year's holiday facility hours, visit 5thforcesupport.com
- Youth Cheerleading Registration Closes, Youth Center
- Youth Basketball Registration Closes, Youth Center

SATURDAY

- For a full listing of New Year's holiday facility hours, visit 5thforcesupport.com
- Winter STEAM Challenges, 1000, Minot AFB Library Facebook Page
- Youth Bowl League Parents Meeting, 1400, Rough Rider Bowling Center

SUNDAY

For a full listing of New Year's holiday facility hours, visit 5thforcesupport.com

MONDAY

- Biggest Loser/Gainer Competition Begins, McAdoo Fitness Center
- AFFT, 0530, McAdoo Fitness Center
- FTEC, 0730-1600, Professional Development Center
- Reintegration Briefing, 1000-1100, M&FRC
- AFFT, 1100, McAdoo Fitness Center
- Palace Chase/Front Briefing, 1400-1500, Professional Development Center

- AFFT, 0530, McAdoo Fitness Center
- FTEC, 0730-1600, Professional Development Center
- Moving Out of the Dorms Budget Class, 0900-1100, M&FRC
- Tuition Assistance (TA) Brief, 1000, Education Center
- Game Day, 1000-1930, Base Library
- AFFT, 1100, McAdoo Fitness Center
- Sponsorship Training, 1300-1400, M&FRC
- Up Next, 1800-1900, Youth Center
- Quiet Book Club, 1800-1930, Base Library

- AFFT, 0530, McAdoo Fitness Center
- FTEC, 0730-1600, Professional Development Center
- Informed Decision Seminar, 0800-1200, Professional Development Center
- Pre-Deployment/Remote Readiness Training, 1000-1100, M&FRC • Storytime, 1030, Base Library
- AFFT, 1100, McAdoo Fitness Center
- Brown Bag Book Talk, 1200, Base Library
- Financial Literacy Class, 1530-1630, Youth Center

THURSDAY 08

- AFFT, 0530, McAdoo Fitness Center
- FTEC, 0730-1600, Professional Development Center
- Pre-Separation Briefing, 0830-1130, M&FRC
- Reintegration Briefing, 1000-1100, M&FRC, Zoom Meeting
- AFFT, 1100, McAdoo Fitness Center
- Tuition Assistance (TA) Brief, 1330, Education Center

Scan for full event details

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Club Member Appreciation Luau, 1600-2100, Jimmy Doolittle Center

· Winter STEAM Challenges, 1000, Minot AFB Library Facebook Page

Bomber Bistro Featured Item

Country Fried Steak,

Mashed Potatoes, & Gravy

• FTEC, 0730-1600, Professional Development Center

SATURDAY

• Dinosaur Discoveries, 1300, Minot AFB Library · Youth Bowl League, 1400, Rough Rider Bowling Center

SPECIALS

Rockers Bar & Grill Featured Item

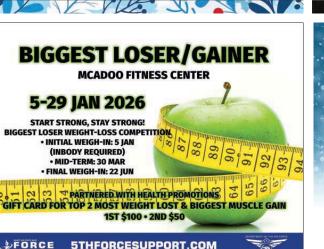
The B-Fifty Brew Featured Item

Sausage Links, or Turkey Patty

Philly Cheesesteak

Youth Bowl League, 0900, Rough Rider Bowling Center

Biscuits & Gravy, Eggs, & 1 Choice of Bacon,





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