



The Eagle's Eye

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Eye on the Eagle

Barkley named Eagle Volunteer of the Year '15

We would like to congratulate Eric Barkley, our Eagle Volunteer of the Year for 2015. Eric has been very active in the Military Affairs Council since he joined in 2008. He has been especially valuable heading up our Celebrate Barksdale Golf Tournament for the last two years. In addition, he has volunteered significant time to support all the annual MAC activities.

Eric Barkley is the North Louisiana District Director for CenterPoint Energy. His district provides natural gas distribution service to approximately 132,000 customers. Along with the usual management responsibilities that go along with a large corporation, Barkley also helps with economic development efforts to attract growth to the area. He takes a lead role in many community service groups and projects. He also handles local media and government relations for the company.

In addition to his involvement with the MAC, Barkley is deeply involved in numerous other civic groups. He currently serves on the senior council of the Greater Shreveport Chamber of Commerce and is a former chamber chairman. He and his company are strong supporters of the United Way of Northwest Louisiana where he has

served as president. A longtime volunteer with the Independence Bowl, Barkley will serve as chairman of the Independence Bowl Foundation in 2016. He is a member of the Shreveport-Bossier Committee of 100 and recently completed a multi-year role on the First Baptist Bossier leadership team and deacon.

Barkley is a Shreveport native and graduated from Fair Park High School. He attended Louisiana Tech and Northwestern State University, and holds a bachelor's degree in Mass Communications from NSU. He also received a Master's Degree in Liberal Arts from LSU Shreveport. He and his wife Shannon have three children.



Eric Barkley and Kathi Smith

Barksdale Air Show - April 30 & May 1, 2016 (See p. 2)

MAC Spring Social - April 5

MAC Christmas Social, December 5, 2016 @ 6:30 p.m., Eldorado Resort & Casino

MAC Membership Drive Gets Underway

We are currently in our Membership Renewal Drive. As part of your membership renewal, you will be required to have a new Eagle Pass issued. All Eagle Passes issued before 1 Jan 2016 expired 31 Jan 2016, no matter what the listed expiration date is on the card.

These passes will require a photo and a background check before they will be issued through the Security Forces. On the first of each month, the base will receive an updated renewal list. This list will contain the names of all members that have renewed prior to the end of the previous month.

Once the base approves the list, you will be sent an Eagle Pass application form. Please fill out the application form and take it with you to the West Gate Visitor Center (just over the Barksdale Bridge). **Their hours are Monday – Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. If you would like to contact them to ensure**

the system is up, their contact number is 456-4292/456-4354.

Note: The only exception will be members that already have a military ID (retiree, DOD Civilian employee, military dependent). They will use their military ID to access the base.

A few tips to make this process smoother for you and for the Security Forces on base:

Make sure that you tell them you are there to get an **"EAGLE PASS FOR THE MAC"**--there are many different types of passes that are issued, so they need to know which one you are requesting. The pass should include 7 day a week access/24 hours a day. It should also allow escort for up to 4 people in your vehicle.

When you go, you will be asked for **your pass form, driver's license, registration and Proof of Insurance.** Remember you are being author-

ized to drive on base, so they need the proper documents. Don't have any weapons of any type in your vehicle, it is subject to search.

Try not to go at lunch time—more confusion and more congestion. There is normally a line, so you may have to wait.

If the system is down at the West Gate Visitors Center (the Shreveport-Barksdale Bridge Gate), they may direct you to the East Gate (off Industrial Drive). Be aware, this is the gate that handles all the contractors and large truck traffic, so it is busy with lots of moving vehicles.

NOTE: If you are having a problem in getting the pass issued, contact Mr. Sawyer, cell number 560-2253.



OPERATION HERO

A Barksdale firefighter teaches an Operation Hero participant how to operate a fire hose during Operation Hero. This yearly event, sponsored by the MAC, is a mock deployment intended to give children a better understanding of the deployment process their parents go through. (Courtesy photo)

SB MAC prepares for '16 Open House and Air Show

The 2016 Barksdale Defenders of Liberty Air Show has been scheduled for Saturday, April 30 and Sunday, May 1 and the headlining act will surely not disappoint.

The U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds return for another show-stopping weekend of military air power. This annual event allows Barksdale Air Force Base the opportunity to proudly welcome the public to a free admission weekend showcasing the home of the B-52, military and aerobatic performers, and display support to the recruiting arm of our armed forces. Other acts and static displays will be announced once confirmed. The Military Affairs Council and base personnel are steadfast in preparation of static displays and other ground activities, along with securing these aerobatic performers and more. All acts are subject to change and will update as information becomes available.

"This air show continues to be a pinnacle event not just in the air show circuit, but also with the partnerships that are

created between the Military Affairs Council and base leadership to maintain expectations for the public and aviation enthusiasts," said David Dethloff, Air Show Executive Director.

Many thanks to all involved in the planning of another exciting air show! If you are interested in watching the show up close and personal, become a President's Club member by contacting Cathy or Bill McHugh. Also, please use your networking connections to encourage corporate partner funding of the show.

Follow this website link for the corporate partnership packet <http://barksdaleafbairshow.com/corporate-partnership.html>.

For 24/7 access to the Air Show activity updates and to learn more about the performers and aircraft visit the official web site: <http://www.barksdaleafbairshow.com>, like us on Facebook.com/barksdaleairshow, or follow us on [Twitter.com/@BAFBAirShow](https://twitter.com/BAFBAirShow).

Outstanding Airman awarded for efforts

Right: Senior Airman Alejandro Lopez is presented a check and coin by Mr. David Lay, MAC Awards Chairman, for the January 2016 Diamond Sharp Award. The Diamond Sharp Award (DSA) is a distinct honor presented to Airmen (E1 to E4) throughout the Wing, who live and breathe the Air Force Core Values. Being "Diamond Sharp" is about possessing intangible qualities like professionalism, selflessness and dedication to excellence. Diamond Sharp is an opportunity for First Sergeants to recognize individuals who consistently rise above minimum standards and lead with actions rather than words. (Courtesy photo)

