



The Eagle's Eye

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Meet the new commander

Colonel Ty Neuman is the commander of the 2nd Bomb Wing, Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana. He is responsible for providing combat-ready B-52H aircraft, crews, and associated combat support to conduct global operational taskings. As Barksdale's installation commander, he supports 32 tenant units, including Headquarters, Air Force Global Strike Command; Headquarters, Eighth Air Force; and the Air Force Reserve Command's 307th Bomb Wing. He promotes the welfare of more than 11,400 military and civilian personnel, 6,300 family members and 25,000 retirees.

Neuman received his commission in 1995 through the Reserve Officer Training Corps at Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado, and completed Specialized Undergraduate Navigator Training as a distinguished graduate in 1997. In 2002, he attended U.S. Air Force Weapons School where he graduated with distinction as an outstanding graduate, top academic performer and top flight performer. During his time at Ellsworth AFB, South Dakota, Neuman supported Operation Allied Force from Royal Air Force station Fairford, United Kingdom, and later forward deployed to Aviano Air Base, Italy, to

serve as a B-1 liaison officer. Additionally, he deployed with the 34th Bomb Squadron and the 28th Operations Support Squadron in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

Neuman has graduated with honors from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California, and is a graduate of the National War College, earning a Master of Business degree in Executive Management and a Master's Degree in National Security Strategy. He served on the Joint Staff at U.S. Strategic Command, National Airborne Operations Center, Offutt AFB, Nebraska, where he worked as a strategic operations section chief and the emergency actions officer in support of multiple presidential support missions and worldwide taskings. Neuman logged over 60 alert periods, 200 flights and 625 hours on board the E-4B. Later, as commander of the 28th Bomb Squadron, Dyess AFB, Texas, he led the largest B-1 squadron in Air Combat Command.



Colonel Neuman

Help wanted for annual picnic

Please join your fellow MAC members and volunteer to work at "Celebrate Barksdale" on Friday, October 14. This is our annual way of extending a great big THANK YOU to all the men, women and their family members serving Barksdale. We need your help with cooking and serving hot dogs, hamburgers and all the trimmings to our guests. In addition to showing our appreciation to Barksdale Team Members and their families, working at "Celebrate Barksdale" is a terrific way to meet other MAC members, interact with Base personnel and enjoy a Friday outside in October weather.

The four major areas of work are listed below along with the responsible Committee Chair. If you can work and are interested in serving in a particular area, please contact the committee chair directly; otherwise contact Greg Doyal, Vice President Celebrate Barksdale or Kathi Smith, Executive Director, and

we will work you into a slot. Please let us know your availability when signing up to work.

Dave Lay

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Refreshments Committee - Responsible for icing and distributing soft drinks/water; oversight on Beer Trailer.

Kathi Smith

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Logistics Committee - Responsible for ordering supplies, coordinating electrical needs, coordinating stage/children's activities and organizing trash details.

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Cooking Committee - Responsible for cooking and delivering food to serving tent.

Dr. Chris Cosse

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Tent Committee - Responsible for food serving process and routine cleaning of dining tables.

Greg Doyal

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Vice President Celebrate Barksdale -
Coordinates all aspects of event.





for Squadron Eagle Program

As many of you know, members of the Military Affairs Council are referred to as “Eagles.” Within the MAC, we have an opportunity to assign a limited number of our members to a specific military unit. This program is referred to as “The Squadron Eagle Program.” There are no additional dues to participate in this program, only an investment of your time (as you are available). This program allows a member of the Military Affairs Council to be an honorary member of a squadron. The “Squadron Eagle” can expect to receive invitations to events such as squadron hail and farewells, deploy-

ment send-off’s, welcoming parties for those returning from deployments, holiday parties and any other squadron specific functions being presented. The Wing Commander also hosts functions for “Squadron Eagles” only. The benefits of this informal, personal relationship are invaluable and many times lead to long-lasting friendships between members of the Squadron and their eagle.

The program provides an opportunity for an exchange of ideas, backgrounds and talents. As a support group for the men and women of Barksdale, the “Squadron Eagle” acts as an informal ambassador for the cities of Shreveport and Bossier. The men and women stationed at Barksdale are the most important asset the Base provides in this area. The Eagles and their relationship with those men and women show the importance of Barksdale personnel to the community. The program won’t require any more effort than you would want to contribute. If you are not already a part of this exclusive program and would like to be, call the office @ 429-2418. You will find it rewarding and enjoyable.



The Military Affairs Council and Barksdale Air Force Base are happy to introduce the Adopt an Airmen Program here in Shreveport-Bossier. This Barksdale Airmen Sponsor Program (BASP) offers select community leaders a unique and rewarding opportunity to provide Airmen a home-away-from-home during their first assignment in the military. It also offers community leaders the opportunity to enter Barksdale Air Force Base and meet first-hand our fine young Air Force men and women and, the air and space leaders of tomorrow. The BASP is designed to provide Airmen with an avenue to form friendships and gather support beyond the

formal work environment. If you can remember leaving behind the comfort and security of your parents’ home, then you will understand the needs of the young men and women in the BASP. Rigorous military standards can tax even the best of spirits, producing feelings of great stress to make the grade in some Airmen, and in others, moments of loneliness, homesickness and doubt. The official relationship lasts for the duration of time that the Airman is assigned to Barksdale AFB, or when one of the two parties decides to terminate the relationship.

The goal of the program is to have individuals from the community serve as the Airman’s mentor, friend, and advisor, providing a caring environment to relax away from the pressures of work and future deployments. Participants are also in the position to serve as a positive adult role model helping Airmen understand their role as a career

Air Force Airman and reinforcing positive social values. This rewarding program currently exists at other military installations and has been highly successful.

The BASP will be run by the Military Affairs Council (MAC) of Shreveport-Bossier. The MAC is a 501c3 non-profit with a history of service and ties to Barksdale AFB. We, through the BASP, will attempt to match host families with Airmen who share the same basic characteristics. Airmen can request “by name” host families.

If you have the desire and commitment to make a difference in a young Airman’s life, this is the program for you! Sammy Halphen will serve as the Committee Chair/Program Manager for the Barksdale Sponsor Program. If you interested in being involved in the program or have questions, contact him at Samuel.halphen@bhpbilliton.com or 318-465-5608.



Dr. Ralph Baucum III	Arthur Thompson
Robert Crawford	Patricia Viser
Menda Davis	Terry Womack
Sandy Franks	Benjamin Woods
Kendrix Gilliard	Dr. Michael Woolbert
Emily Mott	Dr. Christopher Yeaw
Bert Schmale	Doug Yoder



Continued Success for Barksdale/Defenders of Liberty Air Show

This year proved to be another successful one for the Defenders of Liberty Air Show despite the weather-related Friday night cancellation. On April 30 and May 1, a crowd of 85,000 people gathered to watch performances from the USAF Thunderbirds, the Canadian Skyhawks, and numerous other vintage and modern airplane demonstrators. Among the airplanes showcased were the B-2 Spirit, the B-29 Superfortress, the B-52, and the P-51. Several airplanes were unable to attend due to bad weather earlier in the week.

One of the highlights of this year's show was the Thunderbirds special needs event. President's Club Chairman Cathy McHugh arranged for the residents of Holy Angels to meet the pilots of the Thunderbirds on the afternoon of Friday, April 29. Holy Angels staff member Martha Hammock brought approximately thirty of the residents to enjoy an afternoon of meeting the Thunderbirds, other performers, and Barksdale

pilots and trying on real flight gear. Mrs. McHugh's pediatrician was a B-29 pilot and World War II POW who became the 24/7 on-call physician for Holy Angels for twenty-eight years. Barksdale airmen cleared the land on Ellerbe Road where the Holy Angels facility is now located.

Special thanks goes to the hard-working men and women of Barksdale Air Force Base, President's Club members, and our corporate partners: Bossier Parish, City of Bossier, Greater Bossier Economic Development Foundation, Boeing, Northrop Grumman, Louisiana Family Medicine, Pickett Industries, Rose Neath/Kilpatrick Life, AEP SWEPCO, University Health, Caddo Parish, Music Mountain Arkansas Spring Water, and Disabled Veteran Flight Team. Next year's air show will be 6-7 May 2017, with the Blue Angels scheduled as the keynote performers.



MAC President John Hubbard (left) and Past President John Atkins (right) present a scholarship to Airman 1st Class Clayton Dahm. (Barksdale Air Force Base Courtesy Photo)



MAC President John Hubbard presents Outgoing 2 BW/CC Colonel Kristin Goodwin with a farewell gift. (Barksdale Air Force Base Courtesy Photo)

have you heard?

- ⇒ Celebrate Barksdale Picnic, 14 October 2016
- ⇒ Celebrate Barksdale Golf Tournament, 14 Nov 2016, Eastridge Country Club
- ⇒ MAC Christmas Social, 5 December 2016, 6:30 p.m., Eldorado Resort & Casino
- ⇒ Barksdale Air Show, 6-7 May 2017