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General Weatherington named 8AF/CC

Maj. Gen. Mark E. Weatherington is the Commander, Eighth Air Force, and Commander, Joint-Global Strike Operations Center, Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana. "The Mighty Eighth" is responsible for the service's bomber force and airborne nuclear command and control assets. The J-GSOC serves as the central command and control node for all operations within Air Force Global Strike Command, orchestrating warfighting and readiness activities for the Commander, Air Forces Strategic.

Maj. Gen. Weatherington earned his commission in 1990 following graduation from the U.S. Air Force Academy. He has served in a variety of operational assignments, including command of the 28th Bomb Wing, Ellsworth Air Force Base, South Dakota, where he led all aspects of B-1 Lancer and MQ-9 Reaper operations and installation support activities. He has held various positions at the major command, combatant command, joint staff and the Office of the Secretary of Defense levels. Prior to this assignment, Maj. Gen. Weatherington served as the Deputy Commander, Air Education and Training Command.



General Weatherington

Maj. Gen. Weatherington is a command pilot with more than 2,400 flying hours, including combat hours over Afghanistan.

General Weatherington took command of 8AF June 12, 2020.

2BW Welcomes new Commander and Command Chief

Colonel Mark C. Dmytryszyn asthe School of Advanced Air and Space

sumed command of the 2nd Bomb Wing, Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana, July 23, 2020. He is responsible for providing combat-ready B-52H aircraft, crews, and associated combat support to conduct global operational taskings. As Barksdale's Colonel Dmytryszyn Iraq, Kuwait, and Syria. installation commander, he



supports 32 tenant units, including Headquarters, Air Force Global Strike Command; Headquarters, 8th 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.

Colonel Dmytryszyn was commissioned in 1999 through the Reserve Officer Training Corps program. He is an outstanding graduate of the U.S. Air Force Weapons School, a graduate of Studies and a distinguished graduate of the Army War College. Colonel Dmytryszyn is a command pilot with more than 3,000 hours including combat in Operations ENDURING FREEDOM and IRAQI FREEDOM. His previous assignment was deployed to

Chief Master Sergeant T. Brent Chadick position assumed the role of 2nd Bomb Wing Command Chief July 20, 2020. He provides strategic leadership and direction for the wing's 11,400 personnel supporting and performing global combat operations, helping to sustain America's power projection and nuclear deterrence capabilities.

Chief Chadick entered the Air Force in April 1995. His background includes various Security Forces career field duties and a developmental assignment as an Airman Leadership School Flight Instructor. There he trained over 960 Senior Airmen for new leadership opportunities.

In June 2005, he was reassigned as a Security Forces Flight Chief. In 2009, he was hand-selected for an assignment to Air Force Global Strike Command as



one of the new major command staffers. His assignments include bases in Mississippi, Wyoming, Arkansas. Louisiana, Incirlik AB, Turkey and New Mexico.

Chief Chadick Operations,

Chief Chadick has supported pivotal combat including Operations

SOUTHERN WATCH, ENDURING FREEDOM, FREEDOM'S SENTINEL, INHERENT RESOLVE and NATO's **RESOLUTE SUPPORT.**

Safley named 307 BW/CCC

Chief Master Sergeant Robert S. Safley took his new position as the 307th Bomb Wing Command Chief Master Sergeant, Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana, in March 2020. Chief Safley advises the commander on all matters relating to readiness, training, professional development, force utilization, operations tempo, health, morale, welfare and leadership for more than 2,000 members of the wing. He performs as the functional manager for the Group Chiefs and First Sergeants within the wing. He serves as the commander's representative on councils, boards, and selected events within the military and civilian communities.

Chief Safley is from Austin, Texas, and entered the Air Force in August 1988. He served more than 12 years on active duty before joining the Air Force Reserve as an Air Reserve Technician in 2001. Chief Safley has experience on B-52, KC-135, HH-1H, T-38, A-10, C-130 and F-16 weapons platforms. Additionally, he has deployed in support of Operations Desert Shield and Storm, and Iraqi and Enduring Freedom. Chief Safley is also a professor at a local university.

Chief Safley has held various assignments in the life support and quality assurance career fields. He



Chief Safley

served as an aircrew flight equipment superintendent prior to assuming the role of Command Chief Master Sergeant at the 301 FW, NAS Fort Worth, Texas, the position he held prior to coming to Barksdale.

2020 Military Affairs Council Scholarships Announced

The Shreveport-Bossier Military Affairs Council is pleased to announce the winners of the 2020 Military Affairs Council Scholarship. This year's recipients are MSgt Nichole A. Coffey 2 FSS, SrA Emiley A. DeLancey 2 CS, SSgt Corey J. Goodnight 2 AMXS, SSgt Kavita A. Mahadeo 2 OSS, SSgt Nancy M. Martinez 307 LRS, SrA Edward C. Maruna 2 MXS, SrA Alexis McKenzie 307 LRS, SrA Rizamarie Deneca N. Nicdao 2 MDSS, SrA Alexandra Villanueva-Nieves 2 FSS, SSgt Kenneth J. Oliver 49 TES, SSgt Kristi A. Oliver 2 MUNS, SrA Noah I. Perdue 2 MUNS, A1C Destiny D. Perez 307 MDS, SSgt Jasmin A. Pino, 2 LRS, SSgt Maximiliano Rivera 2 MXG, TSgt Justin Thomas 2 MXS, TSgt Erik M. Thueme 2 MUNS and SFC Richard D. Woods 1083 TRANS.

Congratulations to all our winners.

Air Show President's Club

We are proud to host The Thunderbirds as the headline act for the 2021 Barksdale Airshow. The Airshow will be May 8 - 9, 2021. The purpose of military airshows is to stimulate interest in the mission of the U.S. military and recruit our best and brightest young people to protect and lead our military in the future.

In addition to The Thunderbirds, we have secured the Snowbirds, Aeroshell Aerobatic Team, Shockwave, Randy Ball, and other acts. Also, The Cavanaugh Flight Museum will put on a demonstration of the Vietnam War with a shoot down and rescue.

The MAC provides financial support for the Barksdale Airshow, and since a majority of the expenses are funded by the MAC, your support is very important. These donations are used to pay for fuel, attracting the best aerobatic pilots in the world, lodging and transportation, and ensuring Barksdale is the performer's best airshow experience.

Over the past few years the Barksdale Airshow has become a world class show and we need your support to continue to rise to the next level. Please consider supporting the show and become a President's Club member. Matt Locke is the Vice President of the Air Show and you can contact him at mlocke@lockehomesinc.com or 318-208-7641.

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 (This covers you, a guest and two military players, a foursome, military will be assigned) Hole Sponsor \$100
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Contact Kathi Smith @ 429-2418 or <u>MACEAGLE@SHREVE.NET</u> Deadline to sign up is 7 September 2020