

Shreveport-Bossier Military Affairs Council

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MAC Member Highlight

Jason D. Smith
President/CEO of Citizens National
Bancshares of Bossier Citiy

Jason is the President and CEO of Citizens National Bancshares of Bossier City and its wholly owned subsidiary Citizens National Bank. In 1990, Jason began his banking career at the former Red River Valley Bank in Bossier City, joining Citizens National Bank in 1994 as Assistant VP and served in various capacities until being named President and CEO in April 2016. He is involved with the Louisiana Bankers Association, President of the Louisiana Bankers Education Council, member of the LBA Government Relations Committee amongst other services including authored work in the American Bankers Association Journal. He is a graduate of Airline High School and went on to receive his Bachelors of Science in Finance and MBA from Louisiana Tech University. Additionally, he graduated from the ABA School of Commercial Lending at University of Oklahoma and Graduate School of Banking at Louisiana State University. He achieved CPA designation in 1999 and maintains this designation from the Louisiana State Board of CPAs. The MAC is fortunate to have Jason involved in the organization, as he has also served or is serving the Bossier Chamber of Commerce, Shreveport Bossier Business Alliance for Higher Education, Shreveport Bossier City Committee of 100 and the Louisiana Committee of 100, the La Tech College of Business Student Investment Fund Advisory Board, and was instrumental with the College of Business leadership in organizaing the Louisiana Tech School of Banking.

Farewell Message

From Our Outgoing President **Erik Barkley**

As my term draws to a close as president of the Shreveport Bossier Military Affairs Council, I want

to express my appreciation at the honor of serving as your president. The support of the men and women who serve at Barksdale Air Force Base and its mission is a high calling, and the MAC serves that purpose well.

Every time I'm on base I encounter examples of America's finest men and women who have volunteered to serve their country. Never before has the support of the community been more important to those airmen and women and the cause of freedom. Believe me, Barksdale feels our love and appreciation and is grateful for it.

There are so many people to thank, especially those of you who faithfully take part, many times in unseen ways. I do want to thank our Executive Director Shelley Cohen, who has done a marvelous job. My deep appreciation also goes to the event chairmen and volunteers, the officers and directors, and the advisory panel of our group without who I simply could have not done my job.

I leave the role in great hands. You will be proud of our incoming president Trey Giglio and the team he has assembled. There remains much work to be done. Barksdale is the economic engine of our region, but even more importantly it is a keystone to deterring our enemies and defending our nation. Let's continue to do our part and, again, thank you for the opportunity you've given me.







Barksdale Defenders of Liberty Air Show

Defenders of Liberty Air Show

2023 March Recap

Over 200,000 in attendance!

The U.S. Navy Blue Angels dazzled record crowds of people, and the entire line up including Red Bull Aviation, Rob Holland, Kevin Coleman, Aftershock Jet Fire Truck, Randy Ball, and fly overs by B-1B Lancers, B-2 Spirits and B-52H Stratofortresses made lasting impressions, leaving the Shreveport Bossier City community full of patriotic pride! Hopefully enough to last until the 2025 show!

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

Board Meetings:

Tuesday, 25 July 4:30 – 5:30 Beaird Towers Board Room, 3rd Floor

Tuesday, 26 Sept 4:30 – 5:30 2 BW Commander's Conference Room, Barksdale AFB

Tuesday, 14 Nov 4:30 – 5:30 Beaird Towers Board Room, 3rd Floor

Quarterly Membership Update Luncheons:

Thursday, 17 Aug 11:30 - 1:00 Petroleum Club

Thursday, 16 Nov 11:30 - 1:00 Petroleum Club



Lunch With A Pilot

Thank you to **Bossier Parish Schools**' Superviosr of Special Programs, Holly George, for sharing this moment captured during the most recent *Lunch With A Pilot* Program!



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