



Shreveport-Bossier Military Affairs Council



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MAC MEMBER HIGHLIGHT

2024 VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

JOHN DAVID PERSON

As a native of Shreveport, John David graduated with a bachelor's degree in accounting from Louisiana State University Shreveport. Professionally, John David serves as the Business Development Manager for WIELAND Construction in their Shreveport office. WIELAND is an ENR Top 400 construction management firm with offices in Louisiana, Florida, and Michigan. WIELAND has served the Ark-La-Tex for the past twenty five years. Civically, John David currently serves as the Vice-President of Celebrate Barksdale for the Military Affairs Council and on the board of directors for Rotary Club of Shreveport, the Independence Bowl Foundation, the United Way of Northwest Louisiana, and the Bossier Chamber of Commerce. John David is a proud graduate of the Greater Shreveport Leadership Class and in 2022 was recognized in the Shreveport Chamber of Commerce's 40 under 40 class. John David is also a proud Paul Harris Fellow +1. In his spare time, John David enjoys spending time outdoors and is an avid reader. He is married to Alex Person, Director of Community Engagement at Volunteers for Youth Justice. He and Alex have two children, Andrew (8) and Anna Claire (5).

UPCOMING EVENTS



**Barksdale Air Force Base
DEFENDERS OF LIBERTY
Air Show**

29 - 30 MARCH
@ Barksdale Air Force Base



**Volunteer with
BAFB Air Show**

Friday, 28 March - Twilight Show
Saturday, 29 March - Bugs n Guns
Sunday, 29 March - Sunday, 30 March

This year's air show is going to be a spectacular event that you won't want to miss; especially if you watch from the President's Club Tent!

This world-class air show will feature: *The US Air Force Thunderbirds, US Army Golden Knight, the Smoke n Thunder Jet Truck, Randy Ball's FighterJets Inc. MiG-17s, Red Bull Air Force, Nate Hammond GhostWriter, Titan Aerobatic Team, Quicksilver Air Shows P-51 Mustang, Army Aviation Heritage Foundation's Sky Soldiers, numerous heritage aircraft including "Doc," one of only 2 B-29s left flying, and so much more!*

To purchase a President's Club membership please email Rob Tibi, executivedirector@sbmilitaryaffairs.com.

We have immediate need for volunteers to support the many activities of the Barksdale Air Show. Please consider serving in some capacity!

LOOKING FORWARD TO A GREAT TURNOUT!

Quarterly Membership Update Luncheon



The Shreveport-Bossier Military Affairs Council hosted a pair of speakers from **Air Force Global Strike Command** to provide a current intelligence briefing (unclassified level) and a local area threat briefing.

Additionally, our very own **Executive Director Chief (Ret) Rob Tibi** was presented the **Louisiana Veterans Honor Medal** by the Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs, Charlton Meginley, accompanied by a citation signed by Governor Jeff Landry. The medal acknowledges his 28 years of active-duty service and continued involvement with Barksdale AFB."



More honors were awarded! **Mr. Doug Rogers** was presented with a **Lifetime Service Award** for his incredible contributions to the Military Affairs Council, Barksdale AFB, and military families. His many years of contributions have enriched the lives of those who work to keep freedom's flame alight!

Please join us for our next **Membership Update Luncheon** on 7 May 11:30 at the Petroleum Club to fellowship with MAC members and hear updates from the Major Command, Numbered Air Force, and both Bomb Wings.

September Winner - Airman First Class Kaleska Fox
from 11th Bomb Squadron
October Winner - Airman First Class Raeven Anthony
from 2d Medical Group
November Winner - Airman First Class Devin Castellanos
from 96th Bomber Generation Squadron

2d Bomb Wing 3Q Award Winners

The quarterly awards program recognizes individuals for exceptional duty performance, base and community involvement, superior leadership and outstanding contribution to Barksdale's mission. The MAC supports this program through a modest cash award and presentation of a commemorative MAC coin.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Airman winner, **SrA Franklin Berry**, from 2d Bomb Wing Staff Agencies.
NCO winner, **TSgt Kertenisha Artison**, from 2d Communications Squadron.
SNCO winner, **MSgt Devaunte Barton**, from 2d Logistics Readiness Squadron.
CGO winner, **Captain Sung Suh**, from 96th Bomber Generation Squadron.
CIV CAT I winner, **Michele Lockwood**, from 2d Contracting Squadron.
CIV CAT II winner, **Ty'Kesha Williams-Saunders**, from 2d Medical Group.
Honor Guard winner, **A1C Norhelia Torres**, from 2d Force Support Squadron.
Volunteer winner, **SrA Adriel Carmenate**, from 2d Security Forces Squadron.

2d Bomb Wing 4Q Award Winners

CONGRATULATIONS!

Airman winner, **SrA Leah Christian**, from 2d Logistics Readiness Squadron.
NCO winner, **SSgt Marianne Vasterling**, from 2d Medical Group.
SNCO winner, **SMSgt Kenneth Kelly**, from 96th Bomber Generation Squadron.
CGO winner, **Captain Nathan Eckerdt**, from 20th Bomber Generation Squadron.
CIV CAT I winner, **Brian Whitener**, from 2d Civil Engineer Squadron.
CIV CAT II winner, **Nathaniel Edwards**, from the 2d Medical Group.
Honor Guard winner, **SrA Manich Prak**, from 2d Logistics Readiness Squadron.
Volunteer winner, **Sharon DeWitt**, from 2d Medical Group.

Put It On Your Calendar

Board Meetings

Tuesday, 25 March

4:30 – 5:30 pm

Beard Towers Board Room, 3rd Floor

Tuesday, 29 May

4:30 – 5:30 pm

2 BW Commander's Conference Room,
Barksdale AFB

Celebrate Barksdale Balloon Glow

This event is new this year and will be held the day prior to the Red River Balloon Rally. Four hot air balloons will perform a static glow on Barksdale Air Force Base, along with offering tethered rides. Our goal is to create a fun family evening, and the committee will need new ideas and volunteers to ensure the success of this new event.

If you're interested in helping out next year, please contact John David Person. jperson@wielandbuilds.com.

Quarterly Membership Update Luncheons

Tuesday, 7 May

11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Petroleum Club

VOLUNTEER *with* Adopt-an-Airman/ Roots for Boots

Our MAC team has been working hard to revitalize our Rotos for Boots program. This program pairs host families with single airmen on base. The host families provide a family-away-from-home experience for single airmen who are seeking mentorship and family activities throughout the year and who might otherwise spend Thanksgiving and/or Christmas dinner alone. If you are interested in being a host family and "adopting" an Airmen to occasionally join you and your family for family events, or if you want more information on the

program please contact Kem
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