



## Shreveport-Bossier Military Affairs Council

The MAC impact happens every day through our faithful members, military and community partners. Please visit our website to see regular news and events of the organization and our partnering Barksdale Air Force Base community!

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### Meet the New Wing Commander at Barksdale!

**Colonel Chris G. Cain  
2d Bomb Wing Commander**

**Colonel Chris G. Cain** is the Commander, 2d Bomb Wing, at Barksdale Air Force Base. He is responsible for providing B-52H combat aircraft, crews, and associated support to conduct global conventional or nuclear operations. As Barksdale's installation commander, he supports Headquarters Air Force Global Strike Command, Headquarters Eighth Air Force, Air Force Reserve Command's 307th Bomb Wing, and 32 tenant units. He promotes the welfare of more than 11,400 military and civilian personnel, 6,300 family members, and 25,000 retirees.

Colonel Cain entered the Air Force as a Distinguished Graduate of Officer Training School. He has led nuclear operations in support of USSTRATCOM and global strike for combatant commanders across the globe. He deployed to INDOPACOM as part of the Continuous Bomber Presence and deployed in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM and Operation IRAQI FREEDOM. He has led combat operations as both an Operations Officer and Commander during Operation INHERENT RESOLVE and FREEDOM SENTINEL.

Prior to his current position, Colonel Cain served as the Air Force Global Strike Command's Deputy Inspector General at Barksdale Air Force Base, where he was responsible for conducting fair, independent, impartial, professional inspections, and complaints resolution across the command.

### BARKSDALE AIR FORCE BASE

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**CELEBRATE BARKSDALE BALLOON GLOW  
17 JULY, 2025**



On 17 July, the Military Affairs Council partnered with the Shreveport-Bossier Sports Commission to hold a first of its kind event on Barksdale AFB. Six hot air balloons appeared on base for a three-hour event that featured tethered hot air balloon rides, a twilight balloon glow, a movie-in-the park, food trucks, bounce house, and numerous other activities and vendors. In total over 2,000 military members and families attended, and 1,600 individuals enjoyed the 400 tethered balloon rides!

The MAC volunteers were joined by Mrs. Louisiana American 2025 Chalea Devotie (a military spouse) to distribute free soft drinks and water.



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### MAC'S SUMMER SOCIAL WAS A HOLE-IN-ONE!



Thank you to the many MAC members who turned out for the 2025 MAC Summer Social in June, at the brand-new Chasing Aces Golf in Bossier City. The bar was open, the food was fantastic, and the golf was thrilling! The fellowship with MAC members and 2d and 307th Bomb Wing members was invaluable.

## MAC ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC

As you know our annual golf tournament is a **fundraiser for Operation Bright Holiday**, a program where the MAC partners with Barksdale company grade officers to purchase airfare to send first-term junior-enlisted Airmen home to spend Thanksgiving or Christmas with their families. You and a partner will be paired with two military members in what always turns out to be a great tournament.

### MAC Annual Golf Classic 6 OCT 2025

@ Southern Trace Country Club  
11:00am check-in/lunch & 1:00pm shotgun start  
See Sponsor Form for Cost

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Board Meetings

**30 September**  
@ 2d BW Commander's Conference Room; Barksdale AFB

**18 November**  
@ Beard Towers 3d Floor Board Room

### Quarterly Membership Update Luncheons

**Wednesday, 5 November**  
@ Petroleum Club

### Celebrate Barksdale Festival

**3 Oct 2025**  
@ Barksdale Air Force Base

This event celebrates Barksdale's nearly 3,000 military personnel and their commitment to preserving America's freedom. SB Military Affairs Council volunteers and community partners host this event to promote fellowship and community through fellowship, great food, live music, and games. This year's event will feature an expanded area for children and family activities. Celebrate Barksdale is a terrific way to meet other MAC members and deliver a big "Thank You" to the men, women and families serving at Barksdale.

*If you're interested in helping out, please contact John David Person @ [jpperson@wielandbuilds.com](mailto:jpperson@wielandbuilds.com).*

### Christmas Social

**Save the Date! - 3 Dec. 2025**

Planning will begin soon with an announcement coming!

### Oktoberfest

#### Save the Date! - 3 Oct. 2025

Following Barksdale's Celebrate Barksdale Family Festival please join the team for authentic live Oktoberfest music, awesome food, and plenty of fun. This year's event will be held on Barksdale AFB at the new MWR Multi-plex facility (the old golf course building). Watch for updates as the date draws closer!

*If you're interested in helping out, please contact West Anderson @ [west.anderson@boeing.com](mailto:west.anderson@boeing.com).*

[Oktoberfest Sponsorship Form](#)

### Operation Bright Holiday

We are ready to begin fundraising for Operation BRIGHT HOLIDAY; please help us meet our fundraising goal again this year!. This is our annual program partnering with the Company Grade Officers on Barksdale. The program's goal is to raise money to send young first-term Airmen stationed at Barksdale Air Force Base home to spend the holidays with their families. In 2024 the MAC raised and donated \$16,000 to this program which sent more than 35 Airmen home to spend Thanksgiving or Christmas with their families. **This year's goal is to raise enough funds to send 30-35 Airmen home for the holidays!**

*If interested in donating, please go to our website <https://sbmilitaryaffairs.com/product/donation> to select the program and amount you would like to donate...every little bit helps.*

## MAC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



The Shreveport-Bossier Military Affairs (MAC) Scholarship Fund was established in 2013 and reauthorized by the Board of Directors in March 2022. The mission of the scholarship fund is to provide financial assistance to individuals enrolled for undergraduate study. The MAC scholarship provides \$1,000 scholarships to 20 deserving Airmen each year to support them in their academic journey while they simultaneously work to preserve America's freedom!

As you are aware the MAC spent the spring raising funds for our annual scholarship program. Our goal was to raise \$20,000 for the award of twenty scholarships of \$1,000 each to twenty members of Team Barksdale; **I'm excited to share with you that we exceeded our fundraising goal.** Last week the MAC, in conjunction with the Community Foundation of North Louisiana and the Lt Gen (Ret.) Edgar Starr Harris Jr. Designated Fund presented Senior Airman Harry Johnson with the \$2,000 Lt Gen (Ret.) Edgar Starr Harris Jr, scholarship. SrA Johnson is an Explosive Ordnance Disposal technician assigned to the 2d Civil Engineer Squadron. In addition, the MAC presented 20 other Airmen with \$1,000 MAC scholarships.

The application process was highly competitive and choosing the recipients was an exceptionally difficult task for the scholarship committee. These twenty members of Team Barksdale should take pride in their selection as it is a direct reflection of their displayed potential for academic and leadership success, and a true dedication to furthering their personal education and professional growth. Additionally, the awarding of scholarships to these amazing Airmen was made possible by your generosity – thank you!

#### STRIKER OF THE MONTH

The monthly Striker of the Month award recognizes an individual as a stand-out among her or her peers for outstanding personal achievement and contribution to Barksdale's mission. The MAC supports this program through a modest cash award and presentation of a commemorative MAC coin.

**January Winner** - Senior Airman Seth "Z" Zorica from the 2d Civil Engineer Squadron

**February Winner** - Senior Airman Charnice "Sunnie" Collins from the 96th Bomb Squadron

**March Winner** - Senior Airman Diva A. Smith from the 2d Health Care Operations Squadron

**April Winner** - Senior Airman Kaitlin J. Vasquez from the 2d Logistics Readiness Squadron

#### 2d Bomb Wing 2025 Quarterly 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!**

### 1st Quarter

Airman winner, **SrA Andree Robert**, 20th Bomber Generation Squadron  
NCO winner, **TSgt John Stark**, 2d Logistics Readiness Squadron  
SNCO winner, **MSgt Caleb Nolen**, 96th Bomber Generation Squadron  
CGO winner, **1st Lt Bridget Hughes**, 20th Bomber Generation Squadron  
CIV CAT I winner, **LaTonya Sauls**, 2d Health Care Operations Squadron  
CIV CAT I winner, **Brian Whitner**, 2d Civil Engineer Squadron  
CIV CAT II winner, **John Plunk**, 2d Maintenance Squadron  
Honor Guard Member winner,  
**SrA Jean Sanchez**, 2d Operations Support Squadron  
Volunteer winner, **Captain Oscar Klempay**, 96th Bomb Squadron  
Team of the Quarter, **Weapons Generation Flight**

### 2nd Quarter

Airman winner, **SrA Kaitlin Vasquez**, 2d Logistics Readiness Squadron  
NCO winner, **SSgt Tavree Zapata**, 2d Logistics Readiness Squadron  
SNCO winner, **MSgt Tommy Duncan**, 2d Security Forces Squadron  
CGO winner, **1st Lt Elizabeth Nguyen**, 12th Combat Airbase Squadron  
CIV CAT I winner, **Annette Boyer**, 2d Medical Group  
CIV CAT II winner, **Brandon Waller**, 2d Force Support Squadron  
Honor Guard Member winner,  
**Airman Martayshia Brown**, 2d Health Care Operations Squadron  
Volunteer winner, **A1C Joshua Fleming**, 2d Maintenance Squadron  
CTeam of the Quarter, **20th Bomber Generation Squadron Crew Chiefs**

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## Quarterly Membership Update Luncheon

The Shreveport-Bossier Military Affairs Council will host the new commander of the 2d Bomb Wing, Colonel Chris Cain, for our 13 August 2025 Quarterly Membership Update Luncheon. Please join us for the Membership Update Luncheons to fellowship with MAC members and hear updates from the Major Command, Numbered Air Force, and both Bomb Wings. The next luncheon is **5 November at 11:30 at the Petroleum Club**.

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