



## Military Affairs Council



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### MEMBER HIGHLIGHT

#### Grant Nuckolls

*6th Generation Shreveporter / Entrepreneur*

Grant Nuckolls is a 6th generation Shreveporter, proud to live and work in his hometown. After receiving a Bachelor's and Master's Degree in Finance from Tulane University, Grant moved back to Shreveport where he worked for Hardware Resources in Bossier City. There, he managed a \$50million product line, often traveling to China to oversee sourcing, quality control, and new product development.

Grant then turned his attention to a new career – foodservice. In 2019, he and partner Andrew Crawford purchased Jacquelyn's Café, a popular lunch destination which has been continuously operated since 1983. In 2020, the duo purchased Cuban Liquor, a retailer of gourmet foods and spirits, and one of the oldest continuously operated liquor stores in the region, founded in 1934. The group's latest venture is a dual-branded coffee and donut concept which opened in June 2023, featuring two of the area's most iconic brands under one roof – Southern Maid Donuts and Rhino Coffee. Most recently, Grant has joined his father and cousin as an operating partner in their family business, Twin Cities Car Wash, opened by his father and uncle in 1984.

He also volunteers by serving on area boards, including: The Strand Theatre, North Louisiana Jewish Federation, Independence Bowl Foundation, Shreveport Bossier Military Affairs Council, Shreveport-Bossier Committee of 100, Louisiana Committee of 100 for Economic Development, and Boy Scouts of America Norwela Council. He has previously served on the boards of the Shreveport Chamber of Commerce, American Rose Center, Shreveport Club, Highland Area Partnership, CoHabitat Foundation, and Renesting Project.

He has contributed to other civic endeavors, including serving on Mayor Tom Arceneaux's Citizens Capital Improvements Committee, the Shreveport Airport Authority, and on the Transition Teams of Shreveport Mayors Tom Arceneaux and Adrian Perkins. Grant has received the United Way's "Clyde E. Fant Memorial Award" in 2024, the Boy Scouts of America Norwela Council's "Silver Beaver Award" in 2024, the City of Shreveport's "Love Shreveport Award" in 2019, the Bossier City Chamber's "Small Business of the Year Award" in 2017, the Shreveport Chamber's "Small Business of the Year Award" in 2016, and the Shreveport Chamber's "40 Under 40 Award" in 2015.

When he is not in his businesses, Grant enjoys traveling and playing guitar. He lives in Shreveport with his wife Ann and daughters Emma (11) and Natalie (8).



The MAC held our annual Golf Classic on 11 October at Querbes Park Golf Course. Our Golf Tournament matches two military members with two community members in a fun golf scramble with lunch and prizes to follow. Our golf tournament is also a fundraiser for Operation Bright Holiday. Thanks to our generous hole and team sponsors this year's tournament was a success!

If you're interested in playing or helping out next year, please contact Luke Groninger at [Lgroninger@firstcommand.com](mailto:Lgroninger@firstcommand.com).

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#### Membership Dues Renewals

Please watch your mailboxes in November for 2025 membership dues renewals!



### Quarterly Membership Update Luncheon

The Shreveport-Bossier Military Affairs Council hosted the Commander of Air Force Global Strike Command, General Thomas Bussiere, and the Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Veteran Affairs, Col. USAF Retired, Charlton Meginley, at the last two MAC Membership Luncheons. The perspective gained, and the shared ideas and experiences were invaluable. 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 6 November at 11:30 at the Petroleum Club.

### CONGRATULATIONS!

#### 2d Bomb Wing Strikers 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.



**June Striker of the Month**  
**Airman First Class Jean Sanchez**  
2d Operations Support Squadron

**July Striker of the Month**  
**Senior Airman Jadeyn Barnes**  
2d Logistics Readiness Squadron

## Oktoberfest Success!

This year's record-breaking event sold well over 800 tickets and packed the new MWR Fox Run Multi-plex facility (the old golf course building). MAC Members were able to spend a fun evening listening to the Oktoberfest band, eating great food and socializing with Team Barksdale members! If you missed it, please attend next year. Not only is this a fun event it is a fund-raiser for Operation Bright Holiday. If you're interested in helping out next year, please contact West Anderson at [west.anderson@boeing.com](mailto:west.anderson@boeing.com).



Operation BRIGHT HOLIDAY 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 November 2023 the MAC raised and donated \$10,000 to this program which helped send more than 30 Airmen home to spend Thanksgiving or Christmas with their families. This year's goal was to match or exceed last year's donation and raise enough funds to send 30-35 Airmen home for the holidays!

I'm thrilled to tell you due to your generosity we exceeded our fund-raising goal enabling the CGOs to send home all 36 Airmen that have applied to the program home to spend the holiday with their families.



## Celebrate Barksdale Festival

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.

The event was attended by approximately 1,000 Airmen and family members from the 2d and 307th Bomb Wings and featured an expanded festival area including a Security Forces drone demonstration, clown, face painter, archery, a Master Falconer from Walter B. Jacobs Nature Park, great food and ice cream. 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 next year, please contact John David Person @ [jperson@wielandbuilds.com](mailto:jperson@wielandbuilds.com).

## Put It On Your Calendar

### Quarterly Membership Luncheons

**Wednesday, 6 November 24**

11:30 AM

Petroleum Club, Shreveport

The MAC will host the new Commander of the 307th Bomb Wing, Colonel David Martinez. Tickets can be purchased by clicking this [link](#) (premium members are already paid). Join us to hear updates from the Major Command, Numbered Air Force and both Bomb Wings.

### Adopt-an-Airman / Roots for Boots

Our MAC team has been working hard to revitalize our Roots 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 me or Kem Smelser at [Kem\\_smelser@yahoo.com](mailto:Kem_smelser@yahoo.com).

### Upcoming Board Meetings

**Tuesday, 19 November**

4:30 - 5:30 PM

*Beard Towers Board Room  
3rd Floor*

### Holiday Event: Christmas Social

**Wednesday, 4 December**

6pm - 9pm

**Come -n-Go**

*Ernest's Orleans Restaurant*

Heavy Hors d'oeuvres and Bar Drinks

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