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90th MW welcomes Col. Peter Bonetti as new wing commander



Major Gen. Fred Stoss, 20th Air Force commander, passes the guidon to Col. Peter Bonetti, 90th Missile Wing commander, during a change of command on Argonne Parade Field at F.E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyo., May 31, 2019. Bonetti is coming from the 341st Missile Wing at Malmstrom Air Force Base, Mont., as the vice commander. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Ashley N. Sokolov)



Airmen of the 90th Missile Wing stand at attention during the 90th Missile Wing's change of command ceremony May 31, 2019, on the Argonne Parade Field at F.E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyo. Col. Peter Bonetti assumed command of the Mighty Ninety during the ceremony. The ceremony signified the transition of command from Col. Stacy Huser to Bonetti. (U.S. Air Force photo by Glenn S. Robertson)

The Mighty Ninety gathered to conduct a change of command ceremony May 31, 2019 on the Argonne Parade Field, F.E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyo., to welcome the 90th Missile Wing's new commander, Col. Peter Bonetti.

"I never thought I would make it, but my aspiration was to always do the best I could," Bonetti said.

The new wing commander commissioned in 1995 and served in a variety of positions within missile and space launch operations, including senior evaluator and flight commander.

"The Air Force wants leaders who do the best they can, they want caring and open people to take action and take care of families," Bonetti said.

Most recently, the vice commander at the 341st Missile Wing, Malmstrom, Air Force Base, Mont. His time there lead him to be the 90th MW commander.

Bonetti conveyed his desire to lead Airmen to their highest potential.

"We are all challenged in life with different things that happen to us. We all have different goals, different dreams," Bonetti said. "I want them to achieve those goals and dreams. I want them to reach for whatever heights they want to reach."

The new Mighty Ninety commander stressed, "I want the Airmen to know I am truly here to serve them."

USACE contract awarded to Fluor Corporation



Major General Fred Stoss, 20th Air Force commander, 90th Missile Wing leadership and representative from the Army Corps of Engineers break ground for the new weapons generation facility, May 21, 2019, on F.E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyo. Groundbreaking is a cultural ceremony to represent the first official day of a construction project. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Braydon Williams)

Major General Fred Stoss, 20th Air Force commander, welcomed the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to F.E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyoming, May 21, 2019, to attend a groundbreaking event for a contract awarded the Fluor Corporation to build a new Weapons Generation Facility on base.

The new facility will replace the current weapons storage area with a safer and more secure location for the storage of U.S. Air Force assets.

"The current facility is old," said Brent Croft, 90th Civil Engineer Squadron environmental engineer. "This new facility will use modernized technology, which alone will improve the safety of our assets."

The facility will leverage new technology to reduce program cost and ...

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Taking an award winning stand in diversity

As 1st Lt. Tenaugrie "Ten" Malone, 321 Missile Squadron assistant flight commander visits the F.E. Warren base museum, Apr. 26 2019, and walks among the artifacts and history of the 90th Missile Wing; she shares the story behind her significant impact to the history of the 321 MS, and what led to her being awarded the Air Force Global Strike Command NAACP Roy Wilkins Renowned Service Award.

Lt. Col Joel Doulas, 321 MS commander explained that the 321 MS routinely participates in Code Change, which is the largest peace time operation done ...



1st Lt. Tenaugrie "Ten" Malone, 321st Missile Squadron assistant flight commander, visits the F.E. Warren base museum, Wyoming, April 26, 2019. She shares her story behind being awarded the Air Force Global Strike Command, NAACP Roy Wilkins Renowned Service Award. (U.S. Air Force photo by 1st Lt. Nikita Thorpe)

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Crafting to heal



Tamra Windows, 90th Force Support Squadron Arts and Crafts Center employee, measures a framing mat before placing it into the custom built frame June 27, 2018, on F.E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyo. A few items that can be custom made in the shop are awards, shadow boxes and t-shirts. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Abbigayle Williams)

“Once (soldiers) are exposed to war or that kind of violence on that scale, I think it changes you in a way,” said Ehren Tool, Marine Corps veteran. “Like the guy who went to war isn’t the same person that comes back.”

In 1941 Brig. Gen. Frederick Osborn, U.S. Army retired, lead the committee on recreation and community service. Initially, the program was designed to provide activities for soldiers in barracks, but after Pearl Harbor, the program changed. Walter Reed Hospital began using arts and crafts to help the wounded become rehabilitated.

The Army and Red Cross saw therapeutic results within the soldiers when using crafts as a means to heal.

The original mission, established within the Army, carried over to the Air Force. The F.E. Warren Air Force Base Arts and Crafts Center was created under this mission in the 1970s.

“Crafts were started to ...

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Cleaning Crow Creek



Brent Lathrop of The Nature Conservancy addresses a group of volunteers before beginning the cleanup of the Crow Creek in Cheyenne, Wyo., May 11. The volunteers removed more than 100 large bags worth of trash from the creek and Cheyenne Greenway during the effort. More than fifty volunteers came out as part of the Crow Creek Revival project aimed at bringing the creek closer to its original state. (U.S. Air Force photo by Glenn S. Robertson)

The waters of the Crow Creek have been central to the city of Cheyenne and F. E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyo., for as long as the two have existed together.

A group of more than 50 volunteers from nearly 15 different organizations including the 90th Missile Wing came together May 11 to wade through those waters and clear it of litter as part of the Crow Creek Revival initiative.

The purpose of the initiative is to return the creek to a naturally functioning waterway, according to Brent Lathrop of the Nature Conservancy and the organizer of the event. By the end of the effort, more than 100 bags of trash were removed from the creek.

For some, though, it was the importance of volunteerism that brought them out early on a Saturday morning.

“It’s always good to get out and help the community to make it cleaner and more approachable,” said SSgt Joshua Midla from the 90th Logistics Readiness

Squadron. “Volunteering is one of the easiest things we can do and it has the most impact.”

One team of five were asked to clean up a nearly half-mile section of the Cheyenne Greenway, filling six large trash bags of litter to ensure the walkway’s cleanliness for pedestrians and cyclists.

“It’s important for base personnel to get involved with these events because we are located upstream from the City,

meaning whatever flows through Crow Creek that is not intercepted before leaving base will travel through the rest of town,” said Nicole Ng, the Air and Water program manager for F. E. Warren and part of the 90th Civil Engineer Squadron. “With the Crow Creek Restoration (CCR) committee looking to restore sections of Crow Creek, our efforts to manage storm water effectively on base is critical to ...

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EM stays ready

The 90th Civil Engineer Squadron Emergency Management Team conducted a deployment training exercise at F.E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyo., June 7, 2019.

“Exercises allow us to make sure our equipment works and ensure our technicians know what to do in a real-world scenario,” said Staff Sgt. Aaron Stubbs, 90th Civil Engineer Squadron NCO in charge of emergency management.

This exercise was a deployment simulation in which personnel were sent into an enemy building to sample and detect potentially harmful chemicals.

“Today’s training was driven from what we are seeing overseas,” said Senior Airman Richard Raynor, 90th CES emergency management technician. “We perform in-house training for various skills and today was a combination of everything we have practiced.”

Raynor said this quarterly training allows Airmen to practice potentially dangerous operations in a controlled environment.



Airman 1st Class Eva Chupp, 434th Civil Engineer Squadron emergency management technician, extracts a chemical sample during a deployment training exercise at F.E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyo., June 7, 2019. The training allows Airmen to practice potentially dangerous operations in a controlled environment. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Breanna Carter)



Members of the 90th Civil Engineer Squadron emergency management team enter a building during a training exercise at F.E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyo., June 7, 2019. The team conducted a deployment simulation to combine skills learned in the classroom to prepare for a real-world scenario. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Breanna Carter)

Training lethal defenders for lethal weapons



Airmen disembark a Minot Air Force Base Bell UH-1 Iroquois, during the advanced tactical course at Camp Guernsey, Wyo., June 19, 2019. The training involved UH-1s from F.E. Warren Air Force Base and Minot AFB for infiltration and exfiltration exercises. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Ashley N. Sokolov)

Sunbaked skin presses against the butts of rifles, as sweat runs down foreheads, brimming along chinstraps and soaking into shirt collars. Their eyes scan the urban terrain, searching for enemies from the surrounding grassy hills of Camp Guernsey, Wyo.

U.S. Marines and Airmen from around the globe trained together for the first time in the advanced tactical course from June 9-20th.

“Move, I have you covered,” said Marine Corps Sgt. Justin Roman, Marine Corps Security Forces Training Company instructor.

Shots ring out and echo through a desolate neighborhood of tan shipping containers stacked and strewn about. Feet pound and guns sway as a small fire team runs to their next sheltering place. A cadre calmly walks behind, eyes watching for mistakes.

“A small mistake in training could cost you your life in a real world situation,” said Staff Sgt. Jesse Koritar, 90th Ground Combat Training Squadron training instructor. “Correcting mistakes in a controlled environment will instill muscle memory, and effective tactical decision making will become normal.”

A machine gun lets loose from a dark window aimed for a dilapidated shack near their shelter. The sound reverberates through ribcages as they press forward to their objective.

“It’s important to break their fears,” said

Koritar. “When it comes to ‘the moment’ we don’t want them to freeze and cause the potential death of others.”

Getting the students into a normalcy of hearing gunfire and moving forward, despite inner fears, is paramount to molding a successful tactical response force and is one of the goals of ATC.

The team stacks up for their next move, communicating each other’s positions. All the while, covering down on different tactical angles, with their M4, watching for a shooter.

From a window overlooking an open courtyard, shots are fired. With the distraction from another fire team, they can move towards their objective. Passing

by windows, one member scans for possible targets, while his partner watches their back.

“Clear. Move,” Roman said after each window.

The modified shipping containers now tower overhead, blocking them from view of their counter parts in the courtyard windows.

They clear out a makeshift building, planning to move farther into the city. Lined up at the door, an Airman sends out cover fire as the team makes a run for shelter.

Pop! A plume of white smoke escapes a training improvised explosive device set off by the first Airman’s advance between two buildings.

“The first two,” said Staff Sgt. Mathew Nason, 90th GCTS training instructor. “You’re dead.”

The mission must press on.

“We get them exposed in the urban environment or with the payload transporter van so they know what to look for,” said Koritar. “The trip wire and IED training is important, it’s a simple attack and the threat is real.”

In the clouds a UH-1 Huey from Minot Air Force Base, N.D., banks to land in an open field for infiltration and exfiltration exercises down the road. Another team runs, heads tucked down, below swishing blades to load up.

Over the course of 11 days the students learned a multitude of skills, including urban operations, rappelling down a 56-foot rappel tower, helicopter operations, close quarters combat, and ...

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Senior Airman Ryan Mason II, 91st Security Support Squadron tactical response force member, and Senior Airman Kevin Freese, 341st Security Support Squadron TRF, navigate terrain during the advanced tactical course at Camp Guernsey, Wyo., June 19, 2019. The teams practiced infiltrating an enemy location and reacting to enemy fire. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Ashley N. Sokolov)

Lethal Training



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July 17

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August 2

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August 23

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