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## **90 MW Airmen visit The National Museum of the U.S. Air Force**



*Airmen from the 90th Missile Wing view the B-29 Superfortress "Bockscar" exhibit within the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force Sept. 4, 2019, at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. Bockscar was the plane that dropped the atomic bomb on Nagasaki, Japan. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Abbigayle Williams)*

The Airmen followed white arrows down a long hall and around the corner, listening to the tour guide enthusiastically talk about Air Force history. At the end of the arrows sat the expansive National Museum of the U.S. Air Force and the beginning of a two-day tour for Airmen from F.E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyo.

Personnel from F. E. Warren organized a tour Sept. 4 and 5 to the museum at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, to learn about the history of the intercontinental ballistic missile and educate Airmen on heritage while promoting teamwork.

One of the main goals for this trip was to emphasize the need for teamwork and to show how it affects the mission. Throughout the museum tour, Dr. Doug Lantry, The National Museum of the U.S. Air Force historian, and Kyle Brislan, 90th Missile Wing historian, spoke on historical events that were shaped by excellent teamwork, such as the Doolittle Raid.

"Air Force teamwork is everyone coming together to do the mission," said Capt.

Brandon Burton, 90th Operations Group nuclear missile operator. "In the museum, we see the pilots and the planes they flew, and that's what we remember. We remember the Doolittle Raiders. What we don't see are the mechanics and support staff that came together to make that mission possible. They are what Air Force teamwork is all about."

The four-hangar expansive museum is home to hundreds of exhibits across more than 19 acres of indoor viewing space.

The group was able to see aircraft such as the B-29 Superfortress named Bockscar, the B-17F Flying Fortress named Memphis Belle, and the VC-137C Air Force One (SAM 26000). Additionally, they visited the restoration hangar to learn about the preservation process and to see some of the aircraft under repair. Finally, the Airmen were able to see an Atlas missile not currently on display in the missile gallery.

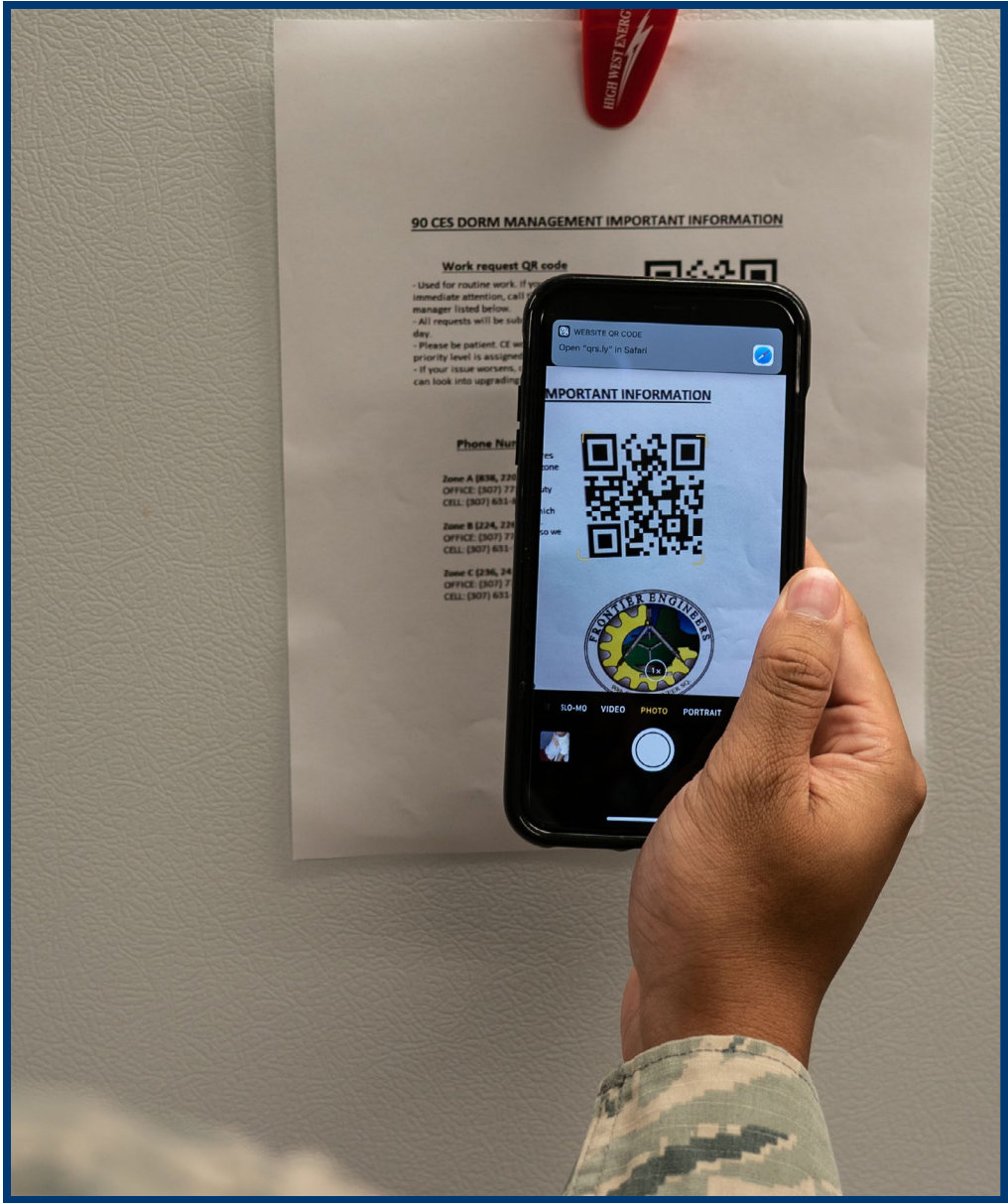
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*Intercontinental ballistic missiles sit on display at The National Museum of the U.S. Air Force Sept. 4, 2019, at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. Airmen from F.E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyo., visited the museum to learn more about the heritage of the ICBM mission. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Abbigayle Williams)*



# Airman innovates dorm work order system



Senior Airman Wil Yau, 90th Communications Squadron client systems technician from Kissimmee, Fla., demonstrates the quick response code dormitory work order process Sept. 10, 2019, at F.E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyo. Yau and the dormitory management team created an improved dorm maintenance work order process to make it more convenient for Airmen to report issues. (U.S. Air Force photo by Joseph Coslett)

Drip, drip, drip, goes a leaky sink. A leaky sink may sound like a small problem at first, but if left unattended, it could turn into dry rotting and then potential mold issues.

The dorms on F.E. Warren Air Force Base had a problem of small maintenance issues going unreported.

Dorm management recently completed a 100 percent room inspection and noticed many unreported issues needing attention and repairs.

“There seemed to be a perceived barrier for dorm residents putting in routine work orders for repairs,” said Christopher Mull, 90th Civil Engineer Squadron unaccompanied housing manager. “The current process is to call or email a dorm leader or stop into the office to put in the work order.”

According to Mull, the process seems very simple, but Airmen would rather adapt to the minor inconvenience than take the steps to turn in the work order.

Seeing an opportunity for improvement, Senior Airman Wil Yau, 90th Communications Squadron client systems technician from Kissimmee, Florida, came to the rescue with an innovative idea to mobilize the routine work order system.

Yau lived in the dorms for a year and a half and encountered minor issues like a dripping sink or a blown light bulb.

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# F. E. Warren continues Frontiercade tradition

The 90th Force Support Squadron held the annual Frontiercade Aug. 23 on the Argonne Parade Field at F.E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyoming, marking more than 25 years of an event aimed at building camaraderie and morale through several different contests.

Frontiercade allows for friendly competition between squadrons. Teams fight to be the best in events ranging from soccer, volleyball and corn hole to potato sack races and a hot dog eating contest.

“It is just a get together,” said Staff Sgt.

Ruel Abastas, 90th Force Support Squadron fitness program manager. “Everyone gets to exercise, have fun and be out in the sun.”

The day started with multicolored sweat at the 5k color run and ended with flying buffalo dung at the traditional buffalo chip toss.

“We put together an air cannon that we built out of scraps,” said 1st Lt. Landon Gardner, 90th Communications Squadron network operations officer in charge. “There was about six or seven machines that people built, including a trebuchet. People got



Airmen from the 90th Logistics Readiness Squadron compete in a game of tug-of-war on Aug. 23, 2019, during the annual Frontiercade on F. E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyo. This annual event gives Airmen and their families a chance to come together to enjoy good food, friendly sports and games. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Nicole Reed)

pretty creative and that was good to see.”

The 90th Communications Squadron

earned first place for small unit category this year, while the 90th Civil Engineer Squadron took

home first place for large unit. The 90th Maintenance Group won the buffalo chip toss contest.



Above: Three Airmen hop during a potato sack race Aug. 23, 2019, in the annual Frontiercade on F.E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyo. Along with the potato sack race, 12 other activities compiled competing squadrons into winning or losing brackets. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Ashley N. Sokolov)

Right: Two squadrons from the 90th Missile Wing go head-to-head in a game of volleyball during the annual Frontiercade event Aug. 23, 2019, at F.E. Warren Air Force Base. Each squadron competed in 12 different activities and were placed into winning or losing brackets to determine an overall first place winner. The sports and games consisted of corn hole, soccer, ultimate frisbee and even a hotdog eating competition. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Nicole Reed)



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Airman First Class Ralph Mesidor and Cody Woolett, members of the Warren Fire Department, carry the Flag of Heroes around the base parade field Sept. 11 on F. E. Warren Air Force Base. Wyo. Firefighters conducted the 24 hour vigil in firefighter gear honoring those who were killed in the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. (U.S. Air Force photo by Glenn S. Robertson)

# F. E. Warren remembers 9/11



# Bringing the challenge to Crow Creek



Security forces members from Team Guernsey show their strength during the humvee push at the annual Crow Creek Challenge Sept. 6, 2019, at F. E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyo. They pushed the heavy vehicle down the intended path before reaching a small dip in the ground they had to overcome. After a brief moment of difficulty, they gave one final heave and got the vehicle over the small ditch to complete the task. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Nicole Reed)

The sun rises over hilly fields casting warm rays on groups of Airmen gearing up to start their ruck march. Camelbaks slosh as team leaders remind everyone to hydrate in preparation for the competition.

The 90th Security Forces Group find themselves once again at the beginning of their annual Crow Creek Challenge on Sept. 6, at F. E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyoming. Over the course of the day, defenders would challenge themselves and each other, competing through physically strenuous and mentally-tasking obstacles.

The individual obstacles include fireman and litter carries, calisthenic exercises while wearing gas masks, a humvee push, mock improvised explosive device searches, and several more physical challenges.

“Each of the 14 stations are comprised of events that are exclusive to defenders and the mission we do. The knowledge and skill-set among the members will vary based on ...

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Airmen don their gas masks and complete a set of workouts to include overhead sandbag presses during the Crow Creek Challenge Sept. 6, 2019, at F. E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyo. The heavy bags were also used in other activities like a high-crawl bag toss and numerous calisthenic workouts. This obstacle was just one of many physical obstacles security forces members took part in during the challenge. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Nicole Reed)



# In our Sights

Locate and identify target. Estimate range. Estimate wind speed and direction. Adjust body, weapon, elevation and parallax. Inhale, relax. Aim. Exhale. Squeeze trigger. Call shot.

For a month, two instructors from the Fort Benning, Ga., United States Army Sniper Course assisted the Nuclear Advanced Designated Marksman Course at Camp Guernsey, Wyo.

“When dealing with the next threat, the Air Force, Marines, Navy and Army could find themselves working together in teams in the same environment,” said Staff Sgt. Christopher Rance, 199th Infantry Brigade U.S. Army Sniper Course instructor. “For us, having that same terminology, talking the same lingo will make us a lot more effective on the battlefield.”

Camp Guernsey NADM instructors are putting their course at the forefront of lethality training for Air Force snipers. They are reaching out to similar courses to gather information and create an optimal course for qualifying students.

“This course has started with 21 people and has ended with 21 people,” said Staff Sgt. Cordero Patraw, 90th Ground Combat Training Squadron course leader. “It’s the first time we have had a 100 percent pass rate.”

The NADM sniper graduates have mastered the understanding of external



Senior Airman Daniel Pierce, 90th Ground Combat Training Squadron training instructor, carries Senior Airmen Dakota Cornett, 341st Security Support Squadron tactical response force member, while rucking at the Nuclear Advanced Designated Marksman course, at Camp Guernsey, Wyo., Sept. 29, 2019. During the ruck they simulated casualties to see how members would adapt to reach their objective. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Ashley N. Sokolov)

ballistics and the science of bullet flight. Combining the knowledge allows them to deliver that devastating shot to targets at extended ranges.

“Their success in the NADM course comes from four weeks of practice and knowing how to apply the skills they learned to become deadly Airmen,” said Rance.

The current course starts with a focus on field craft, range estimation and target detection. Those maneuvers are followed by stalking and infiltration exercises, and known distance shots on a range.



Senior Airman Dillion Bruce, 90th Security Support Squadron tactical response force member, sets up his final shot at the Nuclear Advanced Designated Marksman course, at Camp Guernsey, Wyo., Sept. 29, 2019. For their final shot, students had two minutes to get into position, estimate target range, adjust for external factors and hit a stationary hostile target within one degree of friendly forces. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Ashley N. Sokolov)

Lastly, the course wraps up testing individuals’ gained knowledge of external ballistics and science of bullet flight. To test the students, the last day starts with a ruck march to strain muscles and nerves followed by their final shot.

“Their final shot is a timed test,” said Patraw. “The student has to get into position, estimate an unknown distance, then engage a stationary hostile target within one degree of friendly forces.”

With big goals, the course is looking to expand their abilities to include additional training for day and night operations for counter sniper exercises and aerial interdiction sniper teams, as well as, a seven-day winter expansion course to cover tactics in inclement weather for trained snipers.

“These are not included in the U.S. Marine Corps or Army courses,” said Patraw. “Having these things would set us apart from existing courses, which would allow for attendance from all of the Department of Defense.”

The students leave the course as a trained sniper, qualified on two weapon systems, with the opportunity to attend a potential five to seven-day winter course.

“We took a lot of things from our Army course, tested some new stuff out, and created the most lethal sniper class the Air Force has ever produced,” said Rance.



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Calendar of Events

**FEW Iron Chef Competition**  
October 15

**3rd Quarter Awards**  
November 1

**ALS Graduation**  
November 6

*\* Event attendance is by invitation only.  
For more information or to RSVP to awards and promotion ceremonies, contact Public Affairs at (307) 773-3381 or email [90MW.PA@us.af.mil](mailto:90MW.PA@us.af.mil).  
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# Look Out for Animals When Driving



The black-footed ferret is an endangered animal.  
They and many other animals call military installations their home.

Beaware of all animals crossing the road while you are driving.