

Citizen Airman stands alert with the 90th Missile Wing

Capt. Javon Quarles, 321st Missile Squadron missileer, stood alert 283 times in his four years on active duty.

As an Air Force reservist, though, Quarles stood alert for the second time Dec. 18, 2019 at a missile alert facility near Dix, Nebraska.

For close to 60 years, nuclear and missile operation officer positions were off-limits to reservists, who serve in more than 200 other career fields. Those who left active duty as 13N nuclear and missile officers to join the Reserve were unable to stay in that occupation and had to retrain into other career fields. That changed Oct. 26, 2019.

“Citizen Airmen missileers can continue to be fully combat mission ready and support nuclear deterrence operations just like their active-duty counterparts,” said Brig. Gen. Erich Novak, mobilization assistant to the commander of 20th Air Force, F.E. Warren AFB, Wyoming.

One role of these Citizen Airmen is filling active-duty manning slots through the Individual Mobilization Augmentee Reserve program. The program complements active duty units through the assignment of IMAs to train and operate with those units. In the case of the missileers, they join their units with considerable experience already, making them able to step in and provide assistance at a moment’s notice, while helping to ensure the deterrence mission is conducted by expected standards.

“By having a cadre of Reserve missileers available to support the transition to Ground Based Strategic Deterrence, Missile Wings will be able to ensure the lethal, safe, and sure requirements of Minuteman and GBSW weapon systems,” said Col. Robert Jackson, IMA to the Director of Operations and Communications for 20th Air Force.

To those that would be concerned that utilizing reserve manning in crucial positions like missileers, though, leaders are quick to point out that these Airmen are



Capt. Javon Quarles, 321st Missile Squadron mission combat crew commander, responds to a message during his second alert as an individual mobilization augmentee. Quarles served 4 years on active duty with the 321st MS and transitioned into the Air Force Reserve earlier this year. (U. S. Air Force photo by Glenn S. Robertson)

ready to stand alert.

“13N Reserve IMAs are required to meet established proficiency, currency, Missile Operations Duty (MOD) medical, and Personnel Reliability Program requirements,” said Lt. Col. Amy Grant, 321 MS Commander. “Maintaining the stringent readiness requirements means 13N IMAs must spend a portion of each duty tour getting “green,” or ensuring proficiency, before performing alert or instructor duties.”

The familiarity with the occupation and the experience gained from 253 alerts spent in the capsule will help ensure that Quarles will effectively support the nuclear deterrence mission as a citizen Airman.

“Although he chose to leave active duty to pursue other life goals, we retain the benefit of his experience and expertise through part-time service and he has the opportunity to continue his service—it’s a win-win for both the Air Force and Capt. Quarles,” said Grant.

Quarles served as a missileer with the

“Greentails” of the 321 MS during his time on active duty, and the ability to transfer to reserves while being attached to the same unit has helped ease the transition. That transition from active duty to the reserves has helped Quarles appreciate more of what missileers do on a daily basis.

“When I first came in, I was amazed that the Air Force was letting me do this. But like with any job, it can become your day to day and it doesn’t feel as special,” said Quarles. “Now that I’m out, I feel like I’ve regained that sense of appreciation, especially coming back and seeing the people who do this every day. I feel like I’m a lot more grateful to them for what they’re doing.”

As a civilian, Quarles is pursuing his juris doctorate at the University of Colorado in Boulder. For now, however, he serves four to five days a month training and pulling alert while he works toward his goal of being an attorney.

Global Strike Command stands up helicopter detachment



Lt. Col. Mary Clark takes the Detachment 7 guidon from Brig. Gen. Andrew Gebara during the assumption of command ceremony at Duke Field, Fla., Dec. 18, 2019. The new Air Force Global Strike Command unit is responsible for testing and evaluating the MH-139A, the first acquisition for the command. (U.S. Air Force photo/Sam King Jr.)

All in a day's work

Two defenders from the 790th Missile Security Forces Squadron were awarded Air Force Commendation Awards at a ceremony Nov. 15, 2019, in the base theater on F. E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyoming.

Airmen 1st Class Christopher Horton and Christian Reid, 790th MSFS Foxtrot Flight Night Alarm Response Team, were recognized for their efforts in rescuing a family in need during a house fire Nov. 7, in Dix, Nebraska.

The two Airmen noticed the house fire, then made contact with a neighbor who notified local authorities, according to Maj. Jaroslaw Zrodowski, 790 MSFS commander. When on scene, they gathered information on the four family members and three pets still inside the house, then notified the family and evacuated them from



Airman 1st Class Christian Reid, 790th MSFS Defender, displays his recently earned Air Force Commendation Award 1 during a ceremony Nov. 15, 2019, at the Base Theater on F. E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyo. Horton received the commendation for actions taken in rescuing a family in danger of a house fire Nov. 7 in Dix, Nebraska. Reid was recognized alongside his teammate, Airman 1st Class Christopher Horton. (Air Force photo by Glenn S. Robertson)

the house. After they evacuated the family, they stayed on scene to assist firefighters as they arrived. "Only one firefighter showed up at first, and we helped him by

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Top Chefs found at DFAC

A USO celebrity chef tour cooking competition

For enthusiasts of cooking competitions such as “Chopped” or “Top Chef”, things heated up at the Chadwell Dining Facility during a friendly competition as Airmen from 90th Force Support Squadron Chadwell Dining Facility and ICBM Feeding Operations dished up their best entree with three celebrity chefs as mentors during the USO’s Celebrity Chef Tour Oct. 15, 2019, at F. E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyoming.

Master Sgt. James Bruhl, 90th Force Support Squadron Chadwell Dining facility manager, said the chefs are traveling across the U.S. to boost morale at various military installations, meeting with service members and holding cooking competitions. F. E. Warren AFB was the first stop on the tour.

The celebrity chefs David Viana, Kevin Scharpf and Justin Sutherland, were all contestants on season 16 on Bravo’s “Top Chef”.



The event kicked off as the mystery ingredient, lamb, was unveiled to the contestants and judges.

With slabs of meat in hand, the competitors briskly walked into the kitchen, huddling into their teams to begin planning as the one-hour timer began to tick away.

The teams named The Startled Koalas, Kitchen Regulators and Chop It Like It’s Hot, were comprised of five Airmen each and one celebrity chef mentor. The goal was to create six portions of a dish, from scratch, with their mystery ingredient as the focus. Additionally, the teams were not allowed to use any technology or written recipes, as the final dish had to be unique.



Each dish was ranked individually by the five judges based on texture and doneness, taste and tenderness, creativity and originality, and portion and nutrition balance. The scores were tallied together for a final total.

The judging panel consisted of Col. Peter Bonetti, 90th Missile Wing commander, Col. Carolyn Ammons, 90th Mission Support Group commander, Chief Master Sgt. Charles Hoffman, Air Force Global Strike Command command chief, Col. Scott Fox (Ret.) and Carolyn Rouchard, Adopt and Airman Program coordinator.

In addition to boosting morale, Ammons said



having the chefs here was extremely educational for the Airmen involved.

“This is good practice for when they deploy,” said Ammons. “It develops new skills and techniques before they go out and essentially run a whole kitchen in a missile field.”

Each team received glowing reviews from each of the judges such as “I never met a Brussels sprout I liked, but these were amazing,” however only one team could win.

Team three, Chop It Like It’s Hot, won the competition with their orecchiette pasta and lamb stew, with Chef Kevin Scharpf as the mentor. The winning Airmen, Senior Airman Angela Bolanos, Senior Airman Tejah Ellis, Airman 1st Class Jonathan Cunningham, Airman Jasmine Moore and Airman Sharon Zayzay, received a coin from the commander and a two-day pass.

The entire event was streamed live into dining facility for supporters, fans and the judges to watch.



JA builds bridges in local community

Nearly 50 members of the Ewing T. Kerr chapter of the American Inns of Court, as well as two barristers from the U.K., attended an immersion tour Nov. 8, 2019, at F. E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyoming, to engage with Air Force judge advocates and learn about the installation's mission.

Organized by Capt. Jacob Smith, Chief of Civil Law, and led by Lt. Col. Sam Kidd, Staff Judge Advocate for the 90th Missile Wing, the wing's legal professionals opened the doors to the base, offering a view of the ICBM mission as well as the responsibilities of judge advocates in the Air Force.

"The American Inns of Court's mission is to inspire the legal community in advancing the rule of law by achieving the highest level of professionalism through example, education and mentoring," said Tyler J. Garrett, president of the Ewing T. Kerr chapter. "Building meaningful relationships with our legal counterparts in the F. E. Warren JAG office achieves that mission."

Beginning with an introduction to the base courtroom, Kidd gave a short explanation of the responsibilities of a military attorney while explaining some of the differences between military and civilian justice. Shifting from legal to operations, the guests were then shuttled to the Missile Procedures Trainer, where the 90th Operations Support Squadron gave them the sense of what it means to be a missileer. After learning about the ICBM mission, the group went to the base's Trails End Club for dinner and a more in-depth explanation of the numerous responsibilities of a staff judge advocate, both at an installation



Capt. Amanda Schuyler, from the 90th Operations Support Squadron, explains the Missile Procedures Trainers to a visiting group from the local chapter of the American Inns of Court during a tour on base Nov. 7, 2019, on F. E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyo. Members of the Inns of Court included justices from the state supreme court, law professors from the University of Wyoming, and local attorneys. The tour was intended to promote stronger relationships between the base legal professionals and their local civilian counterparts. (U.S. Air Force photo by Glenn S. Robertson).

and in an deployed status.

"I truly appreciated Major Call's discussion of his role as legal advisor while deployed in Afghanistan," said Stephen Easton, Professor of Law at the University of Wyoming. "It was a wonderful reminder of how critical a lawyer's role as counselor can be and also a reminder of the sacrifices made by those in uniform, including JAG officers."

The tour was an opportunity not just to familiarize members of the local legal community with the mission of the 90th Missile Wing and the Judge Advocate General's Corps, but also a chance to build

bridges and cooperative opportunities with those individuals.

"The more we make local community leaders aware of the role the wing plays in our national security and the better our relationships are, we will be able to more effectively overcome operational challenges that require cooperation from the local community," Kidd said.

This is one of several tours and local engagements that the JA office has scheduled or conducted, and the judge advocates plan to continue building bridges with the local legal community.



A visiting group from the local chapter of the American Inns of Court poses with members of the 90th Missile Wing's judge advocates during a tour on base Nov. 7, 2019, on F. E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyo. Members of the Inns of Court included justices from the state supreme court, law professors from the University of Wyoming, and local attorneys. The tour was intended to promote stronger relationships between the base legal professionals and their local civilian counterparts. (U.S. Air Force photo by Glenn S. Robertson).



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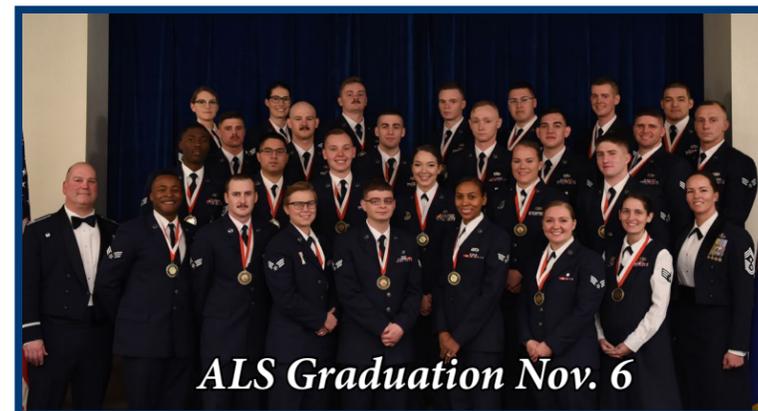
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February 7

ALS Graduation
February 12

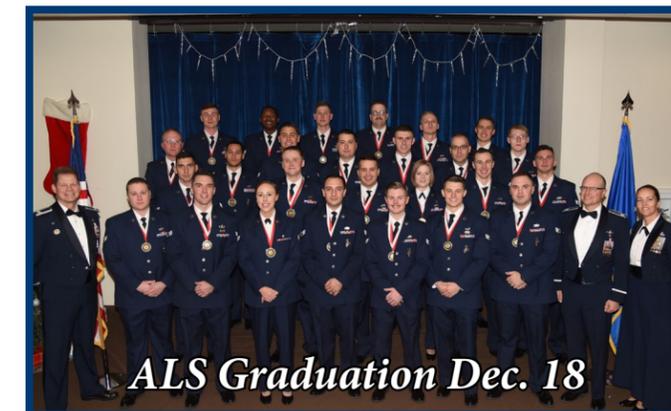
Annual Awards
February 22

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ALS Graduation Nov. 6



ALS Graduation Dec. 18



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