



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS AIR FORCE GLOBAL STRIKE COMMAND

Welcome to the Air Force Global Strike Command Team! We're sure you and your family will enjoy being part of Barksdale AFB and the Shreveport-Bossier City community. Its strong support and gracious hospitality for our Airmen is well-known throughout the Air Force. As you undertake Global Strike Command's special mission, we are committed to making your transition as easy and as smooth as possible.

Our mission is to develop and provide combat ready forces for nuclear deterrence and global strike operations -- safe, secure, and effective -- to support the President of the United States and Combatant Commanders. We have an extraordinarily important mission that requires contributions by every Airman on the team; work that demands the utmost trust, respect and discipline. Your entire senior Air Force and national leadership are proud of you and what you do every day, and our success depends upon you, and what you bring to Air Force Global Strike Command.

As you transition to this new assignment, we encourage you to take full advantage of the support services available here. One of your first stops after arrival should be Barksdale's Airman and Family Readiness Center, which provides a wide variety of services and programs for you and your family. In addition, check out Military HOMEFRONT--the official Department of Defense website for Military Community and Family Policy (MC&FP) program information, policy and guidance designed to help troops and their families, leaders, and service providers. Their website is www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil. Click on the *Military Installations* link to get specific information about Barksdale and the surrounding community.

Again, welcome to the Global Strike Command Team! I am proud to serve with you in this exceptional and important mission.


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