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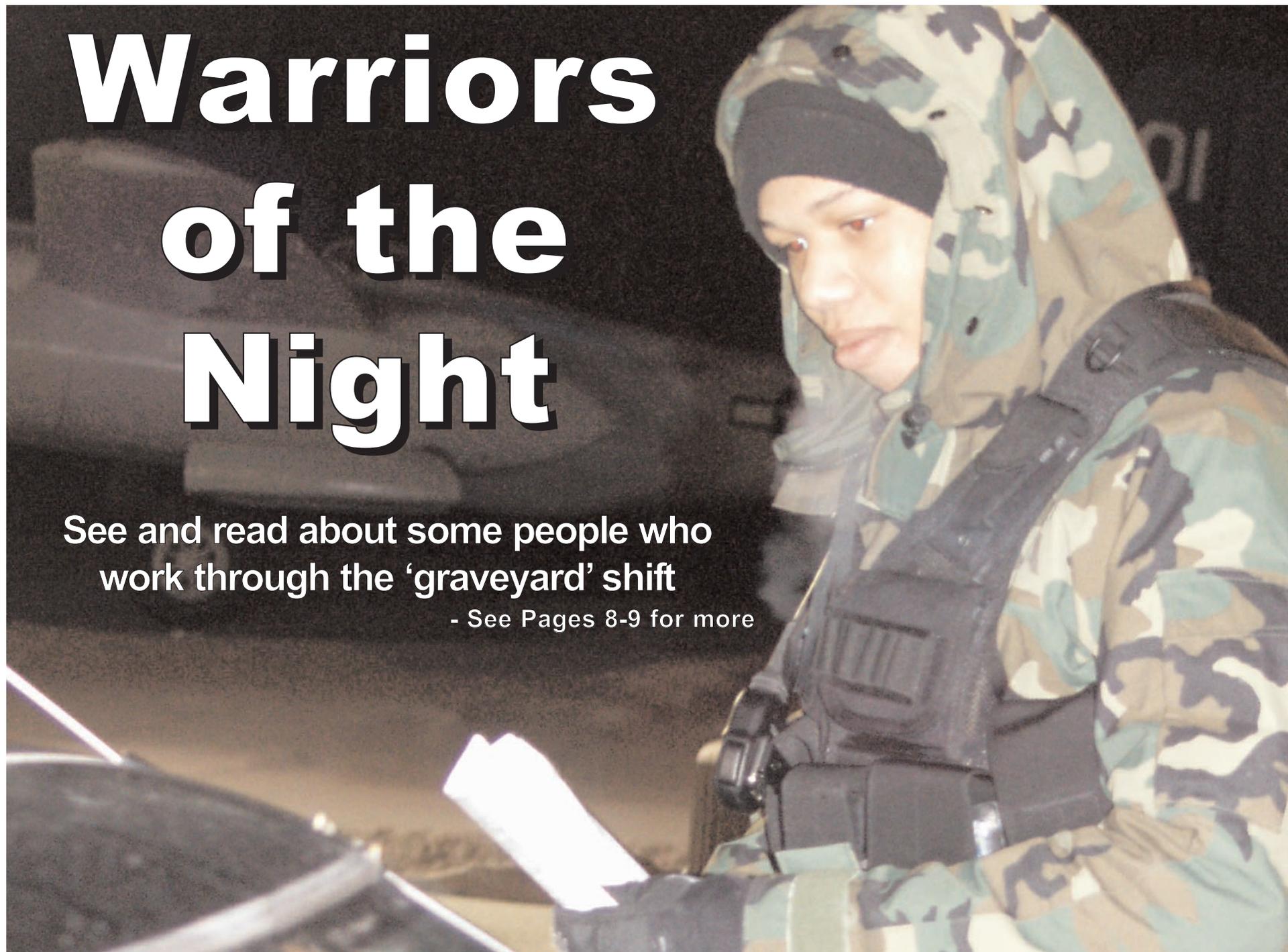
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Warriors of the Night

See and read about some people who
work through the 'graveyard' shift

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319th Air Refueling Wing ♦ Warriors of the North

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Weekend weather

Today	28/10	Partly cloudy
Saturday	28/12	Partly cloudy
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Monday	31/15	Partly cloudy



Weather information courtesy
319th Operations Support Squadron weather flight

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Seeing night shift from a different view

By Staff Sgt. Scott Sturkol
Public affairs

With the exception of a six-month hiatus for a deployment, I have spent at least one day a week over the past year and a half working on the side for an off-base pizza establishment.

As a pizza delivery person delivering the bulk of your orders on base, I get a good idea what happens late-night here. On the one weekend day I work, I'll do deliveries to base housing, dormitories, and many work places where those blessed enough to work the graveyard shift get their midnight munchies.

Over the course of time you meet a lot of interesting people. So many people in fact that they remember you no matter where you are.

In the first month that I was deployed last year to Southwest Asia, I was walking over to the Combined Air Operations Center where I worked for some night work.

The security forces member working the gate there asked me something I never thought I'd hear there. While he was checking my identification card, he asked, "Aren't you the pizza guy?"

Turned out the security forces

person was from Grand Forks Air Force Base and was deployed there with a team from this base. I have to say that was kind of weird. I can understand being recognized as the public affairs guy there, but the pizza guy?

If you haven't figured it out already, security forces people are one of those groups of people who work 24 hours a day, seven days a week. When you deliver pizzas, you get to know them all pretty well.

Most pizza delivery places, from my experience, don't open until it's almost evening. Therefore, the pizza delivery experience on base is almost always an after-hours thing.

I've seen people pulled over for speeding, people having birthday parties at their homes, and most importantly, people working long hours at their jobs in places like the command post, fire department, base operations and weather, the tool cribs, and, of course, security forces.

And just so you know, other people notice pizza drivers too. I found that out soon after I arrived here in 1999. In December that year, I accompanied the wing commander, Col. (now Brig. Gen.) Rusty Findley, on his rounds as he handed out stripes to people selected for pro-

motion under the Stripes for Exceptional Performers.

One of the people receiving stripes that day was (now retired) Master Sgt. Chris Engler. Sergeant Engler worked at the 912th Air Refueling Squadron then, and later at the 319th Mission Support Squadron.

The setup for his receiving his new stripes was a morning "squadron briefing" with the wing commander. As the meeting broke, the wing commander was talking about speeders on base and how one individual in the squadron (meaning Sergeant Engler) was seen speeding throughout the base while he was delivering pizzas.

When Sergeant Engler was confronted on the issue by the colonel, the look on his face was priceless. And the fact he remained speechless was even better. Eventually, the real reason the meeting was called was revealed to him, but Sergeant Engler's exploits as a pizza delivery guy also show who's watching -- the wing commander. I joke with Sergeant Engler on that very same thing every time we work together and yes, he is still doing it too.

Working at night has its own unique environment and it takes

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Action Line



Photo by Staff Sgt. Scott Sturkol

Col. Mark Ramsay
319th Air Refueling Wing commander

The Action Line is your avenue for information about events and activities on and around the base. For questions about current events or rumors, call 747-4522 and leave a message. Questions will be answered in the order they are received.

Colonel Ramsay's next town hall meeting is March 11 at 7 p.m. in the base theater. People interested in submitting topics and questions should submit them through the Action Line at 747-4522.

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Cover

Airman 1st Class Terrence Spiller, 319th Security Forces Squadron, waits for a driver to present an identification card at the main gate. Airman Spiller was working night shift duty for his unit. There are many Warriors of the North who work the night shift and this issue focuses on only a few of them. Others will be recognized in future issues of The Leader.

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Winter Bash events set for Saturday

The base's annual winter carnival, the Winter Bash, takes place Saturday. Everyone is invited to attend and join in on the fun. Following is a schedule of events for the Bash.

- ❑ **9 a.m.** -- Three-on-three basketball tournament starts at the sports and fitness center.
- ❑ **10 a.m.** -- Youth activities at Liberty Square begin.
- ❑ **10:30 a.m.** -- Honorary commander induction ceremony in the Northern Lights Club.
- ❑ **11 a.m. to 3 p.m.** -- Sleigh rides around the ball and soccer fields.
- ❑ **11 a.m. to 1 p.m.** -- **FREE** winter bash lunch at the Northern Lights Club. They will be serving sloppy joes, chips, soda and chocolate chip cookies.
- ❑ **11 a.m. to noon** -- Dakota Science Exhibition at Liberty Square.
- ❑ **Noon** -- Ice-skating at outdoor rink behind youth center starts.
- ❑ **1 p.m.** -- Children's bingo at the Northern Lights Club starts.
- ❑ **2 p.m.** -- Smooshing races take place on the east side of Liberty Square. Rules, materials and registration are at the youth center.
- ❑ **2 p.m.** -- Longest drive contest on the simulator starts at Plainsview Golf Course.
- ❑ **2:30 pm** -- Gymnastics demonstration at the sports and fitness center field house.
- ❑ **3 p.m.** -- Frosty Sailor Boat Race at base pool starts. Rules, materials and registration for event are at community activities center.
- ❑ **6 p.m.** -- Galaxy bowling at Dakota



Photo courtesy 319th Services Squadron marketing and publicity
Children play bingo during the 2003 Winter Bash in the Northern Lights Club.

Lanes Bowling Center starts.

Also taking place is a pool tournament at the Warrior Airmen Recreation Center and a snow carving contest with displays throughout base.

(Courtesy 319th Services Squadron)

Twining gymnasium opens



Photos by Staff Sgt. Scott T. Sturkol

(Above) Dr. Mark Sanford, superintendent of schools for Grand Forks School District, talks to more than 500 people attending the Nathan R. Twining Elementary and Middle School gym dedication ceremony Tuesday. (Below) Mr. Mark McLaurin, vocal teacher, Mr. Paul Boese, band teacher, Mr. Ryan Nordlund, physical education and health teacher, and Ms. Suzanne Olafson, orchestra teacher, sing a special version of "God Bless America" to end the ceremony. The new gymnasium at Twining was recently completed at a cost of \$2.6 million.



CMSAF all-call

There will be an all-call with Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald Murray from 10 to 11 a.m. today in the three-bay hangar. This is a mandatory formation for all Warriors of the North.

School board applications

The Grand Forks Air Force Base School Board is accepting applications for a new board member. Applications can be picked up and dropped off at the family support center, education center, Eielson Elementary School, and Twining Elementary and Middle School. Deadline for the applications is Feb. 27.

Air Force Assistance Fund

The Air Force Assistance Fund campaign began Monday.

Every tax-deductible contribution generated goes directly to emergency assistance programs, such as the Air Force Aid Society. Contributors may designate their contributions to one or more of the four charities. Chosen charities receive 100 percent of AFAF contributions. In 2003, Grand Forks Air Force Base members contributed \$25,314 to the AFAF and its airmen received \$212,485 in assistance in return. With help, the AFAF campaign will be more successful this year, and as a result, continue to provide assistance to programs here.

Briefs

"This is truly an airmen helping airmen program," said 2nd Lt. Lance Goette, one of the project officers for the base drive. "Let's take care of our own."

For details call your unit representative, Capt. Dean Ramsett or Goette at 747-4045 or 747-4521.

Tunes for Troops donations

Tunes for Troops is a base program designed to use music to raise the morale of our troops in forward deployed locations. Help this drive become a success by donating music compact discs you don't need anymore. Collection bins can be found at all the individual squadrons.

Contact a squadron representative or first sergeant for details. One exception, they cannot accept any "burned" CDs due to copyright laws. For details call Senior Airman Aaron LeRoy at 747-3254 or 747-3866.

Volunteer award applications

The Community Action Information Board is accepting nominations on behalf of the wing commander for the 2003 Air Force Volunteer Excellence Award. Nominations can be submitted to the family support center through Feb. 27. For details call 747-3241.

Additional tax volunteers

The base tax center needs additional volunteer income tax assistance representatives. They are seeking people who can devote one or two half days per week to the tax center through April 15. For details call 747-3606.

Guard recruiter on base

Are you interested in transferring to the Air National Guard? An in-service ANG recruiter will be on station and available to answer questions or process Palace Chase applications until March 10.

The Air National Guard representative is located in Building 408 (319th Logistics Readiness Squadron headquarters). Also, the base Air Force Reserve representative is located in Building 101 (military personnel flight building). For details call 747-4577.

Enlisted Spouses Club

The next Enlisted Spouses Club meeting is 7 p.m. Monday in the community activities center. During the meeting, members will be sampling wines and tasting chocolates. *Note: You must be 21 years of age to drink and an identification card will be required. Non-alcoholic beverages and designated drivers will be provided.* If anyone attending has a favorite chocolate dish they want to share, just bring it in, but don't forget the recipe. For details call Tracy Carter at 747-4518.

Airman found guilty of drug charges

On Feb. 10, Airman 1st Class Robert D. Kline, 319th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, was convicted in a general court-martial of one specification of failure, without authority, to go at the time

prescribed to his appointed place of duty, in violation of Article 86 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice along with several drug charges.

Airman Kline was convicted of one specification of wrongful use of marijuana on divers occasions, one specification of wrongful possession of ecstasy, one specification of wrongful distribution of mari-

juana on divers occasions, and one specification of wrongful distribution of ecstasy, all in violation of Article 112a of the UCMJ.

He was also convicted of one specification of wrongfully and willfully contributing to the delinquency of four minors by providing marijuana to them and using marijuana with one of them in violation of

Article 134 of the UCMJ. Airman Kline was convicted of an additional charge and specification of wrongful use of marijuana in violation of Article 112a of the UCMJ.

He was sentenced to a bad conduct discharge, confinement for 16 months, and reduction to the grade of E-1 or airman basic.

Courtesy base legal office

Base theater

Today, 7 p.m.

Disney's Teacher's Pet (PG)

Disney's *Teacher's Pet* is the animated story of a talking dog named Spot (Nathan Lane) who has taught himself to read. Wanting to further his education and experience new adventures, he disguises himself as a boy and sneaks into the school attended by his master, Leonard (Shaun Flemming).



Saturday, 7 p.m.

Chasing Liberty (PG-13)

Anna Foster (Mandy Moore) is just like any other 18-year-old, but there's one problem -- she's the only daughter of the president of the United States (Mark Harmon). She manages to escape her security detail with the help of a handsome stranger (Matthew Goode), and the two start an adventurous whirlwind romance while trekking across Europe.

Feb. 27, 7 p.m.

Along Came Polly (PG-13)

Feb. 28, 7 p.m.

Big Fish (PG-13)

Tickets: \$1.50 children, \$3 adults
For details, call 747-3021/6123.

Base chapel

CATHOLIC:

Mass: 9 a.m. Sunday, Sunflower Chapel

Weekday Mass: 11:30 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, Sunflower Chapel



Reconciliation: 8:30 to 8:45 a.m. Sunday, or by appointment, Sunflower Chapel

CCD: 10:45 a.m. Sunday, at Twining Elementary. For details on adult education call Jane Hutzol at 747-3073.

PROTESTANT:

Traditional Worship: 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Sunflower Chapel

Contemporary Worship: 6 p.m. Sunday, at Prairie Rose Chapel

Sunday School: 9 a.m. Sunday, at Eielson Elementary School

PYOC: 4 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. Sunday, at the youth center

PWOC Bible Study: 7 p.m. Monday, in the Prairie Rose Chapel conference room

Men of the Chapel Bible Study: Noon Monday, in the Prairie Rose Chapel conference room

Young Adults: 6 p.m. Friday, at Chaplain (Capt.) Brian Swain's home. For details call 747-6468.

JEWISH:

Call Synagogue B'nai Israel at 775-5124 for details.

RUSSIAN/EASTERN ORTHODOX:

Call Dr. Levitov at 780-6540 for details.

MUSLIM, BUDDHIST, OTHER:

Call 747-5673 for details.

Sports shorts

WINTER BASH 3-ON-3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT: Sign up your team no later than noon today for Saturday's basketball tournament starting at 9 a.m. at the Sports and Fitness center.

There is a maximum of four people per team. The game is open to military, family members, and DOD civilians.

VARSITY GAME: The base varsity basketball team will be playing the Minot Air Force Base varsity basketball team Saturday and Sunday in the sports and fitness center. Call 747-3384 for details.

THREE - ON - THREE BASKETBALL: Every Saturday there are three-on-three basketball games for children ages 9 to 18. Children pick their own

teams of three and participate. The games begin at 7 p.m. for children ages 9 to 12 and 9 p.m. for ages 13 to 18.

SOCCER MEETING: There is an indoor soccer parents meeting Monday at 5:30 p.m. For details call youth programs at 747-3150.

COACHES CERTIFICATION: Coaches certification for indoor soccer is Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. For details call youth programs at 747-3150.

GETTING SERIOUS: Do you excel in boxing, bowling, cross country, golf, fencing, rugby, shooting, tae kwon do, triathlon, racquetball, track and field, wrestling, mens or womens basketball, soccer, softball, or volleyball? Then meet the Challenge of the Air Force Sports program.

For details call the sports and fitness center at 747-3384.



Photo by Airman Patrice Clarke

Passing by

The Air Force-sponsored NASCAR race car, driven by Ricky Rudd, was featured in downtown Grand Forks Saturday in the Grand Cities Mall. Patron's were allowed to take pictures with the car and pick up information about joining the Air Force.

Night watch: Warriors stand ready in dark half of day

Base security forces adapt to nightlife

By Airman Patrice Clarke
Public affairs

At 5:30 p.m., the alarm goes off in Airman 1st Class Nathan Lane's bedroom.

He hits the snooze button and closes his eyes to get that last seven minutes of sleep. Grudgingly Airman Lane rolls out of bed and prepares for his day. His uniform is already pressed on the hanger just waiting for him to put it on.

His day doesn't start at 7:30 a.m. like a majority of Air Force members. His day begins at 7:30 p.m., and, like many of the 319th Security Forces Squadron members here, he wouldn't have it any other way.

Ask any one of the squadron members and they'll tell you the 319th SFS has its hand full no matter what the season or time of day. But, according to Tech Sgt. Kyle Skovlund, 319th SFS flight sergeant, a lot seems to happen at night and especially during the winter.

"That's the main reason why I like working the nightshift -- it's where all the action is," said Airman Lane. "It just depends

on where you're working that night to what kind of excitement you'll see."

Sergeant Skovlund suggested that many base disturbances occur due to winter "cabin fever."

"Winter has that affect on people," Sergeant Skovlund said. "When people spend a lot of time inside, domestic disturbances seem to rise."

On a 12-hour evening shift, there are many different places a security forces member might end up working. Security forces work cycles run on a "three days at work, two days off, two days at work, three days off" schedule, Sergeant Skovlund said. Every member rotates throughout the squadron at a different post every night. Posts range include installation security and patrolling, guarding the gates, flightline security, and working the security forces desk.

Sergeant Skovlund said many of the calls and situations they respond to during the night provides them with some interesting experiences.

"We have seen just about anything that can happen, but that's why we are out here providing that nighttime security," he said.

For other security forces members, the night shift is celebrated because of the silence and serenity.

"I love working nights because the base is quieter," said Airman 1st Class Terriance Spiller, security forces apprentice. "It's the same amount of work, but it's just a lot more laid back."

"I also like it because I can catch up on my sleep during the day and it's quiet in the dorms where the only thing you hear is the vacuums," Airman Spiller said.

Staff Sgt. Jason Perkins, security forces journeyman, said the most important thing when working the nightshift is your sleep schedule. North Dakota Army National Guard Spc. Tyler Gisvold, who was called up to augment the 319th SFS, said getting adjusted to the sleeping

schedule was the hardest thing for him. "It took me about six months to get adjusted to going to bed during the daytime," Specialist Gisvold said. "I was so trained to go to bed at night that it was incredibly hard to switch over. "The problem I have now is with my time off," Specialist Gisvold said. "I don't know what to do with my night off."

Some of the security forces say their family members make working nights a little more work, but not in a bad way. "You just have to give a little extra to your home life," said Airman 1st Class Bryan Lewis, security forces apprentice. "I have a 3-year-old son and I just have to condition myself to get up earlier to spend time with him."

"My married life doesn't suffer because I work nights," said Senior Airman Casey Garnsey, installation entry controller. "My husband is a security forces member who works the dayshift. We have our days off together which really works out. That way it's new every time we come home because it seems like we haven't seen each other in a long time."

North Dakota Army National Guard Sgt. Edward Pergotski, who was also called up to help several months ago, has a wife and three children. He said he couldn't be happier about the schedule.

"My wife works days and we get the evenings together before I go to work," Sergeant Pergotski said. "Also, my flight is a good group of people to work with, which makes night's that much easier."

Staff Sgt. Jason Perkins, installation patrolman, gave some parting advice for people just starting on a nightshift.

"You need to try to stay on a schedule no matter what," he said. "It doesn't matter whether it's your off day or not, stay on a schedule."



Photo by Airman Patrice Clarke

A 319th Security Forces Squadron vehicle is parked on the flightline during a night shift.



Photo by Airman Patrice Clarke

Senior Airman Shane Larson, 319th Security Forces Squadron, helps a customer with a pass at the guard shack at the main gate during a recent night shift.

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a dedicated individual to work through the slow times and keep up with the fast times.

As a pizza guy, I can tell you I've seen many, many Warriors of the North do their jobs extraordinarily well in all kinds of weather and situations at the loneliest hours of the day.

My hat, and often my heart, goes out to those night warriors.

I'm glad to have the opportunity to meet with them no matter where I am and, how late I

am out because they are doing a job few others can do and do as well as them. To all of you who work the night shift -- thanks and maybe I'll see you around with a pizza in hand.

A firefighter's night shift goes all day

By Airman Patrice Clarke
Public affairs

A firefighter's nightshift duty starts and ends at 7:45 a.m. With that in mind, they have to make their place of work a home away from home.

Base firefighters in the run on a day-on, day-off schedule where they have to reside in the fire station for 24 hours. At any time, day or night, you'll see firefighters working on equipment or catching up on career development coursework.

According to fire crew chief Staff Sgt. Tim Carr, firefighters have a normal duty day from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and then it's downtime. During that downtime, they catch up on a variety of things while at the same time staying ready for emergency response.

"When we are having slow times, most of the young airmen spend a majority of their time working on upgrade training

while the flight chiefs work primarily on their paperwork," Carr said.

The fire department is actually designed to be a home away from home. The main station house has a full kitchen with pizza ovens and stove. It also boasts a movie room with eight recliners and a big screen television. There is an exercise/weight room, a game room, and a dorm area for sleeping.

Carr said firefighters can even bring their families to the fire station.

"We have firefighters who bring their family members to the fire department to fix dinner and to spend time with them," said Sergeant Carr.

A day off gives firefighters the time away from the fire department they need. "The schedule actually works out because it opens up the day off to do so much," said firefighter Staff Sgt. Josh Thompson.

No matter, holidays or weekends the base fire



Photo by Airman Patrice Clarke

Airman 1st Class William Fry, fire protection specialist, works on a fire truck at the main fire station.

department sticks to the schedule.

"I love having the day off because I can go golfing on a Wednesday, and a lot of people can't do that," Thompson said.

The best part, according to the majority of firefighters, is the ability to be able to go to appointments when no one else is there.

"If I need to go to

finance, you won't have to go during rush peak hours because you have the whole day off," said Staff Sgt. Jeffery Kimball, fire protection craftsman.

There is another part of the fire department that is run 24 hours a day, but not by the same person all day, and that's the fire alarm control center.

Every fire alarm on base

is connected to a system which runs into the control center. When the fire department gets calls, they receive them there.

The system must be monitored at all times.

"The control room has to be manned all day, everyday," said firefighter Senior Airman Andy Jasken. "The room is manned in three 8 hour shifts with at least one person in the room at all times."

Firefighters rotate through the control center about every six months.

"It's harder to adjust to eight-hour shifts, but it's alright because I get to go home every day," Airman Jasken said.

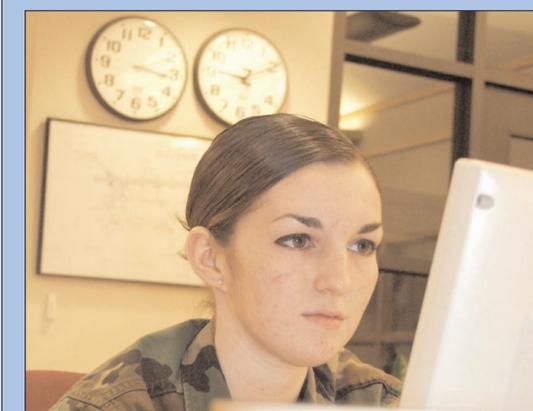
Whether the base firefighters are working the control center or sleeping in the dorm area, there still at work until they are relieved at 7:45 the next morning.

"We're here and ready all the time," Sergeant Carr said. "Our nightshift is one shift and we do like what we do."

Others on duty

(Left) Airman 1st Class Shannon Cromwell, 319th Operations Support Squadron, works at the base operations desk.

(Right) Staff Sgt. Mark Hendrickson, 319th OSS weather flight forecaster, uses a tool to determine cloud elevation.



Community

Today

HOME BUYING SEMINAR: The family support center hosts this seminar from 1 to 4 p.m. Subjects discussed include if a person is ready for a mortgage, gathering information on the buying process, terminology, loan options, closing costs, inspections and more. Call 747-6435 to sign up.

Saturday

WAR PARTY: The Warrior Airmen Recreation Center is sponsoring a free "Hip Hop" night from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m.

The snack bar will be open but the rest of the rooms in the center will be closed. This event is

open to all military, senior airmen and below.

Monday

NEW LUNCH OPTION: The Plainsview Golf Course snack bar now offers pasta and meatballs on their Monday menu from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$5.95.

Tuesday

DEBT REDUCTION CLASS: The family support center offers this class from 9 to 11 a.m. Find out helpful tips for reducing your debt. Call 747-6437 to sign up.

CHESS, CHECKERS TOURNAMENT:

There is a preteen chess and checkers tournament tonight at 5:30 p.m. for ages 9 to 12 in the youth center. The event is free to all who attend. Call 747-3150 for details.

Wednesday

CASINO TRIP: Register by Wednesday for this trip to Shooting Star Casino Feb. 28. The trip departs outdoor recreation at 8 a.m. Feb. 28 and returns that same evening. Cost is \$20 per person for transportation only. For details call 747-3688.

Thursday

BEGINNER SCRAPBOOKING: This class at the skills development center from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost for each attendee is \$5.50 plus supplies. Stop by or call the skills development center for details at 747-3481.

Upcoming

ROLLER MOLAR SKATE: The base dental clinic and youth program's annual "Roller Molar" skate is Feb. 27 at Liberty Square from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. There will be drawings, door prizes, and if you bring in your old toothbrush you will receive a new one, plus \$1 off skate admission!