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## FRIENDS OF CHENNAULT TO HOST COL. WARREN G. WARD AT MONTHLY MEETING

The Friends of the Chennault Aviation and Military Museum will feature Col. Warren G. Ward on Tuesday, Sept. 11 at 6 p.m. at the museum during their monthly program. Prior to his retirement, Ward was the deputy director of the programming division at Air Force Global Strike Command at Barksdale Air Force Base in Bossier City.

The Command's mission is to develop and provide combat-ready forces for nuclear deterrence and global strike operations to support the president of the United States and combatant commanders. Ward's team ensured resourcing for 23,000 professionals operating at six wings that control the nation's entire inventory of Minuteman III intercontinental ballistic missiles, B-2 and B-52 bomber aircraft.

Ward served the Air Force from June 1985 until July 2010, retiring as a colonel. His experiences as a B-52 pilot include the first operational use of the Conventional Air Launched Cruise Missile during a 35.4-hour sortie beginning Operation Desert Storm and later circumnavigating the earth during a non-stop 47-hour sortie in 1994. As commander of a basic military training squadron from 2004-2006, his team trained more than 10,500 recruits to replenish USAF combat capability.

Ward is a 1985 graduate of Louisiana Tech University with a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering. He is also a graduate of Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala., and holds advanced degrees from several military and technological institutions.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information about the Chennault Aviation and Military Museum, call 318.362.5540, email nell.calloway@sos.la.gov or visit <u>www.sos.la.gov/camm</u>. For more information about the Friends of the Chennault Aviation and Military Museum, visit <u>www.chennaultmuseum.org</u>.

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