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By Airman 1st Class  
**ELIAS CARRERO**

56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The U.S. Air Force’s 56th Fighter Wing worked with Arizona Air National Guard and United States Marine Corps units to launch 52 aircraft during the latest Instructor Pilot War Day at the Barry M. Goldwater Range, Arizona, June 23, 2023.

The large-force exercise is a routine event where multiple military units stationed in Arizona cooperate to simulate a large-scale aerial combat operation that included pilots from Luke Air Force Base, and Davis-Monthan AFB, Morris Air National Guard Base, Goldwater ANGB, and Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, Arizona.

“The intent of IP War Day is to ensure our operators maintain the highest level of tactical proficiency and our instructor pilots are able to distill lessons from the LFE into their day-to-day student training,” said U.S. Air Force Col. Matthew Johnston, 56th Operations Group commander. “IP War Day ensures our Airmen are tactically ready and subject matter experts in our mission to train the world’s greatest fighter pilots and combat-ready Airmen.”

One such area of training



U.S. Air Force photos by Airman 1st Class Elias Carrero

**U.S. Air National Guard Maj. David Sproul, 161st Air Refueling Wing instructor pilot, conducts preflight procedures, June 23, 2023, at Goldwater ANGB, Arizona. The 161st Air Refueling Wing is the primary provider of air refueling support in the southwestern United States.**

the 56th FW focused on during this total force exercise was the suppression of enemy air defense (SEAD).

“SEAD is one of the primary

roles of the F-35,” said U.S. Air Force Capt. Lucas Emerson-Smith, 62nd Fighter Squadron pilot. “Without SEAD the risk to the rest of the

forces involved in air combat would increase drastically. By practicing threat assess-

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**An F-16 Fighting Falcon assigned to the 56th Fighter Wing, taxis on the flightline while an F-35 Lightning II takes off overhead at Luke Air Force Base, Arizona, June 23, 2023. Luke is a fighter pilot training base dedicated to producing the world’s greatest fighter pilots and combat-ready Airmen.**



**U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Kevin Gimenez, 161st Air Refueling Wing boom operator, performs preflight check procedures, June 23, 2023, at Goldwater ANGB, Arizona. Gimenez is a boom operator for the KC-135 Stratotanker which has provided the Air Force with air refueling capabilities for over 60 years.**

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# Grandma in Ukraine

By Airman 1st Class  
**ELIAS CARRERO**

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"My grandma did not think this war was going to happen, and I believed her."

In 2006, U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Maria Jarr, 607th Air Control Squadron flight chief, immigrated to the U.S. from Ukraine with her mother and younger brother. Her mother wanted to give Maria and her brother the opportunity for a better life. For Maria, that opportunity came in the form of the United States Air Force. In 2010, at the age of 18, Maria took the oath of enlistment and pledged to serve her new country.

"I know some people feel like they need to have this crazy story of why they joined, but my story was rather simple," Maria said. "I joined for a college education, and I'm not embarrassed about that."

Thanks to the Air Force's tuition assistance program, Maria was able to get her bachelor's degree in environmental science debt-free and is now working on her master's degree in environmental management.

"I didn't really have a plan after high school; I knew I wanted to go to college, but it was so expensive," Maria said. "So, I considered my options and decided to join the Air Force. It worked out to be a really good option for me. I've been in for 13 years now and I've had a lot of great opportunities."

One of those opportunities was joining the Language Enabled Airman Program. When Maria used her dual language skills to join LEAP, it brought her back to the country she once called home, this time as a representative of NATO and the United States.

"It enabled me to go to Ukraine for a training exercise in 2018," said Maria. "I was an interpreter for Clear Sky 2018, a NATO exercise between the U.S., Ukraine, and other NATO partners. I translated for our U.S. pilots and Ukrainian pilots."

While Clear Sky enabled her to visit Ukraine, Maria has maintained a strong connection to the country through her family. Ever since moving to the United States with her mother, Maria has kept in close contact with her grandparents in Kherson, Ukraine.



U.S. Air Force photos by Airman 1st Class Elias Carrero

**U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Maria Jarr, 607th Air Control Squadron flight chief, reviews a file at her desk, May 18, 2023, at Luke Air Force Base, Arizona. Jarr is an instructor at the 607th ACS, a mentor in the Language Enabled Airmen Program, and an immigrant to the United States from Kherson, Ukraine.**



**U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Maria Jarr, 607th Air Control Squadron flight chief, sits in a Ukrainian Sukhoi Su-25 Grach, October, 2018, at Starokostiantyniv Air Base, Ukraine.**

"I would make frequent phone calls to my grandparents," Maria said. "In fact, before the conflict happened, we would have conversations about what I would see on the news. The news said that things were starting to heat up, but my grandma did not think this war was going to happen and I believed her."

On February 24, 2022, Russian President Vladimir Putin, launched an invasion of Ukraine, deploying troops from the north, east and south. On March 2, 2022, Russia claimed control of the southern city of Kherson, where

Maria's family lives.

Russian soldiers made it impossible for residents to leave.

"My grandma said that there were curfews instated by the Russian military," Maria said. "They couldn't leave, the Russian soldiers would literally shoot people's tires off."

Maria said that her grandparents' community was facing difficulties beyond limited travel. Her grandmother told her that their neighbors would be out in the streets trying to get food

while soldiers patrolled in tanks, and they could hear gunshots in the distance. They also faced some personal difficulties as well.

"My grandparents are old, and they have a lot of health issues," Maria said. "They did not get their pension for a long time after the war started. So that was a financial burden to them. Luckily, they had my family with them, so they were taken care of, but it's such a weird space in Ukraine. It wasn't even safe to send money."

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# Luke breaks bread to celebrate Juneteenth



**U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. April Farrar (right), 56th Force Support Squadron force management section chief, serves food to Airmen at a Juneteenth cookout June 16. Luke AFB held a cookout to celebrate Juneteenth and honor federal holiday commemorating the day slavery was effectively ended in the United States, resulting in the emancipation of African American slaves.**



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Elias Carrero

**U.S. Air Force Airmen assigned to the 56th Fighter Wing and their families listen to a speech at a Juneteenth cookout June 16, 2023, at Luke Air Force Base, Arizona. Juneteenth is a federal holiday commemorating the day slavery was effectively ended in the United States, resulting in the emancipation of African American slaves. While the Emancipation Proclamation was passed in 1862, it did not take full effect in the former Confederate states until June 19, 1865.**



**U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. April Farrar (left), 56th Force Support Squadron force management section chief, and Senior Master Sgt. Deshunn Foster (right), 56th Operations Support Squadron airfield manager, pose in front of a Juneteenth display June 16, 2023, at Luke Air Force Base, Arizona. Farrar and Foster both spoke on the history of Juneteenth, its significance to the African American community, and its impact on service members.**



**U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Daryan Hargrove (left), 56th Security Forces Squadron military working dog handler, and Senior Master Sgt. Lola Howard (right), 56th Force Support Squadron Airmen development advisor, are served food at a Juneteenth cookout June 16, 2023, at Luke Air Force Base, Arizona. Luke held a cookout to celebrate Juneteenth and honor the historical significance it holds. Juneteenth is a federal holiday commemorating the day slavery was effectively ended in the United States, resulting in the emancipation of African American slaves.**

## Chaplain's Corner ...

by Chaplain (Maj.)  
**BEN BUTCHER**

56th Fighter Wing IM

Stephen Covey in his book, *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People* (1989) tells a story about a man frustrated because he is having trouble sawing a tree. Seeing the situation, the person passing by asks him why he doesn't take a break to sharpen his saw. Sadly, the man replies that he is just too busy sawing to take time to sharpen his saw.

This story seems ridiculous. It's obvious what needs to be done.

Unfortunately, many of us are guilty of the same thing without even knowing it:

- I will find time to enjoy nature and find some quiet time after I retire. I have too much on my plate right now.

- How many marriages or families have suffered due to insufficient quality time spent together? I have this other goal at work or in my education I am working on right now.

- I don't have time to read a book or finish my degree; life is just too busy.

- I might find that I am unmotivated to go to the gym, because I am too tired or busy with work or family.

And so, we often struggle in the big areas of life: the spiritual, the social, the mental, or the physical. We try to accomplish something great in some areas at the expense of others. Yet, the challenge is to continue to make progress in all these areas.

Schedule some time to sharpen your saw spiritually. This could be anything from spending time reflecting on your values, nature, or beauty. It might be something more formal like going to church or praying.

Schedule some time to sharpen your saw socially. Schedule a date night or a family night. Write a note to someone you care about. Call someone you haven't talked to in a while.

Schedule some time to sharpen your saw mentally.



Courtesy photo

Chaplain (Maj.) Ben Butcher

Learn something new. Take a course. Write a book.

Schedule some time to sharpen your saw physically. Develop a regular workout on certain days of the week. Take a walk or run. Eat healthier.

My prayer for you is that you find a good balance and prosper spiritually, socially, mentally, and physically.

During these summer days, I hope you enjoy all Arizona has to offer.

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ment, developing a gameplan and adapting those plans in real time to successfully eliminate enemy surface-to-air missile systems, we are able to prepare to properly protect our forces in a real fight."

It is through regular LFE's such as IP War Day that Luke AFB and

their training partners increase tactical proficiency and maintain a ready and capable combat force. These enhance Luke's ability to coordinate large-scale operations alongside other wings, services, and foreign partner nations. This ensures aircrew have the mental agility to engage in the flexible execution of air power.



U.S. Air Force photos by Airman 1st Class Elias Carrero

U.S. Air Force aircrew assigned to the 56th Fighter Wing, perform post-flight checks on F-16 Fighting Falcons after an Instructor Pilot War Day exercise, June 23, 2023, at Luke Air Force Base, Arizona. This exercise included aircraft from multiple military installations, simulating a large-scale air combat operation.

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# Luke concludes Pride month with karaoke and trivia night



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**Pride Month novelties sit on a table at a Pride Month karaoke and trivia night event, June 29, 2023, at Luke Air Force Base, Arizona.**



**U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Sherman Bailey, 56th Communications Squadron network systems operator, sings at a Pride Month karaoke and trivia night event, June 29, 2023, at Luke Air Force Base, Arizona. The Luke Pride Committee hosted a Pride Month karaoke and trivia night in addition to several other events throughout the month of June to celebrate and honor the contributions of LGBTQIA service members.**



**U.S. Air Force Senior Airmen Kathrine Buhman (left) and Senior Airman Hannah Bulisig (right), 56th Communications Squadron network systems operators, sing at a Pride Month karaoke and trivia night event.**

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# AIMING HIGH: *the le*

By Senior Airman  
DOMINIC TYLER

56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Retired U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Edwin "Skip" Hopler's funeral and internment were held at the National Memorial Cemetery June 6, 2023, in Phoenix, Arizona.

"Skip is a legend," said Travis Byrom, 56th Fighter Wing F-35 training operations manager. "He was an incredible pilot, leader, and mentor. The impact Skip had on the Air Force F-16 community is unmatched."

From flying F-4 Phantoms in Vietnam to training the world's greatest fighter pilots at Luke Air Force Base, the legacy of Skip Hopler flies high and in sync with the U.S. Air Force.

Hopler's flight path began in 1966 during the Vietnam War. He trained in the F-4 Phantom at a replacement training unit in Moody AFB, Georgia. At the time, RTUs

were set up to train Airmen to replace pilots coming back from their one-year tour overseas in Vietnam.

After his training, Hopler deployed twice to Danang Air Base, Vietnam, and flew 389 missions in two years.

In 1971, Hopler landed at Luke AFB as an F-4 Instructor Pilot until 1975. Over the years, as aviation technology evolved, so did the Air Force and its warfighting aircraft. Hopler followed suit.

In 1978, Hopler became one of the first of 50 fighter pilots to fly the F-16 Fighting Falcon. When the first F-16 training squadron opened at Hill AFB, Utah, he helped write the syllabus for the F-16 pilot program.

After 3,800 hours in the cockpit and over 21 years of service, he retired his wings in 1988. But his flight with Air Force aircraft continued.

Hopler spent the next few decades training fighter pilots. He was directly responsible for training over 17,000 F-16 fighter pilots from 1988 to 2013.

"I've known Skip for over 42 years now and though I'm a couple inches taller, I've always looked up to him," said Yogi Kasl, retired Lockheed Martin F-35 training operations manager and former student of Hopler. "He made an impact on all 17,000 fighter pilots that trained to protect our country. He was a great boss, mentor, and friend I will miss dearly."

In 2014, he became the lead training operations manager at Luke AFB and guided the opening of the F-35 Lightning II Academic Training Center.

Before retiring in 2018, Hopler oversaw training of 400 F-35 pilots from the Air Force, joint forces, and partner nations.

Hopler's contributions to the development of the F-16 and F-35 training programs were paramount to the capabilities of combat-ready Airmen. His life and legacy are remembered by his friends, family, and the thousands upon thousands of students he's lead over the years.



U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman Dominic Tyler

Four F-35A Lightning II aircraft assigned to the 61st Fighter Squadron conduct a flyover of retired U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Edwin "Skip" Hopler's funeral and internment, at the National Memorial Cemetery, June 6, 2023, in Phoenix, Arizona. Hopler's contributions to the development of the F-16 and F-35 training programs were paramount to the capabilities of combat-ready Airmen.

# Legacy of Skip Hopler



**U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Zachariah Tucker, Airman 1st Class Thomas Lopez, and Airman 1st Class Xavier Gomez, Luke Honor Guardsmen, conduct a three-volley salute at retired U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Edwin "Skip" Hopler's funeral and internment, at the National Memorial Cemetery, June 6, 2023, in Phoenix, Arizona.**



**Shawn Johnson, Arizona fireman, plays the bagpipe at retired U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Edwin "Skip" Hopler's funeral and internment, at the National Memorial Cemetery, June 6, 2023, in Phoenix, Arizona.**



**U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Tyler Smith and Airman 1st Class Andrew Liang, Luke Honor Guardsmen, conduct a flag folding ceremony at retired U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Edwin "Skip" Hopler's funeral and internment, at the National Memorial Cemetery, June 6, 2023, in Phoenix, Arizona.**

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# RCAF Lt. Gen. Kenny tours Luke AFB

By Airman 1st Class  
KATELYNN JACKSON

56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Royal Canadian Air Force Lt. Gen. Eric Kenny, RCAF commander, visited the 56th Fighter Wing at Luke Air Force Base, Arizona, June 20, 2023, to discuss training collaborations.

The RCAF and 56th FW leadership discussed Canada's military modernization efforts and integration plans between the two partner forces.

Both forces have a history of collaboration at Luke AFB having partnered in Exercise Swift Strike, a bilateral training exercise between the RCAF and the USAF hosted by the 607th Air Control Squadron Nov. 15 – Dec. 9, 2022.

The exercise allowed the RCAF 42nd Radar Squadron to learn with and from the 607th ACS, ensuring that both countries could work together in future training operations.

The tour began with a mission brief to inform the RCAF leadership of Luke AFB's mission of being the world's premier fighter wing and advancing airpower to win tomorrow's fight.

In addition to training combat-ready Airmen, Luke AFB currently supports global security by hosting international training with the Netherlands, Singapore, Denmark, Norway, and Italy.

After the mission brief, the tour visited the 308th Fighter Squadron. The 308th FS is primarily tasked with F-35A Lightning II pilot training, partnering with the Royal Danish Air Force and Royal Netherlands Air Force. While visiting the unit the RCAF leaders observed maintenance activities and gained insight into the training environment at Luke AFB.

"Early communication and training unlock new doors for global security," said U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Shayne Carroll, 308th FS Director of Operations. "Sharing our training capabilities with our partners is critical because down the line we may all be working together in a deployed environment."

In addition to the 308th FS, the tour group visited the Range Management Office. As the RMO is an integral aspect of F-35 training, the RCAF leaders were briefed on the RMO capabilities, challenges, and vision for the future.

The tour concluded with a stop to the F-35 Academic Training Center to demonstrate F-35 simulator capabilities.

As the U.S. does not fight or deter alone, the Air Force is committed to strengthening international relationships, integrating partnerships, and building air and space capabilities to share the responsibility of collective security with allied countries like Canada.



Royal Canadian Air Force leadership, including Lt. Gen. Eric Kenny, RCAF commander, receives an F-35A Lightning II briefing from U.S. Air Force Col. Matthew Johnston, 56th Operations Group commander, June 20, 2023, at Luke Air Force Base, Arizona.



U.S. Air Force photos by Airman First Class Katelynn Jackson Royal Canadian Air Force Lt. Gen. Eric Kenny, RCAF commander, RCAF Brig. Gen. Jamie Speiser-Blanchet, Cadets and Junior Canadian Rangers commander, and U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Brett Black, 308th Fighter Squadron commander, walk downstairs to the flightline, June 20, 2023, at Luke Air Force Base, Arizona. The Canadian leadership toured multiple units throughout the day, gaining insight on Luke AFB's mission.



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# Fifth F-35 squadron activates at Luke AFB

By Senior Airman  
DOMINIC TYLER

56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Adam Vogel assumed command of the 310th Fighter Squadron at an assumption of command ceremony June 2, 2023, at Luke Air Force Base, Arizona.

Originally an F-16 Fighting Falcon squadron, the 310th FS stood back up with F-35 Lightning II aircraft and personnel to resume supporting the 56th Fighter Wing's mission of developing the world's greatest F-35 fighter pilots, instructors, and leaders.

U.S. Air Force Col. Matthew Johnston, 56th Operations Group commander, presided over the ceremony and gave remarks about the new commander.

"Lt. Col. Vogel's reputation precedes him," said Johnston. "F-35 operations are the new

focus of the 310th. Vogel has a great team and great experience. I have full confidence he can handle the mission."

After the assumption of command ceremony, Vogel gave closing remarks, addressing his new 310th Top Hats team and expressed his vision of command.

"You are our most important asset when it comes to the mission," Vogel said to his Airmen. "We have to look out for each and be better Airmen, leaders, instructors, and pilots. The future is bright, and I'm thankful for that; and together, 'we dress to kill.'"

On June 5, 2023, Vogel conducted the inaugural F-35 training sortie for the 310th FS.

The 56th OG at Luke AFB is the largest fighter group in the U.S. Air Force. The 310th FS is one of seven fighter squadrons working in tandem at Luke to train the world's greatest fighter pilots and combat ready Airmen.



U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Dominic Tyler

U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Adam Vogel (left), 310th Fighter Squadron commander, and U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Zachary Calderon (right), 308th Aircraft Maintenance Unit crew chief, conduct a pre-flight maintenance check June 5, 2023, at Luke Air Force Base, Arizona.



U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Zachary Calderon (right), 308th Aircraft Maintenance Unit crew chief, signals to U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Adam Vogel (left), 310th Fighter Squadron commander. This is the inaugural F-35 training sortie of the 310th FS after Vogel's assumption of command June 2, 2023.



U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Adam Vogel (left), 310th Fighter Squadron commander, prepares for takeoff June 5, 2023, at Luke Air Force Base, Arizona. This is the inaugural F-35 training sortie of the 310th FS after Vogel's assumption of command June 2, 2023. Previously an F-16 Fighting Falcon squadron, the 310th FS stood back up with F-35 Lightning II aircraft and personnel to begin their new mission, to develop the world's greatest F-35 fighter pilots, instructors, and leaders.

## GRANDMA *(from Page 2)*

When Maria offered to send her grandparents financial aid, they refused. They told Maria that the money would not reach them even if it was sent through a credible source.

"I've had people ask me, why don't they just leave," Maria said. "But it's not as easy as a lot of people may think."

While filling out the paperwork to bring her grandparents to the United States by sponsoring them as refugees, Maria was told they made the difficult decision to stay in Kherson.

"They would have to make their way to Poland and fly here," Maria said. "At the border people stop you and you have to give them money to let you pass; and they're not cheap bribes. They would be thousands of U.S. dollars, which is a lot for normal people in Ukraine."

Aside from the financial and logistical challenges, her grandparents would have to leave behind more than a war-torn country.

"They would also have to leave the rest of our family, like my uncle and their other granddaughter. They would not have them here," Maria said. "They made the decision to stay so our family doesn't have to be as separated and they can still have each other for support."

On Nov. 9, 2022, after a large Ukrainian counter offensive, Russia announced their

withdrawal from Kherson. Shortly after, the city was reclaimed by Ukrainian forces and has since remained under Ukrainian control. But even with the liberation of Kherson from Russian occupation, the conflict in the region is far from over.

"Whenever we have a phone call, my grandma still tells me she hears different guns, aircraft, or that the military is dropping bombs nearby," Maria said. "I can't imagine it. It must be so scary."

Though Maria is unable to be physically with her family she still supports them the best she can from afar. Additionally, she encourages other Airmen to take advantage of their backgrounds and connects them with opportunities to do so.

After returning from Clear Sky in 2019, Maria became a mentor for LEAP and now with the assistance of Master Sgt. Oahn Moraine, 56th Force Support Squadron Community Services Flight superintendent, and Master Sgt. Norma Johnson, John J. Rhodes Airmen Leadership School commandant, she spreads awareness of the program to other dual language Airmen stationed at Luke Air Force Base, Arizona.

"I love mentoring, and I love helping people," said Maria. "I'm heavily involved with the people I know speak other languages in my squadron. I try to encourage them to apply to the [LEAP] program. I want to help them reach their potential."

The desire Maria has for the success of



U.S. Air Force photos by Airman 1st Class Elias Carrero

U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Maria Jarr, 607th Air Control Squadron flight chief, stands in front of a display containing two Ukrainian Sukhoi Su-25 aircraft, October, 2018, at Starokostiantyniv Air Base, Ukraine. Over her 13 years of service, Jarr has participated in numerous exercises and missions including acting as a translator between American and Ukrainian pilots in the NATO exercise Clear Sky 2018.


others is a cornerstone of who she is, and her effort does not go unnoticed.

"Having known Master Sgt. Jarr for over a year now it's hard to find someone that cares for the Airmen more than her," said Tech. Sgt. Paul McDonough, 607th Air Control Squadron weapons director. "She is passionate about taking care of all Airmen and knows when it's done right, they can execute their mission best. Honestly, she re-

ally epitomizes the Air Force's core values."

Pursuing family, mission, and passions is no easy task under normal circumstances and Maria has been able to manage all three despite the challenges that have come her way. Maria shows the unique life balance many total force Airmen maintain when aligning with the Air Force's core values; integrity first, service before self, and excellence in all we do.

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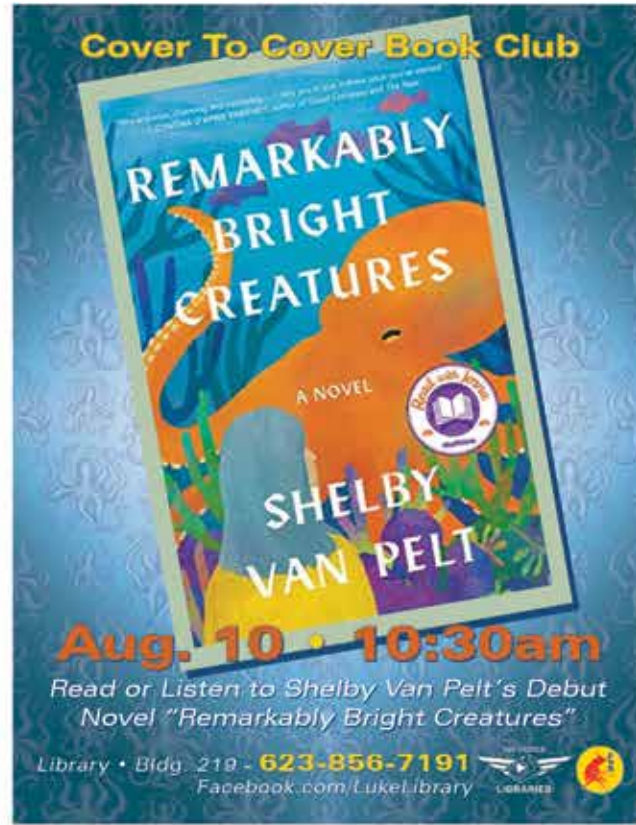
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