Deterrence demonstrated



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Photo by Senior Airman Carlin Leslie

Airman 1st Class Luis Fontanez Jr., 509th Security Forces Squadron, stands guard at the tail of a C-17 Globemaster July 17 during the 509th Bomb Wing's Defense Nuclear Surety Inspection July 16-22. More than 130 inspectors from the Defense Threat Reduction Agency, Air Force Global Strike Command, Air Force Materiel Command, Air Combat Command and Air Force Inspection Agency evaluated the 509th BW's ability to provide deterrence and global strike operations and takes place every 18 months. See page 2 commentary from Brig. Gen. Robert Wheeler, 509th BW commander.

509th MDG earns outstanding **Health Services Inspection rating**

By Staff Sgt. Kenya Shiloh 509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

The 509th Medical Group earned the highest rating in seven years during a recent Health Services Inspection July 12-16 here.

"We received an outstanding in the three areas and an outstanding overall which means we're doing an exceptional job in making sure we're keeping our finger on the pulse of the unit and taking care of our patients while at the same time taking care of the readiness mission and making sure the B-2s are ready to operate," said Col. Kathleen Dunn-Cane, 509th Medical Group commander. "An outstanding alone would be pretty impressive but to get the highest score in the last seven years is really remarkable."

A nine-member team from the Air Force Inspection Agency Medical Directorate conducted an in-depth assessment of the medical group's capabilities, while a three-member team from the Accreditation Association for the Ambulatory Health Care reviewed the facility's patient care and safety programs.

According to the colonel, the inspectors looked at 103 different elements broken down into three different categories: medical operations, in-garrison medical operations and leadership.

Within those categories, the inspection team looked at medical readiness and training, operational medicine, occupational health, mental health, dentistry, clinical services, population health and business management. Patient education and the unit's interaction with the community



Photo by Staff Sqt. Jason Huddleston

Maj. David Burns 509th Medical Operations Squadron physician assistant, listens for normal heart sounds to ensure proper opening and closing of a patient's heart valves. The 509th Medical Group recently completed a Health Services Inspection where they earned an overall outstanding rating.

were also evaluated.

The success of the inspection rested heavily on the medical group's performance and the staff was well prepared for any scenario.

"In the medical field we say the HSI is an open-book test, you just

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Suffocating heat has invaded Missouri these recent summer days and residents have been finding ways to combat its effects. Unfortunately, pets and man's best friend in particular, aren't as lucky in obtaining shelter and water from the sun's ravs.

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Friday, July 23, 2010

Commentary

509th Bomb Wing validates safe, secure, reliable in Surety Inspection

509th Warriors,

Two weeks ago, I stood in front of you and laid down exactly what it would take to achieve success in our latest Defense Nuclear Surety Inspection. I pointed out the gravity of what this inspection means for the defense of this nation, and challenged each and every one of you to show nearly 150 inspectors from five different inspection agencies that the 509th Bomb Wing is ready and capable of providing deterrence and global strike operations.

You accepted my challenge and delivered superior performances. I am pleased to say that you completed the toughest, most scrutinized inspection that I have seen in my 26 years of service. Not only did you complete this tough inspection, you've shown that you are capable of accepting the task of special trust and responsibility for the most powerful weapons in our Nation's arsenal.

What did it take? Simply stated, results like this are the reflection of motivated, well-trained Airmen and engaged leadership and incredible support from our partner units – most importantly, the 19th Munitions Squadron played a key role in this inspection.

It took individual responsibility for mission success, critical self-assessment, uncompromising adherence to all directives, superior technical and weapons system expertise, and pride in our nuclear heritage and mission. Success in this inspection took the focus of the entire team at every level, whether you performed in execution or in support. And it didn't start when the inspectors arrived. You've been giving your best in preparation for this DNSI for several months now. You accepted my challenge of perfection and delivered it – Thank You!

Our success doesn't stop here. The 509th Medical Group recently received the highest grade given in the past seven years for the whole Air Force on their Health Services Inspection; and the 442nd Fighter Wing recently performed exceptionally well in passing their Operational Readiness Inspection. Congratulations, I couldn't be more proud of the focus, spirit and professionalism you displayed.

Our country demands we continuously demonstrate that we're ready to prosecute our mission. The work I've observed and the reports I've received on your performance, whether at home or around the world, have been nothing short of outstanding. This milestone event sends a strong message to our adversaries – the 509th Bomb Wing stands ready to put warheads on foreheads should deterrence fail!

Thank you all and your families for the daily sacrifices you make in the defense of our great nation.

Brig. Gen. Robert Wheeler, 509th Bomb Wing commander

AF top military leader releases Vector

Editor's note: The Air Force's senior military leader released his vision for the future in a recent CSAF Vector 2010 that outlined five priorities and the "way ahead" for Airmen to maintain these priorities. The Whiteman Warrior will present his vector in a five-part series. To read the Vector in its entirety, visit www.af.mil.

Many of you have asked me about the future of our Air Force, so I want to take this opportunity to provide you with my vision for the way ahead. We are at an important juncture after nearly 20 years of constant combat in the Middle East and Asia; an era that has changed the face of modern warfare and reshaped us. Our Airmen are responding to the Nation's call with agility, innovation, and expeditionary presence—today nearly 40,000 American Airmen are deployed to 263 locations across the globe. We've also demonstrated that modern warfighting isn't just about how many are "over there." Our deployedin-place Airmen are indispensable to the day-to-day defense of our Nation, whether they are tracking and dispatching bad actors at intercontinental range, maintaining constant vigilance from space, sustaining credible strategic deterrence, protecting networks, or patrolling the skies over the homeland.

Even so, we are not the Air Force our leaders envisioned at the end of the Cold War. Since I became your Chief we have had to make some tough decisions, primarily focused on three challenges; restoring credibility to our nuclear enterprise, enhancing our contribution to today's fight, and recapturing acquisition excellence. As demanding as we will continue to be in those areas, I am pleased with the progress we've made to date; but also believe we must seize this moment and look ahead. Let me be very clear: I see our Air Force rising, strong and capable—an Air Force

delivering consistent, credible Global Vigilance, Global Reach and Global Power for America—in what is likely to be a very challenging future.

The Airman's distinctive focus on air, space, and cyber power, and the asymmetric advantage the Air Force provides, continues to be indispensable to this Nation. America relies on us to gain and maintain control of the air and space, and increasingly cyberspace, wherever and whenever needed. Beyond that, our ability to exploit that control remains a cornerstone of this Nation's ability to shape, deter and, if necessary, fight and win – anywhere our interests and those of our allies and partners are at stake.

Even as we focus on winning today's war, we should also keep a watchful eye on the evolving 21st century environment. We must take steps today that will allow future generations to meet—and shape—the challenges of tomorrow. That will not be easy. Budgets will get tighter and threats more compelling; yet we must constantly adapt in order to remain strong. Our distinctive brand of flexibility, expertise and creativity will prove indispensable in the future.

Securing the Nation, our allies and partners against nuclear attack remains a strategic imperative, but that challenge continues to take on new dimensions. Nuclear proliferation and the potential for nuclear terrorism is a constant danger that shapes how we will adapt to the future security environment. At the same time, we must continue to work with allies, partners, and government agencies to dismantle al Qaeda and their affiliates. These types of adversaries will continue to adopt novel methods; increasingly using advanced systems, to offset the advantages offered by air and space power. We also cannot ignore how potential nation-state adversaries have evolved since the end of the Cold

War. They are developing and proliferating counters to U.S. military power projection, including accurate weapons that could be used to attack our forward bases, forces, networks and logistics.

These trends, which have become much

clearer in the past few years, will guide us as we make decisions about how our Air Force moves into the future. In the short term, we will continue to see greater demand for Air Force capabilities in relatively uncontested environments. In the future, however, we are more likely to encounter the global proliferation of precision weapons, coupled with an increasing requirement for long-range strike and intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance (ISR) in areas guarded by increasingly capable, agile defenses. While our current plans mainly focus on near-term threats, we must work hard at developing and refining longer-term capabilities, mindful of the likelihood of more challenging budgetary

The secretary and I identified five priorities to focus our efforts. In each case, we have accomplished some important things over the past 20 months, but we must turn our attention to the future. Using these priorities as a guide, I want to provide some direction about where we need to go as a Service.

1. Continue to Strengthen the Air Force Nuclear Enterprise

We have made significant progress in what we originally called Reinvigorating our Nuclear Enterprise. Although Secretary Donely and I agree the job is not yet finished, we revised this priority to read Continue to Strengthen the Air Force Nuclear Enterprise. We have already:

• Established Air Force Global Strike Command, a headquarters directing all our intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM)

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NEWS BRIEFS

Team spirit town hall meeting

All are invited to join in this two-way conversation with wing leadership, and to hear the latest news from the Clinic, AAFES, Force Support Squadron and other base service organizations Monday at noon. Servicemembers will have the opportunity to voice new ideas or mission concerns to the people who make things happen. For additional questions, call 1st Lt. Amanda Patton at (660) 687-5171.

Pre-separation briefing

A pre-separation briefing is scheduled for July 26 from 1:30-3 p.m., at the Airman & Family Readiness Center. It is mandatory for all separating personnel to attend this briefing. Airmen may attend either date. DD Form 2648 is accomplished at this briefing. Reservations are required. For additional information, call the A&FRC at (660) 687-7132.

Right Start

Right Start is July 27 from 7:30-11 a.m. at Mission's End. Base newcomers may sign-up to attend the briefing through the Airman and Family Readiness Center. It is mandatory for military newcomers to attend this briefing within 15 days of in-processing. Spouses are strongly encouraged to attend. Topics covered include: introduction to base mission, support systems available to personnel and families, local community info and on-base services. For additional information, call (660) 687-7132.

Bundles for Babies

Bundles for Babies is July 29, from 8 a.m. – noon, at the Airman and Family Readiness Center. During this brief, presenters discuss subjects pertinent to helping new parents "adjust to the rigors of parenthood." Reservations are required. For additional information, call (660) 687-7132.

Missouri State Fair honors military

The Missouri State Fair announced its plans to honor the military and their families Aug. 15. Active duty military, veterans and delayed recruits will receive free admission and the cost for their dependants is \$1. For more information, log on to www.mostatefair.com.

School Liaison Officer

Team Whiteman welcomes Chi Anne McGrew as the new School Liaison Officer for Whiteman AFB. She is available to assist military families with questions or issues in regards to Kindergarten through 12th grade schooling options. In addition, the SLO works to develop partnerships with the local school districts. The SLO Office is located in the Airman and Family Readiness Center, and she can be reached at (660) 687-7132.

Back-to-school dates for local schools are: **Knob Noster**—Aug. 18; **La Monte**—Aug. 26; **Sedalia**—Aug. 26; **Warrensburg**— Aug. 24; **Windsor**—Aug. 19

From the Frontlines: Staff Sgt. Mitchel Cooney

By Heidi Hunt

509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

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Staff Sgt. Mitchel Cooney, 509th Communication Squadron assistant NCO in charge of radar systems, returned from Southwest Asia, May 23, rounding out a fourmonth deployment.

As the force protection escort area supervisor for the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing, Commercial Engineer Squadron, Sergeant Cooney ensured his escort team was performing its duties.

"Airmen were required to stay within 150 feet of their TCNs, have 100 percent line-of-site visibility and maintain 100 percent accountability at all times," said Sergeant Cooney.

Sergeant Cooney was responsible for more than five TCN sites which he attended to daily.

In addition, he was liable for

more than 12 escorts at each site and was ultimately accountable for more than 600 TCNs.

Overall, Sergeant Cooney said he enjoyed his deployment, but the language barrier sometimes posed a challenge with the locals.

"The job required a lot of patience and adaptation, but I learned their customs and courtesies which helped break down the language barrier," he said.

Even though Sergeant Cooney said his days were filled with long shifts, often times working six days a week, he was able to use some of his time off to participate in activities he enjoyed.

"For the most part, I spent free time at the fitness center and interacted with my comrades, often times playing cards to pass the time," he said. "I stayed fairly active."

While Sergeant Cooney spent the majority of his time performing the mission, he also volunteered his time with the Expeditionary Medical Squadron Transshipment Center inventorying shipments of blood.

"As a result, more than 300 units of blood were processed," the sergeant said. "The war fighters down range were able to



SOUTHWEST ASIA -- Staff Sgt. Mitchel Cooney, 379th Air Expeditionary Wing, Commercial Engineer Squadron, at the beginning of his shift for the day as the TCN supervisor. Sergeant Cooney returned from his four-month deployment, May 23.

receive blood transfusions and be stabilized."

Combined with his community involvement and work ethic and, it's not uncommon for Sergeant Cooney to take on a superior role according to his supervisor here at Whiteman.

"Sergeant Cooney's leadership abilities are remarkable," said Tech. Sgt. Mario Morris, 509th CS. "I can always count on him to be ready for any tasking that comes his way. The 509th CS welcomes his return to Whiteman."

Sergeant Cooney said he was overjoyed when he returned home and saw his family and friends.

"Being from Missouri has allowed me to see them more often, and it was great to get to see everyone. I am happy to be back

Essential 'part' of the mission

By Airman 1st Class Cody H. Ramirez 509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

A necessary component of the B-2 stealth bomber isn't working. The missing piece to this puzzle is among thousands of parts in a warehouse that has no shelves, containers, or systems that organize the items. Instead, there is a massive pile of hundreds of thousands of parts.

To prevent chaos like this, Airman from the 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron, Aircraft Parts Store, use a simple and convenient system to order and receive parts.

"We're the behind the scene guys." said Tech. Sgt. Ted Pyle, 509th LRS assistance NCO in charge of the APS. "Our mission here is to support the B-2, A-10 and T-38 by ensuring parts are on-hand, and available when our maintainers need them."

On a day-to-day basis, the store receives anywhere from 20-60 orders from the 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron and 509th Maintenance Squadron. The orders are requests for parts needed to maintain mission-ready aircraft.

"We review items needed to be pulled for an order, assemble the order, notify the customer that the package is complete, file the paper work and deliver the package," said Sergeant Pyle. "The warehouse then has to be restocked by ordering parts from suppliers."

The store maintains an inventory of more than 210,000 parts and kits, worth more than \$200 million.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Jason Huddleston Airman 1st Class Ben Smyser, 509th Logistic Readiness Squadron Aircraft Part Store technician, fills a maintenance order that is needed for an aircraft on July 14.

"We ensure all parts are checked and functioning properly before we accept it into the warehouse," he said. "Time could be wasted or lives could be put at risk if a part is installed on an aircraft and doesn't work."

Additional to ensuring the initial check, the APS crew must perform monthly checks of the inventory's shelf-life, remove anything considered unserviceable and maintain annual validation on stock items.

"The items are split into sections, so we check an area of the warehouse one week, a different area the next week, and so on," Sergeant Pyle said.

Along with organization and quality checks, the parts store helps with delivery in a timely matter. The APS isn't the only partstorage facility on base, but its location on the flight line prevents delays in maintainers receiving orders.

"We save maintainers 10-15 minutes in their process because we're already on the flight line." Airman 1st Class Ben Smyser, 509th LRS Aircraft Parts Store technician said. "Being so close to the hangers makes our resources easy to access. That small amount of time could make a huge difference during a time constrained mission."

The amount of parts the store provides, and the speed in which it is done, is convenient for aircraft crews and assists in maintaining a quick and effective mission. Sergeant Pyle said his team stays busy with the amount of orders and checks they perform, but it's rewarding.

"I love the energy and timeliness of the shop," Sergeant Pyle said, "It's a good feeling to physically see how your work affects the aircraft and the [Whiteman] mission."

"Without us, the aircraft couldn't fly, and when I look at it in that perspective, I realize just how important my job is," said Airman Smyser.

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have to open it and read it because we know the different criteria for both civilian and the HSI," Colonel Dunn-Cane said. "Since the medical group is required to build its selfinspection program based on the elements from the HSI and AAAHC staff members already know what areas are required to be compliant."

That attention to detail paid off as the inspection team highlighted several programs considered the best of the best. The 509th medical group was one of three clinics in the past two years of inspections whose infection-control program did not receive a write-up, according to an Air Force Inspection Agency executive summary. Also, the senior enlisted inspector said the group's on-the-job-training program was the best he's seen in two years he has been with the inspection agency, his first zero defect inspection for this area.

Both inspection teams also highlighted outstanding performers. Among them Staff Sgt. Emerald Coston, 509th Dental Squadron, Airman 1st Class Alanna McCafferty and James Esarey, 509th Medical Support Squadron were recognized by the HSI team. Capt. Charlotte Murphy, 509th Medical Group staff, was coined by the HSI inspection team Chief for her efforts as project officer for the inspection. Maj. Shelley Jay and Ellen Chappel, 509th Medical Group staff, were recognized by the AAACH team.

Throughout the inspection she received accolades from both teams about how professional and dedicated her staff members

"They really shined and took the opportunity to learn and grow from the inspection,"

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Colonel Dunn-Cane said. "What could have been a real intimidating experience for our junior members, turned out to be a positive one. The inspectors not only evaluated us, but they also spent a lot of time teaching which is what they're charged to do. Our staff rose to the occasion and used this inspection as a learning experience."

The colonel said the staff did such a thorough job on the self-inspections that there were no surprise write-ups. She believes there are always areas that could be fine tuned, but overall she knows her staff provides top quality care.

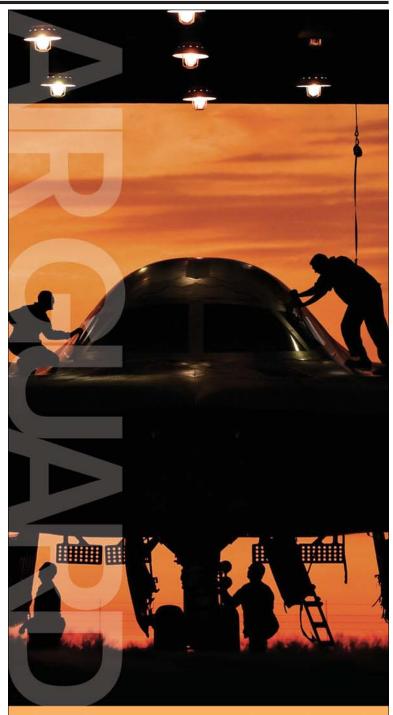
"I am immensely proud of the 509th Medical Group staff members," Colonel Dunn-Cane said. "I know they do phenomenal work every day and it is wonderful having the inspection team validate what we already knew - that we provide outstand-



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Passing the guidon



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Maj. John Fleming receives the guidon from Col. Matthew Kmon, 509th Maintenance Group commander, assuming command during a ceremony here, July 20. The 509th MXG maintains the nation's only long-range stealth bomber. The group provides full spectrum organizational and field-level maintenance and munitions support for the 509th Bomb Wing employing 20 B-2 Spirit stealth bombers.

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• Established the Nuclear Oversight Board, chaired by the Secretary and me, to establish and monitor nuclear-related policies, standards, and performance.

and nuclear-capable bomber forces.

 Established a Headquarters Air Force organization, A10, tasked with ensuring sustained institutional focus and integrating activities across the USAF nuclear enterprise.

Consolidated nuclear sustainment activities in the Air Force
 Nuclear Weapons Center, and instituted positive inventory control for weapon system components, and 100 percent accountability of all nuclear weapons-related material.

 Enhanced nuclear unit readiness and nuclear surety through strong, positive leadership, high levels of command accountability, and ore robust, standardized inspections.

Way Ahead

The Air Force has long-term commitment to organize, train and equip a safe, secure, and reliable nuclear enterprise. As a bedrock of strategic deterrence and stability, it must be properly sustained and funded, and nuclear professionals need to be uncompromising in their pursuit of nuclear expertise and the highest standards of operational discipline. We will not fail in this mission and will continue to be trustworthy stewards of two legs of America's nuclear triad and critical elements of our forward-deployed extended deterrent. I intend for Airmen to focus on the following

• Implement applicable directives outlined in the Nuclear Posture Review and arms control treaties, and play an influential role in future nuclear policy debates.

• Advance the scientific, research and development, and human capital efforts necessary to field robust, sustainable nuclear missile and bomber forces well into the future.

• Prioritize and invest in the modernization and capitalization of our nuclear forces.

• Craft a comprehensive deterrence and crisis stability vision that builds on the Nuclear Posture Review

509th LRS, Clinton residents donate school supplies to Kyrgyz students

By 2nd Lt. Laura E. Mills

509th Logistics Readiness Squadron

"Always render more and better service than is expected of you, no matter what your task may be," — Augustine "Og" Mandino, Bestselling Author.

Last month, Capt. Sofia Ciro, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron, currently deployed with the 376th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron, Manas Air Base, Kyrgyzstan, requested assistance from the 509th LRS in obtaining school supplies for a local elementary school in Marble Village.

The men and women of the 509th LRS and the citizens of Clinton, Mo., lived up to Og Mandino's philosophy and demonstrated one of the Air Force Core Values, "Excellence In All We Do," by meeting and exceeding the amount of donations requested in helping the children.

"We are very busy taking care of the mission and our deployed Airmen," said Lt. Col. Ted Williams, 376th ELRS commander. "But it is important to reach out to the community and enhance relations with the Kyrgyz people via humanitarian aid.

"The future leaders of this country are the children we are helping today, and by doing so, we are fostering relations with allied nations for generations to come."

According to Captain Ciro, the 120 children attending the school were in desperate need of school supplies and were literally sharing pencils because they couldn't afford to buy any.

The 509th LRS and the Clinton residents collected a total 19 boxes of notebooks, erasers, pens, pencils, rulers, markers, crayons, paper, markers,

scissors and glue.

"Anything they thought would assist these children in reaching their full potential in the classroom was purchased," Captain Ciro said.

"These items would offer children the chance to learn important skills like writing and arithmetic and allow them the opportunity to express themselves artistically."

Two Clinton residents set the bar high by selflessly donating more than \$375 in school supplies. One man, aptly named Gerald "Hap" Happy, donated \$250 while second man, Bob Daugherty, purchased more than \$125 worth of pencils, pens, pencil sharpeners, writing tablets and rulers.

Captain Ciro said her unit's expectations were surpassed.

"I contacted Maj. Trace Steyaert, the 509th LRS commander, the First Sergeant and the chief enlisted manager requesting assistance, they handled the rest," Captain Ciro said. "Thanks to the tremendous support from the city of Clinton and the 509th LRS, we were amazed at the amount of donations we received.

We were not only able to donate to the Marble Village school but also share a portion of the supplies with two other schools in Bishkek, one which houses 40 children with mental disabilities."

Through their efforts, the 509th LRS and the citizens of Clinton were able to touch the lives of more than 300 underprivileged children.

These actions are true examples of living out our Air Force core values of Integrity First, Service Before Self, and Excellence In All We Do. Og Mandino would be proud.



Courtesy photos

Students from the Marble Village school in Bishkek, Kyrgystan, receive much-needed school supplies from Airmen assigned to the 376th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron. The school supplies were donated by Clinton, Mo. residents and 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron Airmen.

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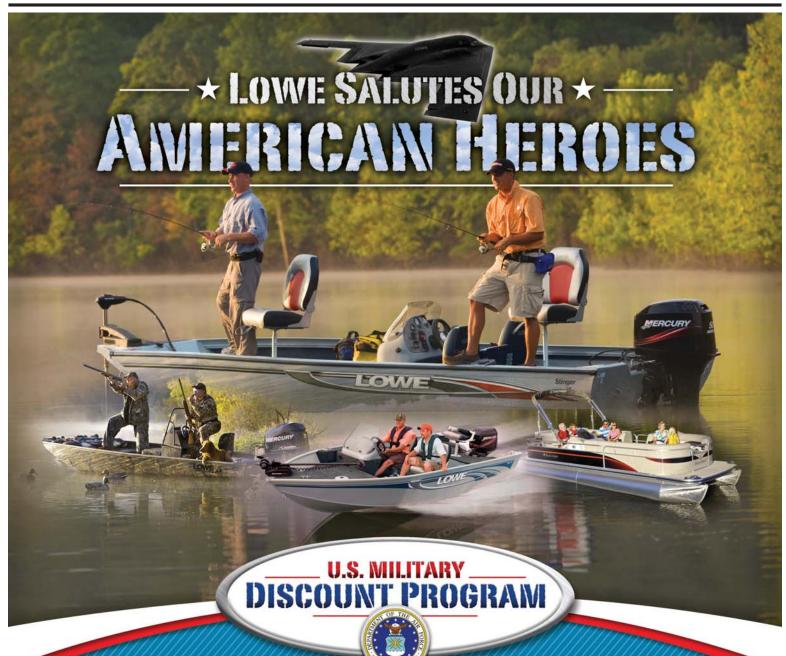


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8 The Warrior Friday, July 23, 2010 Feature



Photos by Senior Airman Carlin Leslie

Staff Sgt. Charles Malone, 509th Operation Support Squadron weather forecaster, readies a surveying instrument as part of the Tactical Meteorological System Observing station, July 6. The TMOS systems can be set up and sending data in 15 minutes.

t came as a surprise to some; the line of low, dark clouds quickly devouring the western horizon. What had been a still, humid, summer day quickly transformed into torrents of rain, small hail and damaging winds

The forecasters at the 509th Operations Support Squadron Weather Operations Center have been anticipating the action. As the local atmosphere deteriorated and a stream of cold air moved over south central Kansas, forecasters watched the line of convective storms blow up and begin their northeast track toward Whiteman, issuing advisories to departing pilots, and cautioning air traffic controllers and senior leadership.

"Sometimes, as 'weather guys,' we are put into a unique predicament," said Master Sgt. Nolan Hildebrand, 509th Weather Flight's NCO in charge of mission services. "We pride ourselves in the accuracy of our forecasts. If we warn the base of potential tornadoes or thunderstorms, because the parameters are there, we'd like to be right, but we never want to see harm come to the base, community or assets."

There are many missions at Whiteman that depend on the accuracy of a forecaster's work.

"As a weather flight, we provide weather support for all of the wings associated with the base—three flying wings and one Army Aviation battalion," said Capt. Glen DeMars, Weather Flight commander. "We're a part of everything. There's nothing that any of the wings on base do, operationally, without us. Weather changes all the time, and that makes our job essential."

Before the nation's multi-million-dollar assets soar into the atmosphere, forecasters provide several days worth of information. With help from the Joint Environment Toolkit, a system Air Force Weather uses to monitor weather conditions at hundreds of Air Force bases and Army installations



Master Sgt. Nolan Hildebrand, 509th Operation Support Squadron NCO in-charge of mission services, uses a weather tracker to survey the current weather with computer readings, June 24. The weather flight uses a variety of methods to accurately monitor the weather.

worldwide, arms weather technicians with information needed to provide pilots departure, en-route and arrival environmental conditions at bases around the globe.

"We provide a five-day forecast for the general and his staff for planning purposes, and that funnels down to dayprior planning, where pilots will call us to get information for missions they're flying the next day," Captain DeMars said. "We're also there for pre-flight briefings, which occur shortly before crews step to their aircraft."

Since there are many factors that go into launching a B-2, given the unlimited range of the aircraft, and its wartime mission, the weather center's accuracy is key to its success.

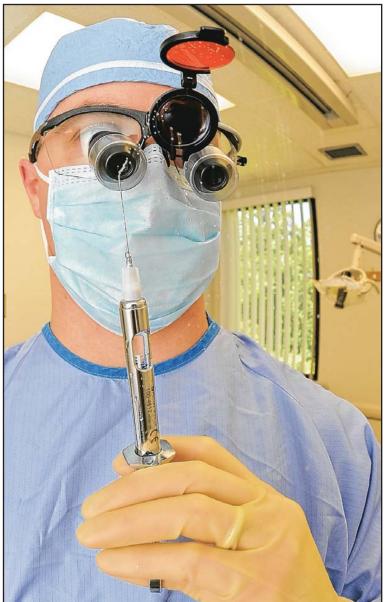
"Air Force Weather is different from the civilian agencies, such as the National Weather Service," Sergeant Hildebrand said. "We don't deal in probabilities. We make forecasts, and we are very specific, when it comes to missions."

On top of day-to-day tasks, when the weather turns nasty, and it often does in Missouri, the workload increases. According to Captain DeMars, the center has a notification chain that distributes inclement weather information to everyone assigned to the base that might be affected; however, a rash of phone inquiries tends to slow them down.

"We are here to answer all questions, as a support facility, but when severe weather is coming, the weather station is extremely busy," Captain DeMars said.

If the forecasts are inaccurate, there is more at stake than a ruined picnic.

"We have to be able to tell the pilots when weather events will happen, where they'll happen, and to what degree," Sergeant Hildebrand said. "We don't have the luxury of saying 'it's going to be partly cloudy today, with a 30 percent chance of rain.' That doesn't work for our mission."





Capt. Carl Bhend, 509th Medical Group dental clinic dentist, prepares local anesthetic, Tuesday. The medicine will be given to the patient in three shots so little pain is felt.

Take the tooth, eave the wisdom



Capt. Carl Bhend, 509th Medical Group dental clinic dentist, reviews the wisdom tooth extraction procedure with the patient Capt. Saleem Razvi, July 9. Going over the procedure is important to ensure patients understand the events that will take place during the surgery.



(Left) Airman Basic Kenneth Mason, 509th Medical Group dental clinic technician, cleans utensils used during wisdom tooth extraction, Tuesday. The dental techs uphold high sanitary standards to ensure every patient receives the best care possible. (Below) Capt. Carl Bhend (left), 509th MDG dental clinic dentist is assited by Airman Basic Kenneth Mason (right), to remove a wisdom tooth from the patient, July 9.



Airman Basic Kenneth Mason (left) assists Capt. Carl Bhend(right), 509th Medical Group dental clinic dentist, extract a wisdom tooth from the patient, July 9. Airman Mason evacuated excess saliva with a vaccum tube, while Capt. Bhend applied pressure to the wisdom tooth, July 9.



Feature

Keeping dogs healthy this summer

Airman 1st Class Montse Ramirez 509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

Suffocating heat has invaded Missouri these recent summer days and residents have been finding ways to combat its effects. Unfortunately, pets and man's best friend in particular, aren't as lucky in obtaining shelter and water from the sun's rays.

According to a pet-care website, dogs can't sweat as easily as humans. Dogs have very few sweat glands, mostly located in their foot pads, which makes it difficult for them to cool down and panting only gets them so far.

"We need to care for our dogs," said Army Staff Sgt. Eduardo Quezada, NCO in charge of Whiteman's veterinary treatment facility. "They can't go check the weather to see if it's going to be hot, they can't get fresh water or let themselves into the house. They depend on us to take care of them."

According to the website, if a dog exceeds its normal body temperature, which is between 100.5 to 102.5 degrees Fahrenheit, it may suffer heat exhaustion. If its body temperature rises to 107 degrees, heat stroke, brain damage and even death can occur.

"Unattended dogs have been spotted around here with no water or protection from the sun and with heat rising to temperatures higher than 90 degrees, it could be fatal to them," said Alia Benavidez, a 509th Force Support Squadron veterinary treatment facility technician. "Dogs have also been left inside vehicles where conditions can increase 10 to 20 degrees above outside temperatures."

"It's heartbreaking to see animals get hurt," said Mrs. Benavidez. "I don't think people mean to do it, they just don't seem to know any better."

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Leaving doas outside in extreme heat can subject them to heat exhaustion, heat stroke, brain damage, or even death. To report unattended anv dogs left outside for long periods of time, call security forces (660) 687-3700. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Carlin Leslie)



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Dog Safety

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Heat prevention tips:

- Never leave dogs tied up outside in the summer months, even in the shade.
 - Make sure dogs always have fresh, clean, cool water.
 - Never leave a dog in the car, even if just for a few minutes.
 - · Avoid vigorous exercise and play outside on warm days.
 - · Avoid walking dogs for prolonged periods on concrete.
- · Hydration is key. Be sure to bring plenty of water with you on walks with your dog.
- · Offer dogs ice cubes or a durable, rubber chew toy that is filled with water and frozen to help keep them cool, occupied and happy.
 - · Get a cooling mat for your dog to rest on.

OUT AND ABOUT

Third Annual community back-toschool block party in Knob Noster

The Knob Noster Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the thirdannual Back-To-School Block Party Aug. 13 at 6 p.m. at the corner of McPherson St. and State St. in Knob Noster. There will be free hamburgers, hot dogs, drinks, entertainment, games and prizes.

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A lifeguard certification course is available for teens who will be at least 15 years old by the end of the certification course or older. The course instructions include CPR,

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Karaoke ~ 9 p.m. ~ Mission's End

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SATURDAY 7/24

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SUNDAY 7/25

Family Day ~ 2-6 p.m. ~ Royal Oaks Golf Course

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MONDAY 7/26

Blue Plate Special ~ 11 a.m.-1 p.m. ~ Mission's End

Come to Mission's End and enjoy a blue plate special during lunch. Today's special is BBQ baby back ribs, baked beans, potato salad and corn bread. Cost is \$6 for members; \$8 nonmembers.

WEDNESDAY 7/28

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Keystone Club Meeting ~ 6-8 p.m. ~ Youth Center Teens, ages 13-18, meet to discuss leadership and community involvement. Nonmembers are welcome to join!

WEDENSDAY 7/28

Teen Trip to Jaeger's Paintball & Laser Tag ~ 4-11 p.m. ~ **Youth Center**

Teens, ages 13-18, sign up by today for the trip to Jaeger's paintball & laser tag in Kansas City scheduled July 30, 4-11 p.m. Cost is \$33 for members; \$35 nonmembers. Call 687-5586 for more details.

THURSDAY 7/29

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