

Bringing home honors



BARKSDALE AIR FORCE BASE, La. — Airmen from the 509th and 131st Bomb Wings proudly display the fruits of their labor. Members from both wings joined together to compete against other Air Force Global Strike Command and Air Combat Command Wings in the first Global Strike Challenge. The challenge took place over seven months with several competitions to show who is the "Best of the Best." Team Whiteman came home with more than 15 group and individual awards including the new Tibbets Trophy for Best B-2 Operations Squadron and the Fairchild Trophy for Best Bomb Wing. This is the fifth time the 509th has won the Fairchild Trophy, four times previously in the Strategic Air Command Bombing and Navigation Competition.

Under Secretary praises Global Strike Command at symposium

By Master Sgt. Mary Davis
2nd Bomb Wing Public Affairs

SHREVEPORT, La. — Detailing the significant commitment of Air Force senior leaders to the nuclear mission, Under Secretary of the Air Force Erin C. Conaton told a packed convention hall here Nov. 17 that the nuclear and global strike mission is critical to the United States.

"What you do matters; it matters to the Air Force and to our nation's security," Ms. Conaton told more than 400 Air Force Global Strike Command Technology and Innovation Symposium attendees and Global Strike Challenge competitors at the Shreveport Convention Center here. "Your contributions are why we have a safe and secure nuclear enterprise, and an effective strategic deterrent."

Ms. Conaton emphasized that for the Air Force, strengthening the nuclear enterprise is a top priority.

"Your work is on the front pages of papers around the country and on the table for discussions at the highest levels of our government," she said. "What has not changed, nor will ever change, is that this mission demands a level of attention to detail and constant vigilance beyond all others in the Department of Defense."

After becoming the Air Force's under secretary, the first base Ms. Conaton visited was an Air Force Global Strike Command installation. Since then, she has toured both B-52 Stratofortress and B-2 Spirit bombers, and visited a missile launch control center. Ms. Conaton lauded the work of the Airmen associated with those missions.

"These Airmen, though not always deployed to overseas locations, spend large amounts of time away from their homes and families in order to keep us safe," she said.

Since the strength of the Air Force's nuclear enterprise lies within the hands of Airmen to maintain a safe, secure and effective nuclear deterrent, a

lot is expected of them, she said.

"And we can be proud that we've taken some significant steps over the past few years to ensure we remain a credible strategic force both at home and abroad," Ms. Conaton said.

As one example, the under secretary commended Air Force Global Strike Command for reaching full operational capability Sept. 30, on schedule and less than 14 months after the command's official activation.

Ms. Conaton pointed out that Air Force Global Strike Command's first-ever Global Strike Challenge is "a continuation of a long history of vigorous competition between Air Force nuclear professionals that serves to improve our readiness. I know that the fierce competition brought out the best in you."

The under secretary concluded her remarks with the following words for the Airmen of Air Force Global Strike Command:

"We're celebrating the first year of Global Strike Command, but our nuclear mission has a rich heritage. For more than 60 years in a variety of command structures, our Airmen have done an incredible job of remaining vigilant and prepared to respond, in order to deter the threat of nuclear attack.

"It was brave Airmen like you--missileers and bomber crews--who helped to defuse the Cuban Missile Crisis, won the Cold War, and even now stand watch to deter aggression from around the globe.

"Because we live in a world where nuclear weapons exist, and we face enemies that seek to do us grave harm, our missileers stand constant alert. Our bombers remain prepared to generate. Our nuclear security forces continually patrol. And our maintainers and force support personnel ensure our weapons systems and operators are always at the ready.

"They do all this while focusing on excellence, adhering to the highest standards, and executing the precise day-to-day operations required of those responsible for our nuclear weapons systems. It is an amazing thing you do, and you serve a grateful nation."

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WEATHER	
Today	Sunday
Sunny	Mostly Clear
Hi 41	Hi 52
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Lo 30	Lo 30

Weather courtesy of the National Weather Service

Global Strike top leader remarks on holiday safety

As we eagerly look forward to spending well-deserved time with family and friends this holiday season, we must also think about safety. Whether driving extended distances or participate in recreational activities, staying focused and exercising appropriate risk management remain paramount. Absolutely everyone in this command is essential to mission success. A serious injury or fatality not only affects our mission but also impacts our family, friends, and fellow Airmen. It is a core value of our command that we always consider safety in all things large and small.

Historically, during this time of year, traffic mishaps rise. Between Nov. 1, 2009 and Jan. 1, 2010, the Air Force suffered five vehicle-related fatalities. Air Force Global Strike Command experienced six vehicle-related mishaps during the same period. We must apply sound risk management during the holidays to curb this trend. Regardless of your location or activity, staying mindful of your actions and cognizant of your surroundings are vital.

Air Force Global Strike Command just experienced a zero-fatality Critical Days of Summer season. Our goal is another fatality-free holiday season. Let's all do our part to make that goal come true.

Lt. Gen. Frank G. Klotz

Commander, Air Force Global Strike Command



8th AF command chief thanks you for your service



Mighty Eighth, I hope this finds the men and women of the Mighty Eighth all doing well as we enter this holiday season! With Thanksgiving upon us and the mad rush for Christmas and the New Year quickly approaching, I wanted to take the time to let you know how much I appreciate your sacrifice and dedication to this great country.

Thanksgiving is an opportunity for families to come together, look back on the year and give thanks for the many blessings enjoyed by all. I hope you take the time this Thanksgiving to thank your families, those both near and far, immediate and extended, as they sacrifice in serving alongside each of us.

I also want to personally thank each of you for your service this holiday season - whether you're responding to the call in support of operations New Dawn and Enduring Freedom, deploying in support of the Continuous Bomber Presence, restoring our nation's confidence in the nuclear mission by being prepared for the numerous no-notice Nuclear Surety Inspections or remaining strategically vigilant in projection of nuclear deterrence around the globe. You, the men and women of the Mighty Eighth, epitomize the silent professionals that have kept this nation safe from outright attack, assured our allies and kept our enemies heads down as they know we can reach them anywhere on the globe, at our time and choosing, to strike in defense of this nation.

Your quiet dedication is the backbone of the United States military and what allows us to do our job no matter where or when and it doesn't go unnoticed! Your silent dedication is what keeps the wheels of freedom turning everyday and for that I'm forever thankful for your service and sacrifice.

On a personal note, it has been my distinct honor to serve as your Mighty Eighth command chief for the last 17 months. The Mighty Eighth has three great wings assigned, each with strong, steady leadership and great, dedicated and motivated Airmen - of all ranks. You can rightly be proud of your units and what you have accomplished over the past year, both at home and deployed.

I wish each and every one of you a very happy and safe Thanksgiving.

Chief Master Sgt. Brian Hornback

Eighth Air Force command chief

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Real wingmen act: Prevent sexual assault

By Col. Eric Axelbank
 65th Air Base Wing

LAJES FIELD, Azores (AFNS) — Preventing sexual assault requires a culture change at the grassroots level. Applying President Harry S. Truman's "the buck stops here" motto teaches wingmen to avoid passing responsibility for action to others when witnessing sexual harassment or a situation that may lead to sexual assault.

Leaders, by nature of their actions or inaction, define Air Force culture and establish precedent. Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley opened up the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Leader Summit held in Crystal City, Va., Nov. 4. His message to wing leaders made clear that "there is no tolerance for sexual assault in our Air Force," and that "leaders at all levels must be engaged."

The research of Dr. Dorothy Edwards', the Green Dot, Inc. executive director, revealed the three most notable reasons why bystanders do not intervene. They are diffusion of responsibility, evaluation apprehension and modeling.

The "passing the buck" example above exemplifies diffusion of responsibility. In this case, responsibility for action is transferred to someone else who may or may not act. Evaluation apprehension refers to the notion of the fear of being embarrassed.

And lastly, modeling is where Airmen set the example and define culture either through their action or inaction. In order to prevent sexual assault, Airmen must overcome these three causes of non-intervention.

Leaders must also carve out time to talk to Airmen about their responsibility to intervene. This is another venue where wingmen must act and live up to the Airman's Creed.

One of the key themes of the Air Force Sexual Assault Prevention and Response program is that sexual assault is a perpetrator's issue as opposed to a victim's issue.

Too often, institutions focus on the victim and what the victim did or did not do. Attention must be centered on the perpetrator, because according to Dr. David Lasik, a clinical psychologist from the University of Massachusetts, more than 90 percent of all rapes are committed by serial offenders.

This alarming statistic is minimized when the focus is shifted to the victim versus the serial rapist.

Doctor Lasik also outlined the typical sequence of a sexual attack. Perpetrators normally plan their attacks in advance. The first step rapists employ is to identify a vulnerability, such as intoxication, instability and/or being alone. The second step is their attempt to increase vulnerability by, for example, increasing the victim's level of intoxication.

Lastly, the perpetrator seeks to isolate the victim. This can be done by driving the victim home or taking the victim to an unpopulated location.

Faced with these types of situations, wingmen must intervene and proactively prevent this crime from happening.

Having the courage to act prevents that "corrosive thread which shoots through the fabric that is the Air Force as an institution," according to Anne Munch, an American Prosecutors Research Institute faculty member.

During the 2010 Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Leader Summit, Secretary Donley also impressed upon the participants that Airmen should "keep faith with their fellow Airmen."

Real wingmen are not bystanders who diffuse their responsibilities. Real wingmen act!

Road Closure

Arnold Avenue will be closed between 8th and 9th Streets, and one block west, Sunday from 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. to refurbish the B-47 static display.

2010 Holiday cookie drive

The Whiteman community is requesting 10,000 homemade cookies for dorm residents for the holiday cookie drive. Cookies should be dropped off at Mission's End, Dec. 14 and 15, between 7 and 9 a.m. Volunteers are asked to label cookies, count and place in ziploc bag or tin pans. Sorting and bagging at Mission's End is Dec. 16 at 8 a.m. For more information or to volunteer call, Amy Moser at (937) 219-7366.

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Pitsenbarger award

The Air Force Sergeants Association is seeking nominations for the 2011 Pitsenbarger Award. The AFSA Pitsenbarger Award annually recognizes an Air Force enlisted servicemember who has performed a heroic act, on or off duty, that resulted in saving a life or preventing serious injury to another person or persons. The heroic act must have placed the nominee in risk of personal danger and been a legitimate attempt to save life or prevent serious injury to another person or persons. The award period is Jan. 1 through Dec. 31. Nominees must be Air Force enlisted active-duty, Guard or Reserve. Organizations and base-level personnel must contact their MAJCOM, FOA or DRU for applicable suspense dates and additional information regarding nomination procedures. Mail nominations directly to Air Force Sergeants Association, ATTN: Military and Government Relations, P.O. Box 50, Temple Hills, Maryland, 20757-0050 (if you use express mail, send nominations to 5211 Auth Road, Suitland, Maryland 20746) by: March 1, 2011. For more information on this and other Air Force recognition programs, visit the AFPC personnel services website at <http://gum.afpc.randolph.af.mil> or call the Total Force Service Center at (800) 525-0102.

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Hartzler visits Whiteman

Congresswoman-elect Vicky Hartzler of the 4th District, receives a tour of an A-10 Warthog cockpit by Col. Mark Clemons, 44nd Fighter Wing commander, Nov. 22. Congresswoman-elect Hartzler visited Whiteman to tour the facilities and meet Airmen assigned here.



U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Carlin Leslie

Nuclear assignments, manning focus of briefings

By Staff Sgt. Steve Grever

Air Force Personnel, Services and Manpower Public Affairs

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — Officers and enlisted members assigned to nuclear enterprise and other related career fields will be visited by one of five Air Force Personnel Center teams over the next three months to outline force development, assignments, education and training for the nuclear force.

AFPC Commander Maj. Gen. A.J. Stewart will visit with combatant command and major command commanders and five other teams consisting of an AFPC director and two officer and enlisted functional experts will educate the base-level populous during the tour.

"This is a great opportunity for open communication between our nuclear force and the AFPC experts responsible for managing this critical asset and will ensure we are all working toward the Air Force chief of staff's goal of reinvigorating the nuclear enterprise," General Stewart said.

AFPC is sending five teams from November to January 2011 to visit Barksdale Air Force Base, La., Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, Offutt AFB, Neb., Whiteman AFB, Mo., Malmstrom AFB, Mont., Kirtland AFB, N.M., Vandenberg AFB, Calif., F.E. Warren AFB, Wyo., Minot AFB, N.D., Aviano Air Base, Italy, Incirlik AB, Turkey and Spangdahlem AB, Germany.

Airmen from the following career fields will be briefed on officer and enlisted force development, assignments, education and training as well as nuclear enterprise manning, joint manning and other emerging requirements:

❑ **Officers** — 13S (Space and Missile Operations); 21M (Munitions & Missile Maintenance); 31P (Security Forces)

❑ **Enlisted** — 2W2X1 (Nuclear Weapons); 3P0X1 (Security Forces)

Whiteman will hold briefings, Nov. 30 at the community activities center and the base theater, which are in morning and afternoon for officers and enlisted members.

Meeting times are as follows:

❑ 9:30 a.m. - "Spread-the-Word" brief Location: Community activities center

❑ 10:30 a.m. - Question and answer breakout session

Locations: Officers at the CAC and enlisted at the base theater

❑ 3 p.m. - Question and answer breakout session (second offering)

Locations: Officers at the CAC and enlisted at the base theater.

In his CSAF Vector sent to Airmen in July, Gen. Norton Schwartz discussed the importance of continuing to strengthen the Air Force's 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," said General Schwartz. "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."

509th Bomb Wing announces December promotions



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From the Frontlines: Senior Airman Brian Kohl

By Heidi Hunt

509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

For many drivers, getting from point A to B is a day-to-day practice. However, many deployed Airmen conducting non-traditional operations down range, face dangers when tasked with convoy duty.

The tasking for Air Force Global Strike Command Senior Airman Brian Kohl, a 509th Logistic Readiness Squadron vehicle operator, was no different during his last deployment to Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, with the 424th Medium Truck Detachment.

Airman Kohl departed Whiteman in July 2009 for Basic Combat Convoy Course at Camp Anderson-Peters in Camp Bullis, Texas, for 30 days of training before arriving at his duty assignment. Alongside other Airmen from Whiteman, Airman Kohl learned basic combat skills required to integrate with joint forces in convoy operations.

"The missions we conducted involved strategic planning," said Airman Kohl. "We inspected our gear, made sure we had what we needed, loaded up and pushed out. Additionally, we scanned for any problems that we might encounter along the way."

This was Airman Kohl's second deployment and because of his experience and training he was assigned as the alternate radio terminal operator.

"I was the person who set up the communication and navigation equipment," Airman Kohl said. "I ensured all trucks were able to communicate with one another."

While preparing for convoys, Airman Kohl said part of the mission was to deliver various supplies to forwarding operating bases in Iraq.

"Supplies are needed for the troops to be able to get the job done," Airman Kohl said. "Not just for the Air Force, but for the Army, Navy and Marines as well."

In addition to his responsibilities, Airman Kohl said he had daily duties to attend to.

"We inventoried trucks, supplies, moved sandbags and reorganized trailers," he said. "It was a lot of busy work."

In between convoys, Airman Kohl used his time to prepare for the next mission and relaxation when able.

"I went to the gym and corresponded with family and friends," he said. "It helped to pass the time."

Airman Kohl said he enjoyed the integration with people from other bases all across the Air Force and said the best thing about the deployment was the adrenaline rush of arming up and going outside the wire.

Airman Kohl returned to Whiteman in March and said he missed his family, friends and privacy, but would do it all over again because he loves his country and is proud to serve in the nation's armed forces.



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Medical logistics: A pill's life

Shane Huntsman, 509th Medical Support Squadron medical logistics technician, receives a shipment of pharmaceutical supplies, Nov. 24. The unit logs shipments and delivers supplies to the pharmacy.



Shane Huntsman, 509th Medical Support Squadron medical logistics technician, stacks pharmaceutical crates here, Nov. 23. Medical logistics supports the 509th Medical Group in shipment and delivery of medications and examination equipment.



Shane Huntsman, 509th Medical Support Squadron medical logistics technician, stocks a new shipment of medications here, Nov. 23. Mr. Huntsman stocks more than 200 bottles and boxes of medications and medical supplies throughout an average morning.



A patient receives his prescription from the pharmacy technician here, Nov. 23. The 509th Medical Support Squadron pharmacy can fill more than 500 prescriptions a day, so it is necessary to make sure medications are in stock at all times.



Shane Huntsman, 509th Medical Support Squadron medical logistics technician, delivers the daily shipment of pharmaceutical supplies to the 509th Medical Group pharmacy here, Nov. 23. The shipment is logged into the system by a technician after it arrives.



U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman Carlin Leslie
Airman 1st Class Nickolas James, 509th Medical Support Squadron pharmacy technician, processes a prescription order here, Nov. 23. Orders delivered by medical logistics help the pharmacy supply patients with medications in a timely manner.

Royal treatment



U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Kenny Holston

Royal Air Force Air Vice-Marshall Michael Harwood, poses for a photo in front of the U.S. Air Force B-2 Spirit prior to his flight here, Nov. 23. AVM Harwood visited Whiteman to gain a better understanding of the Global Strike Command mission and have the chance to fly the B-2.

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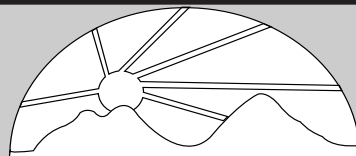
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Team Whiteman takes home Global Strike Challenge honors

Airmen from the 509th Munitions Squadron work together to prepare 12 MK-82 bombs during a practice session for the Air Force Global Strike Command Challenge, July 12. The seven Airmen from the 509th MUNS team safely prepared all 500-pound bombs in a short amount of time. The teamwork of the team paid off as they brought home the Best Bomber Crew Chief team award, the Best Bomber Crew Chief Trophy and the Best Bomber Conventional Load Team Trophy.



U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Charles Larkin Sr.

History of Global Strike Challenge Awards

Fairchild Trophy - Awarded since 1951, the Fairchild Trophy is awarded to the best bombardment wing. The trophy is named for General Muir S. Fairchild, former AF Vice Chief of Staff.

The Tibbets Trophy - The Tibbets Trophy is awarded to the best B-2 squadron. This is the first year for the prestigious award. The Tibbets Trophy is named for the 509th Composite Group's first commander, Col. Paul W. Tibbets.

Charlie Fire Team Trophy - This award is presented to the best security forces team. The Charlie Fire Team trophy is dedicated to all security police and security forces members who have given their lives in support of the Air Force's nuclear mission. It bears mention that in past Giant Sword competitions, winning security and weapons load teams shared the Barrentine Trophy which was retired to the Enlisted Heritage Institute at Gunter Air Force Base, Ala., in 1994. The year 2010 marks the first time in AFGSC and Strategic Air Command history that a separate legacy trophy is awarded to security forces.

By Senior Airman Jason Barebo
509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

Members of the 509th and 131st Bomb Wings teamed up in the first Global Strike Challenge and culminated the nearly six-month competition by bringing home the top bomb competition prize – the Fairchild Trophy.

Global Strike Challenge is the world's premier bomber, Intercontinental Ballistic Missile and security forces competition with units from Air Force Global Strike Command, Air Combat Command, Air Force Reserve Command and the Air National Guard.

"Global Strike Challenge will help us build pride and a culture of excellence," said Lt. Gen. Frank Klotz, commander of AFGSC. "It is the beginning of a new tradition--the best of the past launching us into the future."

Throughout the year, competitions took place to test the innovation and teamwork of each team.

Around 400 competitors took part in GSC competitions at various locations in three competitive categories: Bomber Operations and Weapons load competition, Missile Wing Operations and maintenance competition and Security Forces combat skills competition.

Team Whiteman competed in the Bomber Operations and Weapons load competition and the Security Forces combat skills competition. Whiteman Airmen began preparing earlier this year for the two competitions with vigorous training exercises and scenarios.

"I couldn't be more proud of the entire team assembled for this competition," said Brig. Gen. Scott Vander Hamm, 509th Bomb Wing commander. "These Airmen performed with great pride and precision, and have proven they are unrivaled technical and weapons experts in their given disciplines."

The GSC came to a close Nov. 16 as the final Security Forces team completed their competition. The results of Team Whiteman members at the first GSC are:

- ❑ **Best M203 shooter:** Senior Airman James Doan, 509th SFS
- ❑ **Best M9/M4 shooter:** 2nd place, Airman 1st Class Warren Smith, 509th SFS; 3rd place, Tech. Sgt. Christopher Camara, 509th SFS
- ❑ **Best Bomber Crew Chief team:** Staff Sgt. Jacob Westad and Staff Sgt. Eric Hinckley, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
- ❑ **Best Security Forces Firing Team:** Tech. Sgt. Roy Chavez, Tech. Sgt. Christopher Camara, Staff Sgt. Brandon Bendele, Senior Airman Chung Richmond, Senior Airman James Doan and Airman 1st Class Warren Smith, 509th SFS.
- ❑ **Tibbets Trophy for Best B-2 Operations Squadron:** 13th Bomb Squadron Crew; Maj. Matthew Newell and Capt. Daniel Knerl
- ❑ **Fairchild Trophy for Best Bomb Wing:** 509th Bomb Wing and 131st Bomb Wing, Whiteman AFB
- ❑ **Charlie Fire Team Trophy for Best Security Forces:** 509th BW
- ❑ **Best Bomber Crew Chief Trophy:** 509th BW; Staff Sgt. Jacob Westad and Staff Sgt. Eric Hinckley
- ❑ **Best Bomber Conventional Load Team Trophy:** 131st BW; Master Sgt. Daniel Bates, Master Sgt. Christopher McFtridge, Tech. Sgt. Matthew Mulins and Senior Airman Matthew Jones.

"(I am) very happy to see the Fairchild Trophy is back in the hands of the 509th Bomb Wing following in the fine traditions of the FB-111A wings of the 380th and 509th and their domination of Strategic Air Command Bomb Comps," Mr. Frank Kaplan commented on an article posted on www.af.mil.

This is the fifth time the 509th has brought home the Fairchild Trophy, four times previously during the days of Strategic Air Command and the Bombing and Navigation Competition. The Fairchild Trophy is named for former Air Force Vice Chief of Staff General Muir Fairchild and is awarded to the best bombardment wing.



U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Alexandria M. Boutte

BARKSDALE AIR FORCE BASE, La.—Lt. Gen. Frank Klotz, commander of Air Force Global Strike Command, and Angell Tibbets, granddaughter-in-law of Col. Paul W. Tibbets, 509th Composite Group's first commander, unveils the Tibbets Trophy for Best B-2 Operations Squadron at the score posting, Nov. 16, at Barksdale Air Force Base, La. The 13th Bomb Squadron from Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., was awarded the trophy for Best B-2 Operations Squadron during competition.

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Flag football championship: Victory depends on one play

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

AMXS stayed true to their title as this season's top rated defense after holding off a last minute drive by SFS, sealing a 29-28 victory. SFS could have won the game if they had met their 30-point scoring average, but their top-rated offense fell short.

Starting the game with a 7-0 lead, the SFS quarterback threw a 50-yard pass followed by a short option play with the quarterback running into the end zone.

AMXS answered when they quickly stormed down field, tying the game with a 15-yard touchdown pass and an extra point.

SFS missed the opportunity to take the lead with two dropped passes in the end zone.

They followed with two runs, both being stopped inside the red zone, giving AMXS the ball.

The game remained 7-7 with AMXS also missing the opportunity to score after a string of dropped passes and short runs.

Taking advantage of the AMXS weak-side of defense, SFS completed a 40-yard pass followed by a 20-yard touchdown toss and one-point conversion. They headed into halftime with a 14-7 lead.

AMXS started the second half off to a perfect start with a bullet to the corner of the end zone to tie the game at 14-14.

SFS countered with a handful of long

passes, bringing the ball to the AMXS 1-yard line. They stole the lead, 22-18 with a short pass followed by a 2-point conversion.

The lead was short-lived, with AMXS marching down the field on the following drive. The AMXS quarterback took advantage of the deep coverage and sprinted down mid-field for a 20-yard gain. A short-end-zone pass brought the game within 2 points. AMXS risked a 2-point conversion to tie the game.

On the returning drive, a 60-yard end zone toss allowed the SFS to retake the lead, but they missed the 2-point conversion. AMXS had hope since the score was 28-22, leaving them only needing a touchdown and extra point to win the game.

With three minutes left in the game, AMXS drove down the field while burning time off the clock. The quarterback ran a sweep to the end-zone marker, taking the lead. An extra point kick set the score at 29-28.

SFS had one more shot at winning the game with less than a minute left on the clock. They failed on consecutive end zone attempts. With a last-ditch effort, they threw a "Hail Mary" pass to the end zone, which was deflected by one of the four defenders in the area.

AMXS disband their huddle after a few last words, "See you all next year! Champs on three; one ... two ... three ... CHAMPS!"



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SUNDAY 11/28

Football Frenzy ~ 11 a.m.-7 p.m. ~ Mission's End

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MONDAY 11/29

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Grill Specials ~ 11 a.m.-1 p.m. ~ Mission's End

Check out December's grill specials Monday through Friday during lunch. Your choices this month are spicy Voodoo chicken sandwich or skirt steak sandwich. Cost is \$6.50 for members; \$8.50 nonmembers. Call 687-4422 for more information.

Family Night ~ 5-7 p.m. ~ Mission's End

Members, join us for a kid friendly buffet. This is a club members only event. Call 687-4422 for more details.

TUESDAY 11/30

Stained Glass Class ~ 5:30-8:30 ~ Arts & Crafts

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WEDNESDAY 12/1

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YOUTH & TEEN EVENTS

TODAY 11/26

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MONDAY 11/29

Teen Shopping & Lunch Trip Sign Ups ~ Youth Center

Teens, ages 13-18, do you need to find that special gift for Christmas? Sign up for the shopping trip to the Mall in Columbia, Missouri, scheduled December 11, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Cost is \$5 for members; \$6 nonmembers. Bring money for shopping and lunch.

Before & After School Openings ~ Youth Center

School Age Program currently has openings for Before & After School Program. Please call the Youth Center at 687-5586 to enroll your child today!

Dentokan Karate ~ 4-5 p.m. ~ Youth Center

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TUESDAY 11/30

National Fine Arts Program ~ Youth Center

Youth, ages 6-18, today is the last day to submit your artwork for the National Fine Arts Program. The Youth Center is one of more than 4,000 clubs and military organizations across the country joining in the search to identify talented young artists. Youth may submit artwork to the Youth Center for selection. Selected artwork will then be sent to the Boys and Girls Club headquarters for judging at the national level. Interested youth may contact the Youth Center at 687-5586.

Torch Club Meeting ~ 4-5 p.m. ~ Youth Center

Preteen, ages 9-12, learn to work together to plan and implement activities. Torch Club meets every Tuesday during the school year. Cost is free. Call 687-5586 for details.

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! Call 687-5586.

WEDNESDAY 12/1

Start Smart Basketball Registrations ~ Youth Center

The Youth Center is accepting youth basketball registrations beginning today for ages 3-5. Cost is \$25 without a kit; \$61 with a kit. Contact the Youth Center at 687-5586 for more details.

Parent's Night Out Deadline ~ Youth Center

Today is the sign up deadline for Parent's Night Out at the Youth Center for ages 6-12 and CDC for ages six weeks to five years old. The program is scheduled December 3, 6:30-10:30 p.m. Cost is \$10 for members; \$12 nonmembers at the Youth Center and \$12 at the CDC. Call the Youth Center at 687-5586 or CDC at 687-5588.

Fun Night-Holiday Party Sign Ups ~ Youth Center

Today we begin taking sign ups for the holiday party scheduled December 10, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Youth will make arts & crafts, play Bingo for prizes, take part in activities and games in the gym, and much more! Cost is \$10 for members; \$12 nonmembers. Call 687-5586 for more information.

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