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## B-2 brings spirit to Rose Parade

The B-2 Spirit conducts a flyover to open the 122nd annual Tournament of Rose Parade held New Year's Day, in Pasadena, Calif. Brig. Gen. Scott Vander Hamm, 509th Bomb Wing commander, was on hand to represent Team Whiteman and Air Force Global Strike Command. See Pages 8-9 for more photos of the Rose Parade and Rose Bowl.



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jason Huddleston

## Whiteman firefighter saves man's life

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

Airmen constantly train to perfect their careers, but for one Air Force Global Strike Command Airman, he found his training helping him save a man's life.

It was just before midnight Dec. 10 when Airman 1st Class Kenneth Taylor, 509th Civil Engineering Squadron fire protection member, was returning here from Warrensburg, Mo.

He was driving east on Highway 50, one-half a mile past PCA road, when he saw a vehicle sitting in the median. The vehicle had travelled off the right side of the roadway and struck a concrete culvert.

"When I got closer, I saw the grass underneath the vehicle was on fire, so I stopped my truck and ran over to the vehicle," he said. "There was a chance someone was inside the vehicle, so I went to check."

"The driver hit his head on the steering wheel," Airman Taylor said. "His nose was bleeding and he showed signs of shock. When I told him his vehicle was on fire and that he needed to get out, he said 'oh ok,' like it wasn't a big deal.

"I knew I had to get him out of there," he said. "I unbuckled him and helped him exit the vehicle then led him to my truck."

By the time they had walked to Airman Taylor's truck, a 30-second trip, the vehicle's interior was engulfed in flames. A few minutes later, the vehicle's fuel tank exploded turning the vehicle into a large ball of fire.

Other Samaritans arrived on scene to assist Airman Taylor and

the driver. A man checked the vehicle for additional passengers, while a woman called 9-1-1.

"The driver was slipping in and out of consciousness, so he must have hit his head pretty hard," Airman Taylor said.

Airman Taylor said the techniques he learned since joining the Air Force, such as first response training during his technical school, helped him assess the scene and take quick action throughout the accident.

"The fire training I went through taught me to act without hesitation," he said. "I talked to the man to keep him awake and tried to prevent him from losing consciousness."

Airman Taylor said his technical training also taught him how to provide some medical assistance, which he was able to implement on scene.

The victim was rushed to Western Missouri Medical Center where he recovered within 24-hours.

Karl Salier, a Johnson County paramedic said that without Airman Taylor's actions, the accident victim would have sustained severe injuries, and possibly death.

Staff Sgt. Bryan Daspit, 509th Civil Engineering Squadron crew chief and Airman Taylor's supervisor, said that he wasn't surprised

when he heard about his subordinate.

"He's a hard working and dedicated Airman who also happens to be a father of three, so he understands the value of life," Sergeant Daspit said. "It's in his character to go out of his way to help people."

That's the way I was raised, to help people when they need it," Airman Taylor concluded. "It was just another day. I'm happy I was in the right place at the right time to help the man out."



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Cody H. Ramirez

**Airman 1st Class Kenneth Taylor, 509th Civil Engineering fire protection member, saved a man from a burning vehicle on Dec. 10. He modestly stated, "I'm just glad I was in the right place and the right time to help the man."**

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### WEATHER

Today	Sunday
Partly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy
Hi 43	Hi 31
Lo 25	Lo 24
Saturday	Monday
Partly Cloudy	Snow Showers
Hi 31	Hi 32
Lo 21	Lo 18

Weather courtesy of National Weather Service

# “I have great hope for you”

By Lt. Col. Francis Holland  
509th Medical Operations Squadron

It was Dec. 7, 2001, when I first heard the news. I left the Bolling Air Force Base, D.C., clinic that afternoon to attend commander's call at the officers club. When we were released, I headed back to complete my charting. There were multiple messages marked “important” on my desk informing me to return a call from a doctor at Malcolm Grow Medical Center, Md. I made a few attempts as I finished my work but there was no answer. It was 6 p.m. Friday; the clinics would be deserted until Monday morning.

For over a year, I had been bothered by a variety of symptoms that I knew from my training were not routine. The most recent had been a large firm lymph node at the base of my neck. The node had been surgically removed five weeks earlier. I knew the messages meant my results were finally back. Unable to reach anyone at Andrews, I headed home. I had consid-

ered waiting until Monday to find out, but when I arrived home my wife was worried. She had received a call from a doctor who had revealed just enough to let her know that this was not a normal-results notification. She had tried to contact me numerous times but I had turned off my phone for commander's call. Monday seemed a long way off, so I decided to call Jack. Jack and I were friends. Years earlier we withstood internship together. Now, nearly 10 years later we were both practicing in the D.C. area and we occasionally went out to eat and catch up on things. Jack was now the chief pathologist at Malcolm Grow, he would know my results. I called him on his cell. He answered right away and after a few jokes I explained that I had been unavailable when they tried to notify me. He

hesitated only briefly then did a fine job of explaining the findings. Before we hung up, he apologized and said he hadn't wanted to be the one to tell me I had cancer. I told him it was much better coming from a friend.

In the weeks that followed, I had every test imaginable and then some. The results showed that I had an “incurable” form of Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma and it was stage IV. There is no stage V. I was told that treating it immediately would not provide a survival benefit. The recommendation was to “watch and wait” until symptoms were severe enough to warrant the months of chemotherapy that would potentially put me into remission. There would be plenty

only just starting.

As expected the cancer progressed. In 2003, I had radiation treatments to my spine where the cancer had eaten away at one of my vertebrae. This was later followed by surgery to replace the missing bone with cement. In 2004, when it was definitely time to treat I chose a clinical trial at the National Institutes of Health. The treatment included nine months of a four-drug regimen of high-dose chemotherapy. It was grueling. It relieved me of all my wanted and unwanted hair and often of my stomach contents. But one of the other side effects of chemotherapy is life. The treatments forced the cancer into remission. After a year in

remission, I also received monthly injections of an experimental vaccine developed from cancer cells removed from me prior to the chemo.

It has been 9 years since Jack told me I have cancer. For the last 6 of those years I've been in remission. The doctors told me I'd get my hair back, but it was likely I'd start losing it faster and they were right. They also told me I would have little

chance of fathering more children and they were wrong. In April of 2009, my wife gave birth to beautiful identical-twin girls who are now 20 months old and are truly miracles. Those two blessings have teenage brothers who were 6 and 7 years old when I was first diagnosed. They are now in high school, taller than me and becoming more like men every day.

Without a doubt, I have an incredible number of things to be thankful for! From things most people fail to notice—like simply being alive, to the truly special—like having a loving and supportive wife and family. We are each given a tremendous gift and opportunity simply by being present on this beautiful planet. Cherish your gift, be thankful for it and make it count. I have great hope for you.



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- Lt. Col. Francis Holland

of options, each with various complication, response, survival and death rates. I grew tired of the grim facts being presented to me and opted for a second opinion.

The oncologist I consulted was thorough. Every blood test, scan and path report was reviewed. A few more tests were run for confirmation. Her conclusion was that I did in fact have stage IV Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma, that I would in the near future require treatment and that the various options had risks, benefits and no guarantees. She then looked me in the eye and said “I have great hope for you.” Sometimes we need a kind gesture or a few words to help us re-establish our balance. To me those simple words were a beacon of light in a sea of darkness. They dared me to hope and reminded me that this race was

## CCAF get special emphasis in Materiel Command

By Gen. Donald Hoffman  
Commander, Air Force Materiel Command

**WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio (AFNS)** — On Jan. 1, AFMC began its “Year of the Community College of the Air Force” campaign. John Buchan, a 20th century writer and politician, once said, “The task of leadership is not to put greatness into people, but to elicit it, for the greatness is there already.” Therefore, I challenge each of you to reap the benefits of formal education during the new year.

AFMC's YoCCAF will emphasize the need for enlisted Airmen to earn college degrees, specifically a CCAF degree. Currently, 24 percent of AFMC's enlisted Airmen have earned degrees through CCAF, and our goal is to increase this by 10 percent in 2011. With 67 degrees in 5 general areas, CCAF provides career-specific education for enhanced performance as technicians and noncommissioned officers.

YoCCAF will employ a direct approach. Leaders at each base will designate mentors to contact Airmen face-to-face to share the importance of education in their own lives and the benefits to

the entire Air Force. Although YoCCAF will target E-4 to E-7, I encourage all Airmen to seek additional education regardless of rank.

Formal education after high school is a path to promotion and personal development for enlisted Airmen, and a commodity highly valued in all Air Force members. Even the wisest mind has something more to learn.

Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James Roy said, “Airmen are to be trained, educated, and have the experience (depth) to carry out the mission.”

Our Air Force is confronted with great challenges and considerable fiscal constraints, but the solutions are right here. They are in the new recruits, in the Airmen we supervise, and inside each one of us. Through continuing education we can unlock ideas to create efficiencies, conserve valuable resources and inspire innovation.

Whether for promotion, qualification for a special duty or personal improvement, I encourage all Airmen to make time for education in the new year. Add educational goals to your list of new year resolutions for 2011 and keep learning. The future of the Air Force depends on it!

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**Wing Fitness Day**

Wing Fitness Day is today from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the fitness center. There will be 30-minute MicroFit and equipment orientation classes. Health and fitness fair, representatives from the HAWC, Family Advocacy and Airman and Family Readiness Center and a free personal training demonstration. For more information call (660) 687-5496.

**DBIDS registration mandatory**

The Defense Biometric Identification System for checking IDs at the gates is 100 percent implemented for Whiteman. Those who have not registered their ID cards will be denied base access until they register. To register, go to the visitor center, outside the Spirit gate, which is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. For questions, contact Master Sgt. Craig Vorhees or Staff Sgt. Kyle Larson at (660) 687-4257 or (660) 687-4254.

**Caring for People Survey**

Air Force members looking to voice their concerns about community support programs and services can complete the 2010 Caring for People Survey. The survey allows total force Airmen, civilians, retirees and spouses an opportunity to tell Air Force leaders how they can better address services within health and wellness; Airmen and family support; education and development; and housing and communities. Members may complete the survey at <http://www.cfgroup.com/cfpsurvey/>.

## January brings Whiteman promotions

Sixty Team Whiteman Airmen were promoted Jan. 1. A promotion ceremony was held Jan. 3 for the new promotes at the Mission's End. The promotees are:

**Airman**

**Milton Alberto**, 509th Security Forces Squadron

**Kristopher Hein**, 509th SFS

**Steven Patinka**, 509th SFS

**Khadija Price**, 509th SFS

**Anhelina Sanchez**, 509th SFS

**Soraya Lee**, 509th Communications Squadron

**Airman 1st Class**

**Jeremy Gutsch**, 509th Operations Support Squadron

**Darrius Johnson**, 509th OSS

**Regan Johnson**, 509th Force Support Squadron

**Christyn Kenney**, 509th Maintenance Squadron

**Brandon Wilkinson**, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron

**Christopher Zacher**, 509th MXS

**Senior Airman**

**Shawn Barrett**, 509th CS

**Joshua Bingham**, 509th SFS

**Anthony Bojorquez**, 509th OSS

**Matthew Ulmer**, 509th OSS

**Mathew La**, 509th OSS

**Jonathan Jordan**, 509th OSS

**Austin Cody Brown**, 509th SFS

**Paul Jundzilo**, 509th SFS

**Samantha Prather**, 509th SFS

**Glenn Waters**, 509th SFS

**Matthew Meserve**, 509th SFS

**Sean Delgado**, 509th SFS

**Edward Caglayan**, 509th MXS

**Joshua Nash**, 509th Munitions Squadron

**Ashlee Casey**, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron

**William Lewis**, 509th LRS

**Lanny Deboard**, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

**Joseph Merfeld**, 509th AMXS

**Joseph McCoy**, 509th AMXS

**Shawn Lutz**, 509th AMXS

**Patrick Vincent**, 509th AMXS

**Bradley Denny**, 509th AMXS

**Tyler Horrigan**, 509th AMXS

**Staff Sergeant**

**Shannon Beavin**, 509th CES

**Christopher McLaughlin**, 509th CES

**Craig Zehrbach**, 509th CES

**Brian Halko**, 509th LRS

**Anthony Schwartz**, 509th LRS

**Bryce Green**, 509th AMXS

**Daniel Lawson**, 509th MUNS

**Technical Sergeant**

**Jamarr Blackmon**, 509th AMXS

**Eric Brambila**, 509th AMXS

**Jeffery Croteau**, 509th AMXS

**Andrew Friend**, 509th MXS

**Terrence Jones**, 509th SFS

**Debra Watson**, 442nd MDS

**Master Sergeant**

**Cheryl Allen**, 509th LRS

**Justin Bunting**, 442nd AMXS

**William Couey**, 509th MXS

**Matthew Lauer**, 509th MXS

**Kathleen Franklin**, 509th LRS

## ALS graduates future NCOs

The Whiteman Airman Leadership School Class 11-B graduated 45 future supervisors Dec. 16 at the Mission's End.

The award winners were:

**John L. Levitow**: Staff Sgt. Andrew Riddle, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron

**Distinguished Graduates**: Senior Airman Marcus Karl, 19th Munitions Squadron, Senior Airman August Schmitt, 509th Maintenance Squadron, Senior Airman Brandon Collins, 509th Security Forces Squadron and Senior Airman Stephen Nevil, 509th Operations Support Squadron

**Academic Achievement Award**: Senior Airman August Schmitt, 509th MXS

**Commandant Award**: Senior Airman Daniel Lawson, 509th Munitions Squadron

**The graduates were:**

509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron: Senior Airman Aaron Goodloe, Senior Airman Jonathan Price, Senior Airman Patrick First and Senior Airman Bryce Green

**509th CES**: Senior Airman Ryan Bombardiere, Senior Airman William Howell, Senior Airman Whitney Johnson and Senior Airman Lorenzo Lancia

**509th Communications Squadron**: Senior Airman Dana MacMillan

**509th Force Support Squadron**: Senior Airman Trevor Story

**509th Logistic Readiness Squadron**: Senior Airman Brian Kohl

**509th MXS**: Senior Airman Eric Barnes, Senior Airman Christopher Maki, Senior Airman Jason Swallow, Senior Airman Kevin Armstrong, Senior Airman Jason Barber, Senior Airman Daryl Bishop, Senior Airman Samantha Mendrop, Senior Airman Zachary Trimble, Senior Airman Ryan Burick, Senior Airman Heather Nebolsky, Senior Airman Jason Owens, Senior Airman Jason Schuler and Senior Airman Kyle Wilke

**509th Maintenance Operations Squadron**: Senior Airman Heather Martin

**509th Medical Support Squadron**: Senior Airman Reina Paschal and Senior Airman Christopher Lopez

**509th MUNS**: Senior Airman Sky Meashintubby

**509th OSS**: Senior Airman James Carson and Senior Airman Guiovan Venegas

**509th SFS**: Senior Airman William Noble, Senior Airman Jonathan Ragan, Senior Airman Markus Black, Senior Airman Daniel Carter, Senior Airman Justin Freer, Senior Airman Brandon Hills, Senior Airman Alberto Rivera and Senior Airman Edward Wilder

**19th MUNS**: Senior Airman Quinton Terrill

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KOKO 1450 Warrensburg

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WDAF (Fox 4 KC)

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# General Klotz reflects on command, career

**BARKSDALE AIR FORCE BASE, La. — Editor's Note:** When he enlisted in the Air Force Reserve in 1968 to attend the Air Force Academy Prep School, Lt. Gen. Frank Klotz says he never imagined where his Air Force career would take him. Now, after more than 37 years of commissioned service, he took a few minutes to sit down and reflect on a career that includes time as an Air Force Academy instructor, White House Fellow, Defense Attaché in Moscow, and commander at every level of the space and missile force. General Klotz's career culminated as the first commander of Air Force Global Strike Command, the job he leaves Jan. 6 as he transitions from active duty.

## What do you consider to be the highlight of your career?

The highlight of my career is my current assignment as the Commander of Global Strike Command. I've spent an entire career working on issues related to nuclear deterrence and global strike. So, the opportunity to lead a major command dedicated solely to that mission as my last job on active duty has been very special. It has also been a great honor and a privilege to work with the numbered Air Force and wing commanders, the NCO leaders, and the nearly 23,000 magnificent Airmen who make up Global Strike Command.

## When the Command first stood up, what were the main priorities for AFGSC?

At the outset, we concentrated primarily on getting the right people on board and into the right jobs. Then, we had to define the right mission, vision, values and goals to guide the organization as we began to move forward.

I think in retrospect we were enormously successful in both of those areas. One of the things we discovered early on was that there was a long line of highly-talented people knocking at the door, wanting to become a part of Global Strike Command. Many had a passion for our mission based on prior assignments and experiences. So, the opportunity to come back and to work in a major command that was focused on that mission really appealed to them.

Quite frankly, many of the people who came on board in the early days took an enormous personal risk. They were well established in other jobs and other commands, and for them to make the leap to this brand-new command required a tremendous amount of courage and faith. I'm sure glad they did.

## Air Force Global Strike Command has put a lot of emphasis on visits to the wings from senior headquarters staff. Why did you feel that was important?

We've made it a priority in this Command to get out of the headquarters and visit the wings on a regular and recurring basis. The purpose of a headquarters is to provide guidance, resources and people for our operational units. Therefore, it's critically important that the headquarters staff understands ground truth at the level where the work is actually being accomplished. The only way you get that understanding is to go to the field and see for yourself, talk to the Airmen, and get a sense of what's on their minds.

## One of the most outstanding achievements during your command of AFGSC was certainly Global Strike Challenge. Why is competition important to what we do?

If we're going to be successful at building and sustaining a safe, secure and effective nuclear and global strike force, we must foster a culture of excellence. Competition helps build that culture.

In order to succeed in a competition like Global Strike Challenge, you have to be the very best in your particular field, whether its ops, cops or maintenance. To be the very best, you have to hit the books. You have to totally master the weapons system and the hardware. You have to think through a multitude of scenarios and how you would handle them if you ever confronted them in the air or in the field.

Through competition we raise the bar, we raise the standard for the entire force. Those individuals who were competitors become the centers of excellence within their own organizations. They serve as role models, and they pass on



U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Keith Ballard

**Lt. Gen. Frank G. Klotz, the commander of Global Strike Command, addresses missileers at Minot Air Force Base, N.D., during a pre-departure brief Dec. 2, 2009, the day after Air Force Global Strike Command officials assumed responsibility for the Minuteman III ICBM mission.**

to others all the things that they have learned.

## Now that the Command has achieved Full Operational Capability, where do we go from here, and what are the areas of focus for the future?

I must say, I think the command has come a very long way in a short time. We've come a long way in terms of performance on nuclear inspections, and in the very focused and disciplined way in which we approach both ICBM and bomber operations and maintenance.

The Minuteman III, the B-52 and, to a significant degree, the B-2 are aging weapon systems. So, by necessity, our focus is rightly on sustaining and modernizing the forces which we now have responsibility for. At the same, we will also be full partners in the process of identifying the requirements for follow-on global strike systems, as called for in the Department of Defense's Nuclear Posture Review released last April.

## How are the local communities around our six wings, and two geographically-separated squadrons, important to Air Force Global Strike Command and its Airmen?

We have marvelous support from our civic leaders and local communities, both for the mission and, more importantly, for our Airmen and their families.

The active duty military are assigned to a particular base for only a few short years, and then they move on. So our local community leaders in a sense become the institutional memory, the continuity between commanders at all levels. They share an immense pride in their local Air Force base and feel like it's their base, too. It's a magnificent, critically important relationship and a key to our continued success as an Air Force.

## What are your plans post-retirement?

My wife Nancy's one criterion for where we move is to live in the same time zone as our children and grandchildren! Given the pace of the last year-and-a-half, we honestly haven't had a moment to spend thinking about what we will do next in life or where we will live next. However, I do hope to continue my association with our Air Force family, and to continue to work on issues related to national security and the nuclear enterprise.

## Will you miss the active-duty Air Force?

What I'll miss the most are the two things that contributed to my decision to make the Air Force a career. The first was having the opportunity to do work for which the Air Force had educated and trained me. That has given me an

enormous sense of personal and professional satisfaction.

The second thing I'll miss is the opportunity to work with Airmen. The work ethic, the devotion to duty, the commitment to something greater than oneself are all unique and very special attributes of the military profession

## If you had a parting message for the Airmen of AFGSC, what would it be?

I'd like for them to know that the senior Air Force leadership understands the enduring importance of the nuclear and global strike mission to the security of our nation, and of our friends and allies. Over the last two Christmases, the Secretary of the Air Force, the Chief of Staff of the Air Force, and the Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force have all visited Global Strike Command bases, in some very challenging winter weather conditions, I might add. And the Under Secretary of the Air Force not only made her first official trip outside Washington to a Global Strike Command base, but she also flew down for Global Strike Innovation and Technology Symposium and the Challenge Strike Challenge score-posting in November.

Our senior leaders know the sacrifices and demands associated with being a part of the nuclear enterprise. As a result of that, they are extraordinarily proud of each and every one of our Airmen and the work that Global Strike Command does 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

With every sortie, every alert, every dispatch and every post, our Airmen set the conditions that help deter potential adversaries and assure our allies and friends around the world.

Our success in standing up this command while continuing the operational missions at home and abroad is due to the tireless, skilled and dedicated efforts of our total team-active duty, Guard, Reserves, government civilians and contractors.

## Is there anything else you'd like to add?

I want to congratulate each and every member of Air Force Global Strike Command for successfully launching the Air Force's newest major command. The noble and worthy work they have performed in a very short period of time is both recognized and highly valued by the entire Air Force and Department of Defense.

On a more personal note, Nancy and I extend our very best wishes for the New Year to our Airmen and their families, and to the good citizens of the local communities around our bases. We are so grateful to them all for their selfless service in defense of our Nation, and for the opportunity to share this experience with them.

## Consolidated communications facility

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

After 16 months of construction, the ribbon was cut for the new 509th Communication Squadron communications building Dec. 17.

The new \$10.2 Million building, which houses all 509th Communications Squadron and 131st Bomb Wing Communication Flight personnel, consolidates offices and units which were previously located in four separate buildings throughout the base.

The two-story building is not only practical by providing a centralized facility for dozens of Air Force Global Strike Command shops, but is also aesthetically pleasing, according to Daniel Vannier 509th CS plans and resources flight chief.

“Having 21 communications shops in one central location allows the communication squadron’s mission to be performed at a higher level,” said Mr. Vannier. “Our mission is to provide secure, reliable and timely communication and information services to achieve unequaled customer satisfaction with professional, courteous people included in total team effort.

“Having the shops working closely together allows the different specialties to perform better as a team and learn from each other by having a better information-sharing ability,” Mr. Vannier said.

Being in one centralized location also means the Airmen will be able to share tools, transportation and resources.



U.S. Air Force photo/ Senior Airman Kenny Holston  
**Brig. Gen. Scott Vander Hamm, 509th Bomb Wing commander, Maj. Tim Huang, 509th Communications Squadron commander, and other distinguished guests cut the ribbon to the new Consolidated communications facility.**

“Placing all of our functions together increases the efficiency of our work by providing more face-face communication, as well as better time-management,” said Master Sgt. Jimmy Smith, 509th CS chief enlisted manager. “Having to go to three different locations was very time consuming and unpractical.”

The energy-efficient building includes a new network training center available to the base populace to provide training in areas such as records management, SharePoint and selected application training.

In addition, an indoor maintenance facility for large vehicle radios, formerly worked on in the elements was added and a central base disintegrator is planned for relocation from Bldg. 705.

The new structure aids the efficiency of the mission by providing Airmen with better resources, boosting their morale and in turn the base populace.

## Changes coming to the Post-9/11 GI-Bill

WASHINGTON (AFNS) — The Post-9/11 Veterans Education Assistance Improvements Act of 2010 was recently signed into law.

### Effective Aug. 1, 2009 but not payable until Oct. 1, 2011

☐ Certain National Guard members mobilized on Title 32 orders on, or after, Sept. 11, 2001 are now eligible for the Post-9/11 GI Bill and any qualifying Title 32 mobilization may be used to increase your percentage of eligibility

### Effective Aug. 1, 2011

☐ The Post-9/11 GI Bill will pay all public school tuition and fees; this includes graduate training, out-of-state tuition differential, etc.

☐ For students attending private institutions of higher learning or foreign schools, the tuition and fee reimbursement will be capped at the lesser of net out-of-pocket cost or \$17,500 annually. However the Yellow Ribbon Program still exists

☐ College fund payments will be paid on a monthly basis instead of a lump sum at the beginning of the term. Those training at one-half time or less will be eligible for college fund payments

☐ Reimbursement will be available for multiple licensing and certification tests

☐ Reimbursement will be available for fees paid to take national examinations used for admission to an institution of higher learning, such as the SAT

☐ Vocational Rehabilitation participants will be able to elect the higher housing allowance offered by the Post-9/11 GI Bill if otherwise eligible for the Post-9/11 GI Bill

☐ Break or interval pay will no longer be payable under any Department of Veterans Affairs education benefit program unless under an executive order of the president or due to an emergency situation such as a natural disaster or strike.

Entitlement that previously would have been used for break pay will be available for use during a future enrollment. This means that if a semester ends Dec. 15, housing allowance is paid for the first 15 days of December only. Benefits will begin again when a new semester begins. Benefits will be paid for the remaining days of that month and term.

☐ Students using other VA education programs are included in this change. Monthly benefits will be prorated in the same manner.

### Effective Oct. 1, 2011

☐ For those training at greater than one-half time, housing allowance will be prorated according to the training time those are enrolled in. For example, if a person's full housing allowance is \$1000, and that person is attending three-quarters time, housing allowance would be \$750.

☐ Housing allowance will be payable to students enrolled solely in distance learning. The housing allowance will be one-half the national average basic allowance for housing for an E-5 with dependents. The rate would be \$673.50 for 2011)

☐ Non-college degree programs, on-the-job training and flight-training programs will be covered under the Post-9/11 GI Bill

☐ The book stipend will be payable to active-duty members







Courtesy photo

**JOINT BASE BALAD, Iraq - Staff Sgt. Jennifer Winkels, 332nd Expeditionary Civil Engineer NCO in charge of construction management during her last deployment. Sergeant Winkels departed Whiteman June 14, 2010 and returned Dec. 26, 2010.**

## From the Frontlines: Staff Sgt. Jennifer Winkels

By Heidi Hunt

509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

Ensuring infrastructure projects were done according to specifications across Joint Base Balad, Iraq, was a duty which was entrusted to Staff Sgt. Jennifer Winkels, 332nd Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron NCO in charge of construction management during her last deployment, June 14 to Dec. 26, 2010.

Sergeant Winkels, an Air Force Global Strike Command Airman, ensured all construction and demolition projects across base were carried out and oversaw contractors during her second deployment.

"On average, each of my seven inspectors, maintained three- to-six projects at a time," Sergeant Winkels said. "These projects included demolition, road repair, fence installation, building renovations, electrical overhauls, airfield repairs and facility consolidation projects.

"As new projects were created, I assigned an inspector to each per that individual's specialty," she said. "I personally oversaw all road repair projects across base. The importance of maintaining the roads across JBB encompasses safe travel for not only non-tactical vehicles but for the multiple semi-trucks, high-mobility multipurpose wheeled vehicles, mine resistant ambush protected vehicles and other tactical vehicles that traveled around base."

Sergeant Winkels said there were more than 8,000 vehicles that transited JBB roads every day.

"The road repairs included ruts, potholes, uneven surfaces and constructing new driveway for the years of abuse from the larger vehicles, poor sub-grade conditions and extreme weather conditions," she said.

In addition to her assigned duties, Sergeant Winkels volunteered as a mentor at the Iraqi Kid's Day. More than 150 volunteers dedicated a day and played games with more than 100 Iraqi children which were brought on base for the event.

"The girl I was assigned to mentor was 12 years old and dreamed of becoming a

reporter," Sergeant Winkels said. "We spent a good part of the day drawing flowers and smiley faces on the T-walls. It was a day I will never forget."

Sergeant Winkels said she enjoyed her deployment and would go again because she loves her job and being able to perform a deployed location is rewarding.

Although Sergeant Winkels faced new challenges this time around which she didn't experience on her first deployment, she said she still kept focus on the mission.

"Probably the biggest challenge was taking over as NCO in charge," she said. "I took over about half way through my deployment and had never been in charge of an entire office before and as soon as my first boss rotated out, I was in charge of three military and three civilians. Balancing that with staying on top of all the road construction was definitely a challenge."

Additionally, Sergeant Winkels said she learned a lot, not just from doing her job, but from talking with people she met.

"The best part of my deployment has been the people I have had the pleasure to work with," she said. "The contractors I work with on my asphalt projects are from Turkey, so it has been a fun experience learning that culture from them. The guys I worked with within the squadron have been the greatest to work for. We are family."

Going above and beyond the call of duty is not an uncommon thing for Sergeant Winkels according to her supervisor Master Sgt. Allen Sims, 509th CES programs flight superintendent.

"Sergeant Winkels' high level of moral integrity and devotion to excellence were critical in managing construction contracts that involved not only large sums of Air Force money, but also balanced relationships between U.S. Armed forces members and host nation contractors and construction representatives," Sergeant Sims said. "Her constant pursuit of excellence guaranteed that construction projects were accomplished to required standards and ensured the best U.S. dollar spent in the JBB area of operation."

## 2011 Wing Fitness Day schedule of events

<u>Time</u>	<u>Name of Class/Location</u>
10-10:30 a.m.	Turbo Kick/Falcon Gym
10-10:30 a.m.	Cycle Blast/Spin Room
10-10:30 a.m.	Power Circuit/Eagle
10:30-11 a.m.	STEP/Falcon Gym
10:30-11 a.m.	Extreme Fitness/Eagle Gym
11-11:30 a.m.	Power Spin/Spin Room
11-11:30 a.m.	Power Interval/Court 4
11:30 a.m. – noon	Zumba Dance Party/Falcon Gym
11:30 a.m. – noon	Boot Camp/Eagle Gym
Noon-12:30 p.m.	Zumba/Toning Sticks/Falcon Gym
Noon-12:30 p.m.	Extreme Military Training/Eagle Gym
Noon-12:30 p.m.	Abdominal Core Training/Court 4
12:30-1 p.m.	Power Spin/Spin Room
12:30-1 p.m.	Guts and Glutes/Eagle Gym
12:30-12:55 p.m.	25 Minute table massage Wallyball
1-1:25 p.m.	25 Minute table massage Wallyball
1-1:30 p.m.	TRX/Falcon Gym
1:30-2 p.m.	Rush/Falcon Gym
1:30-2 p.m.	Cycle Blast/Spin Room
1:30-2 p.m.	Top it off/Eagle Gym
1:30-2 p.m.	Abs by Nate/Court 4
1:30-2:55 p.m.	25 minute table massage Wallyball
2:30-3 p.m.	Lunchtime Blitz/Eagle Gym
2:30-3 p.m.	Yoga Fit/Court 4

## The Spin is in!



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

**Nathan Berkley, a spin class instructor, holds the handles of his stationary bike during a fitness center spin class. The Fitness Center's Spin Class is just one of multiple workouts offered in their aerobic schedule. For more information call (660) 687-5496. The 509th Force Support Squadron Fitness Center is hosting its annual Wing Fitness Day today starting at 10 a.m. See Page 11 for a full schedule of the 2011 Wing Fitness Day events. Read next week's *Whiteman Warrior* newspaper for full coverage of the event.**



Intramural Basketball Standings		Over 30 League Basketball Standings	
Team	Record	Team	Record
SFS-B	6-0	MXS	5-0
AMXS-A	4-0	CES	3-0
SFS-C	5-0	FSS/BW	4-1
FSS	6-1	CS	3-2
AMXS-A	5-1	442nd FW	3-2
MDG	5-2	LRS	2-2
CES	3-3	131 BW	0-3
CS	5-3	SFS	2-3
OSS	4-4	OSS/OG	1-3
SFS-D	0-4	AMXS	3-4
MUNS	2-5	MDG	0-6
MXS	1-6		
LRS	1-7		
131 BW	2-6		
SFS-A	1-8		

**Retiree Activities Office** — The Retiree Activities Office provides an interface between the active-duty force and the retiree population from all military branches. The RAO is staffed by volunteers and open from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Monday through Friday. The RAO is always looking for volunteers and training is provided. For more information, call (660) 687-6457 or 1 (800) 303-5608 or e-mail rao@whiteman.af.mil.

**You, Your Children, & Divorce** — You, Your Children, & Divorce is a 90-minute class offered twice a month on the second and fourth Tuesday from 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. It is for individuals with children who are in the process of a divorce. Class content focuses on helping parents help themselves and their children through a divorce successfully and minimize negative effects on the children. Reservations are required. Call (660) 687-4341 for additional information.

**Dad's the Basic's** — Dad's the Basic's is a four-hour workshop for new dads to learn about caring for their new baby. The workshop is taught by other fathers and is held on a Saturday morning from 8 a.m. to noon every three months. Call (660) 687-4341 for next workshop date and location.

**Shifting Angry Response Patterns (SHARP)** — Shifting Angry Response Patterns is a four-session class offered every month on Thursdays from 10-11:30 a.m. for individuals interested in learning effective strategies for understanding and managing anger. Reservations required, call (660) 687-4341.

**Prevention & Relationship Enhancement Program** — Prevention & Relationship Enhancement Program is a communication workshop for couples (married, engaged and/or dating) who have a good relationship and want to make it better. This is a six-hour workshop and will be held every three months on a Friday from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Call (660) 687-4341 for the next workshop date and location.

**School Liaison Officer** — The School Liaison Officer is available to assist military families with questions or issues in regards to Kindergarten through 12th grade schooling options. The SLO works to develop partnerships with the local school districts. The SLO is located in the Airman & Family

Readiness Center, and can be reached at (660) 687-7132.

**1-2-3 Magic** — 1-2-3 Magic is a two-session research based parenting skills class offered twice a month on the second and fourth Tuesday from 2 – 4 p.m. It teaches parents easy-to-follow steps for disciplining children ages 2-12 without yelling, arguing or spanking. Parents will learn how to get their children to stop doing what they don't want them to do and encourage them to start doing what they want them to do. Parents will learn techniques for handling misbehavior in public and dealing with testing and manipulation. Reservations required, call (660) 687-4341.

**Common Sense Parenting** — Common Sense Parenting is offered in three, 90-minute classes every month and is scheduled according to the parent's needs. The Family Advocacy Program offers two different classes. One for parents of children ages 3-5 and another for parents of children ages 6-16. This class will demonstrate how to give clear messages, stay calm and teach your child self-control as well as prevent misbehavior. Reservations required, call (660) 687-4341.

**WIC** — WIC is nutrition education, health promotion and supplemental food program aimed at assisting women, infants and children who have special nutritional needs. WIC office personnel will be at the Airman & Family Readiness Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:30 a.m. First time attendees who want to sign up for WIC must call their office first for details at (660) 747-2012.

**New Parent Support Program** — New Parent Support Program is an educational outreach program available to all expecting parents, and parents with children through the age of two. In-home visits from a registered nurse and a licensed social worker will provide professional advice, educational material and resources for both parents. For more information call (660) 687-4341.

**Right Start** — The next Right Start briefing is scheduled for Jan. 18 from 7:30-11 a.m., at Mission's End. This briefing is mandatory for all military personnel arriving to Whiteman. New arrivals must attend this briefing within 15 days of in-processing. Spouses are strongly encouraged to attend.

## This week at the movies

### Harry Potter 7

Saturday, 7 p.m.

**(Daniel Radcliffe, Emma Watson)**

Harry, Ron and Hermione set out on their perilous mission to track down and destroy the secret to Voldemort's immortality and destruction -- the Horcruxes. Without the guidance of their professors, the three friends must now rely on one another more than ever. But there are Dark Forces in their midst that threaten to tear them apart. Rated PG-13 (some sequences of intense action violence and frightening images) 145 minutes

### Unstoppable

Sunday, 3 p.m.

**(Denzel Washington, Chris Pine)**

A veteran engineer and a young conductor try frantically to stop a half-mile-long freight train carrying enough combustible liquids and poisonous gas to wipe out a nearby city. Rated PG-13 (sequences of action and peril and some language) 98 minutes

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