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Eyes on Target



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Laura Goodgame

FORT LEONARD WOOD, MO. -- Senior Airman Jacob Blumbrich and Staff Sgt. Jarrod Phelan, Tactical Air Control Party Airmen, directly communicate with aircraft after getting a visual of a simulated threat at Cannon Range, Detachment 1 of the 131st Bomb Wing, Oct. 13 during a 30-day career upgrade training field exercise. The Airmen are in the final days of their training and must prove they are capable of coordinating close air requests, and controls close-air-support giving pilots in the air a better visual of the target which provides life saving mission support. See Pages 8 & 9 for more photos and story.

Preventing suicide through education, training

51st Medical Operations Squadron

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea -- The loss of any life is a tragedy, whether in combat or not, and there has been a recent increase in military suicides.

In response, the Department of Defense is working to combat the tragedy of suicide in military communities around the world.

The plan is to educate through the development of educational problems, encouraging self-help, working to develop healthy communities and training front-line leaders on strategies to enhance unit cohesion and support military members, there is a determined effort to preserve the lives of all service members.

On a personal level, everyone should learn how to recognize when a fellow warrior may be at risk for suicidal thoughts or behaviors and what to do when a problem is identified.

Warning Signs of Suicide

All military members have been trained to identify sources of physical danger but you should also be able to identify psychological danger by asking yourself some questions about your buddy's behavioral health.

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10 year anniversary of strikes against Afghanistan

Senior Airman Cody H. Ramirez
509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

The 509th Bomb Wing and its B-2 Spirits led the way Oct. 7, 2001, striking the Taliban regime in Afghanistan and signaling the start of Operation Enduring Freedom. Oct. 7, 2011 marked the 10th anniversary of the U.S. opening this new front on the war against terrorism.

More than a decade later, many of the pilots who were involved in the strike force remain stewards of the nuclear enterprise here in support of global deterrence.

Col. Andrew Gebara, now the 509th Bomb Wing vice-commander, was one of those pilots.

"After Kosovo, some in the program felt the strategic situation was such that we wouldn't have to worry about active combat for awhile," Gebara said. "Those who held these illusions had them shattered on 9/11, when jihadists brutally attacked us in New York, Pennsylvania and Washington DC."

Gebara said that afternoon his commander called all the pilots together to explain what had happened, and inform the pilots that some of them would deploy immediately.

"I was one of those pilots," Gebara added.

Almost a month after the attack on 9/11, the

U.S., responded with a military build-up labeled Operation Enduring Freedom aimed at destroying terrorist training camps and facilities within Afghanistan. The 509th BW launched six B-2 Spirits over the Pacific to drop bombs on target in Afghanistan; one of them conducting a 44-hour flight - the longest bombing mission in aviation history to date.

"Within a matter of days a small cadre of Whiteman operators and maintainers were sent to a forward location on an island base in the Indian Ocean, where we launched America's initial B-2 retaliatory attacks against the Taliban, and served as a refueling base for B-2s returning from their missions," he said. "We quickly turned the jets and got them back to Whiteman; by the time we shut the engines down, the jets had been in continuous operation for more than 77 hours, an amazing testament to the men and women who designed, built, and maintained these aircraft.

"While I was disappointed to be chosen to fly a jet home instead of to Afghanistan, I was—and remain—immensely proud of our efforts in 2001; we once again proved the value of long range strike and the Airmen who make it happen," Gebara added.

After the strikes, the 509th Bomb Wing com-

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Team work, past and present

Lt. Col. Alan B. Sanders
393d Bomb Squadron Commander

Long hours and demands on our positions can cause us to lose sight of the important role we play in our nation's national security objectives. We know the mission and responsibilities of our units. But, do you truly realize the dramatic effects that your day-to-day duties provide for the national security of our country? Do you think about the important role you could be playing in our country's history?

Each of us directly supports our country's national security regardless of our positions. Together we play a vital role in our ability to carry out our mission at a moment's notice. Knowing and believing this has had a dramatic effect on me, and the position I hold as 393rd Bomb Squadron commander.

Last month I had the privilege of attending the 509th Composite Group reunion at Rapid City, S.D. Although there were only six surviving members present, several family members and friends attended on behalf of their departed friends and loved ones that had once worn the 509th Composite Group patch. The 509th Composite Group consisted of eight units and 1,770 men. On Aug. 6, 1945, the actions of these men directly led to the end of World War II with the dropping of the atomic bomb, "Little Boy," on the city of Hiroshima and the detonation of "Fat Man" a few days later over Nagasaki.

As the stories were told among the attendees, I realized the value of team work and the importance that each individual contributes with their service in the armed forces.

Each of us swore we would support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic. This was evident and portrayed by the diligence of those six surviving members in their legendary stories.

The word that comes to mind when I reflect on the essential role each member of the 509th Composite Group provided is synergy. Synergy is defined as two or more things functioning together to produce a result not independently obtained.

Conducting the heroic missions of dropping the atomic bombs on Japan took synergy. No position was medial in task or importance; from George H. Cohen, Flight Engineer of Crew B-8, to James M. Dugger of the 1st Ordnance Squadron to the intelligence office clerk of the 393d BS each member of the 509th Composite Group recognized the critical contribution that each member made to those two missions.

A failure of any single position would have had a devastating effect on the overall outcome.

Dropping the atomic bomb showed the world that the U.S. not only acquired nuclear capabilities, but possessed the will to use those weapons. We sustain this message

today not by the dropping of nuclear bombs but by maintaining the ability to do so.

The 509th partnered with the 131st Bomb Wing retains this nuclear competence through continuous training and exercising. The gist of our nuclear capability is manifested in generations such as Global Thunder and Constant Vigilance. However, we train to this mission each and every day through such actions as the management and execution of PRP, the maintenance of our nation's nuclear weapons and the generation and flying of the B-2 Spirit weapons system. It takes each and every individual of every organization within the 509th and 131st Bomb Wing to create our nuclear team.

Without each Airmen and civilian maintaining their respective proficiencies, we would fail as a team.

We can Google and read history books all day about the importance the Air Force played over the past 60 years, talking to the actual members of the 509th Composite Group that participated in such a significant event engrained in my memory is the magnitude that each of us play in our organization.

Our ability to deter our enemies with our nuclear capabilities may not be reflected in history books and in the same capacity as those events in August 1945. However, our ability to maintain the capability to do so will ready us for the history books should deterrence fail.

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Commander's Corner

Team Whiteman,

The Air Force has been engaged in continuous combat operations for more than two decades, starting with Operation Desert Shield. For the past 10 years our Airmen have been deployed at a furious pace in support of operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.



These deployments are an essential part of our national defense. Without them our nation would not be able to continue operations halfway around the world. Every one of you, whether you have deployed or taken up the slack back home for someone who deployed, should be proud of your contribution to today's fight.

Deployments add stress to an otherwise stressful job. All of us work long hours, move frequently, and deal with situations that most people in America never have to consider. These stresses are cumulative, and over time even the strongest Airman can find themselves needing help.

When that time comes – when we need help – it is vital that our brothers and sisters in arms are there for us. The Wingman concept – Airmen watching out for Airmen – is the best tool we have to take care of our people when they need help.

One of the saddest moments in any commander's career is when one of their Airmen takes their own life. It is a senseless waste of potential, and causes lasting, devastating damage to families.

We cannot stop every suicide. There aren't always warning signs, and we cannot predict the future. What we can do, and what I expect every Airman in my command to do, is pay attention to their Wingmen, listen for when they ask for help, and always, always do the right thing.

We all have stressful jobs, and sometimes we need help dealing with life's twists and turns. By the same token, we all must be ready to help our friends and coworkers whenever called upon.

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-Brig. Gen. Scott Vander Hamm, Commander

'Buy in': Do you have it?

By Chief Master Sgt.
Robert Carter
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JOINT BASE LEWIS-MC-CHORD, Wash. (AFNS) -- "Buy in." Is it a buzz word for the not quite committed?

Today's continuously changing military environment requires people who can adapt to change, think on their feet, make decisions and think through problems and issues, all for mission accomplishment. So what does this have to do with buy in? If you as a military member, do not have a buy in at different levels, you will fail to maximize your success. These levels are with your people, your job and the Air Force.

As a chief master sergeant, I didn't adopt the idea until I was a young NCO, but it progressively grew from there. My first real experience was when a close friend overheard a conversation between two Airmen in the dormitories talking about potentially creating some turmoil. She told them, "Not in my Air Force!" I thought to myself wow, that's real ownership. She's a stakeholder in this great Air Force (and that's how I want to be).

First, as a young NCO, you are a trainer of younger Airmen, and the knowledge, skills and attitudes that you display to those you train must be honest, accurate and provide growth. As one grows in rank, that same honest, accurate mentoring is

shared with peers, senior enlisted leaders and junior and senior officers alike.

Second, to take care of your people on all levels must always be first in your mind. When they are late, find out where they are. When they are sick, ensure they receive medical care. When they do things well, be sure they are acknowledged. The phrase, "We are entrusted with the care of our countries sons and daughters" doesn't just relate to senior leaders or commanders. We all must care for those under our control and at times even those who are not.

Lastly, our core values really drive home the keystone of how we act, react and operate in our military microcosm. Do you really think integrity is just a buzz word? Try operating in a combat environment without it. You fail. In a flightline or operational environment without it, you fail. In a customer service environment without it, you fail.

Would settling for mediocrity on the battlefield allow for success? The Army expects and receives excellence each and every time when they call upon the Air Force in joint operations. Your buy in at all levels -- your people, your job and in your Air Force -- allows us to be the most feared and respected air and space force in the world!

Own your piece of the mission. Are you bought in?

NEWS BRIEFS

Fall Festival in Warrensburg

The Wildlife Society is hosting a fall festival in Warrensburg Oct. 29 from 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the University of Central Missouri campus. There will be arts and crafts, bird banding, survival skills and geocaching, exotic reptiles, lakeside nature center activities, animal tracks, relay races, bugs alive, frog calls, what lives in a pond, bug eating, tug of war, pumpkin carving and painting, and sustainability tidbits for adults. For information call Lacey Ridnour at 913-548-9623. The event is free and open to the public.

War and Recovery: Information and Advocacy Day

The third annual War and Recovery: Information and Advocacy Day is Nov. 4 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the National World War I Museum at Liberty Memorial, 100 W. 26 St. Kansas City, Mo. 64108. The War and Recovery event is designed to educate those veterans and servicemembers who experience such issues as PTSD, mild traumatic brain injury, substance abuse and pain management upon returning from conflict. In addition to expert speakers on the topics, service providers will be on hand to answer questions and provide information on resources. The event is free to servicemembers, veterans and their families. Register online at www.rehabkc.org or call 816-751-7783 by Oct. 29.

Veterans' Day Parade

The annual Veterans' Day parade is at 3 p.m. Nov. 11 and is scheduled to start at Seventh Street to Main Street, going north to Ohio Street in Sedalia, Mo. Churches, schools, youth and adult organizations, family groups and businesses are invited to participate in the parade as well as veterans groups and first responders. All entries are to have a patriotic theme. Political entries will be accepted as long as they do not endorse any candidate or issue. There will be prize money for the best float, best car, best marching band, best family unit and best school unit and "best" overall unit. All entries must be submitted by Oct. 31. Entries are not confined to Pettis County. The parade is sponsored by the JrROTC and the veteran's organization, Voiture 333 of the 40 & 8. Rain or shine. For more information call Tony Gallagher at 660-287-3812 or email irishsgt@charter.net.

2011 Halloween, Oct. 31



Whiteman AFB trick-or-treaters can participate in Whiteman's 2011 Halloween celebration Oct. 31 from 6 to 8 p.m. Families are asked to practice safety measures. Call 660-687-4482 for more information.

Civic leaders receive warm welcome from Team Whiteman



Honorary commanders and civic leaders from across the nation received a first-hand glimpse into the total force concept while on tour Wednesday and Thursday here. Civic leaders were met by base senior leaders and visited numerous facilities, aircraft and Airmen to learn more about how Team Whiteman active-duty, Reserve, Guard and civilians work together to accomplish missions.

U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Laura Goodgame

SOAR provides spousal support to WAFB newcomers

By Heidi Hunt

509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

Anyone who has ever moved to a new city knows that adjusting to an unfamiliar area can often be a challenge for military spouses. In an effort to ease the transition for dependants, the staff members at the Airman & Family Readiness Center implemented Spouse Orientation Acclamation & Resources, a new program at this Air Force Global Strike Command base.

The purpose of SOAR is to provide spouses who are new to Whiteman AFB with valuable information on resources and opportunities available to them. It also assists with acclamation to the military lifestyle here, according to Shannon Scott, 509th Force Support Squadron A&FRC specialist and SOAR program coordinator.

"Spouses' number one complaint has been information dissemination," said Scott. "Most don't know about the resources and opportunities available to them being a military spouse. So after brainstorming with the office and meeting with lodging we decided SOAR would be a perfect avenue to reach out to new spouses when they first arrive to the base."

SOAR is designed to be a one-stop-shop for everything spouses need to know to 'hit the ground running' and call Whiteman home, according to Scott. SOAR provides spouses with information on: spouse employment, education options, childcare options, Heart Link, 509th FSS programs, local area information, playgroups, networking, general base information and volunteering, to name a few.

"I believe any spouse who attends SOAR can benefit from the information," Scott said.

"My hope is that with the knowledge about the resources available spouses will feel confident and empowered to pursue their goals and get

involved in the Whiteman AFB community and have an overall sense of belonging and satisfaction while being stationed here.

"Our overall goal is to give them the tools to succeed," Scott added.

SOAR is also a good way to meet other spouses who are in the same boat, according to Scott.

"Each week I get the privilege of meeting new spouses and hopefully making an impact on their first impression of Whiteman AFB," Scott said. "Spouses are likely to feel satisfied with the military lifestyle if they are informed and involved."

Stacy Olson, SOAR participant, said many of her questions were answered and that she is grateful that Whiteman AFB has a program that offers pertinent information to newcomers.

"Shannon had so much information available at her fingertips and was able to provide my family and me with a lot of valuable information," Olson said. "This is our fourth assignment and it was so refreshing to meet with someone so knowledgeable about the base and the areas surrounding it. It is really hard moving to a new area not knowing what that area has to offer," she said.

"It also makes it so much easier when you have the information you need to accomplish your goals. It really doesn't matter whether you are brand new to the service or 'seasoned', you will come away from this meeting more informed."

Although under different names, similar types of programs have been offered at other bases, but this is the first time it has been done at Whiteman AFB.

SOAR is open to Team Whiteman members, but the target audience are spouses new to the base. SOAR is held every Monday from 10 to 11 a.m., (excluding holidays and base down days at the Whiteman Inn. For more information contact Shannon Scott at 660-687-7665 or search WhitemanAFRC on Facebook. Children are welcome.

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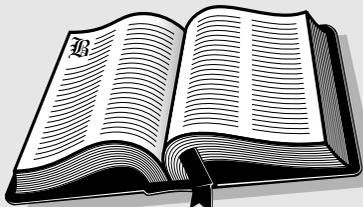
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Ozark Inn staff members have the special mission of providing healthy and nutritious meals that help solve the problem when members of Team Whiteman get hungry.

The Dining Facility employs more than 20 civilian workers and

has 44 Airmen assigned to support the mission of feeding hungry servicemembers. They offer four meals a day and spend two hours preparing food before each meal, to ensure that the nearly 1,000 daily customers have the freshest ingredients in their food.

Tech. Sgt. Roberto Cerda, 509th FSS Ozark Inn manager, said the dining facility is a great dining choice, even for personnel that do not use meal cards.

"We like to offer a variety to our customer," he added. "A salad bar, snack line and nutritious line give customers a selection of food to choose from."

Cerda also said that great customer service and quality-food selection are top priorities for the Ozark Inn staff.



An Ozark Inn employee sanitizes vegetables for a salad before the lunch rush arrives Sept. 16.



Airmen converse while waiting to be served lunch Sept. 26 at the Ozark Inn. The facility provides four meals a day to nearly 1,000 daily customers ensuring the food is made with the freshest ingredients.



An Ozark Inn employee washes down a grill here after scrubbing it with cleaning supplies. The dining facility staff follows strict health codes when preparing food to ensure customers are eating safe foods.



Airman 1st Class Katie Wright, 509th Force Support Squadron food services, prepares food for upcoming lunch rush Sept. 26 at the Ozark Inn.

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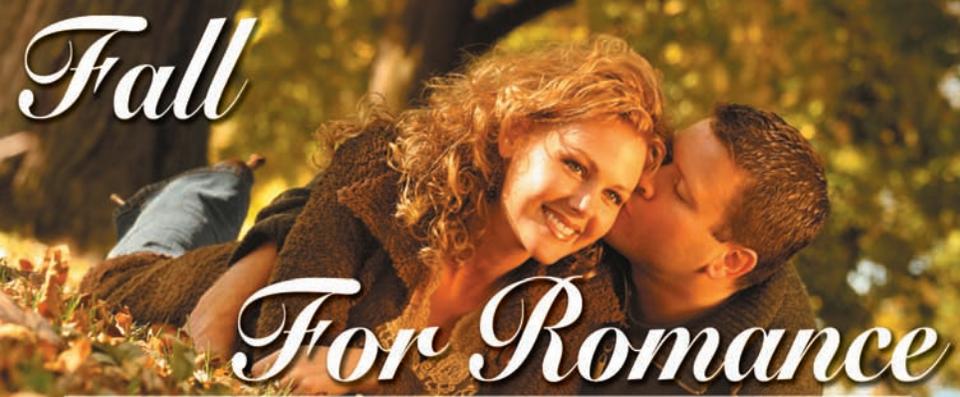
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Here are some signs for concern:

- Significant relationship, financial, or work related problems
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- Substance misuse
- Significant prolonged stress
- Sense of powerlessness, helplessness or hopelessness
- Behavior that isolates them from friends and family members

Suicidal thoughts are usually associated with problems that can be treated or dealt with, so proactively identifying the problem and seeking treatment is the best way to ensure resilience. If your buddy is showing any of the above signs for concern, don't hesitate -- have the strength to take action.

Take Action if You See a Problem

It takes courage to deal with psychological issues in yourself or in a fellow warrior. If the situation is urgent, use these resources to get immediate assistance for your buddy:

ASK your warrior about suicidal thoughts

- Have the courage to ask if the warrior is having thoughts of suicide, but stay calm.
- Ask the question directly: Are you thinking of killing yourself?
- Know the signs for concern listed above.

CARE for your warrior

- Stay calm and safe -- do not use force.

Actively listening without passing judgment can help produce relief for the warrior.

Removing any lethal means, such as weapons or pills.

Actively listen for details about what, where and when your warrior may be planning to kill himself or herself. (If your warrior acknowledges his/her plans, it generally suggests that he/she is accepting your help.)

ESCORT your warrior to get help

Escort your warrior immediately to his/her chain of command, behavioral health professional, or chaplain.

Call 911 or 800-273-TALK to speak with a trained professional right away.

Don't keep your warrior's suicidal behavior a secret.

Never leave your warrior alone -- stay until he/she receives appropriate help.

Adopting an attitude that you are going to help your friend will save his or her life.

No one is alone

Each military service offers suicide prevention resources. The stakes in the fight against military suicide are the same as the stakes in combat: lives are on the line. That's why -- now more than ever -- you must use your strength to step up and take action if someone you know is at risk.

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FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo. -- Senior Airman Jacob Blumrich takes notes before calling in an air strike on a simulated enemy target during a qualification course Oct. 13.



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Laura Goodgame
FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo. — Staff Sgt. Jarrod Phelan pulls himself onto a conex box to get a better view while identifying targets downrange to call in accurate coordinates to the aircraft at Cannon Range Oct. 13.



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Montse Ramirez
FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo. -- Staff Sgt. Jarrod Phelan and Senior Airman Jacob Blumrich direct the action of the combat aircraft engaged in close-air-support and other offensive air operations at the Cannon Range Oct. 13.

Eyes on target

FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo. -- Staff Sgt. Jarrod Phelan and Senior Airman Jacob Blumrich, 14th Air Support Operations Squadron joint air traffic control Airmen from Pope Air Force Base, N.C., practice skills needed for calling in combat

air strikes at Cannon Range, Mo., Detachment 1 of the 131st Bomb Wing, Oct. 15 during a 30-day JTAC career upgrade training field exercise.

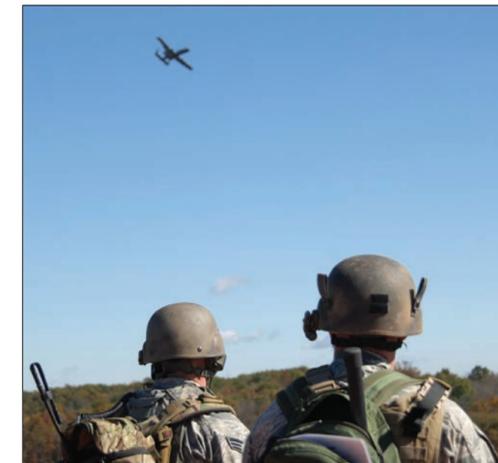
The Airmen used radio and laser equipment to coordinate air strikes with A-10 Thunderbolt IIs

during the training.

As JTAC Airmen, they will be responsible of directing the action of the combat aircraft engaged in close-air-support and other offensive air operations providing life saving mission support.



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Nick Wilson



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FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo. -- Joint terminal air traffic controllers use radios to call in an air strike on a simulated enemy target during a qualification course Oct. 13.



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Nick Wilson

From the Frontlines: Capt. Andrew Kousgaard

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

It was night time in Bagram, Afghanistan, when a number of insurgents fled from coalition forces during a fire fight to evade capture.

Luckily for the coalition forces, Capt. Andrew Kousgaard, 394th Combat Training Squadron T-38 instructor pilot and B-2 initial qualification student, and his crew were overhead flying an MC-12 to provide a birds-eye-view to the ground troops. Kousgaard was in Afghanistan from December 2010 to June 2011.

"We were able to use almost every capability the aircraft has to keep track of all the fleeing insurgents, provide over watch for the coalition forces that were taking fire and coordinate for additional support with the joint operations center," said the Air Force Global Strike Command member.

After the engagement was over, Kousgaard said coalition forces were able to capture the insurgents who fled and they sustained no friendly casualties.

"That evening the joint terminal attack controllers we had worked with contacted us to thank us and let us know the positive outcome of the mission," Kousgaard said. "They said there was no way they would have found the insurgents had an MC-12 not been overhead."

While performing his mission of providing intelligence, surveillance and

reconnaissance Kousgaard flew more than 600 hours and over-watched more than 2,700 coalition Soldiers and Airmen, according to Lt. Col. James Thompson, 4th Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron commander.

"The people I worked with and the coalition forces were great," Kousgaard said. "It was very rewarding to see what they do and know we helped them perform their mission more effectively."

Kousgaard said his mission while deployed was different than at Whiteman since he had to fly a completely different aircraft.

"I learned how to fly and employ the MC-12 which is different in almost every way from a T-38," Kousgaard said. "I had never flown in combat before which was very different."

Kousgaard also said he had never worked directly with other military branches but that he was glad to see how well everyone worked together. He said they all did a great job which was not surprising.

Kousgaard said even though he felt he and his teammates were doing something that mattered and is appreciated, he missed his wife Danielle and the little things about life in the states that he usually took for granted.

He said he encourages friends and families of deployed members to send care packages because it really brightens up their day and gives them something to look forward to.

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U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. John Lasky

The 509th Bomb Wing at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., took center stage in the war on terrorism when six B-2 Spirits participated in air strikes over Afghanistan during the first three days of Operation Enduring Freedom. All six of the B-2 sorties were longer than 40 hours, with the longest lasting more than 44 hours.

Commander at the time, Brig. Gen. Anthony Przybylski, spoke on the achievements of the initial strikes and Operation Enduring Freedom.

"We have proven that the B-2 is the leading edge of any kind of effort that the United States will take against any enemy," Przybylski said. "To successfully pull that off definitely has a historic aspect with a 44.3-hour sortie, which was the longest combat sortie ever. I don't think we'll ever beat it, because it's the furthest place in the world that you can get to from the United States.

So, I think that record will stand for quite a while. If anything, it will just get longer by our bombers. That, it goes without saying, was one of our most significant accomplishments."

Ten years later, the B-2 Spirit and the 509ers who operate it, continue to spearhead global strike operations against terrorist in the Middle-east.

In March earlier this year, three B-2 Spirits dropped 45 bombs on Gaddafi forces in Libya, knocking down the door at the start of another military conflict.

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EOD opens up



U. S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Laura Goodgame
Airman 1st Class Robert Sutton assists Lt. Col. Randy Boswell in putting on the bomb suit Oct 7. Boswell donned the bomb suit while touring the explosive ordnance disposal flight shop to get a better sense of what his Airmen work with everyday. Boswell is the 509th Civil Engineer Squadron commander, and Airman Sutton is an EOD technician assigned to the 509th CES.

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Lt. Col. Randy Boswell, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron commander, gets an up close look at the F6 robots capabilities during an open house at the 509th CES explosive ordnance disposal flight's shop Oct. 7. The robot is capable of remotely picking up hazardous devices as well as rendering them safe-in-place. The Airmen showcased their standard operating procedures, tactics and techniques to the new commander as part of his welcome to Whiteman AFB.

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Lt. Col. Randy Boswell listens as the 509th Civil Engineer Squadron explosive ordnance disposal flight Airmen give him a range safety brief before blowing up C4 Oct 7. The Airmen demonstrate a day in the life of an EOD technician and showed their standard operating procedures, tactics and techniques to their new squadron commander. Boswell is the 509th Civil Engineer Squadron commander.

Firefighter Challenge wraps up 2011 Fire Prevention Week



U.S. Air Force photo/Maj. Bob Everdeen

TRANSIT CENTER AT MANAS, Kyrgyzstan – Airman 1st Class Andrew Porter, 376th Expeditionary Mission Support Group executive administrative assistant, concentrates as he drags a fire hose during the 2011 Firefighter Challenge Oct. 15, at the Transit Center at Manas, Kyrgyzstan. The friendly competition—which was the final event during this year's Fire Prevention Week here—pitted teams from the Civil Engineer Squadron, Security Forces, the Operations Group, Red Horse and Contracting against each other in a number of events. Each individual from every team had to complete a timed challenge course with events like a fire extinguisher swap-out, fire-hose carry, dummy lift and carry, and precision fire-hose shooting. Porter, whose hometown is Beech Island, S.C., is deployed here from Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo.

By Maj. Bob Everdeen
376th Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

TRANSIT CENTER AT MANAS, Kyrgyzstan -- Five teams from different units competed in the 2011 Firefighter Challenge Oct. 15 to bring this year's Fire Prevention Week to a close.

The friendly competition pitted teams from the Civil Engineer Squadron, Security Forces, the Operations Group, RED HORSE and Contracting against each other in a number of events. Each individual from every team had to complete a timed challenge course with events like a fire extinguisher swap-out, fire-hose carry, dummy lift and carry, and precision fire-hose shooting.

Appropriately, the Firefighter Challenge was held in front of Pete's Place, the all-ranks recreation facility named after New

York City Fire Chief Peter Ganci, Jr. who was killed during the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001. The "Team Thundercat" civil engineers pulled out the win with a combined team time of 11:16:03. The event ended with a water joust event between "Team Thundercat" and "Team RED HORSE" - the civil engineers took the best two out of three attempts.

According to Transit Center Fire Chief George Parker, "Although the civil engineers did win outright with a time of 11:46:03, the time had been reduced to 11:16:03 because they won the water joust. The joust cut 30 seconds off the original Firefighter Challenge time. RED HORSE came in second with a time of 11:46:56. It was an even match and the closest in the past four years."

The winning team members each received \$50 and a Manas Fire Department T-shirt.

Whiteman hosts Retiree Appreciation Day



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Cody H. Ramirez

Brig. Gen. Scott Vander Hamm, 509th Bomb Wing commander, speaks with retirees here Oct. 15 as part of Retiree Appreciation Day. Vander Hamm thanked the retirees for their previous service to their country and covered topics such as how the current economy and new TRICARE changes will affect the retirees. Nearly 100 retirees also received a base tour and had the privilege of seeing the B-2 Spirit.

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MONDAY 10/24

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TUESDAY 10/25

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Tuesday Night Dart League-6-8:30pm- Mission's End

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WEDNESDAY 10/26

Career Seminar- 9am - 4pm- Airman & Family RC

Participants can sign up for one or all of the following workshops as part of the Career Seminar. 0900-1030: Resume Writing for Volunteers, 1030-1200: Resume Writing & Interviewing, 1300-1600: Starting & Developing Your Small Business. Sign up deadline is October 24. Call 687-7132 for more info.

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MONDAY 10/24

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The Susie Skelton Child Development Center has openings for children ages 3-5 yrs. old. Interested parents may contact the CDC at 687-5588 for more info.

Teen Open Rec- 3-6pm- Youth Center

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TUESDAY 10/25

Time to Play- 10-11am- Youth Center

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