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2011 Whiteman AFB Year in photos



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Kenny Holston
Maintainers conduct post flight maintenance on the B-2 in support of Operation Odyssey Dawn. The B-2s returned after a mission that lasted more than 25 hours in support of the international response to enforce a no-fly zone over Libya. See pages 8-9 for more 2011 Year in photos.



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She runs, runs and never stops

When it comes to running, there isn't anything that can stop U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Michelle Elliott, 1-135th Attack Reconnaissance Battalion crew chief in charge of aviation life support equipment.

WEATHER

Today Sunny Hi 42 Lo 28	Sunday Partly Cloudy Hi 50 Lo 39
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From the Frontlines: Staff Sgt. David Hernandez

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

A Whiteman vehicle mechanic is scheduled to receive a purple heart following return from his deployment. Staff Sgt. David Hernandez, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron vehicle mechanic, returned to this Air Force Global Strike Command base as a wounded warrior from his fifth deployment.

He left Whiteman March 5, when his youngest of five children was two-weeks old, and returned Aug. 19, three days after getting injured.

He said his job as a mechanic was basically the same as it is at Whiteman except for being at a bare base with different vehicles and in a high ops-tempo environment.

"The Army Soldiers I worked with went on a convoy into town and I decided to go with them," Hernandez said. "At about seven in the morning our left flank took fire and we met with our main element going

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True story: My cousin was killed by a drunk driver

By Heidi Hunt
509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

December has been designated National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month, a time to raise awareness about the consequences of driving under the influence of alcohol and drugs.

A month before he was scheduled to leave for Air Force Basic Training, Jacob Forbes was killed in a single drunk driving accident in Carroll County, Mo. May 17, 2008.

According to the Missouri State Highway Patrol accident report, Forbes, a passenger traveling in a 2008 Ford, was heading westbound on U.S. Highway 24 at about 8:25 a.m. when the accident occurred at County Road 287.

The vehicle went off the left side of the roadway, overturned and struck a utility pole, coming to rest on its wheels, police said.

Forbes' life was cut short and today the tragedy of the fatal automobile accident continues to weigh heavily on his friends and family.

"His mother and my mother are twins so our families have always been really close," said Megan Moore, Jacob's cousin, and wife of Chief Warrant Officer 3 Marcus Moore, Army National

Guard, 1-135th Attack Reconnaissance Battalion Apache pilot. "I don't have any brothers, so Jacob was like a little brother to me."

"The morning I got the call from my cousin, Jacob's sister, I was at the St. Louis Zoo with my family," Megan said. "One of the hardest things I've ever had to do is hold it together for the rest of my family and contact my mother to send her to the hospital without knowing how bad it would be."

Jacob's aunt had already gone through a similar experience when her parents' best friends' son died in 2001.

When Jacob's friends learned about the car crash, they too had learned the hard lessons about drinking and driving.

Megan said Jacob's funeral was packed because so many people cared about him.



Jacob Forbes

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Take a look in the mirror before complaining about 'today's Airmen'

Senior Master Sgt. Chip Coleman
902nd Contracting Squadron superintendent

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, Texas (AFNS) -- As I go about my business around Joint Base San Antonio--Randolph, whether attending meetings or speaking at the Noncommissioned Officer Professional Enhancement Seminars, I often hear NCOs and senior NCOs discussing some of their work issues. Undoubtedly part of the conversation revolves around the question, "What's wrong with these Airmen today?"

My answer is, "Us!" We NCOs and senior NCOs need to take a good look in the mirror!

No matter where I am on base, picking up uniforms at the cleaners, the Exchange or the commissary, I am constantly wondering what happened to us as NCOs. Why are so many Air Force and military standards not being followed or enforced? Where's the discipline and accountability?

I was in the exchange looking at the new DVDs and noticed a staff sergeant at the other end of the aisle looking at the video games. As I got closer, I noticed he had a pair of sunglasses on top of his head, his airman battle uniform shirt pocket and cargo pocket were unbuttoned, and his hat was sticking halfway out of his cargo pocket. As I continued to get closer to this individual, two NCOs walked right by him and did not say a word. I was

dumbfounded; I thought for sure they would have corrected him. I approached the staff sergeant and told him exactly what he needed to fix and, by the expression on his face, he was shocked someone corrected him. The staff sergeant quickly corrected his uniform as I carefully explained the errors of his ways.

I see these types of violations everyday all over JB Randolph and, more often than not, I find myself correcting NCOs and senior NCOs, not the junior enlisted Airmen. I can understand correcting some of our newer Airmen, but not our NCOs and senior NCOs. What has happened to our core values? Integrity, doing what's right when no one is looking and excellence in all we do?

When I teach at the NCOPE Seminar and the First Term Airman Center, we talk about standards and discipline and I always ask the class who has seen uniform violations at the exchange and food court and inevitably everyone raises their hand. Then I ask how many of them corrected the violation, and most hands go down -- and this is in both forums. I always ask why they failed to do their job and make the corrections. I get many answers, such as, "I don't want to be the bad guy," or, "The person out-ranked me," etc. I then remind them of Air Force Instruction 36-2618, the Enlisted Force Structure, that states, "Airman should correct personnel who violate military standards."

As supervisors and leaders, it is our job to exemplify the highest standards in maintaining self-

discipline and to correct those who fail to uphold the standards of discipline. We must get "back to the basics of discipline." As NCOs and senior NCOs we must set the example by exhibiting professional behavior, military bearing, customs and courtesies, and the highest standards of dress and appearance. In my opinion, we aren't setting the example and we aren't enforcing or maintaining standards.

Airmen are desperately seeking leadership. In an "exit poll" of Airmen leaving the Air Force after their first term, the number one reason for getting out is "lack of leadership." I see more and more senior NCOs waiting for retirement and NCOs who just don't seem to care about our airmen. The airmen pick up on this attitude and that attitude is then reflected in our Airmen.

The next time we NCOs and SNCOs start to question the quality of "today's Airmen," we need to take a long, hard look in the mirror. We should question the quality of our leadership, dedication and the sincerity we provide to our young Airmen and junior officers. We NCOs and senior NCOs are charged with the influential development of our Airmen, and by using the term Airmen, I mean every Air Force member. As a prior military training instructor of 10 years, I can honestly say there is nothing wrong with our Airmen; they simply need our attention and mentorship on a daily basis.

Our most precious resource is our Airmen. We, as leaders, must never forget it!

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Commander's Corner

Team Whiteman,

As we reflect on the past year, there is no doubt in my mind that it has been a busy but productive time for all. Beginning in March, the Airmen in the 509th and 131st Bomb Wings demonstrated their professionalism once again when we conducted combat operations in Libya. Operation Odyssey Dawn called us into action, providing an opportunity for the B-2 to step onto the global stage, successfully engage targets and return home in one trip. You helped make the public statement that we are able to strike anytime, anywhere, and that we truly do remain ready at a moment's notice.

Operation Odyssey Dawn was one of a few significant historical milestones we achieved this year. Back in October we were able to



celebrate another noteworthy milestone—the 10 year anniversary of America's first strikes in Afghanistan with the B-2 after the horrific 9/11 attacks. The 509th BW was the first to knock down the doors in Afghanistan, an event we will always be proud to consider part of our rich heritage.

Another milestone we recently celebrated was the inactivation of the 19th Munitions Squadron and activation of the 709th Munitions Squadron, which is now attached directly to the 509th. A vital part of the nuclear mission has joined Air Force Global Strike Command, a sign of the ongoing effort to reinvigorate the Air Force's nuclear enterprise.

Thinking back on 2011, we had our moments in the spotlight, and we shined. Most of our year, however, was filled with exercises and inspections, such as the SAGE we completed Monday and the NSE we will finish today. I know these take up much of your time and effort, therefore I applaud your continued dedication to the mission throughout this past year. Your hard work keeps the fleet ready on a daily basis, and while this might not seem as exciting as combat operations, it fulfills the B-2s primary role—deterrence. The B-2's deterrent power is invaluable, therefore your hard work and dedication are invaluable. Thank you for another great year.

I wish you all a great holiday season. Remember to stay safe as you participate in the festivities, and be a good Wingman to those around you.

Defensor Vindex.

-Brig. Gen. Scott Vander Hamm, Commander

Use your Eagle Eyes

By Robert Striegel

509th Bomb Wing Anti-Terrorism

The Eagle Eyes program is an Air Force antiterrorism initiative that enlists the eyes and ears of Air Force members and citizens. Eagle eyes teaches people about the typical activities terrorists engage in to plan their attacks. Armed with this information, anyone can recognize elements of potential terror planning when they see it.

The program provides a network of local, 24-hour phone numbers to call whenever a suspicious activity is observed. You and your family are encouraged to learn the categories of suspicious behavior and stay attuned to your surroundings. If you observe something suspicious on or around Whiteman AFB, call the Police Services Desk at 660-687-3700.

These are categories of suspicious behavior:

☐ **Surveillance:** Someone recording or monitoring activities. This may include the use of cameras (either still or video), note taking, drawing diagrams, annotating on maps or using binoculars or other vision-enhancing devices.

☐ **Elicitation:** People or organizations attempting to gain information about military operations, capabilities or people. Elicitation attempts may be made by mail, fax, telephone or in person. Examples could include being approached at

a gas station (or mall or airport or library) and asked about what's happening at the base; getting a fax (or an email or a telephone call, etc) asking for troop strength numbers... or the number of airplanes on base... or deployment procedures... or how a trash-collection truck gets on base... or the location of the headquarters building... or how many people live in a certain dorm... or where the commander lives... or how many people hang out at the base club at night... or which nightclubs or restaurants off base are highly frequented by military people... or the workings of the base's network firewall.

☐ **Tests of security:** Any attempts to measure reaction times to security breaches or to penetrate physical security barriers or procedures in order to assess strengths and weaknesses. Examples: a person grabs the base fence and shakes it and sees how long it takes for police to respond; a driver approaches the front gate (without ID and/or car sticker) and pretends to be lost or to have taken a wrong turn, just to learn the procedures of how he is dealt with. In addition to seeing how far into the gate he can get before being turned around; a person places a "smoke bomb" near the fence or throws it over the fence, just to learn how quickly police respond and what effect that has on front-gate operations.

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Commissary Holiday Hours

The Whiteman AFB Commissary holiday hours are scheduled to change for the following dates and times: Dec. 19 from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Dec. 24 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and closed Dec. 25 & 26. For information call 660-687-5655

UMKC Military Appreciation

University of Missouri Kansas City athletics invites active duty and retired personnel (with valid I.D.) to a free UMKC Women's and Men's Basketball Game Jan. 7. at the Swinney Recreation Center. The game is at the UMKC Volker Campus, 5030 Holmes, Kansas City, Mo. 64110 at 4 p.m. UMKC women vs. South Dakota and at 7:05 p.m. UMKC men vs. South Dakota). Additional discounted tickets can be purchases for \$5 using the offer code "military" at UMKCKangaroos.com. Call 816-235-2752 for more information.

AF Club Membership Drive

The Air Force Club Membership Drive is in full-swing now through Jan. 31, 2012. During this period, those who join any Air Force club will automatically receive three months of free dues, be enrolled in the free cash back rewards program and will win \$5 to \$100 instantly upon application. For more information contact Mission's End at 660-687-4422.

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509th AMXS assumption of command



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Laura Goodgame
Col. Mathew Kmon, 509th Maintenance Group commander, passes the guidon to Lt. Col. Chris Boring, incoming 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadrons commander, during an assumption of command ceremony Dec. 9. This ceremonial gesture solidifies the lieutenant colonel's new position as the AMXS squadron commander.

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A look at our entryway water feature.

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Operation cookie crunch collects more than 6,000



Seth and Grace Vander Hamm volunteer to sort and bag cookies Thursday. Volunteers baked, collected, wrapped and bagged thousands of cookies for un-accompanied Airmen residing in the dorms. Seth and Grace are Brig. Gen. Scott A. Vander Hamm's children.

Grace Vander Hamm sorts a bag of cookies Thursday. The Whiteman community donated more than 6,000 homemade cookies for Whiteman dorm residents.



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



Whiteman team members volunteer to bag cookies during a season usually spent with family, many single Airmen will celebrate their holiday away from loved ones Thursday.



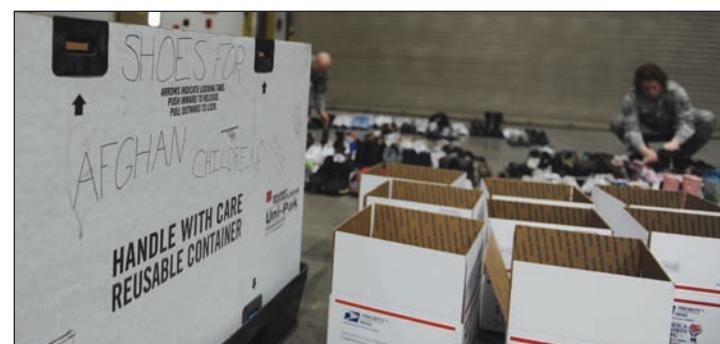
Whiteman volunteers add holiday decor to bags which were delivered to dorm residents Thursday. For many, this may be the first holiday away from home.

Walk a mile in their shoes



Volunteers from Whiteman Air Force Base sort shoes at the traffic management office warehouse Wednesday. Shoes were donated by Whiteman members to be shipped to Afghan children of the Bazaar School to help protect their feet.

U.S. Air Force Photos/Airman 1st Class Bryan Crane



An Airman sorts through shoes at the traffic management office warehouse during a shoe drive for the children of the Bazaar School at Kandahar Air Field, Afghanistan Wednesday. Airmen donated a total of 172 pairs of shoes varying in all sizes to be shipped to the school to help protect the children's feet.



Volunteers from Whiteman Air Force help load boxes filled with shoes onto a United States Postal Service truck to be shipped to Afghan children Wednesday. Volunteers collected 77 pairs of children's shoes, 25 pairs of women's shoes, and 70 pairs of men's shoes from donors on the base.

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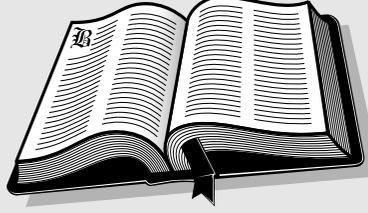
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"Jacob knew no stranger," Megan said. "He had friends everywhere and was very well liked."

A close friend of Jacob even named her son after him in his memory.

"As you can imagine, it was very hard for all of us to see him in a casket," Megan said.

"It was also very difficult to pick out clothes to dress their son for his funeral," she said. "They picked out the suit jacket that he bought and wore to our grandmother's funeral because he was so proud of it."

Now that Jacob has passed, the Forbes' name legacy can no longer be carried on because he was their only son.

"Although we cannot turn back the hands of time we can only move forward and tell others about it in hopes that they will make different choices," she said.

Everyone in the vehicle was wearing their safety belts. The Ford was declared totaled and towed from the scene, police said. The two survivors received moderate injuries.

The driver pled guilty to three counts and sentencing assessment of involuntary manslaughter, a class C felony, assault in the second degree, a class C felony, and minor in possession of alcohol by consumption, according to www.courts.mo.gov.

She also served 120-days in jail, had five years of probation, lost her license for five years, and was ordered 50 hours of community service. She was ordered to enter drug and alcohol counseling and have an ignition interlock system on any car she operates. She was also discharged from the U.S. Army National Guard.

Every year at Christmas, Megan said her family chooses something to honor Jacob's memory and raise awareness about the dangers of drink-

ing and driving. Last year, they raised money to have a sign posted on the highway where the accident happened, reminding people of the real life dangers drinking and driving causes.

Jacob was a student at the University of Central Missouri and was the lead singer for the band "The Lights go Out in Georgia."

Editor's note: The interview was conducted on Jacob's birthday Dec. 2; he would have celebrated his 24th birthday.

What safety steps can individuals take?

If your social plans involve alcohol, make plans so that you don't have to drive after drinking. For example:

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- Or, call Airmen Against Drunk Driving at 660-563-1178.
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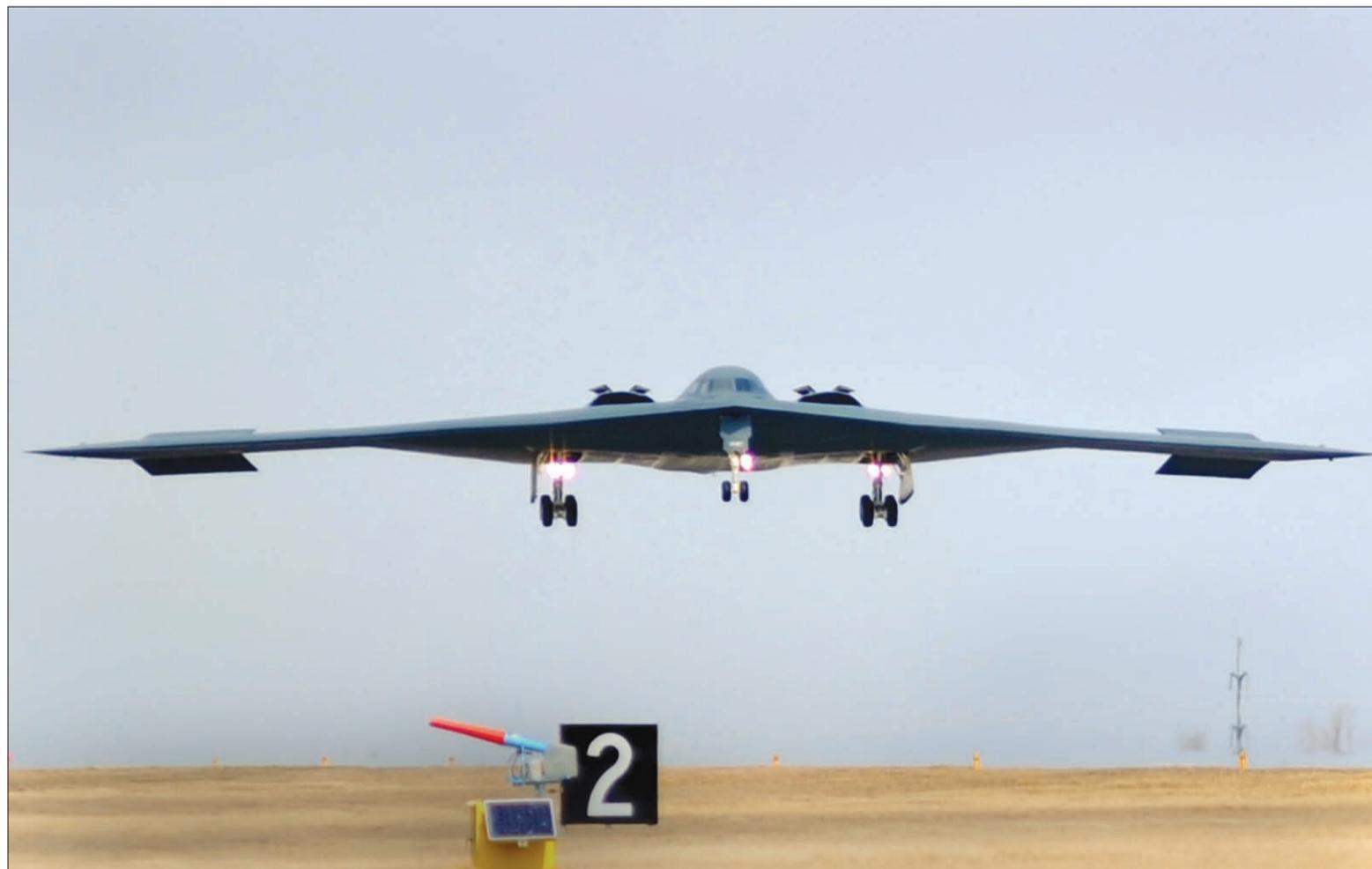
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A B-2 Stealth bomber returns from a combat mission in Libya March 20.



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Alexandra M. Boutte

A KC-135 Stratotanker from 509th Weapons Squadron, USAF Weapons School at Fairchild Air Force Base, Wa., refuels a B-2 Spirit during the SMOKEX Exercise over Kansas Nov.16. The KC-135 transfers fuel at about 16 gallons per second.



U.S. Air Force photo/John Van Winkle

Senior Airman Timothy Vanden Haak Fire Department passes the baton to Mark Belton during a qualifying run during the World Firefighter Combat Challenge XX Nov. 17, in Myrtle Beach, S.C. The Whiteman AFB, Mo., team advanced to the final competition in the men's relay team category and won the silver medal.



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

(Above): FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo. -- Staff Sgt. Jarrod Phelan uses a laser target designator to mark a target for the laser guided bomb to hit simulated threats at Cannon Range Oct. 13. Phelan is a joint terminal attack controller (JTAC) student. As a JTAC, Airmen will direct the action of the combat aircraft engaged in close-air-support and other offensive air operations. Phelan is a tactical air control party Airman assigned to the 14th Air Support Operations Squadron, Pope Air Force Base, NC. (Right): JOPLIN, Mo. -- Airman 1st Class Nicole Magyari, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, paints the end of a piece of siding during the 10 homes in 10 days project Nov. 1. The project was sponsored by Habitat for Humanity, a non-profit organization devoted to building simple, decent, and affordable housing for people who are without homes. Many Joplin residents lost their home in the May 22 Joplin tornado.



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Alexandra M. Boutte



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



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

Staff Sgt. John Flores, 509th Security Forces Squadron military working dog handler, runs next to Eddy during training July 22. Handlers and dogs work together daily so when faced with real life situations they can react precisely.



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

Children returning from their simulated deployment are greeted by a line of Airmen during Operation Spirit April 16. Operation Spirit is hosted once a year to show military children a piece of what their parents might experience through a deployment.

Man on the street

In recognition of the holidays, Team Whiteman was asked the question, "What was the best gift they have received or been given for the holidays?"



"The best gift I ever got was a pail of rocks from my brother and sister when I was about ten years old."

Crysawna Cusson,
509th Logistics Readiness Squadron

"Giving my husband five children was the best gift I have given."



Master Sgt. Francine Vargas,
509th Logistics Readiness Squadron

"The best gift I have gotten was a big doll house."



Abbey Brackeen,
daughter of Staff Sgt. Michael Brackeen,
509th Civil Engineer Squadron



"The best gift I got was a MC Hammer doll when I was a child because you could pull a string and it would say 'Hammer time!'"

Senior Airman William Sheldon,
509th Civil Engineer Squadron



Master Sgt. Cheryl Allen,
509th Logistics Readiness Squadron

"The best gifts I have given were lottery tickets because if there was a winner it would be like giving two gifts in one."

"The best gift I have received was coming home from a mid-tour deployment to be with my wife and children."



Lt. Col. Erick Lawson,
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into town. Before I could make it to them I got shot through the wrist.”

That day changed Hernandez’s life forever.

“I can’t move my wrist or hold my baby when she gets cranky,” he said. “It takes me forever to do everyday things and I haven’t been able to turn a wrench since that day, which is extremely frustrating.”

On top of his own frustrations, he said his wife was hoping to get help from him with their five children when he returned and now he can’t do much to aid.

Fortunately, the Air Force is doing everything they can to ensure he gets proper care by sending him to Texas every six weeks to see his doctor. He said he also receives occupational therapy here three times a week.

Even after everything Hernandez has experienced, he doesn’t think of himself as a hero.

“As long as military members go, I think the only heroes are the ones who don’t come back,” he said. “I don’t think a hero refers to only military though. Everybody is a hero at



Courtesy photo
Staff Sgt. David Hernandez, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron, is scheduled to receive a purple heart following his deployment.

some point or another; I think anyone who does anything to improve the lives of others is a hero in their own right.”

Air Force lifts hiring freeze

By Debbie Gildea

Air Force Personnel, Services and Manpower Public Affairs

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFNS) -- The hiring freeze implemented in August will be lifted Thursday, Air Force Personnel Center officials announced.

The freeze, preceded by hiring controls, was one of several measures implemented in 2011 to bring manning down to mandated 2010 levels. In addition, voluntary separation incentives were recently offered, with employees expected to separate by Dec. 31.

“We have made significant progress in reducing manning levels through various programs,” said Michelle LoweSolis, the AFPC civilian force integration director. “But in some areas we are still short of the goal, so the freeze was extended in those targeted areas to help us work toward that end.”

“Even with the hiring freeze being lifted Dec. 15, budget and funding issues are still fluid, so major command and wing leaders must be alert to changing conditions as they’ll have the responsibility to control hiring to stay below targeted levels,” LoweSolis explained.

Since the spring, nearly 9,000 positions have been trimmed from Air Force manning levels, but an additional 4,500 are necessary to reach required levels. Many of the positions identified for elimination are already vacant, and the hiring freeze resulted in more vacant positions, which will help the Air Force reach its goals, the director said.

“Nevertheless, our nation faces significant challenges and we all must remain firmly focused on force management,”

LoweSolis said. “Toward that end, a second round of voluntary separation measures is anticipated in January (2012).”

Voluntary separation incentives are “effective tools to help reduce our footprint without resorting to involuntary measures,” LoweSolis said.

Once current voluntary early retirement authority and voluntary separation incentive pay actions are complete, Air Force leaders will be able to fully assess the manning situation and determine if additional measures will be implemented, she said.

Who will be able to apply for VERA and/or VSIP during the next round has not yet been determined.

“We at AFPC are committed to assisting the personnel strategic advisors in the field, and our benefits and entitlements team has been working round-the-clock to ensure Air Force employees get the best care possible,” LoweSolis explained.

“There are many moving parts involved in this effort, and we are all working to ensure employees whose positions have been targeted for elimination are quickly placed in positions vacated by those who accepted VERA and/or VSIP, while keeping in mind the fact that we have a variety of mandatory placements to handle as well,” she said.

Mandatory placements include people returning from overseas and outplacing centrally funded interns and employees in professional military education, LoweSolis said.

“In this difficult and challenging time, we are committed to making placement decisions that will benefit both our invaluable civilian employees and our critical Air Force mission,” she said. “Nothing less will do.”



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She runs, runs and never stops

By Senior Airman Nick Wilson
509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

When it comes to running, there isn't anything that can stop U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Michelle Elliott, 1-135th Attack Reconnaissance Battalion crew chief in charge of aviation life support equipment.

Elliott's proudest achievements include the 2006 winning of the Air Force Marathon, being the first runner to cross the finish line during an Appalachian Mountain 50 mile run, two weeks ago.

Rewinding to 1996, where her story begins, her husband and son died in the same year.

"That's when I started running," said Elliott. "It just kind of took me away and I haven't really stopped since."

During her runs, Elliott imagines her son, Derrick, and husband, Mike, are running with her. She uses this reflection to fuel her fire and it keeps her going when she feels too tired to continue.

"I've had some pretty rough 50Ks lately," said Elliott. "And when think, 'I can't do it anymore', I look up and just know that I have got to pick myself up and keep going."

"There's going to be falls but you just have to pick up and keep going," she said. "It's like life."

Today, as a single parent of two daughters, running helps Elliott cope with the stresses of life. With the responsibility of caring for her 12-year-old and 20 month old daughters, she remains dedicated to her marathon running, pushing her younger one in a stroller when necessary.

"I do a lot of pushing of the jog stroller," Elliott said. "We've ran two-half marathons, a 20-miler and then, we won the Pilgrim Pacer full marathon three weeks ago."

Elliott said she received weird looks being the first competitor to cross finish lines pushing a baby stroller. Some of the things that keep her going is thinking about situations and hashing them out during her runs.

"When I run, I think about everything that's happening and what I've been going through and it helps me sort some things out," Elliott said. "I can be really grumpy in the morning and I'll go for a run and feel better afterward."

One of the best parts about running, according to Elliott, is 'runner's high'.

"It's a point where you feel like you can't do it anymore, and then it feels like you can't stop because you're just floating and you feel great," Elliot explained.

Although the balance between training for marathons, taking care of two children as a single mother, taking online college courses and working with her Army Reserve unit presents challenges, she still manages to make everything work out. Elliott said being busy keeps her from sitting and thinking.

"I'm not one that likes to sit still," Elliott said. "I like to keep going. I don't like having time to think."

"I run before and after work and anytime I can push the baby in the jog stroller," she said. "If the weather is bad we'll just go to the gym."

Elliott said she also has a supportive team at work and said she loves her job and the people she works with.

"They're really understanding about everything," she said. "They give me time to go on runs and support me 100 percent."

As the master of physical training for her company, Elliott said Soldiers, Airmen and other armed forces members should remember to do what they can to stay in shape, regardless of the time of year or how cold the weather is.

At times when Elliot does not feel motivated to run, she encourages herself to dig deep and remembers how good she will feel once she is done.

"You just have to get up and force yourself to do it," she said.

Elliott is currently planning to complete three full marathons this year before training for a 100 mile run in Arizona in April 2012.



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Nick Wilson
U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Michelle Elliott, 1-135th Attack Reconnaissance Battalion crew chief in charge of aviation life support equipment, jogs a practice run in preparation for a marathon Nov. 5. Elliott is currently planning to complete in three full marathons this year before training for a 100 mile run in Arizona in April 2012.

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YOUTH & TEEN EVENTS

TUESDAY 12/20

Time to Play- 10-11am- Youth Center
A self-directed play group for ages birth - 5yrs old. In the Youth Center's Gym, parents can bring their children's toys, we will provide space & recreational balls. No reservations are required, just stop in! Call **687-5586** for more information.

WEDNESDAY 12/21

Torch Club- 4-5pm- Youth Center
Meet with other youth ages 9-12 to plan community effort events and share your thoughts on programs and future events. Call **687-5586** for more information.

Open Rec Holiday Hours- Dec. 21-30- Youth Center

Meet with your friends and enjoy open recreation from 1-6pm. Call **687-5586** for more information.

THURSDAY 12/22

Teen Arts & Crafts- 6-8pm- Youth Center
Meet with other youth ages 13-18. Every Thursday and work on crafts and fun. Call **687-5586** for more information.

FRIDAY 12/23

AFGSC Family Day!- Whiteman AFB
We are closed in observance of AFGSC Family Day, and we wish you a very happy holiday weekend! Celebrate with your friends and family and enjoy the fun!

Whiteman Youth Sports Program Presents...

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\$50 Block #1: Jan. 5, 12, 19, 26, Feb. 2 & 9
Registration dates: Mon., Dec. 12-Wed., Jan. 4
Parent meeting: Wed., Jan. 4 @ 6:30pm

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Registration dates: Mon., Jan. 30-Mon., Feb. 20
Parent meeting: Fri., Feb. 17 @ 5pm

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A Very Harold & Kumar Christmas

Dec. 17, 7 p.m.

John Cho, Kal Penn -- After years of growing apart, Harold Lee and Kumar Patel have replaced each other with new best friends and are preparing for their respective Christmas celebrations. A mysterious package arrives at Kumar's door, his attempt to deliver it to Harold's house ends with him inadvertently burning down Harold's father-in-law's prize Christmas tree. With his in-laws out of the house for less than a day, Harold decides to cover his tracks rather than come clean, and reluctantly embarks on another ill-advised but hilarious journey with Kumar, taking them through New York City on Christmas Eve in search of the perfect Christmas tree. Rated R. Strong. 90 minutes.

Tower Heist

Dec. 18, 3 p.m.

Ben Stiller, Eddie Murphy -- Two working stiffs who seek revenge on the Wall Street swindler who stiffed them. After the workers at a luxury Central park condominium discover the penthouse billionaire has stolen their retirement, they plot the ultimate revenge: A heist to reclaim what he took from them. PG-13 - language and sexual content. Genre: Comedy. 105 minutes.

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Call the movie line at 660-687-5110 for more information. Cash or check only.

*Movies are \$4.50 for adults and \$2.25 (3-11 years). Doors open 30 minutes prior to show time.

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□ **Acquiring supplies:** Purchasing or stealing explosives, weapons, ammunition, detonators, timers, etc. Also includes acquiring military uniforms, decals, flight manuals, passes or badges (or the equipment to manufacture such items) or any other controlled items.

□ **Suspicious persons out of place:** People who don't seem to belong in the workplace, neighborhood, business establishment, or anywhere else. This category is hard to define, but the point is that people know what looks right and what doesn't look right in their neighborhoods, office spaces, commutes, etc, and if a person just doesn't seem like he or she belongs, there's probably a reason for that.

□ **Dry run:** Putting people into position and moving them around according to their plan without actually committing the terrorist act. This is especially true when planning a kidnapping, but it can also pertain to bombings. An element of this activity could also include mapping out routes and determining the timing of traffic lights and flow. Take note of people moving around from place to place without any apparent purpose and doing it, perhaps, many times. The appropriate example here is the 9/11 hijackers, who are now known to have actually flown on those exact flights several times before Sept. 11. Their purpose was to

practice getting their people into position, working out arrival times, parking, ticketing, going through security, boarding, etc. By taking note of everything around them, in one sense they were conducting surveillance and testing security, but they were also doing a dry run of the actual activity.

□ **Deploying assets:** People and supplies getting into position to commit the act. This is a person's last chance to alert authorities before the terrorist act occurs. Look for people loading up vehicles with weaponry/explosives, etc, and/or parking that vehicle somewhere, or people in military uniforms (who don't look right) approaching an installation or getting into a vehicle, or people who seem out of place standing by at a certain location as if waiting for something to happen. One fairly good example of this is the attack on the Khobar Towers in Saudi Arabia. When the explosives-laden truck pulled up to the fence line (which was the "deploying assets" step) and the driver jumped out and ran away, that was seen by a spotter on the roof of the dormitory, who recognized this as suspicious activity. He then sprinted down stairs and began pounding on doors, rousting people out of bed and getting them out of the building. Because of that, he saved many, many lives, and it's all because he recognized the "deploying assets" element.

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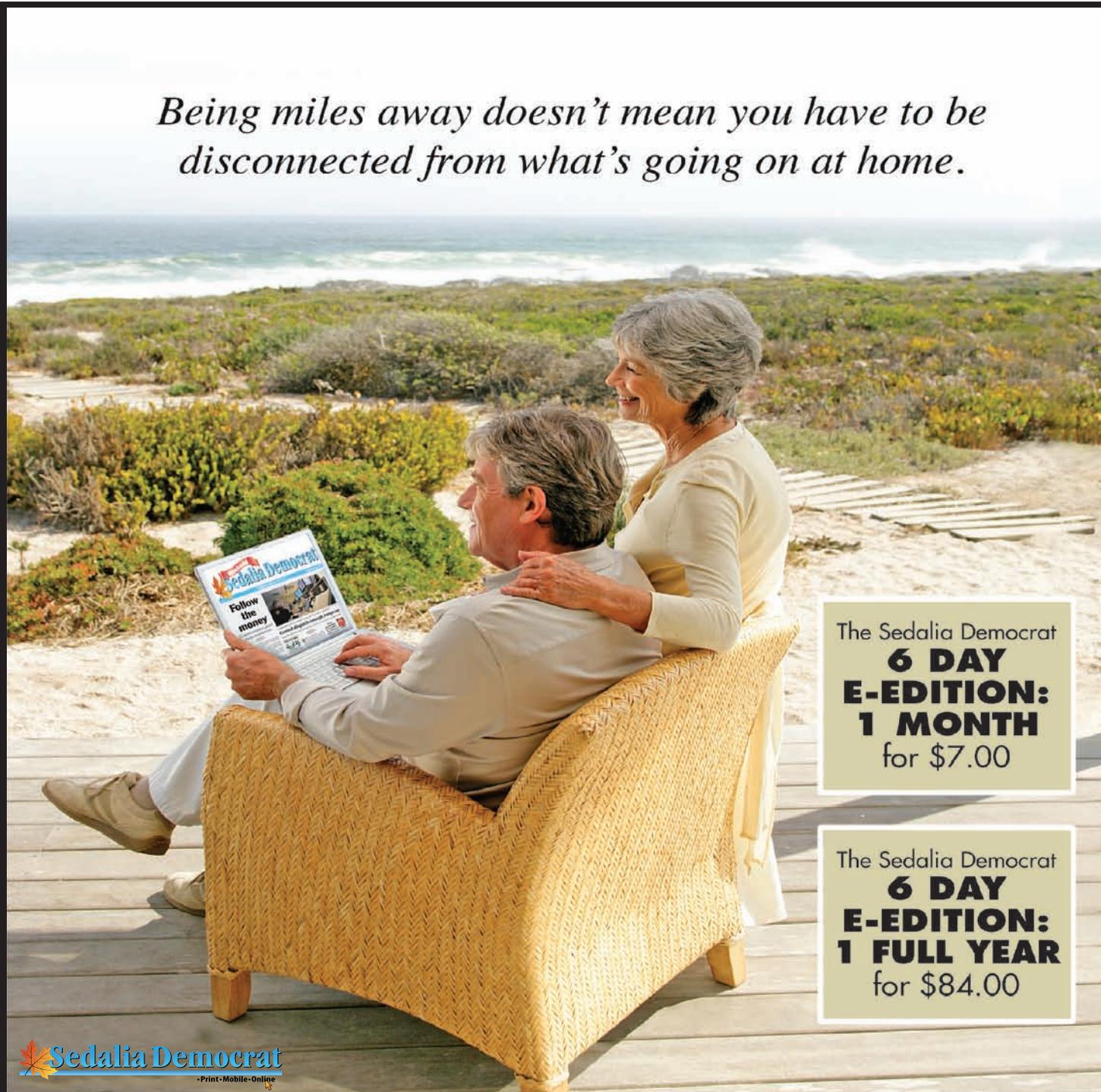
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