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I'm up...they see me...I'm down



U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Alexandra M. Boutte

Senior Airman Jesus Barraza, 509th Security Forces Squadron combat arms instructor, demonstrates how to use the M249 machine gun. The M249 is gas operated and air-cooled with a quick-change barrel, allowing the gunner to rapidly replace an overheated or jammed barrel. A folding bipod is attached near the front of the gun. It can be fed from both linked ammunition and standard magazines, like those used in M16 and M4 rifles. This allows the gunner to use the magazines as an emergency source of ammunition in the event that the gunner runs out of linked rounds.

Mo. National Guard names new top enlisted Airman from 131st BW

By Missouri National Guard Public **Affairs Office**

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. -- The Missouri National Guard has selected a new state command chief master sergeant to serve as the senior enlisted Airman for the Missouri Air National Guard.

"Chief Master Sgt. Laura Clark, of O'Fallon, Mo. was selected from a pool of applicants from across the state," said Maj. Gen. Stephen Danner, adjutant general of the Missouri National Guard.

"It was a tough decision because of some very well-qualified applicants, but we are confident Chief Master Sgt. Clark will do an outstanding job as our state

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Whiteman Airman selected for Tops in Blue

By Heidi Hunt

509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

Senior Airman Kyle Willis, 509th Operations Support Squadron air traffic controller journeyman, was selected Jan. 30, to tour with the Air Force's premier entertainment showcase, Tops in

The Air Force Global Strike Command Airman submitted his audition tape Nov. 14, 2011 after his supervisor, Air Force Global Strike Command Master Sgt. Thomas Scheving, 509th OSS Radar Approach Control assistant chief controller, heard him play bass and encouraged him to try out.

'The senior NCOs in charge were conducting a random dorm inspection and we were admiring Senior Airman Willis's homemade base guitars so I asked him to play," said Scheving."Willis played an amazing blend of funk, rock and blues and our jaws dropped. The next day I urged him to try

out," Scheving said.

Until then Willis said he hadn't even thought about Tops in Blue.

"I've been playing bass at the Spirit Chapel since I arrived at Whiteman and playing with the group has kept me inspired to improve as a bassist," Willis said. "Being surrounded by great musicians at the chapel has kept me from becoming stagnant as a musician."

His family, friends and coworkers have always been supportive of him bass playing and he said he is looking forward to travelling the world as an ambassador, representing the Air Force, Whiteman AFB and his career field.

"I am excited about the yearlong tour," said

Willis's music style has drawn experience from almost every genre of music including funk, rock, Latin and swing.

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Train like we fight ... every time

Lt. Col. Mark Pye

13th Bomb Squadron Commander

"Train like we fight."

It's a great catch phrase often used to describe a concept that many warriors already understand, but may not have internalized. The challenge is applying it...every time. But how important is it? Why not just make sure the minimum training is done and call it good? Legendary National Football League coach Vince Lombardi said, "Practice doesn't make perfect. Only perfect practice makes perfect."

Or, as my martial arts instructor once paraphrased, "Practice makes permanent, not perfect." How we train matters.

It's no surprise that high school sports provide a timeless example. I remember my basketball team's gangly, talented shooting guard's full name; thanks to Google, I'll just go with "Scott."

Throughout the ninth grade, Scott was unstoppable from the three-point range. Throughout junior high and backyard garage hoops, he leaned back with deliberate precision and unleashed a sniper's accuracy.

During pre-game warm-ups, the basketball net didn't stop 'ripping' as he reined down uncontested three-point shots. But after 10th grade, Scott couldn't deliver in a game time situation. A decade of practicing a slow, deliberate wind-up with a magnificent molasses-like jump-shot caught up with him at the varsity level.

An unwelcome defender was routinely disrupting his every shot, shooting percentage and ultimately, our win-loss record.

Scott stayed late practicing the same way

thinking he just needed to do more reps but he didn't understand the problem: it wasn't how much he practiced, but rather how he

By the time Scott fundamentally changed his own training speed and our coach changed the intensity of shooting drills, Scott was well into his senior year. Two years behind Scott, however, my peers and I learned from his plight and benefited from our coach's belated shift in practice methods as well. We all had our own "half speed" baggage making permanent--not perfect--our bad habits.

Watching the neighborhood "H-O-R-S-E" champ go "0 for 10" had a dramatic effect on our 14-year old mindsets, and the new "game-speed...every time" practice credo finally sank in.

What does a slow jump shot have to do with our B-2 mission of visible deterrence and invisible strike? Whether it's 1) executing a nuclear technical operation or a fourhour pilot nuclear procedures exam under the pressure cooker of eight-ten "close friends" from AFGSC scrutinizing every move; or 2) rapidly destroying four different enemy regimes in the last 14 years, you will have to perform at "game speed" in

More importantly, someone you lead, supervise, instruct, mentor and ultimately stand and fight with will have to do the same. Are you preparing your troops, your brothers and sisters in arms, and your unit to fight at "game speed" or are you training without pushing the envelope every time?

Do you develop tough, realistic training

scenarios that force you and your people to make mistakes, learn and then successfully execute before the next inspection or --more importantly -- the next presidential phone call to arms?

Do you challenge and train against your own personal weaknesses or just shoot your

ers coach during the 1960s, understood that practicing repeatedly without game-time intensity and without a sustained quest for perfection simply cements your habits; in this profession we must do better

Our adversaries will present things we didn't expect, and the fog of war will confuse our own operations, and friction will undoubtedly occur (think mayhem from Allstate commercials).

Unlike a predictable sports schedule, the warriors who maintain, employ and support the B-2 must be ready for the championship game with only hours notice at any point in

You will likely not know when you just had your last practice with technical operation, weapons load, nuke surety test or B-2 training sortie. Train, practice, debrief with realism every time and you--and most importantly--your people will be ready when your nation calls...again.

Whether you ultimately serve four, 10 or 20 years, my family and I thank you for answering the call to something greater than yourself; you will never have to wonder in your twilight years whether you made a difference. Be proud, you are doing that right

favorite jumper at summer backyard speed? Remember, we'll fight like we train. As Vince Lombardi, Green Bay Pack-

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Commander's Corner

Team Whiteman,

You've heard a lot recently about our operations tempo...inspections, exercises and deployments, with rarely any breaks in between. This high ops tempo is possible solely because of you and your adaptability and flexibility... essentially you are resilient. Let me highlight the importance of what it means to be resilient in today's Air Force.



Last year General Norton Schwartz, the Air Force Chief of Staff, gave a speech articulating how resiliency is a growing priority for commanders because of prolonged conflicts, ongoing fiscal distress, and federal resource constraints. The bottom line is, today's Air Force demands Airmen maintain readiness in a more difficult environment, with fewer people and resources. Even as we get smaller and more efficient, we will remain an agile and flexible force...and we

will carefully downsize to ensure we don't hollow the force.

Many people believe resiliency is only needed for a certain rank, a certain job, or a particular person. However, adversity does not discriminate; it affects us all to varying degrees and at different times. No one is immune to adversity, and when adversity comes, we need to get help. It all boils down to a simple understanding that we deal with circumstances differently, and there may come a time when we will need assistance.

Dealing with adversity takes both inner strength and a community response. As your commander, I encourage you press forward to eliminate the stigma to ask for assistance and/or seek guidance. Any stigma that says we cannot ask for help simply isn't true.

We have a great opportunity next Wednesday to hear The American 300 Promise Tour. They are living examples of what today's Airman can be...I encourage all of you to come and listen to three remarkable men with truly amazing stories of resilience. Remember that this Monday is Presidents Day, giving us the final long

weekend for the next few months. For those not working, enjoy the time off! Defensor Vindex

-Brig. Gen. Scott Vander Hamm, Commander

What you should know before you go

By Robert Striegel 509th Bomb Wing AntiTerrorism

As the travel season approaches, Airmen are reminded that the rules traveling outside the continental U.S., on leave, are put in place to help keep them safe.

All active duty Air Force military personnel shall comply with theater, country and special clearance requirements as outlined by the Department of Defense Foreign Clearance Guide, DOD 4500.54-M, DOD Foreign Clearance Manual, before traveling outside the continental United States. Prior to departing, personnel must receive a travel threat briefing given by the 509th Bomb Wing Antiterrorism Of-

The 509th BW commander has placed travel restrictions when requesting to travel to Mexico.

Personnel should refer to the 509th BW policy letter dated June 26, 2011, located on the 509th BW SharePoint site.

Properly planning will save heartache and possibly money as some combatant commanders have placed strict travel restrictions on members entering their area of responsibility.

Many countries require the member to receive a country/theater clearance from the COCOM 30 days prior to the intended travel date. A member can view the specific requirements for the country of travel by reviewing the DOD Foreign Clearance Guide website at fcg.pentagon.mil and view the section titled "Personnel Entry Requirements For Leave Travel."

questions For concerns, contact your unit ATO or the 509th BW ATO at 660-687-3044/6820.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Active parenting of teen's class

Active parenting of teens is a 90-minute active parenting course and is offered to Whiteman members from 6:30-8 p.m. Feb. 28 at the Airman and Family Readiness Center. To make a reservation, call Jennifer Case at 660-687-4341. The course is designed to help parents see the difference in teen. The course helps teens to be more cooperative, have better behavior, greater confidence and improve grades, have a happier family life. Child monitoring is available.

Semi-annual stockpile inventory

The 509th Munitions Squadron is conducting a semi-annual stockpile inventory during the week of March 5–9. Those who need any munitions issued or have any that need to be turned in, should do so either the week prior or after the inventory. During this week 509th MUNS will only process emergency requests, submitted in writing, and approved by the group commander or equivalent. Questions or concerns can be directed to Tech. Sgt. Jason Gebbia at 660-687-8251.

Whiteman is sponsoring a team to the 2012 USAF Marathon

All military and civilians working at Whiteman AFB are eligible for team selection. Jerseys, race registration, lodging and travel to and from the race for 22 team members is included in the sponsorship. Teams will be selected by extrapolating recent race times using the calculator at runningforfitness.org/calc/racepaces/rp and comparing their estimated marathon time to the 2013 Boston Marathon qualifying time for the respective age group, which can be found at baa.org/races/boston-marathon/participant-information/qualifying. aspx. Applicants must have completed a 5K or longer race to be eligible. The trip is Sept. 13-16 and members must be available all four days if traveling with the team. To apply, participants must attend a meet-

Volunteer opportunities for High School Students (dependents)

Laxson at 660-687-5758.

ing Feb. 21 at 10 a.m. in the Professional

Development Center, Ford Auditorium.

For more information or for members who

cannot attend due to temporary duty sched-

uling conflict, contact Tech. Sgt. Joseph

High school sons or daughters of active duty Air Force members can volunteer up to 250 hours over the four years of high school, with a maximum potential of \$1,000 toward college or vocational-technical school. The Youth Employment Skills Program is an Air-Force-wide program that offers high school students the opportunity to learn new skills, volunteer their time while helping their community and receive money toward their educational endeavors. For every hour volunteered, \$2 will go to base youth programs to support recreational improvements, computer labs and other programs. For more information about the YES program, contact Whiteman Youth Programs at 660-687-5586. For more information search Whiteman AFB Teen Programs via Facebook and click "Like".

Civilian-military partnership



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

Sedalia Mayor Elaine Horn, Air Force Global Strike Command Civic Leader Program and board member, prepares for an incentive flight on a T-38 Talon Jan. 26. The incentive flight gave her a deeper understanding of the full spectrum of Air Force Global Strike Operations.

Military helps non-citizens get their naturalization

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

As a country founded by immigrants hundreds of years ago, many individuals still flock to the U.S. today seeking political freedom and the opportunity to achieve their goals. America remains a land of opportunities, and because many foreigners from all over the world come to live in the U.S., cultural diversity is cited as one of the country's strengths.

The same applies to the U.S military today. Since the Revolutionary War, legal permanent residents are eligible to enlist in the military. Roughly 35,000 non-citizens are serving in active duty military and about 8,000 join each year.

Non-citizen service members offer several benefits to the military. They are more diverse linguistically and culturally than citizen recruits, which is particularly valuable as the U.S faces the challenges of the Global War on Terrorism.

Also, according to a military research, once non-citizens have joined the military, they are far more likely to complete their enlistment obligations successfully than their U.S.-born counterparts. Thirty-six month attrition rates for non-citizens are between nine and 20 percentage points lower than those for white citizens, the largest demographic group in the military.

"The benefits the Air Force offers are way too good to pass up," said Senior Airman Duzaghi Tafie, 509th FSS relocations representative. "When I was back home in Africa, the rules and way of life was very similar to that of the military, so I'm basically getting paid

more and obtaining benefits without having the culture shock. I'm able to get education and now that I'm a citizen I can reenlist and extend my military career."

Just as non-citizen service members offer benefits to the military, the military service provides opportunities for recruits, particularly in the path to citizenship.

"Since 9/11 there has been a waiver for naturalization fees for military members serving during periods of hostilities," said Tina Brant, 509th Force Support Squadron naturalization representative. "That saves Airmen at least several hundreds of dollars.

"The time to process the applications is also much faster for troops than civilians because the Department of Defense and USCIS have a memorandum of agreement to expedite military applications," Brant said. "And if they don't receive their citizenship during their first enlistment, they will not be allowed to re-enlist."

Other restrictions non-citizens encounter until they obtain their U.S citizenship include:

- □ Reenlistment: unable to reenlist
- ☐ Selective reenlistment bonuses: will not receive until they reenlist
- □Airmen Leadership School: can only attend if they are able to obtain the retainability
- □Promotion: unable to sew on staff sergeant until they have attended ALS
- ☐ Retraining: cannot obtain without U.S citizenship
- ☐ Assignments: ineligible for overseas and security clearance required assignments
- Security clearance: cannot obtain without citizenship
 - □Palace chase/Palace front: ineligible to

apply without citizenship

"Airmen can begin the application process as soon as they get to their tech-schoo,"
Brant said

Military members can contact a naturalization representative at the military personnel section at their base. Each naturalization representative is there to help non-citizens through the process of naturalization by providing them with the information and forms they need to submit. Once the Airmen have completed the required forms (N-400 Application for Naturalization, N-426 Request for Certification of Military, G-325B USCIS Document Checklist) their POC will submit them to the USCIS Nebraska Service Center.

"Following the application has been submitted, Airmen might be asked to go get their fingerprints taken at the nearest field office," Brant said. "After that, they will be scheduled for a citizenship interview where they will perform a test to verify they have common knowledge of the English language and its history.

"The application may take up six to eight months to process," she said. "Once the Airmen receive their citizenship approval, they need to provide the original Certification of Naturalization to the MPS for update in the Military Personnel Data System as a final step to the process."

Demographic trends and new incentives (including new language programs and expedited citizenship) make it likely that the number of non-citizens within the military's ranks will grow. Non-citizen recruits will provide the services with a more richly diverse force, not only racially and ethnically, but also in terms of language and culture.



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Law and Order: 509th Bomb Wing

By Staff Sgt. Alexandra M. Boutte

509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

In the criminal justice system, the people are represented by three separate yet equally important groups: the security forces office of special investigations who investigate crime, the paralegals who research crimes and the base attorneys who prosecute the offenders.

(Sound effect) Dun...Dun

The 509th Bomb Wing Staff Judge Advocate office performs four essential functions: military justice, operational law and legal assistance, protecting Air Force resources and freedom of action, morale and welfare.

"There are a lot of similarities between the military justice system and the civilian justice system," said Capt. Michael Pierson, 509th JA Chief of military justice. "Our military rules of evidence are based off the rules that are commonly practiced in federal court."

The military justice system is a commander's program designed to support good order and discipline in the unit and to ensure mission accomplishment.

"I see to it that good order and discipline is preserved on the installation," Pierson said. "We work hand-in-hand with 509th Security Forces Squadron Airmen to obtain evidence that will go forward to a court-martial."

When a crime occurs, security forces patrolman conduct the apprehension or detain civilians, interview individuals and process evidence. Any additional interviewing or investigation required will be conducted by the 509th SFS investigations section

"Security forces work with the judge advocate office on a frequent basis," said Staff Sgt. Allison Maitland, 509th SFS law enforcement NCO in charge. "The patrolman contacts the judge advocate office for legal questions and advice fre-



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A JA handles a wide variety of legal issues in real-world experience in the practice of law. The legal issues they encounter are wide-ranging, including criminal law, government contract law, labor law, international law, environmental and real property law.

"I work with Airmen regarding their legal issues such as landlord tenants, divorce questions and finances," Pierson said. "Our paralegal team is vital to our process."

Paralegals perform the underlying work ranging from do-

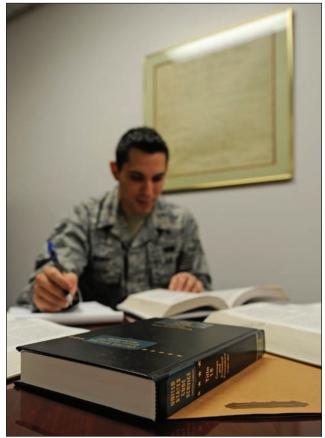
ing research to investigating accidents and seeing a trial is properly done by developing what the punishment might be.

"Not only do we help make sure Whiteman has good order and discipline, but we also perform powers of attorneys, wills, contracts and legal guidance," said Senior Airman Brett Berry, 509th JA paralegal. "Once a month we are also tasked to help with magistrate court, for civilians who commit crimes on base."

For information on services the legal office offers, call 660-687-6809 or visit https://aflegalassistance.law.af.mil.



Capt. Michael Pierson, 509th Bomb Wing staff judge advocate chief of military justice, advises an Airman about his issues here Feb. 3. Military justice handles a wide variety of legal issues in real-world experience in the practice of law. The legal issues they encounter are wide-ranging, including criminal, government contract, labor, international, environment and real property laws.



Senior Airman Brett Berry, 509th Bomb Wing staff judge advocate paralegal, researches information for an upcoming trial here Feb. 3. Paralegals perform the underlying work ranging from conducting research to investigating accidents and ensuring a trial is done properly and developing a reprimand.

U.S. Air Force photos/Staff Sgt. Alexandra M. Boutte

Red Cross volunteer opportunities

By Senior Airman Nick Wilson 509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

The American Red Cross Chapter in Kansas City, Mo. serving Johnson Country, supports volunteerism at the Whiteman Clinic and is always looking for volunteers.

Volunteers can serve in a variety of service positions including patient check-in, answering phones, records management, and other general administrative functions, according to Staff Sgt. Jaime Vergarra, 509th Medical Group's volunteer coordinator.

"Professional volunteers are also welcome," said Vergarra. "We will help you through the volunteer application process. Volunteer references will be contacted and the applicant will be asked to complete a criminal background check to sign and abide by the Red Cross Code of conduct."

Once the application has been successfully processed, the clinic in-processes and places the volunteer based on his or her interest and the needs of the clinic, according to Vergarra.

"If a common access card is required for volunteer duties, we will assist the volunteer through this process," he said.

The Red Cross, a humanitarian organization led by volunteers and guided by its Congressio-

nal Charter and the Fundamental Principles of the International Red Cross Movement, provides relief to victims of disaster and helps people prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies, according to redcross.com

In addition to domestic disaster relief, the Red Cross offers services in five other areas which are: community services that help the needy; communications services and comfort for military members and their family members; the collection, processing and distribution of blood and blood products; educational programs on preparedness, health, and safety; international relief and development programs.

Volunteers constitute 96 percent of the Red Crosses total work force.

Beyond service to the air base, the Red Cross is always looking for volunteers to serve Johnson County as Disaster Action Team members assisting the victims of residential fires and mass care workers staffing shelters during larger disaster.

For more information or to volunteer, call 660-687-6882. Forms can be found at red-cross.org/en/volunteer. Those interested in chapter activities may contact the chapter directly through Susie Perkins at 816-841-5254 or perkinss@arckc.org.

509th CS wins AFGSC Awards

Congratulations are in order for the 509th Communications Squadron winners. The following are the listing of all commandlevel and higher awards Squadron earned for 2011:

2011 Air Force 509th Communications Squadron

-2011 Air Force Lieutenant General Harold W. Grant Award for Information Dominance

509th Communications Squadron

-2011 Air Force
General John P. Jumper Award
for Excellence in
Warfighting Integration.

2011 Global Strike Command Awards Tech. Sgt. Jonas McVey

-2011 AFGSC Outstanding Airfield Systems (Non Commissioned Officer)

Tech. Sgt. Angela Britton -2011 AFGSC

Outstanding Cyber Surety (Non Commissioned Officer)

Tech. Sgt. Courtney Jones

-2011 AFGSC Outstanding Knowledge Operations Manager (Non Commissioned Officer)

Senior Airman Katherine Althoff

-2011 AFGSC Outstanding Knowledge Operations Manager(Airman)

Senior Airman Lisa Pipp

-2011 AFGSC

Outstanding Client Systems (Airman)

Airman 1st Class Daniel Kane

-2011 AFGSC

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Tech. Sgt. Tommy Stidham,
Tech. Sgt. Jessica Hildebrand,
Airman 1st Class Joel Jackson,
Ms. Ashley Smith
and Mr. Jim Fisk

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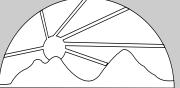
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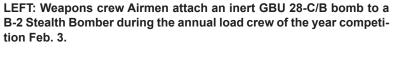
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Weapons Airmen put the finishing touches on an inert GBU 28-C/B bomb before it is loaded onto a B-2 Spirit during the annual load crew of the year competition Feb. 3. The competition is scored in four different areas to include: dress and appearance, composite tool kit inspection, a written test and a loading evaluation. To be eligible to compete the crews must have a zero deficiencies and must win Load Crew of the Quarter. The weapons Airmen are assigned to the 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.





RIGHT and BOTTOM: Tech. Sgt. Joshua Cameron tightens a screw while Staff Sgt. Richard Rivera assists in assembling an inert GBU 28-C/B bomb before it is loaded onto a B-2 Stealth Bomber during the annual load crew of the year competition Feb. 3. Cameron and Rivera are assigned to the 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron and sempeted with the 121ct Bomb Wing.





Ready, set, load!

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

RIGHT: A weapons crew Airman assembles an inert GBU 28-C/B bomb during the annual load crew of the year competition Feb. 3. The competition is among the top three weapons crews with the best yearlong statistics. The Airmen are assigned to the 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.



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U.S. Air Force photo/Chris Burch

LACKLAND AIR FORCE BASE, Texas -- Senior Airman Kyle Willis, 509th Operations Support Squadron, rocks the bass to "Frankenstein" during his instrumental performance at the 2012 Air Force Worldwide Talent Search at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas Jan. 15. Willis won first place for instrumentalists during the competition, which took place Jan. 9-16. The annual competition helps select members for the expeditionary entertainment group, Tops in Blue.

He's also been fortunate enough to have stage experience playing places such as two National Football League stadiums with a variety of groups, bars, small town festivals and the Alamo.

The new recruit hopes that being an Air Force performer will lead to future endeavors and open the door to today's music industry.

"I will see where it takes me," he said. He also hopes audiences will appreciate his seasoned bass playing enthusiasm.

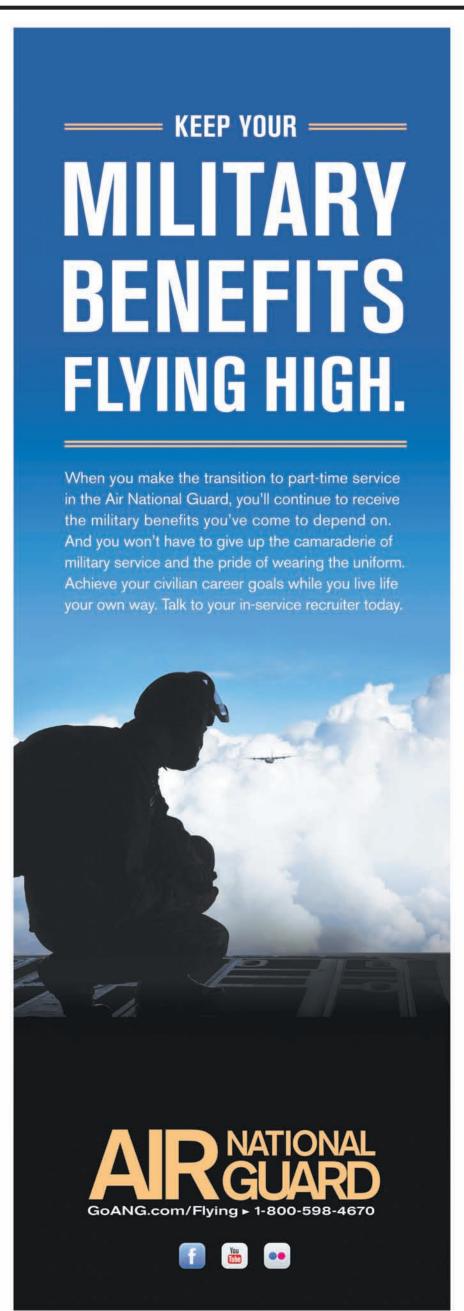
"I'm big into classic rock and old school funk," he said. "Who knows, maybe I could bring it back."

Willis is scheduled to depart Whiteman AFB March 15 to train with his new unit and said it is an excellent opportunity to get to know his fellow Airmen from across the world.

He said he looks forward to becoming a better bass player and seeing the world and is scheduled to travel to more than 20 countries and perform more than 120 shows.

For a schedule of Tops in Blue performances or for additional information, visit topsinblue.com, follow Tops in Blue at twitter.com/aftopsinblue, the Facebook fan page at www.facebook.com/topsinblue.





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20th RS comes back for the win



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Zach Brown, 509th Maintenance Squadron team member, serves during an intramural volleyball game against the 20th Reconnaissance at the Fitness Center Feb. 9. MXS began by winning the first game but lost the next two games, losing the match to RS 2-1.

By Airman 1st Class Bryan Crane 509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

The 20th Reconnaissance Squadron battled the 509th Maintenance Squadron in volleyball at the Fitness Center Feb. 9. Both teams came in hungry for a victory in the best of three matches but only one team would eventually win.

The first game began and the teams started off even as they showed great effort to try and take a big lead. MXS slowly began to take a lead midway through the first game with a score of 13-9. They continued with great teamwork and good individual play throughout the rest of the game. MXS jumped to a 21-16 lead and cruised for the rest of the first game winning 25-17.

The teams switched sides for the second game and MXS carried their momentum with them. Jeff Bowen, 509th MXS team member, helped his team start off strong with a couple of ace's to take the early 6-1 lead. However, MXS seemed to get too

comfortable and allowed Recon to creep back into the game. Midway through the second game Recon took their first lead of the day 16-15 and never looked back, closing out the second game by the final score of 25-21 to force game three.

Game three started and the first team to 15 points would be the winner of the match. Recon began the game just as MXS did in the second game by taking a commanding 6-1 lead. Recon had no intentions of letting their initial gain get away and hit their groove early by dominating with monstrous spikes and blocks. They kept playing well with great teamwork and quickly made it to game point. MXS looking for an amazing comeback scored a couple of points but ultimately Recon would finish them off with a 15-6 victory in the final game to seal the match.

Overall, each team played the match well and used this game as another way to build team work and confidence in each other, on the court and in their work environment.

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Events & Morale

This Weekend at the Movies

War Horse Rated PG-13 Feb. 18,

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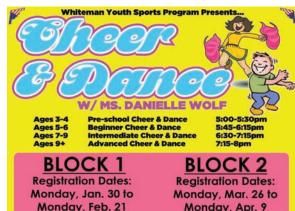
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command chief," said Danner. "She brings a wealth of experience to the position and a distinguished career in security forces."

Clark, the Missouri ANG's first female state command chief, has big goals for the position.

"In addition to implementing the adjutant general's strategic plan across the Missouri Air National Guard, my main goal is to focus on the individual Airman," Clark said. "We need to focus on areas like health and fitness, employment, education, recruiting and retention. I want to make sure our Airmen know about the Patriot Center resources available at headquarters to help them in these areas."

"During the past 10 years, the Air National Guard has seen a major increase in missions and deployment," Clark said.

Clark served three years of active duty following 9/11, supporting Operation Noble Eagle, ensuring the safety and security of Lambert Field. She has also deployed to Saudi Arabia's Prince Sultan Air Base to support Operations Enduring Freedom and Southern Watch.

"With 23-plus years of security forces experience, I believe I can relate to the Airmen," Clark said. "I've been deployed and worked shift hours both stateside and overseas, under varying conditions. I understand what they are going through."

Clark will also stress the importance of working together with the Missouri ANG.

"It is very important that we work collaboratively with the Army National Guard," Clark said. "We want to integrate units, training and fitness programs, and conferences where appropriate. We need to make sure we're sharing information and leveraging lessons learned so we don't end up reinventing the wheel over and over again."

In 2007 Clark was named First Sergeant of the Year for the 131st Fighter Wing and in 2008 was named First Sergeant of the Year for the Missouri ANG.

Before being named state command chief, Clark served as the 131st BW's security forces manager. She was considering retirement before that, but said she received encouragement from her commander, Capt. Shane Rowe, to continue her military career.

"I was ready to retire as a first sergeant, but Capt. Rowe encouraged me to compete for an open chief master sergeant position," Clark said. "He knew that a po-



U.S. Air Force photo/ Senior Master Sgt. Mary-Dale Amison

Chief Master Sgt. Laura Clark, 131st Bomb Wing Missouri Air National Guard, assumes the role of state command chief master sergeant for the Mo. National Guard and is the first female state command chief.

tential aspiration of mine was in becoming a command chief and consistently supported and challenged me to pursue my dreams."

Clark's potential was recognized at the top of the 131st as well. Col. Gregory Champagne, 131st Bomb Wing commander recommended Clark for the position

"Chief Master Sgt. Clark has earned the respect of her peers, commanders and enlisted personnel by always making them her top priority," said Champagne. "Her professionalism, work ethic, creativity and friendly demeanor are what have earned her my admiration over the years. With her high energy, determination and ability to make things happen, she is one of the most selfless and inspiring team players I have ever worked with."

Additionally, she is a standout Airman, consistently scoring 'excellent' on her Air Force fitness tests.

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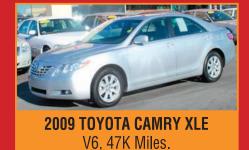
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