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FRIDAY NIGHT PERFORMER PARTY Exclusively For Team Whiteman



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Team Whiteman is invited to the Friday Night Performer Party at 7 p.m. May 18 at the 5-Bay Hangar.

The 5-Bay is located in the 442nd Fighter Wing A-10 Aircraft Maintenance Facility (through the double doors), 931 Arnold Ave., Bldg. 1117.



Chiefs Brat Burn and Chiefs vs. Eagles Softball Challenge

Team Whiteman is invited to the Whiteman Chiefs Group Brat Burn and Chief's vs. Eagles Softball Challenge Softball game from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 18 at Softball Field #1 (near the fitness center). See squadron chief to get a \$5 voucher.

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American300 Tour – AFGSC: "The Getting Back Up" Tour

Team Whiteman is invited to an American300 event at 3:30 p.m. today at the Skate Park. The event includes a demonstration by Kurt Yaeger, an amputee and bicycle motocross rider, and Olympian Erin Simmons, a three-time silver medalist. After the demonstrations, those attending the event are invited to join the athletes in a training session, or watch the trainees and enjoy free food and music.

WEATHER	
Today	Saturday
Sunny	Partly Sunny
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Mostly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy
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Commentary

How did I get here?

By Col. Theresa Rodriguez 509th Medical Group Commander

How did you get to the rank of a field grade officer, become a chief nurse and a commander?

When I was first asked that question I wasn't really sure what to say. I didn't know because I never really thought about ait until people began asking me, but over time, I began to answer the question simply by saying hard work, dedication and great mentors.

I arrived at this answer by thinking back to when I first entered the Air Force and thought about what happened during my career that made a difference and got me where I am today.

When I joined the Air Force in 1987, I had no idea what the military was about. I did not join planning to become a commander, at the time I didn't even understand military rank structure. I joined because I wanted to see the world.

My first assignment did not fulfill my want of seeing the world because my first duty station, I was four hours from home. It was at this assignment that I came to realize there was more to the Air Force. I learned that I was not only a nurse, but also an officer in the United States Air Force. Adjusting to the military and its rules was a little challenging. Things became a little more difficult after my mother passed unexpectedly. I felt I needed to get out and return home. My father encouraged me to stay, so I did but was torn because I felt I should go back home. I shared this with my supervisor at the time, retired Maj. Shirley Wright, and her words to me were, "Don't make a decision based on your first assignment, take another assignment, maybe go overseas. After you have done that and you still don't like it then get out."

I did just that and accepted an assignment to Yokota Air Base, Japan. There I learned from the hardest working leader I'd seen up to that point, retired Maj. Cathleen Rossi-McLaughlin. Although she worked hard and expected the same from us, she took the time to mentor those working under her. She encouraged all of us to complete our Professional Military Education and to take and/or accept positions that would help us grow as leaders.

I listened to her advice and after making captain, I completed Squadron Officer School by correspondence and accepted opportunities that would help me hone my leadership skills. After two years at Yokota, I was assigned to Shaw Air Force Base, S.C. There I was blessed to work with an amazing nurse leader, retired Col. Dorothy Weltz. She practically dragged me to the education center where I enrolled in a master's degree program. She also nominated me to attend SOS in residence, which I was selected for. I completed both during my time at Shaw AFB.

I share this information today to get to this point -- the guidance and mentoring the three leaders provided me early on in my career were instrumental to me getting where I am today.

I then realized if I wanted to continue making rank, I had to continue to work hard, accept the challenges and opportunities and complete the appropriate PME that came with each rank.

I mention the individuals above because if they had not been there at the beginning of my career, I don't think I would have remained in the Air Force past my first 5 to 6 years, and I wouldn't have had a competitive record.

"How did I get here?" you ask. I had, and continue to have, great mentors that I listened to, I worked hard, and something I haven't mentioned, my belief in God and the support of my family.

Honoring our past during Asian-American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

By Tech. Sgt. Toiseng Hawes 509th Bomb Wing Equal Opportunity

Each year during May, we observe Asian-American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month. The U.S. Department of Labor Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs defines, Asian-Pacific Islander as "A person with origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian subcontinent, or the Pacific Islands."

This year's theme is "Striving For Excellence in Leadership, Diversity and Inclusion." This admirable observance offers us an opportunity to celebrate the vast contributions Asian-Americans and Pacific Islanders have made to our Nation, reflecting on the challenges still faced by Asian-Americans and Pacific Islander community, and recommit to protecting our democracy.

The observance started in 1978 as Asian-American Heritage Week under President Jimmy Carter which originally covered the first 10 days of May. Those specific dates were chosen because two important anniversaries occurred during this time: the arrival of the first Japanese Immigrants in America May 7, 1843, and the completion of the transcontinental Railroad (by many Chinese laborers) May 10, 1869. Twelve years later President George H.W. Bush signed an extension making the weeklong celebration a monthlong celebration.

As of April 1, 2010, there are 17.3 million people of Asian-American decent and 1.2 million Pacific Islanders in the United States. Asian-Americans and Pacific Islanders are comprised of many ethnicities and languages, and their myriad achievements embody the American experience. Despite difficulties, these men and women struggled, sacrificed and preserved to build a better life for their children and families.

Asian-Americans and Pacific Islanders have had a deep impact on our society as leaders in all facets of American life, thriving as athletes, public servants, scientists and artists. Whether as small business owners or as members of the Department of Defense, Asian-Americans and Pacific Islanders are instrumental in writing the next chapter of the American story.

Let us celebrate the Asian-Americans and Pacific Islanders' legacy along with their talents and contributions to strengthen our nation's prosperity, protect our security and enliven our country every day.

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Commander's Corner

Team Whiteman,

Next weekend will be a busy but fun time for all as Wings Over Whiteman will take place Saturday and Sunday, gates open from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. In addition to attending the air show, I am personally inviting all base personnel to the



Chiefs vs. Eagles brat burn and softball game outside the base gym beginning at 11 a.m. Friday, and the performer party that evening beginning at 6 p.m. in the 442nd Fighter Wing 5-Bay hangar along Arnold Ave.

This annual softball game is a friendly competition between Whiteman's own senior enlisted personnel and senior officers. It is a great opportunity to come

out and support one team or the other by cheering them on and trying to discourage the opposing team.

As in years past, this tradition is always a favorite, encompassing team spirit and camaraderie with a bit of a competitive edge. This is a great opportunity to witness history in the making as the team that wins walks away with bragging rights for the entire year. Knowing how competitive some players are, this is a coveted trophy. The chiefs were able to pull off a win last year, but Friday is anybody's game.

The performer party that evening is open to the entire base, and I encourage each of you to come enjoy the special Army Golden Knight's Twilight jump and a live performance by a local Kansas City '80s band, the ZEROS. Friday's evening festivities are planned exclusively for base personnel and their families to enjoy before the business of Saturday begins.

For both events, see the front page for additional details. I look forward to seeing you all next Friday!

> Defensor Vindex. -Brig. Gen. Scott Vander Hamm, Commander

NEWS BRIEFS

Combat Arms Trespass Notice

The Whiteman AFB small arms range complex is located on the south end of main base at 747 12th St. The 40mm grenade range is located on the northeast side of the base adjacent to D Highway. Both ranges are surrounded by a perimeter fence with warning signs. During firing, a red flag or rotating red beacon will be present to signify firing is in progress. In addition, access roads to the 40mm range will be closed during firing. It is not only illegal to enter the range complex, but highly dangerous due to weapons fire. Those who need access to either of these areascan contact the 509th Security Forces Squadron Combat Arms section at 660-687-5122 during duty hours. After duty hours, contact the police services desk 660-687-3700.

New Air Force Housing Website

The new Air Force Housing website is an Airman's one-stop site for base housing options and support worldwide. Those planning for a permanent change of station should log on to housing.af.mil.

Zero Overpricing Program Still Active

The Whiteman Zero Overpricing Program helps identify and reduce overpricing within the Air Force and other Department of Defense activities. A few examples of overpricing include contracting errors, overly rigid specifications, duplicate charges and over-packaging which drives vendor costs up. More information can be found in the Air Force Manuel 23-110, volume 7, part 4, chapter 1. To initiate an overpricing challenge, initiate an Air Force Form 1046 or contact ZOP monitors, Robert Kyser, at 660-687-4032, or Rochelle Cooper, at 660-687-3124 then contact the 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron customer service at 509lrs.custsvc@whiteman.af.mil. To submit to the Air Force Innovative Development Through Employee Awareness Program, log on to https:// afkm.wpafb.af.mil/community/views/ home.aspx?Filter=AF-DP-00-06

American Red Cross Volunteer Opportunity at Whiteman AFB

The American Red Cross has multiple volunteer opportunities at the 509th Medical Group. Anyone interested in volunteering should first contact the Medical Group's volunteer coordinators in the Resource Management office, room 1130, or call 660-687-6782. Volunteers can serve in a variety of service positions including patient check-in, answering phones, records management, pharmacy, lab, radiology support and other general administrative functions. Professional volunteers are also welcome. The MDG volunteer coordinator will help those with the Red Cross volunteer application process. More information and forms can be found at http://www.redcross.org/en/volunteer.

Team Whiteman donates blood



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

Senior Airman Matthew Flippen, 709th Munitions Squadron munitions controller, donates blood to the Community Blood Center May 2. Team Whiteman contributed more than 40 units of blood to help community members battle cancer, recover from an accident, undergo surgery and survive other illnesses and injuries.

Air Force Specialty Code changes take effect in May

By Debbie Gildea

Air Force Personnel, Services and Manpower Public Affairs

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO - RANDOLPH, Texas (AFNS) -- Various officer and enlisted Air Force Specialty Code changes will take effect in May, Air Force Personnel Center officials said.

Updated Air Force officer and enlisted classification directories have been posted on the Air Force Personnel Services website (see link below). These updates include AFSC change summary and conversion guides reflecting the April 30 cycle and the latest details on approved Air Force specialties.

Classification changes within a conversion cycle vary from minor text corrections to establishment of a new AFSC or AFSC suffix said Barry Craigen, AFPC Military Classification Development Branch Chief. A cycle may also include creation or modification of special experience identifiers.

While conversion cycles have been implemented and announced

quarterly, Craigen said, starting Oct. 31, conversion announcements will be semiannual, Oct. 31 and April 30.

According to Craigen, one example of a classification change occurs when an AFSC is created or modified, including adding suffixes to more specifically identify the work actually being performed.

"For example, the enlisted network intelligence analyst AFSC is 1N4X1. Effective May 1, the AFSC will split into 1N4X1A, fusion analyst, digital network analyst, and 1N4X1B fusion analyst, analysis and production. The Airmen involved will be converted to the appropriate suffix," he said.

One special duty identifier update this cycle is to professional military education instructor entrance and retention requirements which were extensively revised, explained Craigen.

"This is one of a number of changes announced in the change summary and conversion guide, which will be included in Attachment 1 of the April 30 enlisted classification directory," Craigen said.

See Specialty Code, page 11

442nd Fighter Wing May promotions

The following reservists from the 442nd Fighter Wing promoted May 1:

AIRMAN Kale Kiefer, 442nd Maintenance Squadron

> AIRMEN 1st CLASS Demetrius Hewlett, 442nd Civil Engineer Squadron Anthony Gladbach, 442nd MXS

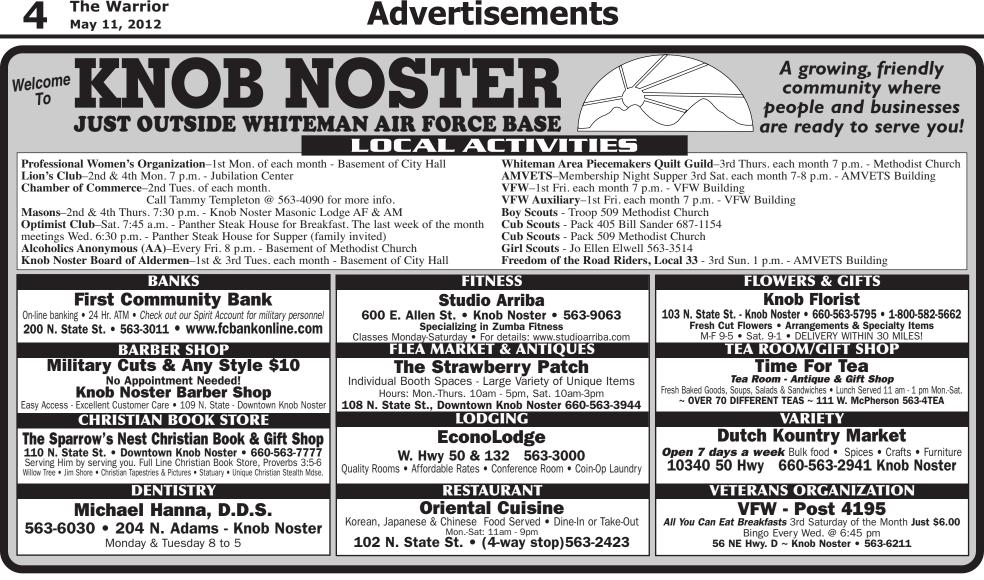
SENIOR AIRMEN Antony Biagi, 442ndth MXS Kody Duggan, 442nd CES Jennifer Fink, 442nd SFS Jonathan Johannes, 442nd MXS Omar Martinez, 442nd MXS KolbySchweder, 442nd MXS

STAFF SERGEANTS Jennifer Briscoe, 442nd Medical Squadron Ana Capps,442nd MDS Steven McClanahan, 442nd AMXS

> **TECHINCAL SERGEANTS Patrick Weirich**, 442nd MXS

SENIOR MASTER SERGEANTS Blaine Edwards, 442nd CES

The 442nd Fighter Wing is an A-10 Thunderolt II Air Force Reserve unit at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo. Geographically separated units include the 917th Fighter Group, Barksdale AFB, La.; the 476th Fighter Group, Moody AFB, Ga.; and the 924th Fighter Group, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.



Where are you going?

The road to learning starts at State Fair Community College. Summer classes start June 4. Fall classes start Aug. 20.

> "With the help of SFCC at Whiteman, I'm completing my Community College of the Air Force degree; I want to ultimately earn a bachelor's degree. I think it's great that SFCC is on base and is helping me reach my educational goals."

> > -Ryan Hembrough

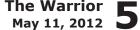
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2012 WOW questions answered

With eight days left until the 2012 Wings Over Whiteman Open House and Air Show, guests and individuals should be aware of what to expect upon entering Whiteman's gates.

Question: What is Wings Over Whiteman?

Answer: Whiteman will host a two-day open house and air show May 19 & 20. Gates will open to the general public at 9 a.m. and close at 5 p.m. The opening ceremony will begin at 11:00 a.m., and a flying show will follow. The American public will have an opportunity to view the world's premier weapon system, the B-2 Spirit, as well as the A-10 Thunderbolt II and a host of military and civilian aircraft. In addition to these Whiteman based aircraft, visit our exhibition aircraft section.

Question: What displays will be at the air show?

Answer: Our ground show features the U.S.A.F. Band "Shades of Blue," car and motorcycle parade, an EOD demonstration, WACO Glider SERE display American Legion U.S.A.F., Army, Marine and Navy Recruiters World War I Museum and more.

Question: Are pets allowed?

Answer: Seeing eye dogs ARE permitted at Wings Over Whiteman. Otherwise, pets are not allowed onto the air show spectator area or are not allowed to be left in cars inside the air show parking lots.

Question: Are we allowed to bring in chairs or is there seating available?

Answer: Yes, visitors are allowed to bring lawn chairs to place near the viewing area only. Some bleachers are available for the public on a first-come, first-served basis.

Question: Can arrangements be made for handicap parking or drop-off/pickup close to a seating area?

Answer: Handicap parking is available. Please enter through the LeMay Gate to access the handicap parking areas.

Question: Can I camp nearby?

Answer: Yes! The Knob Noster State Park located just outside the base is available for camping. For more information visit mostateparks.com

Question: Can you direct me to a place to stay during the weekend?

Answer: Visit one of the local visitors bureaus on log onto visitwarrensburg.org or call 1-877-OLD-DRUM log onto visitsedaliamo.com or call 800-827-5295. See wingsoverwhiteman.com for email address for both Warrensburg and Sedalia.

Question: Does the air show still take place when it rains?

Answer: The air show gates will be open rain or shine. The FAA and the United States Air Force has regulations with regards to the safe conduct of the air show flying during adverse weather conditions. Every attempt will be made during the day to fly the full schedule of events. Keep in mind that indoor exhibits will be open, however, we cannot guarantee flights during rain.

Question: If I cannot bring something into the air show, can I go out to my car during the show?

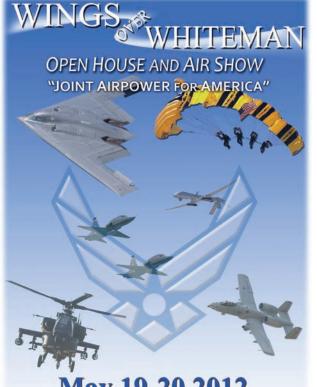
Answer: Yes. Since the show has no admission fee, you may leave and re-enter as you desire. Anyone re-entering will have to go through security checkpoints again.

Question: Is smoking allowed?

Answer: Smoking is permitted in designated areas ONLY.

Question: Is there an area for families with young children/nursing station?

Answer: Yes. New to 2012 WOW is the Bomber Baby care center which will be available located inside the 5-Bay Hangar for nursing mothers or families with young children and is sponsored by Bothwell Regional Health Center and will provide privacy and a space to relax.



May 19-20 2012

FREE ADMISSION - GATES OPEN FROM 9 A.M. TO 5 P.M. WHITEMAN AFB, KNOB NOSTER MO WINGSOVERWHITEMAN.com

Question: Is there shade?

Answer: The air show facility is under an open sky. Patrons are encouraged to plan accordingly. Some shade can be found under the wings of static display aircraft.

Question: What are the radio frequencies used by the Air Show?

Answer: That information is not released.

Question: What are the security procedures?

Answer: Please note all vehicles entering Whiteman AFB are subject to search at any time. Refusal to comply will result in denial of access to Whiteman AFB. Visual inspections of hand-carried items will be conducted. There will be a heavy K-9 presence throughout base. All spectators will be screened prior to entering the spectator area. This includes walkthrough metal detectors, transfriskers, emptying of pockets and searches of hand-carried items. Prohibited items found during screening will be seized by Security Forces. Violators will be cited, processed and turned over to civilian police and/ or escorted off the installation.

Amnesty boxes will be available for spectators to dispose of prohibited items prior to entering screening areas. Once items are placed in the amnesty boxes, they cannot be returned to their owner(s). Items placed in amnesty boxes are done at the owner's risk.

The 509th SFS will not assume liability or responsibility for safeguarding items for spectators or items left in amnesty boxes. Amnesty boxes will be monitored to prevent pilferage. It is recommended that spectators leave any prohibited items in their vehicles or in the amnesty boxes.

Question: What can I bring?

Answer: To safeguard personnel and resources during the 2012 Wings Over Whiteman Open House and Air Show, certain items will be prohibited from entering the installation and/or spectator area. These items are listed below as well as the items allowed into the spectator area.

Prohibited items on the installation and in the air show spectator area:

La Knives (regardless of blade length), multi-tools, box cutters, razors

Firearms, stun-guns, mace and/or OC spray, ammunition (Unless carried by law enforcement officers with valid credentials); weapons such as clubs, black jacks, brass knuckles

- Explosives

Prohibited items in the air show spectator area:

- Back packs, gym bags or camel backs
- Coolers, glass bottles, alcoholic beverages

Non-prescription medication, illicit/illegal drugs and or paraphernalia (Marijuana, meth, etc)

- Uklie-talkies, GPS units
- Bicycles, skateboards, roller blades/skates, scooters
- □ Pets Permitted Items in the Air Show spectator area:
- □ Folding chairs
- □ Strollers or pull-along wagons
- □ Purses and fanny packs (Medium or smaller in size) Medical, diaper, and camera bags (Medium or smaller
- in size)
 - Clear beverages in clear, see-through containers
 - Cameras, camcorders, cell phones
 - □ Wheelchairs
 - Radio Scanners
 - Binoculars
 - Question: What does it cost?

Answer: Entrance and parking is free.

Question: Where do I park?

Answer: Parking will be available on base. Once you enter the base, you will be directed to the parking areas. There will be a free shuttle from parking areas.

Question: Who will be performing? What aircraft will be at the air show?

Answer: Military Aerial Acts US Army Golden Knights Sky Soldiers Demo Team Wing Nuts Flying Circus Aerostars Show Red Steel T-38 Valiant Echoes P-51 MiG-17 Fighter jets PT-17 B-1 Lancer **B-52** Stratofortress F-22 MQ-1 Predator C-21 C-5 C-130 HE-1 B-25 Static Aircraft Displays B-1 Lancer **B-2** Spirit C-17 AH-64 Apache T-38 Talon A-10 Thunderbolt

B-52 Stratofortress

Question: Will there be activities for children?

Answer: KIDS ZONE will include:

5 inflatable bouncy exhibits Rock Climbing wall and the Power Jump!

Question: Will there be food, drinks, and souvenirs at the air show?

Answer: Food, water, beer, soft drinks and merchandise will be available for purchase. Tents will be located throughout the air show display area.

Question: Will there be special tours available? Answer: Yes. Oscar-01 Missile Alert Facility will be open

both May 19 & 20 for tours beginning at 10 a.m. Tours will last 30 minutes each hour and there will be a meeting point on the ramp. Ensure to pick up the May 18 issue of the Whiteman Warrior for a schedule and map of the event and more!

Information for the 2012 Wings Over Whiteman Open House and Air Show will be updated as it becomes available. Search Wings Over Whiteman via Facebook for more.

News

Air Force Marathon officials seek 2,000 volunteers



Volunteers hand out cups of water to runners during an Air Force Marathon. Marathon officials estimate 2,000 volunteers will be needed to support the three-day event this vear.

By Air Force News Wire

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio (AFNS) -- Air Force Marathon officials are looking for more than 2,000 volunteers to help host the 16th annual event Sept. 15., and volunteer registration is now officially open.

"We couldn't have this marathon without the support of the volunteers," said Jeanette Monaghan, a volunteer coordinator. "We'll have at least 30,000 people visit the sports and fitness expo on Sept. 13 and 14, and that part alone takes a huge amount of volunteers."

Monaghan also encourages groups to register.

"Whether it's a business, a civic group or even a student group, volunteering creates great team-building opportunities," she said. "It's also a good way for organizations to get exposure to the public, because they can wear their own logo apparel or even bring a sign to their shift."

In addition to the volunteer positions at the expo, there will also be spots to fill on race day at the Air Force Museum and at the 5K event at Wright State University. Bands are also needed to provide entertainment for the runners along the course on race day. All of the positions are listed on the marathon's website at www.usafmarathon.com, and volunteers can register online.

"The Air Force Marathon is such a fun event that a lot of our volunteers come back every year," said Monaghan. "We even have runners who love the race so much that they come to town early just to volunteer at the Expo since they can't help out on race day."

All volunteers receive a free Air Force Marathon T-Shirt. For more information or to register, visit www.usafmarathon.com.

AFGSC 'Never Quit' Rowing Challenge final result

By Air Force Global Strike Command Public Affairs

BARKSDALE AIR FORCE BASE, La. -- Airmen at the five bases comprising Air Force Global Strike Command took on a challenge April 5 to collectively row enough miles to travel from Washington D.C. to London, to increase camaraderie and resiliency throughout the ranks.

"The Airmen in this command not only embraced that challenge," said Lt. Gen. James Kowalski, AFGSC commander. "They far surpassed it and rowed almost three-and-a-half times our goal, for a total of 12,723 miles, almost half way around the world."

Of the five bases, Airmen at Minot Air Force Base, N.D., logged the longest distance at 3,430 total miles rowed. Additionally, the command's top rower was Staff Sgt. Jarrod White, an Airman at F.E. Warren, Wyo., with 981 total miles.

The winning base, Minot, earned \$50,000

in quality of life funds from the headquarters, according to command officials.

Named the "Never Quit" Rowing Challenge, the program is part of several initiatives underway to strengthen and encourage Airmen throughout the command.

AFGSC's "Never Quit" Rowing Challenge

Category Winner Total Meters Rowed 1st Place Base Winner Minot Air Force

Base, N.D. 5,521,161 meters / 3,430 miles Overall 1st Place AFGSC Top Rower Staff Sgt. Jarrod White, F.E. Warren AFB, Wyo. 1,579,800 meters / 981 miles

Individual Airmen Leaders Staff Sgt. Jarrod White, F.E. Warren AFB, Wyo. 1,579,800 meters / 981 miles

Chief Master Sgt. Tim Cooley, Whiteman AFB, Mo. 1,343,233 meters / 834 miles Staff Sgt. Jonathon Every, Minot AFB, N.D. 1,024,657 meters / 636 miles

See Challenge, page 14

More specialists. Right here.

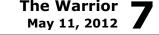
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91st WWII hero, gone but not forgotten



Courtesv photo

Andy Anderson, a pilot who was assigned to the 91st Bombardment Group, poses here with crew members of the 91st BG. During World War II, the 91st BG accomplished approximately 70 missions for the United States.

By Senior Airman Jessica McConnell Minot Air Force Base Public Affairs

MINOT AIR FORCE BASE, N.D. -- "Andy, like so many of his contemporaries, was not the type to advertise - he was really that sort of gentleman in the best meaning of the word," said Brad Smith, a close neighbor and friend of Andy Anderson, who was a World War II veteran that flew for the 91st Bombardment Group.

During World War II, the 91st Bombardment Group, now the 91st Missile Wing, accomplished approximately 70 missions for the United States. As one of the first heavy bombardment organizations located in England in the early days of World War II, the 91st had to learn techniques and tactics through experimentation, and frequently suffered heavy losses until they mastered such lessons.

During one such loss, Anderson was assigned as an experienced combat pilot to fly co-pilot on a mission to Ludwigshafen on Sept. 5, 1944. En route, the crew lost an engine to flak and had to turn back with bombs still on board. On their way back, they lost two more engines to flak and fighter jets, and had to bail out over Alsace-Lorraine, now Meuthe et Moselle.

They landed in a meadow not far from a tiny village called Baslieuse. A peasant woman by the name of Jeanne Jacob, found and led them to a cave where two escaped Russian soldiers had also been hiding. The peasant woman and her husband shared food and clothing with the crew, at great risk to themselves, as the Germans were constantly searching for the crew members of the downed plane.

Days passed without any sign of rescue, yet the crew kept faith. When a jeep finally came wandering through the village, Anderson and the rest of the crew jumped on and were driven to a forward allied body collection point. It was from that point that Anderson and his crew were transported back to the partially liberated Paris, and from there to England and Bassingbourn.

"I think the rescue affected him incred-

ibly deeply," said Smith. "He and the other Airmen had barely survived the loss of their aircraft, bailing out and landing behind enemy lines. The best they could have hoped for was being taken as prisoners of war."

"He was very, very grateful to the French rescuers - he understood the risks those people were taking, and the price that France had already paid in the war," Smith continued. "I expect he felt incredibly indebted to them."

Following the war, Anderson went on to attend college and graduate from the University of California Los Angeles and the University of Southern California, later earning a PhD in education. He taught and worked as an administrator at Los Angeles public schools for more than 40 years.

"He was a teacher and principal at schools across Los Angeles, in some very nice neighborhoods and some pretty rough ones, all throughout the 1960s and 70s, a time when schools were dealing with a lot of issues," said Virginia Anderson, Andy's wife of 61 years. "I think he was willing to take on some pretty tough assignments because of that same ideal of service he had in the Army Air Force."

Thirty-five years after his evaded capture, Anderson visited the village and the people that saved him to thank them for their kindness. He was welcomed with champagne and gifts, and spent most of his time speaking with the locals through a French translator.

"After the war, he started a family and a new career - he felt like he never had a chance to properly thank everyone involved," said Smith. "So when he had the chance, he went to visit. He and Virginia [Anderson's wife], enjoyed the trip immensely. I think it was one of those ideas - pay your debts and recognize those who deserve recognition."

Virginia said the trip was very interesting to say the least. She said many of the villagers were very happy and excited to see them.

"One lady was so excited, she fainted!" said Virginia. "They served us a ninecourse meal with a glass of wine accompa-



Members of the 509th Medical Group arrive on scene to treat victims during a Major Accident Response Exercise. Emergency responders acted out all areas of a real response, from wearing the proper protective equipment to providing first-aid, decontaminating and medical transportation.



Members of the 509th Medical Group take care of a victim during a Major Accident Response Exercise.



Members of the 509th Security Forces Squadron were first responders to treat a victim during a Major Accident Response Exercise.

By Senior Airman Montse Belleau 509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

Team Whiteman key-response personnel from multiple base agencies participated in the Major Accident Response Exercise here, May 4.

The exercise tested the abilities of Team Whiteman to identify and control an accident, coordinate a response effort between Whiteman AFB and surrounding community first responders, ultimately preparing them for the air show, May 19-20.

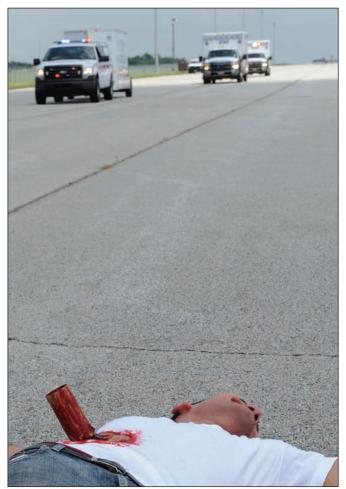
The MARE included initial response elements, Incident Command response elements, the Crisis Action Team and Emergency Operations Center elements. Initial response personnel are those first on scene, and includes the fire department, medical, readiness and security forces personnel. Incident command response elements include the on-scene commander and mobile-commandpost personnel. The EOC is a cross-functional center, or integrated personnel hub, supporting the IC with supplies and information.

"The purpose of the MARE is to test the wing's ability to respond to a major incident and prepare the initial response personnel," said Johnny Goad, 509th Security Forces Squadron evaluator.

The performances were measured by following procedures outlined in Air Force instructions and the current Whiteman emergency plans.

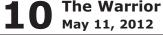
Emergency responders acted out all areas of a real response, from wearing the proper protective equipment to providing first-aid, decontaminating and medical transportation.

"The exercise gave the first responders a unique scenario where a few hundred people were involved preparing them in case a real-life incident occurs," Goad said.



Members of the 509th Medical Group and Johnson County Ambulance District arrive on scene to treat victims during a Major Accident Response Exercise.

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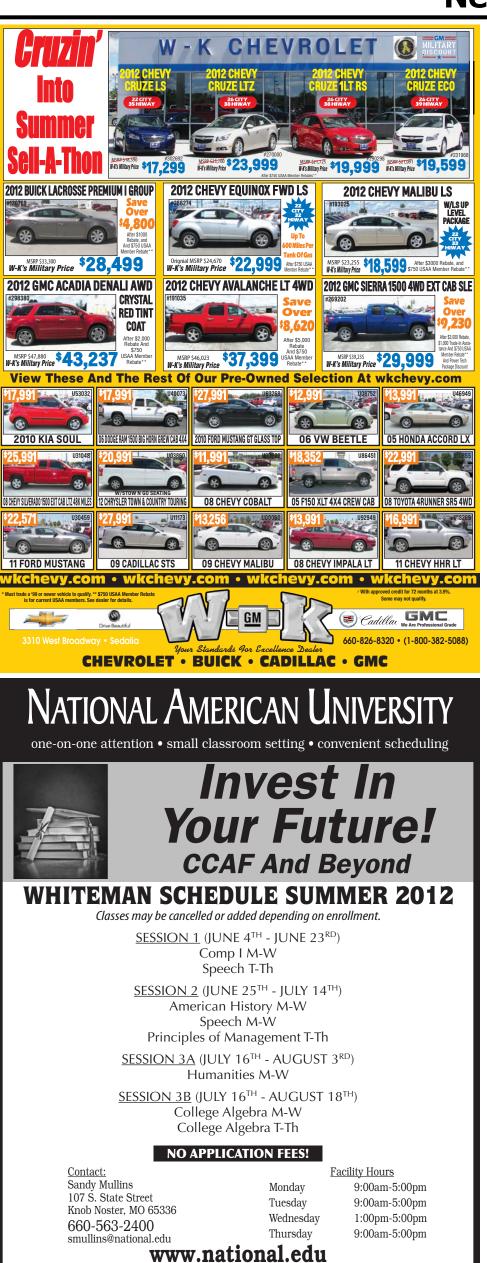


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Programs exist to minimize RIF impact on employees

By Air Force Personnel, Services and Manpower Public Affairs

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RAN-DOLPH, Texas (AFNS) -- As demonstrated by the announcement of a third round of Voluntary Separation Incentive Pay and Voluntary Early Retirement Authority beginning May 1, the Air Force is committed to maximizing voluntary separation measures to the greatest extent possible. Despite this, some bases may find the need to rebalance skills requiring reduction-in-force procedures. So what do you need to know?

When the Air Force implements a force reduction initiative, there are programs in place to minimize the impact on employees and to assist those who are affected, Air Force Personnel Center officials said.

RIF is implemented for various reasons, including when voluntary measures don't bring force numbers down to a low enough level to meet budget requirements. However, as part of the normal RIF process, the Air Force uses various preventive and supportive measures to lessen the effect on Airmen and their families, said Charles Huerta, the AFPC civilian force integration deputy director.

"In a RIF, if an individual's position is identified for elimination, that doesn't necessarily mean that the person is out of a job," said Huerta. "An employee could remain at the same grade or be placed in a lower grade and given special entitlements."

In general, RIF occurs in a competitive area, which covers positions at a location serviced by the same civilian personnel section. Within the competitive area, competitive levels are established that include groups of similar positions, e.g. all GS-11 accountants. Within the competitive area and each competitive level, employees are placed on a retention register based on retention standing. Retention standing is based on tenure, veterans preference, service computation date for RIF and performance ratings.

"In a difficult, budget-constrained environment, Air Force leaders work to minimize negative impact on Airmen, but measures like RIF are always a possibility," said AFPC Executive Director Dr. Todd Fore. "Knowing how RIF works and what resources are available to help you get through the process is critical."

To help Airmen understand the process, RIF-related topics are explained on the Air Force Personnel Services website at https:// gum-crm.csd.disa.mil. In addition, employees can find out specific their RIF service computation date, veterans preference and other pertinent information by selecting the My Biz link on AFPERS. Once there, they should click on the My Information folder under the Personal tab to view their information.

Civilians can also seek guidance from base-level civilian personnel advisers and can access resources like the Airman and family readiness center for help preparing for and getting through transitional events.

"The Air Force is committed to taking care of its Airmen," said Fore. "Force management measures implemented over the past year have affected our people, and additional measures will continue to affect all Airmen in the future. But, we have programs in place and personnel experts on staff ready to advise and assist our Airmen."

For more information about reduction in force actions and other personnel issues, visit the Air Force Personnel Services website at https://gum-crm.csd.disa.mil.

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Classification changes also occur when an AFSC is deleted, created, or transitions to a new number because the prior AFSC no longer meets the needs of the functional community, he explained. For example, in January, changes occurred in the 2A3X1 enlisted avionics systems AFSC.

The change was necessary to provide aircraft-specific suffixes at the 5-skill level and rename the AFSC. The new AFSC will be 2A3X4, Fighter Aircraft Integrated Avionics. Suffixes identify the aircraft serviced, including the CV-22

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nying each course. It was very nice. They presented Andy with a wooden plaque, on which the fleur de lis of France, the stars of the United States and an inscription were carved into. The inscription read, 'We shall be friends eternally. May God guard us from more war."

"Andy [Anderson] was the sort of individual that lived life as an example," said Smith. "He did not advertise his work in the community, and never had a harsh word for anyone. He was of the generation that built avionics systems, Craigen explained.

"Developing and maintaining clearly written classification qualifications and standards is critical," Craigen said. "Clear, measurable standards and qualifications enable us to accurately, objectively establish manpower positions within units and determine qualifications for Airmen."

For more information about career field changes visit the Air Force Personnel Services website at Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.and search for classification directory.

our city and our country through selfless service."

"I can only imagine a lot of those virtues came from his experience and service in the Army Air Forces and with the 91st Bombardment Group," added Smith.

Anderson recently passed away and is survived by his wife, their daughters Kim and Lisa, and four grandchildren. Although he is now gone, Virginia and Brad both believe he left behind a legacy that's sure to be remembered.

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Air Force teens get locked in

By Annelise Overturf Keystone Club President

Do you know where your teen was last Saturday at midnight?

Forty-four Whiteman AFB teenagers were "locked-in" from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. April 29, for a night of football, volleyball, Twister, life-size Monopoly, scavenger hunts, and Zumba with Maria Machado from Studio Arriba in Knob Noster, Mo.

While many teens might attend a lock-in because it can be a great place to meet new people and hang out with friends, many learned a myriad of tips on healthy, successful lifestyle choices.

The second annual Air Force-wide lockin focused on a lean and green lifestyle. In addition to physical activities, participants took part in healthy cooking classes with Tech. Sgt. Juan Valle, Ozark Dining facility member, team-building activities and a community service project, making fleece blankets to be donated.

"I originally signed up for the lock-in to hang out with friends," said Bryanna Brown, a freshmen at Knob Noster High School, "but I walked out of the lock-in knowing that by exercising 30 minutes a day, 5 days per week, I'll live a longer healthier life."

In addition to educational classes, teambuilding activities were led by a group of student activity members from the University of Central Missouri, Warrensburg, Mo. A favorite challenge was the "Balancing Ball," in which four members had to pick



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up and move a ball using only four strings which was designed to teach teens communication, trust and creative problemsolving skills.

"The lock-in was a great event," said MiAsia Bennett, a member of Keystone, the club that planned the lock-in."It was a lot of fun, in a great environment, and a great place to hang out with friends and meet new ones."

Overall, the lock-in was a success, putting together physical, social and educational activities to teach teens about a lean and green lifestyle.

Teenagers who are interested in participating or volunteering for events such as the lock-in, can become members of Whiteman Teen Programs, including Keystone Club.

The community service and leadership club is for teenagers ages 13-18 years old. Meetings are at 6 p.m. Wednesday nights at the Whiteman Youth Center. Keystone club hosts community-service events, social events and day trips throughout the year. New members are welcome and can contact Whiteman Youth Programs at 660-687-5586 for more information.



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MONDAY 5/14

SOAR Program- 10-11am- Airman & Family R.C. Whiteman spouses join other spouses at Whiteman Inn for the Spouses Orientation Acclamation and Resources Program. Children are welcome with adults. Contact the A&FRC at 687-7132 for more information.

Seniors Bowling- 10am-1pm- Stars & Strikes Every Monday! Only \$1 per game, Seniors come enjoy a cup of coffee and bowl a few games! Call 687-5114 for more info.

WEDNESDAY 5/16

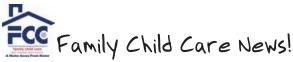
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AIRMAN & FAMILY READINESS CENTER

Spouse Orientation Acclamation & Resources — Spouse Orientation Acclamation & Resources is a 60-minute program offered every Monday from 10-11 a.m. at the Whiteman Inn. The target audience is spouses who are brand new to the base. The program is designed to inform newcomer spouses with resources available to them, base and local community information as well as answering questions. Children are welcome. For more information, call 660-687-7132.

TEAM WHITEMAN COMMUNITY Breastfeeding Support Group

Breastfeeding Support Group is a 90-minute support group offered to Whiteman members and is the first Wednesday of every month from 11:30 a.m. -1 p.m. at the A&FRC. Contact Briana Kovach at 660-687-0368 for information. Children are welcome and should bring something to play with. No RSVP needed.

Volunteer opportunities for High School Students (dependents) — 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 vocationaltechnical 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 or search Whiteman AFB Teen Programs via Facebook and click "Like."

Found property — Keys, wallets, bicycles, jewelry, cellular telephones and other items have been turned in as found property to Security Forces Investigations. To inquire about lost property, go to building 711, room 305, or call 660-687-5342. Vehicles have been identified as suspected abandoned and will be towed at the owner's expense. For more information about vehicles, contact Steven Scott at 660-687-5342.

Airmen Against Drunk Driving — AADD is a Whiteman Active Airmen Association program designed by Airmen to

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Airman 1st Class Matthew Quick, Whiteman AFB, Mo. 618,401 meters / 384 miles Tech. Sgt. Jon Walsh, Barksdale AFB, La.

506,854 meters / 314 miles

Base Leaders

Barksdale Air Force Base, La. 2,589,273 meters / 1,609 miles

Tech. Sgt. Jon Walsh 506,854 meters Senior Airman Andrew Mathews 418,844 meters

Staff Sgt. Jason DeGering 333,333 meters F.E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyo. 3,579,647 meters / 2,224 miles

Staff Sgt. Jarrod White 1,579,800 meters Tech. Sgt. Shaun Menard 285,958 meters Airman 1st Class Daniel Lawrence 157,225 meters

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Events & Morale

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Whiteman AFB Domestic Abuse Victim Advocate 24 Hour Emergency Crisis Line — Whiteman AFB Domestic Abuse Victim Advocate 24 Hour Emergency Crisis Line is available 24/7 for safety planning, support and referrals. Victim advocates can be reached during duty hours and for nonemergencies at 660-687-4341.

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

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Wrath of the Titans May 12, 7 p.m. • Rated PG-13

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<u>Tuesday, May 15th</u>

10am - Ribbon Cutting with Local Dignitaries10:30am-Close - 69¢ Hamburgers / 89¢ Cheeseburgers

Wednesday, May 16th 10:30am-Close - \$1.99 Happy Meals McTeacher Night (Whiteman Elementary)

Thursday, May 17th

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