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## Brig. Gen. Bussiere assumes command of 509th BW



Brig. Gen. Thomas Bussiere, 509th Bomb Wing commander, assumes command from Maj. Gen. Stephen Wilson, Eighth Air Force commander, during the Change of Command ceremony held June 18. General Bussiere returns to Whiteman for the fourth time in his career. He previously commanded the 325th Bomb Squadron, 13th Bomb Squadron and 509th Operations Group.

**By Senior Airman Montse Belleau** 509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

Brig. Gen. Thomas Bussiere assumed command of the 509th Bomb Wing from Brig. Gen. Scott Vander Hamm in a ceremony here Monday, transferring the leadership of America's only B-2 wing.

Maj. Gen. Stephen Wilson, 8th Air Force commander, who presided over the ceremony commended the accomplishments of General Vander Hamm and challenged General Bussiere and the men and women of the 509th to continue the wing's legacy of excellence.

"General Bussiere, welcome back again for the fourth time," General Wilson said. "As [Vander Hamm] departs, sustaining and improving the 509th Bomb Wing's vital mission and preparing the next generation, now falls directly to you."

General Bussiere returns to Whiteman from

Barksdale AFB, La., where he was the Air Force Global Strike Command Inspector General.

"I can't tell you how honored I am to be before you today for the most sacred responsibility an officer can have in our Air Force," said General Bussiere, moments after accepting the guideon from General Wilson. "It's good to be back. Missouri is a very special place for me and Barbara and we look forward to getting reacquainted with each and every one of you.

"Our mission is simple, it is to fly, fight and win," General Bussiere added. "The mission of the B-2 is to hold at risk any target on the planet, anywhere, anytime, and this wing has proven time and time again you do it very well. So together, we will foster our warrior Airmen ethos; together we will develop the culture, conviction, character, ethic and spirit of our warrior Airmen. Together we will care for our warrior Airmen and their families; together we will fly, fight and win." A command pilot with more than 3,310 flying hours in the T-38A, AT-38B, F-15 A/B/C/D and B-2A, General Bussiere is no stranger to Whiteman and the 509th. During his previous assignments as 325th Bomb Squadron Commander from 2004-2005 and 13th Bomb Squadron Commander from 2005-2006, he led B-2 combat missions during operations Allied Force and Iraqi Freedom.

General Vander Hamm leaves Whiteman for Air Education and Training Command, Randolph AFB, Texas,where he will become the Director of Plans Programs and Requirements.

"I want to personally thank the local communities for the support they gave Team Whiteman during my command here," General Vander Hamm said. "The relationships we foster with the surrounding communities, our neighbors, are invaluable. It has been an honor for Joanna and I to work so closely with so many, building relationships here that will last a lifetime."

## Whiteman to participate in Global Strike Challenge 2012

#### By Candy Knight 509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

A total force team from the 509th Bomb Wing is set to compete in the third annual Global Strike Challenge beginning Monday.

The challenge is the world's premier bomber, Intercontinental Ballistic Missile and security forces competition showcasing teams from



bomber and missile wings competing to be named "best-of-the best."

Last year, more than 450 competitors took part in the challenge which pits crews from Air Force Global Strike Command, Air Combat Command, the Reserve and Guard, in head-to-head competition.

"This is a highly visible competition," said Capt. Jon Roe, GSC team member from the 393rd Bomb Squadron. "It is a big honor to represent [Whiteman]. We are excited about the competition."

The challenge is a combination of historic bomb and missile competitions and incorporates three major events into one: the former Proud Shield bomber competition, the former Olympic Arena missile

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## Commentary

## An inspirational leader once said...

### By Lt. Col. Brian P. Zembraski

509th Operations Group Deputy Commander

"In the face of crisis, men rise above themselves to accomplish great things. Here, on this hallowed ground, is where the battle was joined. What better examples of courage and bravery were ever displayed than by the men of the assault elements of the 16th Infantry Regiment of the 1st Division, who were our comrades here on Omaha Beach, June the sixth, 1944," said Capt. Joe Dawson during the 50th anniversary of the D-Day invasion.

Capt. Joe Dawson commanded G Company, 16th Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, one of the first companies to hit the beach that fateful morning of June 6, 1944. As the ramp of his landing craft, came down against a hail of enemy fire, he was the first to step off along with his first sergeant and radio operator.

As he jumped into the water, a German artillery shell struck the boat killing the remaining 33 Soldiers aboard. With courageous determination, he and the two survivors pressed on to his assigned "Easy Red" sector, leading the remnants of his company across that murderous beach and became the first unit to open up a corridor off Omaha to the bluffs overhead.

In the subsequent months, he led his company in battles across France, Belgium and into Germany. There is a ridgeline outside Aachen, Germany, named "Dawson's Ridge" in honor of Joe, whose company held off an overwhelming enemy force for 39 days.

It was my distinct honor to personally know Joe Dawson and I relished the occasions that I had to speak with him before he passed away in 1998. He was my wife's godfather. Dawson was a gentleman whose dignity, grace and love of God and country left one feeling humbled and privileged to be in his presence. I always chuckled at his normal greeting, "Hello Brian, how's the Air Corps." When I departed, he left me with the old World War II war bonds adage, "Keep 'em Flyin."

From the first time I met him as a young lieutenant, I knew he was the type of leader that I hoped to become. Joe never talked about himself, but always about the soldiers in his command. The stories of incredible bravery that he told were of his junior officers, NCOs and privates. In his many letters home during the war, written in an elegant prose you will not find today, he spoke of his concern for his men's safety, his pride in their abilities, his overwhelming grief at their losses and his genuine concern for his family's well-being back home. Indirectly you knew it was his leadership that inspired his men to accomplish extraordinary feats at such a grave hour.

Sadly, the ranks of the WWII veterans are

dwindling fast. The wars in Iraq and Afghanistan remind us that America continues to need leadership and courage from our young men and women. From the time you sew on that first stripe or bar, you will be leading other men and women. Are you prepared?

In your development as a leader in our Air Force, I invite you to consider the following:

First, latch on to a hero or mentor who inspires you. Our history is wrought with great warrior leaders. Pick up an Air Force Times and read about Airmen who are doing extraordinary things at home and abroad.

Second, let your Airmen run. Trust in their skills, training and ingenuity. Be a humble boss, supervisor or team member who relishes in your co-worker's and subordinate's capabilities, not one who feels threatened by them.

Lastly, take care of your Airmen. Dawson lost many men in his command, that's war. Throughout his WWII experience, his compassion for his troops and his leadfrom-the-front attitude undoubtedly influenced his decisions that inspired them to amazing accomplishments and was responsible for bringing many of them home. A simple "thank you" from one of your troops for the time you spent on their awards package, performance report or helping them with a career issue will give you far more personal satisfaction than you will ever get from a medal.

# Equal Opportunity myth busters: Debunking tales complicating the EO program

### By Jerald A.S. Alexander

509th Bomb Wing Equal Opportunity Director

Our office recognizes the importance of the mission, personnel and their contributions in being proactive toward supporting our global Air Force mission. We communicate to both active-duty and civilian employees.

When active-duty members, Air Force civilian employees, family members or Air Force retirees visit our facility, we explain to them the scope of the Equal Opportunity program. Unfortunately, some individuals are disappointed when EO advisors explain our roles and responsibilities. We are often told, "I thought you all did this or that." So, what are the facts behind these EO myths?

**Myth #1:** "EO is only for unhappy females and those nagging lazy people." A comment of this nature tarnishes EO, the Air Force and the principles of our democracy. It is a Department of Defense and Air Force policy not to condone or tolerate unlawful discrimination or sexual harassment within the Armed Forces or in the civilian workforce. Our scope is based on the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and other federal laws.

The protected categories are race, color, national origin, religion and gender. Appropriated and non-appropriated civilian members are covered under the same categories along with age (more than 40-years old), physical and mental disabilities, pregnancy and genetic information. Bottom line is that this program is for all members. The EO office is not a revolving door for particular races, origins, age or gender. One out of every three individuals who visit the EO office will have a complaint that involves unlawful discrimination or sexual harassment.

We also work with members experiencing issues not related to protected categories. Equal Opportunity staff members will refer a customer to particular agencies (i.e. Inspector General, Chapel, Family Advocacy or other base elements) depending on their concern. Our emphasis is to solve the problem at the lowest level involving your chain of command.

**Myth #2:** "EO ruined my friend's career. She/he received a disciplinary action because of the EO personnel." When our office is clarifying or investigating a complaint, we cannot provide any recommendations to commanders regarding disciplinary actions. Our job is to conduct interviews and gather the facts for a commander. In a military formal complaint, we either substantiate or unsubstantiate findings based on alleged unlawful discrimination or sexual harassment. The commander and base legal office work together on how to handle disciplinary action.

Our role is to remain neutral and collect the information during informal and formal processes. Our office stresses professionalism, respect and impartiality to both the complainant and alleged offender.

**Myth #3:** "I went to see EO and they did not do anything for me!" It is difficult to work on an intuition. If you are filing a complaint, you must have an allegation based on a protected category or categories. The allegation is from the complainant. Here is a validity gauge to assist you with framing an allegation. It is the five "W's - Who, What, When, Where, and Why." Who is identifying the alleged offender(s) or witness (es)? What are the protected categories and what lead to or caused the unlawful discrimination or sexual harassment? When did the incident(s) occur (date and time)? Where did the act happen (location) and why did this situation occur? You may also consider How as a factor on methods to resolve the complaint.

We encourage members to keep a journal listing specific incidents citing discrimination or sexual harassment. Proper documentation describing a conflict is beneficial in assisting EO members to clarify the allegation(s). We brief all individuals on their rights, responsibilities and the complaint process. However, we also share that EO is not a personal advocate. The complaint belongs to the complainant or aggrieved member.

The EO office is an untapped resource for improving sections, flights or squadron's espirit de corps and productivity. We encourage leaders to coordinate with our office for training to enhance teambuilding, interpersonal and organizational communication. Share with your members that each one of them plays a forceful role in your organization.

**Fact** - It is Team Whiteman's responsibility to maintain a healthy work place, support the 509th Bomb Wing mission and maintain high level of standards regardless of our race, color, national origin, religion, gender, age or disability.

For questions or concerns, contact the 509th BW/EO office at 660-687-5712.

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## **NEWS BRIEFS**

### Balfour Beatty Communities Lifeworks Events

Balfour Beatty Communities Lifeworks offers free events open to military personnel and their families. Events are held at the Lifeworks House, 245 Selser Dr., Whiteman AFB.

June 25: 6 p.m. – Family Movie Night (Older children and families invited) We'll be watching Transformers and eating popcorn. June 26: 11 a.m. – Creative Crafters.

We'll be making a fun 4th of July craft.

June 27: 2 p.m. – Cooking with Vegetables Class. Hate vegetables? Want to learn how to incorporate more vegetables into your diet that you enjoy? Join us for an interactive cooking class. Children 8+ and adults.

**June 28:** 10 a.m. -- Playgroup for children of all ages.

5 p.m.–Book Club Monthly Meeting! Come socialize with us at our first Book Club meeting.

**June 29:** 10 a.m. – Story Time. We read a book, make a craft and have a snack.

Search whitemanhomes via Facebook.com for more information or, call 660-687-0559.

### 2012 Air Force Climate Survey

The 2012 Air Force Climate Survey ends today. The purpose of the AF Climate Survey is to assess the opinions and perceptions of Air Force active duty, guard, reserve, and civilian personnel on a wide range of issues, including satisfaction, resources, and unit performance. The Total Force results will be briefed to the secretary of the Air Force and the chief of staff of the Air Force. Aggregated results by personnel accounting symbol codes will be provided to leaders whose units have a sufficient number (10 or more) of respondents. Leaders are encouraged to brief the results to unit members, and then begin taking action to improve their units. Eligible participants will receive a personal invitation in their duty email inbox. For assistance, contact surveysupport@us.af. mil.

### Whiteman ALS Instructor Hire

The Whiteman Airman Leadership School is looking to hire a staff sergeant instructor. For a list of qualifications, contact Master Sgt. Josef Albert, 511 Spirit Blvd, Building 515 Room 131, Whiteman AFB, Mo, 65305, located in the Whiteman Professional Development Center, no later than June 27. For questions, call 660-687-5760 or email Josef.Albert@whiteman.af.mil

### American Red Cross Blood Drive

The American Red Cross Blood Drive is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. July 13 at the Whiteman AFB Fitness Center. Call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org for more information or to make an appointment. All blood types are needed to ensure the Red Cross maintains an adequate blood supply. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Donors must be in general good health, weigh at least 110 pounds and be at least 17 years old (16 with completed Parental Consent Form). New height and weight restrictions apply to donors 18 and younger.

# Sesame Street rocks Team Whiteman



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

Members of Team Whiteman watch "The Sesame Street Experience," a United Service Organization-sponsored event at the fitness center June 16. The performance was part of a tour to U.S. military bases worldwide geared specifically toward help-ing children of military members deal with the stresses of deployment.

# 99 Team Whiteman members to promote

Whiteman congratulates the newest Tech. Sgt. selectees:

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competition, and the former Giant Sword combat weapons loading competition.

Like its predecessors, the Global Strike Challenge is designed to enhance readiness, teamwork, esprit de corps, mission pride and a competitive spirit.

The competition gives us the opportunity to excel, said Capt. Paul Rowney, GSC team member from the 13th Bomb Squadron. We have an amazing group of professionals doing amazing things, and competition breeds greatness.

In 2010, the 509th Bomb Wing won the Fairchild Trophy for best bomb wing and the Charlie Fire Trophy for best security forces. In 2011, the wing came in second place, a loss that Roe wants to avenge.

"We are going to do the best we can," Roe said. "If we make the

right decisions, we should walk away with the trophy."

The bomber operations competition begins Monday. Whiteman will compete against 5th Bomb Wing at Minot AFB, N.D., the 2nd and 7th Bomb Wings at Dyess AFB, Texas, and the 28th Bomb Wing at Ellsworth AFB, S.D.

According to both Roe and Rowney, one key aspect to winning is remaining focused on the mission and the scenarios each team will face.

"If we remain focused on our mission and the scenarios, we'll do fine," Roe said.

The competition concludes later this year with the traditional score posting and trophy presentations at AFGSC headquarters, Barksdale AFB, La.

## **News**

# From the Frontlines: Staff Sgt. Matthew Dickman



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

Staff Sgt. Matthew Dickman, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron fuels service center controller, was deployed to Southwest Asia for six months. While deployed Dickman refueled 892 aircraft and issued 4.9 million gallons of jet fuel.

#### By Senior Airman Nick Wilson 509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

Whether stateside or overseas, aircraft can't get off the ground to perform their daily missions without fuel. Regardless of the severity of the weather, the mission must go on and Airmen working in the fuels flight must ensure aircraft are refueled to keep the mission going.

While serving from the frontlines in Southwest Asia with the 379th Expedi-

tionary Logistics Readiness Squadron as a mobile distribution center supervisor, Staff Sgt. Matthew Dickman, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron fuels service center controller, had the responsibility of ensuring all aircraft on base were refueled safely and in a timely manner.

"While expediting refueling operations, my duties included driving around the flightline to confirm Airmen safely refueled aircraft, and that they had the tools needed to get the job done," Dickman said. "Sometimes there would be 10 to 20 refuels going on at a time. So I had to prioritize the order in which aircraft received their fuel."

Dickman left for his deployment in June 2011 and returned in January. In addition to expediting refuel operations, Dickman directly impacted mission success by refueling 892 aircraft, and issuing 4.9 million gallons of jet fuel during his deployment.

"The fuel we provided allowed 58,000 tons of cargo to be airlifted and delivered," Dickman said. "Fighter and bomber aircraft wouldn't be able to provide air support or fly combat sorties because they wouldn't have been able to lift off of the ground."

Unlike Whiteman where his duties kept him in the office, in Southwest Asia, Dickman stayed on the flightline.

"The big difference between the refueling mission at Whiteman Air Force Base and the mission in Southwest Asia was that there were a lot more aircraft to be responsible for while I was deployed,"Dickman said. "Instead of only telling refuelers where to go and what aircraft to pump fuel into I also helped issue fuel."

Dickman said the most difficult difference between his job at Whiteman and his job in Southwest Asia was not being able to drive home to be with his family at the end of the day.

"My son was seven-months old when I left for Southwest Asia. I missed his first

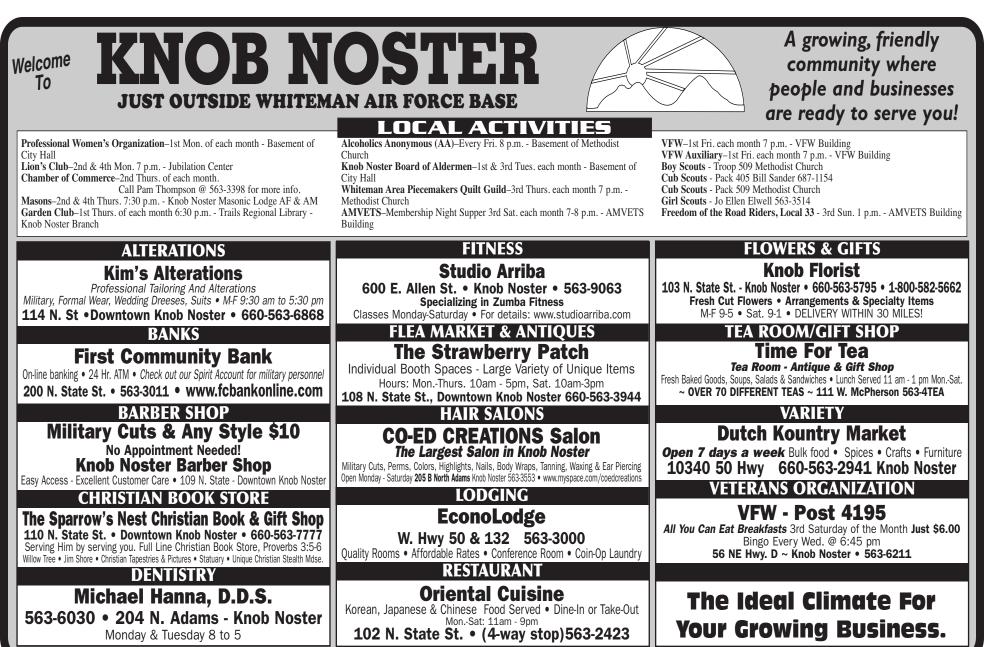
birthday, his first steps, his first words and all the major milestones in his first year," Dickman said. "I also missed all of the winter holidays, my wife's birthday, and our anniversary."

Overall Dickman says the most rewarding part about his deployment was working with the large variety of aircraft that needed refueling and being able to pump millions of gallons of gas over the course of his deployment.

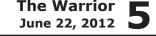
"Something every deployed Airman in my career field works toward while deployed is to try to pump a million gallons," Dickman said. "I did it my first month there."

Not only did Dickman complete a career milestone with the amount of gas he pumped in Southwest Asia, he also sewed on his fourth stripe during his deployment. His supervisor, Tech. Sgt. Beau Piper, 509th LRS fixed facilities NCO in charge, said Dickman immediately took on the supervisory role and gave Airmen guidance in performing their refueling duties on the flightline after becoming a noncommissioned officer.

"What Dickman did over there directly impacts everything happening in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom," Piper said. "His performance over there was not only vital to getting the mission done, but also in accounting for the fuel and ensuring every Airman was operating safely so everyone could come home."



Feature



# EOD back to business as usual in new facility



U.S. Air Force photo/ Staff Sgt. Sean Navarro Tech. Sgt. Joshua Stonestreet, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron explosive ordnance technician, demonstrates the capabilities of their robots. Robot operators must prove their control proficiency before they are allowed to use the robots out on a call.



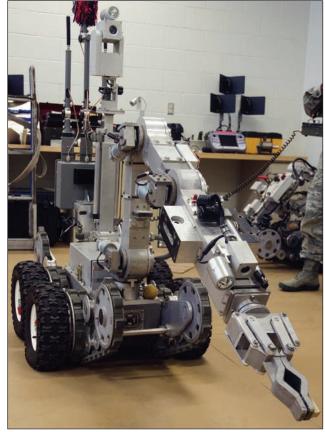
U.S. Air Force photo/ Staff Sgt. Sean Navarro Tech. Sgt. Joshua Stonestreet, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron explosive ordinance technician, answers questions about the new 509th Explosive Ordnance Disposal building on June 13.



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

Airmen from the 509th Civil Engineer Squadron Explosive Ordnance Disposal Flight perform daily operations at the EOD operations desk June 20. EOD Airmen are tasked to render safe and dispose of any explosive hazards, to include conventional weapons; nuclear, biological, and chemical weapons; IEDs; and aircraft explosive hazards.

Robots are used to identify and disarm suspicious items. Operators can use wireless transmitters to control the robots from a distance without having to be in danger of injury.



U.S. Air Force photo/ Staff Sgt. Sean Navarro



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

Airmen from the 509th Civil Engineer Squadron Explosive Ordnance Disposal Flight perform daily operations at the EOD operations desk June 20. The new 509th EOD building, occupied since December of last year, features more space for desks, vehicles and equipment.

# Staying s.a.f.e at Whiteman

The wing will host a Street Smart presentation at the Whiteman AFB Theater today. The Street Smart program is conducted by Stay Alive from Education. The program takes the audience into the real-life drama experienced by firefighters and paramedics. The presentation includes stories about how they work to save the lives of individuals who have made poor choices when it comes to drinking, drug use and consequences of failing to wear a seat belt. The briefing features photos and descriptions of real-life trauma incidents, and is a no-holds-barred presentation that gets Airmen involved. To ensure maximum attendance, the 509th Bomb Wing Safety Office encourages commanders to allow their folks to attend. In order to ensure this, the safety office requests the following groups attend at the following times:

8 a.m. –509th Bomb Wing Staff, 509th Comptroller Squadron and 509th Mission Support Group units

10 a.m. -509th Maintenance Group units

1 p.m. –509th Medical Group, 509th Operations Group and all others who could not attend two previous presentations

For more information, contact the 509th BW Safety Office at 660-687-6589.

Those who cannot make their scheduled time can come to any other scheduled time that works best for their schedule.

# JAG announces law school programs

By Lt. Col. Todd Pennington 509th BW Staff Judge Advocate

Applications for the Funded Legal Education Program and Excess Leave Program will be accepted from Jan. 1 through Feb. 28, 2013. Interested officers are encouraged to compete. The number of FLEP and ELP applicants selected in any academic year is determined based on the needs of the Air Force.

"Our Air Force missions are constantly changing, and commanders deserve to have access to legal advisors with a broad background of military experiences," said Maj. Tamona L. Bright, Chief of the Accessions Branch, Professional Development Directorate, Office of the Judge Advocate General.

"The FLEP and ELP will ensure that we can continue to maintain a Corps of officers whose military experience complements their legal training providing commanders with the highest caliber of legal support," Bright said.

According to Bright, Air Force JAGs do more than just provide legal assistance. SP serve as prosecuting attorneys and defense counsel in courts-martial. Further, JAG officers provide direct support to almost every facet of the Air Force mission. They assist commanders in developing and acquiring weapons systems, ensuring availability of airspace and ranges where those systems are tested and operated, and advise commanders on weapon system employment in armed conflict. They also assist commanders in the day-to-day operation of military installations around the world.

The FLEP is a paid legal studies program for active-duty Air Force commissioned officers in which they receive full pay, allowances, and law school tuition. Applicants must have between two and six years active-duty service (enlisted or commissioned) and must be in the pay grade O-3 or below as of the day they begin law school. The FLEP is subject to tuition limitations. The AirForce Institute of Technology establishes the tuition limit, and positions may be limited due to overall funding availability. In academic year 2012, FLEP tuition was set at approximately \$16,000 per year, but this amount may change from year to year. In 2012, due to budgetary constraints, the Air Force was unable to offer any FLEP opportunities. In 2013 however, a handful of opportunities are available. All eligible officers interested in becoming a member of the Air Force JAG Corps should consider applying.

The ELP is an unpaid legal studies program for Air Force officers. Excess Leave Program participants do not receive pay and allowances but remain on active duty for retirement eligibility and benefits purposes. ELP applicants must have between two and 10 years active-duty service and must be in the pay grade O-3 or below as of the first day of law school.

Applications for Fiscal Year 2013 FLEP and ELP will be accepted from Jan. 1, through Feb. 28, 2013. Both programs require attendance at an American Bar Association accredited law school. Upon graduation and admission to practice law in the highest court of any state, commonwealth, or territory of the United States, candidates are eligible for designation as judge advocates. To be considered for FLEP or ELP, applicants must complete all application forms, apply (acceptance is notr equired at the time of application for FLEP/ELP) to at least one ABA accredited law school, receive their Law School Admissions Test results, and interview with a Staff Judge Advocate by Feb. 15, 2013. Officers must provide a letter of conditional release from their current career field. Selection for both programs is competitive.

Applications will meet a selection board in early March 2013, and selections are made based on a review of the application package using a "whole person" concept. The total number of applicants selected for any academic year is based on the needs of the Air Force. Air Force Instruction 51-101, Judge Advocate Accession Program, Chapters 2 and 3, discuss the FLEP and ELP. For more information and application materials, visit http://www.airforce.com/jag, or contact the 509th BW legal office, or contact Capt. Laura DeSio, HQ USAF/JAX (laura.desio@pentagon.af.mil or 1-800-JAG-USAF).

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# Whiteman library kicks off youth summer reading program

**By Senior Airman Montse Belleau** 509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

The Whiteman library kicked off their annual youth summer reading program June 6, in support the Department of Defense sponsored program designed to promote reading in children 15 and younger.

"For those who are trying to continue their success in school, it is crucial to continue to read and keep their comprehension, vocabulary and overall reading speed up," said Dennis Wilson, 509th Force Support Squadron, Whiteman library director.

The program takes place Wednesdays and Thursdays at 11:30 a.m. and offers story time and a variety of activities for children to take part in, along with prizes for completing reading logs.

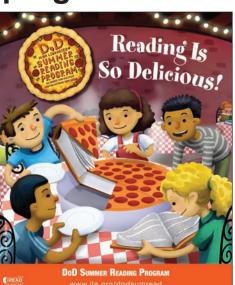
Wilson said children can start at any time and sign-ups are still open. So far, almost 200 children have signed up this year.

"We continue to have registration throughout the month of June, so we encourage everybody to come by and sign up," he said.

According to Wilson, studies have shown children who aren't involved in summer reading programs lose two to three months of reading comprehension when they return to school.

"It's very important for children to read through the summer," said Brandy Schafer, 509th FSS senior library technician. "They should read yearlong, but during the summer especially so they don't lose what they've gained throughout the years."

To encourage children to read and com-



plete reading logs, Wilson said they have several incentives.

"We have a completion certificate and a variety of coupons for free or discounted meals in various fast-food places for those individuals who have reached their reading goals," Wilson said. "Scholastic Books donated paper backs ranging from easy picture books all the way to young adult literature. Those who complete their goals can select a book to keep at the end of the program."

Schafer said reading as a leisure activity can improve a student's reading proficiency.

"It's important for them to play, but also have that time to read and keep up with their vocabulary and their fluency," Schafer said. "Plus, it's great free activity."

For more information about the program, contact the Whiteman Base Library at 660-687-6217.

# FSS Airmen 'serve' in Hawaii



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Wesley Wright

HICKAM AFB, HAWAII.- Airman Sadie Purinton, 442nd Force Support Squadron specialist, trains at the stir-fry line at the dining facility, June 13. Members of the squadron are deployed to Hickam AFB, Hawaii, for two weeks of training in their respective career fields. The 442nd FSS is part of the 442nd Fighter Wing, an A-10 Thunderbolt II Air Force Reserve unit at Whiteman AFB, Mo.

# 509th MXS gives T-38 a face-lift



Staff Sgt. Bryan Lackey, 509th Maintenance Squadron, low observable technician, and Senior Airman Matthew Houston, 509th MXS low observable technician, place the Air Force stencil on the T-38 Static Display June 11. As the smallest plane on display, it can be moved into a hangar for routine maintenance.

Tech. Sgt. Chad Coshenet, 509th Maintenance Squadron, low observable technician, places a stencil on the T-38 Talon Static Display June 11. The T-38 underwent scheduled maintenance and painting.

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





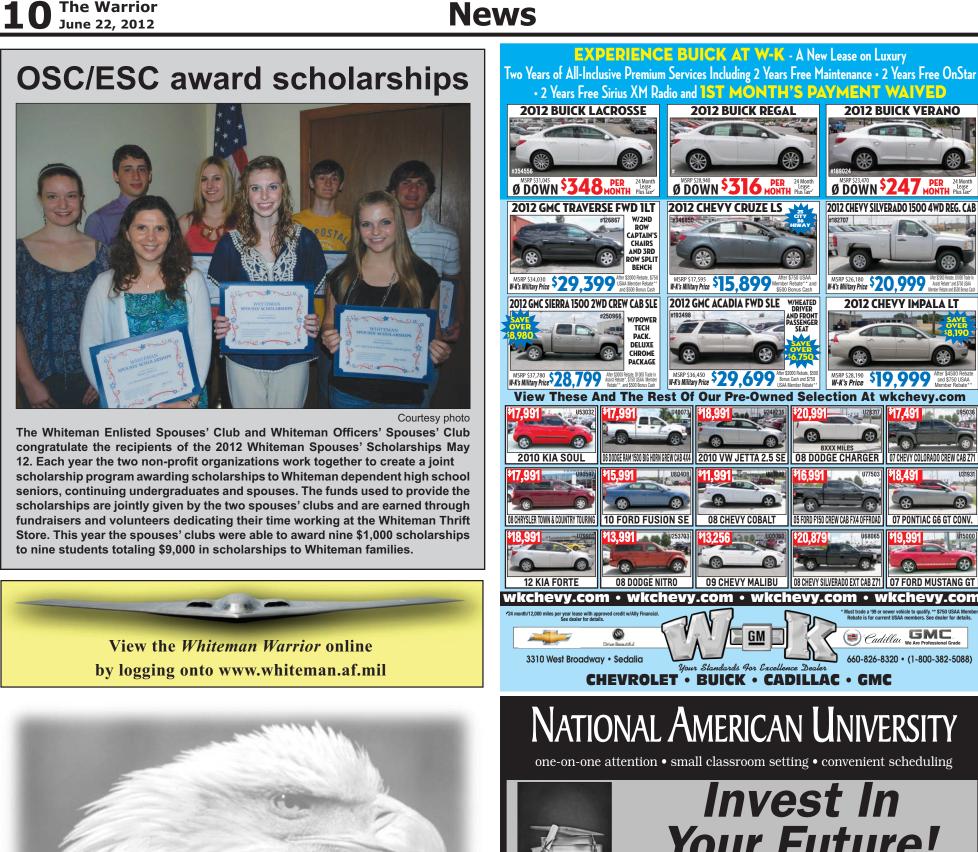
Airman 1st Class Russell Quealy, 509th Maintenance Squadron low observable technician, sands down a stencil on the T-38 Static Display before painting June 11. The new paint job included changes of the names on the cockpit and are now Col. William M. Fraser III, a former 509th Operations Group commander and AI Cox amaintainer when the T-38's originally arrived in July 1993.



Staff Sgt. Bryan Lackey, 509th Maintenance Squadron Low Observable technician, paints the back of the T-38 Static Display during its scheduled maintenance and painting June 11. Static displays are checked for historical accuracy by ensuring color schemes and names match the time period set for the plane.



The T-38 Talon static display received a new paint job June 12. Nearly 1,200 Talons were produced from 1961-1972 and more than 500 are currently operational with the Air Force and NASA.





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## Protecting the protectors: Contractors upgrade sun shades



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Civilian contractors perform upgrades to the A-10 Thunderbolt II sun shades June 12. The sun shades provide protection from the elements for the aircraft and the maintainers. The A-10s are assigned to the 442nd Fighter Wing, an Air Force Reserve unit at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo.

# Air Force to consider ROTC command candidates

### By Debbie Gildea

Air Force Personnel, Services and Manpower Public Affairs

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, Texas (AFNS) -- Eligible line of the Air Force lieutenant colonels and lieutenant colonel-selects interested in command opportunities can apply for Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps detachment openings, Air Force Personnel Center officials said.

Applicants must have their Airman Development Plan and statement of intent updated to indicate their interest in summer 2013 AFROTC command opportunities, said Master Sgt. Curtis Reese, the AFPC special utilization officer assignments superintendent. Application packages are due to Air Education and Training Command by Aug. 1.

"Airmen should not submit an application package, though, until we let them know that they are released to compete," said Reese.

Applicants must have at least two years of retain ability by Aug. 1, and three years time-on-station by June 2013 (or be in a must-move status next summer or have a date eligible to return from overseas between January and May 2013). Applicants must also have their master's degree and a superior performance record.

"Detachment commanders are the first Air Force leaders most ROTC cadets will meet," said Reese. "They will help mold future Air Force leaders at a critical time in their education and development, so it is essential that committed, focused members apply for this opportunity."

For application instructions and a list of projected detachment commander vacancies, go to the myPers website at https://mypers.af.mil, select the leadership opportunity tab and select the 91C career field.



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# Smithsonian celebrates annual 'Become A Pilot Day'

By Airman 1st Class Alexander W. Riedel Air Force News Service

Officials at the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum held the annual "Become a Pilot" family day June 16, in Chantilly, Va.

More than 45 aircraft were on display as the museum's Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center, including two A-10 Thunderbolt IIs and a C-17 Globemaster III, which had its cargo bay and flight deck opened to the public.

In the C-17 and other aircraft, kids could climb behind the controls, ask questions to experienced pilots and aircrew and learn about what Capt. Anthony Bombaci, of the 305th Air Mobility Wing at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., calls "the best job in the Air Force."

"I really love flying this aircraft," said Bombaci of the C-17. "So I like to share some of the enjoyment I find in my job and hopefully motivate some of the kids (to pursue a career in aviation)."

After guiding a young visitor to the pilot's seat, Bombaci smiled. "I wanted this job since I was about his age," he said. "So anytime I get the opportunity to show somebody else what I do, that's awesome."

Nothing in the C-17, from the cargo bay to the flight deck, was was off-limits. But while Bombaci's head was on a constant swivel to prevent injuries to visitors and damage to his aircraft, he said he is not worried; his crew has their eyes on everything, while they guided the visitors and answered any inquiries.

"We get a lot of really good questions," said Bombaci. "It's a great chance to show people what we do."

Bombaci himself is a frequent visitor to the museum, he said, and could spend hours perusing the different aircraft.

"I'm like a little kid here," Bombaci said. "Even though I get to do this for a living, I am all-smiles myself,



U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Ashley Riedel

Maj. Nathan McClure guides a team of Civil Air Patrol cadets in the inflation of a Civil-War era balloon near Chantilly, Va., June16, 2012. Become a Pilot Day at the National Air and Space Museum is an annual event informing children and students about aviation and aircraft. McClure is an Air Force fellow with the Department of Transportation.

checking it all out."

His feelings were shared by his crew.

"Events such as this are one of my favorite things to do," said 1st Lt. David Bishop, the C-17's co-pilot.

"It's nice to see people get excited about what I do; it's one of the easiest things to talk about."

Bishop hoped that some of his enthusiasm for his profession may inspire future generations.

For Kiron Khashnobisch, 12, the event did just that.

"I liked the glass display," said Kiron, speaking of the C-17's heads-up display. "It has different colors and information, and it was really cool."

While Kiron is new to aviation, others his age are already veterans of the flightline: Cadets of the Virginia Civil Air Patrol, clad in battle dress uniforms, assisted with flight-line security for the parked aircraft.

"Today's events provide the cadets a good experience of working with aircraft," said CAP 2nd Lt. Iain Ronis, of the Leesburg Composite Squadron in Leesburg, Va. "What they get to experience at events like this really exposes them to a wide range of things that other kids typically may only read about -- here they get to go out to see, do, touch and feel aviation."

While the event hosted a wide variety of aircraft, including the U.S. president's VH-3D Sea King helicopter, better known by its call sign "Marine One," the C-17 was by far the biggest aircraft outside the museum's hangar.

'The C-17 is hands-down the winner," said Margy Natalie, the museum's docent program manager and event organizer. "Kids and parents love seeing and experiencing the aircraft. It's big and it's cool. The CAP cadets just stopped in awe when they saw it."

For Natalie, Become a Pilot Day is one of the best ways to get children interested in aviation and technology

"A lot of people simply don't know what it takes to become a pilot," said Natalie. "With tighter security at airports, they also don't have the opportunity to get upclose and personal with the aircraft and personnel, so we try to highlight and offer all types of aviation whether it's military or civilian -- we have everything."

Planning the event that hosts an expected crowd of more than 15,000 visitors, is a work of passion for Natalie, who is a pilot herself. "We're the National Air and Space museum, so we like airplanes -- I'm already thinking about next year," she said.

The museum's Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center is located in Chantilly, Va., near Washington Dulles International Airport. The museum is open daily from 10 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. (closed Dec. 25). Admission is free, but there is a \$15 fee for parking at the Udvar-Hazy Center.



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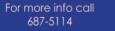


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## Events & Morale

TEAM WHITEMAN COMMUNITY Teens and Technology Class — Teens and Technology class is designed for parents to learn more about the technology their teen uses, the risks, and dangers they face while using technology. The course is also designed to teach parents how to prevent the risks and dangers associated with technology use. The next class is July 12 from noon to 1 p.m. at the A&FRC. Call 660-687-4341 to sign up.

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.

**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 offering 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."

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**Palace Chase Briefing** — Palace Chase briefings are held the third Wednesday of every month at 11 a.m. in the Professional De-

velopment Center, building 519, room 101. For more information, contact Master Sgt. Rodney Harrell, in-service Recruiter, at 660-687-1868 or 660-460-1041.

**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 non-emergencies 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.

**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.

### FAMILY ADVOCACY OUTREACH

**Stress Management** — Stress Management is a one-time 90-minute session support group and is offered the first and third Friday of every month from 3-4 p.m. in the A&FRC. Students will learn how different stressors make an impact and how to make positive changes to reduce stress. To sign up, contact 660-687-4341.

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

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

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

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Marvel's The Avengers June 23, 7 p.m. Rated PG-13

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### What to Expect When You're Expecting June 24, 3 p.m.

Rated PG-13

*Cameron Diaz, Matthew Morrison and J. Todd Smith* -- Hilarious and heartfelt big screen comedy about five couples whose intertwined live are turned upside down by the challenges of impending parenthood. Rated PG-13 for for crude and sexual content, thematic elements and language.

Movie showings are featured at the Whiteman AFB Movie Theater. 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. \*Movies and ticket prices are subject to change without notice.

## Official Whiteman AFB Facebook launched

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