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509th LRS keeps the fleet rolling



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

Senior Airman Eduardo Swizer, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron vehicle mechanic, troubleshoots a wiring harness during a vehicle inspection. The vehicle maintenance unit performs major maintenance to include transmissions overhauls, engines overhauls and power trains overhauls. For more on the vehicle maintenance unit, see pages 8 and 9.

To the Airmen of the United States Air Force

November is a proud month! Betty and I stood at the Tomb of the Unknown on Veterans Day as President Obama laid a wreath honoring not just our Fallen, but all our Nation's veterans, for everything they (and you) have done to defend American citizens and interests for the past 236 years. During the week before that ceremony, the spirit of the citizen-Airman was on display in grand scale as your Air Force carried hope and comfort to thousands of citizens affected by Hurricane Sandy. C-5s and C-17s carried utility trucks, cherry-pickers, and thousands of blankets from places like California and Arizona to New York and New Jersey. Air Force civil engineers, personnel recovery specialists, medical professionals, firefighters, and many others from Active Duty, the Air National Guard and Air Reserve bases converged on the affected area to rescue over 250 storm victims. Working beside many other great organizations, the Air Force family answered our Nation's call during a time of need. Seeing President Obama holding a picture of an Air Mobility Command C-5 downloading a utility truck and thanking Defense Secretary Panetta is great stuff! We're all part of something bigger...I hope you're as proud of who you are and what you do, as I am of you.

It's been a humbling experience to serve as your Chief these first three months. But I've been surprised by some of the issues that have required the most attention. First and foremost, dealing with the intolerable number of sexual assaults and unprofessional relationships has been both time-consuming and heart-breaking. The Air Force succeeds because of the professionalism and discipline of our Airmen. Sexual assault undermines that professionalism

and discipline, harming not only the individuals involved, but also their unit, their mission, and our Service. When a fellow Airmen is sexually assaulted, it is devastating. It destroys trust. It demoralizes families. And we're doing it to ourselves. We MUST do more to protect one another from this crime by reporting unprofessional relationships, strengthening our support of victims, and making a culture of trust and respect a reality for everyone in our Air Force. I need your help…please take care of each other.

Betty and I hit the road later today to visit some of the 36,000 Airmen who do the Nation's nuclear deterrent mission each and every day. We can't wait to meet 'em! F.E. Warren, Malmstrom and Minot are just the beginning—we'll get to all of you as soon as we can. I just wish we could visit every base every week…although you might think that's not such a great idea!

These first three months have been a whirlwind. Thank you for the overwhelming expressions of support you've given to me and Betty. Everywhere we travel, you welcome us as one of your own. This is just an incredible Air Force family! During this month of Thanksgiving, I want to thank you and your family for your service, your sacrifice, and your incredible dedication to the profession of arms. I'm incredibly proud to be an American Airman, not because of the cool toys, but because I have the honor of standing next to you.

AIRPOWER...GETCHYA SOME!

MARK A. WELSH III General, USAF Chief of Staff

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THE SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE
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Fellow Airmen

There is only one way to say this - there is no place for sexual assault in our Air Force. When it comes to combating this challenge, every Airman is either part of the solution or part of the problem. We must be united in our commitment to intervene when we see the potential for harm, to act affirmatively when we observe tolerance of sexist behavior and attitudes, and to provide victim care.

Our total Air Force succeeds because of the professionalism and discipline of our Airmen. When a fellow Airman is sexually harassed or assaulted, it is devastating to the individual and the unit. It harms our friends and diminishes the bond among Airmen. It demoralizes families and communities and severely degrades our mission.

Sexual assault is a crime. Failure to act when any of us has the opportunity to prevent a potential assault or stop a cycle of unprofessional behavior is incompatible with our core values. Last year, over 600 Airmen reported being sexually assaulted. This year, we anticipate more than 700 cases, but the actual number may be higher because many victims do not report sexual assaults. A 2010 Gallup poll of our Airmen found 19 percent of female Airmen and two percent of male Airmen were victims of sexual assault since joining the Air Force. More alarming is that most of these crimes were committed by fellow Airmen - Blue on Blue. This is unacceptable.

We must drive sexual assault from our ranks. You are a big part of the solution. Become personally involved. Recommit yourself to our core values. Be an advocate for professionalism and discipline. Let your fellow Airmen know you will not tolerate or support others who believe sexual assault is somehow acceptable -- because it is not. Most importantly, if you are aware of sexual assault in your unit, report it.

MICHAEL B. DONLEY
Secretary of the Air Force

Mark A. Welsh III
General, USAF
Chief of Staff



Sexual assault has no place in our Air Force, yet it continues to degrade our mission and harm our Airmen. We need your help to firmly reestablish our culture of respect. We cherish our core values of Integrity, Service, and Excellence. To ensure that all Airmen experience and benefit from those values, we must work together to eliminate sexual assault from our ranks. You must be part of the solution!

To assist in creating awareness of Sexual Assault in the military, the Department of Defense Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office offers a comprehensive listing of DOD laws, regulations and available training at sapr.mil.

For more information on the Air Force Sexual Assault Prevention and Awareness Program, visit http://www.afpc.af.mil/library/sapr/index.asp.

James A. Roy

Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force

Anonymous crime tips now possible with mobile app

From Air Force Office of Special Investigations Public Affairs Office

QUANTICO, Va. (AFNS) -- Suspicious or illegal activity can now be anonymously reported directly to the Air Force Office of Special Investigations using a mobile phone application or by texting 'AFOSI' and the tip to 274637 (CRIMES) in an SMS text message.

AFOSI launched these methods to capitalize on cyberspace capabilities and engage the Air Force community more effectively to prevent crime.

"This tool allows anyone to provide OSI with completely anonymous tips on everything from illegal drugs, theft and terrorist activities to potential insider threats," said Special Agent Daron Hartvigsen, OSI Cyber Investigations and Operations. "Even better, the online and app version allow individuals to send in photos."

"We want to give Airmen a convenient, and most importantly, anonymous means to report activity detrimental to fellow Airmen. With this system they can get involved without fear of exposure or retribution from others," said Christian Oliver, superintendent of AFOSI Detachment 116. "Airmen really want to do the right thing, but are often hesitant because of perceived social repercussions," added Oliver.

Of special concern to Air Force officials are violent crimes against Air Force members, sexual assaults, and drug use.

The application uses industry standard Secure Socket Layers connection, which encrypts information exchange to ensure anonymity. When accessing the app to submit a tip, a file number is created for retrieval. Later, the tipster can check back and see comments by an OSI agent and provide more information.

"With SSL, the agent can only review the posted information, which is only accessible by the tipster and the OSI," says Oliver, "Air Force members and the OSI agent can continue to converse anonymously through the secure system."

Once downloaded, a video describes the app's features to emphasize its secure use and value to the Air Force and other community law enforcement agencies.

The direct link to the anonymous Internet tip line is https://www.tipsubmit.com/ WebTips.aspx?AgencyID=1111.

Individuals can find the app in both the Android and Apple store as "TipSubmit Mobile" or use the WR code and select AFOSI as the agency when reporting a tip. Tips can also be sent in a SMS text message by texting 'AFOSI' and their tip to 274637 (CRIMES).

To download a trifold with detailed instructions on the program, click here: http://



(U.S. Air Force graphic

In order to capitalize on cyberspace and engage the Air Force community more effectively, the Air Force Office of Special Investigations has opened its first anonymous tip line that allows submissions from the Internet, via SMS (texting) or using a smartphone application.

www.osi.af.mil//shared/media/document/AFD-121023-018.pdf

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NEWS BRIEFS

Spirit Day for Spouses

Spirit Day for Spouses is Nov. 28. Our spouses are vital to a successful mission and this will be a fun interactive opportunity for you! If you have ever wanted an inside look at day-to-day operations and a tour of Whiteman, this is your chance! You will get an up-close look at Whiteman AFB and its unique assets to include: a B-2 Spirit, A-10 Thunderbolt II, Apache helicopter and the 20th Reconnaissance Squadron.

Tour times are 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information, contact Jennifer Green at 660-687-6121.

This event is open only to spouses assigned to Whiteman AFB (509th BW, 131st BW, 442nd FW, 1-135th ARB, 20th RS and MESD Det. D).

The event is for spouses only, so please no children.

B-2 Static Display

The 509th Maintenance Group is providing a B-2 static display Nov. 24 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., in front of Base Operations. This event is for you and your family to have a chance to see the B-2 up close over Thanksgiving weekend!

Note: No photographs are allowed!

Found property

Keys, wallets, bicycles, jewelry and other items have been turned in as found property to Security Forces Investigation Section.

To inquire about lost property, go to building 711, room 305, or call Detective Steven Scott at (660) 687-5342.

AF Housing

Visit www.housing.af.mil to find your new home with the Air Force. This website serves as a one-stop shop for Airmen and their families to obtain information about the housing options and support services available to them at Air Force bases world-wide.

Whiteman Warrior Story Ideas

The Public Affairs Office accepts story ideas for news and feature articles on people and organizations to help provide recognition of excellence in performance and set forth norms for mission accomplishment.

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For more news briefs, visit http://www.whiteman.af.mil/news/announcements/index.asp

AFGSC's Youth of the Year



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Montse Belleau

Brig. Gen. Thomas Bussiere, 509th Bomb Wing Commander, presents the Air Force Global Strike Command Youth of the Year award to Annelise Overturf, daughter of Brig. Gen. Eric Overturf, 442nd Commander, and his wife, Karla, Nov. 16 at the Whiteman Air Force Base Youth Center. The YOY program develops teens who are articulate, well-groomed and knowledgeable into spokespersons for their teen programs and community.

New spouses, former spouses and children entitled to benefits

By Debbie Gildea

Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RAN-DOLPH, Texas -- If you're newly married, newly divorced, have dependent children or have a child who was born out of wedlock you may be confused about military benefits.

Some family situations are complicated or even awkward, so Airmen may be reluctant to pursue benefits to which their dependents - or former dependents - are legally entitled, said Ed Yoder, AFPC Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System Project office.

"Responsibility and accountability are deeply held values for Airmen, but securing dependent benefits can seem daunting and often Airmen aren't sure what to do or who to ask for help," Yoder said. "AFPC and local military personnel sections are here to help people figure out what their benefits are and how to get them."

Routinely, new Airmen wait far too long to secure benefits for their dependents, which can be a problem, he said.

"We have a number of basic training



members, ROTC graduates and Academy cadets who marry and don't have the first idea what to do to make sure their dependents are covered. If you wait until you arrive at technical school or your first duty station, your new spouse or child won't have the coverage they're entitled to," said Yoder.

The first thing an Airman should do when he or she has a new dependent is contact the local military personnel section to enroll the family member in DEERS and get dependent identification cards

"Until they're in DEERS and have their ID cards, your dependents won't have access to medical care or any base support and service programs," said Yoder. "So do that first and do it immediately. After they're enrolled, you can make changes and updates online, but initial enrollment must be in person."

Less common situations can be uncomfortable, but non-traditional dependents - like children of divorced members, children born out of wedlock and some former spouses - also have a right to certain benefits.

"Some situations can be sensitive, yet need to be talked about. Marriage, divorce, having babies, aging parents, sickness and infirmity, these are all important issues and people need to know what their options are."

Following a divorce, an Airman's dependent children have a right to benefits, even if they live with a non-military parent, and children born out of wedlock also have a right to dependent benefits, Yoder explained. The process of securing them is different, though. Following divorce, most Airmen will be able

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November supplemental promotion

Congratulations to the following Team Whiteman Airmen on their selection for promotion:

TECHNICAL SERGEANT
Staff Sgt. Lukas Bartels, 509th Bomb Wing Chapel

STAFF SERGEANT
Staff Sgt. Paul Drahos
509th Security Forces Squadron
Senior Airman Jeremy Swick
509th Security Forces Squadron

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New process helps prevent adverse civilian pay, records impact

By Debbie Gildea

Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RAN-DOLPH, Texas -- Civilian employees' supervisors will now get automatic email reminders 45 and 20 days before personnel actions are due to help prevent adverse impact on civilian pay and records, Air Force Personnel Center officials said.

Automatic notifications will go out for various actions, including when a supervisor must certify a step increase, complete an appraisal for a step increase or certify a career promotion. Supervisors and second line supervisors will also be notified when temporary or limited appointments or temporary promotions are near expiration.

"Supervisors may not be aware that an action is due, or an immediate supervisor position may be vacant, so email notifications will also go to second line supervisors to help prevent problems that occur because of late personnel actions," said Eva Askins, AFPC Civilian Future Operations Branch.

The new capability was implemented Nov. 11, but it will not replace the existing process.

Civilian Personnel Sections have access to nightly generated notices and weekly suspense action reports that they use to manage workflow, as well as ensure requests for personnel action submissions are timely, Askins explained.

That won't change. Even after the new process is implemented, those weekly reports and nightly notices will continue. The new process just involves supervisors earlier, so they will be better prepared to take actions when they are due, Askins said.

"Supervisors have actions they must take in each case and if they delay, they may find



themselves unable to retain an employee, and employees may find themselves out of work or being paid erroneously," she said. "The automatic notification not only reminds them that an action is due, but gives them direction on how to accomplish the task."

Notifications will be sent to those people identified as first or second level supervisors, based on the Defense Civilian Personnel Data System Position Hierarchy Tool.

"If there isn't a first or second level supervisor identified with a valid email address in DCPDS, a notification won't be generated. Maintaining the Position Hierarchy Tool is vital to support current and future Air Force initiatives, and it is imperative that DCPDS accurately reflects supervisory data," said Askins.

Supervisors can now view actions due in the suspense folder in MyWorkplace, accessible via the myPers website and the Air Force Portal.

For more information about civilian career opportunities and other personnel issues, visit the myPers website at https://mypers.af.mil. Civilian career opportunity information is also available at www.afciviliancareers.com and www.usajobs.gov.

Civilians must schedule use or lose leave before Dec. 1

By Debbie Gildea

Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RAN-DOLPH, Texas -- The 2012 civilian employee leave year ends Jan. 12, 2013, and Air Force Personnel Center officials remind civilians that those who have more than the maximum carryover hours of annual leave on that date risk losing their leave. The maximum carryover ceiling is 240 hours for stateside employees; 360 hours for overseas employees; and 720 hours for senior executive service, senior level positions, and scientific or professional positions.

With only two months left in this leave year, supervisors should establish or confirm their employees' leave plans, said Cynthia Dale, AFPC workforce effectiveness branch.

"We want to make sure all employees have reasonable opportunity to use any annual leave they would otherwise have to forfeit at the end of the leave year," said Dale. "More importantly, if work-related issues come up that prevent them from taking leave, we want to make sure that the scheduled, documented request exists so lost

leave can be restored."

According to Dale, all-use-or-lose leave must be scheduled and approved in writing before Dec. 1, 2012.

"Scheduling leave is so important that it is a prerequisite for restoration of annual leave," she said. "If you have approved scheduled leave and an exigency arises that requires cancellation of such leave and makes forfeiture unavoidable, and there is not sufficient time in the leave year to reschedule, your supervisor can request restoration."

Employees with more than 240 hours of leave accumulated who do not plan to use it, can opt to donate any excess leave to any federal employee participating in the voluntary leave transfer program, Dale said.

"If you aren't going to be able to use it and want someone to benefit from it, there are many employees who could use some help," she said. "Your local civilian personnel section employee relations specialist can explain how the leave donation program works"

For more information about civilian benefits and other personnel issues, go to the myPers website at https://mypers.af.

Taking action, conserving energy



Courtesy pno

Col. Christopher Darling, 509th Mission Support Group Commander, discusses the energy saving features of the new consolidated communications facility with Andrea Goodson, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron Asset Optimization Chief, and Ivonne Bates, 509th CES Resource Efficiency Manager, during an Energy Action Month open house event Nov. 8. The open house included tours of the facility, highlighting its energy-saving design characteristics and LEED certification benefits.



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From The Frontlines: Tech. Sgt. Joshua Stonestreet

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

When an Airman deploys, there are many adjustments to make

For Tech. Sgt. Joshua Stonestreet, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron explosive ordnance disposal team member, he had to adjust to a completely different military culture.

Stonestreet was deployed from October 2011 to April 2012 with a United States Marine Corps combat engineer platoon in Afghanistan.

Stonestreet's platoon performed a vital mission - ensuring convoys carrying Service members and vital supplies could travel safely along Afghanistan's treacherous roads

"We were part of a Route Clearance Package, which allows supplies and personnel to be shipped safely by road to different bases throughout Afghanistan," Stonestreet said. "Our job was to travel along roads, locating and safely disabling improvised explosive devices planted by the enemy."

On one mission, Stonestreet and his platoon were hit by an IED.

"We were on a mission Jan. 12 when we hit an IED that disabled our vehicle," he said. "Moments afterwards, a rocket-propelled grenade hit the ground and exploded 30 meters away from us. Thanks to our training, we reacted immediately; however, we did not get a look at the people firing the RPG, so we could not engage them."

During his deployment, Stonestreet also had the unique opportunity to help train Afghan Nation Army members in the basic techniques of route-clearing.

"We had the Afghan National Army EOD team following us on every mission we went on," Stonestreet said. "We trained them [on] how to properly conduct the route-clearing."

The dedication of Stonestreet and his platoon enabled the ANA to eventually stand up the first all-Afghan EOD team in Helmand Province - a major accomplishment.

Stonestreet's mission while deployed was far different than his daily job at Whiteman.

"Here at Whiteman, we don't do route-clearing," Stonestreet added. "We do train and do maintenance on our equipment, which is similar. Also, I don't get a chance to work with members from other military departments."

Master Sgt. Robert Randall, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron NCOIC of EOD plans, said Stonestreet has always been motivated to learn everything about his career field, since his arrival from technical school.

"Although he faced some difficult times while deployed, such as an IED strike against his vehicle, Sergeant Stonestreet persevered and always stayed in the fight to ensure his specialized counter-IED skills could be used to ensure other Service members were shielded from the threat of IEDs," Randall said.

"Without the [route-clearing] mission in Afghanistan, there would be a lot more vehicles and people struck by Improvised Explosive Devices," Stonestreet said. "This would cripple the supply routes, leaving remote bases without vital supplies needed to fight the war."

Overall, Stonestreet said he enjoyed his first deployment.

"The best part of the deployment was all of the good people that I met," Stonestreet said.



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

Tech. Sgt. Joshua Stonestreet, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron explosive ordnance disposal team member, was attached to a United States Marine Corps combat engineer platoon while deployed to Afghanistan. Stonestreet was deployed from October 2011 to April 2012.

Holiday donations 'FLOCK' to Whiteman



By Staff Sgt. Danielle Johnston 442nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Three hundred Whiteman families enjoyed a hot, hearty Thanksgiving meal this year because of the efforts put forth by base supporters and community members.

It all started when the First Sergeant's Council began organizing a Thanksgiving food drive and basket donation in October.

When Team Whiteman first sergeants began calling companies to get an estimate for 300 turkeys and Thanksgiving supplies, some were discouraged by the prices they were receiving, which reached upwards of \$13,000.

When word spread of the trouble the first sergeants were having, Lori Taylor, wife of Master Sgt. Willis Taylor, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, decided to make a few phone calls.

Taylor, who grew up in North Carolina and lived on a farm, first called her parents to see if they could help.

"I was just hoping we could get a good deal on purchasing some turkeys," Taylor said. "But then I found out an organization was going to donate the turkeys – and deliver them right to Whiteman. I was shocked!"

Dave Witter, manager of corporate sustainability and communications for House of Raeford, Raeford, N.C., received Taylor's request.

House of Raeford, a poultry distributor, developed a non-profit ministry called FLOCK in 2011. FLOCK, an acronym for "Faithful Love Offering for Christ's Kingdom," distributes resources to help meet the needs of the local community.

"We look for other organizations that

are doing good things, and we partner with them," Witter said. "By partnering with other organizations who already know the needs of their communities, we help them to have a greater impact."

This isn't the first time FLOCK has provided thousands of turkeys to support the troops.

Witter said the organization routinely provides turkeys and chickens to disabled-veteran organizations and the 82nd Airborne at Fort Bragg, N.C., but this is the first time they have sent birds to the Midwest.

"Although we had never met, we knew Lori Taylor's mother because she has grown chickens for us for years. We always try to help our growers, and this was a great cause, so we had to help."

Master Sgt. Otto Trapper, 509th Communications Support Squadron first sergeant, said the turkey donation, along with a collaborative effort from on- and off-base organizations, has made this a great year for the Thanksgiving basket program.

"I was amazed how generous FLOCK was by providing free turkeys, and paying for the transportation from North Carolina all the way to central Missouri," Otto said. "These aren't just free baskets to make someone feel better. This program relieves the burden of the holidays for some of our younger Airmen who have families."

The Thanksgiving baskets were distributed to all Airmen in need, regardless of the status or branch of service – active, Reserve or National Guard.

First sergeants collected names and prioritized which Airmen would receive the baskets.

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FTAC: Helping Airmen adapt to Whiteman AFB

By Senior Airman Nick Wilson 509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

"Room, 'tench hut!"

A classroom full of Airmen rapidly snaps to attention as the base commander walks in to greet the young, frightened and nervous group of newcomers.

With only eight weeks of basic training and the basic skill sets learned in tech school under their belts, these new Airmen know very little about the operational side of the Air Force.

Whiteman's First Term Airman Center helps Airmen shift from the mindset of basic training and tech school to the functional side of the Air Force.

"We orient new Airmen to the base to give them an idea of what's available through different services and agencies throughout Whiteman and the local community," said Staff Sgt. Mark Stoverink,509th Force Support Squadron FTAC team leader.

Regardless of career field, each firstterm Airman is required to attend FTAC within 30 days of arrival to his or her first duty station.

"It gives everyone an opportunity throughout the week to interact and get to know people from all walks of life on base," Stoverink said. "In a work environment, if you know different people in other areas, that can definitely be beneficial [in helping] cut through the red tape and being able to get more work done when



there are time constraints."

FTAC holds a five-day class every Monday. The Airmen receive a service dress inspection, briefings from the base commander and command chief on what is expected of them throughout their careers as enlisted members.

"FTAC helps build a pretty good foundation for Airmen," said Staff Sgt. Craig White, 509th FSS FTAC team leader. "New Airmen are kind of confused and don't know where to go. So we show them where to go and what they can do to get involved."

The week's events also include briefings from the legal office, Area Defense Council and several other base agencies. Each agency gives a briefing discussing the core competencies of their organization and how their organizations make an impact in the lives of Airmen.

"The briefers have reliable information and FTAC does a great job of providing



U.S. Air Force photo/Heidi Hur

Chief Master Sgt. Lee Barr, 509th Bomb Wing command chief, speaks to First Term Airmen Center students. FTAC holds a five-day class every Monday to help first-term Airmen get all the information they need about the base and the services it has to offer

those resources," Stoverink said. "It gives a lot more outlets when Airmen have questions or concerns."

Without FTAC, building morale in Airman who feel they are stuck in the middle of nowhere, can be quite demoralizing for Airmen, according to Stoverink.

"First-term Airmen are used to 'back home,' where they always knew what their buddies were doing," Stoverink explained. "They knew where to hang out and what was going on. It's not like that here because Airman have to make plans, due to all their peers being on different work schedules."

Stoverink says FTAC gives Airmen a

basic network of peers who can call one another to make plans when they experience feelings of isolation after duty or on the weekends.

When it comes to Air Force Global Strike Command's mission, vision and values, FTAC prepares Airmen for challenges they may face in the future, thereby helping build an elite, highly disciplined team in an air, space and cyberspace force.

"Our Airmen are expected to meet high demands every day," said Stoverink.

"The tempo of inspections we have for nuclear surety definitely adds another stressor to that list as well, but our Airmen continue to perform flawlessly."

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MOPPing Up



Staff Sgt. Cody Foreman, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear instructor, checks an Airman's Mission Oriented Protective Posture gear during CBRN training, Nov. 13. To fully protect the service member, MOPP gear must be put on both rapidly and correctly.



Airmen put on their Mission Oriented Protective Posture gear during CBRN training, Nov. 13. Airmen are tested to ensure they can don all MOPP gear in less than eight minutes.



Airmen inspect their M-50 chemical masks for discrepancies during a CBRN training session, Nov. 13. Chemical warfare training teaches Airmen how to survive and operate in hazardous environments whether deployed or at home.



Chief Master Sgt. Dwight Hardy, 509th Munitions Squadron, drinks water from his canteen while wearing his M-50 chemical mask during CBRN training, Nov. 13. The M-50 chemical mask offers the same level of protection against CBRN threats as the MCU-2A/P chemical mask; however the M-50 has an dual filters, head harness, an expanded field of vision, and easier access to the drinking tube.



Senior Airman Nathan Carns, 509th Maintenance Squadron low observable technician, ties his hood tight over his M-50 chemical mask. CBRN classes are conducted to ensure all base personnel are prepared in case of a n actual attack.

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Keeping the fleet rolling

Story and photos by Airman 1st Class Bryan Crane 509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

All across base and around the flightline, Bearcats, Humvees, and patrol cars are constantly working to keep Whiteman's assets and community safe. More specifically, the 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron vehicle maintenance unit keeps these vital vehicles up and on the job.

"We perform all the basic scheduled maintenance for the vehicles," said Milton Swainston, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron vehicle fleet manager. "We also conduct all major maintenance too, which includes transmission overhauls, engine overhauls and power train overhauls."

Swainston said that only about 30 percent of the workload is performing scheduled maintenance, with major repair issues taking up the most time.

"Depending on the vehicle, scheduled maintenance can take as short as an hour or so, but larger vehicles can take up to four hours," Swainston said. "Major maintenance can take days or weeks, depending on how severe the damage is or the type of vehicle."

Overall, the vehicle maintenance shop handles nearly all maintenance required here on base.

"We have a body shop to work on government vehicles," added Swainston. "Along with the body shop, we can also repaint vehicles that require it."

With a total force team of nearly 70 Airmen and civilians, the vehicle maintenance shop works on approximately 45 different categories of vehicles.

"We fix anything motorized," said Swainston. "We work on anything from large fire trucks, refuelers and snow-removal vehicles, to forklifts and lawn mowers."

In total the shop performs maintenance on approximately 50 vehicles a week, with each vehicle's needs

"It can be tough and extremely busy sometimes," said Swainston. "But we have a great, motivated shop that exceeds expectations and successfully completes their mission.'

Along with vehicles from the 509th Bomb Wing, the vehicles maintenance shop also handles the vehicle fleet for the 442nd Fighter Wing, and has begun integrating the 131st Bomb Wing vehicles and work force

"We are currently bringing their vehicles into our shop and are slowly integrating both [509th and 131st] work forces together to complete the overall mission," said Swainston.

According to Airman 1st Class Kimberly Wigget, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron vehicle maintenance mechanic, training on a variety of vehicles ensures the team is able to accomplish their mission.

"Our job is important because it allows squadrons who use vehicles consistently for their mission to successfully do their job," said Wigget. "Keeping these vehicles running effectively is not an easy task, but it's what the 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron vehicle maintenance mechanics do successfully on a daily

Airman 1st Class Jonathan Garland, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron vehicle mechanic, rebuilds a hydraulic pump, Nov. 2. The vehicle maintenance shop has approximately 70 Airmen and civilian mechanics.

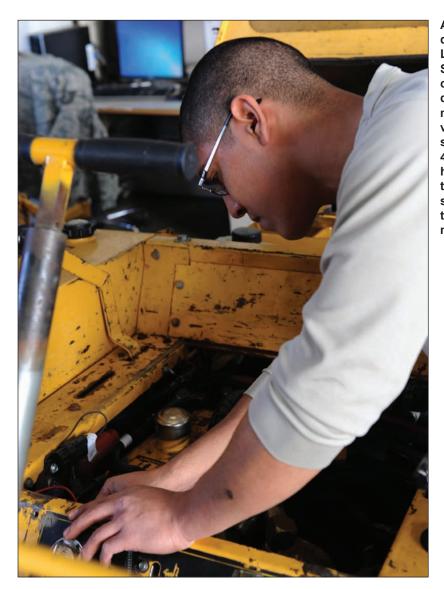




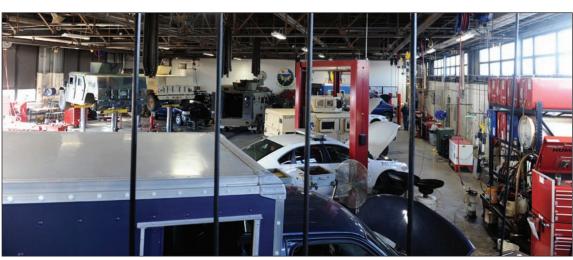
Staff Sgt. Clayton Min, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron vehicle mechanic, checks the oil during a routine vehicle inspection, Nov. 2. The vehicle maintenance shop performs basic scheduled maintenance for all vehicles on base.



A member of the 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron vehicle maintenance shop sands the back of a truck in the auto body section, Nov. 20. Vehicle maintenance has its own body shop to repair government vehicles that may be involved in accidents, and they also have the tools to



Airman 1st Class Brandon Castaneda. 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron vehicle mechanic, replaces a hydraulic hose on a lawnmower, Nov. 2. The vehicle maintenance shop works on about 45 different types of vehicles, from large fire trucks, refuelers and snow removal vehicles, to forklifts and lawn



The 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron vehicle maintenance unit, performs maintenance on approximately 50 vehicles a week, with each vehicle's needs being different.

News

509th CPTS: Helping money make the world go 'round

Story and photos by Heidi Hunt 509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

The 509th Comptroller Squadron travel pay section's mission - ensuring customers are paid accurately and on time after a TDY, PCS or deployment - is more than just "bulletin-board material" in the finance office; it is a responsibility carried out diligently on a daily basis by the dedicated customer service representatives at the 509th CPTS travel section.

"We ensure members get reimbursed, paid for travel for temporary duty and relocations," said Master Sgt. William Sander, 509th Bomb Wing financial services superintendent.

The 509th CPTS Financial Services Office provides broad-based financial services to all military and civilians; one of these is travel pay.

"We offer travel pay support to the 509th Bomb Wing, the 442nd Fighter Wing, nine geographically-separated units, including two ROTC detachments from the University of Missouri and the University of Kansas; the Air Force element Army Command and staff college, out of Ft. Leavenworth, Kan.; and the 139th Airlift Wing in St. Joseph, Mo.," Sander said.

Relocating to a new base or processing travel transactions can be a tedious process for both service members and government employees, which is why much of the process is still done manually for customer convenience and accuracy.

The team of 18 staff members includes civilians and service members whose objective is to treat all customers with the "Golden Rule" principle, according to Sander

"Our team works to ensure every customers needs are met in a timely and accurately manner," said Senior Airman Matt Clark, 509th CPTS finance services.

After working long hours and paying close attention to detail, the 509th CPTS travel section made several strides in the 2012 fiscal year, transmitting more than 5,800 travel vouchers to the Air Force Finance Service Center and achieving a 96 percent payment-accuracy rate.

"Our team also developed Government Travel Card Agency Program coordinator processes to include the widely successful first sergeant and squadron commandertier notification system, which lowered the base's GTC delinquency rate to below two percent - the best in AFGSC," Sander said.

These accomplishments help the staff maintain high motivation, esprit de corps and positive attitudes, which help them get the job done, according to Sander.

"We carefully work through every measure with professionalism and attention-to-detail to ensure our customers get paid accurately," said Sander.

The 509th CPTS finance office is located in Building 509, Room 115.

Customer service hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday.



Airman 1st Class Melissa Malcolm, 509th Comptroller Squadron customer service representative, assists a customer with a travel voucher form. The 509th CPTS Financial Services Office provides a broad-based financial service to all service members and civilians, one of which is travel pay assistance.



Airman 1st Class Joseph Lewis, 509th Comptroller Squadron customer service representative, transmits financial documents to the Air Force Financial Services Center Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D. The 509th Comptroller Squadron's travel section processed more than 5,800 travel vouchers, with a 96 percent payment accuracy rate.





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Lt. Gen. James M. Kowalski, commander of Air Force Global Strike Command, and Brig. Gen. Thomas A. Bussiere, 509th Bomb Wing commander, are presented with autographed footballs during the University of Missouri's Military Appreciation Game Nov. 17, in Columbia, Mo.



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Lt. Gen. James M. Kowalski, (second from right), commander of Air Force Global Strike Command, and Brig. Gen. Thomas A. Bussiere, 509th Bomb Wing commander, and other members of the U.S. military salute the flag as the National Anthem is played during the University of Missouri's Military Appreciation Game Nov. 17, in Columbia, Mo.



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ABOVE: A-10 Thunderbolts, flown by members of the 442nd Fighter Wing, fly over Arrowhead Stadium, Kansas City, Mo., during the Kansas City Chiefs' Military Appreciation Day, Nov. 18. The 442nd Fighter Wing is an Air Force Reserve unit at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo.

RIGHT: Airmen, Soldiers, Sailors and Marine Corps members participate in a flag detail during the Kansas City Chiefs Military Appreciation Day Nov. 18 at Arrowhead Stadium, Kansas City,



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NBA Challenge ... Jams is still on a roll

By NBA Jams

Special Correspondent

Hello again NBA fans,

So I got knocked down again after a couple losses but I'm still heading into this week 12-3. Not bad. If this was the NFL I would be heading to the playoffs with home field advantage, but it's not. This is the NBA and we're just beginning the season.

Thanks to the Spurs knocking off the Nuggets, which was my upset pick, and Golden State beating the Nowitzki-less Mavericks, I now have three losses this season, but I'm ok because I know I'm going undefeated this week.

Here are my picks.

Game 1 - Tonight- Oklahoma City 97 @ Boston 99

This game may be an upset. OKC comes in as one of the best teams in the league,led by arguably the best scorer in the game, Kevin Durant. Boston comes in as one of the teams

contending in the East but still haven't clicked yet. I see this as the game the Celtics will begin to gel and propel them back into championship contention. Also, look for Rajon Rondo to have a big game as he's known for stepping up in the spotlight. Double-double or perhaps a triple-double?

Game 2 - Saturday - L.A. Lakers 103 @ Dallas 96

The Lakers come into this game trying to avenge the opening night loss at home to the Mavericks. Both teams have players with injuries but I think the Lakers canwin without Steve Nash. I look for Dwight Howard to pull down more than 15 rebounds as he dominates the post in Dallas.

Game 3 - Sunday- Phoenix 88 @ Philadelphia 82

The 76ers have proven they can be a solid team in the East and the Suns look to make a statement with a big road win. I'm picking the upset here with the Suns. The Suns are armed with a very underrated point guard in Goran-



Dragic and center Marcin Gortat. Gortatis averaging a solid double-double per game and is one of the surprise players in the Western Conference. Look for the Bynum-less 76ers to fall at home

Game 4 - Monday- New York 113 @ Brooklyn 102

This is a matchup of the New York's two

basketball team and it should be a high scoring affair. Brooklyn was supposed to open their brand new Barclays Center against the Knicks, but the game was cancelled thanks to Hurricane Sandy. Look for Carmelo Anthony and Joe Johnson to go back and forth scoring throughout the night. The Knicks have surprisingly been the best team in the NBA this year and I expect that to continue against Brooklyn.

Game 5 - Tuesday - Minnesota 107 @ Sacramento 89

Minnesota is a team I really enjoy watching, so I'm going with them to blowout the embarrassment of a team, the Kings. The Kings have some young talent but can't seem to put it all together. The T'Wolves know how to play as a team and they will steam-roll the Kings

Now that I've had my say, Team Whiteman
-- I want to know what your take is.

Go to the Whiteman Air Force Base Face-Book page and leave a comment on what you think will happen this week in the NBA.

Sports

State Fair hosts Military Appreciation Day



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Montse Belleau

Col. Robert Spalding III, 509th Bomb Wing vice commander, is presented with an autographed basketball from Marsha Drennon, State Fair Community College president, and Kevin Thomas, State Fair men's basketball coach, during State Fair's military appreciation game against the Southeast Iowa Community College Blackhawks, Nov. 13 in Sedalia, Mo. Military members, along with students, cheered on as the Roadrunners defeated the Blackhawks 82-71.



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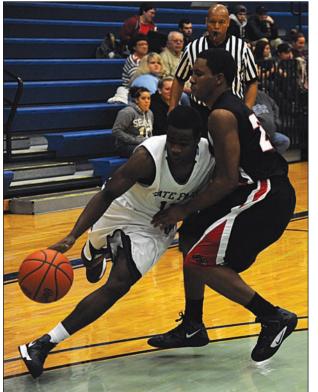
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ing guard for the State Fair Community College Roadrunners, drives toward the basket during State Fair's military appreciation game against the Southeast Iowa Community College Blackhawks, Nov. 13 in Sedalia, Mo. Punter scored on the

BELOW: Joe Thomasson, point guard for the State Fair Community College Roadrunners, dribbles up the court during State Fair's military appreciation game against the Southeast Iowa Community College Blackhawks, Nov. 13 in Sedalia, Mo. Thomasson contributed 14 points to State Fair's 82-71 victory.



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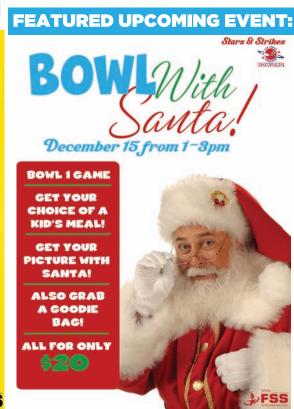
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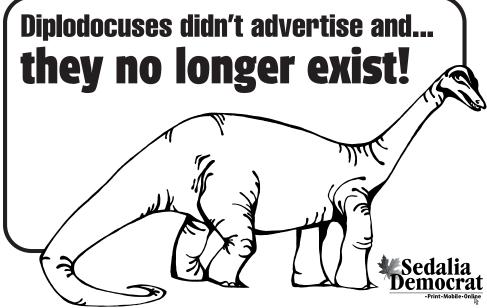
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