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SecAF announces departure, under secretary sworn in

WASHINGTON (AFNS) -- Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley has announced his plan to step down June 21 as the Air Force's top civilian after serving for nearly five years.

"It's been an honor and a privilege to serve with our Air Force's great Airmen," Donley said. "Their accomplishments have been nothing short of impressive and I'm humbled to be a part of this team. The Air Force has been a way of life for so much of my career, I know it will be bittersweet to say farewell."

Donley was confirmed as the 22nd secretary of the Air Force Oct. 2, 2008. He served as the acting secretary since June of that year, as well as for seven months in 1993, making him the longest serving secretary in the history of the Air Force. He also served as the service's top financial officer from 1989 to 1993.

"Mike has been an invaluable adviser during my first two months as Secretary of Defense and has been an outstanding leader of the Air Force for nearly five years," said Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel. "His leadership came during a challenging time for the Air Force, and he helped instill a culture of responsibility, initiative and professionalism to the service. Mike has been an unwavering champion for our Airmen, their families, and for American airpower. The Air Force he leaves behind is more resilient and more respected because of his leadership and personal dedication."

Though Donley has not yet announced any future plans, he remains dedicated during his remaining time to supporting the Secretary of Defense in the many challenges that lie ahead for the service.

"In the meantime, there remains much to do," Donley said. "This is an extraordinary and exciting time for our Air Force, filled with both challenges and opportunities. I remain confident that the strength and professionalism of our Airmen, and the commitment and determination of General Welsh, Chief Cody and our military and civilian leadership team, will continue to see us through."

Donley's 35 years of experience in the national security community also includes service in the Senate, White House and the Pentagon.



Courtesy image

Secretary of the Air Force Michael B. Donley

Prior to assuming his current position, he served as the Director of Administration and Management in the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

The Senate confirmed the nomination of Eric Fanning to become the next under secretary of the Air Force April 18 and he began his transition into the office after being sworn in April 29.

"I have been immensely proud to serve these last four years with the men and women of the Navy and the Marine Corps, and I look forward to being part of the Air Force family," Fanning said. "I am honored by this opportunity and look forward to stand beside Secretary Donley in making sure the men and women of this great service receive the support they need in undertaking the mission of defending our country."

The under secretary is responsible for Air Force matters on behalf of the Secretary of the Air Force to include the organizing, training, equipping and providing for the welfare of its Total Force Airmen and their families. He will oversee the service's annual budget of more than \$110 billion, and serve as acting secretary of the Air Force in Donley's absence. Fanning will also serve as the chief management officer of the Air Force, the senior Air Force energy official, and the focal point for space within Air Force Headquarters.



Courtesy image

Mr. Eric Fanning was sworn in April 29, 2013, as the next under secretary of the Air Force during a Pentagon ceremony.

Fanning served as the deputy under secretary and deputy chief management officer for the Department of the Navy since 2009. Prior to that position, he was deputy director of the Commission on the Prevention of Weapons of Mass Destruction Proliferation and Terrorism. Fanning joined the commission staff from CMG, a strategic communications firm, where he was managing director.

From 2001 to 2006, he was senior vice president for Strategic Development at Business Executives for National Security, or BENS, a Washington, DC-based think tank, where he was in charge of international programs and all regional office operations in six cities across the country.

Previously, Fanning worked at Robinson, Lerer & Montgomery, another strategic communications firm. He also worked on the national and foreign assignment desks at CBS National News in New York and has held various political positions in Washington, D.C. He was a research assistant with the House Armed Services Committee, a special assistant in the Immediate Office of the Secretary of Defense, and associate director of political affairs at the White House.



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Mr. Timothy Beyland, (left), the Administrative Assistant to the Secretary of the Air Force, delivers the oath of office to Mr. Eric Fanning installing him as the new Under Secretary of the Air Force at a ceremony at the Pentagon on April 29, 2013.

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U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Nick Wilson
Staff Sgt. Amanda Cubbage, 509th Security Forces Squadron canine handler, holds back her canine, Mina, during a controlled aggression exercise at Whiteman Air Force Base, March 23, 2013. The exercise teaches canines to follow commands and helps strengthen the bond between dogs and their handlers.

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Lo 40	Lo 45

2013 ASIAN AMERICAN PACIFIC ISLAND HERITAGE MONTH

Since May 1992, our nation has paid tribute to Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders for their distinguished contributions. The month of May commemorates the first Japanese immigration to the United States on May 7, 1843, and the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869, by Chinese immigrants.

During this observance, we partake of the opportunity to discover and share the cultural traditions, ancestry, native languages and extraordinary experiences represented among the more than 50 ethnic and language groups from Asia and the Pacific Rim residing in the United States.

The 2013 theme is "Building Leadership: Embracing Cultural Values and Inclusion." The theme symbolizes the diversity which Asian American and Pacific Islanders bring and the importance of valuing inclusion within the American society. Their leadership is evident in every facet of global industry, academics, the arts and all levels of government. There are approximately 13,200 Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders serving in the Air Force. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, more than 293,000 veterans of Asian American or Pacific Islander descent have served our country. Notable Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders who embody this year's theme are U.S. Ambassador to China Gary Locke; Andrea Jung, chairman and CEO of Avon products; Dr. Steven Chu, former secretary of energy and co-winner of the Nobel Prize for physics; and Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric Shinseki. Their selfless sacrifices define the essence of commitment in shaping our nation.

THEREFORE, I, Brigadier General Thomas A. Bussiere, commander of the 509th Bomb Wing, on behalf of the many dedicated and deserving Asian American and Pacific Islanders, do hereby proclaim 1 May through 31 May 2013, as

ASIAN AMERICAN PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

at Whiteman Air Force Base. This observance gives all citizens a chance to reflect on past and present accomplishments by these fellow Americans and patriots. Let us come together as a community to celebrate the lineage of these proud Americans from Asia and the Pacific Rim in creating a prosperous, resourceful, and peaceful society for future generations.

WITNESS my hand; I have hereunto set my hand this day of May 2013.

THOMAS A. BUSSIERE
Brigadier General, USAF
Commander, 509th Bomb Wing

This Week in 509th Bomb Wing History: B-2 anniversaries

David Easley
509 Bomb Wing Historian

4 April 1994: *The Spirit of Missouri* passed 100 hours of flight. Lt. Col. Anthony Imondi, 509 OG/CD, and Lt. Col. John H. Bellanger, 393 BS/Operations Officer piloted the airplane on the historical flight.

9 April 1997: Contract awarded to Northrop Grumman for Joint Standoff Weapon System (JSOW) integration and Generic Weapon System (GWIS) task, the first project under the B-2 Multi-Stage Improvement Program (MSIP).

6 April 1992: An Air Force/Northrop-led contractor team was named the 2001 Collier Trophy winner, for the design, development, production, and flight testing of the B-2. The Collier trophy is awarded annually "for the greatest achievement in aeronautics or astronautics in America."

10-12 April 2001: Four B-2 pilots, Captains Todd Tumidanski, Craig Stefan and Andy Gebara (393 BS) and Chris Larson (325 BS) took part in the longest B-2 simulator mission to date, 50 hours. The crews began their mission at 0300L on 10 May and emerged from the B-2 Weapon System Trainer 50 hours later on 12 May 2001.

The darkness before the dawn



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

Three B-2 Spirit Bombers prepare for flight at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., April 25, 2013. Also known as the Stealth Bomber, the aircraft is a strategic bomber, featuring low-observable stealth technology designed for penetrating dense anti-aircraft defenses. The bomber has a crew of two and can drop up to eighty 500-pound joint direct attack munitions (JDAMs). The B-2 is the only aircraft that can carry large air-to-surface standoff weapons in a stealth configuration.

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A Defender's best friend

Story and photos by
Staff Sgt. Nick Wilson
509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

(Editor's Note: This is part three of a three-part series about Security Forces Airmen)

With terrorist attacks like those in Boston on April 15 an ever-present threat, Airmen all over the country are on high alert, especially military working dog handlers and their canines.

At Whiteman Air Force Base, canines and their handlers have often been called upon to respond to threats at schools, stores and many other places in the local area.

"The primary mission for our dogs is explosive detection," said Staff Sgt. Grant Meyers, 509th SFS canine handler. "That's the biggest threat that can kill people. Generally when we send dogs out for secret service, deployments or to the front gate, we are looking for explosives."

When it comes to responding to bomb threats and performing many other routine security duties, a dog is an Airman's best friend, according to Staff Sgt. Amanda Cubbage, 509th Security Forces Squadron military working dog handler.

"The dog is your partner," Cubbage said. "You depend on that dog for everything from your sight to sound to hearing to smell. The dogs are able to detect anything thousands of times better than we are."

Effective communication, training and hard work are required to form the bond between canine and handler. Additionally, Airmen must expend extra time and effort, in the form of various exercises, to help prepare the dogs for real-world scenarios.

"A bond starts forming on the first day," Meyers said. "A lot of time is spent with the dog during training, and our dogs love what they do. The canines start viewing the handler as someone that allows them to do what they love every day."

Every time the canines perform tasks they enjoy, the association between the handler and the canine strengthens, Meyers said.

"While these dogs perform their daily tasks, we play not only to their strengths, but we build up on their weaknesses," Meyers said. "So if we have a dog that's not as good at human detection or they're better at nose work or patrol, we're using their strengths to build on weaknesses with constant training."

Each dog is given four hours of training each day in conjunction with its routine law enforcement duties.

"We make the mission work with a lot of repetition and a lot of smart training plans," Meyers said.

With the overwhelming amount of training required to complete the mission, the handlers and trainers spend a lot more time on duty than most people outside of the career field may think, said Cubbage.

"I get six days off a month," Cubbage said. "We're on call 24/7 and we have a standby phone that we call the 'bomb phone,' which is for response to bomb threats. Any time that phone goes off, it's on me to drop whatever I'm doing and tell my husband, 'Hey look, I've got to go. I don't know when I'm coming back. I love you. Bye.'"

Even on their days off, handlers are performing tasks such as taking their canine to the vet and catching up on training. Detection is the bread and butter of most training exercises, Cubbage said.

"Everything our job is based off of is whether or not we allow drugs or explosives to get through the gate," Cubbage said.

In addition to training the dogs to detect drugs and explosives, the handlers also instill confidence and obedience in the dogs.

"Obedience drives everything," Cubbage said. "If you don't have obedience, you can't build that relationship with your dog, which means your dog isn't going to want to work for you."

The dog's level of obedience helps handlers pinpoint the locations of odors, and determine whether the odors are explosives or drugs, Cubbage said.

"Obedience helps the dog and handler learn each other's movements and body language," Meyers said. "So during obedience training, the canines and handlers are focused completely on each other."

Meyers said having the opportunity to train handlers and dogs makes him love his job.

"When a dog is going to come across a bomb, I want both the dog and the handler to know what they're doing," Meyers said. "In that moment, it's life or death. It's split-second. It's make one more step and you don't come home."



Staff Sgt. Amanda Cubbage, 509th Security Forces Squadron canine handler, pets her dog, Mina, after Mina completes a bite-sleeve scenario at Whiteman Air Force Base, March 23, 2013. Cubbage conducts various training exercises with Mina every day to increase the canine's level of trust and confidence in Cubbage.



Staff Sgt. Grant Meyers, 509th Security Forces Squadron military working dog trainer, acts as an aggressor as he is bitten by a military working dog, while Staff Sgt. Amanda Cubbage, 509th SFS canine handler, supervises during a bite-sleeve scenario at Whiteman Air Force Base, April 23, 2013. Bite-sleeve scenarios teach the canines controlled aggression and obedience.



Staff Sgt. Grant Meyers, 509th Security Forces Squadron military working dog trainer, wrestles with a military working dog during a bite-sleeve scenario at Whiteman Air Force Base, March 23, 2013. Bite-sleeve scenarios are used to teach the canines controlled aggression and obedience.



Mina, a 509th Security Forces Squadron military working dog, takes a break during a routine obedience course at Whiteman Air Force Base, March 23, 2013. The course helps trainers evaluate various abilities of the canines, such as speed, strength, agility, endurance and stamina.

Stand down to stand up against sexual assault!



Jeffery Bucholtz, "We End Violence - Together We Can" speaker, speaks to Airmen about the lifelong consequences of rape as part of "Stand Down to Stand Up Against Sexual Assault Day," Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., April 26, 2013. Bucholtz also spoke about the importance of consent and provided Airmen with new ways of thinking about sexual assault so they could be better prepared to help fight rape and other forms of sexual violence.



Jeff Huffman, Department of Justice grant program coordinator, speaks to Airmen about the consequences of drinking and driving, Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., April 26, 2013. The briefing was provided as part of a day of events during "Stand Down to Stand Up Against Sexual Assault Day."



Jeffery Bucholtz, "We End Violence - Together We Can" speaker, gives a briefing to Airmen on the cultural trends leading to, and the consequences of, sexual assault and rape at Mission's End, Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., April 26, 2013. The briefing was conducted as part of "Stand Down to Stand Up Against Sexual Assault Day," to boost awareness and help prevent sexual assault.

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Upholding military honors

By Airman 1st Class Shelby R. Orozco
509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

For some, seeing an elite team of Honor Guardsmen perform a flag-folding ceremony or a firing party can be a contributing factor in their decision to join the military. To others, Honor Guard is their final glimpse of the military and all that comes along with it.

The members of Whiteman Air Force Base's Honor Guard recognize and understand their importance in today's military.

"Honor Guard makes you have more pride about yourself and the uniform," said Airman 1st Class Nathaniel Armbruster, 509th Bomb Wing Honor Guard A-Team team member. "It gives you more responsibility because you have to volunteer yourself. It's up to you how many details you want, what position you want, whether you want to be a good leader or not."

Honor Guard details provide services at a diverse range of events, most notably funerals, flag presentation ceremonies and firing parties, said Master Sgt. Steven Grigg, 509th Honor Guard NCO in charge.

"Our number one mission is providing military funeral honors," Grigg said. "The color guard details are our secondary mission."

Military funerals are separated into three groups--veteran funerals, retiree funerals and, lastly, active-duty funerals.

"For a veteran, we send a two-person team to do a flag-fold presentation and the playing of taps," Grigg said. "For a retiree, we'll send a seven-person team to do the flag fold, taps, a firing party and also pallbearers if the family requests that. For an active-duty funeral we will send the whole team of 21 members, and they're going to do the same presentations with the flags, taps and a firing party."

Whiteman's Honor Guard members take funeral honors very seriously, as that intimate moment represents a family's final earthly memory of their

loved one's service in the Air Force.

"I think the best thing for these Airmen is going out to present the flag to a grieving widow and they reach up and give them a big hug, or a family member stops them to shake their hand," Grigg said. "It's powerful to be able to give the family the closure they need."

The Airmen are always focused on training for the next service they will provide.

"New Airmen to Honor Guard have a week of orientation," said Senior Airman Julianne Pendergast, 509th Honor Guard A-Team team member. "We go over basic movements, flag folds, rifle movements and funeral sequences. Once we actually hit rotation, it's training every day. We train all the way up to our last rotation."

Rotations refer to the months spent within Honor Guard, which is a one-year service commitment, said Grigg.

"Once in Honor Guard, the Airmen will do one month here, one month at their normal job, come back here for another month, back and forth for the length of their commitment," Grigg said.

It takes two to three one-month rotations to become fully trained, said Senior Airman Chris Anderson, 509th Honor Guard A-Team team member.

The commitment is more than just going to work Monday through Friday and then having the weekends off, said Grigg.

"One day a weekend, if not both, you're probably going to be working," said Senior Airman Timothy Caballero, 509th Honor Guard A-Team team member.

The Airmen always find a way to make it to their details, regardless of weather or time, said Pendergast.

"One day during winter, I pulled up to the Honor Guard building and the Airmen were outside in their full ceremonial service dress digging the van out of the snow," Grigg said. "They could have very easily called the funeral director and said, 'The van is stuck, we can't go,' but they didn't because they

want to succeed at their job."

Honor Guard is not serious 24/7 though, said Armbruster.

"We see a lot of Missouri we would not normally get to see," Armbruster said. "So we'll find some nice place to eat that we would never drive to on our own and we'll stop and have a great time together."

The Airmen of Whiteman's Honor Guard are a very tight-knit family, said Anderson.

To get involved in Honor Guard, Grigg tells Airmen to make their supervisors aware of their interest.

"Anybody from Airman basic to tech sergeant can be in Honor Guard," Grigg said. "When one of my team member's year commitment is up, I will contact the first sergeant of their squadron and tell them I need a replacement. If an Airman let their supervisor know they want to be in Honor Guard, then when that spot comes up the supervisor will say, 'Oh, Airman so-and-so said he wanted to do Honor Guard,' and then their chance of getting selected is that much better."

Serving with Honor Guard greatly increases an Airman's chance of winning senior airman below-the-zone, and greatly improves career performance, as well, Grigg said.

"Most of the Airmen that come here are already finished with their Career Development Courses, even though it's not a requirement," Grigg said. "The Airmen have plenty of time here within Honor Guard to work on CDCs, job training, college courses or anything they need. The things you learn within Honor Guard are tremendous. The level of respect you learn to treat everybody with, that's going to carry on through an Airman's career."

Every day within Honor Guard is an exciting one, with no two funerals or ceremonies being the same, said Pendergast.

"One funeral we went to was for a man who became a clown after he left the Air Force," Grigg said. "All of the people at his funeral, even the preacher, were dressed as clowns. I'll never forget it."



Senior Airman Chris Anderson, 509th Bomb Wing Honor Guard A-Team member, demonstrates a two-person flag fold at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., April 23, 2013. Whiteman's Honor Guard performs flag presentations at the funerals of military veterans, retirees and active-duty members.



Staff Sgt. Jacob Larman, 509th Bomb Wing Honor Guard A-Team member, prepares to present the flag during training at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., April 23, 2013. Being able to turn off emotions and keep military bearing are vital during flag presentations.



Airman 1st Class Nathaniel Armbruster, 509th Bomb Wing Honor Guard A-Team member, begins a seven-person flag fold at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., April 23, 2013. A team of seven Airmen perform funeral services for military retirees.



Members of the 509th Bomb Wing Honor Guard A-Team tightly fold a flag during training at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., April 23, 2013. Whiteman's Honor Guard is split into two teams, A-Team and B-Team, each consisting of 22 Airmen.



Members of the 509th Bomb Wing Honor Guard A-Team practice a seven-member flag fold for a funeral ceremony, Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., April 23, 2013. The Honor Guard Airmen strive for perfection so they can leave a lasting impression on the family of the military member.



Senior Airman Julianne Pendergast, 509th Bomb Wing Honor Guard A-Team member, demonstrates a two-person flag fold at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., April 23, 2013. Outside of funerals, Whiteman's Honor Guard also performs at sporting events and other key base functions.

U.S. Air Force photos/Airman 1st Class Shelby R. Orozco

Whiteman runners prepare for Striker Marathon



Members of Team Whiteman finishes a 10K run in Knob Noster State Park, April 28, 2013 in preparation of the Whiteman Striker Life Half Marathon. The Striker Life Half Marathon starts at 8 a.m., Saturday, May 11 at Ike Skelton Park. Airmen can pre-register by visiting the website, www.onestoprace.com.



Members of Team Whiteman run a 10K in Knob Noster State Park, April 28, 2013 in preparation of the Whiteman Striker Life Half Marathon. A half marathon, 10K and a 5K run will be available for Airmen and their families to participate, May 11. Airmen can pre-register by visiting the website, www.onestoprace.com. All races begin at 8 a.m. at Ike Skelton Park.



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From the Frontlines: Tech. Sgt. Jason McCarty

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

After 14 years and four overseas tours as an Air Force firefighter, Tech. Sgt. Jason McCarty, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron structural craftsman, deployed in 2012 for the first time as a structures shop member.

McCarty deployed to Afghanistan from July 2012 through February 2013, and was stationed at more than one base.

"I was privileged to visit multiple places on my deployment," McCarty said. "I was at Kandahar and Bagram, as well as four forward operating bases in the area."

McCarty had the opportunity to work for three months on a FOB expansion job.

"Working on the FOB was one of the best parts of my deployment," McCarty said. "We had a team of 42 Air Force civil engineers that did everything from grading the construction site, building forms and mixing and pouring concrete footers. From there we built girders and built the floor joists on the girders. Once the floor joists had plywood decking installed, we put up stud walls and roof trusses. Roof decking was put down along with tar-impregnated roofing felt and corrugated tin roofing."

This was a unique job for McCarty and the other members of the team because it was something they normally would not do at their home station.

"Doing the facility maintenance and repair in Afghanistan wasn't much different from what Structures does here at Whiteman," McCarty said. "However, getting to spend three months on a new construction project was unique because most of the new construction on Whiteman is contracted out and is not something our structures shop gets to do."

McCarty, who volunteered for this deployment, appreciated others' praise for the job he performed.



Tech. Sgt. Jason McCarty, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron structural craftsman, stands lookout on a wall while deployed to Afghanistan. McCarty was deployed from July 2012 through February 2013.

Courtesy photo



Tech. Sgt. Jason McCarty, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron structural craftsman, rides in a helicopter while deployed to Afghanistan. McCarty spent 14 years as an Air Force firefighter, deploying four times; this is his first deployment since cross-training into the civil engineer structures field.

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"It made me feel great when I saw the gratitude on peoples' faces for improving their quality of life in a place where the difference between taking a cold or hot shower can make somebody's day," McCarty said.

He also acknowledged the importance of the overall mission.

"Our main mission was traveling around to the different FOBs repairing plumbing, electrical, heating, ventilation and air conditioning and facilities for our customer, an Army unit known as Task Force Empire," McCarty said. "Our mission was important because by maintaining the facilities that the Army used, they were able to use their engineers to help clear roads or routes of improvised explosive devices for convoys."

McCarty knows the job he conducted while deployed was a rare opportunity that most civil engineers long for and few get during their careers.

"My greatest reward for the job we did was getting to christen and open the shooting range we built, by firing the very first round from a Barrett Model 99 single-shot bolt-action rifle chambered in a .50 Browning machine gun," said McCarty.

McCarty said he missed his family and hunting most of all.

"I missed archery, rifle deer-hunting and waterfowl hunting," McCarty said. "I missed the entire 2012-2013 hunting season, so I already can't wait for next season to begin."

McCarty said if his time in the Air Force were over tomorrow, this deployment would be a capstone event.

Scout Day showcases AF mission to children



Boy Scouts from St. Louis, Mo., are briefed on explosive ordnance disposal during Scout Day at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., April 30, 2013. Cub Scouts from St. Louis, Warrensburg, Sedalia and Knob Noster have gathered at Whiteman Air Force Base annually to learn about the 509th Bomb Wing's mission and meet various organizations on base.



A Boy Scout from St. Louis, Mo., aims down the iron sights of an unloaded M240 Bravo machine gun during Scout Day at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., April 30, 2013. Scout Day gives children an opportunity to learn about the everyday Air Force mission.



Senior Airman William Peterson, 509th Security Forces Squadron combat arms instructor, teaches Boy Scouts about the M240 Bravo machine gun during Scout Day at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., April 30, 2013. The Scouts attended the event to gain awareness of Team Whiteman's mission and to learn about various jobs that the military offers.

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Fitness Center personnel – helping empower Airmen, literally



Senior Airman Melissa Givens, 509th Force Support Squadron fitness specialist, spots Senior Airman Adrian Paisley, 509th FSS fitness specialist, with a decline bench press at the Whiteman Air Force Base Fitness Center, April 22, 2013. It is important to have a spotter present at all times to assist with weight that becomes too heavy for an individual to lift on his or her own

Story and photo by
Airman 1st Class Keenan Berry
509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

It is an environment filled with hard work and dedication, weight-lifting and pull-ups, intense facial expressions and sweaty shirts, leg exercises and treadmills. There is only one place on base where all these can be found together – the Whiteman Air Force Base Fitness Center.

Fitness Center personnel work in the gym to help maintain the cleanliness of the facility, as well as provide assistance, fitness guidance, and medical response capability, said Staff Sgt. Kira Otero.

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Overall, the Fitness Center offers 30 classes throughout the week to help Airmen maintain fitness and morale.

“We offer fitness improvement classes such as spin-cycling, Boot Camp, 30/30 Fusion, and turbo-kick,” said Senior Airman Melissa Givens, 509th Force Support Squadron fitness specialist. “These classes are an hour long; the instructors will lead the patrons through warm-ups, workouts and cool-downs. The start times for each class vary throughout the day, all year long.”

The Fitness Center contributes to the Whiteman mission by ensuring Airmen are fit to fight, physically trained and equipped, ready for any challenge.

The challenging part of this job is dealing with health issues, said Otero. The physical stresses of working out can lead to dehydra-

tion, heart conditions, sport injuries and many other health-related issues.

Fitness Center personnel rely both on their own medical knowledge and alarms to respond to medical emergencies, from heart problems to torn ligaments and many others, said Givens.

Injuries occur on a weekly basis and range from minor to serious. When a minor injury occurs, Fitness Center personnel log a report in a log book and handle the situation. If it is a serious injury, they will file a report and work with the 509th Medical Group to get an ambulance on-scene, said Otero.

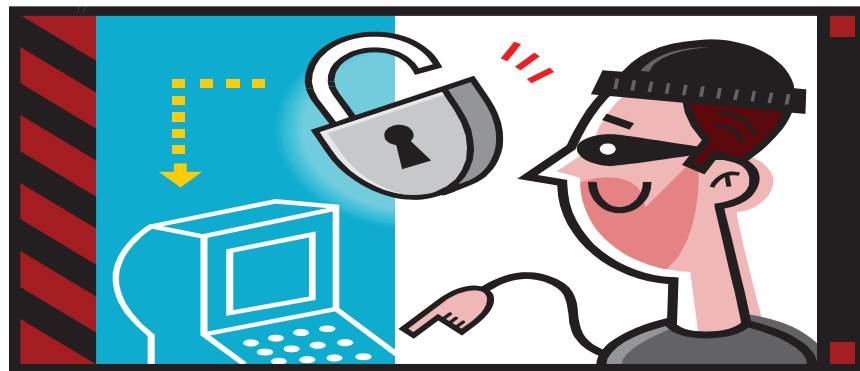
“On average, 4-6 injuries are recorded a month,” said Otero. “In the event of an emergency, a customer will report it to us first; we will go and ask the injured customer if they need any assistance and we will operate based off their answer. If we deem they may need help anyway, we will make the proper phone calls and inform the chain of command.”

Inspections are performed daily to ensure equipment is functioning properly and does not present a hazard to patrons, said Givens.

Every two years, service personnel alternate between the dining facility, fitness center and the Whiteman Inn. This allows each Service member to experience each job the services career field has to offer.

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