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Eighth Air Force Chief visits Whiteman
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PARADE ROYALE

Airmen show their colors at American Royal Parade

Banjo's time capsule

By Tech Sgt. Chris Boehlein
131st Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

On a Saturday morning in June, 40 men signed their names to the muster rolls to signify that they were present for their very first National Guard drill.

The date was June 23, 1923, when the Missouri National Guard's 35th Division Aviation section was federally recognized and the history of the 110th Observation Squadron began. Maj. William Robertson was the commander. Originally consisting of the 110th Observation Squadron, 110th Photo Section and 170th Intelligence Section, the unit evolved through the years to become what is now the 131st Bomb Wing and 110th Bomb Squadron of the Missouri Air National Guard.

At its humble beginning, the unit had no aircraft or enlisted uniforms, and the headquarters was the back room of a filling station in St. Louis. All personnel initially signed in with the rank

of private, since officer commissions and higher enlisted ranks were not awarded until the second day of drill. The officers pooled their own money and for \$500, purchased the unit's first aircraft, a Curtiss JN-4 "Jenny," to use for flight training until they received surplus aircraft from the Army Air Corps. Sunday morning flying sessions were held at Lambert Airport in nearby Anglum, Missouri. Over the next few years, the unit's headquarters occupied several locations around the city. By 1931, a new hangar and base facilities were built at Lambert and the Missouri ANG had a permanent home.

As years progressed, the unit flourished. Newer aircraft came and went, along with new commanders. Missions changed and the unit's membership grew to more than 1,000 personnel. Today's 131st Bomb Wing bears little resemblance to the small unit started by Maj. Robertson in 1923, but throughout the years, the men and women of the Missouri ANG have been ready to serve year in and year out.

Changes coming to Whiteman Fitness Center

By Airman 1st Class Joel Pfiester
509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

The Whiteman Air Force Base Fitness Center's transformation into a more functional gym began Sept. 18.

The renovations will be accomplished in several different phases, which are scheduled to be completed as early as January 2015.

The first step in this transformation has been the creation of the After Hours Annex, formerly the Health and Wellness Center. This extended the hours the Fitness Center is open for use.

The next order of business is transforming the Falcon Gym basketball court into a new weight room.

"The Falcon Gym will no longer be a basketball court," said Angela Anderson, 509th Force Support Squadron fitness center director. "The 7,900-square-foot room will be receiving brand-new roll out rubber flooring; this will be the new weight room. The current Hammer Strength equipment will be moved in there along the west wall with approximately \$80,000 worth of new equipment."

The brand-new equipment will include two rowing machines, four battle rope stations, an additional Smith machine, Hammer Strength selectorized equipment and an additional multi-rack.

In addition to the new weight room, the fitness center will finally have a room dedicated



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Joel Pfiester

The Falcon Gym undergoes its first series of renovations at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Sept. 22, 2014. The renovations will be done in several phases and are scheduled to be completed as early as January 2015.

to group-style aerobics. The new aerobics room will receive fresh paint, as well as two mirrored walls and hardwood flooring specifically designed for group aerobics.

"The cardio room will house the treadmills and elliptical machines and will receive new paint, ceiling fans and rubber flooring," Anderson said. "The wall pads in the parent/

child room are being re-upholstered and the room will feature a child-friendly mural of Whiteman aircraft."

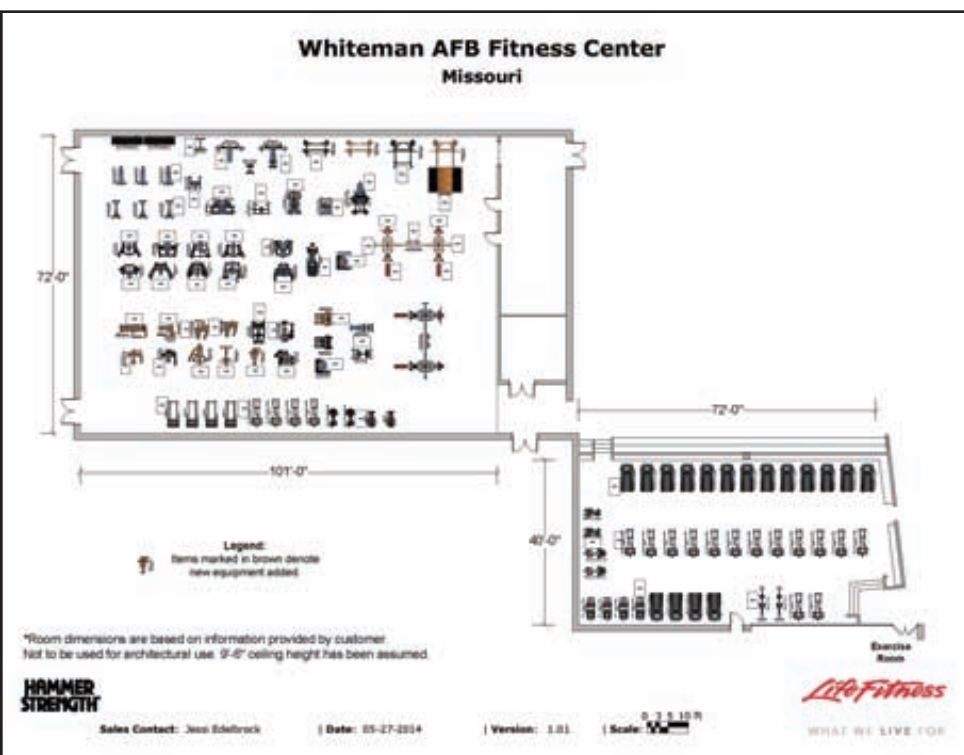
According to Anderson, these renovations will relieve some of the congestion in the current weight room.

"This will offer customers twice the equipment," Anderson said. "The weight room is one of our higher traffic areas. The improvements will also allow us to have a room solely dedicated to group-style aerobics. Almost every room in the facility will be touched."

"Another great feature will be the 'Shoot-A-Way Gun 8000' basketball trainer," Anderson said. "It is essentially a batting cage for basketball. This will be housed in the Eagle Gym."

The changes to the fitness center will provide Team Whiteman with the convenience of being able to fulfill their workout needs without having to wait in line for equipment.

"The new gym is not only going to be beneficial to me, but to everyone on base, as well," said Airman 1st Class Irvin Bryant, 509th Munitions Squadron commander support staff. "Weight machines, benches and squat racks in the past have always been full, which can cause people to leave because of the limited space. I think building a new gym is a great idea and will inspire more Airmen and civilians to come to our gym to work out."



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Airman 1st Class Jovan D. Banks
Airmen of Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., prepare to march in the American Royal Parade, Sept. 27, 2014, in Kansas City, Mo. Approximately 4,000 people marched in the 89th annual American Royal Parade.

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NASA astronaut and spacewalker presents Skelton Lecture

By University of Central Missouri
University Relations News Bureau

WARRENSBURG, Mo. – Col. Michael S. Hopkins, a NASA astronaut who walked in space Sept. 25, 2013 as a flight engineer on the International Space Station, will talk about the value of leadership and its impact on his career with NASA and the U.S. Air Force when he speaks at the University of Central Missouri. He will present the Ike Skelton Lecture, an event in the Servant Leadership Lecture Series, at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 9 in Hendricks Hall. His presentation is free and open to the public. The Servant Leadership Lecture series has grown out of a partnership between UCM and Whiteman Air Force Base that reflects shared values of leadership and service. It is part of the Whiteman Advantage initiative which brings together personnel and resources from Whiteman and UCM to create a shared vision of community while improving opportunities for servicemen and women on campus and on base.

Hopkins becomes the second individual to present the Ike Skelton Lecture since it was established early in 2014. The lecture is a special presentation within the Servant Leadership Lecture Series and was established in honor of former Missouri Fourth District Congressman Ike Skelton. A Lexington native who passed away in 2013, Skelton served in Congress from 1977 to 2011, and his tenure included leadership as chairman of the House Armed Services Committee. Skelton was a longtime supporter of Whiteman and UCM.

Born in Lebanon and growing up on a farm near Richland, Mo., Hopkins made his first spaceflight as a flight engineer on Expedition 37/38 to the International Space Station in September 2013. Aboard the Soyuz TMA-10M spacecraft, Hopkins launched into space from Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan along with Russian cosmonauts Oleg Kotov and Sergey Ryazanskiy. Hopkins, Kotov and



Col. Michael S. Hopkins

Ryazanskiy returned to Earth on March 10, 2014, after 166 days in space. During their journey into space, the crew completed 2,656 orbits of the Earth and traveled more than 70 million miles. Hopkins and another U.S. astronaut Rick Mastracchio, who later arrived at the space station, conducted a pair of U.S. space walks to change out a degraded pump module for a total of 12 hours and 58 minutes.

Hopkins will share video of his space travels with those in attendance. He is not only known for his recent walk in space, but he has gained a reputation as an outstanding speaker. According to an article in "The Chicago Tribune," a commencement speech made by Hopkins at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in spring 2014 not only received a standing ovation by the 17,000 people attending, but also earned his presentation a spot on the list of the top graduation speeches of the season. The North American Association of Commencement Officers listed Hopkins among its six best speakers for 2014.

Hopkins was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force in January 1992, and worked on advanced system space technologies at Kirtland Air Force Base in Albuquerque, N.M. Continued

progression in his career included flight testing C-17 and C-130 aircraft, serving as a project engineer and program manager for United States Air Force Rapid Capabilities Office at the Pentagon, and as a special assistance to the Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, where he worked until he began astronaut training in July 2009. He graduated from Astronaut Candidate Training in November 2011.

Hopkins has a close connection with the Warrensburg community. Although his father, Ogle Hopkins, is deceased, his stepmother, Paula Hertzwig Hopkins, resides in Warrensburg, where she has leadership responsibilities as city manager.

The Servant Leadership Lecture Series is an expanded partnership between UCM and Whiteman Air Force Base (WAFB) that highlights shared values of service and leadership. The series is part of the Whiteman Advantage program. The Whiteman Advantage initiative is a joint effort between UCM and WAFB that has led to new education opportunities, including UCM aviation courses being taught on base; collaborative measures to help reduce high-risk drinking among airmen and college students; a military tuition package, which reduces the cost of an education for military personnel and their families; a new Command Pass for UCM athletic events that benefits active duty military members; and the establishment of the Military and Veterans Success Center on UCM's campus.

On the day of Hopkins' presentation, Oct. 9, doors to Hendricks Hall will open for guests to begin seating at 9 a.m. Limited visitor parking will be available on campus that morning in Lots 3 and 24 located off of South Street, just north of Hendricks Hall.

Limited, free general public tickets will be available from 1 to 4 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 6, 7 and 8, and 8 to 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 9 at the Central Tickets Box Office, Administration Building 100, or by calling 660-543-8888.

Whiteman AAFES stores testing new hours

By Paula Manning-Roybal

AAFES is constantly reviewing hours of operation against the cost in terms of utilities and personnel cost.

Express hours will be extending for 90 days by one hour every day to see if the demand for such service exists. If the facility is utilized, changes in hours will be permanent. Each day of the week will be evaluated to determine which days should be extended permanently.

Currently, Military Clothing Sales is closed one day a week. Store Manager Trish Dillon has made the decision to open on UTA weekends to meet customer needs. Mrs. Dillon has been very progressive in her efforts to assist customers with their uniform needs and has expanded her efforts into souvenir clothing. She has also held a base-wide T-shirt design contest with the winning artwork on T-shirts for sale.

The Whiteman Theater was renovated in the fall of 2013, including the conversion to the digital format for movies and a new screen



and improvements to the sound system. The concession stand was also renovated to expand the offerings and present a better image. With the conversion to the digital format, we have shown some movies on the same day that they released in downtown theaters. Tina Piper, the Food Court and theater manager, is always looking for new items to add to the concession stand assortments.

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509th BW commander signs Fire Prevention Proclamation



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

U.S. Air Force Brig. Gen. Glen VanHerck, commander of the 509th Bomb Wing, signs a Fire Prevention Proclamation Sept. 15, 2014, at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo. From Oct. 5 - Oct. 11, firefighters from the 509th Civil Engineer Squadron are scheduled to host events aimed at raising fire safety awareness.

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442d Fighter Wing emergency responders train together



Firefighters from the 442d Fighter Wing prepare to hose down security forces members who have just finished a sweep of a ricin lab during an exercise at Whiteman AFB, Mo. on Sept. 21. The Airmen represented two of the functional areas involved in the largest-scale disaster scenario to be attempted by the wing. The firefighters' equipment was provided by Whiteman's host unit, the 509th Bomb Wing.

Story and photos by Tech. Sgt. Emily F. Alley
442nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Emergency responders from the 442nd Fighter Wing at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., tried something new Sunday, Sept. 21.

Five groups came together--security forces, firefighters, explosive ordnance disposal, emergency management and bioenvironmental engineering--to engage in a large-scale exercise that began with a simulated 911 call and shooter exercise that morning.

Senior Airman Christopher Winslow, from the 442 FW Security Forces Squadron, played the role of an opposition force member.

"Hail ISIS!" he yelled--an improvised line--as he exchanged simulated gunfire against the uniformed security forces members to start the exercise. His character died in the shootout, and security forces began to sweep the nearby building. They found an explosive booby trap and a simulated ricin lab. On the wall of the lab was the flag of ISIS and photos of the top targets--the commander and vice commander of the 442nd FW. The Airmen reported the lab and booby trap and dozens of other players began to arrive on scene. Within three minutes, the area was cordoned off and secured.

The exercise was almost exclusively composed of Reservists from the 442nd FW, and one Airman from the 509th Bomb Wing.

442nd FW Commander, Col. Hubie Hegtvedt, recognized the generosity of the 509th in providing equipment, such as fire trucks, for the exercise and the element of authenticity it brought to the scenario.

"It was impressive to roll into the mix of vehicles and equipment and personnel that filled the parking lot," said Hegtvedt. "I'm thankful that we have such a great relationship with our host wing and they were willing to help us out."

Among the equipment was an EOD robot named "Dora the Explorer" who helped disable the booby trap guarding the ricin lab.

The trap, set off by a trip wire near the door of the lab, was designed and built by Master Sgt. Josh Baker, from the fighter wing's EOD section, who drew on years of experience with explosive ordnance. Baker was impressed by the scope of the exercise and the opportunity to give younger newer members a chance to understand their roles.

"In the past, we've done exercises individually [as EOD or security forces, for example] and simulated what other emergency responders would do based on our notions of their jobs. This combined exercise speaks to what they would actually do," said Baker.

Every emergency response section tasked newer, less-experienced Airmen as players in the exercise.

"We wanted younger troops with no experience," said Master Sgt. James Dorl, 442nd FW security forces squad leader and wing inspection team member. "We took our aces out and didn't stack the deck."

The scenario was conceptualized by the emergency management office as a voluntary initiative intended to test a variety of capabilities that spanned several sections. It was an opportunity to build experience in fields, including those not often tested, in an exceptionally realistic way.

"Senior Master Sgt. Mo Findley [the architect of the exercise] did a phenomenal job. Our Wing Inspection Team members have complicated roles in the wing. We ask them to be exceptional at what they do, dutifully train their subordinates and then we need them to step back and build exercises that require them to objectively self-assess their own unit's performance. Mo's creativity and understanding of various tasks impressed outside observers. We expect to see this event repeated by other units in Air Force Reserve Command in the future," said Lt. Col. Todd Riddle, the 442nd Fighter Wing inspector general.

Baker also recognized the challenge, particularly for his own young EOD airman who recently returned from technical school and was tasked as a player in the exercise. Senior Airman Cameron Rupert controlled the robot that disabled Baker's trap.

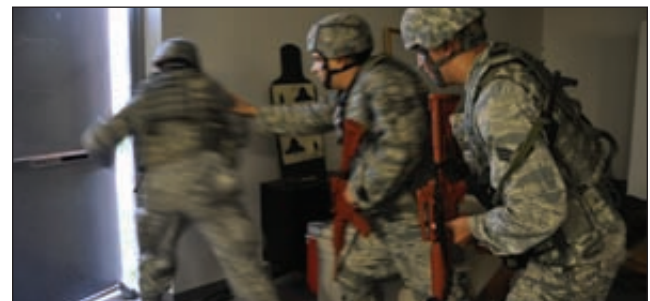
"He's nervous because there are a lot of high-ranking eyes on him," said Baker, as the exercise began. "But who's to say in the real world you wouldn't experience the same thing?"

One of those observers was Hegtvedt, his commander, and simulated "target number one" on the wall of the ricin lab.

"It's good for Airmen to see actual, tangible results from their work. This was a chance to let our younger folks see the big picture," Hegtvedt said. "It's nuanced--but you have to give them a safe place to make a mistake."

Overall, the Wing Inspection Team members were pleased with how well the players worked through the scenario. The players all tended to be less experienced, and tended to work slower than their counterparts who had been in the job longer. The exercise finished within the time limit of nine hours--with a simulated handing-off of the crime scene to the FBI.

Although the exercise was internal, and largely experimental, the wing invited representatives from Air Force Reserve Command to evaluate the process and make recommendations. The exercise was a benchmark not only for the 442nd FW but for Air Force Reserve Command.



Members of the 442nd Fighter Wing, Security Forces Squadron complete a building sweep while participating in a disaster response exercise at Whiteman AFB, Mo. on September 21. The scenario involved players from five functional areas, including security forces, and simulated a shooter and a booby-trapped ricin lab.



Members of the 442nd Fighter Wing fire department remove equipment after simulating a containment of toxic materials from near a ricin lab during an exercise at Whiteman AFB, Mo. September 21. The exercise combined players from five functional areas--security forces, fire fighters, EOD, emergency management and bioenvironmental--within the wing and was the first to build a scenario on such a large scale.



Observers from the 442nd Fighter Wing watch an EOD robot disables a booby trap during an exercise at Whiteman AFB, Mo. on September 21. The exercise combined five functional capabilities from the wing including security forces, fire fighters, EOD, emergency management and bioenvironmental.

Whiteman AFB Fire Emergency Services Reminds Whiteman AFB Residents: Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives!

By Tech Sgt. Christopher Gunn
509th Civil Engineer Squadron

Working smoke alarms can make a life-saving difference in a fire. That's the message behind this year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, "Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives: Test Yours Every Month!"

Along with firefighters and safety advocates nationwide, Whiteman AFB Fire Emergency Services is joining forces with the nonprofit National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) during Fire Prevention Week, October 5-11, to remind local residents about the importance of having working smoke alarms in the home and testing them monthly.

According to the latest NFPA research, working smoke alarms cut the chance of dying in a fire in half. Meanwhile, almost two-thirds of home fire deaths resulted from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.

"In a fire, seconds count," said Whiteman AFB Fire Chief Jerry Blaisdell. "Roughly half of home fire deaths result from fires reported at night between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. when most people are asleep. Home smoke alarms can alert people to a fire before it spreads, giving everyone enough time

to get out."

This year's Fire Prevention Week campaign includes the following smoke alarm messages:

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- Test alarms at least monthly by pushing the test button.

- Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old or sooner if they don't respond properly.

- Make sure everyone in the home knows the sound of the smoke alarm and understands what to do when they hear it.

The Whiteman AFB Fire Emergency Services will be hosting activities during Fire Prevention Week to promote "Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives!" Through these educational, family-oriented activities, residents can learn more about the importance of working smoke alarms and testing them monthly.

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Team Whiteman participates in American Royal Parade



U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Emily F. Alley
Members of Team Whiteman march during the annual American Royal Parade in Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 27, 2014. The American Royal Parade is held annually to pay tribute to America's active duty and retired military.



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Jovan Banks
A Vietnam veteran from the National Association of Black Veterans drives a classic Mustang in the American Royal Parade Sept. 27, 2014, in Kansas City, Mo. Veterans from various conflicts, active-duty Service members and Boy Scouts participated in this year's parade.



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Jovan Banks
Parade participants await the start of the American Royal Parade Sept. 27, 2014, in Kansas City, Mo. The American Royal Parade is held annually to pay tribute to America's active duty and retired military.



U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Emily F. Alley
Three Airmen from the 442nd Fighter Wing jumped at the opportunity to join Airmen from the 509th Bomb Wing to represent the Air Force by marching in the American Royal Parade in Kansas City the morning of Sept. 27, 2014. From left to right: Senior Airman Sara Montgomery, 442nd Fighter Wing Logistics and Readiness Squadron; Staff Sgt. Joseph Couch, also from LRS; and Senior Airman Amber Rash, from the 442nd Fighter Wing and Whiteman Honor Guard member.



U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Emily F. Alley
Senior Airman Amber Rash, 442nd Fighter Wing Airman and Whiteman Honor Guard team member, waves to crowds during the American Royal parade Sept. 27 in Kansas City. Rash was one of three volunteers from the 442nd FW to join their counterparts from the 509th Bomb Wing in representing the Air Force in the parade.

Saying YES for youth employment services

By Kimberly Obrien
509th Force Support Squadron

Youth Employment Skills (YES) Program is an on-base volunteer program for high school students and is offered through Whiteman AFB Teen Programs. This program, underwritten by the Air Force Aid Society (AFAS), is a joint effort between AFAS and Air Force Services to offer high school students an opportunity to learn valuable work skills, "bank" dollar credits toward their post-secondary education, and have a positive impact on their base community.

YES allows high school students to "bank" \$4 in grant funding for every hour volunteered in an on-base function. Students may accumulate as many as 250 hours over all 4 years of high school combined, for a potential maximum of \$1000 toward their future vocational-technical or

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Teen Programs is looking for teens that would like volunteer and base agencies that would like teen volunteers to learn various skills that will help them in future careers.

Student volunteer is interviewed for positions coordinated by Teen Coordinator and base agencies appropriate for the YES Program. YES volunteers are not be placed in the following positions: thrift store, cashier positions, chapel positions, base retail operations, waitressing, school program, or any Red Cross position.

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AFGSC provides deterrence for the modern era

By Airman 1st Class Joseph Raatz
Air Force Global Strike Command Public Affairs

BARKSDALE AIR FORCE BASE, La. -- The Air Force recently demonstrated its nuclear deterrence and power projection capabilities through a coordinated display of strategic combat power.

Air Force Global Strike Command Airmen -- responsible for two legs of the nation's nuclear triad -- conducted the demonstrations, which included participation in a large combined forces exercise in the Pacific, a nuclear-capable cruise missile weapon system evaluation over the Utah Test and Training Range, and an ICBM operational test launch from Vandenberg AFB, California.

"The United States' strategic forces provide the nation a safe, secure and effective deterrent that's ready 24/7," said Lt. Gen. Stephen Wilson, AFGSC commander. "While the world is growing more challenging and more complex, Global Strike Airmen operate with flexibility and strategic agility whether the mission calls for a conventional or nuclear capability."

Valiant Shield

Showcasing AFGSC's conventional capabilities, 8th Air Force Airmen currently deployed to Andersen AFB, Guam, participated in Exercise Valiant Shield, a U.S. Pacific Command combined forces training exercise, Sept. 15-23.

Valiant Shield is a biennial field training exercise that focuses on the integration of joint training among U.S. forces. The participating forces demonstrated the inherent flexibility of joint forces and exercised a wide range of capabilities, from maritime security operations to anti-submarine and air defense exercises and complex warfighting.

"Having the B-52 operate in the Pacific provides security and stability in the region and allows our operators to become familiar with the area of operations," said Capt. Case Johnson, a B-52 aircraft commander assigned to the 96th Bomb Wing at Barksdale AFB.

In addition to AFGSC bomber support, the nine-day Pacific theater-focused exercise brought together 19 surface ships, more than 200 aircraft and 18,000 U.S. troops from every branch of service to participate in joint forces operations throughout the region.

"[Valiant Shield] It was very interesting to learn from the other branches of the service and learn about their unique capabilities," said Capt. Anthony Mascaro, a B-52 pilot with the 96th Bomb Squadron and a participant in Valiant Shield. "One of the things we've learned is how to interoperate with the different services that are out here, for instance discovering what kind of requirements the Navy might have versus the Air Force for a certain mission set. We would approach a problem and then work together on how to solve it in a joint fashion."

The Air Force has been conducting continuous bomber presence operations in the Asia-Pacific region for over a decade and plans to continue the practice into the foreseeable future.

"This forward deployed presence demonstrates continuing U.S. commitment to stability and security in the Asia-Pacific region," said Maj. Gen. Scott Vander Hamm, 8th Air Force and Task Force 204 commander. "Eighth Air Force maintains an ongoing deployment of bombers to Andersen, which provides opportunities for our Airmen to advance and strengthen regional alliances and our long-standing military-to-military partnerships throughout the Asia-Pacific. Most importantly, these bomber rotations provide



U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Trevor Welsh Pacific Air Forces and U.S. Pacific Command commanders a global strike and extended deterrence capability against any potential adversary."

Nuclear Weapons System Evaluation Program

While Valiant Shield was in full swing in the Pacific, 8th Air Force bomber crews stateside conducted an end-to-end operational nuclear weapons system evaluation demonstrating the strategic bomber force's ability to configure, load, fly and deliver a nuclear capable air launched cruise missile. As part of the NucWSEP, two B-52H Stratofortresses were tasked to fly a simulated combat mission from Barksdale AFB to the Utah Test and Training Range where one launched an unarmed AGM-86B Air Launched Cruise Missile, Sept. 22.

As a standoff weapon the ALCM was designed to be launched from outside of the combat area, allowing aircrews to strike distant targets with a high degree of accuracy without exposing themselves to potentially deadly enemy fire.

"These periodic demonstrations provide a highly visual example of our nation's long range strike abilities," Vander Hamm said. "With each success, we prove to our adversaries that we can and will effectively defend the United States and its allies and can reliably strike at any threat, any time."

With aerial refueling, a B-52 can put ALCM capability anywhere in the world within hours. Each B-52 can carry up to 20 of these missiles, with six on each of two exterior pylons and eight on an interior rotary launcher.

"An enemy force would have to counterattack each of the missiles, making defense against them costly and complicated. The enemy's defenses are further hampered by the missiles' small size and low-altitude flight capability, which makes them difficult to detect on radar," Vander Hamm said.

For the NucWSEP, Airmen from the 2nd Bomb Wing's munitions and aircraft maintenance squadrons pulled the ALCM from a storage facility. They then uploaded navigational and performance test software to the missile designed to record all relevant data during the missile's flight and feed it back to the operators. This provided a detailed picture of how well the weapon system functioned.

"We're testing it the whole time to make sure that it's operating in the manner in which it was designed," said Staff Sgt. Joshua Craig, a cruise missile maintenance team chief with the 2nd Munitions Squadron here.

Once the diagnostics and programming were completed, the ALCM was loaded onto a B-52 by an experienced weapons load team. The B-52 then flew to the test range and launched the weapon, which flew for an undisclosed amount of time before striking its target.

For aircrews, the opportunity to launch a missile drove home the importance of their mission.

"When you think of deterrence, it's not something that you normally see in the news every day, but what we're doing on this flight... is vitally important to the defense of the U.S.," said Capt. Lance Adsit, a B-52 aircraft commander with the 20th Bomb Squadron who flew with the lead aircraft during the test.

"The impact this has is it makes sure when our leaders go to make any type of decisions or negotiations on the world stage that they're in a position of power, that their voice is heard -- and not only heard but it's respected and taken into account when other countries make decisions," said Airman 1st Class Karl Reid, an ALCM flight missile technician with the 2nd Munitions Squadron here. "I think that's important and it's an honor to be a part of it."

Glory Trip 211

Demonstrating the ground-based leg of the nation's nuclear triad, AFGSC and 20th Air Force Airmen conducted an operational test launch of an unarmed Minuteman III intercontinental ballistic missile from Vandenberg AFB, Sept. 23. This was the most recent in a series of more than 200 test-launches conducted with the Minuteman III program.

"Test launches are critical to validating the continued accuracy and reliability of the Minuteman III weapon system and providing valuable data to ensure a safe, secure and effective nuclear deterrent," said Maj. Gen. Jack Weinstein, commander of 20th Air Force and Task Force 214. "Our Airmen maintain and operate this weapon system year round in some challenging environments, and this test is a result of their expertise and tireless devotion to this mission."

The launch team, under the direction of the 576th Flight Test Squadron at Vandenberg AFB, included Airmen from the 91st Missile Wing at Minot AFB, North Dakota.

"Like all Airmen in 20th Air Force and Task Force 214, the Airmen of the 91st Missile Wing are dedicated and highly-proficient in maintaining, securing and operating the ICBM leg of the nation's strategic deterrence capability," Col. Michael Lutton, 91st MW commander, said. "This launch allowed us to demonstrate that excellence."

As in each Minuteman III test-launch, preparation for this launch began months before the launch date. The Air Force selected a missile from the field at random and removed it from the silo. The nuclear ordnance was then removed by a team of skilled missile technicians. Once disarmed, the missile was loaded into a special transporter vehicle and driven to the launch site at Vandenberg.

When the missile reached its destination it was loaded with telemetry packages and carefully lowered into the test-launch silo. After running an exhaustive series of diagnostics and proceeding through checklists, the missile crews

launched the ICBM toward the Kwajalein Atoll some 4,200 miles away, where it struck its target.

"This launch is the result of months of hard work and preparation by both our team here at Vandenberg, Airmen from Minot AFB and engineers from the Air Force Nuclear Weapons Center," said Col. Kelvin Townsend, 576th Flight Test Squadron commander. "This launch validated our teamwork and demonstrated a strong and visible display of America's deterrent and global strike capabilities."

Every test launch verifies the accuracy and reliability of the ICBM weapon system, providing valuable data to ensure a safe, secure and effective nuclear deterrent, Townsend said.

The Minuteman III ICBM has a range of more than 6,000 miles and can put a nuclear weapon on target almost anywhere on the globe. The U.S. maintains 450 of these missiles in hardened silos, manned 24 hours a day by highly-trained and dedicated Airmen.

While the test-launches are designed to test the missile system, they have the added benefits of both demonstrating the nation's powerful deterrence capabilities and boosting the morale of the missile crews and maintenance personnel who stand vigil over America's nuclear arsenal.

"Getting the opportunity to conduct a test launch is probably one of the most coveted assignments we have as missileers," said 1st Lt. Trey Morris, an ICBM combat crew commander with the 740th Missile Squadron at Minot. "We are held to incredibly high standards in all of our training --and rightly so, as we're dealing with the most devastating weapon system yet devised by man on a day-to-day basis -- but if there is one thing in our training that has to be done 100 percent correct at all times, that we are expected to be absolutely perfect on, it's launch procedures. To get the opportunity to actually implement that training in the real world is extremely rewarding, to say the least. Plus, how many people can say that they've launched a real-life ICBM?"

Strategic Stability

Nuclear deterrence operations and long-range strike capabilities continue to be essential to the United States' national defense strategy in the 21st century by providing security and stability for the U.S. and its allies in a highly complex and fluid global environment.

"The United States' ability to maintain a strong, credible nuclear deterrent is foundational to U.S. national security and the security of our allies and partners," said Adm. Cecil D. Haney, U.S. Strategic Command commander. "These test launches, and the valuable lessons we learn from each, ensure USSTRATCOM's strategic forces remain relevant and ready, 24/7, providing flexible and credible options for the President and the Department of Defense."

With multiple nations either currently in possession of nuclear weapons or believed to be attempting to develop them, maintaining a safe, secure and effective deterrent capability is crucial.

"[The nuclear mission] is our most important mission, period, simply because of the sheer destructive power that's involved and because of the criticality of it to our national security," said Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics Frank Kendall, speaking on behalf of Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel during the 2014 Air Force Association's Air and Space Conference, Sept. 17.

"This is the very foundation of U.S. national security," Kendall said. "No capability we maintain is more important than our nuclear deterrent."

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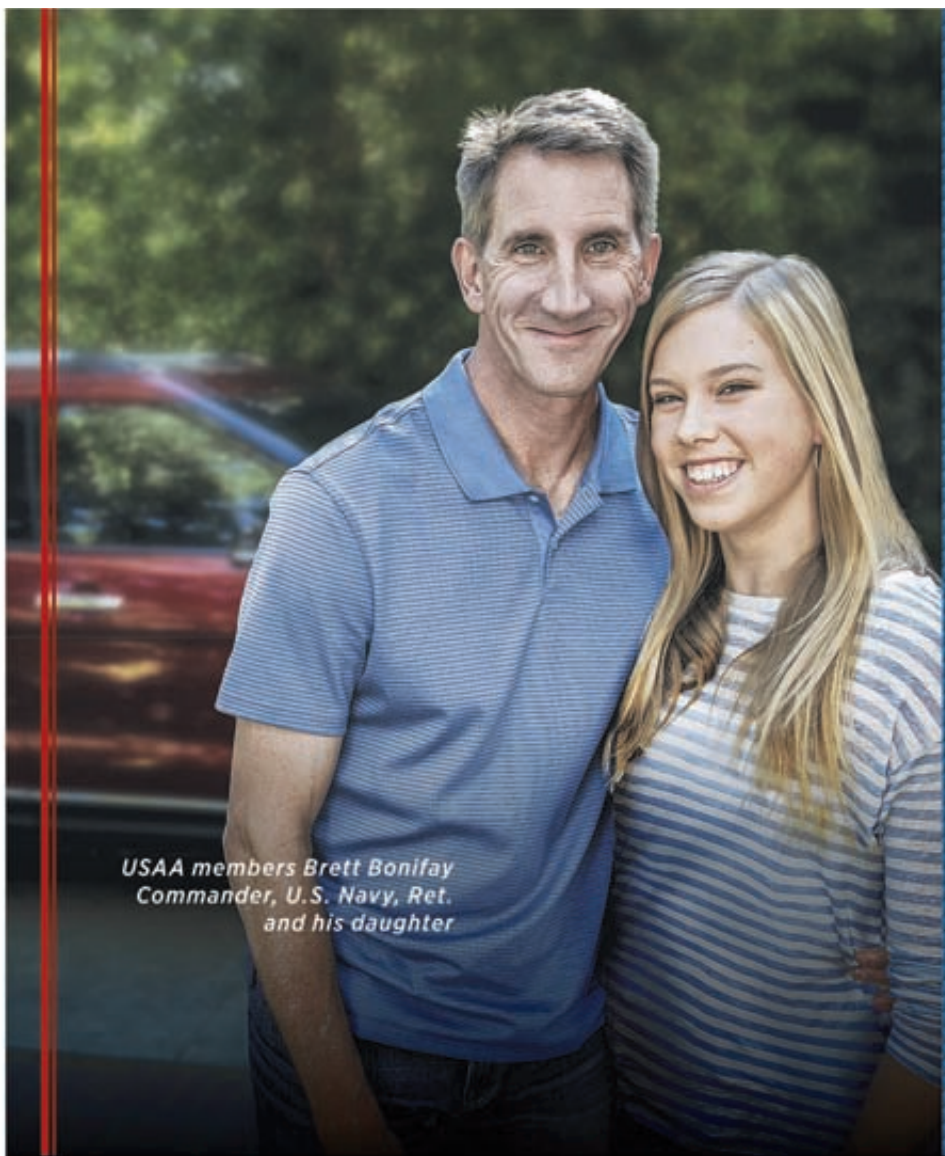
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U.S. Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Marty Anderson, 8th Air Force Command Chief, poses the Spirit of Louisiana with 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron crew chiefs at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Sept. 25, 2014. Anderson visited with members of Team Whiteman and discussed current Air Force topics such as the Force Improvement Program and restructured performance reports.

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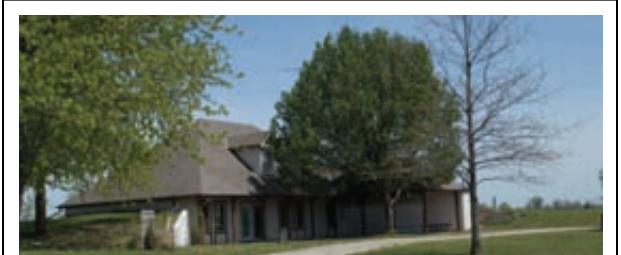
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