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The shirt's thoughts

By Master Sgt. Donald Gray
509th Bomb Wing first sergeant



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As I sat in my kitchen drinking my morning “go-juice” and reading the news, I came across an article that resonated with me titled “You’ll Never Hear Successful People Say These 15 Phrases.” Some of the 15 phrases did not directly apply to being a professional, successful Airman, so I removed those items and added a couple that I felt may serve you all better.

Some of you are already aware of the “pitfall” phrases that we have all caught ourselves falling into at one time or another. Some of the suggested solutions come naturally to many of you based on personality while others have learned to circumvent these issues through years of trial and error. On the opposite side of the spectrum, some of you may need to take a moment and do a little self-reflection to determine if you are truly doing what it takes to become “successful.” Please do not take this the wrong way; I believe each of you are already doing certain things to be successful. This is simply a guide to help you reach your maximum potential in your Air Force career, the community and beyond.

1. “We can’t do that.”

Obviously, I am not talking about laws, directives and AFIs here. Instead, this applies to the problems that arise in your daily work. Are you taking the initiative to figure out how to fix the problem, or are you just passing it off and saying, “We can’t do that”? If you want to be successful, the next time an issue pops up, take action to help your customer/supervisor/etc. and learn how to solve that type of issue as quickly as you can. This shows you have initiative and willingness to take that extra step to make sure your customer is happy.

2. “I don’t know how.” “I don’t know what that is.”

No one knows how to do everything! Do not let a lack of knowledge stop you from figuring something out or finding the answer. There are many things that I do not know how to do (insert joke here). However, as a First Sergeant I know you count on me to know the answer. Do you want to know the trick to learning how to do something or figuring out what something is? Read, ask questions, pick up the phone and start calling people in your network of peers (we will get to this later) to try to find the answer and DON’T STOP UNTIL YOU GET THE ANSWER. Successful people are solution finders and they take the next step to get the answer. Are you taking the next step in your job, career or personal life?

3. “I did everything on my own.” “That was all my idea.”

These two apply directly to supervisors and leaders. Spreading the wealth of praise is a trait of successful people. No one does everything on their own. It takes a team to be successful, especially when it comes to the profession of arms. One person doesn’t put those awesome B-2s in the air, do they? So, how do you build a team? One sure way is to deal praise to those who deserve it. When

did you last let your team know how much you appreciated their hard work? How long has it been since you passed along the accomplishments of your team, not as your own, but as a team to your boss?

4. “That’s not my fault.”

The most successful (and respected) leaders know that you cannot “pass the buck” when something goes wrong. You must own your mistakes and the mistakes of your team. Make the necessary changes to correct those mistakes so they do not happen again and press forward. For instance, is someone in your section struggling to meet a standard (e.g., PT)? As this Airman’s supervisor or leader, do you own your team member’s shortcoming(s)? What are you doing to help correct the mistake? Are you coaching and mentoring this person to be better or are you sitting on the sidelines and letting him or her continue to fail? If you are doing the latter, you are failing as a leader and by extension, you are failing your team.

5. “That’s too early/late.” “I don’t have time.” “I’m too busy.”

Time is a created thing. As such to say, “I don’t have time,” is like saying, “I don’t want to.” What does this say about you? If an opportunity presents itself, are you going to take it, or will you let it pass by simply because you may have to get up earlier or stay at work a little late? Successful people put in the extra time to make opportunities become realities. If you want to be successful, “make the time” so things work and work well. Good time management skills will help you create more time.

6. “It’s okay (over and over).”

I am going to go back to the supervisors and leaders for this one. Are you setting the boundaries up front and holding people accountable when they fail to meet the minimums or they overstep their bounds? Even better, are you holding yourself accountable? Successful teams begin with rules and established guidelines. In the military’s case, we have a lot of these rules established for us (e.g., AFIs, UCMJ, etc.). In addition to upholding the aforementioned, we also need to address the “unwritten rules” inside the office. What are your standards when it

comes to non-black-and-white issues like rumors, gossip, timeliness of work, etc.? To be successful, set the standard and enforce it no matter if it is a black-and-white rule or your personal expectation. Do not allow “It’s OK” to be your go-to answer. Inconsistencies in enforcing boundaries will only cause your team to suffer. Teams survive and thrive only when there are well established expectations and standards, (the Airmen Comprehensive Assessment is a good place to set these expectations) and accountability is vital. Again, strong teams build successful individuals!

7. “Nah, I don’t need any help.”

Earlier I mentioned a strong network of peers. This network is how you break down some of the barriers that may be holding you back. Surround yourself with other successful people. Join professional organizations. Be a part of a group. We have all heard the saying “there is strength in numbers.” This is especially true if you are trying to conquer a problem. There are two main pitfalls I see with networking. One, not having a network (see above for ways to build one) and two, not using your network for fear of looking weak or dumb (reference item 2 above).

8. “I’m not good enough.”

If you want to be successful you must have faith in yourself. Believe that you can accomplish whatever you set out to do. This confidence will give you the necessary drive to see whatever task through to the end. Sure, we all make mistakes and have failures along the way, but what makes or breaks you when it comes to success is how you handle adversity. Do you let it “beat you” by saying “I can’t,” or “I’m not good enough,” or do you try harder and keep pushing forward because you have faith in your abilities? The decision is yours, but by building a strong foundation (all those items listed above) you can surround yourself with knowledgeable people that can push you to move forward even in adverse conditions.

9. “I never read books.”

Reading is a good way for you to stimulate your mind. Much like doing PT three to five times a week so you can get in shape, you should be reading to keep your mind in shape. I am not talking about reading only the books on the Air Force Chief of Staff reading list. Reading novels, the news, as well as all the wonderful leadership books on the prescribed reading list will keep you informed and contribute to your overall mental fitness. If you are not reading you are not “exercising” arguably the most important part of your body, the mind.

You all inspire me every day by doing what you do! The people in this wing are incredibly smart and talented; you would not be serving in our great Air Force if you weren’t. I want you to continue to excel in whatever you choose to do because I sincerely believe each one of you is capable of becoming the success you want to be!

Respectfully,
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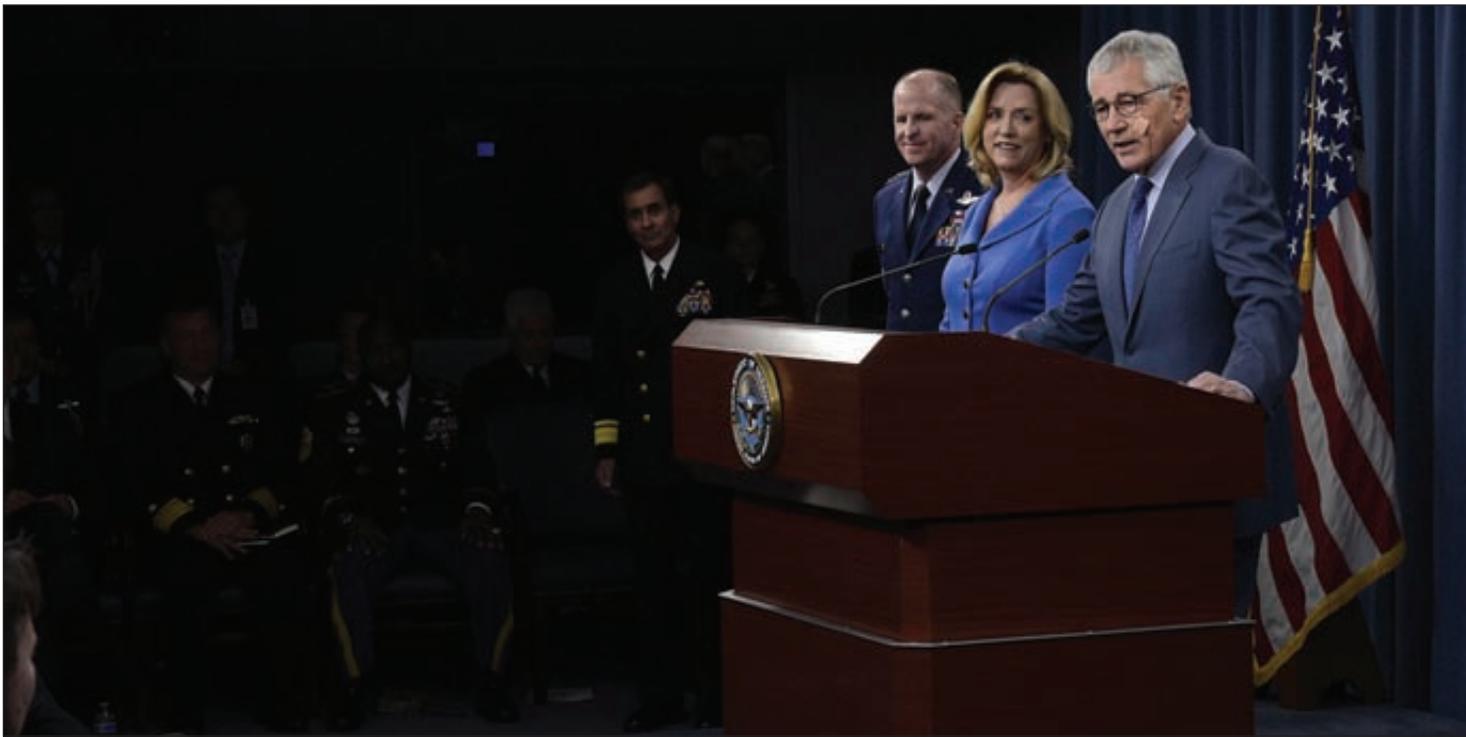
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DOD, Air Force nuclear force reviews consistent with force improvement efforts



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Commander of Air Force Global Strike Command Lt. Gen. Stephen Wilson and Secretary of the Air Force Deborah Lee James join Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel in the release of the results of the Defense Department's Nuclear Enterprise Review during a press briefing Nov. 14, 2014, at the Pentagon. The findings and recommendations from that review are consistent with actions the Air Force and AFGSC have been taking to improve its nuclear enterprise.

WASHINGTON (AFNS) -- The Secretary of Defense announced the results of the Nuclear Enterprise Review during a press briefing at the Pentagon, Nov. 14.

Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel, who ordered the comprehensive reviews of the entire nuclear enterprise earlier this year, said the reviews found systemic problems based on a lack of focus and resources.

"America's nuclear deterrent remains safe, secure and effective," Hagel assured, stating the DOD has been taking action on the challenges over the past several months. "The nuclear mission plays a critical role in ensuring the nation's safety. No other enterprise we have is more important."

The findings and recommendations from that review are consistent with the actions the Air Force and Air Force Global Strike Command are, and have been taking to improve its nuclear enterprise.

In February, Air Force Global Strike Command directed a Force Improvement Program (FIP), the architecture of which was designed to improve mission effectiveness, culture, morale and target areas in need of investment.

In May, Secretary of the Air Force Deborah Lee James announced 100 percent manning for eight critical nuclear specialties by skill and location; assignment incentive pay and special duty assignment pay for select total-force nuclear career fields, approval of the Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal, and has proposed elevating the AFGSC commander from a three-star to a four-star position and elevating the assistant chief of staff for strategic deterrence and nuclear integration to a three-star position.

"We've implemented improvements that have bubbled up from our Airmen in the field, Airmen who are closest to the mission," James said. "We value the nuclear mission as evidenced by making the appropriate investments in people, weapon systems and infrastructure. We have and will continue to work to identify funds to make needed improvements

throughout our missile and bomber forces."

The FIP, which AFGSC Commander Lt. Gen. Stephen Wilson originally initiated for the intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) force in February, collected inputs straight from the Airmen performing the mission every day. That initial call for feedback generated more than 350 solutions to challenges spanning the ICBM operations. The bottom-up approach has allowed AFGSC to rapidly address Airmen's concerns and begin to enact change across the command.

AFGSC expanded the FIP to look at the bomber force to see where additional improvements can be made.

The FIP has evolved into a philosophy of continuous assessment and improvement that empowers Airmen who perform the nuclear mission and seeks to continue changing and improving the nuclear culture.

"Initiating the FIP meant we were 100 percent committed to empowering our people to tell us what is wrong so we can address those challenges," Wilson said. "With the Air Force's help, we have been able to begin closing the 'say-do' gap and prove to our Airmen the nuclear mission is the Air Force's number one mission."

Initial fixes run the gamut from empowering Airmen by pushing responsibility down to the appropriate level, to ensuring they have the right tools and parts available, to removing unnecessary administrative hurdles within the Personnel Reliability Program (PRP), to repairing old facilities where Airmen work.

"The most powerful aspect of (the) FIP is that every solution-driven piece of feedback came from the field -- they own this," Wilson said. "They are empowered to identify problems, work the solutions and then let leadership remove the obstacles to their success."

Additional improvements to date include:

Resources

- The Air Force moved more than \$160 million in fiscal year 2014 to go after the urgent, near-term shortfalls.
- 100 percent effective manning was

announced for eight critical nuclear career fields by skill and location.

Training

ICBM operations training has been fundamentally overhauled, taking best practices from the aviation community, coupled with the appropriate rigors necessary in nuclear operations, to improve crew proficiency and foster a culture of continuous learning and critical self-assessment.

Scores on monthly proficiency exams are no longer tracked or used for career advancement. Without lowering the standard, they have been replaced with a pass/fail score.

Training has changed from a focus on teaching to the test, to a collaborative learning environment in which experienced crew members can share knowledge and expertise with their peers and subordinates, focused on performing the mission in the field.

Organization

ICBM operational squadrons have reorganized, placing instructors in the squadrons to align responsibility and authority within the missile squadrons.

Development

Called "3 + 3", a missileer will spend their initial three-year tour as a deputy crew member and then upgrade to a crew commander. During this first assignment, the focus is on mastering the weapon system by performing the mission in the field. This provides a stronger knowledge base before serving in their second three-year assignment as an instructor, evaluator and flight commander.

The Air Force also implemented a cross-service exchange and will institute leadership development courses for missile crew commanders, instructors, evaluators, support personnel and squadron commanders.

Personnel Reliability Program (PRP)

AFGSC has re-aligned the PRP to its original intent, shifting the paradigm to an 'up-untill-down' construct by eliminating the practice of 'auto-suspending' an individual prior to a medical appointment and removing the administrative burden from the process.

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Veterans recognized



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Members of Team Whiteman are honored as part of a Veterans Day ceremony hosted by American Legion Post 131 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2513. Each member was honored for their deployed service to either Afghanistan or Iraq. Maj. Joseph Pulliam, commander of the 709th Munitions Squadron was the guest speaker for the event. Each honoree was presented a plaque as a small token of appreciation from the two organizations.

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When the smoke clears

By Airman 1st Class
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For many smokers, the decision to start is made at a young age.

To a young and impressionable teenager, a bad habit can look exciting, but what starts out as something seemingly cool can end in addiction.

For one staff sergeant this addiction lasted for more than a decade. The decision to quit came as a promise to her father after he was diagnosed with lung cancer.

Staff Sgt. Jordan Lloyd, a security manager of the 509th Maintenance Squadron, shares her experience as a smoker and a successful quitter to help others with nicotine addiction.

Lloyd now serves as a Fresh Start facilitator, and is just one of many people here that are dedicated to helping others with quitting their smoking habit.

Lloyd, who had been smoking since her late teenage years, said she started smoking because she saw her father smoking and thought it was a cool thing to do. It wasn't until her father fell ill that she decided the time to quit had come.

"I lost my father when he was 59 years old due to lung cancer," said Lloyd. "I had made a promise to my father when he was first diagnosed that I would quit smoking."

Lloyd, who has now been smoke free since January 2011, had more than a promise to her father to help keep her on the steady path. Her husband's allergy to cigarette smoke helped expedite her decision.

"It took me about three months to actually quit," said Lloyd. "I had a little bit of help with Chantix. I went for about a month using Chantix and then honestly I stopped having cravings for cigarettes. If I do have cravings, all I have to do is think about my father and they go away very quickly."

Everyone that is faced with nicotine addiction does not have the same motivation such as losing a loved one to make them want to quit smoking. This is why on-base programs exist.

Brian Kirby, the health promotion director of the 509th Medical Operations Squadron, said stress can cause a person to relapse and pick up smoking again.

"What I hear when people talk about why they smoke is stress or the occasional lifetime

change," said Kirby. "It can range from a deployment notice, marital problems, or maybe even the stress of a wife or girlfriend getting pregnant."

According to Kirby there are multiple incentives and programs to help people quit.

"We have a multi-pronged approach" said Kirby. "Along with having local mentors who meet with those that want to quit for extra support, we also work alongside the American Cancer Society."

For Example the American Cancer Society holds a yearly event called The Great American Smokeout. Its initiative was to get smokers to just quit for a single day. It is held every third Thursday of November and according to Kirby this is a strategic date to get smokers to quit.

While quitting, Lloyd was faced with the hardest obstacle many people encounter in overcoming addiction: the body's reaction.

"The nicotine withdrawals were pretty bad," said Lloyd. "Your body gets used to it so it's kind of a toss-up between that and smoking being part of your daily routine. You're not only trying to deal with the withdrawal, but you're also dealing with completely changing your daily routine because you are trying to replace smoking with other things to do."

Lloyd filled that void with something that she is very fond of now-- running.

"I run 5ks and 10ks almost every weekend now," said Lloyd. "I've just found healthier, better things to do with my time than smoking. I don't feel my breathing being restricted and I'm not hacking and coughing all the time. The longer I stay away from smoking the better I feel."

According to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention cigarettes cause the lungs to constrict as the initial puff is inhaled. Soon after, the smoker's blood pressure and heart rate drop as chemicals reside inside of their lungs, circulating and reaching the brain giving the initial buzz of smoking a cigarette.

That buzz can grow into full on addiction for nicotine. More than 16 million Americans suffer from a disease caused by smoking and each year an estimated 443,000 people die prematurely from smoking or exposure to secondhand smoke.

This year, Lloyd and Kirby hope that their efforts will decrease that number.



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Exchange senior enlisted advisor visits Whiteman

The Army & Air Force Exchange Service's Senior Enlisted Advisor visited Whiteman Air Force Base on Nov. 19 and Nov. 20, giving the organization a chance to connect with Airmen.

While visiting Whiteman AFB, Chief Master Sgt. Sean Applegate toured Exchange facilities and met with Airmen and community members to address how the Exchange can serve them better, including beefing up its assortment of name-brand merchandise in-store and online.

"I always look forward to visiting with Airmen in person and hearing their stories and concerns," Chief Applegate said. "I want Airmen at Whiteman to know that the Exchange's primary duty is to serve them and their families."

Chief Applegate is one of 48 active-duty service members assigned to the Exchange. The Exchange also employs 35,500 civilian associates worldwide.

During his visit, Chief Applegate answered questions from Whiteman shoppers and Exchange associates. He discussed how the Exchange can offer better selection and value by continuing to add name-brand merchandise to store shelves.

"The Exchange works hard to be the first choice for Airmen at Whiteman," Chief Applegate said. "And, part of being the first choice means offering top brands that shoppers want. Exchange shoppers deserve the best, and we're bringing the top national brands to our shelves—names



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Keenan Berry
Chief Master Sgt. Sean Applegate, The Army and Air Force Exchange Service's Senior Enlisted Advisor, speaks during a First Term Airman's Course briefing at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Nov. 20, 2014. While visiting Whiteman AFB, Applegate toured Exchange facilities and met with Airmen and community members to address how the Exchange can serve them better, including beefing up its assortment of name-brand merchandise in-store and online.

such as Michael Kors, Under Armour, Samsung and more."

Exchange prices on name brands are very competitive, Chief Applegate said, and shoppers can find more top brands online at www.shopmyexchange.com <<http://www.shopmyexchange.com>>.

"These competitive prices coupled with tax-free savings in-store and online give shoppers tremendous value," he said.

Shoppers do more than save when buying from the Exchange. Money from every purchase goes back to improving Airmen's quality of life on the installation, he said.

"For every dollar earned, historically 67 cents comes back to the military community through the Air Force Services dividend," Chief Applegate said. "Last year, sales at the Whiteman Exchange generated more than \$400,000 on behalf of Services programs. Every time shoppers buy from the Exchange, they are making life better for their entire military community."

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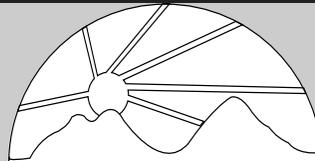
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Airman 1st Class Joel Pfeister

Members of Team Whiteman pose with Kansas City Chiefs cheerleaders and retired players at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Nov. 18, 2014. The Chiefs annual visit is part of their community outreach program.



Retired Kansas City Chiefs quarterback Len Dawson laughs while meeting with members of Team Whiteman at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Nov. 18, 2014. Dawson was the fifth overall pick in the 1957 NFL draft by the Pittsburgh Steelers.



Retired Kansas City Chiefs defensive end Bobby Bell talks with members of Team Whiteman at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Nov. 18, 2014. Bell was inducted into the Chiefs' Hall of Fame in 1980, and the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1983.



Kansas City Chiefs general manager John Dorsey presents Col. Matthew Brooks, 509th Bomb Wing vice commander, with a souvenir football at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Nov. 18, 2014. The Chiefs annual visit is part of their community outreach program.



Retired Kansas City Chiefs defensive end Bobby Bell signs a 2014 Kansas City Chiefs yearbook for Chief Master Sgt. Shawn Drinkard, 509th Bomb Wing command chief, at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Nov. 18, 2014. Bell was a three-time NFL Pro Bowl selectee during his professional football career.



Airman 1st Class Sheldon Pottorff, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, poses with two Kansas City Chiefs cheerleaders at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Nov. 18, 2014. Visits like these help solidify partnerships between Whiteman Air Force Base and local community organizations.



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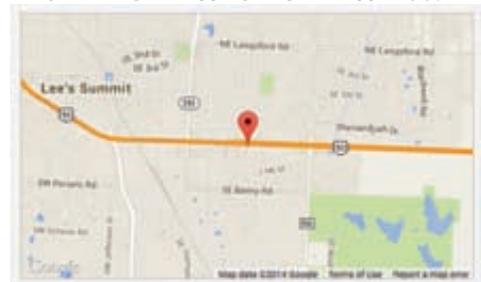
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TACP receives second Silver Star medal



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Maj. Gen. Harry Polumbo, 9th Air Force Commander, presented Master Sgt. Thomas Case, a tactical air control party Airman with the 18th Air Support Operations Group, with his second Silver Star medal, Nov. 13, 2014, at Pope Army Airfield, N.C. Case received the medal for gallantry in action during a 2009 deployment to Afghanistan. The Silver Star medal is the U.S. military's third highest military decoration for valor. It is presented for gallantry in action against an enemy of the U.S.

By 1st Lt. Katrina Cheesman

24th Special Operations Wing Public Affairs

POPE ARMY AIRFIELD, N.C. (AFNS) -- Master Sgt. Thomas Case, a tactical air control party Airman in the 18th Air Support Operations Group here, received his second Silver Star medal Nov. 13, for heroic actions during a 2009 deployment to Afghanistan.

The Silver Star medal is the U.S. military's third highest military decoration for valor. It is presented for gallantry in action against an enemy of the United States. There have been 67 Silver Stars presented to Airmen for actions in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Maj. Gen. H.D. Polumbo Jr., the 9th Air Force commander, presided over the ceremony.

"Master Sgt. Case answered his Nation's call and defended his country with his life. He is the embodiment of our legacy of valor and will always be part of our proud heritage," Polumbo said of Case's second Silver Star. "If you look at the Airman's Creed, there are a couple of lines in there that are particularly important to me when you consider Sergeant Case's actions: not leaving an Airman behind, shielding other troops to keep them alive during a firefight ... that's our Airman's Creed. He epitomizes our warrior ethos and is the 'wingman, leader and warrior' our Airmen want to follow."

For Case, it's not a matter of another medal, he said. In his eyes, he has done nothing more than what is asked of him.

"It's recognition for doing your job," Case said. "You wake up, you get the mission and you go do it."

He joined an elite group as the third Airman and the seventh U.S. military member to receive two Silver Stars since 9/11. Case the only TACP in the Air Force to receive two Silver Stars.

During his 2009 deployment, Case was embedded with a U.S. Army Ranger unit. Inserted by helicopter onto the high mountains in Afghanistan the night of June 17, Case and his team of Ranger special operations forces were to capture or kill enemy combatants and to destroy their mountain camps.

After climbing up nearly 1,000 feet of mountainous terrain carrying heavy equipment, body armor and weaponry, Case realized they were off route, and using the intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance aircraft, he redirected the team.

When they took enemy fire from higher ground, Case remained exposed to enemy fire to ensure he knew the enemy's position for an air strike.

Despite the wires on his radio being seriously damaged, making it nearly impossible to communicate with the aircraft, Case troubleshooted the issue while machine gun rounds hit the ground and trees one meter from him.

Once ensuring the enemy's position was communicated correctly, he called in dangerously close air support from an AC-130 gunship.

Throughout the night's mission, Case stood up multiple times while under fire to ensure the safety of his team members, whether to provide them cover or to make sure the rounds from the aircraft hit enemy positions.

During the battle, while communicating with multiple aircraft overhead and returning fire with his M-4 rifle, he spotted two enemy fighters bounding down the mountain

toward his ground force commander. The TACP stepped forward to protect the commander from gunfire and eliminated the threat.

"Even at that time, I was a little bit older than most of the guys," said Case, a senior NCO with 18 years of service. "So, I'm a little paternal. It was automatic for me to step in front of the commander."

When the enemy repositioned themselves to higher terrain and began throwing grenades down the mountain slope, even after six more dangerously close air strikes on the enemies, Case realized he needed to have eyes on the enemy position. While under direct fire, he climbed 50 meters up a 60-degree incline with near-zero visibility from the dust to join the lead fire team. He fixed his radio and directed four AC-130 air strikes, and then threw a grenade to eliminate incoming insurgents just seven meters away.

At the time of his gallant actions, he was assigned to the 17th ASOS, now the 17th Special Tactics Squadron, at Fort Benning, Georgia.

Special Tactics TACP Airmen deploy with special operations forces to integrate air combat power and surface fires into the ground scheme of maneuver, enabling dynamic, synergistic and lethal firepower on the battlefield. Special Tactics TACPs support all three Ranger battalions, the 75th Ranger Regiment's Reconnaissance Company, U.S. Army Special Forces Operational Detachment A teams, U.S. Navy SEAL Team platoons, and other special mission units.

TACPs perform all air-to-ground integration, surface-to-surface fire integration (artillery), rotary wing and fixed wing air combat support, naval gunfire, electronic warfare such as jamming and intelligence.

Diamond Sharp



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

Whiteman First Sergeants present Airman Ayana Hinton, 509th Operations Support Squadron, with the Diamond Sharp Award at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Nov. 20, 2014. Hinton received the award for noticing and helping a fellow Airman overcome struggles in their career as well as personal life. The Diamond Sharp Award recognizes Airmen that have demonstrated being a good wingman and a great worker.

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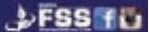
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Thanksgiving Fire Prevention Safety Article

By Tech. Sgt. Christopher Gunn
509th CES/CEFP



Gobble! Gobble! It's that time of the year for you to get ready for that Thanksgiving feast. Time to make plans to have family and friends over, deciding on what size turkey to buy and what sides to prepare. With all those things on your list, fire safety should be at the very top. Did you know, according to the National Fire Protection Association that Thanksgiving is the leading day of the year for home fires involving cooking equipment? So, before you pop that delicious turkey in the oven, take a few minutes and review the kitchen safety tips.

- Stay in the kitchen when you are cooking on the stovetop so you can keep an eye on the food.
- Stay in the home when cooking your turkey and check on it frequently
- Keep children away from the stove. Have a 3 foot kid free safe zone around the cooking area.
- Make sure kids stay away from hot food or liquids. The steam or splash from vegetables, gravy or coffee could cause serious burns.
- Keep the floor clear so you don't trip over kids, toys, pocketbooks or bags.
- Keep knives out of the reach of children.
- Be sure electric cords from an electric knife, coffee maker, plate warmer or mixer

are not dangling off the counter within reach of a child.

- Keep matches and utility lighters out of the reach of children.
- Never leave children alone in a room with a lit candle.
- Make sure your smoke alarms are working. Test them by pushing the test button.
- Have activities planned for kids to keep them busy and out of the kitchen area.

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