

# WARRIOR



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# Multi-faceted Citizen-Airmen train for a multi-faceted MOANG mission

By Col. Michael J. Francis  
131st Bomb Wing Commander

The Citizen-Airmen of the 131st Bomb Wing are multi-faceted; like all Airmen, they bring technical prowess to their AF-SCs; airpower awareness in our profession of arms; and the integrity, service and excellence of our Air Force values. But unique from other Airmen, they also lead and serve in civilian careers that they pursue outside of their Guard roles.

Like its Airmen, the 131st Bomb Wing itself is also multi-faceted. We're unprecedented in the entire Air National Guard to be the sole ANG wing entrusted with the strategic nuclear bombing capability unique to the B-2 Spirit platform. As awe-inspiring as that mission is, there's an equally important home-front mission unique only to the Guard: to be an on-call emergency response force for our home state.

Since 2009, the Missouri National Guard has responded to more than 15 state missions involving almost 6,000 Citizen-Airmen and Citizen-Soldiers. For our Airmen, this role was trained and tested during the various activities of the 131st's Annual Training Week 2015 these past few days:

\* At Camp Clark in southwest Missouri, almost 200 of our Airmen trained to



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fill sandbags, drive convoys, recover from a Humvee rollover and navigate by land, amongst other skills;

\* More than 50 others set up and worked from an expeditionary tent city here on Whiteman;

\* The computer network and communication needs of both operations were supported by our 239th Combat Communications Squadron from Jefferson Barracks;

\* A contingent of the wing travelled across the state to meet their functional counterparts and to learn firsthand the role that the Missouri Guard's Joint Operations Center plays;

\* Innumerable others accomplished recurring and upgrade training requirements and honed their readiness skills, in their workcenters and shops across Whiteman and across the state.

If the Missouri governor calls us, the wing has committed to mobilize and dispatch 50 Airmen within a four-hour window, to anywhere in the state. Hundreds more Airmen could be called as needed to fall in behind this initial presence, to come to the aid and protection of thousands of our friends and neighbors.

After a devastating tornado, a raging flood, a grinding ice storm or other critical event, the competent and compassionate care that our Airmen render in this emergency response work gives our Missouri neighbors, friends and family great comfort.

Honing this capability through the fantastic training that our Citizen-Airmen accomplished this week ensures that we are well-prepared to perform our state emergency response mission, anytime, anywhere.



Airmen from the 131st Bomb Wing set up tents in a simulated deployment situation during annual training at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., June 6, 2015. Guardsmen built tents and simulated austere environments they may encounter during state emergency duty.

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<b>Today</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
Chance of Storms	Mostly Sunny
Hi 80	Hi 91
Lo 68	Lo 68

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>
Chance of Storms	Mostly Sunny
Hi 88	Hi 88
Lo 73	Lo 72

# Whiteman weather officer wins Air Force-level award

By Airman 1st Class Jazmin Smith  
509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

A flight commander with the 509th Operations Support Squadron was recently named the 2014 Air Force Weather Field Grade Officer of the Year.

With this award, Maj. Robert Davenport was recognized as the most outstanding individual in conducting any aspect of weather operations or staff weather duties.

"It doesn't matter what your rank is, good, old-fashioned hard work will pay off in the end, whether with mission accomplishment or an award," said Master Sgt. Leslie Orr, 509th OSS superintendent. "Maj. Davenport is one of the smartest, hardest working, dedicated and compassionate leaders that I have ever had the opportunity to work with. This award is just a testament to that!"

As flight commander, Davenport is responsible for all the equipment, the yearly budget and all the administrative tasks for a flight of 13 Airmen and one civilian.

"The team's performance is the real reason we were highly successful last year," said Davenport in reference to his team being named AFGSC Weather Flight of the Year for 2014. "Their dedication to working together, developing improved processes, and challenging each other to produce better, more accurate mission forecasts drove our success."

All weather units compete at the major



Courtesy Photo

**Air Force Maj. Robert Davenport, 509th Operations Support Squadron flight commander at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., was recognized as the 2014 Air Force Weather Field Grade Officer of the Year. In this category, Davenport distinguished himself in his career field with numerous accomplishments he credits to team effort.**

command level, with the winners continuing on to compete at the Air Force level. Nominees are then rated on accomplishments related to the weather and space

weather operations. In the Air Force Weather Field Grade Officer of the Year category, Davenport distinguished himself in his career field with numerous accomplishments he credits to team effort.

"I'm humbled and honored to have a team where every individual strives for excellence day in and day out," said Davenport. "It always is and always will be a team effort, and it's their hard work and success that should really be recognized."

Davenport led total force integration weather operations for three wings and one aviation battalion while overseeing the production of 16,000 weather reports and supporting 12,000 flight hours for close air support and helicopter operations. Furthermore, he managed a U.S. Pacific Command forward operating location while coordinating requirements for B-2 Spirit and F-22 Raptor integration.

Additionally, Davenport drove tornado national disaster readiness exercise injects for three locations. He also directed forecast program updates and sculpted two air expeditionary group deployments.

"This recognition of his achievement continues to highlight the notion that hard work and honest pride in service to one's country not only allows one to accomplish great things, but also allows that individual to serve as an inspiration to those who have their sights set high as well," said 1st Lt. William Graff, 509th OSS acting flight commander.



## 509th Force Support Squadron Fourth of July Weekend Holiday Hours

	3 Jul 15 Friday Federal Holiday	4 Jul 15 Saturday	5 Jul 15 Sunday	6 Jul 15 Monday AFGSC Family Day
Library	Closed	Closed	Closed	1000-1730
Outdoor Recreation	Closed	0800-1200	Closed	0830-1700
Pool	1200-1800	1200-1800	1200-1800	1200-1800
Bowling	Closed	1100-1700	Closed	1100-1800
Golf	0700-Dusk	0700-Dusk	0700-Dusk	0700-Dusk
ITT	Closed	Closed	Closed	0830-1700
Mission's End Club	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Spirit Auto	Closed	0900-1700	Closed	Closed
A&FRC	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Child Development Center	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Youth Center	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Family Child Care	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Fitness Center	0900-1800	0900-1800	0900-1800	0900-1800
Ozark Inn Dining Facility	Brunch 0700-1230 Dinner 1800-2000 Midnight 2300-0030	Brunch 0700-1230 Dinner 1800-2000 Midnight 2300-0030	Brunch 0700-1230 Dinner 1800-2000 Midnight 2300-0030	Brunch 0700-1230 Dinner 1800-2000 Midnight 2300-0030
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# Whiteman celebrates LGBT Pride Month

LESBIAN GAY BISEXUAL TRANSGENDER  
**PRIDE MONTH**

**Events**

**Open Discussion & Learning Event**  
Location: Ford Auditorium  
Date: Fri. 12 June and Fri. 26 June  
Time: 1500-1600  
Who: Whiteman All  
Led By: Ms. Amy Cwrighton  
Civilian attire is approved uniform for the event.

**Whiteman 5K Run**  
Location: Fitness Center  
Date: Friday, 26 June  
Time: Show @ 0630, Start @ 0700  
POC: SSgt Sierra Phillips  
Those opting not to run in PT gear are invited to adorn their most colorful run-wear for a chance to WIN our 5K Heritage month t-shirt

*"What matters is an individual's patriotism, their willingness to serve their country and their qualifications to do so. And that's all that ever should!" Chuck Hagel*

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Making it Legal

Heritage Month POCs: Ms. Morgan Hildebrand and SSgt Hollie Darling

**By Airman 1st Class Jazmin Smith**  
509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

The month of June has been proclaimed as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Month.

This is a time to recognize the many dedicated LGBT servicemembers and to also pay tribute to their contributions to the political, legal and social realms of the government.

"During Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Month, we celebrate the proud legacy LGBT individuals have woven into the fabric of our Nation, we honor those who have fought to perfect our Union, and we continue our work to build a society where every child grows up knowing that their country supports them, is proud of them, and has a place for them exactly as they are," said President Barack Obama in a proclamation he signed earlier this month.

In the past decade alone, the LGBT community has witnessed an evolution in their on-going civil rights movement, and is still moving forward to gain the same constitutional rights and respect, regardless of sexual differences.

Just four years ago, service members could not be openly gay because of a policy implemented in 1993. The "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy was a directive prohibiting applicants

from serving this country based on their sexual orientation, until it was repealed in 2010.


Another milestone for this movement happened in 2013 when the Supreme Court ruled that same-sex marriage is a constitutional right, overturning the Defense of Marriage Act, which defined marriage as between a man and woman.

Since the turn of the century, more-recent changes have progressed from the crusade fought by those who had to face adversity in a time where support was difficult to come by.

Not only does highlighting LGBT history cultivate a society free of discrimination, it helps the younger generation who might be struggling with self-esteem find hope that changes may be made to end the ostracism, violence and oppression against people who should be free to be themselves.

Whiteman Air Force Base is hosting events this month in support of LGBT Pride Month. It started off with a proclamation signing June 1 and an open discussion and learning event June 12. There will be two other open discussions June 25 - 26 at 3 p.m., in the Ford Auditorium at the Professional Development Center. Airmen and families can also participate in a 5K June 26 at 6:30 a.m., at the fitness center.

For more information, contact Air Force Staff Sgt. Hollie Darling at 660-687-1852 or Morgan Hildebrand at 660-687-5090.



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# 131st's annual training features strong participation, new opportunities

By Airman 1st Class Halley Burgess  
131st Bomb Wing Public Affairs

More than 800 Airmen in the Missouri Air National Guard's 131st Bomb Wing, along with the 239th Combat Communications Squadron from Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, joined forces for annual training here and at Camp Clark in Nevada, Missouri.

After months of preparation, a successful annual training week took place from June 6 through 12, including June's unit training assembly, and let Airmen experience hands-on functional training in addition to typical computer-based training and classroom ancillary training. With the 131st's total force integration with the 509th Bomb Wing, it also let Guardsmen work alongside their active-duty counterparts and build relationships.

Airmen sent to Camp Clark took part in realistic scenarios to help train for state emergency duty. Guardsmen at the mock deployment worked on medical response training, truck driving exercises and other skills that are needed to respond to a state emergency. Their training included Humvee driving and rollover training, convoy operations, first aid and land navigation.

"The National Guard is the only component of America's armed forces with a dual state and federal mission," said Lt. Col. Dean Benson, 239th commander. "While we constantly train for our federal mission, it is equally important that we are ready to serve stateside, too. This training is making our Airmen better able to serve their friends and neighbors."

In addition to supporting the 131st at Camp Clark, approximately 55 Citizen-Airmen from the 239th provided communications for the 131st's training here. More than 50 Airmen from wing staff offices – to include legal, comptroller flight and the chapel – set up and operated in field conditions using tents, generator-based power and satellite network communications. The tent-based worksites exposed Airmen to real-world work conditions they might find in a state emergency duty environment, and allowed them to identify and correct limitations that those conditions present to the completion of their work.

After departing Whiteman's tent city operations, members of the wing staff traveled to Missouri National Guard Headquarters at the Ike Skelton Training Site in Jefferson City. The trip



U.S. Air National Guard photo/  
Senior Master Sgt. Mary-Dale Amison  
Master Sgt. April Lenamond of the 131st Bomb Wing Military Equal Opportunity office, shares a light moment with another Citizen-Airmen during tent building at Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri, June 6, 2015. Missouri Air National Guardsmen built tents and simulated austere environments they may encounter during state emergency duty.



U.S. Air National Guard photo/Tech. Sgt. Traci Payne  
Senior Airman Joel Francisco, a munitions technician with the 131st Maintenance Squadron, and Tech. Sgt. Jason Roddy of the 239th Combat Communications Squadron, help to evacuation of their wingman Senior Airman Scott McElfresh, 131st MXS. The Airmen participated in a simulated tornado exercise during annual training to help prepare them for state emergency duty.

consisted of briefings and tours of the joint operations center, the Guard's command and control nerve center for all state emergency responses in Missouri. The group also visited Jefferson Barracks and Lambert Airport-based wing units to learn firsthand about their missions and the people that they support.

While most wing Airmen trained, about 20 operators deployed in a U.S. Strategic Command multinational exercise at Royal Air Force Fairford, England, supporting real-world operations from home station.

After hours each day, 131st Airmen also had a chance to compete in various sporting and ath-

letic events, with points awarded to each unit based on participation and competition results. Events included volleyball, washers, dodge ball and kickball.

Throughout the week, Airmen were encouraged to share their own experiences and images of AT week by using the hashtag #131stATWeek on their social media posts. Creating a social media hashtag for the unit provided members with a central location where they could view the exciting events and hard work the week brought through the eyes of their fellow Airmen.

The week's activities concluded with a commander's call, followed by the dedication of the



U.S. Air National Guard photo/2nd Lt. Justin Clark  
Citizen-Airmen of the 131st Bomb Wing complete a team-building obstacle on the confidence course at Camp Clark, Mo., in early June. More than 150 Airmen trained for state emergency response during the two-week event.

wing's new Heritage Park, which features three legacy aircraft flown by the 131st, along with the annual family picnic.

During the dedication ceremony, Col. Michael Francis, 131st Bomb Wing commander, recognized the Air Force Outstanding Airmen of the Year awardees. These Airmen were decided by a panel of chief master sergeants hand-picked from around the state.

A number of Citizen-Airmen continued to work through the weekend supporting the Wings Over Whiteman air show before returning to their communities and civilian jobs across Missouri.



U.S. Air National Guard photo/Tech. Sgt. Traci Payne  
Master Sgt. Ervin Lockhart, a radio frequency technician with the 239th Combat Communications Squadron, directs his team after they move simulated barriers out of the way of their convoy, June 4, 2015. Lockhart served as the convoy and incident commander during a mass casualty exercise at Camp Clark, Missouri, June 4, 2015.



# May 2015 courts-martial, Article 15s and discharges

Below is a summary of the more serious disciplinary actions that have occurred on base in May of this year.

## COURTS MARTIAL

No Courts-Martial were held on Whiteman Air Force Base during the month of May.

## NON-JUDICIAL PUNISHMENT

A master sergeant from the 509th Communications Squadron received an Article 15 for a violation of Article 128, assault consummated by a battery. For this offense, the member received a reduction to the grade of technical sergeant (suspended), forfeiture of \$1,862 pay per month for two months and a reprimand.

A staff sergeant from the 709th Munitions Squadron received an Article 15 for violations of Article 86, failure to go, and Article 92, failure to obey a lawful order. For these offenses, the member received a reduction to the grade of senior airman, forfeiture of \$400 pay per month for two months (suspended) and a reprimand.

A senior airman from the 509th Maintenance Squadron received an Article 15 for violations of Article 92, dereliction of duty (for not following technical orders at work) and Article 107, making a false official statement. For these offenses, the member re-



ceived a reduction to the grade of airman first class, forfeiture of \$300 pay per month for two months (suspended) and a reprimand.

## DISCHARGES

Four senior airmen received involuntary administrative discharges for conditions that interfere with military service, failure to progress in military training, failure to meet minimum fitness standards, and a pattern of misconduct, respectively. The characterizations of the discharges ranged from honorable to general.

An airman received an involuntary administrative discharge for minor disciplinary infractions with a general service characterization.

An airman basic received an involuntary administrative discharge for minor disciplinary infractions with a general service characterization.

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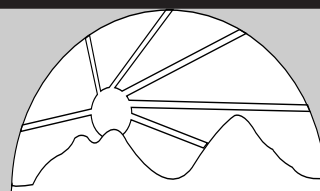
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U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Joel Pfister  
Spectators look on as the U.S. Thunderbirds perform aerial demonstrations June 14, 2015 during the Wings Over Whiteman air show at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo.

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ABOVE: The U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds perform a reflection pass June 14, 2015, during the Wings Over Whiteman air show at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo. The entire show runs approximately an hour and 15 minutes and includes roughly 30 maneuvers.



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Joel Pfister  
A pilot with the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds signs an autograph for a spectator June 14, 2015, during the Wings Over Whiteman air show at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo. The U.S. Air Force Air Demonstration Squadron performs precision aerial maneuvers demonstrating the capabilities of Air Force high performance aircraft to people throughout the world.



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Jazmin Smith  
A member of the U.S. Army Golden Knights Parachute Team launches out of the aircraft June 13, 2015, during the Wings Over Whiteman air show at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo. Flares emitting red smoke were attached to the Golden Knights' boots to ignite once they jumped out.



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Jovan Banks  
A Wings Over Whiteman air show spectator interacts with a robotic Explosive Ordnance Disposal unit as he is given an American flag June 14, 2015 at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo.



U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Alexandra M. Longfellow  
The U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds practice aerial demonstrations in F-16 Fighting Falcons June 12, 2015, during the Wings Over Whiteman air show at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo.



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# Ceremonial welcome for Team Whiteman's newest 'members'



Airmen and officers of the 131st Bomb Wing and 509th Bomb Wing cut the ceremonial ribbon at Heritage Park during the dedication ceremony at Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri, on June 12, 2015. Col. Michael Francis, 131st Bomb Wing commander, cut the ribbon to open the new park that hosts Whiteman's newest static aircraft.

**By Senior Airman Nathan Dampf**  
131st Bomb Wing Public Affairs

This month, Whiteman Air Force Base officially welcomed its newest family members. Their move was not as far as some who get stationed at Whiteman, but getting them here took a little more work.

These new family members are not the uniformed PCSing Airmen, but rather, they are steel-winged warriors of history.

As the 131st Bomb Wing's annual training week came to an end, more than 300 current and former 131st Bomb Wing Airmen and their families attended the dedication ceremony of the wing's new Heritage Park today.

The event celebrated the three newly restored static aircraft that now sit on permanent display here.

An F-100 Super Sabre, AF55-667; F-4 Phantom II jet, AF68-338; and F-15A Eagle, AF76-301; made the trek from St. Louis' Lambert International Airport to here, to ensure the heritage of the 131st lives on at the wing's new base of operations.

"I've been waiting for this a long time," said Col. Michael Francis, 131st Bomb Wing commander. "There were some who wanted these aircraft to go somewhere else. But, these aircraft have such a long and proud history with the 131st. They belong here."

That process began with the 131st Civil Engineering Flight based in St. Louis. After the Base Realignment and Closure Commission moved the 131st to Whiteman for its new mission, Chief Master Sgt. John Morrissey, recently retired 131st CEF enlisted manager, became the custodian

of the static aircraft left at Lambert.

"As our role at Lambert reduced, the plan was to vacate personnel and move," said Morrissey. "But, something had to be done with the aircraft. That's when senior leadership in the wing discussed a park of our own, and that permission was granted by the 509th Bomb Wing."

The engineers took it from there. In the fall of 2014, concrete was poured at Heritage Park to prep the landscape for the three birds. Wing civil engineers developed the plan from start to finish, taking measurements and surveys of the land to accommodate the jets, and pouring the concrete for the planes' footings.

"This project encompasses all of the tasks of our field," said Morrissey. "Not only did we survey the land, dig footings and pour concrete, but we also installed all lighting to ensure the best presentation."

## "Gentlemen, our work here is done"

Once Morrissey's team was done, maintainers from the 131st, 509th and Whiteman's 442nd Fighter Wing participated in lifting the aircraft off the contracted moving trucks. That exercise satisfied a three-year aircraft recovery training requirement for all maintainers involved.

Senior Master Sgt. Phil Johnson, maintenance flight supervisor for the 131st Maintenance Squadron, supervised the lift of the F-100, which was the first of the planes to arrive at Whiteman.

"Some of the Airmen have never done this type of work, so it was good experience for everyone," said Johnson. "I'm the only one who's been with this aircraft, so even though we have the training requirement, we also hope the 131st members understand the history that is a part of

this exercise."

One fun detail Johnson discussed with his Airmen was the fact that the F-100 was the Air Force Thunderbird's "No. 2" plane during the 1960s. Prior to getting a fresh coat of paint, the "2" could be seen through the faded paint that was last on the jet.

In addition to the F-100's history, the F-4 has some bragging rights also. It was flown as part of the 131st Fighter Wing at Lambert until 1986 and has two MiG kills from the war in Vietnam.

## The Day History Becomes a Part of the Future

After each of the jets was reassembled and put on the concrete pads, maintainers completed the restoration and painting. Then, the maintainers finished their portion of the work by adding the appropriate weaponry to each aircraft.

The newly-painted and armed jets were proudly displayed at the ceremony for all to see. Missouri Adjutant General Maj. Gen. Steve Danner was in attendance and helped unveil the air park, which also features a Minuteman statue. As a nod to the wing's legacy, a B-2 Spirit flyover capped the ribbon-cutting event.

Many retirees also came to the event seeing the aircraft they worked on in St. Louis. And, because the Heritage Park opening ceremony took place at the end of the 2015 AT week, many families were in attendance as well.

"It is emotional for a lot of folks," said Col. Michael Jurries, 131st Mission Support Group commander. "We're continuing to tell the story of the Guard and celebrating our heritage. We're celebrating a new mission, but the same dedication to excellence."



# Total force current, selected master sergeant evaluations close out Sept. 30



By Debbie Gildea

Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

**JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, Texas (AFNS)** -- Regular Air Force, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve master sergeant and master sergeant-select enlisted performance reports will now close out annually on Sept. 30. In addition, as of June 3, master sergeants and selects will no longer receive change-of-reporting-official EPRs.

Enlisted Evaluation System and Weighted Airman Promotion System changes initiated in July 2014, including EPR static closeout dates for each grade, focus on ensuring job performance is the most important factor when evaluating Airmen.

Master sergeants and selects, whose EPRs closed out before June 3, will get another EPR that closes out Sept. 30 covering performance during the months between their most recent EPR and Sept. 30.

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# Inter-American SOS candidate applications due in July



By Shelly Petruska

Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

**JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, Texas** (AFNS) -- Active-duty line of the Air Force captains proficient in the Spanish language may be eligible to attend the Inter-American Squadron Officer School (ISOS) at the Inter-American Air Forces Academy, on Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas.

"The ISOS program is designed to develop dynamic Airmen ready to lead in an expeditionary warfighting environment," said 1st Lt. Kyle Seifert, the Air Force Personnel Center force development support chief. "Students practice leadership and managerial skills, using lessons on leadership, military ethics, Air Force core values and human rights."

Commander endorsed applications are due by July 23.

"The course requires specific language proficiency levels and fitness standards, so interested captains should begin preparing now to make sure they have time to complete all the required documents and coordinate the application for their senior raters' endorsements," Seifert said.

Seifert explained that ISOS is equivalent to the Squadron Officer School in-residence course at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama, but additional objectives include developing inter-American awareness and a cadre of potential Latin American regional affairs specialists. Program graduates will earn primary developmental education credit through Air University.

An informational webinar about the ISOS program will be held at 9 a.m. CST, June 11 for interested captains. The session will be available 30 minutes prior to webinar start time and may require viewers to create an account.

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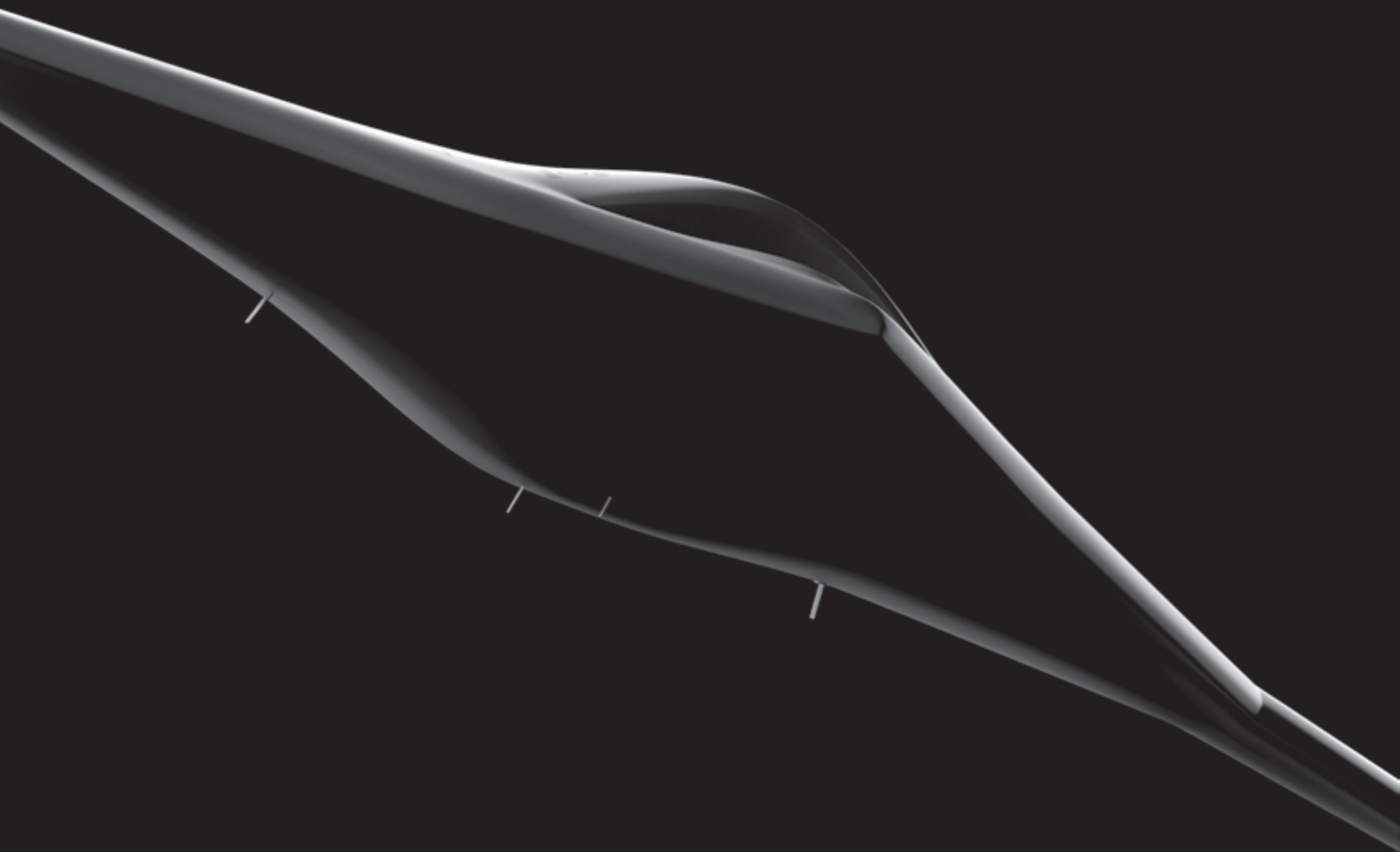
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