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Commander's Corner

By Brig. Gen. Paul W. Tibbets IV Commander, 509th Bomb Wing

As many of you know, Monday, December 7th, marked the 74th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. The attack was a tragic and devastating loss for our nation, its military, and thousands of American families.

One of those families belonged to 2nd Lt. George Whiteman – a Sedalia, Mo. native and the namesake for our installation. As the attack began, Lt. Whiteman valiantly attempted to take the fight to the Japanese. He successfully reached his P-40B aircraft and managed to lift off the runway just as a burst of enemy gunfire hit his cockpit. Wounded and unable to control the aircraft, Lt. Whiteman crashed and his plane became engulfed in flames just off the end of the runway.

Earlie Whiteman, Lt. Whiteman's mother, received the tragic news of her son's death at 10:13 p.m. that night. Later on she conducted an interview with the local newspaper and said, "It's hard to believe. It might have happened anytime, anywhere."



That phrase – "anytime, anywhere" – has been adopted by many military units, including our own, as we continue to project lethal combat capabilities "anytime, anywhere" as our service's premiere Total Force Team.

While some of this certainly may not be new information for many of you, I share it as a reminder to us all of the rich history that has made our wing and our installation what it is today.

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Every day most of us see or even say the name "Whiteman," but most of us, including myself, fail to take the time as often as we should to reflect on the service and the sacrifice associated with that name. Unfortunately, we also sometimes fail to adequately remember those who came before us — those brave men and women who paved the way for our success.

By remembering them we not only honor them, but we also remind ourselves of the shared beliefs between us and them. Moreover, their actions should inspire us to continue the tradition of excellence Team Whiteman is known for.

And that's the whole point of our Uphold the Legacy campaign. Upholding the Legacy is not about one person or one moment in time – it's about one shared history, the next chapter of which we are all writing together each day.

Thanks to your continued efforts and the many sacrifices made by our Whiteman families, our next chapter will be just as memorable as the ones that preceded it.

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U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Joshua Evans, a 509th Civil Engineer Squadron pavements and heavy equipment operator, checks fluid levels on a 20-ft. snow plow at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Dec. 7, 2015. Members of the pavements and heavy equipment shop inspect equipment prior to snowfall to ensure everything is fully operational.



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U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Staci Cooper, a 131st Combat Training Squadron (CTS) aviation resource management craftsman, right, briefs the flight schedule to Capt. Braden Bawcom, a 394th CTS pilot, at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Dec. 2, 2015. During flight schedule briefs, aviation resource management personnel ensure pilots are medically cleared and have the proper items for their mission

By Senior Airman Keenan Berry 509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

Meet U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Staci Cooper, a 131st Combat Training Squadron aviation resource management craftsman. Cooper handles administration information for pilots to include flight pay, training and flight logs.

Born and raised in Emerson, Arkansas, Cooper has been in the Air Force for six years and is passionate about her job.

"I love my job because it directly impacts the mission," Cooper said. "To me, working with pilots is the best job you can have in the Air Force."

Cooper was more than willing to take time and sit down with the 509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs office for a question and ınswer session.

Q. How many bases have you been to?

A. Whiteman Air Force Base is the only installation I've ever been assigned to. I was active duty when I first arrived here, but I transitioned to the Air National Guard. I fell in love with the mission and I wanted to stay here.

Q. Why do you enjoy your job?

A. I love my job because of the installation's mission. Our job here at the 394th and 131st Combat Training Squadron is to train B-2 Spirit pilots on how to perform their roles and duties. Needless to say, the mission here is second to none.

Q. Why were you inspired to join the Air Force?

A. I've always wanted to serve in the military. Whether it was the year 2003 when I

graduated high school, or the year 2009 when I joined, I knew I was going to join the Air Force when I was younger.

Q. What are your thoughts about carrying out the bomber legacy?

A. I think it's a wonderful legacy to be a part of. Not many bases, squadrons or organizations are able to say that they've done what the 509th Bomb Wing has accomplished. I am honored and excited to carry out this legacy.

Q. What are your personal goals?

A. My personal goals are to complete five classes for my Master's degree and eventually obtain my Doctoral degree in managerial leadership.

The Whiteman community congratulates Cooper for earning the 2015 NCO of the year for the 131st Bomb Wing award as she continues to contribute to the bomber legacy.



U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Staci Cooper, a 131st Combat Training Squadron (CTS) aviation resource management craftsman, left, and Capt. Braden Bawcom, a 394th CTS pilot, look over a post-mission review at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Dec. 2, 2015. When pilots return from flight, they must complete a post mission review that includes takeoff time, training items used, landing times and the amount of landings made after each flight to ensure they meet their annual requirements



U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Staci Cooper, a 131st Combat Training Squadron (CTS) aviation resource management craftsman, right, and Capt. Braden Bawcom, a 394th CTS pilot, review a training report at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Dec. 2, 2015. Bawcom must report his inflight procedures, precision approaches and landing/take-off information as part of the post-flight checklist.

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U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Sandra Marrero A holiday tree is lit during a base holiday tree and Menorah lighting ceremony at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Dec. 1, 2015. Following the ceremony, families gathered for the 509th Force Support Squadron holiday celebration where they decorated cookies, heard music from a bell choir and took photos with Santa.

Tax Time

The 2015 tax season is right around the corner and the 509 Bomb Wing/ Judicial Affairs is seeking volunteers to assist with the tax center operations. Training will is scheduled to begin on Jan. 4, 2015 and will end Jan. 8, 2015. The tax center offers free tax preparation and saves service members and their families millions of dollars annually. You would be doing your military an excellent service and your participation would be greatly appreciated. If you're interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact the base legal office at 687-6809.



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Global Strike Command's senior enlisted leader works to advocate for Airmen



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Chief Master Sgt. Calvin Williams, AFGSC command chief, and Gen. Robin Rand, commander of Air Force Global Strike Command, visit with Airmen at Malmstrom in September during a tour of the base.

By Tech. Sgt. Ave Young

Air Force Global Strike Command Public Affairs

BARKSDALE AIR FORCE BASE, La. -

Chief Master Sgt. Calvin Williams came on board in October as the Air Force Global Strike Command's fourth command chief. With 27 years of experience at various levels of command, Williams has remained focused on three priorities — mission, Airmen and families.

"The Airmen are the lifeline to our mission set," Williams said. "We maintain two legs of the nuclear triad and so as a result, they're vitally important. This positon brings an opportunity to

take on and learn a new mission set and to foster more teamwork and a collaborative way of doing business."

As command chief, Williams is responsible for advising the commander on all matters influencing the professional development, training, combat readiness, utilization, morale and mission effectiveness of assigned enlisted personnel.

When asked what he brings to AFGSC, Williams responded, "My hope is to build on the legacy that has been set before me by Chief West and other senior enlisted leaders that have held the position prior to me. I bring servant and humble leadership in support of General Rand and his vision for our command, its Airman.

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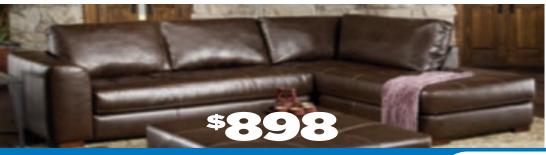






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Dirtboyz gear up for the snowfall

By Airman 1st Class Michaela R. Slanchik 509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

It's almost been 40 years since Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., has seen the highest seasonal snowfall on record of 44.6 inches. When it will happen again, no one knows. However, the "Dirtboyz" at the 509th Civil Engineer Squadron (CES) pavements and heavy equipment shop are prepared to mitigate possible disasters due to inclement weather and enable Whiteman's mission no matter the conditions.

Starting around September of every year, the snow removal crew, consisting of 36 pavement and heavy equipment operators, known as the "Dirtboyz," and 28 augmentees from the 509th CES, begin preparing for the snowy winter months. The most important element is

training their personnel on how to properly operate machinery and re-used to clear the flightline and prevent corrosion. move snow. This is accomplished during a two-week snow-removal

"The class teaches how to maintain equipment, operate equipment and how to properly perform snow-removal operations," said U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Christopher Nelson, the 509th CES NCO in charge equipment operator. of pavements and heavy equipment. "Some Airmen have never seen snow. That's why we focus so much on training our personnel."

After the Airmen are trained, they begin to prep equipment to ensure it is fully functional.

The shop is equipped with snow brooms, plows, skid steers and different forms of ice-melting compounds. Twenty foot-wide plows, on the ground," said Cooley. "We are the backbone of the mission 18 foot-wide snow brooms and a potassium acetate-based deicer are during the winter."

"We check the fluid levels in all of our snow-removal vehicles, the bristles on the snow brushes and make sure that we have enough deicers for both the flightline and the base roads." said U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Glenn Cooley, a 509th CES pavements and heavy

When snow hits, the shop personnel and augmentees are divided into two 12-hour shifts, if necessary. They are issued a checklist where routes are prioritized based on mission requirements, such as clearing the runway prior to other routes, said Cooley.

"People can't get to work and planes won't take off if there's snow



U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Joshua Evans, a 509th Civil Engineer Squadron pavements and heavy equipment operator, inspects a snow broom at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Dec. 7, 2015. Members of the pavements and heavy equipment shop inspect all equipment prior to snowfall to ensure everything is fully operational.



U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Glenn Cooley, a 509th Civil Engineer Squadron pavements and heavy equipment operator, uses a skid steer to transfer a deicing compound at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Dec. 7, 2015. The mixture is used to melt ice on roads and parking lots.



U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Glenn Cooley, right, trains Airman 1st Class Joshua Evans, both 509th Civil Engineer Squadron pavements and heavy equipment operators, how to operate a 20 foot-wide snow plow at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Dec. 7, 2015. The 509th CES pavements and heavy equipment shop members complete a two-week long training course on how to operate all snow-removal machinery and proper snow removal techniques.

U.S. Air Force photos/Airman 1st Class Michaela R. Slanchik



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AFGSC chaplain visits Whiteman



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Michaela R. Slanchik

U.S. Air Force Col. Ronald Harvell, the Air Force Global Strike Command command chaplain, center, stands in front of a B-2 Spirit with members of Team Whiteman at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Dec. 10, 2015. Harvell toured facilities and spoke to Airmen during a pastoral staff visit.

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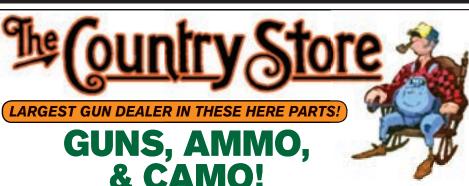
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Learning about the dorm life



U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Jacey Thompson, an Airman Dorm Leader, discusses recent projects at Atlantis Hall during a dorm quality-of-life tour for Brig. Gen. Paul W. Tibbets IV, the 509th Bomb Wing (BW) commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Shawn Drinkard, the 509th BW command chief, at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Dec. 1, 2015. Recent projects include adding surveillance cameras for safety purposes, providing new furniture for common areas, and creating opportunities for Airmen to socialize and enjoy their down time.



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and their families."

For Williams, it's a job that means getting familiar with each of the command's nine wings and one of the broadest mission sets in the Air Force. To build some of that familiarity, Williams traveled to F.E. Warren AFB, Wyoming and Malmstrom AFB, Montana. Williams witnessed firsthand how missileers, maintainers and defenders remain ready to execute the mission.

"A lot of northern tier bases are like CONUS isolated remotes," Williams said. "The biggest take away for me was the comradery and the sense of community that the Airmen on those bases have. Their sense of pride and commitment to the mission set is daunting. They get it done in spite of not having the past comforts that some may have known coming from metropolitan areas. I have 100% confidence in the leadership and ability of the teams that are out there."

Gaining an understanding helps Williams to advocate for AFGSC Airmen. While observing the day-to-day operations of those who operate, maintain and defend the Minuteman III, the command chief says he has gained more than just a familiarity, but a deep understanding and appreciation for what these Airmen do.

"Our crews work long, long days," Williams said. "I didn't have that appreciation prior to going out and seeing it firsthand."

Although he is new to the ICBM field, he is familiar with other aspects of the AFGSC mission and the Airmen who work with aircraft.

"I have a little skin in the game as it relates to the B-1 mission," added Williams. "I was the 12th Air Force Command Chief at Davis-Monthan ... when two of the wings were Dyess and Ellsworth, so seeing our entire bomber fleet under one command is much like it was in the early days of me coming into the Air

Williams is impressed with the Airmen -- civilian, enlisted and officer alike - of Global Strike Command. This is largely due to the influence of the Airmen he has met with so far.

"I am thankful for the hospitality, the leadership that exists at the bases that I've visited thus far, as well as the entire command," Williams said. We welcome the opportunity to provide solutions to challenges and the opportunity to better take care of Airmen and their families. We sleep at ease because they're on watch day in and day out."



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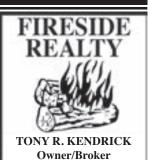
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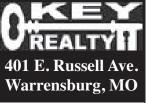
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