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## KEEP IT MOVING

509TH LRS IPE PREPARE AIRMEN FOR DEPLOYMENT

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# Trained, equipped, ready to Defend and Avenge



U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Corey Lewis, a 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron materiel management journeyman, gathers an improved outer tactical vest for a deployment bag at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Feb. 3, 2016. Depending on an Airman's destination, they may require different items, from an advanced combat helmet, web belt and canteen to chemical defense gear and field items.

Story and photos by Airman 1st Class  
Michaela R. Slanchik  
509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

When Airmen deploy or engage in hazardous duties they rely on their equipment and knowledge to survive and thrive.

The 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron (LRS) individual protective equipment (IPE) section's mission is to ensure members of Team Whiteman are fully prepared before departing for deployment.

The IPE section provides Airmen from the 509th Bomb Wing (BW), 131st BW and 442d Fighter Wing with equipment, such as improved outer tactical vests (IOTV), advanced combat helmets (ACH), M50 gas masks, chemical protection gear, an M4 Carbine rifle or a Beretta M9 pistol and any other equipment required to accomplish the mission.

"We provide everyone involved with Whiteman's strategic deterrence mission with the items they need both in garrison and down-range," said U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Michael Carbajal, the 509th LRS NCO in charge of IPE.

Regardless of the mission, the IPE shop is prepared to have equipment ready well within the time an Airman needs it, said Carbajal.

"Some rotations might only require a helmet, web belt and canteen. Others may require everything from a primary and secondary weapon, chemical defense gear, field items and cold weather supplies," said Carbajal. "Each tasking has a special code showing what is required. We read and translate them and outfit each person accordingly."

In order to have these items ready to de-

ploy, there is a lot of background work done by members of the IPE shop.

Airman 1st Class Corey Lewis, a 509th LRS materiel management journeyman, is responsible for inventory, inspection and cleaning of all equipment.

"The mission cannot be accomplished if we don't have integrity," said Lewis. "I am responsible for all deployable items being within the correct expiration date. Regardless of the deployment, it is critical that the inventory is done correctly."

Preparation is key when it comes to successful mission completion. Being supplied with the proper equipment and training could make the difference between life and death.

"There is nothing worse than not being equipped to fight," said Carbajal. "When you deploy you are being faced directly with the possibility of having to fight while accomplishing your role in the mission. You can't do your job if you are not prepared to face the elements. As for the training portion, if you don't know how to use your equipment you might as well have left it at home. You have then become a liability rather than an asset to the mission."

Although the IPE shop is responsible for supporting Team Whiteman, they must also prepare to perform their jobs elsewhere. Lewis knows this first-hand, as he is preparing for his own deployment. He attributes his confidence to his job and those he works with.

"After a training exercise, we can pin-point our weaknesses and correct them to make the process go faster each time," said Lewis. "Coming from this shop helps a lot. Preparing others for deployments time and time again has

helped make me an expert. I have no doubt that I will have all of the equipment and training I will need for my deployment."

Having the proper equipment and training gives Airmen one less thing to worry about before a deployment. It is the knowledge and integrity of the IPE section that ensures the readiness of Whiteman's Airmen as they train and deploy in support of global operations... anytime, anywhere.



U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Corey Lewis, a 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron (LRS) materiel management journeyman, demonstrates proper wear of an M50 gas mask at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Feb. 3, 2016. Members of the 509th LRS individual protective equipment section ensure Airmen are properly trained on issued equipment before it is used for training or deployments.

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## On the cover

U.S. Air Force photo/  
Airman 1st Class Michaela Slanchik  
A U.S. Air Force B-2 Spirit aircraft sits on the flightline prior to takeoff at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., for Red Flag (RF) 16-1 Feb. 2, 2016. Established in 1975, RF includes command, control, intelligence and electronic warfare exercises to better prepare forces for combat.

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# AF implements new DOD-wide changes to maternity leave



U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Miguel Lara III

**U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Janie Ramsey, left, a 509th Bomb Wing plans and programs client systems personnel, reviews records with Master Sgt. Candice Miller, the 509th Bomb Wing plans and programs superintendent, at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Feb. 10, 2016. Ramsey and other service members expecting children will be able to receive up to 12 continuous, non-transferable weeks of fully paid maternity leave in accordance with DOD-wide changes effective Feb. 5, 2016.**

### By Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

**WASHINGTON (AFNS)** -- Beginning Feb. 5, active-duty female Airmen will receive up to 12 continuous, non-transferable weeks of fully paid maternity leave in accordance with Defense Department-wide changes to the policy outlined in Defense Secretary Ash Carter's Force of the Future announcement Jan. 28.

This new policy applies to all Airmen in the active-duty component, and those Reserve component service members on orders to active service for a continuous period of at least 12 months.

Airmen who are currently on maternity leave will automatically be granted a 42-day extension. Those Airmen currently on approved ordinary leave in conjunction with their maternity leave are authorized to convert their regular leave to non-chargeable maternity leave, not to exceed a total of 12 weeks.

Commanders may not disapprove maternity leave, which begins immediately following a birth event or release from hospitalization following a birth event for a continuous 12-week period. This policy in no way restricts unit commanders or medical professionals from granting

convalescent leave in excess of 12 weeks if a medical authority deems that leave is warranted.

A birth event refers to any birth of a child or children to a female service member wherein the child or children are retained by the mother. Multiple children resulting from a single pregnancy will be treated as a single event so long as the multiple births occur within the same 72-hour period.

The new policy also protects Airmen from any disadvantages in their career, including but not limited to assignments, performance appraisals or selection for professional military education, as a result of maternity leave taken.

In addition, DOD is requesting legislative changes to paternity leave. "We will seek authorities to increase paid paternity leave for new fathers from 10 to 14 days, which they can use in addition to annual leave," Carter said.

Airmen with questions can contact their chain of command or local force support squadron for more details on eligibility, applicability and any other specifics related to the new benefit as the Air Force begins incorporating the changes into appropriate regulations and guidance.

# Celebrate National Children's Dental Health Month in February

**By U.S. Air Force**  
**Master Sgt. William Winslow**  
509th Medical Operations Squadron

The month of February is set aside each year as National Children's Dental Health month; a time to focus on oral health education for all children. The American Dental Association (ADA) began sponsoring the event in 1949 to promote the importance of good oral health at a young age. This nation-wide program has educated millions of children across the U.S. over the last 67 years by working through schools, public



facilities, community groups, military bases, and dental offices.

In support of the National Children's Dental Health Month celebration, dental personnel from the 509th Medical Group will host

an educational booth at the Whiteman Base Exchange on Feb. 19, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The dental staff will be available to answer questions and will be offering free boil and bite guards to patrons.

To further highlight the importance of developing good oral health in children, there will be a series of additional educational articles published. Please contact your private or civilian dentist for other special events in the area associated with National Children's Dental Health Month. If you would like more information you can visit the ADA website online at [www.ada.org](http://www.ada.org).

# SecAF, CSAF testify on FY 2017 AF posture



U.S. Air Force photo/Scott M. Ash  
Air Force Secretary Deborah Lee James and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Welsh III testify before the Senate Appropriations Committee on Defense in Washington, D.C., Feb. 10, 2016. The two leaders presented the fiscal year 2017 Air Force budget request.

**By Senior Airman Hailey Haux**  
Secretary of the Air Force  
Public Affairs Command Information

Air Force Secretary Deborah Lee James and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Welsh III testified before the Senate Appropriations Committee on the fiscal year 2017 Air Force posture on Capitol Hill Feb. 10.

Both James and Welsh stressed that the need for airpower continues to rise and the gap between the U.S. Air Force and its closest pursuers is closing.

“Bottom line here is that ... we are fully engaged in every region of the world, in every mission area, across the full spectrum of military operations,” James said. “Put simply: we have never been busier on such a sustained and such a global basis.”

The Fiscal Year 2017 Air Force Posture Statement states the president’s fiscal 2017 budget aims to build, train and equip an Air Force capable of responding to today’s and tomorrow’s threats.

“The United States can’t fight, much less win, today’s wars without airpower,” Welsh said. “That’s just the way modern warfare has moved. The demand signal for that airpower continues to rise. While we work hard to continually become more

efficient, which we must, and to minimize the cost of effectively operating our Air Force, if less capability or less capacity or less readiness eventually means we lose even one more young American on the battlefield, we’ll all wish we’d made better investments.”

In her opening statement, James outlined her three priorities: taking care of people, balancing readiness and modernization, and making every dollar count, which are the foundation of the president’s fiscal 2017 budget.

“Airmen and their families are the Air Force’s most important resource and our budget reflects this truth,” James said.

The Air Force stopped downsizing and started right-sizing total force end strength to address a number of key areas to include cyber, nuclear, maintenance, intelligence, battlefield Airmen, and the remotely piloted aircraft community.

James stated her second priority is getting the balance right between readiness and modernization.

“As we have explained in the past, less than half of our combat air forces are ready today for a high-end fight,” James said. “Our aircraft inventory is the oldest it’s ever been, and our adversaries are

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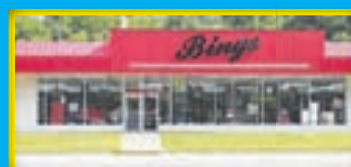
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# Weekly Warrior

By Senior Airman Keenan Berry  
509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

Meet U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Melia Baxter, the 509th Medical Operations Squadron dental lab technician. Baxter handles permanent and temporary dental prosthetics for patients. Baxter was born and raised in Greenville, SC., and expresses enjoyment for her job after 13 years of service.

“I love my job because it’s very artistic and it allows me to express creativity regarding patient’s crowns,” Baxter said.

Baxter took time out of her day to sit with the 509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs office for a question and answer session.

Q. Why do you enjoy your job?

A. My job is both challenging and rewarding because I’m always working with my hands creating dentures and crowns for my patients to enjoy. I take pride in being

the sole dental lab technician at Whiteman, and being able to bring confidence and beauty to a patient’s smile.

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

A. I take pride in being a part of the only B-2 bomb wing in the Air Force. Learning what it can do and what it does for the nation gives me great pride knowing we are the only ones who can fulfill that capability.

Q. What are your personal goals?

A. My goals are to obtain my bachelor’s degree, retire from the Air Force and own a dental lab.

Q. What bases have you been to?

A. I’ve been to Misawa Air Force Base, Japan, Andrews AFB, Md., Davis Monthan AFB, Ariz., Sheppard AFB, Texas, Langley AFB, Va., and Whiteman AFB, Mo. My favorite of the six was Davis Monthan because I really enjoyed the area.

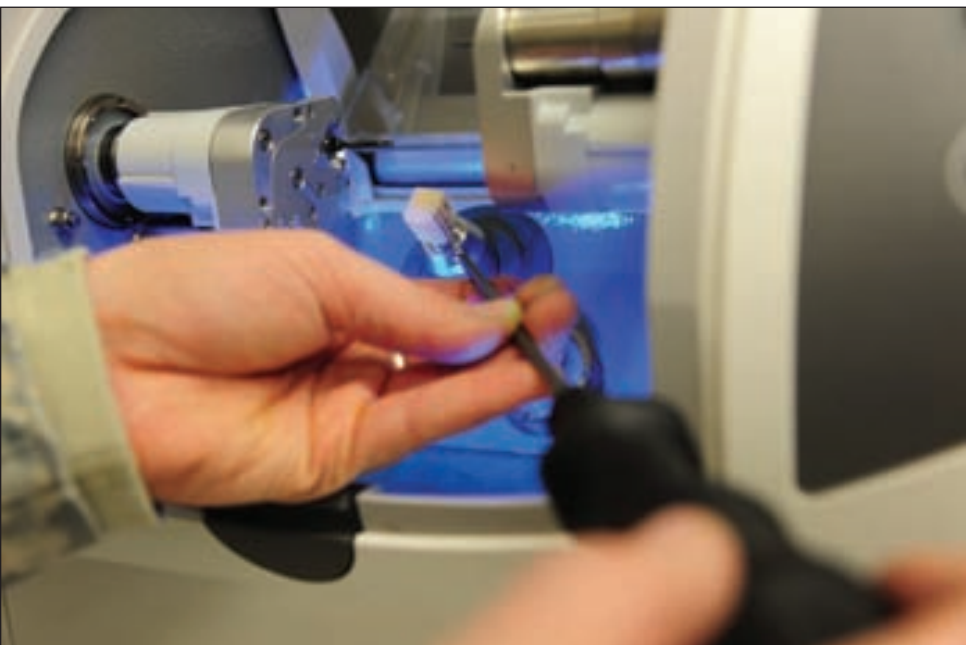
Q. What inspired you to join the Air Force?

A. I joined to make a difference for my life, travel and provide financially for my family.

The Whiteman community congratulates Baxter as she continues to perform her duties in ensuring patients walk out the dental clinic with a new smile.

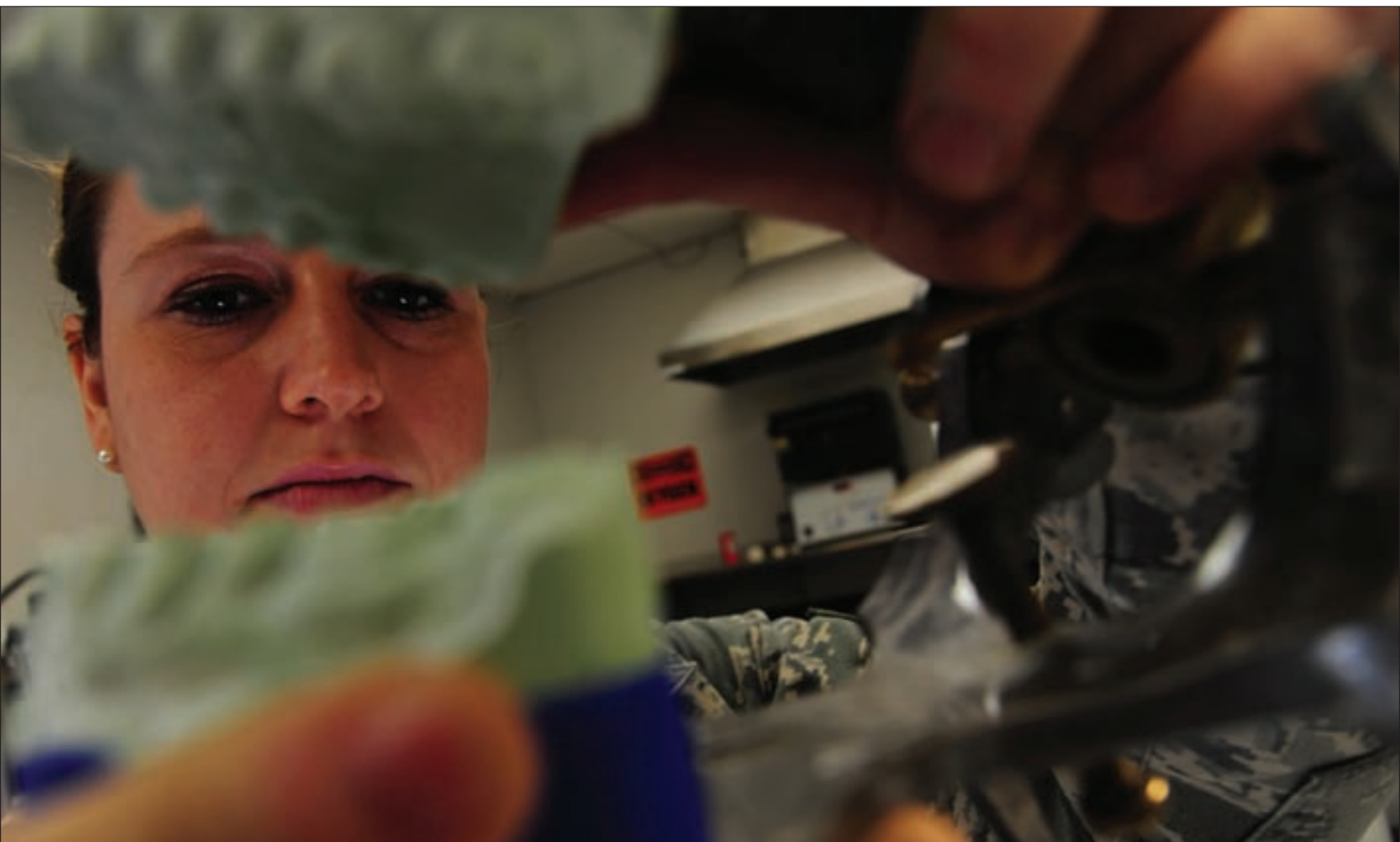


U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Melia Baxter, the 509th Medical Operations Squadron dental lab technician, prepares metal for a crown in the sand blast machine at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Jan. 29, 2016. The sand blast machine cleans the metal for porcelain stacking, which is the process for making the crown resemble an actual tooth.



U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Melia Baxter, the 509th Medical Operations Squadron dental lab technician, puts a sprue into a computer aided design and computer aided manufacturing machine (CAD/CAM) at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Jan. 29, 2016. The CAD/CAM is used to mill (carve) the sprue into a crown, specifically fit for the patients mouth.

*U.S. Air Force photos/Senior Airman Keenan Berry*



U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Melia Baxter, the 509th Medical Operations Squadron dental lab technician, checks facial anilingual contours for a patient’s cast at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Jan. 29, 2016. The anilingual contours must be accurate to allow the patient to naturally clean their teeth with their cheek and tongue.

## 509 MSG Airman earns Chiefs' Choice



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Keenan Berry  
U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Michael Buhrman, a 509th Mission Support Group (MSG) unit deployment manager (UDM), center, poses for a photo after earning the Chiefs' Choice award at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Jan. 20, 2016. Buhrman completed his UDM training 20 days ahead of schedule and is responsible for the deployment readiness of 158 personnel. Buhrman also prepared MSG personnel for their first commander's Vertical Inspection, organized the all call layout for the Air Force Global Strike Command commander's visit and worked with the 509th Comptroller Squadron to ensure personnel who were recalled for recent operational needs had the opportunity to apply for reimbursement.

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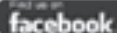
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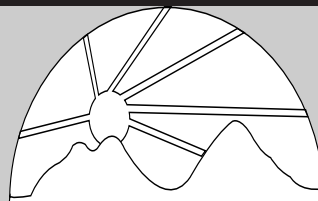
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# Team Whiteman participates in joint Red Flag 16-1 exercise



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U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Andrew Dutton, a 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron crew chief, waits for pre-flight instructions over his headset at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Feb. 2, 2016, during Red Flag (RF) 16-1. RF, located at Nellis AFB, Nev., enables joint and international units to sharpen their combat skills by flying simulated combat sorties in a realistic environment.



U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Miguel Lara III

U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Spencer Thrasher, a 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron dedicated crew chief, inspects the brake hydraulic lines on a B-2 aircraft during a quick-turn inspection at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Feb. 2, 2016, prior to a mission during Red Flag (RF) 16-1 exercise. RF is held at Nellis AFB, Nev., and is the realistic combat training exercise that provides a heavily-contested and degraded operational environment to prepare crews for possible major combat operations.



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A B-2 Spirit aircraft sits on the flightline between flights at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Feb. 2, 2016. The B-2 is participating in Red Flag (RF) 16-1 exercise, held at Nellis AFB, Nev. RF is a realistic combat exercise involving U.S. and allied air forces conducting training operations on the 15,000 square mile Nevada Test and Training Range.



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

U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Detroy Brooks, a 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron crew chief, marshals a B-2 Spirit aircraft at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Feb. 2, 2016. Crew chiefs play a vital role in ensuring traffic safety on the flightline while aircraft taxi before takeoff.



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U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Zachary Kanouse, a 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron dedicated crew chief, wipes down a panel on a B-2 Spirit during a quick-turn inspection at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Feb. 2, 2016. Kanouse checked components on the aircraft such as the oil and hydraulic brake lines prior to the aircraft taking off for an evening mission during Red Flag (RF) 16-1 exercise. RF involves a variety of attack, fighter, bomber, reconnaissance, electronic warfare, airlift support and search and rescue aircraft.



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

Airmen assigned to the 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron conclude final inspections on two B-2 Spirit aircraft prior to takeoff at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Feb. 2, 2016. The B-2, along with more than 130 aircraft from international air forces, are taking part in the three-week long Red Flag (RF) 16-1 coordinated by Nellis AFB, Nev.



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Prior to takeoff for a Red Flag (RF) 16-1 night mission, a U.S. Air Force B-2 Spirit aircraft sits in a dock at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Feb. 2, 2016. RF 16-1 is a three-week long realistic combat training exercise in the skies over the Nevada Test and Training Range that includes a variety of attack, fighter and bomber aircraft.



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Airmen with the 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron fuels section fuel a B-2 Spirit between flights at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Feb. 2, 2016, during Red Flag (RF) 16-1 exercise. RF, held at Nellis AFB, Nev., is a realistic combat training exercise involving the air, space and cyber forces of the U.S. and its allies.



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closing the technological gap on us quickly so we simply must modernize."

In 2013, sequestration put a strain on the Air Force, forcing the service to park jets, delay upgrades and halt training, which created a gap in readiness.

"For the last two years we have been trying to rebuild that readiness but of course our Airmen have needed to respond to real-world events across the globe," James said. "If we return to sequestration in (fiscal 2018), this will exacerbate the readiness problem and set us ever further back. If this happens, our Airmen could be forced to enter a future conflict with insufficient preparation."

In order to equip the force, the Air Force has invested in the F-35 Lightning II, KC-46 Pegasus and the long-range strike bomber, but modernization doesn't stop there.

"The platforms and systems that made us great over the last 50 years will not make us great over the next 50," Welsh said. "There are many other systems we need to either upgrade or recapitalize to ensure viability against current and emerging threats. Without additional funding, the only way to do that is to divest old capability to build the new. That requires

very difficult, emotional decisions -- decisions that simply must be made if we are truly to provide for the common defense."

According to the Fiscal Year 2017 Air Force Posture Statement, as the challenges of the Air Force employ increasingly sophisticated, capable and lethal systems, the Air Force must modernize to deter, deny and decisively defeat any actor that threatens the homeland and its national interests.

"Twenty-five years of combat operations have dramatically impacted our total force readiness, significantly aged our equipment and has shown the brilliance of our Airmen and the loyalty of their families," Welsh said. "The world is changing, the threat is changing and our Air Force must change with it if we're to remain relevant. Today, American airpower is a given and I believe it's our job, collectively, to ensure this nation's ability to deliver that airpower, when and where it matters most, does not diminish over time."

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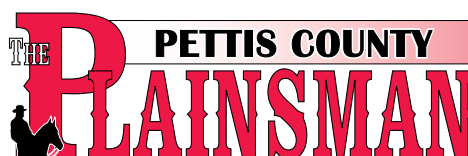
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# From World War II to Afghanistan: USO marks 75th anniversary

By Jim Garamone

DoD News, Defense Media Activity

WASHINGTON (AFNS) -- Talk about the United Service Organizations and people think it is some holding company, but mention USO, and all Americans know it's a way for them to connect with service members.

Retired Army Gen. George W. Casey Jr., the chairman of the USO Board of Governors and former Army chief of staff, estimated that the USO has served more than 35 million Americans over its history.

The USO marked its 75th anniversary Feb. 4 at a gala in Washington, D.C. Medal of Honor recipients, USO volunteers, active-duty personnel, veterans, members of Congress, and stars of stage, screen and music gathered to mark a milestone for an organization founded as the United States geared up for World War II.

Dr. Jill Biden, wife of Vice President Joe Biden, called the group a family that stretches around the world. J.D. Crouch, the organization's chief executive officer, thanked the celebrities for joining in the celebration and for entertaining American service members around the world as ambassadors from the American people.

"You light up our service members' lives, and you remind Americans of the debt of gratitude that we all owe to those who serve," he said.

### Founded at a dark time in history

The USO came into being during a dark time in history. The U.S. was not at war, but the rest of the world seemed to be. Hitler's troops stood at the English Channel and launched nightly air raids against London. In the Pacific, Japan eyed the colonial possessions of France and the Netherlands -- two of the countries Germany had conquered in its 1940 blitzkrieg.

In the face of such threats, the U.S. instituted a military draft, calling hundreds of thousands of men to the colors, and Americans wanted to reach out to their young men. President Franklin D. Roosevelt asked charitable organizations to band together to provide morale and recreation services to service members.

Six civilian organizations answered the call: the Salvation Army, the Young Men's Christian Association, the Young Women's Christian Association, the National Catholic Community Service, the National Travelers Air Association and the National Jewish Welfare Board. These organizations chartered the USO in New York on Feb. 4, 1941.

Japan attacked the U.S. on Dec. 7, 1941, and America entered the war. The Army, Navy and Marine Corps grew, with more than 12 million men and women in uniform by 1945. The USO grew as well; by the war's end, about 1.5 million Americans had volunteered for the USO.

Actor-comedian Bob Hope -- a man whose name would be virtually synonymous with the organization -- held the



first camp show in 1941, and for the next five decades, he was the face of the organization.

### Changing as America has changed

The organization changed just as the American military changed, and it is continuing to change. Wherever the military has gone, the USO has gone, too. There were USO centers in Korea, Vietnam, Bosnia, Somalia, Kuwait, Iraq and Afghanistan.

The USO also has centers at most major airports that provide a place for service members and their families to gather their wits as they travel, and the organization also helps service members as they transition out of the military.

The USO has grown to the extent that today, just a small portion of its budget goes toward entertainment; but that aspect is still there.

### Firsthand look by Joint Chiefs chairman

Marine Corps Gen. Joseph F. Dunford Jr., the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, led the annual USO Holiday Trip to Naval Air Station Sigonella, Italy; Camp Lemmonier, Djibouti; Naval Support Activity Manama, Bahrain; Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan; and Ramstein Air Base, Germany, in December. He told the crowd at the anniversary celebration that the trip opened his eyes to what the organization provides the men and women of the U.S. armed forces.

The general said he would talk to the troops after the show and ask how they liked it.

"They'd say, 'You know what, sir, for a few minutes, I forgot I was here. I felt like I was home,'" Dunford said. "That's actually why President Roosevelt started the USO."

But it is even more than that, and it goes to the heart of why the USO is important to America and its fighting forces, the general said. The country has asked a lot from its military since the attacks of 9/11, and the troops have performed magnificently.

"I think it's exceeded any of our expectations, and there are a lot of reasons for that," he said.

One of the reasons the young men and women who have deployed forward have performed so well is that they "have gone forward knowing that they had the support of the American people," the chairman said.

"Certain organizations deliver that message," he said. "Certain organizations are the physical manifestation of the support of the American people, and I don't know an organization that does it any more than the USO. The USO is actually what delivers that message to them."

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8th Air Force observes 74th anniversary



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Maj. Gen. Richard Clark, 8th Air Force commander, and Airman 1st Class Rabekka Orozco, 608th Air Operations Center intelligence analyst, cut the 8th Air Force 74th birthday cake at Barksdale Air Force Base, La., Jan. 29, 2016.

By Senior Airman Benjamin Raughton  
2nd Bomb Wing Public Affairs

**BARKSDALE AIR FORCE BASE, La.** -- An Air Force command, once led by generals Ira Eaker and Jimmy Doolittle, has participated in combat operations from World War II to Operation Enduring Freedom.

On Jan. 29, 8th Air Force here observed its 74th birthday, featuring a cake-cutting with the 8th Air Force commander, Maj. Gen. Richard Clark, and the youngest troop to join the team, Airman 1st Class Rabekka Orozco, 608th Air Operations Center intelligence analyst.

"Ira Eaker, Jimmy Doolittle, Paul Tibbets, all of those giants; people who were part of this

command for decades, made the sacrifices, and had the concepts, the audacity and the boldness to make this command what it is," Clark said.

"We had hundreds of thousands of Airmen in World War II participate, whether they were aviators, maintainers, loaders, medics or cooks. All of them took the fight to the heart of Nazi Germany and took the fight to the Pacific."

"Those are the ones whose shoulders we stand on, but mostly it was the 26,000 who gave their lives over the skies of Europe to make sure we have the freedoms we enjoy every day making sure this command did the job it needed to do to defend our national security and the constitution we've all sworn to defend."

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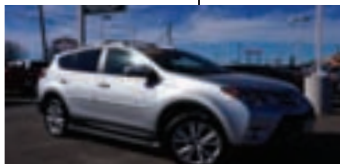
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LIST: \$21,991  
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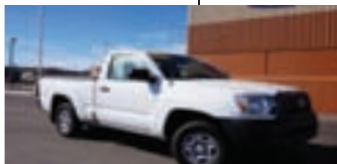
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