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Why is the word 'rape' no longer offensive?

Commentary by Senior Airman Nathan Dampf
131st Bomb Wing Public Affairs

It used to be that no one made jokes or even referenced the word "rape." Now, you can't watch a comedy without someone screaming "rape" in the middle of a comical fight scene or listening to a fellow Airman about how his last CDC exam or PT test "raped" him.

I served as an Airman leader at my technical training school. While there, we had a sexual assault incident between two Airmen. The dormitory went on lockdown until the commander and investigators could wrap their minds around it. Days later at an all-call, one of my fellow Airmen asked, "So does this mean the 'SARC-me-Sunday' jokes are over?"

I casually - but firmly - replied, "Yes. I think it does."

What I didn't explain at the time is how "SARC-me-Sundays," always offended me. When I was in high school, a close friend of mine was sexually assaulted. Just hearing the word made me think of her and what she went through. I hated hearing it.

But, it doesn't seem to bother other people. Why? Maybe it's because we live in a "rape culture" in America.

A "rape culture" is defined as one that ignores, normalizes, trivializes, or jokes about the act and blames the victim. I believe the reason it doesn't offend anybody anymore is because we do live in a "rape culture." And, here are four reasons why:

So-called "Jokes" About Rape

Rape "jokes" are becoming far too common. Recently I watched "A Million Ways to Die in the West." It's funny at times, but actors in the film use the word rape several times throughout the movie, in some rather disturbing ways. One such instance had comedian Bill Maher delivering stand-up comedy in a bar. He ended his routine with a dark twist on the "thank you and don't forget to tip your waitress" line, with this: "thank you and don't forget to rape your waitress."

It's not just the movies either. Jokes about rape are now more common in social media. Facebook had a battle in 2013 where more than 80 human rights groups called for the removal of pages with titles like the "Kill a Slut Competition" and "Don't Wrap It and Tap It - Tape Her and Rape Her," just to name two.

Moreover, not only do jokes trivialize the act, they may also make it harder for males who may have been sexually assaulted. Most of the time, perpetrators of such jokes are male. If a male survivor is visiting with friends and one of them comments about how his car wreck "raped" his new paint job, they've just re-traumatized their friend, and shown that they feel rape is not an issue men experience.

Victim Blaming

Secondly, more often than not, it is the survivor's credibility that comes into question, instead of the accused perpetrator's. We start by asking, "Well, why was she by herself at night?" or "What was she wearing?" Some go as far as asking male victims, "You're a dude. You should have liked it," instead of asking rapists, "Why would you do that?"

Further adding to victim blaming is assertions of rampant false reports - which the facts on rape simply don't bear out. Based on research, false reports of rape are between two and eight percent of all reports - which is exactly the same rate of false reports for all other types of crimes.

A One-Sided Upbringing

With our apparent "rape culture," we are raising a generation of girls to be suspicious and scared of every street alley or bar in America. We teach girls as they grow older to not leave drinks alone or to never go anywhere without a friend. This is prudent - but it's also one-sided, because we are not having corresponding conversations with boys, who are statistically the overwhelming perpetrators of sexual assaults against women.

I'd like to ask the parents of young men: when is the last time you instructed them to stop while in the heat of the moment in order to ask for consent? Did you instruct them they need a "yes" to move forward? Or, when is the last time you talked with your son about respecting a girl's virginity, and told him it is not a prize? There are

important lessons that I have to teach my two young daughters. But I'm nervous that their future boyfriends are not taught what they need to know to respect and protect the basic human rights of my girls - and all women.

The reason this is important is because the culture is no longer one of the creepy man behind the bushes. According to the U.S. Department of Justice's National Crime Victimization Study, roughly 66 percent of rape cases happen between two individuals who know each other. Of that number, 38 percent are friends or acquaintances, and 28 percent are intimate partners.

So, rather than raise girls to be cautious, shouldn't we raise future generations - men and women alike --to fully recognize and honor an individual's right to consent?

The Power Game

Lastly, there are some in the media who say rape is about violence and brutality. One columnist wrote that we don't live in a "rape culture," because the statistics on rape are inflated to include girls who were drunk, drugged or pressured to have sex - he didn't count these acts as "rape."

That argument is flawed because violence is not the underlying issue. It is power. When a girl or guy cannot consent due to alcohol or being drugged, there may be no violence, but there is no power for her or him to give consent. Similarly, if a husband threatens his wife with taking the children in a divorce in order to get what he wants in the bedroom, he's taking away her power in the decision.

Our culture - and this includes some of us in the military - is taking away the power from rape survivors when we make "jokes" about it or when we educate teen females to be suspicious of every man she meets. And, we are taking away power when we question a victim's credibility.

So, yes, regrettably, we certainly do live in a "rape culture." But we each can improve this; here are some ways you can help change it:

- Try recognizing your own biases
- Don't laugh at rape "jokes." Have conversations with individuals who do make jokes, and explain it's no laughing matter
- Engage young men who are going to begin dating. Educate them on dating violence and what consent looks like in a sexual relationship
- Get involved in local efforts to educate and to change our culture

Lastly, if you or someone you know has been affected by sexual violence / assault, know that the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) office is here to support you. You can reach a trained victim advocate 24/7 on the Whiteman Air Force Base SAPR confidential hotline at 660-687-7272. If you're not local to the Whiteman Air Force Base area, these advocates can assist you in finding an advocate in your community.

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Please like the Stealth Lounge on Facebook to stay up to date on special events and tournaments.

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Department of Defense publishes Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal guidance



Obverse



Reverse

Description: On a bronze disc 1 1/4 inches (3.18cm) in diameter, within a textured circle a quatrefoil with an erect dagger enfiled by a scorpion held by a mailed hand and arched above and on either side of the scorpion tail the words inscribed, "INHERENT RESOLVE" and centered below inscribed, "CAMPAIGN".

On the reverse side a single arabesque polygonal star surrounding radiating points form the center superimposed by and eagle standing on a rectangle with wings expanded and inverted inscribed, "FOR SERVICE".

Ribbon: The ribbon is blue, teal, sand, and orange.

Symbolism: The decorated star panels are common in the Arabian and Moorish styles of ornament. Scorpions are found on all major land masses except Antarctica. A scorpion is a symbol for treachery and destructive forces. The eagle is a national emblem and ancient symbol of power and victory.

The color combination in the ribbon was inspired by The Ishtar Gate and the color of sand.

On March 30, 2016, the President signed an Executive Order titled, "Establishing the Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal" based on the recommendations of Secretary of Defense and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Today, the Secretary of Defense officially announced the Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal (IRCM), which distinctly recognizes our Service members battling terrorist groups in Iraq and Syria.

To qualify for award, a member must have been present in Iraq, Syria, or the contiguous waters or airspace of either country, on or after June 15, 2014, for a period of 30 consecutive or 60 non-consecutive days. Service members who were killed or were medically evacuated due to wounds or injuries immediately qualify for award, as do members who engaged in combat.

Previously, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal (GWOT-EM) was authorized to recognize service in Iraq and Syria. Service members awarded the GWOT-EM for qualifying service in Iraq or Syria between June 15, 2014 and March 30, 2016 remain qualified for that medal. However, such members, upon application to their respective Military Department may be awarded the Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal in lieu of that GWOT-EM; however, they may not receive both medals for the same act, achievement, or period of service. The GWOT-EM continues to be awarded to recognize members deployed outside of Iraq and Syria for Operation INHERENT RESOLVE.

The Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal award criteria will be incorporated into the next revision of DoD Manual 1348.33, Volume 2, Manual of Military Decorations and Awards: DoD Service Awards – Campaign, Expeditionary, and Service Medals.

Q&A:

Q: Who will receive the Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal?

A: All Service members who meet the eligibility criteria contained in the Secretary's announcement memo will receive the new medal. To qualify for award, a member must have been present in Iraq, Syria, or the contiguous waters or airspace of either country, on or after June 15, 2014, for a period of at least 30 consecutive or 60 non-consecutive

days. Service members who were killed and those who were medically evacuated due to wounds or injuries immediately qualify for award, as do members who have engaged in combat.

The Secretaries of the Army, Navy, and Air Force are the approval authorities and will promulgate guidance for award procedures to their Military Departments.

Q: Will all deployed Service members supporting Operation INHERENT RESOLVE get the new Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal?

A: No, only those Service members in Iraq or Syria, or the contiguous waters or airspace of either country who meet eligibility requirements will receive the medal. Members deployed outside of Iraq and Syria for Operation INHERENT RESOLVE, who do not enter Iraq or Syria to qualify for the new medal, will continue to be recognized with the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal.

Q: Is the new medal retroactive?

A: Yes, it is retroactive to June 15, 2014. Service members previously awarded the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal for qualifying service in Iraq or Syria between June 15, 2014 and March 29, 2016 remain qualified for that medal. However, such members may apply to their respective Military Department for award of the Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal in lieu of that GWOT-EM. No member may not receive both medals for the same act, achievement, or period of service.

Q: What makes this operation qualify for a campaign medal when the President has previously said we are not engaged in ground combat?

A: Campaign medals have traditionally been established by Presidential Executive Order for large-scale and long-duration combat actions or operations. This campaign meets those criteria because:

*The entire operational area (Iraq and Syria) has been subject to lethal combat operations.

*U.S. forces are executing an extensive air campaign in the region.

*A U.S. division-plus force is providing command and control, intelligence, and other advisory services.

*The operation is large-scale and long-duration.

Q: Is this different than the Iraq Campaign Medal?

A: Yes, there is no association between the Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal and the Iraq Campaign Medal.

(NOTE: Iraq Campaign Medal recognized members who served in Iraq for Operations IRAQI FREEDOM and NEW DAWN during the period of March 19, 2003 to December 31, 2011).

Q: Why not give the medal to Service members in Turkey, Kuwait, and other locations?

A: The Commander, U.S. Central Command proposed the area of eligibility for the new medal based on the increased danger and threat incurred by members serving in Iraq and Syria. Members deployed for Operation INHERENT RESOLVE outside of Iraq and Syria continue to be recognized with the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal.

Q: What do the symbols on the medal and colors of the ribbon signify?

A: The decorated star panels are common in the Arabian and Moorish styles of ornament. A scorpion is a symbol for treachery and destructive forces. The eagle is a national emblem and ancient symbol of power and victory. The color combination in the ribbon was inspired by The Ishtar Gate and the color of sand.

Q: How will commands obtain medals for their Service members?

A: The IRCM is authorized for award immediately and is available for commercial sale through licensed vendors. It will be made available through military clothing sales stores in the coming weeks and, subsequently, through the DoD supply system.

Q: Where will the IRCM be placed in the hierarchy of other award decorations; i.e., ahead of what medal and below what medal?

A: The IRCM will be worn after the Iraq Campaign Medal and before the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal.

Q: How many service members are eligible for the new medal?

A: Approximately 11,000 service members are eligible for the new award as of March 30, 2016

Social media savvy



509th Bomb Wing staff report

Social media is no longer the “new thing.” With nearly three out of four internet-using adults using social media, it is a normal part of life for most Americans, including most members of the military.

As an Airman, you are well within your rights to use social media. Everything you post on any social media platform is a reflection of you, and posts can show your unique interests and personal story through photos, videos, or text. Social media can even be a means to tell your story about being a service member; but, take care -- you are legally responsible for all of it.

For instance, a Marine Corps sergeant received an other-than-honorable discharge in 2012 for posting images and text criticizing President Barack Obama on a Facebook page he created.

It’s important to remember the basics of good social media practices. In AFI 1-1, Air Force Standards, section 2.15 “Use of Social Media,” the guidelines for proper use are clearly outlined. Some key “do’s” and “do not’s” are below:

- Do:
- * Observe Air Force standards, both on and off duty, with all posts/shares/material.
 - * Be sensitive to Operational Security.
 - * Maintain professional, respectful communications with other members of the military, and avoid fraternization.
 - * Promote a positive image of yourself as a service member of the DoD.
- Do not:
- * Make posts on behalf of the DoD.

* Maintain connections with individuals that could compromise future background/security checks.

* Post material that could bring discredit upon the Air Force or the DoD, including material that is racially offensive, sexually explicit or discriminatory in nature.

* Make defamatory remarks about your chain of command, from the newest Airman all the way up to the president of the United States.

It’s important to remember every Airman is a steward of the Air Force. For many friends and followers on social media, you could be the only military member with whom they interact. With this in mind, you have the very real responsibility of upholding the Air Force in good standing and being a reflection of Air Force values online, just as you would in person.

Posting inappropriate photos of yourself, other Airmen or dependents can be severely damaging. Sharing someone else’s post containing inappropriate content to your personal profile or elsewhere online reflects on your character as well as that of the Air Force. Don’t do it.

In today’s society, ideas can be rapidly spread across the country and around the globe thanks to social media.

You are entitled to your own personal thoughts, reflections and beliefs. However, as a member of the Air Force, you are held to high standards of excellence and your social media use must reflect this.

If you have questions, contact the 509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs Office at (660) 687-5727 or via email at 509.bw.pa@us.af.mil.

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WAFB hosts Draft Day event April 30, 11:00 a.m. to 3 p.m.

On Saturday, April 30, Whiteman will be hosting a military appreciation NFL Draft Day event in coordination with the Kansas City Chiefs.

As part of the event, which is open to all DOD ID card holders and their families, Team Whiteman members will be announcing the Chiefs' draft selections live on television. There will also be free food and numerous activities for all ages to enjoy.

In addition, the Chiefs have invited current and former players to hold autograph sessions for those in attendance, and the Chiefs' cheerleaders also will be at the event to perform and sign autographs.

Other highlights include free giveaways, NFL Play 60 events, football-themed bouncy

houses, dance competitions, art stations and a live stage show.

Last, but not least, a B-2 flyover is currently scheduled and all Whiteman aerial assets will be on display on the ground at the event.

Please mark your calendars, and be sure to come out and enjoy this tremendous event occurring inside both the 5-Bay Hangar and Hangar 52. Doors open at 11:00 a.m. and the event concludes at 3 p.m.

For those driving to the event from off base, please utilize the Arnold Gate as this will expedite traffic flow. If possible, please car pool or walk to the event.

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AMXS Airman earns Chiefs' Choice Award



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Jovan Banks

U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Daniel Olson, center right, a mission systems journeyman assigned to the 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, is awarded a Chiefs' Choice award at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Apr. 8, 2016. Olson was selected for furthering his technical knowledge while actively seeking opportunities to help other shops. He teamed with aircraft armament systems members to resolve stores management processor issues, which saved a \$250 thousand sortie. He also escorted VIPs at the 2016 Maintenance Professional of the Year Ceremony and completed six college credit hours with a 4.0 grade point average.

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442d Fighter Wing honors Vietnam Veteran



A pilot with the 442d Fighter Wing greets Retired U.S. Air Force Capt. Kenneth Rogers March 29, 2016, at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo. Rogers, his family and his hospice team were given a tour of the A-10 Thunderbolt II.

By Airman 1st Class Missy Sterling
442d Fighter Wing Public Affairs

“March 29, 1973, the last of our troops left Vietnam. Yet, in one of the war’s most profound tragedies, many of these men and women came home to be shunned or neglected -- to face treatment unbefitting their courage and a welcome unworthy of their example. We must never let this happen again. Today, we reaffirm one of our most fundamental obligations: to show all who have worn the uniform of the United States the respect and dignity they deserve, and to honor their sacrifice by serving them as well as they served us.”

Those were the words of President Barack Obama during his Vietnam Veterans Day Proclamation.

Forty-three years after the last troops left Vietnam, retired U.S. Air Force Capt. Kenneth Rogers was honored by the 442d Fighter Wing and Crossroads Hospice at Whiteman Air Force Base.

Rogers has been in hospice care for about two months, said Amy Duff-Dahlsterom, Rogers’ Registered Nurse Case Manager at Crossroads Hospice. Crossroads gives the families in their care the option to plan a perfect day for their loved one under the “Gift of a Day” program.

“It can be as simple as a family dinner or it can be a big trip like this, too,” said Duff-Dahlsterom. “We just ask them, ‘What is your perfect day?’ and we, within budget, try to grant that wish.”

The 442d Wing Staff was more than happy to accommodate this wish and to be able to thank an Airman who came before them.

“We are truly honored to have you here today,” expressed Col. Brian Borgen, 442d Fighter Wing commander. “Thank you for your service alongside the brave men and women who paved the way to freedom for today’s service members to follow.”

Borgen presented Rogers a flag flown aboard an A-10 Thunderbolt II by Col. Greg Eckfeld, the vice wing commander. Crossroads also presented Rogers a certificate from the Commander-in-Chief in commemoration of his service in the Vietnam War.

With his daughter Kim Rogers by his side, the two were overwhelmed with emotion. Kim wiped her eyes and gently patted her father’s eyes with a tissue. She kissed him on the head and hoped he would remember this day.

“The military was a really important part of his life,” said Kim about her father. “He cherishes it dearly. If he had to go back to any part of his life it would be the military.”

The family and hospice team was able to view an A-10, an AH-64D Apache Longbow helicopter, a UH-60 Black Hawk and a B-52 Stratofortress, the aircraft Rogers was a navigator for when he was in uniform.

“He’s very proud of his years of service,” said Kim. “You guys just made his day.”

Air Force approves RPA initiatives

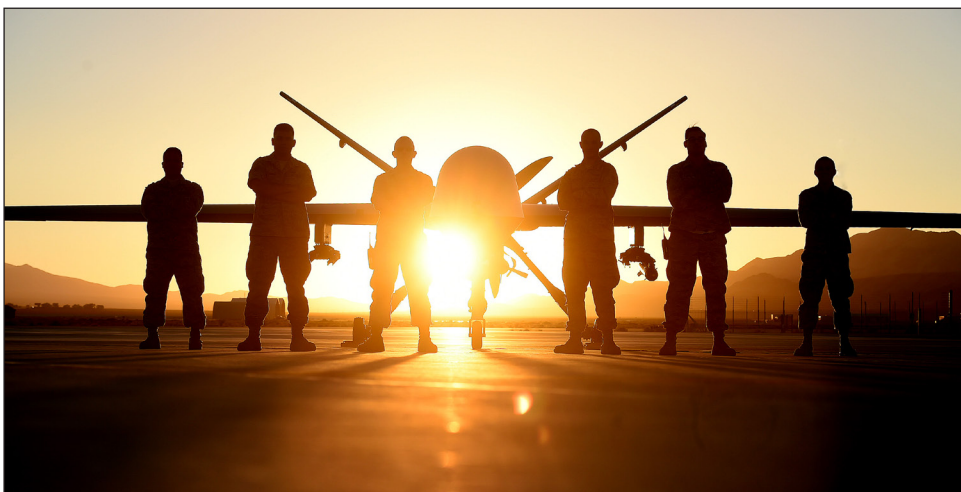
By Secretary of the Air Force
Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (AFNS) -- The Air Force recently approved two initiatives for the remotely piloted aircraft career field. First, eight RPA reconnaissance squadrons will be redesignated as attack squadrons. Second, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Welsh III authorized RPA aircrews to log combat time when flying an aircraft within designated hostile airspace, regardless of the aircrew’s physical location.

The changes were two of many recommendations that emerged as part of Air Combat Command’s Culture and Process Improvement Program, which seeks to address a number of issues affecting operations and the morale and welfare of Airmen across the RPA enterprise.

“The Airmen who perform this essential mission do a phenomenal job, but we learned from the RPA pilots, sensor operators and their leaders that these Airmen are under significant stress from an unrelenting pace of operations,” said Air Force Secretary Deborah Lee James. “CPIP was established to help stabilize the RPA enterprise. These policy changes are steps toward addressing issues highlighted by RPA operators in the field.”

The redesignation will affect the names, but not the core missions of RPA squadrons at Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico; Whiteman AFB, Missouri; and Creech AFB, Nevada. These units, consisting of



U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Nadine Barclay

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approximately 600 officers and 700 enlisted Airmen, will continue to provide real-time intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance to commanders, close air support to ground troops, and post-operation battle damage assessment to senior leaders.

Previously, squadrons consisting of MQ-9 Reaper aircraft were designated attack squadrons, while squadrons of MQ-1 Predator aircraft were designated reconnaissance squadrons. The redesignation anticipates the Air Force’s ongoing transition to an all MQ-9 fleet and acknowledges the capability of these units

to support military operations that can include strikes against targets. The cost of the redesignation is minimal, mostly affecting signs, stationary and other local items that display the unit’s name or emblem.

“Aerial warfare continues to evolve. Our great RPA Airmen are leading that change. They are in the fight every day,” Welsh said. “These policy changes recognize the burdens they bear in providing combat effects for joint warfighters around the world.”

Since their first employment over the Balkans, Air Force RPAs have been in high

demand, according to Air Force senior leaders. This has led to rapid expansion of both the number of squadrons and the number of operators.

Unique organizational structures and names evolved during this time, and the Air Force is now taking steps to standardize operations and improve conditions for operators.

The RPA mission “is instrumental to achieving decision advantage against our enemies, is an indispensable asset to our national security, and is the backbone to the success of our fights in Iraq, Syria, Afghanistan, and other areas combating extremism and terrorism,” Gen. Hawk Carlisle, commander of ACC, said March 16 in his testimony to the U.S. Senate Committee on Armed Services. “The Air Force is fully invested in continuing to achieve sustainability of this enterprise.”

The Air Force reduced the number of combat lines to 60, from 65 in 2015. They also increased incentive retention pay for pilots to \$25,000, matching incentive pay for rated pilots in other airframes.

ACC is expanding the training pipeline for operators, creating a more robust force and decreasing the current operational tempo. A combat operations-to-dwell ratio of 2:1 will provide Airmen predictable schedules, improve work-life balance, enable further professional development, offer increased training opportunities, and ultimately improve readiness, according to Col. Jeffery Long, ACC’s director of CPIP.

90th Missile Wing visits Whiteman

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

Members of the 90th Missile Wing (MW) at F.E. Warren Air Force Base (AFB), Wyoming, visited Whiteman AFB, Missouri, to observe how the 509th and 131st Bomb Wings (BW) execute vital strategic deterrence missions on a day-to-day basis and during heightened-alert operations.

The 90th MW and the 509th and 131st BWs are participating in a "sister-base" partnership, officially named the Bomber Missile Exchange Course, which allows the organizations to learn from each other through scheduled visits.

The visits help the units to broaden their knowledge of one another's processes and the components of each base's mission, both during exercises and in real-world operations. This sharing also enhances crucial communications and interoperability between the wings.

"There is always something we can learn from each other," said U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Thomas B. Vance Jr., the 90th Maintenance Group deputy commander. "This opportunity gives us a chance to learn different ways to accomplish parts of the mission, and in turn, we can then take those practices back to our base, making our mission more effective."

Airmen were selected from various units

throughout the 90th MW to travel to Whiteman for a week. While they were on station, the group broke off with their 509th functional counterparts and observed the way they operate here. The Airmen also visited the retired Oscar-1 missile alert facility and toured the A-10 Thunderbolt II and B-2 Spirit aircraft.

Airman 1st Class Treveyon Young, a 90th Missile Security Forces Squadron response force leader, said that even though he may have the same duty title as his Whiteman counterparts, he performs different duties due to the nature of his wing's mission.

"It was an eye-opening experience to go to another Air Force Global Strike Command base that executes a different mission and get a better feel for how they accomplish it," said Young.

In the future, members of Team Whiteman plan to visit F.E. Warren and observe their missile operations.

"I think exchanges like this are valuable tools," said Tech. Sgt. Dexter Gore, a 509th Communications Squadron NCO in charge of the intrusion detection systems work center and exchange course participant. "A visit to the 90th Missile Wing will really give Whiteman Airmen a great opportunity to broaden their perspectives. I can't wait to see what we can take away."



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Emili Koonce
U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Robert Thomas, left, the 90th Communications Squadron NCO in charge of visual imagery and intrusion detection systems, discusses Whiteman's fiber optic security system in the Air Force Global Strike Command's electronic security systems training lab with Tech. Sgt. Dexter Gore, right, the 509th Communications Squadron NCO in charge of intrusion detection systems work centers, at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., April 13, 2016. Eleven Airmen from the 90th Missile Wing spent six days at Whiteman exchanging information and ideas.



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Michaela R. Slanchik
Members of the 90th Missile Wing (MW) at F.E. Warren Air Force Base (AFB), Wyo., pose for a group photo in front of a B-2 Spirit at Whiteman AFB, Mo., April 14, 2016. The 90th MW and the 509th and 131st Bomb Wings are participating in a "sister-base" partnership, officially named the Bomber Missile Exchange Course, which allows the organizations to learn from each other through scheduled visits.



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Michaela R. Slanchik
U.S. Air Force Maj. Joseph Shannon III, a 90th Operations Support Squadron assistant director of operations (ADO) of weapons and tactics, tours the retired Oscar-1 missile alert facility at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., April 14, 2016. Members of the 90th Missile Wing visited Whiteman for a week as part of the Bomber Missile Exchange Course, which allows the organizations to learn from each other through scheduled visits.

Maj. Gen. Clark presents OAY awards



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Michaela Slanchik
U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Marco Cardenas, a 509th Medical Support Squadron pharmacy technician, center, receives an 8th Air Force Outstanding Airman of the Year award in the Honor Guardsman category from Maj. Gen. Richard M. Clark, the 8th Air Force commander, left, and Chief Master Sgt. Marty Anderson, the 8th Air Force command chief, at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., April 12, 2016. Cardenas went on to win at the major command level and will now compete for the Air Force title.



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Michaela Slanchik
U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Chasidy Sells, a 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron first sergeant, center, receives an 8th Air Force Outstanding Airman of the Year award in the First Sergeant category from Maj. Gen. Richard M. Clark, the 8th Air Force commander, left, and Chief Master Sgt. Marty Anderson, the 8th Air Force command chief, at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., April 12, 2016. Sells went on to win at the major command level and will now compete for the Air Force title.

Beat the Boss

The Beat the Boss program is a monthly PT test competition between 509th Bomb Wing units that will recognize outstanding teamwork and devotion to fitness at the Squadron level. Active duty 509th Airmen who score the same or higher than the commander's score of 95.4% will earn a one-day pass and those who score a 100% win a one-day pass and one of the commander's coins.

Here are the Beat the Boss results:



- Staff Sgt. Zachary Wirfs • 509th FSS • 98.6%**
- Capt. Joseph Boben • 394th CTS • 97.2%**
- Staff Sgt. Brent Healey • 20th AS • 98%**
- Airman 1st Class Joshua Benfield • 509th SFS • 95.7%**
- Staff Sgt. Andrew Meier • 509th OSS • 98.1%**
- Lt. Col. Cindi Willis • 509th MDG • 100%**
- Senior Airman Brian Whitaker • 509th SFS • 95.8%**
- Senior Airman Aaron Moses • 509th SFS • 96.9%**
- Senior Airman Desirae Yazzie • 509th MXG • 96.8%**
- Staff Sgt. Joshua Meidell • 509th MUNS • 96.8%**
- Senior Airman Jonathan Stockhaus • 509th MUNS • 96.6%**

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**Whiteman AFB
Motorcycle
Safety Day**

**25 Apr 2016
0800-1300**

Commissary Parking Lot

**Sign up for
Grants Gauntlet, Motorcycle Inspections,
& Safety Course**

Alternate Duty Location for Motorcycle Riders!
Vendors, Food and Prize giveaways!

**For more info please contact
President Dave Sheets @ 687-5915
Vice Pres TSgt Marvin Morris @ 687-2180**




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April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Obtaining Help

If you are in need of urgent medical care get to a safe place and CALL 911. If you do not need immediate medical assistance contact the Whiteman Sexual Assault Victim Advocate, Amy Creighton, or the Whiteman Sexual Assault Response Coordinator, Ann Beem, at (660) 687-7272, or call SafeHelpline.org at (877) 955-5247.

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WHITEMAN AFB
STRIKER LIFE
HALF MARATHON, 10K & 5K
5.21.16

Visit: <https://register.chronotrack.com/r/19995>
to sign-up for the 1/2 Marathon, 10K or 5K



All Events Will Have A Start Time Of 7am At Skelton Park
We Reccomend Showing Up Early As Parking Will Be Limited.

SAME DAY REGISTRATION:
Available only to individuals with Base Access,
Registration will last from 5:30 - 6:40am
If signing up after April 24, Shirts / Shirt Sizes Cannot
Be Guaranteed.

ATTENTION RUNNERS:
*If You Are Not A DOD/military Card Holder, You Must Register Before May 6.
In Order To Gain Access To The Base/Runway. Because This Race Will Be Run
On An Active Military Installation, You Will Be Subject To A Background Check
Performed By Whiteman's Security Forces. While Completing Your Registration You
Will Be Required To Submit Your Full Name As It Appears On Your Driver's License,
Driver's License Number & State Of Issue, And Social Security Number.

ROUTE CONTAINS SOME OFFROAD (DIRT/GRAVEL) PORTIONS.

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