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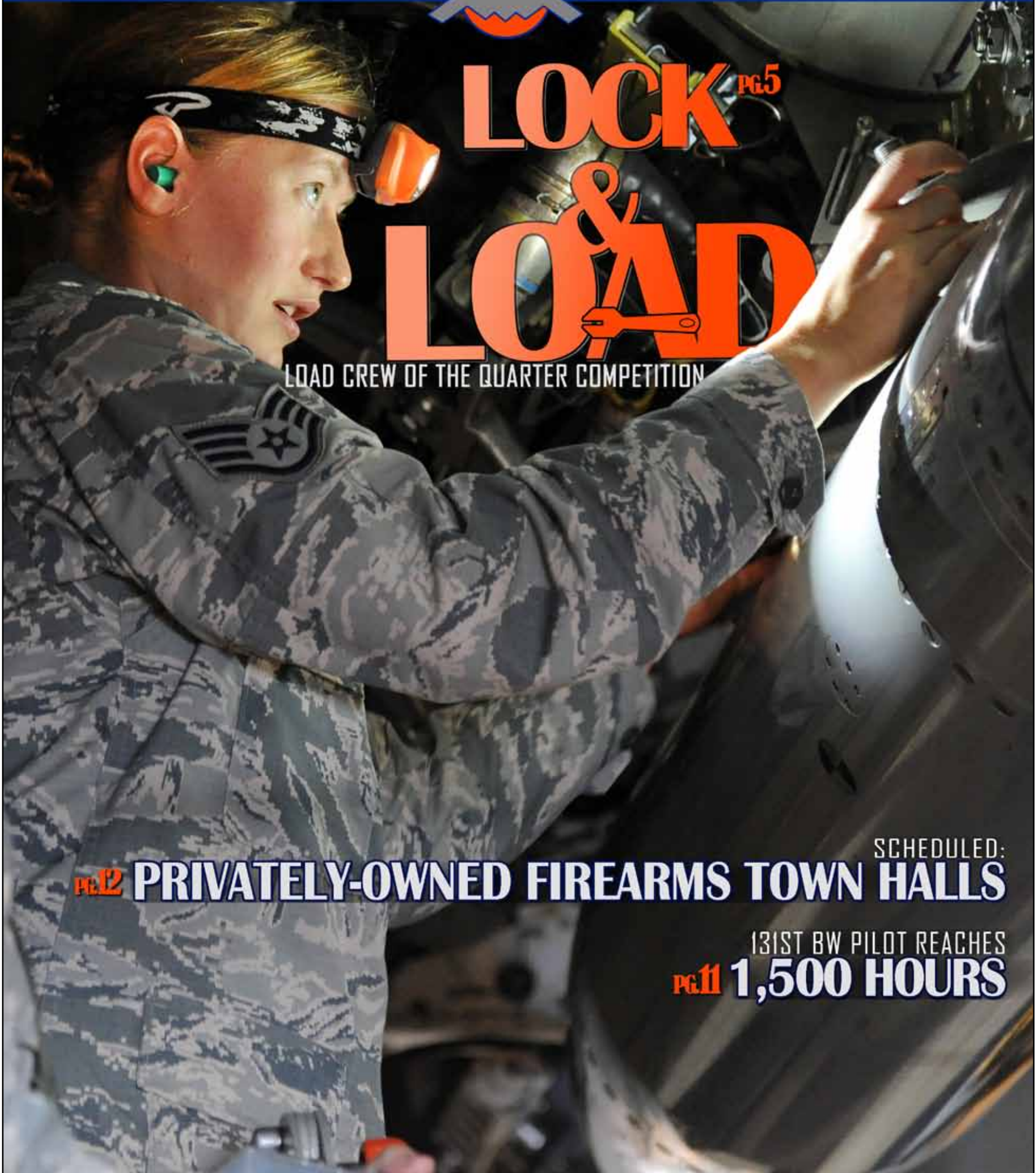
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# B-2 three-ship satisfies test objectives

By Senior Airman Danielle Quilla  
509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

The first-ever B-2 Spirit three-ship with the GBU-57A/B Massive Ordnance Penetrator (MOP) was performed by the 72nd Test and Evaluation Squadron (TES) and the 509th Bomb Wing (BW) at Whiteman Air Force Base (AFB), Missouri, June 6, 2016.

“This was the first time we have ever loaded three B-2s, each with two 30,000-pound weapons, and put them all in the air at the same time for an operational and development test event,” said U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Benjamin Pancoast, the 72nd TES director of operations. “Although we have our own experts, it took major muscle movement from the 509th Bomb Wing to make this successful.”

For the 72nd TES, relationship management is vital to accomplishing the tests and evaluations necessary to ensure the B-2 and its weapons system are operational in a realistic environment.

“We bridge the gap between research and development,” said Lt. Col. William Hepler, the 72nd TES commander.

The squadron is responsible for putting the final stamp of approval on new technology. For this reason, many of the 72nd TES members are former 509th BW members chosen because of their B-2 experience.

“The members are working on equipment before it is fielded and officially put on the airplane,” said Hepler. “They have to be very experienced in order to know how that new piece of equipment is going to affect the future maintenance on the airplane.”

There are B-2 experts employed in the maintenance, operations, communications, administration, instrumentation, analyzing and engineering fields that come together in this one unit to perform B-2 tests.

Although they reside at Whiteman, the 72nd TES members are not assigned to Air Force Global Strike Command. Instead, they



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Sandra Marrero

**Members of the 72nd Test and Evaluation Squadron (TES) pose for a group photo at Whiteman Air Force Base. The 72nd TES executes independent tests and evaluations of the B-2 Spirit and report the effectiveness and suitability of the B-2 weapons system in operationally realistic environments.**

fall under Air Combat Command and report to the 53rd Test and Evaluation Group at Nellis AFB, Nevada, and the 53rd Wing at Eglin AFB, Florida.

“The relationship management is important,” said Pancoast. “For example, we have a good relationship with the development test individuals who are in an entirely different command, the Air Force Material Command, and we even have touch points back to the program office, which is at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.”

Once the new technology is ready to be tested for operational capability, it is sent to the 72nd TES for a full evaluation.

“On the operations side, we have a survivability shop, which looks into new testing, capability and programs to help the B-2’s survivability going into combat,” said Hepler. “The weapons shop deals with weapons software and communications for the B-2 to be able to integrate into the Air Force’s ability to effectively go to war.”

In addition, the instrumentation shop

ensures the aircraft effectively records what is happening on it in case the desired outcome does not occur and they need to make changes. The data services shop makes sure the correct network, systems and data reduction capabilities are put into place.

Finally, an operational and development test event is performed to ensure that the new technology works and does what it needs to do in combat. The first B-2 three-ship performed with the MOP satisfied both the operational and developmental objectives.

“With the small-fleet dynamics of the B-2, the relationship between the 509th Operations Group (OG) and our tenant units is critical to ensure we meet all of our requirements to keep our crews combat ready and continue to advance the B-2 as a viable weapon system well into the future,” said Col. Brian Gallo, the 509th OG commander. “The continual teamwork between our organizations ensures the most efficient use of this unique national asset that enables our warriors to deliver daily deterrence and on-call global strike.”

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U.S. Air Force photo/  
Airman 1st Class Michaela R. Slanchik  
U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Victoria Wilton, a 13th Aircraft Maintenance Unit weapons load crew member, engages sway braces on a weapons load trainer bomb rack at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., July 15, 2016. The B-2 Spirit weapons load trainer is a model that allows weapons loaders to practice loading more frequently and when a B-2 aircraft isn't available.



## NEWS BRIEFS



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#### Stealth Lounge

If you are a young Airman, let the Stealth Lounge make your time at Whiteman more fun. Stop by after work to play some pool, darts, foosball, or the newest games on Xbox One or Playstation 4. The lounge opens at 4 p.m. during the week and noon on weekends. There is free dinner every Friday at 4:30 p.m. There are also free premium snacks and Wi-Fi. Come for the free stuff, stay for the fun and friends.

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

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Keys, wallets, bicycles, jewelry and other items have been turned in as found property to Security Forces Investigation Section. To inquire about lost property, go to building 711, room 305, or call Detective Steven Scott at 660-687-5342.

#### WEATHER

<b>Today</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
Hot	Hot
Hi 97	Hi 97
Lo 76	Lo 77

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>
Mostly Sunny	Partly Sunny
Hi 93	Hi 88
Lo 77	Lo 72

## Weekly commander's message

Greetings, Team Whiteman!

This week we were privileged to host Lt. Gen. Jay Raymond, the Air Force Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations. In his position, Lt. Gen. Raymond is responsible to the Secretary of the Air Force and the Chief of Staff for formulating policy supporting air, space, cyber, irregular warfare, counter-proliferation, homeland security and weather operations. During his visit, Lt. Gen. Raymond met with members of our team from across the ranks to discuss the strategic role Team Whiteman plays in global affairs. He also flew in a B-2 and toured the 20th Attack Squadron. Both of these experiences provided him a better understanding of the value of Whiteman mission sets and helped him become a more informed advocate for our installation!

The AFGSC Air Expeditionary Force 101 team also visited to discuss changes in the AEF construct with leadership from each of our squadrons. These meetings provided insight into how our service allocates capabilities, which will lead to more predictability in terms of deployments as we move forward.

Currently, Team Whiteman has over 300 team members serving downrange



providing agile combat support, and we certainly will continue to have other team members deploy in the future. As such, these meetings were invaluable as they enabled your units to better prepare and support you and your families prior to and during deployments. If you have any questions about the current AEF construct, I recommend you speak with your supervisor so you have a better understanding.

Our Total Force team also flew throughout the week. We executed over

140 B-2 flight hours and over 90 T-38 flight hours. We also conducted unguided weapons delivery training by dropping 2,000 pound inert munitions onto one of our test ranges. This unique training allows our pilots the invaluable opportunity to practice employing weapons in a realistic environment, and it is training like this that makes us so successful in our deterrence and assurance mission.

Lastly, I want you all to know that on Tuesday, July 26th, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., there will be Town Hall meetings inside Mission's End. The purpose of these Town Halls is to educate everyone on the upcoming changes to our privately-owned firearms policy. Again, these changes have been approved; however, they have not been implemented yet. The Town Halls are open to everyone with base access, so please come if you are interested in learning more.

Thanks for all you and your families did this week to support the team and our mission! Be safe this weekend!

Defend...Avenger!

Nuke

PAUL W. TIBBETS IV  
Brigadier General, USAF  
Commander, 509th Bomb Wing

## You can be your own attorney in small claims court

By Lt. Col. Shelley L. Griffin  
509th BW/JA

Does anyone owe you money for a debt, personal injury or property damage? Many times, the amount owed isn't worth the expense of hiring an attorney. You could represent yourself in small claims court if the amount owed is less than or equal to \$5,000. With that being said, if the claim is for more than \$5,000, you may still file in small claims court, but you would waive your claim for any sum in excess of \$5,000.

The small claims court system is designed for people to file lawsuits without an attorney. The hearings are conducted in an informal manner, and the formal rules of evidence and procedures do not apply.

The process is similar to what is seen on television shows such as "Judge Judy" or "The People's Court." The person bringing the action is called the plaintiff, and the person being sued is called the defendant. The plaintiff has a big responsibility to prove their case by presenting relevant documents and possibly bringing in witnesses to testify, but that effort may result in a judgment awarding money damages.

First off, the plaintiff must prepare and file a written claim, called a petition. There is a \$35 fee to file a claim in small claims court. The Johnson County Circuit Court clerks can provide forms and guidance about the procedure, but they can't advise on the substantive law since they are not attorneys.

After the plaintiff files the petition, he or she must have the defendant officially served with

the petition and a summons that is prepared by the circuit clerks. Then the plaintiff must provide the clerk with proof that the defendant was properly served. This can be done by either a certified mail return receipt if the defendant accepts the mail, or a summons signed by a sheriff's deputy certifying he or she has personally served the defendant.

Service by certified mail with return receipt requested costs approximately \$12.49 per defendant and is done through the United States Post Office. The Johnson County Sheriff charges \$30 per defendant, plus mileage cost of \$12.50. Defendants must be served and be given at least 10 days to prepare their case before the trial.

Beware, if you have not been able to serve the defendant before the hearing date, your case may be continued or dismissed, unless you notify the clerk and either request an "alias summons" or make other arrangements to serve the defendant. Once served, defendants may also file counter-claims stating that the plaintiff owes them money.

About four weeks after filing a claim, the case will be heard before a judge as long as the defendant has been served with the claim at least 10 days before that time. During the hearing, the plaintiff has the burden of proving two things: the legal grounds for ordering the defendant to pay the plaintiff money, and the amount of money the defendant owes the plaintiff.

The plaintiff can prove his or her case in two ways: by live witness testimony and by documents such as a bill, contract or estimate for repairs. After the plaintiff presents his or her case,

the defendant may introduce evidence to prove that he or she does not owe the money.

After receiving all of the evidence, the judge will decide if a sum of money is owed to anyone. If a defendant does not show up for the hearing after being properly served, the judge may enter a default judgment in the plaintiff's favor.

Please note, a signed judgement ordering the defendant to pay the plaintiff money does not automatically mean the plaintiff will get paid. If the defendant does not voluntarily agree to pay the judgment, then the plaintiff can take further action to try to enforce or collect that judgment.

Collection action may involve the sheriff executing against the defendant's personal property or garnishing wages. It may require further assistance from the county sheriff. For more information about the local small claims court process, contact the Johnson County Circuit Court office by calling 660-422-7413.

Although Air Force attorneys cannot represent members in state court proceedings, they may provide legal advice and guidance on preparing your case.

The Whiteman Air Force Base legal office provides personal advice on private legal matters during walk-in legal assistance on Tuesdays from 8 to 10 a.m. and Thursdays from 1 to 3 p.m.

The legal office also provides notary service and prepares powers of attorney Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The office is located in the 509th Bomb Wing Headquarters building in suite 203.

# DOD experts talk nuclear modernization efforts

By Karen Parrish, DoD News  
Defense Media Activity

WASHINGTON (AFNS) -- Modernization and sustainment across the nuclear triad are essential to maintaining national and allied security, three Defense Department experts told Congress on July 14.

DOD witnesses Robert Scher, the assistant secretary of defense for strategy, plans, and capabilities; Navy Adm. Cecil D. Haney, the commander of U.S. Strategic Command; and Air Force Gen. Robin Rand, the commander of Air Force Global Strike Command, testified before the House Armed Services Committee's strategic forces subcommittee.

### Maintaining nuclear deterrence

Scher said President Barack Obama's approach to reducing nuclear dangers "has consistently included two key pillars: working toward a world without nuclear weapons, and maintaining effective deterrence along the way." Because world nuclear disarmament is not assured, Scher said, "We must proceed with modernized replacements to maintain our nuclear deterrent for us and our allies."

The United States' sea-, air- and land-based nuclear delivery systems make up the "triad," which Scher called the best approach to maintaining nuclear deterrence. The triad and dual-capable aircraft, he said, "provide the credibility, flexibility and survivability to meet and adapt to the challenges of a dynamic security environment."

Scher said the projected cost for the nuclear force's modernization is \$350 billion to \$450 billion over 20 years. "While not a small amount of money, ... the total defense budget in fiscal year 2016 alone was over \$580 billion," he said. "The cost for nuclear modernization is substantial, but it is not unreasonable for what (Defense Sec-

retary Ash Carter) has called the bedrock of our security."

Modernizing will allow the United States to shrink its nuclear arsenal while still reassuring allies that they do not need their own nuclear capabilities, Scher explained.

### Taking a long approach

Haney also emphasized the need for nuclear modernization.

"Our capabilities as a whole have lasted well beyond their designed service life," he said. "It is crucial that we modernize our strategic deterrence capabilities, which underpin our national and global security."

Countries such as Russia, China and North Korea have their own nuclear agendas, he said.

"Comprehensive strategic deterrence and assurance and escalation control require a long approach ... and it's far more than just nuclear weapons and platforms," he added.

The president's proposed 2017 defense budget addresses modernization priorities and "supports my mission requirements," Haney said. "But let me be clear," he cautioned, "there are no margins to absorb new risk."

### 'Already long overdue'

Rand also spoke about "long-overdue" nuclear modernization efforts. Modernization plans are in place, he said, for the Minuteman intercontinental ballistic missile system, the bomber fleet, the air-launch cruise missile, the UH-1N Huey, nuclear weapon storage facilities and more.

"I am prepared to offer my opinion on the consequences to our nation's and our allies' security if these already long-overdue modernization efforts are not carried out according to their scheduled timelines," he said.



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U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Brenton Swift, a 13th Aircraft Maintenance Unit (AMU) weapons load crew chief, prepares a bomb rack for a B61-7 training munition swap during a Load Crew of the Quarter competition at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., July 15, 2016. The 393rd AMU and the 13th AMU from the 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron were given the same weapons loading scenario and competed for time and accuracy of the load.

# Locked & loaded



U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Christopher Glassen, a 13th Aircraft Maintenance Unit weapons load crew member, drives a B61-7 training munition into a weapons load trainer using a MHU-83 D/E jammer at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., July 15, 2016. Every three months, the most efficient crew from each aircraft maintenance unit within the 509th and 131st Aircraft Maintenance Squadrons competes for the Load Crew of the Quarter award.



U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Juan De Santiago, a 393rd Aircraft Maintenance Unit weapons load crew member, picks up a B61-7 training munition using an MHU-83 D/E jammer during the Load Crew of the Quarter competition at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., July 15, 2016. The competition consisted of a uniform inspection, a composite toolkit inspection, a 25-question test about an Airman's knowledge of the munitions that will be loaded for the scenario, and evaluation of the team's ability to accurately perform the loading scenario while being timed.



U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Christopher Glassen, a 13th Aircraft Maintenance Unit weapons load crew member, stands at attention while Chief Master Sgt. Jason Sells, the 509th Maintenance Group weapons manager, conducts a uniform inspection during a Load Crew of the Quarter competition at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., July 15, 2016. The competition showcased the accuracy, attention to detail and teamwork of load crews who support nuclear deterrence and global strike operations.



U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Brenton Swift, a 13th Aircraft Maintenance Unit (AMU) weapons load crew chief, secures a B61-7 training munition into a weapon load trainer's bomb rack during a Load Crew of the Quarter competition at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., July 15, 2016. The B-2 Spirit weapons load trainer is a model that allows weapons loaders to practice loading more frequently and when a B-2 aircraft isn't available.

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



## FSS Airman receives Top III MVP Award



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Jazmin Smith

**U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Jessica Bailey, a 509th Force Support Squadron appropriated and nonappropriated funds accountant, receives a Whiteman Top III MVP Award at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., July 15, 2016. Bailey mentored nine sustainment flight personnel in dining facility management processes, which ensured purchase requests met the 3 percent financial tolerance standard. She also saved the wing an estimated \$32,000 in operations and maintenance funds spent quarterly for repairs and lowered the man hours spent on proposal approval from 320 to 72 hours.**

**THINK SAFETY**



# Maj. Gen. Richard M. Clark visits Team Whiteman



U.S. Air Force Maj. Gen. Richard M. Clark, the 8th Air Force commander, poses in front of a B-2 Spirit at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., July 14, 2016. During his visit to Whiteman, Clark experienced his first flight in a B-2 Spirit, which provided him a unique perspective on global reach.

*U.S. Air Force photos/Senior Airman Joel Pfister*



U.S. Air Force Maj. Gen. Richard M. Clark, the 8th Air Force commander, returns a salute to U.S. Air Force Senior Airman David Astleford, a 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron crew chief at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., July 14, 2016. Clark had the opportunity to meet with the crew chiefs before his flight in a B-2 Spirit.



U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Steven Lee, an aircrew flight equipment technician with the 509th Operations Support Squadron, fits U.S. Air Force Maj. Gen. Richard M. Clark, the 8th Air Force commander, with an MBU-20/P soft-shell mask at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., July 13, 2016. During his visit to Whiteman, Clark experienced his first flight in a B-2 Spirit.



U.S. Air Force Maj. Gen. Richard M. Clark, the 8th Air Force commander, familiarizes himself inside the B-2 Spirit ground egress simulator at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., July 13, 2016. The hands-on experience provided the commander with a unique perspective on the B-2 Spirit's global reach and airpower capability.



U.S. Air Force Maj. Gen. Richard M. Clark, the 8th Air Force commander, has lunch with NCOs at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., July 14, 2016. Clark met with Whiteman leadership and Airmen to gain insight into the Total Force Integration mission of the 509th and 131st Bomb Wings.



U.S. Air Force Maj. Gen. Richard M. Clark, the 8th Air Force commander, signs his name in the distinguished visitor log at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., July 14, 2016. Following 509th Bomb Wing tradition, after a distinguished visitor flies in a B-2 Spirit, they sign their name and date into the log.



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## Chief's Choice Award



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

**U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Mark Christensen**, a 509th Operations Support Squadron cyber transport systems journeyman, receives a Chief's Choice Award from Chief Master Sgt. James Lyda, the 509th Operations Group superintendent, and Chief Master Sgt. Melvina Smith, the 509th Bomb Wing command chief, at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., July 18, 2016. Christensen single-handedly troubleshoot and fixed test mission planning systems for B-2 Spirit missions, resulting in setting a standard for future B-21 mission planning systems. Christensen also enabled communication with major strategic defense players by setting up the infrastructure which allowed the first DOD e-communications as well as the first Joint Worldwide Intelligence Community System redundancy, which provides network backup, for Whiteman in 10 years.

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# 131st Bomb Wing pilot reaches 1,500-hour milestone

By Tech. Sgt. Traci Howells  
131st Bomb Wing Public Affairs

A training mission that took place July 9, 2016, marked a significant accomplishment in the flying career of a Missouri Air National Guard (ANG) pilot.

During the mission, U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Jared Kennish, the 131st Operations Group commander, became one of the only B-2 Spirit pilots to ever reach 1,500 hours in the stealth aircraft.

Kennish attributed his accomplishment to the efficiency and professionalism of the maintenance personnel.

"It's a testimony to the efforts and dedication of the men and women who perform exceptional maintenance despite limited time and ever-increasing budget constraints," Kennish said. "Behind every flight hour logged in this aircraft is a team of maintenance Airmen making it possible."

Making this mission even more noteworthy was the fact that it was comprised of an all-ANG crew, Kennish said. He added that this would not have been possible before the total force integration with the active-duty personnel.

Col. Ken Eaves, the 131st Bomb Wing (BW) commander, said that Kennish was one of the initial cadre hired from the 509th BW to stand up the ANG mission at Whiteman. He added that Kennish has been an anchor in the operations group since he joined the unit, evidenced by the fact that he is now commanding that unit today.

"This milestone is just another highlight that demonstrates how the ANG brings continuity and experience to the B-2 mission," Eaves said. "I'm proud of Jared and all the 131st Airmen like him that go about their jobs every day alongside our mission partner to ensure this platform will answer the call when needed."

Kennish joined the ranks of a small group of B-2 pilots to log over 1,000 hours, and now is one of only six that have reached the 1,500-hour mark. He currently has the most hours of any pilot actively flying the B-2.

"I'm proud to fly the world's only long-range penetrating bomber, but I'm even more proud of the success of total force integration and I couldn't have accomplished this without the joint efforts of the men and women of the 131st and 509th Bomb Wings," he said.

More information on the Missouri Air National Guard's 131st BW can be found at <http://www.131bw.ang.af.mil/>. For information on the Missouri National Guard, visit <http://moguad.com/>.



Airmen from the 131st Maintenance Group perform landing checks on the B-2 Spirit of Mississippi prior to Lt. Col. Jared Kennish, the 131st Operations Group commander, exiting the aircraft at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., July 9, 2016. During his mission, Kennish crossed the 1,500 flying-hour mark.



U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Jared Kennish, the 131st Operations Group commander, is presented a 1,500-hour patch by Lt. Col. Timothy Rezac, the 110th Bomb Squadron commander, at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., July 9, 2016. Kennish joins a small group of B-2 Spirit pilots that have surpassed the 1,500-hour milestone and currently holds the most hours out of any actively flying B-2 pilot.

*U.S. Air National Guard photos/  
Senior Master Sgt.  
Mary-Dale Amison*



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[www.whiteman.af.mil](http://www.whiteman.af.mil)





# Privately-Owned Firearms Town Halls scheduled for Tuesday, July 26

The 509th Security Forces Squadron (SFS) will be holding two Town Hall meetings to educate Team Whiteman on the upcoming changes to the base's Privately Owned Firearms (POF) policy.

The Town Halls are scheduled for Tuesday, July 26, at the Mission's End Club. There will be two briefs, one at 10 a.m. and a second at 3 p.m.

The Town Halls are open to everyone with base access, so please come if you are interested in learning more.

As part of the Town Halls, there will be question and answer sessions. You can also post questions on our facebook page or email them to the 509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs office at [509.bw.pa@us.af.mil](mailto:509.bw.pa@us.af.mil).

## Politics and Social Media What Military Members Need to Know



When it comes to political participation, it is important to remember that military can:

- Register and vote
- Express their personal political opinions (just make sure it is clearly personal and no one could mistake it for being official)
- Encourage others to participate in the political process
- Sign a petition for a specific legislative action (again, in a personal capacity and not as SSgt Snuffy)
- Write a letter to the editor, but a disclaimer is required and the letter cannot solicit votes for a candidate
- Donate money to a political organization, party, or committee
- Display a bumper sticker on their car, but just one and it has to be a reasonable size
- Place a poster supporting a candidate or issue on their lawn, as long as they live off-base
- Become a "friend" or "Like" the Facebook page or "follow" the Twitter account of a political party or partisan candidate, campaign or cause



Military members cannot:

- Participate in partisan fundraising activities
- Speak at a partisan political gathering
- Wear the uniform at a campaign or election event
- Publish articles or endorsements that solicit votes
- Participate in radio, television or other programs as an advocate for a partisan party, candidate, or cause
- "Like" or "Re-tweet" a post soliciting for political contributions
- Display a campaign logo or candidate photograph as a profile picture
- Suggest that others "like", "friend" or "follow" the partisan account
- Forward invitation to partisan events, solicit or fundraise



# Staff Car = Salute



When **officer** passengers are identifiable in appropriately marked **staff vehicles** a **salute** **must** be rendered.