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### Weekly commander's message

Greetings, Team Whiteman!

Chief Smith and I would like to thank everyone who had a hand in putting together our annual awards banquet last Friday night at UCM. It was an incredible event, and as I said at the conclusion of the ceremony, it was the best annual awards ceremony I have ever attended! Also, I'd like to congratulate our award winners one last time ... be proud of your accomplishments, thank you for your leadership, and good luck competing at the 8th Air Force-level!

This week our Total Force team has been busy executing a mix of initial qualification, currency training, and test sorties. These missions validated the skills of our aircrews, and included valuable training ranging from basic air refueling for our Initial Qualification Training students to advanced weapon delivery tactics for our bomb squadron pilots.

In addition, our team participated in an exercise on Wednesday designed to assess our readiness and response capabilities. The exercise, which involved an armed-contingent of attackers accessing our installation, proved how capable our first responders truly are! In particular, our Defenders, who stand watch 24 hours per day, 365 days per year in order to protect our base, our families, and our unique platform, responded exceptionally well as we knew you would! As always, our Defenders showed that they are extremely well trained professionals and I am proud of how our entire team responded ... job well done!

In the near future, we have several events that I want to ensure everyone is aware of so you and your families can participate if interested. For example, today is the last day to purchase tickets for the University of Missouri Military Appreciation Basketball Game, which is scheduled for Saturday, February 11. You can reserve your tickets, which are only \$5 each, through your first sergeant or by stopping in Chief Smith's office in the 509th Bomb Wing Headquarters, Room 211. Coming up on Tuesday we will have our monthly promotion ceremony at Mission's End starting at 3 p.m. Any day that we can recognize the accomplishments of our teammates is a good day ... hope to see you there!

Finally, next week marks the 75th anniversary of our Mighty 8th Air Force! I hope you and your squadrons find time to reflect on what it means to be a part of such



a legendary and impactful unit. As current members of the Mighty 8th, we stand on the shoulders of giants like Ira Eaker and Jimmy Doolittle – iconic Airmen who had the vision to make our command what it is today. Each day here at Whiteman, we carry on their legacy, and the legacy of all the brave 8th Air Force bomber crews who flew over war-torn Europe in order to free the world of fascism during World War II. Similarly, just last week we authored the latest chapter in the combat history of our command when we reduced another adversary's ability to spread hate and violence across the globe. All of us should be proud of our heritage, and, as we proved last week, we will continue to uphold the legacy of excellence our 8th Air Force is known for!

Defend...Avenge!

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

## Whiteman AFB's 2016 AFGSC Maintenance Award Winners:

Clements McMullen Memorial Daedalian Weapon System Maintenance Trophy: 509th/131st Maintenance Groups

Lieutenant General Leo Marquez Award (Aircraft Maintenance Category): Field Grade Manager – **Maj. Redahlia S. Person**, 509th MXS

Civilian Manager – Mr. Matthew E. Feece, 509th MXS

Technician Supervisor – **Tech. Sgt. Dustin A. Majewski**, 509th MXS

Technician – Senior Airmen Jeremy D. Mercado, 509th AMXS

Civilian Technician – Mr. Kenneth A. Hartman, 509th MXS

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The deadline for article submissions to the Warrior is noon Friday. If a holiday falls on Friday, the deadline then becomes 4 p.m. Thursday. Articles will be published on a space-available basis. Submissions do not guarantee publication.

For more information, call the Warrior office at 660-687-6126, email Whiteman.Warrior@us.af.mil, fax 660-687-7948, or write to us at Whiteman Warrior, 509th Bomb Wing, 509th Spirit Blvd. Suite 116, Whiteman AFB, Mo., 65305.

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## On the cover

U.S. Air Force illustration/ Senior Airman Danielle Quilla

U.S. Air Force Airman Joerimer Collado, left, and Airman Aleandro Pust Cunibertti, individual protective equipment (IPE) specialists assigned to the 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron, disassemble gas masks at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Jan. 18, 2017. Once an individual turns in their protective gear, the gas masks are taken apart to be sterilized and inspected.

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#### **NEWS BRIEFS**



U.S. Air Force Eagle Eyes provides service members and civilians a safe, discreet and anonymous option to report criminal information, counterintelligence indicators or force protection concerns.

To submit a web tip go to http:// www.tipsubmit.com/WebTips. aspx?AgencyID=1111 or the AFOSI web page at http://www.osi.af.mil

How to report an anonymous tip using a smart phone:

- 1. Use the smart phone app
- 2. Manually select an agency
- 3. Choose USA then Federal Agency then select AFOSI
- 4. Create a passport, select New Tip and fill out the form with as much information as possible.

How to report an anonymous tip VIA text message:

Text "AFOSI" plus your tip information to 274637 (CRIMES)

#### Air Force Housing website

Visit www.housing.af.mil to find your new home with the Air Force. This website serves as a one-stop shop for Airmen and their families to obtain information about the housing options and support services available to them at Air Force bases worldwide.

#### 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.

#### Found property

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

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| Partly Sunny   | Sunny        |
| Hi 41          | Hi 46        |

### Social media and our climate

By 509th Bomb Wing Equal Opportunity

Social media has become an intricate piece of our everyday lives. Most of us can admit we spend an extensive amount of time communicating to family and friends via some form of social media. Unfortunately, social media can also be used as a negative outlet which can lead to perceived discrimination and/or harassment.

An Airman can quickly cross a line between friendly conversation and harassing conduct by texting or posting images, which are in direct violation of the Air Force Discrimination/Harassment Policy. These violations can also include sexting (the sending of sexually explicit messages or images by cell phone), posting inappropriate pictures via Twitter/Facebook, and even as severe as posting racist comments via any form of social media.

We must not forget that professionalism does not stop when you leave the workplace and it also does not stop when we turn on our phone or computer. With just one click it is very easy for a text or post to be seen, read and interpreted as something completely different than what was originally intended. It is also easy for some Airmen to use this as an avenue of communication and say things they would never say or do in front of other individuals. Before they know it, with that one click of a button every emotional thought and feeling they've had goes viral and can never be taken back.

As military professionals we must remember that DOD instruction, AFI 1-1, 2.15, reminds us, "You are personally responsible for what you say and post on social networking services and any other medium. Regardless of the method of communication used. Air Force standards must be observed at all times, both on and off-duty."

The Equal Opportunity (EO) office can be utilized to assist Airmen in processing and preventing climate issues involving the negative use of social media and technology. We can do this in many ways including training venues, such as commanders calls, core group discussions and any of our human relations education training.

A healthy human relations climate is our ultimate goal and we have a responsibility in ensuring we identify, assess and remove any and all EO barriers, to include negative impacts social media can have on an installation's human relations climate. Those conversations are vital between the EO office and Team Whiteman to ensure a healthy climate is established and maintained.

For any question or concerns regarding the EO program, please contact our staff at 660-687-5737.

## 2016 AFGSC Annual Awards



U.S. Air Force photo /Senior Airman Danielle Quilla

U.S. Air Force Gen. Robin Rand, the Air Force Global Strike Command commander, speaks during the 2016 Annual Awards Banquet at the University of Central Missouri Jan. 20, 2017. Rand thanked all the award nominees for their hard work and their contributions to ensuring the mission is successful.

TENANT UNIT 2016 ANNUAL AWARDS Airman of the Year 2016

Senior Airman Tashiona Robinson, 20th ATKS

Non-commissioned Officer (NCO) of the Year 2016

Tech. Sgt. Stephen Powell, 358th FS

Senior Non-commissioned Officer (SNCO) of the Year 2016 Master Sgt. Garry Clarke, 20th ATKS

Company Grade Office (CGO) of the Year 2016

Capt. Ahmad Nelson, 20th ATKS

Field Grade Officer (FGO) of the Year 2016

Maj. Hillary Wykes, 20th ATKS

#### 509TH BOMB WING 2016 ANNUAL AWARDS

**Key Spouse of the Year 2016** 

Mrs. Teri Sterling, 509th MSG

**Honor Guard Member of the Year 2016** 

Senior Airman Hannah Larson, 509th MXG First Sergeant of the Year 2016

Master Sgt. Corey Lobdell, 509th MSG

Civilian Associate of the Year 2016

Mrs. Sterling Elwell, 509th MSG

Civilian Specialist/Manager of the Year 2016

Mr. David Chase, 509th OG

Civilian Supervisor of the Year 2016

Mr. Jason Rhyne, 509th MSG

Airman of the Year 2016

Senior Airman Sarah Smallwood, 509th MDG

NCO of the Year 2016

Tech. Sgt. Ryan Waterfield, 509th OG

SNCO of the Year 2016

Master Sgt. Tony Johnson, 509th OG

CGO of the Year 2016

Capt. Zachary Franklin, 509th OG

FGO of the year 2016

Maj. Christopher Conant, 509th OG

**Innovator of the Year 2016** 

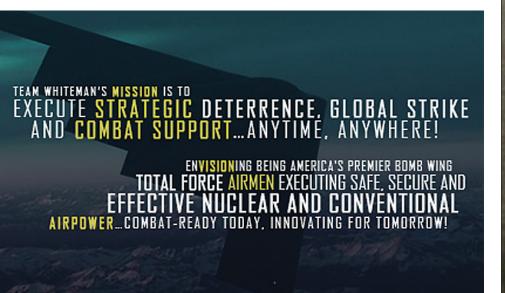
Capt. Michael Haffner, 509th OG

Supervisor of the Year 2016 Tech. Sgt. Kyle Lawler, 509th OG The Warrior News



FRIDAY, JAN. 27 • 7 p.m. Man Down (R) Adults - \$6.25 SATURDAY, JAN. 28 • 7 p.m. Passengers (PG-13) Adults - \$6.25, children - \$4.00

**SUNDAY, JAN. 29 •** 3 p.m. Fences (PG-13) Adults - \$6.25, children - \$4.00



## Message delivered:

## Text-Me-Now program provides immediate response from Patient Advocates



**By Senior Airman Joel Pfiester** 50th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

The Patient Advocate program is already an extremely helpful resource for patients awaiting healthcare, and now with the addition of the Text-Me-Now program at Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri, patients will receive almost immediate resolution for any issues that may arise while visiting the clinic.

The Text-Me-Now program, which originated at Altus Air Force Base, Oklahoma, and has made its way to Whiteman, makes the process more resourceful and immediate by allowing patients to text message an advocate at the clinic from their mobile device.

Traditionally, if a concern arises while a patient is at the clinic, they could ask to see the Patient Advocate by notifying a staff member. The staff would then seek out the advocate who could then come and consult with the patient to resolve the issue.

"If a patient wishes to see me, they can ask a staff member in the clinic, and they will be brought to my office or they can submit their concerns online through the Interactive Customer Evaluation (ICE)," said U.S. Air Force Capt. James Jordan, the 509th Medical Group (MDG) Patient Advocate. "There is no appointment necessary to see me, I'm available whenever a patient has an issue."

While Jordan is the MDG advocate, there are advocates for each section of the clinic,

U.S. Air Force graphic /Senior Airman Joel Pfiester

such as Family Health, Lab, Physical Therapy and so on. The program aims to help maximize the amount of patients assisted by minimizing the time it takes to seek out the advocate. It also increases the amount of patients that can be assisted at the same time.

"The program is beneficial because it gives the patient a direct and immediate line to myself or the alternate group advocate. Master Sgt. William Blackmon," said Jordan. "They can be sitting in the exam room and text me and I can try to provide them with immediate resolution or address any of their concerns on-the-spot. They do not need to involve any staff to seek me out."

For example, if a patient is having an issue with the very staff member they would need to ask to find the advocate, the Text-Me-Now program allows the patient to avoid any interaction with staff other than the advocate. They can simply send a text message to the number with a brief description of the issue at hand.

The program is intended for use only while in the clinic for immediate issues and feedback. For other concerns, patients should access the ICE portal.

"The Text-Me-Now program is bringing patient care and alleviation of concerns into the modern 'immediate resolution' realm," said Jordan

The Text-Me-Now program phone number is 660-563-1011. For more information, contact Capt. James Jordan 660-687-2983. For more information regarding ICE, visit http://ice.disa.mil.

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### Emergency support team puts skills to the test



Members of an emergency support team check for simulated radioactive contamination at a contamination control station at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Jan. 19, 2017. The scenario was part of an Initial Response Force/Response Task Force exercise.



U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Amanda Lyons, a 509th Civil Engineer Squadron emergency manager, uses a range-finder to determine the distance from a pre-designated level of contamination during an Initial Response Force/Response Task Force exercise at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Jan. 19, 2017. The exercise tested the skills of various squadrons' response in case of a real-world incident.



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U.S. Air Force photos/ Airman Michaela R. Slanchik

#### **News**

## Whiteman Airman receives Top III MVP award



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

U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Dominique McIvery, a visitor control center clerk assigned to the 509th Security Forces Squadron, receives the Top III MVP award at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Jan. 25, 2017. In addition to issuing more than 500 visitor passes and 300 contractor IDs, McIvery covered night shift during the holidays, assisted others with their finances, and volunteered to prepare a meal for dorm residents despite being a resident herself. Also, she helped a fellow Airman seek help through Mental Health when she learned the individual was struggling with suicidal thoughts.

### THINK SAFETY

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## First car helps build solid foundation



Members of the individual protective equipment (IPE) shop assigned to the 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron (LRS) perform an inventory check in support of the 442d LRS at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Jan. 18, 2017. The Airmen ensured the content in the storage containers were correctly sealed and did not pass their expiration date.



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Gripping the steering wheel and taking a deep breath, he inhaled the new car scent. After months of walking from place to place, the Airman finally had a vehicle to call his own.

On July 25, 2016, U.S. Air Force Airman Joerimer Collado, an individual protective equipment (IPE) specialist with the 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron (LRS) at Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri, bought his first car with the help of his supervisor.

"I knew I would need a car when I arrived at my first base, but I was overwhelmed and I didn't know where to start looking," said Collado. "My supervisor helped me narrow down my options and he offered to take me out on the weekends to test drive some cars."

This is just one example of how the IPE element has helped their Airmen transitioning into their new Air Force lifestyle. Air Force Global Strike Command (AFGSC) announced 2017 as the year of the family, which focuses on investing in Airmen to help them overcome challenges and help sustain a resilient Air Force community.

"We are in a profession of arms; this occupation requires a dedication that other occupations don't," said U.S. Air Force Gen. Robin Rand, the AFGSC commander. "If we are going to do the job right, if we are going to take care of each other properly, we have to build on a solid foundation."

The IPE team is made up of Airmen from different countries, such as Peru, Philippines, and

Central Africa. It is the camaraderie within the element that has helped lay down this foundation and boost morale

"Shelf life, gas mask testing, inventory, and weapons cleaning are tasks that should be boring, but they aren't because I am able to talk to other people while doing it," said U.S. Air Force Airman Aleandro Pust Cunibertti, a fellow IPE specialist with the 509th LRS.

Pust Cunibertti, also known as PC, was born in Lima, Peru, before moving to Los Angeles at four years old. At the age of 20 he decided to join the military for a stable job, travel and to continue his education

He joined the IPE team just one month after Collado in July 2016. However, PC did not have a driver's license when he enlisted in the Air Force. This gave Collado the opportunity to pay it forward and help out his wingman.

"I really appreciate Collado helping me out by giving me tips and inviting me to practice driving after work once I got my permit," said PC. "Also, I am thankful for everyone being patient with me through the process and not making me hurry."

On Oct. 6, 2016, PC was able to obtain his driver's license.

"Both Airmen are hard workers and dedicated to each individual task that is assigned to them, and they have helped develop great camaraderie within the shop," said Staff Sgt. Rey Jee Quilla, an IPE specialist with the 509th LRS and Collado and PC's supervisor. "It is important to invest in your Airmen and help them out with things they need outside of work because the challenges they face in their personal lives can carry over to how they perform the mission."



U.S. Air Force Airman Joerimer Collado, an individual protective equipment (IPE) specialist assigned to the 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron (LRS), creates an inventory list for disposition items at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Jan. 17, 2017. When items are no longer needed in the IPE shop they are put into crates to be transferred to another facility.



Members of the individual protective equipment shop assigned to the 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron (LRS) display the weapons and gear involved in the most stringent contingency deployment operation at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Nov. 14, 2016. The shop was awarded January 2017 team of the month for LRS.



Members of the 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron and their family members visit the National World War I Museum at Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 16, 2016. The tour was relevant to the individual protective equipment (IPE) specialists because it educated the Airmen on how the protective gear has evolved and modernized to what they work with every day at IPE.

U.S. Air Force photos/ Senior Airman Danielle Quilla

## Service Before Self

# Time to file income taxes!

By 509th Bomb Wing Legal Office

It's that time of the year again - time to file income taxes! To help members of Team Whiteman efficiently and effectively get their taxes filed, the base tax office will operate Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Starting on Feb. 1, 2017, the tax office will begin processing tax returns for individuals who meet the criteria listed below. We can assist in the preparation of federal and state tax returns as well as e-file those returns for you.

Criteria: Volunteers will help prepare your state and federal tax returns so long as your gross income is under \$150,000; you have no substantial rental properties/business income; and there is no history of bankruptcies, foreclosures, or other type of cancellation of debt as these issues exceed the expertise of this volunteer program. If you have any questions, call our appointment line for more details.

**Who:** Service is available to all Active Duty, Guard and Reserve personnel, as well as Department of Defense civilian employees, dependents, and retirees.

Where: Professional Development Center

(PDC), Building 515, Room 208. Also new this year – we will have a satellite office at the University of Central Missouri (UCM) Office of Military and Veteran Services, Elliott Student Union 117.

**Phone Number:** To make an appointment, call Whiteman Legal Office at 660-687-6809, or UCM Veteran's Center at 660-543-8776.

Hours for appointments: Typically, appointments will be Monday – Thursday, 8 -11 a.m. and 1 - 4 p.m. at the PDC. Call UCM for hours of operation. Exceptions can be made given the circumstances, call with any questions.

**Walk-In Hours:** Friday, 8 - 11 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. (1040EZ filers only).

#### What is needed for tax returns:

-Copy of all tax paperwork (W-2s)

-Social Security cards for all individuals

-Bank account number and routing number for tax return

-Copy of last year's refunds/payments tax return, if available

If you have any questions before Feb. 1 please call the legal office at 660-687-6809.



Applications must be postmarked by

01.31.2017

For An Application or More Information
Email -

WSC.SCHOLARSHIP1@GMAIL.COM

or visit

www.whitemanwsc.com/scholarships.html

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## Lt Col Eugenia L. Edwards 509th Force Support Squadron (C

"I am excited to be back at Whiteman and I look forward to moving into the future with the men and women who make up the 509th FSS."

> -Lt. Col. Eugenia L. Edwards 509th FSS CC



- 1. Jun 2001 Sep 2002, Section Commander; 509 CES, Whiteman AFB, MO
- 2. Sep 2002-Nov 2003, Section Commander, 509 AMXS, Whiteman AFB, MO
- 3. Nov 2003 Jul 2005, Section Commander, 3 EMS, Elmendorf AFB, AK
- 4. Jul 2005 Sep 2006, Chief, Customer Support, 3 MSS, Elmendorf AFB, AK
- 5. Sep 2006—Aug 2008, Operations Officer, 331 TRS, Lackland AFB, TX
- 6. Aug 2008—Aug 2009, Operations Officer and Flight Commander, 319 TRS, Lackland AFB, TX
- 7. Aug 2009 Feb 2011, Commander, AETC Headquarters Squadron, HQAETC, Randolph AFB, TX
- 8. Feb 2011 Mar 2013, Operations Officer, 509 FSS, Whiteman AFB, MO

Lt Col Eugenia L. Edwards is the Commander of the 509th Force Support Squadron. She leads 447 military and civilian personnel and oversees 20 activities, 29 facilities, and 52 programs with a \$10M annual budget. She also plans and employs all manpower and personnel, force development, sustainment, family services and community programs that directly affect over 1,200 military, civilian, retirees and their families.

Prior to her current position, Lt Col Edwards was Chief, Joint Officer Matters, OSD & White House Military Office (WHMO), at OSD WHS Military Personnel. She was responsible for the implementation of DoD officer promotion policies, and acted as senior military advisor providing oversight and expertise for O-7 and below promotion matters to OSD staff. Her duties included managing and recruiting for WHMO mission requirements, and providing joint guidance under special & unique directives. Additionally, she was the lead Human Resources Division representative supporting the Defense Innovation Unit Experimental (DUIx) initiative. In this role, Lt Col Edwards was responsible for determining support requirements for DIUx and procuring appropriate military active duty, guard, and reserve manpower from all services, as well as coordinating civilian hires. She is married to Paul Edwards, and they have three children.

#### <u>Commentary</u>

## Tax delinquency and the military

By Senior Airman Casey Green

509th Bomb Wing Staff Judge Advocate

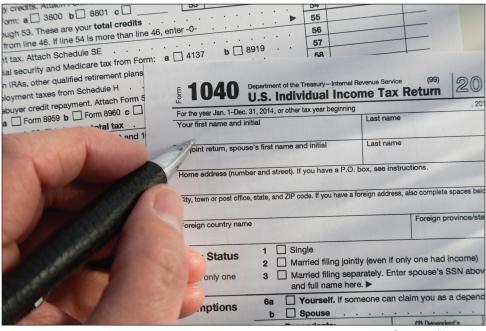
The 2016 tax season is upon us! As of Jan. 20, 2017, W-2 forms are available for all military personnel. This year's filing deadline will be April 18, 2017. Please be aware that although you may file your taxes properly and timely, you may still receive a delinquent notice from the Missouri Department of Revenue (MDR), even if you have another "home state" for tax purposes.

Last year, the Whiteman legal office received several reports of military members receiving tax delinquency notices from MDR. Missouri began sending tax notices to Whiteman members whose home of record is not Missouri. If you receive a notice like this from the MDR be aware: If your home of record is not Missouri, then you are protected by the Service-members Civil Relief Act (SCRA).

The SCRA prevents military personnel from being taxed on their military income by any state other than their home of record. Under the SCRA, the laws of the state listed as your home of record determines whether you are required to pay state income tax on your military pay. For example, if you are stationed here at Whiteman and your home of record is Mississippi, then you follow the tax rules of Mississippi and file through that state ... not Missouri.

We advise all members who are not legal residents of Missouri, but receive a Missouri tax delinquency notice on their military pay, go to the Military No Return Required page at https://sa.dor.mo.gov/nri to be exempted from filing a Missouri income tax return. As an alternative you can send a rebuttal to the Missouri Department of Revenue. Missouri does not require you to submit any documentation with your rebuttal letter, but it is helpful to include a copy of your military orders and your most recent state tax return. MDR is aware of this issue and is working hard to ensure a more speedy process to resolve SCRA cases.

It is important that you respond to the delinquency notice as soon as possible, but in the meantime, do not panic. If you have received a Missouri income tax delinquency notice, the base legal office can assist you in filing your rebuttal. Walk-in legal assistance hours are Tues-



Courtesy illustration

days from 8 - 10 a.m. and Thursdays from 1 - 3 p.m. We are located in the 509th Bomb Wing Headquarters building, in Suite 203.

A special note for military members with an official state of residence of Missouri and who are stationed in Missouri: On June 28, 2016, by Missouri Senate Bill 814, the law was changed to allow for Missouri military members, while stationed in Missouri, to be exempt from paying state income tax. Contact the tax center with any questions at 660-687-6809.

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See Something ... Say Something

