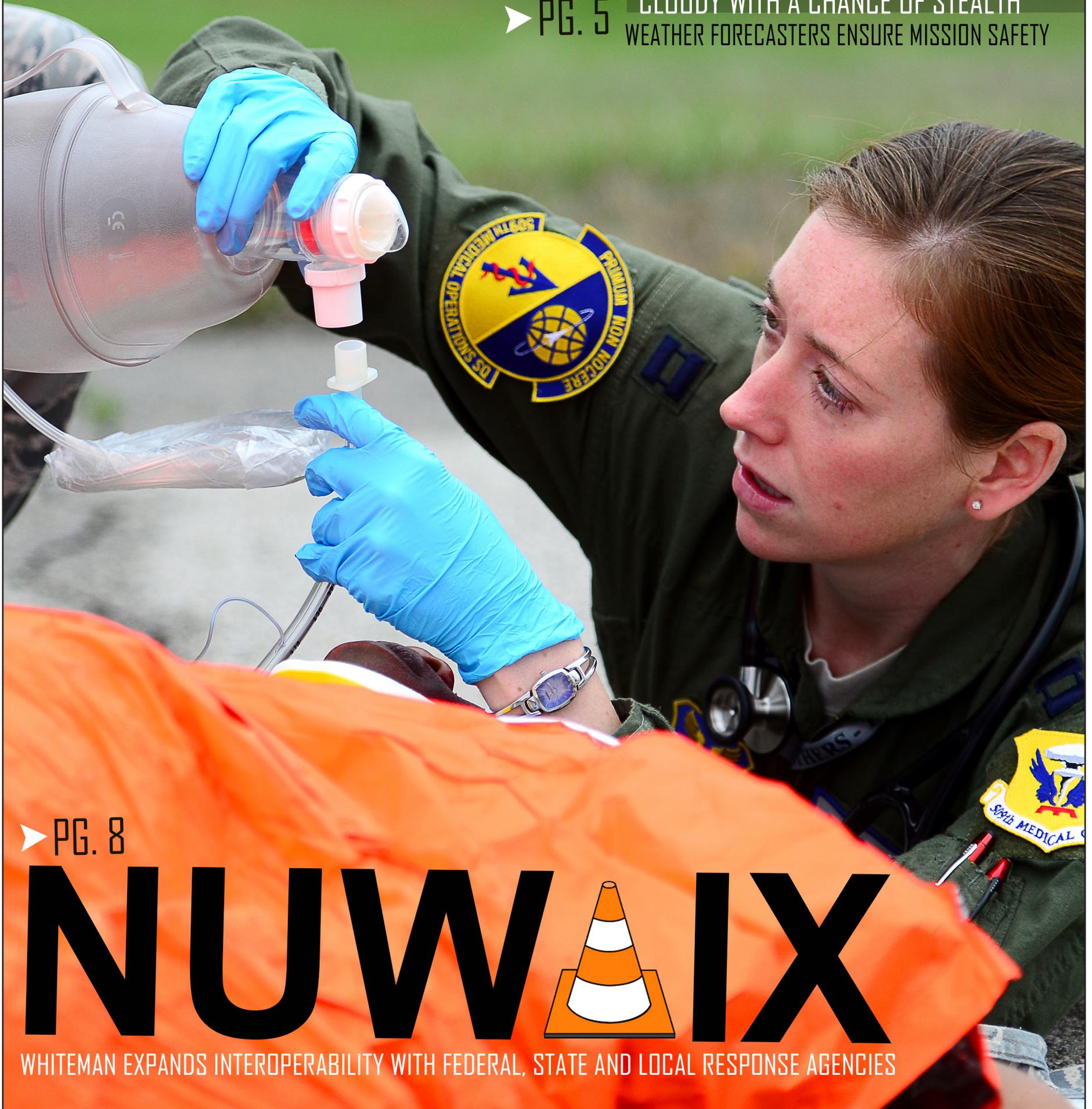


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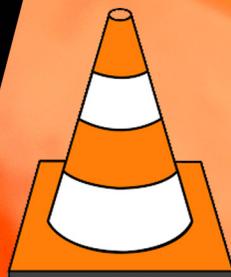
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NUWWAIX



WHITEMAN EXPANDS INTEROPERABILITY WITH FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL RESPONSE AGENCIES

Weekly commander's message

Greetings, Team Whiteman!

Throughout the week our Total Force team participated in a challenging Nuclear Weapon Accident Incident Exercise (NUWAIX) and I could not be more proud of how our entire team performed! Thanks to your dedication and professionalism, we validated our ability to respond to an event involving strategic weapons, and we expanded our interoperability capabilities with federal, state and local response agencies. Because of the exercise, many of you worked a lot of extra hours and many late nights ... please know that your leadership recognizes this and that we are looking at different ways to give you time back over the coming weeks to spend with your family and friends because of your efforts. Thanks again for all your hard work over the three day exercise ... we have just authored another great chapter in our team's storied history!

In addition to NUWAIX, on Thursday members from our team participated in a remembrance ceremony at the World War I Memorial in Kansas City. The ceremony, which included a B-2 flyover and marked the 100th anniversary of America entering the war, honored the sacrifices made by countless American heroes during the Great War. During World War I, approximately 17 million people lost their lives ... that horrific figure highlights just how vital our current deterrence mission truly is. Thankfully, we have avoided such massive destruction since 1945 in large part due to our safe, secure and effective deterrent force.

If you are looking for something to do this weekend, we are hosting a Spring Carnival and Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Youth Center. As part of the carnival, there will be pony rides, games, inflatables, and rumor has it that the Easter Bunny will be there ... hope you and your families can enjoy this great event together!

Also on Saturday, our medical group is hosting a Baby Shower from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Chapel 2 Annex. In

partnership with Military Homefront, TRICARE, Bothwell and Western Missouri Hospital OB/GYN departments, the event will feature swaddling classes, breastfeeding support and demonstrations regarding pregnancy fitness. In addition, there will be over 500 raffle giveaways consisting of over \$10,000 in products, as well as free baby bags for new mothers ... this is not an event to be missed for all pregnant parents or those with children under the age of 3!

Next week our PDC is hosting a Commissioning Expo on Wednesday, April 12. Various commissioning options will be discussed, and a panel of officers who commissioned from various programs will discuss their experiences. For more information, stop by the PDC or speak with either your supervisor or First Sergeant.

Lastly, April is designated the Month of the Military Child. Here at Whiteman we have thousands of active duty, Guard, and Reserve members serving our nation every day. In addition, we have thousands of military children silently serving our great nation right alongside their parents. To me, military children are a national treasure. I say this because they experience many changes when their loved one has to go away to training, deploy, and when they return home again. They are forced to sacrifice their time with us for our nation, even though they were not the ones who volunteered for this lifestyle. They are brave, they are patriotic, and they are proud of what their parents do. So as we move through April, find time to thank our military children ... they are an inspiration to us all and many times the reason we serve to begin with!

Have a great, safe weekend ... watch out for one another!

Defend ... Avenge!

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Beat the Boss

The Beat the Boss program is a monthly PT test competition between 509th Bomb Wing units that recognizes outstanding teamwork and devotion to fitness at the Squadron level. Active duty Whiteman Airmen who score higher than the commander's score of 98.0% will earn a one-day pass, and those who score a 100% receive a one-day pass and a commander's coin.

Here are the Beat the Boss results for March 27-28, 2017:

Tech. Sgt. Tyler Olcott
349th RCS, 100%



On the cover

U.S. Air Force photo/
Tech. Sgt. Andy M. Kin
U.S. Air Force Capt. Kallyn Harencak, a flight surgeon assigned to the 509th Medical Group, treats casualties during a Nuclear Weapons Accident/ Incident Exercise (NUWAIX) at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., April 5, 2017. Capt. Harencak, was one of many medical responders to provide aid to casualties from a simulated incident during NUWAIX 2017.

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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 Thursday at 5:30 p.m., with an optional discussion on spiritual resilience to follow at 6:30 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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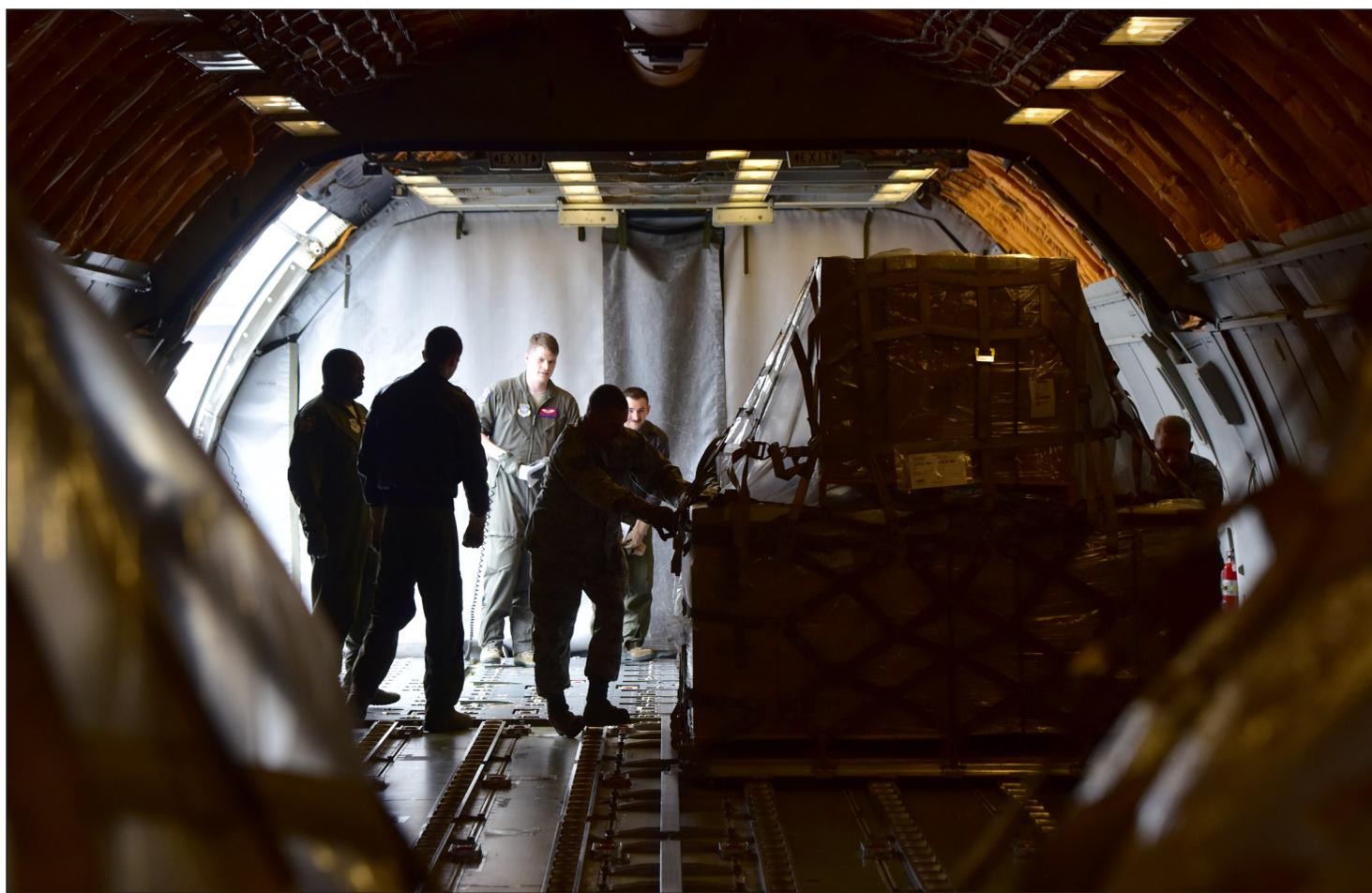
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WEATHER

Today	Saturday
Sunny	Sunny
Hi 62	Hi 75
Lo 33	Lo 46

Sunday	Monday
Partly Sunny	Partly Sunny
Hi 75	Hi 70
Lo 61	Lo 58

Convoy of Hope: Humanitarian Relief



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Jovan Banks
Airmen with the 509th and 131st Logistics Readiness Squadrons load a KC-10 Extender aircraft with 70 pallets of food in support of Convoy of Hope at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., April 1, 2017. More than 84,000 pounds of fortified rice and soy protein were conveyed in an initiative to feed more than 65,000 children in Haiti.

By Lt. Col. Kellie Courtland
509th LRS Commander

The Airmen of the 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron (LRS) are prepared to execute strategic deterrence, global strike and combat support ... anytime, anywhere. However, the LRS Airmen also get the privilege to help execute humanitarian relief efforts whenever called upon. In March 2017, the Airmen of the 509th LRS in combination with our Air National Guard mission partners at the 131st LRS led the way for a specific humanitarian relief effort called Convoy of Hope.

Convoy of Hope is a faith-based, non-profit organization with a driving passion to feed the world through children's feeding initiatives, community outreach and disaster response. The organization was founded in 1994 by the Donaldson family. Their inspiration for starting the organization can be traced back to the many people who helped their family after their father, Harold, was killed by a drunk driver in 1969. Today, more than 79 million people have been saved throughout the world by Convoy of Hope.

Last month, we received a call to help with this outreach. U.S. Southern Command conveyed over 70 pallets, equating to 84,000 pounds of fortified rice and soy protein meals via semi-trucks to Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri. The Airmen of the LRS palletized, weighed, inspected and loaded all pallets on a KC-10 Extender aircraft in three days and sent it to Joint Base Charleston, South Carolina, and then onto its final destination: the beautiful country of Haiti. This is the LRS's third Convoy of Hope in the last year. Other missions have supported other countries

such as El Salvador and Honduras. We are excited to let you know that this mission will feed over 65,000 children at over 264 program centers in the country. The program centers help educate children in nutrition and hygiene, laying the groundwork for better health for their country in the future.

Convoy of Hope has been feeding children in Haiti since 2007 and as the 509th LRS commander, I am proud and humbled to serve with the men and women of the LRS who help make this mission a success. What a great way to uphold the legacy of excellence...anytime anywhere!



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Jovan Banks
Airmen with the 509th and 131st Logistics Readiness Squadrons supported the humanitarian relief effort Convoy of Hope at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., April 1, 2017. More than 84,000 pounds of fortified rice and soy protein were conveyed in an initiative to feed more than 65,000 children in Haiti.

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Cloudy with a chance of stealth



U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Alex Knowles, a weather forecaster assigned to the 509th Operations Support Squadron, studies a severe weather outbreak to see if and how it will impact base operations at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., March 28, 2017. All forecasters are educated in a broad spectrum of natural sciences and are current on forecast techniques, tactical equipment and data analysis.

By Airman 1st Class Jazmin Smith
509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

Weather is warming up, rivers are filling and local wild flowers are blooming. It's time to start making outdoor plans – if only it would stop raining.

There's nothing that will change the forces of Mother Nature; however, having the information to plan around her moods can make a huge difference in how the day goes.

Whether it is providing lightning notifications for Airmen on the flightline or briefing the group commanders about impacts to the installation, the 509th Operations Support Squadron (OSS) weather flight personnel take on the role of global forecasters.

For the aircraft and Total Force team assigned to Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri, the weather flight's mission is to support operations for a global strike-capable force as well as the base community. To consolidate the many aspects of their job, the office is broken down into three weather operations sections.

Foremost is missions operations, which is geared toward supporting global operations for all aviation assets assigned to Whiteman, regardless of where they operate across the globe, to include any transient aircraft.

"Our focus is mission forecast products, planning weather and providing operational outlooks," said U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Cecil Anderson, the 509th OSS weather operations flight chief. "This support can vary heavily depending on the objective of each sortie.

"It could be anything from a tactical decision aid for weapons acquisition with an A-10 to a global forecast for a 30-hour B-2 mission," added Anderson.

Like the conditions for severe weather can dampen a good trip, there are many factors forecasters assigned to the 509th OSS must consider to help make the pilots' missions as smooth as possible.

"Although we focus heavily on state-side operations, we'll support the aircraft wherever it goes," stated Anderson. "While we are forecasting thunderstorms in Florida, the next day we

might be forecasting for volcanic ash clouds and typhoons off in the Pacific Ocean."

With specialized equipment, such as a deployable weather station, also known as the TMQ-53 Tactical Meteorological Observing System, or a weather sensor, known as a Kestrel, these Airmen are capable of deploying with the aircraft and providing support while operating in an austere location.

"That is one of the most challenging parts of the job," added Anderson. "How weather happens in one part of the world is not necessarily how it develops on the other side. Our job is to understand that so the mission happens."

With the multitude of meteorological conditions that can have an effect on flight operations, knowing what to expect allows the mission planners and aircrews to safely adjust the route if necessary.

"Factors such as flight winds can impact everything from fuel loads to mission timing," remarked Anderson. "Turbulence, icing, and thunderstorm locations and intensity can also have a major impact.

"Knowing where these conditions will develop allows mission-critical adjustments with other aircraft, especially air-refueling assets," added Anderson. "Staying informed ensures that the aircrew comes home safely, and that is what the Air Force is about: safety, security and accomplishing the mission."

The second operations section is airfield operations, which is focused on taking care of the installation. In addition to analyzing the official airfield forecast, they are also weather observers.

This enables them to visually identify weather conditions such as cloud heights and coverage, visibilities on the runway, and many other weather conditions to ensure that air traffic control can take care of any aircrew in the airspace.

Their responsibilities include: resource protection for the airfield and the entire base community, staff support for base events like picnics and air shows and taking weather observations for aircraft using the airfield. They also handle all of the installation's watches, warnings and advisories.

"Our award-winning weather flight looks out for every person on Whiteman, their families, the surrounding community, even the National Weather Service, every single day," said Lt. Col. Keith Butler, the 509th Operations Support Squadron commander. "These professionals work around the clock, keeping all of us up to speed with rapidly-changing weather conditions that affect both lives and property. This allows base leadership to make quick and accurate decisions that keep everyone safe, the jets secure and our mission effective."

As the spectrum of weather varies quite a bit, the last section is training. Both the newcomer, or pipeline student, and the seasoned forecasters are educated in a broad spectrum of natural sciences.

Some of the areas they cover include space weather analysis, such as geo-magnetic storm analysis, solar flares; tropical weather analysis, which includes tropical cyclones and hurricanes; oceanographical analysis, which entails measuring wave heights and sea surface temperatures; and lastly traditional meteorology or weather forecasting.

"Due to the global nature of the B-2 and the wide range of operations here, the training section ensures all of the forecasters and staff remain current on forecast techniques, tactical equipment and data analysis," said Anderson. "Weather is a growing science, and they are responsible for ensuring that newly developed techniques and forecasting skills are folded into operations."

Staffed with less than 15 Airmen, their team is capable of anything from pinpointing when thunderstorms are going to hit the airfield so an aircraft can launch, to being flexible enough to deliver a spot-on forecast for operations across the globe.

"Weather forecasting is a challenging skill and science, and no two days are ever the same," said Anderson. "To be good at this job, you have to know and understand how the atmosphere works, and the forecasting team at Whiteman is one of the best.

"I think their selection as Air Force Global Strike Command's Weather Flight of the Year for 2016 speaks to the high caliber Airman taking care of Whiteman," hailed Anderson.

Team Whiteman celebrates Month of the Military Child



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

Members of Team Whiteman celebrate the Month of the Military Child during a carnival sponsored by the Defense Commissary Agency at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., April 1, 2017. Throughout the month of April, the community has the opportunity to recognize military children and youth for their bravery, character and resilience.



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by logging onto www.whiteman.af.mil

Developing Spiritually Fit Airmen

By Chaplain, Lt. Col. John W. Shipman
509th Bomb Wing Chapel

“Unless the soldier’s soul sustains him he cannot be relied on and will fail himself and his commander and his country in the end,” stated U.S. Army Gen. George C. Marshall.

Marshall understood, as does the Air Force, the value of maintaining your beliefs, principles and values in order to meet the challenges demanded of those serving in our nation’s defense.

U.S. Air Force Brig. Gen. Paul W. Tibbets IV, the 509th Bomb Wing commander, has designated April as “Spiritual Fitness Month,” in an effort to make everyone at Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri, more aware of this domain of the Comprehensive Airman Fitness (CAF) construct. Almost every Airman can define the social, physical and mental domain of the CAF construct, but some struggle with defining the spiritual domain.

First, the definition of the physical domain is the ability to adopt and sustain healthy behaviors needed to enhance health and well-being.

Second, the social domain is defined as the ability to engage in healthy social networks that promote overall well-being and optimal performance.

Third, the definition of the mental domain is the ability to effectively cope with unique mental stressors and challenges.

Fourth, the spiritual domain of the CAF is

defined as the ability to maintain beliefs, principles and values which come from religious, philosophical or human values needed to preserve and prevail in accomplishing the mission.

As a chaplain, I believe that spiritual fitness produces a level of resilience that fuels military readiness and helps families thrive in all areas of life, including the physical, mental and social domains. The Pew Research Center stated, “An overwhelming majority of Americans adhere to some religious system that can strengthen their spiritual fitness.”

Even those who do not identify as religious may benefit by considering how spiritual fitness can improve their comprehensive fitness profile.

The Whiteman Chaplain Corps is committed to helping every Airman and their families become more fit for service. With this in mind, we have put together various educational, service and religious events in April to help active duty, dependents and retirees of all faith backgrounds strengthen their spiritual fitness. Classes focusing on world religions and meditation will be available, as well as worship services and daily prayer for specific needs and peer groups.

If you are interested in being part of this experience/expression, please visit our Facebook page, Whiteman AFB Chapel, for the full listing of events, or contact Tech. Sgt. James McConnell or Staff Sgt. Ronald Murray III at the Chapel Annex at 660-687-3652.



Catholic Holy Week Services

- Palm Sunday: April 9 at 11 a.m. in the Base Theater
- Holy Thursday: April 13 at 7 p.m. in the Chapel Annex 1
Adoration to follow in Blessed Sacrament Chapel
- Good Friday service: April 14 at 3 p.m. in the Chapel Annex 1
- Easter Vigil (Good Friday): April 14 at 8 p.m. in the Professional Development Center (PDC)
- Easter Sunday: April 16 at 11 a.m. in the PDC

Protestant Services



- Easter Sunrise: April 16 at 6:30 a.m. at Ike Skelton Lake
- Easter Sunday: April 16 at 9 a.m. in the Base Theater

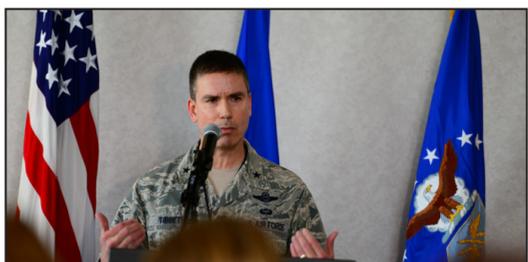
If you have any questions please call the Chapel at 660-687-3652.

Nuclear Weapons Accident/Incident Exercise (NUWAIX) 2017

U.S. Air Force photos by Tech. Sgt. Andy M. Kin
509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

This week approximately 400 civilian and military personnel participated in a Nuclear Weapons Accident/Incident Exercise (NUWAIX) at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo. The NUWAIX is a Department of Defense-led nuclear weapon emergency exercise that is designed to validate the capability of emergency responders' assets to safely mitigate an accident/incident involving a U.S. nuclear weapon in DOD custody. However, the exercise does not involve actual nuclear weapons or radioactive material.

It examined technical response procedures, support systems, weapon recovery equipment and training. The NUWAIX exercise also examined the roles and responsibilities under the Nuclear Weapon Accident Response Procedures (NARP), department and agency mutual aid agreements, and other national-level policy associated with a U.S. government nuclear weapons incident response. In addition, this exercise assessed the real-time deployment and interoperability of emergency response assets and capabilities.





AFGSC stands up Air Force NC3 Center



U.S. Air Force Photo/Senior Airman Mozer O. Da Cunha
U.S. Air Force Col. Mark Jablow, the U.S. Air Force Command, Control and Communications Center commander, right, and the Honorable Ollie Tyler, Shreveport mayor, cut the inauguration ribbon as part of an activation of command ceremony at Barksdale Air Force Base, La., April 3, 2017. The U.S. Air Force Nuclear Command, Control and Communication (NC3) Center streamlines the management of approximately 62 different systems and forms a single NC3 point of contact and advocate for the entire Air Force.

By Carla Pampe

Air Force Global Strike Command
Public Affairs

Air Force Global Strike Command (AFGSC) stood-up a new organization to oversee the U.S. Air Force's nuclear command, control and communication (NC3) systems in an activation ceremony at Barksdale Air Force Base (AFB), Louisiana, April 3.

The NC3 center streamlines the management of approximately 62 different systems and forms a single NC3 point of contact and advocate for the entire Air Force. The staff at the center provides technical and operational support to maintain the health and readiness of communication links between national leadership and the nuclear warfighters. In addition, the center provides the President the ability to communicate swiftly with the nuclear force in all conditions, ensuring both a flexible and responsive nuclear deterrent for the 21st Century.

"NC3 is important for our nation, because it's really the National Command and Control System," said U.S. Air Force Gen. Robin Rand, the AFGSC commander. "It's a world-wide system-of-systems used by the President, Secretary of Defense and other leaders."

The NC3 Weapon System includes 62 systems owned by AFGSC and other major commands on 12 configuration elements (bombers, launch control centers, wing command posts, unified command centers, Air Force One and the executive aircraft fleet, tankers, mobile support teams, satellites, radios and antennas).

"It doesn't take much imagination to

realize why Nuclear Command, Control and Communications is important," said U.S. Air Force Col. Mark Jablow, who assumed command of the NC3 Center during the ceremony. "As the means by which national leadership have a secure, survivable and resilient communications path to issue nuclear orders to the warfighters. The Air Force is responsible for about 70 percent of the nation's NC3 systems, and we now have this center to serve as a focal point for maintenance, sustainment and modernization of those systems."

In 2015, the Secretary of the Air Force and Chief of Staff of the Air Force, through the Air Force's Nuclear Oversight Board, decided that realigning NC3 under a single command was the best way forward for its nuclear enterprise. Because of its global nuclear deterrent mission, AFGSC is designated as the Air Force lead for NC3.

Rand said this was not only a benefit for the command, it was a benefit to the community, as the Air Force allocated approximately 235 new jobs at Barksdale AFB for the center, including active-duty military, civilian and contractor positions, many of whom were hired from the local area.

"We had to get good people to come and do this mission – so we're going to partner with universities in the area, we're going to partner with industry in the area, we're going to have to learn to be innovative and improve some of these legacy systems," Rand said. "We're going to have put rigor back into sustainment and modernization for nuclear command, control and communications."

February 2017 Courts-Martial, Article 15s, and Discharges



In February 2017, three members were punished under Article 15; Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) and one general court-martial completed during this month.

Article 15s (3)

An Airman First Class from the 509th Civil Engineer Squadron received an Article 15 for overindulging intoxicating liquor, which resulted in the member being incapacitated for the proper performance of the member's duties. For this offense the member was charged with violation of Article 134, UCMJ, and received a reduction to the grade of Airman Basic, with reduction below Airman suspended, forfeiture of \$799 pay per month for two months, 45 days extra duty, with that portion of the extra duty in excess of 15 days suspended, and a reprimand.

A Staff Sergeant from the 509th Medical Support Squadron received an Article 15 for

being absent from escort duty and making a false official statement about the reason for their absence. For these offenses the member was charged with violations of Article 86 and Article 107, UCMJ, for AWOL and making a false official statement. For these offenses, the member received a suspended reduction to the grade of Senior Airman, forfeiture of \$200 pay per month for two months, suspended 30 days extra duty, and a reprimand.

A Staff Sergeant from the 20th Attack Squadron received an Article 15 for feigning an ankle injury in order to avoid the run portion of their Physical Fitness Assessment and making a false official statement to justify feigning the injury. For these offenses the member was charged with violations of

Article 107 and Article 115, UCMJ, and received a suspended reduction to the grade of Senior Airman, forfeiture of \$350 pay per month for two months, 30 days extra duty, and a reprimand.

Court Martials (1)

On Feb. 24, 2017, Staff Sgt. Hollie K. Darling was found guilty in a General Court Martial for violation of Article 86, Article 92, Article 112A, UCMJ, for failure to go, failure to obey a lawful order, and wrongful use and possession of methamphetamine, marijuana, cocaine, and heroin. She was sentenced to reduction to E-1, forfeiture of \$800 pay per month for five months, and 179 days confinement.

March 2017 Courts-Martial, Article 15s, and Discharges

In March 2017, two members were punished under Article 15; Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) and three members were administratively separated from the U.S. Air Force.

Article 15s (2)

A Senior Airman from the 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron received an Article 15 for wrongfully using and possessing marijuana. For these offenses the member was charged with violation of Article 112a, UCMJ, and received a reduction to the grade of Airman Basic, forfeiture of \$799 pay per

month for two months, restriction to Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri, for 45 days, 45 days of extra duties, and a reprimand.

An Airman First Class from the 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron received an Article 15 for consuming alcoholic beverages while under the legal age of 21. For this offense the member was charged with violation of Article 92, UCMJ, for willful dereliction of duty and received a suspended reduction to the grade of Airman, forfeiture of \$896 pay per month for two months, with that portion in excess of \$896 pay per month for one month suspended, and restriction to

Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri, for 14 days.

Discharges (3)

An Airman First Class received an involuntary administrative discharge for drug abuse, for which the member received a General service characterization.

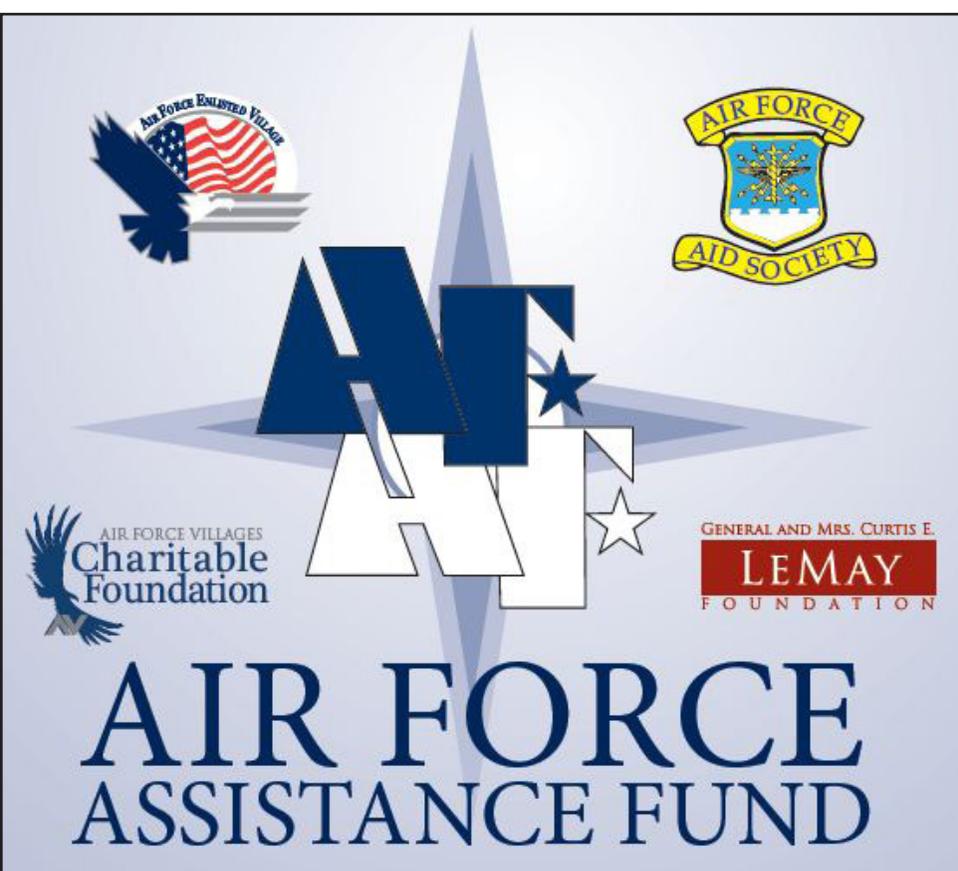
An Airman First Class received an involuntary administrative discharge for failure to maintain physical standards, for which the member received an Honorable characterization.

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AFAF Campaign to begin April 10



The four charities are:

Air Force Aid Society (AFAS): Since 1942, the AFAS has helped Airmen and their families in times of need. It may be for an everyday expense like a utility bill, something far more unexpected like the need to fly home for a family funeral, or a request for a special piece of medical equipment to improve the quality of life for a disabled child. Whether your emergency is big or small, AFAS is here to help.

General and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation: The LeMay Foundation awards grants to enlisted and officer retirees' surviving spouses. We respond because we believe they are entitled to a dignified lifestyle and it is a privilege to serve them as they served along with their spouses.

Air Force Village: Air Force Village opened its doors in San Antonio, Texas, in 1970 with a core charitable mission to care for retired Air Force Officers' widowed spouses who need financial assistance.

Air Force Enlisted Village: To Provide a Home. No one should be homeless or living in less than desirable conditions, yet it sometimes happens to our enlisted Air Force widows. When the surviving spouses of retired enlisted Air Force members come to us in need, we offer the hand of kindness and the gift of a home.

These aren't charities you'll see in your CFC lineup; they are examples of why this campaign is for the Airmen, by the Airmen. Our annual campaign demonstrates the fact that Airmen take care of their own.

Our base goal for this year is \$57,997; you will soon have a key worker visit your work center to let you know all about the charities, answer any questions you may have, and give you the opportunity to donate if you choose.

While the average Air Force base has historically had between a 19 to 30 percent participation rate from their active duty members, Whiteman Air Force Base is far above average. Just a few dollars a month from your paycheck will ensure your fellow Airmen will have the assistance they need when they need it most. You never know, you may just find in the future that you have "paid it forward," and our AFAF charities will be there for you should you need them.

Thank you for continuing our proud tradition in our "Commitment to Caring" through giving to the AFAF Campaign.

Additional information on AFAF is available online at www.afassistancefund.org.

By Tech. Sgt. Annemieke Leborgne
509th MDOS

The 44th annual Air Force Assistance Fund (AFAF) campaign begins on April 10 and runs through May 19, giving us all another opportunity to help our fellow Airmen in need. The AFAF campaign supports four charities that are dedicated to caring for Airmen from induction through retirement and beyond.

Stopping Sexual Assault – Not Just in April

By Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force
Kaleth O. Wright

The truth is, the vast majority of Airmen we serve alongside have never – and will never – sexually assault another person in their lifetime. Let me say it again for the people in the back – the vast majority of our Airmen HAVE NEVER and WILL NEVER harm another person. Hard stop.

But the ability and the responsibility to stop sexual assault does not begin and end here. Every survivor, and every Airman who has ever served in a unit impacted by these acts, can tell you first hand it has the same effects as a natural disaster. It's very real, very devastating and leaves a trail of total destruction in its wake.

Airmen are the heart of our Air Force. With Airmen, the mission will never fail; without them, the mission will not succeed. Sexual assault deeply and severely impacts our ability to perform the mission.

Every Airman, on their own or together in a group, has the ability to stop this behavior in its tracks. April is Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month, but putting an end to this devastation within our ranks requires each of us to be engaged, every day, all year round.

Every Airman who demands professionalism in their workplace and in their unit, who insists their fellow Airmen treat each other with dignity and respect, and who enforces professionalism through their words and their deeds is taking action to eliminate assault. Every Airman who embodies our core values every day, on and off duty, in and out of uniform, is supporting a survivor, whether they realize it or not.

Our Airmen are the best the world has ever seen. They're the best at what they do – from fighting fires to calling in airstrikes to defending our bases. Our Airmen are also our best asset for stopping a sexual assault before it happens. Their professionalism and dedication is what generates airpower and allows us to fly, fight and win. That same dedication, when applied to taking care of their fellow Airmen, is what



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During a recent message to Airmen, Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Kaleth O. Wright addresses Airmen about the responsibility that every Airman has to stop sexual assault.

will eliminate these damaging behaviors from our ranks.

People sometimes define integrity as “doing what’s right when no one is looking.” Integrity is also doing what’s right when EVERYONE is looking. Understanding how to recognize opportunities for intervention is what stops unsafe or unacceptable behaviors. That can be learned, and it’s fairly easy. Speaking up when no one else has – that’s the hard part.

But I promise you, when a situation arises that just doesn’t “feel right” or when someone isn’t doing what’s right, there are other Airmen hoping someone will speak up. That

someone is you. Your fellow Airmen are looking to you to have the courage to speak up, to do the right thing when no one else will.

The vast majority of Airmen will never sexually assault another person. But EVERY Airman can be the one to make sure it never happens within our ranks. Today, tomorrow and every day. I’m counting on you – and the Airmen to your left and right are counting on you – to be the one who puts an end to sexual assault in OUR Air Force. I have your back in this fight and I’m asking you to have mine ... not just in April.



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