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# Weekly commander's message

Greetings, Team Whiteman!

Last Saturday was an exciting day! In the morning, several hundred of our youngest teammates reported for duty as part of Operation Spirit. This AFGSC Year of the Family event provided our military-connected children with a glimpse at what their parents experience when they deploy down range. Hosted by our Airman & Family Readiness Center and made possible by numerous volunteers, Operation Spirit was a huge success and it was great to see so many of you enjoying the day with your families ... thanks to everyone who made this annual event possible!

Also on Saturday, nearly 1,000 members of our Total Force team witnessed the promotion of now-Brigadier General Brian Borgen, the commander of the 442d Fighter Wing! Congratulations again, Borg ... we are very fortunate to have a senior leader of your caliber as part of Team Whiteman!

On the flightline this week, we participated in Combat Hammer. This annual exercise affords us the opportunity to evaluate our conventional weapon employment capability from cradle to grave, beginning with the MXG building and loading weapons on the aircraft and ending with the OG employing the guided bombs to achieve desired effects on targets at a training range. By demonstrating this entire process, our Total Force team is able to assess the reliability and lethality of our incredible weapons system ... and the entire team did a tremendous job!

Yesterday, it was great to be part of our Military Spouse Appreciation Social, which we hosted in celebration of National Military Spouse Appreciation Day. While the official holiday is today, we moved our celebration up to Thursday as today is a 509th Bomb Wing Down Day. Our military spouses prove each day that you do not need to wear a uniform to serve and we all owe them much more than a single day of recognition. We owe them our love. We owe them our respect. We owe them our support. Every single day. And we should always remember how lucky we are to have them standing



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

**Members of the Maintenance Group participate in exercise Combat Hammer.**

by our side. So take time today to show your spouse how much you appreciate him or her!

Looking ahead to next week, our Security Forces Squadron will be celebrating National Police Week, an opportunity to honor those that currently serve, and remember those that have paid the ultimate sacrifice. The celebration will start on Monday with an opening ceremony at the base flagpole at 7:30 a.m. The week will culminate with a retreat ceremony at 5 p.m. on Friday at the flagpole, featuring our special guest, Warrensburg Chief of Police Richard Lockhart. There will be

other activities throughout the week for you and your families to enjoy as well. Never forget that our Defenders and local law enforcement work tirelessly to keep us safe. They deserve our respect and admiration ... so be sure to thank them for what they do, especially next week!

Be safe this weekend and take care of each other!

Defend ... Avenger!

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

## THE WARRIOR

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## Beat the Boss

The Beat the Boss program is a monthly PT test competition between Whiteman units that recognizes outstanding teamwork and devotion to fitness at the Squadron level. Whiteman Airmen who score higher than the commander's score of 98.3% 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 May 1-8, 2017:

**Lt. Col. David Cook, 509th BW, 99.3%**

**Senior Airman Dayson Carpenter, 509th MUNS, 99.2%**

**1st Lt. Emily Keyes, 20th ATKS, 99.2%**

**Senior Airman Ivan Carrillo, 358th FS, 98.5%**

**Senior Airman Dakota Croft, 509th OSS, 98.5%**

## On the cover

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

**A member of Team Whiteman nears the end of a rope obstacle course during the Operation Spirit event at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., May 6, 2017. The mock deployment was geared toward reducing the emotional and psychological fears associated with a deployment for families. Participants had the opportunity to go through the deployment center line, pose for a photo in front of a B-2 Spirit, and advance to the obstacle course, where they also had the opportunity to get hands-on learning about several units on base.**

## 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 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)

### Stealth Lounge

If you are a young Airman, let the Stealth Lounge make your time at Whiteman more enjoyable. 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.

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

### Air Force Housing website

Visit [www.housing.af.mil](http://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.

### 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

Today	Saturday
Mostly Sunny	Sunny
Hi 72	Hi 77
Lo 54	Lo 50
Sunday	Monday
Sunny	Sunny
Hi 81	Hi 84
Lo 55	Lo 61



By Col. Ken Eaves

131st Bomb Wing commander

Don't forget Mother's Day is this weekend.

And while we're on the subject, let's not forget the contributions they make because they deserve our deepest gratitude for what they give to the mission of the world's greatest Air Force.

To the mothers of our Airmen, you have raised someone who has dedicated his or her future in service to this country. This commitment speaks volumes on how you raised your son or daughter. It has been said "mothers raise their children from kids who are characters into men and women of character." Whether you brought up a child who was a jokester, a rebel, a truly upstanding honor roll student, or any other category of child; if your son or daughter raised their hand to serve, they possess a sense of character because of you. THANK YOU for all you have done as a mother with your Airman.

For the mothers who are married to Airmen, I cannot thank you enough! Recognizing that my own four children would not be who they are if it weren't for my wife, I want to extend my deepest appreciation to you for what you provide to your children. While your Airman is deployed, at training, on state emergency duty, TDY or fulfilling another aspect of our vital mission, you are working tirelessly to manage your own life, the home and potentially another

career. This is no easy feat. Not too long ago, several of our Airmen were deployed to the Pacific region. And, just two weeks ago, nearly 600 Missouri National Guard Airmen and soldiers were deployed helping their Missouri neighbors suffering from major flooding. The mothers who keep the home running during those deployments and activations did not sign up to serve in the military, but they have one of the hardest jobs in the military. So, THANK YOU for your service.

And lastly, to the mothers in uniform. You go by a few names: mom, wife, Airman. You have chosen to serve in multiple capacities, and you do so with honor and love for your country and children. You brave your military job, home and motherhood ... on-call 24/7. You stand ready to answer the call from your nation and from your child in the bedroom down the hall yelling for "mommy." You are strong and capable. I'm not sure if anyone has told you how much they appreciate your contributions in both aspects of your life, so let me. THANK YOU for your commitment to both.

Whether you are supporting your child who's deployed, managing the kids and home while your Airman is away, or serving yourself; our Air Force would not be what it is if it weren't for those called "Mom."

Please join me in thanking all of the moms for their service to this great country. THANK YOU!

# Senate Confirms Wilson as Air Force Secretary

By Secretary of the Air Force  
Public Affairs

Heather Wilson will be the next Secretary of the Air Force, following her confirmation by the Senate May 8, 2017.

Wilson, who is stepping down from her position as the president of the South Dakota School of Mines & Technology to take the post, is expected to be sworn in within a week.

"We live in a remarkable country, protected by innovators and intrepid Airmen who take great risks on our behalf," said Wilson. "I look forward to getting to work, focusing on readiness, modernization, development of leaders and research for the future."

Wilson graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy in the third class to include women. After graduating from USAFA in 1982, she earned masters and doctoral degrees as a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford University in England. She served as an Air Force officer in Europe during the Cold War and on the National Security Council Staff under President George H.W. Bush during the fall of the Berlin Wall, and the collapse of the Warsaw Pact. She has also worked as an advisor to several large defense and scientific organizations both before and after serving for a decade in the



U.S. Air Force photo/Scott M. Ash

Heather Wilson was confirmed as the new Secretary of the Air Force by the Senate May 8, 2017.

U.S. Congress.

The daughter and granddaughter of aviators, Wilson is an instrument rated private pilot.

Wilson becomes the second confirmed appointee in the Defense Department and will be responsible for organizing,

training and equipping the U.S. Air Force of 660,000 Active-duty, Guard, Reserve and civilian Airmen, as well as managing its \$132 billion budget.

Wilson replaces Lisa Disbrow, who has been Acting Secretary of the Air Force since Jan. 20, 2017.

## Reel Time Theaters

*We're saving a seat for you.*

**FRIDAY, MAY 12 • 7 p.m.**  
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2  
(PG-13)  
Adults - \$6.25, children - \$4.00

**SATURDAY, MAY 13 • 7 p.m.**  
Going in Style  
(PG-13)  
Adults - \$6.25, children - \$4.00

**SUNDAY, MAY 14 • 3 p.m.**  
Smurfs: The Lost Village (PG)  
Adults - \$6.25, children - \$4.00

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AND COMBAT SUPPORT...ANYTIME, ANYWHERE!

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TOTAL FORCE AIRMEN EXECUTING SAFE, SECURE AND  
EFFECTIVE NUCLEAR AND CONVENTIONAL  
AIRPOWER...COMBAT-READY TODAY, INNOVATING FOR TOMORROW!

## Operation Veterans Rising



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

**Operation Veterans Rising volunteers beautify the exterior of the Warrensburg Veterans Home, Mo., April 15, 2017. Operation Veterans Rising is a non-profit organization created to help veterans and their families rise up from their daily struggles through a variety of financial aid programs.**

**By Senior Airman Danielle Quilla**  
509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

As the sun rose on a Saturday, before the kids were awake for morning cartoons, five volunteers from Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri, decided to make a difference. Braving the chilly air and hundreds of pounds of landscaping mulch, they had one thought in mind: to give back to the veterans who once served this great nation.

"I have received a lot of comments on how great the beds look with the flowers blooming against the new mulch," said Fred Binder, the only maintenance worker at the Warrensburg Veterans Home.

Dispersing the black mulch would have taken him the entire day to accomplish.

"There are thousands of things people can be struggling with," said U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Justin McCowan, the Operation Veterans Rising (OVR) president and a production control supervisor assigned to the 442d Maintenance Group. "About 22 veterans commit suicide a day and do you think that might have something to do with the fact they didn't have enough money to pay their bills or they felt like a failure because they couldn't keep the house cool or heated. That's where we want to step in and help people."

With the help of OVR volunteers, the task was completed within three hours. Several residents at the veterans' home even sat outside to watch the progress and thank the volunteers for their help.

Beautifying the exterior of the veterans' facility was just the beginning for OVR.

This new non-profit organization was established within the State of Missouri on Jan. 30, 2017, with the mission to help veterans and their families rise up from their daily struggles. This includes active duty, reservist, and guardsmen. From donations to help pay the next month's rent to home and car repairs, no request is too small or too large.

"In fact, we have applied for assistance for a wounded veteran in Pennsylvania," said Master Sgt. Brandon Thompson, the OVR vice president and an A-10 production superintendent with the 358th Fighter Squadron. The same day OVR made some calls, the U.S. Army veteran had supporting agencies contact him. So, whether it is a local call or one from across the country, the organization is ready to help people rise up from their struggles in any way they can.

In the near future, McCowan and Thompson plan to meet monthly to do a community volunteer event, such as a 5k run, golf tournament or provide support for other organizations.

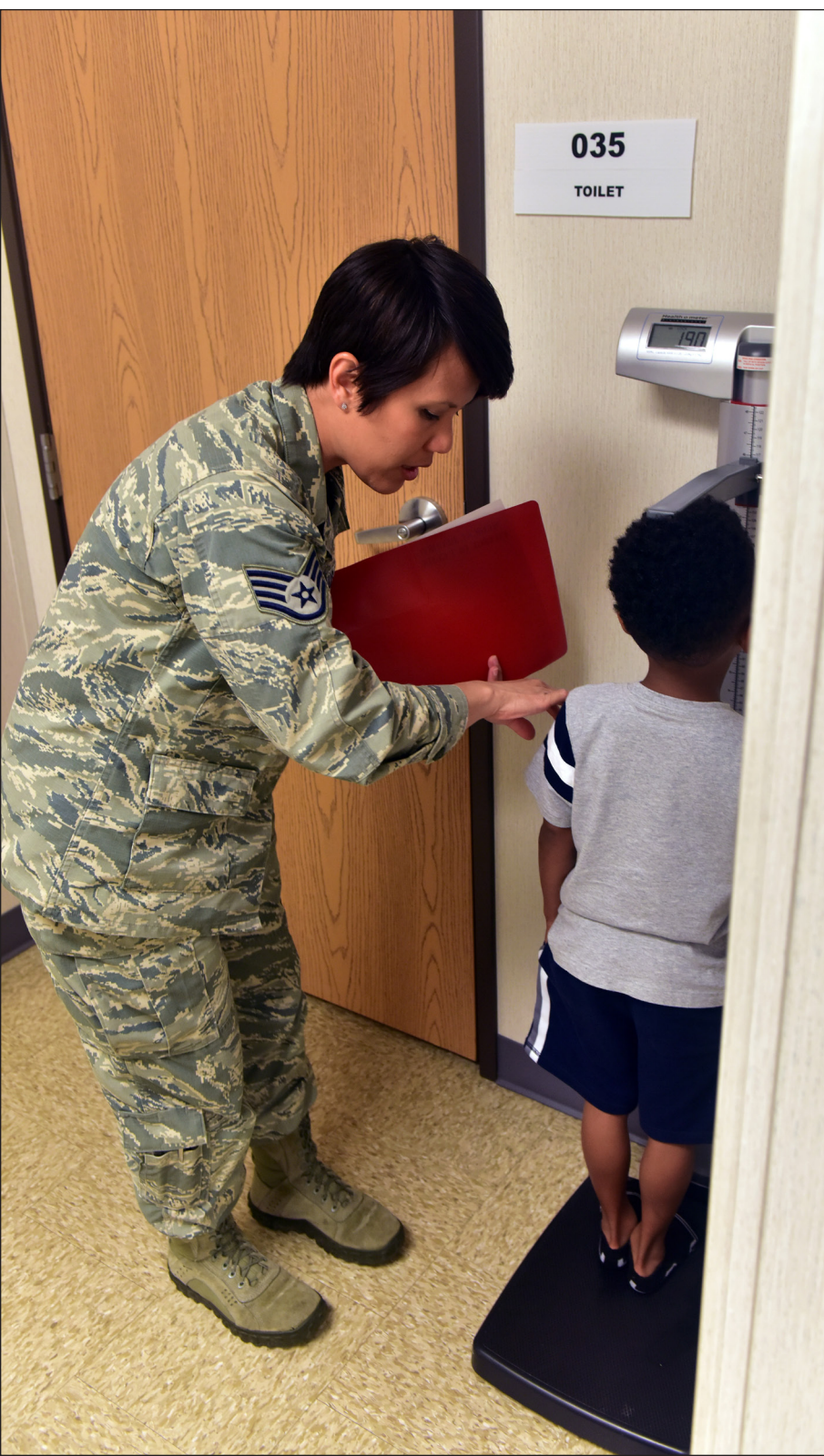
"We will be there to help these veterans because they deserve it," said McCowan.

While 12 flower, tree and shrub beds and a few lost hours of sleep on a Saturday morning may seem small, isn't giving a little beauty to the lives of those that need it worth it? These veterans would say yes.

For more information about OVR and how to get involved and contribute, check out their social media sites: [www.operationveteransrising.com](http://www.operationveteransrising.com), the Operation Veterans Rising Facebook page and their Twitter handle @OpVetRising.



# Team Whiteman celebrates National Nurse's Week



Members of Team Whiteman assigned to the 509th Medical Group are featured during National Nurse's Week at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., May 9, 2017. From May 6 to 12, Whiteman is highlighting officer, enlisted and civilian medical service providers who readily provide medicine, health education and care to patients. Medical technicians support various health care career fields and all work together to provide vital treatment to those in need.

*U.S. Air Force photos/Senior Airman Jovan Banks*

**Service  
Before  
Self**

**Wing commander pins on first star**



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Missy Sterling

**U.S. Air Force Brig. Gen. Brian Borgen, the 442d Fighter Wing commander, has his new rank pinned on by his wife and son during his promotion ceremony at Whiteman Air Force Base (AFB), Mo., May 6, 2017. Borgen commands approximately 1,300 Air Force reservists and 24 A-10 Thunderbolt II aircraft at Whiteman and the 476th Fighter Group, a geographically separated unit located at Moody AFB, Ga.**

**By Senior Airman Missy Sterling**  
442d Fighter Wing

Family, friends and service members gathered to celebrate with Brig. Gen. Brian K. Borgen, 442d Fighter Wing commander, during his promotion ceremony May 6, 2017, at Whiteman Air Force Base (AFB), Missouri.

Borgen began his military career in 1990 when he commissioned into the Air Force and completed his undergraduate pilot training at Williams AFB, Arizona.

The presiding officer was Brig. Gen. James F. Mackey, Mobilization Assistant to the Director of Operations at Joint Base

Langley-Eustis, Virginia. Both officers have intermittently worked together since Borgen was a cadet at Kansas State University.

“He’s a team builder,” said Mackey about Borgen’s leadership abilities. “He finds great people, gives them direction, lets them work and then he takes care of them on the back side of that.”

“All the people that are in this room are the reason I get to wear this rank,” said Borgen. “This is not my rank. You earned it, and I get to wear it.”

With nearly 1,000 wing members amongst the crowd, Borgen pledged to facilitate the mission to the best of his ability and continue to be a better officer and leader.

**POLICE WEEK** 2017  
*Celebration*

*May 18 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
located in front of the BX*

Enjoy K9 demos,  
up close views of  
Security Forces  
vehicles, static  
displays, weapons,  
and more!



POC: Staff Sgt. Nikki Furnari

**RECYCLE This Paper ...  
Think Green**

# Operation Spirit: Stealth Samurai

By Master Sgt. Michelle Caldwell  
509th Force Support Squadron

Camouflage face paint, check. Dog tags, check. Uniform of the day, check. The youth of Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri, were ready for Operation Spirit: Stealth Samurai.

On May 6, 2017, the Airman and Family Readiness Center hosted a mock deployment for 200 members of Team Whiteman, particularly children ages 5 - 17, geared toward reducing the emotional and psychological fears associated with deployment for families.

The day began with a recall to the young deployers. Once they arrived to the deployment center, they met with their chalk leaders, who would be their guide for the day. The participants headed to the mission briefing room where they were greeted by U.S. Air Force Brig. Gen. Paul W. Tibbets IV, the 509th Bomb Wing commander, and Chief Master Sgt. William Crawford, the 509th Security Forces Squadron (SFS) manager. The mission brief gave participants an insight on what to expect at their assigned location,

“Camp Bushido.”

Then, the deployers moved through a real-life deployment line with representatives from finance, legal, medical, a key spouse and a Military Family Life Counselor. They were given red bags containing everything they needed before they deployed, such as dog tags and their Operation Spirit shirts.

After processing through the line, the deployers went to the flightline to see a B-2 Spirit and T-38 Talon up close.

The last stop for these deployers was tent city, otherwise known as Camp Bushido. This location helped educate families on austere military environments and the services available for a deployed parent and the families who remain at home.

Within Camp Bushido, participants got a chance to see several demonstration units, such as Aircrew Life Support, a SFS K-9 team, the fire department, American Red Cross, SFS weapons display and combatives demonstration, explosive ordnance disposal flight, and ambulance services. The youth were able to talk to the volunteers about their

equipment and the roles they play in achieving mission success.

Lastly, the highlight of the event was the obstacle course. It was designed to teach the youth there are obstacles they will have to overcome in life. It also displayed the seven virtues of bushido, which means way of the samurai. Those virtues included integrity, respect, heroic courage, honor, compassion, honesty and sincerity, duty and loyalty.

Once the fun was done, the chalks headed to the field kitchen for a lunch before loading on the bus back to the deployment center where they met the re-integration team. This solidified that although military members may have to deploy, family will be waiting for them when they return back home.

The Airman and Family Readiness Center would like to thank the Base Community Council, Whiteman Spouses Club and Team Whiteman for supporting this event.

It would not have come together without the dedication of our Total Force team and our community partners helping to make it a success!



Members of Team Whiteman participate in various activities during a mock deployment, known as Operation Spirit, held at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., May 6, 2017. Participants had the opportunity to go through the deployment center line, pose for a photo in front of a B-2 Spirit, and advance to the obstacle course, where they also had the opportunity to get hands-on learning about several units on base.

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

**THINK  
SAFETY**

# Leadership to Emulate

**By Lt. Col. Robert Southerland**

509th Bomb Wing plans and programs director

As a husband, father, officer, and supervisor, I am very aware there are always people watching. What do they see? Am I approachable? Am I encouraging an atmosphere that allows others to excel and flourish? Do I tear down or promote barriers? How I act, speak, treat others, and conduct myself are always influencing, but is that influence strengthening or hindering the mission and the people? When I am gone, will people want to uphold my legacy? Will my family, team, and Air Force be better because of my influence? I challenge you to reflect on these thoughts as you read this article and ask yourself, “Am I a leader that others want to emulate?”

I met retired Maj. Gen. Ron Henderson in August 2011. It had been two years since his stage 4 lung cancer diagnosis. He was in remission and living a pretty normal life until late that fall when his cancer aggressively returned. This is where I got to see courageous leadership up close, personal, and on a stage for many to see. The man I knew up until that point was someone I saw at church and had only heard about from others. I approached him about a possible meeting to ask questions and get some insight to what he believed was important because I wanted to know what made this man great in the eyes of others. His response was, “0900, Saturday, my house. I look forward to visiting with you.” I was outside his house at 8:55 a.m. but did not go to the door until 9 a.m. on the dot. He opened the door with tubes in his nose, no hair, wearing his robe, and greeted me with the heartiest handshake he could muster. As sick as he was,

he did not let his circumstances deflect his attention from me. It was at that moment I realized true, courageous leadership was being demonstrated right before my very eyes. Here was a man staring death in the face, bearing a burden that no one but he can understand, sharing his precious time with me. He was demonstrating to me tremendous humility and value as he poured himself into me, which is what any great leader must do to allow their influence to continue when they are gone. When we were done, I left having experienced a moment that will live with me and through me for the rest of my life.

To effectively lead people, you must value people – not what a person has to offer, not their successes or failures, but the person. Some of the most successful teams in history have been led by leaders that demonstrated love for each member of the team no matter their circumstances, their background, or even what they had to offer. This does not mean coddling, but demonstrating love through discipline, fairness, and time spent. You may say, “That’s just not who I am.” My retort, it may not be who you are, but is it who you are supposed to be? If you want to see your unit or organization excel, love them, discipline them, reward their successes, and own their failures. Gen. Goldfein, the chief of staff of the U.S. Air Force, said, “Leadership is about people; management is about things.” People want to be led and they need to be led. Do not mistake your position for leadership. Let who you are define your leadership and not what you are. Henderson modeled this principle with great humility and was the greatest example of leadership for me to emulate.

Are you that leader?