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# Weekly commander's message

Team Whiteman,

Recently, members of our Total Force team departed for Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada, in order to participate in a high-vis exercise called Red Flag. Across our Air Force, aircraft and Airmen deploy to Nellis for Red Flag as "Blue" forces. By working together, these Blue forces are able to utilize the diverse capabilities of their aircraft to execute specific missions, such as dynamic targeting and air interdiction.

During Red Flag, our teammates and other members of the Blue force will plan and execute various strikes on exercise targets, such as mock airfields, vehicle convoys, tanks, parked aircraft, bunkered defensive positions and missile sites. These targets are defended by a variety of simulated "Red" force ground and air threats to give participating aircrews the most realistic combat training possible. I know our team will perform well as we learn valuable lessons during this demanding, but rewarding training.

Back here at Whiteman this week, members of our team shared their personal resiliency stories on Wednesday during our Storytellers program. I'd like to thank the two Airmen, Linda and Corey, who volunteered to share their struggles with the

rest of our team in order to inspire us and to show that together we can overcome any challenge.

Looking ahead, be sure to mark your calendars for the Alpha Warrior Battle Rig event we will be hosting on Saturday, July 22. During this event, which is similar to American Ninja Warrior, members of our team will face eight challenging obstacles inside the rig and the top ten male and female competitors will qualify for the Midwest regional competition in September – which will also be held here at Whiteman. For more details and to sign up to compete, contact our fitness center at 687-5496.

As we head into the weekend, talk to your wingmen about their plans. As I discussed in my first Commander's Call, it is everyone's responsibility to be dedicated Wingmen, willing to step in and make the tough call to protect (and possibly save) a fellow Airman. I appreciate your direct leadership in knowing and caring for the Airmen & families within your span of influence. As always, I'm proud to serve as your 509th BW Commander.

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JOHN J. NICHOLS, Colonel, USAF  
Commander, 509th Bomb Wing



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Linda Ambard, center, the 509th Bomb Wing violence prevention integrator, tells her story of resilience to members of Team Whiteman during a Storytellers event at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., July 12, 2017. Ambard spoke about personal experiences and how they led her to the conclusion that happiness, although difficult, is a choice.

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A young Team Whiteman member makes a splash at the base pool at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., July 7, 2017. The base pool is one of the many outdoor activities that is offered at Whiteman during the summer months.



## NEWS BRIEFS

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## WEATHER

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## Cyber readiness--does it really matter?

By Lt. Col. Nathaniel Osborne

509th Communications Squadron commander

The Command Cyber Readiness Inspection (CCRI) is coming! It may seem like Whiteman Air Force Base has turned into Winterfell, the last bastion of hope against invaders from the North under constant threat that "Winter is coming". This is especially so since the Department of Defense transitioned to a no-notice construct in the fall of 2016. However, while CCRI's are a critical piece to ensuring we are postured appropriately in cyberspace, they are only part of the puzzle that is cyber readiness.

So what is Cyber Readiness? It is a timely patch that remediates a vulnerability, maintaining good network hygiene, physically protecting our infrastructure, complying with higher headquarters directions, embracing a culture of cybersecurity and applying new technologies to tie it all together. Each of these important aspects can be difficult especially in a domain that is ever changing, ever expanding, and ever proliferating. Cyberspace as a domain is cheap meaning the cost of entry is very low for our adversaries. Enemies that are still dreaming of developing air and space technologies that our Air Force has employed since Vietnam can, with very limited resources immediately, ac-

cess the internet from nearly anywhere on the planet with a reasonable expectation of delivering cyberspace effects on the United States and our allies.

Now, imagine a day without your iPhone or your computer or both. Imagine a day where no one on the base had access to either one. It's not hard to do as each of us has felt the effects of a bad network policy push or a fiber cut. The access provided by these devices has become integral to the way we communicate, make decisions, and go to war. Therefore, these devices have become targets. Further, cyber readiness goes beyond delivering information technology (IT) as a service. IT delivery is only a first step. Once access is provided to information, that information must be protected and that's where everyone at Whiteman has a role to play.

How can you help? First, leave your computer on. There are 6,600 users and over 4,500 systems on base. In order to scan for vulnerabilities and effectively patch them our team depends heavily on automated processes that simply don't work when your computer is turned off. It's important to comply with mandatory uptime from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Additionally, as we transition to a mobile workforce and deploy laptops throughout the base you will need to ensure your lap-

top is connected to its base station as often as possible. Second, remove your Common Access Card (CAC) when you leave your computer. Many of us have wondered how important this step really is. Insider threats are the #1 threat to our networks and leaving your CAC in place removes an important barrier to entry. More importantly any malicious activity conducted with your CAC in the system will be attributed to you. Last, work with the communications squadron. Cyberspace isn't easy and neither are many of the missions on this base. Sometimes special software, unique equipment or program managed systems are required to get the job done. Our team is here to help. Please contact us so we can help ensure these special needs are met and applied appropriately to the network.

Cyber Readiness is about mission assurance. It's not just the Geek Squad coming out to fix your computer, it's a team of cyberspace professionals working diligently to ensure mission systems are ready, access is provided to decision quality data and tangible attack vectors are protected. At the end of the day, cyber readiness is about delivering effects in, through and from cyberspace while assuring B-2's, A-10's, and MQ-9's can deliver lethal combat power through the air anytime, anywhere.

## 442d AMXS gains new commander

By Senior Airman Missy Sterling

442d Fighter Wing

Members of the 442d Aircraft Maintenance Squadron welcomed back U.S. Air Force Maj. James Chevalier as their new commander during the assumption-of-command ceremony July 8.

18 years ago, Chevalier began his Air Force Reserve career as an enlisted member of the 442d Civil Engineer Squadron, and since his commission in 2006 he served as a manpower and personnel officer, group executive officer, maintenance operations officer and most recently, an action officer at Air Force Materiel Command at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

"Never in my career have I seen such a well-rounded officer that had the qualities to be a great squadron commander," said Col. James Brock, 442d Maintenance Group commander. "He is one of

the most caring and empathetic officers I've ever known."

Brock echoed the words of the 21st Chief of Staff of the Air Force, Gen. David Goldfein, by saying the squadron is the heart of the Air Force and the leaders of the squadron make the most lasting impressions on Airmen.

"Having served as a squadron commander twice myself, I can absolutely tell you that serving as a squadron commander is a very demanding job, but it's also the best of your military career," Brock said. "One way you can predict future success is by ensuring we have strong leadership at the helm."

Being a former member of the 442d Fighter Wing for many years, Chevalier expressed his eagerness to be back in the wing as a squadron commander.

"I believe in the mission we do," Chevalier said. "This squadron delivers safe and effective air power every day -- what an incredible responsibility and honor that is."

Chevalier reflected on his goals as a leader which include encouraging his squadron members to keep their work and personal life balanced by spending time with their family and community.

"When we are called to fight we are better prepared to give 100 percent of ourselves we swore we would, knowing that our families are strong and our communities have our back," Chevalier said. "My role is to support you in every way that I can, be your informed advocate, and knock down obstacles that I am able to so that you can remain the cohesive fighting force that you are today."



U.S. Air Force Col. James Brock, 442d Fighter Wing Maintenance Group commander, passes the guidon to Maj. James Chevalier, incoming 442d Aircraft Maintenance Squadron commander, during an assumption of command ceremony at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., July 8, 2017. Chevalier's previous assignment was the Implementation Branch Chief, Repair Network Integration Division, Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson AFB, Oh.



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# Squadron Officer School expands to better align with CSAF focus areas

By Mr. Ethan Stoker

Maxwell Public Affairs

**MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, Ala. (AFNS)** -- Air University's Squadron Officer School (SOS) has redesigned its program to better align with the needs of the Air Force. The new course has increased from five to six-and-a-half weeks, commencing with Class 18A which starts July 31, 2017.

The redesign effort was necessary in order for SOS's parent organization, Squadron Officer College (SOC), to meet Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. David Goldfein's direction to produce a better-equipped force as characterized in his three focus areas: revitalizing squadrons – the heartbeat of the Air Force; strengthening joint leaders and teams; and enhancing multi-domain command and control.

The result is a curriculum that favorably impacts squadrons by educating captains on becoming "bold and courageous" leaders ready to overcome today's and tomorrow's challenges. In order to accomplish this task, the course was designed around four primary areas: leadership, building highly effective teams, logical and ethical reasoning in decision making, and multi-domain joint warfare as Airmen.

The changes being made to the resident course solidify a foundation of education in all of the focus areas. However, the focus areas of revitalizing the squadron and building joint leaders are heavily emphasized in this course, said Col. Wayne Straw, the SOS commandant.

"At its core, SOS is a leadership school whose foundation is built upon joint warfare," said Straw. "As a leadership school, we help develop the effective behaviors necessary for Air Force captains. SOS's role in developing joint Airmen is to ensure all Airmen, regardless of Air Force specialty or function, can articulate how they integrate into the larger Air Force's mission throughout the range of military operations and the spectrum of joint warfare."

Within the four areas of the course, students will engage in classroom and hands-on application events that will challenge their individual leadership awareness and thinking, provide effective methods for conflict resolution, learn how to solve problems and innovate collaboratively.

"SOS is primary developmental



education for our captains, and we felt it was crucial to invest the time required to develop the competencies our students need for the operational Air Force," said Maj. Dwayne Clark, the SOC dean of academic affairs. "At this point in their careers, our students are tactical experts and understand what they do day-to-day. This in-residence program is an opportunity to ensure captains think deeply and critically about why they do it. As such, we will engage them in divergent, convergent and reflective thinking habits, which are cornerstones for leadership growth."

To implement such a substantive revision, SOC faculty and staff cancelled Class 17G (June 5 – July 7) to finalize curriculum and prepare staff for executing the new syllabus. The expanded course is set to resume July 31 with Class 18A. Airmen scheduled for the cancelled 17G class will have an opportunity to attend the enhanced in-residence program in future classes.

SOC has requested that Air Force Personnel Center and training managers ensure all individuals meeting upcoming promotion boards have priority placement for classes 18A and 18B. In addition, HAF/A1D provided a blanket waiver for any captain enrolled in class 17G that required a Total Active Federal Commissioned Service waiver (for active-duty officers) or a Total Years Commissioned Service waiver (for Air Reserve component officers), or an approved exception to policy waiver (e.g., physical fitness, medical profile, etc.) from SOC.

This change decreases the total number of annual classes from seven to six; however, SOC plans to increase the size of each class from 600 to 700 students to maintain the same annual production requirements set by the Air Force.

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If you have any other questions while completing the form, please contact the 509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs office and we can assist you, 660-687-5727.

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## Service Before Self

# Bring on the heat: 509th firefighters win big

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

Every year, active and retired firefighters from hundreds of municipal fire departments across the globe gather in their respective regions to test their skills and compete against other nationalities.

Known as the Firefighter Combat Challenge (FFCC), the annual competition has expanded to countries around the world to include New Zealand, Germany, Argentina, Chile and South Africa.

The contestants race against the clock while climbing a five-story tower, hoisting, chopping, dragging hoses and rescuing a “victim,” — all while wearing full bunker gear and the Scott 5.5 Air-Pak breathing apparatus.

Before the siren sounds, competitors’ personal protective equipment (PPE) is inspected to ensure it is serviceable and suitable for a real-world incident. If any piece of PPE is dropped during the course, the participant must retrieve it and replace it to the proper position. The challenge starts at the base of a 41-foot tower with a 42-pound hose pack over the firefighter’s shoulder. The firefighter must simulate entering the tower using a 160-pound steel beam driven horizontally with a mallet. The stop watch halts when the firefighter retrieves the 175-pound “victim” and drags him to safety — also known as the finish line.

This challenge puts each firefighter’s knowledge and fitness to the test and exhibits the occupation’s intense challenges.

This year, two of Whiteman’s finest competed in Elkhart, Indiana, taking the gold in two different categories. U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Cory McGee, the 509th Civil Engineer Squadron fire protection flight assistant chief of safety, took first place in an individual event and Chris Finkes, a firefighter of the 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, and McGee placed first in the team Tandem Event. The Tandem Event times two competitors from the same department, county, fire district or agency’s ability to complete all five FFCC evolutions collectively on the course.

However, participating in the challenge isn’t

for personal pride or gratification. Instead, it is a way to put a firefighter’s readiness to the test and see how well they can perform their job and hone their skills before it really counts.

“Around 2005 there was a big push in Air Force Fire Protection to build on physical fitness standards for firefighters,” said Finkes. “The FFCC was brought to our attention as a way to assess our levels of fitness and give us an opportunity to compete against other U.S. Air Force departments.”

Being a veteran of the FFCC, Finkes is ready to take on the next competition.

“Competition on a national scale is intimidating, competition on a World scale is hard to describe,” said Finkes. “There is no prize money or endorsement afterwards just an undeniable feeling of pride and success in your accomplishment.”

With McGee and Finkes both in their 40s, there are new records to chase and challenges to face in order to stay primed to save lives at any given moment.

“The training we do is rough on the body at this age,” said Finkes. “The turn-out gear [helmet, coat, pants, gloves and boots] and course requirements total up to 60 pounds. We’ve had to adapt our training to stay competitive while trying to achieve the overall goal, being physically fit to perform.”

No matter the differences between competitors, they all have one thing in common: this challenge hurts. The course pushes both the limits of physical stamina and mental preparedness.

“Whether a competitor is from the U.S. or Europe, we all know the pain that each of us has just endured on the course,” said Finkes. “Each of us also know we don’t have to do it, but we have a need to prove to ourselves we can. A need to prove to our fellow firefighters that we can and we will not let them down during the ‘real deal.’”

Nationals are in Louisville, Kentucky, and those who qualify will compete in the world championship in Tyler, Texas, in October. Before then, the dynamic duo will strive to keep their gold-medal status at the next three regional events.



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

Firefighters from the 509th Civil Engineer Squadron move their fire engine into position to extinguish a simulated aircraft fire during a fire pit training at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., June 8, 2016. Firefighters and other emergency response personnel conducted the training to prepare for any mishaps that may occur in real-world situations.



# Summer fun for everyone

By Lt. Allen Palmer  
509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

With the 4th of July well in the rearview mirror, summertime at Whiteman Air Force Base is in full swing. There is excitement to be had all over the base and in the community. From the Aquatic Center and the Royal Oaks Golf Course to the events and equipment at the Outdoor Recreation office, it is not difficult to find fun under the Missouri sun this summer.

The base Aquatic Center is an excellent relief from the sun with its pool and two twisting waterslides. Open swim is available Tuesday through Friday from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., and Saturdays from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. with \$2 day passes, \$45 single passes, and \$75 family passes available. If you enjoy summer sports, the base batting cages are now open with \$0.50 tokens and baseball equipment available at the Fitness Center desk. Also available for checkout are soccer balls, volleyballs and tennis rackets.

On July 22, 2017 at 7:00 a.m., Whiteman will be hosting the Alpha Warrior/American Ninja Warrior Finalist workout competition. This extreme test of strength and endurance will be held on a massive obstacle course on base. Whiteman personnel will have the opportunity to meet with American Ninja Warrior competitors Kevin Klein and Barclay Stockett on July 21 at 10:15 a.m. in the Fitness Center and 2:30 p.m. in the Youth Center. After the competition is over, the obstacle course will stay and be available for unit PT sessions as well as all Whiteman patrons ages 13 and up. A youth rig will also be available for children ages four to 12.

Golf is a great way to enjoy the summer weather, especially with Royal Oaks Twilight hours. Players can enjoy a full round of 18 holes for only \$15 after 5:00 p.m. with cart rentals for \$10 instead of the normal \$16. If you are looking for an active learning experience for your children this summer, Royal Oaks Kids Clinic will run August 7 through 11. This skill-building experience can give your children an easy introduction to the world of golf or sharpens the skill of your young pro. Two classes are available per day with six young golfers per class.

Royal Oaks is also offering a monthly event for the gamer in everyone. Pokémon Go is an interactive hybrid world that allows trainers of all ages to get outside, catch and battle Pokémon with their friends. One evening a month, Royal Oaks hosts a Pokémon Go Night. Entry into the competition is \$5 and trainers receive a golf cart to track Pokémon on the greens as well as a raffle ticket for a chance to win a \$10 Google or iTunes gift card. At the end of the night, trainers return to the club house to have their catch recorded by staff with a \$100 Google or iTunes card going to the trainer who catches the strongest or rarest Pokémon. Be sure to wear your Pokémon swag to receive an extra free raffle ticket at the door.

Summer is the time bass and cat fisherman wait for all year. With sunny weather and open water, Whiteman fishermen can enjoy the abundant fishing lakes on base. Aggressive anglers can also compete in an Intramural Fishing Tournament sponsored by Outdoor Recreation. Running from March to October the tournament occurs every other Thursday at Truman Lake in Warsaw, Missouri. With fish weigh-ins at the end of each night, tournament winners have the opportunity to participate in a Tournament of Champions at the end of the season. For those that do not have a boat, rentals are available for competitors at the Outdoor Recreation Office for fifty percent off regular price. Registration is currently open for \$25 and participating fishermen must have a minimum of three anglers from their respective squadron.

The Outdoor Recreation office is also your one-stop-shop for any weekend adventure. If you are looking for a place to hold your squadron barbeque, Ike Skelton Park can be reserved with access to both the fire pit and light system. If you plan on heading to Lake of the Ozarks checkout the bass boats, pontoons and kayaks to get you and your family moving across the water. If exploring nature is more your style, campers, family tents and metal detectors make the trip enjoyable and easy. For the backyard party, try a volleyball kit, horseshoes or inflatable castle to bring your party to the next level. Looking for a bit more excitement? Make a reservation for Squadron Morale Paintball Wars. For \$150, warriors get 14 paintball kits consisting of guns, compressed air tanks, chest protectors, masks, hoppers and battlefield obstacles. Rentals are available Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. with reservation needed two weeks in advance. Paintballs not available at Outdoor Recreation.

Also, be on the lookout for a solar eclipse pool party Monday August 21, 2017 at the base Aquatic Center. There will be family games with eclipse viewing to be expected at 1:00 p.m.

*U.S. Air Force photos/  
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