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Weather safety

Tornados tore through Missouri neighborhoods Sunday bringing 22 lives to an end. Whiteman was also alerted to take shelter due to tornados spotted on the ground in the surrounding area. Though a tornado didn't touch down on base, service members and the local community are advised to be prepared for this tornado season. These tips can help you prepare for tornado season:

Tornado Watch

✓ Means conditions are favorable for the development of severe thunderstorms that may produce a tornado in the watch area.

Tornado Watch Issued

✓ Listen to local radio and TV stations for updates.

✓ Be alert to changing weather conditions.

Blowing debris or the roaring sound of an approaching tornado may alert you. Many people say a tornado sounds like a freight train.

Tornado Warning

✓ An urgent statement a tornado has been sighted or indicated as developing by radar within five miles of base.

Tornado Warning Issued

✓ If you are inside, protect yourself from glass and other flying objects.

✓ If you are outside, hurry to the basement of a nearby building or lie flat in a ditch or low-lying area.

✓ If you are in a car or mobile home, get out immediately and head for safety (as above).

After the Tornado

✓ Watch for fallen power lines and stay out of the damaged area.

✓ Listen to the radio for information and instructions.

✓ Use a flashlight to inspect your home for damage. Avoid candles when natural gas is used in your area.

Common Tornado Myths

✓ Leave the windows alone when a tornado may be coming. It's a myth tornadoes cause houses to explode due to changes in air pressure.

✓ Always take cover in the southwest corner of a basement. The southwest corner of the basement is just as safe as any other corner — or middle — of the basement. The best place to be is away from windows.

✓ Getting under a highway overpass is safe. Tornados cause a lot of debris to be blown around and this debris can hurt you. Getting under a highway overpass is not a safe option.

✓ Tornados are known to "suck" houses, cars, cows or people up into the funnel. Tornados will not "suck" you into the funnel. Their strong winds however, can blow large objects hundreds of feet away.

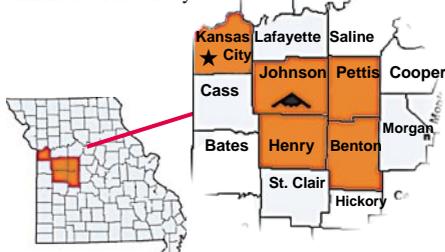


Photo by Tech. Sgt. Jose Torres

Funnel vision

Reservists from the 442nd Fighter Wing, finishing their weekend unit training assembly duties, witnessed a funnel cloud passing behind Whiteman's 509th Civil Engineer Squadron building. The funnel, which never touched down on base, broke apart soon after as the storm headed northeast toward La Monte, Mo.

Air show taxis into position

By 2nd Lt. Ed Gulick

Public Affairs

Thunderous roars will envelop the skies when the Wings over Whiteman air show takes flight here June 14 and 15.

The event celebrates the centennial of flight with an invitation for the public to see the base and how far flight has come. Highlighting the event will be the Air Force Thunderbirds, displaying air power at its finest.

Displaying air power is only one of the reasons the air show will take place, said Lt. Col. Fred Niblock, Wings over Whiteman director. He also said the air show will give the public a taste of what their tax dollars provide and will show the technology they have entrusted us with. The public will gain a greater understanding of the value of a strong national defense.

Yet, Niblock said the most important reason is to say 'thank you' for the support we've received from our nation and our local communities.

Niblock, 509th Bomb Wing, said this year's show will be the biggest in Whiteman History for three reasons.

"It's been three years since our last air show, we have a major act participating and Whiteman did an outstanding job during Operation Iraqi Freedom," he said.

More than 60 static aircraft of every size and era will be on display along with many flying acts including the B-2, A-10, F-18, F-15, B-52 and B-1. Besides military aircraft, other scheduled aerial acts are, Bobby Younkin's Lear jet act, the Air Force Stars Jump Team and a hot air balloon launch both days.

Not all the action will be in the air. The Air Force Reserve Jet Car and Les Shockley's jet truck — a Peterbilt semi truck with two jet engines on the back — will shoot flames as they speed down the runway. Harley Davidson owners will parade before the crowd with patriotic flags and banners. Various bands will also perform throughout the event. Non-denominational chapel services will be offered Sunday along with a pancake breakfast.

The 509th BW and its B-2, along with the 442nd Fighter Wing and its A-10, the Missouri Army National Guard's



Photo by 2nd Lt. Ed Gulick

Lt. Col. Fred Niblock, 509th Bomb Wing, and Master Sgt. Mark Kinner, 509th Security Forces Squadron, discuss air show security.

1-135th Aviation Battalion and its AH-64A Apache helicopters, and the Navy's Mobile Inshore Underwater Warfare Unit 114 unit will have displays, souvenirs and recruiters on hand to answer questions about their unit and how each unit contributes to America's security.

The two-day event is expected to draw more than 100,000 visitors. With this in mind, base members should be aware that heightened security measures will be in place to ensure everyone's safety. No backpacks or coolers will be allowed into the air show area. A small diaper bag is permitted. However, everyone is subject to search.

For more information, visit Whiteman's public Web site at <http://www.whiteman.af.mil/airshow> or call the air show office at 687-6111.

Safety first: Ride to live another day

By Maj. Timothy Dennison

509th Maintenance Operations Squadron

I have a passion that gets reignited at the first sign of robins returning home. True to form, when I saw a flock of 50 or so robins taking a break in the trees near the dorms, the fever hit. It could mean only one thing; spring arrived.

As a disciple of two wheels, the itch to twist the wrist and hit the open road has been almost unbearable. I was born to ride ... stop, pause and breathe.

Before donning riding gear and straddling the bike, are you mentally and physically ready to ride? Is your bike ready for that glorious open road? It's critical every time you ride to ensure both you and your bike are in top condition. So stop, pause and breathe, and follow these commandments to responsible riding.

Know Thy Self — It's time to unmask a myth I've heard and even perpetuated since being a kid. Motorcycle accidents are rarely the fault of the rider; it's the driver of the car that couldn't see you.

Sorry to burst your bubble, I know my ego balloon was popped when I read the latest stats on motorcycle accidents. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's latest statistics indicate that nearly half of fatal motorcycle accidents were single vehicle accidents, meaning in most cases, it was rider's error. Of these single vehicle deaths, half of the riders were intoxicated. Speeding was the other leading factor in deaths in all categories at 39 percent. Proficiency and competence shortcomings round out the field for rider error.

If you're like me, I get a little lazy during the winter months, my reflexes are not honed and my attention span decreases. It's critical we're mentally and physically ready to ride when warmer weather rolls around.

Physically, you should ensure you're properly rested, fueled and watered. Eat and hydrate yourself before your ride and take frequent breaks, especially if it's a long day. Doing this can help increase your alertness and decrease fatigue.

You must be a good student to master riding. Find a deserted parking lot and practice your riding skills (working your balance of your bike at slow speeds turns, emergency stops).

I also suggest reading. There are several good books and articles on improving your proficiency. I recently read Ken Condon's article, "Cornering Panic," in "Motorcycle Consumer News." It was a great refresher on how to properly enter curves and what to do if you get into trouble.

Various clubs and organizations, such as The American Motorcycle Association and Motorcycle Safety Foundation, have Web sites with great information.

Is your birthday coming up? How about treating yourself to a professional riding school. The schools offer various courses based upon the degree of riding you plan on doing. No matter how long you've been riding, we're never too old or too skilled to learn more about being a better rider.

Know Thy Bike — How many of us don't even spend five minutes looking over our bike before riding it for the season opener? We just get on it and go. If indeed you didn't routinely ride your bike over the winter, it's essential to do a full check on your bike before the first ride of the season. If you didn't, spend some quality time ensuring your ride is the best that it can be. Breaking down 40 miles from nowhere will rain on anyone's parade. Worse yet, failure to do so could be devastating. Once you've completed an in-depth check, it's ready to ride.

To keep your bike in top condition every time you ride, T-CLOCK it. T-CLOCK stands for tires, controls, lights, oil, chassis and kickstand. This quick three- to five-minute check is a great way to help ensure a safe, enjoyable ride. The AMA even has a printable checklist covering these items on its Web site at <http://www.ama-cycle.org/road-ride/preridechk.asp>.

Know Thy Conditions — Situational awareness can be the difference between an uneventful ride or putting the bike down. What's the weather like? Is it raining — are my tires up for rain? Night — don't outrun your headlights. Is the path your taking a wooded, two-lane road like our very own DD Highway? Is it extremely hot — do you need to worry about dehydration and potential quick onset of fatigue? Blind curves, farmers on the road and salts left over from winter can catch you off guard and ruin your day. Ride according to the conditions.

Obey Thy Rules — Wearing personal protection gear and following traffic laws will promote a safe, memorable ride. Plus, it'll keep you out of the commander's office on the following day! As noted earlier, speeding and intoxication are leading causes to fatal accidents. Don't become another statistic. Donning PPG will help you maintain control of your bike and offer critical protection if you lay your bike down.

Getting hit in the face by a big bug or bird at high speeds can feel like a gunshot without the proper gear on. Wearing a Department of Transportation-approved helmet can save your life. Studies show that you increase your survival by nearly 30 percent if you wear a helmet.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Francesca Popp

Staff Sgt. Dione Odom and Maj. Timothy Dennison, 509th Maintenance Operations Squadron, review a motorcycle safety pamphlet.

I believe riding a motorcycle is one of the greatest pleasures around. Following these commandments will help to keep it that way. Remember, operating a motorcycle is a privilege, one that requires great responsibility and care.

Stop, pause and breathe. Take the time to ensure you and your bike are ready. Live to ride ... ride to live another day.

Mission Success Celebration

Noon-4 p.m.

May 16

Skelton Park

Free food

Music provided by a DJ

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Play games,

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Wing recognizes best of best at ceremony

By Staff Sgt. Francesca Popp
Public Affairs

Company Grade Officer

Second Lt. Louis Rognoni is the Company Grade Officer of the Quarter for January-March.

The 509th Munitions Squadron Conventional Munitions Flight commander helped assemble 123 tons of Joint Directive Attack Munitions in 46 hours for the first forward operational deployment of the B-2. He also oversaw a \$50 million JDAM tail-kit software upgrade. The munitions were reprogrammed in five hours.

Off duty, Rognoni coaches a youth baseball team, sponsors a base youth bowling league and participates in many of his church's activities.



Senior NCO

Senior Master Sgt. Andres Alvarez is the Senior NCO of the Quarter for January-March.

The 509th Maintenance Squadron B-2 maintenance superintendent spearheaded the B-2 mission-critical low-observable maintenance during the wing's involvement in Operation Iraqi Freedom. His efforts help eliminate 8,753 LO hours, producing 13 LO combat ready B-2s. He is also responsible for 65 percent of all B-2 maintenance actions.

Off duty, Alvarez completed 115 credits for a bachelor's degree in computer science. He also mentored 23 high school students and participated in squadron and wing activities.



NCO

Tech. Sgt. William Barfknecht is the NCO of the Quarter for January-March.

The 509th Medical Support Squadron Tricare element chief combined the 509th Medical Group's information packages and the provider directory into one program. The patient tool kit provided a visual handbook for a patient's use. Barfknecht's efforts made this the first program in Air Combat Command.

The sergeant also developed and implemented targeted marketing programs. His efforts increased patients' awareness about what kind of programs the clinic offers.

Off duty, Barfknecht is a member of the 509th MedGp's softball team and is the group's sports representative.



Airman

Airman 1st Class Lejhade Menchavez is the Airman of the Quarter for January-March.

The 394th Combat Training Squadron workgroup manager provided computer support to 54 unit members and 30 contract employees. As the squadron's primary automated data processing equipment custodian, Menchavez created a database to track \$200,000 worth of equipment. She also recycled \$75,000 worth of unneeded equipment, which reduced the squadron's inventory by 40 percent.

Off duty, Menchavez earned a Community College of the Air Force degree and completed her career development course, earning a 95.2 percent course average. The airmen also volunteered at the 2003 Special Olympics State Basketball Classic.



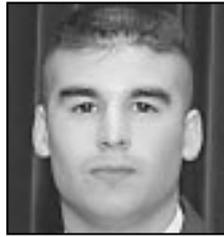
Honor Guard

Airman 1st Class Michael Badilla is the Honor Guard Member of the Quarter for January-March.

The 509th Maintenance Squadron phase maintenance apprentice is a member of the Whiteman Honor Guard's C Team. He participated in and rendered final honors at 19 funerals. He also presented the colors at five base functions.

Badilla was selected as the first drill team trainer and developed a routine for future drill team shows. He also trained five airmen how to perform firing party movements when using the M-16 or M-14.

Besides his honor guard duties, Badilla completed 70 percent of his on-the-job-training within his duty section. He also completed 12 credit hours toward a CCAF degree through State Fair Community College.



Manager

Sandra Vance is the Manager of the Quarter for January-March.

The 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron customer service chief developed procedures to beddown the total systems support partnership between the Air Force and Northrop Grumman. Her efforts converted \$16 million low-observable consumables to TSSP.

Vance designed procedures and trained unit members on stock control processes. She also worked with ACC's regional supply squadron to validate and resolve several special B-2 potential and actual problem areas.



Associate

Off duty, Vance is a member of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars and is the chairperson of the Knob Noster West Central Learning Tree literacy program board of directors.

Donna Dempsey is the Associate of the Quarter for January-March.

The 509th Communications Squadron office automation secretary helped implement the BlackBerry communications system. She built a contact list allowing base leaders to download key information when necessary.

Dempsey also tracked nearly 200 squadron taskings and ensured each was completed. Her efforts guaranteed squadron members were prepared for the requests.

Off duty, Dempsey is earned three credit hours toward a dual master's of arts degree in management and human resources development.



Laborer/Craftsman

Tracey Day is the Laborer/Craftsman of the Quarter for January-March.

The 509th LRS heavy mobile equipment mechanic performed emergency repairs on a 25,000 pound cargo loader parking brake system. His actions restored the cargo loading capability to 100 percent for an exercise.

Day also ensured 16 442nd Fighter Wing vehicles were ready for deployment by inspecting and repairing them. His efforts ensured the vehicles were in compliance with ACC technical orders and deployment standards.

Off duty, Day is a member of the Sweet Springs, Mo., Lions Club. He also preforms vehicle repairs for spouses of deployed members.



Volunteer

Andrea Wood is the Volunteer of the Quarter for January-March.

Wood volunteered more than 100 hours at Whiteman Elementary School. She is also a member of the school's parent and teacher organization.

Wood volunteers three hours twice a week in an 18-student classroom. She helps the students improve their reading and math skills. She also coordinates activities for and helps the instructor of the base's youth karate program.

Andrea's husband is Staff Sgt. William Wood, 509th Maintenance Group.



Air show countdown
37 days
until
Wings over Whiteman

"To the Men and Women at Whiteman,

Our hearts are full of gratitude and pride in the way we were shown so much respect and help when our family was hit with the death of our son, father and brother, David Dowler.

We have been overwhelmed by the help we received from the top down, and we know why David was so proud to be in the military.

All of your kindness will never be forgotten and it makes us very proud to be part of the family and especially to be Americans."

— The Family of Master Sgt. David Dowler

1st Sergeant's View



Master Sgt. Gary Bolton, 509th Maintenance Squadron first sergeant, reviews airman leadership school policies and procedures with Senior Airman Joel Sneddy, 509th MXS. Sneddy is a member of ALS class 03-E.

(Editor's note: The 1st Sergeant's View gives Whiteman first sergeants a chance to remind people of correct uniform wear, customs and courtesies, and proper military decorum. Each week, a different first sergeant will share their view.)

"As supervisors, one of the greatest responsibilities is to prepare our troops to become the leaders of tomorrow," said Master Sgt. Gary Bolton, 509th Maintenance Squadron. "The best way we can do this is through our professional military education and airman leadership school. These are the first of three enlisted professionals programs our troops attend during their Air Force career. ALS prepares senior airmen for the supervisory duties and helps them understand their position in the Air Force structure. Completing ALS is required to assume the staff sergeant rank. Now, go out there and change the world."



Photos by Staff Sgt. Francesca Popp

Staff Sgts. Charlie Loftus and Brandon Roggow, 509th Maintenance Squadron, point out what Airman 1st Class Heather Barefoot, 509th MXS, is doing to Master Sgt. Gary Bolton, 509th MXS first sergeant. Loftus was a member of Airman Leadership School class 03-D, while Roggow was in ALS class 03-C.

This space is reserved for advertisements

Commencement: Education center holds all-schools graduation

The base education and training center hosts the 2003 All-Schools Graduation at 6 p.m. today at the Knob Noster Middle School gymnasium. The Whiteman graduates are:

Senior Airman Rene Allende, 509th Bomb Wing, State Fair Community College

Staff Sgt. Joseph Amegatcher, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron, Park University

Tech. Sgt. Regina Anderson, 509th Mission Support Squadron, Webster University

Glenda Armstead, State Fair Community College

Master Sgt. Andrew Avery, 509th Maintenance Squadron, Community College of the Air Force

Wendy Bachman, Webster

Gregory Bailey, Webster

James Baird, Park

Staff Sgt. James Ballard, 509th MXS, CCAF

Staff Sgt. Joseph Barcus, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, CCAF

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Staff Sgt. Jayson Baros, 509th AMXS, CCAF

Staff Sgt. Tony Barrie, 509th Medical Support Squadron, CCAF

Staff Sgt. Brett Bateman, 393rd Bomb Squadron, Park

Airman 1st Class Bret Bedard, 509th Security Forces Squadron, Park

retired Tech. Sgt. Randy Beers, CCAF

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Master Sgt. John Benson, 509th SFS, CCAF

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Kera Wilson, Park

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1st Lt. Stanley Woronick, 509th MXS, Webster

Charay Zimmerschied, Webster

(Courtesy of the base education and training service center)

Whiteman Spirit Award



Tech. Sgt. Teddy Greevebiester
509th Security Forces Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Teddy Greevebiester, 509th Security Forces Squadron, received the Whiteman Spirit Award from Col. Ned Schoeck, 509th Bomb Wing vice commander, Monday.

Maj. Patricia Mauldin, 509th Mission Support Squadron commander, nominated Greevebiester for the award.

Mauldin went to the visitor's center recently to get base access for two civilian students who were beginning college classes on base. The major was told she would need to sign them in every time they had class until the visitor's center received the school's entry authority list.

Greevebiester offered a solution by having Staff Sgt. Chaun O'Hara-Bonk, 509th SFS, call the university to verify enrollment. After receiving verification, passes were issued to the students for the entire semester.

"This alleviated the amount of time I would spend each evening at the gate," said Mauldin. "It was fantastic customer service. Tech Sgt. Greevebiester is definitely deserving of the Whiteman Spirit Award and my gratitude!"

Personally Speaking

Duty Title: NCO in charge of the visitor's center

Time on station: 1 year

Time in service: 15 years

Hometown: Carbondale, Kan.

Spouse: Vicky

Children: Christopher, 14, and Trenton, 10

Goals: To be a good father.

Hobbies: Fishing and running.

Pet Peeves: Closed mindedness.

Best thing about Whiteman: The pride of the people.

What motivates your winning spirit? The people I work with every day.

If you could change one thing about Whiteman, what would it be? Upgrade the furniture at the visitor's center.

Submitting a Whiteman Spirit Award

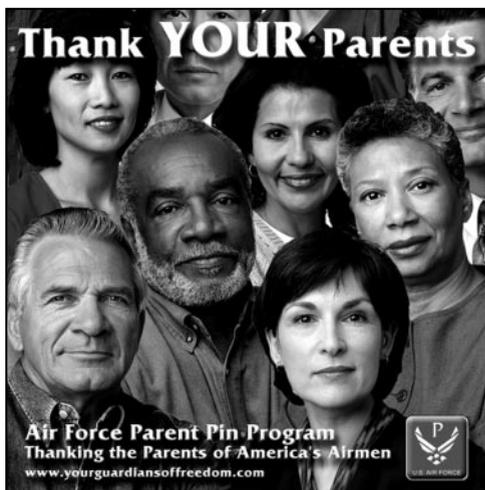
Individuals are nominated from within their units or by customers impressed with the superior customer service provided by the nominee.

If you know someone who has the Whiteman Spirit, send the nomination to the 509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs Office, Bldg. 509, Suite 111, or e-mail whiteman.spirit@Whiteman.af.mil.

Submitting _____ Civilian Employee of the Week

To nominate a civilian employee,
send an e-mail to
whiteman.spirit@whiteman.af.mil.
Be sure to include why this person
is being nominated.

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Kings of the forest

Staff Sgt. Russ Pierce (right) performs a wood line security check with another member of his fire team near the base perimeter recently. Pierce is currently assigned to the 509th Security Forces Squadron and is a member of the Missouri Army National Guard's 110th Combat Engineers from Lexington, Mo. The 110th was called up to help Whiteman with its security, and its members are an integral part of the success of the 509th Bomb Wing's mission.



Photo by Master Sgt. Mike Nixon

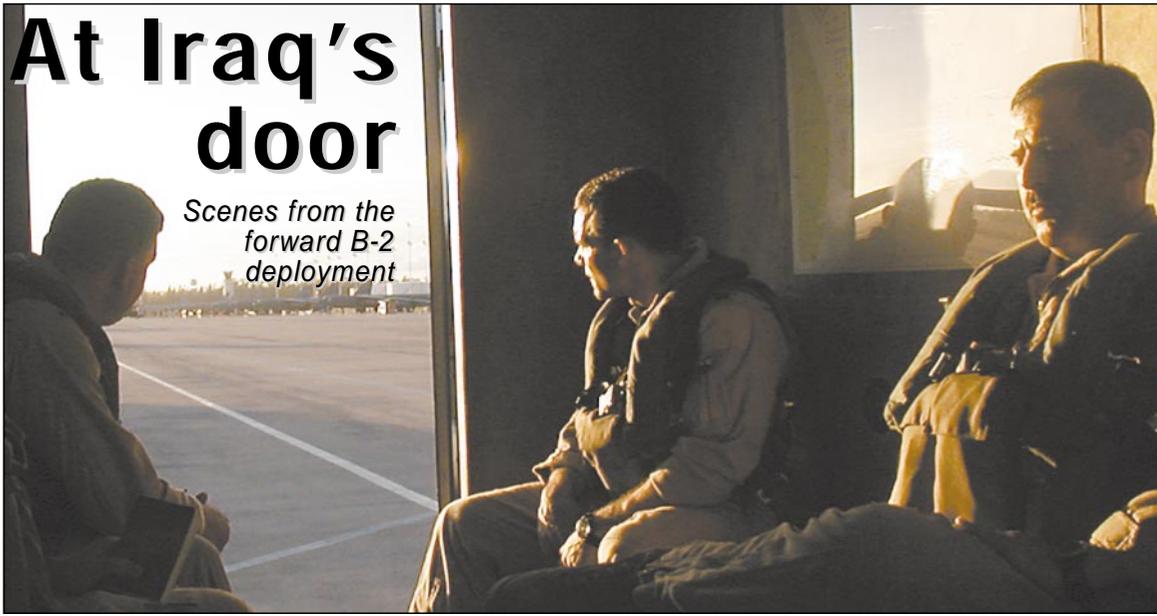
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OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM — Senior Airmen Jeremy Hord and Lovell King, 509th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron crew chiefs, give Capt. Alex Mezynski, 393rd Expeditionary Bomb Squadron and Mark Seng, 40th Expeditionary Operations Group, their preflight briefing March 25 while deployed at the forward-operating location. The mass event marked the first forward deployment of the B-2.

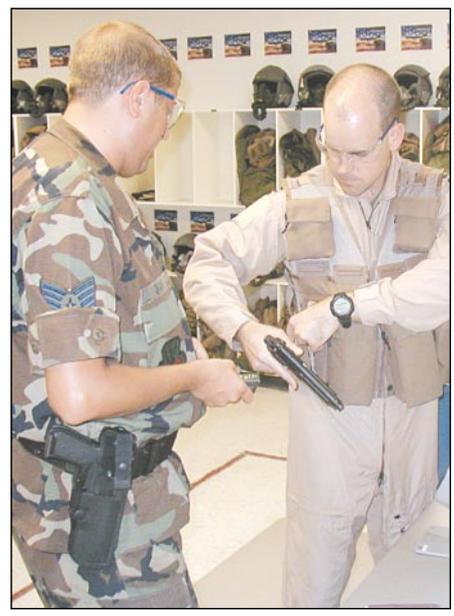
At Iraq's door

Scenes from the forward B-2 deployment



OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM — Lt. Col. Scott Land, 40th Expeditionary Operations Group commander, Capt. David Benson, 325th Expeditionary Bomb Squadron, and Maj. Anton Cihak, 393rd EBS relax before embarking on a combat sortie April 3 from the forward-operating location. The B-2 pilots helped lead the "shock and awe" campaign of the U.S. military's bombing of Iraq. They returned to Whiteman April 27.

Courtesy photos



OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM — Staff Sgt. Craig Okan, 393rd Expeditionary Bomb Squadron NCO in charge of life support, helps Capt. Eric Lapine, 40th Expeditionary Operations Group check in his weapon at a life support facility while deployed at a forward-operating location.



OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM — Members of the 509th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron begin preflight preparations March 29 at a forward-operating location. More than 200 people deployed to the location for 35 days and returned to Whiteman April 27.



OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM — Capt. Mark Pye greets Maj. Sam White, who piloted the *Spirit of Pennsylvania*, after White returned from a combat sortie to the forward-operating location March 29. Pye and White were members of the 393rd Expeditionary Bomb Squadron.

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Civilian Employee of the Week

Richard Jones was nominated for this award by Senior Master Sgt. Paul Ross, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron Fire Department. Jones works at the base fire department as an A-shift crew chief. Ross said Jones helped implement the automated civil engineer system for fire department in his section. The system tracks the status of every thing and everyone within the department. "His help to all individuals has made this process a smooth change over," Ross said. "This and his many other responsibilities as the Fire Fighter Association treasurer, hazardous materials instructor, American Red Cross CPR instructor and training chief for the 442nd (Fighter Wing) fire department make him my choice of employee of the week."

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Whiteman members earn money for innovative ideas

Whiteman members benefited from the Air Force's Innovative Development through Employee Awareness program during the first quarter of the year. These people were awarded money for their suggestions:

January

Master Sgt. Richard Stover, 509th Munitions Squadron, was awarded \$200 for a technical order change standardizing the guided bomb unit.

Tech. Sgt. William Graham, 509th Maintenance Group, received \$4,270 for a T.O. change that implemented the procedure for operational fan trim balancing for aircraft.

Tech. Sgt. David Hauger, 509th MUNS, was awarded \$800 for three separate IDEAs: a T.O. change for preventative maintenance on setscrews securing a leg roll pin of the ADU-728/E launcher loader adapter from seizing; a T.O. change added an additional sway brace for BRU-44 B/A bomb ejector rack; and a T.O. change resulted in the purchasing a quart of paint for the launcher instead of a gallon, which was specified in the T.O.

Staff Sgt. Derek Groeling, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, received \$200 for a T.O. change that added the step to verify that the actuator lug/pullout switch assembly has not been actuated.

Master Sgt. Curtis Allen, 509th MXS, was awarded \$4,590 for a T.O. change that allowed Whiteman members to perform horizontal removal, repair or replacement of turbine frames without removing the low-pressure turbine assembly from the B-2 engine.

Senior Airman Jeffery Schroeder, 509th MXS, was awarded \$200 for a T.O. change reducing the time technicians look for unknown internal vacuum port locations by adding diagrams.

February

Capt. John Robin, 72nd Test and Evaluation Squadron, received \$9,772 for modifying five B-2s for Combat Track II secure satellite communication system (the other B-2s were modified at an earlier date).

Master Sgt. Richard Stover, 509th MUNS, was awarded \$200 for standardizing the GBU sections and eliminating confusion by enabling loaders to better understand the loading procedures for GBU munitions.

Master Sgt. Ronald McAlister, 509th MXS, received \$509 for a T.O. change perfecting the engine installation and removal procedures allowing adapter cables to remain functional and not get damaged.

Staff Sgts. Ameer Weston and Robert Murphy and James Swigert, Airmen 1st Class Micah Jacobsen, Brandon Dyer and Clint Barton, 509th Communication Squadron, divided a \$198 award for the uninterrupted power supply installation in Bldg. 94 to allow for uninterrupted power service for communication purposes.

Senior Airman Joseph Weir, 509th MXS, received \$200 for a T.O. change by adding a safety warning about the oil associated with removing of an a/c generator.

March

Retired Senior Master Sgt. Edwin Hancock, 509th MXS, was awarded \$200 for a T.O. change that requires weighing each blade before engine build-up. This change reduces the possibility of excessive vibration during operation and eliminates the need for engine tear-down and fan restack.

Tech. Sgt. Jonathan Wallenbeck, 509th MXG, received \$200 for changing a T.O. finalizing that approximately four man-hours yearly will be saved by not having to change the tactical terminal set when an initialization procedure would have fixed the problem. The change reduces down time caused by operational checkouts of normal and secure voice of the HF system and increases the B-2's mission and combat readiness status.

Staff Sgt. Kenneth Clinton, 509th MXG, was awarded \$200 for a T.O. change adding a crucial step that's performed during weapons post load checks. The change makes certain ample cooling air is supplied to the weapons systems and ensures weapons load crews perform the proper steps during post loads.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Joe Laccan

Retired Senior Master Sgt. Edwin Hancock, now working as a civilian in the 509th Maintenance Squadron, lectures airmen about engine maintenance. Hancock received a \$200 check from the IDEA program for a T.O. change that saved four man hours.

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Education

For more details, visit <https://www.mil.whiteman.af.mil/509mss/educ/homepage.htm>

All-schools graduation set

- ✓ The base training and education services office closes at 11 a.m. today for the all-schools graduation. For more details, call Cathy Brogan at 687-5750.
- ✓ The all-schools graduation for the Community College of the Air Force, State Fair Community College, Park University and Webster University begins at 6 p.m. today at Knob Noster Middle School.

Degree counseling services available

Enlisted Air Force members taking college classes can receive walk-in counseling services 7:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. Fridays. Counselors can review education records to determine the amount of credits still needed for a degree. Study guides for college-level examination materials are available at the education center. For more details, call Larry Broudrick at 687-5750.

Community

OSS hosts brat burn

The 509th Operations Support Squadron brat burn takes place 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursday at the base operations parking lot. The \$3 meal includes a brat, baked beans, sauerkraut, potato salad and soda.

Playgroup expands fun

The Mom's, Pop's and Tot's Play group meets 10 a.m.-noon Thursdays at the Missouri Army National Guard Armory. May events include:

- ✓ Free pizza party and free play Thursday,
- ✓ Crafts May 22, and
- ✓ Meet at the park May 29

For more details, call Chelley Plowman at 687-4342.

Flower vouchers offered

Base housing residents can get a \$20 voucher through May 31 to buy flowers at the base exchange, Debackers or Elite Landscaping. Limit one voucher per household. The self-help store is open 11 a.m.-6 p.m. weekdays and 9 a.m.-noon Saturdays. For more details, call 687-4173.

Swimming lessons available

Swimming lessons begins June 2 at the Red Cross center at 208 Emerson St., Warrensburg. For more details, call 660-747-5173.

Family Support

Call 687-7132 for details on these events or other family support center activities. Events take place at the FSC.

Spouses' Appreciation Day set

A Spouses' Appreciation Day takes place 9 a.m.-4 p.m. today at the family support center. The free classes include scrapbooking, healthy cooking, spouse benefits, B-2 and Oscar-01 tours and more. Call for more details.

Pre-separation briefing set

A pre-separation briefing for people separating from the military begins at 9 a.m. Monday. Representatives from the military personnel flight, family support center, Reserve and finance will provide this information.

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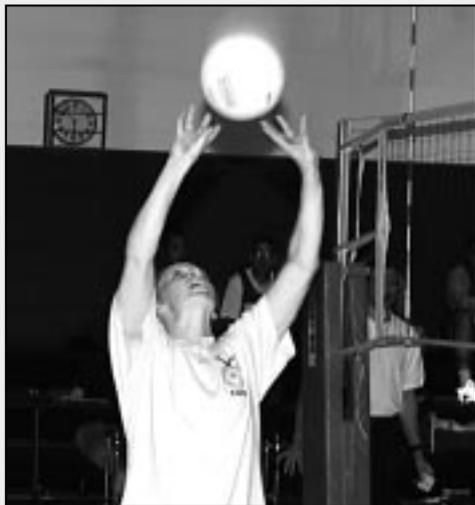
Photo by Airman 1st Class Joe Lacdan

College cash

Col. Doug Raaberg, 509th Bomb Wing commander, and Whiteman Officers' Spouses' Club president Lisa Johnson presented a \$2,500 check to Amberle Sherman, daughter of Maj. Dan Sherman, 72nd Test and Evaluation Squadron, April 24. The Whiteman Enlisted Community Organization and the WOSC sponsored a scholarship contest with \$14,750 in awards for education. First Command Financial and the Air Force Association provided additional awards. Other high school winners were: Jeffrey Hendricks,

\$1,500; Jason Key and Kristen Savage, \$1,000; and Anthony Shoop and Michelle Dier, \$500. Key and Savage won the AFA scholarship and FCF scholarship, respectively. The spouse winners were: Lindy Jones, \$2,500; Vickie Hunt, \$1,500; Kathaleen Rogers, \$1,000; Silvia Jennings and Beth Rowe, \$750; Jennifer Hults, \$500; and Emily Sipp, \$250. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended. WECO and WOSC thanked the Whiteman Thrift Shop volunteers and shoppers for funding the the scholarship awards.

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'Securing' the championship

The 509th Security Forces Squadron used hard-hitting and timely passing to upend the 509th Munitions Squadron twice and win the intramural league championship May 1. SFS took won both contests 2-1, 2-1 in the double elimination tournament, led by strong hitting from Brian Reddenbaugh. Above: Keri Morgia, 509th SFS, sets the ball during the first game against MUNS. Right: Brian Reddenbaugh, 509th SFS, tries to get the ball past a pair of 509th Operations Support Squadron players during the SFS semifinal round in the loser's bracket.



Photos by Airman 1st Class Joe Laddan

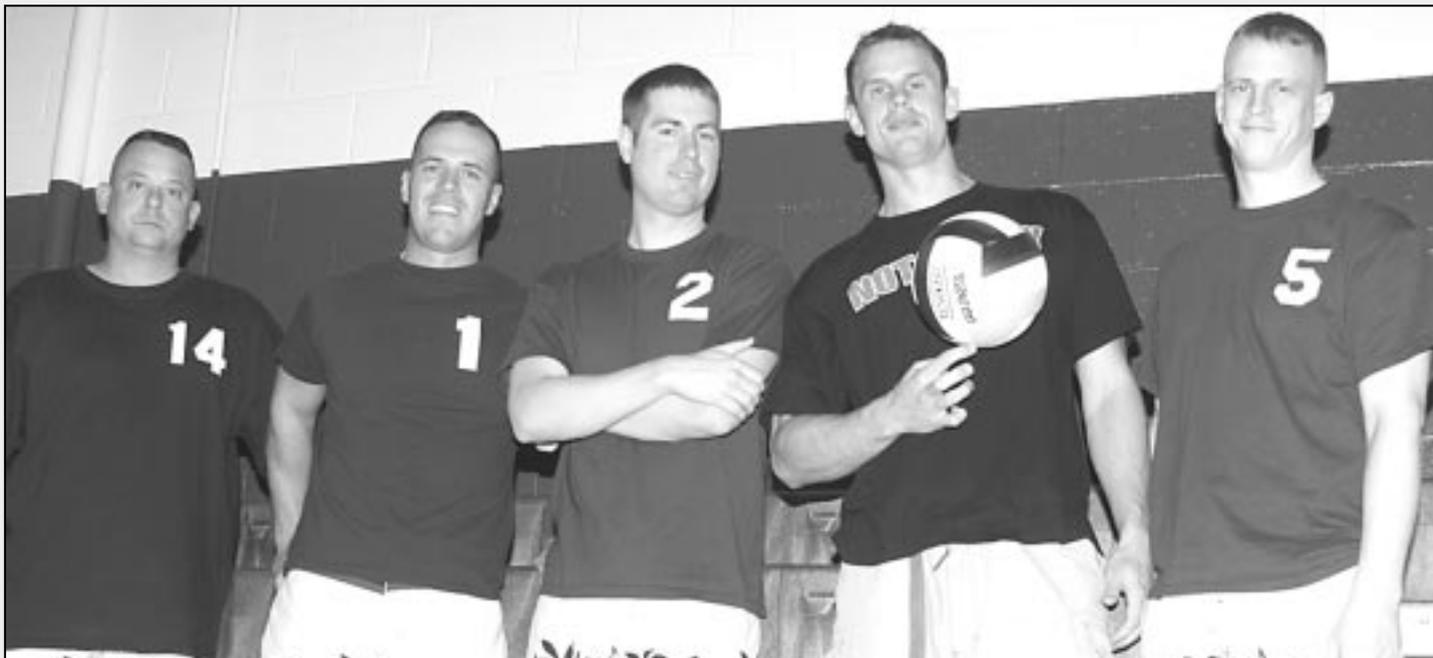


Photo by Airman 1st Class Joe Laddan

Off to nationals

The Whiteman varsity volleyball team qualified for nationals after taking first in the Midwest Region volleyball tournament in Lawrence, Kan., April 26-27 to qualify for nationals which take place in Minneapolis May 23-28. Pictured are: outside hitter Clint Reinier, 509th Logistics

Readiness Squadron, outside hitter Bruce Turner, 509th Operations Support Squadron, middle blocker Brian Reddenbaugh, 509th Security Forces Squadron, middle blocker Troy Chupp, 72nd Test and Evaluation Squadron and outside hitter Jeff Martin, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron.

Not pictured is outside hitter Justin Martin, 509th OSS, and setter Nate Howell, 509th SFS. Turner, who is also the team's coach, said the key to the team's success in the tournament came from improved play on defense and in the back row. Chupp was the tournament leader in kills.



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Family Night at Starlight Theatre

See opening night performances of Broadway shows at Starlight Theatre in Kansas City, Mo. "Will Rogers Follies"

8:30 p.m. June 13. Purchase by May 16.

"Disney's Beauty and the Beast"

8:30 p.m. July 8. Purchase by May 30.

Cost is \$31 for plaza seating and \$14 for terrace seating. For more information, call Tickets and Travel, at 687-5643

Outdoor Recreation 687-5565

Outdoor Recreation

- ✓ Rent a TV/VCR combo and receive \$5 off
- ✓ Rent a Pro-16 or Pro-17 Bass Tracker for \$10 off
- ✓ Rent a camcorder for \$35 a weekend

Base pool opens Memorial Day weekend

Entrance to the base pool is free May 24-26. Purchase discount season passes at outdoor recreation through May 23. Family season passes are \$45 and single season passes are \$20. Season passes purchased after May 23 are an additional \$5.

Hiking, picnic at Ha Ha Tonka State Park

Pack a lunch and explore nature hiking with friends and family in 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. May 10 in Camdenton, Mo. Participants depart outdoor recreation at 8 a.m. and return by 4:30 p.m. Cost for transportation is \$5 per person and \$15 for a family of four or more.

Open water scuba class

Marty Naaktgeboren, Sandy Paws diving instructor, teaches a one-week course on open water scuba diving 6-10 p.m. June 9-13. Cost is \$190 for the class. Students must attend an orientation class Tuesday at outdoor recreation and can purchase scuba gear after attending this orientation. Sign up by Tuesday.

Boater safety class

Receive certification to rent a boat at outdoor recreation 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursday. The free class is required to operate and rent boats from outdoor recreation.

Katy Trail bike ride

Ride the Katy Trail 8 a.m.-7 p.m. May 17 from Mokane, Mo., to McKittrick, Mo. The cost is \$7 and a free bike will be provided if needed.

Mother's Day events

Mom and me mania

Bring mom or a family friend to a Mother's Day celebration at the teen center 7-10 p.m. today. Watch movies, enter contests and enjoy refreshments. The event is free for teens and a guest. Cost is \$2 without guest.

Stars and Strikes

Mothers can bowl free while bowling with their children 11 a.m. - 9 p.m., on Mother's Day.

Mother's Day brunch

11 a.m.-2 p.m. at Mission's End Adults: \$12.95 members/\$15.95 nonmembers; youth ages 10-16: \$8.95 members/\$11.95 nonmembers; Children ages 6-9: \$5 members/\$8 nonmembers; Children 5 and younger free members/\$3 nonmembers. A carnation for every mother is provided by Crown Ford. Enter a drawing for a 30-minute body massage or sea salt scrub.
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Stars & Strikes Bowling Center 687-5114

Spring leagues

Sign up for spring leagues now through May 19. Call for more details.

Fitness Center 687-5496

Bench press the B-2

Bench press the B-2 now through June 30. Participants can use free weights to lift 350,000 pounds of accumulated weight. Fitness center staff will initial weight card after each visit.

Cycling incentive program

Cyclist can earn free incentive awards for participation in outdoor and indoor cycling activities. For information call outdoor recreation or the fitness center.

Teen Center 687-5819

Youth employment skills orientation

Ninth through 12th graders (2003 graduates are not eligible) can attend an employment skills meeting 6 p.m. Thursday and May 22 at the teen center. Teens get an opportunity to learn job skills and earn \$4 per hour toward college tuition by volunteering at base organizations during the summer. Air Force active duty sponsors or a person with power-of-attorney must attend the meeting with the teen.

Youth Center 687-5586

Pre-teen scene hangout

Fifth through seventh graders can play games and hang out with friends 6-9 p.m. Saturday. Cost is \$2 for members and \$3 for nonmembers.

Muppet mania

Kindergartners through fourth graders can make a puppet and play games 6:30-9:30 p.m. May 16. The cost is \$4 for members and \$5.50 for nonmembers.

End of school Hawaiian luau

Fifth through seventh graders can celebrate the end of the school year with Hawaiian dancing, karaoke, limbo and more 6-9 p.m. May 24 at the base lake pavilion. Cost is \$5 for members and \$6 for nonmembers. Dinner will be provided. Sign up Monday through May 22.

Summer specialty camp

Youth ages 9-12 can register for the summer specialty camp now through May 29. Youth can participate in creative arts, physical fitness, life skills and other programs 11:15 a.m.-4:15 p.m. weekdays June 2-27. Sign up for a specific week or all four-weeks. Cost is \$30 for members and \$35 for nonmembers for each week.

Community Center 687-5617

Royals vs Blue Jays

Watch a ball game and a fireworks show at Kauffman Stadium in Kansas City, Mo., 5:30-9:30 p.m. May 16. The game features "Dodge Buck Night." Hot dogs, soda and peanuts are \$1 each. Cost is \$12 and includes transportation and admission.

'Pawade Pawty'

Dogs and owners can wear costumes, have fun, play games, watch Air Force dog demonstrations and win prize. Refreshments will be provided. Contests include: best trick, most obedient, best matching outfits, and pet and owner look-a-likes. This is a free event. More information is available at the base veterinarian clinic and Pet Exchange in Knob Noster. Sponsored in-part by Diamond Pet Food. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended.

Salsa dancing

Learn to salsa dance free at 7 p.m. today.

More classes offered

Susan Metz teaches spinning and wool dyeing classes at the skills development center. Classes include pottery, ceramics, glass fusing and more. These classes are offered in addition to our regularly scheduled classes. Students interested in taking these classes can call skills development center to schedule a class time.



Skills Development Center 687-5691

Annual spring craft bizarre

The annual spring craft bizarre takes place 10 a.m.-4 p.m. May 17 at the youth soccer field across from the base exchange. Vendors can reserve space now through Thursday. Cost is a \$10 vendor fee.

Framing class

Students can learn to frame 6-9 p.m. Wednesdays. The cost of \$40 includes supplies. Sign up by noon Tuesday.

Auto Skills 687-5689

Oil change special

The auto skills center offers an oil change special for \$21.95 which includes lube, five quarts of premium oil and filter, belt inspection, radiator and washer fluid. Call for an appointment. Some restrictions may apply.

Family Child Care 687-5590/1180

Receive free certification to become a family child care provider 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through May 16. Stop by the Family Child Care office and pick up a registration package.

Whiteman Base Theater

Friday

Gangs of New York R 7 p.m.

Starring -- Leonardo DiCaprio and Daniel Day-Lewis In 1863, New York City was a fledgling young metropolis. The nation's survival was being tested by Civil War, a dangerous underworld was born in the streets. A fatherless son searches for honor, vengeance and courage.

Saturday

Piglet's Big Movie G 7 p.m.

Animated -- Piglet gets an inferior feeling when his friends begin a "honey harvest" and he's told that he's too small to help. When Piglet disappears, the others use his scrapbook as a map to try and find him, and in the process discover this "very small animal" is a big hero.

Sunday

The Core PG-13 5:30 p.m

Starring -- Aaron Eckhart & Hilary Swank Geophysicist Dr. Josh Keyes discovered an unknown force caused the earth's inner core to stop rotating. Keyes, along with a team of scientist, travel into the earth's core. There mission is to detonate a device that will reactivate the core.

Adults \$3 Youth \$1.50

Movie recording line 687-5110.

Movies are subject to change due to availability.