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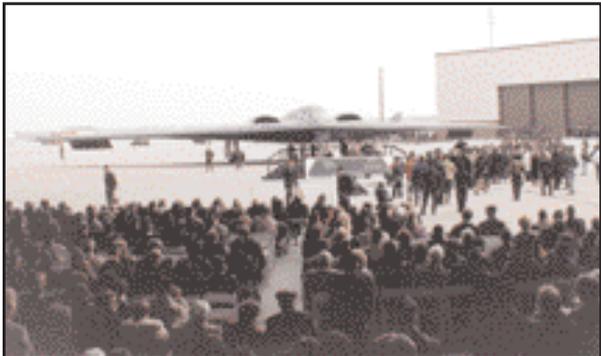
FRIDAY, DEC. 12, 2003

Red Carpet Rollout

Team Whiteman welcomes ...

- U.S. Representative Ike Skelton**
Missouri's 4th district
- Gen. and Mrs. John Loh,**
Former Air Combat Command Commander
- Lt. Gen. Bruce Carlson**
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- Lt. Gen. and Mrs. Thomas Goslin**
Vice Commander U.S. Strategic Command
- Maj. Gen. and Mrs. Leroy Barnidge**
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- Maj. Gen. and Mrs. Mike McMahan**
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- Brig. Gen. Tony Przybyslawski**
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- Brig. Gen. and Mrs. Hank Taylor**
Vice Director for Logistics, Joint Staff
- Brig. Gen. Stephen Miller**
Air Combat Command Inspector General

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Join us for the B-2 anniversary!

News in Brief

B-2 Ceremony scheduled

The B-2 10th Anniversary outdoor ceremony, commemorating a decade of operations here, begins 2 p.m. Wednesday on the flight line between Hangar 27 and Bldg. T-9. The *Spirit of Missouri* is scheduled to recreate its historic delivery from Palmdale, Calif. Lt. Gen. Bruce Carlson, 8th Air Force commander, will be the keynote speaker. People must be in place by 1:45 p.m. Parking for the ceremony is available across the street from Entry Control Point 2. Cameras are permitted.

Staff announces last issue of year

The *Whiteman Spirit's* last issue of the year is Dec. 19. This is a special 32-page edition featuring the 10th Anniversary of the B-2's arrival here. Normal information will not be featured in this issue. The first issue in 2004 will be published Jan. 9. For more details, call the *Whiteman Spirit* staff at 687-6133.

Ambulance service changes

Beginning Jan. 2, the 509th Medical Group ambulance service will operate out of the fire department 6 p.m.-6 a.m. weekdays and from 1 p.m. Saturdays to 6 a.m. Mondays. Weekend hours will be in effect during holidays and down days. In case of a medical emergency, call 911 or 687-4507.



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Majs. Dave Benson and Andy Gebara, 715th Weapons Squadron, give a thumbs up before a flight during their deployment graduation exercise at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev.

Weapons squadron deploys for first time

By Senior Airman Shawn Clements
Public Affairs

The 715th Weapons Squadron students are completing their first two-week long graduation exercise at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev.

The exercise is the final test after more than five months of the doctorate-level advanced tactics flight course.

"Students are now able to take the previous five and a half months of instruction and use it to execute an effective aerial war — it's much like they'll have to do during the present or future conflicts," said Lt. Col. Scott Young, 715th WPS commander.

B-2 crews previously supported these exercises. This is the first graduation exercise to feature B-2 weapons school students, however.

"The five instructors and I are here to help guide the students through this exercise," Young said.

The exercise integrates all the different airframes from the weapons schools and pits them against a robust adversary. The intent of the "war" is integration, the 19-year veteran said.

The students plan and execute a 10-day war, Young said.

"The students are at the end of this high-paced course. They are the next generation of warriors who will win every war the B-2 is tasked to fight," Young said.

Young said these students are the best of the best and are exercising with other people.

The students work with 14 other weapons school squadrons during this exercise. They also work with the



Courtesy photo

Airman 1st Class Douglas Popham, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, speaks with a pilot before a flight at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev.

99th Range Wing, the U.S. Navy Weapons School, the Air Mobility Weapons School, the Army and other various agencies. The interaction with the other organizations help make the exercise more realistic, Young said. There are 70 509th Bomb Wing maintainers and aviators who went to Nellis to support the aircraft.

"During this exercise, the B-2 was tasked to fly 18 missions and successfully completed each one of them," said Col. Curtiss Petrek, 509th Operations Group commander.

The first class of three students graduates Saturday.

Commander's Corner

By Col. Doug Raaberg

509th Bomb Wing Commander

This week we celebrate the anniversary of two significant aviation milestones. A century ago, two brothers from Dayton, Ohio, finally realized the dream of powered, heavier-than-air flight. Orville and Wilbur Wright set off a revolution that transformed the world. Ninety years later, that revolution unfolded further with the delivery of the first B-2 *Spirit* to Whiteman.

Between those events, we spanned the distance from the east to west coasts, crossed the oceans and circled the globe. We traded propellers for jet engines and broke the sound barrier. We pushed higher, faster, farther, until our efforts resulted in footsteps on the moon and people living in orbit.

Airpower has become the most potent ingredient to successful military operations. The first chivalrous duels between scout biplanes over France in World War I soon gave way to clouds of aircraft, capable of taking war to the center of any conflict.



From the Doolittle Raid to the Enola Gay, World War II forever changed the value of aircraft to all our military services. It even ushered in the U.S. Air Force! Today, we rely on air and space to lead the way.

Truly, it has been a transforming century like no other in history.

We are an aerospace nation. Our civil aviation is second to none. Hundreds of thousands of Americans benefit daily from this extraordinary transportation link. Callously, our enemies used it against us and we are now waging a Global War on Terrorism. In this war to defend our way of

life, we have shown America has no rival in the application of air and space power. Maintaining this edge has been crucial in our past and is necessary to our future.

Orville's first flight lasted 12 seconds, covering 120 feet. In the Wright Brothers' day, Jules Verne's novel idea was going "around the world in 80 days." Now, we fly anywhere on the planet in hours, in aircraft physically larger than the footprint of the first flight at Kitty Hawk a century ago!

This week, the men and women of Whiteman Air Force Base join to celebrate 10 years of B-2 achievements and a century of aviation marvels. More than that, we will thank the community for the support that has been vital to our success — in war and peace, over Afghanistan and Iraq, from takeoff to touchdown. Our bond with them will continue to be the foundation upon which we build the air and space power of the future.

So take a moment this week to look to the skies. There, you will see the contrails of America's might.



Courtesy photo

The Wright brothers first achieved humanity's dream of flight 10:35 a.m. Dec. 17, 1903 at Kitty Hawk, N.C.



File photo

The B-2 *Spirit of Missouri* taxis into position Dec. 17, 1993.

Know your commander's intent, advance it

By Col. (Dr.) Richard Bachmann

509th Medical Group Commander

"Integrity first, service before self and excellence in all we do." "Kick down doors and kill targets." "No one comes close."

Did you ever wonder why we spend so much time developing mission statements, articulating core values and creating brief phrases to describe complex ideas? No, it's not to keep the advertising industry in business. If you've ever participated in this process, you know how hard it is to describe something like a unit mission or a set of core values in a brief and memorable set of words or phrases. You must capture the essence without leaving out any important parts. Make it too long and no one will read it or remember it. That's a tall order. So why bother?

It all boils down to giving people a clear vector on what they're supposed to do. Total quality management relied on the principle of employee empowerment — the folks doing the work were probably the best positioned to monitor and adjust how the work was done. The role of more senior leadership was to decide what to do and empower the workers to decide how to do it. In the military, this empowerment can be described as commander's intent.

Commander's intent, core values or a mission statement, help us decide what to do when the checklist doesn't cover the situation, when communications are lost or when the chain of command is disrupted. Instead of mindlessly waiting for instructions, we can still take appropriate action if we know our commander's intent. This ability to act independently has been a hallmark of American military forces for generations. In fact, it's the basis for one of



Photo by Senior Airman Shawn Clements

Col. (Dr.) Richard Bachmann speaks to Regina Conway, and Airmen Darryl Donaldson and Kelly Myers, 509th Medical Group members, about his specific commander's intent.

the key tenets of airpower — centralized control and decentralized execution. Airpower is commanded by an airman, who centrally controls what aircraft are assigned which missions or what targets to strike. The details of what tactics to use and how to accomplish the missions are left to the aircrew.

Col. Joshua Chamberlain had very clear understanding of his commander's intent as he placed the 20th Marine regiment on the slopes of Little Round Top at Gettysburg, Pa. — "Hold your position to the last, you cannot with-

draw." As the last unit in line, if he did not hold, the entire Union line would collapse. When the regiment ran out of ammunition after fierce fighting, normal doctrine would require withdrawal for resupply. Instead, Chamberlain called for a bayonet charge down the hill and swept his opponents from the field. Similarly, 19th Tactical Air Command had a clear commander's intent during Gen George Patton's thrust across France — "protect his flank." General Weyland was given clear guidance and a free hand to accomplish his mission.

One of the transformational concepts of airpower is "effects-based operations" which focuses on the effect to be achieved rather than on the list of targets. For example, there are many ways to achieve the effect of air superiority. Enemy aircraft can be shot down one at a time in dramatic dogfights or blown up on the ground, runways could be cratered, onboard software could be infected by a computer virus, the airfield could be cut off from fuel supplies or any combination of these. The effort is defined by the effect desired rather than the means to accomplish it.

So what does this mean to us? It means we all must strive to understand our commander's intent, and to make sure that our actions are aligned to accomplish it. Commanders must clearly articulate their intent to their troops, and keep it current. Unit members must direct their actions to advance the commander's intent. If you've driven by our 509th Medical Group sign, perhaps you've seen the words "mission, service, teamwork" displayed there. These convey my commander's intent to the men and women of the 509th MedGp. We work together to provide the vital service of mission-focused health care.

So I ask each of you: What's your commander's intent? How did you advance it today?

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Nuclear Surety Inspection team examines Whiteman

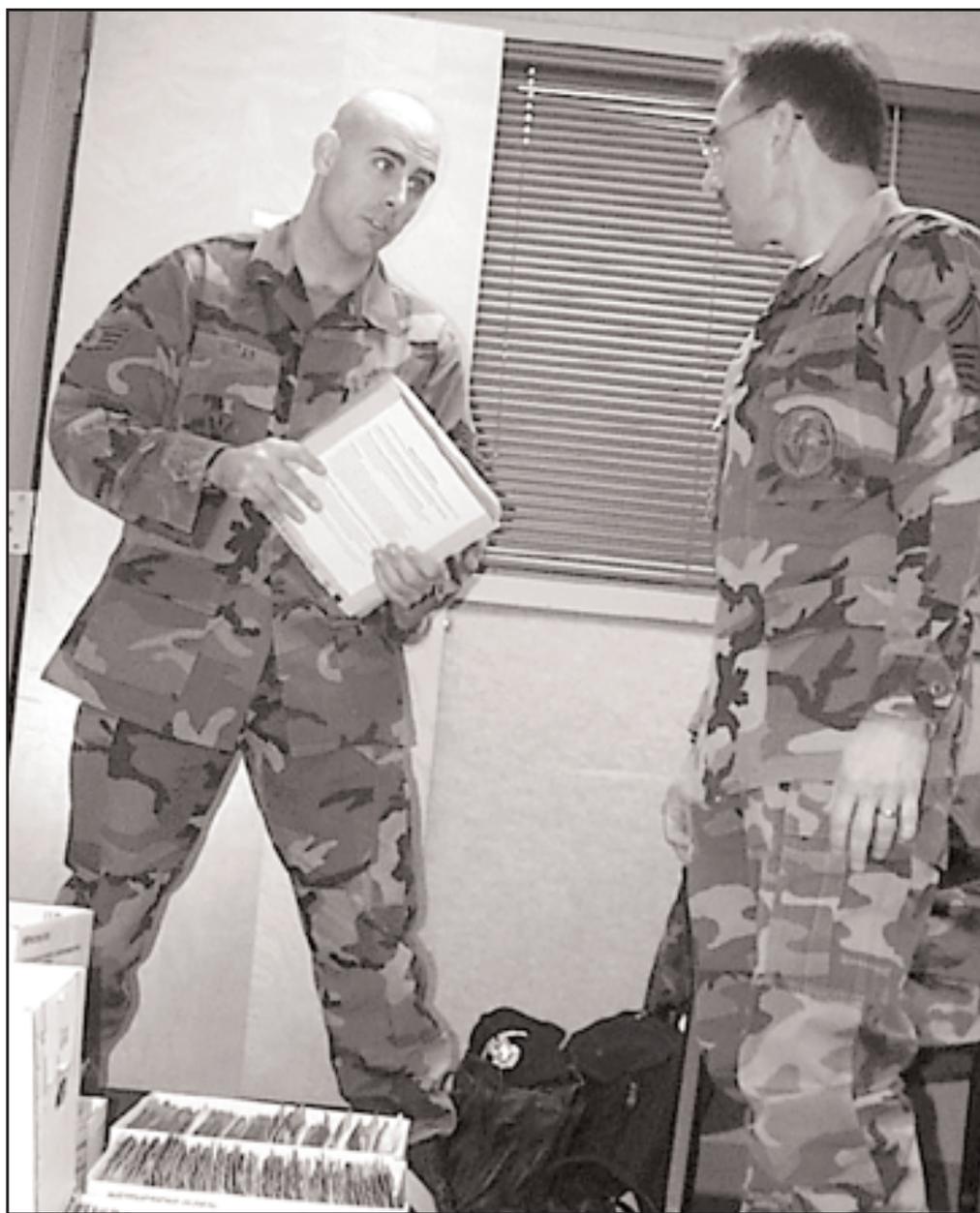


Photo by Airman 1st Class Joe Lacdan

Staff Sgt. Anthony Witak, 509th Bomb Wing personnel reliability program manager, speaks with Nuclear Surety Inspection team member Senior Master Sgt. Robert Amaya about the organization of the medical records for inspection Thursday. The NSI Inspector General team from Langley Air Force Base, Va., began inspections here Wednesday and will finish Sunday. The inspectors examined the safety, security and reliability of weapons, and weapons security of 13 primary areas. They also looked at explosive ordnance disposal procedures, management and administration procedures, nuclear surety safety and PRP procedures. Amaya is the superintendent for medical services inspections and Witak is a 509th Mission Support Squadron member. The NSI team inspected the accuracy of the medical and PRP records. The PRP records were inspected to ensure members are qualified and receive the correct training.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Joe Lacdan

NSI team members Maj. Michaela Greene and Angel Olivares discuss Personnel Reliability program records. Greene is the section chief for personnel inspections and Olivares is the team chief of the mission support inspection section



Photo by Senior Airman Shawn Clements

NSI team member Capt. Brian Tolson discusses weapons safety procedures with Tech. Sgt. Eric Duffendack, 509th Bomb Wing.



Photos by Airman 1st Class Joe Lacdan

Winter wonderland

Whiteman residents woke Wednesday morning to four inches of snow and ice. Left: Senior Airman Christian Gamboa and Airman 1st Class Josh Oloff, 509th Maintenance Squadron, build a snow man in front of Endeavor Hall. Above: Ralph Harshman, Mid American Turf in Warrensburg, plows snow in the commissary parking lot.

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Photo by Airman 1st Class Joe Lacdan

The gang's all here

Staff Sgt. Andrew Wilder and Airman 1st Class Carl Mabon, 509th Maintenance Squadron, join wing members on the flight line during Col. Doug Raaberg's, 509th Bomb Wing commander, all-call Monday. Raaberg spoke about readiness during the Nuclear Surety Inspection and approaching the inspection with a positive and proactive attitude. Raaberg reminded wing members that it will be the wing's most difficult test and encouraged them to review the NSI booklet. The colonel also spoke about the upcoming B-2 10th anniversary celebration, and wished members a safe and a happy holiday.

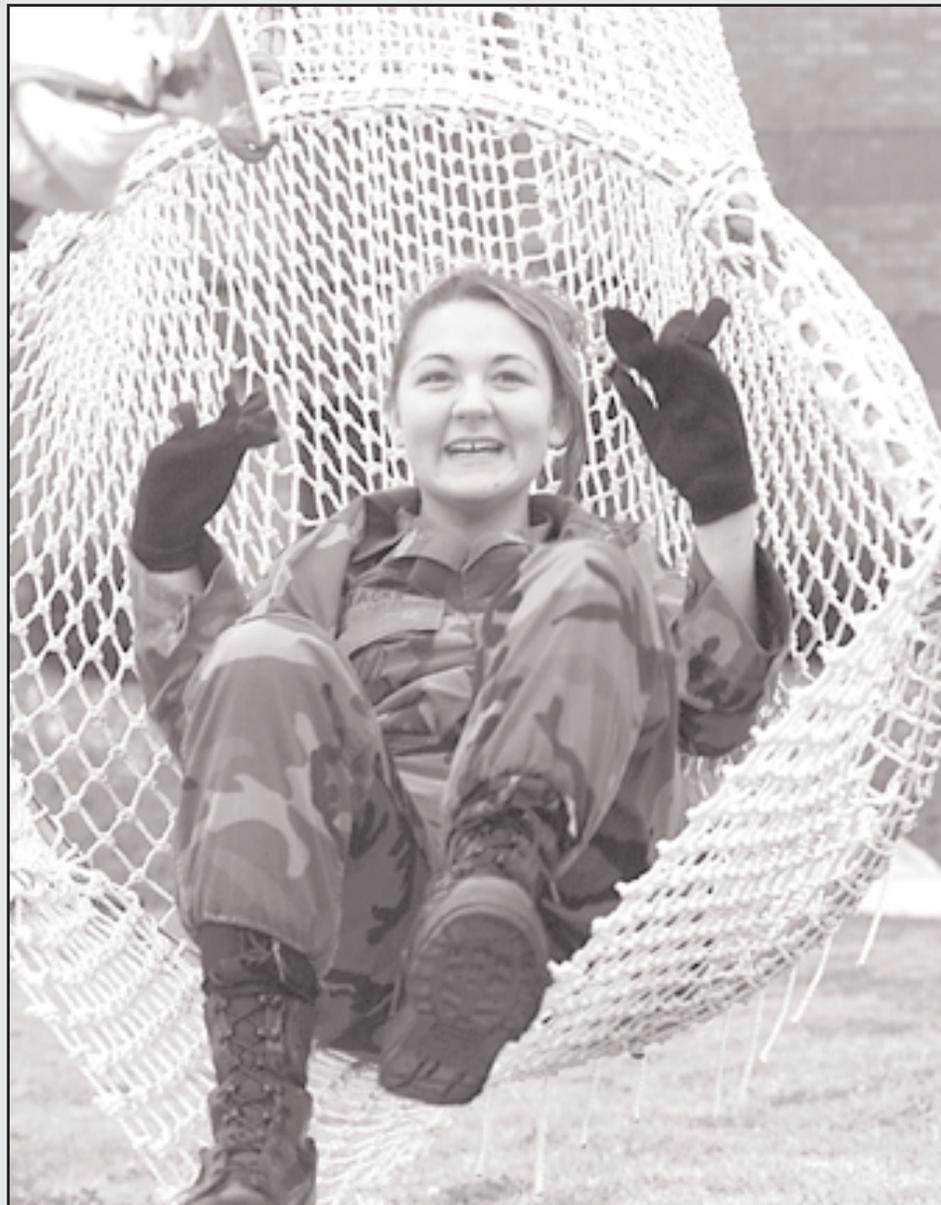


Photo by Airman 1st Class Joe Lacdan

Whiteman's longest slide

Airman 1st Class Jessica Stacks, 509th Operations Support Squadron, exits the bottom of a Baker Life Chute. About 40 members participated in an air traffic control tower evacuation exercise. The 116-foot chute was attached to a catwalk on the tower's 11th floor. Members of the 509th Civil Engineer Squadron fire department assisted with the exercise. The chute can be used for evacuation purposes such as fire and bomb threats.

From arrival to 10th Anniversary; Land plays big role in B-2 legacy

(Editor's note: This is the sixth in a six-part series commemorating the 10th anniversary of the B-2's arrival here and the history of the 509th Bomb Wing.)

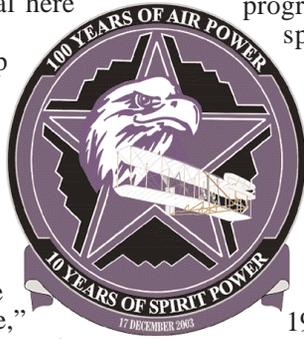
By 2nd Lt. Kat Ohlmeyer
Public Affairs

He is Whiteman 7. He is Spirit 36. He is "GQ." He is the first Whiteman-trained B-2 instructor pilot. And now, he is the project officer for the celebration of the 10th anniversary of the Spirit of Missouri's arrival here Dec. 17, 1993.

Col. Scott Land, 509th Operations Group deputy commander, who has been assigned here three times over the last 10 years, has had the rare opportunity to be a part of the B-2 program from its infancy.

"I didn't expect to be a part of this program, because initially when the Air Force was looking at it, they said specifically that they wanted pilots with navigator experience and so I didn't consider myself to be eligible," Land said. "But obviously, God had a plan and brought me into this program."

Land, who was commissioned at the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1981, began his flying career as an instructor pilot in the T-38 Talon and the B-1 Lancer, but was selected by both Strategic Air Command and Air Combat Command in the early 1990s to be a member of the first



B-2 training class.

"I'm Spirit 36, which means that in all the world, I was the 36th person to fly the B-2," he said.

Everybody who flies the B-2 receives a Spirit number, Land said. So there is also a Whiteman number assigned to people who are flying as members of the 509th BW.

Today, the lists stand at Whiteman 193 and Spirit 309.

Land was also the first B-2 instructor pilot to receive all his training here.

"When we (the original class) were designated into the program, we all got orders to Whiteman, but they spread us out and I was the first one to get here," Land said. "Jimmy Smithers stayed on at Edwards (Air Force Base, Calif.) and actually got his first pilot qualification there. He was the first instructor pilot to graduate from Whiteman, but I was the first one that was trained entirely here, because I got my very first ride here and was here all the way through check out."

During his first assignment here from 1993 to 1997, Land served as a B-2 flight commander for the 393rd Bomb Squadron, the only bomb squadron here at the time. He became the assistant operations officer and operations officer before moving on to a position at the Pentagon.

Land returned to Whiteman in 1999, was re-qualified in the B-2 and took command of the 394th Combat Training Squadron, the third 394th commander, behind Lt.



Courtesy photo

Then Maj. Scott Land poses for photo with his family after completing his first B-2 flight March 30, 1994.

Col. Jim Whitney and Col. Curtiss Petrek.

Land left in 2001 to attend Air War College at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., and returned during the summer of 2002 to serve in his current position.

But for all his time with the Air Force, the 509th BW

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Whiteman Spirit Award



Senior Airman Larry Norsworthy

509th Civil Engineer Squadron

Senior Airman Larry Norsworthy, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, received the Whiteman Spirit Award from Col. Ned Schoeck, 509th Bomb Wing vice commander, Monday.

Master Sgt. Cory Nicolson, 509th Bomb Wing, nominated Norsworthy because he volunteered to help put up the Christmas tree in Bldg. 509.

"I requested an indoor cherry picker to help put the Christmas tree up in the wing building," Nicolson said. "Norsworthy delivered the equipment, helped me set up and decorate the tree, and cleaned up the area after we were finished."

He came in on his day off to clean bird droppings off the hanging B-2 display and cobwebs off the ceiling, Nicolson said.

"He went above and beyond the call of duty this past week," Nicolson said.

Personally Speaking

Duty title: Structural apprentice

Time on station: 1 year, 10 months

Time in service: 6 years, 6 months

Hometown: Dotham, Ala.

Spouse: Senior Airman Nichole Norsworthy, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron.

Children: Christian, 3, and Stephen, 2

Hobbies: Spending time with my family and friends, and playing basketball.

Goals: To become a better follower and leader, and to pursue a degree in transportation and small business management.

Best thing about Whiteman: The base spirit and how everything revolves around the B-2.

What motivates your winning spirit?: Knowing that what I do and how I do it reflects on who I am.

If you could change one thing at Whiteman, what would it be? Nothing.

Submitting a Whiteman Spirit Award

Individuals are nominated from within their units or by customers impressed by the individual making Whiteman a better place to live and work by going far beyond his or her assigned duties to "make it happen."

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3 Whiteman members complete SNCOA

Three Whiteman members graduated the Senior NCO Academy Nov. 19 at Keesler Air Force Base, Miss.

Master Sgt. Dave Myette, 509th Maintenance Squadron, earned the Distinguished Graduate and Academic Achievement awards.

Other graduates are: **Senior Master Sgts. Larry Duncan**, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, and **John Olmeda**, 72nd Test and Evaluation Squadron.



Photo by 2nd Lt. Ed Gulick

Congratulations

U.S. Representative Ike Skelton, Missouri's 4th District, and Col. Doug Raaberg, 509th Bomb Wing commander, stand with Airman 1st Class De'Andre Dyett, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron, and Corey Wielert after presenting them the Bronze Congressional Award. In order to receive the award from Skelton, Dyett and Wielert had to complete 100 hours of community service, 50 hours of personal development, 50 hours of physical fitness and an expedition activity. Wielert was also recognized as the Air Combat Command Youth of the Year for 2003. His parents are James and Teresa Wielert.

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and the B-2, Land had never seen combat until Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"It was frustrating for me not to be a part of what the Air Force was doing when it came to combat," Land said. "It's not that I look forward to combat, but if the nation is at war, I want to be part of the team flying combat operations."

Land was part of the 509th team that deployed for the first time to fly combat missions from a forward operating location, and he says his memories of that experience are some of the best of his career.

"Every time a B-2 taxied out (at the deployed location), there were 150 to 200 509ers lined up on the ramp, watching it and saluting the airplane. And every single time a B-2 landed after a combat mission, there were 150 to 200 people out there," Land said. "They were there to see the pilots off and they were there to greet the pilots when they came back, because they knew they were part of the team. I will never forget that esprit de corps."

Since returning from the deployment, Land has been focused on organizing the 10th anniversary celebration.

He volunteered to be the project officer for the event when he realized he was one of only a few people who were here for the first delivery. But Land said the celebration is not just about the B-2, it's also about the 509th BW team.

"I would like the members of the 509th to understand that everything that has happened to the B-2 in the last 10 years has happened because of their efforts, their dedication, their innovation and their willingness to do whatever it takes to make the mission work," he said. "But what's more important is the future."

"So my challenge to everybody is to keep doing what they're doing, continue to expand the B-2's capabilities, and their capabilities and contributions to the program ...



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Mike Gaddis

Col. Scott Land, 509th Operations Group deputy commander, speaks with Kirsti Brunsvold, Central Missouri State University event coordinator, about details concerning the 10th Anniversary Gala. It begins at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the CMSU Union Ballroom.

because 10 years in the life span of a major weapon system is really, well it's just 10 years," Land said. "Think of your children at 10. They have their whole life ahead of them, and that's the way it is for this program."

As for Land's future, he says he will go wherever the Air Force wants him to go, but feels privileged to have been at Whiteman as long as he has.

"To be a part of it (the B-2 program) for the duration means that this weapon system and this community, the B-2 community, will always be extremely near and dear to my heart," he said. "I just hope that I can always be a part of the B-2 legacy."

Flu vaccine unavailable at clinic

The Whiteman clinic and area clinics have used up their supply of the influenza, or flu, vaccine. However, Whiteman leads Air Combat Command with 97 percent of personnel immunized.

People exhibiting flu-like symptoms such as fever, headache, body aches, sore throat and congestion are encouraged to avoid close contact with others. This will help prevent the spread of the disease.

People suffering symptoms should get rest and drink plenty of fluids.

Supervisors are asked to use discretion when individuals present themselves with these symptoms. A clinic visit or quarters slip isn't required to allow an individual to return home and rest. If symptoms persist or don't improve within 48-72 hours, a clinic visit may be recommended.

Spotlight on Justice

In October, 10 people received an Article 15 and eight people were discharged.

Articles 15

An airman first class from the 509th Maintenance Squadron received an Article 15 for failure to go. The punishment was reduction to airman, forfeiture of \$200 pay per month for two months and 45 days extra duty.

An airman first class from the 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron received an Article 15 for dereliction of duty and driving under the influence. The punishment was reduction to airman basic, suspended forfeiture of \$250 pay per month for two months, restriction to the base for 45 days and 45 days extra duty.

A senior airman from the 509th AMXS received an Article 15 for failure to obey a lawful order. The punishment was reduction to airman with suspended reduction to airman basic and suspended forfeiture of \$645 pay.

An airman from the 509th Operations Support Squadron received an Article 15 for dereliction of duty. The punishment was suspended reduction to airman basic and restriction to the base for 30 days.

An airman first class from the 509th OSS received an Article 15 for

dereliction of duty. The punishment was reduction to airman with suspended reduction to airman basic, restriction to the base for 30 days and 30 days extra duty.

A senior airman from the 509th Security Forces Squadron received an Article 15 for dereliction of duty. The punishment was suspended reduction to airman first class, forfeiture of \$250 pay per month for two months and 30 days extra duty.

An airman first class from the 509th Civil Engineer Squadron received an Article 15 for dereliction of duty and being under the influence of alcohol while performing duties. The punishment was reduction to airman, suspended forfeiture of \$150 pay per month for two months and 45 days extra duty with 15 days of that suspended.

An airman first class from the 509th CES received an Article 15 for dereliction of duty and driving under the influence. The punishment was reduction to airman basic, suspended forfeiture of \$250 pay per month for two months and 45 days extra duty with 15 days of that suspended.

An airman first class from the 509th CES received an Article 15 for failure to go. The punishment was suspended reduction to airman basic and restriction to the base for 30 days.

A senior airman from the 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron

received an Article 15 for driving under the influence with injuries. The punishment was reduction to airman first class, restriction to the base for 14 days and 14 days extra duty.

Discharges

A senior airman from the 509th AMXS received a general discharge for minor disciplinary infractions.

An airman first class from the 509th Medical Group received a general discharge for a pattern of misconduct and a mental disorder.

An airman first class from the 509th CES received a general discharge for failure in the Alcohol Drug Abuse Program Treatment.

An airman first class from the 509th CES received a general discharge for minor disciplinary infractions.

An airman from the 509th CES received a general discharge for a pattern of misconduct.

An airman first class from the 509th LRS received a general discharge for minor disciplinary infractions.

An airman first class from the 509th SFS received a general discharge for a pattern of misconduct.

An airman first class from the 509th CES received a general discharge for a pattern of misconduct.

Tier 2 celebrates second anniversary

By Tech. Sgt. Sam Stoecklin
509th Bomb Wing

That's right; Whiteman's staff and technical sergeant organization has just turned two.

In a short period of existence, the "Tier," as its active members refer to it, has left a significant mark on Whiteman. It's the effect on others made by the staff and technical sergeants that seek to make a difference for their troops and peers.

Two years ago, several people went to Chief Master Sergeant Jim Mowry, then 509th command chief master sergeant, with the idea of the Tier 2. With the assistance of now-retired Chief Master Sergeant Bill Whitby, they brought the Tier online.

The group who brought Tier 2 online felt there was a void with the NCO community not having their own organization. Eventually, elections for officers were held and the Tier has been "making a difference" ever since.

I consider myself lucky to have been elected the Tier's first President, a term that I'll hold until Dec. 31. As President, I attended and gave briefings about the Tier 2 at airman leadership school and NCO professional development forums, attended the Commander's Action Information Board meetings and worked closely with various Whiteman senior leaders on many issues and concerns.



**Tech. Sgt.
Dave Hodges**



**Tech. Sgt.
Charles Wellman**



**Staff Sgt.
Alanna Close**



**Staff Sgt.
Nikki Maniscalco**

There are several Whiteman and community-related activities that the Tier has had a hand in; none however, are more significant than the Tier's management and design of the airman professional development course.

APDC isn't just a huge achievement because of its seminar-driven class, but since the Tier's existence, the general membership voted to take on writing lesson plans, and acquiring instructors, facilitators and speakers for the course. APDC means a lot to the Tier 2 members who make it happen every month. The course is geared toward airmen who have 20 to 24 months time in service and serves as the "bridge" between First-Term Airman's Course and ALS.

The Enlisted Force Structure directs, "NCOs must be involved in the professional development of their troops." Tier 2's NCOs are doing that, and to date have assisted more than 600 airmen.

Every year the Tier helps prepare cookie and candy bags for airmen who live in the dorms. This year alone, more than 1,000 dozen cookies were delivered.

Chief Master Sgt. Keith Cobb, 509th Bomb Wing command chief master sergeant, frequently requests the Tier's presence at various lunches and breakfasts for question and answer sessions with Department of Defense and Air Force leaders, former chief master sergeants of the Air Force and visiting command chiefs.

Additionally, Tier 2 has its own stretch of highway to cleanup under the Adopt-a-Highway program.

Last summer, the Wings Over Whiteman air show director gave the Tier design and vendor rights to the official air show coin and one of the active members designed a 100 Years of Flight coin.

The Tier has a seat every year on the POW/MIA day committee, which this

year saw members emcee the outdoor ceremony; write the ceremony scripts and have the lead chair on the committee.

Tier 2 provides leadership and enrichment for staff and technical sergeants with aspirations of achieving the next level of promotion and responsibility. Tier 2 isn't a "fund-raising organization," but rather an organization focusing on NCO development. Tier 2 is currently developing an NCO induction ceremony, something that has been missing from Whiteman for the last few years. Along with Cobb, the Tier is in the final stages of implementing the NCO induction.

There are more than 1,100 staff and technical sergeants on Whiteman who qualify to be members of Tier 2. Any staff sergeant select, staff sergeant or technical sergeant is already a member of the Tier 2 based on their rank; however, it's up to each NCO to become an active member of Tier 2 and have their voice be heard.

New officers for 2004 are Tech. Sgt. Dave Hodges, president; Tech. Sgt. Charles Wellman, vice president; Staff Sgt. Alanna Close, secretary; and Staff Sgt. Nichole Maniscalco, treasurer. Staff and technical sergeants looking to get involved can attend the Tier's monthly meetings, are held, at 3 p.m. the first Wednesday of every month at Mission's End.

NCOs are you prepared to "make a difference?"

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Spirit Spotlights

... on Missouri Army National Guard's 110th Engineer Battalion members from Lexington, Mo., **Army Sgts. 1st Class Jeff Bayless and Don Lilleman, Army Staff Sgts. Peter Graham, Donald Keil, Randy Lam, Jeff Miller and Russell Pierce, Army Sgts. Chad Cobb, Michael Helmig, Patrick Kerr, William Mackie, Alfred Mallot, Michael Miller, Scharles Patterson, Dennis Payne, David Pennock and Paul Trent, Army Sps. Daniel Boehm, Shawn Cobb, Nicholas Cornwell, George Cummings, Phillip Geiger, Christopher Gladbach, Marcus Helm, William Johnston, Jeffrey Kearnes, Clancy Kirk, Clay Kirk, Eric Kolkmeier, Ben Livingston, Justin Ludwig, Matthew Martin, Robert Nash, Kenneth Nease, Darryl Overall, Jason Peters, Ryan Shaughnessy, Jeremy Shrum, Timothy Trigg, Kirk Turner, Billy Vice and Chad Waters,**

Army Pfc. Sean Adair, and Army Pvts. Anthony Goolsby and Brian Oneill for working with the 509th Security Forces Squadron.

... on **Staff Sgt. Mark Wood and Airman 1st Class Andrew Rockey**, 509th Operations Support Squadron, for achieving their air traffic control facility rating.

... on Airmen Against Drunk Driving members, **Tech. Sgt. Robert Sheppard**, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, **Senior Airmen Kelly Johnson**, 509th Medical Support Squadron, and **Kenneth Westrum**, 509th CES, **Airmen 1st Class Christina Blache and Morrel Muller**, 509th Communications Squadron, **Kevin Smith**, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron, and **Katie Weems**, 509th Operations Group, **Airman Steven Russell**, 509th Maintenance Squadron, for saving lives Nov. 17-30.

... on **Lt. Col. Dan Pfaff, Capts. Mack Curry and**

Corey Hummel, 1st Lts. Michael Aul, and Jon Deck, 509th OSS, **Col. (Dr.) Richard Bachmann**, 509th Medical Group, **Maj. Michael Jansen, Capts. Todd Berge, Ryan Huckabaya and Jennifer Jeffords**, 394th Combat Training Squadron, **Maj. David Blocker and Capt. Janet Rudderham**, 509th Medical Operations Squadron, **Capt. Michael Bucher**, 72nd Test and Evaluation Squadron, **Cpts. Jonathan Eckerman and Michael Walters**, 325th Bomb Squadron, **1st Lts. Sang Lee and Matthew Olson**, 509th CES, **2nd Lt. Kat Ohlmeyer**, 509th Bomb Wing, **Special Agent Michael Reese**, Detachment 207, Air Force Office of Special Investigations, **Capt. Jocelyn Southerland**, 509th Mission Support Squadron, and **Maj. Sam White**, 393rd BS, for mentoring University of Missouri Air Force ROTC cadets.

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AMMO: feeding the fight



Photo by Senior Airman Shawn Clements

Senior Airman Danny Hill, 509th Munitions Squadron conventional maintenance technician, tightens the nose plug onto an inert GBU-31, Joint Direct Attack Munition. Everyone in the conventional maintenance section is required to be certified on each conventional weapon in the inventory. More than \$54 million worth of munitions were built during the past year, which equals 882,000 pounds of weapons. It takes 5 minutes to assemble a GBU-31. The conventional maintenance section also build the Joint Standoff Weapon, Joint Air-to-Surface Standoff Missiles, MK-82s and 84s.



Photo by Senior Airman Shawn Clements

Airmen 1st Class Jennifer Stewart and Joshua Basham, and Airman Christopher Chafin, 509th Munitions Squadron conventional maintenance technicians, attach strakes to an inert GBU-31, Joint Direct Attack Munition. Strakes keep the weapon from spinning and stabilizes it while it's in flight.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Francesca Popp

Airman 1st Class Hoyoon Chung, 509th Munitions Squadron conventional maintenance technician, rolls a 500-pound Joint Direct Attack Munition onto the weapon building platform. The B-2 can carry 80 of these JDAMs.



Photo by Senior Airman Shawn Clements

Airman 1st Class David Logue, 509th Munitions Squadron conventional maintenance technician, checks the Common Munitions Bit and Reprogramming Equipment. The CMBRE tests the serviceability of the weapon and the weapon's parts.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Francesca Popp

Area media film 509th Munitions Squadron members while they built 500-pound Joint Direct Attack Munitions. The media toured a B-2, watched weapons loads, conducted interviews with base members and received a unit

mission briefing from Col. Doug Raaberg, 509th Bomb Wing commander for the Nov. 17 Media Day. Media Day allowed Whiteman members the opportunity to show taxpayers the future of precision-guided weapons.

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'New' Civil Air Patrol changes with times

MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, Ala. — The Civil Air Patrol is alive and well, and protecting the home skies, just as its members did Dec. 1, 1941, when the organization was formed.

The all-volunteer organization, which celebrates its 62nd anniversary this week, was founded during World War II to protect the U.S. coastline from enemy submarine attacks. Ironically, since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, CAP members are finding themselves performing homeland security missions once again.

During its early days, CAP's civilian pilots also served as couriers for U.S. defense plants and the U.S. Army, towed targets for anti-aircraft guns, patrolled for spies and saboteurs, and rushed medicines and supplies by air to disaster areas.

CAP also performed search- and- rescue missions, flew sentry over Mexican borders and spotted forest fires. The organization is still known today for performing these duties.

In 1948, CAP became the official civilian auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force.

"Many baby boomers remember the Civil Air Patrol from the '50s and '60s when America was concerned about nuclear weapons, the Cold War and the space race," said Maj. Gen. Richard Bowling, CAP national commander. "Back then, we did a lot of reconnaissance flying, trained a lot of cadets who were interested in military service, and helped satisfy the public's insatiable fascination with aerospace. What people may not realize is that CAP has continued to thrive as an organization. On any given day, there are CAP members quietly doing volunteer work in their local communities."

Today's "new" CAP boasts 64,000 members, including about 27,000 cadets ages 12 to 21. These volunteers give their time and effort to perform traditional CAP missions, including search and rescue, aerial reconnaissance and air transport. Only a fraction of CAP members are pilots. Many

other members serve in less visible ways. Some train and mentor cadets in moral leadership, military customs and technical education. Others serve as chaplains and can stand in for military chaplains who are deployed in times of war or serve communities in critical incident stress management. Still others work in public schools and lead classroom projects.

Perhaps most important in today's CAP is the increased emphasis on homeland security missions. Under the oversight of the U.S. Air Force Homeland Security Directorate, CAP members have participated in bio terror training exercises such as Determined Promise and Falcon Virgo, flown reconnaissance missions over key U.S. locations such as the 2002 Winter Olympics and the launch site for the space shuttle Columbia, and assisted in airborne intercept training for the Air Force.

"We foresee even greater emphasis on homeland security missions in future months as CAP develops its capabilities in this arena," Bowling said.

CAP is already purchasing additional aircraft and equipment for homeland security missions. Included among those purchases are roomier Cessna Skylanes and Gippsland GA-8 Airvans, equipment for digital imaging with satellite transmission and hyperspectral imaging systems.

"This is an exciting time for CAP," Bowling said. "We bring to the table 62 years of experience and service to America, but also the vision and energy of a new generation of volunteers."

CAP is a nonprofit organization. Its members perform 95 percent of continental U.S. inland search- and- rescue missions as tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center and during fiscal 2003 saved more than 140 lives. Volunteers also perform homeland security, disaster relief and counterdrug missions at the request of federal, state and local agencies.

For more details about CAP call the Missouri Wing headquarters at 687-3847.



Christmas tree recycling set

Base members who wish to recycle their Christmas tree can drop it off at RRRP beginning Dec. 26. Christmas trees will be picked up in the base housing areas Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays between Dec. 29 and Jan 9.

For more details, call Pat Martinez at 687-2017.

What's happening

OTS training available

Enlisted members interested in applying for officer training school can apply now through March 2, 2004. Members without a science, engineering or flying-oriented background are eligible to apply. Applicants must have a 3.0 grade-point average or above to be eligible. Waivers of the Air Force Officers Qualification Test will be considered only if the member's total composite score is 150 or higher. For more details, call Larry Broudrick at 687-2420.

Spouse scholarship announced

Spouses of Air Force active-duty, Air National Guard or Air Force Reserve members can apply for a scholarship now through Jan. 30, 2004, from the Aerospace Education Foundation. Thirty applicants will receive a \$1,000 scholarship to pursue undergraduate, graduate or post graduate degrees. The scholarships will be awarded in March 2004. More information is available at the education center or from the AEF Web site at <http://www.aef.org>.

Visit Santa's workshop

Santa will be in his workshop 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Dec. 19 - 20 at the family support center. For more details, call the family support center at 687-7132. All ages are welcome to attend.

Christmas cantata scheduled

A choir sings Christmas songs in classical, traditional, contemporary and gospel styles at 6 p.m. Sunday in the chapel. There will also be a short holiday play, a bell choir performance, dancing and more. For more details, call the chapel at 687-3652.

Pre-separation briefing set

A pre-separation briefing for people separating from the military begins at 9 a.m. Monday at the family support center. Representatives from the military personnel flight, family support center, Reserve and finance will provide this information. The MPF schedules members for this briefing. For more details, call the MPF at 687-6427.

ALS sets class 04-A reveille

✓ The Airman Leadership School Class 04-A reveille begins at 7:30 a.m. Thursday at the ALS drill pad. Arrival time is 7:25 a.m.

✓ Graduation begins at 5:30 p.m. Dec. 18 at Mission's End. The speaker is Chief Master Sgt. Howard Mowry, Air Force Special Operations command chief master sergeant. The meal is marinated chicken breast with garlic mashed potatoes and balsamic vegetables. The cost is \$13.55 for members and \$15.55 for nonmembers. Attire is mess dress or semi-formal for military members, and coat and tie for civilians. Tickets are available from class 04-A members.

Mentors needed

The family support center needs mentors for elementary, middle, and high school students. Volunteers must be available 3:15-4:15 p.m. weekdays and must attend monthly training. Supervisors and commanders authorize airmen to become mentors after they complete an application. For more details, call Glenda Alexander at 687-7132.

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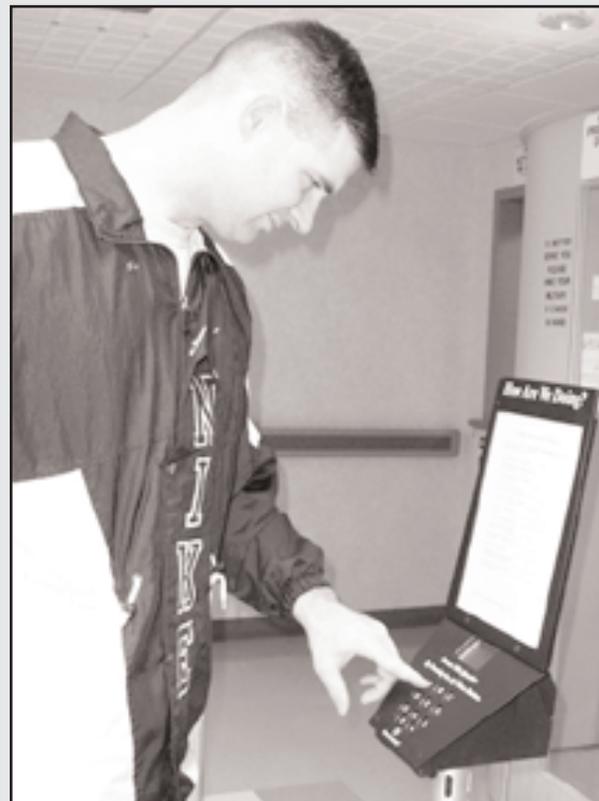


Photo by Master Sgt. Dee Ann Poole

My opinion counts

Tech. Sgt. Eric Holland, 509th Maintenance Squadron, uses the opinionmeter at the 509th Medical Group. The MedGp installed the opinionmeter to help improve customer service by using a short survey. Customers can answer questions about medical care, interactions with the medical staff and specific issues regarding the 509th MedGp. The opinionmeter is located in the family practice and pharmacy waiting area.



Photo by Senior Airman Tia Schroeder

What are you looking at?

Senior Airman Mike Salinas, 509th Communications Squadron visual imagery intrusion detection systems technician, removes parameter surveillance equipment from a camera enclosure during a maintenance check.

Trivia answers revealed, winners announced

The *Whiteman Spirit* ran a trivia contest from Nov. 14-Dec. 5 to help mark the B-2's 10th anniversary. People who submitted the most correct answers for all four weeks of the contest were entered into a random prize drawing.

The first-place winner is Maj. Paul Tibbets, 325th Bomb Squadron. He received two free tickets to the B-2 10th Anniversary Gala Wednesday at Central Missouri State University. The second-place winner is Lt. Col. Randy Rose, 509th Bomb Wing. He received two free B-2 10th Anniversary Gala coins. The third-place winner is Airman 1st Class Kasey Carr, 394th Combat Training Squadron. She received a B-2 holiday ornament.

The intended correct answers are in bold. Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all the participants!

Week One

- 1) When did the B-2's first participate in the Red Flag exercise at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev.?
- February 1994
 - October 1995
 - January 1995**
 - March 1996
 - None of the above

- 2) The B-2 *Spirit of _____* was the third aircraft to be delivered to Whiteman.
- Texas**
 - Missouri
 - Washington
 - Kansas
 - None of the above

- 3) The B-2 *Spirit of Arizona* became the 509th's _____ aircraft assigned here.
- 10th
 - 15th
 - 19th
 - 18th**
 - None of the above

- 4) How long is the longest B-2 flight on record?
- 44 hours**
 - 50 hours
 - 36 hours
 - 40 hours
 - None of the above

- 5) In June 1995, which former astronaut had the opportunity to fly the B-2?
- Neil Armstrong
 - John Glenn**
 - John Young
 - Sally Ride
 - None of the above

Week Two

- 1) The 325th Bomb Squadron was the first B-2 flying squadron.

- True
 - False**
- 2) There are _____ B-2s in the Air Force and _____ on base at any given time.
- 20, 15
 - 21, 17**
 - 19, 16
 - 21, 16**
 - None of the above

- 3) Before the B-2 carried the Joint Direct Attack Missile (JDAM), what weapon did it carry?
- GATS/GAM**
 - JSOW
 - EGBU-28
 - TLAM
 - None of the above

- 4) How long was the B-2 at Whiteman before it became combat operational?
- 1 year
 - 6 years**
 - 4 years
 - 8 years
 - None of the above

- 5) Under what operation did the B-2 pilots fly the longest aviation sortie?
- Operation Iraqi Freedom
 - Operation Noble Eagle
 - Operation Allied Force
 - Operation Enduring Freedom**
 - None of the above

Week Three

- 1) Who became the first 509er to fly 500 hours in the B-2?
- Maj. Scott Vilter
 - Lt. Col. Scott Vander Hamm
 - Lt. Col. Rich Vanderburgh
 - Maj. Rex Bailey**
 - None of the above

- 2) In May 1994, the *Spirit of Missouri* flew _____ sorties in _____ days, the first time the B-2 had flown that many sorties in such a short time span.
- 7, 5
 - 5, 6**
 - 6, 5
 - 5, 7
 - None of the above

- 3) Currently, the B-2 can carry up to _____ JDAMs?
- 16**
 - 80
 - 40
 - 60

- None of the above
- 4) In May 2001, Capt. Todd Tumidanski, Craig Stefan and Andy Gebara, 393rd Bomb Squadron, and Capt. Chris Larson, 325th Bomb Squadron, began their mission and emerged from the B-2 Weapon System Trainer _____ hours later. This is the longest simulated B-2 flight to date.
- 30
 - 45
 - 60
 - 50**
 - None of the above
- 5) In what B-2 was the first successful bomb load completed?
- Spirit of California
 - Spirit of Missouri**
 - Spirit of South Carolina
 - Spirit of Washington
 - None of the above

Week Four

- 1) How much does the B-2 weigh without fuel?
- 400,000 pounds
 - 350,000 pounds
 - 325,000 pounds
 - 300,000 pounds
 - None of the above**

- 2) When did the 509th Bomb Wing attain Initial Operational Capability with the B-2?
- Dec. 17, 1993
 - Jan. 24, 1998
 - May 5, 1996
 - April 1, 1997**
 - None of the above

- 3) The B-2 has been declared fully operational capable.
- True
 - False**

- 4) Who became the first Whiteman-trained B-2 instructor pilot?
- Maj. Jim Smithers**
 - Capt. Jeff Kindley
 - Lt. Col. Curtiss Petrek
 - Maj. Randy Rose
 - None of the above

- 5) When the B-2 was delivered, who was the 509th Bomb Wing commander?
- Gen. Michael Loh
 - Brig. Gen. Ronald Marcotte**
 - Col. Thomas Goslin
 - Col. Leroy Barnidge
 - None of the above

Chapel Holiday Schedule

December

- Dec. 21 — 7 p.m. Protestant Christmas program
 Dec. 24 — 4 p.m. Catholic children's Christmas Eve mass
 — 6 p.m. Protestant Christmas Eve service
 — 9 p.m. Catholic Caroling
 — 10 p.m. Catholic Christmas Eve mass
 Dec. 25 — 10 a.m. Catholic Christmas Day mass
 Dec. 31 — 10 p.m. Protestant watch night service

January

- Jan. 1 — 10 a.m. New Year's Day mass

Additional worship opportunities are offered through various lay councils, organizations and activities. For more information, call 687-3652.

Menus

Knob Noster Elementary School

- Monday:** Chicken patty, broccoli, Jell-O and pears
Tuesday: Grilled cheese sandwich, tomato soup, carrots and raisins
Wednesday: Ham, mashed potatoes, peas, apricots and roll
Thursday: Chicken fajita, salad, spinach and peaches
Friday: Fish sandwich, beets, green beans and fruit salad

Whiteman Elementary School

- Monday:** Rib sandwich, french fries, corn and cookie
Tuesday: Barbecued meatballs, baked potato, green beans and fruit
Wednesday: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes with gravy, peas and ice cream
Thursday: Hamburger, salad, corn and pudding
Friday: Pizza, salad, mixed vegetables, and popsicles

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509th BW bowler rolls 800 series at Stars & Strikes

By Airman 1st Class Joe Lacdan

Public Affairs

As he rolled strike after strike, Brian Hill knew he was on the verge of something big at Stars & Strikes Nov. 24.

The 509th Bomb Wing staff sergeant tried to ignore his excitement and tried to take his mind off his bowling score by talking to his wife. He ignored his urge to glance at the score screen and instead focused on studying the lanes.

But when his team saw the final tally there was no mistaking it: he had just rolled an 800 series.

"I knew I was getting close," Hill said. "I just kept bowling."

Hill, who began bowling at age 10, posted scores of 298, 243 and 276 to total 817, his first 800 score. He participated in the Whiteman bowling league that night.

Hill rolled a personal-best 31 strikes out of 36 attempts — an 86 percent strike rate. Hill's all-time high score was a perfect 300.

Bowling an 800 series is equivalent to getting a hole-in-one in golf or a no-hitter in baseball, said Tech. Sgt. Sam Stoecklin, 509th BW. Stoecklin is the house director for the West Central Missouri Bowling Association for Stars & Strikes. A perfect series of 900 has been recorded only three times in bowling history, Stoecklin said.

"I was real excited," Hill said. "It's exciting for a bowler to be able to achieve this."

Hill, a Jacksonville Beach, Fla., native followed up his performance by bowling 704 Dec. 2.

"He's on a roll," Stoecklin said. "He's in the zone. Everything is going right for him. He's making the right choices for lane conditions."

Hill said his ability to recognize lane conditions helps him maximize his scores. He studies the placement of oil on each bowling lane and tests how the ball rolls during preliminary tries. Hill said he bowls about twice a week with his wife, Cristin, and twin sons, Devon and Chase.

Hill's other achievements include placing 2nd at the U.S. Air Forces in Europe bowling tournament at Royal Air Force Lakenheath, England, while stationed in Ramstein Air Base, Germany.

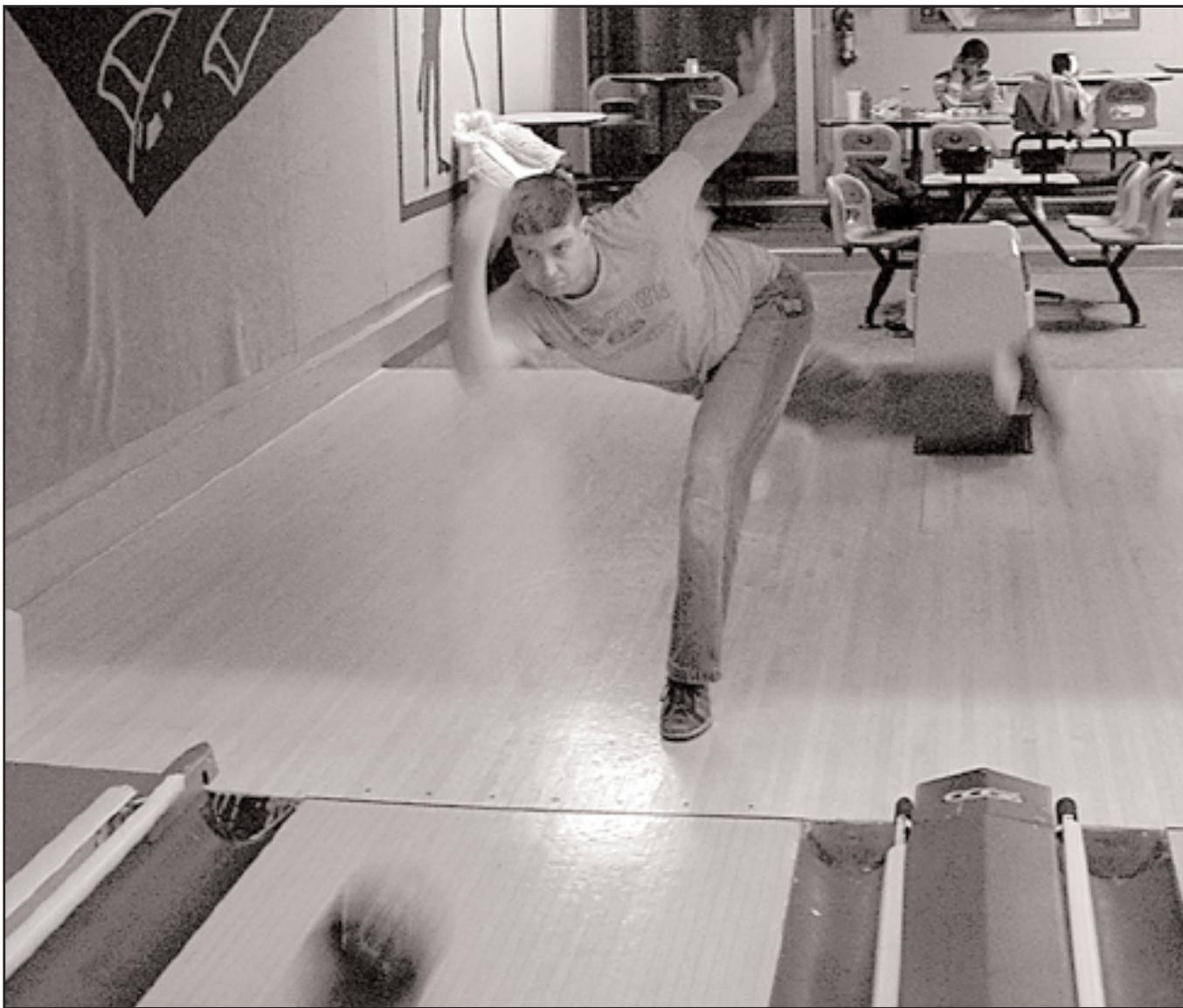


Photo by Airman 1st Class Joe Lacdan

Brian Hill, 509th Bomb Wing, bowls Tuesday night at Stars n' Strikes. Hill bowled an 800 series Nov. 24.

Gridiron Challenge



The Gridiron Challenge is a weekly competition between the 509th Bomb Wing headquarters and groups, and the 442nd Fighter Wing and Missouri Army National Guard.

A different person from each organization will select the picks for their unit each week.

The weekly winner receives a \$5 SeeMore Buck courtesy of the 509th Services Squadron. Last week's winner was Tech. Sgt. Marcus Oglesby, 509th Bomb Wing.

Week 15

NFL

Lions at Chiefs
Steelers at Jets
49ers at Bengals
Cowboys at Redskins
Vikings at Bears
Ravens at Raiders
Eagles at Dolphins
Seahawks at Rams
Giants at Saints
Falcons at Colts



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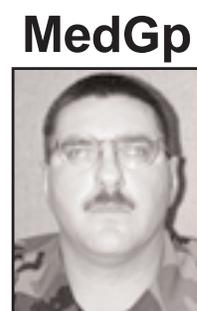
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Last Week's Totals
Season Totals

6-4
82-58

4-6
70-70

5-5
69-71

4-6
79-61

6-4
78-62

5-5
89-51

2-8
73-67



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Skills Development Center 687-5691

Children's stepping stone class

Children ages 5-14 can take a two-session stepping stone class 10 a.m.-noon Dec. 20 at the skills development center. The \$25 fee includes class and supplies. Parents must attend with the children. Sign up by noon Dec. 19.

End-of-the-year-sale

An end-of-the-year sale is going on this month at skills development. Everything in the store is 10-70 percent off, except the frame shop, stained glass sheets and consigned items.

Clay throwing class

A three-session clay throwing class takes place 9-11 a.m. Jan. 7, 14 and 21 at the skills development center. There's a \$30 fee plus supplies. Sign up by noon the day before the class.

Child Development Center 687-5588

Child care openings available

There are full-time openings for 3- to 5-year-olds at the child development center. This program is accredited through the national academy of Early Childhood Programs and licensed through the Department of Defense.

Youth Center 687-5586

Psychedelic '70s night

Pre-teens in fifth-seventh grade are invited to psychedelic '70s night 6-9 p.m. Saturday at the youth center. Come dressed in '70s style, dance under a disco ball and play games. It's \$2 for members and \$3 for nonmembers. There will be a snack bar available. Sign up at the youth center.

New year's eve party

Children in kindergarten-seventh grade can celebrate New Year's Eve 8 p.m.-1 a.m. Dec. 31 at the youth center. Children can play games, make crafts, watch movies and more. A \$10 fee for members and \$12 fee for nonmembers includes food, beverages, hats and party favors. Sign up by Dec. 30.

K-7 Christmas party

Children in kindergarten-seventh grade can sing Christmas carols, make a holiday craft, play games, watch a holiday movie, decorate cookies and more 6:30-9:30 p.m. Dec. 19 at the youth center. This event is \$7 for members and \$8.50 for nonmembers. Sign up begins Monday.

Family Child Care 687-5590

FCC orientation class

To ensure the best care possible, the Air Force has updated guidelines requiring that anyone providing in-home child care for 10 hours or more a week on a regular basis be licensed. If you're currently unlicensed and are providing care, you must cease and apply for a family child care license. The next orientation class takes place 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Jan. 12-16. Sign up by Jan. 8.

Stars & Strikes 687-5114



Winter cosmic bowling

Winter cosmic bowling takes place 8 p.m.-midnight Fridays and Saturdays. Games are \$1.25 and shoe rentals are \$1.

Community Center 687-5617

Adopt an airman

Adopt an airman for Christmas and give them a day to remember. Host them in your home for the holiday. Hosts and airmen must sign up by Dec. 20 in the community center.

Stealth paintball warriors

Play indoor paintball 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Dec. 20 in Independence, Mo. There's a \$5 fee for transportation. Participants must bring \$25 if they have a gun and \$35 if they don't. Sign up by Dec. 19 at the community center.

Outdoor Recreation 687-5565

Festival of lights

A trip takes place 4:30-9:30 p.m. Saturday to Warsaw, Mo., for the Festival of Lights dinner and tour. The bus leaves outdoor recreation at 4:30 p.m., travel to Harry's Catfish and Steak Restaurant, view the lights in Warsaw, then watch the Festival of Lights from Long Shoals Marina. The cost is \$5 per person or \$15 for a family of four, dinner not included. There's no sign up deadline.

Polar bear fishing

Dress warm while you fish 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Dec. 20 at Ike Skelton Park. Catch your fish and have them measured. There are prizes for first, second and third place. There are two categories at this free event: 18 and older or 18 and younger. There will be free warm beverages available.

Wall climbing class

A wall climbing class takes place 1-3 p.m. Dec. 27 at outdoor recreation. This is a free event. A minimum of four must sign up; there is no deadline.

Overtime rock climbing

Open climbing is available for certified climbers 5:30-9 p.m. Dec. 19 at outdoor recreation. A certification course takes place 6-8 p.m.

Fly tying

A six-week fly tying course takes place 6-8 p.m. Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29 and Feb. 5 and 12. This event is \$15 per person plus supplies. A copy of materials is available at outdoor recreation. Hours are subject to change. Sign up by Jan. 4.

Ice Skating

Ice skating takes place 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Jan. 10 at the Ice Sports Arena in Shawnee, Kan. An \$8 fee includes transportation and admission. Bring money for lunch and snacks. Sign up by Jan. 7.

Equipment rental

This month rent a rinse-n-vac carpet cleaner for \$10 a day, a six-foot banquet table with six chairs for \$5 a day, Santa suits for \$15 a day and a camcorder for \$20 a day or pick it up on a Friday after 3 p.m. and bring it back Monday by 10 a.m. for \$30. Televisions with VCR are 30 percent off. Call for more details.

Teen Center 687-5819

Last-minute Christmas shopping

Teens can take a bus trip 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Dec. 20 to the Independence Mall. This event costs \$2 for members and \$4 for nonmembers. Teens must bring money for lunch, dinner and shopping. The bus will depart from the teen center. Sign up by Thursday.



New year's eve party

A New Year's Eve Party takes place 10 p.m.-2 a.m. Dec. 31 at the community center. Enjoy a movie on the big screen, dancing, games, door prizes and more. Snack foods and sparkling cider is provided. This event is \$3 for members and \$5 for nonmembers. Sign up by Dec. 30.

Mission's End 687-4422

New Year's Eve party

A New Year's Eve party takes place 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Dec. 31 at Mission's End. A \$30 couple package includes appetizers, champagne and party favors. A \$50 couple package includes appetizers, champagne, party favors and a room at the Whiteman Inn. A \$20 single package includes appetizers, champagne and party favors. Carved beef, jumbo shrimp, meatballs, hot wings, cheese sticks and more will be served 10 p.m.-midnight. A disc jockey plays tunes 9 p.m.-1 a.m. in the Lavene Lounge. Doors open at 9 p.m. and couples must have tickets in advance. Purchase tickets 11 a.m.-2 p.m. weekdays at the cashier's cage or 4-9 p.m. in the Lavene Lounge.

Whiteman Inn 687-1844

NAF sale

A NAF sale begins at 8 a.m. Dec. 19 at the Whiteman Inn. Five rooms of furniture will be available for sale. Visit the front desk for more information.

Fitness Center 687-5496

Spinning orientation class

A spinning orientation class begins at noon Tuesdays. Participants must complete orientation before taking a spinning class. Sign up in the fitness center.

Whiteman Base Theater

Friday

Scary Movie 3 7 p.m. PG-13

Starring - Anna Farris & Charlie Sheen
Cindy has graduated from college and now works as a local television reporter. While investigating mysterious crop circles at the farm of Tom Logan, she learns that she is "The One" and helps the President of the United States prevent an alien invasion.

Saturday

Brother Bear 7 p.m. G

Starring - Joaquin Phoenix & Jeremy Suarez
Kenai is a young Native American, who's older brother is killed by a bear. During the young man's attempt to avenge his death by killing the bear, the Great Spirits transform the young man into the thing he detests most - a bear.

Sunday

Mystic River 5:30 p.m. R

Starring - Sean Penn & Kevin Bacon
Jimmy, Dave and Sean find themselves thrust back together by the murder of Jimmy's 19-year-old daughter. As the investigating tightens around these three friends, an ominous story unfolds that revolves around friendship, family and innocence lost too soon.

Adults \$3 Youth \$1.50
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