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Red Carpet Rollout

This week Whiteman welcomes ...

Chief Master Sgt. Daniel Keane
Air Combat Command Command Chief Master Sergeant

9-Line Target

9-Line Target allows the 509th Bomb Wing commander to share thoughts and views with Team Whiteman.

**Keep your combat focus ...
safety is still paramount!**

News in Brief

Final day to buy banquet tickets

The 509th Bomb Wing's 2002 annual awards banquet begins at 5:30 p.m. Feb. 21 at Mission's End. The menu is London broil, sliced potatoes, chef's vegetables and peanut butter pie. The speaker for the event is Air Combat Command Chief Master Sgt. Daniel Keane. The cost is \$18 for members and \$20 for nonmembers. Attire is mess dress or semi formal for military members, and coat and tie for civilians. Tickets are available from first sergeants.

Commander's call time set

Col. Doug Raaberg, 509th Bomb Wing commander, hosts a mandatory commander's call for civilians beginning at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Mission's End.

Whiteman hosts blood drive

A blood drive takes place 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Feb. 27 and 28 at the community center. Currently, 550 donations are needed daily to meet the needs of local hospitals. The drive is sponsored by the Community Blood Center from Kansas City, Mo.

MSS closes at 1 p.m. today

The 509th Mission Support Squadron offices will close at 1 p.m. today. No customer services will be offered.

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Weather

Saturday

Rain



H 43 °
L 30 °

Sunday

Snow



H 40 °
L 25 °

For more complete weather information, visit <https://www.whiteman.af.mil/509oss/osw/index.htm>. Courtesy of 509th OSS/OSW



Photos by Airman 1st Class Nick Martin

Robert West, right, guides the carport roof to ensure it doesn't swing on the forklift operated by Ron Blodgett. Rubin Vega looks on during the demolition portion of the base housing renovations. The crew works for Pacific Demolition of Anaheim, Calif.

Housing renovations continue

By Airman 1st Class Nick Martin
Public Affairs

The base housing renovation project is under way and on schedule with the first phase approximately 15 percent complete.

Pacific Demolition of Anaheim, Calif., was sub-contracted to handle the demolition portion of the process.

Carport demolition is one of the tasks Pacific Demolition crews must accomplish before the one-car garages can be built.

They will also gut the interior of 165 houses to allow for remodeling. The interior remodeling will include increased square footage and renovated bathrooms and kitchens. Most of the bathrooms and cabinets have already been removed.

Weis Builders Incorporated of San Diego, is constructing the interior walls.

Reasbeck Construction of Greenwood, Mo., is sub-contracted to handle the demolition and construction of masonry and concrete where necessary. They'll lay foundations for some houses requiring additions. Reasbeck will also build door stoops, patios and driveways.

Weis Builders Incorporated was awarded the contract to improve the interior and exterior of 165 base housing units Sept. 20, 2002. The renovation project is divided into three phases.

Phase one is the renovation of the 74 unit Midland neighborhood and surrounding area. The second phase is Woodview, a 64-unit officer housing neighborhood. The



Robert Case, Pacific Demolition worker, removes shingles from a roof tie-in before removing a carport.

plans for phase three, a 27 unit renovation, will be finalized toward the end of phase one.

Base officials expect the renovations to be completed by February 2004.

Commander's Corner

By Col. Doug Raaberg
509th Bomb Wing Commander

For every action there is a reaction ... it's called FPCON Bravo! This week, in response to America's increased threat alert (Orange), we implemented a higher force protection condition.



As I indicated in the officer's call, YOU MAKE OUR FPCON WORK. However, this has led to a slight reaction — a long line of cars at the Spirit Gate in the morning. Might I suggest a solution? Many people aren't aware that the Arnold (North) and LeMay (South) Gates are open, and generally available, for easy access during the morning "rush hour."

I know what you're thinking, "If I get stuck, I'm committed to the main entrance and can't back up." That is true. Again, I suggest you consider varying your route to get to those other gates. Though you may think I've put the entire burden on you, I have asked our security forces team to look at other alternatives to "unclog" the backup along Highway 23. I appreciate your patience while we search for the optimal approach.

I have thoroughly enjoyed your feedback during my commander's calls. The wing is trained and ready. You've given me



Members of the Whiteman Honor Guard received a Public Service Award from the Air Force Recruiting Service Feb. 6. Col. Doug Raaberg, 509th Bomb Wing commander, presented the award on behalf of Brig. Gen. Ed Rice, AFRS commander. The award recognizes the efforts of the 40-member team based on their professionalism, pride and dedication to the Air Force.

an opportunity to address some of the daily questions that are on your mind. The traffic issue was one of them. I was also asked about extending the hours at the shoppette, and exploring the possibility of a paint ball or bike park on base. They're all good things that I will answer in the weeks to come. Keep your eyes peeled in the *Whiteman Spirit* for more details.

This week, I want to recognize and thank all the men and women of the mighty 509th Maintenance Group for their "above and beyond" effort to have our jets ready — for training or combat. They've been working extremely hard from low-observable skin work to detailed troubleshooting. In the end, they get the job

done, because good, solid maintenance practices are being applied. Good on our team.

Our wing welcomes Jolynn Ostendorf, our new 509th Bomb Wing Protocol chief. She comes to us from Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., with high qualifications and an equal spirit of success. Jo — welcome to Team Whiteman.

Last week, I had the pleasure of visiting our honor guard. They're a dazzling set of ambassadors who represent our base, our service and our nation. While I was there, I presented them with a Public Service Award from the Air Force Recruiting Service commander, Brig. Gen. Ed Rice. Keep up the great work. Thank you for the



Photos by Staff Sgt. Francesca Popp

Senior Airman Stephen Ward, 509th Security Forces Squadron, checks an ID at the LeMay Gate. The LeMay Gate is open 6-8 a.m. for inbound traffic and 3:30-6 p.m. for outbound traffic weekdays.

Whiteman AFB Honor Guard coin ... I will cherish it!

I intend to host a wing "Deployment Town Hall Meeting" at noon and 7 p.m. March 3, for deployed families and anyone interested in discussing the issues associated with our current AEF 8 deployment. Many spouses have questions that we ought to get answers for. Therefore, I'm prepared to address your specific question and get you an answer. Please consider joining us at the club for one of these two meetings. See you there.

Monday is a much-deserved holiday. Enjoy the time off. The conditions are ripe for a vehicle accident unless we do the basics ... buckle up and Check Six!

Having a wingman can save your career, life

By Lt. Col. Charles Johnson
509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron Commander

Imagine this scene: a commander, a chaplain and a first sergeant approach a house late at night with bad news. They knock on the door, and a mother and father answer after several knocks.

The commander asks if they are the parents of Airman Smith. With fear in their voice, the parents invite the group in and the commander says, "I regret to inform you that your son was killed last night."

The parents ask the question all parents ask: "How?" Did he die in the line of duty, standing on the front lines at a deployed location, launching an aircraft? No ... drinking and driving! What a terrible memory for those parents. No one wants to see this scene happen. That's why we worry so much about underage drinking, and drinking and driving. That's why we work so hard to stop both. It's a matter of life and death either for the drinker or his victims.

Commanders always worry about DUIs. Let's face it,



Photo by Airman Joe Lacdan

Lt. Col. Charles Johnson, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron commander, talks with Senior Airman Jose Avendano, and Airmen 1st Class Claudia Carrillo-Johnson and Darvin Natividad.

most people don't get caught the first time they drink and drive so, the people who do get caught probably haven't

done it only one time.

What we see in the statistics on DUIs is the tip of the iceberg. The real danger is what can't be seen: the people who are doing it and haven't been caught yet. An increase in DUIs means other things are happening like underage drinking and alcohol abuse. That's why we react so quickly to every DUI.

When you drink and drive the costs are staggering, not just in dollars, but also to the nation you serve and your career. First, you take away combat capability at a time when our nation and wing are preparing for whatever tasking may come our way. You take yourself and your supervisor out of the fight. You also take the focus of squadron leadership away from the mission to deal with your problem.

Second, the average drinking and driving arrest is going to cost you more than \$4,500 in court costs and fines. Then there's the loss of stripes, income and the impact on your career.

The other problem commanders worry about is under-

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Wing recognizes best of best at ceremony

By Staff Sgt. Francesca Popp
Public Affairs

The 509th Bomb Wing announced its 2002 fourth quarter award winners during a ceremony Feb. 6 at Mission's End. They are:

Company Grade Officer

Capt. Samuel Parrott is the Company Grade Officer of the Quarter for October-December 2002.



The 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron member helped produce 213 sorties and 1,058.3 flying hours for the quarter. His efforts ensured 66 percent of all the combat training for unit members was met.

The captain also led 166 people on a successful Red Flag deployment exercise. He helped ensure there were 40 out of 40 on-time B-2 takeoffs, which met mission requirements during the exercise. Parrott also integrated the low-observable technicians and survivability flight on a deployed team for the first time.

The officer in charge of the aircraft maintenance unit volunteered to train on several crew chief tasks. The tasks he learned expanded Parrott's knowledge and built camaraderie among his troops.

In his spare time, Parrott mentors and meets with University of Missouri Air Force ROTC cadets to teach them about aircraft maintenance. The captain also re-enlisted six maintainers.

Senior NCO

Senior Master Sgt. Billy Sheridan is the Senior NCO of the Quarter for October-December 2002.



The 509th Operations Support Squadron member developed and implemented a proficiency day requirement for air traffic controllers. The requirement helped the controllers improve their skills 100 percent. He also directed an aggressive upgrade and qualification training program for team members, which reduced training time by 35 percent.

The radar approach control chief controller completed 16 ATC computer-based training courses to enhance his knowledge of local aircraft performance characteristics. Sheridan also started a flight fitness program and; in turn, improved his personal fitness level.

Off duty, Sheridan helped raise more than \$800,000 for a national charity and supports Whiteman Top-3 functions.

NCO

Tech. Sgt. Karin Clark is the NCO of the Quarter for October-December 2002.



The 509th Maintenance Squadron B-2 Avionics Section chief directed 292 maintenance actions that supported 335 B-2 sorties. Clark also led a team of 15 technicians to maintain five avionics test stations at a 95 percent mission capable rate. This was 15 percent higher than the Air Combat Command standard.

The sergeant acquired 72 parts worth \$2.2 million from a depot draw-down before they were available in the supply system. Her efforts ensured spare parts were available to meet mission requirements at all times.

Off-duty, Clark is a member of Whiteman Tier 2 and the squadron Top 4. She also volunteered at a local city youth center, and helped organized its annual mother and daughter social.

Airman

Senior Airman Chad Roe is the Airman of the Quarter for October-December 2002.



The 509th AMXS member controls \$8 million worth of B-2 dash 21 equipment. During the fourth quarter, Roe guaranteed the equipment was always ready, which directly contributed to 92 sorties with 626 hours flown. He also packed and verified support equipment for a U.S. Strategic Command deployment to Forbes Field, Kan., to support the bomber strategic aircraft reconstitution team's Spirit Force 03-2 exercise. His efforts ensured 12 tons of cargo was processed error-free through the cargo deployment facility.

The airman, who recently sewed on his staff sergeant stripe, became the first 509th AMXS member to receive the John L. Levitow and Whiteman Chief's Group Leadership awards from airman leadership school.

Off duty, Roe completed six hours toward a bachelor's degree while maintaining a 4.0 grade point average. He is also a member of the base honor guard.

Honor Guard

Senior Airman Joshua Gray is the Honor Guard member of the Quarter for October-December 2002.

The 509th MXS member rendered honors at 40 events logging 120 hours. Gray was selected as C Team's 9mm handgun carrier. He is responsible for \$4,450 worth of Air Force assets while performing at these events.

Gray was selected as a team trainer. He trained 15 fellow honor guard members for 55 details. His labors helped extend the honor guard's continuity.

The B-2 repair and reclamation apprentice completed 81 percent of his on-the-job training to receive his five-skill level. Gray's initiative put him more than 60 day ahead of Air Force standards.

Off duty, Gray is working toward completing his Community College of the Air Force degree.

Specialist/Manager

Richard Youngcourt is the Specialist/Manager of the Quarter for October-December 2002.



The 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron deputy flight commander led an effort to set up and prepare refurbished personal readiness functions for operational use, worth \$885,000. His efforts exceeded Air Force needs, met budget constraints and opened it ahead of schedule.

He also initiated a 100 percent inventory of the 509th Bomb Wing's and 442nd Fighter Wing's mobility bags. Youngcourt's hard work was noted by Air Combat Command officials as having a more accurate and reliable

inventory.

Off duty, Youngcourt is a member of the Knob Noster Chamber of Commerce, American Legion and squadron intramural bowling team. He also enjoys camping and golfing.

Associate

Rena Morin is the Associate of the Quarter for October-December 2002.



The 509th Comptroller Squadron voucher examiner created an easy-to-use reference table for mileage and transportation costs. Her section, resource advisors and base members can now access the table through the squadron's Web site.

During the fourth quarter, Morin processed 320 travel claims with 88 percent accuracy. Her efforts contributed to her section processing more than 7,500 military pay documents with a 97.3 percent accuracy rate. This exceeded ACC's 95 percent goal and reduced repeat customer visits for corrections.

Off duty, Morin completed a bachelor's degree in organizational management with a 4.0 GPA.

Laborer/Craftsman

Lyle Walters is the Laborer/Craftsman of the Quarter for October-December 2002.



The 509th LRS heavy mobile equipment mechanic helps maintain the fire truck fleet. He set up and prepared five new crash and rescue fire trucks for service. He identified faulty hinge panels on four of the trucks and worked with the vendor to correct the problem. His efforts saved the wing \$6,000 over the cost of replacing the panels.

Walters also found and corrected a recurring electrical problem on the rescue truck. Walters saved the wing \$700 by rebuilding the alternator and rewiring the charging circuit in the truck. He also conducts training for the three- and five-skill level members in his flight.

Off duty, Walters is the district and regional camp master for the Boy Scouts. He arranges and conducts outings for 40 scouts. He also is a member of the Warrensburg Saddle and Riding Club.

Volunteer

Carrie Hasson is the Volunteer of the Quarter for October-December 2002.



Hasson is the second vice president for the Whiteman Officer's Spouses' Club. She conducts monthly meetings to discuss charitable contributions for on- and off-base organizations.

During the fourth quarter, Hasson volunteered more than 100 hours. She organized a "Fan Mail for the Troops" Christmas card drive. Her efforts ensured 1,015 handwritten holiday cards were sent to troops around the world. Hasson also works at the Thrift Shop on a regular basis.

In her spare time, Hasson enjoys decorating, shopping, gardening and reading. Her spouse is 1st Lt. Matt Hasson, 509th Bomb Wing.

Korean War History

Feb. 11-13, 1951 — Battle of Hoengsong — The 2nd and 7th Infantry Divisions, and 187th Airborne Regimental Combat Team suffered 2,018 casualties. The war's largest concentrated loss of American lives occurred when 530 men of the 503rd and 15th Field Artillery Battalions were killed in an ambush.

Sortie board



Monthly

	B-2	A-10	T-38
Goal	525.0	380.0	309.6
Flown	94.3	156.9	168.0



Fiscal year

	B-2	A-10	T-38
Goal	6,350.0	3,870.0	4,200.0
Flown	2,324.7	1,502.5	1,401.2



Information current as of Wednesday and is provided by the 509th Operations Support Squadron and 303rd Fighter Squadron scheduling and documentation offices.

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Photo by 2nd Lt. Ed Gulick

Staff Sgt. BillyJack Roberts and Airman 1st Class Jacob Ortiz, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, give the crew chief checklist a final look before turning the jet over to the pilots.

509th AMXS member garners 8th Air Force crew chief award

By 2nd Lt. Ed Gulick
Public Affairs

His family and his team of professionals are what Staff Sgt. BillyJack Roberts considers as the reasons why he won the 8th Air Force Crew Chief of the Year Award.

The 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron member received the 2002 Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Thomas N. Barnes Award for his accomplishments here in 2002.

"Without the support of the team that works for me or my family, there is no way I could have achieved this award," said Roberts.

Roberts said that his family is everything to him. He attributes his work ethics to family, especially his mother and considers the long hours supporting the mission essential to keeping his family safe.

He considers his team by far the tightest knit group on base. His supervisor, Master Sgt. Keith Thurm, attributes this to Roberts' exceptional leadership ability.

"He takes the time to talk to his troops and listens to what they have to say," said Thurm. "He is directly involved in their training and career development course studies, and gets involved with their overall well being."

Yet, Roberts doesn't see all that he has accomplished as exceptional.

"To me, it's just work. I come in and do what I love, which is my job," he said.

Thurm, 509th AMXS, considers it more than that and that's why he nominated him for this award.

"He is a true example of how someone

can accomplish anything once they put their mind to it," said Thurm.

His aircraft, the *Spirit of Florida*, is considered an "iron jet" and is used primarily for training. Thurm said that this means it's not kept at a pristine low-observable status and is essentially a workhorse for pilot training.

The aircraft flew more than 880 flying hours in 2002 thanks to Roberts and his crew. A total that made his jet the wing's top flyer for four months out of the year.

His knowledge and skills were challenged at the Cope Thunder and Red Flag deployment exercises. He excelled. At Cope Thunder he achieved 46 on-time sortie departures and contributed to 44 sorties at Red Flag. His aircraft flew 10 combat training sorties at Red Flag and was the top B-2 flyer during the exercise.

Back at Whiteman, Roberts led the 325th Bomb Squadron crew chief team during the 509th Bomb Wing summer Turkey Shoot to a first place sweep in all categories. During Global Guardian Spirit Force 03-2, he generated his aircraft 48 hours ahead of schedule with zero defects for all generation line actions. This helped him garner a superior performer award for exceptional technical expertise and outstanding professionalism.

Of all that he has done, Roberts said that being able to see the finished product is the most satisfying part of his job.

"I love watching my jet take off every morning," he said. "If they need a jet to fly, *Spirit of Florida* will fly."

Roberts and his team will ensure it happens.

Clip and Save:

When the weather turns bad, listen to these stations for base closures and delays.

Warrensburg Radio

KOKO (1450 AM)
KCMW (90.9 FM)
KXXK (105.7 FM)
KWKJ (98.5 FM)

Clinton Radio

KLRQ (96.1 FM)
KDKD (1280 AM/
95.3 FM)

Sedalia Radio

KDRO (1490 AM)
KSIS (1050 AM)

KSDL (92.1 FM)

Kansas City TV

KMBC Channel 9 (ABC)
KSHB Channel 41 (NBC)
WDAF Channel 4 (FOX)

Kansas City Radio

KBEQ (104.3 FM)
KFKF (94.1 FM)
KPRS (103.3 FM)
WDAF (610 AM)
KMBZ (980 AM)
KDUL (98.1 FM)

Tune into Channel 99 on base

1st Sergeant's View

(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.)

By Master Sgt. Jim Connors

72nd Test and Evaluations Squadron
Additional Duty First Sergeant

We pay respect to our nation's flag in many ways. When we do, there's specific protocol we must follow. As military members we should be above reproach when participating in this time-honored tradition.

I frequently attend many sporting events at which our national anthem is sung before the start of the game. I've witnessed on three occasions this year where the singer forgot the words. While this lapse can be attributed to nervousness, I was embarrassed for the person. But, what really irritated me was the laughing and conversations tak-

ing place by the audience while the forgotten words were trying to be remembered.

I'm sure this topic has been covered before, but I feel it needs to be repeated and reinforced for those who can't seem to get it right.

At Whiteman, retreat is played at 5 p.m. daily. This signifies the end of the duty day and is also a time to pay respect to our country. If you're outside in uniform and not in formation, you should stand at attention and face the flag, or in the direction you hear the music, and salute until the last note is played. When in civilian clothes, face the flag or music and stand at attention with your right hand over your heart. This isn't the time to run for cover.

If you're in a vehicle, you need to come to a stop when you hear the music and all occupants should sit quietly until the music ends. If you don't hear the music because the windows are up or the radio is too loud, I suggest turning the radio down or off. But, if you see other traffic stopping, retreat is probably playing.



Photos by Staff Sgt. Francesca Popp

Staff Sgt Maria Reyes-Witak, Master Sgt. Jim Connors and Karen Mayo recite the Pledge of Allegiance. They are members of the 72nd Test and Evaluation Squadron.

Let's all show the proper respect and take pride in what makes this nation the best in the world. Further guidance can be found in Air Force Manual 36-220, Drill and Ceremonies.

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Whiteman Spirit Award



Airman 1st Class Travis Smith
509th Mission Support Squadron

Airman 1st Class Travis Smith received the Whiteman Spirit Award from Col. Doug Raaberg, 509th Bomb Wing commander, Feb. 7.

Capt. Romero Reid, 509th Mission Support Squadron Military Personnel Flight Commander, nominated Smith for the award.

After a snowy night on Jan. 16, Whiteman officials enacted delayed reporting. Smith was driving down Highway 50 followed by another military member. Both took the Highway 23 exit heading for the base.

"While at the stop sign on top of the exit ramp, Airman Smith observed the vehicle behind him slide off the ice-slick road and down the embankment toward Highway 50," Reid said. "He (parked his car and) immediately ran down the embankment to help the military member from her vehicle."

The member complained of pain and injuries. Neither Smith nor the member had a cell phone, so Smith proceeded to help her to his car to take her to the base clinic.

While on the way, local law enforcement stopped Smith and contacted the emergency medical service to transport the member to the hospital in Warrensburg for treatment.

"Smith's quick thinking and selfless act ensured a dangerous situation didn't become a fatal predicament," Reid said.

Personally Speaking

Duty title: Customer service representative

Time in service: 2 years, 6 months

Time on station: 2 years, 2 months

Hometown: Saluda, S.C.

Goals: To retire as a chief master sergeant.

Hobbies: Weightlifting and jogging.

Pet Peeves: People who treat people the way they wouldn't want to be treated.

Best thing about Whiteman? The surrounding communities are great.

What motivates your winning spirit? The first and the 15th of each month; because that's when I get paid.

If you could change one thing about Whiteman, what would it be? Allow single airmen to live in base housing.

Civilian Employee of the Week

Valerie Guest was nominated for this award by co-worker Sonia Smithers. As the multi-crafts center recreation aid, Guest provides assistance to customers in all areas for the do-it-yourself crafters. "Her upbeat attitude and vast knowledge of the many classes available makes the customer feel comfortable about trying new projects," said Smithers, who is the multi-craft center manager. "She constantly strives to improve the service and the facility for the customers. Valerie's out-right attitude of service before self is a commodity no facility should be without."



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15 graduate NCO Academy

Fifteen Whiteman members graduated from the NCO Academy at Keesler Air Force Base, Miss., Wednesday. They are:

Tech. Sgts. Andrew Binder, 509th Security Forces Squadron,

Barry Culbreath, 509th Medical Support Squadron,

David Gillingham, 509th Munitions Squadron,
Randy Greevebiester, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron,

Teddy Greevebiester, 509th SFS,
Tania Hollinshed, 509th Maintenance Squadron,
Colleen Neary, 509th MDSS,

Marcus Oglesby, 509th Mission Support Squadron,

Timothy Perkins, 509th MXS,
Mauree Powell, 509th Medical Operations Squadron,

Anthony Roop, 509th SFS,
Joseph Rosinski, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron,

Keith Sanders, 509th Bomb Wing,
Robert Schlatter, 509th LRS and
Samuel Stewart, 509th Contracting Squadron.

27 Whiteman members re-enlist in January



Courtesy photo

Staff Sgt. Michelle McCann, 509th Services Squadron, re-enlisted at deployed location. Col. Floyd Carpenter, 40th Aerospace

Expeditionary Wing commander, administered the oath. McCann is deployed with the 40th Expeditionary Services Squadron.

By Senior Master Sgt. Bobby Rush
509th Bomb Wing Career Assistance Advisor

Did you know that in January 27 509th Bomb Wing members made a commitment to stay with the Air Force?

They are:

Senior Airmen Patrick Adams, 509th Maintenance Squadron, **Travis Anderson,** 509th Logistic Readiness Squadron, **Amber Duncan,** 509th Operations Support Squadron, **Randolph Maxon,** 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, **John Miner,** 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, **Jaime Valdez,** 509th AMXS.

Staff Sgts. Michael Beck, 509th Operations Group, **Chad Corcoran,** 509th MXS, **Earl Everett,** 509th MXS, **Eric Gates,** 509th Security Forces Squadron, **Matthew Marjason,** 509th MXS, **Michelle McCann,** 509th Services Squadron, **Michael Mugler,** 509th SFS, **Phillip Nivens,** 509th CES.

Tech. Sgts. Dennis Angier, 509th Bomb Wing, **James Brewer,** 509th Maintenance Operation Squadron, **David Giese,** 509th MXS, **Michael Majewski,** 509th MOS, **Dean Hinther,** 509th MXS, **Louis Fuss,** 509th BW, **Michael Walbom,** 509th MOS.

Master Sgts. Charles Davis, 509th MOS, **Elliot Gary,** 509th AMXS, **James Hawkins,** 509th AMXS, **Timothy Luke,** 509th Munitions Squadron, **David Rogers,** 509th LRS, **Paul Smith,** 509th MXS.

Every one of you is faced periodically with the decision to stay or go. No one can make that decision for you, but my job is to help weigh the factors to make the best possible decision.

If you have any questions or concerns about the decision, ask!

The career assistance office is in Bldg. 509, Suite 211B. If you need other career assistance, call 687-STAY (7829).

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Photo by Master Sgt. Dee Ann Poole

STAR performers

Tech. Sgt. Jim Rogers, Lt. Col. Rick Bedinghaus and Renee Stewart, 509th Medical Group Dental Clinic, practice how they will talk with tobacco users. The three were part of a team that attended training as part of Whiteman's involvement in the Services Tobacco Addiction Reduction project. STAR uses the community approach to increase tobacco awareness, increase military readiness and deliver effective interventions to help people kick their habit, said Maj. Glenda Mitchell, 509th MedGp health promotion chief. The approach involves chaplains, first sergeants, family support center staff, child and youth services staff, 509th MedGp and other base members.



Photo by Master Sgt. Dee Ann Poole

Keep your grill shiny

Dental technician Staff Sgt. Simone Lewis teaches Aubree Heying how to correctly brush teeth during a dental health briefing as part of Dental Health Month activities. The dental clinic staff hosted a briefing for base children Monday at the dental clinic. Others in the photo are Michael Clark, daycare provider Becky Sanker, Nicholas and Caitlin Cernicky, and Mitchel Sanker. Dental clinic staff members will host an information booth 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Feb. 22 at the base exchange. For more details, call Lewis at 687-2201.

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**Get fit,
Stay fit
in 2003**

Black History Month Expose full of fun, song, inspiration



The Black History Month Expose at the community center featured static displays, poetry readings, choir groups, solo singers, history and fact lessons, and various acts including this step routine named "4U2NV." The entire expose was developed in under four weeks. Rehearsals took place daily to ensure the participants were ready to perform.



Shirley Brisco sings a selection to the crowd. More than 150 people visited the community center Saturday.



Breonia and Brandon Shields, and Allen Thomas perform a mime routine to music and excerpts of famous speeches. Their mother is Danielle Thomas a clerk at the military clothing sales store. The trio will also perform at a formal dinner beginning at 6 p.m. Feb. 28 at Mission's End. For more details, call 687-4070



Left to right: Master Sgt. James Johnson, 509th Maintenance Squadron, portrays Malcolm X as Tech. Sgt. Harvey Catchings, 509th Bomb Squadron, Staff Sgt. Reginald Chandler, 509th Communications Squadron and Tech. Sgt. Reginald Nelson, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, play their parts in "History/Herstory." The actors also portrayed figures like Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Harriet Tubman and Septima. Lessons from history were presented using these figures to point out solutions to modern day problems.



An inspirational musical-comedy skit called "Long as I Have King Jesus," was performed by Danielle Thomas, Stephanie Palmer, Andrea Kitchen, Tech. Sgt. Reginald Nelson and Tech. Sgt. Mark Carter. They are members of the Charity Christian Center Church in Knob Noster. The skit focused on the power of having faith and maintaining a positive attitude.



Benjamin Moriniere, a member the Charity Christian Center Church in Knob Noster, recites a free-verse poem at the Black History Month Expose.

VALENTINE MESSAGES

(Editor's note: If supplied, messages for or from deployed 509ers have a picture next to the message.)

Stacey — I'll always love you and Kiera until the end of time! — Kenny.

Has it been a year already? I'm on a roll, didn't forget again. You and Maddie are loved. Thanks for the support.

Kellae, Ashley and Aaron — You are my life. Love, GRB.

Geoff — Happy Birthday and Happy Valentine's Day! Remember you will always be our favorite kid! Love, Mom and Dad.

To Miss Christine's kids — I love you all very much. Thank you for brightening my days! You are the sweetest!

Happy V Day! We love you. — Daddy, Lisa and Sam.

Tyler Treeca — You're my sweet Valentine. Love, Mom.

Brett — Happy Valentine's Day. Thanks for many years of special Valentine's — to many more years. Love, Cristy.

Duke — Just wanted to let you know "I love you." I look forward to the next 18 years. Kiss Kiss.

Cory — You're a big brown-eyed boy, who is always telling some kinds of a joke. Happy Valentine's Day. Love, Us.

Budda — Love and kisses forever. — Ruby.

Merge — You are the sweetest, most loving Dad and husband! We miss you! We love you! — Mary, Caiti, Shelby and Hayden.

Sharite — Our beautiful green-eyed girl, who is always smiling. Happy Valentine's Day! Love, your family. XO.

Dearest Patricia — You are always so thoughtful and giving. Without you, I just could not go on living!

For John Ward — We love you very much. Lots of love, kisses and hugs. — Liz, James and Hannah.

Stud muffin — Wishing you and your harem a Happy Valentine's Day! Try to behave for one day! Love, Jo.

Hayden — You brighten up many days! You are my sunshine. (Don't tell your sisters.) Love ya, Mom.

Deb, Megan and Em — You are the sweetest girls on Whiteman. Happy Valentine's Day! Love you all — Miss Sue.

Caiti — Thanks for all you do! What would I do without you? I love ya! — Mom.

Bunny — It's no accident that our anniversary is on Valentine's Day. Our last four years have been the best ever!

Tammie and Ellen — My two dear friends that won't be here next Valentine's Day. I love you guys! — Krissie.

Shelba! You make me crazy sometimes, but I would take \$1,000,000 for you! Love ya, Mom.

To the airman leadership school crew — Happy Valentine's Day! Miss you guys! — Chris.

Peach — Happy Valentine's Day! I'm all yours! I!U! I!U! I!U! I!U! — Brandywine.

Adrian, Kendall and Alecia — I thank God for allowing me to have you all in my life. Love, Momma.

Happy Valentine's Day to Theresa Evans, the best wife and friend a man could ever ask for. Love always, Jim!

KISA — Another Valentine's Day done! Forever more to go! ILY! — Princess.

Boys of "F" Troop — We love you soooooo much. — Witch-es of Whiteman.

To Jonathan, our little red-headed pumpkin. We love you all the way up to the sky and don't you forget it! — Mommy and Daddy.

To my favorite banker, the love of my life, my beautiful wife — Happy Valentine's Day, Donna! Love, Tom Burgoerfer.

Dear GB — It was great when you walked into my life, but it's better when you walk away! Love, HB3.

To Megan, our newest little Valentine. We love you and look forward to meeting you. Love, Daddy, Mommy and Jonathan.

Indio — I thank God for blessing me with you. I love you so much. Love, Tina.

I can't wait to spend the rest of my life with you as Mrs. Bryan Lawson. I love you. — Becky.

Adam — I love you and am proud of you. Love, Momma. Stay sweet.

Jenny — You are such a terrific daughter. I love you. I pray you will be blessed as I am.

Gary — You are the love of my life! These have been the best 23 years of my life. Love, Brenda.

Dozbaba — The mothership sends its love and will arrive soon. — ET.

Miss Marsha — Will you be my Valentine? Thanks for taking such good care of me. Love, Jonathan.

Happy Valentine's Day, Daddy. I hope you have a good day! I love you. Kassy.

Para mi amor. Te amo con todo mi corazon. Gracias por todo tu amor y carino. Tu querida esposa, Marcyce.

Daddy — We miss you. We love you. Love, Colton and Jacob.

Colton and Jacob — I love you both very much. XOXOX, Mommy.

Todd — I miss you. I love you. — Stacy.

Ronald — You're a loving husband, soul mate, father and best friend. Here's to you this Valentine's Day. We love and miss you! — Tamika and Elijah.



Ron S. — Words can't express the love that I feel for you. You are my life! It's been the best 11 years.

Jill, Ash, Cara and Cody — I love you all very much. Love, Cory (Daddy).

Happy Valentine's Day, Daddy! We love you tons, Gage and Tanner.

Kelsie and Zachary — Mom and Dad love you very much. Keep up the good work at school. Happy Valentine's Day.

To my husband, Don, who has been by my side for these last 11 years. I love you. ♥, Twyla.

I love you. Happy Valentine's Day.

Garan — Happy Valentine's Day to the best little boy in the whole world. I love you. From, Mom.

Jordy — You're the best second youngest son in the world. I love you. From, Mom.

Kile — You're the best second oldest son in the world. I love you. From, Mom.

Rob — You're the best oldest son in the world. Happy Valentine's Day. I love you. From, Mom.

Daddy — I love you. Come home soon. From, Ciaran.

Dad — I'm really proud of you, miss you and love you. I will be good for Mom. Love, Danny P.

Josh — I like you.

Zavier — We are so glad God gave you to us! We love you so much! — Mom and Dad.

Baby — I love you. You are mine forever. I can't wait to smell you again. Love you, Shinee.



Harmony — You are the best daughter parents could have! We love you and are very proud of you! — Mom and Dad.

Jon — Just wanted to let you know how proud we are of you! We love you very much! — Mom and Dad

Dad — I love you very much.

Matt — Even though we can't spend the day together, my heart and soul are with you always. Love you, Heather.

Erin, Bailey, Becca and Tori — I love you with all my heart. Thanks for supporting me. God bless. Love, Dad.

To Sabrina, my daughter — Have a sweet day. Love, Mom.

Cara — Thank you for choosing me. I am the luckiest guy in the world to have you as my girl. Love, Victor.

To Stephanie Stroud — I've always liked you. You will never know how much. I hope you find who wrote this.

Puddle cup — You are my rock. — Toodle buh.

I love you like none one else. I really, really, really, really, really love you.

Joe, Riley and Roscoe — Love you bunches! Hobedo. Love, Mommy.

To Simone — I love you. I love you. I love you. Happy Valentine's Day. Love, Navalton.

To Garrick Christian — Te adoro mi angelito querido. Love and kisses, Erika.

Dad (Cory LaGrow) — We love you so much. Thank you for all that you do for us. We'd be lost without you. Love, Ashley, Cara and Cody.

Dad — I wrecked the truck. Just kidding. I love and miss you. From, Rob.

Dad — We really miss you. Thank you for being you and for what you are currently doing for all of us.

Daddy — I miss you and love you. See you soon. Be careful. Love, Kile.

To Phillip, my son — Have a sweet day. Love, Mom.

To my beloved sons — thank you for all your help while your dad has been gone. I love and appreciate you all.

Daddy — I wish you were home. I don't like you being away, especially over there. Love, Jordan.



you could read this message. I'll save it for you. Love you lots.

Hi Mom — I love you. Thank you for being a great mom. You are the best in the world.

Mom — You are the best mom in the world. We love you. Love, Robert, Kile, Jordan and Ciaran Veal.

Katrina — Thanks for being my friend. Love, Katherine.

To my loving wife, Judy — I just want you to know that I love you with all my heart. — Mike.

Steve — Thank you for filling my life with joy and happiness. You're a special man and I love you oh so much! — Dee Ann

Susan — The love of my life! Thanks for the 33 years of friendship, the romance continues ... Love ya always, Fred.

To Ruth — I love you so very much. It breaks my heart to be away from you. Love, Stanley.

To Nicholas and Courtney — You are the best kids ever. Love, Mom and Dad.

Rosie — I'll love you forever and always. And in case you don't know, I love you! — Jodi.

Mark — Just wanted to say I love you and will miss you while you're in Korea. Love always, Leslie.

Scott — I love you more. You are my dream come true. Love always, Karen.

Sue, Lauren and Allena — You are all the love of my life. Thank you! Keep smiling. Love, Matthew.

Deployed 509th MSS members — We miss you and pray for your safe return. Happy Valentine's Day from the entire squadron!

We love you, Dad. — Drew and Emma.

Daniel and Alex — Happy Valentine's Day to the best two boys ever. We love you very much. — Mom and Dad.

David — We love you and miss you! Remember: Jesus, you and me — forever! Hugs and kisses from Tracey and the kids.

Justin — I will love you forever! — Sarah

Dan — Happy Valentine's Day to a terrific husband and father. We love you very much. — Traci, Daniel and Alex.

Dawnie — Happy Valentine's Day! I love you. — Jim.



to our best this year.

Hi Daddy — We love you and miss you. Love, Jordan and Madison.



Happy Valentine's Day, Honey. I love and miss you very much! Love, Andrea.

Shelley — I love you. From, Scotty.

Mom and Dad — I will love you forever! — Sarah.

Hi Dad — I really miss you and love you. Happy Valentine's Day. Love, Ashton.



Happy Valentine's Day — Mom and Jacob. I love you. Love, Ashton.

Alaina — You are a good sister! — Rachel

Sayoko — Even though you're gone, I still miss you more than the whole world. Love you always, Bill B.

I love you so much. Happy Valentine's, sweetie. I'll miss you so much when you leave.

Ma-Ma Celes — We love you, many hugs and kisses. — VJ n J.



Happy Valentine's Day, Misty! I love you sooooo much!!! I miss you, Baby! Rub your belly for me. Love, Scott

I love you, Johnny! You are the best thing that's happened to me. Thank you. Love you, Jamie.

Kelly Johnson — You are my best friend at Bio. You are one my best friends from Whiteman. — Wilhelm Poslusny.



I would like to send my wife, Tech, Sgt. Tizana Smith, and kids, Brent, Elana and Jasmin, a Happy Valentine's Day. I love you and will be home soon. — Elliott.

Barb — Finding each other, we now are whole a family of seven and mates to our souls. Love your soul mate, John.

Doug, Jeremy and Andrew — To the best husband and sons a woman can have. Hugs and kisses.

Lil Devil — Happy Valentine's Day. Enjoy your day off and relax a little. — Lil Angel

A.M.A. — Thank you for all the kisses and hugs. Your the great-

est mommy in the world! Be my Valentine Forever! — Timothy M.A.

Angie — You bring me life and all that is wonderful. I am humbled by your love and friendship. My eternal love, Ted.

Sarah and Justin — You two are my pride and joy. Happy Valentine's Day. — Dad.

Mike, Jamie, Dustin, Des, Dave, Bridget, Tyler and Taylor — I love you all so much. May God bless you. — Tina

Dear Daddy, Pops — Happy Valentine's Day. We love you very much. Love, Johnny 5 and Sarah.

Dear Johnny — Roses are red. Violets are blue. I can't believe I am still with you! Ha Ha! I love you. Love, Theresa.

Happy Valentine's Day, Dan. This has been one crazy year. Thank you for everything. Love, Beth, Sabrina and Titania.

Titania — Happy first Valentine's Day! We love you so much. Love, Mom and Dad.

Deana — I can't tell you how much you mean to me. I do love you. — Rex.

Willie — Come fly away with me. — Tammy Flye.

April — My life took turns some tragic, some worse. Yet, the best two were toward you and the Air Force. Hooha!

Aaron — You and I are forever. I love you always, Leah.

Joel — Happy Valentine's Day! I love you! — Mom

Allie — I love you! Happy Valentine's Day! — Mom

My Angel, believe me, my heart beats and I breath just to see you, your smile delights me. Yours truly.

Happy Valentines Day to Cathy, Sarah, JoJo, and Jacob. From, Daddy

My fireballer — Even though you're far away, you're not forgotten. You are my desert "Valentine." Thank you.

Dear Sherry — Happy Valentine's Day, sweetheart! I lu bin' you! LU, MU, BC and IW2! Love always, Ryan.



now more than ever. — Ed.

Jimmy — You share your heart with me and I with you. I love you more each and every day! — Michelle

Beth — We all love you and believe in you! — Dan, Sabrina, Brice and Titania

Josh — I love you to the moon. Love, Mom.

Yari and Charlynnne — Gracias por su amistad. Las quiero mucho, Migdalia.

Mommy — Thank you for all you have done for me! I love you! — Titania

Tammy — Happy Valentine's Day. Even though we can't be together now, our love will last forever. Love, Your deployed peacekeeper.



Studley — I loved you then. I love you now. I love you always. Happy 20th Valentine's Day. — R.

Liebe NoNo — You are truly the best this earth has to offer. Love you always, (formerly) Q-tip guy.

Arista — You are the miracle that makes my life complete. I am extremely proud of you. Love, Dad.

To my wonderful husband, Miguel. I love you with all my heart. Happy Valentine's Day, Honey. Love, Allyson.

To my dearest Genisha — I want to let everyone know how much I love you. Con todo cariño parat, Dave.

Jeremy — Thinking to myself today. Living my life, dreaming away. Thinking of you, to some day be mine, but for right now, be my Valentine. — Monica

To my husband, Tim Davis — You are the love of my life. I love you! Love, Trouble.

Trey — You are my puzzle piece. I love you so much. Happy Valentine's Day. Love, Celeste.

Gabriela — Te amo, Te quiero, Te adoro. — Mama.

Brittany, Jeffrey, Cheyenne and Mattea — Be good while I'm gone. I'll miss you all. Love, Dad.

Leslie — Happy Valentine's Day. I love you very much. I'll miss you when I'm gone. Love, Mark.

Daddy — You mean the world to me. Love, Meow Meow.

Mom (Corinna) — Thanks for being the greatest! Happy Valentine's Day. We love you. Let's play halo. — Jonathan, Brian, David and Kevin.

Daddy — You are my hero. Love, Tank.

Ciara — Happy Valentine's. Sorry, I can't be there. With all my love, always. — Tim.

Honey — I love you with all my heart. Love, Betty.

Corinna — Hey gorgeous. I just wanted to say that I'm madly in love with you and always will be. — David.

To my sweetheart and my love — Though I'm not with you on this day, you will always be with me in my heart. I love you my.



My heart is out to the love of my life — my wife, Nora, my daughters, Chiara and Mariah Bustillo. Happy Valentine's Day!!!

Alicia, Alyse and Cymone — Hugs and kisses to heavens three most special gifts. You're always in my heart and thoughts. Happy Valentine's Day. — Your loving husband and father.



Don — I love you and miss you! I'm sending a hug to you on Valentine's Day! — Weefay.



Brian — Happy Valentine's Day! Thanks for seven wonderful years and two beautiful children. I love you more! Love, Kari.

Rose — I love you, and I will be home soon. Happy Valentine's Day. — Dustin

Honey Ko — You are always there for me and I love you so much. — Rick.

Kathy — You're a great friend. Have a Happy Valentine's Day. — Terri.

Tom, Dave and John — Have a Happy Valentine's Day. Your friend, Terri.

Mark — I wish you were here. I love you and miss you! XOXO, Terri.



Matt — We love you very much. Thank you for all that you do. Love, Kendra, Sarah and Hannah.

Daddy — You're the best daddy in the world. Happy V Day. Love, Jessi Rae and Katie Belle.

Katie — You're a terrific kid. Love, Your No. 1 fan.

Jacquelyn — Happy Valentine's Day. We love you. — Pat, Mike, Alex, Jacob and Melynda.

Mathew, Alyssa and Troy — I hope you have a great Valentine's Day! I love you! Love, Mom.

Kaci and Samantha — I love you guys! Happy Valentine's Day.

Scott, Rose, Donnie and Renea — I love you bunches and bunches! Happy Valentine's Day! Love, Mom.

Alyssa — I hope your day is as sweet as you are. Love, Mom.

Jacque and Jesse — The two most beautiful daughters a father could ever have. Happy Valentine's Day. From, JEDI.

To Josh Haskins — The journey has been the best so far. Can't wait to see the rest. All my love, Christie.

To my husband and daughter, Josh and Autumn — Just wanted to let you know how much you are loved!

Rob — I will always love you. Love, Allison.

Mom — I love you and I would like for you to be my Valentine. Happy Valentine's Day. — Scott.

Darrin — Thanks for toughing it out. I love you more than I say. — Trish.

Jessi — You're such a great kid! Love, Your No. 1 fan.

Katie — Happy V Day. Love, Jessi.

Jessi — Happy Valentine's Day. Love ya, Big sis.

Kayla D. — Happy Valentine's Day. Hope you have a great birthday. — Jessi T.

To Chris — With love from your three ladies and may God give you a safe journey back to us!

To Chris G. — We love you and hope you are safe and blessed. Love, Sabrina and the girls!

Jason — I've enjoyed your presence in my life. I'll miss you when you're gone. — Julie.

Carrie and Natalie — My girls! I love you ... you're my world. God bless us. Love, Daddy Matt.

Philomena — U Rock! — Auntie

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Jim — We are proud of you! We love you so much. Happy Valentine's Day. Love, Dad, Mom and Talli.

Jessica — My beautiful princess you make every day special. I would do it all again in a heartbeat. — Kenneth.

Dear Dad — We love you! Have a Happy Valentine's Day. You are the best dad in the world. — Ashley and Kimberly.

D.A.N. — I am glad you are my man. I love, love, love ya! Thank you for A.F.N., N.V.N., and D.R.N.

Scott — You are special to me. Love, Your Jo.

Mother — Wishing you a special Valentine's Day. You're a real sweetheart! Thanks for all you do. I love you!

Dustin, Casey and Abigail — We love you! — Mom and Dad.

Sara — We are so proud of you. We couldn't have asked for a more beautiful daughter. Love, Mom and Dad.

Jacob — We are so proud of you. Keep up the good work and you will go far. Love, Mom and Dad.

David — Thank you for being such a great husband and friend. You are my soul mate. Love, Kathie.

Scott Vander Hamm — We love you, Dad. — Your nine.

Clems — I love you and I miss you like crazy! I can't wait to finally see you again! — BD.



Peter, Jonathan, Madelin and my husband, John — I wish you a great Valentine's Day. Love, your mother and wife, Gina.

Ozell Gates — I just want you to know that I love you with all of my heart. Your wife, Sherri.

T.C. — Living on the edge and lovin' it. — Smitty.

Bo — It's that time of year again. Where are we going tonight? Happy Valentine's Day. Love, DD

Jonathan and Kaci — I love you with all my heart and more! You're my best accomplishments. Love you always, Mom.

John Cohen — You're the greatest! Happy Valentine's

Day. Your gals at Co-Ed Creations.

We wish you all a Happy Valentine's Day. From, DD, Allison, Julie, Traci and Theresa.

Happy Valentine's Day. — DD, Allison, Julie, Traci and Theresa.

Happy Valentine's Day to Eric, Mercedes and Austin. I love you all.

Happy Valentine's Day to my beautiful wife, Karen, and lovely daughters, Amanda, Kirsty and Kelsey. Love, hugs and kisses. HB2, Daddy.



Larry — I love you. — Stephanie.

Youth center SA kids — Roses are red. Violets are blues. Each day's always better, when I spend it with you. — Ms. JoRita.

Jennifer, DJ and Jordan — I love you. I am glad to be with you. Love, Nana.

Janel, Amiee and Cory Ann — Happy Valentine's Day. I love you! Love, Mom.

Dustin and Casey — I love you. From, Abigail Rose.

Julie Ems — I love you.

Happy Valentine's Day to the Yellow Hammerheads (SA program and youth center). From, Mrs. Heather G.

Christine, Kayla and Kelsey — Happy Valentine's Day to you all! I love you and miss you more than you will ever know. Love always, Ken (Daddy).



To Yong Hui, Jeffrey Jr., and Ashley Crannick — Happy Valentine's Day gang! Let's all hang in there and I'll be back home before you know it.



Kris — Thanks for making my life complete, filling it with love and joy! Love, Paul.

To Sheryl — I am so proud of you, you have done so well. I love you more than you will ever know. — Thomas.

Steve — I love you more each day. You're a wonderful husband and I know you'll be a great father. Love always, Kat.

Jake and Jacob — I love you two so much! You are the apples of my eye! Have a wonderful Valentine's Day! — Amy (Mommy).

Nicole — Gluecklicher Tag von Valentinskarten. Ich kann abreisen, aber mein Herz wird immer mit Ihrig sein. Ich liebe Sie. — Dan.

Ryan Hamrick — Will you be my Valentine? Love, Jennifer.

To Rene'e — My best friend and love of my life. — Keith.

Geddyn — I would rather share one lifetime with you than face all the ages of this world alone. — Tania.

Youth center SA kids — Thank you for all you do for the children and families. You are truly "the best!" — JoRita.

Landon and Layton — Happy Valentine's Day. We love you lots! Love, Dad and JoRita.

Jon — I love you. Happy Valentine's Day. — Kendra.



Soul mate No. 0925 — You'll always be my king. Happy Valentine's Day. Love you lots! — The 'queen.'

Happy Valentine's Day, Trent. Love, Mommy and Daddy.

Bree — Happy first Valentine's Day. Love, Mom and Dad.

I love you, Cheri! From your loving husband, Tom.

Philly — Every day with you is something special! I'll love you forever. — Texas.

Youth center Blue Spiders — Hope that you have a wonderful Happy Heart's Day! — Mrs. Cristin and Ms. Mandy.

Happy Valentine's Day to the Black Knights homeroom and Torch Club. I hope your day is special! — Miss Heather Otto.

Happy Valentine's Day to the Red Dragons homeroom. I hope you have a great day! — Ms. Amanda Baggett.

Thomas — I thank God every day that you floated into my life. I love you with all my heart! — Donna.

To my honey — I am waiting for the day we can ride your VTX into the sunset. Love, Lisa Dawn.

Happy Valentine's Day to the best teller's in the world! You

are the greatest people to work with!

To Cary Petersen — Honey, I love you and I just wanted to thank you for all your support! You're the greatest! Luv, Jess.

Allie Cat — Happy second Valentine! Mommie and Dad-die love you so much!

To Tammy — The cutest stocker in kneepads at the base exchange. Love, Your secret admirer.

LIW — You are the best! You are my life essence! My love, my only my prrrreiousss! — KISA.

Jason — To the one I love, to the one I adore, Happy Valentine's Day! Love you! — Kimberly, Gabby and Gavin. P.S. Peproni.

Christen and Cara — Dad and I are so proud of you both. Happy Valentine's Day! We love you. — Mom and Dad.

Hey No. 44 — 18 years and still going strong. Love you. Happy Valentine's Day! XOXO, No. 25.

Youth center recreation staff — You are awesome. Working with you is a blast. Keep up the good work. — Connie.

Charlie — I love you, and it's getting worse! Love always, Chrissie.

Mom, Dad and Sarah — I love you all. — Justin.

One, two, three magic! Thanks for making basketball fun! You all are great! — Coach Dawn.

Sarah — I love you to infinity and beyond! — Mom.

Justin — I love you beyond infinity and more! Love, Mom.

Jim — I'll love you forever and always! — Dawn.

Travis — How much do I love you? — Aunt Dawn!

Treyman — We love you little man! — Aunt Dawn and Uncle Jim.

Landon — Hey baby! We love you lots! — Aunt Dawn and Uncle Jim.

Thank you Kayla, Kyle, Justin, Alek, Winter, Derik, Audrey and Jacob for making our days bright! — Ms. Dawn, Ms. Holly and Ms. Augustina.

Mawmaw and Pawpaw — Thank you for all your love!

We love you very much! — Jake and Sarah.

Alex, Shyanne and Tristan — We thank God for you every day! You are all our Valentine's! Love, Mom and Dad.

I love you, Boogie! Happy Valentine's Day. Love, Jen.

Shelby — You are the best daughter parents could ask for. We love you very much. — Mom and Dad.

Christopher — I'm very fortunate to have you as my son. Watch over the family while I'm in Korea. Love, Dad (Boz).

Craig — Happy Valentine's Day! I love you always. — Lori.

Dear Kerri and Logan — Happy Valentine's Day to the best kids ever! I love you bunches! Love, Jomomma.

Herbert Billiam — Happy first Valentine's Day. Here's to many, many more! I love you! Love, Dawn.

You've had my heart since hello. Nothing will ever change that — not distance, not time and not space. Nothing will ever take my heart away from you. — Joey.

To Jamisha, Michael J., and of course the woman I adore, Mrs. Janie M. Scaife — Happy Valentine's Day! Love, Daddy Mike.



Zoi and Christian — Happy Valentine's Day from halfway around the world. I love you both very much. Take care of one another. Love ya, Big Daddy "H."



Michael — Come home soon. I miss you. Always and forever. Love, Liesa.

Michelle — Happy Valentine's Day. Love, Mom and Michael.

Lauren — Happy Valentine's Day. Love, Mommy and Daddy.

Daddy — We miss you and can't wait for you to come home. Happy Valentine's Day! Love your little girl, Lauren.

Pauline — I may not be with you, but you're in my thoughts and prayers throughout the day. I love you, sweetie. Happy 11th Anniversary on the 18th.



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Photo by 2nd Lt. Ed Gullick

Morale check

Chaplain (1st Lt.) Dan Forman, 509th Bomb Wing, talks with Master Sgt. Joy Miller, 394th Combat Training Squadron, during a recent morale visit. The Whiteman Chapel hosts the National Prayer Breakfast beginning at 7 a.m. March 4 at Mission's End. The guest speaker for the event is Chaplain (Maj. Gen.) Lorraine Potter, Air Force Chaplain Service. Potter is responsible for establishing an effective total chaplain program to meet the needs of Air Force members. She is an advisor to the secretary of defense and Joint Chiefs of Staff on religion, ethical and quality of life concerns. Tickets are \$4, and are available at 687-3652 or from first sergeants.

age drinking. It usually leads to other forms of alcohol abuse like drinking and driving. Think about it: underage drinking is a violation of our core values. Integrity first means always following the rules. Underage drinking is against the law, period!

It's also a violation of the core value of service before self. If you're underage and you drink, you're putting your needs and desires ahead of the Air Force and nation you pledged to serve. That is just plain wrong. We all understand we live a special way of life, and we voluntarily give up things most civilians have. We live by stricter rules. That's what makes us special; it's what makes us warriors.

When you drink underage you're saying you're not that committed to your service and don't want to live by the higher standards that make us special.

So how do we stop DUIs and underage drinking? Many people think it's inevitable that people will drink and drive, and that people will drink before they're 21. But, we all know both can be stopped.

The bottom line is that it's a personal decision and responsibility. If you're 21 or older, you must plan ahead if you're going to drink. You must have someone

to protect you when you take the risk of drinking because anytime you drink your judgment is affected. You need someone to protect you when you're judgment starts to fail.

In the 509th AMXS, we have a new way to help people remember to find someone to protect them when they will be drinking. At the end of the week during every roll call we ask, "Who's your wingman?"

Airmen have had someone to protect them going back to the earliest days of aviation: the wingman! It didn't take airmen long to realize they needed someone to watch out for them when they went into danger. The wingman's job is to watch the leader's "six" and make sure he doesn't get into trouble.

When you're heading out to a party and before you take that first drink, ask yourself who will be your wingman ... who will watch out for you. Being a wingman is a big responsibility. Your job is to stay with your leader, no matter where he goes or what happens. You stick with him like glue because you're literally the difference between life and death if your leader gets in a car.

Drinking and driving can be stopped all it takes is a good wingman.

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What's Happening

Education

For more details, visit the education center Web site at <https://wwwmil.whiteman.af.mil/509mss/educ/homepage.htm>

Scholarships offered

Random college scholarships will be given to sons and daughters of active-duty and Reserve members by the Military Officers Association of America, formerly known as the Retired Officers Association. The association will honor 100 college-bound or current undergraduate students with a \$1,000 scholarship grant for the 2003-2004 school year. Deadline to complete the online application is March 1.

The association will notify the semifinalists by e-mail in March and may ask for more information. The scholarships will be awarded by late August.

For more details and to apply, visit <http://www.moaa.org/education/2003>.

Community

Retirement ceremony set

A retirement ceremony for Maj. Alan

Miller, 509th Bomb Wing, begins at 3 p.m. Feb. 21 at Mission's End. A reception will follow the ceremony.

Preschool screening set

Parents as Teachers is offering a free screening Tuesday and Wednesday at Knob Noster Elementary school, for 3 and 4-year-olds living in the Knob Noster R-VII School District. The screening will check hearing, vision and general development. The seminar is for children not entering kindergarten in the fall of 2003. To set up an appointment, call 563-5598.

Top 3 meeting set

The Whiteman Top 3 meets at 3 p.m. Feb. 20 at Mission's End. For more details, call Senior Master Sgt. Al Godbout at 687-7059.

Family Support

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

WIC representative visits base

A WIC representative is available be-

ginning at 8:30 a.m. Thursday. WIC includes nutrition education, health promotion and a supplemental food program to help women, infants and children who have nutritional needs.

For more details, call the WIC office in Warrensburg at 660-747-2012.

Mentor orientation set

Training for people interested in mentoring students in the Knob Noster School District begins at 1 p.m. Thursday. Guidelines, responsibilities and the application process will be discussed. Reservations are required.

Parent group meets

A forum to address parental questions and concerns will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday. Reservations are required.

FSC offers financial refresher

A financial briefing for senior airmen and below not attending the First-Term Airmen Center begins at 1 p.m. Monday. Reservations are required.

Class helps with move

A mandatory smooth move seminar for people planning to move stateside or over-

seas begins at 1 p.m. Tuesday.

Facilitators will discuss the financial benefits associated with moving and provide a variety of useful resources. Orders aren't necessary. Spouses are encouraged to attend. Reservations are required.

Pre-retirement briefing set

A transition assistance program for people retiring from the military begins 9 a.m. Monday.

The MPF separations and retirements office schedules members for this briefing.

Deployed family program set

A get together for families of deployed and remote members begins at 11 a.m. Saturday.

Psychologist Gary Kitto will be on hand to discuss stress, change and coping strategies. On-site child care and lunch will be provided. Reservations are required.

Workshop helps with resume

A hands-on workshop that helps people through the resume writing process begins at 8 a.m. Thursday. Reservations are required.

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Photo by Airman 1st Class Nick Martin

Check mate

Senor Airman Daryn Moran, 509th Medical Operations Squadron, focuses on his opponents king and puts it in check. Moran is looking to form a base chess club. At this time, Whiteman members must travel to Warrensburg to play chess. An Air Forcewide chess tournament is scheduled July 14-19 at Kelly USA (formerly Kelly Air Force Base), Texas. Chess tournament information can be viewed at the United States Chess Federation Web site at <http://www.uschess.org>. To play chess on base, call Moran at 563-4663.

Menus

Ozark Inn and Touch & Go

Saturday

Lunch: Hungarian goulash and barbecued chicken
Dinner: Baked chicken, Swedish meatballs and baked fish

Sunday

Lunch: Beef with broccoli stir fry
Dinner: Grilled mustard chicken, Cantonese spareribs and turkey nuggets

Monday

Lunch: Southern fried catfish, dijon chicken and steamship round
Dinner: Chili macaroni, baked stuffed fish and ginger barbecued chicken

Tuesday

Lunch: Turkey a la king, country captain chicken and meatloaf
Dinner: Spaghetti, teriyaki chicken and veal Parmesan

Wednesday

Lunch: Mexican ethnic meal
Dinner: Barbecued ham, turkey and noodles, and beef stroganoff

Thursday

Lunch: Glazed cornish hen, Jaegerschnitzel and cabbage rolls
Dinner: Baked chicken, tempura fried fish and jalapeno poppers

Feb. 21

Lunch: Spinach lasagna, spaghetti and Italian sausage.
Dinner: Swiss steak, Mexican baked chicken and stuffed green peppers

Knob Noster Elementary School

Monday: NO SCHOOL
Tuesday: Fried chicken drumstick, scalloped potatoes, fruit chew, fruit salad and roll
Wednesday: Chili, salad, peaches and cake
Thursday: Corn dog, carrots, banana and cookie
Feb. 21: Chicken with noodles, peas, blueberry pie and raisins

Whiteman Elementary School

Monday: NO SCHOOL
Tuesday: Chicken patty, mashed potatoes, green beans, ice cream and roll
Wednesday: Cheeseburger, broccoli, applesauce and cake

Thursday: Chili crispito, salad juice bar and cookie
Feb. 21: Pizza, salad, corn and fruit cobbler

Knob Noster Middle School

Monday: NO SCHOOL
Tuesday: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, corn, peach half and roll
Wednesday: Chicken and rice, green beans, fruit mix and chocolate cake
Thursday: Cheeseburger, potato wedges, apple sauce and chocolate graham cracker
Feb. 21: Corn dog, salad, pineapple tidbits, jello, peanut butter bar.

Knob Noster High School

Monday: NO SCHOOL
Tuesday: Chicken noodle soup, sub sandwich, mixed fruit, strawberry shortcake and juice
Wednesday: Beef fritter, mashed potatoes, green beans, pineapple, roll and juice
Thursday: Fish or ham sandwich, tri-tater, corn on cob, banana cake, juice
Feb. 21: Hamburger, fries, veggies with dip, peaches, snickerdoodle and juice

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Call them the comeback kids

Security forces erases 14-0 deficit to repeat as intramural champs



Steven Wiley, 509th Munitions Squadron, evades 509th Security Forces Squadron member James Gaddis along the baseline.

Story and photos by Airman Joe Lacdan
Public Affairs

Security forces player James Gaddis summarized his team's unprecedented run to a second straight intramural championship with one sentence as he walked off the court Feb. 7.

"We weren't even supposed to be here," he said after his team came back from 14 points down to stun the 509th Munitions Squadron, 33-29, at the fitness center.

After a 40-38 loss to the same MUNS team in the second round of the tournament, few expected SFS to make a run at the title. The loss dropped second-seeded SFS into the losing bracket of the tournament. To make matters worse, leading scorer and vocal leader Justin Geers missed the final two contests of the tournament to be close to his wife who had surgery.

But SFS rose to the occasion. The team didn't lose again in the tournament and steamrolled through its opponents which included top-seeded 509th Civil Engineer Squadron.

"That's the classic security forces team for you," said 509th SFS player Jeff Fluck. "We never let down. We always fight."

Because SFS fell into the loser's bracket, it needed to beat MUNS twice to claim the championship. Strong defense and missed free throws by MUNS allowed SFS to take the first game 36-29. But the second contest panned out differently.

SFS came out flat in the opening quarter, failing to score any points and trailed 14-0. SFS (10-4 overall, 4-1 in the tourney) bounced back holding CES scoreless in the second quarter to close the score to 14-7.

"Our defense started to collapse," said MUNS coach Chad Johnson. Johnson blamed his team's decline on turnovers and missed free throws. Third seeded MUNS (9-5, 3-2) also missed numerous shots near the basket.

Meanwhile SFS started taking advantage of its opportunities and took its first lead on a three by Kevin Jacovino.

"We just came out and hustled," Jacovino said. "They're a quick team and they're a fast team, but we just gutted them out."

Helping make up for the loss of Geer, Fluck and Jacovino came up big, getting rebounds and second chance shots for their team.

Fluck finished with a game-high 16 points in the final game, while Jacovino poured 12 points in the first game.



Virgil Bass, 509th Munitions Squadron, gets his shot rejected by 509th Security Forces player Jerico McInnis.

Conflicting work schedules, long work hours and the demands of being a security forces member made it especially tough for the team, who rarely had all its members at practices at the same time.

"This is a monster effort by these guys," said SFS coach Lonny Watson. "These guys work 14-15 hours shifts. Then, they come in to practice in the morning when they get off work. These guys have put in a lot of effort to make it this far this year."

Virgil Bass led MUNS with 10 points in the final game and also scored the game's first six points.

Flyers fall to 442nd: The 442nd Fighter Wing Over-30 Intramural basketball team beat the top-seeded Flyers 48-31 to win the Over-30 League championship Feb. 6.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Nick Martin

Take that

Robin Smith, 509th Mission Support Squadron, left, prepares to return a shot from Troy Van Bemmelen, 394th Combat Training Squadron. The two participated in the ping pong tournament hosted by the community center Saturday.

Hey now, I'm an all-star

Michael Jansen, a 393rd Bomb Squadron member and Over-30 League player, tries to pass through Intramural League defenders. The Intramural League team defeated the Over-30 League team 52-39 in the all-star basketball game Monday.

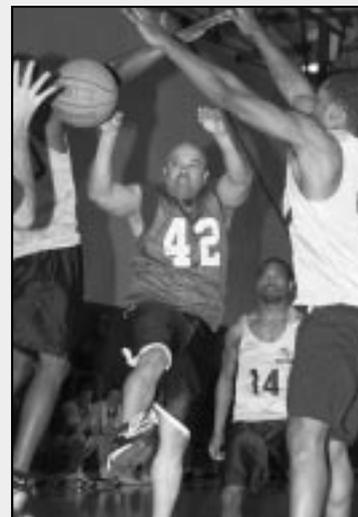


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Mission's End
687-4422

\$1 lunch

Club members can enjoy a \$1 lunch 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesday. The menu includes tacos, burritos, fajitas, Spanish rice, refried beans, sopapillas and drinks.

Teen Center
687-5819

Friday night flick

Teens can watch the movie of their choice 7 p.m. Feb. 21. The cost is free for members and \$1 for nonmembers.

Time management melee

Teens can attend a free seminar 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Feb. 25 at Knob Noster High School. The event is hosted by the family support center and the teen center throughout the school day at Knob Noster High School. Classes will be held during study period.

SMART Moves Trivia Challenge

Teens can attend a trivia challenge 5:30-7 p.m. Feb. 25. The cost is free for members and \$1 for nonmembers.

Outdoor Recreation
687-5565

Airmen's night rock climb

Airmen can climb the wall 5:30-9 p.m. Feb. 21. Certifications are held 6-8 p.m.

Explore Springfield, Mo.

Travel with outdoor recreation to Springfield, Mo., 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Feb. 22. Visit Fantastic Caverns and Bass Pro Shop. The cost is \$5 for active duty, \$20 for dependents and \$15 for children 12 and younger. People who wish to visit Wonders of Wildlife Museum can purchase discount tickets from Whiteman Tickets and Travel.

Library
687-5614

Research paper class

High school students can learn to write research papers 9:30-11 a.m. March 8. The cost is free. Sign up by March 7. Online resources will be presented as an aid.

Community Center
687-5617

Pick your flick

Watch your VHS videos on our big-screen TV anytime

Win this tool box



Customers can enter a drawing for a tool box today through Feb. 28 at auto skills by using a lift, stall or any service. A ticket will be given to each participant and put into the drawing. Winners don't need to be present to win. Sponsored in part by Waterloo Industries. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended.

during operating hours. Drinks and snacks are available.

Foosball tournament

A foosball tournament takes place 2-4 p.m. Saturday. The cost is \$3. Ribbons and prizes will be awarded for first through third places.

Skills Development
687-5691

Scrapbooking

Learn to design photo pages 6-8 p.m. Wednesday or Feb. 19. The cost is \$10 and includes some supplies. Bring in four to six photos.

Framing class

Learn to cut glass and join a frame 6-9 p.m. Feb. 20. The cost is \$40 and includes some supplies. Bring in a 5x7 photo.



Stars & Strikes Bowling Center
687-5114

Valentine's Day bowling special

Bowl 2 p.m.-midnight today. One sweetheart bowls free. Shoe rental is free for your sweetheart.

W.C.M.B.A. bowling tournament

The West Central Missouri Bowling Association tournament begins Saturday at 5 p.m. Pick up your entry form at Stars & Strikes.

Equipment Rental

- ~ Rent a car tote or hauler for \$20 a day, \$35 for two day or \$50 for three days
- ~ Rent a TV with VCR for \$7 a day
- ~ Rent a typewriter for \$4 a day

For more information, call 687-5565

Snakes Alive!



Connie Koch, community center director, shows children snakes from her collection. Learn more about snakes 2-3 p.m. Feb. 22 at the community center. Koch will show a film on venomous and non-venomous snakes plus bring in her snakes: JJ Buddy, Candy, Carmel Corn, Slick, Spot, Spirit, Corey, Darth Vader, Murky, Ethyl and Little Homer.

Youth Center
687-5586

Pool tournament

Building Responsible Individuals of Deployed Guardians Everywhere. Children 5-12 can play in a free pool tournament 3-5 p.m. Saturday. Call each Monday for reservations. Open to children of deployed military members.

Before- and after- school program

The youth center has openings in the before- and after-school programs 6:30-8:15 a.m. and 3:10-6 p.m. weekdays. Care is provided on out-of-school days and early-out days, except federal holidays. Program fees are based on total family income. Call for more details.

A'mazing fun night

Kindergartners through fourth graders can crawl through gigantic mazes 6:30-9:30 p.m. Feb. 21. The cost is \$4 for members and \$5.50 for nonmembers.

Junior Mardi Gras

Fifth through seventh graders can play games 6-9 p.m. Feb. 22 to win beads. The cost is \$5 for members and \$6 for nonmembers. Wear your beads to the party.

Whiteman Base Theater

Friday	
Catch Me If You Can PG-13	7 p.m.
Starring -- Leonardo DiCaprio & Tom Hanks <small>Frank lived a life of crime using his abilities of forgery and escape. FBI agent Shaye, respected his abilities so much that he eventually worked out a deal getting him out of prison after just five years.</small>	
Saturday	
Pinocchio G	3 p.m.
Starring -- Roberto Benigni & Nicoletta Braschi <small>Pinocchio the wooden puppet has come to life and wants to become a real boy. Despite guidance for the Blue Fairy and the love of his father, Gepetto, his curious spirit leads him into one wild adventure after another.</small>	
Catch Me If You Can PG-13	7 p.m.
Starring -- Leonardo DiCaprio & Tom Hanks	
Sunday	
Antwone Fisher PG-13	5:30 p.m.
Starring -- Derek Luke & Denzel Washington <small>Antwone is ordered to see a Navy psychiatrist to learn to control the anger impulses that cause him to fight with shipmates. His therapy inspires him to seek out the family that abandoned him as a child.</small>	
Adults \$3	Youth \$1.50
Movie recording line 687-5110	
Movies are subject to change due to availability	