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News in Brief

Commander's Calls set

Col. Doug Raaberg, 509th Bomb Wing commander, hosts mandatory commander's calls for airmen, NCOs and civilians at the base theater. The officer call will be at Mission's End. The dates and times are:

Airmen 7 a.m. today 11:30 a.m. Sept. 29	NCOs 1:30 p.m. Sept. 29
Officers 4 p.m. Sept. 29	Civilians 10 a.m. today

POW/MIA ceremony set



A Prisoners of War and Missing in Action recognition ceremony begins today at 3:50 p.m. at the wing headquarters building. A 24-hour vigil run also takes place throughout the day at the Skelton Park running track.

Motorcycle safety classes set

The 509th Bomb Wing Safety Office is scheduling qualified people for motorcycle training classes offered by the Central Missouri State University Safety Center and State Fair Community College. These classes are offered to active-duty members and federal employees assigned to Whiteman. For more information, call 687-SAFE (7233).

Road closures set

Construction in base housing north of Spirit Boulevard begins Monday. Schilling Drive, Travis and Ramey lanes, and the 200 blocks of Carswell Circle and March Drive are closed until further notice. People can access the Woodland housing area from McConnell Lane at 3rd Street or from Carswell Circle at Spirit Boulevard. Detour signs will also be posted in that area. For more details, call the housing office at 687-4416.

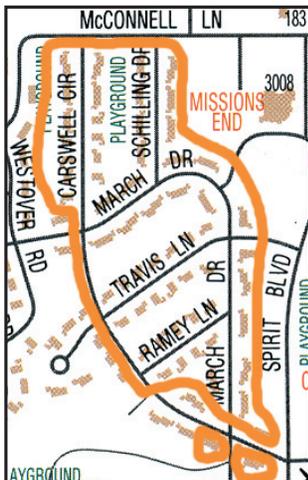


Photo by Airman 1st Class Joshua Strang

ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE, Guam — The B-2 *Spirit of Kitty Hawk* taxis into place on the palm tree-lined flight line here Wednesday after an 18-hour flight from its home at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo. Two B-2s and about 100 airmen from the 509th Bomb Wing are here to conduct bomber training operations or global power missions. Global power missions are conducted routinely to demonstrate the responsiveness and flexibility of America's bomber force to respond quickly to any crisis. The Air Force has conducted 80 global power missions since 2000. Andersen AFB is a forward-operating location for bombers and is a key player in the Air Force's global power projection.

509ers practice global reach mission

By Airman 1st Class Nick Martin
509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

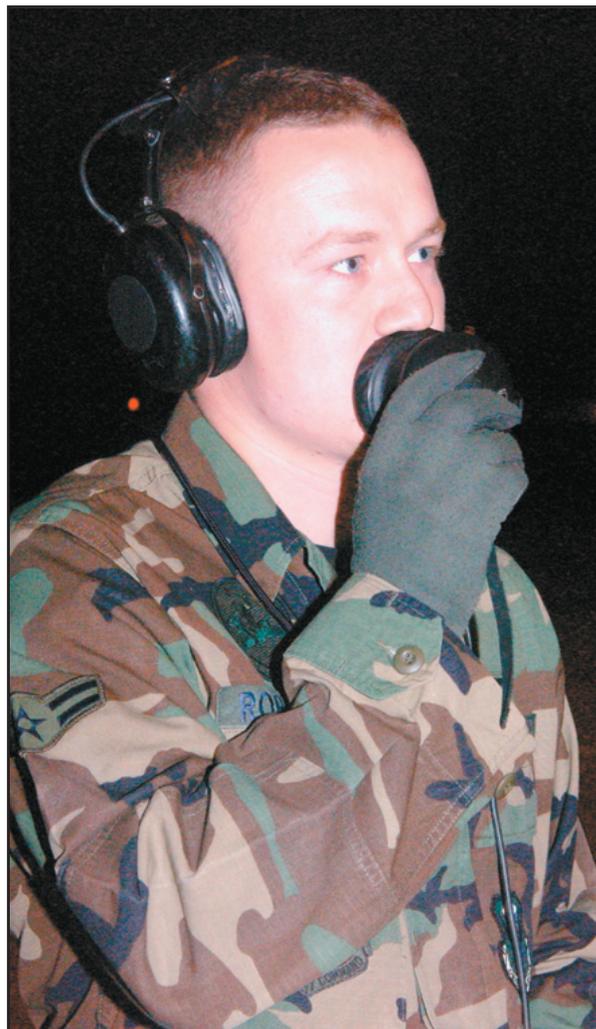


Photo by Senior Airman Tia Schroeder.

Airman 1st Class Carl Robertson, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron crew chief, communicates with B-2 air crew members before they left Whiteman Tuesday for Coronet Dragon 49, a forward deployment exercise at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam.

ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE, Guam — Whiteman members are demonstrating the global reach of U.S. airpower and the combat capability of the B-2 through a forward deployment here.

Coronet Dragon 49, the name of the B-2 deployment exercise, required members of the 325th Bomb Squadron and 509th Bomb Wing from Whiteman AFB, Mo., to travel to Guam and generate multiple sorties.

"We're very capable of supporting B-2 operations in the Asia-Pacific region. We're proud to be a part of such an important mission," said Maj. Andre Mouton, 36th Operations Support Squadron, here.

The Air Force regularly conducts global power training missions in the Pacific region to demonstrate the capabilities of U.S. forces.

"Exercises like this refine and maintain our ability to rapidly move airpower assets anywhere in the world in response to national security needs as demonstrated in Operation Iraqi Freedom," said Lt. Col Steve Basham, 325th Bomb Squadron director of operations. "Forward basing allows more rapid turnaround of aircraft, resulting in more missions against targets."

The exercise is tailored to improve the B-2's global strike capability and deployment techniques.

"This is a total force deployment exercise. Members of the Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard provided KC-135 airlift support for our active-duty troops. Through the total force effort we can accomplish rapid and seamless mobility," said Basham.

Coronet Dragon 49 also gives airmen practical experience dealing with operating from a forward-deployed location. The experience coupled with the recently developed capability to forward base B-2s and simultaneously operate from Whiteman allows maximum flexibility to employ the bombers in support of operations around the world.

"Global Power exercises are performed to assess how we operate without the niceties of home," said Chief Master Sgt. Raymond Reph, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. "(At a forward location) we have minimal manning, equipment and supplies. When we deploy for real, the airmen will be ready. Someday they will take my place and the Air Force needs them to be ready."

Commander's Corner

By Col. Doug Raaberg
509th Bomb Wing Commander

OUR COMMUNITY — OUR PARTNERS. This week, I caught up on some old business ... reading! I've been carrying a 1997 speech that Rep. Ike Skelton, Missouri's 4th District, presented to the Marine Corps University. He gave me a courtesy copy last year. His message then is still something he echoes today.

"The U.S. military today is as fine a fighting force as has ever been assembled ... it may be the best ever ... military leaders, and the military education system that helps develop these leaders, need to do something more," he said. "They need to work very hard to narrow the gap that is growing wider year by year between those who serve in the military and the rest of American society."

In pondering these remarks, we *airmen* ought to draw a simple conclusion — our community partners are ever more important to our success in the future. Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom have shown that America, as much as our Whiteman community, wants us to succeed. They want to be a part of what makes us Team Whiteman. Employers of our reservists and guardsmen are making an equal sacrifice to "give up" their cherished employees who proudly

wear the uniform of our armed forces.

If you get the chance, reach out and tell your story. Better yet, consider sharing some of your time and talent to give to your neighbors. If anything, we ought to show our gratitude when it's time to consider our contribution to the Combined Federal Campaign — it's a win-win for you and for them!

A WEEK OF REMEMBRANCE. Today, we once again renew our vows to the families and friends of those who paid the ultimate sacrifice — the Prisoners of Wars past and those still Missing in Action. From the turn of the 20th century to the turn of the this millennium, more than 140,000 Americans have endured the hardships of captivity as POWs. It's an honor to those that returned and a blessing to those who survived. Yet, there are still more than 44,000 soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines unaccounted for. Remember their sacrifice for freedom is not forgotten ... our commitment to freedom is enduring!

Tomorrow, we also say thank you from our hearts to all the retirees who will join us for the



Whiteman Retiree Appreciation Day events. If you see a veteran, give them a smile, handshake and a thank you from all of us. They're the legacy that has indeed made us the most revered military in the world.

STANDING AT ATTENTION. On Tuesday afternoon, Col. Ned Schoeck, 509th Bomb Wing vice commander, and I were wrapping up some business in my office. We heard the familiar sound of the national anthem. To our amazement, we saw a very heartwarming scene ... two sets of two young airmen standing on the sidewalk at attention in their PT gear for our nation. What struck us most was the young airman who had gotten out of her car to do the same. It was breathtaking to see such great Americans. I want to say thank you to Senior Airman Christy Carr, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron, making our day and upholding the high standards we cherish so much.

SNCO STEPPED AND SNCOs INDUCTED. Congratulations to Master Sgt. Joseph Hofmann in our command post. He was summarily STEP promoted to master sergeant on the morning of Sept. 12 for his extraordinary work in USTRANSCOM J-3. He joined us about two months ago. The stripe was awarded from the Joint Services board.



Photo by Senior Airman Tia Schroeder

Chief Master Sgt. Keith Cobb, 509th Bomb Wing command chief master sergeant, leads the newest senior NCOs in reciting the senior NCO creed at the Sept. 12 ceremony.

He joined 37 other senior NCOs for the inaugural Senior NCO Induction Ceremony that night. I want to personally thank Master Sgts. Steve Poole, 509th Munitions Squadron, and Tom Wissinger, 509th Security Forces Squadron, Senior Master Sgt. Dana Phillips, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Chief Master Sgts. Don MacMillan, 509th SFS, Mike Cannon, 509th Maintenance Squadron, and Keith Cob, 509th BW command chief master sergeant, for their tremendous support of that evening's event. Right start for a tremendous corps of senior NCOs!

CONGRATULATIONS COLUMBIA, ENTERPRISE AND ENDEAVOR. These dorms shined the most during the third

quarter competition earning \$2000, \$1000 and \$500, respectively. My thanks goes out to all dorm participants for their continued efforts to uphold the quality of their residences.

SAFETY, SAFETY, SAFETY. We are rounding the corner and wrapping up our Fiscal 2003. This means we owe it to ourselves to put an extra emphasis on flying, ground and downtown safety! Yes, downtown! We seem to be hurting more people as they make some rather altered choices in driving while intoxicated. Stick to your plan, have a designated driver, call Airmen Against Drunk Driving or your supervisor, and have at least one of your friends bring you home safely. Our combat mission needs you!

Commander challenges members to seize ownership

Lt. Col. Jeffery Vinger

509th Civil Engineer Squadron Commander

Gen. "Tooney" Spaatz, in a May 6, 1943, letter to Gen. "Hap" Arnold, spoke of aviation engineers as being "as nearly indispensable to the Air Force as is possible to ascribe to any single branch thereof ... efficiency, willingness, intelligent application, all resulting in praiseworthy completion of tasks in such short intervals of time as to be considered fantastic."

Much has changed since then, namely the battalion-size organizations of engineers. Today's civil engineers, being descendants of those historic aviation engineers, continue to proudly perform miracles daily to ensure Whiteman's mission continues.

I'm proud and fortunate to be a part of the engineers carrying the load. But in my three months here, I've witnessed miracles being performed by base members. The airmen and soldiers stand at guard mount ensuring our protection. The lodging specialists provide a comfortable room. The chefs provide tasty meals at the dining hall and flight line kitchen. The munitions experts maintain our assets in the weapons storage area. The maintainers and pilots also ensure the



Photo by Staff Sgt. Francesca Popp

Senior Airman Tim Bayes, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron structural journeyman, shows Lt. Col. Jeffery Vinger, 509th CES commander, the type of handles to be used on new cabinets.

world's most advanced aircraft keeps flying.

Everywhere you turn, you'll find a dedicated and loyal workforce — military and civilian — that has invested itself into making Whiteman the success it is today.

As I've told my squadron members, I believe much of our collective strength is a direct result of the "personal ownership attitude" each of them has taken. During a recent newcomers' briefing, I asked my troops why the Air Force paints the names of maintainers on the sides of aircraft. The answer, of course, is ownership.

Ownership instills pride. Pride in keeping the aircraft well maintained so it's online and in the air, not grounded and gathering dust as a hangar queen. It's the same reason we put people's names on their base houses or why you may put your name on your mailbox off base. Even though you may not own the house, the mere fact that your name is clearly mounted on it instills a "personal ownership attitude" to proudly care and maintain that unit letting everyone know it's your home. It's this kind of "personal ownership attitude" I challenge my newcomers to develop while stationed here.

When we seize ownership, we take pride in all aspects of

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509er earns master stripe through STEP



Photo by Senior Airman Shawn Clements

Then-Tech. Sgt. Joseph Hofmann, 509th Bomb Wing Command Post, grins as Col. Doug Raaberg, 509th BW commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Keith Cobb, 509th BW command chief master sergeant, tack on master sergeant stripes.

By Staff Sgt. Francesca Popp
Public Affairs

A 509th Bomb Wing staff member received a surprise of a lifetime Sept. 12.

During what seemed to be a normal morning in the command post, Col. Doug Raaberg called then-Tech. Sgt. Joseph Hofmann to the center of the room. The 509th Bomb Wing commander along with Chief Master Sgt. Keith Cobb, 509th BW command chief master sergeant, tacked master sergeant stripes onto Hofmann's sleeve.

"This type of promotion is rare in my career field," the 13-year Air Force veteran said. "I'm honored that I received this stripe and appreciative of the the supervisors I had at USTRANSCOM."

Hoffman, who recently moved to Whiteman from U.S. Transportation Command at Scott Air Force Base, Ill., was given the promotion through the Stripes for

Exceptional Performers program.

During his time at USTRANSCOM, Hofmann helped the Joint Mobility Control Center plan and execute 10,592 airlifts supporting Operation Enduring Freedom. The airlifts moved 291,000 troops and 366,000 short tons of cargo.

Hofmann said he didn't know he was going to receive the promotion, but knew his former supervisor, Senior Master Sgt. Keith Jaymes, had submitted the nomination package.

"I'm shocked and elated," he said. "When I was handed this new challenge, I received a rush of adrenaline."

The emergency actions controller helps ensure the commander is informed about what's happening with his resources and personnel. He also helps notify base agencies if a situation were to occur.

"The command post is the nerve center for the wing," Hofmann said.

Skelton visits Iraq, sees 509ers' work first-hand

By Master Sgt. Dee Ann Poole
Public Affairs

Representative Ike Skelton, of Missouri's 4th District, recently spent three days in Iraq visiting U.S. troops and military leaders, and Coalition Provisional Authority representatives.

Skelton was part of a bipartisan seven-member congressional delegation that visited Baghdad, al Hillah and Mosul. One stop during the trip involved a visit with the 1st Armored Division, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, which has its headquarters in a palace that belonged to Saddam Hussein's wife.

The congressman said Joint Direct Attack Munitions had destroyed part of the palace.

"(We're) proud we can use it," the soldiers told Skelton, noting that the JDAMs took out just rooms and not the whole palace.

"Do you know where the JDAMs came from? They came from Whiteman," Skelton boasted in a phone interview Wednesday evening.

He went on to praise America's military members. "I am so proud of all of our men and women in uniform, par-

ticularly the Missouri soldiers I had the honor of seeing during my visit."

Skelton said failure is not an option in Iraq.

"First, we have an obligation to our troops, who are so professional, courageous and who have sacrificed so much. Second, we owe it to the American people because failure to succeed would create a snake pit where terrorists would thrive. Third, we have to succeed for the Iraqi people who have put their trust in us.

"To fail would lead to bloodbaths there similar to those that Saddam Hussein inflicted after the 1991 Gulf War. Finally, we have to succeed because our international leadership is at stake, particularly our partnerships in the Global War on Terrorism," he said.

Skelton said there's a narrow window to get this right. "We have to get the security situation in order. We have to get the infrastructure rebuilt and the lights back on. We need to get Iraqis more and more involved in their own future decision-making. And, we need more international presence there - both troops and civilians."

He went on to say Congress will soon consider President George Bush's request for \$87 billion in supplement spending for Iraq and Afghanistan.



Courtesy photo

A congressional delegation meets with the senior Marine commander in Iraq Sunday. Pictured are: Reps. Gene Taylor, D-Miss.; Jim Marshall, D-Ga.; Ike Skelton, D-Mo.; Brig. Gen. John Kelly, commanding general of the 1st Marine Expeditionary Brigade; John Spratt, D-S.C.; Joe Wilson, R-S.C.; Jeff Miller, R-Fla.; and J. Randy Forbes, R-Va.

"We ask a lot of the uniformed forces who are serving in harm's way and I fully endorse giving them the resources they need to get the job done," said Skelton, who is the ranking Democrat on the House Armed Services Committee.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Joe Laddan

C-130s evacuate

Marine Corps 1st Lts. Stuart Neas, E.R. Featherly, and Sgt. Shauna Ralston talk after their C-130 landed here Wednesday. This and six other aircraft from Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, N.C., evacuated here. Each service began evacuating East Coast installations Tuesday due to the projected path of Hurricane Isabel. The crew members are assigned to the Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Training Squadron 253, Marine Aircraft Group 14, 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing.

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that ownership: in how it looks, how it works or how we provide it to or share it with others. We become personally responsible for every aspect of our personally owned piece of the big picture. We must remember that the piece of the picture we own is only a small part of a much bigger picture. It's only through teamwork with others throughout our base can we truly own all of Whiteman.

As I've challenged my squadron, I challenge you to seize ownership or reaffirm your ownership of Whiteman and challenge others to seize ownership as well. To test our new "personal ownership attitudes," one issue we deal with daily is litter around our

base. It's becoming an increasingly difficult challenge.

We spend a good deal of time and money constantly picking up trash. We've hired people to man what we call our Green Team. They travel throughout the base picking up trash in our common areas, but the trash keeps coming. We need your help and your "personal ownership attitude" to fix this.

I believe that if we put our names on all we have — our offices, our facilities, our nearby grounds and parking lots — we can seize ownership and keep Whiteman sparkling clean. Take pride in what you do and keep doing that which you can be proud of!

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Civilian Employee of the Week

Jerald Alexander, 509th Mission Support Squadron Civilian Personnel Office, was nominated for this award by fire chief Ralph McHenry, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron Fire Protection Flight. McHenry said Alexander helps supervisors who have technical questions about handling complex civilian issues. "He's always polite and makes every effort to get answers to problems very quickly," the fire chief said. "Jerald keeps his word by returning calls or keeping meeting appointments. He's one of the best personnel specialists I've worked with in my career."

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. Sheila Moses

509th Operations Support Squadron
First Sergeant

In 1954, President Eisenhower signed a bill proclaiming Nov. 11 as Veterans Day.

This day honors America's military members. But, is this the only day we wave Old Glory and pay tribute to our veterans? Respecting and honoring our veterans should be a daily occurrence. These men and women dedicated or gave their lives so we can have the freedoms we enjoy today.

Respect is simply treating others with dignity and expecting others to do the same. Simply put, give others the same consideration you would like or expect to be given. Honor is defined as esteem due or paid to worth, high estimation, respect, consideration, reverence, veneration, manifestation of respect or reverence.

If you met an old man on the street and he started rambling on with his old war stories, how would you react? Would you think he's a crazy old man and walk away?



Photo by Staff Sgt. Francesca Popp

Airman Deja Merritt, Master Sgt. Sheila Moses and Airman 1st Class Janina White, 509th Operations Support Squadron, talk about what it means to be a veteran.

Or, would you listen intently to his stories?

A lot can be learned from these "war stories." It's our history and I believe if you took the time to really listen to them you would be fascinated. America called upon them and they answered. We shouldn't forget the sacrifices they endured.

Make a difference in a veteran's life by visiting with them. Let a veteran know you appreciate them and thank them for what they have given this country. If you are a veteran, thank you and may God bless you! After all, every day is "Veterans Day."

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Whiteman Spirit Award



Airman 1st Class Nicolas Velati
509th Maintenance Operations Squadron

Airman 1st Class Nicolas Velati, 509th Maintenance Operations Squadron, received the Whiteman Spirit Award from Col. Ned Schoeck, 509th Bomb Wing vice commander, Monday.

Paul Kelley, Northrop Grumman Engineer Tracking and Analysis System administrator, nominated Velati for helping him resolve a core automated maintenance system issue.

Kelley said he recently took over his present job and had about 30 minutes of training with the outgoing person. The outgoing person left handwritten notes and Kelley said he was unable to do CAMS data imports to his system due to the type of access he had.

"I brought Airman Velati an instruction sheet that I didn't fully understand and was unable to make work," Kelley said. "With the instruction sheet I provided, he was able to figure out the type of CAMS account I needed and why I needed it. He also started the first set of CAMS downloads I needed to get my system updated."

Kelley said Velati displayed professionalism while he helped correct this situation.

"I was extremely impressed by his job knowledge, ability and his willingness to put it to work, his focus on the task and courteousness," Kelley said. "He wanted to do more than I asked by running the tasks himself."

"I was further impressed that Airman Velati didn't care whether I was active duty, contractor or whatever status I happened to be," Kelley said. "This reflects very well upon himself, his unit, Whiteman and the entire Air Force. He took the time and effort to read and decipher a cryptic set of instructions, figured out what had to be done and then got it done. He personally ensured that my CAMS account was processed immediately and not just thrown into a pile to be gotten to later."

A few days later, Velati contacted Kelley to follow up and ensure the system was working correctly. Kelley said the airman took on the challenge without leaving it for someone else to do.

Personally Speaking

Duty title: Maintenance data system analyst

Time on station: 1 year, 8 months

Time in service: 2 years, 1 month

Hometown: Buenos Aires, Argentina

Hobbies: Playing soccer and working with computers

Goals: Finish my education and my 20 years in the Air Force.

Best thing about Whiteman: The community.

Pet peeves: Negative attitudes.

What motivates your winning spirit?: The satisfaction of achieving goals at work and at home.

If you could change one thing at Whiteman, what would it be?: Have an indoor pool to use year round.

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."

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

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Firefighters battle flames when heat rises



Photo by Airman Ryan Wilson

Airman Basic Chuck Montenegro, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron Fire Protection Flight, sprays water to cool off the house's interior and combat the "fire." The fire department members received 50 base houses to hone their skills. The firefighters fill the houses with smoke, then are allowed to cut into the floors and roof to find the cause of the fires. The houses are scheduled to be torn down and replaced with new ones. Fire department members usually respond to a call in three minutes or less once it's received.



Photo by Airman Ryan Wilson

Airman 1st Class Trevor Stephens waits for a signal to charge the hydrant, sending water to the pumper apparatus. Fire department members can hook to any base hydrant to get water.



Photo by Airman Ryan Wilson

Assistant fire chief Master Sgt. Marshall Fiedler was the senior fire officer on scene for the Sept. 12 exercise. He runs the command and control communications for all responses.



Photo by Senior Airman Tia Schroeder

Senior Airman Scott Smith guides the attack lines for the rescue crew. The 442nd Civil Engineer Squadron member augments the 509th CES Fire Protection Flight.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Steve Nabor

Fire fighter Airman Bakari Edwards, A flight, prepares to cut the roof of a base house for ventilation. The hole allows hot gases and smoke to escape. Fire department members rotate shifts every 24 hours.



Photo by Airman Ryan Wilson

After finding the "victim," rescueman Rick Stroud and Airman 1st Class Chad Schumpert carry the dummy to the triage area. For this training exercise, fire fighters had to account for two victims. These firefighters are A flight members, which has 29 military members and four civilians. The B flight has 32 people assigned, six are civilians.

66 make commitment to stay

By Senior Master Sgt. Bobby Rush

509th Bomb Wing Career Assistance Adviser

In July and August, 66 members made a commitment to stay with the Air Force.

These people decided to stay:

Senior Airmen Janet Allende, Nicole Blodgett and Junior Pierre-Louis, 509th Services Squadron, **Shana Brown**, 509th Mission Support Squadron, **Misty Henseleit**, 509th Communications Squadron, **Yolanda Hunter** and **Christina Johnson**, 509th Medical Group, **Bionca Moore, Kristen Turner** and **Antonio Williams**, 509th Maintenance Squadron, **Amanda Rodriguez**, 509th Operations Support Squadron, **Rodrick Sagun** and **Landon Scheer**, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, and **Melissa Wrona**, 325th Bomb Squadron.

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Master Sgts. Randy Canada and **Henry Starks**, 509th LRS, **Eric Kennedy**, 509th CES, and **Daniel Sherwood**, 509th MSS.

Senior Master Sgts. Elzie Dugger, 509th CS, **Samuel Meta**, 509th SFS, and **Bobby Rush**, 509th BW.

Chief Master Sgts. Terrance Douglas, 509th MedGp, and **Robert Ruzzier**, 509th Operations Group.

Everyone 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 located in the professional development center, Bldg. 1435. If you need career assistance, call 687-STAY (7829).



Photo by Senior Airman Tia Schroeder

Senior Airman Melissa Wrona, 325th Bomb Squadron is re-enlisted by Col. Ned Schoeck, 509th Bomb Wing vice commander.

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Photo by Airman 1st Class Joe Lacdan

International flavor

Airmen 1st Class Delvin Prince, Jessica Kowalski and Col. Gary Finchum, 509th Mission Support Group commander, sort through traditional Hispanic dishes. The Hispanic-American Month committee members hosted a Hispanic festival Monday at the community center. Prince and Kowalski are 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron members.

Commissary changes coupon rules

Cashier Martha Willming scans items as shopper Jennifer Smith places groceries on the conveyor belt. The commissary no longer accepts "home-printed" coupons. Cashiers may only accept manufacturer's coupons — the kind clipped out of newspapers or magazines, or received in the mail. "We're not accepting coupons that have been downloaded from the Internet and printed with a home computer because it's too difficult for our cashiers to tell if they are valid," said Bob Vitikacs, the Defense Commissary Agency's director of operations and product support. To protect against loss, DeCA officials decided to immediately suspend accepting home-printed, photocopied or facsimile-generated coupons.



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What's happening

Education

For more details, visit <https://wwwmil.whiteman.af.mil/509mss/educ/homepage.htm> or call 687-5750.

ACT test scheduled

Students can take the American collegiate test at 8 a.m. Sept. 26 in the education center. Call for more details.

English composition CLEP test set

Students can take the English composition with essay College-Level Examination Program test at noon Oct. 7. This is the last time the test is available until computerization of the CLEP system is complete.

Scholarships to be awarded

The William Pitsenbarger Scholarship Award will be given to two Air Force enlisted members who are graduating with a Community College of the Air Force degree and plan to pursue a bachelor's degree. The deadline to apply is Oct. 17. Call for more details.

CLEP tests set

Active-duty and Reserve can schedule a College-Level Examination Program test now through Nov. 23. The classes covered are English composition, natural sciences, U.S. history I and II, principles of accounting and Spanish. Students must call to schedule an appointment. Call for more details.

Community

Base schedules retiree day

Whiteman's Retiree Appreciation Day begins at 7 a.m. Saturday. The day's events offer medical screenings, and representatives will brief on the Tricare and survivor benefits programs and casualty assistance. The military personnel flight is open noon-4:30 p.m. that day and vehicle registration is available 6:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m. at the visitor's center. To register a vehicle, bring vehicle registration and proof of insurance. Lunch is available at Mission's End, Ozark Inn, Stars & Strikes, and the base exchange.

Tune in to Channel 99

The Commander's Access Channel, Channel 99 on the base only, runs the Air Force Television News program daily at 11 a.m., noon and 5 and 6 p.m. The channel also gives viewers information about base programs and unit events. To add your information about your program or unit event, call Staff Sgt. Francesca Popp, 509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs, at 687-6130 or e-mail francesca.popp@whiteman.af.mil.

AADD meetings set

Airmen Against Drunk Driving meets at 1 p.m. Oct. 2 in the First-Term Airmen Center. For more details, call Senior Airman Kelly Johnson at 687-4800 or Airman Jason Hastings at 687-1648.

Crutches needed

Crutches can be recycled 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. weekdays at the family practice clinic.

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 beginning 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.

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Virtual assistant training program available for military spouses

Military spouses often face unique career challenges. This can be linked to frequent relocations, which can impact employment prospects, family income and career progression.

It's a difficult situation for many, but with the Internet and the emergence of the virtual assistance industry, military spouses with expertise in administrative support and related areas are finding it easier to gain employment.

Family support center members were certified by a company that specializes in training military spouses to become virtual assistants through a virtual assistant training program. This program is designed to teach military spouses how to launch and grow their own virtual assistance businesses.

Virtual assistants are self-employed people who provide off-site business-support services to their clients. These services vary from one virtual assistant to the next, based on experience and expertise. It can include daily administrative tasks, competitive research, Web site design, resume writing, accounting, bookkeeping services, marketing support, translation and graphic design. Work assignments are communicated through e-mail, phone, fax, mail diskette transfer and real-time online



messaging. The virtual nature of these relationships lends itself easily to the transient lifestyle of a military family.

The FSC offers free workshops 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Oct. 21 and 23, 6-8 p.m. Oct. 22, and 9 a.m.-noon Oct. 27. Attendance at these sessions is mandatory for selection into the program. An Oct. 29

workshop takes place 9 a.m.-noon and is optional. Participants in this class will learn the basics of Web site development.

Spouses who wish to participate in this

program must turn in the application by Oct. 1. The workshop is limited to 10 people, who are selected based on the information they provide in their training application.

Program candidates should have a minimum of two years of administrative support experience, Internet access, a good working knowledge of basic software, a computer with a Windows 95 or newer operating system and a strong desire for employment or career change.

An active-duty military spouse who wants to participate in this training program, can submit the online application at http://www.msvas.com/application_whiteman.htm. For more information, call Ann Beem at 687-2647 or Bob Berger at 687-1222. **(Courtesy of the FSC)**

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Turnovers key in AMXS triumph

By Airman 1st Class Joe Lacdan
Public Affairs

Big plays on both sides of the ball by Todd Halvorsen lifted the 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron's 2 team to a 20-14 season-opening win over the 509th Security Forces B team Monday.

Trailing 14-6 in the final period, Halvorsen snatched the pass of SFS quarterback Scott Shannon and returned it for a touchdown. Then, Halvorsen hauled in another pick at his own one yard line to halt SFS B's last chance at victory. The AMXS 2 quarterback/safety had a hand in each of his team's scores, as he also threw two touchdown passes and caught a two-point conversion on one of the scores.

"(Halvorsen) played harder than I've ever seen anyone play in flag football," said AMXS teammate David Shockley.

AMXS 2 (1-0) had to play hard because only eight players suited up for the contest compared to 19 for SFS B Shockley said.

"All of us realize we're out there having fun so we improvise, go with the flow and do what we have to do to play," Shockley said.

SFS B coach Kendall Bell said his team boasts a strong defense, with a speedy secondary. SFS defensive back Bernard James went airborne to pick off a Halvorsen pass then bolted 63 yards for a touchdown to give SFS the 14-6 second-half lead.

However, SFS B's next two possessions would end with Halvorsen interceptions.

"We made too many mistakes," said Bell. "We need to play with more intensity and more focus."

AMXS (1-0) opened the scoring on a pass play when Halvorsen threw a 20-yard touchdown pass to Eddie Crissen. Crissen reached over the goal line while draped by defenders for a 6-0 lead after AMXS missed the extra



Photo by Airman 1st Class Joe Lacdan

Michael Wardingley, 509th Security Forces Squadron B player, reacts after a play during the 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron 2's season-opening 18-14 victory in intramural flag football. Also pictured are Warren Sisk, 509th SFS, and Keola Baclayon and Todd Halvorsen, 509th AMXS.

point. Despite trailing for much of the game, AMXS 2 didn't allow SFS B (0-1) to pull away.

"(This game) shows we're pretty darn versatile and we can do anything," Shockley said. "We were behind and didn't get down on ourselves. We kept an upbeat attitude the whole game."

Other games:

In other opening day action, 509th AMXS 1 beat the 509th Maintenance Squadron 6-3. The 509th Communications Squadron routed the Navy/509th Medical Group 28-7, and the 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron shut out the 509th Civil Engineer Squadron 14-0.

Sports shorts

Golf tourney scheduled

The first Whiteman Golf tournament begins at 1 p.m. Saturday with a noon check-in. at the Royal Oaks Golf Course. The cost is \$30 and prizes will be awarded. The tournament is limited to 21 teams on a first-come, first-serve basis. For more details, call Royal Oaks at 687-5573.

Outdoor sports scheduled

✓ Learn to fly fish at Bennett Springs State Park near Lebanon, Mo. The bus departs at 8 a.m. Oct. 4 from outdoor recreation. For more details, call Steve Gallagher at 687-5567.

✓ A crappie tournament begins at 7:15 a.m. Oct 18 at Truman Lake at Long Shoals marina. The cost is \$25. Sign up by Oct. 10 at outdoor recreation.

✓ A wall-climbing class begins at 9 a.m. Oct. 25. Call for more details.

Hockey players needed

Youth 6-18 can join a youth in-line hockey league. To register, complete an application at the Warrensburg Community Center, 445 E. Gay St. in Warrensburg. Players must provide their own equipment. The deadline for registration is Saturday. For more details, call Staff Sgt. Michael Schmutz at 563-6809.

Hunter class scheduled

A hunter education course begins at 6 p.m. Oct. 3 and 8 a.m. Oct. 4 at Stahl's Specialty Store at U.S. Highway 50 East in Warrensburg. For more details, call the Missouri Conservation Department at 660-530-5500.

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. Walt Farwell, 509th Bomb Wing.

Week three

College

Michigan at Oregon
Miami at Boston College
West Virginia at Maryland
Tennessee at Florida
Georgia at Louisiana State

Professional

Ravens at Chargers
Bills at Dolphins
Saints at Titans
Vikings at Lions
Raiders at Broncos

BW


Master Sgt.
Donald Whitley

Michigan
Miami
Maryland
Florida
Louisiana State

Ravens
Bills
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Vikings
Raiders

OG


Staff Sgt.
Dave Wiss

Michigan
Miami
West Virginia
Florida
Georgia

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Broncos

MXG


Airman 1st
Class
Caleb Watkins

Michigan
Miami
West Virginia
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MSG


Senior Master
Sgt.
Mark Clark

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Louisiana State

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Master Sgt.
Steven
Chabotte

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Miami
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Outdoor Recreation 687-5565

Wall climbing class

Participants 18 years and older can become certified to climb the 20-foot wall 9-11 a.m. Sept. 27. Sign up by Sept. 26. This is a free event.

Fly fishing

Pack a lunch, and bring your pole and tackle for a fly fishing adventure 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Oct. 4 at Bennett Springs State Park near Buffalo, Mo. Larry Pifer, an experienced fly fisherman, will answer questions and help teach skills. The cost is \$5 for transportation and \$3 for the trout permit. Participants 16 and older need a fishing license.

Tickets & Travel 687-5643

Kansas City Renaissance Tickets

Tickets & Travel offers tickets to the Kansas City Renaissance Festival. The festival is open 10 a.m.-7 p.m. weekends and holidays, and ends Oct. 13. Tickets prices are \$12 for adults, \$5 for children ages 5-12, and children 5 and younger are free. Coupon books \$5.

Stars & Strikes 687-5114

Pizza special

Enjoy all-you-can-eat pizza, salad and dessert 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Fridays. The cost of \$5.50 includes a drink.



Party packages for up to 10 children.

Each additional child \$4.

Package A: \$45

Two large pizzas, small soda, two hours of bowling and shoe rental. Customers may bring in cake, ice cream and decorate their area.

Package B: \$40

Choice of hot dog or corn dog, small fries, small drink, two hours of bowling and shoe rental.

For more information, call 687-5114.

Community Center 687-5617

Back-to-school swap shop

Clean out your closet, gather your old CDs, videos, toys and other treasures to swap or sell 1-4 p.m. Saturday at the community center.

'The Great Passion Play'

Gather your friends and family, and take a trip to Eureka Springs, Ark., to watch "The Great Passion Play" 1 p.m. Sept. 27 to 2 a.m. Sept. 28. The cost of \$30 includes transportation. Bring money for dinner at Lambert's in Ozark, Mo. Sign up by Wednesday.

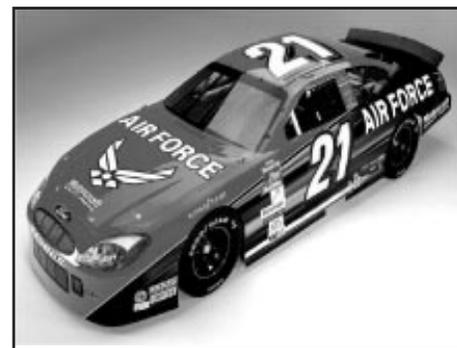


'Racing to Excel'

5:30-8 p.m. Sept. 30

Missouri Army National Guard Armory

Meet NASCAR Busch champion Greg Biffle. A variety of race cars will be on display for viewing, including the No. 21 Air Force NASCAR. Autographed pictures, die-cast cars and other collectables will be auctioned. Youth 14 and younger can enter to win one of two tickets to meet former NASCAR Winston Cup champion Jeff Gordon. The \$2 admission fee includes a hot dog, chips and soda.



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Fitness Center 687-5496

Tour de Missouri

Join the Tour de Missouri and earn awards during September. Miles may be earned on bike, treadmill, cross-trainer, stair climber, rowing machine and warrior jogging course. Open to valid government ID card holders 16 or older. The grand prize is a one-hour massage. Call for more details. Sponsored in-part by Darlene Goebel, L.M.T. at Hair Dynamics.*

Quarterback skills competition

Show off your quarterback skills at 5 p.m. Monday at the flag football field. Sign up today. Open to valid government ID card holders.

Mission's End 687-4422

Karaoke

Enjoy an evening of karaoke 8 p.m.-midnight today in the Lavene Lounge. This is for members only.

College football

Watch college football on 11 TVs 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturdays in the Lavene Lounge at Mission's End.

Skills Development Center 687-5691

Six-week stained-glass panel class

Learn to make stained-glass panels 6-9 p.m. any Thursday. The cost is \$45 plus supplies.

Fall craft fair

The annual fall craft fair takes place 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday at the skills development center.

Family Child Care 687-5590/1180

Expanded duty child care

Register now for the free expanded duty child care program. It's available to help parents meet child care requirements for extra duty hours and child care emergencies. Care is provided in family child care homes to augment regular care arrangements.

Teen Center 687-5819

TeenSupreme Keystone club

The TEENSUPREME Keystone club meets 7-8 p.m. Monday. This free leadership club offers help to others through community service. For more information, call the teen center.

TRAIL meeting

Training Responsible Adolescents in Leadership club members meet 7-8 p.m. Wednesday at the teen center.

Super banana split night

Create a banana split 6-7 p.m. Wednesday at the teen center. The cost is \$2 for members and \$3 for nonmembers.

Youth Center 687-5586

Sports night

Kindergartners through fourth graders can create a pennant, play football, foosball, pool, soccer, pool or be a cheerleader 6:30-9:30 p.m. Sept. 26 at the youth center. The cost is \$3 for members and \$4.50 for nonmembers. Sign up begins Monday.

Children's afternoon activity program

Fourth through seventh graders can participate in activities 3-5 p.m. weekdays throughout the school year. The daily cost is \$2 for members and \$3 for nonmembers.

Youth dance instructor

The youth center is accepting applications for a youth dance instructor for the school year. Applicants should be knowledgeable in tap, jazz and ballet. Resumes are being accepted throughout September. Classes start in October. Resumes should be turned in the youth center.

Child Development Center 687-5588

Day care openings available

The child development center has full-time openings for 3- to 5-year-olds. The program is accredited through the National Academy of Early Childhood Programs.

Whiteman Base Theater

Friday

Uptown Girl 7 p.m. PG-13
Starring — Brittany Murphy & Dakota Fanning
Brittany Murphy stars as Molly Gunn, a Manhattan socialite and the child of a rock star. When Molly's trust fund is bilked by her manager, she's forced to find a job. She's hired as a nanny for Ray, a spoiled 8-year-old whose mother has put her career as a record company executive ahead of her family. Emotional distance from a parent during childhood is something Molly knows well, and she and Ray form a close bond.

Saturday

Freaky Friday 7 p.m. PG
Starring — Jamie Lee Curtis & Lindsay Lohan
In this Disney remake of the 1976 original, Jamie Lee Curtis plays Ellen, a widow about to be remarried. Ellen argues constantly with her daughter, Annabel, during the weeks leading up to the big event. The two wish they could exchange bodies so the other could see what it's like, and then somehow it happens!

Sunday

Bend It Like Beckham 5:30 p.m. PG-13
Starring — Jonathan Rhys & Parminder K. Nagra
An Indian girl in Britain who is obsessed with Manchester United soccer midfielder David Beckham dreams of playing pro ball, but her parents are more concerned with finding her the right husband and seeing her settle down.

Adults \$3 Youth \$1.50
Movie recording line 687-5110.
Movies are subject to change due to availability.