



UCI Countdown

10 days

Red Carpet Rollout

This week Whiteman welcomes ...

The ACC Innkeeper inspection team

News in Brief

Recertification of BAH required

Members who haven't had a permanent change of station in four years or more are required to receive recertification of the basic allowance housing entitlement. The 509th Comptroller Squadron has notified more than 800 affected members by e-mail. The e-mail contained two attachments: an Air Force Form 594 and instructions on how to complete the form. Customers must submit their certification to finance customer service within 30 days of email notification. Recertification will continue on a monthly basis as members pass the four-year time-on-station mark. For more details, call 1st Lt. Jason Williams at 687-5389.

Military family appreciation day set

The Warrensburg Military Affairs Committee sponsors a Military Family Appreciation Day 5-9 p.m. April 30 at the Warrensburg Community Center. Free food and swimming will be available. Players from the Central Missouri State University basketball and baseball teams will be available to play games with children. The event is open to all military families. For more details or to R.S.V.P., call the public affairs office at 687-6123 by April 23.

Commander's farewell dinner set

A farewell dinner for Brig. Gen. Doug Raaberg, 509th Bomb Wing commander, and his wife, Claudia, begins at 5:30 April 23 at Mission's End. The cost is \$17.15 for club members and \$19.15 for nonmembers. To sign up, contact your group executive officer by April 20.

Yard waste collection set

Base housing yard waste will be collected on regularly scheduled collection days. Yard waste must be placed curbside in biodegradable bags obtained from the self-help store. Yard waste placed in plastic bags will not be collected. Brush must be bundled using a suitable binder and must not exceed four feet and can't exceed 50 pounds. Large containers are available to store the waste at the recycling center. For more details, call the 509th Civil Engineer Squadron Engineering Flight at 687-2627.

Daylight saving time

Base members are reminded to turn their clocks one hour ahead for daylight saving time Sunday. The fire department staff also reminds base members to change the batteries in their smoke detectors.



Master Sgt. Dannette Nall, 509th Comptroller Squadron additional duty first sergeant, and Staff Sgt. Nicole Maniscalco, 509th CPTS, review an Air Force instruction in preparation for the April 12-17 Unit Compliance Inspection.

Wing prepares for first UCI

Story and photos
by Airman 1st Class Joe Lacdan
Public Affairs

509th Bomb Wing members are making final preparations as the unit prepares for its first Air Combat Command Unit Compliance Inspection April 12-17.

A 91-person team from ACC headquarters at Langley Air Force Base, Va., will visit here to observe wing members perform their duties and ensure operations are conducted within ACC directives, said Lt. Col. Fred Niblock, 509th BW chief of special operations.

Colonel Niblock said wing members are currently completing self-inspection checklists, updating UCI databases and addressing Critical Compliance Objectives, specifically those where they have comments or don't comply.

"The team is here to validate our self inspection program," Colonel Niblock said. "We should be completely honest with them and honest with ourselves with how we're doing."

The colonel said members should review their self-inspection checklists and ensure they can provide proof of their compliance of checklist items.

"If you can prove (compliance with checklists), good," Colonel Niblock said. "If you can't prove it, you need to find out how. If you can prove it you have nothing to worry about. The inspection is straightforward. They use the same directives to evaluate us that we are supposed to be using in our own UCI program."

Master Sgt. Scott Thaut, 509th BW Plans superintendent, said wing members should have programs and references ready for inspectors when they walk in to work areas. To ensure each unit's compliance, various 509ers have been tasked with that responsibility at the group and squadron levels.

"Show them you're ready," Sergeant Thaut said. "Be ready for anything they throw at you."

Colonel Niblock said the plans office is working ensure self-inspections are complete and questions in ACC directives are answered.

"It's essential to the health and performance at each level," Sergeant Thaut said.



Airman 1st Class Kris Rasley checks enlistment and promotion records as Tech. Sgt. Shannon Moore checks off a Unit Compliance Inspection checklist. Also pictured is Airman Jeri Helms. They are 509th Mission Support Squadron members.

Commander's Corner

By Brig. Gen. Doug Raaberg
509th Bomb Wing Commander

POST WINTER THOUGHTS.

The ice has faded, the grass is turning green and this Sunday morning we're going to wind our watches ahead one hour ... sounds like winter has come to an end. The bright days of Spring will adorn us with new challenges.

First, we are at the dawn of the motorcycle season — a dreadful time where last year we lost two 509ers in road fatalities that could have been avoided. I have asked our team's leadership to emphasize what's required before you jump on that two-wheeled vehicle and take to the roads.

I'll be candid. Make sure you have taken the approved motorcycle safety course. If not, don't venture on a bike on or off this installation. Please wear the proper equipment to handle the endurance of the road with an eye towards a potential mishap that you can recover from.

Lastly, if you've "upgraded" to a sleeker, faster more reliable motorcycle then you might consider taking a safety course with that bike to understand its newly acquired handling characteristics.

By the way, all that I have mentioned is due to last year's experiences where individuals did not have authority to ride a motorcycle, were not wearing the equip-

ment that could have mitigated bodily harm or perhaps rode a vehicle far to fast for their capability. Please give yourself the tools that make motorcycle riding safe.

The wing has performed magnificently in the past winter months ... we have another inspection on the horizon.

In December, we passed the Nuclear Surety Inspection with flying colors. In January, our intelligence team had a staff assistance visit along with an 8th Air Force logistics standardization-evaluation team visit. In February, Air Combat Command arrived with the toughest bunch of maintenance/logistics inspectors to give us a full scrub during the LSET ... we "shacked the target"!

Finally, in March we conducted our first Phase 1 and 2 exercises in preparation for future conventional mission inspections. Now April ... it's Unit Compliance Inspection time! I'm confident we are ready for the ACC/IG team's arrival and week-long evaluation.

WE MET THE FLYING GOAL ... TAKE THE DAY OFF. During March, we scheduled ourselves to fly more than 650 hours in the B-2. On Wednesday, we completed the monthly flying-hour goal and earned a UTE Day for the wing. Enjoy this day off ... it was well earned. A huge thank you goes out to the entire wing for making the mission goal and keeping us combat ready for the month.

AIR FORCE ASSISTANCE FUND ... WE'RE ON THE WAY. This week we took a hard look at our own personal contributions to the AFAP. To date we have exceeded \$35,000 in contributions to the



Photo by Senior Airman Shawn Clements

Senior Airman Christopher Butler, 509th Maintenance Squadron, puts on his motorcycle safety helmet.

campaign that directly aids our Airmen. I encourage many of you to give so that we can reach our goal of \$50,000 ... it's a benefit to us all!

FITNESS IS CATCHING ON. Congratulations to Staff Sgt. Jon Owens, 509 Civil Engineer Squadron, for posting Whiteman's first perfect score on our new physical fitness test. He, like most of you, has caught on to the expeditionary spirit that includes physical readiness ... you can see it when we run the runway each month.

Perhaps you're having a difficult time getting a parking spot at the gym ... that's

also an indicator the squadrons are making physical fitness a unit event. I encourage all to stay the course to better wellness. It directly affects the morale and mission of Whiteman.

Airman ... NOT airman. The Air Force has come of age ... it's time to recognize the fact that all of us are Airmen. Notice the capital "A"? It stands for the leading edge team that is first to the fight ... airpower. It stands for the warriors who bring airpower with a force our enemies fear the most ... Airmen! You deserve the brand and the recognition of being an Airman. Wear it proudly.

Take advantage of your right, vote

By Maj. Trish Mauldin

509th Mission Support Squadron Commander

Trivia question: What do the 2000 presidential elections and the current elections in Taiwan have in common? Both presidential candidates won by a very small margin.

Did you know that in our 2000 election, 36 percent of eligible voters actually voted? Considering the closeness of many of the elections, that meant that approximately 20 percent of eligible voters determined the course of this country.

Picture me doing my best Andy Rooney impression ... do you know what really bugs me? It's people who complain about the administration, but didn't vote. If you didn't vote, don't gripe.

I mean, how long does it take? You fill out a Federal Post Card application, mail it to the appropriate address and your state sends you the information and voting materials. Then you mark the boxes of the candidates you wish to vote for. It's simple!

Each squadron has a voting counselor who'll give you a

Federal Post Card application and tell you the address of where to mail it ... just ask.

The right to vote is one of the most cherished constitutional rights we have. It's the right to vote that military members like us have fought and died for. It's the right to vote that enables you to express your opinion about the fitness of our elected leaders and their policies. It's the right to vote that permits you to hire or fire government representatives. It's the right to vote that allows you to determine, to a certain degree, your future by electing officials who reflect your views.

By not voting, you are abdicating your right to influence the government and allowing others opinions, whose may be contrary to your own, to prevail.

More importantly, by not voting you're allowing it to be the will of the minority that governs this country and not the will of the majority. So make a difference in our future, exercise your freedom to vote!

I'm the installation voting officer and can be reached at patricia.mauldin@whiteman.af.mil or 687-3659. For more details, call your commander's support staff.



Photo by Senior Airman Shawn Clements

Maj. Trish Mauldin, 509th Mission Support Squadron commander, reviews a voting information form with Airman Jeri Helms, Airman 1st Class Carly Evans, Staff Sgt. Joelle Silny, Airman 1st Class Kris Rasley, Capt. Jocelyn Southerland and Tech. Sgt. Shannon Moore, 509th MSS.

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MPOY winners announced at ceremony

By Master Sgt. Dee Ann Poole
Public Affairs

The 509th Bomb Wing honored its Maintenance Professionals of the Year during a banquet March 26 at Mission's End.

The speaker was retired Lt. Gen. Michael Zettler. He retired as the Air Force deputy chief of staff for installations and logistics. He was responsible to the chief of staff for leadership, management and integration of Air Force civil engineering, communications, operations, services, supply, transportation, maintenance and munitions policies, and resourcing to enhance productivity and combat readiness while improving quality of life for Air Force people.

General Zettler said he was glad to be here to honor the maintainers.

"You're America's heroes," he said. "The best part of being here is paying tribute to all your hard work and say thank you for the hard work you do every day. You have unmatched dedication and selflessness."

The general said 509ers keep the tip of the spear ready.

"This event honors all of you — not just the individual winners — because of your professionalism, sustained excellence and superior achievements," he said, noting 10 years of achievements that brought the B-2 to full operational capability Dec. 17, 2003.

"(The) maintainers have been the backbone of a successful 2003. You quietly ensured America's premiere war fighter was up to the challenge," he said, referring to Operation Iraqi Freedom and the B-2's first-ever role of delivering bombs from Whiteman and a forward-operating location.

"Our nation relies on the B-2 to be ready when called upon and you answered that call quietly and professionally," General Zettler said.

The annual event honored these winners.

Armament Crew of the Year: Tech. Sgt. Travis Deshong and Airmen 1st Class Aaron Taylor, Jennifer Figueroa and James Muskelly, 509th Munitions Squadron.

Weapons Load Crew of the Year: Staff Sgts. Donald Von Dach and Jeffrey Samack, and Airmen 1st Class Bryan Taggart and Jo Beth Graczyk, 325th Aircraft Maintenance Unit.

Aircraft Armament System Technician of the Year: Airman 1st Class Elise Gotschall, 393rd AMU.

Aircraft Armament System Supervisor of the Year: Master Sgt. Joseph Eccleton, 509th Maintenance Group.

Aircraft Armament System Manager of the Year: Master Sgt. Jeffrey Moore, 393rd AMU.

The Maintenance Professionals of the



Photo by Airman Ryan Wilson

The 509th Bomb Wing's 2003 Maintenance Professionals of the Year pose for a photo. Pictured left to right (back row) are Chief Master Sgt. James Turner, 509th Maintenance Group, retired Lt. Gen. Michael Zettler, former deputy chief of staff for installations and logistics, Airman 1st Class Aldous Lockwood, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Col. Chris Matson, 509th MXG commander, Staff Sgts. Jeffrey Samack and Donald Von Dach, 325th Aircraft Maintenance Unit, Master Sgt. Roy Person, 509th Maintenance Squadron, Staff Sgt. Brian Pankratz, 509th Munitions Squadron, Master Sgt. Jeffrey Moore, 393rd AMU, Col. Ned Schoeck, 509th BW vice commander, (front row) Airmen 1st Class James Muskelly, 509th MUNS, and Elise Gotschall, 393rd AMU, Tech. Sgt. Travis Deshong, and Airmen 1st Class Aaron Taylor and Jennifer Figueroa, 509th MUNS.

Year are:

Airman 1st Class Aldous Lockwood, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, in the airman category,

Staff Sgt. Brian Pankratz, 509th MUNS, in the NCO category, and **Master Sgt. Roy Person,** 509th Maintenance Squadron, in the senior NCO category.

Portal provides information, access, instant messaging

By Staff Sgt. Todd Lopez
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Air Force senior leaders have asked airmen to sign up for a new Web-based technology that promises to streamline access to information across the force — the Air Force Portal.

In a December information technology initiatives memo, Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James Roche and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper asked that Airmen sign up for an Air Force Portal account as soon as possible.

"The Air Force Portal will be the Airman's interface to all services and information needed to perform his or her job," the memo stated.

Airmen may register for access to the portal by logging onto the Web site at <https://www.my.af.mil> and clicking on the self-registration link. The registration process is self-guided.

The portal is a Web-based system developed to incorporate as many Air Force information applications as possible. The result of such an integration is that systems such as the virtual military personnel flight or functional area applications, such as a munitions ordering or parts tracking system, would be accessible from one Web site, said Lt. Col. Dan Hausauer, portal integration division chief.

"The long-term vision is that the majority of applications and content will come through the Air Force Portal," Colonel Hausauer said. "Today there are hundreds of applications that are either accessible through the portal or are actually within the framework of the portal. In fact, the portal has the capability right now to house applications or to link to them on their current environment, wherever they are."

The key benefit to such an integration is the idea of a single user login. Once a user logs in, the portal authenticates a user into the application. This means that with each new application integrated into the portal, users will have one less Web address, login name and password to remember, Colonel Hausauer said.

"You can log into the portal with a single user name and password, and from there, these users can get to their applications without having to reauthenticate," Colonel Hausauer said. "Some users within the logistics communi-

ty have told me that in the past they've had (more than) 50 user names and password combinations, and now they need only one."

The logistics community has done the most to integrate their applications into the portal and to integrate the system into their own processes, Colonel Hausauer said. Besides logistics applications, other applications such as myPay and LeaveWeb are soon to follow.

A recent change to the portal makes it easier for users to get access. Now, users can access the system from any Internet-connected computer at home, at work or on the road, Colonel Hausauer said.

When users are on temporary duty, the portal makes it easy to stay in contact with co-workers at their permanent duty stations in real-time. The portal includes an instant messaging system similar to those found on the dot-com side of the Internet. The Air Force Instant Messenger was used most recently during operations in Southwest Asia, Colonel Hausauer said.

"When the war kicked off, a lot of people on the front lines had difficulty getting to phone lines," Colonel Hausauer said. "People with network connectivity were using AFIM to do their job, like ordering mission-essential parts for aircraft or 'IMing' back to their home station in the United States to ask for assistance."

During those operations, AFIM had been set up to interface with commercial messaging systems so deployed airmen could communicate with friends and family on their "buddy lists." That capability has been temporarily disabled, but Colonel Hausauer said it would return following a security review.

For every application that has already been assimilated into the portal framework, there may be many others that have not, Colonel Hausauer said. One way to expedite their integration is for those most familiar with those systems to speak up, and ask for them to be incorporated into the portal.

"A challenge for us is to get owners to come to us with their applications and to work with us to integrate them into the portal," Colonel Hausauer said. "We can make our security layer work for them, plus give them the benefit of the single user login. We also look to users to insist upon having the applications they use brought to the portal."



Photo by Senior Airman Shawn Clements

Capt. Steve Smart, 509th Bomb Wing, uses his new Air Force portal account. Air Force members were required to have a portal account by Thursday.

Users need to ask their (leaders) if they can make that happen."

Besides providing an integrated interface to existing Air Force applications, the portal provides some functionality of its own. The portal includes a "white pages" section that lists everybody in the Air Force. It includes personalization features that lets users adjust the presentation to suit their needs. The system allows users to upload favorites from their desktop computers, so those frequently used Web addresses are available from anywhere in the world.

As more systems are brought into the portal, the Air Force moves closer to its overall vision for a Net-centric force.

"The Air Force vision is to bring a virtual desktop to the airman and to bring all the applications you need to do your job to that desktop," Colonel Hausauer said. "You will have the ability to access them all with one login name and password, they will all work together seamlessly, and you will be able to access them from anywhere. That's the future."

ALS graduates 24 future NCOs

Airman Leadership School Class 04-C graduated 24 senior airmen March 25 at Mission's End.

Award winners are:

William Baumgarten, 509th Operations Support Squadron, John L. Levitow and Leadership awards.

Stephen DuBois, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, Distinguished Graduate.

Jonathan Latson, 509th Munitions Squadron, Academic Achievement Award.

Other graduates are:

Daniel Graham, Jeremy Hord, Eric Hunt, Christopher Johnson, David Kerr and **Landon Scheer**, 509th Aircraft

Maintenance Squadron,

Melissa Biggs, Brandon Denmon, Joshua Gray and **Aaron Thompson**, 509th Maintenance Squadron,

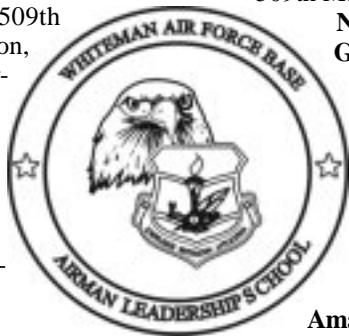
Nicholas Budenz, Justin Geers, Christopher Moore and **Joshua Ray**, 509th Security Forces Squadron,

Elizabeth Peters and **Sherry York**, 509th Medical Operations Squadron,

Jessica McWilliams, 393rd Bomb Squadron,

Loretta Cassatt and **Amanda Rodriguez**, 509th OSS, **Timothy Bayes**, 509th CES, and

Zebulun Coy, 509th Maintenance Operations Squadron.



18 graduate NCO Academy

Eighteen Whiteman technical sergeants graduated from the NCO Academy March 24 at Keesler Air Force Base, Miss.

Award winners are:

David Burges, 72nd Test and Evaluation Squadron, Distinguished Graduate and Academic Achievement awards.

Randy Sellers, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, Distinguished Graduate.

Other graduates are:

William Barfknecht, 509th Medical Support Squadron,

Joseph Blinn and **Tyler Slawson**, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron,

Walt Farwell, 509th Bomb Wing,

Michael Fulghum, David Giese and **John McGovern**, 509th Maintenance Squadron,

David Griffith, 509th Communications Squadron,

Regan Musser and **Jeffrey Spalding**, 509th CES,

Edward Paxton and **Geoffrey Sparks**, 509th Security Forces Squadron,

Keith Porter and **Bryan Thomas**, 509th Munitions Squadron,

Michael Scadden, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, and

Kyle Thompson, 509th Operations Support Squadron.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Joe Lacdan

Good on ya!

Master Sgt. Al Vencill, 509th Communications Squadron, speaks with **1st Lt. Tim Hensley**, 509th CS. Sergeant Vencill won the Air Combat Command Communications and Information Professional of the Year Award for spectrum management. He is the superintendent for the 509th CS Mission Systems Flight. Sergeant Vencill led the public address setup and operations for more than 110,000 people during Whiteman's 2003 air show. He also processed 25 five-year frequency reviews and resolved spectrum issues with the B-2 fleet.

Whiteman members win ACC medical awards



Photos by Senior Airman Shawn Clements

Staff Sgt. Jessica Hill, 509th Medical Support Squadron, scans a prescription to verify what patient it goes to. Sergeant Hill won the Air Combat Command NCO Pharmacy Technician of the Year Award. Sergeant Hill was part of a team that dispensed 157,538 prescriptions. She also built the Tricare online pharmacy, physical therapy and optometry Web pages. Sergeant Hill packaged and dispensed almost \$10,000 worth of medications for the 442nd Fighter Wing for short-notice deployments.



Bioenvironmental engineering team members (back row) Senior Airman Hans Umhoefer, Staff Sgts. Timothy Houey and Joey Potaczek, and Master Sgt. Steve Chabotte, (front row) 2nd Lt. Thomas Heier, Staff Sgt. Erin Winder, Deanne Koyles, and Senior Airmen Joyce Baum and Kelly Ruffo, 509th Medical Support Squadron, won the Air Combat Command Bioenvironmental Engineering Team of the Year Award. The team gas mask fit-trained 972 base members for deployments. They also tested and collected 150 water samples to ensure Whiteman has safe drinking water. Not pictured are: Capt. Paul Hopper, 2nd Lt. Michael Horenziak, Staff Sgt. Lisa Shastay, Senior Airman Summer Conner and Airman Davinderpal Singh.



Laboratory team members (back row) Victoria Robinson, Staff Sgts. Tirso Arjona and Topaz Cole, Tech. Sgt. Barry Culbreath, Master Sgt. Mark Atkins and Maj. Steven Stern, and (front row) Master Sgt. Earl Angeles, 509th Medical Support Squadron, won the Air Combat Command Laboratory Team of the Year Award. The team was rated best in the Air Force on their first proficiency test after the \$86,000 homeland defense laboratory stand-up. They also accomplished 44,000 reportable tests and collected 241 post-deployment specimens.

AFAF: Airmen helping Airmen

By Senior Airman Shawn Clements
Public Affairs

The window of opportunity to help fellow Air Force members by donating to the Air Force Assistance Fund is coming to an end. April 11 is the last day of Whiteman's 2004 campaign.

Whiteman's goal this year is to have 50 percent participation with a monetary goal of \$49,934. So far, 17 percent of Whiteman members have contributed a total of \$35,448.

The total this year at this time is higher than the total from last year, said Capt. Shad Lacktorin, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron and the 509th Bomb Wing project officer.

The Air Force Aid Society has provided more than \$21,000 in assistance to Whiteman members in 2004. Car repairs and emergency travel are the top reasons for emergency assistance.

Project officers, their units and phone numbers are:

Capt. Shad Lacktorin, 509th LRS, 687-4216,

Senior Master Sgt. Donald Carney, 509th Services Squadron, 687-6520,

Capt. Robert Fritz, 442nd Fighter Wing, 687-3841,

Master Sgt. William Hahn, 72nd Test and Evaluation Squadron, 687-1639,

Tech. Sgt. Yolanda Newton, 715th Weapons School, 687-1119,

2nd Lt. Jennifer Pickett, 509th BW, 687-3445,

Capt. Christopher Seaman, 509th Medical Group, 687-2138,

Staff Sgt. Amy Gibson, 509th Medical Operations Squadron, 687-1929,

Master Sgt. Steven Chabotte, 509th Medical Support Squadron, 687-1194,

1st Lt. Tyron Wright, 509th Mission Support Group, 687-6180,

Master Sgt. Robert Striegel, 509th MSG, 687-1381,

Staff Sgt. Matthew Null, 509th Contracting Squadron, 687-5423,

Master Sgt. Robert Striegel, 509th MSG, 687-1381,

2nd Lt. Nathan Hogan, 509th Communications Squadron, 687-7085.

Master Sgt. Marcus Gray, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron,

2nd Lt. Russell Rumley, 509th LRS, 687-5295,

Staff Sgt. Christy Aselstine, 509th SFS, 687-6404,

Staff Sgt. Aadel Najafi, 509th SVS, 687-4740,

2nd Lt. Willie Babor, 509th Maintenance Group, 687-5919,

Master Sgt. Angela Catchings, 509th MXG, 687-5950,

1st Lt. Tim Beck, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, 687-4790,

Staff Sgt. Edward Linstrom, 509th Maintenance Operations Squadron, 687-1950,

Tech. Sgt. Donald Bertrand, 509th Munitions Squadron, 687-4425,

2nd Lt. Scott Orme, 509th Maintenance Squadron, 687-2479,

Tech. Sgt. Gerald Crowley, 509th Operations Group, 687-4877,

2nd Lt. Jason Aeschliman, 325th Bomb Squadron, 687-3251,

Master Sgt. James Sales, 393rd BS, 687-1761,

Tech. Brian Lowers, 509th Operations Support Squadron, 687-4877,

Tech. Sgt. Todd Lewis, 509th OSS, 687-6103,

Staff Sgt. Danielle Gresser, 509th OSS, 687-4878,

Staff Sgt. Darryl Henderson, 509th OSS, 687-1757,

and **Airman James Dockery**, 509th OSS, 687-1841.

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Airman 1st Class Nicole Strawhand, 509th Medical Support Squadron, refills a bin on the PharmASSIST machine.

PharmASSIST

New equipment helps fill, verify prescriptions

Progress by Whiteman pharmacy staff members is continuing to move forward with an Air Force-wide upgrade on equipment used to fill and verify prescriptions.

The new system, called "PharmASSIST," requires pharmacy staff members to process prescriptions in a different manner than patients and staff members are accustomed to.

PharmASSIST improves patient safety in the prescription-filling process. The value of avoiding a medication error is priceless and this equipment will add a layer of protection.

The pharmacy staff previously filled prescriptions once they were typed in by the provider. This delayed the process for patients who were already waiting on medications.

Under PharmASSIST, patient information must be gathered and entered into the system's safeguards before prescriptions are processed.

For this new process to work effectively, patients visiting the pharmacy need to check in at the pharmacy window after their appointment in order to begin the filling process. This check-in process change began Jan. 20, in order to get providers, patients and pharmacy staff into the new routine before the equipment was installed.

Some wait times are anticipated until the pharmacy staff becomes accustomed to the new equipment. To accommodate the new automated dispensing equipment, the pharmacy renovated a majority of its fixtures. The pharmacy staff has been working 12-hour days for more than two weeks to renovate, install and train on this new system.

Support from facilities management, information systems, medical logistics, Science Applications International Corporation and base communications was required to complete this project.

While patients have seen initial delays in prescription processing, these delays are diminishing as the staff becomes more adept at using the equipment, said 509th Medical Group officials. (Courtesy of the 509th Medical Group.)

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Photo by Senior Airman Shawn Clements

Master Sgt. Jim Sales, 393rd Bomb Squadron first sergeant, speaks with Airman Lakeisha Carter and Airman 1st Class Lafrinia Carpenter, 393rd BS, about patriotism.

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 Sales

393rd Bomb Squadron Additional Duty First Sergeant

Where does your patriotism begin and end?

Do you remember the last time you watched your favorite sporting event on television? As the national anthem played and the camera panned the crowd, did you see people looking at each other, not sure what to do? Did they place their hand over their heart, or were they talking and continuing with their activities, seemingly not concerned with the national anthem?

Let's bring the issue closer to home. Let's say it's the end of the duty day. Retreat has sounded and the national anthem is playing. Does this sound familiar? Some people run to their cars, while others leave their buildings only to turn around and go back inside when they hear the national anthem.

Were any of these people you? Some people may view saluting the flag and respecting the national anthem as customs, courtesies and respect. I see it as patriotism.

Where did your patriotism begin and where does it end? Maybe it began in grade school with the pledge of allegiance and the teacher talking about our country.

A world war has never been fought on American soil but Sept. 11, 2001, made us take our freedom and liberties more seriously. That day should have made you understand. We shouldn't allow ourselves to get complacent with our patriotism or allow it to fade or disappear.

Patriotism is American pride that makes people want to stand up and yell, "I'm proud to be an American." It's patriotism that makes our reactions to retreat and the national anthem automatic. Don't run away from the music — run to the music! We want to be seen paying respect to our flag.

Patriotism should live in us daily. Be proud and thankful of our heritage. Next time you hear the national anthem, stand tall and challenge those who are with you to do the same. It's through patriotism that the hearts and minds of Americans will remain dedicated to keeping America strong and free. Do your part!

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Whiteman Spirit Award



Senior Airman Jamesca Batiste

509th Services Squadron

Senior Airman Jamesca Batiste, 509th Services Squadron, received the Whiteman Spirit Award from Col. Ned Schoeck, 509th Bomb Wing vice commander, Tuesday.

Master Sgt. Drew Hill, 509th Security Forces Squadron, nominated her for the award for her work during the conventional operational readiness exercise.

During the week of the exercise the security forces squadron received augmentees to help fill security postings during higher force protection conditions, Sergeant Hill said.

"I called the dining facility and explained to Airman Batiste that I needed to get meals for more than 110 augmentees because they didn't have anything to eat," he said. "She was very courteous and understood the situation."

"Airman Batiste took the initial order over the phone without having me send the proper paperwork. This order was taken after the dining hall's normal deadline for take out orders," Sergeant Hill said.

"Airman Batiste went above and beyond by helping our augmentees, ensuring they received a meal during their 12-hour shift," he said.

Personally Speaking

Duty title: Food service specialist

Time on station: 3 years, 6 months

Time in service: 3 years, 11 months

Hometown: Cocoa Beach, Fla.

Hobbies: Reading books and writing poetry.

Goals: To finish school and become a veterinarian.

Best thing about Whiteman: It's very family oriented.

Pet peeves: Not leading by example.

What motivates your winning spirit? I like to see customers smiling faces. It lets me know I did my job well.

If you could change one thing at Whiteman, what would it be? Put more shopping areas and restaurants closer to the base.

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.

Spirit Spotlights

... on Colt Jordan, Jessica Kowalczyk, Jaydin Beckett, Tyshana Forrest, Amber Raub, Lillian Maschke, Brandon McCall, Brysen, Dela Cruz, Matthew Gangemella, Maurice Ingram, Rebecca Gangemella, Ty Hults, Andrew Giacona, Quinn Ballard, Sarah Murphy, Jordan Rowe, Jayson Bachowski, Jamal Tuggle, Alysia Williams, Kyle Schliffke, Taylor Wagner, Kelsey Little, Sterling Winkler, Trenton Greevebiester, Christina Smith, Randi Roberson, Hayden Tafolla and Kindra Wellman, for being Whiteman Elementary School's April students of the month.

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Photo by Airman 1st Class Joe Laddan

Lt. Col. Armand Izzo administers the oath of enlistment as Senior Airman Kristeena Gonzalez re-enlists. They are members of the 509th Bomb Wing.

97 make commitment to stay

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

In February and March, 97 members of the 509th Bomb Wing made a commitment to stay with the Air Force.

These people decided to stay:

Senior Airmen Neal Agent, 509th Maintenance Squadron, **Jeffrey Bailey**, 509th MXS, **Joyce Baum**, 509th Medical Group, **Matthew Bogenrief**, 509th Security Forces Squadron, **Trinity Brown**, 509th SFS, **Keyonna Carter**, 509th Services Squadron, **Tommy Crahan**, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, **Gricelda Garcia**, Detachment 12, Air Combat Command Training Support Squadron, **Nicholas Giordano**, 509th MXS, **Kristeena Gonzalez**, 509th BW, **Sommer Halliburton**, 509th MedGp, **Chad Imes**, 509th AMXS, **Kelly Johnson**, 509th MedGp, **Jeffrey Maese**, 509th MXS, **Porscha Pellom**, 509th Maintenance Operations Squadron, **Katherine Peters**, 509th Munitions Squadron, **Dwight Parrish**, 509th MXS, **Jon Powell**, 509th Communications Squadron, **Kamarudini Raimi**, 509th MUNS, **Phillip Rogers**, 509th MXS, **Travis Smith**, 509th MedGp, **Travis Smith**, 509th MXS, **William Smith**, 509th Operations Support Squadron, **Dennis Valerio**, 509th MXS, **Karen Wigger**, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron, **Curtis Wilson**, 509th AMXS

Staff Sgts. Charles Anderson, 509th MXS, **David Ball**, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, **Michael Becker**, 509th CES, **Nicole Bennett**, 509th CS, **Dwayne Bolles**, 509th AMXS, **David Boisvert**, 509th AMXS, **Danny DeOrnellas**, 509th CS, **Jarod Fausett**, 509th CS, **Robert Fleming**, 509th CES, **Staci Funk**, 509th SFS, **Quiana Gainey**, 509th OSS, **Christopher Gresser**, 509th MUNS, **Crystal Heilig**, 509th CS, **Jessica Hill**, 509th MedGp, **Allen Lindsay**, 509th SFS, **James Loiacano**, 509th MXS, **Brett Morgenweck**, 509th SFS, **Kenneth Norris**, 509th MedGp, **William Partin**, 509th CS, **Monika Perry**, 509th MedGp, **Michael Rich**, 509th MXS, **Timothy Rigelman**, 509th MXS, **David Rohde**, 509th AMXS, **Richard Rogers**, 509th AMXS, **William**

Runyan, 509th AMXS, **Daniel Salkowski**, 509th CS, **Angelique St. Pierre**, 509th MOS, **Walter Swan**, 509th MUNS, **Derek Taylor**, 509th AMXS, **Joseph Titus**, 509th MUNS, **Stacy Waller**, 715th Weapons Squadron, **Callie Wilson**, 394th Combat Training Squadron

Tech. Sgts. Vernice Belin, 509th SVS, **Donald Bertrand**, 509th MUNS, **Brian Egger**, 509th OSS, **Steven Eggers**, 509th LRS, **Bernard Godfrey**, 509th MXS, **James Graham**, 509th OSS, **Jeffrey Hudson**, 509th LRS, **Theodore Jones**, 509th MedGp, **Shelly Kertz**, 509th MUNS, **James Lehman**, 509th MedGp, **Barney Lopez**, 325th Bomb Squadron, **Samuel Miller**, 509th SFS, **Shannon Moore**, 509th Mission Support Squadron, **Tony Piper**, 509th SFS, **Keith Porter**, 509th MUNS, **Bruce Solberg**, 509th MXS, **Geoffrey Sparks**, 509th SFS, **Brian Tobin**, 509th MXS, **Jerry Waller**, 715th WPNS

Master Sgts. Patrick Acheson, 509th SFS, **Terry Addleman**, 509th MOS, **John Benson**, 509th CS, **Jonathan Broadway**, 509th AMXS, **David Doty**, 509th MOS, **Deborah Garcia**, 509th MXS, **Marcus Gray**, 509th CES, **Ken Landreneau**, 509th MOS, **Sheila Moses**, 509th LRS, **Dannette Nall**, 509th Comptroller Squadron, **Cory Nicolson**, 509th BW, **Patrick Smith**, 509th MXS, **Richard Stover**, 509th MUNS, **Joseph Whitehair**, 509th MOS, **Roger Williams**, 509th CES, **Thomas Yetzer**, 509th BW

Senior Master Sgts. Wesley Maxwell, 509th MOS, **Dana Phillips**, 509th AMXS

Chief Master Sgts. Bryan Brown, 509th MUNS, **Nancy Taulbee**, 509th MSS,

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

Hotel Whiteman

Lodging offers affordable luxury

Story and photos by Airman 1st Class Joe Laddan
Public Affairs

Psssst. Whiteman's lodging may be one of the best in ACC. But don't tell the rest of the Air Force. They'll discover this for themselves when visiting Whiteman.

Measuring at 460 square feet, each room in the Whiteman Inn features a kitchenette, living room, bathroom and bedroom. Each suite has a microwave and two televisions. All this, at the standard rate of \$24 per night.

"Customer service is the Whiteman Inn's No.1 priority," said Staff Sgt. Janet Allende, Whiteman Inn guest service representative and 509th Services Squadron member. "It's our goal to make Whiteman your home away from home."

The Whiteman Inn has 59 suites plus two handicap rooms available to guests, military members on temporary duty assignments and members on temporary lodging. But there's more.

The Whiteman Inn staff maintains 33 additional rooms in Enterprise Hall.

Three distinguished visitor houses are among the highlights of the base. Tech Sgt. Keith Johnson, 509th SVS, said hotel staff members take special care of these houses.

The Truman house is the most prestigious of these houses, usually reserved for generals and distinguished visitors. The 1,364-square-foot house contains three bedrooms, a full-size kitchen and a fireplace. The Spirit of America spans 1,300 square feet with three bedrooms while the Spirit of Kitty Hawk is 1,000 square feet with two bedrooms.

"We're the first impression of Whiteman. We're one of the first things people will see when they come here," said Whiteman Inn manager Joey Sanchez.

The Whiteman Inn staff also has special accommodations for military families who have just processed into the base. Located across from the child development center, the temporary lodging facility features apartments. There are 29 one-bedroom quarters and two three-bedroom quarters for larger families, Mrs. Sanchez said.

But living accommodations aren't the only services the Whiteman Inn provides. The Whiteman Inn staff also makes reservations for use of the base theater for briefings, meetings and other large gatherings.



Whiteman Inn employee Bryant Williams makes a bed in one of 59 suites in the Whiteman Inn. Each suite features a bedroom, common area, kitchenette and bathroom.



Edna Roberson, wife of Tech. Sgt. Johnnie Roberson, 509th Medical Support Squadron, relaxes in a suite at the temporary lodging facility. The Robersons just processed into the base and are living in the suite until they find a permanent residence.



Tech. Sgt. Keith Johnson, front desk supervisor, helps Tech. Sgt. Danny White, 509th Munitions Squadron, make a reservation. Sergeant White is a sponsor of new troops processing into the base.



Tech. Sgt. Keith Johnson, 509th Services Squadron, inspects a candle holder in the Truman House. The 1,364-square foot house is the largest and most prestigious of the three designated visitor houses.



Master Sgt. Ken Dufton, 509th Services Squadron lodging superintendent, speaks with Whiteman Inn staff member Pat Marburger inside a distinguished visitor suite. The suite is the same size as a regular suite, but with added furniture and amenities such as wine glasses and daily newspapers. There are also suites reserved for colonels and chiefs.



Senior Airman Nicole DeHoff, 509th Services Squadron, makes a reservation for a customer. Military members on temporary duty assignments can make reservations over the phone or at the front desk. Customers not on temporary duty status or official business must reserve a room 24 hours in advance and rooms are on a space-available basis.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Joe Lacdan

Capt. Nancy Watkins-Owens, family advocacy officer, and Jeannine Johnson, family advocacy outreach manager, place pamphlets on child abuse prevention in a booth at the clinic. They are 509th Medical Operations Squadron members.

Can one person make a difference?

In Spring 1989, a grandmother named Bonnie Finney took a stand against child abuse in Norfolk, Va. When she tied a blue ribbon on the antenna of her van, it was a signal to her community of her personal battle against child abuse.

Her grandson, Michael Dickenson, was the tragic victim. His battered body was found beaten and bruised in a weighted tool box at the bottom of a canal.

“The blue ribbon serves as a constant reminder to fight for the protection of children,” Mrs. Finney said. “We must protect our most precious gift of all — our children. Please wear a blue ribbon, put one on your car, give one to your friends. Tell them what it means. You may save a child’s life.”

Mrs. Finney’s effort to increase child maltreatment awareness was joined by a Norfolk parent assistance program and a radio station.

Soon, stores, businesses, schools, churches, civic organizations and social service agencies participated in the campaign and thousands of blue ribbons were displayed in the name of child abuse prevention.

The spirit of her blue ribbon campaign grew and inspired a statewide community-based effort to prevent and stop child abuse.

Today, many states participate in the campaign during April, which is designated as Child Abuse Prevention month. Mrs. Finney inspired a nationwide movement to focus attention on the importance of child abuse prevention.

Can one person make a difference? Wear a blue ribbon. Encourage your friends and neighbors to also.

Learn something about child abuse in your community and share what you have learned with others. Knowledge and the will to make a difference will make a difference for Missouri’s children.

Each year in April, the Whiteman family advocacy program sponsors a blue ribbon campaign to recognize Child Abuse Prevention month.

Each year blue ribbons are available in cans designed by the children at the youth center. Ribbons are located at the library, family support center, child development center, youth center, chapel and the base exchange.

They’re also available at the information and education display 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday at the commissary. The CDC and family child care children will have a special picture display at the BX.

A car seat safety check takes place 11 a.m.-3 p.m. April 28 at the Missouri Army National Guard Armory parking lot. Appointments are required. For more details or to make a reservation for the car seat safety check, call the family advocacy center at 687-4342 or stop by the display at the commissary and talk to Jeannine Johnson, family advocacy outreach manager. **(Courtesy of the family advocacy center.)**

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509er scores 100 on fitness test

By Airman 1st Class Joe Lacdan
Public Affairs

Jonathan Owens was 16 years old when he decided he wanted to become a cut above the normal athlete. He didn't know then, but a decade later he would make fitness history at Whiteman.

The 509th Civil Engineer Squadron firefighter crew chief became the first Whiteman member to score a 100 with the new Air Force fitness standards. Owens pounded out 77 pushups in one minute, then did 57 sit ups in another minute. He finished the 1.5-mile run in 9 minutes, 26 seconds.

"I wasn't really impressed or surprised," Owens said. "(Scoring 100) was my goal."

The staff sergeant, now 25, said he has the same desire to exercise he had 10 years ago.

Then a multi-sport athlete, Owens decided to develop a more intensive workout schedule at 16. He also began to eat right. He was a centerfielder for his high school's baseball team, and also competed on his school's track, cross country and wrestling teams. With his increased workouts he said he noticed increases in strength and stamina.

"I realized I could run longer and faster for a longer period of time," said the Tampa Bay, Fla., native.

His new workout routine produced results, as Owens posted a personal best time of 7:38 in the 1.5-mile run. He also received a scholarship to play baseball at a Division II university in Florida.

Owens said today he tries to work out four to five times per week and encourages his Airmen to do the same. The 5-foot-9-inch, 168-pound Owens said he runs for 20 minutes during each workout and also exercises for 40 minutes. He said he tries to eat a lot of carbohydrates and protein, and tries to limit his calorie intake.

"(Keeping in shape) is very important because it's part of my career field," said Owens, who has been a firefighter for more than six years. "I do it for personal satisfaction, but also because it's my duty."

Owens received a certificate for his score and a commander's coin from Lt. Col. Jeffery Vinger, 509th CES commander.

Owens' duties as a firefighter include responding to medical and structural emergencies, and aircraft and vehicle accidents. He's also a member of his squadron's intramural softball team.



Photo by Senior Airman Shawn Clements

Jonathan Owens, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, was the first Whiteman member to score a 100 on the new Air Force fitness standards.



Courtesy photo

Champions today, stars of tomorrow

The fifth-seventh grade youth center basketball team, Bulls, took first place in their age group. The squad finished with an 11-0 record. Pictured are: coach Mark Koeppen, 509th Comptroller Squadron, Zach Klotz, son of Kent and Cherie Klotz, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron, Tim and Garret Rowe, sons of Timothy and Beth Rowe, 509th Security Forces Squadron, Jarad Askren, son of James and Jane Askren, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Matt Ramage, son of Steve and Kristi Ramage, 509th AMXS, Aaron Kelley, son of Mary and Rob Kelley, 509th CPTS, Josh Cobb, son of Keith and Renee Cobb, former 509th Bomb Wing command chief master sergeant, Michael Ketchen, son of Gavin and Debbie Ketchen, 393rd Bomb Squadron.



Photo by Senior Airman Shawn Clements

Sailing volleyball

Andrew Feistel, 393rd Bomb Squadron intramural volleyball player, spikes the ball over a pair of 509th Munitions Squadron players Tuesday night. The 393rd BS team fell to the 509th MUNS squad, 25-11, 18-25, 15-6.

Sports briefs

Four qualify for ACC bowling tournament

The bowling center held a qualification tournament for the Air Combat Command Bowling Tournament. The qualifier is broken down into four individual divisions with men and women each having a scratch and handicap division. Each entrant bowled 18 games broken over three separate nights to post their final score. The Winner's are:

Men's scratch

1st place: **Preston Dome**, 509th Services Squadron, 3,902 pins.

2nd place: **Brian Hill**, 509th Bomb Wing, 3,777 pins.

3rd place: **Larry Billings**, 509th Operations Support Squadron, 3,646 pins.

Women's scratch

1st place: **Michele Tyler**, 509th Communications Squadron, 3,417 pins.

Men's handicap

1st place: **Dean Hinker**, 509th Maintenance Squadron, 3,951 pins.

2nd place: **Sam Stocklin**, 509th Bomb Wing, 3,802

pins.

3rd place: **Bob Farnsworth**, 509th Maintenance Squadron, 3,727 pins.

Women's handicap

1st place: **Stacey Langley** 3,728 pins.

Coach needed

A head coach is needed for the 2004 Whiteman varsity softball team. Tryouts for the team begin at 5 p.m. April 19-30 on field one. For more details, call Tech. Sgt. Don Ware at 687-5496.