

# SPIRIT



Photo by Maj. Don Langley

## Working together

**BAGHDAD, IRAQ — Senior Airman Robert Huber, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron, distributes visitor badges to Iraqi laborers before they begin working in Baghdad's International Zone. Airman Huber has been deployed since May, performing force protection duties for the Multinational Forces here.**

## Red Carpet Rollout

**U.S. Rep. Ike Skelton**

Missouri's 4th District

**Raymond DuBois**

Deputy Undersecretary of Defense for Installations and Environment

## News in Brief

### Group change-of-command set

Col. Constance Davis will accept command of the 509th Mission Support Group from Col. Gary Finchum in a change-of-command ceremony at 10 a.m. Tuesday in the 442nd Fighter Wing five-bay hangar. Col. Chris Miller, 509th Bomb Wing commander, will be the presiding official. For more details, call 1st Lt. Russ Rumley, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron, at 687-4194.

### Free child care available

Military members who return from a 30-day or longer deployment in support of the Global War on Terrorism or who return for two weeks under the rest and recuperation program can get up to 16 hours of free child care per child under the Expanded Child Care Program.

Eligible users are active-duty, guard or reserve members assigned to or living on Whiteman. For more details, call the family child care office at 687-1180 or 687-5590.

### Ozark Inn scheduled to reopen

The base dining facility is scheduled to reopen Aug. 16. The official grand opening takes place Aug. 23. For more details call, Master Sgt. Mark Hamrick, 509th Services Squadron, at 687-6503.

### Munitions conducts inventory

The munitions storage area staff will conduct an inventory Aug. 30-Sept. 3. Requests should be scheduled by Aug. 24 so the staff can prepare for the inventory. Only valid emergency issue requests will be processed during the inventory. For more details, call 687-4465.

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## Weather

<b>Saturday</b>		H 84 °
Partly cloudy		L 61 °
<b>Sunday</b>		H 87 °
Partly cloudy		L 65 °

# COMACC to be inducted into 'Order of the Sword'

**By Master Sgt. Mark Haviland**  
Air Combat Command Public Affairs

**LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, Va. (ACCNS) —** Chief master sergeants assigned to Headquarters Air Combat Command surprised their boss, Gen. Hal Hornburg, Air Combat Command commander, with an invitation — to be inducted into ACC's Order of the Sword — during a meeting here July 27.

"The Order of the Sword is the highest honor the enlisted force can bestow on a leader," Chief Master Sgt. Rodney Ellison, ACC command chief, said. "ACC Airmen are saying 'Here is a great leader.'"

During the meeting, the chiefs ushered in the general's wife, Cynthia, before formally presenting the invitation to the ceremony — the exact date and location of the event have not been determined.

The general was visibly moved by the invitation.

"I can't tell you how truly honored I am by this. I've always believed the enlisted corps is at the very heart of what we do, and I've always held you in the highest esteem," General Hornburg said.

Chief Ellison described the ACC commander as "An Airman's Airman."

"General Hornburg's slogan of

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## Commander's Corner

By Col. Chris Miller  
509th Bomb Wing Commander

**READINESS EXERCISE** — Next week, the 509th will conduct another Operational Readiness Exercise.

It's our chance to practice the way we play in the October inspector general inspection, but it's also the way we make sure we're capable of responding to warfighter taskings, 24/7.

It will be a busy week, but the harder we work during the exercise, the better we are!

I encourage you to review "lessons learned" from past exercises and inspections. Think "clear, concise communication" — remember that both safety and security are essential parts of all we do. Thanks in advance for your hard work!

**PERSONAL 'EXERCISE'** — No surprise, but it's August, it's Missouri, and it can be very HOT!

If you're working outside, or supervising those who are, keep the heat in mind and make sure to get enough water and

enough rest inside — out of the heat. And if you're exercising, be alert for signs of overheating.

Children and pets are particularly vulnerable and they need others to watch out for them. Heat injuries can be devastating, but they're preventable.

**MISSOURI STATE FAIR** — The fair is just around the corner! We'll again have a B-2 fly-over for opening day and our community neighbors are giving us great support, as always, by hosting Military Appreciation Day on Aug. 17.

That day, there's FREE admission for anyone with a valid military I.D. and \$1 off admission for all family members.

**OZARK INN** — The dining facility will open Monday, Aug. 16 after some great work by the 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, 509th Services Squadron, our contracting office and contractors!

You won't see huge changes in the dining area, but every aspect of the food preparation, storage, and handling areas has been upgraded — the places that make

the real difference. All enlisted Airmen will see a change in their rations pay amounts on their end-of-month LES; those on meal cards will see the greatest change. Enjoy!

**HONORING OUR PAST** — Today, we mark the 509th's most visible mission during World War II, the strike on Hiroshima that began the end of the war.

509ers then as now were on the forefront of the difficult, demanding business of defending our nation; we train hard to stay strong as "defenders — avengers" so we can avoid having to repeat their momentous missions.

On Monday, Congressman Ike Skelton will help Whiteman rename 11th street, next to our Naval Reserve facility, in honor of Petty Officer John Housel. PO Housel, a native of Sedalia, died as a crewmember of USS Arizona during the attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941.

It's fitting that we honor him, particularly here at Whiteman, which was named after another Missouri warrior who died that same day.

### Ozark Inn opens Aug. 16, affects enlisted pay

Effective Aug. 15 enlisted members will stop receiving rations in kind not available pay at a rate of \$8.75 per day.

Enlisted members will receive the standard basic allowance for subsistence at a rate of \$8.48 per day on Aug. 16.

Members using a meal card will see their meal card deduction start on Aug. 16, resulting in a net \$1.48 per day versus \$8.48 per day.

Members will not see a change in their August mid-month pay. The change will be reflected in the August end of month pay Sept. 1.

Members are reminded to review their leave and earning statements to ensure they are receiving the correct entitlements.

If there is a question regarding a LES, come to finance customer service in Bldg 509.

## Remember Air Force first core value: integrity



Photo by 2nd Lt. Mary Olsen

**Airman 1st Class Anthony Muller, 509th Communications Squadron, attaches an Airmen Against Drunk Driving decal to his car. If you've had too much to drink, call AADD at 687-RIDE (7433) for a free, confidential ride home.**

By Lt. Col. Thomas Bussiere  
325th Bomb Squadron Commander

Recently, Whiteman experienced several incidents where members of our team decided to drive under the influence of alcohol or drink underage.

The individuals involved in these incidents were both experienced NCOs and young Airmen. As we struggle with how to convince our people that this behavior is unacceptable, let's reflect for a moment on the Air Force's first core value: integrity.

Integrity is not only the foundation of leadership — it's the key to building a safe organization. Integrity is important because of the nature of our profession: the profession of arms. Integrity requires self-discipline.

In uncertain and difficult situations, integrity is the compass that will consistently guide our Airmen, on and off duty, along a path committed to appropriate behavior. Integrity creates trust. It's the one character trait that can't be compromised.

Air Force core values of integrity first, service before self and excellence in all we do are much more than minimum standards. They remind us what it takes to get the mission done and they inspire us to always do our very best both on and off duty.

As military members, we're held to the highest standards. We're expected to be mature, productive members of society, to make sound decisions and live by our core values — regardless of our age or rank. We rely on each other to build and sustain Team Whiteman as the Air Force's most respected and feared combat force.

When a member of our team is arrested for driving under the influence, it's a significant hardship on the unit and it has a dramatic impact on our mission.

Our conduct then, fulfilling our responsibilities and

displaying professionalism at all times, is integrally connected to the success of our mission and should remain above reproach. We can tolerate mistakes and even learn valuable lessons from them as long as we always conduct ourselves professionally. Our mission necessitates more restrictive rules and standards.

From our most senior NCO or officer to our newest Airman upon completion of the First-Term Airmen Center, we're obligated to conduct ourselves at all times so as to bring credit upon the Air Force, to fulfill our responsibilities and display professionalism, and to set the example for others to follow. Misconduct and criminal acts are intolerable for military members and counterproductive to accomplishing our mission.

Driving under the influence, failing to obey a lawful order, dereliction of duty, underage drinking and public intoxication have no place in our way of life and must be dealt with appropriately.

Let us never forget the impact driving under the influence of alcohol has on our military team and society. We all have friends who grew up without their father, mother or sibling because of the actions of a drunk driver.

We all understand the hardship associated with losing a valuable member of our team. Let us reflect on our most recent events and grow even more determined to stop this trend and keep on taking care of each other.

We must also continue to emphasize the positive and remain focused on the mission and the people who accomplish it. Despite our recent incidents, Team Whiteman is full of warriors who exhibit integrity in their actions and control over their lives. It's however, the responsibility of each member of Team Whiteman to set the standard by which subordinates, peers and superiors can emulate. If we use integrity as our compass, together we'll get the mission accomplished safely.

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Photo by Christie Harrell

## Show me soccer

The Whiteman men's varsity soccer team placed third in the Show-Me State round robin games in Columbia, Mo. July 31-Aug. 1. "I am proud of the guys because Whiteman made history with our third place finish," said Joe Amegatcher, the team's coach. "This is the best performance we've ever had at the Governor's Cup soccer tournament." Team members include (top left to right): Tom Board, Matt Lewin, Ron Harden, Mike Neubert, Joe Amegatcher, Kamarudini Raimi, Ron Reyome, Freddy Raffaelli, Juan Velleleanos and Mike Addis; (bottom left to right): Rene Allende, Brian Scott, Tim Beck, Junior Pierre-Louis, Rafael Cariaga, Jesse Cascino, Shane Taylor, Leo Fajardo, Joe Kablan and Demena Ilu.

# Heightened safety awareness reduces motorcycle mishaps

By Master Sgt. John Cline  
509th Bomb Wing

During the third quarter of fiscal 2004, Whiteman experienced four reportable mishaps involving motorcycles.

Motorcycle riding is at an all time high and can be an enjoyable form of transportation and recreation. The reality however, is that motorcycling places the operator at greater risk of injury, should a mishap occur.

Oncoming vehicles, stationary objects, and road surfaces are unforgiving to a motorcyclist involved in a mishap. Any of these mishaps could easily result in fatal injuries. For this reason the operator should be fully aware of the hazards and risks involved.

In three out of the four reported mishaps, the riding environment was a common factor. Either debris or loose gravel caused the motorcycle operator to lose control.

Also, in at least three out of the four mishaps, a momentary loss of focus or concentration began the mishap sequence. Each mishap occurred within a split second, allowing the vehicle operator little or no time to react.

Operating any motor vehicle requires continuous focus on the task at hand because you never know when that unplanned event will occur.

Avoid complacency, exercise good judgment and incorporate risk management into all of your activities. Remember to slow down and adjust your driving speed to the road and weather conditions.

When in doubt, slow down.

All vehicle operators are also reminded to look for motorcycles prior to pulling into intersections or changing lanes.

Defensive driving is a must for all vehicle operators. Be safe.



Photo by Melissa Klinkner

**Master Sgt. Chuck Cousins, 442nd Maintenance Operations Flight, checks his tire pressure prior to riding. As a motorcycle safety instructor, Sergeant Cousins said, "Checking tire pressure is one of the most commonly overlooked safety items that could potentially cause a fatal accident."**

## Pentagon Channel streams info

By Tech. Sgt. David Jablonski

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon Channel is available to practically every active-duty, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve Airman and his or her family thanks to a recent expansion of services.

Officials from the office of the secretary of defense for public affairs made the Pentagon Channel free to all cable providers throughout the continental United States in May, and via streaming video in June at: <http://www.pentagonchannel.mil>.

The inaugural broadcast took place May 14.

In order to get the channel, cable television subscribers living off base must call their local provider and ask them to carry it.

"It's up to cable companies, but we've found that they are committed to supporting their customers," said Allison Barber, deputy assistant secretary of defense for internal communications. "If enough customers call to ask the provider to carry the Pentagon Channel, that would be the best scenario. In the meantime, people can download the streaming video."

The Pentagon Channel is also available to any Air Force installation that has a commander's access channel included in the on-base cable package. But currently, only six Air Force bases are taking advantage of it.

"It's an awareness issue," Ms. Barber said. "We need more (people at) Air Force bases to know about the channel. We're only available on six Air Force bases, but we're on a large number of Army, Navy and Marine Corps bases. In fact, we're on 51 military bases now with over 400,000 (Department of Defense) personnel and growing."

Getting the channel is a simple matter of capturing the satellite signal and adding it to the base's cable television program list. A portion of the Web site gives all the technical data to do this. If that is beyond the scope of local experts, the Web site offers assistance over a toll-free telephone line.

"Our Web site contains all the information necessary to download the signal," Ms. Barber said, "and if that's not enough, they can call us for help."

If a base or National Guard armory needs a satellite receiver and dish, OSD-PA can even provide them a set.

The Pentagon Channel broadcasts military news and information for the 2.6 million members of the U.S. armed forces and 650,000 civilian DOD employees worldwide. Programming includes DOD news briefings, military service news, interviews with top defense officials, daily news and information from overseas areas including Iraq, Europe and the Far East. Programming also includes short stories about the specific projects of our military units and individual military members in the United States — as well as overseas — that are contributing to the war on terrorism.

But most people are still not getting the message.

"Our latest research from military members around the world shows that less than 50 percent feel up to speed about military news and information," Ms. Barber said. "And that's a problem."

"That gives me my marching orders every day. That's why we are so aggressive and driven to improve. They deserve better," Ms. Barber added.

"Secretary of Defense (Donald) Rumsfeld and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff General (Richard B.) Myers are very committed to improving internal communication, so this is supported at the highest levels," Ms. Barber said. "It's important for everyone to have access, for the local commander to get that access and get the channel distributed in their communities."

A recent example of how important it is to get the word out happened when President George W. Bush signed the new Soldiers and Sailors Relief Act, but national news media did not cover it.

"One of the new provisions was the leased vehicle turn-in provision," Ms. Barber said. This provision allows reservists and guardsmen who are being deployed to turn in a leased vehicle and end the contract without penalty. "That saved troops a lot of money. The national media never told that story, so we put that out over the Pentagon Channel."

Check out the news online at <http://www.whiteman.af.mil/news.htm>

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CHANNEL

<http://www.pentagonchannel.mil>

## Civil Relief Act info: Car Lease Termination

**Do you lease a car and are about to deploy or make a permanent change of station move overseas?** If so, you may be able to get out of your lease.

The Service members Civil

Relief Act, enacted in December 2003 as a comprehensive overhaul of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940, reflects developments in American life during the last 60 years.

One important addition allows service members entering active duty, PCSing overseas, or deploying for 180 days or more to terminate their lease.

If you qualify, all you have to do is follow the correct procedures, and you will be able to get out of your lease.

Forms for notice of cancellation of car leases, which are approved by the Association of Consumer Vehicle Lessors, are available in the legal office.

For more details, call Capt. Adam Slaughter, 509th Bomb Wing Legal Office, at 687-6809 or visit the legal office 8-10 a.m. Mondays and Tuesdays; and 1-3 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays. *(Courtesy of 509th Bomb Wing Legal Office)*

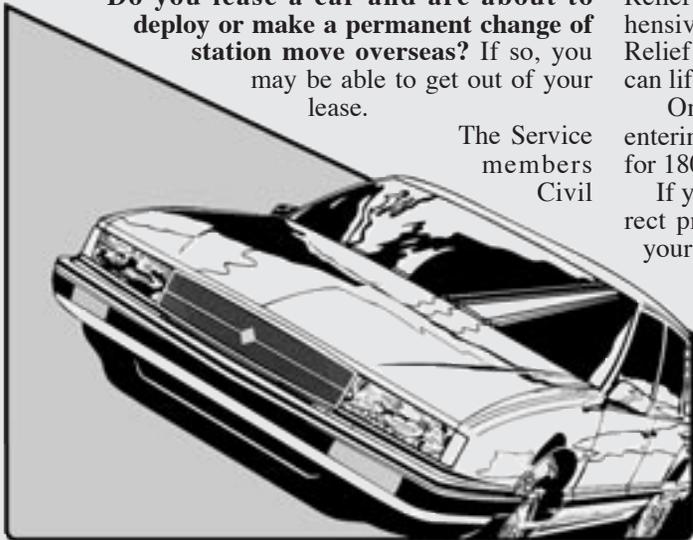


Photo by Tech. Sgt. Joan Anderson-Brown

**Staff Sgt. Carey Turner, deployed member of the 509th Communications Squadron, prepares a large-format graphic display as the sole graphic artist assigned to the 506th Expeditionary Communications Squadron.**

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## 509er hailed 'Diamond Sharp'

**By Capt. Mike Strickler**

506th Aerospace Expeditionary Group

**KIRKUK AIR BASE, Iraq** — If you've received a certificate for a promotion or award in Krabtown, then you're already familiar with the art of Staff Sgt. Carey Turner.

The 506th Aerospace Expeditionary Group first sergeants' council certainly is, as they selected Sergeant Turner as the Diamond Sharp Warrior of the Week.

Sergeant Turner, a graphic arts specialist from Whiteman, is the man behind the art of Kirkuk. "I've been a graphic artist for more than 11 years now," said Sergeant Turner. "For me, the creativity and artistic license make this career worthwhile as I get to express myself through my art."

It's a good thing he loves his job — in Krabtown, his art is in high demand.

"Carey is an integral part of the recognition, awards and promotion ceremonies here," said Senior Master Sgt. Russell McLaughlin, 506th Expeditionary Communications Squadron first sergeant. "He's often called on to produce dozens of certificates with little or no notice. He never flinches; just digs in and produces some of the highest quality products I've seen."

Kirkuk customers seem to agree with that assessment as the thanks and appreciation keep coming via e-mail. For Sergeant Turner, it's one of the best parts of the job.

"It's nice to get that immediate feedback and work in such a highly visible job, especially for my first deployment. I really wasn't sure what to expect here," Sergeant Turner said.

Visions of intense fighting at ground zero pervaded his initial thoughts of deploying to Kirkuk.

But he said he has been pleasantly surprised.

"The tour has been very good so far, and I chalk that up to the excellent services squadron we have and their entertainment programs," he said. "I really enjoy the fitness facilities and access to books and movies. My hat's off to them."

Although an arts aficionado, Sergeant Turner's long-term plans shift from right to left brain — he plans to become an engineer.

"I love math and want to put that interest to good use sometime in the near future," he said. "I can see myself as an electrical or mechanical engineer sometime before my Air Force career ends."

In the meantime, Sergeant Turner is happy to serve Kirkuk and keep up with his reading. "I view this deployment as I do my favorite reading genre," he said. "It's an interesting short story."

# Capital gain tax relief deadline approaches

Have you paid capital gains taxes in the past for the sale of a home? If so, you may be due a refund.

The Military Family Tax Relief Act of 2003 modifies the Internal Revenue Code. It allows active-duty military members to suspend for up to 10 years the five-year assessment period for determining whether a home qualifies as a principal residence on sale when military duty compels owners away from home.

The general rule is a taxpayer must have resided in the home for a cumulative period of two years during the five years preceding the sale to qualify for the full capital gain exclusion, \$250,000 for single people, \$500,000 for married couples. A reduced exclusion applies when the taxpayer resides

in the home for less than two years during this period.

The MFTRA allows service members forced to reside away from the home, due to a permanent change of station move or required to live in base quarters, to suspend the five-year assessment period for as long as 10 years.

Eligible members may amend tax returns for sales for which they included capital gain with their income. A person, who would have qualified for the exclusion had this law been in effect after May 6, 1997, should file a refund claim by November 12.

For more details, call Capt. Adam Slaughter, 509th Bomb Wing, at 687-6809. *(Courtesy of 509th BW Legal Office)*

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'People First-Mission Always' is more than just words on a wall; he genuinely believes this and consistently backs up these words with actions," the chief said. "He has proven, time and time again, that he is definitely worthy of receiving the highest recognition the enlisted men and women can bestow upon their leader."

Historical records show the Order of the Sword started unofficially in the 1500s.

In 1522, King Gustavus the First of Sweden enjoined the noblemen he commissioned to appoint officers to serve him — accountants, builders, craftsmen, teachers, scribes and others responsible for conducting the ordinary daily affairs of the kingdom.

The system worked so well it was incorporated into the Swedish army as a way to establish and maintain a cohesive, disciplined, well-trained force to protect lives and property in the kingdom.

These ancient NCOs would honor their leader and pledge their loyalty by presenting him with a sword.

U.S. Air Force NCOs revised and updated the Order of the Sword ceremony and adopted it in 1967.

Since then, the rare honor of receiving it has only been accorded to those special leaders who take great pride and show great concern for the enlisted corps.

"Nothing could honor me more," the general said. "I'm speechless."

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## 509th MSS, 394th CTS hold change-of-command ceremonies

**Name:** Lt. Col. Stephen Moulton  
**Squadron:** 394th Combat Training Squadron  
**Date assumed command:** July 12  
**Previous assignment:** Chief, Bomber Operations, Air Combat Command Inspector General Squadron  
**Time in service:** 19 years  
**Commissioning source:** U.S. Air Force Academy  
**Family:** Wife, Gina; daughter, Amanda; and sons, Jonathan and Erik

**Hobbies:** Weight lifting, golf, tennis and basketball.

**Why is the squadron important to the Air Force mission:** The 394th CTS is the world's only B-2 formal training unit. Our primary job is to provide the Air Force and theater commanders — the absolute best combat aviators flying the Air Force's premier weapon system. B-2 combat missions are increasingly complex, grueling and critically important to the Air Force Chief of Staff's Global Strike Task Force concept of operations. As we train the wing's pilots to "kick down the door," we must guarantee the theater commanders we support that the B-2 pilots we produce are absolutely ready.

**Command philosophy:** My command philosophy is very simple. Take care of your people and they will take care of you. I am fortunate to command a squadron of highly motivated professionals who have been at the top of every list during their careers — otherwise they would not be here! My challenge is to refine them and help them reach their fullest potential.

**Goals for new position:** My primary goal in my new position is to take care of the people who work for me in practice and on paper. I want the Panthers to continue to work closely with the bomb squadrons and the Operation



Support Squadron to ensure we are providing near full-up combat aviators who meet their expectations and needs. If I can take care of and grow the Airmen who work for me while providing my customers with superbly trained B-2 combat-ready pilots, I will have succeeded as the 394th CTS commander.

**Name:** Lt. Col. Lindsey Borg  
**Squadron:** 509th Mission Support Squadron  
**Date assumed command:** July 14  
**Previous assignment:** Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.  
**Time in service:** 14.5 years  
**Commissioning source:** Air Force ROTC, Iowa State University

**Family:** Wife, Deb, and two sons, Tanner and Nathan

**Hobbies:** Outdoor activities, mountain biking, reading and photography.

**Why is the squadron important to the Air Force mission:** The 509th MSS provides combat capability by developing the Air Force's most important weapon system: its people.

**Command philosophy:** My leadership philosophy is grounded on the Air Force's core values: integrity first, service before self and excellence in all we do. America expects and deserves no less from us.

**Goals for new position:** 1. Provide Airmen, civilians and families the tools and support to be their best for America's premier power projection wing.

2. Provide sound counsel and assistance to the 509th Bomb Wing team as the Air Force shapes its force and transforms to increase combat readiness.

3. Improve and ease support for the Whiteman community through technology, innovation and streamlined processes.



### Civilian Employee of the Week

Tony Burgess, 509th Comptroller Squadron customer support, was nominated as a civilian employee of the week by Rena Morin, 509th CPTS. As a voucher examiner, Mr. Burgess works with people on their travel needs and questions. "Tony demonstrates true commitment to excellence. He takes the extra steps needed to pay the voucher correctly the first time every time. He lives and works by the Air Force's core values and he deserves to be recognized for his hard work," Mrs. Morin said.



Photo by Melissa Klinkner

## Members recognized at promotion ceremony

The 509th Bomb Wing recognized 98 people during the monthly promotion ceremony Monday at Mission's End. They are:

**Airmen Ezekiel Buck**, 509th Security Forces Squadron; **Clint Faddis**, 509th Operations Support Squadron; **Christopher Gora**, 509th Services Squadron; **Tarren Granberry**, 509th Maintenance Squadron; **Bryan Green**, 509th Communications Squadron; **Victor Martino**, 509th SFS; **Kalven Metz**, 509th MXS; **Kamwren Nichols**, 509th SVS and **Eric Ryan**, 509th SFS.

**Airmen 1st Class Travis Berry**, 509th SFS; **Angel Booker**, 509th SFS; **Joshua Brainard**, 509th SFS; **Darryl Donaldson**, 509th Medical Support Squadron; **Anna Goodman**, 509th Mission Support Squadron; **Elizabeth Gould**, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron; **Regis Graham**, 509th Munitions Squadron; **Heather Heimann**, 509th SFS; **Promise Hutton**, 509th MXS; **Kerisha Jackson**, 509th OSS; **Michael Knudsen**, 509th SFS; **Christopher Lane**, 509th SFS; **Michael Palazuelos**, 509th SFS; **Joseph Quinones**, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron; **Derik Sizemore**, 509th SFS; **Jessica Snapp**, 509th MUNS; **Rachel Snook**, 509th MXS; **Matthew Speaks**, 509th CS; **Lucious Williams**, 509th SFS and **Alyssia Balcita**, 509th LRS.

**Senior Airmen Joshua Anderson**, 509th MXS; **Marc Bakker**, 509th CES; **Sherry Bitnoff**, 509th LRS; **Jerry Brooks**, 509th AMXS; **Dexter Brown**, 509th LRS; **Thomas Dec**, 509th MXS; **Simon Dimant**, 509th SVS; **Steven Espitia**, 509th MXS; **James Fitzgerald**, 509th CES; **Cyd Garcia**, 509th Comptroller Squadron; **Jeremy Guidry**, 509th SFS; **Jonathan Harper**, 509th MXS; **Michael Harris**, 509th AMXS; **Michael Hutchins**, 509th MXS; **Phillip James**, 509th AMXS; **Denisse Joaquin**, 509th CS; **Kimberly Jones**, 509th AMXS; **Terry Knight**,

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**Master Sgts. Mark Azbill**, 509th MUNS; **Bradford Bush**, 509th LRS; **Rodney Crowe**, 509th Bomb Wing; **William Epperson**, 509th MUNS; **James Evans**, 509th MXS; **Steven Hertig**, 509th LRS; **William Pauley**, 509th CPTS and **Richard Wilcox**, 509th Maintenance Operations Squadron.

**Senior Master Sgt. Paul Olejniczak**, 509th CES.

## WAPS study list now available

**RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas** — The 2005 testing cycle study materials list is now available for promotion-eligible enlisted members.

The most current Weighted Airman Promotion System Catalog, which lists the materials used by test writers to develop the 2005 promotion tests, is available on the Air Force Personnel Center Web site at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/testing>. The catalog lists study references for those testing for staff through chief master sergeant.

WAPS Career Development Course study material, when required, is automatically shipped to promotion-eligible Airmen by the Air Force Institute for Advanced Distributed Learning. Enlisted Airmen should check the WAPS Catalog every year to ensure they have the current references, which often includes non-CDC publications, officials said.

AFIADL will begin shipping the CDCs in September for people testing for staff, technical and master sergeant. If CDCs are not received by November, Airmen should contact their unit WAPS monitor to initiate follow-up actions, officials said.

Test administration dates for the 2005 chief master sergeant cycle are Sept. 7-10. The dates for senior master sergeant testing are Dec. 6-17, while testing for technical sergeant and master sergeant takes place Feb. 15-March 31, 2005. Senior Airmen will test for staff sergeant May 1-31, 2005.

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## Whiteman Spirit Award



**Emily Avery**  
509th Mission Support Squadron

Emily Avery, 509th Mission Support Squadron, received the Whiteman Spirit Award from Col. Chris Miller, 509th Bomb Wing commander, Monday.

Tech. Sgt. Joseph Taylor, 509th Munitions Squadron, nominated Mrs. Avery for the award.

Sergeant Taylor was dealing with an issue regarding his promotion to master sergeant when he sought the assistance of Mrs. Avery.

Mrs. Avery contacted Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, Air Force Military Personnel Center and Pacific Air Force headquarters in order to expedite the process to locate the a document.

"She provided me with a feeling that someone was looking out for me and was genuinely concerned with my situation," Sergeant Taylor said.

In order to coordinate with the other agencies, Mrs. Avery arrived at work early and stayed after duty hours to ensure the situation was handled with a sense of urgency.

"I'm happy and fortunate to see Whiteman has this type of dedication in the rolls of customer service," Sergeant Taylor said. "Mrs. Avery's assistance proved to be the difference in locating this document and being able to maintain my master sergeant line number."

### Personally Speaking

**Duty title:** Awards and Decorations Representative

**Time on station:** 2 years

**Hometown:** Knob Noster

**Spouse:** Aaron

**Hobbies:** Playing Bunco with friends, volleyball and antiquing.

**Goals:** Finish my Bachelor of Science in human resources degree.

**Best thing about Whiteman:** The people.

**Pet peeves:** When I don't receive the correct number of copies in submissions for decorations.

**What motivates your winning spirit?** Satisfaction of customers.

**If you could change one thing at Whiteman, what would it be?** Contractors and civilian employees at Whiteman should be able to shop at the base exchange and commissary.

### 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](mailto:whiteman.spirit@whiteman.af.mil).



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# 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 Senior Master Sgt. Ken Raub**

509th Security Forces Squadron First Sergeant

Concealed carry is a "no-go" on base.

As many of you have seen in the news, Missouri passed a law last fall regarding concealed carry permits for Missouri citizens. This law allows residents to apply for and receive a permit from the county sheriff to carry a concealed firearm.

Applicants must undergo state-approved training, submit to state and FBI background checks and pay the application fee, which varies by county. The fee in Johnson County is \$38. This process takes approximately three weeks.

After approval, applicants are issued a permit that allows them to carry a concealed firearm, subject to the rules and exclusions provided for by law.

For example, there are places and circumstances where the permit is not valid. Before this law was passed, only state-commissioned peace officers could carry concealed firearms in Missouri.

What many people don't realize is that these concealed carry permits don't apply on military installations. Whiteman is an exclusive federal jurisdiction where state law does not apply. A state-issued concealed weapons permit doesn't allow people to carry a concealed weapon on

Whiteman.

While civilian personnel aren't authorized to carry privately owned weapons on the installation, provisions are made for military members to transport and store such weapons.

Privately owned weapons are strictly controlled on Whiteman, per Whiteman Instruction 31-101, Installation Security Instruction, Chapter 15. This instruction sets the law for military personnel in possession of firearms.

In a nutshell, privately owned weapons:

- ✓ Must be stored in military family housing or the 509th Security Forces armory.
  - ✓ May not be brought into the dormitories at any time.
  - ✓ Must not be stored in privately owned vehicles, other than to transmit to and from housing or the SFS armory.
  - ✓ Must be carried unloaded and not accessible to vehicle occupants.
  - ✓ Must be transported separately from the ammunition.
- Finally, for safety reasons, military members traveling on base with a firearm must declare the weapon to guard and other SFS members on entrance to the installation and if stopped.

As other military installations located in concealed carry states have seen, some people will inevitably attempt to justify carrying a concealed weapon on base by virtue of their state-issued permit.

These people should realize that carrying a concealed weapon on base is a crime — a state-issued permit is not a mitigating factor. Considering the security implications of violating this law, security forces members will treat the problem like the serious issue it is.



Photo by 2nd Lt. Mary Olsen

**Senior Airman Marla Bell, 509th Security Forces Squadron, gives her personally owned weapon to Airman 1st Class Timothy Rea, 509th SFS, to store in the armory.**

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# Blown away

By Melissa Klinkner

Public Affairs

“The balloon guy.”

After nine years of flying hot air balloons, this is how 442nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron member Tech. Sgt. David Steidley has become affectionately known.

Sergeant Steidley began ballooning when he was working as an avionics inspector for Central Missouri State University. “The university purchased a balloon to expand their aviation program and needed a pilot — so I stepped up and the rest is history,” he said.

After having the opportunity to fly the university’s balloon, Sergeant Steidley’s interest grew. It grew so much, in fact, that he made the decision to buy his own hot air balloon from an online ballooning company.

Sergeant Steidley has owned his balloon, which he named “It’s About Time,” for four years and takes almost every opportunity the weather presents to take it on flights.

“Ballooning is such a different way to fly,” he said. “Although you still fly by Federal Aviation Association rules and guidelines, you are much more in tune with your surroundings than in a fixed wing.

“You fly by your sense of feel. Contrary to popular belief, one can use that sense of feel to go in any direction they want. That is, as long as the wind is blowing that way!” he said.

As an avionics technician on the A-10s, he carries the skills attained from an 18-year military career into his hobby of hot air ballooning.

“The same attention to detail in the Air Force is required in ballooning when setting up the balloon and performing a pre-flight check,” Sergeant Steidley said.

He also said the same experience, lessons and philosophies used in flying hot air balloons can be applied to the Air Force and that those ideas can affect where one ends up in their military career.

“Ballooning teaches you that even when there are bigger things around that seem to affect you, you still have the choice of what you want to do. You learn to go with the flow and go with what you have,” Sergeant Steidley said.

“When you go with the flow without forgetting your goal, you’ll eventually end up where you want to be — and get a great view while you’re at it,” he said.

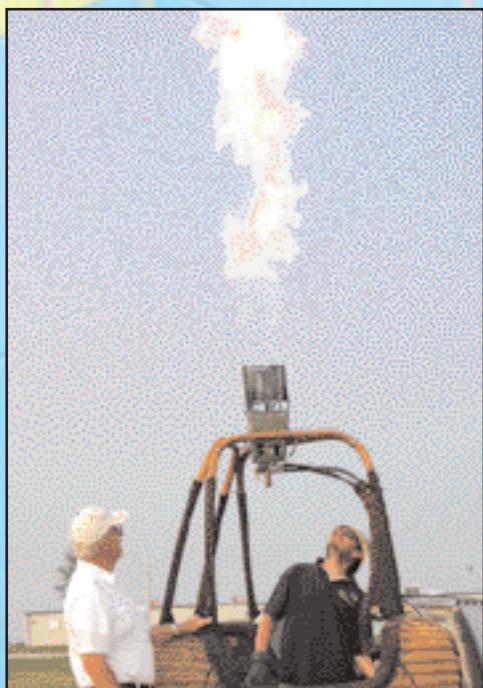


Although a hot air balloon has the capability of reaching 14-15,000 feet above sea level, Sergeant Steidley and his passengers fly over Sedalia at approximately 1,000 feet. Sergeant Steidley communicates with his

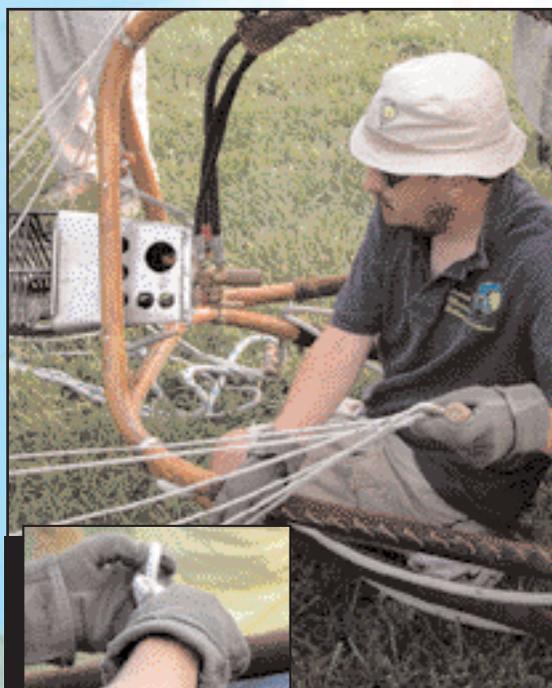
chase crew via walkie-talkie during the flight so that after landing he’ll have help with the deflation process. An average hot air balloon flight lasts an hour and requires about five people to assist during the entire process.



Scott Huber, Sergeant Steidley’s crewchief and student balloon pilot, helps in the pre-flight process by laying out the 35 by 65-foot balloon, or envelope, to prepare it for assembly and inflation.



Sergeant Steidley and passenger Myrle Cousins perform part of a pre-flight check by watching the flame coming from the propane burner, ensuring its safety and readiness for flight. The propane flame reaches 8 feet and a temperature of 14 million British Thermal Units. The basket carries 40 gallons of propane.



Sergeant Steidley attaches the envelope to the basket and ensures the lines are straight and in good condition. To guarantee the safety of his passengers, Sergeant Steidley said this is one of the few steps he performs without help from his crew.



Photos by Melissa Klinkner

Sergeant Steidley, assisted by Zac Cousins and Master Sgt. Chuck Cousins, 442nd Maintenance Operations Flight, begins the hot-inflation process. Before shooting the propane flame into the opening of the balloon, engine-powered fans were used to begin inflating the balloon with cold air. The cold-inflation process creates a boundary layer between the envelope fabric and the hot air — preventing any burning or heating of the fabric. Sergeant Steidley’s balloon, titled “It’s About Time,” holds 90,000 cubic feet of air.

# KidsDay: fun for all



Youth center employee Katrina Tauchen paints a star Emalee Steinke's face during the Sunday's National KidsDay event at Skelton Park. Emalee's parents are Senior Airman Kevin and Kelli Steinke, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron. This was the third year for the event, but the first time it was open to parents and children. The youth center plans to host the national event again next year.



Jordan Voss fills a test tube with "sand candy" to enjoy later. Her parents are Staff Sgts. Mike Voss, student at Fort Meade, Md., and Reina Voss, 509th Bomb Wing. The youth center-sponsored National KidsDay event was paid for by a grant from the National Boys and Girls Club. The event was held in conjunction with the Armed Forces Kid Run. Nearly 600 people participated in the event. Debbie Kermick, Whiteman youth programs director, said the turnout was a great show of support celebrating the children in our community.



Photos by 1st Lt. Ed Gulick

Capt. Michael Ludwig celebrates National KidsDay by enjoying a paddleboat ride with his son, Christopher, on Skelton Lake. Debbie Kermick, Whiteman youth programs director, said she was "overwhelmed by the response" for the event. Captain Ludwig is a member of the 509th Maintenance Operations Squadron.



Teresa Custer gets a magic lesson from John Born at the National KidsDay celebration at Skelton Park. Various activities were available for Whiteman children, including the magic show, a petting zoo and games. Mrs. Custer's husband is Capt. Rob Custer, 509th Munitions Squadron.

# Prevent vacation crimes

By Staff Sgt. Kevin Higgs  
509 Security Forces Squadron

A vacation is a good time for relaxation and fun, but don't leave your common sense at home.

All types of crime are frequent during the warm summer months when people spend more time outdoors and are away from home. When making travel plans, consider the following.

## Before leaving your home even for a few minutes:

- ✓ Be extra cautious about locking doors and windows.
- ✓ Ensure you lock your car at all times and lock luggage and packages in the trunk.
- ✓ Contact your local post office to stop all mail and suspend all deliveries.
- ✓ Leave your key with a trusted neighbor along with emergency contact numbers.
- ✓ Use timer lights when applicable.

## While traveling:

- ✓ Stay alert to your surroundings and other people's actions.
- ✓ Always carry a minimum amount of cash; use traveler's checks when available.
- ✓ When driving, use main roads and use a map with the route marked; have

your car serviced before leaving.

- ✓ If your car breaks down unexpectedly turn on the flashers and wait for the police or the highway safety department.
- ✓ Never pick up hitchhikers or accept a ride from someone you are not familiar with.

## While staying at a hotel or motel:

- ✓ The first thing you should do is locate all the fire exits, elevators and public phones.
  - ✓ Plan an escape in case of fire or other emergencies.
  - ✓ Ensure you know who is knocking before you open your door and if you are ever in doubt contact the front desk or service center.
  - ✓ Leave the television on when leaving your room to make it appear occupied.
  - ✓ Report any suspicious activity to the management or security.
  - ✓ Always take cash, credit cards, and keys with you when departing the room.
  - ✓ Keep any extra cash or valuables locked in the hotel or motel safe deposit box or in the room safe if one is provided.
- These are just a few things to keep in mind while on vacation and to help you enjoy a well-deserved vacation. For more details, call Staff Sgt. Kevin Higgs in the Resource Protection office at 687-4482.



Photo by Melissa Klinkner

## Perfect pour

Mike Frey and Steve Corak, Clark's Concrete contractors, Camdenton Mo., pour and work concrete for a new walkway outside of building 509. The walkway is part of a renovation to the flagpole and front entrance area of the headquarters building.

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**The Whiteman Top 3's  
11th Annual Enlisted Luau**

- Aug. 27 at Skelton Park.
- This is an alternate duty location
- Tickets: \$3 in advance  
\$4 at the door
- For more details on the luau,  
call Master Sgt. Keith Keen at 687-3087

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## What's happening

### Education

#### AFROTC offers scholarships

The Scholarships for Outstanding Airmen to ROTC program offers active duty enlisted members an opportunity to earn a commission while completing their bachelor's degree as an Air Force ROTC cadet. SOAR is open to students in any major and provides a scholarship up to \$15,000 per year, an annual textbook allowance of \$510 and a monthly nontaxable stipend of \$200-\$400. Air Combat Command's quota is 16 for fiscal 2005.

Waivers must be submitted to Headquarters Air Force ROTC by Aug. 15, with completed packages reaching ACC by Oct. 15. For more details, eligibility requirements and application procedures, visit the ROTC Web site at <http://www.afoats.af.mil/AFROTC/EnlistedCommissioning> or call Larry Broudrick, base education and training services office, at 687-2420.

#### CLEP warning issued

Students should beware of purchasing College Level Examination Program study guides and test preparation materials that may be offered in conjunction with a contract purchase of a computer, software, videos, books, or an offer for credit evaluation for college admission.

These services, CLEP information, and CLEP materials are available free to Air Force service members. For more details, call Cathy Brogan at 687-5750.

#### Reserve openings available

The Air Force Reserve offers opportunities to people separating from active duty. The reserve offers most active-duty benefits, pay and retirement. For more details, call Master Sgt. Kim Halstead at 687-6483.

### Community

#### Pre-separation briefing set

A pre-separation briefing for people

separating from the military begins at 9 a.m. Monday. Representatives from the military personnel flight, family support center, Air Force Reserve and finance will provide information. The MPF separations and retirements office schedules members for this briefing. For more details, call 687-1500 or 687-6720.

#### All ranks days held

The Airman's Attic is open 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. for all-ranks days today, Monday, Wednesday and Aug. 13.

### 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. Tuesday and 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 747-2012.

#### Pre-deployment briefing set

A mandatory pre-deployment briefing for people who are deploying or going on a temporary duty assignment for more than 30 days begins at 1 p.m. Wednesday. Spouses are encouraged to attend. This briefing covers information about preparing for deployment and programs available to family members who are left behind.

#### Class helps with move

A mandatory stateside smooth move seminar for people planning to move in the near future begins at 1 p.m. Thursday. Facilitators will discuss the financial benefits of moving and provide a variety of useful resources. Permanent-change-of-station orders aren't necessary. Spouses are encouraged to attend. Reservations are required.

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