



## News in Brief

### Today's cancellations set

In remembrance of President Ronald Reagan, and in conjunction with a recent Executive Order, Gen. Hal Hornburg, commander of Air Combat Command, directed ACC units not directly supporting funeral activities, ongoing Global War on Terrorism operations and mission-essential functions to close today.

- ✓ The 509th Security Forces Squadron change of command and Lt. Col. Rickey Turner's retirement ceremony are not canceled. The events will begin at 10 a.m. today in Bldg. 711.

- ✓ The 509th Bomb Wing commander's calls for Airmen and senior NCOs are canceled.

- ✓ The Airmen Leadership School retreat is canceled.

- ✓ The 509th Comptroller Squadron finance out-processing briefing for those who have permanent change-of-station orders is rescheduled for 9 a.m. Monday in the family support center.

- ✓ The Airmen's Summer Bash is rescheduled for July 16.

### Commander's call times set

Col. Chris Miller, 509th Bomb Wing commander, hosts mandatory commander's calls this month. The dates and times are:

NCO - 9:30 a.m. Monday at the base theater

NCO - 4 p.m. Monday at the base theater

NCO/Airmen - 8 p.m. Monday at T-9

Officers - 4 p.m. Tuesday at Mission's End

Civilians - 10 a.m. July 19 at the base theater

Senior NCO/Airmen - To be rescheduled

### Detour near base scheduled

Route D east of Whiteman is closed due to construction to replace the bridge over Long Branch Creek. Traffic will detour until the bridge is complete and the roadway reopens in September. For more details, call Steve Porter at 816-622-6329.

### Airman's Attic open to all ranks

The Airman's Attic is open to all ranks Monday through Wednesday. Donators are reminded to contribute items 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays or when a staff member is present. For more details, call Ann Beem at 687-2647.

### Claims notice

Col. Chris Miller, 509th Bomb Wing commander, regretfully announces the death of Senior Airman John Brummett, 509th Maintenance Squadron. Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to Airman Brummett's estate should call 2nd Lt. Christian Paasch, 509th MXS summary courts officer, at 687-7462.

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Photo by 1st Lt. Ed Gulick

## Promotin' the show

Maj. Keith Reeves, Wings Over Whiteman air show director, talks with David Lee, KDKD radio (95.3 FM) in Clinton, Wednesday about the event. Major Reeves is actively promoting WOW through radio interviews. On Monday, Major Reeves and Staff Sgt. Francesca Popp, public affairs, will have four interviews with Infinity Broadcasting in Kansas City. The stations and times of the interviews are KFKF 94.1 FM at 6:30 a.m., Mix 93 FM at 7:20 a.m., Star 102 FM at 7:40 a.m and Q104 FM at 8:30 a.m.

# Annual air show ready for take off

By Staff Sgt Francesca Popp

Public Affairs

The Wings Over Whiteman air show takes flight here June 19 and 20.

The free event is designed to show the general public what missions the military performs, what equipment and facilities we have, and our role in national security.

"The air show is a great opportunity to say thanks to the most important element of the Department of Defense — the taxpayer. It also fosters good relations with the public who many times only see the military from a distance or in the movies," said Maj. Keith Reeves, Wings Over Whiteman director.

The 442nd Fighter Wing, which is represented by air show co-director Chief Master Sgt. Bruce Williams, partnered with the 509th Bomb Wing to help put on the air show.

"The level of effort is phenomenal — there isn't a single unit on this base that isn't working hard to make the event a success," Major Reeves said.

More than 80 static aircraft of every size and era will be on display along with 29 confirmed air demonstrations including the B-2, A-10, F-18, F-15, T-38 and B-1. Besides military aircraft, other scheduled aerial acts are Bobby Younkin's Lear jet act, Tora! Tora! Tora! and Red Baron Pizza Squadron.

Not all the action will be in the air. There will also be a

weapons load demonstration and a vintage car parade will roll onto the tarmac during the event.

The 509th BW and its B-2, along with the 442nd FW and its A-10, the Missouri Army National Guard's 1-135th Aviation Battalion and its AH-64A Apache helicopters, and the Navy's Mobile Inshore Underwater Warfare Unit 114 will have displays, souvenirs and recruiters on hand to answer questions about their unit and how each unit contributes to America's security.

More than 80,000 visitors are expected at the two-day event. With this in mind, base members should be aware that heightened security measures will be in place to ensure everyone's safety. No backpacks or coolers will be allowed into the air show area. A small diaper bag is permitted. However, everyone is subject to search.

Gates will open at 9 a.m. and close at 5 p.m. each day. Flying activities will begin at 10 a.m. and end at 4 p.m. each day. The Arnold and LeMay gates will be open for the general public to use. Department of Defense members should use the Spirit Gate. Parking for DOD members during this event will be available at the commissary and base exchange parking lot. However, people who live on base are encouraged to walk to the air show whenever possible.

For more details, visit Whiteman's public Web site at <http://www.whiteman.af.mil/airshow>, call the air show office at 687-6111 or e-mail [wingsoverwhiteman2004@whiteman.af.mil](mailto:wingsoverwhiteman2004@whiteman.af.mil).



# Commander's Corner

**Col. Chris Miller**  
509th Bomb Wing Commander

**HONORING A HERO** — Today is a National Day of Mourning for President Ronald Reagan, a man who led our nation and armed forces through very tense times to the brink of victory in the Cold War. All who served under him remember the integrity and vision he brought to America, and his deep respect for military men and women. The B-2 and Whiteman benefitted from his dedication to maintaining America's strength. Whether we remember his contributions as a private citizen on the "silver screen," his service in public office, or just the powerful messages he left with America, today is a day to honor Ronald Reagan as the hero he was.

**REMEMBERING AND RENEWING** — Recently, Whiteman lost two of its own—friends and colleagues who many of us will miss deeply and personally. All of us respect them for their contributions and salute them for the role they played in our Air Force. The circumstances of their deaths were very different, and we haven't yet drawn any usable lessons from what happened. Their loss reminds us forcefully just how precious life is — and gives us renewed determination to watch over and reach out to help those we know as friends and fellow Airmen, each and every day.

**READINESS** — Whiteman is gearing up for Aerospace Expeditionary Force 9 and 10, and many of us will be serving forward during this upcoming rotation. For those selected, it's time to get pre-deployment prep done — for you and your fami-

ly. As you get ready, we'll all be hearing about changes to the AEF timeline that will increase continuity for the Area of Responsibility and improve our ability to keep people on a consistent, sustainable battle rhythm. These changes will affect Cycle 5, which begins in September.

**FAREWELL** — Last Friday, the 509th bid farewell to Col. Ned Schoeck and his wife, Jerri. I think all who attended the retirement parade felt it a fitting send-off to this great 509th leadership duo. THANKS to Maj. Jeff Johnson, 509th Medical Support Squadron, and the team who worked hard to put the parade together; and thanks to all who marched to honor Colonel Schoeck through this great military tradition.

**WELCOME** — The 509th is blessed to have two outstanding new leaders "land" at Whiteman in the last week! Chief Master Sgt. Vicki Orcutt, her husband, John, and their family join us from Gunter Annex, Ala., as Chief Orcutt takes the duty of command chief. She's a great addition to the team, and you'll be seeing a lot of her out and about as she helps me with job one: taking care of our Airmen!

Finally, a hearty welcome to Col. Matt Erichsen, his wife, Paula, and family as they join us from Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. Colonel Erichsen brings stealth experience from the F-117, Air Staff level background in airpower doctrine and employment, and broad experience as a leader, instructor and aviator. I'm thrilled to work with him as he becomes the 509th's vice commander, and know that all of Whiteman's missions and people will benefit from his leadership.



Photo by 2nd Lt. Mary Olsen

The American flag flies at half-staff in honor of President Ronald Reagan.

## Whiteman's spirit shown in enthusiasm

**Col. Matt Erichsen**  
509th Bomb Wing Vice Commander

When one hears about the Spirit at Whiteman, it is short-sighted to just think of the B-2. I was here for several weeks in March and April for qualification training, and I was impressed with the spirit shown in the enthusiasm, attitude and friendliness of the base and surrounding area populace. It was evident that the members and families of the 509th were excited about the critical mission entrusted to Whiteman.



I related my experiences to my family when I returned to my last duty location at Maxwell and built up some high expectations; they were not disappointed. I arrived last

week with my family and the immediate feedback from my wife, Paula, and our six children focused on how friendly and helpful every person and organization they had contact with was toward them. Since we are new, you may not have known we were here, but your standard of excellence was noted.

The 509th has also shown her combat excellence during the last three conflicts culminating in being designated fully operational capable last December. This excellence is an achievement to be proud of, takes work to maintain, and will pay dividends when called on again to go into harm's way.

Tuesday I spoke at the opening of Right Start, welcoming the recent newcomers to the 509th. I related to them that at the two previous combat wings I had been assigned, within months of arrival, those wings had packed up and gone to war. I cautioned them that if history is any indicator of the future, my recent arrival might mean we could be tasked for conflict at a moment's notice.

My personal lesson from those experiences was: "You

don't pay lip-service to readiness." At any time you may be called to perform, and we hone our combat edge through exercises and honest evaluation. The hard work you put in now will make it easy to employ in actual contingencies.

Finally, this Friday is an official day of remembrance for President Ronald Reagan. Please take the time to reflect on a great leader's dedication and service to our nation.

My most vivid memory of President Reagan was watching him salute the colors as I marched as part of a color guard during his first inaugural parade. Whether or not you have a personal memory of the 40th president of the United States, you are an enduring part of his vision by making the 509th mission a success in the military legacy he left us.

In closing, thanks for the warm welcome and the dedication to the mission you have internalized. I look forward to helping Colonel Miller as he leads the wing to continued success.

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# The heart of the matter: A leader's challenge being fit to fight

By Lt. Col Timothy Dennison  
509th Maintenance Operations Squadron  
Commander

Starting this year, the Air Force joined the fitness craze sweeping the nation. South Beach, Atkins, low fat, low carb, core strength workouts, Tae Bo and spinning have company in the new Air Force Fit to Fight program. Unlike the fitness gimmicks of the early 1980s, Air Force brass is fully on board this time. Airmen across the service must work hard to avoid getting run over by this new policy.

The coming of the Fit to Fight program should come as no shock to Air Force members. Despite varying levels of resistance by individual airmen, physical fitness is here to stay. A lack of time, age, current fitness and motivation were excuses many members made to avoid healthy standards in the past.

But today, the commitment and involvement of our senior NCOs and officers will be the difference between success and failure of the fitness program. Recently, many 509th Bomb Wing members attended the retirement parade of Col. Ned Schoeck. Colonel Schoeck is what Airmen should strive to be: a leader who sets the example for those around him. His involvement in so many important Whiteman issues made a huge impact in the successes of the 509th BW. Middle managers and supervisors taking an active, aggressive role supporting this new Air Force program — like Colonel Schoeck did so many times before — is crucial to making Fit to Fight a success here.

The benefits of sound health cannot be underestimated. A good diet and workout routine are key to

reducing stress, increasing morale and promoting a healthier, longer life. Longer deployments, global combat operations, and fluctuating work tempos make sound health a concern not just for commanders, but supervisors and individuals at all levels of management. Commanders will rely directly on senior NCOs and officers to implement an effective Fit to Fight program and make these aforementioned health benefits a priority.

The first step for Whiteman leaders is setting the example. There's no doubt the struggle to change negative mindsets about the program is a significant challenge. Balancing the needs of the work center with the new fitness program will, at times, seem nearly impossible.

That being said, supervisors — as leaders — must “step up to the plate” and find a way to make it happen. Again, like Colonel Schoeck, our senior NCOs and officers must lead the way, finding time during their busy schedules to fit their own fitness program in. The presence of supervisors and commanders is crucial to maintaining an effective program when the enthusiasm of other members begins to wane. Together, Whiteman units can make the Fit to Fight program work.

Luck blessed the 509th Maintenance Operations Squadron with some terrific leaders. These leaders are present during MOS organized fitness sessions — they set the pace, coach and motivate. This is the very definition of stepping up to the plate.

Hopefully, others on base make the same commitment to their fitness program. True warriors will make this program a success. They “walk the walk” and will change somebody's life in the process.



Photo by Senior Airman Nick Martin

**Capt. Michael Myers steadies Airman 1st Class Eric O'Connell's feet during a physical training session. Both men are members of the 509th Maintenance operations Squadron**

## Federal offices close today in honor of President Reagan

By Gerry Gilmore  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFP) — President George W. Bush issued an executive order closing federal offices June 11 in observance of President Ronald Reagan's passing.

That June 6 order does not apply to organizations that need to stay open because of national security, defense or essential public business. Included in the exceptions are the departments of State, Defense, Justice and Homeland Security. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld put out further guidance in a memo June 7 to all military organizations and elements under DOD.

In it, he directed that “all addressees shall determine which elements” under them “shall remain open to support and conduct military activities related to the global war on terrorism; to maintain the health, safety and protection of DOD personnel and facilities; and to ensure the continuance of their respective organization's mission-essential functions.”

“You should ensure that sufficient staff is on hand to support them in carrying out your essential responsibilities,” Secretary Rumsfeld wrote to all DOD leaders.

The president proclaimed June 11 as a national day of mourning to honor the memory of the former president.

President Reagan possessed “an unshakeable faith in the values of our country and the character of our people” and “renewed America's confidence and restored our nation,” President Bush proclaimed on June 6.

His “optimism, strength and humility,” President Bush pointed out, “epitomized the American spirit.”

President Reagan's “courage and determination,” the president said, had “enhanced America's security and advanced the spread of peace, liberty and democracy to



Courtesy of the Reagan Library

**Ronald Reagan served as president from 1981-1988. President Reagan died Saturday and federal offices are closed today in observance of his passing.**

millions of people who had lived in darkness and oppression.”

The president asked the American people “to pay homage to the memory of President Reagan” on June 11, adding that he invites “the people of the world who share our grief to join us in this solemn observance.”

President Reagan's leadership as chief executive “has left us stronger and better,” President Bush declared, adding the former president “has left us for a better place, the shining city that awaits him.”

## Whiteman loses one of its own

Karen Staton, a civilian worker for the 509th Civil Engineer Squadron as civil engineer for the Engineering Flight, died June 2 from injuries sustained during an automobile accident in Pittsville, Mo.

She is survived by her parents James and Susan Staton, from Bitley, Mich. She is also survived by her brothers, Air Force Staff Sgts. James Staton and Timothy Staton.

Karen was born Sept. 8, 1978, at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., and was raised as a military child. She graduated from the University of Texas with a bachelor's of science in civil engineering.

She began her civil service career at McChord AFB, Wash., and was assigned to the 509th CES on Nov. 17, 2002.

During her service at Whiteman, she took on difficult problems and created solutions such as coordinating with Air Combat Command to ensure the military family housing program was accurate, reinstating a Traffic Engineering Working Group to solve traffic issues and programming complex projects to support the mission.

As a functional expert, Karen maintained anti-terrorism and force protection requirements to ensure the utmost protection for base members and assets.

In the diligent and able performance of her duties, she upheld the highest traditions and standards of a dedicated civil servant. She was a 509th CES quarterly award winner for the second quarter of 2004.

She enjoyed the outdoors, sports, music and her two cats, Shades and Max. Karen was pursuing a black belt in Tae-kwon-Do. She had just submitted her package to test for her Professional Engineering license.





Photo by Senior Airman Nick Martin

### Airmen's officers

The Whiteman Airmen's Council elected new officers Tuesday. From left: they are Airman 1st Class William Piper, 509th Comptroller Squadron, president; Senior Airman Matthew Swank, 393rd Bomb Squadron, vice president; Airman 1st Class Josette Rowe, 509th Operations Support Squadron, secretary; Airman 1st Class Eric Ybarra, 509th Munitions Squadron, treasurer; and Airman 1st Class Victor Ko, 509th Communications Squadron, historian (not pictured). The WAC sponsors the 2nd annual Airmen's summer bash 5-9 p.m. July 16 in the field next to Endeavor Hall.

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Senior Airman Asenath Linton, 509th Services Squadron, assists Senior Airman Marc Dunham, 442nd Maintenance Squadron, with a question about lodging at the Whiteman Inn.

## Space-A lodging window expands

**RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN)** — The Air Force Services Agency director here announced recently an expanded space-available reservation policy designed to maximize occupancy at lodging facilities.

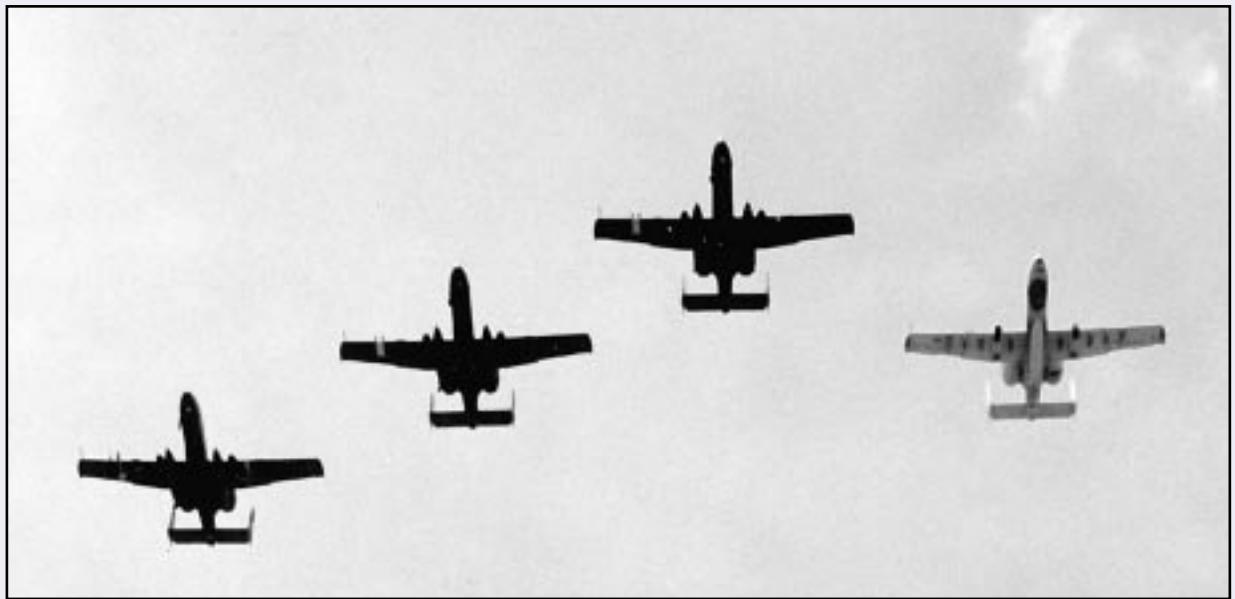
Under the new system, lodging officials can accept and confirm space-available lodging reservations up to 30 days in advance based on low projected occupancy rates, Arthur Myers wrote in a policy memorandum.

The window for reservations decreases as the percentage of projected occupancy rises.

For example, when a projected occupancy rate is 65 percent or less, space-A guests can make reservations up to 30 days in advance. At 80 percent, the reservation window is two weeks. It is seven days for 85 percent, and three days for 86 percent or greater.

Under this new system, higher priority customers may not bump space-A customers with confirmed reservations, Mr. Myers said. Neither can they be bumped once they are assigned lodging except during contingencies, emergencies or when the installation commander determines higher priorities exist.

Mr. Myers said commanders may establish a policy limiting the number of days space-A guests may stay in on-base lodging to no more than 30 days per year.



Photos courtesy of 442nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

## 442nd anniversary

The 442nd Fighter Wing celebrates its 10th anniversary at Whiteman Saturday. During World War II, at then-Sedalia Army Air Field, the 442nd FW was formed. It was moved to Richards-Gebaur Air Force Base, Mo., for 39 years. The 442nd FW returned to its original home, Whiteman, June 12, 1994. Top: A four-flight of A-10 Thunderbolt IIs fly over Whiteman June 12, 1994. Left: Members of the 442nd FW Honor Guard strike the colors for the final time at Richards-Gebaur, Mo.

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Photo by Master Sgt. Greg Kobasaigawa

## Scrubba-dub-dub

Airmen 1st Class Benjamin Viets and Mark Owens wash a B-2 bomber in a maintenance hangar. The 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron members once used the Hangar 27 wash rack for cleaning B-2s, however, they can now be washed in any hangar. Each B-2 is scheduled to be washed every 120 days. It takes a nine-person crew, 16 hours and thousands of gallons of water to wash a B-2.



Photo by Melissa Klinkner

Trish Darrah, 509th Contracting Squadron, is preparing to move to Ramstein Air Base, Germany.

## AFPC streamlines PCS orders for civilians

**AIR FORCE PERSONNEL CENTER** — Permanent change of station orders for Air Force civilian career program moves are now being prepared by AFPC in an effort to simplify and streamline the process for getting orders in hand.

The majority of moves funded by the Central PCS account are for career program positions; but the account also pays for movement of Senior Executive Service employees and returnees from overseas assignments.

“The preparation of all centrally funded PCS orders by the AFPC PCS Unit is just the first step in a continuous effort to streamline and consolidate the process,” said Ms. Elinor Gonzales, deputy director of Civilian Career Management here.

By eliminating extra steps in the process, AFPC has shortened the time considerably for an employee to get their orders. There are also steps that managers and employees can take as well to expedite orders.

Quickly negotiating a realistic reporting date and returning information forms promptly will help significantly in ensuring employees have their orders in time for a successful PCS move, according to Ms. Gonzales.

“This change is a big benefit to our customers,” she added. “The PCS Unit has established themselves as a center of excellence for preparing PCS orders and they consistently surpass their goal of producing orders within seven days, once they have all the necessary documents.”

For more information, contact the local CPF or visit the AFPC PCS Web site at [www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/dpc/pcs/pcs.htm](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/dpc/pcs/pcs.htm).

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Bowling Alley	687-5114
Club	687-4422
Commissary	687-5655
Family Support Center	687-7132
Finance Customer Service	687-2006
Legal Office	687-6809
MPF Customer Service	687-6426
TMO	687-4115
Tricare Appointments	563-9100
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**Lockdown lookout**

Air traffic controller Staff Sgt. Aaron Yurko checks to ensure a B-2 bomber's wheels are in the down and locked position during a landing. Air traffic control members' daily operations consist of ensuring the separation and safety of aircraft. Yurko is a member of the 509th Operations Support Squadron.



Photo by Melissa Klinkner

**¿ Tu quieres Taco Bell?**

Kevin Shultz, EIB Contractors of San Antonio, readies a section of sub-flooring for concrete. The construction is in preparation for a new base exchange concessionaire. Taco Bell is scheduled to move into the food court in late June.

# Don't forget to register to vote

**AIR FORCE PERSONNEL CENTER** — General elections are approaching and Air Force voting officials here are reminding everyone to register to vote.

The Department of Defense recently announced that it has worked out a plan with the U.S. Postal Service to get absentee ballots to overseas members faster but registering to vote is the first step to acquiring a ballot.

“Getting registered to vote is not a difficult process, it’s just a matter of making it a priority,” said Lt. Col. Lee Shick, Air Force voting action officer.

Deadlines and state-specific rules on voter registration can be found on the Federal Voting Assistance Program Web site at <http://www.fvap.gov>. The site includes a list of 10 things to do to ensure your vote counts.

“Our goal is 100 percent contact with every Airman by a voting representative,” he said. “The opportunity to vote has been emphasized as a command responsibility and our installation voting officers play a key role.

“We want to make sure each individual gets the word about voting and that they have the tools and information to apply for an absentee ballot and vote,” Colonel Shick said. “If Airmen can’t get registered online, installation voting officers have a supply of federal postcard applications.”

Whiteman’s voting officers are:

Name	Unit	Duty Phone
2nd Lt. Jennifer Pickett	509th BW	687-3445
1st Lt. Ed Gulick	509th BW	687-6122

MSgt. Christine Fausnight	509th CPTS	687-1154
Gwen Clarence	509th CPTS	687-7910
Capt. Bryan Wickersing	509th OSS	687-3549
Capt. Corey Hummel	509th OSS	687-6120
SSgt. Kristy Crespo	509th OSS	687-6134
SSgt. Heather Tegang	509th OSS	687-3101
SrA. Jessica King	509th OSS	687-1704
SrA. Rosemarie Morelli	509th OSS	687-1677
A1C Steve Poettker	509th OSS	687-167
MSgt. James Sales	393rd BS	687-1761
2nd Lt. James McCue	325th BS	687-3251
A1C Christopher Mills	394th CTS	687-6450
1st Lt. Ryan Baker	509th MXS	687-7113
1st Lt. Eric Jagers	509th AMXS	687-3288
MSgt. Mike Jones	509th MOS	687-2369
MSgt. Troy Sharp	509th MUNS	687-3081
MSgt. Keith Keen	509th MUNS	687-3087
TSgt. David Gillingham	509th MUNS	687-4465
TSgt. Eric Goewey	509th MUNS	687-1217
SSgt. Alfredo Arvizu	509th MUNS	687-2318
TSgt. Eric Lang	509th MUNS	687-3109
Capt. Tyron Wright	509th CS	687-6180
1st Lt. Nathan Hogan	509th CS	687-7085
1st Lt. Andrew Heo	509th CS	687-1841
1st Lt. Brian Wolken	509th CES	687-6036
SMSgt Morgan Spruill	509th CES	687-1996
MSgt. Jeffrey Crannick	509th CES	687-4259
MSgt. Marcus Gray	509th CES	687-6260
MSgt. Michael Fusaro	509th CES	687-6142
MSgt. Charles Hoskins	509th CES	687-4735
TSgt. William St. Peter	509th CES	687-4548

MSgt. Arthur Roy	509th CES	687-1057
TSgt. Robert Waldorf	509th CES	687-3014
TSgt. Glen Simons	509th CES	687-1161
SSgt. Michael Becker	509th CES	687-4223
TSgt. Jeffrey Thomas	509th SVS	687-5470
SSgt. Adrienne Mimms	509th SVS	687-6532
SSgt. James Aselstine	509th SFS	687-6665
A1C Daniel Barrios	509th SFS	687-3888
SSgt. Jeffrey Turner	509th SFS	687-6659
SrA Robert Turner	509th SFS	687-6665
TSgt. Gordon Severs	509th MSS	687-6422
SSgt. James Keeter	509th MSS	687-6090
SrA. Shelton Watson	509th CONS	687-1841
SrA. Travis Register	509th LRS	687-5695
2nd Lt. John Garvey	509th LRS	687-5980
1st Lt. Russ Rumley	509th LRS	687-4194
2nd Lt. Latasha Stricklin	509th LRS	687-4143
1st Lt. Bradford Sturdivant	509th LRS	687-6053
2nd Lt. Rob Wengerter	509th LRS	687-5295
MSgt. Steven Chabotte	509th MDSS	687-2123
TSgt. Rick Miller	509th MDSS	687-5544
SSgt. Monika Perry	509th MDSS	687-1349
SSgt. Erin Winder	509th MDSS	687-4324
TSgt. Kelli Remmert	509th MDOS	687-3937
SSgt. Jesse Stroot	509th MDOS	687-2128
SSgt. Ed Caffrey	509th MDOS	687-2212
SSgt. Ashley Motley	509th MDOS	687-1191
Lt. Col. Roxanne Williams	442nd FW	687-3846
SMSgt. James Horne	Det. 6, 372nd TRS	687-1080
2nd Lt. David Hunter	Det. 12, TRSS	687-2087

## Around the Air Force

### Air Force Marathon adds categories

On Sept. 18 each year, the 88th Air Base Wing hosts the Air Force Marathon at Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio. To help boost participation in 2004, organizers added several new award categories, including:

- ✓ Top overall military male and female finishers.
- ✓ Top overall major command male and female finishers.
- ✓ MAJCOM total participation category.

The registration deadline is Sept. 7. For more details, visit the official Air Force Marathon Web site at <http://afmarathon.wpafb.af.mil/>.

### AFPC changes phone systems

Offices at the Air Force Personnel Center converted to a new telephone system May 17. Although the switch to the new telephone system should be transparent, customers encountering problems can call the Air Force Contact Center at 800-616-3775, DSN 665-5000 or 210-565-5000.

### Members receive PIN through e-mail

The Defense Finance and Accounting Service now releases myPay personal identification numbers through official e-mail.

Within two hours of requesting a new or updated PIN

on the myPay Web site at <https://mypay.dfas.mil>, members can expect to receive the PIN at their official Air Force e-mail address recorded with the Air Force Directory Services. AFDS has authenticated approximately 70 percent of Air Force e-mail addresses based upon the global address list and other sources.

This new PIN delivery method supplements the direct mail approach and the personal requests at financial services offices. The approach also helps simplify assigning additional PINs.

### VA reaches out to new combat veterans

The Department of Veterans Affairs is expanding its efforts to reach veterans of combat operations in Iraq and Afghanistan to ensure they are aware of benefits they have earned. The VA secretary is sending a letter to more than 150,000 veterans of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom who have recently separated from the military to thank them for their service and remind them of their eligibility for VA health-care and other benefits.

The letter includes brochures and links to the department’s Web pages that contain more details about VA benefits, including an opportunity to apply for benefits online. As the veterans continue to leave active duty, VA officials expect to mail about 10,000 letters each month. The VA sent the first letters May 10.

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# From Russia with gloves: Former Soviet bloc resident educated in Poland, excels in 509th MDOS



Photo by Staff Sgt. Francesca Popp

**Airman 1st Class Ella Cvirko, 509th Medical Operations Squadron, cleans a patient's teeth.**

## Continuing the LEGACY

**By Staff Sgt. Francesca Popp**  
Public Affairs

Whiteman's dental clinic has seen its share of Airmen coming and going. Each of these Airmen has a story to tell. One such person is Airman 1st Class Ella Cvirko.

Airman Cvirko, who immigrated to the United States in 2000, is a native of Nesvizh, Belarus — a former Soviet bloc country located between Poland and Russia.

Airman Cvirko, pronounced Sferenko, became a dental technician when she joined the Air Force in December 2002. However, this 29-year-old's dentistry knowledge is vaster than her Air Force training — she is a licensed dentist in Poland.

It's in Poland where Airman

Cvirko's story really begins. At 19, she moved to Poland and earned a scholarship to study the Polish language for one year and attend five years of dental school.

"I learned about general health and medicine there," she said. "The first two years were pretty much the same as medical school. I had to work in hospitals as a medical student. I learned more dentistry during the third through fifth years."

After completing her training in Poland, the 509th Medical Operations Squadron member moved to the United States and began applying for scholarships to attend an American dental school and earn her license here. During her search, she found a Web site with scholarships and filled out an Air Force application. Before long, a recruiter called her and she decided to enlist.

Airman Cvirko arrived here in

May 2003. As a dental technician, she cleans teeth and helps out where she can.

"When she got here, we were low on lab techs," said Staff Sgt. Heather Yacobozzi, 509th MDOS. "No one else in the dental clinic knew how to pour impressions and trim models, so Ella volunteered."

Sergeant Yacobozzi said Airman Cvirko would be difficult to replace.

"She is a very important team player," Sergeant Yacobozzi said. "Everyone gets along with her and she can answer a lot of different questions. Ella also makes our dentists' jobs a little bit easier, because she can tell them what is wrong and they just confirm it."

Airman Cvirko said she enjoys being a part of Whiteman's dental clinic. She hopes to one day receive her commission and practice dentistry in the military.

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## Whiteman Spirit Award



**Tech. Sgt. James Rodgers**  
509th Maintenance Squadron

Tech. Sgt. James Rodgers, 509th Maintenance Squadron, received the Whiteman Spirit Award from Col. Matt Erichsen, 509th Bomb Wing vice commander, Tuesday.

Senior Master Sgt. Andres Alvarez, 509th MXS B-2 Fabrication Flight chief, nominated Sergeant Rodgers for the award.

Sergeant Alvarez said a B-2 was experiencing intermittent portable heater failure, delaying maintenance work by a specialized depot maintenance team. The heater is a Northrop Grumman asset and is the only one on base.

Without anyone requesting his assistance, Sergeant Rodgers received permission from Northrop to troubleshoot the equipment. He voluntarily worked past his normal duty hours on numerous days until the heater failure was corrected.

"He accomplished his normal work center tasks then remained for at least three hours each day to identify why the heater continued to fail," Sergeant Alvarez said.

Sergeant Rodgers contacted supervisors to communicate his suspicions on why the heater was failing and after several days of working with the Northrop employees, discovered a system controller was faulty.

"Sergeant Rodgers sacrificed his personal and family time, and dedicated his aerospace ground equipment maintenance expertise to ensure the Air Force, Air Combat Command and the 509th continue to be war ready providing for America's defense. Sergeant Rodgers is a highly motivated professional who epitomizes the professionalism at Whiteman," Sergeant Alvarez said.

### Personally Speaking

**Duty title:** Assistant B-2 Munitions Aerospace Ground Equipment Team Leader

**Time on station:** 5 years

**Time in service:** 16 years

**Hometown:** Volant, Pa.

**Spouse:** Mercy

**Children:** Marilynn, 20, Bryan, 13, Matthew, 7, and Kaitlen, 5.

**Hobbies:** Hunting, fishing, camping and outdoor activities.

**Goals:** Make master sergeant this year and finish my degree.

**Best thing about Whiteman:** The people and team work.

**Pet peeves:** People who say it's not my job and who aren't willing to help someone out.

**What motivates your winning spirit?** My family and the feeling of pride I get out of helping others.

**If you could change one thing at Whiteman, what would it be?** I would like to see a shooting range and an indoor bow range for Whiteman hunting enthusiasts and target shooters.

### 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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# The AGE of Perfection



Tech Sgt. Chuck Humphrey performs a Phase 1 inspection on a hydraulic bomb lift. The 442nd Maintenance Squadron Aerospace Ground Equipment Flight members perform inspections every six months on bomb lifts. Members check for corrosion and lubrication, and ensure the equipment works properly. Sergeant Humphrey, along with five other members of the AGE shop, was deployed last year in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.



Tech Sgt. Tim Schroeder performs an acceptance inspection on one of four new heaters recently acquired by the shop. The acceptance inspection is a complete functional check of the equipment to include fueling, airing of tires, stenciling and ensuring the heater is serviceable. Sergeant Schroeder and the other members of the 442nd Maintenance Squadron Aerospace Ground Equipment Flight handle more than 540 inspections per year on ground support equipment for the A-10 Thunderbolt II.



Tech Sgt. Steve Miller performs a Phase 1 inspection on a universal tank dolly. The dolly is used for loading and unloading 600-gallon exterior fuel tanks on the A-10 aircraft. A Phase 1 inspection is performed every six months to check the bearings for lubrication, to lubricate fittings, check for corrosion and make sure the equipment works properly. The nine members of the 442nd Maintenance Squadron Aerospace Ground Equipment Flight inspect and service all of the ground support equipment for the 442nd Fighter Wing, which includes approximately 45 different types of equipment.



Tech Sgt. Paul Rambo and Daniel Klinkner assemble a B-4 maintenance stand. The 442nd Maintenance Squadron Aerospace Ground Equipment Flight members maintain the stand and other equipment used to perform maintenance on aircraft.



Photos by Melissa Klinkner

Tech Sgt. Bob Nakoneczny places a filter into an MC-7 air compressor. The MC-7 supplies high volumes of air for use when painting aircraft or for supplying air in the AGE shop. It can also be used in crash recovery to fill up the bladders in the wings of aircraft. Sergeant Nakoneczny and the 442nd Maintenance Squadron Aerospace Ground Equipment Flight technicians are continually tasked with a wide variety of duties involving mechanical, electrical, and electronic systems and subsystems. "When there is a job that needs to be accomplished outside the normal routine of daily operations, AGE is called upon to get it done, and usually with a 100 percent success rate. This is just one of the reasons I believe the AGE technician is one of the unsung heroes in the maintenance community," said Master Sgt. Pat Rogers, AGE flight chief.

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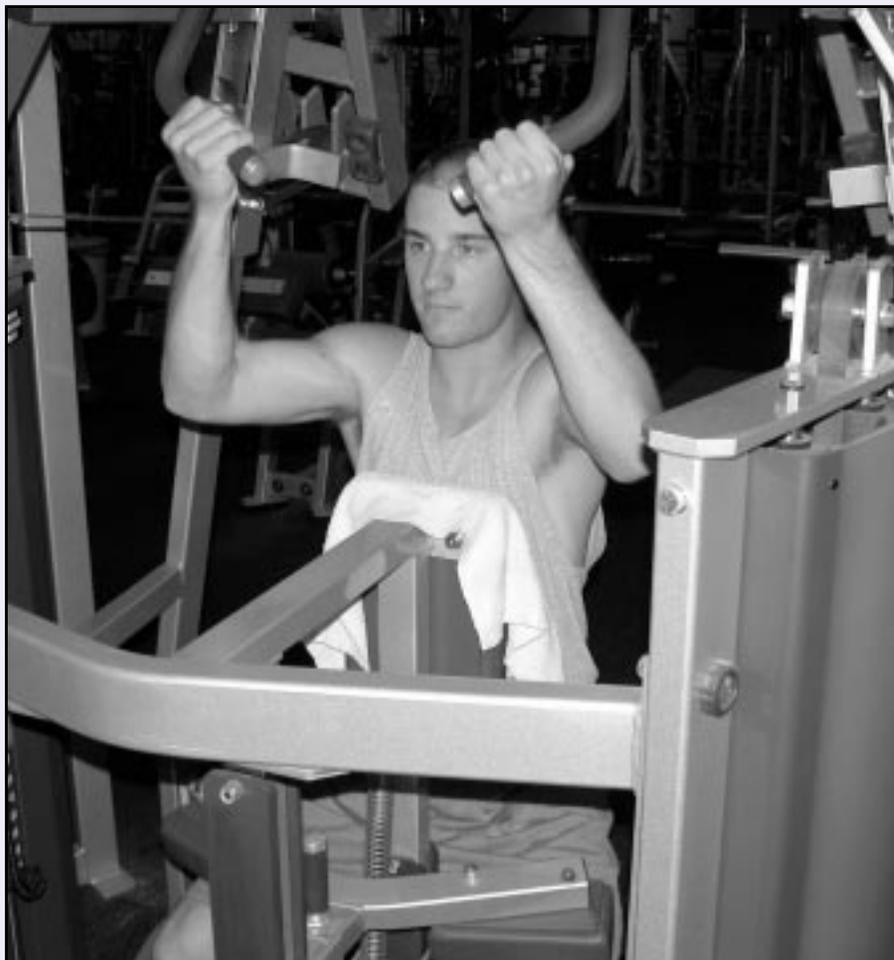


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## Pump it up

Airman 1st Class Nicholas Grimm, 509th Munitions Squadron, uses a pull down machine at the base fitness center. Air Force members must maintain required physical fitness standards detailed by the Fit to Fight program.



Photo by 1st Lt. Ed Gulick

## Speedway special

Whiteman Honor Guard members Airman 1st Class Derrick Daniels, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron, Senior Airman Curtis Dorn, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, Senior Airman Christopher Butler, 509th Maintenance Squadron, and Airman 1st Class Christopher Montgomery, 509th CES, present the colors while Staff Sgt. Tim Owens, 509th Bomb Wing (not pictured), sings the National Anthem to kick off an auto race at Kansas Speedway Saturday. Lt. Col. Brian O'Rear, 509th Operations Support Squadron commander, represented Whiteman leadership at the event and greeted each driver as they were introduced to the crowd.

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## Travel & Leisure

### Tickets & Travel 687-5643

#### Complimentary Colorado resort trip

Service members who have served on active duty for more than 30 days in Iraq or Afghanistan are eligible to receive up to three consecutive nights of complimentary lodging at a Vail resort hotel in Breckenridge or Keystone, Colo. The offer ends Dec. 16. Stop by Tickets & Travel for more information.

#### Get ready for summer

Get theme park tickets for Kansas City, St. Louis or Branson, Mo., for a summer vacation. Disney\*, Seaworld\* and more are also available through Tickets & Travel.

## Sports & Recreation

### Fitness Center 687-5496

The fitness center is undergoing renovations throughout the summer. These areas will be affected: equipment check-out area, spinning room, parent-child room and cybex weight area. Contact the fitness center for more details.

#### Whiteman triathlon

A triathlon is taking place June 26 which includes swimming 475 meters, a 10K bike ride and a 5K run. Men and women individual divisions, over-40 divisions or team divisions are welcome. Teams can be co-ed. Call the fitness center for more details and to sign up by June 23. Sponsored in part by Fowler's Family Auto.\*

### Stars and Strikes 687-5114

#### 'Bowl for the Stars & Strikes'

Bowl a game or purchase a large Coca-Cola to receive a punch card until Aug. 31. Each purchase receives a punch. When the card is complete and turned in, patrons will receive two free games of bowling, a medium Coca-Cola, a completion reward and eligibility to win monthly prizes at Stars & Strikes. Call Stars & Strikes for more details. Sponsored in part by Coca-Cola.\*

### Outdoor Recreation 687-5565

#### Gasconade River canoe trip

Experience a six-mile canoe trip on Missouri's Gasconade River 8 a.m.-7 p.m. June 19. The \$12 fee includes transportation, canoe rental, life jackets and paddles. Call outdoor recreation for more information and sign up by Thursday.

#### Intramural bass fishing

The sixth competition of the intramural bass fishing tournament is Thursday at Windsor Crossing. A one-time \$20 entry fee must be paid before the tournament. Call outdoor recreation for rules and more details.

#### Pool hours and fees

The pool is open 1:15-6 p.m. weekdays and noon-6 p.m. weekends. Active-duty military, Department of Defense civilians, retirees and dependents can swim for \$1.50 and civilian guests can swim for \$2.

#### Boater safety class

This mandatory class involves classroom and lake activities for the intended use of rental boats with a 15-horsepower motor or more. Two sessions must be completed to qualify to rent a boat from outdoor recreation. Session I classes are available 11 a.m.-noon June 22 and July 8. Session II classes are available 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. July 1 and 1 p.m.-3:30 p.m. July 15. A combined session class is available 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Thursday. Learn Missouri state laws, rules about safety and using equipment. Spaces are limited; sign up early.



## Splash Bash 2004

Lots of prizes, food and music! Come out and join the fun 6:30-9 p.m. today at the base pool. Ribbit Race and Build-A-Boat are sponsored in part by Speedway Chevrolet.\*

#### Build-A-Boat

Build-A-Boat at 6:30 p.m., at the community center and race it at the base pool for \$1 to kick off the summer. For rules and registration about Build-A-Boat, call the community center at 687-5617.

#### Ribbit Race

Participate in the fifth annual Ribbit Race at 8 p.m., purchase a frog for \$3 or multiple frogs for a discounted price and race it at the event. For more information about the Ribbit Race or to purchase a frog, call the youth center at 687-5586.



## Community Activities

### Community Center 687-5617

#### 'Halo Free For All'

People 16 and older are invited to compete in a video game tournament 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Saturday. The cost for a team of four is \$10 or singles is \$5. Prizes are awarded for first, second and third places. Call the community center for more details and to sign up by today.

#### 'I have a Whiteman hero'

To compete in an essay contest, submit an essay of 100 words or less and a photo of your Whiteman hero. Prizes are awarded to the winner of each category: elementary, middle and high school. Entries are due by June 26 and judging takes place June 28. Call or visit the community center for more information or to submit an essay.

#### Stroller strut

A stroller strut for parents and stroller-aged tots begins at 11 a.m. June 24 at the Shelter House in Veterans Park. Introduce young children to the shape, touch and smell of natural objects and learn about summer child safety. For more details, call the community center. Sponsored in part by family advocacy and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources.\*

#### "Blithe Spirit"

Heartland Community Theatre of Clinton, Mo., presents a free stage performance of the smash comedy hit from London and Broadway, "Blithe Spirit" by Noel Coward. This comedy about love and marriage begins at 7 p.m. June 19 at the community center. Tickets are available through first sergeants.

### Child Development Center 687-5588

#### Developmental Enrichment Program

The Developmental Enrichment Program is accepting enrollments for fall preschool. It's open to children 3 to 5-years old not requiring full-time care. Children must be 3 years old by July 31.

#### Drop-in care

The child development center has drop-in day care 6:30 a.m.-6 p.m. on a space-available basis. Call for more details.

### Teen Center 687-5819

#### Soccer jams

Teens have the opportunity to participate in pick-up soccer games and drills to improve their soccer skills. Enjoy an evening of fun and games 6-8 p.m. Monday and June 21. Call the teen center for more information.

#### Puppetry Arts Institute

Travel to the Puppetry Arts Institute in Kansas City, Mo., 11:45 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Thursday. The \$7 fee for members and \$8 fee for nonmembers includes a tour and materials to create a puppet. Call the teen center for more details and to sign up by Tuesday.

## Whiteman Base Theater

#### Friday

Envy 7 p.m. PG-13  
Starring - Ben Stiller & Jack Black

#### Saturday

Kill Bill Vol. 2 7 p.m. R  
Starring - Uma Thurman & David Carradine

#### Sunday

Ella Enchanted 5:30 p.m. PG  
Starring - Anne Hathaway & Hugh Dancy

Adults \$3 Youth \$1.50  
Movie recording line 687-5110.

Movies are subject to change due to availability.  
For current and future movie listings log on to  
<http://www.aafes.com/ems/conus/whiteman.htm>

## Food & Fun

### Mission's End 687-4422

#### Mongolian barbecue

A Mongolian barbecue takes place 5:30-8 p.m. June 18 at Mission's End. Pork, beef, shrimp, egg rolls, rice and more will be offered. The cost is \$10.95 for members and \$12.95 for nonmembers.

#### Karaoke

Enjoy karaoke 8 p.m.-midnight June 18 in the Lavene Lounge at Mission's End.