

AFAF campaign begins Monday

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Staff Sgt. James Keeter
509th Mission Support Squadron

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RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFP) — The Air Force Aid Society gave \$179,066 in assistance to Whiteman members in 2003.

The Air Force Assistance Fund “Commitment to Caring” campaign runs Monday to May 7, asking airmen to contribute to any of four Air Force-related charities, including AFAS.

The charities benefit active-duty, Reserve, Guard, retired Air Force people, surviving spouses and families. This is the 31st year of the fund drive. Charities receive 100 percent of designated contributions.

Staff Sgt. James Keeter, 509th Mission Support Squadron, said he received a \$600 loan from the AFAF to help pay for deposits and rent when he moved off base.

“Requests for assistance have continued at record levels since Sept. 11, 2001,” said retired Lt. Gen. Mike McGinty, Air Force Aid Society chief executive officer. “Last year the Air Force Aid Society helped 30,000 airmen with (more than) \$22.6 million in assistance. That’s a lot of help. Contributions are vital for the society to sustain this kind of help. It is truly an airmen-helping-airmen program.”

Whiteman members contributed \$16,719 directly to AFAS last year.

The secretary and chief of staff of the Air Force recently announced a \$5.2 million goal. In 2003, Air Force people gave \$5.9 million to the fund.

People can contribute through cash, check, money order or payroll deduction to:

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News in Brief

Awards ceremony scheduled

The 509th Bomb Wing annual awards banquet begins at 5:30 p.m. Feb. 20 at Mission’s End. Attire is mess dress or semi-formal for military, and coat and tie for civilians. The cost is \$15.95 for members and \$17.95 for nonmembers. See a first sergeant for more details or to buy a ticket.

CMSU military appreciation day set

The Central Missouri State University men’s and women’s basketball teams host a military appreciation day Feb. 28. Military members and their families get in free with a military identification card. The women’s game begins at 1 p.m. while the men’s game starts at 3 p.m. Free refreshments will be served by the Warrensburg military affairs committee.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Bennie Davis

Airman 1st Class Joshua Varga, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, watches over a B-2 on the tarmac at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam. The B-2 went to Guam Feb. 5 as part of Air Combat Command’s ongoing Global Power Missions. The missions allow B-2 aircrews to train for flights from Whiteman to an overseas location.

B-2 crews deploy to Guam

By Airman 1st Class Joe Lacdan and Senior Airman Shawn Clements
Public Affairs

U.S. adversaries beware. Whiteman members once again showcased the B-2’s ability to strike targets anywhere in the world Jan. 31-Feb. 6 during Operation Coronet Bugle 29.

During the Global Power Mission deployment to Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, 28 509ers participated in the exercise. The pilots flew three 21-hour sorties, while 19 maintainers provided ground support. Nine pilots participated in the deployment.

The deployment’s objectives were:

- ✓ Destroy designated targets in Alaska’s Yukon range near Eielson AFB using 2,000-pound MK-84 munitions,

- ✓ Accomplish annual long-duration training requirements for B-2 crew members, and

- ✓ Familiarize B-2 crew members with operations at Andersen.

“During this deployment, we enhanced our strike capabilities by familiarizing Whiteman (members) with operations at one of our primary

forward-operating locations,” said Maj. Sam White, 393rd Bomb Squadron. “We were able to work with many base organizations (there), become familiar with the base layout, and identify shortfalls in any long-term B-2 operations.”

Major White said the deployment was important because it once again displayed the B-2’s global power strike capability, and showed the flexibility of operators and maintainers working from a forward location.

This deployment was a global power and engine-running crew change exercise, simulating the mission profile used during Operation Enduring Freedom.

“Doing exercises like these allow operations and maintenance (members) the opportunity to work in an environment they could potentially be sent to in a real-world scenario,” Major White said. “It also allows us to build rapport with the host base so (it) can better understand B-2 capabilities and limitations.”

Whiteman members don’t get this opportunity often. GPMs take place quarterly and the squadron doesn’t always deploy for them, said Master Sgt. Leo Clausen, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron production

superintendent.

“Our main objective as maintainers during this deployment was to make sure the aircraft was ready to go and the aircrew could complete their portion of the exercise successfully,” Sergeant Clausen said. “This exercise also provided valuable opportunities for the exercise participants.”

“It allowed maintainers and operations people to familiarize themselves with a forward-operating location and what type of support equipment they would have to work with. This also let us learn how the airfield was set up and where all the aircraft parking spots are located,” Sergeant Clausen said. “This exercise was important because Andersen (AFB) is a place that we could deploy to.”

The deployment also allowed Capt. Martin Schulting, 393rd BS, to experience a sortie longer than 20 hours. “It was my first time crossing an ocean,” the captain said. “It was good to see how to accomplish (a deployment).”

Whiteman members participated in a previous global power exercise in September, which was an exercise focused on sustaining flight operations from a deployed location.

Commander's Corner

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

CHIEFS CARRY THE SWORD. I've often been told that to make chief master sergeant, you must thread the "eye of the needle" before you can reach the pinnacle of our enlisted force. Of course, that's a euphemism for how keen the competition is to attain "chief."



Take a close look at those chiefs. Do you notice an air of confidence in the ones who have all nine stripes? It's not an ego, but rather a strong, powerful feeling of ownership to a tribe of professional airmen who clearly understand the difference between enthusiasm for an airman and leading them. It's the chief that stands up for what is right, even in the face of adversity. They carry the sword of leadership.

Chiefs are equally responsible as senior leaders of our Air Force. Their creed and code reinforce that! But, there's still a mystery about them. Others scratch their heads and wonder what "right stuff" does it takes to make a chief? There's no mystery — they take ultimate care of the mission! We rely on the chiefs to stay above the fray to carry the mantle of success. They sharpen the sword for others.

On the lighter side, chiefs can be a bit quirky. Let me explain. At Whiteman, one of their kin is carrying a model of an all-terrain

vehicle firmly attached to a grip handle molded to a large wooden B-2 silhouette. That's the "Jeep Chief"... he's the youngest, newest, shiniest one of the bunch. More affectionately called the "Jeep," he proudly holds this icon as a right of passage to become a chief.

Frankly, you see this at every base in our Air Force. Heaven forbid the "Jeep" is caught without that contraption in his hands. It'll cost him dearly with all the chiefs ...that's the code from the "tribunal."

This affair of bemusing the group's youngest seems like a riddle. Why would the rest of the chiefs subject the shiniest "Jeep" to all this frustration, this annoyance? I think I have the answer — it's tradition. It's a universal heritage wherever they go. It's a coherent reminder the newly pinned chief has been inducted into the strongest, finest set of professionals our enlisted corps has. Chiefs take ultimate care of other chiefs.

There is another aspect of the "Jeep Chief" that makes all chiefs stand out. It makes them look young! In some ways, it brings that chief back to the basics of what it's like to be "Airman Snuffy" who carries the flag of distinction in a BMT formation. This tradition is the root of what chiefs are all about — taking care of young airmen in time of need, whether at home or abroad. Warning: don't ask that young-looking chief if you could hold the jeep — it's taboo to ever let go of something that has been solely entrusted to them by the chiefs. Again, losing the jeep could be costly.

Wow! A chief ... I'm sure there are plenty

of our enlisted folks who would like to be one. Go ask a chief what it takes to make the grade. If you're enlisted, it's well within your grasp to be one! In retrospect, they'll tell you to set your sights on the horizon; look beyond visual range!

Put a set of chief stripes on your wall like my old first sergeant did when he was a new master sergeant ... he's now a chief. You've got the sight picture. I think a chief will tell you to be actively engaged at all levels from your work section, unit and wing to the community. Just do your job ... **BETTER THAN THE REST!**

There's one more mark of distinction about chiefs. There are few of them — that alone makes them special leaders in our Air Force. Take a closer look at the Air Force grade and insignia chart ... the one that shows a picture of every enlisted and officer rank. Have you ever noticed it takes nine major steps to go from no stripes to chief? Glare at the page once more ... of the enlisted ranks there are four grades of chief! It's powerful knowing chiefs not only have the highest enlisted rank, but they also have the opportunity to be a first sergeant (the diamond), a command chief (the star) or the Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force (the wreath). No other rank has that privilege and that responsibility to carry the sword for a unit, wing or Air Force.

Tonight, the chiefs recognize their seven newest promotees. On behalf of the Whiteman warriors, we congratulate each of you on this significant achievement. Soon the following will have the distinction of being a



File photo

Whiteman's newest chiefs are: Senior Master Sgts. John Little, Andres Alvarez, Steph Page, Billy Sheridan, Dana Phillips, Bobby Rush and Brian Agan.

"Jeep Chief:" Senior Master Sgts. Brian Agan, 509th AMXS, Andres Alvarez, 5090th MXS, John Little, 509th CES, Steph Page, 509th AMXS, Dana Phillips, 509th AMXS, and Bobby Rush, 509th BW.

I want to personally thank our chiefs for their heritage, leadership and mentorship. For with them, we accomplish more than anyone can imagine. Who are they?

They are: Chief Master Sgts. Michael Baumeister, 509th AMXS, Bryan Brown, 509th MUNS, Arthur Buck, 509th AMXS, Mike Cannon, 509th MXS, Eddie Chitwood, 509th MOS, Keith Cobb, 509th BW, Melvin Cooper, 509th LRS, Terrance Douglas, 509th MedGp, Roy Erickson, 509th BW, Gary Fields, 442nd CES, Harold Hale, 509th MXS, William Hammerli, 72nd TES, Keith Hanners, 509th CES, Ken Huls, 509th MSG, David Issacson, 442nd MSG, Don MacMillian, 509th SFS, Robert Moore, 509th MXG, Raymond Reph, 509th AMXS, Ron Riles, 509th MXS, Billy Sheridan, 509th OSS, Nancy Taulbee, 509th MSS, Beau Turner, 509th MXG, and David Young, 509th MXG.

'KEEP'ing people, 'KEEP'ing it personal

By Maj. Timothy Dennison

509th Maintenance Operations Squadron Commander

The backbone of the Air Force, our enlisted troops, seems to be eclipsed by the latest innovation or feat.

The B-2 rocked the world during the opening hours of Operation Enduring Freedom and continues to thrill crowds at flyovers. It's regarded as the pride of the Air Force and America's symbol of freedom. The F/A-22 also dominates headlines, living up to its ranking of being the world's most advanced fighter platform. All else fades in the shadow of these stealth aircraft ... or does it?

No, they aren't close to what the Air Force holds dearest. It's you. As the true pride of the Air Force, no other service in the world can match the professionalism and education of our enlisted force. The Air Force's pledge is to continue this standard of excellence by taking steps to ensure your personal needs are met and career goals achieved. A welcome addition to this is the Keep Enlisted Experience Program, or KEEP.

KEEP is designed for first- and second-term airmen as a career counseling program to help them make an informed decision at key times in their career. The Air Force believes in this program so much that there's a chapter dedicated to it in Air Force Instruction 21-101, Reporting



Photo by Senior Airman Shawn Clements

Maj. Timothy Dennison, 509th Maintenance Operations Squadron commander, briefs Airman 1st Class Lavonne McFarlane, 509th MOS, about the Keep Enlisted Experience Program.

of Aircraft and Supply Status, Chapter 12.

You are crucial to the Air Force mission. We want to keep you satisfied, help you grow and keep you in. At

some point, you'll face the decision to continue on or hang up the uniforms and try life on the outside. Unfortunately, many leave the Air Force without much thought to what awaits them. Some leave without a plan and are drawn by the "good life" outside. Sadly, the pasture on the other side often isn't greener.

As commanders, it's our duty to help you (and your spouse) set your career goals, and provide you with valuable information to make an informed choice about whether to get out or stay in.

KEEP helps us accomplish this. KEEP is meant to be implemented one-on-one with you — keeping it personal. The first sergeants are the focal point for you and this program. They serve as a commander's eyes and ears, keeping us informed of those who are approaching critical windows in their career.

There are four critical times for you after entering the Air Force in relation to KEEP: 18 months before re-enlistment, 15 months, 13 and 12 months, and six months.

Your supervisors play a vital role in your professional development and retention. It's their responsibility. At these junctures, they should provide career counseling on benefits, entitlements and opportunities available in an Air

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✓ The AFAS, the official charitable organization of the Air Force which provides airmen and their families with worldwide emergency financial assistance, education assistance and an array of base-level community-enhancement programs. Base family support centers have full details on programs and eligibility requirements. Information is also available online at <http://www.afas.org>.

✓ The Air Force Enlisted Villages in Fort Walton Beach, Fla., near Eglin Air Force Base, which provides rent subsidy and other support to indigent widows and widowers of retired enlisted people 55 and older. More information is available at <http://www.afenlistedwidows.org>.

✓ The Air Force Village Indigent Widow's Fund, a life-care community in San Antonio for retired officers, spouses, widows or widowers and family members. The Air Force Village Web site is <http://www.airforcevillages.com>.

✓ The General and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation, which provides rent and financial assistance to indigent widows and widowers of officers and enlisted people in their own homes and communities. The LeMay Foundation Web site is <http://www.lemayfoundation.org>.

"Our people receive tremendous benefits from this program of airmen helping airmen. The only way that can continue is with everyone's support," said Brig. Gen. Doug Raaberg, 509th Bomb Wing commander.

Contributions to AFAS are tax deductible. For more information, visit <http://www.afassistancefund.org> or the Air Force Personnel Center's voting and fund-raising Web site at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/votefund>.

"Contributions to this organization allow airmen to give back to (other) airmen when they're in a time of need," Sergeant Keeter said.

Installation project officers have information on local procedures and goals. (*Senior Airman Shawn Clements, 509th Bomb Wing, contributed to this story.*)

LSET team coming to Whiteman

By Master Sgt. Dee Ann Poole

Public Affairs

The Air Combat Command Logistics Standardization and Evaluation Team visits Whiteman Feb. 23-27. The 30-member team will evaluate the effectiveness of maintenance and logistics programs and functions here.

Led by Lt. Col. Joseph Swillum, team members will use Air Force Instructions, technical data, operating instructions, Air Force Occupational Safety and Health standards, and compliance and standardization lists, said 1st Lt. Kenneth Fetters, 509th Maintenance Group.

The lieutenant said team members will conduct personnel evaluations, quality verification inspections, and special inspections in the maintenance and logistics areas.

The areas of Whiteman being scrutinized are the 509th Aircraft Maintenance, 509th Munitions, 509th Maintenance Operations and 509th Logistics Readiness squadrons, and the 509th Maintenance Group Quality Assurance and Weapons Standardization sections.

To prepare for the visit, Lieutenant Fetters suggests people review previous LSET reports on the Web site at <https://lg.acc.af.mil/lgq/LSET>, applicable AFIs, OIs, technical orders and AFOSH standards to see how their individual area of responsibility relates to what the team is evaluating.

"Overall, this visit will give 509ers an in-depth assessment of how we're accomplishing our mission. This will be a great opportunity to show the rest of ACC what the Whiteman team is doing well and provide useful feedback on what we need to do to make our processes better," Lieutenant Fetters said.

"Remember to be courteous to each inspector and don't be intimidated by any inspector. Reach out, shake their hand and be proud of what you do day in and day out. Displaying confidence through your actions will help ensure Whiteman has a successful LSET," he said.

LSET's roots come from the old Tactical Air Command Maintenance Standardization and Evaluation Team, which was in place in the 1970s and 1980s. The team was disbanded in early 1990.

In 1994, aircraft maintenance standardization irregularities across ACC caused the command to reinstate the visits. At the time, it was known as a Logistics and Operations Consultant Assistance Team. LOCAT was a non-threatening visit to give the wing's leadership a private snapshot evaluation of the health of their aircraft fleet,



Photo by Master Sgt. Dee Ann Poole

Tech. Sgt. Mark Jansen verifies the inventory of Airman 1st Class Charles Cheek's toolkit. They are members of the 325th Aircraft Maintenance Unit.

equipment resources and maintenance management programs.

In 2000, the ACC commander directed a back-to-basics approach to flying and aircraft maintenance. He also directed the focus of LOCAT change to a more compliance-oriented inspection.

Lieutenant Fetters said that in 2003, ACC refocused the team on compliance-oriented maintenance and logistics and changed its name to LSET. The team increased its size from six to 30 members, and returned to over-the-shoulder personnel evaluations and made findings answerable.

The refocus also added the logistics disciplines of supply, transportation and logistics plans to the evaluation process.

Whiteman, Langley squads seek fit for new medical team's equipment

By Karen Fleming-Michael

U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel
Command Public Affairs

FORT DETRICK, Md. — Form, fit and function were the buzz words for a week in December when Air Force units converged in Maryland to test the marriage of a new team and its high-tech equipment.

Bioenvironmental engineers from Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., and Langley AFB, Va., learned if a new deployable equipment package for the Medical Nuclear, Biological and Chemical team would meet airmen's needs during deployments. The team's job is to collect environmental samples after a nuclear, chemical or biological attack, analyze the samples and provide a health risk assessment to commanders to use in making smart decisions on whether an area's safe.

With a price tag of \$350,000, the package's equipment and protected shelter have been rigorously tested so planners at Air Combat Command are certain it works as advertised. What they needed to test Dec. 8-12, however, was if the equipment worked for the team.

"We're not so concerned (today) with determining if the equipment works but whether people can use the equipment," said Lt. Col. Donald Diesel, Air Force Medical Evaluation Support Activity. "It's the human factors side of it: Is the switch positioned ok to turn on and off, can it be done in MOPP (mission oriented protective posture) gear, can it be done at night, can they see dials and gauges at night."

To find out, Whiteman and Langley teams worked under



Courtesy photo

An airman prepares to deploy into a "contaminated environment" during an exercise Dec. 10.

varying conditions: in protective gear, out of protective gear, in daylight, in the dark, in rain and in tents.

During the week of observing airmen set up, run scenarios and pack up, exercise planners stayed focused on their goal of making sure the Medical NBC teams have what they need in the field.

Today, airmen like Capt. Robert Campbell from ACC have the full-time job of ensuring medical equipment packages, like the Medical NBC team's, are just right so airmen

will have confidence in the packages with which they deploy.

"We want to make sure that no matter where you are in the Air Force, you deploy with the same set of equipment, and that set is optimized to give the biggest bang for the buck," he said.

Having a Medical NBC team that operates separately from the civil engineers is a new asset for the service, Captain Campbell said, so putting together its first equipment package is crucial to for the team's confidence.

"We realigned the mission of the team. Instead of being a detection asset — which the civil engineering readiness personnel already are — we're conducting surveillance to see what the human health hazards are in a deployed environment to provide the commander with good information so he can make good decisions, like telling airmen that they can come out of full MOPP gear," he said, adding that in the past, making a call like that without the right equipment was, at best, an educated guess.

In creating the new team's equipment package, planners got rid of most of the old gear and are fielding more sensitive equipment that can aid the engineers in making a health risk assessment based on the samples they collect and analyze.

"The main difference between the old and new equipment is simple: capabilities," said Staff Sgt. Joey Potaczek, 509th Medical Support Squadron Bioenvironmental Engineering Flight NCO in charge. "With the new equipment, we are able to detect, identify and quantify a specific chemical agent. We have never been able to do that. We also

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ALS graduates 24 future NCOs

Airman Leadership School Class 04-B graduated 24 senior airmen Tuesday at Mission's End.

Award winners are:

Alan Reynolds, 509th Communications Squadron, John L. Levitow Award.

Jerico McInnis, 509th Security Forces Squadron, Leadership Award.

James Brock, 509th SFS, Distinguished Graduate and Academic Achievement awards.

Other graduates are:

Antonio Williams and **Ricardo Zuniga**, 509th Maintenance Operations Squadron.

Daniel Adams, **Dustin Hahn**, **Mathias**

Hauser, **Ronald James**, **Rachel Ruminski**, **Benjamin Sklenar** and **Joseph Weir**, 509th Maintenance Squadron.

Trinity Brown and **Eric Melvin**, 509th SFS.

Kevin Grant, 509th Medical Operations Squadron.

Timothy Owens, 509th Bomb Wing.

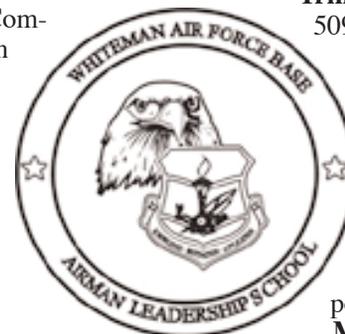
Tiffany Clements,

Justin Falcon, **Christopher Ralston** and **Christopher Royal**, 509th Operations Support Squadron.

Michael Jennings, **Kevin**

Washington and **Jack Watson**, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.

Joshua Meddock, 509th Munitions Squadron.



62 make commitment to stay

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

In December and January, 62 509th Bomb Wing members made a commitment to stay with the Air Force.

They are:

Senior Airmen Mathias Hauser, 509th Maintenance Squadron, **Latonya Jackson**, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron, **Demetrill Newman**, 509th Communications Squadron, **Shane Piringer**, 325th Bomb Squadron, and **Michael Tangen**, 509th LRS.

Staff Sgts. Stacie Conrey, 509th Security Forces Squadron, **Barbara Daigle**, 509th Bomb Wing, **Theodore Fest**, 509th SFS, **Laurence Horne**, 509th LRS, **Keith Jesse**, 509th Medical Group, **Clay Konrad**, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, **Charles Loftus**, 509th MXS, **Louis Jones**, 394th Combat Training Squadron, **Daniel Massey**, 509th MXS, **David Mendenhall**, 509th Munitions Squadron, **Sean Murray**, 509th CS, **Larry Myers**, 509th MXS, **Adam Prazak**, 509th AMXS, **Wayne Schenk**, 509th MUNS, **Jason Sells**, 509th Maintenance Group, **Lamont Smith**, 509th MUNS, **James Swigert**, 509th CS, **Jason Thompson**, 509th AMXS, **William Timmons**, 509th AMXS, **James Vanover**, 509th SFS, and **Reina Voss**, 509th BW.

Tech. Sgts. Donald Billingsley, 372nd Training Squadron, **Alan Butler**, 509th AMXS, **Larry Cole**, 509th MXG, **Edwin Fischer**, 509th MOS, **Jeffrey Grimes**, 509th MUNS, **James Hatt**, 509th MOS, **Daniel**

Hill, 509th SFS, **Darron Hunter**, 509th AMXS, **David Morris**, 509th LRS, **Dwayne Morrison**, 509th LRS, **Antonio Pagliai**, 509th SFS, **Kevin Pullen**, 509th SFS, **Stephen Pyszka**, 509th Medical Group, **Clint Reinier**, 509th AMXS, **Randy Sellers**, 509th CES, **Michael Sewell**, 509th Operations Support Squadron, **Kent Troyer**, 509th MXS, **Daniel Verscha**, 509th LRS, **John Ward**, 509th Comptroller Squadron, and **Garry Walker**, 509th AMXS.

Master Sgts. Tom Amor, 509th OSS, **Ricky Anderson**, 509th MedGp, **Michael Collins**, 509th MXS, **Kelly Eckhardt**, 509th CES, **Teresa Garrett**, 509th BW, **Thomas Heffernan**, 509th OSS, **Timothy Hoskins**, 509th CES, **James Kendall**, 509th SFS, **Earl McCracken**, 509th LRS, **Patrick Rodriguez**, 509th CES, **Ronald Scott**, 509th MXS, **Timothy Stanfield**, 509th MUNS, and **Charles Wellman**, 509th LRS.

Senior Master Sgts. Ronald Hoffman, and **Ken Raub**, 509th SFS.

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

If you have any questions or concerns about the decision, ask. The career assistance office is located in the professional development center, Bldg. 1435. If you need other career assistance, call 687-STAY (7829).



Photo by Staff Sgt. Tia Schroeder

No accidents here

Senior Airman James Fana, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, coordinates the location of a simulated hazardous chemical spill for the disaster control group here. The DCG met for a Major Accident Response Exercise Feb. 6. The exercise helps prepare base members for a real accident situation.

Whiteman Spirit Award



Army Spc. Kenneth Nease
509th Security Forces Squadron

Army Spc. Kenneth Nease, 509th Security Forces Squadron, received the Whiteman Spirit Award from Brig. Gen. Doug Raaberg, 509th Bomb Wing commander, Monday.

Master Sgt. Randy Harris, 509th Medical Support Squadron, nominated Specialist Nease for the award. Sergeant Harris said that every time his family drives through the gate Specialist Nease always greets them with professional courtesy.

No matter what the weather is, Specialist Nease always has a smile on his face. "He takes the time to say hello and ask how our day is going," Sergeant Harris said.

"During a bitterly cold afternoon, I saw an airman drive up to the gate. The car window must have been knocked out because there was a duct taped plastic sheet where the window should have been. After checking the airman's identification, Specialist Nease walked to the back of the car and tapped down the tape to keep plastic from flapping and the cold air from coming in," Sergeant Harris said.

"I have seen Specialist Nease letting family members know if a tire needs air or simply giving a warm and cheerful hello or smile," Sergeant Harris said. "He deserves this award for all the great things he does for our community."

Personally Speaking

Duty title: Installation Gate Guard

Time on station: 1 year

Time in service: 13 years

Hometown: Marshall, Mo.

Spouse: Lucinda

Children: Sarah, 15, and Kenny, 11

Hobbies: Family, hunting, fishing and auto mechanics.

Goals: To hopefully be able to finish my career with assignments as enjoyable as Whiteman.

Best thing about Whiteman: The Air Force togetherness.

Pet peeves: Rude people.

What motivates your winning spirit? My family and the people I have had the pleasure of working with.

If you could change one thing at Whiteman, what would it be? Not a thing.

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can identify suspicious substances and powders and locate specific radioactive isotopes."

As blowers howled constantly to maintain the shelter under positive air pressure and keep out chemicals and biological "bugs," the crew simulated being dropped in the middle of nowhere so they had to operate with what they had. In all, they tested 27 pieces of state-of-the-art surveillance equipment, like a machine that can analyze any volatile compound, including chemical warfare agents, at low levels. They also had a soil sample analyzer, handheld global positioning systems, equipment that identifies what radioactive isotope has been encountered and improved chemical detection and identification equipment.

"When we pulled everything out ... faces really lit up," Captain Campbell said. "Compared to the old equipment, the kind of clunky, push-button unsophisticated (tools) that don't mesh with what the bioenvironmental engineers use every day, this is really exciting."

The equipment isn't entirely new to the Air Force, Captain Campbell said. Nearly 90 equipment sets have been given to bases worldwide for home station use. (*Airman 1st Class Joe Lacdan, 509th Bomb Wing, contributed to this story.*)

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Continuing the LEGACY



Photo by Airman 1st Class Joe Lacdan

Airman 1st Class Theresa Luna, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron, said her disciplined approach toward daily tasks partly comes from being raised by her father, Angel, a former Marine.

Taking charge

LRS airman impresses many

By Airman 1st Class Joe Lacdan

Public Affairs

Theresa Luna reached a dead end.

At 20, she had a house and car, and supported herself with three jobs. But she said a lack of personal growth plagued her.

"I felt like I was just working to pay the bills," she said.

Growing up 40 miles from Los Angeles, in the southern California town of Lancaster, she said many of her peers entered the job market early. Luna, now a 22-year-old airman first class, said she felt pressured to join the working force after graduation in 1999 from Antelope Valley High School. She worked in two restaurants as a waitress and had a third job in sales.

Driven to change her life, she joined the Air Force in February 2002. Since arriving here in March 2003, Airman Luna opened new opportunities for herself. Now she attends State Fair Community College classes. She said she also takes pride in being a productive member of the 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron. She surprised her peers with her ability to adapt and accomplish daily tasks accurately.

"After high school the thing to do was go straight to work, because all my friends were working and had kids," Airman Luna said. "Now that I can go to college and work to, it's made my life better."

As an inbound receiving apprentice, Airman Luna helped move \$300 million worth of supplies and equipment with a 100 percent inventory accuracy rate in 2003. She also led the processing of 747 Standard Assets Tracking System receipts in 15 days with no errors.

"She has a lot of initiative. She catches on quick," said Staff Sgt. Angela Stone, 509th LRS NCO in charge of inbound cargo.

Airman Luna said her disciplined approach can be traced to her upbringing.

Born to a Hispanic-American father and Samoan mother, Luna was raised in a large family with seven sisters. Her father, Angel, is a former Marine. He instilled discipline in his daughters with daily chores such as taking out the trash before leaving the house.

That discipline helps Airman Luna tackle more difficult chores for the 509th LRS today. Sergeant Stone tasked Airman Luna to head the report and discrepancy program, a job normally given to a staff sergeant.

"(Airman Luna's) ability to understand how her daily tasks ultimately affect the 509th LRS mission is unbelievable," said 1st Lt. Robert Austin, 509th LRS materiel management flight commander. "She can be counted on to receive a task and carry it through to completion. I wish I had a hundred more of her."

A naturally active person most of her life, Airman Luna continues that trend here. Outside of her duties for the 509th LRS, she is the squadron's booster club treasurer. In her free time, she volunteers for Airmen Against Drunk Driving and coaches soccer at the youth center."

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Force career.

You'll be amazed at the benefits the Air Force offers. I encourage you to become familiar with them by logging onto <http://www.afpc/andolph.af.mil/enlskills/benefits.htm>.

Your supervisors should even give

you information on Guard and Reserve opportunities, and how to re-enter the Air Force if you do decide to separate.

I believe with this program, you'll be better armed to make the decision of a lifetime about your re-enlistment.

If you have any questions on this program, contact your supervisor, first sergeant or commander.

One final word, since you're the pride of the Air Force: I would like to see you tomorrow and every day, buckle up and arrive alive!

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Dad — Thank you for always being there for me and supporting me in almost everything I do! Love always, Shan

TSgt George — Dad, you light up everyone's day. I am the luckiest girl in the world! Happy V-Day! Love, Kacee

Brenda George — Mom, You have stuck by me during my hard times. I love you so much! Happy V-Day! Love, Kacee

JediBob — I love you more and more every day. 18 years and still going strong! Love, Rosie

To my wonderful daughters, Janel, Aimee and Cory Ann — Have a Happy Valentine's Day. I love you very much! Love, Mom

ACE — I love you bunches. Love your, Honeybun

PookieWaddle — Parents couldn't be any prouder of a daughter. You are our world. Love, JMSO and KESO

Daddy — Happy Valentine's Day from your PS and Air Hockey Buddy! I love you! — Brett

Daddy — You're the best daddy in the whole world. Happy Valentine's Day! I love you! — Katy Jo

Giles — You're my love of a lifetime! Please be my valentine! I love you! — Kathy T.E.F.

Angel — My valentine dream girl! Happy Valentine's Day! — Giles T.E.F.

Mommy — I love you all the way up to heaven! Happy Valentine's Day! — Air Hockey Man

Mommy, You're the most Wonderful-est mommy in the world! I love you! — Dancing Shoes Girl

Dancing Shoes Girl — We love your shows! Happy Valentine's Day With lots of love, Mommy and Daddy

Air Hockey Man — Keep on slammin' them home! Happy Valentine's Day! Love ya, Mom and Dad



Tommy — You're all my hopes and dreams come true. I love you with all my heart. Love always, Sarah

VALENTINE MESSAGES

Youth Center SA Kids — I have in my heart. Miss you all bunches. Happy Valentine's Day! Love, Ms. JoRita

Youth Center Staff — Miss you guys. Keep in touch. Happy Valentine's Day! — JoRita

Daniel — The annoying cats wish you a happy Valentines Day, too! (ha ha) Love, Buggy

Bman — Happy Valentine's Day! We love you. — K&K

Steve — You are a wonderful husband and father. Your faith, strength and compassion are truly amazing! Love, Randi and Lauren

Princess — Thanks for the best five years of my life Thanks for being my best friend. I love you.

Angie — You are my strength and reason. Thanks for who you are and everything you do. I love you. — Alan

Tyler T. — Happy Valentine's Day, Love, Mom and Dad

Brett Treeces — I love you with all my heart. To many more years of my life. Always and forever, Cristy Treeces

Rosie — Just wanted to let you know I'm the luckiest man on this base with you as my wife. — Jedi

I love Claudia. She is the best stepmom ever! I hope she has the best Valentine's Day ever! — Kaley

Pamela and Mommy — Happy Valentine's Day. We love you very much. Love, Chris and Natalie

My love, Theo — Thank you for 50 years of love and happiness. I love you. Love, Betty

Kevin — You are a wonderful man and I'm glad that you're mine! I love you with all my heart! Love always, your wife Karen

T.J. — Happy Valentine's Day to a wonderful son! Love, Mom, Dad, Joe and Tootie

Tugars — I love you with all my heart! Happy Valentine's Day. — Daddy

Mommy — Happy Valentine's Day! From your son, Taylor.

would be proud of. I love you too very much. — Dad

Dale — It's been a great 25 years. Looking forward to another 25. Love, Edith XXOOXX

Happy Valentine's Day! I miss you and can't wait for you to return safely, Cutie Patotie!

Linda — Happy Valentine's Day and happy anniversary, Love, Jim, Always and always, forever and ever.

Connie M. — Love you. From, Butch

I just wanted to let you know that I love you very much! Happy Valentine's Day! Love, Charles.

Laura — Happy V-Day, sweet-heart. Please be my valentine for life.

J.R. — We love you and miss you very much! Hurry home deere! — Lisa and Sam.

Have a Happy Valentine's Day, sugar lump. Love, Nykky

Jerry — Wish you were here! I miss and love you. Happy Valentine's Day! Love, Cyndi

Dana — Thank you for being the best caring daughter a mother could have. Love ya, Mom

Jason — You always have been and always will be my sweetheart. I love you! — Annie

Senior Puddlecup — I'll love you always! — Tootlebe

Happy Valentine's Day, G.A.S.I! I love us, always. — Jo

Jeff and Jesse — I love you both very much. Thanks for making me a happy wife and mother. Love, Annie.

Geoff — Happy Valentine's Day from Mom and Dad. We love you!

Roy — Thank you for being a great husband and a wonderful father to our girls. Love always, Re

Trish — Have a great time today and be my valentine.

Mom — You are the best. You taught me a lot. I love you. — Dana

Jennifer — For marrying me, I promise you my heart and soul forever. I love you. — Simon

Chief — You are my knight. Geronimo, Renee

Luv U, Rob. Text U later. — All three very much. — Dad

Marco — For all the great years in the past, present and future. I love you very much. Love always, Jessica

Aaron — I'm so lucky to be in love with my best friend. Thanks for everything you do for me. — Amanda

Happy Anniversaries, mom and dad. You guys are great. Also, Happy V-Day. Love you both. Your oldest daughter, Chelsea

Happy Valentine's Day, mom and dad! We love you very much! Love, Sara, Jake and Velcro

Happy Valentine's Day, dad! We love you very much. — Kyla, Kristen and Dustin

Britt, Jeff, Chey, Mattea and Brenton — Just wanted to let you know that mom and dad love you very much.

Mark — Wish you could be here with us. We love you a lot. — Leslie, Britt, Jeff, Chey, Mattea and Brenton

Roses are red. Violets are blue. Sugar is sweet and so are you. — Danny

Bunnies — I love you and always will. Ich liebe dich.

Dad — I love you so much. Thanks for always being there. — Brittany

John — I love you. Thanks for everything you do for me and the kids. Love, Stacy, Hayley, Hunter and Hayden

Nick — Happy Valentine's Day! I love you. All my love, Natasha

Liz — Thank you for being my sweetie all these years. Love, John

James and Hannah — Happy Valentine's Day! Lots of love, Daddy

I love my dad very much! I hope he had the best Valentine's Day ever. I will love him forever! — Kaley

A. Payne — I've been watching you watching me. Your "secret" admirer

Kyle, Elainea, Adriana and Kylie — You are my life. I love you. — Mom

Happy Valentine's Day to our Buddy, Missy and Nugget. Love, Mommy and Daddy

To my wife, the most beautiful woman in all the world, Happy Valentine's Day. I LOVE YOU MORE!!!



JoAnn — For my darling, who went to be with Jesus June 14, 2003. You'll always be my valentine. I love you. — Herman

Mom and dad — To say, "I love you," gives you a good feeling inside of your heart. Happy Valentine's Day! — Missy

Anthony — Just wanted to say I love you very much. Happy Valentine's Day! Love, Priscilla

Kayla — You're the best girl a dad could have. Love, Big Daddy

Ronn, Desaray and Katherine — You are my world. I'm so blessed to have you in my life. God bless you. — Mom

I love my husband — even after 19 years!

Lori — Thank you for making the 21 years go so well. I love you. — Tom

Welcome home, honey. I love you. Happy Valentine's Day, Amoni! Thanks for being a great husband and father. Hugs and kisses!

Ang — On July 7, 1990, you stole my heart. On Feb. 14, 2004, you still have it. Happy Valentine's Day! — Jim

Alan — Happy Valentine's Day, sweetie! I love you with all my heart and soul. Love always your wife, April

To my honey bunny — Love you with all my heart! Your love, Muffin

Liz — Thank you for saying "YES" and allowing me to be part of your life forever! I love you, Eddie

Happy Valentine's Day to our Buddy, Missy and Nugget. Love, Mommy and Daddy

Huggie Bear — I just want you to know how much I love you and you complete my life. Love you, CP

Just wanted to say that I love you Cindy! Will you marry me? I want to spend my life together with you. — Huggie Bear

We love you, daddy! You're the best father and husband. Don't forget to bring home jewelry! — Alexis, Lauryn and Edie

Happy Valentine's: Brian and Michael, my wonderful family. Every day you give me love, happiness and beautiful smiles. Always love, Mommy

To prove my love to you here, give you my heart and a son. I love you, Sean.

We love our daddy, Maj. Jim McCreary! You are the best daddy in the whole world. Love, Sarah, JoJo and Jakkey

Happy Valentine's Day! Daddy, I love you! Love, Kayla

SB — You're still as beautiful as the first day we met! You will always be my valentine. — LR

Patty Jo — You are today, tomorrow and always. From your loving husband, Tom. Seems as if I've loved you forever.

Gabe — I love you! No one is more perfect for me. Happy Valentine's Day. Airman Winters' Love, Emily

Jennifer, D.J and Jordan — Mom and dad love you very much.

Maddog — You make me funny! Love your wife always and forever, my love.

Kelsey Kline — You are a great friend! Happy Valentine's Day! — Shelby

Hayden and Caitlyn — You are two great sisters! Happy Valentine's Day! — Shelby

Michelle — For all the support, comfort, compassion, attention, entertainment and love. — Matt

Jim Veal — I loved you yesterday. I love you today. And, I'll love you even more tomorrow. — Michelle

Yvonne Denmon — Just wanted to say I love you! — Brandon

The Lord has blessed me with a wonderful family. I love you all very much. Happy Valentine's Day. — Kelli S.

Scott, Rose, Isaac, Jess and Kenny — I love you! Happy Valentine's Day! Love, Mom

Rob — Happy Valentine's Day! We're proud of you! — Mom and Jason

Bill Diebold — I love you! From your daughter, Jessica

Kindra Wellman — You have been a great friend. I will miss you when you move! Happy Valentine's Day! — Shelby

Riley, Roscoe and Joe — I love you all. Ho be do! Love, Mommy

Dad — You are great! I love

To Jessica — I love you with my heart. I'll do it all over again. Love, Ken

Kenny — Happy Valentine's Day to my new hubby! Love ya, Anna

Dave — I love you! — Julie

Sgt. Ed Caffrey — I'm here without you baby but your still on my lonely mind. Happy Valentine's Day! Luv, ~TyTy~

Happy Valentine's Day! To my wonderful husband, Dan, and my precious children: DJ, Elizabeth and Sam. Thanks, God! Love, Mom

Richard, Sarah and Aeryn — You are my heart, my lifeline and without you guys, I wouldn't be complete. I love you! — Joelle

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you so much! Happy Valentine's Day! From, Shelby

Elizabeth Deveraux — You are a great friend. I will miss you when you move! From, Shelby

Dad — I love you very much and want to wish you a good Valentine's Day! — Elizabeth

Brad — You're a great kid! Happy Valentine's Day! — Mom and Dad

Pete — You are the love of my life! I want to be with you forever and a day. — Laura

Mom — I love you so much. You do a lot for me. Happy V-Day! From, Shelby

Jason — I love you! Happy Valentine's Day! — Juli

Dan — I thank God for almost 20 years of marriage. You went through the worst cancer with me. Wife for life, Minerva

Chad — Happy Valentine's Day! All my love, forever. Love, Vicki

Jady Fox — You mean the world to us! We love you little prince! Love, Mommy and Daddy

I like my mom and dad. I love them, too. Be my valentine time. — Aaron Poslusny

Claudia and Kaley Barknecht — I love you both very much. Happy Valentine's Day! I'll be home soon.

Khoalis — You mean so much to me! Thanks for being my lifetime valentine. Your wife, Khaliah Hall

William — You are my true love! You make me so happy! Seven years down, a lifetime to go! Love, Amy

To AK — You mean more to me than words could ever say. I love you with all my heart! — Shu

Ruth — Happy Valentine's Day! Love, your husband Our lives aren't easy right now and I'm sorry. However, loving you will always be easy. I love you, baby.

Janel — Be nice to me on Valentine's Day! Thank you for giving me a ride. You and your husband are nice.

To Lisa — Thanks for being a patient and supportive partner. I wouldn't get very far without you! Love always, Don

John — You are the one I will always love with all my heart and soul forever. Missing you, Barb

Daddy (John) — Wishing you a Happy Valentine's Day!

Thinking of you. Love, Wesley, Kelsey and Jonathan

Rush — To my best friend, you have made me a better man. Like a fine wine, you get better with age. — Huah

Nicole and Bianca — We wish you a Happy Valentine's Day! Thinking of you. Love, Dad, Barb, Wesley, Kelsey and Jonathan

Studley — Chocolate is my favorite treat. 20 years together, quite a feat. Love you more then before. Always yours, Babe

Happy Valentine's Day! Kelsie, Courtine and Ethan — I love you with all my heart. Hugs and kisses. Love ya, Mom

Christen and Cara — We love you. Happy Valentine's Day! XOXO, Mom and Dad

To my husband: This has been our first great year of marriage and I'm looking forward to many more. Love, Becky

Payton S. — I love you. I know you love me. I can tell as we hold hands and from Clinton. — Mike W.

David — It has been a great 16 years. I love you always and can't wait to see the next 16. — Margaret

Happy Valentine's Day, Mom and Dad! Love, Matthew

Jordan — We love you so much. You bring so much happiness to our life. Love, Grandma and Grandpa Wright

Daddy — We miss you and we love you! Please hurry home! Love, Mommy, Collin, Brendan and Katelyn

Steven — I love you very much. Love your wife, Cindy

Jason — I love you not only for what you are, but for what I am when I'm with you. — KJK

Lar — You're my home, my warm hug, my heart and my everything! My greatest joy is you and our boys. — Candy

JT — Happy first Valentine's Day! I love you! — Kassy

BD — You had me from hello. You've made me a better man. I love you. — HC

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Leaving true meaning to print type for reading is thin. It's best I begin with lots-of-kiss, then let you guess who this is. Yes?!

Rob — Thanks for making all my dreams come true. — Alley

Happy Valentine's Day, from Jordan and Tyler. We love you very much, Mommy, Reina. You're the best!

JP — We have been through a lot lately. Remember, I love you. Maybe this is our year. Love you, Michelle

To Mrs. Denise — Happy Valentine's Day! Thank you for being my CCD teacher! Love, Miranda Hagg

Jimmy and Bethany — We love you bunches. Love, Mommy and Daddy

Happy Valentine's Day, daddy! You're the best dad in the world! Love, Katie

To mom and dad — Happy Valentine's Day! We love you both! — Miranda and Trey

To Ms. Laura — Thank you for Children's Church. Happy Valentine's Day! Love, Miranda Hagg

To Miranda and Trey — Happy Valentine's Day! Love, Mom and Dad

Clay K. — Happy Valentine's Day, I love you! Love always your wife, Lora.

Honey — Thank you for such a wonderful life! You are the greatest! Happy Valentine's Day! I love you! — Little Gordita

To the best dad in the whole world! Happy Valentine's Day! We love you! — Alexander and Sean

Mommy — We wiv you so much. Thank you for the treats. — Winnie and Petunia

Bradley, Jacob and Ella Rose — Happy Valentine's Day! I love you, Mom

Nancy, Arysa and Rhianna — I love you all so very much. — Sam

To PA-C Lt. Patrick Geml — I love you. Happy Saint Valentine's Day! Love, Me

Happy Valentine's Day to the two greatest loves of my life, Alex and Keeley. Hugs and kisses! Love, Mommy

PA Tara Nelson — Happy St. Valentine's Day! Thank you so much for caring. God bless you!

To Ellen Wallace — Your Valentine only needs your heart to stay the man I am. — T

Abbigail, Stephen and Christian — Mommy and daddy love you all! Happy Valentine's Day.

Trish — To my wonderful valentine and lovely bride of 24 years. Happy Valentine's Day with all my love. — Mike

To Don Langley — Smiles. Back rubs. Romance. 12 years and counting... You still got it, babe! — Lisa

Josh Runkles — Not a day goes by that I don't think of you. You mean the world to me and are my everything. I love you. — Jen.

Hallo mein Schatz! Alles Liebe zum Valentinstag. Ich liebe dich! — Jessica und baby Janel

LIW — Vanille sila tri, Anil iyamenia harmuva onalæ cormamin Amin mela lle! — KISA

Alex, Shyanne and Tristan — Happy Valentine's Day to the best kids ever! We are so blessed to be your parents!

KISA — Like Beren and Tinuviel, your voice laid a spell upon me, now I only have eyes for only thee. — LIW

Happy Valentine's Day, daddy! We love you very much. Lots of hugs and kisses. Love, Boo Bear and Little Munchkin

Chris — My heart is eternally yours. My love for you is forever. Happy Valentine's Day! Love always your wife, Jennifer

I am glad you're always there for me. I love you so much. Happy Valentine's Day! Love your son, Joey.

My Love — You're the joy in my heart and the meaning in my life. You are my world. I love you! —Brandy

Steve — You're my dream come true. Thank you for being you. ILY forever!!! — Dee Ann

Jonathan and Megan — Happy Valentine's Day! We make our lives complete. We love you oh so much!!! — Mom and Dad

Steve — You're my dream come true. Thank you for being you. ILY forever!!! — Dee Ann

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Toni — You make my life complete. Life without you is no life at all. Love — Duke

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Quick action saves damaged teeth

Capt. (Dr.) Chad Heath
509th Medical Group

It may be cold outside now, but soon the weather will warm up. Children will be outside riding bikes, skating, playing on the playground or doing other summer activities.

Dentists frequently see the effects of playground mishaps or other traumatic child injuries. One complication from these injuries is that teeth may be knocked out of the mouth. Quick action is the key to saving the damaged tooth.

When an accident occurs and a tooth is knocked out, it should be found immediately. Don't leave the tooth at the accident site. The tooth should be handled by the crown portion and gently cleaned with water. It's important to not use soap or caustic chemicals, or a vigorous scrubbing action to clean the tooth. Such activity may irreversibly damage live cells present on the root surface.

If possible, the tooth should be replaced in its socket and held in position while the patient is immediately taken to a dentist who has been alerted to the situation.

If you're not sure how to position the

tooth in the socket, put it in the patient's mouth next to the cheek or place it in a cup of milk. The dentist can often reposition the injured tooth in the mouth and secure it in place. Such treatment doesn't guarantee permanent retention of the tooth.

Time is the critical factor when replanting a tooth knocked out of its socket. Quick action in locating the tooth, cleaning it, keeping it moist and replanting it will result in the best chance for success.

Take these steps to help save the tooth:

- ✓ Locate the tooth
- ✓ Handle the tooth by its crown — not by its root.
- ✓ Carefully remove debris from the tooth. Examine the root for fracture. If no fractures are noted gently replace the tooth in its socket.
- ✓ If you can't adequately replace the tooth in the socket, keep the tooth in a cup of milk or place the tooth in the patient's mouth near the cheek.
- ✓ Gently, clean the tooth with water.
- ✓ See a dentist immediately — preferably within 30 minutes of the accident.

For an emergency or more details, call 687-2201 or 687-1191.

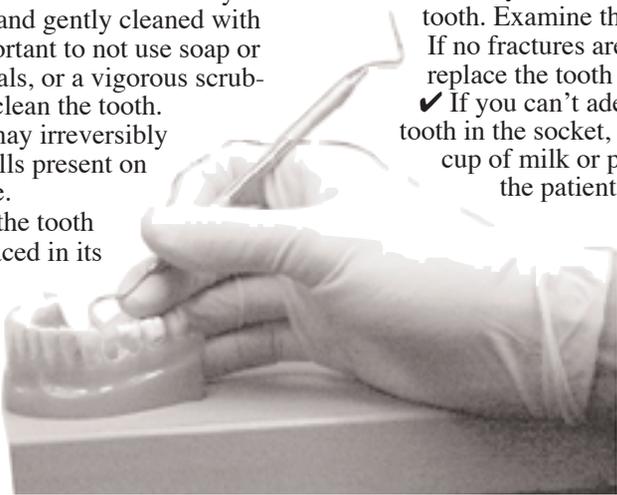


Photo by Senior Airman Shawn Clements

When treating a separated tooth, a person should place it back into the socket or place it in milk, and see a dentist immediately.



Photo by Senior Airman Shawn Clements

Keeping warm

Airman 1st Class Mary Jane Salinas, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron, demonstrates the proper wear of the stocking cap. Brig. Gen. Doug Raaberg, 509th Bomb Wing commander, recently approved a change to Whiteman Supplement 1 of Air Force Instruction 36-2903, Dress and Personal Appearance of Air Force Personnel. Stocking caps may be worn with an outer garment Nov. 1-April 1 anywhere on base. The cap isn't authorized to wear in uniform off base.

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What's happening

Claims notice

Brig. Gen. Doug Raaberg, 509th Bomb Wing commander, regrettably announces the death of Senior Airman Robin Qualls, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron. Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to Airman Qualls' estate should call 2nd Lt. Adam Sterling, 509th CES summary courts officer, at 687-7172.

Scholarships available

Dependent children of military members can apply for the 2004 Scholarships for Military Children Program through Wednesday. Applications are available online at <http://militaryscholar.org>. Applications are also at the Whiteman commissary. For more details, call Carol Lakey at 687-5648.

Heritage council luncheon set

This year's African-American History Month theme is "Brown. vs. Board of Education of Topeka, Kan."

The Heritage Council celebrates this theme with a luncheon at 11 a.m. Feb. 26 at Mission's End. The speaker is Col. Ronnie Hawkins, director of communications operations, office of the deputy chief of staff for installations and logistics.

The cost is \$9.95 for members and \$11.95 for nonmembers. The meal is catfish and chicken, collard greens, black-eyed peas and corn bread. Tickets are available from Master Sgts. Pierre Charles at 687-3030, Mark Carter at 687-5760 and Exzetta Guyton at 687-6190, Tech. Annette Keyes at 687-6809, Staff Sgt. Tawana Weston at 687-6376 and Airman 1st Class Damon Sampson at 687-2231.

The Heritage Council's expose takes place noon-4 p.m. Feb. 28 at the community center. The expose expresses the various contributions of African-Americans through plays, singing, miming, food and more. For more details, call Sergeant Carter at 687-5760.

WOSC sponsors auction

The Whiteman Officers' Spouses' Club hosts an art auction Feb. 27 at Mission's End. Hors d'oeuvres will be served. Profits from the auction will support the WOSC scholarship fund and other charities. The art includes framed oils, watercolors, serigraphs, lithographs and reproductions by renowned artists Howard Behrens, Robert Heindel, Claude Monet and others.

Dress is casual or duty uniform. Tickets cost \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door. For tickets, call Rachelle Sanchez at 563-3905 or Angelle Tibbets at 563-3095.

PREP seminar scheduled

The prevention and relationship enhancement program begins at 9 a.m. Feb. 27. The seminar is for couples who want to problem solve effectively. The PREP approach helps couples build effective communication skills and protect relationships from erosion. For more details or to register, call family advocacy at 687-4342.

Retiree office seeks help

The Whiteman Retiree Activity Office needs volunteers to help cover mission requirements. Part-time and full-time shifts are available. For more details, call 687-6457.

AWANA Kids meeting set

The Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed Kids Club meets 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesdays. The AWANA club is sponsored by the chapel. For more details, call Susan Wagner at 563-3327.

Stress management available

A stress management class begins at noon Tuesdays starting March 2 at the life skills support center conference room. Students will learn strategies and skills for coping with life's stresses. For more details or to register, call family advocacy at 687-4342.

SHARP class set

A Shifting Angry Response Patterns anger management class begins at 2 p.m. March 2 at the Life Skills Support Center conference room. This four-week class is for individuals interested in learning effective strategies for understanding and managing anger. For more details or to register, call family advocacy at 687-4342.

Class helps battle depression

A depression management class begins at 8:30 a.m. Mondays at the life skills support center. This is a four-session workshop designed for people who are experiencing depressed moods. Participants learn how to identify their pattern of depression, reactivate themselves, adopt a healthy lifestyle and improve their interpersonal relationships. For more details, call the LSC at 687-4340.

Mentors needed

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

Menus

Knob Noster Elementary School

Monday: NO SCHOOL
Tuesday: Chili, salad, peaches and cake
Wednesday: Fried chicken, scalloped potatoes, fruit salad and roll
Thursday: Corn dog, carrots, banana and cookie
Friday: Chicken and noodles, peas, apple crisp and salad

Whiteman Elementary School

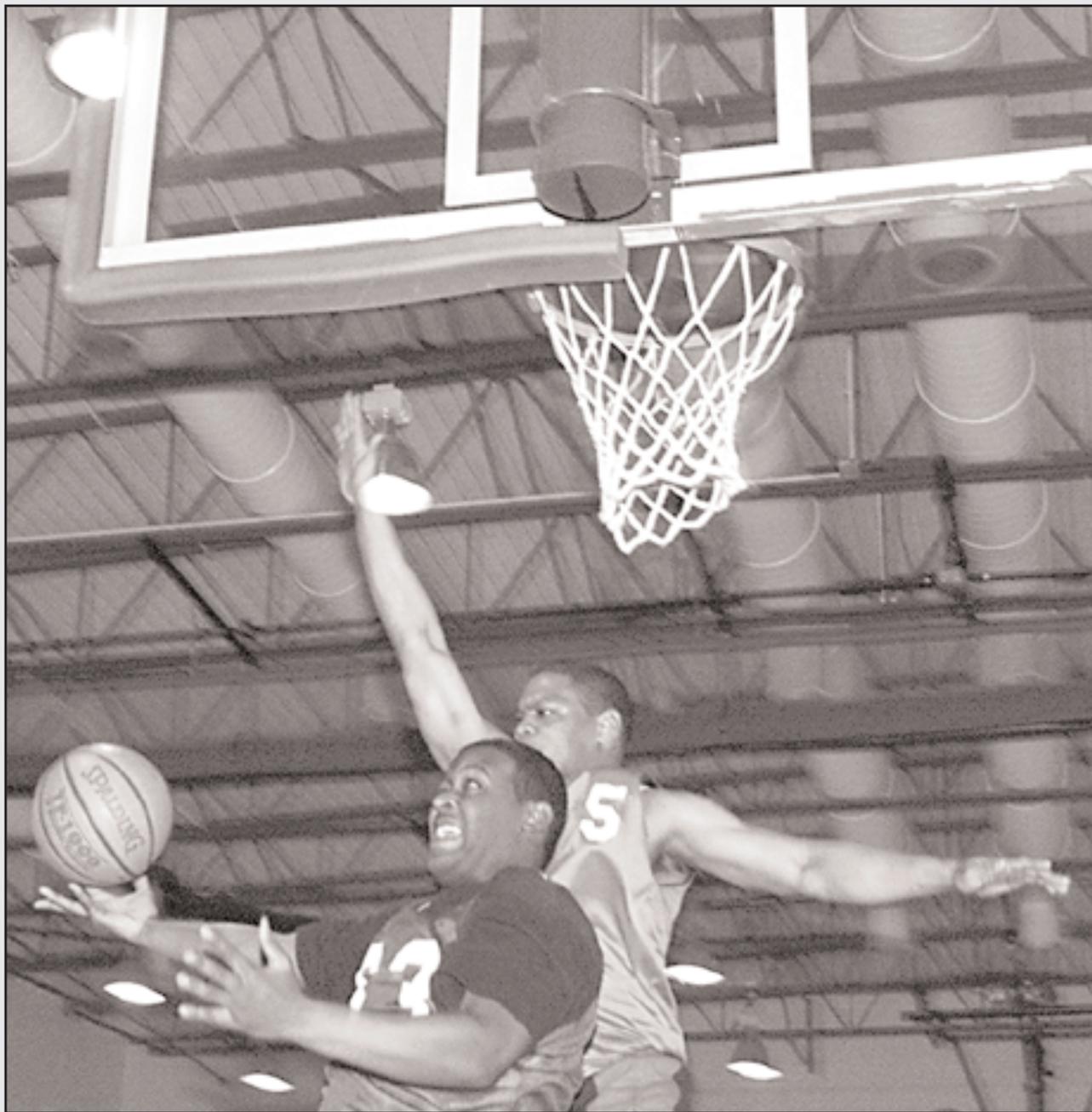
Monday: NO SCHOOL
Tuesday: Barbecued meatballs, baked potatoes, carrots and fruit
Wednesday: Country-fried steak, scalloped potatoes, peas with carrots, fruit and roll
Thursday: Spaghetti, salad, mixed vegetables and cookies
Friday: Beef lasagna, salad and pudding



Photo by Airman 1st Class Joe Laccan

Making the standard

Marcus Gray, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, uses a treadmill at the fitness center. The fitness center hours are 4:30 a.m.-11:30 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, 4:30 a.m.-10:30 p.m. Fridays, and 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturdays, Sundays, holidays and Spirit days.



Photos by Airman 1st Class Joe Laccan

Playoffs under way

The Whiteman intramural basketball league playoffs took place this week. Above: Ameer Weston, 509th Communications Squadron, attempts a reverse layup during his team's 46-30 first-round win over the 509th Munitions Squadron Monday. Weston scored nine points during the contest. Tyrone Wright led the 509th CS (14-7) with a game-high 18 points Below: Chris Pope, 509th CS, drives on a trio of 509th MUNS defenders. In other first-round games Monday, the 509th Maintenance Squadron Team 1 beat the 509th Civil Engineer Squadron 47-35. Stephen DuBois, 509th CES, had 12 points. Defending league champ 509th Security Forces Squadron upended the 509th Comptroller Squadron 48-32. Leading scorer Justin Geers scored a game-high 20 points, while post player Jeff Fluck added 11 points for first-place SFS (18-2). The championship game begins at 5 p.m. Tuesday.



Aerobics Schedule

Mondays — 6 a.m., 9 a.m., 12 p.m. and 3:30 p.m., Spinning, 11 a.m. Tae kwon do, 6:15 p.m. yoga and 5:15 p.m. Pilates

Tuesdays — 5 p.m. Turbo step

Wednesdays — 6 a.m., 9 a.m., 12 p.m. and 3:30 p.m., Spinning, 11 a.m. Tae kwon do,
Thursday — 5:15 p.m. Step interval

Fridays — 6 a.m., 9 a.m., 12 p.m. and 3:30 p.m., Spinning, 11 a.m. Tae kwon do





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Food & Fun



Mission's End 687-4422

Karaoke

Enjoy or perform karaoke 8 p.m.-midnight Feb. 20 in the Lavene Lounge at Mission's End.



Travel & Leisure



Outdoor Recreation 687-5565

Rock climbing

Open rock climbing for certified climbers takes place 5:30-9 p.m. today and Feb. 27. A certification course takes place 6-8 p.m.

Ice skating

Go ice skating 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Feb. 21 at the Ice Sports Arena in Shawnee, Kan. The \$8 fee includes transportation and skating. Bring money for lunch and snacks. Sign up by Thursday at outdoor recreation.

Military appreciation days

Active-duty military members can ski free Wednesday and Feb. 25 at Snow Creek Resort* in Weston, Mo. The package includes a lift pass and ski rentals. Retired military, reservists, Department of Defense civilians and dependents 12 and older receive the same package for \$29. Dependents ages 7-12 can ski for \$19. Children 6 and younger can ski for \$10. Lessons are available. Directions to the resort are available at outdoor recreation.

Trip to Cabela's

Take a trip to Cabela's 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Feb. 28. There's a \$5 fee for transportation. Bring money for shopping and lunch. Sign up by Feb. 26 at outdoor recreation.

Tickets & Travel 687-5643

Mardi Gras

Take a trip to Universal Studios in Orlando, Fla. for Mardi Gras Saturday through March 27. The party begins at 5 p.m. Saturdays. There will be concerts, street performers, Cajun and Creole dinners, and more. All Mardi Gras festivities are included in the Universal Studios admission. Call Tickets & Travel for more information.

Salute the troops

Now through March 29 the Fairmont Hotel on the Plaza in Kansas City, Mo. is offering specially priced packages in honor of our troop's service. Packages start at \$88 per night are available through Tickets & Travel. Call for more information

Whiteman Base Theater

Friday
Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King
Starring - Elijah Wood & Ian McKellen 7 p.m. PG-13

Saturday
Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King
7 p.m. PG-13

Sunday
House of Sand and Fog
Starring - Jennifer Connelly 5:30 p.m. R

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>.



Community Activities



Community Center 687-5617

Cartooning class

Learn the art of cartooning 3-4 p.m. Saturday and Feb. 28 at the community center. Participants must bring a sketch pad and a No. 2 pencil. There's no sign up deadline for this free event.

Black History Expose'

Attend a Black History Expose' noon-4 p.m. Feb. 28 at the community center. Watch a choral presentation, step dance routines, cultural videos, skits, poetry and more. Refreshments will be provided at this free event.

Youth Center 687-5586

Spring soccer

Register for soccer 6:30 a.m.-6 p.m. through Feb. 20 at the youth center. This event is \$30 for members and \$38 for nonmembers. Late registrations will include a \$10 fee. Children must be 5 years old to be eligible. Current physicals and shot records on file at the youth center and are required for participation.

P.j. party

Children in kindergarten through fourth grade are welcome to a p.j. party 6:30-9:30 p.m. Feb. 20 at the youth center. Play bingo, games in the gym and watch a movie. The snack bar will be available. There's a \$5 fee for members and \$6.50 fee for nonmembers. Children must wear pajamas to be admitted. Sign up begins Monday.

Image makers photography club

Youth ages 9 and older can join a boys and girls national photography contest club. The club meets 4-5:30 p.m. Wednesdays, March 3 until April 7, at the youth center. Sign up by March 2 for this free event. Photographs of base winners will be sent to a regional competition. Cameras and film processing are provided.

Swim day

Youth in fifth through seventh grade can swim 3-9 p.m. Feb. 28 at the Warrensburg Community Center indoor pool. An \$8 fee for members and \$9.50 fee for nonmembers includes transportation and swimming. Bring money for dinner afterwards. Sign up by Feb. 27.

Child Development Center 687-5588

Child care openings available

There are full-time openings for 3- to 5-year-olds at the child development center. This program is accredited through the national academy of Early Childhood Programs and licensed through the Department of Defense.

Teen Center 687-5819

National Engineers week

Celebrate National Engineers week 7-10 p.m. Feb 27 at the teen center. There will be an egg bungee jump, a gumdrop dome, paper towel construction and other activities. There's a \$2 fee for members and \$4 fee for nonmembers. Sign up by Feb. 25.

Introduce a girl to engineering

Introduce a girl to engineering 6-8 p.m. Feb. 26 at the teen center. Teen girls can make a bridge out of popsicle sticks and learn more about engineering. There's a \$1 fee for this event. Sign up by Feb. 25.

Krazy karaoke night

Participate in krazy karaoke 8-10 p.m. Feb. 20 at the teen center. This event is free for members and \$1 for nonmembers. Popcorn and refreshments will be provided for those who perform.

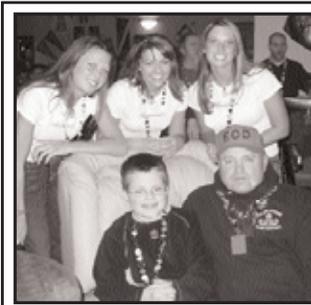
Jenga jamboree

Play Jenga 6-7 p.m. Thursday at the teen center. This event is free for members and \$1 for nonmembers. There must be two people per team. There's no sign up deadline for this event.

Family Child Care 687-5590/1180

Extended duty care

Register now for the extended duty care program. It's available to help parents meet child care requirements for extra duty hours and child care emergencies. Care is provided in a contracted, licensed family child care home to augment regular care arrangements. An application must be completed before participation. Call for more details.



Congratulations to Tech. Sgt. Douglas Adams, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, for winning the American Rocker Recliner at the Super Bowl Football Fandemonium giveaway at Mission's End. Sponsored in part by Arwood's Furniture* in Warrensburg.

Services is "all ears" for your input. Look for the PRISM survey in April.

Please take time to fill out the survey, it's a very important customer feedback tool.

Your responses will help make a difference in the programs Services offers to you, your family and the entire Whiteman community.



Sports & Recreation



Stars & Strikes 687-5114

Valentine's Day bowling special

Bowl 5-8 p.m. Saturday at Stars & Strikes and your sweetie bowls free. Bowl one free game for every paid game and get two-for-one shoe rentals.

Airman's night out

Senior airmen and below can bowl 8 p.m.-midnight Saturdays during February. Specials include \$1 per game and rental shoes are 50 cents if you bring a friend.

Steak special

Get a 10 oz. steak, fries and a drink for \$9.50 during snack bar hours.

Bonanza bingo

Play bonanza bingo during open hours at Stars & Strikes. Cards are \$1 each for participants 18 and older. Cash prizes will be awarded.

Fitness Center 687-5496

'90 Days Around the U.S.A.'

Run, cycle, exercise and play your way around the states in 90 days now until March 31 to win great prizes. Visit the fitness center for more information.

Cardio class

Learn to use cardio-vascular equipment 11 a.m.-noon Tuesdays at the fitness center. Sign up by Monday before the day of the class.

Spinning orientation class

Take a spinning orientation class at noon Tuesdays. Participants must attend orientation before taking a spinning class. Sign up in the fitness center.

Strengthening class

Take a strengthening class 11 a.m.-noon Thursdays at the fitness center. Learn to use equipment properly. Sign up by Wednesday before the day of the class.