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News in Brief

Quarterly awards lunch scheduled

The wing quarterly awards luncheon begins at noon Thursday at Mission's End. The meal is lasagna with garlic bread. The cost is \$6.50 for members and \$8.50 for nonmembers. For more details or to sign up, call your first sergeant. The deadline is Tuesday.

Commander's farewell dinner set

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

Auto skills offers deployment support

The auto skills center offers a free oil change and overall auto checkup for spouses of deployed members. To use these services, spouses must get a voucher from the family support center. For more details, call the Auto Skills Center at 687-5689.

Military appreciation day set at CMSU

Central Missouri State University's Mules baseball team hosts a military appreciation day Saturday. Military members and their families get in free with a military identification card for the double header against the Missouri Western State College Griffons. The first game starts at 1 p.m. at James R. Crane Stadium/Robert N. Tompkins Field. For more details, call the public affairs office at 687-6123. The chapel will provide free transportation in the chapel parking lot at noon.

Alcohol laws not limited to cars

Laws regarding driving under the influence aren't limited to operating automobiles. Anyone who consumes alcohol and operates any motorized vehicle including motorcycles, all-terrain vehicles, motorized scooters, or heavy equipment could possibly face a driving under the influence charge. Refusal to take a breathalyzer test, or submit to field sobriety tests, will result in the loss of driving privileges.

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Photo by Senior Airman Nick Martin

UCI on scene

Master Sgt. Jim Smith, an Air Combat Command/Inspector general team member, observes 509th Civil Engineer Firefighters conducting an emergency response exercise of an aircraft extraction. A 91-person team from ACC headquarters at Langley Air Force Base, Va., arrived here April 12 for the wing's first Unit Compliance Inspection. The team evaluated wing members' ability to perform duties within ACC directives. The team's intent is to educate, motivate and independently evaluate and improve the capabilities of combat air forces. "UCI's are performed to evaluate the unit's compliance with public law, DoD guidance, and Air Force directives," said Col. James Long, ACC/IG team chief. "Our goal is to provide Gen. (Hal) Hornburg (ACC commander) the feedback necessary to ensure combat-capable forces to any combatant commander."

Wing ready for 'MARE'

Accident response exercise keeps base members primed

By Airman 1st Class Joe Lacdan

Public Affairs

It can hit at a moment's notice.

Just as in the real world, major accident response exercises test base members' response procedures at any time. "(Base members) have to react to whatever we throw at them," said Senior Master Sgt. Patrick Rodriguez, 509th Bomb Wing Plans superintendent. "That's the realism of it."

The exercises help wing members stay proficient in the command and control process by identifying and correcting weak areas.

The 509th BW Plans Office and the exercise evaluation team coordinate each exercise, giving details and dates to only a select few senior leaders. This ensures exercises take place without significantly impacting wing operations. Most base members receive no warning, as in the mock C-130 crash April 9 on the flightline.

These MAREs take place quarterly. There are six types of MAREs required to be tested annually: aircraft crash, off-base response, munitions, mass casualty and chemical biological incident response. Two types of MAREs can be combined, but only four actually take place annually. The 509th Services Squadron sends a search and recovery

team when "fatalities" are involved.

During the Unit Compliance Inspection April 12-17, the wing simulated disaster control responses procedures Tuesday with a mock F-15 crash. On April 9 the 509th Civil Engineer Squadron Fire Department, the 509th Medical Group emergency team and 509th Security Forces Squadron members were tested on their response to a scenario. The wing also conducted a natural disaster response exercise March 19.

"NDREs help the wing prepare for real world disasters at Whiteman," said Lt. Col. Randy Rose, 509th BW Plans. "Depending on the objectives for the particular exercise, the scope of the response can vary. More importantly, we like to involve every unit in MAREs and NDREs. We want Team Whiteman ready as a community."

Exercises typically last two to three hours. The exercise April 9 began at 2 p.m. and was simulated to take place at the north end of the runway with 15 passengers. Each planned element of the mock disaster such as the amount of passengers directly affects the response procedures of the corresponding agencies, Sergeant Rodriguez said.

"(MAREs) exercise the initial response elements ability to get together, respond and work together to communicate and exercise (base members') functions to the on-scene commander," Sergeant Rodriguez said.

Commander's Corner

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

A TRIBUTE TO OUR COMMUNITY—Have you ever wondered why Whiteman AFB seems to grow on you and your family after your arrival? We all agree the mission and particularly the B-2, a marvel of technology, bond us to a unique focus for our Air Force and our nation. The 509th Bomb Wing's Airmen make it even more enjoyable. Perhaps the one-of-a-kind partnership we have with our Air Force Reserve team of the 442nd Fighter Wing, the Missouri Army National Guard's First Attack or the Navy Reserve's 114th MIUWU and JFNU bring us to a profound appreciation of what total force really means. Do our civilian employees make your assignment easier and enjoyable? Let me offer one huge reason why we like Whiteman AFB—our community leaders and neighbors.

Over the last two years Claudia and I have seen the enthusiasm, loving care and concerted effort of our Missouri communities to bring each and every member in uniform into their schools, shops, churches, neighborhoods and more. Simply put, we are treated as friends.

From Warrensburg, Knob to Sedalia; from the outskirts of Kansas City to the centers of Clinton, Windsor and Concordia...the eighteen communities that "own" Whiteman give us the one ingredient that makes us so successful—themselves! In the past and into the future you have and will see the Base Community Council grow to meet the needs of our base person-

nel. They want to take their model of success and make it better for you and me. Therefore, the Whiteman Area Leadership Council has formed for the express purpose of letting others know how strong our bond is and will be for our base families. They want to make our quality of life the best for you, the expeditionary Airman, Soldier, Sailor and civilian.

I guess I'm telling you something you already know...we are extremely fortunate and blessed to have a civilian community that supports every facet of what we do on and off this installation. The next time we deploy, remember they will be there for you. As good neighbors, they may even fix a few things that get broken around the house. As church members, they will add an extra prayer of support. As school teachers and parents, they will take the extra time to assure our children that their education is equally important. Finally, our community will stand on the flight line (or in the airport) waving the same flag of support as our families when you step off the plane from another contingency or Air Expeditionary Force deployment. They ask for only one thing—your safe return!

Give your closest community friends a handshake or a hug for what they do for us...we owe them a deep gratitude of thanks for their unwavering support. That's what makes Whiteman different from any others.

MPF IS BEST IN THE AIR FORCE...BEAT THAT! None Finer! Our own Military Personnel Flight was just named the best in the Air Force, taking home the Garret D. Foster Award. I want to personally thank every member of the Mission Support Squadron — particularly the MPF members who set the example for ultimate customer service! To win this



File photo

Local area leaders observe weapons on display at the Threat Training Facility at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., during a Civic Leader Tour hosted by the 509th Bomb Wing in January. Twenty-eight civilians spent two days visiting Nellis, the North American Air Defense Command headquarters in Colorado Springs, Colo., and the U.S. Air Force Academy. The trip was designed to give them a larger perspective on military life and generate support for issues affecting Whiteman Air Force Base.

prestigious award you must have tremendous leadership and Airmen...you must have civilians who lead the way...and you must have success written into your mission statement. Congratulations MPF, you're number one in the United States Air Force!

PLEASE READ THIS WARNING LABEL. Reality check - Some believe that refusing a breathalyzer test may help avoid the consequences of driving under the influence. There are equal consequences associated with that distorted viewpoint. First, you ought not be driving and drinking. That goes without saying...yet, we still have those who let their squadron members down and take the risk to drive under the influence of alcohol. Some even have designated drivers who get them home safely and then decide it's all right to drive once they've been brought home. Here's the warning label: when you operate any motor vehicle (on or off base) the law says you

automatically consent to some form of alcohol test (breathalyzer or blood). If you refuse, as some have recently done, you are exercising an option that removes your drivers license for a year. This option also gives the legal system additional evidence of impaired driving. Bottom line: there are no shortcuts to allow you to drink and then drive. This is a warning we need to remember.

UNIT COMPLIANCE IS A LONG-TERM COMMITMENT. We have stepped out on the right foot with the Unit Compliance Inspection (UCI). Initial feedback from the ACC IG has been positive! You know your job, you've prepped your flight/squadron and you've shown the inspectors why we are the best team in the Air Force.

When they leave, you will realize how important this inspection has been. Take the results and build on them...you are that good.

The 'small stuff' makes the 'big stuff' happen

By Capt. Brady Wilkins

509th Munitions Squadron Maintenance Operations Officer

I often hear jokes or snide remarks such as "nitpicker," "micro manager" or worse about the person who has the keen attention to detail ensuring the "i" is always dotted and the "t" is always crossed.

These detail-oriented people make the mission happen. They ensure our people are trained, healthy, and ready to deploy and fight when called upon. They're the ones who are picked to be on a tiger team to correct deficiencies and successfully make it through an inspection. They ensure the pilot makes it off the ground and puts bombs on target.

They're the ones who submit performance reports that are returned for only minor corrections. They're also the ones who rise to the top and stand out in an organization.

The people who pay attention are the ones who make the "small stuff" happen.

In the military, taking care of the small stuff has a name

— discipline. In simple terms, discipline means doing the right thing when no one is watching. It's complying with regulations, wearing the uniform properly and not being satisfied with tasks until you've done your very best. It also means stepping up to the plate and correcting others when they fall short.

When discipline and attention to detail aren't part of the daily routine, we set ourselves up for failure. Note that I used "we" instead of "you" in the last sentence. Individually we must do the right thing because we count on one another. If we don't, we will fail at accomplishing the mission. We'll constantly fall short of our goals because the small stuff will trip us up. Our Air Force core value — Excellence In All We Do — hits the nail on the head and allows us to kick down doors and kill targets.

So what about when someone says, "Don't sweat the small stuff?"

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Photo by Staff Sgt. Allen Youngdahl

Airman 1st Class Edwin Evans, 509th Munitions Squadron conventional maintenance crew member, and Capt. Brady Wilkins, 509th MUNS operations officer, load an MK-82 500 pound bomb on to an MHU-110 trailer.

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Incoming!

Left: Col. Christopher Miller, 394th Combat Training Squadron, gets hosed down after completing his initial qualification flight in a B-2. Colonel Miller is the first incoming 509th Bomb Wing commander to complete B-2 training prior to assuming command. Brig. Gen Doug Raaberg, 509th Bomb Wing commander will pass command of the wing to Colonel Miller during a change of command ceremony April 28. Top: Col. Matthew Erichsen laughs after getting hosed by Lt. Col Scott Vander Hamm, 325th Bomb Squadron commander. Colonel Erichsen completed his initial qualification flight in a B-2 Wednesday. Colonel Erichsen will become vice commander of the 509th BW upon the retirement of Col. Ned Schoeck, current 509th BW vice commander, in June.

First quarter dormitory contest winners announced



1st place Enterprise Hall
\$2,000



2nd place Discovery Hall
\$1,000



3rd place Endeavor Hall
\$500



Photos by Airman 1st Class Joe Lacadan

Room of the Quarter Airman 1st Class Micah Moffett

The quarterly dorm inspection contest winners were announced April 8 in the base theater. Rooms were inspected at random in each dormitory. Airman 1st Class Micah Moffett, 509th Operations Support Squadron, won for Room of the Quarter. Airman Moffett is an Enterprise Hall resident. Dorms were evaluated on cleanliness and presentation. Dorms that placed received a check to be used to boost the quality of life in each respective dorm.

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Photo by Senior Airman Nick Martin

Senior Airman Sharath Venkatachalapathy, 509th Comptroller Squadron, assists Staff Sgt. Dianna Bakke, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron, at the finance office. Air Force members can obtain a myPAY personal identification number at the finance office to update or change their thrift savings plan information.

Thrift savings plan open season

By 1st Lt. Jason Williams

509th Comptroller Squadron

The Thrift Savings Plan open season began Thursday and ends June 31. Members may begin contributing to the TSP or change the amount of their TSP contributions during the open season.

How to make a contribution election — To make a contribution election, submit Form TSP-U-1 Election Form to 509th CPTS or begin contributions through myPay. Members can obtain Form TSP-U-1 from 509th CPTS or the TSP Web site <http://www.tsp.gov>.

Members can obtain a myPay PIN from a finance customer service representative. To contribute from basic pay, people must specify the percentage of pay they want to contribute each pay period. People may specify any whole number up to 9 percent.

If people elect to contribute from basic pay, they may also elect to contribute from incentive pay and special pay including bonus pay. Members may elect to contribute from one to 100 percent of their incentive pay, bonus pay and special pay.

Where to get more information about the TSP — The booklet *Summary of the Thrift Savings Plan for the Uniformed Services* describes the TSP in detail. It also contains information about contribution elections, contribution allocations, and interfund transfers.

The flyer *Open Season Update* contains basic information about this TSP open season and presents historical rates of return for the TSP investment funds.

The TSP booklet and flyer are available on the TSP Web site at <http://www.tsp.gov>. For more details, call 687-7911.

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One thing we must remember; don't over focus on all the details or how they get done, as long as they're accomplished. This doesn't mean it's OK to skip back and forth on technical order and checklist steps or not use personal protective equipment.

Some processes are detailed and methodical for good reason. It does mean that when someone uses a different acceptable method of accomplishing a task — and it's not the one you prefer or would use — it's OK when the end result is the same. Or when that performance report comes back for minor changes in text, such as changing from upper to lower case, change it, it says the same thing: mission accomplished.

The person who stays focused on the larger task at hand and doesn't get sidetracked by all the details makes the "big stuff" happen!

As you progress through the ranks and gain more responsibility, you quickly learn you can't be involved in every minute detail of the processes you're responsible for to ensure mission accomplishment. You must trust and count others to do their part.

That's why it's so important for each of us to maintain discipline, whether it's our own or that of the people who work for us, paying attention to the details: the "small stuff" that makes the "big stuff" happen.



Photo by Senior Airman Nick Martin

Master Sgt. Harvey Catchings, 325th Bomb Squadron additional duty first sergeant, talks with Staff Sgt. Talaya Hill, 325th BS, about retention, force shaping and the Palace Chase program.

1st Sergeant's View

(Editor's note: The 1st Sergeant's View gives Whiteman first sergeants a chance to remind people of correct uniform wear, customs and courtesies, and proper military decorum. Each week, a different first sergeant will share their view.)

By Master Sgt. Harvey Catchings

325th Bomb Squadron Additional Duty First Sergeant

During the past several months, I've witnessed a couple of the Air Force's most sacred customs, the re-enlistment and retirement ceremonies.

One person in my unit and several of my fellow peers decided to continue serving their country by signing up for an additional four to six years in their respective career fields.

Last year, I had the opportunity to counsel several members of my squadron on their decisions to continue serving by providing them with the correct data to make an informed decision pertaining to their future. I began researching selective re-enlistment bonuses and promotions statistics on the Air Force Personnel Center Web site.

Just as I had counseled individual service members on re-enlisting, I have also counseled people on their decision to separate or retire. With the change in the re-enlistment window to three months and the force shaping, many service members are asking their senior leader for some direction. So, I went right back to the AFPC source this year to see what data to provide.

As I searched the AFPC Web site, I found the selective re-enlistment bonuses were revamped for the second time in 12 months. The revamped list is a result of balancing Air Force needs to determine which skills warrant SRBs during this period of increased retention and over end-strength. This information was beneficial to my Airman and I would like to pass it along to the Whiteman community. These are the changes:

Zone A — increases: nine, reductions: 19, removed: 86, no changes: 26

Zone B — increases: eight, reductions: 18, removed: 80, no changes: 26

Zone C — increase: one, reductions: 4, removed: 32, no changes: 14

It's important to know SRBs aren't an entitlement for Airman but a personnel management tool.

Providing our service members the proper information will help them make the choice as to continue serving our country, or provide them the data needed to move on outside the military. Either way, we must provide them the most up-to-date information to make the best decision concerning them, their families and the military.

The Air Force uses this criteria for determining SRB rates:

- ✓ Current and projected skill and manning levels;
- ✓ Retention rates;
- ✓ Re-enlistment rates and category of enlistment;
- ✓ Career field force structure changes; and
- ✓ Inputs from functional career field managers.

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Spotlight on justice

In March, 11 people received Articles 15 and 12 people were discharged. One person was court-martialed.

Articles 15

An airman first class from the 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron received an Article 15 for failure to go. The punishment was reduction to airman basic.

A senior airman from the 509th Maintenance Operations Squadron received an Article 15 for failure to go. The punishment was suspended forfeiture of \$200 pay per month for two months and 30 days extra duty.

An airman first class from the 509th Security Forces Squadron received an Article 15 for dereliction of duty willfully, signing a false official statement and damage, destruction, or loss of military property worth \$500 or less. The punishment was suspended reduction to airman, forfeiture of \$250 pay per month for two months and restriction to the base for 45 days.

An airman first class from the 509th SFS received an Article 15 for failure to go, disobeying an NCO and simple assault. The punishment was reduction to airman, suspended forfeiture of \$200 pay per month for two months and 30 days extra duty.

An airman first class from the 509th Munitions Squadron received an Article 15 for disobeying an NCO. The punishment was reduction to airman basic and restriction to the base for 10 days.

Staff Sergeant from the 509th Maintenance Squadron

received an Article 15 for drunk driving. The punishment was reduction to senior airman and 30 days extra duty.

An airman first class from the 509th Comptroller Squadron received an Article 15 for dereliction of duty. The punishment was suspended reduction to airman and 15 days extra duty.

An airman first class from the 509th MXS received an Article 15 for disobeying an NCO. The punishment was suspended reduction to airman, restriction to the base for 30 days and 30 days extra duty.

An airman from the 509th SFS received an Article 15 for disobeying an NCO. The punishment was reduction to airman basic, restriction to the base for 15 days and 15 days extra duty.

An airman first class from the 509th SFS received an Article 15 for assault and battery. The punishment was suspended reduction to airman, forfeiture of \$100 pay per month for two months and a reprimand.

An airman first class from the 509th SFS received an Article 15 for failure to go and dereliction of duty. The punishment was reduction to airman, forfeiture of \$200 pay per month for two months and 45 days extra duty.

Discharges

An airman from the 509th MUNS received a general discharge for unsatisfactory performance.

A senior airman from the 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron received a general discharge for minor disci-

plinary infractions.

An airman basic from the 509th Civil Engineer Squadron received a general discharge for a pattern of misconduct.

An airman first class from the 509th LRS received a general discharge for a pattern of misconduct.

A senior airman from the 509th MOS received a general discharge for a pattern of misconduct.

An airman basic from the 509th MUNS received a general discharge for failure in the ADAPT program.

An airman first class from the 509th AMXS received a general discharge for unsatisfactory performance.

An airman first class from the 509th MXS received a general discharge for a pattern of misconduct.

An airman basic from the 509th SFS received a general discharge for a pattern of misconduct.

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An airman first class from the 509th AMXS received a general discharge for a pattern of misconduct.

An airman basic from the 509th AMXS received a general discharge for a pattern of misconduct.

Courts-martial

Senior airman Clint Goodwin, 509th MUNS, was tried and convicted by special court-martial for use of methamphetamine, a Schedule III controlled substance. The judge sentenced him to a bad-conduct discharge, confinement for 100 days and reduction to airman basic.

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Whiteman Spirit Award



Tech. Sgt. Michael Shankles
509th Civil Engineer Squadron

Staff Sgt. Michael Shankles, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, received the Whiteman Spirit Award from Brig. Gen. Doug Raaberg, 509th Bomb Wing commander, April 8.

Maj. Dave Hadden, 509th Munitions Squadron commander, nominated Sergeant Shankles for the award.

Two 509th MUNS members had an accident on Highway 65, between I-70 and Sedalia. The members were trying to avoid a deer.

“Sergeant Shankles and his fiance drove to the accident scene and administered medical assistance. Sergeant Shankles also reported the accident to the authorities,” Major Hadden said.

Sergeant Shankles then directed traffic around the accident until a rescue team arrived. Sergeant Shankles continued his assistance and called Major Hadden and explained the details of the accident.

Personally Speaking

Duty title: Columbia dorm manager

Time on station: 7 years

Time in service: 14 years

Hometown: Effingham, Kan.

Hobbies: Lifting weights, hunting and golfing.

Goals: Make rank, finish education and retire.

Best thing about Whiteman: The people

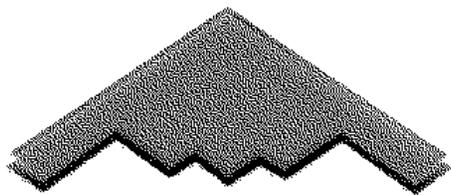
Pet peeves: People who complain but don't do anything about the problem.

What motivates your winning spirit? Helping people out.

Submitting a Whiteman Spirit Award

Individuals are nominated from within their units or by customers impressed by the individual making Whiteman a better place to live and work by going far beyond his or her assigned duties to “make it happen.”

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



Spirit Spotlights

... on the 509th Bomb Wing staff quarterly award winners, airman **Senior Airman Antonia Robinson**, 509th Comptroller Squadron, NCO; **Tech. Sgt. Albert Concepcion**, 509th CPTS, senior NCO; **Master Sgt. Ben McClellan**, 509th Bomb Wing, company grade officer **Chaplain (Capt.) Dan Forman**, 509th Bomb Wing and civilian **Stan Phillips**, 509th CPTS.



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Officials discuss new civilian system in open letter

By Jim Garamone

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFP) — A letter signed by Defense Department leaders asks DoD civilian employees to be patient as teams work to make the new National Security Personnel System a reality.

The April 1 letter, signed by David Chu, undersecretary for personnel and readiness, and Navy Secretary Gordon England, stresses that DoD sees the new personnel system as a combined effort.

The system, passed as part of the fiscal 2004 National Defense Authorization Act, allows DoD officials to transform the civilian personnel system to make it more agile and responsive.

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said the new system would make it easier for the department to make new hires and keep highly skilled employees. It also would allow DoD to move workers to shortage specialties as national security concerns change, he said.

In the letter, Mr. Chu and Secretary England state, "We are determined to take the time necessary to do the job right."

Taking time will allow the department to consult with employees, managers and unions, a DoD spokeswoman said. The letter encourages people interested in the sys-

tem to present their thoughts, ideas, views and concerns.

Department officials are also working with other government agencies as they develop the new system. They are consulting with people at the Office of Personnel Management, the Office of Management and Budget and the Government Accounting Office as the new system takes shape. They are also taking lessons from the Department of Homeland Security, which built its own personnel system after it was formed last year.

Five teams within DoD are looking at process, personnel, programs, requirements and communications, officials said. A sixth team will draw recommendations from these five together in one package. That proposal is scheduled to be presented to Secretary Rumsfeld and other senior leaders in April.

Once approved, senior leaders will work with Congress on implementing the system.

Mr. Chu and Secretary England said that the system still is being formed, and few details about how the system would work are available because there is no system yet.

Concepts and proposals will change over time and department leaders will do their best to keep employees informed,



Photo by Senior Airman Nick Martin

Jim Howard, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, guides an air conditioning unit in to place. The 2004 National Defense Authorization Act gives the Defense Department authority to establish a new human resources management system. The DoD is creating new rules and processes to govern the way civilians are hired, compensated, promoted and disciplined in DoD. The legislation was necessary to replace outdated civil service rules that hinder the DoD's ability to carry out its mission and to recognize the critical role the DoD civilian workforce plays in that mission.

they said.

Information will be available on the DoD and DefendAmerica Web sites, the Pentagon Channel and local commanders'

television programs. More details regarding the new system's Web site can be viewed at <https://www.dp.hq.af.mil/dpp/dppn/nsps/index.cfm>.

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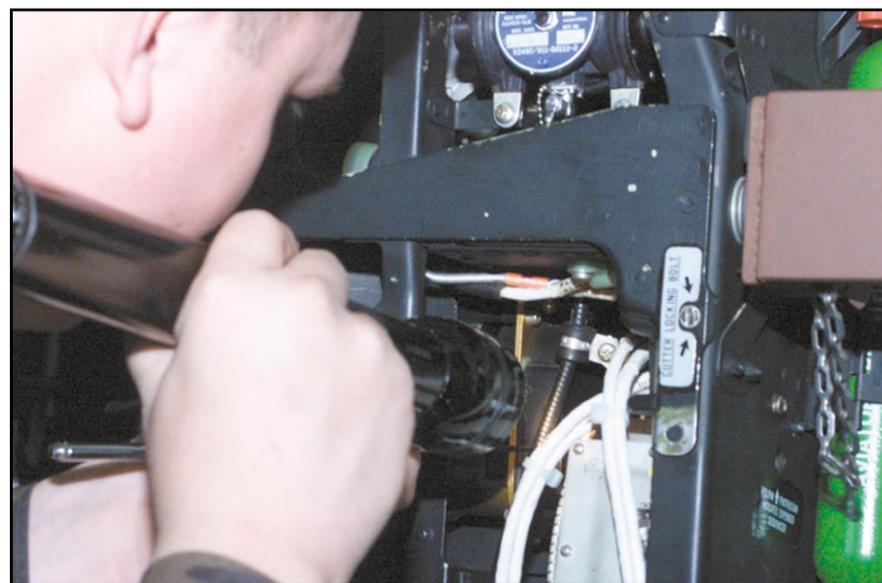
Photo by Senior Airman Nick Martin

Airman 1st Class Nick Marino, 509th Maintenance Squadron Egress Shop, replaces an emergency oxygen bottle on an Advance Concept Ejection Seat version II as Staff Sgt. Cameron St. Amand, 509th MXS, looks on. The emergency oxygen bottle on an ACES II seat supplies an ejecting person with 10 minutes of oxygen allowing the aircrew member to free fall to an altitude where breathable oxygen is available. The emergency oxygen system consists of an oxygen bottle attached to the seat back, an automatic activation lanyard and a manual pull ring. As the seat rises up the rails, the lanyard activates the oxygen bottle and allows the crewmember access to oxygen as long as they're still connected to the seat. During an in-flight emergency that doesn't require ejection, the oxygen bottle provides breathable air while the aircraft returns to an altitude where the atmosphere is thick enough for the aircrew to breathe.

DANGER EJECTION SEAT DANGER ADDRESSING EGRESS



Senior Airman Chas Jacobsen, 509th Maintenance Squadron Egress Shop, trains Airman 1st Class Rob Quinn, 509th MXS, on how to perform an inspection of the inertia reel straps. The inertia reel harness assembly is located in the center of the seat back just below the headrest. The inertia reel fulfills two functions: it acts like the shoulder belt in a car, restraining the pilot against forward motion. Upon ejection, it retracts the aircrew member to an upright posture to minimize the possibility of spinal damage after catapult ignition which creates a force eight times that of the earth's gravity. On the left side of the seat, there's a handle that allows the crew member to manually lock the reel before intense maneuvers or landing to prevent possible injuries.



Airman 1st Class Kris Robinson, 509th Maintenance Squadron Egress Shop, inspects the sequencing unit in the back of an ACES II ejection seat. Seat functions are normally activated by the recovery sequencing subsystem which consists of the environmental sensing unit and the recovery sequencing unit. The sequencer is fully redundant with two thermal batteries, two electrical systems and an individual bridge wire from each of the electro-explosive squibs. The thermal batteries are activated by hot gas bled off from the catapult firing. The environmental sensing unit consists of altitude pressure and air speed sensors. Pitot tubes read the air pressure as the seat exits the aircraft. The pressure differential is compared by the recovery sequencing unit to determine what operating mode the sequencer should select. The ACES II has three modes of egress to help ensure aircrew safety in various situations:

- ✓ Low altitude (below 15,000 feet)/ Low airspeed (less than 250 knots)
- ✓ Low altitude (below 15,000 feet)/ High airspeed (more than 250 knots)
- ✓ High altitude (above 15,000 feet)/ Airspeed doesn't matter



Senior Airman David Leonard, 509th Maintenance Squadron Egress Shop, inspects the survival kit. The survival kit is a soft pack containing a life raft, meals ready-to-eat and other gear. When the aircrew member separates from the seat, the straps that connect him to the survival kit lift the seat lid up and forward allowing it to fall away without losing the kit. A port on the front of the seat allows the crewmember to select the operation mode of the URT-33C survival beacon. The port also has a switch allowing the crewmember to select automatic or manual deployment of the seat kit. For the URT-33C beacon, in the auto mode, the beacon would activate at man-seat separation.



Tech. Sgt. Todd Deveraux, 509th Maintenance Squadron Egress Shop section chief, uses the tool auditability system to scan and log out a tool as Airman 1st Class Kris Robinson, 509th MXS, monitors the system. The TAS instantly inventories what tools are being used on which aircraft. Having an accurate account of the tools being used helps with the overall efficiency of the maintenance team. It also ensures the availability of the tools to perform critical tasks in the 28-person egress shop.



Photo by Senior Airman Nick Martin

Life support

Senior Airman Mellisa Wrona, 325th Bomb Squadron, inspects a pilot's mask. The life support technician inspects pilot's gear including masks, helmets, G-suits, vests and survival equipment, to ensure aircrew members' safety.

Menus

Knob Noster Elementary School

- Monday:** Beef stroganoff, salad, peaches, cookie and bread
- Tuesday:** Fish sticks, macaroni and cheese, carrot sticks and oranges
- Wednesday:** Spaghetti with meat sauce, green beans, pineapple chunks, fruit yogurt and roll
- Thursday:** Egg roll, rice, oriental vegetable and fruit cocktail
- Friday:** Grilled chicken, corn, raisins and cake

Whiteman Elementary School

- Monday:** Egg rolls, rice, salad and gingerbread
- Tuesday:** Taco salad, beans, fruit and cinnamon roll
- Wednesday:** Chicken nuggets, scalloped potatoes, salad and fruit cobbler
- Thursday:** Mexican chicken, spinach, salad and cookie
- Friday:** Burrito, salad, spanish rice and pudding

Don't miss out on Tricare benefits

Parents of newborns or adopted children must register them in the Defense Eligibility Reporting System no later than 120 days after the event to receive Tricare



Prime benefits. To do this, the sponsor must take a copy of the child's birth certificate or adoption papers to the military personnel flight customer service section. After enrolling in DEERS, parents can get a Tricare enrollment forms at the 509th Medical Group Tricare Service Center or at <http://www.triwest.com>. To get one by mail, call 888-TRIWEST (874-9378).

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Laying it on thick

Airmen 1st Class Will Harvey and Micah Moore rake the concrete into place as Tech. Sgt. Roy Grella pours and Dennis Spear directs the 509th Civil Engineer Squadron Structures Flight team. The team is building a dumpster pad behind Bldg. 509. The pad is being constructed as part of a base beautification project. The pad, when completed, will consist of the concrete base, brick columns, and recycled plastic fencing to block the dumpsters from plain sight.



Space available

The base marquee at the Spirit Gate is available for messages. To schedule a message, call the public affairs office at 687-6123 or e-mail 509bwpa@whiteman.af.mil. Be sure to include the date and time you want the message to be posted. Use these boxes to determine the length of your message per screen:

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What's happening

Community

Chapel sponsors concert trip

The chapel is sponsoring a trip to the Sonic Flood concert at Central Missouri State University today. Meet at the chapel at 6 p.m. After the concert, there will be a new singles ministry, "Fellowship Unity Salvation in One Name" (FUSION) at First Baptist Church in Warrensburg. Refreshments will be served. For more details, call Chaplain (Capt.) Ray Barrett at 687-3652.

Tobacco cessation classes set

Tobacco cessation classes begin at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 29, May 6 and 13. For more details, call Tech. Sgt. Monica Botch at 687-2199.

Military family appreciation day set

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

ALS Class 04-D schedules events

✓ The airman leadership school Class 04-D retreat begins at 4 p.m. April 30 at the base flagpole at Bldg. 509. Participants must be in place by 3:45 p.m.

✓ The ALS Class 04-D reveille begins at 7:30 a.m. May 6 at the ALS drill pad. Participants must be in place by 7:25 a.m.

Prescribed burns scheduled

The Natural Resources Planner will conduct prescribed burns during April. Some of the burns will be conducted at the Royal Oaks Golf Course and at a remnant tract of prairie in Knob Noster. The rest of the burns will be along the base perimeter in unmaintained areas. These burns are used to stimulate native vegetation and to deter invasive species. This will also eliminate woody shrubs and trees along the perimeter, enhancing visibility and increasing base security.

Family Support

Call 687-7132 for details on these events or other family support center activities. Events take place at the FSC.

Mom's, Pop's and Tot's schedules events

The Mom's, Pop's and Tot's Play group scheduled the following April events:

- ✓ Thursday — Free play at Veteran's Memorial Park and
- ✓ April 29 — Free play.

For more details, call Stephanie Zink at 687-4342.

Airman's Attic schedules all-ranks day

The Airman's Attic scheduled an all-ranks day 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday. For more details, call the FSC.

Award nominations accepted

Nominations are continuously accepted for the Angel Pin award. Eligible recipients are those who have exhibited heroism, humanitarianism and servitude. For more details, call the FSC.

Reception for volunteers set

Whiteman volunteers and their families are invited to attend an annual reception at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday at the community center. Reservations are required.

Help keep 'em flying

Report illegal drug activity to Detachment 207, Air Force Office of Special Investigations, by calling 687-1852 or the 509th Security Forces Squadron Law Enforcement desk at 687-3700 after duty hours.

You can never B-2 safe!



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Sports



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Serpa serve

Jason Serpa, Flyers intramural volleyball player, serves against the 509th Civil Engineer Squadron Tuesday night. CE won 25-12, 25-19. The intramural volleyball season concluded Thursday. Intramural play-offs begin Tuesday. Serpa is a 393rd Bomb Squadron member.

Softball tryouts set

Try out for the 2004 Whiteman varsity softball team 5-7 p.m. Monday-April 30 on field one. For more details or to sign up, call the fitness center at 687-5496 or Senior Master Sgt. Mark Hamrick at 687-6503.



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Sports & Recreation

Fitness Center 687-5496

ACC Fitness & Sports Challenge

Support your squadron by competing in the 2nd annual ACC Fitness & Sports Challenge. May 3 features a 5k run, May 5 features team push-ups, team crunch sit-ups and a wacky ski race. May 7 features tug-o-war. Whiteman will select four men and four women to move to the next level of competition, held at Offutt Air Force Base in Omaha, Neb. June 7-11. Prizes will be awarded. Sign up by April 28 at the fitness center.

Royal Oaks 687-5572

Four-person scramble

Compete in the four-person scramble at 8 a.m. April 24 at Royal Oaks. The cost is \$15 per person; cart and greens fee not included. Sign up by Thursday.

Kids golf

Children 6-13 can learn how to play golf 9 a.m.-noon May 24 through June 4. The \$49.95 fee includes golf clubs, five one-hour group sessions, a training booklet and a child and parent tournament. The cost for youths with golf clubs is \$25. Sign up by May 5 at Royal Oaks.

Stars & Strikes 687-5114

Summer bowling league

Sign up for the summer bowling leagues beginning in May. Tuesdays are regular leagues, Wednesdays are adult and child leagues and Thursdays are mixed leagues. Call Stars & Strikes for more details.

Outdoor Recreation 687-5565

Rock climbing

Certified climbers can rock climb 5:30-9 p.m. April 23. A free certification course takes place 6-8 p.m.

Boater safety class

A boater safety class begins at 11 a.m. April 29 at outdoor recreation. People must attend this class to rent a boat from outdoor recreation. Learn Missouri state laws, rules about safety and using equipment. Special classes for squadron functions and hands-on training are also available. Sign up now.

Open water scuba orientation

Get qualified to scuba dive on base at a scuba orientation class 5:30-10 p.m. June 14-18 at the base pool. The cost of \$190 includes instruction, books and use of equipment. Sign up by May 26 at outdoor recreation. Call for more details and requirements for personal equipment use.

3rd annual spring crappie tournament

Compete in a crappie tournament 7:15 a.m.-3 p.m. April 24 at Windsor Crossing. There's an entry fee of \$25 per boat with one or two person teams. Register by Tuesday at outdoor recreation. Late entries will be accepted if available the day of the tournament with a \$5 fee.

Travel & Leisure

Tickets & Travel 687-5643

Want to get away?

Tickets & Travel is the place for airline tickets, cruise vacations, amusement park tickets, information on all 50 states, military resorts worldwide and more. Stop by now for the best autumn vacation prices or book a Christmas at Disney World.

Community Activities

Skills Development 687-5691

Framing class

Take a framing class 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday at the skills development center. The \$40 fee includes instruction and supplies. Bring a picture to frame. Sign up by noon the day before the class.

Family Child Care 687-5590/1180

Want a profitable home-based career?

Providers are needed for evenings, weekends, swing-shift workers, infants and mildly-ill children. Providers with chronic health problems are accepted. The Air Force now offers a subsidy for providers who are willing to meet this critical need. Providers who hold a standard license are subsidized \$125 a week per qualifying child.

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 prior to participation. Call for more details.

Community Center 687-5617

Youth and teen flea market

Bring clothes, video games, posters, CDs, movies and more to the youth and teen flea market at 1 p.m. Saturday in the community center. There's no sign up for this free event.

Family night pajama party

Families are welcome to a pajama party 6-8 p.m. April 24 at the community center. Bring a sleeping bag, a pillow, participate in fun activities and more. Popcorn, cookies and drinks will be provided. There's no sign up for this free event.

Bus trip to Kaufman Stadium

Take a bus trip to see the Kansas City Royals vs. Rangers baseball game at Kaufman Stadium 5:30-11 p.m. April 27. The cost of \$10 includes transportation and admission. Sign up the day of the event at the community center.

Tantalizing toddler contest

Enter your toddler's picture into the tantalizing toddler contest May 3-8. Children must be 12-to-24 months old. Pictures will be displayed at the community center to vote. Votes will be counted May 28. Call for more details for this free event.

Child Development Center 687-5588

Drop-in care

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

Developmental Enrichment Program

The Developmental Enrichment Program is accepting enrollments for fall pre-school. This is open to 3-to-5-year-olds not requiring full time care. Children must be 3 by July 31.

Youth Center 687-5586

Spring dance

Fifth through seventh graders can attend a spring dance 6-9 p.m. Saturday at the youth center. Socialize with friends and enter in a dance contest. The cost is \$3 for members and \$4 for nonmembers. Sign up today.

4-H skill-a-thon

Members of 4-H, their families and those interested in learning about 4-H are welcome to attend a skill-a-thon 2-7 p.m. Saturday at the youth center. Some activities will be presented by the Whiteman Spirit 4-H Club. There's no sign up for this free event.

Skating night

Fifth through seventh graders can travel to a skate center in Sedalia, Mo., 5:30-9:30 p.m. April 24. The \$6 fee for members and \$7 fee for nonmembers includes transportation and skating. Bring money for snacks. Sign up begins Monday.

Members only fun night

Kindergarten through seventh grade members are welcome to a night of fun 6:30-9:30 p.m. April 23 at the youth center. Eat dinner from the taco bar, play bingo, watch a movie, make crafts and more. Sign up begins Monday for this free event in honor of month of the military child.

Babe's Family Fun Center

Kindergarteners through fourth graders are welcome to travel to Babe's Family Fun Center in Warrensburg, Mo., 6:30-9:30 p.m. April 30. Children can play in ball pits, on slides, rope swings and more. The cost is \$6 for members and \$7.50 for nonmembers. Bring money for snacks and video games. Sign up begins April 26.

Pepsi-Pitch, Hit and Run

Ages 7-14 can compete in the Pepsi-Pitch, Hit and Run* beginning 11 a.m. May 8 at the youth baseball field complex. Ages are determined by the deadline of July 27. National finalists will travel to Houston, Tx., for the 2004 All-Star week. Register Monday through May 6 for this free event.

Hangout night

Fifth through seventh graders are welcome to hangout 6-9 p.m. May 1 at the youth center. The cost is \$2 for members and \$3 for nonmembers. Sign up begins April 26.

Teen Center 687-5819

Camping trip

Take a camping trip to Johnson's Shut-In State Park April 23-25. Teens can hike, tell camp fire stories, participate in team building activities and visit Elephant Rock and Taum Sauk Mountain. The \$30 fee includes transportation and meals. Sign up by Wednesday.

Ozark Inn 687-5469

Ozark Inn closed

The Ozark Inn will close after dinner April 30 and will re-open Aug. 1. Menus will be limited until April 1-30.

Whiteman Base Theater

Friday

Agent Cody Banks 2: Destination London
7 p.m. PG
Starring - Frankie Muniz & Anthony Anderson

Saturday

Starsky & Hutch
7 p.m. PG-13
Starring - Ben Stiller & Owen Wilson

Sunday

Hidalgo
5:30 p.m. PG-13
Starring - Viggo Mortensen & Omar Shariff

Food & Fun

Mission's End 687-4422

Prime rib buffet

Enjoy a prime rib buffet 5:30-8 p.m. today at Mission's End. Slow roasted prime rib, vegetables, potatoes and more will be offered. The cost is \$13.95 for members and \$16.95 for nonmembers.

Administrative professional's day

In honor of administrative professional's day, enjoy a mini Mongolian bar and special desserts 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Wednesday.

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1. Advertising is free to all active-duty, guard and reserve military members and civil servants who work on base or at the MoARNG in Warrensburg only. Military or civil service rank must be included in the space for "rank." We do offer free advertising to retired military members.
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