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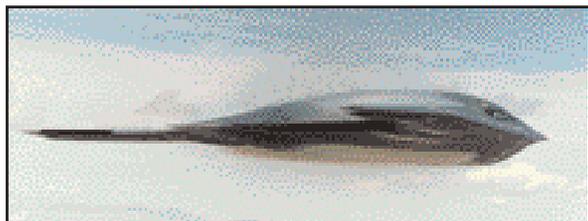


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News in Brief

Four to be promoted

Congratulations to **Lt. Col. Ron Gregory**, 509th Bomb Wing Staff Judge Advocate on his selection to colonel. The Air Force Personnel Center also released the supplemental results for promotion in January. Whiteman had three people selected for promotion. They are **Staff Sgt. Ryan Goodson**, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, **Tech. Sgt. Kristopher Krug**, 509th Communications Squadron, and **Master Sgt. Jon Summerbell**, 509th Maintenance Group.

Leo Marquez Maintenance Awards

Two Whiteman members received the Air Combat Command Leo Marquez Awards: **Maj. Dave Hadden**, Outstanding Munitions Maintenance Field Grade Manager, and **Capt. Jason Fick**, Communications/Electronics Maintenance Company Grade Officer.

Awards ceremony scheduled

The 509th Bomb Wing annual awards banquet begins 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 register.

Whiteman Appreciation Day at SFCC

State Fair Community College in Sedalia is sponsoring a Whiteman Appreciation Day for its men's basketball team's home game against Brown Mackie College at 7 p.m. Thursday. Admission is free for military members and their family with a military ID. Refreshments will be provided by the Sedalia Military Affairs Committee.

Claims notice

Brig. Gen. Doug Raaberg, 509th Bomb Wing commander, regretfully announces the death of Airman Christopher Chapell, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to Airman Chapell's estate should call 2nd Lt. Christian Paasch, 509th AMXS summary courts officer, at 687-3822.

Weather

Saturday

Mostly cloudy



H 42 °

L 34 °

Sunday

Partly cloudy



H 42 °

L 32 °

For more complete weather information, visit <https://www.whiteman.af.mil/509oss/osw/index.htm>. Courtesy of 509th OSS/OSW



Photo by Master Sgt. Dee Ann Poole

Tech. Sgt. David Brewer and **Airman 1st Class Darryl Donaldson** practice using the Homeland In-place Patient Decontamination team equipment during a recent training exercise. The 509th Medical Group is the first clinic in Air Combat Command to receive the decontamination unit. Sergeant Brewer and Airman Donaldson are members of the 509th MedGp.

ACC grants clinic new equipment to support decontamination units

By Master Sgt. Dee Ann Poole

Public Affairs

The 509th Medical Group's Homeland In-place Patient Decontamination Team equipment will fill a decontamination gap identified after the 2001 anthrax scares and Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

Whiteman is the first small clinic in Air Combat Command to receive the decontamination equipment. Master Sgt. Randy Harris said the equipment will be used in response to a hazardous materiel or weapon of mass destruction incident.

"Statistics show that 60 percent of patients seen after a HAZMAT or WMD event won't arrive at the clinic by ambulance. Instead, they'll be walk-ins or worried well patients and we won't know their decontamination level," Sergeant Harris said.

Upon notification of a possible HAZMAT or WMD event, the clinic will lock its doors and patients will process through the decontamination unit before entering the clinic. "This ensures the MTF doesn't get contaminated, causing a shut down of the medical response element," he said.

The MedGp received this package because the clinic supports an airframe that deploys directly from here.

"Additionally, we're located in a rural environment and our surrounding communities are still in the early stages of developing decontamination capabilities. We now have one of the most sophisticated medical decontamination



We now have one of the most sophisticated medical decontamination capabilities in the country.

Master Sgt. Randy Harris
509th Medical Support Squadron

capabilities in the county," Sergeant Harris said.

The eight-member decontamination team wears TYVEK suits and powered respirators while lifting and moving litter patients.

Therefore, 24 people are required to operate the unit to accommodate work-rest cycles. The maximum number of people who can be decontaminated in one hour is 10.

"This team wouldn't exist if it hadn't been for the efforts and vision of the bioenvironmental and expeditionary medical support planners," Sergeant Harris said. "Our medical planners realized the gap we had in our medical response and treatment capabilities regarding WMD and HAZMAT scenarios while our bioenvironmental engineers provided the operational expertise. Only through the persistence of these silent warriors were we able to get ACC to fund this item."

Commander's Corner

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

REFLECTION OF COMMAND. Permit me to be blunt ... we have the strongest team of squadron commanders. They deserve more thanks than we can heap on them; let me add my personal thank you to each of these senior leaders for their service (way) above self, their integrity to the mission and the extraordinary excellence they put into each hour of squadron command.

Let me put it this way, they are all hand-selects who have been entrusted with the personal lives of you, your family and the community partners they bond with. They cherish every person — it's a quality that grows with time in command. In fact, they'll tell you there are days when their devotion springs not from the heart, but from the soul. It's a powerful feeling, but not one of power.

However, thank them personally and they'll send it right back to you with a sincere, "Thank you to our people who really deserve the credit ... the members of my squadron!" Not possessive, but inclusive. That's your leaders!

You and I have seen our squadron commanders do extraordinary things ... in combat, deployment, training, exercises and daily activities. We revere them for the time they take to thank us for the most minute thing; perhaps for the recognition you deserve. Watch out, they're on the



prowl to jump at the first chance to recognize their people. It's kind of like the ultimate football fan who's willing to smash their face in the TV camera's view and scream for your recognition — not theirs. Look again, you'll see them "painted up" with their first sergeant and chiefs doing the "team thing" right alongside each other in the squadron's cheering section. Commanders know how to cheer better with their chiefs, shirts and supervisors.

Who are they? An extraordinary bunch of majors and lieutenant colonels who willingly accepted the flag of responsibility. They are in no way a misunderstood lot of ordinary officers, for they've come to take the mantle of command with a vision that goes beyond visual range. In some cases, they've set a higher mark that you're climbing to or may have reached. Be careful, they won't allow you to plant a flag at the top of a peak because they've already looked to the next higher mountain. It's infectious when they lead (by example) with an earnest desire to walk every inch of the way in your shoes. So, thank you to our most cohesive team of commanders.

One more thought about our squadron commanders. They're preparing the way for the next squadron commander; not because they want to, but because they know it's their duty to pave the road to the squadron's success. Give them your respect for that alone.

I would like to personally thank these commanders ... Lt. Col. Diane Holmgren, 509th CPTS; Lt. Col. Scott Vander Hamm, 325th BS; Lt. Col. Gavin Ketchen, 393rd BS; Lt. Col. Andy Cernicky, 394th CTS; Lt. Col. Brian O'Rear, 509th OSS; Maj. Chase McCown, 509th AMXS; Maj. Mike Busch,

509th MXS; Maj. Tim Dennison, 509th MOS; Maj. Dave Hadden, 509th MUNS; Maj. Bruce Bartholomew, 509th LRS; Maj. Jim McCreary, 509th CONS; Lt. Col. Jeff Vinger, 509th CE; Maj. Trish Mauldin, 509th MSS; Maj. Scott Ross, 509th SVS; Maj. Clayton Perce, 509th CS; Lt. Col. Rick Turner, 509th SFS; Maj. Jeff Johnson, 509th MDSS; Lt. Col. Rob Hontz, 509th MDOS; Lt. Col. Woody Bankson, 72nd TES and Lt. Col. Scott Young, 715th WPS ... for their quintessential leadership that sets the Spirit Team at the forefront of our nation's combat capability.

They'll humbly give more credit and thanks to their spouse, as I do too, for flying in formation with them during their "command sortie." Finally, they'll take this personal thank you and give it to you! That's why they're the best squadron commanders.

CIVIC LEADERS TOUR ROCKS. We wowed 28 of our finest civic and community leaders. From wheels up to wheels down, they "tasted" the life of an airman in the Air Warfare Center, U.S. Northern Command and North American Aerospace Defense Command to the Air Force Academy. They saw the leading edge from the F/A-22, Thunderbirds, U.S. Air Force Weapon School, and Predator UAV to a close-up refueling of our B-2s ... and, they met the finest set of combat leaders in our service today! In turn, a fabulous KC-135 aircrew from Grissom Air Reserve Base, Ind., flew them to their destinations.

Thank you to Senior Airman Kristeena Gonzalez, 509th Bomb Wing public affairs, for the extra care in preparing our leaders for this tour.

Additionally, we shined because great



Photo by Senior Airman Shawn Clements

Maj. Trish Mauldin, 509th Mission Support Squadron commander, speaks with, squadron members, Senior Airmen Scott Horr and Kendra Huber, Airman Anna Franklin and Airman 1st Class Kris Rasley, about training records.

folks from the 509th LRS transportation team and first term airmen center volunteers made their departure and arrival a world-class event. Thank you.

With the leadership of Maj. Don Langley, public affairs officer, and his folks, we enjoyed an incredible tour. Thank you Jo Ostendorf, protocol and Capt. Dave Thompson for flying top-cover for this mission. Our civic leaders thank you all for giving them the fabulous "sight picture" of our Air Force!

STRAP IN FOR THE RIDE. I'd like to clarify one issue ... If you and your passengers wear a seat belt in your car then you are safe. It's that simple. If you don't, I'll make sure you do. That's simple, too. I have instructed safety and security forces to enforce our seat belt policy. If you don't strap in, then you lose your driving privileges ... perhaps on the spot! Share the word ... everyone in a vehicle will wear a seat belt! It makes combat sense.

Adaptation a must in today's military

By Capt. Ray Madrid

509th Services Squadron Acting Commander

The ability to adapt and change is one of our key strengths in the military. As the saying goes, the only constant you can depend on is change.

Once you have made the decision to become a military member you're signing up to be able to adapt and overcome any obstacle put in your way.

We're trained from the start to get the mission done no matter what. We have become accustomed to adapting to a new boss, whether it's a supervisor or wing commander.

Our wing has gone through some changes recently. We became a fully operational capable wing. Another change the wing is going through is the unit compliance inspections.

Whiteman has never done a UCI and we're learning how to become proficient in this new requirement. It'll take some time, but, just like anything this wing does once we have a goal, we'll get it done and we get it done well. I know the wing will do well during the UCI because we have great leaders and great people here. Our team spirit and enthusiasm on this base is second to none and we have already proved that with the Nuclear Surety Inspection.

Sometimes you must deal with a lot more change than

normal. That's what the 509th Services Squadron and Whiteman will encounter in the next few months.

Lastly, within a six-month period our squadron may be dealing with three different commanders. One of the biggest changes will be Monte Nelson, 509th SVS deputy commander, retiring in March after 28 years of federal service with 15 of those years here.

This will be one of the greatest losses our squadron will endure. He's been the foundation that has held the squadron together for 15 years. Through good and bad times, Mr. Nelson has kept the unit focused and on course to meet our daily mission. Losing a civilian position is a harder change to adapt to because they're your continuity binder and no matter what, their expertise and knowledge can never be totally transferred or kept.

While Mr. Nelson has been here, our squadron has won many awards. Here are just a few:

- ✓ Air Force Innkeeper Award for 2000
- ✓ Air Combat Command Maj. Gen. Eugene L. Eubank Award for 1998, 1999 and 2001
- ✓ ACC Innkeeper Award for 2000 and 2002

Mr. Nelson will be greatly missed but I just want to personally wish him and his wife, Donna, a joyful retirement and best wishes on their future endeavors.



Photo by Senior Airman Shawn Clements

Capt. Ray Madrid, 509th Services Squadron commander reviews a unit compliance inspection list with Airman 1st Class Simon Dimant, 509th SVS.

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Hold off on logo

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — Air Force clothing office officials are asking airmen to wait a few weeks before having their lightweight blue jackets embroidered with the Air Force logo.

“We’ve had an overwhelmingly positive response in regards to placing the logo on the jacket,” said Libby Glade, Air Force clothing office chief. “However, we have also received numerous questions from embroidery vendors and private individuals about the logo. We are revising the technical data to obtain an embroidery software format to ensure a high-quality, consistent appearance.”

A contractor is currently working on a digitized pattern, which will be available online at www.af.mil/airforcestory by the first week of February, Ms. Glade said. This pattern should be compatible with 90 percent of the embroidery software programs used by vendors.

“We are advising vendors and individuals to hold off on embroidering until further guidance is available,” she said.

Besides the digitized pattern, complete, updated specifications for embroidery will be available online.

These specifications will include a diagram of logo placement and design elements, such as thread color and number, font style and size, stitch style and count, and spacing.

Ms. Glade said those individuals who have already had their jackets embroidered based on the current Web site logo guidelines and the previous news article are authorized to wear their embroidered jackets.

“However, we are advising that since this software will ensure conformity with the AF logo guidelines and provide uniformity across the AF, it would be best if individuals refrained from having their jackets embroidered until the software is available,” she said.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Joe Lacdan

Good on you

Two Whiteman members received Air Combat Command contracting awards. Patricia Darrah, 509th Contracting Squadron earned Outstanding Civilian of the Year. Airman 1st Class Timothy Vansant, 509th CONS, earned Outstanding Airman of the Year. Also pictured is Maj. Jim McCreary, 509th CONS commander.



Courtesy photo

Nice doggy

AL UDEID AIR BASE, Qatar — Senior Airman Sunshine McFalls, 379th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron, is the target in a training exercise with Joost, a military working dog. Staff Sgt. Rudy Aguirre, the trainer for the MWD handlers, conducted the training. Airman McFalls and Joost are deployed from the 509th Security Forces Squadron.



Courtesy photo

Seat belts save lives

Corrie Collier, wife of Airman Brian Collier, walked away from this accident with only a small scratch on her hand. She wore her seat belt when the truck rolled six times down an embankment. Airman Collier, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, said no one witnessed this accident. “The seat belt earns its living by keeping people from bouncing around in the vehicle during an accident,” said Senior Master Sgt. Mark Clark, 509th CES first sergeant. The Colliers said they hope you wear your seat belt wherever you go.

Whiteman loses one of its own

Airman 1st Class Robin Qualls, a firefighter assigned to the 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, was killed Jan. 16 in a tragic robbery in Kansas City.

He was promoted posthumously to senior airman Tuesday.

"We lost a great airman—one devoted to his unit, his friends and our mission," said Brig. Gen. Doug Raaberg, 509th Bomb Wing commander. "This is a sobering reminder that we must be mindful of where we travel, our surroundings, and how we react to an unexpected event such as a robbery."

Airman Qualls was born in Flint, Mich., on Feb. 3, 1981. He graduated from Marvell High School, Marvell, Ark., and joined the Air Force in February 2001.

After completing basic military training and technical school, Airman Qualls was assigned to the 48th Civil Engineer Squadron, Royal Air Force Lakenheath, England, as a firefighter.

Airman Qualls arrived here in September 2003. He was an apparatus driver and operator with the fire department.

Airman Qualls attended the Blue Hills Church of the Nazarene in Kansas City and attended the singles bible study group at the Knob Noster Charity Christian Center.

Airman Qualls was laid to rest at the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in Higginsville, Mo., Thursday. A memorial service begins at 10 a.m. today at the base chapel.



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1st Sergeant's View

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

By Master Sgt. John Vassallo
509th Bomb Wing Legal Office

One of the valuable services your friends and co-workers provide is sometimes over-looked. Every year, about 40 members of the Whiteman community volunteer to prepare income tax returns for military members, retirees and dependents.

The Internal Revenue Service trains these volunteers under the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program to prepare and electronically file basic returns. Their intent is simple: they want to save you money. Last year, these volunteers saved us thousands of dollars in income tax preparation fees.

Many of us see our income tax refund as a great way to pay off holiday bills. There are many companies out there that are ready and willing to take advantage of your rush to pay off those bills. They're also willing to take a portion of that money for their services.

I did a search on the cost of preparing a 1040EZ form. A popular income tax provider charges about \$25 for you to do-it-yourself online. It will cost you an additional \$20 for your state return (everyone in Missouri must file a Missouri return whether a resident or not). You'll be charged at least another \$40 if you want your refund in one or two business days with a refund anticipation loan



Photo by Senior Airman Shawn Clements

Master Sgt. John Vassallo, 509th Bomb Wing, reviews a tax filing information book with Tech. Sgt. Mary Moten, 509th BW.

— the bigger the refund, the bigger the fee.

The VITA volunteers can do the same return and save you at least \$85. Sure, you won't have your refund in one or two business days, but is saving your hard-earned money worth waiting the seven to 14 days it normally takes for the IRS to deposit a VITA prepared return into your account? I say wait a few days and think of what to do with the money you saved.

I want to personally thank the volunteers participating in the program. Your hard work and dedication provides a valuable service to the Whiteman community.

Tax office ready

The Whiteman Air Force Base Tax Assistance Office opens for business Feb. 2. Operating hours are 8 a.m.-4 p.m. weekdays. The office is located in Bldg. 705 at 930 Arnold Ave. in the 509th Bomb Wing Visitor Work Center entrance.

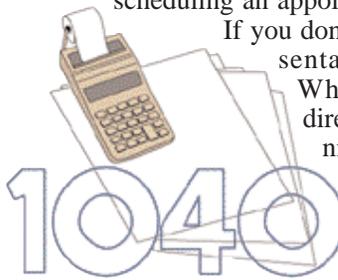
Taxpayers can call the tax office at 687-3800 beginning Monday to schedule an appointment for tax assistance. Electronic filing of tax returns begins Feb. 2.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance representatives are available to help taxpayers prepare 2003 tax returns. Volunteers are only trained to assist with 1040 E-Z, 1040A and basic 1040 forms. Besides VITA volunteers, most squadrons have one or more unit tax representatives available to help squadron members.

There will be a limited number of tax forms and publications available at the office. Forms and publications are available online at <http://www.irs.gov>. Additionally, customers must provide copies of required documents to submit to the Internal Revenue Service because the tax advisers won't be able to make copies at the tax center.

Contact your unit tax representative before scheduling an appointment at the tax office.

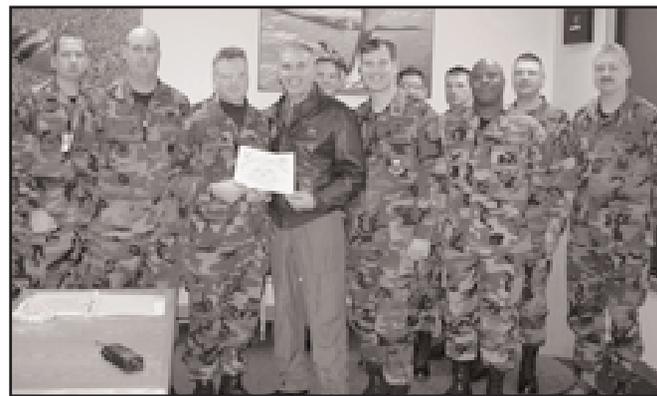
If you don't have a unit tax representative, you can call the Whiteman Tax Office directly at 687-3800 beginning Monday to schedule an appointment. **(Courtesy of the 509th Bomb Wing Legal Office)**



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Whiteman Spirit Award



Senior Master Sgt. Kurtis Ott
509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Senior Master Sgt. Kurtis Ott, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, received the Whiteman Spirit Award from Col. Ned Schoeck, 509th Bomb Wing vice commander, Wednesday.

Mel Bockelman, Concordia Korean War Commemorative Committee chairman, nominated Sergeant Ott for the award because he made an outstanding presentation at a ceremony for Korean War veterans.

Sergeant Ott was the primary speaker at the ceremony and did an outstanding job, Mr. Bockelman said.

"Sergeant Ott presented 52 Korean War Medals to the war veterans or their next of kin," Mr. Bockelman said. "Sergeant Ott did this in a manner that showed resilience and conveyed a sense of honor to those who received the medals."

Sergeant Ott's performance at this solemn event reflects great credit upon the Air Force and the 509th BW, Mr. Bockelman said.

"This was a memorable day that the Korean War veterans will never forget due to the outstanding and professional performance of Sergeant Ott," Mr. Bockelman said.

Personally Speaking

Duty title: Assistant NCO in charge

Time on station: 4 years

Time in service: 18 years, 6 months

Hometown: Spillville, Iowa

Spouse: Janine

Children: Brittany

Hobbies: Woodworking and bike riding.

Goals: Support the members of the 393rd Aircraft Maintenance Unit to the best of my ability.

Best thing about Whiteman: The level of teamwork

Pet peeves: Tardiness and people who say "It's not my job."

What motivates your winning spirit?: Watching the troops do it right and being able to do the right thing for people.

If you could change one thing at Whiteman, what would it be? The weather.

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Pharmacy implements new check-in procedures

By Tech. Sgt. William Barfknecht
509th Medical Support Squadron

In an effort to improve efficiency and patient satisfaction, the 509th Medical Group Pharmacy begins several changes Feb. 21.

Furniture will be upgraded and the automated prescription filling system, PharmAssist, will be installed. PharmAssist is designed to lower potential filling errors; however, it may temporarily increase waiting times, said Staff Sgt. Jessica Hill, 509th MedGp .

The pharmacy staff changed the prescription filling process Tuesday to prepare for the new equipment. The new process requires patients to check in at window No. 1 with their ID card before the prescription is filled. At that time, the pharmacy staff activates the prescription and ensures patient allergies are accurate.

After checking in, the patient waits while the prescription is filled. After the prescription is filled, the patient is called to window No. 2. Active-duty members in uniform will continue to have priority at each window.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Joe Lacdan

Airman 1st Class Danielle Martin, 509th Operations Support Squadron, picks medication up from Airman 1st Class Vera Camuso, 509th Medical Support Squadron.

Refills must be called in to the refill number at 800-334-2958 or 687-2137. Window No. 3 is dedicated to refill pick-ups to ensure patients only picking up refills can get in and out as quickly as possible.

Sergeant Hill said the new process is a proactive step to decrease waiting times and increase patient satisfaction in anticipation of PharmAssist.

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Local leaders take two-day trip into AF life



Courtesy photo

Brig. Gen. Doug Raaberg, 509th Bomb Wing commander (right), introduces Todd Smith, X-com director of business development, to Maj. Gen. Stephen Wood, Air Warfare Center commander, after arriving at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., Jan. 14.



Courtesy photo

Twenty-eight local civic and business leaders pose with their Air Force hosts at the entrance to the Cheyenne Mountain Air Station in Colorado Springs, Colo. The Air Force periodically conducts Civic Leader Tours allowing guests to gain a broader view of the Air Force than the activities at their local installation. Representatives from several Central Missouri communities spent

Jan. 14 and 15 learning about various missions at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., and in the Colorado Springs area. Guests learned about the F/A-22 Raptor, Red Flag exercises, the Predator and other unmanned aerial vehicles in development, the mission of U.S. Northern Command and life at the U.S. Air Force Academy.



Photo by Maj. Don Langley

Wayne Swisher, president of Swisher Mower and Machine Company, and Ken Brown, base community council member, take the controls of a Predator unmanned aerial vehicle simulator at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev.



Courtesy photo

arry Ficken, Knob Noster School district superintendent, and Wayne Swisher, president of Swisher Mower and Machine Company, learn about weaponry used by the F-15E Strike Eagle.



Courtesy photo

Dr. Beverly Byers-Pevitts, president of Park University, and Elle Patton, wife of Dr. Bobby Patton, president of Central Missouri State University, look at a Predator unmanned aerial vehicle during a visit to Detachment 13, 372nd Training Squadron at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., Jan. 14.



Photo by Maj. Don Langley

Guests visited the U.S. Air Force Academy to discuss current issues and the cadet training program with faculty leaders. While there, the group viewed the lunchtime meal formation and dined with representatives of the cadet wing.



Photo by Maj. Don Langley

Tour guests observed air refueling by a two-ship formation of B-2s during their flight to Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., aboard a KC-135 from the 434th Air Refueling Wing, Grissom Air Reserve Base, Ind.

What's new?

Master Sgt. Kim Halstead, an in-service recruiter here, discusses changes to a new Air Force instruction with Staff Sgt. Lorena Lewis, 509th Mission Support Squadron, Jan. 16. The Air Force Reserve offers opportunities to people separating from active duty. The Reserve offers most active-duty benefits, pay and retirement. For more details, call Sergeant Halstead at 687-6483. Sergeant Halstead is a 442nd Fighter Wing member.



Photo by Airman Ryan Wilson

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What's happening

OTS training available

Enlisted members interested in applying for officer training school can apply now through March 2. Members without a science, engineering or flying-oriented background are eligible to apply. Applicants must have a 3.0 grade point average or above to be eligible. Waivers of the Air Force Officers Qualification Test will be considered only if the composite score is 150 or higher. For more details, call Larry Broudrick at 687-2420.

Scholarships available

Dependent children of military members can apply for the 2004 Scholarships for military children program now through Feb. 18. Applications are available online www.militaryscholar.org. Applications are also at the Whiteman commissary. For more details, call Carol Lakey, at (660) 687-5648.

ALS sets class 04-B events

✓ The airman leadership school class 04-B retreat ceremony begins at 4 p.m. Feb. 6 at the flagpole at Bldg. 509. Participants must be in place by 3:45 p.m.

✓ Reveille begins at 7:30 a.m. Feb. 10 at the ALS drill pad. Arrival time is 7:25 a.m.

✓ Graduation begins at 5:30 p.m. Feb. 10 at Mission's End. The speaker is Senior Master Sgt. Mark Clark, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron first sergeant. The meal is London broil with roasted potatoes, vegetables and peanut butter pie.

The cost is \$14.75 for members and \$16.75 for non-members. Attire is mess dress or semi-formal for military members, and coat and tie for civilians. Tickets are available from class 04-B members.

AADD meetings set

Airmen Against Drunk Driving members meet at 1

p.m. the first Thursday of the month in the professional development center. Current members or those wishing to volunteer are encouraged to attend. For more details or to volunteer, call Senior Airman Kelly Johnson at 687-4800.

Valentine party set

Families of those deployed or serving a remote assignment are invited to a Valentine party 1-3 p.m. Jan. 31. Reservations are required by Tuesday.

WIC representative visits base

A WIC representative is available beginning at 8:30 a.m. Thursday. WIC includes nutrition education, health promotion and a supplemental food program to help women, infants and children who have nutritional needs. For more details, call the WIC office at 660-747-2012.

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Pit stop

An F/A-22 from Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., stopped here recently after experiencing technical difficulties. The newest fighter in the Air Force inventory, the F/A-22 combines stealth, maneuverability, high-cruising speed and a significant air-to-surface advance capability. Initial deliveries of the first training aircraft to Tyndall AFB, Fla., will continue this year.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Joe Lacdan

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Spirit Spotlights

... on **Kyle Morgan, Michaela Kerner, Caitlyn Cernicky, Courtney Simons, Chance Hill, Aaron Johnson, Zachary Steele, Gabrielle Jones, Rachel Palomo, Haleigh Brewer, Dejuan Gates, Tiffany Hoskins, Tyler Lange, Eric Nash, Jordan Wood, Tanis Orme, McKinlee Waid, Brandi Swan, Jesse Sumner, Clinton Butler, Shelby Willard, Andrew Markley, Whitney Boggs, Bailey Grindstaff, Phillip Morin, Jessica Messick, Jessalyn Florence and Dorian Littrell** for being Whiteman Elementary School's January students of the month.

... on **Col. (Dr.) Richard Bachmann, Lt. Col.**

Richard Simmons, Maj. Jeffrey Johnson, Chief Master Sgt. Terrance Douglas, Master Sgts. James Delap and Clayton Thornburg, Tech Sgts. William Barfknecht and Erin Hartswick, Staff Sgts. Ed Caffrey and Jesse Stroot, Senior Airman Daryn Moran and Airman 1st Class Jo Bryant, 509th Medical Group and Lt. Col. Scott Vander Hamm, Maj. Paul Tibbets, Capt. Michael Walters, 2nd Lts. Jason Aeschliman, Matthew Cooper and Joseph Smallen, Master Sgt. Harvey Catchings, Tech. Sgt. Latonya Charles, Staff Sgts. Alison Bridges, Talaya Hill and Bryan Teeples, Senior Airmen Jeremy Parsons, Shane Piringer and Mellissa

Wrona Airmen 1st Class Joshua Lankford and Raquel Onedera and Airman Linsay Nied, 325th Bomb Squadron, for washing the B-52 static display.

... on **Master Sgts. Anthony Belt, James Matheson and Roscoe Vanousdall, Staff Sgt. Curtis Knappenberger, Senior Airman John Kowalczyk and Airman 1st Class Jason Hastings** for washing the B-47 static display.

... on **Josephine Witt** for making the president's list at State Fair Community College.

... on **Natalie Whinery** for making the dean's list at SFCC.

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Whiteman soccer team places 7th at Lackland

By Rita Boland

37th Training Public Affairs

LACKLAND AIR FORCE BASE, TEXAS — Soccer teams from around the country converged here Jan. 16-18 to compete in the second Defender's Cup.

Whiteman's team of 11 members, Whiteman United, competed in the 16-team tournament, which included teams from bases Airforcewide. Whiteman placed 7th and tied with the Dakotas team for second most goals during the tournament with 13 total goals. The squad finished with a 2-1-2 mark.

"We were able to jell together as a team to go to this tournament," Player-coach Joe Amegatcher said. "Most of our players were offensive players so we were mostly playing out of position. We had to think fast and react fast."

To help accommodate his team's strengths, several players who previously played offensive or midfield positions moved to defense. Amegatcher switched from the offensive striker position to sweeper. Todd Halvorsen, moved from midfielder to goalkeeper, and allowed only two goals in four games for a goals against average of 0.75. Amegatcher is a 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron member and Halvorsen is a 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron member.

Nick Velati, a forward, was named team MVP made the all-tournament team. Velati, a 509th Maintenance Operations Squadron member, was also the team's leading scorer. In the end, all that travel resulted in good seats for a great title game between two teams.

The Randolph Ramblers and Lackland Warhawks tied with two goals apiece at the end of regulation, sending the game to penalty kicks. The Ramblers won the game 4-1.

"This is just how we would have wanted it," Randolph player Nick Jenkins said. "Two local teams at the end."

Jenkins scored the fourth and clinching goal for the Ramblers, beating Warhawks goalie Jose Ontiveros on a shot down the middle.

"I just wanted to end it there and go home," Jenkins said. "I just wanted to end it all."

The squads battled cold and a biting wind during the championship.

The teams tied at one after the first half of play and the first score of the second half was an omen of things to come. Randolph player Justin Poss got called for a handball, giving Lackland the opportunity for a penalty kick. Warhawk Aphichart Gingsumrong took the shot, drilling the ball past Rambler goalie Steve Sherman for the score.

"I felt confident," Gingsumrong said. "I knew that we were going to get that one."

Sherman and Poss both got a chance to redeem themselves.

Poss scored the final goal in regulation, tying the game with a shot off the head.

"I knew if we got to PKs we had a chance of winning it all," he said. "I think we have the best goalkeeper. I was just doing anything to get to PKs."

Sherman rewarded the confidence his team has in him, allowing only one of the three PK shots he faced after regulation to find the back of the goal.

"I wouldn't have wanted it any other way," Sherman said. "Me supporting my team the way they support me out there."

The win was the second for Randolph in as many months. In December, the Ramblers won the first Morris Cup, hosted by the Medina United Football Club, also beating Lackland in the championship game.

"Out here means so much more (than the city league) because it's Air Force," said Danny Rigsbee, Randolph's head coach.

In all sixteen teams, divided into four groups, competed in the World Cup-style tournament. Lackland and Randolph both won their groups with nine and seven points, respectively. Three points were awarded for a win and one for a draw.

"I'm extremely pleased with how it went," said Kevin

Final standings

(Standings determined by bracket success, group seeding, and overall record)

- 1 — **Randolph AFB 5-0-1**
- 2 — **Lackland AFB 5-1-0**
- 3 — **701 MP BN 3-1-2**
- 4 — **McChord AFB 3-2-1**
- 5 — **Keesler AFB 3-2-0**
- 6 — **Dakota AFBs 2-1-2**
- 7 — **WHITEMAN UNITED 2-1-2**
- 8 — **Books City-Base 3-2-1**
- 9 — **Hurlburt Field 2-2-0**
- 10 — **Langley AFB 2-2-1**
- 11 — **Tinker AFB 2-3-0**
- 12 — **Cannon AFB 1-4-0**
- 13 — **Medina Annex 1-2-1**
- 14 — **McConnell AFB 0-3-1**
- 15 — **USAF 0-4-0**
- 16 — **Luke AFB 0-4-0**

Vogt, Lackland's head coach and tournament coordinator.

"They came to play. They came out with a lot of pride in their bases. There was a lot of emotion on the field and I like to see that."

Friday night's games were played in mud, as rain poured down. Players occasionally disappeared into puddles the size of small lakes. Sandwiched between the cold and rain, however, Mother Nature blessed the tournament with the perfect soccer-weather day. Sunny, clear, warm, but with a breeze. That weather wasn't the only surprise of the tournament.

Brooks City-Base, a base without a formal team, advanced to the third round of the tournament on Sunday, competing with a squad composed of players who kick around together informally on their lunch hour. Langley, last year's champion, made it to only the second round of play, losing 1-0 to Keesler.

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Final Gridiron Challenge Results



The final results of the 2003 Gridiron Challenge are in and the **442nd Fighter Wing** is the overall winner with 97 wins and 53 loses.

The individual winner for the final week with a record of 8-2 was **Master Sgt. Ernie Ferguson**, 442nd FW. He receives a complimentary meal cour-

tesy of the 509th Services Squadron. Congratulations to the **442nd FW** and everyone who participated in the 2003 Gridiron Challenge.

1st place

2nd place

3rd place

3rd place

5th place

6th place

7th place

442nd

BW

MSG

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MOARNG

MXG

OG



97-53

90-60

86-64

86-64

80-70

77-73

74-76

Intramural basketball season winding down



Mark Wood, 509th Operations Support Squadron, pulls down a rebound as Ronald Reyome tries to knock the ball away. Wood scored 16 points in the 62-28 OSS victory, while Chris Royal, 509th OSS, led all scorers with 17 points. Raul Garcia led LRS with 8 points, while Douglas Flowers added 7. LRS fell to 3-11 with the loss.



David Wooten, 509th LRS, goes for a layup during his team's 62-28 loss to the 509th Operations Support Squadron. OSS built an early 24-7 lead and had a 37-11 advantage at halftime.



Myron Deberry, 509th Operations Support Squadron, knocks the ball away from 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron player Ronald Reyome.

Photos by Airman 1st Class Joe Laddan

509th Douglas, Logistics Readiness Squadron, looks to pass as he's pressured by 509th Operations Support Squadron member Aaron Ford Tuesday at the fitness center Tuesday. The 509th OSS beat 509th LRS 62-28. In other action, the 509th Maintenance Squadron team edged defending champion 509th Security Forces Squadron 50-45. The 509th Communications Squadron routed the 509th Comptroller Squadron 59-39. The 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron team beat the 509th Civil Engineer Squadron firefighter team 70-52. The 509th Maintenance Squadron team beat the 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron team 55-42.



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Travel & Leisure

Outdoor Recreation 687-5565

Trip to Bridal Cave

All are welcome to take a trip 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Jan. 31 to the Bridal Cave in Camdenton, Mo. The cost for tickets and transportation is \$15 for adults and \$10 for children 12 and younger. Bring money for lunch. Sign up by Jan. 28 at outdoor recreation.

Wall climbing competition

Compete in the squadron wall climbing competition now until April 1. The total number of climbs by each participant and number of mile-high climbers will determine the awards. There's a \$10 entry fee for this event.

Overtime rock climbing

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

Military appreciation days

Active-duty military members can ski free now until Feb. 25 Wednesdays 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 through 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.

Community Activities

Teen Center 687-5819

Air Force Academy Aviation Camp

Apply for the opportunity to attend the Air Force Academy Aviation Camp June 4-11 in Colorado Springs, Colo. Beginning Feb. 1 teens in ninth and 10th grade can pick up an application at the teen or youth center. Applications must be turned in by Feb. 28. Selections will be announced April 1 by Air Force Services. Meals, lodging and activities will be provided. Selectees are responsible for transportation.

Jammin' lock-in

Teens are invited to a jammin' lock-in 10 p.m. Jan. 30 until 7 a.m. Jan. 31 at the youth center. Teens must wear pajamas to be admitted. Games, trivia, snacks, breakfast foods and more will be provided. This event is \$5 for members and \$7 for nonmembers. Sign up by Wednesday at the teen center.

Community Center 687-5617

Cabin fever olympics

Compete in the cabin fever olympics 2-4 p.m. Saturday at the community center and play summer sports indoors. Enjoy putt-putt golf, pop-a-shot basketball, hoop toss, nerf ball and more. There's no sign up deadline for this free event.

Cartooning class

Learn the art of cartooning 3-4 p.m. Jan. 31 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.

Super Bowl party and chili cook-off

Attend a Super Bowl party and chili cook-off at 4 p.m. Feb. 1 at the community center. All are invited to prepare their best chili recipe to be judged while watching the game. Hot dogs, chips and drinks will be provided at this free event.

Bus trip to Osage Beach Outlet Mall

Shop for your Valentine 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Feb. 7 at the Osage Beach Outlet Mall. There's a \$10 fee for transportation. Sign up by Feb. 6.

Adopt a veteran

Adopt a veteran and help a hero through February. Airmen stationed here can sign up and visit a veteran for a minimum of one hour a week. Contact the community center for more information.

Table tennis tournament

All ages are welcome to compete in the singles table tennis tournament beginning at 2 p.m. Feb. 7 at the community center. Prizes will be awarded to first and second place. There's a \$3 fee for participants. There's no sign up deadline.

Youth Center 687-5586

Winter wonderland

Celebrate the winter season with an indoor snowball fight, building cup igloos, a movie and more 6:30-9:30 p.m. Jan. 30 at the youth center. Children in kindergarten through fourth grade are welcome to winter wonderland. The \$5 fee for members and \$6.50 fee for nonmembers includes refreshments and prizes. Sign up begins Monday.

Super Bowl party

Celebrate Super Bowl Sunday 5-9 p.m. Feb. 1 at the youth center. Children in fourth through seventh grade can vote before the game which team will win and what the final score will be. The participant who guesses the closest wins a prize. The \$6 fee for members and \$7.50 fee for nonmembers includes snacks and refreshments. Sign up by Jan. 30.

Start smart soccer

Learn basic soccer skills with a parent 10-11 a.m. Wednesdays and Fridays beginning Feb. 4. Children ages 3-5 can join Start Smart Soccer with a \$20 fee for each parent and child team. Sign up by Feb. 3.

Fitness Night

Children in kindergarten through fourth grade are welcome to attend fitness night 6:30-9:30 p.m. Feb. 6 at the youth center. There's a \$5 fee for members and a \$6.50 fee for nonmembers. The snack bar will be available. Sign up begins Feb. 2.

Hang out night

Children in fifth through seventh grade can hang out and participate in arts and crafts, pool, foosball, Playstation, X-Box and more 6-9 p.m. Feb. 7 at the youth center. There's a \$2 fee for members and a \$3 fee for nonmembers. The snack bar will be available. Sign up begins Feb. 2.

Family Child Care 687-5590/1180

Want a profitable home-based career?

Care givers are needed for evenings, weekends, swing-shift workers, infants and for mildly ill children. The Air Force offers a subsidy for providers who are willing to meet this critical need. Providers who hold a standard license can be subsidized up to \$125 a week per qualifying child.

Skills Development Center 687-5691

Stained glass panel class

Learn to create stained glass panels in a six-week session 6-9 p.m. Thursdays at the skills development center. Pick a pattern, cut and grind glass and use foiling techniques. The cost is \$45 plus supplies. Participants can start the class at any time.



Food & Fun

Mission's End 687-4422

Mongolian barbecue

Enjoy Mongolian barbecue 5:30-8 p.m. today and Feb. 6 at Mission's End. Chicken, beef, shrimp, eggrolls, rice and more will be offered. The cost is \$10.95 for members and \$12.95 for nonmembers.

Super Bowl party

A Super Bowl party starts one hour before the game Feb. 1 at Mission's End. Those who signed up for the recliner give away must be present to win. Sponsored in part by Arwood's Furniture, Speedway Chevrolet and Budweiser.*



7 p.m. Feb. 12

Missouri State Fair Grounds at the Mathewson Center in Sedalia

The 2003 edition of Tops In Blue, "Soaring with Eagles" pays tribute to the proud history of the Centennial of Flight and 50 years of the Air Force Entertainment program. All are welcome to this free 90-minute event.

Whiteman Base Theater

Friday
Stuck On You 7 p.m. PG-13
Starring - Matt Damon & Greg Kinnear

Saturday
The Last Samurai 7 p.m. R
Starring - Tom Cruise

Sunday
The Human Stain 5:30 p.m. R
Starring - Anthony Hopkins & Nicole Kidman

Adults \$3 Youth \$1.50
Movie recording line 687-5110.
Movies are subject to change due to availability.
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Sports & Recreation

Fitness Center 687-5496

90 days around the U.S.

Run, cycle, exercise and play your way around the U.S. 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.

Stars & Strikes 687-5114

Bonanza bingo

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

Winter cosmic bowling

Play winter cosmic bowling 8 p.m.-midnight Fridays and Saturdays. Games are \$1.25 and shoe rentals are \$1.