



Photo by Senior Airman Nick Martin

Members of the 509th Security Forces Squadron Emergency Services Team perform a practical field exercise in base housing as Master Sgt. Richard Stephens, 509th SFS standards evaluator, looks on. The EST is the Air Force's answer to a civilian police force's Special Weapons And Tactics unit.

## Emergency Services Team tackles test

By Senior Airman Nick Martin  
Public Affairs

Some situations reach a critical point where an aggressor leaves almost no options for a peaceful resolution. The last chance for everyone to survive a situation may fall into the hands of an Emergency Services Team.

From hostage situations to terrorist threats when the situation warrants, the Air Force employs its specially trained EST members as a last resort after negotiations have failed.

"The objective of an Emergency Services Team is to save lives, even the life of the bad guy," Tech. Sgt. Randy

Wyatt, 509th Security Forces Squadron EST team leader, said.

Sergeant Wyatt, who coordinated with the Army Corps of Engineers and civilian contractors to secure a base housing unit slated for demolition for the exercise, said "the added realism of the exercise contributed to our learning experience. It encapsulated many hours of training into one short three-hour scenario."

"By allowing the team to use this house, they were given an invaluable training experience," Tech. Sgt. Teddy Greevebiester, 509th SFS, said.

Aside from exercises, members of the EST attend a

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### News in Brief

#### Med Gp sets temporary closing

The 509th Medical Group and base clinic will be closed today at noon for a group event.

#### BCC meets Thursday

The base community council luncheon begins at noon Aug. 5 at Mission's End. The menu is ham and turkey croissant with potato chips. The cost is \$8.50. Base members interested in attending must R.S.V.P. to the public affairs office by noon Tuesday at [bcc.rsvp@whiteman.af.mil](mailto:bcc.rsvp@whiteman.af.mil) or 687-6151.

#### Ozark Inn scheduled to reopen

The base dining facility is scheduled to re-open Aug. 14. The official grand opening will be Aug. 23. For more details call Master Sgt. Mark Hamrick, 509th Services Squadron, at 687-6503.

#### 509th CES comments on utility flags

Small utility flags mark the location of buried lines so construction crews know to avoid cutting lines. Recently, flags in the military family housing area have been disappearing, said Jerry Forste, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron. "Please do not move them. If these utility flags are moved, there's the possibility a utility line can be cut. At the minimum, a cut utility line would result in the loss of utilities for a section of the base and at worst could result in someone's death, especially in the case of a cut gas line," Mr. Forste said. Since construction began, one communications line was cut and getting utilities remarked has caused delays.

#### Former 509er heads AFPC

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — Maj. Gen. Anthony F. Przybyslawski took his place July 23 as the Air Force Personnel Center's 22nd commander. The 28-year veteran and command pilot succeeds Maj. Gen. Thomas A. O'Riordan. General Przybyslawski served as the 509th Bomb Wing commander from 2000-2002.

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### Weather

**Saturday**

Partly cloudy



H 86 °  
L 65 °

**Sunday**

Partly cloudy



H 89 °  
L 72 °

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

## Commander's Corner

By Col. Chris Miller  
509th Bomb Wing Commander

**myPAY** — The Secretary of the Air Force and the Chief of Staff of the Air Force have mandated that all Airmen use myPay.

The DFAS Web site allows you to manage your pay information, leave and earning statements, and income tax information on line.

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**FAMILY MEMBER SGLI** — With the constant need for Whiteman personnel to deploy all over the world, I want to remind you that you can provide life insurance for your dependents with Family Member Servicemember's Group Life Insurance.

As a servicemember, you automatically have \$10,000 coverage per child. You can insure your spouse for up to

\$100,000 but not to exceed the amount of SGLI you have for yourself. The rates for spouse coverage range from \$6 to \$54 per month.

**MOTORCYCLE SAFETY** — With the "100 Days of Summer," the Air Force has placed a great deal of emphasis on motorcycle safety.

Unfortunately, Air Combat Command has already had two motorcycle fatalities this summer. If you are going to operate a motorcycle, use the appropriate safety gear and use common sense. Motorcycles are fun, but no thrill is worth dying for.

**MISSOURI LEGISLATOR VISIT** — This past Tuesday, Team Whiteman hosted a visit by twenty-eight Missouri State Legislators and their guests.

While many of us are not from Missouri, it is important that we make the effort to know our Missouri neighbors and educate them how all of Team Whiteman, including the Air Force Reserve, the Navy Reserve and the Missouri Army National Guard, contribute to national security.

The legislative tour was the result of the efforts of many people throughout the base, and I want to thank everyone for making it a huge success.



File photo

**Motorcycle safety: to avoid potentially fatal injury, always wear personal protective equipment when riding.**

## Deployed 509ers accomplishing the mission

By Master Sgt. Sheila Moses  
509th Logistics Readiness Squadron  
First Sergeant

I'm the first sergeant for the 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron, and have the pleasure of being the first sergeant for the 438th Expeditionary Group in Pakistan. Many of your fellow Whiteman co-workers are hard at work here in Jacobabad, Pakistan.

The US troops here are confined within the perimeters of Shahbaz Air Base. Our spare time is limited due to the fact we only take one day off a week and even then, most are hard at work.

Our main purpose here is to support the Marine missions flying into Afghanistan. Their missions are an important aspect of Operation Enduring Freedom, thus making all the contributions by your friends from Whiteman also very important. Everyone is working very hard and making great improvements to Shahbaz.

There are members from the 509th Civil Engineer Squadron Fire Department at Shahbaz. They've been contributing not only to keeping us safe by performing over 60 facility inspections, but also by doing their part to improve living conditions. They've torn down 16 old tents and put up 12 new ones in their



Courtesy photo

**Staff Sgt. Michael Passmore, Senior Airman Felicia Reese, Airman 1st Class Andre Jenkins and Staff Sgt. LeVander Mayo in check property at Shahbaz Air Base, Jacobabad, Pakistan. These 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron members are deployed to Shahbaz and handle the base's supply functions.**

place, built up base camp by hauling in more than 1,000 tons of rock and gravel to prevent flooding, and put up protective shelters for \$1.5 million in fire department vehicle assets. Wherever there is work to be done, the fire dogs are pitching in.

We've also had several members of the 509th Communications Squadron deployed to Shahbaz. Deployments to this region of the world are never easy. For

the communications team, this deployment is no exception. Under their own initiative, they developed a plan to eliminate single points of failure across the base and increase the survivability and reliability of the base local area network. Armed with pickaxes and shovels, this team dug through road and rocks on days with temperatures soaring over 100 degrees to clear trenches up to 30 feet long and 18 inches

deep. Their goal was to bury conduit to help protect cables runs under heaviest traveled roads. Almost instantly the benefits paid off. In areas normally plagued with daily breaks, not one has occurred since. Increases in both data transfer rate and network reliability have also been realized.

These warriors' sweat and effort has made Shahbaz's local area network more secure and reliable, and they leave knowing they made a difference.

The 438th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Flight is made up of members from ten different bases, the majority from Whiteman. Considering the extremely harsh conditions and lack of logistic flow in Shahbaz, the 438th ELRF has been extremely successful at overcoming these obstacles. Due to the lack of accountability of vehicle parts, more than 41 percent of the base's vehicles were out of commission. Since the initial effort, the Vehicle Maintenance troops have maintained more than 80 percent of vehicles in commission rate.

Members working in the transportation and management office move assets through the area of responsibility. TMO functions include packing and crating, and woodshop and passenger services. TMO has overseen the movement

of over 250,000 pounds of cargo into Iraq and Afghanistan. In addition, TMO ensured the seamless transition from AEF 7/8 to the current booking of more than 200 AEF 9/10 return rotators.

Members in the contracting section here have been responsible for the expenditure of \$500,000 to date. They not only help the local economy by awarding contracts to local contractors from Jacobabad, but also work with contractors from the capital of Pakistan; Islamabad. Just a few of the things they have done since arrival is award a sole source contract for the repair of the high voltage cable at the runway at a cost of \$25,000, and after the severe storm hit they ordered much needed material to repair the north wall ensuring the security of the base was maintained. They also work hand in hand on a daily basis with the Pakistani Air Force Security Officer on all movement of property to and from Shahbaz.

Whiteman is leading the way here in Pakistan. You would be very proud of the accomplishments from your family, friends and co-workers. We thank those that are keeping things going back at Whiteman in our absence, and look very much forward to returning home soon.

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**The deadline for article submissions to the *Whiteman Spirit* is noon Friday. If a holiday falls on Friday, the deadline then becomes 4 p.m. Thursday. Articles will be published on a space-available basis. Submission doesn't guarantee publication.**

For more information, call the *Whiteman Spirit* office at 687-6133, fax us at 687-7948, e-mail: [whiteman.spirit@whiteman.af.mil](mailto:whiteman.spirit@whiteman.af.mil) or write to us at:

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Photo by Staff Sgt. Tia Schroeder

## Master sergeants inducted

The 509th Bomb Wing honored 41 individuals July 23 for being promoted to master sergeant. The Senior NCO Induction ceremony was hosted by the Whiteman Top 3 Association. The newest Top 3 members received a one-year complimentary membership to the Top 3, a certificate of congratulations and a Top 3 coin. Those who didn't attend the event will get these at a later date. For more details about the Top 3, call Master Sgt. Steve Poole at 687-7098.



Photos by Senior Airman Nick Martin

## Hang time

Top: Lt. Col. Terry Ter Wee, 72nd Test and Evaluation Squadron, gets hosed down by his sons Zachary and Zane as Airman David Fetters, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, steadies the fire hose. Colonel Ter Wee successfully completed his 1,000th hour of flight in a B-2 Tuesday. Left: Lt. Col. Britton Bankson, 72nd TES commander, presents Colonel Ter Wee a plaque commemorating his career milestone. Colonel Ter Wee said it feels great achieving the 1,000 hour milestone. "Now I have to get 1,500 (flying hours)."

## Coliform standard exceeded in water

Whiteman's water system recently violated a drinking water standard for May 2004. Although this is not an emergency; as our customers, base members have the right to know what happened, what they should do and what members of the 509th Medical Support Squadron Bio-environmental Flight are doing to correct this situation.

The drinking water is routinely monitored for the presence of contaminants. The standard is that at small water systems, like Whiteman's, no more than one sample may test positive for total coliform bacteria. At larger systems required to take at least 40 samples a month, no more than five percent may test positive for total coliform bacteria.

### What happened?

In June 2004, the 509th MDSS Bio-environmental Flight received the report for May 2004 and noticed a positive for total coliform at 833 Summit Drive.

A new sample was taken from the site and at a site five connections upstream, 823 Summit Drive, and five connections downstream, 839 Summit Drive.

The lab contacted the 509th MDSS Bio-environmental Flight and reported another positive at 823 Summit Drive.

Re-sampling was performed and those results came back negative for total coliform bacteria.

### What does this mean?

This is not an emergency. If it were, base residents would have been notified immediately. Total coliform bacteria are generally not harmful themselves.

Coliforms are bacteria which are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator potentially-harmful bacteria may be present.

Coliforms were found in more samples than allowed and this was a warning of potential problems.

Usually, coliforms are a sign there could be a problem with the treatment or distribution system pipes. Whenever coliform bacteria is detected in any sample, a follow-up test is performed to ascertain if other bacteria of greater concern, such as fecal coliform or E. coli, are present. There was none of these bacteria found in subsequent testing. If positive results were obtained the 509th MDSS Bio-environmental Flight would have notified base residents immediately.

### What should you do?

1. For this type of violation, boiling drinking water is usually not deemed necessary for the general population; however, if base members have specific health concerns,

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Photo by Senior Airman Nick Martin

## Outside the bun

Col. Gary Finchum, 509th Mission Support Group commander, buys the first taco at the newly opened Taco Bell in the Base Exchange concessionaire area from Josh Huffles. The idea to bring the new concessionaire to the BX began more than a year ago. "Taco bell has been eagerly awaited by the troops," Maj. Jim McCreary, 509th Contracting Squadron commander said. Taco Bell is open Mondays-Saturdays, 10:30 a.m.-7 p.m., and Sundays, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

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## Whiteman welcomes new squadron commanders

**Name:** Maj. Kelly Kirts  
**Squadron:** 509th Communications Squadron  
**Date assumed command:** June 29  
**Previous assignment:** Directorate of Communications Operations, Deputy Chief of Staff for Installations and Logistics, Head Quarters Air Force, Pentagon  
**Time in service:** 15 years  
**Commissioning source:** Officer Training School  
**Family:** Wife; Dawn, daughter; Meagen, and son; Miles  
**Hobbies:** Biking, running, camping and hiking.

**Why is the squadron important to the Air Force mission:** The 509th CS has the unique mission of providing communications support for all phases of the B-2 global attack and precision engagement mission. It doesn't get any better than that!



**Command philosophy:** Properly motivated, trained and equipped people are the key to unit capability and mission success.

**Goals for new position:** Look for ways to optimize and improve the service we provide to our customers.

**Name:** Lt. Col. Julian Tolbert  
**Squadron:** 509th Operations Support Squadron  
**Date assumed command:** July 1  
**Previous assignment:** Executive Action Group, Headquarters Air Force, Pentagon  
**Time in service:** 17 years  
**Commissioning source:** Reserve Officer Training Corps, Princeton University, N.J.

**Family:** Wife; Jolene and children; Julia and John

**Why is the squadron important to the Air Force mission:** We generate combat sorties in support of the nation. We don't fix jets, and we don't fly them (although our pilots do), but we do everything else required to minimize risk and maximize success of combat and training missions. Combat plans builds the plans based on tasking by the combatant commanders. Weapons makes sure the B-2 can hit any target it's assigned to hit and aircrew have a training program to do so. Survivability makes sure the B-2 doesn't get shot down. Intelligence ensures we have any information required to hit the right target and not get shot down. Air traffic control and airfield operations make sure planes don't crash into each other, the ground, or other things. Weather makes sure everyone



knows what the weather is going to be. Operations flight ensures we fly legally, have the information required to communicate with B-2s in flight and are ready to fight.

**Command philosophy:** We are all leaders working on finding the appropriate level at which to lead. Take care of our people—the real leaders—by giving them the tools, training, time and vision to accomplish the mission. I believe in mission-type orders.

**Goals for new position:** To better myself and those around me and leave the squadron to my successor even better than it was left to me.

See the August 6 issue of the *Whiteman Spirit* for more change of commands.



Photo by Maj. Robert Palmer

### Up close and personal

Capt. Ian Manire, 393rd Bomb Squadron, explains the capabilities of the B-2 to State Reps. (left to right) Jim Viebrock and Terry Witte. Twenty-eight Missouri state legislators and their guests toured Whiteman on Tuesday, where they had the opportunity to experience the B-2, the 442nd Fighter Wing's A-10, and the Missouri Army National Guard's AH-64 Apache firsthand.

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## Enlisted Luau set for August

By Senior Master Sgt.

**Teresa Wolfenden**

Whiteman Top 3 Association

The 12th annual Enlisted Luau takes place 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Aug. 27 at Skelton Park.

It's open to enlisted active duty, guard and reserve members, civilian equivalents and family members. The cost is \$3 in advance and \$4 at the event. It's free for children 13 and younger. This once-a-year event is sponsored by the Whiteman Top 3 Association and is designed to promote esprit de corps, said Master Sgt. Keith Keen, event organizer and Top 3 member.

The menu is pork, ham, potato salad, cole slaw, baked beans, rolls and all-you-can drink beverages.

Airmen Against Drunk Driving volunteers will be available to drive people home. "We want people to get together for a day of fun at the lake," Sergeant Keen said. The event offers volleyball and horse-shoe tournaments and paddleboat rides.

Senior Airman Maria Guzman attended the luau in past years and said she enjoyed the event. "People enjoyed themselves singing karaoke and other people enjoyed watching them sing," said Airman Guzman, 509th Services Squadron. "I had fun and others did too." To buy a ticket, contact one of these people:

Name	Phone
<b>Master Sgt. Angela Catchings</b> 509th AMXS	687-5950
<b>Staff Sgt. Michelle McCann</b> 509th SVS	687-1844

**Senior Master Sgt. James Horne**

Det. 6, 372nd TRS 687-1080

**Master Sgt. Keith Keen**

509th MUNS 687-3087

**Master Sgt. Timothy Luke**

509th MUNS 687-2512

**Tech. Sgt. Wilburn Poe**

509th MXS 687-2929

**Master Sgt. Harvey Catchings**

325th BS 687-3251

**Master Sgt. Exzetta Guyton**

509th CS 687-6190

**Master Sgt. James Sales**

393rd BS 687-3216

**Master Sgt. Brett Rose**

509th LRS 687-4027

**Tech. Sgt. Samuel Simmons**

509th OSS 687-6117

**Senior Airman Marla Bell**

509th SFS 687-5776

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509th CES 687-6239

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509th CONS 687-5414

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394th CTS 687-4569

**Airman 1st Class Jason Hastings**

72nd TES 687-7220

**Senior Airman John Kowalczyk**

72nd TES 687-4302

**Master Sgt. Jim Wolfenden**

442nd FW 687-6062

**Capt. Nick Miller**

MoARNG 687-2131

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Photo by Senior Airman Nick Martin

**Members of the 509th Security Forces Squadron Emergency Services Team practice approaching a potentially dangerous target.**

time-intensive, two week long course at the United States Army Special Reaction Team School at the Military Police Training Center in Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo. During the course, students are taught by Army and Marine instructors. The course covers responding to and neutralizing barricaded suspects, hostage rescue operations, counter terrorist actions and special event operations.

The 26 members of Whiteman's EST had to qualify for the team by passing a physical agility test, practical tactics evaluation, oral interview, psychological profile and a records review.

Members of Whiteman's EST are also looking toward future training to enhance their life saving capabilities.

"We have two active members who have attended the National Guard Sniper School in Little Rock, Ark. We're hoping

to get a few more slots;" 1st Lt. Steve Tackett, 509th SFS EST officer in charge, said, "adding to our team's abilities and overall effectiveness."

One added ability will be that of a trained sharp shooter using a M-24 Sniper Weapon System to neutralize targets. Sharp shooters will have the benefit to deliver discriminatory, highly accurate rifle fire against enemy targets not accessible to riflemen or regular law enforcement because of range, location, visibility and other factors affecting target acquisition.

Capt. Thomas Segars, 509th SFS operations officer, added "Members of Whiteman's Emergency Response Services Team are the best of the best. Their training, devotion and professionalism prepare them for any contingency operation they may encounter. You can rest assured they are up to any challenge."

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Continuing  
the LEGACY



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Retired Lt. Gen. Marcotte presents Master Sgt. "Mac" McClellan a gift before he left Whiteman in 1994 for a one-year remote to Korea. General Marcotte retires Sergeant McClellan today at 2 p.m.

## Sergeant sees Whiteman evolve

By Melissa Klinkner

Public Affairs

One of Whiteman's well-known master sergeants retires today after a 20 year, nine month career – spending almost 15 years as part of the Whiteman team.

In his 15 years of service to Whiteman, he has made a positive impact on many and witnessed many changes and improvements to the base. He's Master Sgt. Ben McClellan, 509th Bomb Wing superintendent of wing protocol.

Sergeant McClellan arrived here in May 1984 for his first assignment – fresh out of technical training at Keesler Air Force Base, Miss. "I called my dad, got a map out and tried to figure out where Missouri was and what was there," he said.

Sergeant McClellan reminisced about what it was like to arrive at Whiteman. "I remember pulling onto base for the first time – I thought I was lost. It was so strange to me because I was coming to a small town and a worn base."

He recalled seeing steel heat pipes 10-12 feet above ground along every street on the base – remnants of which one can still see by the heat plant. Reconstruction began after Sergeant McClellan left to become a military training instructor at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas in 1987.

In 1991 Sergeant McClellan was re-assigned to Whiteman. When he returned it was as if Whiteman had

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## Whiteman Spirit Award



### Airman 1st Class Josh Runkles

509th Munitions Squadron

Airman 1st Class Josh Runkles, 509th Munitions Squadron nuclear weapons team member, received the Whiteman Spirit Award from Col. Chris Miller, 509th Bomb Wing commander, Monday. Dee Kerr, Habitat for Humanity, Johnson County, nominated Airman Runkles for the award for leading a volunteer effort during a recent Habitat for Humanity home-building event.

Airman Runkles initiated contact with Habitat for Humanity's volunteer coordinator and promoted the project within his shop, gaining the support of 23 members of the 509th MUNS.

"Under Airman Runkles' leadership, the entire team arrived at the right place and ahead of time," Mrs. Kerr said. "The entire group displayed enthusiasm and pride in their work, easily accomplishing the job targets set for the entire day."

Airman Runkles also recently went on a humanitarian mission to Guatemala to help build a daycare at a battered women's shelter and repair a church.

### Personally Speaking

**Duty title:** Nuclear Weapons team member

**Time on station:** 1 year, 4 months

**Time in service:** 1 years, 8 months

**Hometown:** Mt. Airy, Md.

**Hobbies:** Hunting, motorcycles, basketball, camping and fishing.

**Goals:** Finish my master's degree in law, attend Officer Training School, get married and raise a family.

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

**Pet Peeves:** People that think they're above "simple" work because they have time and grade over others.

**What motivates your winning spirit?** Helping people; it's a blast! The satisfaction I get from helping others is more than enough for me.

**If you could change one thing at Whiteman, what would it be?** Active duty shouldn't have to pay \$1.50 at the base pool. It should be free!

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they should consult their doctors.

2. People with severely compromised immune systems, infants, and some elderly may be at increased risk.

These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers.

General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

### What is being done?

Members of the 509th MDSS Bioenvironmental Engineering Flight are taking every initiative to ensure this incident does not occur in the future. Four more sampling sites have been added to the schedule to get better representative sampling of the base water supply.

For more details, contact the 509th MDSS Bio-environmental Flight water system staff members Capt. Paul Hopper, 1st Lt. Michael Horenziak or Staff Sgt. Timothy Houey at 687-4324, or 509 MDSS/SGSLB 702 8th Street, Whiteman AFB, MO 65305.

Additionally people may contact the Missouri Department of Natural Resources' Kansas City Regional Office – KCRO at 816-622-7000, or Public Drinking Water program at 573-751-5331.

# Stealth support: the down LO



Senior Airman Noel Ragan, 509th Maintenance Squadron, masks the front window panes of the *Spirit of Hawaii* before applying the B-2's low-observable coating. The LO maintenance team constantly makes repairs on the B-2s. They assess the stealth bombers weekly to check for degradation of the LO coatings. The B-2s also go through a major inspection every 1,000 flying

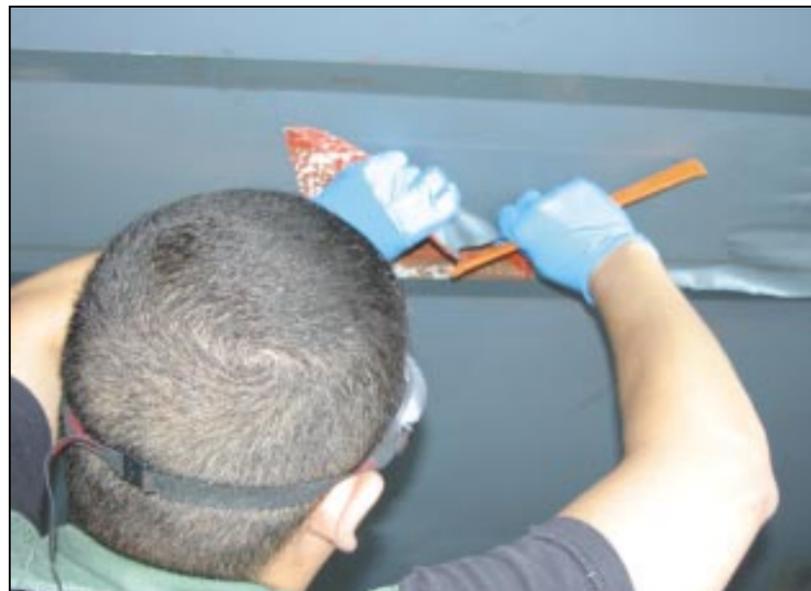
hours to check the components and structural damage. It takes the LO team 30-35 days of maintenance after a major inspection before the bomber is ready to fly again. The LO team works on more than the B-2 – performing more than 60 percent of all maintenance on the flightline and have the largest shop in the 509th MXS.



Jeff Shelly, 509th Maintenance Squadron, repairs an uplifted tape edge by applying paint coating on top of the *Spirit of Hawaii*. There are multiple kinds of coating used on the B-2s. There are constant upgrades to characteristics, materials and processes that make up the LO coating. Every seven years, a B-2 is completely stripped down and new coatings are applied. The *Spirit of Washington* is currently undergoing this process and is receiving a new coating called Alternate High Frequency Material. The LO team said they're anxious to see it in action, as it has never before been used in this magnitude. The new coating is also said to reduce LO maintenance by 20 percent.



Airman 1st Class Joseph Tempio, 509th Maintenance Squadron, cleans a paint gun after painting an AGE trailer used primarily for utility purposes. The low-observable maintenance team does more than work on the B-2. They also prep and re-coat all the Aerospace Ground Equipment Flight's trailers and other support equipment.



Airman 1st Class Erick Camacho, 509th Maintenance Squadron, peels a weather-damaged layer of the B-2's skin (referred to as "tape") off the underside of its wing. The next step in the process is to sand the area down, then mask off and re-coat the section using tape or paint coating, depending on the size of the area to be repaired.



Tech. Sgt. Royce Moore, 509th Maintenance Squadron, looks on as 509th MXS members Airman 1st Class Philip Bonney and Tim Cowsert, contracted from L-3 Communications, repair thermal couples used during advanced composite repairs and other heated repairs. The support team ensures all \$5 million of equipment and \$1 million of chemicals used by the low-observable team is 100 percent ready to use and works properly.



Robert Anderson, 509th Maintenance Squadron, masks a top section of the B-2 before applying the *Spirit of Hawaii's* stealthy coating, or Radar Absorbing Material. There's no technical school for the low-observable maintenance team – instead it takes an LO trainee one year of hands-on training to be completely qualified and proficient.



Photos by Melissa Klinkner

Jeff Blaize, 509th Maintenance Squadron, wet-sands a section of the *Spirit of America*. When the low-observable maintenance team pulls off a piece of the B-2 tape coating or when there are damaged paint areas, they wet-sand the area before moving on to the next steps.

## What's happening

### Education

#### Ed center schedules briefing

A commissioning briefing begins at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at Base Training and Education Services. This briefing is open to enlisted members who are seeking an Air Force commission. For a reservation, call 687-5750.

#### AFROTC offers scholarships

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

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

### Community

#### Top 3 schedules enlisted luau

The Whiteman Top 3's 11th Annual Enlisted Luau takes place Aug. 27 at Skelton Park. Volunteers are still needed for various committees. For more details on the luau, call Master Sgt. Keith Keen at 687-3087.

### Family Support

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

#### Pre-separation briefing set

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

#### TAP helps people leaving military

A three-day Transition Assistance Program for people separating or retiring from the military begins at 8 a.m. Tuesday. Attendees will learn basic resume writing skills, interviewing skills, salary negotiation, and receive information on education and Veterans Administration benefits. Reservations are required.

#### WIC representative visits base

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

#### Workshop to write resumes

A hands-on workshop that helps people through the resume writing process begins at 8:15 a.m. Wednesday. Reservations are required.

#### Pre-deployment briefing set

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

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received a make-over. Aged tan buildings were replaced by new brick, and the heat pipes were coming down.

Besides changes to Whiteman's appearance, Sergeant McClellan observed the change from a missile to a bomb wing. "There was a different mentality ... we didn't have pilots, just missile maintainers. Now we have the mission of the B-2, its maintenance and its support," he said.

When the B-2 arrived at Whiteman, Sergeant McClellan had the opportunity to witness its breathtaking arrival. "It was incredible – an absolutely amazing moment ... I'll never forget standing outside hanger nine watching the B-2 come in for the first time. It was unbelievable," he said.

After four years at Whiteman, Sergeant McClellan was assigned to South Korea for a one-year remote tour. While there, he said he did everything he could to get back to Whiteman. "I had fallen in love with the area, the base, and number one, the people and the troops. We have some great people out there that fully support the base," he said.

"He gets along well with anyone; that says a lot about his character," said Sergeant McClellan's wife, Danette. In his time at Whiteman, Sergeant McClellan was a portrait of success. From Airmen to Command Chiefs, his confident enthusiasm made a positive impact on many.

Retired 509th BW senior enlisted advisor Bob Fuemmeler said, "He was always the purest professional, yet had a great personal side. He's a model for integrity first."

Tech. Sgt. David Hodges, First Term Airmen Center's superintendent, said "Sergeant McClellan loves to see people taken care of." From April 1999 to August 2002, Sergeant McClellan trained 1,621 FTAC students.

Senior Airman Nick Martin had the opportunity to hear Sergeant McClellan's last Airmen Professional Development Course briefing and said, "He was energetic and had a lot of pertinent knowledge to share about leadership."

Besides briefing and mentoring the young Airmen, Sergeant McClellan played an important role in the Tier 2

program, the on-base organization for staff and technical sergeants. He first became active with Tier 2 when he was a young technical sergeant, yet continued to support the program after being promoted.

"He provided a great deal of senior leadership and helped with projects that needed wisdom and direction – his presence and guidance were an inspiration to all members," Sergeant Hodges said of this senior mentor and honorary Tier 2 member.

Sergeant McClellan is devoted not only to serving his country, but to his family. His family encouraged him throughout his career and his wife always "accepted the fact that I was in the military and understood and supported the commitment that I've had to the job and to the mission," Sergeant McClellan said.

"He has been a wonderful father and husband," said Sergeant McClellan's wife, Danette. "Though he has been in the military and going to school for his master of business administration, he has been very patient and caring to the boys – putting them first. He always makes sure he spends quality time with us whether it's going to church or going to get ice cream – we do it together. I'm so proud of him and couldn't ask for a better husband. He deserves every bit of the success he has attained."

After retirement, Sergeant McClellan plans to work for MetLife as a Regional Administrative Manager for the Kansas City area. Former co-worker, Cozette Hofer, 509th BW, said, "Whatever job or position he held, he did it with the highest standards – Air Force and personal – an example for whomever he came in contact with."

Sergeant McClellan, or "Mac" as most know him, will be missed by Team Whiteman, Mister Fuemmeler said. "Where it's true that we can always replace an individual, you simply cannot replace the history and experience that Sergeant McClellan has bestowed on the 509th Bomb Wing."

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## Attention Sports Fans

- Do you read the sports page?

- Do you own a digital camera?

- Do you, or does someone you know play a sport you'd like to see in the base paper?

You can submit photos to the Whiteman Spirit.

For more details, call 687-6133

or E-mail [whiteman.spirit@whiteman.af.mil](mailto:whiteman.spirit@whiteman.af.mil)

# Back-to-school details set

## Whiteman Elementary

School enrollment for the 2004-2005 school year for Whiteman Elementary takes place Monday-Aug. 6. When enrolling the child, present the child's immunization records, social security card and birth certificate. Records from the previous school may also be helpful.

Kindergarten screening takes place Wednesday. To be eligible for kindergarten, a child must be 5 before Aug. 1. To make an appointment, call 563-3028.

The WES open house takes place 6-7 p.m. Aug. 12. Class lists will be available. Students and parents are invited to bring their school supplies, meet their teachers and tour the building.

## Knob Noster Elementary

School enrollment for Knob Noster Elementary School takes place Monday-Aug. 6. When enrolling the child, present the child's immunization records, social security card and birth certificate. Records from the previous school may also be helpful.

Kindergarten screening takes place Tuesday. To be eligible for kindergarten, a child must be 5 before Aug. 1. To make an appointment, call KNES at 563-3028.

The KNES open house takes place 6-7 p.m. Aug. 12. Class lists will be posted. Students and parents are invited to bring their school supplies, meet their teachers and tour the building.

## Knob Noster Middle School

Enrollment packets for sixth, seventh and eighth-grade students who are moving into the Knob Noster School District may be picked up in the KNMS office 7:30 a.m.-noon and 1-3:30 p.m. weekdays. Filling out enrollment papers now will enable counselors to request records from previous schools and make scheduling of new students more effective in August.

Counselors will host sixth-grade orientations 10 a.m.-noon and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday.

New student orientation for seventh- and eighth-grade students takes place 10 a.m.-noon Aug. 9.

The orientation will include distribution of student schedules, tours of the building and discussions of homework policy, dress code, student absences, study skills, peer pressure, available tutoring, clubs, activities, how to make appointments with teachers and other interests.

Middle school students may pick up their class schedules 7:30 a.m.-noon or 1-3 p.m. Aug. 9-13.

The KNMS open house takes place 7-8:30 p.m. Aug. 23. Information about the event will be sent home with students.

Practices for the KNMS fall sports season begin with informational meetings Aug. 16. Participants must have a physical form and proof of insurance on file in the office to be eligible for practice.

## Knob Noster High School

Enrollment at Knob Noster High School takes place Aug. 9-13. New students must call the office at 563-2283 to schedule an appointment.

KNHS will conduct freshman and new student orientation at 6 p.m. Aug. 9 in the high school gymnasium. Freshmen and new students will pick up their class schedules and locker assignments at that time. Other students may pick up their class schedules and locker assignments 8 a.m.-noon or 1-3 p.m. Aug. 9-15 at the high school office.

The KNHS open house takes place 6-7:30 p.m. Aug. 30.

Missouri law requires students in kindergarten through 12th grades be immunized before they are allowed to attend school.



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### Phil Svitak Memorial Bike Ride

When- August 14th, 2004

Distance- 10, 25, and 62.5 mile courses.

-Rest stops with food and water approx. every 10 miles, mechanical support, restroom facilities, motorcycle escort

Prizes!-\$100 for the 62.5 mile course record, \$50 to the second, \$50 to the first woman, \$25 gift certificate will be awarded to the first man and woman to finish the 25 mile course.

For more details, call Amy Thomas 417-781-8912.

# SERVICES



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## Sports & Recreation

### Fitness Center 687-5496

#### SPINNING\* across America

Participate in the spinning quarterly incentive program until Sept. 30. Spinning classes are available at 6 a.m., 9 a.m. or 3:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Call the fitness center for more details and to sign up now.

#### Dodgeball

Dodgeball is here! Participate in a six-person dodgeball tournament 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Aug. 23-26 at the fitness center. Call the fitness center for more details and to sign up now.

### Stars and Strikes 687-5114

#### Daytime bowling special

Come bowling during the day for a discounted price. The special includes: weekdays 11 a.m.-3 p.m., only 75 cents per game and \$1 per shoe rental. Call Stars & Strikes for more details.

#### Free youth bowling

Youth 18 and younger with pool passes can bowl free 1-4 p.m. Wednesdays. Offer ends Sept. 6. Call Stars & Strikes for more details.

### Outdoor Recreation 687-5565

#### Boater safety class

This mandatory class involves classroom and lake activities for the intended use of rental boats with a 15-horsepower motor or more. Two sessions must be completed to qualify to rent a boat from outdoor recreation. Session I classes are available 11 a.m.-noon Thursday and Aug. 19. Session II classes are available 1-4:30 p.m. Aug. 7 or 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Aug. 12. A combined session class is available 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Sept. 9. Learn Missouri state laws, rules about safety and using equipment. Spaces are limited; sign up early.

#### Pomme De Terre River canoe trip

Take a seven-mile canoe trip on the Pomme De Terre River 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Aug. 14. The \$8 fee includes transportation, canoe rental, lifejackets and paddles. Call outdoor recreation for more details and to sign up by Aug. 11.

### Royal Oaks 687-5572

#### Home & home with Ft. Leonard Wood

Compete in a Whiteman & Ft. Leonard Wood golf tournament 10 a.m. Saturday at Royal Oaks and Aug. 21 at Ft. Leonard Wood. There is a \$15 entry fee plus cart and greens fee at each golf course. Call Royal Oaks Golf Course for more details and to sign up.

## Food & Fun

### Mission's End 687-4422

#### Steak and chicken buffet

A sirloin steak and chicken buffet is offered 5:30-8 p.m. today at Mission's End. Enjoy sirloin steak, grilled chicken, vegetables, potatoes and dessert. The cost is \$13.95 for members and \$16.95 for nonmembers.

#### Kids back-to-school party

Members only, bring your families out for a back-to-school party 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Aug. 7 at Mission's End. Only \$1 per person to enjoy pizza, chicken strips, macaroni & cheese, ABC potatoes, salad and drinks. Back-to-school supplies will be given away.

## Community Activities

### Youth Center 687-5586

#### National kids day events

Come out to Skelton Park for an afternoon of family fun 3-6 p.m. Sunday. The events that will take place include: paddle boats, dunking booth, jumping castle, volleyball, horseshoes, sack races, tug of war, karaoke and much more! At 4 p.m. enjoy the award-winning magic of John Born, followed by exotic animals from

Savanahland Educational Park in Pleasant Hill, Mo. A barbecue dinner and refreshments will be provided at 5 p.m. and finally, the Ribbit Race will begin at 5:30 p.m. Call the youth center for more details and to sign up. Sponsored in part by Blockbuster,\* Boys & Girls Club of America\* and Speedway Chevrolet.\*

#### Hawaiian luau night

Kindergarteners through fourth graders will come dressed in Hawaiian clothes 6:30-9:30 p.m. today at the youth center and be ready to limbo, dance, play games and more. There is a \$5 fee for members and \$6.50 fee for nonmembers. Call the youth center for more details and to sign up.

#### Hot air balloon tethering

Kindergarteners through 12th graders can go up in a hot air balloon with their friends 7-8 a.m. Wednesday at the youth center. Tethering is when the hot air balloon basket is hovering approximately 40 feet in the air. Call the youth center for more details and to sign up for this free event.

#### Hangout night

Fifth through seventh graders are welcome to hang-out night 6-9 p.m. Aug. 7 at the youth center. There is a \$2 fee for members and \$3 fee for nonmembers. Call the youth center for more details and to sign up.

#### Soccer registration

Kindergarteners through ninth graders can register for soccer 6:30 a.m.-6 p.m. until Sunday at the youth center. The cost is \$30 for members and \$38 for nonmembers. Children must be 5 or older by Aug. 1 to be eligible to register. Call the youth sports director at 687-3199 for more details.

### Child Development Center 687-5588

#### Developmental Enrichment Program

The Developmental Enrichment Program is accepting enrollments for fall preschool. It's open to children 3 to 5 years old not requiring full-time care. Children must be 3 years old by Aug. 1.

#### Drop-in care

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

## Travel & Leisure

### Tickets & Travel 687-5643

#### Start thinking Christmas

It's not too early to start thinking of a Disney World Christmas vacation. Stop by Tickets & Travel and let us help you book your complete vacation: air, car, hotel and more.

## Whiteman Base Theater

#### Friday

**Two Brothers** 7 p.m. PG  
Starring - Guy Pearce & Jean-Claude Dreyfus

#### Saturday

**Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story** 7 p.m. PG-13  
Starring - Ben Stiller & Vince Vaughn

#### Sunday

**Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story** 5:30 p.m. PG  
Starring - Ben Stiller & Vince Vaughn

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

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

### Community Center 687-5617

#### Hansel & Gretel auditions

Children kindergarten through 12th grades can audition for the professionally produced musical "Hansel & Gretel" by Missoula Children's Theater at 10 a.m. Monday at the youth center. Rehearsals take place Monday through Friday at the community center. Call the community center for more details. Sponsored in part by Speedway Chevrolet.\*

#### "Hansel & Gretel"

The musical "Hansel & Gretel" by Missoula Children's Theater will be performed at 3 and 7 p.m. Aug. 6 at the community center. Admission is \$2 for adults and free for children under 5 years-old. Call the community center for more details.

#### America's kids run

Children ages 5-13 can participate in a safe, fun and interactive run 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Skelton Park to receive a free t-shirt. This event is in conjunction with National kids day activities. Call the community center for more details and to sign up for this free event.

### Teen Center 687-5819

#### Meet Mizzou Day

Teens can visit the University of Missouri in Columbia, Mo., 12:15-5 p.m. Aug 11 to learn about educational opportunities after high school. The \$3 fee for members and \$5 fee for nonmembers includes transportation and snacks. Call the teen center for more details and to sign up by Aug 6.

#### Back-to-school lock-in

Teens can meet at the youth center at 10 p.m. Aug. 6 and enjoy games, relays, basketball, movies and more until 7 a.m. Aug. 7. The \$7 fee for members and \$9 fee for nonmembers includes snacks and breakfast. Call the teen center for more details and to sign up by Wednesday.

#### Movie night

Teens can enjoy a movie with their friends 8-10 p.m. Aug. 13 at the teen center. Popcorn is provided at this free event. Call the teen center for more details.

### Veterinary Clinic 687-2667

#### Play it cool with pets this summer

By following a few summer pet safety tips, you can keep your animal friends healthy and enjoy the months of fun in the sun. Tip of the week: keep your pets on a leash, this will prevent them from getting lost, fighting other animals and eating or drinking anything that may be harmful to their health. More tips to come next week. For more questions stop by or call the veterinary clinic.

### Skills Development Center 687-5691

#### Framing class

Take a beginners framing class 9 a.m.-noon Wednesday or Aug. 21 at the skills development center. The \$40 fee includes instruction and supplies. Sign up by Tuesday.

#### Renaissance costume making class

Get ready for the Renaissance Festival by making your costume at the skills development center. Adults can bring your own sewing machine, pattern, notions and fabric to a three-session class 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 12 and 19. A \$25 fee includes instruction only. Call the skills development center for more details and sign up by Wednesday.

### Family Child Care 687-5590

#### Extended duty care

Register now for the extended duty care program. It is 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.

### Library 687-5614

#### Summer reading program 'finale'

Youth ages 6-18 involved with the discover new trails reading program are invited to the 'finale' at the base library 6:30-8 p.m. July 30. Winners will be announced and refreshments will be provided. Call the library for more details.