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Lt. Gen. James Kowalski, commander of Air Force Global Strike Command, speaks to Airmen of the 509th Bomb Wing during an All-Hands-Call Jan. 21. General Kowalski spoke about the unique role Whiteman has in the AFGSC mission.

AFGSC commander visits Team Whiteman

By Airman 1st Class Cody H. Ramirez
509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

Air Force Global Strike Command's new top leader highlighted the importance of the nuclear deterrence and global strike mission, during a visit here Jan 21.

Lt. Gen. Jim Kowalski emphasized the special trust and responsibility the command has as stewards of the Air Force's strategic forces.

"Nuclear deterrence provides the foundation for strategic stability among major powers by deterring adversaries and assuring allies," said the general.

He highlighted three challenges ahead for the command.

The first challenge is to consolidate recent successes while continuing to restore a culture that embraces the special trust and responsibility we have as stewards of our nuclear arsenal, the general said.

Second, while pursuing excellence in nuclear deterrence, it is important not to forget the conventional, or non-nuclear, missions in support of ongoing conflicts.

The third challenge is to sustain and enhance the current force, while preparing to meet the challenges of the future, he said.

Toward this end, it is important for Airmen to consider ways to increase productivity, while encouraging a culture of new and innovative ideas, he noted.

"I trust you to get the mission done with the precision and discipline required," he said, while sharing his secret to success.

"Discipline is the single most common characteristic of success--personal discipline and organizational discipline," he said.

"Your wing has had an impressive year," he concluded. "You've had significant achievements. What you do every day is important to our nation, to our Air Force and to each other."

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New commander pledges 'best leadership, guidance' possible

By Lt. Gen. Jim Kowalski
Commander of Air Force Global Strike Command

BARKSDALE AIR FORCE BASE, La. — To The Men and Women of Air Force Global Strike Command,

It is my honor to serve as your commander and continue the important work of this command. It was humbling to take the reins from Global Strike's first commander, Lt. Gen. Klotz. The Air Force loses a wealth of experience and dedicated leadership as he heads into retirement. We will continue the momentum he started.

Chief Master Sgt. Jack Johnson and I were able to visit our major installations last week and meet with many of you. As I noted in my Commander's Calls, we're counting on each of you to exercise the leadership needed to take our command to the next level. We're looking to all of you for your good ideas and your solutions to problems we might not even know exist. We encourage you to tell your chain of command how to improve our operations.

I see three key challenges ahead for us. First, we must consolidate our successes as a command and continue to strengthen our nuclear culture. Second, we must be agile enough to maintain the intense focus on the nuclear deterrence mission while at the same time aggressively supporting our joint team

in today's conventional wars. Third, we must be innovative--that's why we need your good ideas--to sustain the current force while preparing for the challenges of the future.

A note of thanks to the hundreds of Airmen deployed to the missile fields in support of Strategic Command's nuclear deterrence mission--your hard work and vigilance give our nation a safe, secure and effective nuclear arsenal to ensure strategic stability for a peaceful world. Thanks also to the 1,100 Global Strike Command Airmen currently deployed in support of today's operations across the globe--you make a difference daily in support of our Regional Combatant Commanders.



Lt. Gen. Jim Kowalski

A special thanks as well from my wife, Julie, and me to the 2d Bomb Wing at Barksdale for hosting the events surrounding the first-ever Global Strike Command change of command. The Air Force Chief of Staff, the Strategic Command commander, the Air Combat Command commander, and our friends and family were greatly impressed by the execution of the week's events, just as I have been impressed by what I've seen already at each base.

I pledge to return the gracious welcome as your new commander by providing all of you the best leadership and guidance I possibly can.

Which is more important...Competence or character?

By Senior Master Sgt. Stacy Baker
509th Logistic Readiness Squadron

Every year as I prepare for promotion I read the Professional Development Guide from cover to cover at least twice. Inevitably, as I'm reading about a particular subject, my mind will wander into a state of self-evaluation and dwell on whether I'm doing it the way the guide recommends. This year was no different; one thing in particular struck a chord with me. The notion of which is more important to being an effective leader, competence or character? The guide states "both are equally important; however, the lack of character will most often be the difference between good leaders and great leaders."

Paul Fussell, an accomplished writer and World War II veteran put it this way: "what if the leader, government-appointed or self-appointed, shouts "Follow me!" and no one does? When do men sometimes follow him, and shout enthusiastically too? Something called "character" must be apparent in the leader." As I read this, I was stopped dead in my tracks and wondered do I have it? When I yell "Follow me!" will my Airmen shout enthusiastically too?

I dissected the next three paragraphs trying to determine whether I possessed the three things that could enhance my character and possibly elevate me from good leader to a great one. Do I possess charisma, compassion and courage?

Charisma is the tricky one; it is defined as a special characteristic of leadership that inspires allegiance and devotion. Most, if not all, Airmen have allegiance and devotion, it's evident by our commitment to the Air Force with its high operations and deployment tempos. But "inspired" allegiance and devotion is what

we want, we want our Airmen to be excited to be here, not just because the Air Force Core Values state they should put "Service Before Self." In no way am I trying to diminish our core values, simply stating there is a tremendous difference in output when our mind set goes from "I have to" to "I want to." So how do we inspire each other and our Airmen? I've always felt that if I had a better understanding of "why" we do something I'm more compelled or inspired to support it. In my experience, most people are no different; they're curious and seek a clearer understanding and meaning of what is expected of them. When they get it they thrive. The tricky parts of being charismatic and the notion of answering "why" are often perceived as contrary to authority and sometimes frowned upon. Finally, when we display disingenuous charisma, our Airmen will pick up on it potentially eroding mission accomplishment. As we open ourselves up to enhance our charisma we often, by proxy, show our compassion.

Compassion, simply stated, is caring. When I first joined the Air Force 22 years ago, I would have never approached my flight chief for fear of getting my butt chewed, not only from him, but from every level of supervision in between. There was a stigma that they were larger than life and not to be bothered with our problems. Over the years I have seen a paradigm shift. I now firmly believe leaders, whether an airman 1st class in charge of a team or a chief, should be approachable, I'm not talking about the "open door policy." It shows that we genuinely care about our Airmen; their interest, hobbies, goals, families, etc... by doing so we enhance our commitment to each other and the mission. However, there is a delicate balance that must be

maintained. You must not become so close to problems that you are unable to give sound advice, or so engaged with subordinates that some may perceive favoritism. Experience and judicious application can and will alleviate some of these concerns. The final trait of character is courage. As leaders, we must demonstrate courage in the face of adversity and in day-to-day decisions. We cannot afford to be seen as someone who will not stand on the right side of a situation or for them. Our Airmen will see right through us and will never stand behind us. Conversely, if we are seen as the champion of their causes or issues they will walk through hell and back for us. Our courage gives courage to them, helping them maintain composure in stressful situations. Finally, courage may mean having to stand alone, my favorite line in the Chief's Creed illustrates my point best; "Chief's are not ashamed or afraid to stand for the truth when it is unpopular, they can say 'no' with emphasis, although all the world is saying 'yes.'" Do you have the three things needed to enhance your character as a leader? Are you charismatic, compassionate and courageous?

Success is something we all strive for. In fact, in the Profession of Arms, failure can bring with it catastrophic consequences. Being great leaders will enhance our chances of attaining the goal of success. I challenge all leaders in our great Air Force to be; charismatic and inspire our Airmen's allegiance and devotion, be compassionate and care for our Airmen and finally be courageous and stand up for what is right. From the lowest Airmen to the highest General, as we face the Air Force's challenges of today and the future, will you be good or great? When you yell "Follow Me!" will your Airmen shout enthusiastically too?

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The base chapel is hosting the 2011 Prayer Breakfast at 7:30 a.m., Feb. 22 at Mission's End. Dr. Robert Wicks, author of more than 40 books, is the guest speaker.

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The Defense Biometric Identification System for checking IDs at the gates is 100 percent implemented for Whiteman. Those who have not registered their ID cards will be denied base access until they register. To register, go to the visitor control center, outside the Spirit gate, which is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. For questions, contact (660) 687-4257 or (660) 687-4254.

Caring for People Survey

Air Force members looking to voice their concerns about community support programs and services can complete the 2010 Caring for People Survey. The survey allows total force Airmen, civilians, retirees and spouses an opportunity to tell Air Force leaders how they can better address services within health and wellness; Airmen and family support; education and development; and housing and communities. Members may complete the survey at <http://www.cfigroup.com/cfpsurvey/>.

Uniforms needed

The moulage team requests old airman battle uniforms, desert camouflage uniforms, battle dress uniforms and flight suits for upcoming exercises and inspections. Those who have uniforms can donate them to Staff Sgt. Amanda Richardson in the Optometry Clinic. For more information, call (660) 687-3937.

2011 Financial Fair

The Airman & Family Readiness Center is hosting a 2011 Financial Fair, Feb. 23 from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Reservations are not required and base members are invited to attend. For more information contact the A&FRC at (660) 687-7132.

Gun Safety: Arm yourself with knowledge

By Senior Airman Torey Griffith
509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

In a fraction of a second, one mistake can change a person's life forever. When it comes to firearms, there is no room for error. Although the rates have steadily decreased over the years, hundreds of people are killed in accidents involving firearms. The majority of these accidents could have been avoided by firearm education and familiarization.

"Weapons safety is not something you learn about or brief to your people once and call it good, it needs to always be stressed due to the nature of our business," said Jerry Osban, 509th Bomb Wing Resource Protection/Crime Prevention Manager. "At any given time, any one of us can be armed and put in place to protect people or equipment or resources the Air Force determines are important. With that said, weapons safety

should go beyond the common sense topics such as don't point your weapon at anyone, never play with a weapon. It should cover gun ownership, and the responsibilities that go with it."

The National Rifle Association offers several simple rules to follow while handling weapons.

1. ALWAYS keep the gun pointed in a safe direction.

This is the primary rule of gun safety. A safe direction means that the gun is pointed so that even if it were to go off it would not cause injury or damage. The key to this rule is to control where the muzzle or front end of the barrel is pointed at all times. Common sense dictates the safest direction, depending on different circumstances.

2. ALWAYS keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.

When holding a gun, rest your finger on the trigger guard or along the side of the

gun. Until you are actually ready to fire, do not touch the trigger.

3. ALWAYS keep the gun unloaded until ready to use.

Whenever you pick up a gun, immediately engage the safety device if possible, and, if the gun has a magazine, remove it before opening the action and looking into the chamber(s) which should be clear of ammunition. If you do not know how to open the action or inspect the chamber(s), leave the gun alone and get help from someone who does.

The NRA also stresses knowledge. Shooters must have an intimate knowledge of their weapon, their environment, their target, and what surrounds the target.

1. Know your target and what is beyond. Think first, shoot second. The shooter must not only correctly identify his or her target,

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75 Team Whiteman members promote in February

A promotion ceremony recognizing 75 Team Whiteman Airmen promoted in the month of February will be held Jan. 31 at Mission's End. The promotees are:



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Whiteman BCC highlights local community: Columbia

By Airman 1st Class Cody H. Ramirez
509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

Whiteman has maintained a relationship with surrounding communities since it was the Sedalia Army Air Field in 1943, but over the past 20 years, the relationship between this base and local communities has improved. The Base Community Council, a group of more than 350 people representing 18 local communities, meets here once a month to reinforce this relationship.

"This council consists of representatives from the local area and is chartered to support Air Force Global Strike Command servicemembers from Whiteman," said Jesse Kellock, BCC president. "Working alongside the military is a wonderful opportunity for civilian BCC members to work toward mutual interests."

The Base Community Council objectives include: Identifying common interests of the civilian and military populations and supporting community efforts of mutual concern; getting full base- and community- leader participation to solve problems of mutual interest; increasing civilian understanding of the Air Force mission; giving continuity to the community relations program.

This diverse group of business, religious and educational professionals contributes to a large number of events and community planning. Each community is assigned a liaison squadron from Whiteman, and members of that unit participate in a wide range of events

with their community partner.

Specific communities are featured each meeting, highlighting their outreach programs and concerns. The next BCC meeting is scheduled for Thursday and will feature Columbia, Mo.

"Columbia was founded in 1820, a community based on higher education, health care and insurance," said Donald Laird, Columbia Chamber of Commerce president. "It is one of the fastest growing communities in the state in employment opportunities."

"Columbia is the fifth-largest city in Missouri, and the largest city in Mid-Missouri," said Lt. Col. Mike Pyburn, 110th BS Commander and unit liaison for Columbia. "As the home of the University of Missouri, it ranks as the thirteenth most highly educated municipality in the United States and is an education focal point for the state of Missouri with Stephens College and Columbia College also located within city limits."

Columbia and Whiteman offer each other vital resources, Columbia with its education and community support and Whiteman with its national defense assets.

"Whiteman plays a critical role in the defense structure of our nation," said Mr. Laird. "It is important that we have an awareness of what's happening at Whiteman and how it fits in the bigger picture. We are fortunate to have a facility as such so close to our community."

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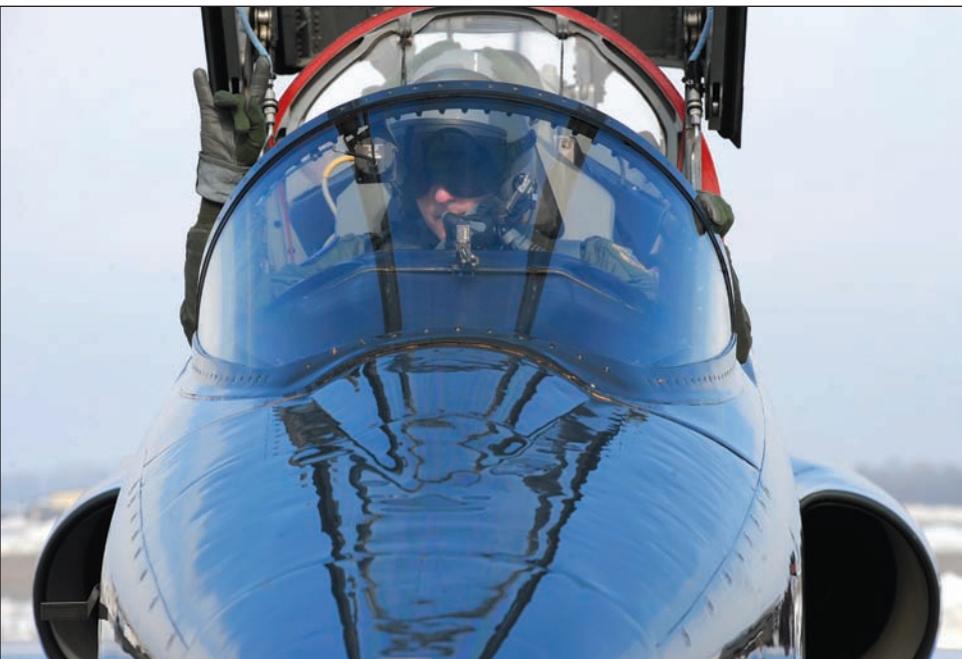
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T-38 prepares for flight



T-38 Talon pilots prepare for takeoff Jan. 26. The T-38 Talon Twin-Jet High-Altitude Supersonic Trainer is a vital tool used by pilots at Whiteman Air Force Base to conduct sorties and accumulate flight hours and training time.



Civilian crew chiefs with the 394th Combat Training Squadron, replace a fuse in a T-38 Talon in preparation for flight Jan. 26. The T-38 Talon Twin-Jet High-Altitude Supersonic Trainer is a vital tool used by pilots at Whiteman Air Force Base to conduct sorties and accumulate flight hours and training time.



A T-38 Talon taxis down the runway prior to takeoff Jan. 26. The T-38 Talon Twin-Jet High-Altitude Supersonic Trainer is a vital tool used by pilots at Whiteman Air Force Base to conduct sorties and accumulate flight hours and training time.

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Civilian crew chiefs with the 394th Combat Training Squadron perform their final preflight checks on a T-38 Talon prior to launch Jan. 26. The T-38 Talon Twin-Jet High-Altitude Supersonic Trainer is a vital tool used by pilots at Whiteman Air Force Base to conduct sorties and accumulate flight hours and training time.



Maintainers and crew chiefs prepare several T-38 Talons for launch, Jan. 26. The T-38 Talon Twin-Jet High-Altitude Supersonic Trainer is a vital tool used by pilots at Whiteman Air Force Base to conduct sorties and accumulate flight hours and training time.



Several T-38 Talons begin to unthaw as the morning sun rises Jan. 26. The T-38 Talon Twin-Jet High-Altitude Supersonic Trainer is a vital tool used by pilots at Whiteman Air Force Base to conduct sorties and accumulate flight hours and training time.

Columbia Hall revivification finished

By Airman 1st Class Montse Ramirez
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The Whiteman Columbia Hall renewal project is nearly complete. Airmen started moving into the newly renovated facility Jan. 15.

The dormitory was upgraded to comply with current Air Force standards, according to Staff Sgt. Russell Kiser, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron NCO in charge unaccompanied housing.

"Everything in the dorm is new," said this Air Force Global Strike Command member. "That alone should boost morale and the fact that we are changing the dorms to coincide with the current trends will say to the occupants that the Air Force is listening to Airmen's requests."

Changes in Columbia Hall include repairing deficiencies in the fire suppression system and the heating ventilation air conditioning system.

Workers updated the dorm by replacing all carpet and adding new washers and dryers. Furthermore, a new pool table was placed in the recreation room and new appli-

ances installed in the kitchen.

"We have spent over \$600,000 on new furniture that will completely enhance the functional use of each dorm room and add more useable space for Airmen," said Sergeant Kiser.

"The furniture is top notch," said Airman 1st Class Jared Ecker, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, aircraft electrical and environmental systems apprentice. "I love how much space it saves in the room."

Primarily, 20th Reconnaissance Squadron and some 509th Security Forces Squadron Airmen will be the ones enjoying the new facility. If space permits, 509th Mission Support Group and 509th Operations Group members will also move into the new dorm.

Atlantis Hall and Endeavour Hall are next in line to receive the same changes in 2011 and 2012 respectively.

"I hope that the residents can see the amount of money and time that is being focused on the quality of life for single Airmen at the dorms," he said. "We are doing everything possible to ensure that the dorms are current, safe and state of the art."

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"The bonds forged through the Base Community Council have allowed community leaders from Columbia to interact with Whiteman AFB personnel and has been an enabling force providing outstanding cross-talk and mutual insight into the base and community events which are so intertwined," Colonel Pyburn said. "The community support we receive from Columbia is nothing short of phenomenal - it

is critical having someone like Mr. Don Laird fully engaged in supporting the B-2 and Whiteman missions."

The BCC meets the first Thursday of each month at noon at Mission's End unless otherwise specified due to holidays or special events such as guest speakers or evening socials. Those wanting to attend the next BCC may call the Public Affairs office at (660) 687-6121.



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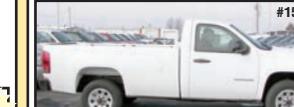


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From the Frontlines: 1st Lt. Tom Meltzer

By Heidi Hunt
509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

More than 6,000 miles from this Air Force Global Strike Command base, 1st Lt. Tom Meltzer, 509th Operations Group target intelligence, was called to serve his first deployment at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan.

Lieutenant Meltzer departed Whiteman May 2010 for six-months and trained at the 186th Refueling Wing Air National Guard, in Meridian, Miss., for four weeks, where he learned rudimentary details about his deployed duties before returning to Whiteman.

"I trained for intelligence support for the MC-12W aircraft, which are both in Iraq and Afghanistan," said Lieutenant Meltzer. "I learned about the aircraft, its capabilities and how to provide support."

The MC-12W Liberty is a medium- to low-altitude, twin-engine turboprop aircraft. The primary mission is providing intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance, to directly support ground forces.

"The current air tasking order process which the military uses to plan the war does not allow for the flexibility needed by the ground force commander when fighting an unconventional war," he said. "Therefore, we would coordinate directly with the supported units to ensure mission specific objectives were communicated hours before the aircraft would take off."

We would put together mission information of target plans, mission objectives, and schemes of maneuver to enhance crew member's situational awareness in order to better support the warfighter on the ground."

During his day-to-day duties, he briefed air crews members before flights; two pilots, one a sensor operator and a cryptologic operator, and informed them of specific mission requirements.

"We monitored the mission and bridged gaps," he said. "After the pilots landed we followed up by providing feedback and an evaluation of the situation. It was a learning process for everyone involved."

"My deployment was rewarding," said



Courtesy photo

BAGRAM AIRFIELD, Afghanistan - 1st Lt. Tom Meltzer, 509th Operation Group chief of targets intelligence officer, departed Whiteman Air Force Base in May and returned December 2010.

the southern Florida native. "The benefits outweighed the negatives and provided me with the satisfaction of knowing the mission was complete while facing new experiences."

Lieutenant Meltzer's deployed duty was different from his duty. As an intelligence officer, he has a broad overview of military intelligence training.

"My deployment allowed me to work with people I never would have otherwise," he said.

Nonetheless, the lieutenant said he missed his family and is happy to be home with his wife.

"I can't put a price on time spent away, but I did my best to stay in touch through video and telephone," he said.

The 509th OG welcomes his return.

"We are grateful for the military service he has provided and glad to have him back safe," said Maj. Deano Busch, 509th OG supervisor.

A&FRC to hold Financial Fair

By Heidi Hunt
509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

The Airman and Family Readiness center is holding its annual Financial Fair Feb. 23 at the community center as part of "Military Saves" campaign week. All base members are invited to attend a morning or afternoon session, -- 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.

Topics covered at the Air Force Global Strike Command financial fair includes: investments and savings, identify theft, home buying, car buying, taxes, spending plan and debt reduction.

"Six expert briefers will be on hand to discuss financial issues and answer questions one-on-one," said R.D. Smith, 509th Force Support Squadron community readiness consultant and personal financial advisor. "At-

tendees can ask the experts specific questions and get specific answers from the experienced individuals who work in the particular field.

"We chose topics which are important and relevant to base members right now," Mr. Smith said. "The goal is to help consumers navigate through questions and guide them in the right direction."

Personal financial advisor and briefer Debbie Kermick, 509th FSS community readiness consultant, said she looks forward to presenting at the seminar.

"I hope base members and their families take advantage of this opportunity to gain knowledge at the financial fair which can also be very beneficial to their career," she said.

The financial fair is a free event and is open to the entire base. Questions can be directed to the A&FRC at (660) 687-7132.

SERE ensures aircrew members return home



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Montserrat Ramirez
Staff Sgt. Michael Garcia, 509th Operation Support Squadron, survival evasion resistance escape specialist, instructs Capt. Adam Goodpasture on post ejection parachute procedures during his SERE training Jan. 25.

By Airman 1st Class Montse Ramirez
 509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

When a prisoner of war returns home or an aircrew member is rescued after evading enemy forces, survival, evasion, resistance or escape specialist can rest assured he did a job well done by providing that member with the training require to survive.

This Air Force Global Strike Command base has two SERE specialists in charge of providing aircrew members the necessary information they need to survive, evade, resist or escape if they were to end up isolated anywhere in the world; especially behind enemy lines.

SERE specialists like Staff Sgt. Michael Garcia, 509th Operation Support Squadron, live with the SERE creed on their mind, ensuring his job is performed to the best of his ability.

My job is to ensure every aircrew Airman has the skills to survive in an austere environment should the situation arise.

One of the responsibilities of SERE specialists is to provide in-class information to aircrew members of the 509th Bomb Wing, 442nd Fighter Wing and the 131st Bomb Wing to be certified to fly.

When Sergeant Garcia and the other SERE specialist, Senior Airman Estiven Gonzalez, 509th OSS, aren't in the classroom teaching aircrew members how to survive and evade capture, they are out in the field performing hands-on training.

"We provide Code of Conduct Continuation training to all 509th Bomb Wing aircrew," Sergeant Garcia said. "We conduct combat survival training water survival training, emergency parachute training and conduct after capture training."

COMBAT SURVIVAL TRAINING

Combat survival training provides the skills necessary to survive in any environment in the world while evading the enemy and attempting to expedite a self recovery over a survival radio with recovery assets thousands of miles away.

"During the course, aircrew members are tested

on their ability to build shelter, fire and signals, identifying food sources and procure drinking water from natural sources," Sergeant Garcia said. "They are also evaluated on their ability to read a map and use a compass for navigation, all while evading an angry mob of aggressors."

WATER SURVIVAL TRAINING

Water survival training teaches the aircrew how to survive in the ocean.

"We teach our aircrew how to maintain a 98.6 temperature and get recovered as fast as possible," Sergeant Garcia said. "Imagine the most unruly desert in the world and multiply its size and brutality by 60,000 and you get the oceans of the world and all they have is a 7-foot life raft; desalinate pump and some small signaling devices."

CONDUCT AFTER CAPTURE

The conduct after capture training encompasses and instills the skills necessary to use all six articles of the Code of Conduct. The skills taught

during the resistance and escape training are the only tools available to aircrew during captivity.

"Take Sen. John McCain for example, he was detained by the North Vietnamese for five-and-half years," Sergeant Garcia said. "He suffered two broken arms and a broken right knee. When we teach resistance, we don't just mean resist giving valuable information, we mean to not give into the interrogations, the torture, the starvation and diseases that POW's endure."

These four days of training are crucial to someday save at least one life.

Sergeant Garcia said training aircrew in the skills necessary to avoid even the smallest fragment of captivity is worth every grueling hour, every interrogation, frozen river crossing, failed rescue attempt and endless nights spent in the wilderness, hoping recovery comes tomorrow.

"It's all worth it if I can pass on just one bit of information to help someone in a survival situation, or captivity," Sergeant Garcia said. "It's what we do, so they may return with honor."



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Montserrat Ramirez
Staff Sgt. Michael Garcia, 509th Operation Support Squadron, survival evasion resistance escape specialist, instructs Capt. Adam Goodpasture on post ejection parachute procedures during his SERE training Jan. 25.



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Montserrat Ramirez
Capt. Brian Palmer, 393rd Bomb Squadron, attempting to connect his personnel lowering device to his parachute risers. The PLD is used to safely lower suspended aircrew from dangerous elevations. If used improperly, the aircrew could suffer a fatal fall.



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Montserrat Ramirez
Staff Sgt. Michael Garcia, 509th Operation Support Squadron survival evasion resistance escape specialist, under parachute at Desert Rock Drop Zone, Nev. Having active parachutists instructing emergency parachute procedures ensures the aircrew is receiving the best training possible.



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jason Huddleston
Staff Sgt. Michael Garcia, 509th Operation Support Squadron survival evasion resistance escape specialist, instructs 509th Bomb Wing aircrew on proper care and use for survival equipment.

U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jason Huddleston
Capt. James White, 509th Operation Support Squadron, instructs aircrew on emergency egress procedures as part of their survival evasion resistance escape training here Jan. 25. Egress and hanging harness classes are given annually to aircrew to ensure they are proficient in emergency egress and ejection procedures.



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jason Huddleston
Capt. Adam Goodpasture demonstrates proper parachute malfunction corrective procedures. Emergency parachute training is conducted to give aircrew academic an hands on experience during an emergency ejection.

509th Bomb Wing quarterly award winners named

The 509th Bomb Wing honored the fourth-quarter award winners during a breakfast at Mission's End Jan. 25. The winners are:

Honor Guard member of the Quarter:
Airman 1st Class Staci Cooper, Alpha Team

Civilian Category winners of the Quarter Associate:
Ernest Carpenter, 509th Medical Group

Specialist/Manager:
Stephen Henderson, 509th Bomb Wing

Civilian Supervisor:
Jason Rhyne, 509th Mission Support Group

Airman of the Quarter:

Airman 1st Class Jonathan Kuhlman,
509th Maintenance Group

NCO of the Quarter:
Staff Sgt. George Keen, 509th Mission Support Group

SNCO of the Quarter:
Master Sgt. Timothy Miller, 509th Mission Support Group

Company Grade Officer of the Quarter:
2nd Lt. Elizabeth Lofton, 509th Maintenance Group

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2. Be familiar with the weapon so you can operate it safely. Know where the safety is, how to insert and retract ammunition from the weapon, and how the weapon operates.

3. Be sure the weapon is safe to operate. Regular cleaning and maintenance of your weapon is paramount to the safety of all those around you when shooting.

4. Use only the correct ammunition for your weapon. If you aren't sure what ammunition goes in your firearm, go back to step one and familiarize yourself with your weapon.

5. Store guns so they are not accessible to unauthorized persons. When guns fall into the hands of persons not familiar with gun safety, the probability of an accident goes up considerably.

Staff Sgt. Kyle Westendorf, 509th Combat Arms Training and Maintenance instructor, said the majority of issues he sees at the range are instances when people stop paying attention to where their barrel is pointing while reloading or adjusting their gear.

"I had a student pull the trigger on an M9 handgun while the weapon was still in the holster," Sergeant Westendorf said. "The round exited out the bottom of the holster, hit the concrete by the student's foot and split into two pieces. One section of the round safely exited out toward the range. The other section came back in the direction of the instructor working the firing

line and he was hit in the back of the neck by some of the bullet fragments."

The first and most important rule of firearm safety is to keep the muzzle/barrel pointed in a safe direction whether the weapon is loaded or not, said Brian A. Tripp, 509th Safety Office chief of weapons safety.

"The difference between an accidental discharge of a fire arm and a tragedy is generally the direction it was pointed when the bullet leaves the barrel," Mr. Tripp said. "If the firearm is pointed in a safe direction it's an embarrassment, if it's pointed at yourself or others, it's a fatality."

While an inherently dangerous sport, shooting can be a very enjoyable experience as long as all who are involved handle their weapons properly, said Senior Airman James A. O'Kelly, 509th Operations Support Squadron unit deployment manager and weapons enthusiast.

"First and foremost, people need to understand that firearm safety is not derived from less guns, nor a fear of guns," Airman O'Kelly said. "Firearm safety starts with having respect for the weapon. Understand what its purpose is and the capabilities and responsibilities entailed with weapon ownership."

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Club Grill Specials ~ 11 a.m.-1 p.m. ~ Mission's End

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TODAY 1/28

Dentokan Karate ~ 4-5 p.m. ~ Youth Center

Classes are offered every Monday and Wednesday for youth ages 6-18. Cost is \$35 for members; \$45 nonmembers per month. For more information, please call 687-5586.

Free Teen Shuttle Service ~ 2:30 p.m. ~ Youth Center

Attention teens attending Warrensburg middle & high schools: need a ride to get to the Whiteman AFB Youth Center to hang out with friends? The Youth Center provides free shuttle service every Friday! Pickup is at 2:30 p.m. at the middle school then the high school. Permission slip (military ID card if 16 years and older) required. Must have access to the base. Call 687-5586 for details.

TUESDAY 2/1

Time to Play ~ 9:30-11 a.m. ~ Youth Center

Parents, you provide the toys, we provide the place! Bring your child age birth to five years to the Youth Center gym every Tuesday for play time! A great opportunity for your child to socialize with other children and for parents to network with each other. Cost is FREE! Please contact the Youth Center at 687-5586 for more info.

Summer 2011 Program ~ Youth Center

School Age begins accepting applications for the summer program today. Children, kindergarten through age 12, explore Missouri via educational activities, the arts and various recreational activities. Call 687-5586 or stop by to find out how to enroll your child.

Torch Club Meeting ~ 4-5 p.m. ~ Youth Center

Preteens, ages 9-12, learn to work together to plan and implement activities. Torch Club meets every Tuesday during the school year. Cost is free. Call 687-5586 for details.

Keystone Club Meeting ~ 6-8 p.m. ~ Youth Center

Teens, ages 13-18, meet to discuss leadership and community involvement. Nonmembers are welcome to join! Call 687-5586.

WEDNESDAY 2/2

Story Time ~ 11:30 a.m. ~ Library

Youth, ages 3-5, enjoy story time and a craft at the Library.

THURSDAY 2/3

ACT Tips & Tricks Deadline ~ 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. ~ Youth Center

Youth, ages 15-18, sign up today for this ACT class scheduled February 5 to improve your ACT test score. This is a free class; snacks will be offered. Call 687-7132 to reserve a spot today!

Youth Center Baseball Clinic

Join Coach Randy Johnson!

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School Liaison Officer — The School Liaison Officer is available to assist military families with questions or issues in regards to Kindergarten through 12th grade schooling options. The SLO works to develop partnerships with the local school districts. The SLO is located in the Airman & Family Readiness Center, and can be reached at (660) 687-7132.

Retiree Activities Office — The Retiree Activities Office provides an interface between the active-duty force and the retiree population from all military branches. The RAO is staffed by volunteers and open from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Monday through Friday. The RAO is always looking for volunteers and training is provided. For more information, call (660) 687-6457 or 1 (800) 303-5608 or e-mail rao@whiteman.af.mil.

You, Your Children, & Divorce — You, Your Children, & Divorce is a 90-minute class offered twice a month on the second and fourth Tuesday from 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. for individuals with children whose parents are in the process of a divorce. Class content focuses on helping parents help themselves and their children through a divorce successfully and minimize negative effects on the children. Reservations are required. Call (660) 687-4341 for additional information.

Shifting Angry Response Patterns (SHARP) — Shifting Angry Response Patterns is a four-session class offered every month on Thursdays from 10-11:30 a.m. for individuals interested in learning effective strategies for understanding and managing

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Saturday, 7 p.m.

Robert DeNiro, Jessica Alba — The test of wills between Jack Byrnes and Greg escalates to new heights. It has taken 10 years, two little Fockers with wife Pam and countless hurdles for Greg to finally get "in" with his tightly wound father-in-law, Jack. When Greg and Pam's entire clan - including Pam's lovelorn ex, Kevin - descends for the twins' birthday party, Greg must prove to the skeptical Jack that he's fully capable as the man of the house. But with all the misunderstandings, spying and covert missions, will Greg pass Jack's final test and become the family's next patriarch or will the circle of trust be broken for good? Rated PG-13 (mature sexual humor throughout, language and some drug content) 98 min

Yogi Bear

Sunday, 3 p.m.

Dan Aykroyd, Justin Timberlake — Jellystone Park has been losing business, so greedy Mayor Brown decides to shut it down and sell the land. That means families will no longer be able to experience the natural beauty of the outdoors, even worse, Yogi and Boo Boo will be tossed out of their only home. Faced with his biggest challenge, Yogi must prove that he is "smarter than the average bear" as he and Boo Boo join forces with their Ranger Smith to find a way to save Jellystone Park from closing forever. PG for Some mild rude humor 83 mins

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