



# Water survival training vital to B-2 pilots



A U.S. Air Force B-2 pilot completes the final stages of an annual water survival course Jan. 27 in Warrensburg, Mo. Five Whiteman Air Force Base B-2 pilots accomplished the training to refresh their skills to stay combat ready. A portion of the course was held at the University of Central Missouri campus. See Pages 8-9 for more photos.

U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Kenny Holston

# Gun Owners: Know the rules

By Senior Airman Torey Griffith  
509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

**WHITEMAN AIR FORCE BASE, Mo.** — We are all educated warrior Airmen. But not every Airman is an educated rifleman. Here in Missouri there are many opportunities to hunt and shoot for sport. Additionally, many use firearms for home or self protection. Regardless of what you use your firearms for, if you live on, work on, or visit the base, there are some special rules to follow that govern the use of personal firearms.

Whiteman Air Force Base Instruction 31-101v2, Integrated Base Defense Instruction, covers the ownership, storage and transportation of firearms while on this Air Force Global Strike Command base.

Below are some excerpts from WAFBI 31-101v2 that every gun owner and potential gun owner should know.

If you live on base and want to own a firearm:

7.6.1.1. No private firearms or ammunition will be brought into bachelor or transient quarters for any reason.

7.6.1.2. Persons residing in these types of quarters will store their firearms or ammunition either in the Security Forces armory or off-base. Maintaining the firearm in military family housing to circumvent registration or storage requirements is prohibited.

7.6.2. Military Family Housing

7.6.2.1. Privately owned weapons and ammunition will be securely stored in appropriately constructed storage containers with tamper-resistant mechanical lock to prevent access by children or unauthorized individuals. Alternately, a safety device such as a trigger guard may be used, as long as the above result is achieved. The owner must control the keys. Children are prohibited access to weapons unless supervised by parent or guardian at all times.

7.6.2.2. Firearms will be stored in an unloaded condition.

7.6.2.3. Detachable, box-type ammunition magazines will be stored in an unloaded configuration.

When transporting firearms on base:

7.1.1.1. During transport, personnel will declare all weapons to the installation entry controller upon entering the base. Personnel will also declare these weapon(s) to SF personnel if stopped for any reason.

According to Mr. Jerry Osban of the 509th Security Forces Squadron, “When declaring the weapons to the entry controller, the entry controller will remind you of the requirement to abide by the regulations on transport and storage of weapons. The armory is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week and will gladly store your firearms,” he added.

7.6.3.2. At no time will firearms be left unsecured in vehicles. This includes for brief periods during transport, such as a stop for gasoline, ice, etc.

7.6.3.3. All firearms will be transported unloaded and in a manner that allows the weapon to be easily recognizable as unloaded. Firearms and ammunition must be stored separately.

7.6.3.4. Firearms purchased from AAFES will be taken directly off base or to MFH. Firearms will not be left unattended in a vehicle in order to continue shopping at any on base establishment.

7.6.3.4.1. AAFES will not store or hold firearms once the purchase is complete.

7.6.3.4.2. Firearms purchased from AAFES during lunch hours or times when the person making the purchase cannot take the firearm directly off base or to MFH will be stored in the Security Forces armory. Storing them in an office desk or locker or anywhere else is prohibited.

“What people have to understand is that it is not permissible to leave a firearm unattended in a vehicle for any length of time,” said Donald Macmillan, 509th Security Forces Squadron chief of plans and programs. “I know many people like to hunt before and after work. It is inconvenient and cuts into hunting time to bring their firearm to an authorized storage location during the day, but it is the rule.”

A permit to conceal and carry firearms in Missouri or any other state

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# Black History Month, celebrate, educate

By Heidi Hunt  
509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

As we enter the month of February and begin to celebrate Black History Month, I would like to reflect on the importance of remembering African-Americans throughout military history.

Looking back through black history, there has been no shortage of contributions from African-Americans who have served in the military or spent years diligently paving the path to end segregation.

In 1941, seven-years prior to total desegregation, the Tuskegee Airmen, an all-black corps of fighter pilots, were the first African-American pilots in the U.S. Armed Forces. Tuskegee Airmen were considered one of the most prominent groups to pave the way for African-Americans in the Air Force.

In March 1942, the all-black corps graduated the first five African-American fighter pilots under the Army Air Corps pilot training program at Tuskegee Army Airfield, Tuskegee, Ala., making aviation history.

Retired General Benjamin O. Davis Jr., one of the first five members to graduate and the first African-American general in the Air Force, is one of the most famous Tuskegee Airmen of World War II. His military career spanned five decades and three wars.

He was the first African-American officer in the Army Air Corps, and was a member of the first African-American pilot-training class at Tuskegee Army Airfield in Ala. He was one of many who faced discrimination and fought their way through segregation.

While the Tuskegee Airmen worked to prove they were capable of handling war planes, they were also being recognized as equals to their white military counterpart.

In 1948, President Harry S. Truman enacted executive order no. 9981, directing equality of treatment and opportunity in all of the U.S. Armed Forces.

When I think of Black History Month, I think about preserving historical movements that lead to freedom and change and reflect on cultural richness. Many African-American servicemembers made advance-

ments and attained high achievement.

As we observe Black History Month and the great Americans who have dedicated their lives to foster change, I urge others to reflect year-round, not only in February. My hope is that everyone takes the time to understand what great movements in history these were and to learn more about our rich heritage.

One way to help celebrate and educate the base populace is by attending the 2011 African American History Month luncheon titled "African Americans and the Civil War" - Feb. 16 from noon to 1:30 p.m. at Mission's End. The 509th Bomb Wing Equal Opportunity office is hosting the event and features guest speaker Gersham A. Nelson, Ph.D., Dean of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences at the University of Central Missouri. A Joyful Noise Community Choir from Kansas City, Mo., will also perform historical and contemporary gospel music. For cost and reservations, call (660) 687-5736.

*(The History and Heritage of the United States Air Force contributed to this article and can be found on [www.af.mil](http://www.af.mil))*

## My journey to a CCAF degree

By Mike Strickler  
95th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

**EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif.** — I sat down hard on the bed in our small Wiesbaden apartment when the news came: child number two was on the way and I knew, right then, that I had to get my collective together.

It was January 1985, cold and sunny, and Kim and I just stared at each other. Child number one was strolling through the house with huge Garfield slippers on, the joy of our lives giggling down the hallway in mommy's shoes and now that joy was to multiply.

I imagined a rush of fuzzy pairs of Garfield heads charging through the house, weaving under the dining room table and filling the rooms. And I was Odie, a damn fool dog with merely a handful of college credits, tongue wagging stupid and lazy. That had to change.

The following Monday I was in the base Education Office at Lindsey Air Station looking for a better life for my family and I found experienced hands ready to help.

It was 1985 and I was a young senior airman not yet 21, only as smart as my combat camera technical school with some early life lessons in marriage and parenting. Now, more than 25 years later, I'm Director of Public Affairs here and still in school, working in my third graduate degree program, writing a book, and taking on a Ph.D.

It all began with a Community College of the Air Force degree.

I started with a business course with Embry Riddle; then I enrolled in an Algebra class and found a knack for trinomials and properties of equality that just didn't exist in high school. It's funny how a few life lessons, like marriage and kids, can make one a scholar. It wasn't long before I had a two-year degree in my hands and by then, I was hooked.

Thank God and the Air Force for tuition assistance. I can't remember how much I made as a staff sergeant back then but the amount the Air Force kicked in for school each year probably doubled it. You will not find a better employer than the USAF in supporting your educational goals, both in terms of assistance and moral support. And the more you know in this

organization, the higher you'll go.

How high? It depends on your aim.

For me, I decided to apply for Officer Training School and was selected only months after sewing on technical sergeant, promotion being a great benefit of good study habits learned in college. I had a pretty good package going in because the English and History courses I took prepared me for the Noncommissioned Officers Academy, where I won the John Levitow award. In OTS the management skills I learned in college allowed me to earn recognition as a distinguished graduate, and that got me into blue chip schools and provided opportunities I never knew existed.

Business, English, History, Management and Math. You'll take all manner of courses to achieve advanced degrees but it's the bedrock subjects you'll study in getting your CCAF degree that will help the most. All you have to do is sign up, show up, and apply yourself.

It's been said that the constant pursuit of knowledge is an addiction. If so, then it's a craving to understand more about yourself and those things and people around you, and learning is the bug that keeps your interest in life burning.

My favorite saying is "you don't know what you don't know" and it has aptly applied to all situations of life I've found, especially in the military. That day in the Lindsey Education Center I found out just how much I didn't know, and then, found out how I could find out more. I haven't looked back since.

Twenty-five years ago that little girl in the too-big slippers motivated me to be better than I was, and now she's a nurse, working on her master's degree with a husband and a daughter of her own (who is very bright, and loves learning). Our son is an Air Force air traffic controller and father, an honor graduate from basic training and technical school. He is excelling on his own CCAF journey and, when he graduates, Kim and I will be there because we know how important that degree is.

The things you do today will affect so many others, especially the ones you love. So get involved, sign up, show up and get ready for a great ride. All it takes is some willpower and faith, and that's where all great stories are born. Your story is waiting just ahead.

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## 8th Air Force Outstanding Airmen of the Year Banquet

The 28 finalists who represent the best of the best in the "Mighty Eighth" will be recognized during the Eighth Air Force's Outstanding Airmen of the Year banquet held at the Eldorado Resort and Casino in Shreveport, La., March 3 from 3-6 p.m. Tickets are \$38 and available at the Eighth Air Force's OAY website ([www.8thagoay.com](http://www.8thagoay.com)) until Feb. 24.

## National Prayer Breakfast

The base chapel is hosting the National Prayer Breakfast at 7:30 a.m., Feb. 22, at Mission's End. Dr. Robert Wicks, Professor of Pastoral Counseling at Loyola University, Md. is the guest speaker. To make a reservation contact Staff Sgt. Lukas Bartels at (660) 687-3652. RSVP by Feb. 18.

## 2011 Scholarships

The Whiteman Spouses' Club is awarding up to \$1000 in scholarships for high school seniors, continuing undergraduate students and spouses pursuing further education through vocational, college or graduate programs.

Applications may be downloaded at: [www.orgsites.com/mo/whitemanesc](http://www.orgsites.com/mo/whitemanesc) or [www.orgsites.com/mo/whitemanosc](http://www.orgsites.com/mo/whitemanosc). Applications must be postmarked by March 12. For questions, e-mail [wafbspousesscholarships@gmail.com](mailto:wafbspousesscholarships@gmail.com)

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## Poster and slogan contest

The Federal Voting Assistance Program is opening its biennial voting poster and slogan contests to all U.S. citizens worldwide using [www.challenge.gov](http://www.challenge.gov) to facilitate the process. The FVAP Slogan Contest challenge asks for slogan ideas that inspire members of the military, their families and U.S. Citizens residing overseas to start or continue to participate in elections while away from home and can be found at [FVAP.gov](http://FVAP.gov) or <http://challenge.gov/DoD/115-absentee-voting-slogan-contest>.

## Chief's Choice Award recognizes Airman

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

Airman 1st Class Katherine Althoff, 509th Communications Squadron base content manager, was recognized in January for her on and off-duty accomplishments when she was awarded with the Chief's Choice Award.

The monthly award, selected by the Whiteman Chief's Group, recognizes E-5s and below who exemplify service before self and dedication to the mission.

"We wanted to recognize Airmen for outstanding service to their fellow wingmen and the local community," said Chief Master Sgt. Steven Gardner, Whiteman Chief's Group president.

Airman Althoff, an Air Force Global Strike Command member, was proud to receive the award.

"It was a team effort," Airman Althoff said. "I get a lot of help from people in my office. I'd like to thank all those involved and I'm very thankful for being recognized."

Airman Althoff stepped up to manage Knowledge Operations Support for Crisis Action Team when the NCO in charge deployed. She authored an interactive SharePoint site which streamlined user access and created a one-stop location for



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jason Huddleston

Chief Master Sgt. Steven Gardner and the Whiteman Chief's Group present the Chief's Choice Award to Airman 1st Class Katherine Althoff Jan. 19.

training and information on base-level publications, forms and visual aids.

She also coordinated the base-wide AFGSC SharePoint user training, which established front-line support and trained 67 Airmen, increasing efficiency by 40 percent. She restructured the Chief's Group web page, creating a photo site for current officers, a document library, and data sharing, ensuring the Chief's Group legacy.

"Airman Althoff is the backbone for the 509th Bomb Wing's SharePoint support, and that is no exaggeration," Chief Gardner concluded. "For these and other outstanding achievements, Airman Althoff was selected for the Whiteman Chief's Group Chief Choice Award."

In addition to a certificate of recognition, each winner receives a 25-dollar gift card, a meal card and a theater pass.

## Military justice actions for the month of January

In January, five Whiteman military members were punished under Article 15 Uniform Code of Military Justice; one Whiteman military member was convicted by a Summary Court-Martial; one member has been administratively separated was convicted by a General Court-Martial; and one member has been administratively separated from the Air Force.

## Article 15s

❑ An airman first class from the 509th Civil Engineer Squadron received an Article 15 for failure to go to their designated place of duty. Punishment was a suspended reduction to the grade of airman, forfeiture of \$500 pay per months for two months, \$400 of those forfeitures pay per month for two months were suspended and a reprimand.

❑ An airman first class from the 19th Munitions Squadron received an Article 15 for failure to go to their designated place of duty. Punishment was a reduction to the grade of airman basic, suspended forfeiture of \$723 pay per months for two months, 30 days extra duty suspended and a reprimand.

❑ An airman first class from the 509th Force Support Squadron received an Article 15 for willful dereliction of duty and two counts of assault. Punishment was a reduction to the grade of airman, suspended forfeiture of \$811 pay per months for two months, restriction to Whiteman for 30 days and a reprimand.

❑ An airman first class from the 509th FSS received an Article 15 for willful dereliction of duty. Punishment was a suspended reduction to the grade of airman, forfeiture of \$811 pay per months for

two months, restriction to Whiteman for 30 days and a reprimand.

❑ An airman first class from the 509th Operational Support Squadron received an Article 15 for drunken driving. Punishment was a reduction to the grade of airman, suspended forfeiture of \$811 pay per months for two months, 30 days extra duty suspended and a reprimand.

## Summary Courts-Martial

An airman first class from the 509th CES was tried and convicted by a summary court-martial of two specifications of unlawful entry in violation of Article 134, UCMJ. Punishment included a reduction to the grade of airman basic and 20 days confinement.

## General Courts-Martial

An airman first class from the 509th Bomb Wing was tried and convicted by a general court-martial of one specification of child endangerment in violation of Article 134, UCMJ. Punishment included a reprimand, reduction to the grade of airman basic, forfeiture of all pay and allowances, 30 days confinement and a bad conduct discharge.

## Discharges

An airman basic from the 509th CES received a general service characterization for Commission of a Serious Offense.

(Courtesy of the 509th Bomb Wing Legal Office)

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is not valid on any military installation.

7.7.2.4. Dangerous weapons will not be routinely carried on the installation. MFH occupants can transport weapons from their residents to activities such as (hunting, shooting ranges) and back as long as they meet guidelines set in paragraph 7.6.3.2. and 7.6.3.3. NOTE: Personnel that have attended/completed a concealed carry class and are in posses-

sion of a conceal carry permit are prohibited from carrying a concealed weapon on base at any time.

"The authority for a person to carry a firearm concealed is regulated by each state," said Mr. Macmillan. "Since Whiteman is exclusive federal property, the authority does not apply to the installation."

This prohibition applies to conceal carry on person as well as in a vehicle.

7.7.2.5. Dangerous weapons may be transported in vehicles between storage areas, from a storage area directly off-base and vice-versa. While transporting, the weapons will not be within reach of any vehicle occupant.

"This rule is designed to keep the vehicle occupants safe," said Mr. Macmillan. "If they are pulled over by security forces and the patrolman sees a weapon within an arm's

reach of a person inside of the vehicle, tensions could quickly escalate.

"That's why it is important to not only keep the weapon out of reach, but also declare it upon first contact with a security forces patrolman during a traffic stop."

For more information, consult chapter seven of WFB 31-101v2, or call Jerry Osban or Donald Macmillan at (660) 687-4482.



# Airmen perform a stirring tenor

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

As a thunderous voice over the speaker declares the National Anthem is about to begin, members of the crowd place their hands over their hearts and 70,000 pairs of eyes watch with anticipation. His pulse pounds loudly in his ears and his hands begin to sweat; the pressure of perfection weighs



U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Carlin Leslie  
**KANSAS CITY, Mo. - Staff Sgt. Nathan Tawbush, 19th Munitions Squadron weapons maintenance team chief, sings 'God Bless America' during the half-time show of the Kansas City Chiefs' Wild Card game against the Ravens Jan 9.**

heavily in the back of his mind. He clears his thoughts, takes a breath and begins to sing the first verse.

Staff Sgt. Nathan Tawbush, 19th Munitions Squadron, weapons maintenance team chief, is an Airman here who performed at the Kansas City Chiefs playoff game, Jan. 9.

Sergeant is among the select Airmen at this Air Force Global Strike Command base, to sing the National Anthem at ceremonies ranging from quarterly awards and retirements, to the most recent Kansas City Chiefs playoff game.

Most of the Airmen who sing at functions like these have years of experience. Many started singing at an early age in church and continued through high school and now have an avenue to share their talent with not only the base populace, but also a national audience.

Staff Sgt. Nathan Tawbush, 19th Munitions Squadron, weapons maintenance team chief, is one Airman here who has performed at quarterly awards ceremonies, Airman Leadership School graduations, changes of command, retirements, and a Kansas City Chiefs playoff game.

"I think one of the biggest honors I can get is being asked to sing for someone's retirement ceremony," Sergeant Tawbush said. "It's the last ceremony in their career, and to be part of it feels great."

Another singer, Senior Airman Lindsey Jaxel, 509th Force Support Squadron, career development representative, has also

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# 2010 Annual Awards winners announced



## Airman

Airman 1st Class Jonathan W. Kuhlman, 509th MXS B-2 avionics team member.

Airman Kuhlman was the 2010 fourth quarter Airman winner who spearheaded the testing and repair of 125 avionics assets, saving the Air Force \$6.5 million. He also corrected a re-occurring issue with the B-2 that prevented catastrophic system failures. On his own time, Airman Kuhlman is president of the Airmen's Council and supported Operation Santa fostering a lasting relationship.



## Noncommissioned Officer

Tech. Sgt. Travis D. Fetterer, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron NCO in charge of the fuels laboratory.

Sergeant. Fetterer developed the Air Force's only bomber hot pit training, accomplishing 10 refuels and loading 40,000 gallons of fuel aboard the B-2. He completed four courses toward a Bachelor's in business management and helped raise \$46,000 for abused children as part of the Child Safe of Central Missouri program.

## Senior Noncommissioned Officer

Senior Master Sgt. Michael W. Menard, 509th Maintenance Flight Chief.

Sergeant Menard was a pivotal part of his workplace and community as vice-president of the Whiteman Top 3, and his flight was instrumental in helping Team Whiteman become the first installation to pass the 2010 Deterrent Nuclear Surety Inspection.



## Company Grade Officer

Capt. Wilburn R. Poe, Jr., 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron aircraft maintenance unit officer in charge.

Captain Poe won the 2010 Lance Sijan award and was hand-picked to attend 65th Anniversary Manhattan Project Symposium with the Vice Chief of Staff of the Air Force. He also directly supervised and prepared Global Strike competition crew chief teams, leading the 509th to win the Fairchild Trophy, and still found time to dedicate 480 hours of farm work to help a man with cancer.



## First Sergeant

Master Sgt. Steven A. Kish, 509th Security Forces Squadron first sergeant.

Sergeant Kish, is the first sergeant for the largest Security Forces squadron in the Air Force. Among his many achievements on the job, he was recognized for managing six "below the zone" promotion boards, and helping set wing policy for discipline of synthetic drug use. On his own time, Sergeant Kish is a Cub Scout leader and volunteers for Habitat for Humanity.



## Base Honor Guard Member

Senior Airman Cameron J. Flint, 509th Maintenance Squadron.

Airman Flint, was unanimously selected to become a team leader on his second monthly rotation. He led his team on more than 60 funeral ceremonies to honor active duty, retired and veteran Air Force members in an area of responsibility that covered 118 counties.

## Civilian Associate

Rebecca Smith, 509th Medical Group training program manager.

Ms. Smith has tackled many previous problems with the medical group's training program and revamped several processes to streamline how the group trains. Smith's coordination with the Personnel Reliability Program directly led to the 509th's successful 2010 Nuclear Surety Inspection.



## Civilian Specialist Manager

Terrance T. Hughes, 509th MXS low observable technician.

Mr. Hughes and his team keep the B-2 nearly invisible to enemy air defenses. He and his crew completed 64 B-2 LO restorations, repaired damage from bird strikes and lightning strikes, and kept the Nation's premier stealth bomber fleet ready to deter and destroy. Mr. Hughes also taught a Sunday School class at his local church and helped procure \$600 for the Future Farmers of America through fundraising.

## Civilian Supervisor

Civilian Supervisor of the Year: Jerry G. Blaisdell, 509th Bomb Wing chief of fire emergency services.

Mr. Blaisdell was instrumental in the revision of B-2 fire fighting techniques, as well as the development of an improved apparatus to fight B-2 nozzle bay fires. Mr. Blaisdell also procured a rescue training tower on base to save the base \$104,000 per year in training costs.



# Officials announce enlisted supplemental promotions

**RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFNS)** —

More than 200 Airmen have been selected for promotion to the next higher rank as part of the February enlisted supplemental promotion process.

The enlisted supplemental promotion release announces those Airmen selected for promotion who tested outside of their required cycle due to an extended temporary duty or deployment in support of a contingency around the world.

The promotion list can be found on the Air Force Personnel Center website. Airmen can also access their score notices at the same time on the Virtual Military Personnel Flight and Air Force Portal.

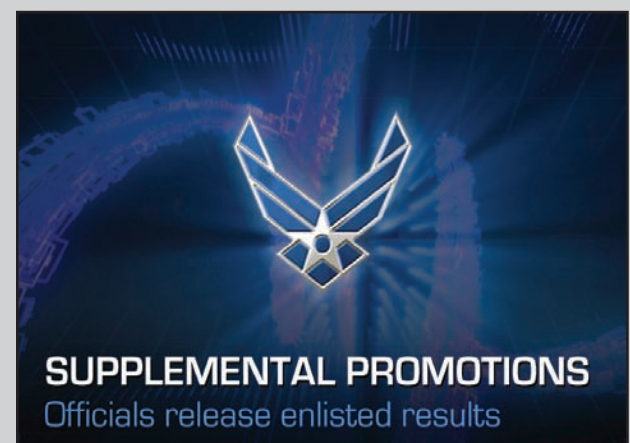
Airmen selected for promotion achieved an overall

score above the cutoff mark in their respective Air Force specialty. The score is a composite of other factors under the Weighted Airman's Promotion System, which includes time in grade, time in service, enlisted performance reports, decorations, promotion fitness examination and specialty knowledge test scores.

AFPC officials said selections are tentative until the data verification process is complete, which is no later than 10 days after the promotion release date. Officials will notify Airmen through their servicing military personnel section if a discrepancy is identified.

For more information, visit the AFPC public website or contact the Total Force Service Center at 800-525-0102.

*(Courtesy of Air Force Personnel, Services and Manpower PA)*





## From the Frontlines: Staff Sgt. Tarae Day

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

A husband, a father and an Airman; Staff Sgt. Tarae Day returned here July 31, 2010 after a six-month deployment to Bagram, Afghanistan.

The 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron traffic management office outbound freight supervisor and Air Force Global Strike Command member left for Bagram Jan. 15, 2010 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

While deployed, he was the NCO in charge of inbound freight for the 455th Air Expeditionary Wing. His job dealt with shipping and receiving all of Bagram's cargo, which was anything from pallets of Meals, Ready to Eat and charitable donations to aircraft parts and emergency response vehicles.

"The deployed work was very fast paced," he said. "I handled more than 490 palletized loads and 1.1 tons of cargo, supporting the region and neighboring Air Force bases."

"I worked twelve-hour night shifts to keep up with the pace," he said. "I typically work eight-hour shifts during the day here, so that was one of the largest adjustments for me."

He also worked hand-in-hand with the Army counterpart of TMO, or the mobile control team, along with the Navy, Marines and foreign militaries, which he said took some getting used to.

Sergeant Day said he enjoyed the adjustments that went along with his deployed life, but being separated from his wife and son for nearly two years was difficult.

This was Sergeant Day's second

deployment since he and his wife have been married. After the first, he returned home only to find his wife deploying for six months. By the time she returned, he had orders to deploy in two months.

"Time away from my family in a different country is tough," he said. "I missed my son, who I hadn't seen in almost a year, and my wife, who I hadn't seen in even longer."

"We missed each other, but I went to school and focused on work to keep my mind off the separation," said Sergeant Day's wife, Senior Airman Laprincess Day, 509th Comptrollers Squadron. "Because the jobs we do, we had to set ourselves in the mind frame and understand that this is what we signed up to do."

She said since they kept busy on each end, the deployment went by fast.

"I couldn't wait for him to return, but this was the second time he had deployed and I've been deployed, so we we're used to it," she said.

Overall Sergeant Day said the experience he gained from his deployment was invaluable and offered advice to others in a similar situation.

"For those deployed, or those that will be ... Remember your training," he said. "If you're a religious person; pray. Do the job that you've been trained to do and enjoy the time you spend out there."


"Stay in touch with your loved ones," he added. "Letters and video chat make a world of difference. If you have children, fill up a jar with coins and take one out each day, visually showing them how much time is left until you return."

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# Water survival training vital to B-2 pilots



Staff Sgt. Mike Garcia, Survival Evasion Resistance Escape instructor, (right) helps B-2 pilots out of the water at the end of an annual water survival course Jan. 27 in Warrensburg, Mo. Five Whiteman Air Force Base B-2 pilots accomplished the training to refresh their skills to stay combat ready.



Flight gloves are left pool side to dry out after being used by a U.S. Air Force B-2 Bomber pilot during an intense water survival course Jan. 27 in Warrensburg, Mo. Five Whiteman Air Force Base B-2 pilots accomplished the training to refresh their skills to stay combat ready.



A U.S. Air Force B-2 pilot is thrust backward into the water during an intense water survival training class Jan. 27 in Warrensburg, Mo. The class is held annually for Whiteman Air Force Base B-2 pilots in order to keep them combat ready.



U.S. Air Force B-2 pilots swim to the deep end of the pool midway through an annual water survival course Jan. 27 in Warrensburg, Mo. Five Whiteman Air Force Base B-2 pilots accomplished the training to refresh their skills to stay combat ready.



U.S. Air Force B-2 pilots undergo their annual water survival training Jan. 27 in Warrensburg, Mo. Five Whiteman Air Force Base B-2 pilots accomplished the training to refresh their skills to stay combat ready.



A U.S. Air Force B-2 Bomber pilot waits for further instructions as he completes the last few stages of water survival training Jan. 27 in Warrensburg, Mo. Five Whiteman Air Force Base B-2 pilots accomplished the training to refresh their skills to stay combat ready. A portion of this course was held at the University of Central Missouri campus.



Water trickles off of a U.S. Air Force B-2 pilot as he completes the final stages of an annual water survival training course Jan. 27 in Warrensburg, Mo. Five Whiteman Air Force Base B-2 pilots accomplished the training to refresh their skills to stay combat ready.

Photos by Senior Airman Kenny Holston



# Perform Continued from Page 4

experienced her share of performances.

Airman Jaxel started singing when she was 8 years-old. She continued singing at several Air Force ceremonies and while on her four-month deployment to Southwest Asia. Since her return, she has performed at retirement, promotion and quarterly award ceremonies and at Special Olympic events.

The importance of Airmen performing at such ceremonies also portrays the patriotism behind the lyrics.

"There are people dying every day for the freedom that our flag and anthem represent," Sergeant Tawbush said. "It's our National Anthem and it should be done appropriately and in a manner that does it justice."

Some Airmen work to overcome stage-fright in order to bring a top-notch performance. They often struggle with a fine line

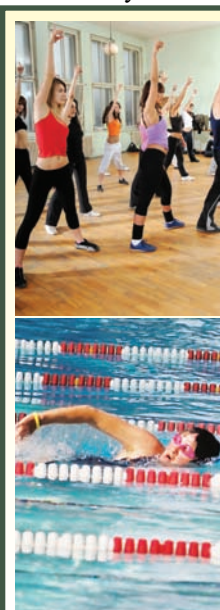
between adrenaline and anxiety. Adrenaline can elicit confidence, but anxiety might cripple their abilities.

Their audience often shows appreciation with thank-you's and applaud these Airmen for performing with professionalism at these functions.

"The sense of accomplishment and knowing I did the best job I could as an ambassador for the Air Force, stays with me until the next performance," Sergeant Tawbush said.

As Sergeant Tawbush finishes the last verse of the song, he is reassured he has done a good job as he hears the audience clapping and cheering.

"I think our professionalism and patriotism we exemplify while singing portrays a positive impact on the Air Force," Airman Jaxel said.



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The lawsuit claims that the federal government violated its duties by (a) mismanaging trust funds/assets, (b) improperly accounting for those funds, and (c) mismanaging trust land/assets. The trust funds include money collected from farming and grazing leases, timber sales, mining, and oil and gas production from land owned by American Indians/Alaska Natives.

If you are included in the Settlement, your rights will be affected. To object to the Settlement, to comment on it, or to exclude yourself, you should get a detailed notice at [www.IndianTrust.com](http://www.IndianTrust.com) or by calling 1-800-961-6109.

### Can I get money?

There are two groups or "Classes" in the Settlement eligible for payment. Each Class includes individual IIM account holders or owners of land held in trust or restricted status who were alive on September 30, 2009.

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An individual may be included in one or both Classes.

### What does the Settlement provide?

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- A \$1.9 billion fund to buy small interests in trust or restricted land owned by many people.
- Up to \$60 million to fund scholarships to improve access to higher education for Indian youth.
- A government commitment to reform the Indian trust management and accounting system.

### How much can I get?

- Historical Accounting Class Members will each get \$1,000.
- Trust Administration Class Members will get at least \$500.
- If you own a small parcel of land with many other people, the federal government may ask you to sell it. You will be offered fair market value. If you sell your land it will be returned to tribal control.

If you believe you are a member of either Class and are not receiving IIM account statements, you will need to call the toll-free number or visit the website to register.

### What are my other rights?

- If you wish to keep your right to sue the federal government about the claims in this Settlement, you must exclude yourself by **April 20, 2011**.
- If you stay in the Settlement you can object to or comment on it by **April 20, 2011**. The detailed notice explains how to exclude yourself or object/comment.

The U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia will hold a hearing on June 20, 2011, to consider whether to approve the Settlement. It will also consider a request for attorneys' fees, costs, and expenses in the amount of \$99.9 million. However, Class Counsel has fee agreements that would pay them 14.75% of the funds created for the Classes, which could result in an award of \$223 million. The Court may award more or less than these amounts based on controlling law. If approved, these payments and related costs will come out of the Settlement funds available for payment to Class Members.

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GO ALL IN! Two sessions. Members are free; nonmembers \$10. Register at 6 p.m. Call 687-4422 for more details.

**MONDAY 2/14**

### Blue Plate Special ~ 11 a.m.-1 p.m. ~ Mission's End

Today's special; baked teriyaki chicken, vegetable blend rice, steamed broccoli, pasta salad and chef's dessert. Cost is \$6 for members; \$8 nonmembers. For more info, call 687-4422.

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

We are now offering THREE grill specials this month! Specials are hot BBQ pulled pork on a sesame seed bun or hot pastrami on sour dough or cold plate chicken curry salad with a warm flour tortilla and finally, Southwestern Cobb salad. Cost is \$6.50 for members; \$8.50 nonmembers. Call 687-4422 for more information.

**TUESDAY 2/15**

### Free Bowling Days ~ 3 p.m.-Closing ~ Stars & Strikes

Purchase \$6 from the snack bar, receive three free games and shoe rental when you present your receipt at the bowling counter. Can't make it today, stop by Thursday, same time, same place. Call 687-5114 for more details.

### Club Coin Special ~ 4 p.m.-Closing ~ Mission's End

Enjoy a delicious drink at the club. This month's special is Fuzzy Peach Naval. Cost is \$2.50 a drink. Call 687-4422 for more info.

### Daily Bar Bingo ~ 5-6 p.m. ~ Mission's End

Join us every Tuesday through Friday for daily bar bingo! Weekly numbers called go up by one; jackpot goes up by \$50. Coverall game numbers start at 49 for \$450 jackpot. Cost is \$1 per card. A \$20 consolation prize daily if no jackpot winner. Card sales begin 5 p.m., game starts 5:30 p.m. Only club members can participate. Stop by daily to try your luck for that grand prize! Call 687-4422 for more information. Must be 18 years or older to play.

### Stained Glass Class ~ 5:30-8:30 p.m. ~ Arts & Crafts

Learn the art of stained glass. Six-week open enrollment class scheduled every Tuesday, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Cost is \$95, supplies included. Sign up by noon the Friday prior to class. Call 687-5691.

**WEDNESDAY 2/16**

### Boss-n-Buddy Night ~ 4-7 p.m. ~ Mission's End

Bring your boss and/or buddy over for wings, brews and bingo. 20-cent member wings; 35-cent nonmember/carry-out wings. Stick around for our members only bingo at 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. Call 687-4422 for details.

**THURSDAY 2/17**

### Cook's Night Off ~ Mission's End

This popular meal has moved to Thursdays in February! Call in your order to 687-4422 by 2 p.m.; pick up 5-8 p.m. It's that easy! A perfect meal that feeds a family of four. February's menu is baked Italian chicken, baked herb potato wedges, mixed green peas and corn, tossed salad, dinner rolls and chocolate brownie muffins. Cost is \$15.95 for members; \$18.95 nonmembers.

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## Youth & Teen Events

**TODAY 2/11**

### What is the Cost of Cool Sign Ups ~ Youth Center

Teens, ages 13-18, the Youth Center is taking sign ups for the free planning/budgeting course scheduled February 19, 3-5 p.m. Learn interactive computer uses on budgeting to create good financial habits now. Receive a discount on "Grease" the Broadway tickets when you attend. Deadline to register is February 17. Contact the Youth Center at 687-5588 for more information.

### 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.

### Valentines Party ~ 6:30-9:30 p.m. ~ Youth Center

Youth, ages 6-12, join the Youth Center for a Valentines party celebration! Various activities planned throughout the evening. Cost is \$8 members; \$10 nonmembers. Call 687-5586 for more details.

**MONDAY 2/14**

### Summer 2011 Program ~ Youth Center

School Age is accepting applications for the 2011 youth summer program. Children, kindergarten through age 12, explore Missouri via educational activities, the arts and various recreational activities. Last day to register is April 15. Call 687-5586 or stop by to find out how to enroll your child today!

### Maverick's Hockey Game Sign Ups ~ Youth Center

Preteens, ages 9-12, sign up for the trip to watch the Kansas City Maverick's hockey game scheduled February 18, 5-11 p.m. Cost is \$25 members; \$30 nonmembers. Call 687-5586 for more details.

### 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.

**TUESDAY 2/15**

### 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.

### 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 2/16**

### Parent's Night Out Deadline ~ Youth Center

Today is the sign up deadline for Parent's Night Out/Give Parent's a Break program at the Youth Center for ages 6-12 and CDC for ages six weeks to five years old. Program is scheduled for February 18, 6:30-10:30 p.m. Cost is \$10 for members; \$12 nonmembers at the Youth Center and \$12 at the CDC. Call the Youth Center at 687-5586 or CDC at 687-5588 for more information.

## Youth Center Baseball Clinic

Join Coach Randy Johnson!

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