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Whiteman Weather Warriors



U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Alexandra M. Boutte

Staff Sgt. Ryan Watts, 509th Operation Support Squadron weather training NCO in charge, sets up the tactical meteorological observing systems to perform routine maintenance here July 20. The suite of automatic tactical weather sensors provides an automated collection of weather elements in deployed environments. For story and more photos see pages 8-9.

Air Force releases updated dress and appearance instructions

By Eric M. Grill

Air Force Personnel, Services and Manpower Public Affairs

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE,

Texas - The Air Force's instruction on dress and personal appearance recently received an appearance upgrade with the release of the updated instruction July 18.

Air Force Instruction 36-2903, Dress and Personal Appearance, received the facelift after several years of interim updates as uniform items were introduced and phased out. The last revision to the AFI was in 2006 prior to the release of the Airman Battle Uniform, which replaces the Battle Dress Uniform and Desert Camouflage Uniform on Nov. 1, 2011.

Most of the changes to the AFI are more about mechanics and clarification than new policy. They are intended to make the AFI

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Second-annual Global Strike Challenge underway

By Carla Pampe

Air Force Global Strike Command Public Affairs

BARKSDALE AIR FORCE BASE, La. -- Teams from across Air Force Global Strike Command, as well as the Air National Guard, Air Force Reserve Command and Air Combat Command, recently began competing in the second-annual Global Strike Challenge.

Operations, maintenance and security forces teams from bomber and missile wings will compete to be named best-of-the-best. All units supporting the AFG-SC mission have been invited to compete through November, showcasing their expertise, skill and capabili-

"Global Strike Challenge reflects our emphasis on excellence," said Lt. Gen. Jim Kowalski, Air Force Global Strike Command commander. "Additionally, this competition helps develop elite, highly-disciplined Airmen, builds esprit de corps and gives us an opportunity to recognize the 'cream of the crop' Airmen performing our mission.'

The 509th and 131st Bomb Wings won the Fairchild Trophy at last year's challenge after winning the competition for "Best Bomb Wing."

More than 450 Airmen will take part in Global Strike Challenge competitions at various locations throughout the country, culminating in a symposium and score posting event at Barksdale in November.

"We are really excited about this year's competition," said Lt. Col. Mike Petrosh, Global Strike Challenge command lead. "We learned a lot from our first competition last year, and we're taking what we've learned to make this year's event even better."

One change from last year is an expanded focus for the Global Strike Challenge technology symposium, which brings experts from throughout the military and industry to share ideas and innovations. As the command looks to strike a balance between the nuclear and conventional missions in the Air Force, this year's symposium will reflect that focus.

"The scope of this year's symposium has been broadened to include the conventional mission," Petrosh said. "The conventional mission is one that our bomber units perform on a regular basis, so we wanted to bring in speakers that could talk to that mission area."

In addition to a broader focus, this year's competition will include a new event-helicopter operations-with helicopter units from each missile wing participating.

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The next Base Community Council is Aug. 4 at Mission's End and the hosted communities are Cole Camp and Concordia. To make a reservation, contact 509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs at 660-687-6121 by noon Aug. 1.

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Real lessons of leadership

By Col. Matthew Kmon

509th Maintenance Group commander

From the day I entered active-duty I was submitted to a series of classes aimed at making me a maintenance officer, which is where I started an education in 'real life leadership.' However, those opportunities are pale in comparison to what I learned from the Airmen.

I had just gotten home and my wife mentioned that her friend, also a maintainer's wife, said her husband was working late and we would be helping out with their children. Corey told me her friend's husband put himself on 12-hour shift because he was unhappy with the condition of his jet and wanted to 'square it away.'

It is not uncommon in my world to see Airmen working long hours; getting ready for the week's flying. But this was different, we had just got off of 11 weeks working, seven days a week, and finally had a day off. Despite the circumstances, a dedicated crew chief took initiative to ensure HIS jet was the best. I was proud of my guys, but with deeper reflection I realized I was disappointed in myself for not doing the same.

Months earlier, I was at the archery range where several targets had been knocked

over in the winter storms. While I was there one of my munitions guys, showed up to shoot and we decided to fix the range. It was a wet day, the thaw had just set in and within minutes my truck was stuck in the mud.

The munitions troop made a call and within an hour we had 10 guys from the squadron out in a hail storm, on their weekend, helping to get my vehicle unstuck. To me, there is no finer definition of the wingman concept than dropping everything and aiding an Airman. I remain thankful that I am part of a community that sticks together, or in this case unsticks together.

I have never made aerospace ground equipment a focal point of my briefings where the focus is on the jets and bombs. I never had to worry about them getting the job done. The same can be said for all the unsung heroes in the back shops and support entities in the maintenance family who make it happen because they believe in what they do

I learned from these warriors that doing the right thing is always noble when you do it quietly, humbly and for the right reasons.

My very first chief is a great example of real lessons learned and I can't remember him ever staking claim to any success our unit enjoyed. The chief punished in private and praised in public. He had invaluable insight and knew the importance of the mission. When I strayed from the rules, he asked probing questions that got me involved and quietly directed me to success. At times I envied the chief for being right and for the way others perceived him as the 'one in charge.' In hindsight I realize I was getting 'schooled' at every turn. I was being taught about the regulations, about the way to motivate people, and about how to mentor the Airmen.

I learned that you don't have to tell people you are in charge and don't have to have the senior rank to be the one driving the team's efforts. What you need to be is the expert, the confident visionary and the builder of the future. The more you give up the need to bring focus and credit on yourself, the more others respect what you are doing and want to hop on board.

You don't need an advanced degree or a high-paid instructor to learn about leadership, you just need to watch my Airmen. When you think you've reached the pinnacle and learned all you can learn about leadership, just come on out to my Group... My Airmen never stop teaching the real lessons of leadership.

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Commander's Corner

Team Whiteman,

Over the past several months the base and surrounding communities have managed to shine despite some truly challenging circumstances. We've accomplished amazing things, too many to list in this space, but the highlights include combat operations in Libya, a highly successful NSSAV, and a week-long operational surge that set B-2 sortie records. That surge could not have happened without our maintainers, who showed once again that they are the finest in the world by performing with pride and professionalism despite a brutal heat wave.

Whitemen has also demonstrated its commitment to the sur-

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rounding communities, with which we have an inseparable bond. The spirit of community involvement and volunteerism here is truly remarkable.

For example, when a powerful tornado hit Sedalia in May Whiteman reached out, offering transportation support for high school students who did not have a way to get home that day. This weekend

more Airmen from Whiteman will be volunteering their time to help clean up debris at a trailer park that was devastated during the tornado. Sedalia reached out to us for volunteers because they know we are here to help them, and in turn they will help us when asked.

The support of the local communities is everywhere but often overlooked. As you enjoy the food and activities at the upcoming Atomic Luau in August, take a second to remember that this event is funded partially by our local communities. As you scan this paper, you might notice a photo of a barbeque hosted last week by the Sedalia Military Affairs Committee for spouses and families. The communities continue to open up their doors to welcome military members and their families and assist where they are able.

If you haven't already done so, I challenge you to look for volunteer opportunities with your local communities. The spirit of community involvement builds bridges between the military and civilian worlds, and helps make life here at Whiteman richer for all of us.

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-Brig. Gen. Scott Vander Hamm Commander

Followership: Supervisors must 'Be the Light'

By Lt. Col. Ken O'Neil 509th Security Forces Squadron commander

Followership is a critical competency in a young force, and I recently witnessed a pretty cool analogy as to what helps the follower "make it" in today's Air Force and move on to leadership.

The idea came to me while I was watching a documentary about sea turtles. As commander of the squadron with the largest number of first term Airmen on base, I've seen first-hand how newly hatched sea turtles and our first-duty-station Airmen face similar challenges while trying to follow.

The similarities between firstterm Airmen and sea turtles show how difficult the beginning stages can be for any newcomer.

There are many obstacles, threats and challenges that stand between the newly hatched sea turtle and its ocean habitat. It takes a week for our new Airmen to get through the First Term Airman Center program, whereas it takes the newly hatched sea turtle about the same amount of time to break out of its shell and climb through its sandy nesting spot to the surface of the beach.

Coincidence? I don't think so.

Whether the newcomer pops his or her head up on a sandy beach or into the front doors of their first unit of assignment ... the journey begins.

Ten minutes into the documentary about sea turtles, you have to wonder how the fragile newborn sea turtles make it to the water. They do so by following the moon's reflection on the water; a bright light leads them to the ocean.

Our newly minted officers and junior Airmen also follow a light of sorts. They follow the light set by their first supervisor. The supervisors must take a personal interest in helping the young Airmen make it through their own beach and to the ocean. They have to mentor, tutor, coach and guide them over the obstacles they'll encounter in their first enlistment and be strong and bright enough to pull the young Airmen back on track if they stray off course.

Newborn sea turtles may become confused and head for the biggest, brightest light on the open horizon. Sometimes, they'll head for the local bonfire or nearby street lights, instead of the moon's reflection on the water, and this can lead to their untimely end. An involved supervisor's light must be, let's say, brighter to Airmen than the other lights that they'll encounter along their journey, especially the lights that say "Joe's Bar" or any other local temptations that could pull the young Airmen outside of their core values and off

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Consolidated dorm manager's office

A sponsor may pick up a room key five duty days before an inbound Airman's arrival date. If an Airman arrives on the weekend and the sponsor does not have a room key then Airmen are to stay in lodging. Airmen may be reimbursed for up to 10 days. The sponsor may pick up a key during the following duty day from the consolidated dorm managers office in Discovery Hall. Dormitory in-processing is every Tuesday and Thursday at 9 a.m. in the CDMO. Airmen are to in process on one of those following days immediately after arrival. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 7 a.m.-4 p.m. and closed weekends and down days. For more information, contact the office number at 660-687-1668 or the NCO in charge of unaccompanied housing number at 660-687-5662.

Armed Services Blood Drive

The Armed Services Blood Drive is from 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Aug. 2 at the Community Center. To make an appointment, visit www.militarylifeforce.com., and walk-ins are also welcome. For more information contact 2nd Lt. Diana Wong at 660-687-1160 or Staff Sgt. Terra Furney at 573-596-5385.

Special duty assignment team briefing

An air education and training command special duty assignment team briefing is scheduled at 8 a.m., Aug. 3 at the Professional Development Center Ford Auditorium. The team will brief on special duty opportunities. Senior airmen with at least 35 months time in service through master sergeants with less than 16 years total active federal military service may be eligible to apply, and are encouraged to attend. Spouses are highly encouraged to attend. For more information contact Master Sgt. Cameron St. Amand, at 660-687-7829.

Spirit static display dates

A B-2 Spirit is scheduled to be on display at Base Operations from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Aug. 5 and Aug. 20, allowing Team Whiteman members to bring their families to see the aircraft. Static displays are weather-permitting and members are responsible for their guests while on the flightline. Security Forces will be on post and can answer questions about regulations and all cameras are not permitted. The aircraft will be roped off and patrons cannot enter restricted areas. For questions, contact public affairs at 660-687-6121.

Munitions Squadron semi-annual stockpile inventory

The 509th Munitions Squadron will be conducting a semi-annual stockpile inventory Sept. 5-9. Those needing any munitions issued or have any that need to be turned in, must do so either the week prior or after the inventory. During this week, MUNS will only process emergency requests, submitted in writing, and approved by the group commander or equivalent. Direct questions to Tech. Sgt. Jason Geb-

Wing-it with Whiteman



U.S Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Montse Ramirez

WARSAW, Mo. -- The Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws Military Discretionary Grant provided more than 100 Airmen a day at Truman Lake July 23 to deter them from underage drinking. The event and site offered many activities for Airmen to participate in such as boating, kayaking and volleyball.

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"The helos play an important role in supporting the ICBM mission, so we wanted to be sure to include them in the competition," Petrosh said.

The bomb competition, which kicked off in June, includes competitors from the 5th Bomb Wing at Minot AFB, N.D., 2nd Bomb Wing at Barksdale, the 49th Test Squadron at Barksdale, the 340th Weapons School at Barksdale, the 7th Bomb Wing at Dyess AFB, Texas, the 28th Bomb Wing at

Ellsworth AFB, S.D., and the 509th Bomb Wing at Whiteman AFB, Mo.

AFRC's 307th Bomb Wing at Barksdale and the Missouri Air National Guard's 131st Bomb Wing are also slated to participate in the bombing competition.

The missile competition, starting in August, will involve the 90th Missile Wing at F.E. Warren AFB, Wyo., the 91st Missile Wing at Minot and the 341st Missile Wing at Malmstrom AFB, Mont.

Security forces squadrons from participating wings, as well as the 377th Security Forces Squadron from Kirtland AFB, N.M., and the 219th Security Forces Squadron from the North Dakota Air National Guard will compete at Barksdale Nov. 5-7.

Official score-posting will be at Barksdale Nov. 8-9, in conjunction with the symposium at the Shreveport Convention Center.

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more user-friendly, said Ruth Ewalt, Air Force Uniform Programs and Policies chief at the Air Staff.

"The changes are a result of Airmen in the field requesting clarification, leadership approving more specific policy, and the need to integrate information from the 98th virtual uniform board and other wear policy approved since 2006," Ewalt said. "We added the ABU, green fleece, and physical fitness uniform information not in the previous AFI and corrected instances of conflicting information."

For clarity and ease of reading, the chapters were rearranged and sections were made inclusive to eliminate turning back and forth to configure a single uniform, she said. The differences in the old and new AFI are the tables are now integrated into the text. Each uniform has its own section, starting with the most formal through the utility, PT, and distinctive uniforms.

One thing Airmen might notice is the amount of pictures incorporated into the revised AFI.

"Individuals learn and retain information differently," Ewalt said. "For some a photo is a better tool than volumes of text or audio. We wanted to make this AFI as 'userfriendly' as possible. It covers every Airman -- from the first-day recruit in Basic Military Training to the 30-plus-year career Airman."

Sections are also inclusive, listing all items that may and must be worn with each particular uniform with the exception of outer garments which are covered in their own section.

The first three chapters cover the basic philosophy, appropriate circumstances to wear uniform items, how and where to purchase them, roles and responsibilities, and grooming and appearance standards. Chapters four through seven cover uniforms worn and maintained by all Air Force members -dress, utility, and physical training uniforms. Chapters four and five include the dress and utility uniforms. Chapter six explains outer garments, headgear, rank insignia and accessories, and Chapter seven covers the physical training uniform. The remaining chapters "customize" the uniforms of unique populations and discuss badges, awards and decorations unique to individual Airmen. The last chapter contains instructions for recommending changes to dress and personal appearance policy or uniform designs.

The revised AFI also added a tattoo measurement tool to standardize the process for Airmen and commanders to determine if a tattoo meets standards. "There is also a

form to document tattoos that are borderline excessive or require a commanderapproved waiver," Ewalt said. "The policy regarding what constitutes an excessive tattoo has not changed -- the standard is still not more than 25 percent of the exposed body part."

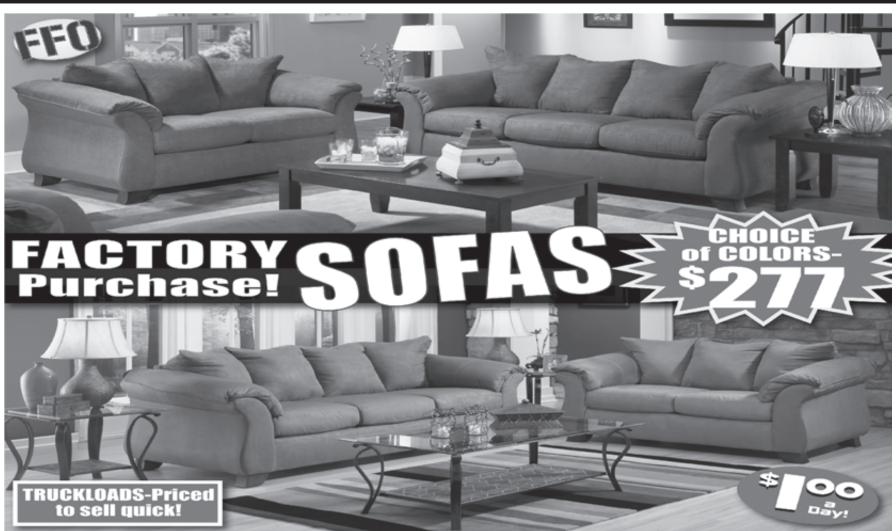
The revision involved input from individuals of all ranks and components of the Air Force – including Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard members.

"This three-year effort included Airmen from all walks of Air Force life...(military training instructors, recruits, recruiters, first sergeants and Air Force leadership from all levels, professional military education instructors, functional communities, and support organizations to name a few," Ewalt said. "This Air Force instruction was influenced by a huge population of Air Force service members because it impacts the total force."

For online dress and appearance information, go to the dress and appearance webpage on the Air Force Personnel Center's website at http://www.afpc.af.mil/dress/index.asp. For more information about personnel issues, visit the Air Force personnel services website at https://gum-crm.csd.disa.mil.

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2011 Whiteman Triathlon



Todd Stewart, 509th Operation Support Squadron, finishes his 6-mile bike course here July 22 during the 509th Force Support Squadron's 2011 Triathlon. Mr. Stewart finished first place in the men-over-40 category with a time of one hour and eight minutes.



Staff Sgt. Brian Frank, 509th Medical Operations Squadron, maintains a lead during the 3-mile run here July 22 after swimming 435 meters and cycling 6 miles. Sergeant Frank finished first in the men-under-40 category with a complete time of 48 minutes and 26 seconds.



An Airman speeds up on a straight-a-way here July 22 during the 6-mile bike course. The cycling course was part of the 509th Force Support Squadron 2011 Triathlon.



Staff Sgt. Brian Frank, 509th Medical Operations Squadron, freestyles a 435-meter swim here July 22. Sergeant Frank was the first to finish the swim and continued his speed throughout the race, finishing first in the men-over-40 category with a time of 48 minutes and 26 seconds.

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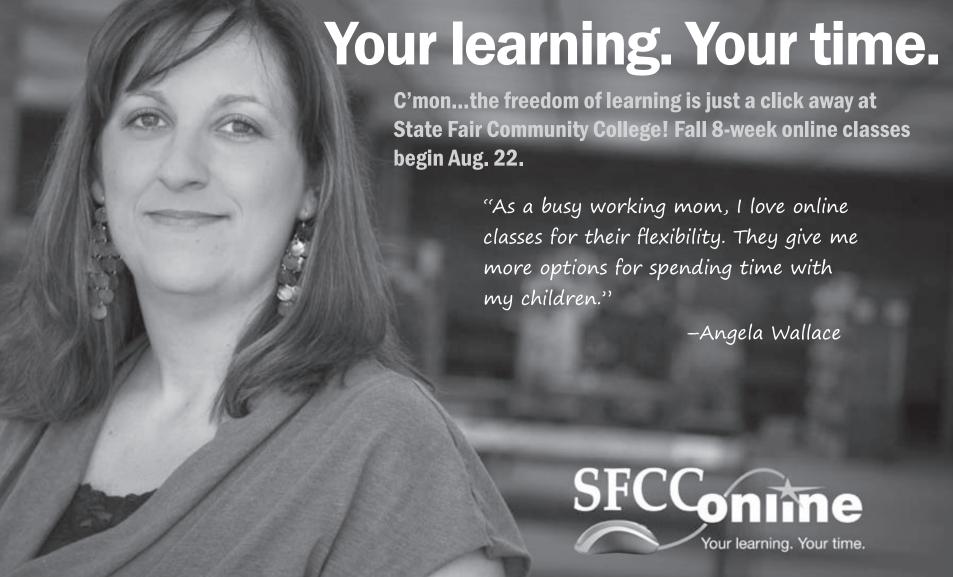


U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Cody H. Ramirez

SEDALIA, Mo. -- The Sedalia Chamber of Military Affairs Committee hosted a barbecue for Whiteman Air Force Base families July 19 with the help of the Whiteman Spouses Club and local sponsors. The barbecue was directed at introducing the Whiteman community to Sedalia and showing them ways to spend time in their neighboring community.







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Whiteman Weather Warriors

Story and photos by Senior Airman Al- level forecasters and on-site personnel are es- Watts said. exandra M. Boutte

509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

Every day, Airmen use weather forecasts to determine if they should wear short sleeved blues or their gortex jacket with their ABUs. Since outdoor activities are determined by heavy rain, snow and wind chill, forecasts can

ery day that affect the Air Force Global Strike a new weather apprentice will report to work landing weather for their particular sortie. Command 509th Bomb Wing mission and alongside a seasoned weather professional and weather forecasts come from only one flight on be trained in all aspects of meteorology. base: the weather flight.

vides Air Force and Army installations weather watches, warning and advisors.

weather training NCO in charge. "Resource complete their mission." protection includes everyone from the flightline to the base pool."

Communication and coordination with base-

sential to the mission.

"We work closely with the 26th Operational Weather Squadron at Barksdale Air Force Base, taken into account and ensuring 24-hour coverage," Sergeant Watts said.

The 26th OWS is the U.S. Air Force meteorological squadron responsible for the Southbe used to help plan ahead for survival purposes. eastern United States. There are six operational

"The 26th OWS was a great stepping stone The 509th Operation Support Squadron that provided me with a solid foundation," said weather forecaster. "Since I came here to White-critical." man, I have applied and expanded my skill set tection," said Staff Sgt. Ryan Watts, 509th OSS cies with the weather information they need to service that directly affects the mission here.

Wing and the 131st Bomb Wing," Sergeant personnel and aircraft located here.

Weather forecasters brief every pilot that flies an aircraft out of Whiteman, either in person or via phone. Forecasters provide a 5-day forecast La., to ensure all aspects of the weather are everyday for wing leadership and attend staff and stand-up briefings to ensure leadership is informed on the weather.

The weather flight creates products for mission planners and aircrews regarding any limiting and non-limiting weather conditions. The Decisions based on the weather are made evweather squadrons and they are the first place flight briefs pilots with take-off, en-route and

"It is very neat to see a part of each mission affected by different weather depending on the aircraft mission," Sergeant Watts said. "While this is an exciting part of the job, it is also the weather flight consists of 10 Airmen and pro- Senior Airman Amanda Stephens, 509th OSS worst part of the job because mission impact is

Airman Stephens said her favorite part of the "Our most important mission is resource pro- to be able to provide flight crews and base agen- job is knowing that she is providing a valuable

As the pattern of strong weather regimes "We also provide weather support for our continues to press through Missouri, the 509th Army brothers and sisters, the 442nd Fighter OSS weather flight will continue to protect the

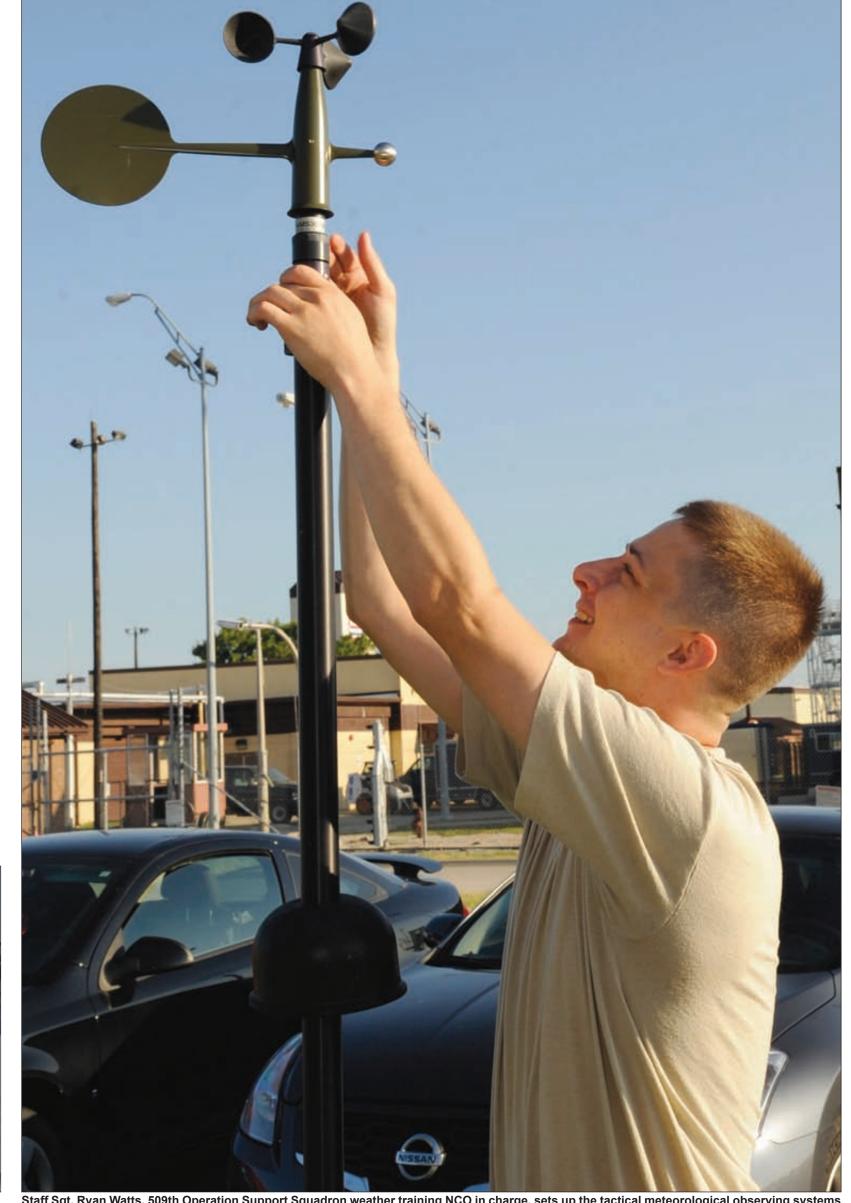




Staff Sgt. Ryan Watts, 509th Operation Support Squadron weather training NCO in charge, performs a routine maintenance inspection on tactical meteorological observing systems here July 20. The system takes environmental weather conditions such as wind, rain, lightening, present temperature, dew point, humidity and present weather.



Staff Sgt. Ryan Watts, 509th Operation Support Squadron weather training NCO in charge, performs a routine maintenance inspection on the tactical meteorological observing systems which monitors climate conditions here July 20.



Staff Sgt. Ryan Watts, 509th Operation Support Squadron weather training NCO in charge, sets up the tactical meteorological observing systems to perform routine maintenance here July 20. The suite of automatic tactical weather sensors provides an automated collection of weather elements in deployed environments.

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Feature

Spouse steps up while husband is deployed



KANSAS CITY, Mo. -- Sara Johnson and children, Addison, 3 and twins Michael and Matthew, 14 months, await to welcome home husband and father, Staff Sgt. Scott Johnson, 509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs broadcast journalist, from his nine-month deployment to Afghanistan July 7. Sergeant Johnson trained more than 40 people from different Afghan uniformed branches on how to be broadcast journalist.

509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

"When a troop serves, so does the family," is a common phrase among servicemembers.

This holds true for the family of Staff Sgt. Scott Johnson, 509th Bomb Wing

By Airman 1st Class Montse Ramirez Public Affairs broadcast journalist here, when he left for his nine-month deployment to Afghanistan and left behind his wife Sara and their three boys, Addison, 3, and twins Michael and Matthew, 14 months.

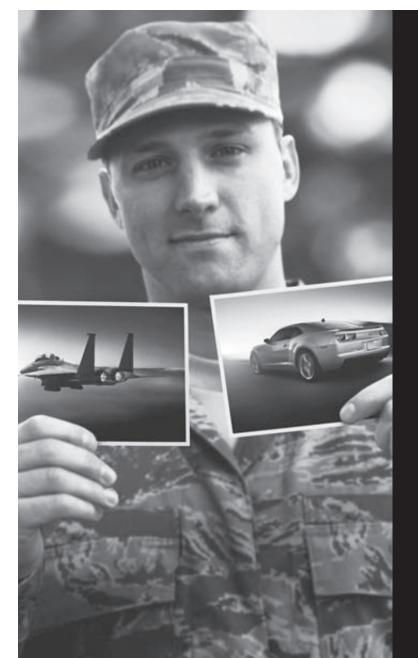
"Before he left I didn't think I was going

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to be able to handle everything on my own," said Sara. "I tried to wrap my head around how long he was going to be gone, how much stuff I would have to do without him and how many changes there would be. It seemed horrible."

Sara said there were a lot of changes to be made, but she was determined to make it work.

"I'm used to having a schedule and a routine and Scott leaving threw that off completely," she said. "But I had talked to a friend who encouraged me that I would actually enjoy the deployment."

As time went on, she said things got easier and she started to grow as an individual.

"The biggest thing I learned while he was deployed is that I could do everything on my own and still survive," she said. "It was an independent, empowering feeling for me.

"There was a point during the end of his deployment when I looked back and realized, I am doing this and we are not just surviving, but thriving," Sara said. "The boys are learning, developing and having fun."

While Sara was executing her mission as a caregiver back home, Sergeant Johnson was in Afghanistan performing his.

"During my deployment, my job was to train more than 40 people from different Afghan uniformed branches on how to be broadcast journalists," Sergeant Johnson said. "I also spent time at North Atlantic

Treaty Organization training mission Afghanistan public affairs headquarters on media interaction and coverage."

He said it was easier for him to do his day-to-day job because he could be hands on. But when problems arose at home it was terribly stressful for him because he felt he couldn't help. Luckily he said, Sara stepped up to the plate and took care of the issues that arose.

"I've always known Sara is an amazing woman but sometimes she doesn't necessarily realize it," Sergeant Johnson said. "Hearing that she took care of things on her own, on top of taking care of three kids and watching her strength throughout the deployment was really cool."

Her strength seemed to transfer to the

Sara said they took the deployment pretty well. It was the second time Addison went through it, as it wasn't his dad's first deployment, and the twins were content getting to see him on Skype when they

"I missed my dad but I had lots of fun with my mom," Addison said.

When Sergeant Johnson finally came home, Sara said the children were more than content.

"It was pure joy to watch the kids run to his arms at the airport," Sara said. "It's such a blessing to have Scott come back. The kids picked up right where they left off."

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MONDAY 8/1

Membership Platter ~ 11 a.m.-1 p.m. ~ Mission's End

Club member's can enjoy a hearty meal for just \$3. Menu is Salisbury steak mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, tossed salad and a roll. Cost is \$7.15 for members; \$8.15 nonmembers. Call 687-4422 for more info.

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

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WEDNESDAY 8/3

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Guitar & Piano Lesson's Sign Ups ~ Youth Center

The Youth Center is taking registrations for Tammy Templeton's guitar & piano lessons scheduled to begin September 10. Prices range from \$40 to \$60; depending on the age and lessons offered. Sign up deadline is August 26. Please contact the Youth Center at 687-5586 for more details.

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Youth, ages 5-18 and interested coaches, sign up for the UCM Soccer Camp & Coaches Clinic scheduled September 12 & 13, 6-7:30 p.m. at the UCM Soccer fields. This is a FREE clinic. Sign up deadline is August 26. Call 687-5586 to sign up today!

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Force Support page editor.......Cathy Sison 509th Force Support Squadron......687-6525 WWW.WHITEMANFORCESUPPORT.COM 14 The Warrior Feature

Stars & Strikes leagues get the ball rolling



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Cody H. Ramirez

Carl See, 509th Contracting Squadron administrator and 17-year professional bowling administrator member, releases a bowling ball while practicing for the upcoming bowling league Tuesday. The Whiteman Bowling Center, Stars & Strikes, is gearing up for their fall leagues and will begin registration in late August. Those interested in signing up should contact the bowling center.

By Heidi Hunt

509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

Bowling alleys are known as places where families, friends and coworkers can get together to play a traditional game as a form of entertainment. It is also common to form bowling teams, known as leagues, and play against each other.

The Whiteman Bowling Center, Stars & Strikes, is gearing up for their fall leagues and will begin registration in late August.

Leagues are 32-weeks long and starts in late August to early September, and usually ends in April. The bowling center hosts a league for each day of the week, which are: Sunday Night Mixed, Monday Morning Seniors, Tuesday Night Men's, Wednesday Night Intramural, Thursday Night Ladies, Friday Night Couples and Saturday Morning Youth.

A bowling league consists of certain teams and the league decides how many people will participate on the team and can also decide what the rules will be, according to Phillip Wagner, 509th Force Support Squadron bowling center manager. However, the teams do have to abide by the governing body of rules, which

comes from the U.S. Bowling Congress.

"Anyone interested in joining is welcome and we can put people together on teams," Mr. Wagner said. "We also offer the customer to join the available leagues.

"In addition to the recreational sport, players will likely meet new people and it is a great way to make new friends," Mr. Wagner said.

Master Sgt. Cristofer Valenzuela, 509th Maintenance Squadron first sergeant and an avid bowler on the Whiteman league, said he enjoys the leisure aspect while also getting to spend time with other Team Whiteman members.

Aside from the relaxation and enjoyment aspect of being with family and friends, prizes will be given out weekly.

"We encourage all Team Whiteman members to come and get away from daily stresses, get some food and throw the ball and knock some pins down for a few hours," he said.

To find out more about cost and to sign up for the bowling league, contact the bowling center at 660-687-5114. For more information search Stars&Strikes (all one word) via Facebook. Facebook statuses include the menu, prices and current updates.

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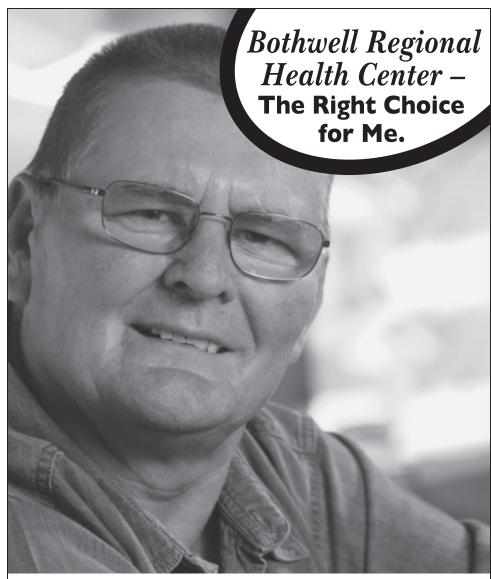
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