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Adding fuel to fight



U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Alexandra M. Boutte

Airman 1st Class Greg Eilenstein, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron petroleum, oil and lubricants specialist, prepares to pump jet fuel into a T-38 Talon Jan. 18. Eilenstein uses an R-11 truck which holds 6,000 gallons of fuel and the T-38 Talon can hold up to 400 gallons of fuel.

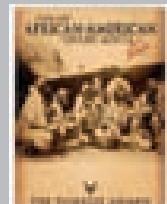


Team Whiteman is invited to the UCM Military Appreciation Basketball game vs. Pittsburg State Jan. 28. Jennies (women) begin at 1:30 p.m. and Mules (men) game to follow. Tickets are free to active duty, retired military and their families. Tickets are available at the window inside the multi-purpose building on the UCM campus the day of game.

'Wing It' at Whiteman, free late night bowling

Wing It at Whiteman is hosting free late night bowling for Airmen E-1 to E-4, 7-11 p.m. Jan. 28 at the Stars and Strikes Bowling Center. A \$5 food voucher will be given to the first 100 Airmen through the doors to use at the bowling center grill. For more information log on to Facebook and search Wing It at Whiteman.

Meet and Greet with Tuskegee Airmen



Whiteman is hosting a meet and greet/reception with heroes from the Heart of America Tuskegee Airmen Inc., along with a screening of Red Tails, Feb. 4 at Carmike Cinemas in Warrensburg, cost is \$6. Time will be announced in the Feb. 3 issue and the Official Whiteman Air Force Base Facebook page.

Team Whiteman is invited to interact with the men who paved the way for today's Air Force.

Whiteman Tax Center now open

By Tech. Sgt. Yolanda Brown
Tax Center NCO in charge

The Whiteman Air Force Base Tax Center opened for business Tuesday in building 509, suite 215.

Tax assistance is available to active duty, guard, reservists on Title 10 orders, dependents and retirees, free of charge with a valid military ID.

The tax center's hours of operation are:

Jan. 24 to Feb. 3: Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.: Walk-ins are available for 1040EZ filers only. (1040EZ filers are those who are single with no dependents and are not itemizing.) The last walk-in is taken at 3:15 p.m.

Feb. 6 to April 17: Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. (by appointment only) and Fridays, 1:15 to 3:15 p.m. Walk-ins are available for 1040EZ filers. The last walk-in is taken at 3:15 p.m.

(Closed for lunch from 12:15 to 1:15 p.m.)

Items to bring to the tax center:

A social security card is mandatory and required for all members listed on the tax return.

Income: W-2s/1099R/1099 INT/DIV/MISC

Child care information (employee's identification number, address and total amount paid per dependent.)

Blank check (used to get the bank's routing number and account information so refunds can be

direct deposited.)

Last year's tax return.

Power of Attorney (if both members cannot be there to sign the return.)

Any other additional tax documents applicable to the taxpayer (i.e. - student loans, scholarships, educational expenses, mortgage interests, charitable contributions.)

For additional information and links visit the Tax Center SharePoint site at <https://whiteman.eis.af.mil/int/509thBW/taxcenter/default.aspx>. The site provides access to the required intake and interview sheet for clients before being seen.

Additionally, it is the link to the Military Non Return Required online form for Missouri non-residents who must notify the Missouri Department of Revenue that their Military Income and their spouses (if applicable under the Military Spouses Residency Relief Act) is exempt from Missouri State Taxes.

Nonresident military personnel stationed in Missouri will not have their military pay taxed. However, if the military member gets an additional job in Missouri, that pay is taxable to Missouri.

Military Spouse Residency Relief Act - Non-resident Missouri spouses in Missouri solely to be with the service member with military orders and have had no state tax withheld may complete the

WEATHER

Today	Sunday
Cloudy	Mostly Sunny
Hi 52	Hi 43
Lo 27	Lo 31
Saturday	Monday
Sunny	Mostly Sunny
Hi 45	Hi 56
Lo 26	Lo 34

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Celebrating our rich cultural heritage

By Col. Mike Hornitschek

375th Air Mobility Wing commander

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. -- The Scott AFB Tuskegee Airmen Chapter provided a free screening of the movie "Red Tails" to members of the base, depicting the courageous African American pilots during World War II as they were called to duty under the guidance of Col. A.J. Bullard.

Their unit, the 332nd Fighter Group, was established in 1942 and was the only all African-American fighter group in World War II. They are known as the Tuskegee Airmen since a majority of them trained at Moton Field in Tuskegee, Ala.

Using hand-me-down P-39 aircraft, this segregated unit flew escort convoys from Sicily until the Air Force provided P-47s (and later P-51s) and allowed them to fly the escort missions for critical bombing missions.

At the time, many bombers were being lost to the German air force, but when the "Red Tail Angels" flew the escort missions, those bombers -- and men -- came back alive.

Col. Benjamin O. Davis Jr., commander, led his team to escort B-24 Liberators to targets at Munich. Once near the target, the formation took on more than 100 German fighters.

For his leadership and bravery on that mission, he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and another 149 pilots would

also earn that honor in the months to come.

In all, there were 744 Air Medals, eight Purple Hearts and 14 Bronze Stars awarded to these courageous men.

The unit received a Distinguished Unit Citation for a mission when the group escorted B-17s during a raid on a tank factory at Berlin. They fought the interceptors that attacked the formation and strafed transportation facilities while flying back to their base in Italy.

In all, the 332nd flew more than 15,000 sorties against the Luftwaffe, shot down 109



U.S. Air Force photo
Tuskegee students talk about flying their Stearman biplanes. At far left is Capt. Benjamin O. Davis Jr., the squadron commander.

enemy aircraft and destroyed another 150 on the ground. Sadly, they lost 66 of their own -- killed in action -- 32 downed and captured POWs.

It doesn't seem possible that during the war we could have been a segregated force.

It wasn't that long ago, and it just takes me by surprise sometimes when their stories come to life on the big screen, and how it wasn't until June 1949 that the Air Force, only two years old announced the end to racial segregation in its ranks.

Today, the legacy of the 332nd lives on as the 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing assigned to operations in Southwest Asia.

Many living Tuskegee Airmen have visited our troops throughout the years, inspiring all of us with their stories and the hardships they overcame. Today, African-Americans represent 14.5 percent of our Air Force, and in February our focus will be on their contributions as we celebrate African American Heritage Month.

Ultimately, the idea to help bring to life the amazing stories of courage, such as the Tuskegee Airmen, and how each group contributes to our wonderful, rich and bright culture that is unique to America. We must, as Dr. King advised, keep the dream alive because only a true and equal people can keep America great.

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Commander's Corner

Team Whiteman,

The past week has been a flurry of activity across nearly every discipline in the wing. Our nuclear mission has been checked, tested, scrutinized and critiqued by the finest group of "steely eyed" inspectors in the entire Air Force as part of the Nuclear Surety Inspection. The full outbrief will be today, and all identified outstanding performers and contributors will be published in next week's paper.



After any inspection ends, there's always a temptation to let out a deep breath and relax. Unfortunately for us in the nuclear enterprise, there is no opportunity to relax or let down our guard -- our nation requires us to maintain the state of readiness we demonstrated during the inspection at all times. Our value as a deterrent stems from this constant readiness, from our ability to always act as our nation's defenders and, if necessary, avengers.

The next several months will see us participate in joint exercises that test our interoperability with the rest of the Department of Defense. One of the most valuable capabilities of the B-2 is its ability to "kick down the door" at the beginning of any conflict, as we saw in Afghanistan, Iraq and Libya. Needless to say, kicking down doors doesn't accomplish much for our nation's leaders if it isn't integrated with the rest of our military.

There are other items to keep us busy as well. Next month we will host some of most storied heroes, Tuskegee Airmen, during an exclusive showing of Red Tails at the Carmike Theater in Warrensburg. RED FLAG is also just around the corner. Our housing privatization effort with Balfour Beatty Communities is well under way and in just a few months we'll be opening Whiteman's doors for the 2012 Air Show and Open House.

Thank you for your hard work during this inspection, and demonstrating the pride, precision and professionalism. America has come to expect from us.

Defensor Vindex,
-Brig. Gen. Scott Vander Hamm
Commander

The Air Force Wife Handbook

By Stacy Huisman
17th Training Wing spouse

GOODFELLOW AIR FORCE BASE, Texas -- At the beginning of my marriage, he gave me a little gift. It wasn't pearls or diamonds, it was a book - The Air Force Wife Handbook - A Complete Social Guide. I contemplated throwing it at him and seeing how I played college softball, I knew I had a good chance of knocking him out. However, after several attempts to reason with me, I realized the book was more than what it seemed. I was about to embark on this crazy journey as a military spouse and I hadn't a clue what I was walking into. It was a handbook to tell me everything that he couldn't about the community and social life of being in the Air Force.

I read it, mostly when he wasn't looking, to see what the fuss was about.

The book was fascinating. It gave me a look into the past and future. Chapter after chapter, it explained all the unknowns to me. Questions about rank, procedures and how to address someone were all answered. To my delight, it was written so I didn't have to guess the meaning of an acronym or buy

a vowel; it was all spelled out. It covered military weddings, coffees, clubs and what to wear to formal functions. It also covers military funerals, retirements and promotions. I found myself reaching for it last year to find out about Change of Command ceremonies and receptions. The book has always been helpful and handy when I needed it.

It was first published in 1992 and was written by Ann Crossley and Carol A. Keller, both former Air Force spouses. There have been six different editions, each one trying to keep the material current. With the Air Force ever changing, the book will always have some dated information.

Overall, it's a great resource for spouses of all ranks. It includes all those curiosities you've always wondered about but didn't have the nerve to ask. As for my husband, I'm thankful he gave me this book. It's been a real eye-opener and has prepared me for a few unexpected things.

Don't get me wrong, if I had a choice between diamonds and the book, I'll take the diamonds next time, but I am thankful for him for his service to the Air Force and for being his wife. I love my life as a military spouse.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Housing privatization lease signings
 Balfour Beatty Communities mass lease signings are scheduled Jan. 30 through Feb. 1 at Mission's End from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. The transition to privatized family housing is currently scheduled to occur March 1. Everyone living in on-base family housing March 1 or beyond, regardless of projected move-out date, is required to sign a lease with BBC. BBC has made special provisions for those members who have already scheduled to move out shortly after March 1. (i.e. those with PCS orders, signed contracts to purchase homes off base, etc.) Prior arrangements, however, must be coordinated through the Housing Management Office and approved by BBC. Bottom line: If the on-base home will be occupied for any period of time on or after March 1, a lease must be signed. Members currently residing on-base who do not intend to sign a lease with BBC may visit the Housing Management Office to receive orders for off-base relocation. Per Air Force policy, members who chose to move off base instead of signing a lease are entitled to a funded move (either commercial or DITY) and a partial dislocation allowance. Questions for BBC may be directed to the BBC, Shelly Fischer, Whiteman Community Manager (off-base line) 660-687-0560, or the Lynn Meline, assistant manager (off-base line) 660-687-0561. Dial 99-1-660 before either of these numbers since they are off-base numbers. Questions can also be directed to the Air Force Housing Management Office at 660-687-1840.

BCC Luncheon

The Base Community Council is Feb. 2 at Mission's End. The hosted community is Clinton (509th Logistics Readiness Squadron.) To make a reservation, contact 509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs at 660-687-6121 by noon Jan. 30.

AF Club Membership Drive

The Air Force Club Membership Drive is in full-swing now through Jan. 31. During this period, those who join any Air Force Club will automatically receive three months free dues, be enrolled in the free cash back rewards program and will win \$5 to \$100 instantly upon application. For more information contact Mission's End at 660-687-4422.

Donald Johanson to speak at UCM Feb. 8

Donald Johanson, internationally renowned paleoanthropologist, will tell stories of his historic discoveries and research to the University of Central Missouri during a presentation at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 8, in Hendricks Hall. The public is invited to attend the event, free of charge.

Found property

Keys, wallets, bicycles, jewelry, cellular telephones and other items have been turned in as found property to Security Forces Investigations. To inquire about lost property, go to building 711, room 305, or call 660-687-5342. For more information about vehicles, contact Steven Scott at 660-687-5342.

F-15E reaches flying-hour milestone

U.S. Air Force photo

The F-15E Strike Eagle is a dual-role fighter designed to perform air-to-air and air-to-ground missions. An array of avionics and electronics systems gives the F-15E the capability to fight at low altitude, day or night, and in all weather. The aircraft uses two crew members, a pilot and a weapon systems officer. Previous models of the F-15 are assigned air-to-air roles; the "E" model is a dual-role fighter. It has the capability to fight its way to a target over long ranges, destroy enemy ground positions and fight its way out.

By Tech Sgt. Vernon Cunningham

455th Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

BAGRAM AIRFIELD, Afghanistan (AFNS) -- In the early hours of the day, the aircraft parking ramp here was alive with activity. Checklists were run, hatchets checked, bombs loaded and missions briefed, as the crew chiefs, support units, and flyers of F-15E Strike Eagle #89-0487 achieved a milestone 10,000 flying hours Jan. 13.

F-15E Strike Eagle #89-0487, or "#487" for short, was commissioned Nov. 13, 1990. It's the first F-15 of any type to reach 10,000 hours, despite being younger than many F-15A and F-15C models. During its service, the aircraft participated in operations Desert Storm, Deliberate Guard, Northern Watch, Southern Watch, Iraqi Freedom, and Enduring Freedom.

The accomplishment of flying more than 10,000 hours was shared by the entire 455th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. The 455th EAMXS includes the 335th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Unit and supporting units.

"It has taken more than 21 years of qualified maintenance technicians performing more than one million hours of inspections and repairs in all types of environments at home station, depot facilities, (temporary duty assignment) and (air and space expeditionary force) locations to ensure aircraft #89-0487 was available to deploy on numerous TDYs and AEFs," Chief Master Sgt. John Parrott, the 335th EAMU superintendent said. "It also took careful, timely loading and maintenance by hundreds of weapons technicians in conjunction with countless hours of repairs and inspections performed by avionics, electrical and environmental, engine, fuels, egress, and structural Airmen."

The current crew chiefs for #487 are all deployed from Seymour-Johnson Air Force Base, N.C. They agreed that good maintenance and support were critical.

"This is the squadron flag ship," said Senior Airman Eric Rock, a 455th EAMS crew chief assigned to #487. "This accomplishment definitely shows the caliber of those before us and those who are crewing it now. They are putting the best and most motivated on the team."

The #487 crew chiefs have been working with the same aircraft for the past year. Since arriving at Bagram Airfield, the high demand for the flag ship helped highlight the team cohesion needed to keep the aircraft mission ready.

"When we got here, it was at 8,800 hours," said Staff Sgt. Ryan Forsse, a 455th EAMS crew chief assigned to #487. "We put 1,200 hours on it in the past three months. During that time, this aircraft dropped 15 percent of all bombs deployed in our fleet. To keep it flying at that pace, it was very important to keep the same crew on it to get to know the aircraft."

Rock said each plane has a specific personality.

"Keeping the same crew working on it allows for the technician to see trends," Rock said. "You get to know what is going on with it, what sounds normal and what works."

The crew chiefs specifically acknowledged that all of the support units were integral in reaching the 10,000 flying hours milestone.

"When we have a problem that needs to be fixed by another shop, they come out quickly for this jet," Forsse said. "This is the squadron flag ship, so all the shops push to get this aircraft fixed, armed up and back in the air. Any time we need some-

thing, they are on it."

Lt. Col. David Moeller, the 335th Expeditionary Flying Squadron commander, is the current weapons systems officer for #487. Moeller said he fully appreciated the impact of the work done by the F-15E #487 team.

"It's not just about the hours in the sky," Moeller said. "The maintenance ability to keep this jet flying so it may support the current fight is amazing. This is 24-hours, all-weather, operations throughout the (Operation Enduring Freedom) battlespace. Maintenance, weapons, and all support by the 455th makes this possible. It was a total team effort."

In addition to the ground support, a lot of work was done in the air for #487.

"This milestone also required skilled, proficient pilots and weapons systems officers flying more than 3,500 sorties," Parrott said. "Like the crew that dropped a GBU-10 on an Iraqi Mi24 helicopter during Operation Desert Storm."

F-15E #487 is the only one of its kind to record an air-to-air kill.

As a personal tribute to history, Moeller chose to pass the honor of flying over 10,000 hours to Capt. Ryan Bodenheimer, a 335th F-15E EFS pilot, and Capt. Erin Short, a 335th EFS weapons systems officer.

"It just seemed appropriate that the longest flying F-15E be flown by the youngest flyers in the unit," he said.

Perrot summed up the significance of #487's sustained mission capability.

"It has taken 21 years of two things: pride and passion," he said. "Pride in the work completed with fellow Airmen, ultimately for the excellence of the Air Force. And passion -- regardless of the weather, obstacle or task faced, successful completion is the only goal."

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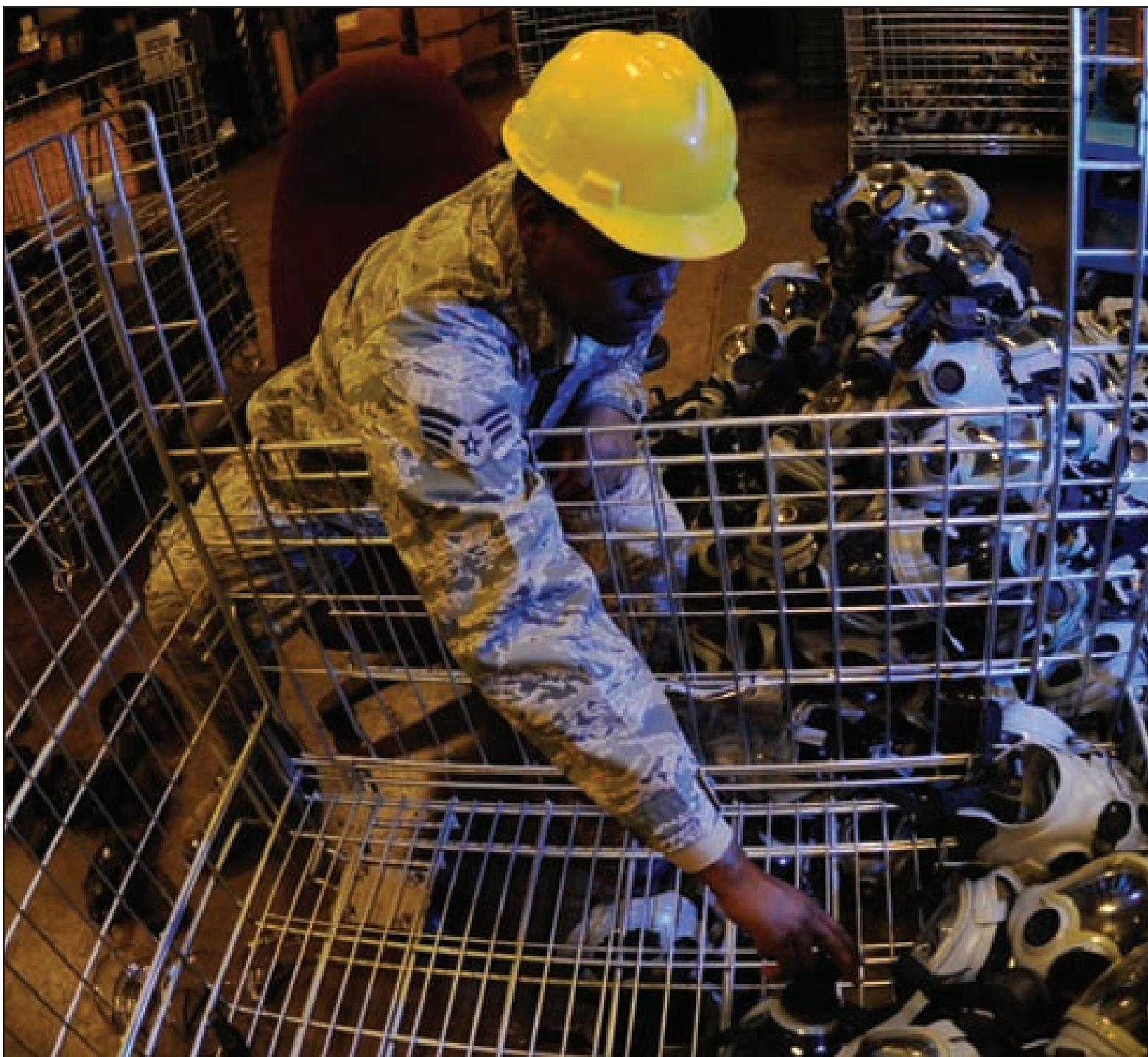
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Senior Airman Napolean Rainey, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron, reaches for a MCU-2/P series protective mask Jan. 18. Rainey is preparing more than 500 gas masks to be inspected, serviced and then processed for re-issue to White-man Airmen.

GAS, GAS, MASKS

U.S. Air Force photos/Senior Airman Laura Goodgame

Airman 1st Class Alex Phillips, 509th LRS, hangs up MCU-2 series protective mask. The masks are stored by size for easy issuance to White-man Airmen.



(TOP) Staff Sgt. Justin Garces, 509th LRS, buckles down a MCU-2/P series protective mask to be tested. (BOTTOM) MCU-2/P series protective masks hang from a wash rack after being soaked in solution.

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From the Frontlines: Tech. Sgt. Jason Jenkins

By Airman 1st Class Bryan Crane
509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

Before deploying, Tech. Sgt. Jason Jenkins, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron water and fuels systems maintenance supervisor, was in charge of ensuring the bases drinking water was safe and that complete multibuilding compounds were being built to the correct specifications.

Jenkins was sent on his first deployment to Afghanistan Nov. 27, 2010 and returned here more than a year later Nov. 7, 2011.

While in Afghanistan, he served as a construction representative attached to the United States Army Corps of Engineers and NCO in charge of the project office.

During Jenkins deployment he oversaw two road projects, seven Afghanistan national police head quarter facilities and three Afghanistan national border police projects valued in excess of \$55 million.

After arriving at the office, Jenkins checked for any email traffic from or for their projects and made sure the contractor's daily reports were being completed. He also worked on modifications and looked at contractor submittals.

"Looking at submittals consumed a lot of time as we had to review all products that the contractor wanted to use on the project and ensure they met the contractual standards," said Jenkins.

Although there were times it was challenging Jenkins said overall he enjoyed the deployment.

"The friends, experience and knowledge learned, will last a lifetime," Jenkins said. "I got the chance to be embedded with infantry and live outside the wire for five days to conduct a site visit on a project."

Jenkins was the first USACE representative to live outside the wire in an austere location in the programs three year history.

For all of his work, Jenkins was awarded the Bronze Star, Afghanistan campaign medal and the NATO medal.

"I am very humble about receiving the awards," Jenkins



Courtesy photo

SOUTHWEST ASIA -- Tech. Sgt. Jason Jenkins, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron water and fuels systems maintenance supervisor, providing over watch security for the Kunar provincial reconstruction team while they conducted a quality assurance inspection on an all girls school in the village of Donai.

said "After seeing first-hand the sacrifices our brothers and sisters in arms make every day and while deployed to ensure our freedoms are protected back home couldn't make me more proud to be a member in the U.S. military."

Even with his accomplishments on the deployment, there were things he missed about home.

"Hands down, I missed my two girls and wife the most." Jenkins said.

His family was happy they had the chance to have him back home for the holidays after being gone.

While in Afghanistan, Jenkins received a chance to mentor and foster local Afghan engineers who were employed

through the Corps of Engineers, which has helped him understand how important his job was while deployed.

"The projects completed by the Corps of Engineers help sustain and bolster the provincial and overall security of Afghanistan," said Jenkins. "They also helped develop a skilled workforce and promote the future stability of Afghanistan. I feel the importance of my job while deployed was to ensure the contractors used quality workmanship, completed the projects on time, and the occupants were able to move in and continue to strengthen their provinces' security. The quicker Afghanistan can maintain and provide their own security, the quicker our U.S. Forces can pull out."

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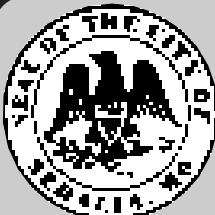
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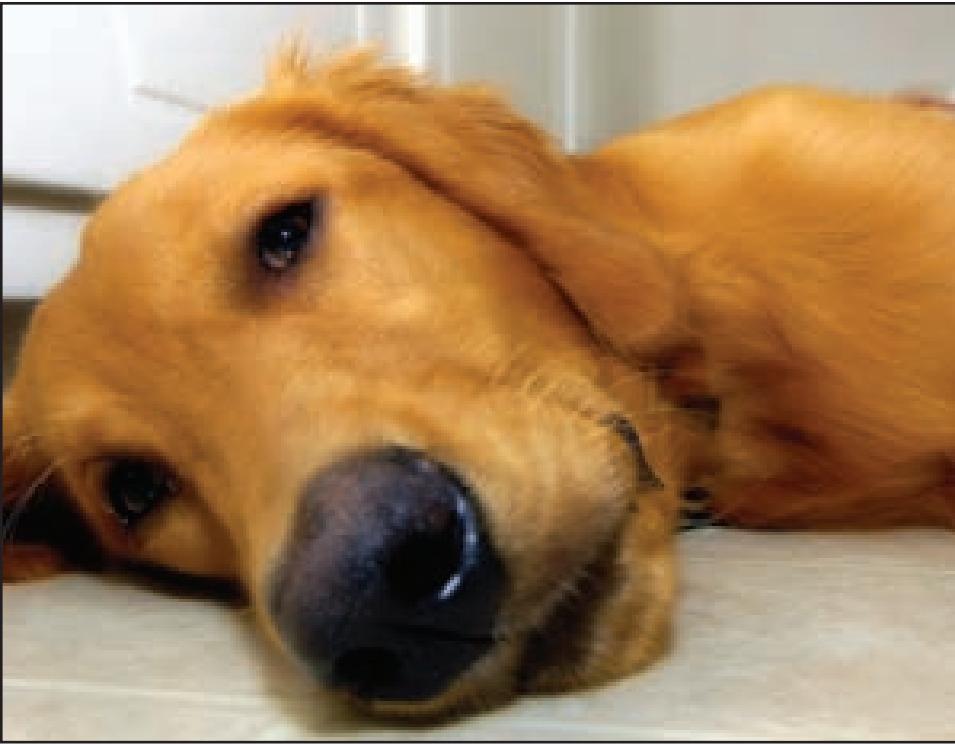
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Keeping stray animals to a minimum



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WARRENSBURG, Mo. -- Bear, a golden retriever and Whiteman AFB pet, relaxes at his home. Whiteman pet owners should follow the rules and regulations and reference the Whiteman AFB Instruction 48-131/Domestic Animal Control Manual. Base residents must register and have a microchip inserted into their animals at the veterinary treatment facility within five duty days of their arrival to the base. The best way to get a pet back home is to keep an identification tag on them.

By Staff Sgt. Alexandra M. Boutte
509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

Life on the street is hard. The majority of stray animals have either been abandoned by their owner or allowed by their owner to roam freely.

Being a responsible pet owner is much more than just providing adequate water, food and shelter.

A stray animal is considered to be a domesticated animal, Staff Sgt. Jason Gatiss, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron NCO in charge pest management.

"The only difference is that a stray animal is homeless and wanders around looking for someone to feed them," said Gatiss. "Domestic animals are not limited to dogs and cats. They can also be hamsters, guinea pigs, caged pet bird and fish."

According to 509th Security Forces Squadron records, there are roughly 75 stray animals caught every year on-base.

"Unsupervised pets will breed, resulting in unwanted litters," said Staff Sgt. Allison Maitland, 509th SFS polices services NCO in charge. "Strays can bring in disease to people and other animals they come in contact with. They can also cause damage to government property."

The best way to get a pet back home is to keep an identification tag on them, according to Maitland.

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As outlined in WAFBI 48-131, security forces will issue a WAFB Form 8, Domestic Animal Violation. The form is used for

multiple issues, such as registration, failure to control, excessive noise, abuse, neglect, damage caused by animal and excessive feces. The form is then forward to base housing management for disposition.

The 509th SFS may also issue a DD Form 1131/Cash Collection Voucher for confinement fees. If security forces cannot locate the owner within a reasonable amount of time, they will issue the cash collection voucher for food, water and shelter of the animal.

If necessary, a DD Form 139/Pay Adjustment Authorization will be issued if the fee from the cash collection voucher is not paid within 30 days.

Stray animals will be placed in the 509th SFS stray animal holding area no longer than 72 hours.

Owners are notified by either the information on the registration tag or the information found on the inserted microchip. The public will be notified through the base bulletin board sent out in an email if the owner has not been found.

"The best advice I can give is to maintain control of your pets," Maitland said. "If Airmen do not want their pets anymore, find them another owner or take them to a humane society or shelter. Do not let them go and assume someone else will take on ownership."

The 509th SFS advises the public to not attempt to catch any stray animals, as it may be rabid. To report a stray animal, Team Whiteman should notify the police services desk at 660-687-3700.

If they are native wild animals (i.e. raccoons, opossum, skunks, woodchucks, call Civil Engineer customer service at 660-687-6350.

To get your pet micro-chipped, call the base veterinarian clinic at 660-687-2668.

509th CES ensures safe water quality for Whiteman



Tech. Sgt. Jason Jenkins, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron water fuels systems supervisor, runs a water hardness test at the water treatment plant Jan. 19. The water treatment facility softens 220 million gallons of water per year to reduce the hardness which in turn extends the longevity of the base infrastructure.

By Airman 1st Class Nathan Tucker
509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

More than a million gallons of water every day is what it takes to service the more than 15,000 people who live and work on Whiteman Air Force Base.

Tech. Sgt. Jason Jenkins, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron water fuels systems supervisor, maintains the quality of the water. His job requires 24 hour coverage in the water treatment plant.

The Airmen at the water treatment facility conduct more than 250 water quality tests daily to ensure that water remains safe for Whiteman residents.

Water tests include making sure the water remains bacteria free, and mineral content tests, which helps avoid damage to base utility systems.

The plant has a very high volume of water constantly being treated, according to Jenkins.

With around the clock surveillance and constant testing, residents can be sure that the water quality stays safe for their families.

U.S. Air Force photos/Airman 1st Class Bryan Crane

Tech. Sgt. Jason Jenkins, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron water fuels systems supervisor, draws a sample of water from one of the four sand/anthracite filters that are capable of filtering 1,800 gallons per minute at the water treatment plant. Even though ground water is typically safer than surface water, filtration is the only method known to remove pathogens in the treatment process.



Tech. Sgt. Jason Jenkins, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron water fuels systems supervisor, documents one of the 250 daily quality control test results in the water treatment plant laboratory. Airmen test for calcium, fluoride, and chlorine.



(LEFT) Tech. Sgt. Jason Jenkins, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron water fuels systems supervisor, runs a water hardness test at the water treatment plant Jan. 19. The water treatment plant complies with all Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Environment Protection Agency and Air Force Instruction regulations. Whiteman's water plant has the highest per capita "A" licensed Drinking Water operators in the State of Missouri. (ABOVE) Jenkins runs an alkalinity test at the water treatment plant. Airmen test for alkalinity to ensure the water is chemically stable. Whiteman's water has a naturally occurring fluoride content that is ideal for healthy teeth.

Prayer

Hostettler said. "Courage is something praised by all, yet often hard to define and even harder to live out."

Majors said when he thinks of the military he thinks of heroic people who are committed to living out some of the most courageous acts a human can perform.

"The concept of 'courage' is something that many can relate to, because we're often called to do little acts of courage every day," said Majors. "I hope to connect the strength needed to be courageous, in both the big and little things, to the acts of courage Jesus performed while he was on earth."

While Majors has never been to Whiteman AFB, he said he is looking forward to his visit.

"It's a great privilege for me to be able to serve the Airmen at Whiteman AFB and I am praying that my time is an encouragement in some way," said Majors. "I grew up in a family that was overflowing with respect for the military and have always felt a great sense of pride and gratitude for the military

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heritage. My grandfather, father and brother served and we spent many weekends on the post in Fort Knox, Ky., enjoying the parks and museum."

Majors works with men and families all over the world and has taught courses for pastors-in-training at the Anglican Church Bible College in Rwanda (East Africa). While in Africa he resourced and equipped FamilyLife staff members and partners in Rwanda and Kenya. John teaches biblical interpretation courses for new Campus Crusade for Christ staff members in Florida, Colorado, Arkansas and Fiji.

John and his wife, Julie, have been married for twelve years and have two children.

The breakfast menu includes scrambled eggs, fried potatoes, turkey and bacon, sensational sweets, biscuits and gravy, coffee and juice. Civilians and military E-5 and above pay \$5 dollars; E1-E4 pay \$1 per stripe. Tickets should be purchased by Feb. 1. (Cash Only). Tickets are available from first sergeants or the base chapel office.

Send a message to the loved one in your life

The Whiteman Warrior wants to print your Valentine message in the Feb. 10 issue.

Notes and photos can be emailed to whiteman.warrior@whiteman.af.mil. Write "Valentine Note" in the subject line.

All notes must be 20 words or less and in good taste.

Be sure to include your name, phone number and if the note is for a deployed member.

Messages will run on a space available basis.

For more information, call public affairs at 660-687-6123.

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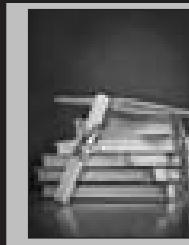
Examples of out-of-scope tax returns are home businesses with losses or three or more rental properties. If tax payers are unsure, they can contact the tax center.

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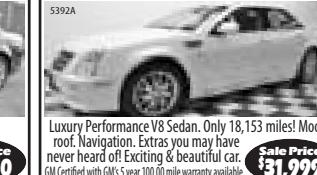
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Air Force Safety Center survey helps AFGSC identify and reduce safety risks



Air Force Safety Center's Air Force Culture Assessment Safety Tool survey. Courtesy graphic

By Carla Pampe

Air Force Global Strike Command Public Affairs

BARKSDALE AIR FORCE BASE, La. -- For Air Force Global Strike Command, ensuring safety in all things - large and small - is a priority.

Now, the AFGSC Safety Directorate's Human Factors Safety Division is using an Air Force survey tool to help identify safety issues throughout the command, and bring about change where it is needed.

The command is using the Air Force Safety Center's Air Force Culture Assessment Safety Tool survey, or AFCAST, to look for organizational conditions that increase mishap potential, said Maj. Troy Faaborg, Chief of Human Factors Safety at Air Force Global Strike Command.

"AFCAST provides squadron commanders with a means to survey their operations, maintenance, and support personnel regarding safety issues, and receive real-time feedback on their attitudes and perceptions," Faaborg said.

The survey is part of the Air Force Safety Center's overall safety assessment program, and focuses on operations, maintenance and other areas directly related to safety, according to the program's Web site. Survey questions focus on issues like fatigue, morale, leadership, policies and guidance, adherence to directives and day-to-day safety issues.

The major said that following survey completion, squadron commanders receive feedback concerning MAJCOM climate, safety culture, resource availability, workload, progress of safety intervention programs, and other operational factors relating

to safety.

"AFCAST helps squadron commanders identify safety concerns and hazards while highlighting where to focus their hazard assessment efforts," he said. "Commanders and their Safety Officers/NCOs can use this information to develop strategies, perform risk management and implement controls to better their organization's performance."

Since the survey was first implemented in Air Force Global Strike Command in 2009, participation at the unit level has been very good, the major said.

"For the 2011 survey, we had more than 7,000 respondents," Faaborg said. "Across the board, the responses were very helpful. We were able to identify a number of issues that directly affect safety in our nuclear units."

The biggest single factor identified by respondents as being responsible for mishaps on the job is fatigue, he said. Morale is another area of interest identified across the board on both the bomber and missile side.

"The results of these surveys allow us to identify things we can do to make things better both on and off duty," Faaborg said. "As a MAJCOM, we are looking at how we can best organize, train and equip our units to mitigate fatigue and other safety risks."

For the past two years, the Air Force Safety Center has sent a representative to brief the MAJCOM Commander, Directors, Numbered Air Force and Wing Commanders on the results.

"Inputs at the unit level are being briefed to senior leaders, and they are truly looking to make changes," Faaborg said. "Through these surveys, we are able to set long-term goals that will help minimize safety risks to our personnel."

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WEDNESDAY 2/1

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Airman & Family Readiness Center**Breastfeeding Support Group**

Breastfeeding Support Group is a 90-minute support group offered to Whiteman members and is the first Wednesday of every month from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the A&FRC. Contact Briana Kovach at 660-687-0368 for information. Children are welcome and should bring something to play with. No RSVP needed.

Team Whiteman Community**Airmen Against Drunk Driving**

AADD is a Whiteman Active Airmen Association program designed by Airmen to provide Whiteman personnel, who have a valid Department of Defense identification card, (Active Duty, Retirees, Guard, Reserves, Cadets, and Dependents) a free safe ride home 24/7 in the local area by dialing 660-563-1178 when they've had too much to drink and their coordinated plan has fallen through. The local area includes: Warrensburg, Knob Noster, Windsor, Sedalia and Whiteman AFB. Rank, name, and age are kept confidential. Rather than risk your life and career, take advantage of AADD.

Palace Chase Briefing

Palace Chase Briefings are held the third Wednesday of every month at 11 a.m. in the Professional Development Center, building 519, room 101. For more information contact Master Sgt. Rodney Harrell, In-Service Recruiter at 660-687-1868 or 660-460-1041.

Retiree Activities Office

The Retiree Activities Office provides an interface between the active-duty 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 looking for volunteers and training is provided. For information, call 660-687-6457 or 1-800-303-5608 or email rao@whiteman.af.mil.

Family Advocacy Outreach**Prevention & Relationship Enhancement Program**

Prevention & Relationship Enhancement Program is a communication workshop for couples (married, engaged and/or dating) who have a good relationship and want to make it better. This is a six-hour workshop and will be held every three months on a Friday from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Call 660-687-4341 for the next workshop date and location.

New Parent Support Program

New Parent Support Program is an educational outreach program available to all expecting parents, and parents with children through the age of two. In-home visits from a registered nurse and a licensed social worker will provide professional advice, educational material and resources for both parents. For more information, call 660-687-4341.

Dads: The Basics

Dads: The Basics is a four-hour workshop for new dads to learn about caring for their new baby. The workshop is taught by other fathers and is held on a Saturday morning from 8 a.m.-noon every three months. Call 660-687-4341 for next workshop date and location.

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 anger. Reservations required, call 660-687-4341.

Stress Management

Stress Management is a one-time 90-minute session support group and is offered every Monday from noon-1:30 p.m. in the mental health flight, second floor of the medical clinic. Students will learn how different stressors make an impact and how to make positive changes to reduce stress. Contact 660-687-4341 for more information.

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1-2-3 Magic is a two-session research-based parenting skills class offered twice a month on the second and fourth Tuesday from 2-4 p.m. It teaches parents easy-to-follow steps for disciplining children ages 2-12 without yelling, arguing or spanking. Parents will learn how to get their children to stop doing what they don't want them to do and encourage them to start doing what they want them to do. Parents will learn techniques for handling misbehavior in public and dealing with testing and manipulation. Reservations required, call 660-687-4341.

Common Sense Parenting

Common Sense Parenting is offered in three, 90-minute classes every month and is scheduled according to the parent's needs. The Family Advocacy Program offers two different classes. One for parents of children ages 3-5 and another for parents of children ages 6-16. This class will demonstrate how to give clear messages, stay calm and teach child self-control as well as prevent misbehavior. Reservations required, call 660-687-4341.

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