



Rowing for London



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Command Pass offers military opportunities to attend Mules, Jennies events

By Jeff Murphy
University of Central Missouri
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WARRENSBURG, Mo. -- In recognition of the outstanding partnership with Whiteman Air Force Base that has led to new initiatives related to the education of military personnel, the University of Central Missouri is establishing the UCM Command Pass for use at campus sporting events. The announcement was made during Military Appreciation Day at Crane Stadium-Tompkins Field March 31.

Beginning in fall 2012, the Command Pass will make it possible for all active duty military, Guard, Reservists, and their dependents to gain free access to all Mules and Jennies home sporting events. Individuals who are eligible under this program will be provided general admission for themselves and their immediate family members upon showing their military ID at the ticket window

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

The Air Force Global Strike Command American300 "Never Quit" Rowing Challenge began yesterday here at the Whiteman Air Force Base Fitness Center. Col. Robert Spalding III, 509th Bomb Wing vice commander, kicked off the monthlong challenge by rowing the first 500 meters.

On March 28, 2012, Robi Powers, American300 founder, introduced the challenge at Whiteman AFB along with Dan Beery, 2004 Olympic Rowing Gold Medalist and Sean Colgan, 1980 Olympic Rowing Team Member.

"At American300 we're all about bringing individuals who are walking, talking, breathing billboards of perseverance, of resiliency, of four-wheel drive, lean forward can-do attitude and sharing them with the troops," said Powers.

Dan Beery was faced with disappointment after a knee injury ended his division one college basketball career. However, Beery persevered by taking over a new sport he had never tried and became an Olympic gold medalist in rowing.

"I understand a lot of the time these troops get tasked with things they were never trained to do but they have to go out there and do it to the best of their ability," Beery said. "I feel like I can relate to them and help motivate after my experience of switching sports and eventually succeeding."

Sean Colgan has also faced adversity when he was selected to join the 1980 Olympic rowing team only to have the U.S. boycott the Olympic Games that year. Colgan took it upon himself to organize two competitions in which the U.S. rowing team won both.

"My experience with the 1980 U.S. Olympic games boycott has only helped me out in the long run," Colgan said. "I came here to show these Airmen that even when you get kicked down, you can always get back up and accomplish your goals."

The Rowing Challenge links the American300 "Never Quit" series with the 2012 Summer Olympics in London by challenging Airmen to row a cumulative total of 5,900 kilometers between all the bases - the distance between Washington, D.C. and London.

Any personnel (including dependents) assigned to AFGSC may participate in the rowing, however, only active duty Airmen assigned to AFGSC are eligible to win prizes. Members of the fitness center are not eligible for the grand prize.

The AFGSC Airman with the overall farthest distance rowed will travel to London with the American300 team in July, with all expenses paid.

The base with the overall farthest distance rowed will receive \$50,000 in quality of life funds and U.S. Olympic Rowing Team gear will be awarded to Airmen as individual prizes.

Much obliged, Jim Nowitzke

By Maj. Kelley Poree

509th Contracting Squadron commander

Call me obliged. Some years ago -- never mind how long precisely -- having just completed basic training at Fort Benning, Ga. and entering Alpha Company 1st Battalion 29th Infantry Regiment as a newly-minted Army mechanized infantryman, I was finally free from the academic demands of high school -- Mr. Hester's English class, in particular.

Not long after I was introduced to my new squad leader in the unit, Staff Sgt. Zachary Hunt, I noticed a still, chiseled-chinned sergeant with piercing eyes standing next to him, Jim Nowitzke, my new team leader.

Jim was a family man attending college and from a hard-working family in Detroit, Mich. From day one, he demanded excellence not only in the technical and tactical aspects of effectively employing the Bradley Fighting Vehicle against America's enemies, but also in professional military education and taking advantage of educational opportunities. His stare alone required an answer to the question "what are you going to do with your time while in this unit?" Before I could respond, he led me over the Harmony Church Education Center and made me fill out a tuition assis-

tance request form for my first college class (reluctantly at the time I might add, and ironically, that class was English).

What I did not understand then, I fully understand now, precisely 21.7 years later and as a commander with a file filled with TA forms—leaders at all levels, have an obligation to challenge, motivate and develop tomorrow's well-rounded competent leaders, today.

With Jim's actions as a backdrop and after a thorough assessment of our unit, I recently revised our mission statement from "maximizing our nation's global strike capabilities through innovative procurement of best value goods and services for our customers both at home and during contingency operations" to "[Our mission is to] execute responsive and compliant business solutions that enable Team Whiteman to accomplish their respective missions;[and to] develop and equip tomorrow's contracting leaders through comprehensive [leadership, career guidance, education professional],on the job training."

I am confident many of the leaders within our squadrons today will be the career field's senior contracting leaders of tomorrow!

Unfortunately in the summer of 2006, while on mid-tour leave from a one-year deployment to Iraq, I received sad news. Jim

Nowitzke was critically injured in an accident in 1999 and later died in 2001. Stunned and at a loss for words in 2006, I realized that I would never have the opportunity to tell Jim, "Thank you" for the difference he'd made in my life. Well, as fate would have it, and after almost six years of searching, I located Jim's wife, Sarah Nowitzke and shared my story.

During our discussion we both realized that Jim had the same impact on her as well. After Jim's death, she headed for college and received her Master's in social work and is now the Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation New Dawn Program Manager at Veterans Administration Ann Arbor Healthcare System in Ann Arbor, Mich., where she spends time making a difference overseeing the provision of care for returning combat Veterans.

To quote a well-known historian and guardian of records from the late 1800s, David Pulsifer: "Each person has an opportunity to help others no matter how little, this help is really more about making a difference that can assist others to improve their own life." Much obliged, Jim Nowitzke. You've definitely made a difference in my life and I am passionately obliged to do the same for others.

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Commander's Corner

Team Whiteman,

The third round of Voluntary Early Retirement Authority and Voluntary Separation Incentive Payment is scheduled to begin in May. This upcoming round is to continue the effort to meet the Defense Department obligation in maintaining fiscal year 2010 levels while also maximizing voluntary separation measures to preclude any involuntary actions.

As we go through this process for the third time, many valuable individuals who are instrumental in Team Whiteman's success will face tough decisions;

however, my stance on the issue remains the same--the decision to retire or separate early is left solely to each individual eligible and what decision they make. This is a personal decision not a mandated one.

It is important to me as your commander that everyone here understands Air Force leadership is committed to minimizing negative impacts on our current permanent civilian workforce and their families all while maintaining excellence and meeting fiscal requirements. This is a challenging balance act and we cannot ignore the hardships some will face.

We have many great civilians in our workforce that, should they choose to separate or retire early, they will leave a gap in our processes here. Every loss we sustain from this process is just that, a loss, and it affects not just our civilian workforce, but military as well.

For those eligible beginning next month, take time now to think about what decision you will make--what is best for you, your family and career. I stand behind you in whatever decision you choose.

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-Brig. Gen. Scott Vander Hamm,
Commander



Education opens doors

By Maj. David P. Goode

709th Munitions Squadron commander

Let me say up front there are very few things I'm as passionate about as education, whether it be an advanced degree, a vocational course, or reading a book to understand the world around you.

Education opens doors and serves as a catalyst for one to improve their lot in life and grow as a person. I recently hit my 20-year point in the Air Force, which tends to make you retrospective about your journey, while shifting your focus to those coming behind you.

I was raised in a small town in the south with a population of approximately 2,000. Growing up, most of the parents of my generation were blue-collar mill-workers with a dedication to family and work ethic second-to-none; however, we lacked opportunity.

Many either followed their parents into the paper mill, a good respectable vocation in its own right, or joined the Army. Rarely did anyone join the Air Force, and few had considered a career as an officer. I certainly had little aspirations for college, as evidenced by the fact that I never took a college preparatory course, nor did I take the SAT or ACT exams. At 19-years old, I had no career aspirations, little education and a murky path to the future.

While working as a laborer for a company that moved household goods for the local Army installa-

tion, I took an interest in military service, not for patriotic reasons or a desire to serve (these came later), but more so with a desire to eat. I had always been somewhat drawn to the Air Force while looking through my dad's picture albums of his service as an Airman 3rd Class during Vietnam, and the feeling of belonging to something "bigger" while trying on his old service coat.

Nevertheless, I had no intention of joining until faced with the prospects of unemployment.

Midway through my enlistment, I made the decision to make a career of the Air Force. My supervisor told me that I would need my Community College of the Air Force degree if I planned to progress in the Air Force. I reluctantly signed up for night classes at the local university to cover my remaining electives, and my life changed at that point. I took a class and earned an A, so I took another, and so on. This pattern continued until I had my CCAF in short order. I decided to continue my education and pursue a Bachelor's degree, still unsure if I was capable. At the end of my four-year enlistment, I cautiously left the Air Force and the security it provided, so I could attend a brick-and-mortar university to complete my Bachelor's degree. No one in my family, and very few from my hometown had graduated college, and I wanted to challenge myself.

Through the GI Bill, an Air

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NEWS BRIEFS

Warrensburg AAA Interested in Baseball (hardball) Players Wanted

The Warrensburg American Legion is looking for interested men in the age group of 18 to 19 years old who want to continue their baseball careers. In order to be eligible, a player's age for the Senior American Legion Baseball competition in 2012 is open only to players born on or after January 1, 1993. The team plays a schedule of more than 40 games with tournaments in Arkansas, Blue Springs, Sedalia and Springfield, Mo., and have district, zone and state tournaments. Those interested should call, 660-441-3384 or email jrgrove@embarqmail.com.

American Red Cross Volunteer Opportunity at Whiteman AFB

The American Red Cross has multiple volunteer opportunities at the 509th Medical Group. Anyone interested in volunteering should first contact the Medical Group's volunteer coordinators in the Resource Management office, room 1130, or call 660-687-6782. Volunteers can serve in a variety of service positions including patient check-in, answering phones, records management, pharmacy, lab, radiology support and other general administrative functions. Professional volunteers are also welcome. The MDG volunteer coordinator will help those with the Red Cross volunteer application process. More information and forms can be found at redcross.org/en/volunteer.

Whiteman Tax Center

The Whiteman Air Force Base Tax Center is open for business 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. Clients can call 660-687-2896 to schedule an appointment. Taxpayers are asked not to contact base legal.

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High school sons or daughters of active duty Air Force members can volunteer up to 250 hours over the four years of high school, with a maximum potential of \$1,000 toward college or vocational-technical school. The Youth Employment Skills Program is an Air-Force-wide program that offers high school students the opportunity to learn new skills, volunteer their time while helping their community and receive money toward their educational endeavors. For every hour volunteered, \$2 will go to base youth programs to support recreational improvements, computer labs, and other programs. For more information about the YES program, contact Whiteman Youth Programs at 660-687-5586 or search Whiteman AFB Teen Programs via Facebook and click "Like."

UCM Military Appreciation Day



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

WARRENSBURG, Mo. -- Brig. Gen. Scott Vander Hamm, 509th Bomb Wing commander, throws out the first pitch at the University of Central Missouri Military Appreciation Day baseball game, March 31. At the game, Charles Ambrose, UCM President, introduced the Command Pass which grants all military members and their dependents free admission into UCM home sporting events with their military ID, beginning in fall of 2012. (See page 1 for an article about the Command Pass).

ALS graduates future leaders

The Whiteman Airman Leadership School Class 12-D graduated 31 future supervisors March 29 at the Mission's End.

The award winners were senior airmen:

John L. Levitow:
Jonathan Velasquez,
509th Security Forces Squadron

Distinguished Graduates:
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Christopher Ross,
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Michael Courtright,
509th MDOS

The graduates were:
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Senior Airman Randall Cole,
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Senior Airman Nathan Knox,
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Senior Airman Samuel Livingston,
Senior Airman Jon Stimmel,
20th Reconnaissance Squadron

Senior Airman Christopher Russell,
709th Munitions Squadron

(Submission courtesy of the 509th Force Support Squadron Airman Leadership School)

Whiteman AFB Military Clothing grand opening



U.S. Air Force photo/Heidi Hunt

Brig. Gen. Scott Vander Hamm, 509th Bomb Wing commander, and Senior Airman Cameron Jonas, 509th Maintenance Squadron avionics technician and Airman of the Quarter, cut a ribbon signifying the grand opening of the Military Clothing Store in the Base Exchange, its new location, March 30. Store hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Force ROTC pay, and an academic scholarship, I was able to earn a degree, something I would have never dreamed of just a few years before. Upon graduation, I commissioned and returned to active duty with a different perspective and have served every day since with a sense of gratitude for the opportunities that education has provided.

Throughout the years my desire for education has grown and I pursue every educational opportunity available and read every book I can get my hands on. Education has remained a passion since taking that first class for my CCAF and it has changed my life in ways unimaginable to that 19 year-old with little aspirations so many years ago. The Air Force provides you with endless opportunities, but it's up to you to take advantage of those. Your Air Force career will come and go, but your education is something that you own and it can never be taken from you.

I encourage you to challenge yourself and not let the opportunity that education provides pass you by.



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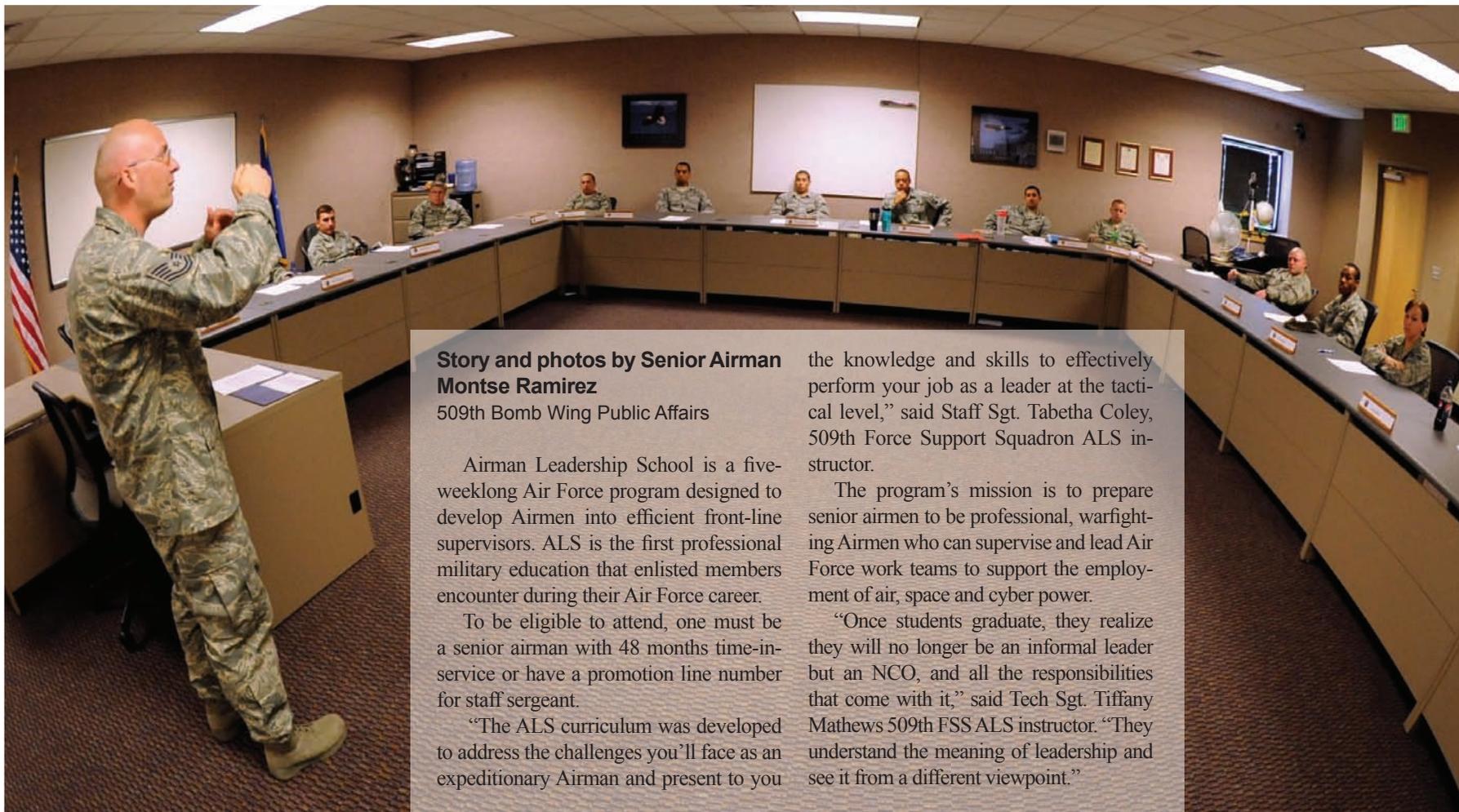
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ALS prepares Whiteman members to be successful NCOs



Story and photos by Senior Airman Montse Ramirez
509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

Airman Leadership School is a five-weeklong Air Force program designed to develop Airmen into efficient front-line supervisors. ALS is the first professional military education that enlisted members encounter during their Air Force career.

To be eligible to attend, one must be a senior airman with 48 months time-in-service or have a promotion line number for staff sergeant.

“The ALS curriculum was developed to address the challenges you’ll face as an expeditionary Airman and present to you

the knowledge and skills to effectively perform your job as a leader at the tactical level,” said Staff Sgt. Tabettha Coley, 509th Force Support Squadron ALS instructor.

The program’s mission is to prepare senior airmen to be professional, warfighting Airmen who can supervise and lead Air Force work teams to support the employment of air, space and cyber power.

“Once students graduate, they realize they will no longer be an informal leader but an NCO, and all the responsibilities that come with it,” said Tech Sgt. Tiffany Mathews 509th FSS ALS instructor. “They understand the meaning of leadership and see it from a different viewpoint.”

Tech. Sgt. Joseph Laxson, 509th Force Support Squadron Airman Leadership School instructor, talks to his students during an academic instruction part of the program. The curriculum is 192 hours and gives 10 semester credits toward Airmen’s Community College of the Air Force degree.



A flight of ALS students stand in formation saluting the flag while they perform drill practice.



Tech. Sgt. Joseph Laxson, 509th Force Support Squadron Airman Leadership School instructor, reviews a student’s work. All four ALS instructors incorporate different learning styles to ensure the students are engaged during classes.



Tech. Sgt. Tiffany Mathews, 509th FSS ALS instructor, performs a uniform inspection on ALS students.

509th AMXS Key Spouses' sponsor Easter Egg Hunt

By Senior Airman Nick Wilson
509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

More than 150 people participated in an Easter Egg Hunt hosted by the 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron Key Spouse Group to boost morale at the Ike Skelton Park March 31.

"We're trying to bring families together to show them we care," said Lt. Col. Chris Boring, 509th AMXS commander. "It's important to get spouses better connected and there's nothing more fun than being seven years old and Easter Egg hunting."

Candy, for the hourlong event, was paid for by the senior noncommissioned officers and officers of the 509th AMXS. Eggs and refreshments were purchased by key spouses.

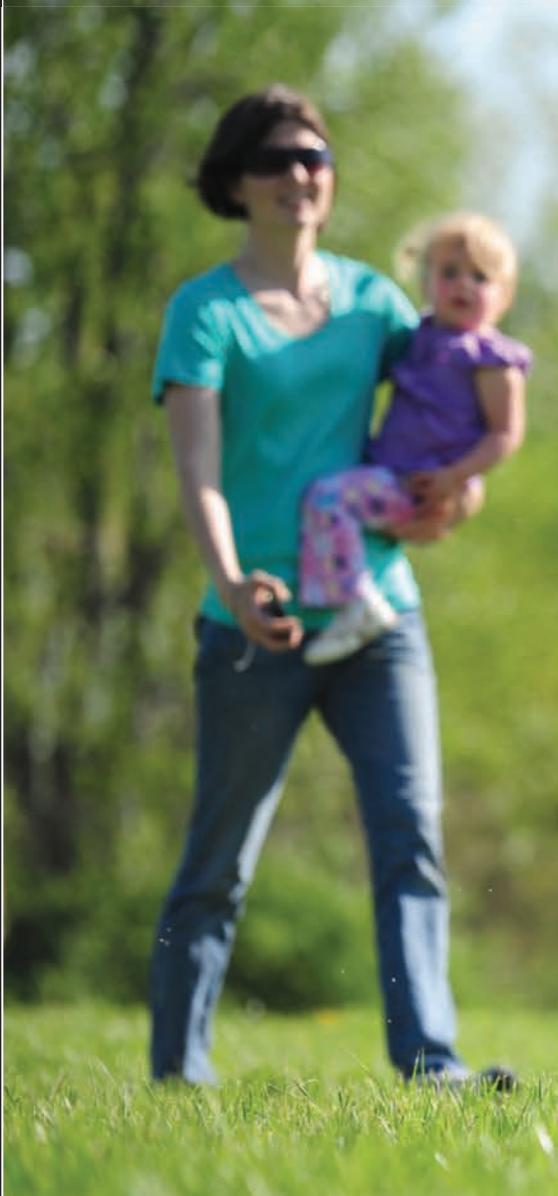
In addition to holding events like this one, the 509th AMXS Key Spouse Group has a duty to get information out regarding different events to the other spouses in the squadron, according to Cindy Sanders, 509th AMXS key spouse group volunteer.

"Maybe someone's husband or wife is gone on a temporary duty assignment and his or her spouse isn't telling them about the events," Sanders said.

Key spouses are responsible for getting the information out through phone, email and meetings.

The 509th AMXS Key Spouse Group plans to have more events like this in the future, according to Sanders.

"This is our first event for AMXS but we are planning on organizing something every two months for the families," Sanders said.



Luke, 5, runs with a basket full of Easter eggs as his mother, Capt. Kristen Shadden, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron aircraft maintenance unit officer in charge, and Luke's sister, Leah, follow during a 509th AMXS Easter Egg Hunt at Ike Skelton Park March 31.



Airman 1st Class Shaun Kammerman, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron B-2 crew chief, helps his daughter, Hunter, as she picks up eggs while his wife, Laura, watches.



Master Sgt. Paul Morse, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron unit security manager, walks across a bridge with his daughter, Kali, during a 509th AMXS Easter Egg Hunt at Ike Skelton Park. Not only was the event held to increase morale, but it helped create a bond among Airmen in the squadron, their families and co-workers.



Jaden, son of Staff Sgt. Patrick Gore, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron weapons load crew member, runs in the field in search of Easter eggs during a 509th AMXS Easter Egg Hunt at Ike Skelton Park.

U.S. Air Force photos/
Senior Airman Nick Wilson

First Lady unveils new military spouse hiring effort

By Elaine Sanchez
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — First Lady Michelle Obama April 4 announced a new hiring effort intended to deliver thousands of portable, flexible job opportunities to military spouses and veterans in the coming years.

Eleven companies have pledged more than 15,000 jobs for military spouses and veterans, the first lady said, noting the vast majority of these jobs can be accomplished from home.

This commitment will make a “huge difference” for military spouses, Obama said during a teleconference announcing the initiative. “We’re working hard on their behalf because we’re proud of them,” the first lady said. “Having an opportunity to have a decent job . . . is one of the most important ways we can support these families.”

This new effort will offer spouses thousands of at-home employment opportunities in areas such as customer support and tele-marketing, as well as jobs that are physically located near military installations, a White House news release said. Nearly two dozen contact centers — which offer family-friendly scheduling, growth opportunities and the ability to transfer seamlessly from one center to another — have committed to hiring spouses.

These companies and their job opportunities will be integrated into the Defense Department’s Military Spouse Employment Partnership, the release said. MSEPE is an effort in which more than 100 private-sector companies have committed to a focused effort on military spouse employment.

“Whatever comes up in life along the way, these types of jobs will give them the type of flexibility and portability they’ll need to succeed, not just in their careers, but the rest of their lives as well,” Obama said on the conference call.

The first lady noted the value of flexible, portable jobs for military spouses, who must balance work and home life with military-related demands. Portability enables spouses to move without the stress of finding a new job at each new location, the first lady explained, noting military families are 10 times more likely to move

across state lines than civilian families. And flexible work hours offer a better work-life balance, particularly for spouses caring for children or elderly parents.

Also on the call, Air Force wife Dawn Schaeffer recounted the employment challenges that drove her to find the at-work flexibility she needed.

Schaeffer started out as a veterinary technician, but was unable to find work in her field after she and her husband, Air Force Staff Sgt. Travis Schaeffer, moved from Guam to Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo. Wanting time at home with their baby daughter, Schaeffer found a job as an at-home customer service professional, which offers her both portability and flexibility. She now provides customer service to some of the largest companies in the world, she said. “I absolutely love what I do.”

Military spouses shoulder a significant burden, Obama noted. They move frequently, take on additional responsibilities during deployment — all while balancing the demands of family, careers and community.

But while challenging, a military lifestyle also equips spouses with a vast array of in-demand job skills, the first lady said. They’re able to troubleshoot a variety of situations, manage schedules and deal with changing circumstances — all qualities any employer would value, she noted.

“Military spouses often are the most talented and most resilient and most employable people around,” she said. “What we’re trying to do is meet these spouses where they are.”

The first lady’s announcement comes in advance of next week’s Joining Forces anniversary. Obama and Dr. Jill Biden, the vice president’s wife, launched this national initiative last year to rally the nation in support of troops, veterans and their families.

Since then, they’ve focused much of their efforts on employment issues for spouses and veterans, the first lady said, and have “made strides all along the way.”

The first lady praised the companies that have stepped up to support spouses and veterans. “Companies are not just telling military families we are inspired by them,” Obama said, “They’re backing it up with meaningful, concrete action.”

Companies’ key commitments include:

□ Alpine Access has pledged to recruit, train and hire more than 3,000 military-connected Americans over the next two years. The company also will launch TalentSprout, an online portal with skill-building and job training curriculum. These career and personal development courses will be offered free-of-charge to qualified members of the armed forces and to their eligible spouses and caregivers.

□ Arise Virtual Solutions Inc. plans to add 10,000 new independent business and client services professionals from military families over the next several years. Arise also intends to develop special programs to create awareness among military spouses and veterans.

□ DialAmerica aims to increase the number of military-affiliated employees to make up 20 percent of its workforce by 2014.

□ Etech Global Services has committed to hiring a minimum of 200 military spouses and veterans in next two years.

□ Hilton Hotels employs nearly 800 military-related employees at their hotels and offices around the globe. In partnership with Recruit Military and other community-based organizations, Hilton Worldwide is pledging another 3.5 percent of their Hilton@Home call center positions to military spouses through 2014.

□ Prosperity America intends to hire 50 more veterans and military spouses.

□ Quality Contact Solutions is creating 150 work-at-home business-to-business marketing and communication jobs for military spouses over the next two years. These jobs will be in the health care and telecommunications industries.

□ Agility Marketing is planning to add 100 jobs for military spouses and veterans over the next two years.

□ QCSS Inc. will ensure a minimum of 10 percent of the forecasted 200 new hires from now through 2014 will be veterans and their families.

□ SP Data intends to add more than 150 jobs for military spouses and veterans over the next two years.

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Team Whiteman: *Let's go green!*

Story and photos by
Senior Airman Nick Wilson
509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

On April 22, the 42nd anniversary of Earth Day, people from different continents, ethnic backgrounds and religions will participate in numerous "acts of green" around the globe, according to earthday.org.

In an effort to contribute to this global campaign, the staff members of the Whiteman Air Force Base Recycling Center encourage the community to reduce, reuse and recycle as often as possible.

"The world is going to run out of natural resources someday," said Mark Davis, 509th Force Support Squadron. "Hopefully recycling slows that process down."

Instead of producing extra trash, the base must pay to dispose of, these materials can be recycled to generate revenue. In 2011 Whiteman recycled more than 600 tons of biodegradable waste and earned \$170K in revenue.

"We calculate cost avoidance," said Paul Edwards, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron qualified recycling program manager. "It costs us more than \$100 a ton to throw trash in the Warrensburg landfill. So if you look at it from that standpoint, it's about \$60K that we save the Air Force each year by recycling."

The money earned in revenue initially goes toward operation costs such as worker salaries, equipment and maintenance on vehicles and recycling equipment. Remaining proceeds go to support

environmental, safety, energy, morale, welfare and recreation activities.

Materials recycled on base include newspaper, magazines, corrugated cardboard, plastic containers, aluminum cans, scrap metal, printer cartridges, plastic bags and lead acid batteries. Recycling center customers are asked that individual bags of sorted paper, aluminum cans and plastic bottles are either separated and dropped off at the recycling center in the designated bins or placed in any of the bins located near garbage dumpsters.

"Because we're strapped for manpower and money, we rely on customers to sort their materials before turning them in," Davis said.

Customers are urged to go to the recycling center rather than the recycling bin in the Base Exchange parking lot if they have large amounts of materials to recycle. The recycling center is open to Whiteman personnel and is located in building 183, at the corner of 3rd Street and McConnell Avenue.

Recycling center personnel are available to help customers Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The facility's drop-off bins are available 24/7 for customer convenience.

As Earth Day approaches, Team Whiteman is encouraged to remember how important Mother Nature's resources are, according to Edwards.

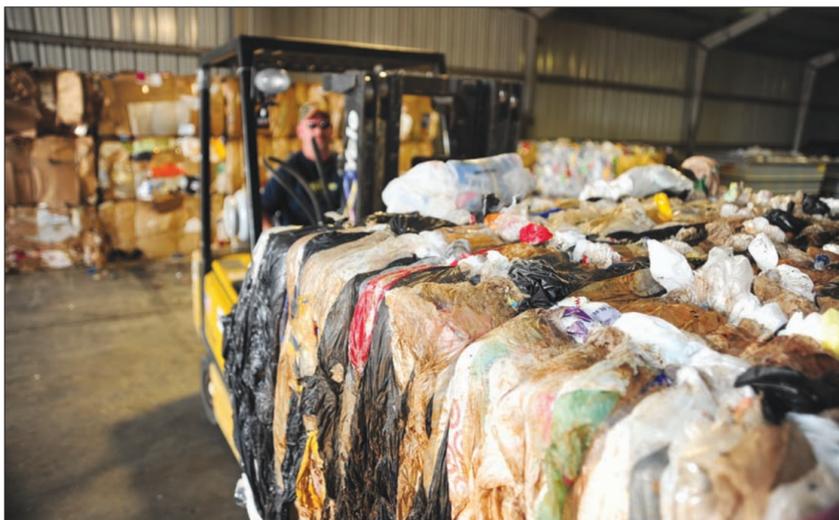
"It's a day to sit back and reflect on what we should be doing to take care of the environment," Edwards said. "Everybody needs to be involved, even if it's just having a small container in your house. Every little bit helps."



The recycling center is located on the corner of 3rd Street and McConnell Avenue across from the Whiteman Express and Vehicle Operations Center. It is open 24/7 and is available to the entire Whiteman community.



Jeff Willming, 509th Force Support Squadron material handler, puts plastic milk cartons in a recycling bin March 29 at the recycling center.



(LEFT) Willming drives a forklift to move a pallet of plastic bags at the Whiteman Recycling Center. As part of Earth Day 2012, Team Whiteman is encouraged to reduce, reuse and recycle as often as possible to protect planet Earth's natural resources. (RIGHT) Willming puts plastic milk cartons in a recycling bin at the recycling center.



Gebara is bid a 'wet' farewell



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

Brig. Gen. Scott Vander Hamm, 509th Bomb Wing commander, assists Mrs. Nikki Gebara, wife of Col. Andrew Gebara, in hosing off her husband after his final flight as the 509th Vice Wing Commander here March 30. Gebara and his family will be taking on a new assignment at Barksdale Air Force Base, La.

Army Veteran, filmmaker to speak on Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder

By Jeff Murphy

University of Central Missouri
University Relations

WARRENSBURG, Mo. -- Team Whiteman is invited to attend the Oppenheimer Lecture Fund Presentation "From Combat to College, Transitioning with PTSD (Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder)." From 11 a.m. April 12, in Elliott Union 237A-B. The free presentation and discussion will feature remarks by award-winning filmmaker and former U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Kyle Hausmann-Stokes.

The presentation is made possible by the Office of Military and Veteran Services at UCM, which is also bringing to campus the same day the Kansas City Vet Center's mobile unit. From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., it will be located at Union Street between the Elliott Union and the W.C. Morris Science Building, giving veterans an opportunity to register for Veterans Administration services. Gerald Denson, Kansas City Vet Center team leader, and Yulonda Swanson-Moten, VA family therapist, will be on campus for the presentation by Hausmann-Stokes and will staff the Mobile Vet Center.

Hausmann-Stokes is a military veteran who served five years in the Army's Airborne Infantry and as a squad leader and

convoy commander during a yearlong combat tour in Iraq. He was awarded the Bronze Star for his meritorious service and actions under fire. Dedicated to telling the "soldier's story," Hausmann-Stokes documented his combat mission and the difficulties of transitioning from combat to civilian life, specifically, to college.

The Army veteran has a formal education in film studies, and his college experience includes a degree in cinematic arts from the University of Southern California in 2010, in addition to studies at the University of California-Los Angeles and Universidad de Madrid. He is the owner-operator of Blue Three Productions, a service-disabled, veteran-owned film-video production company. He also works with organizations such as the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs to create military and veteran-related content for his films. His works often provide graphic detail to give audiences a realistic look at what men and women who serve their country face in a combat mission and in their struggles against PTSD.

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Whiteman member gets bitten by Pit Bull

By Senior Airman Montse Ramirez
509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

March 12, 2012, started as a normal day on the job for Balfour Beatty Community workers Aaron Roberts and Harold White, until they received a call that would change Robert's life for the worse.

"The two men responded to a garage repair," said Shelly Fischer, BBC community manager. "When they arrived the resident told them it was ok to get started. They began opening the garage and before they knew it a Pit Bull attacked Roberts."

Fischer said the lease stated the owners had one animal, a five-pound Chihuahua.

"We called security police and when they showed up they asked the owner for the dog's shot records and they didn't have any," Fischer said. "They had to take Roberts to Johnson County Community Health Services for rabies shots."

The dog was sent to a kennel off-base and the owners now face a Uniform Code of Military Justice action for falsifying information on Air Force documents and potential civil charges, said Col. Randy Boswell, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron commander.

"This is the most recent but not the only attack at Whiteman and in the surrounding communities," Boswell said. "It's important for Whiteman members to know the risks and consequences of owning aggressive dogs."

The Air Force Policy states that "Residents may not board dogs of any breed that are deemed aggressive or potentially aggressive unless the dog is a certified military working dog that is being boarded by its handler/trainer or approval is obtained by the installation commander in writing."

"For purposes of this policy, aggressive breeds of dogs are defined as Pit Bulls, Rottweilers, Doberman Pinschers, Chows and wolf hybrids," states Air Force Instruction 32-6001. "Prohibition also extends to other breeds of dogs that demonstrate behaviors such as unprovoked growling or snarling at people, aggressively running along a fence line when people are present, biting or scratching people."

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In addition to the Command Pass for military, the university is providing an opportunity for the UCM community to think more expansively about engagement opportunities that bring the campus and local community together by providing free admission for UCM faculty and staff and their dependents to regular season, home athletic events. This will also begin in the fall. Each faculty and staff member who presents their university ID at the ticket booth will be given general admission tickets to ensure seats for themselves and their immediate family members.

UCM President Chuck Ambrose said the Command Pass program honors the leadership of Brig. Gen. Scott Vander Hamm, 509th Bomb Wing commander.

"General Vander Hamm has been an exceptional friend and partner with UCM, and his expertise has helped guide us in many important decisions that affect the education of those who serve this country," Ambrose said. "We have a variety of

new opportunities in place that will benefit men and women who want to advance in their careers and equip them with new skills they can use after leaving the service."

While Vander Hamm has served as base commander, the university has created opportunities such as the Whiteman Advantage, which allows UCM to better meet the education needs of base personnel; established a Military Tuition Package; and a new Military and Veterans Success Center. The university also has collaborated with the base on faculty and staff tours, and jointly addressed issues such as drinking among underage Airmen.

Prior to the start of the first game of a double header against the Missouri Southern State University Lions, Vander Hamm, 509th Bomb Wing commander, threw out the first pitch, and Ambrose made a special presentation to him in honor of the outstanding relationship that has existed between the base and UCM under the commander's leadership, and new educational opportunities that have been created for individuals who serve their country.

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SUMMER CAMP
May 29 - August 10
K-12yrs. 6am-6pm

The SAP is now taking requests for care in our Summer Camp child care program. Youth will have the opportunity to experience a variety of activities including swimming, field trips, special guest presentations & more!

Pick up a registration packet, at the Youth Center during normal business hours, Monday-Friday 0600-1800 or have them sent via Email!

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Sign up at our Month of the Military Child Carnival, April 12th or you can call the Youth Center at 660-687-5586.

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Teenagers participate in Operation Night Hoops March 30 in the Youth Center gymnasium. Operation Night Hoops is a free monthly basketball event in the Youth Center gymnasium which is offered to teenagers ages 13-18.

Operation Night Hoops offers drug free environment for teens

Story and photos by Senior Airman Nick Wilson
509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

Twenty-six teenagers attended Whiteman Air Force Base Youth Center Night Hoops event, for teenagers ages 13-18 March 30.

Operation Night Hoops is a teen program, held monthly, and designed to help teens play basketball in a safe and drug free environment.

A few different events that took place were a game of red light, green light, a king and queen of dribblers competition and a clap pass competition. Various gifts were given away to the winners of the competitions and free snacks and drinks were provided to the teenagers.

“The turnout was awesome,” said Kim O’Brien, 509th Force Support Squadron Youth Center teen coordinator. “We had the largest number of teens we’ve ever had.”

In addition to providing a safe, drug free environment, Operation Night Hoops gave the teens an opportunity to build teamwork and leadership.

“Not only do the children get to have fun, but they learn life skills they can use at school and later on in life,” O’Brien said.

Many teens enjoy attending Operation Night Hoops because it gets them out of the house and puts them in a social environment with their peers.

“At Operation Night Hoops you get to come and play basketball with your friends, meet a bunch of new friends, be competitive, work as a team and have a good time,” said Jacob Rice, eighth grade student at Warrensburg Middle School.

Since this event takes place once a month, anyone older than 18 is able to volunteer to chaperone.

“We also encourage adults to come play with the teens to be positive role models,” O’Brien said.

Operation Night Hoops also provides an alternative to teens living the inactive lifestyle of staying at home playing videogames or watching television.

“I think the teens enjoy the teamwork and getting together with their friends in a somewhat competitive environment,” O’Brien said.



Gerald Torres, 509th Force Support Squadron Youth Center chief of youth programs, talks to teens about teamwork, leadership and discipline during Operation Night Hoops March 30 in the Youth Center.



James Bodine, son of Lt. Col Ron Bodine, 394th Combat Training Squadron commander, shoots the basketball as Jacob Rice, eighth grade student at Warrensburg Middle School, tries to block him in the Youth Center Gymnasium during Operation Night Hoops March 30.

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