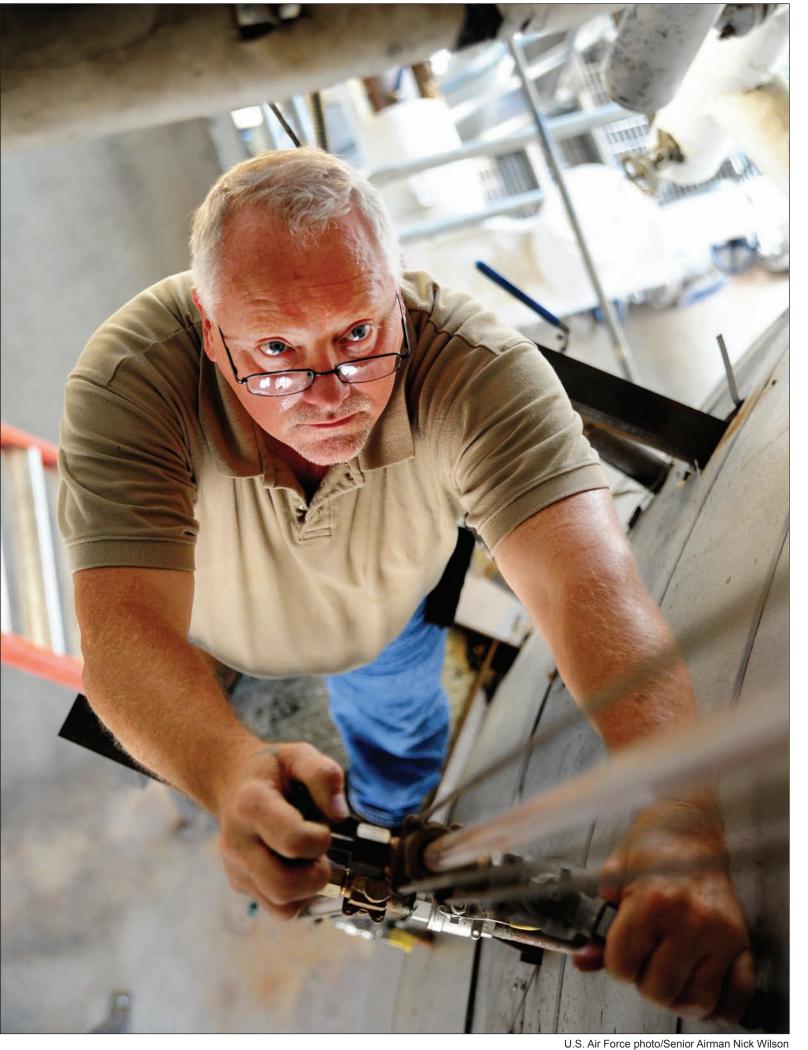


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Courtesy of National Weather Service

# **AF senior leaders stress safety** over Labor Day weekend

WASHINGTON -- Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Welsh III and Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James Roy issued the following message to all Air Force personnel:

As our Nation pays tribute to American workers during Labor Day weekend, we thank all Airmen for your dedicated service and hard work every day of the year.

While many of you enjoy a well-earned break to celebrate the last holiday of the summer season, we urge you to plan your activities with care and to make smart decisions that will keep you, your family, and your friends safe.

Safety is a concern for all of us. Sadly, more than 40 Air-

men have died in off-duty mishaps this year, including 27 Airmen killed in motor vehicle accidents. Many of these tragic losses may have been preventable, the result of reckless behavior such as excessive speed, irresponsible alcohol use, failure to use proper safety gear, or inattention.

Equally alarming, our Air Force family has lost 70 Airmen to suicide this year.

Our goal is to eliminate all preventable mishaps, and you can help by setting a standard of zero tolerance for reckless behavior



U.S. Air Force graphic, photo/Michael Means

and through awareness of subtle behavioral changes that could indicate heightened levels of stress in yourself or others. Because one lost life is too many, we urge all Airmen to look out for one another and remember that safety requires deliberate forethought.

Your family, friends, and fellow Airmen depend on you. Please take time to consider safety as you enjoy Labor Day weekend, and as always, thank you for all you do for our Air Force and our Nation.

# Redesigned program eases Airmen's transition to civilian life

#### By Joel Fortner

Air Force Public Affairs Agency

WASHINGTON -- A redesigned program will help ease every Airman's transition to civilian life and better apply their military experience, Air Force officials said.

The program is the first major overhaul of the transition assistance program for military members in nearly 20 years.

The effort began in response to a call from President Barack Obama in August 2011 to ensure all service members are "career ready" when they leave the military.

Slated to begin service-wide in November, the current threeday, optional program will be expanded to five days and has been redesigned into a comprehensive, mandatory program that includes pre-separation counseling, a military-to-civilian skills review, a Veterans Affairs benefits briefing, financial planning support, job search skills building, and individual transition plan preparation.

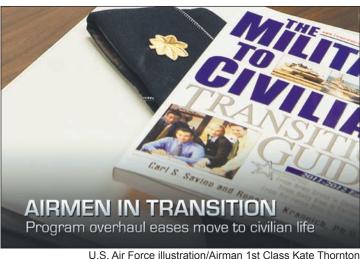
A pilot program was held July 9-13 at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, which, according to officials, allowed Departments of Defense, Labor and Veterans Affairs to test the initiative.

According to Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley, the redesigned program bolsters and standardizes the transition services that service members receive prior to retiring or separating from the military to make them employment ready.

"Our goal is to provide Airmen with a comprehensive transition assistance program that prepares them for life after the military, whether that's pursuing education, working in the public or civilian sector, or starting a business," Donley said.

Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James A. Roy said the program is as good for the civilian sector as it is for Airmen.

"Employers are looking for educated, trained, experienced people like those who are separating from the Air Force," he said. "This program will help smooth our Airmen's transitions to civilian life."



Under the old program, separating Guardsmen and Reservists were often left to their own devices. Roy said another benefit of this new program is the inclusion of the Total Force.

We want to take care of all our Airmen, and this program does that," he said. "No component of our Total Force deserves more help transitioning than another."

By October 2013, three two-day optional sessions on pursuing a technical certification, starting a business, or pursuing a higher educational degree will also be offered to Airmen.

"Our Airmen have extraordinary technical expertise and world-class leadership skills that are in high demand," Donley said. "This program will help them apply their experience to additional training, formal education, and develop successful civilian careers."

For more information, contact your local Airman and Family Readiness Center or email af.a1saa@pentagon.af.mil.

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## **BX closure**

The Whiteman Exchange, Food Court, Military Clothing Store and Concessions Mall is closed Monday in observance of Labor Day. The Express will remain open for your shopping convenience. Normal hours of operation will return Tuesday.

### Long Road Home visit

The Long Road Home Project is scheduled to make a two-day stop at Whiteman, Tuesday through Thursday. Five military veterans from the Long Road Home Project have made it their mission to bike more than 4,500 miles across the country in efforts to heal war wounds and raise money to help war veterans. More information regarding arrival times and other scheduled events will be provided via the official Whiteman AFB Facebook page.

## Air Force Housing Web Site

Visit www.Housing.af.mil to find your new home with the Air Force.

This web site serves as a one-stop shop for Airmen and their families to obtain information about the housing options and support services available to them at Air Force bases worldwide.

## Heart Walk

The 2012 Johnson County Heart Walk is scheduled for Sept. 22 in Warrensburg. Area residents can help support programs to fight this growing health problem are encouraged to participate.

The local Heart Walk is part of a nationwide effort. For more information, contact Carmen Schick at 816-210-5772, or email carmen.schick@heart. org.

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To learn more, contact your local Air Force recruiter, call 1-800-423-USAF or visit airforce.com and speak live with an Air Force adviser.

For more news briefs, visit http:// www.whiteman.af.mil/news/announcements/index.asp

# 509th CES keeps boilers running smoothly

Paul Ross, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron central heat plant project manager, checks the level of liquid in a 100,000 gallon diesel fuel tank, Aug. 27. This is one of three fuel tanks used as an emergency back-up to support the boilers that provides heat on base.





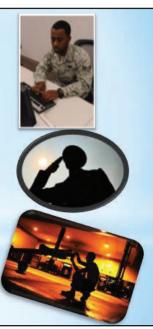
Paul Ross, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron central heat plant project manager, performs a boiler chemistry test to verify water used by the base's heat plant is clean and ready for use, Aug. 27. Maintaining proper chemistry in boiler water prevents deterioration and corrosion of pipes that carries the heat plant's water.

> Paul Ross, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron central heat plant project manager, performs a routine inspection of the central heat plants emergency fuel tanks, Aug. 27. During the inspection Ross examines the tanks in search of leaking oil, cracks and anything that could potentially cause a major fuel spill on base.

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

# How does your job fit into Whiteman's mission? We want to know???

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# Are your Airmen ready for HYT changes?

**THINK SAFETY!** 

Commentary by Dr. Todd Fore Executive Director, Air Force Personnel Center

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RAN-DOLPH, Texas -- Most Airmen affected by high year of tenure changes announced in December will have one more opportunity to test for promotion before changes take effect in September 2013. If they don't make it, they'll be separated from the Air Force.

Are your Airmen ready? As commanders, first sergeants, supervisors, leaders and mentors, we all play a role in our fellow Airmen's success. Promotion testing is very strict - no group study or study support is allowed - so maybe you don't think you can do anything to help your people prepare. But, the fact is we have responsibilities, and with only one more shot at promotion, your Airmen need you now more than ever.

Educate and communicate; those are your responsibilities

Promotion tests are hard. They require serious, long-term study. To do well, Airmen must develop and stick with a study routine. Do your Airmen understand that? If they're approaching HYT, they may not, and they may not know where to start. You must educate them on how to develop, implement and follow through on their study plan.

Have you spoken personally with your Airmen about this issue? Do you know why they haven't been selected for promotion? Do you know if personal or professional barriers are inhibiting them? If the answer is no, you are failing to communicate. Sure, it's a two-way street, but as a leader, your job is to grow and develop Airmen. You can't do that if you don't communicate with them.

We cannot afford to lose valuable Airmen because they didn't know how to prepare or were unable to overcome barriers on their own. You can't study for (or with) your, Airmen and you can't take the promotion test for them, but you can help them learn the formula for success if you take the time to communicate with them. Will you pass the leader/mentor test?

For HYT details, go to the myPers website at https://mypers.af.mil, select the "search all components" option and enter "Enlisted High Year Tenure" in the search window.



Arriving or departing from Whiteman? The Air Force Aid Society pays for 20 hours of care per child for all ranks to help with your transition. Child care is authorized in AF licensed or affiliated FCC homes. The Airman and Family Readiness Center issues certificates which are good for child care within 60 days of PCSing.

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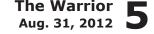
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# **Feature**



# From the Frontlines: Tech. Sgt. Kenneth Wright



Tech. Sgt. Kenneth Wright, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron vehicle maintenance low bay NCO in-charge, takes part in a security patrol while deployed to Afghanistan. Wright was deployed from June 2011 through March 2012.

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

While on a deployment, everyone on base comes to realize how important every other job is because you can't do your job without the other shops doing theirs.

Tech. Sgt. Kenneth Wright, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron vehicle maintenance low bay NCO in-charge, had an under-appreciated job that became much more appreciated while he was deployed to Afghanistan from June 2011 through March 2012.

Wright had many jobs during his deployment. He was one of three mechanics responsible for a fleet of 58 vehicles, and he was in charge of training and licensing all members of the team, both Army and Air Force, to operate vehicles on the base. He also managed the Army's vehicle tracking system.

Wright's mission while deployed was similar to the one he has here at Whiteman, just with more intensity and constant threats from opposing forces.

"We had to keep the fleet up and rolling, providing the maximum amount of protection capable for the members leaving on outside the wire missions," Wright said. "I also provided security on many missions I went on, helping to ensure the safety of whoever was conducting the mission at the time, which is something I would never do while at Whiteman." Every day was unique for Wright as his day-to-day duties were constantly changing.

"If we had a morning mission we would be at work earlier getting our briefs," Wright said. "Otherwise we would head in and begin working on vehicles. We also conducted foot patrol from base to base providing security for key individuals."

One of the biggest difficulties Wright and his team had to face was the availability of parts.

"A lot of the repairs we had to do were unconventional, or we would have to steal the parts off a vehicle that was hard broke," Wright said. "It was very difficult to receive the parts we needed out there."

According to Wright, while this was the best deployments he's been on, the fifth such deployment during his 12-year career, the one thing he missed the most was spending time with his children. However, the friends he made on this deployment became part of his extended family.

"The best part of this deployment was the family," Wright added."We spent a year together between training and deployment, and everyone became very close. I knew no matter what was going on, I had friends that were going to watch my back."



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Vegetarian: Ozark Forest Mushroom Cake with Chardonnay Cream Sauce It will mimic the look of the beef entree and be served with the same accompaniments as the other two entree selections

<u>Sides</u>

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> Vegetable Honeyed Baby Carrots

Dessert Options:

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Mini Lemon Blueberry Dream Cake Individual Mini Lemon Cake, Blueberry Filling and Cream Cheese Icing

# **Balfour Beatty Communities to** Kick-off 2012 Housing Survey

By Laylan Hecker Lifeworks Coordinator, Balfour Beatty Communities

What could you do with an extra \$50? In a few weeks, family housing residents will be receiving the CEL Resident Satisfaction Housing Survey, and by turning in your survey, you are eligible to win one of many prizes, including electronics and gift cards. The annual survey is part of Balfour Beatty Communities' performance assessment program

"The survey allows us to see where weare succeeding and where there is room for improvement," said Shelly Fischer, Community Manager for Balfour Beatty, "it's important for residents to fill it out honestly."

Balfour Beatty Communities plans to kick off Survey Time with the Pirates Ahoy CEL Party event, scheduled to begin Sept. 10 at 5 p.m., at the Community Activity Center. This event will be a time to fill out the survey, enjoy free dinner and prizes! Please RSVP for this event by calling the Housing Office at (660) 687-0559, or on Facebook at facebook.com/whitemanhomes.

By completing and handing the survey in, residents will qualify for several large prizes. Residents that hand in the surveys by Sept. 14 will also qualify for a special Early Bird Drawing, where we will be giving away an iPad.

During the week of Sept.17-21, the Balfour Beatty staff will be in each neighborhood encouraging residents to return their surveys. Each neighborhood meeting will have a gift card drawing as well.

"We truly strive to exceed our resident's expectations and hope that every resident enjoyed their home and the services that we provided," explained Fischer.

Once residents complete their surveys and seal them in the postage paid envelopes provided, they can simply drop it in any U.S. post box to be mailed directly to CEL.

Only CEL employees will open the returned envelopes. Survey results are completely confidential and anonymous. The survey deadline date is Sept. 30.

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# Keeping Whiteman's housing top notch

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

Whiteman's base housing is one of the best housing complexes in the Air Force, and it's our duty to keep it that way, according to Chief Master Sgt. Lee Barr, 509th Bomb Wing Command Chief. To do this, housing members need to help each other out, follow the rules and keep their neighborhoods in tip-top shape.

"It is the housing resident's responsibility to keep their property looking professional," said Barr. "As it is also everybody on base's responsibility to keep the entire base looking professional."

With the recent drought, the grass on base has been dying, so residents need to water their grass on a consistent basis.

"With our mission here, we have a lot of distinguished visitors tour the base," Barr said. "We like to show off our new housing, so we want it looking the best it can. Not only that, but this is our home. We need to show some pride in our property."

Along with keeping property looking professional, residents need to ensure they are keeping an eye out for their children.

"There have been reports of children found unsupervised playing in the streets," Barr said. "We would hate to see our most precious commodities be the subject to a tragic accident."

Parents should make sure their children are always supervised while playing outside and also hydrated while out in extreme heat conditions.

Base residents should also be keeping up with the rules on dogs. Residents should make sure when dogs are being walked, they are following the base leash law and picking up the waste left by their pet.

"Residents should be good neighbors," Barr said. "Living on base is a privilege and honor for our military members, and we want our residents to take some pride in their property and keep it that way."

# Man on the Street: What are you most proud of about our mission?



"I am most proud of the Airmen who make the sacrifice of being away from their family to support the mission."

 Tina Brant,
 509th Force Support Squadron passport agent



"Ensuring national security and protecting American and government assets."

 Tech. Sgt. Jesse Haines,
 509th Security Forces Squadron electronic security systems



"I am most proud of our mission because we deter others from attacking our country."

 Senior Airman Justin Campbell, 509th Security Forces Squadron weapons systems security assistant



"Keeping troops ready for anything such as upcoming and short notice deployments."

– Staff Sgt. Jessica Pownell, 509th Medical Operations Squadron NCO in charge immunization clinic



"Proud that we are a proverbial piece of the puzzle, that when completed, helps support the U.S. constitution and democratic ideals."

 Maj. Michael Holmes,
 509th Medical Operations Squadron physical therapy and pediatrics flight commander



"It makes me proud to know that I contribute to the safety and security of our nation."

 Airman 1st Class Christopher Anderson,
 509th Security Forces Squadron response force member

# Team Whiteman invited to POW\*MIA breakfast

509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

Team Whiteman is invited to the Inaugural Prisoner of War/ Missing in Action Breakfast at 8 a.m., Sept. 14 at Mission's End.

National POW\*MIA Recognition Day gives Americans an opportunity to pay respect and honor all individuals who became prisoners of war and the men and women still missing in action. Additionally, it was first observed in 1980, and traditionally observed on the third Friday of September.

"The breakfast serves as a remembrance to POW/MIAs for wars that the United States has been involved in," said Staff Sgt. Jennifer Tucek, Team Whiteman POW\*MIA Breakfast committee member from the 23rd Fighter Group, Detachment 2. "Whiteman has never done a breakfast to honor POW\*MIAs before, and we wanted to change that."

Additionally, the event will have a POW\*MIA table. Also known as the missing man table, each military branch will have service covers set at the table to honor missing comrades in arms.

Tech. Sgt. Matthew Coltrin, event project lead from the 509th Maintenance Squadron, said the idea to host the breakfast stemmed from the success at his previous duty location, and he wanted to share the observance with members here.

"The ceremony is one which service members hold in high regard," said Coltrin.

During the breakfast, Team Whiteman will be provided with an opportunity to continue the POW\*MIA tradition and remember the sacrifices of our military founding fathers and sisters, ac-

cording to Master Sgt. Randy Wyatt, event project officer from the 509th Munitions Squadron.

"The observance is also intended to assist guests in helping the descendants and family members of POW\*MIAs cope, and offers a theme of resiliency to all attendees," said Wyatt.

Retired Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Mark Clark is scheduled to be keynote speaker.

Clark entered the Air Force in August 1979 and retired August 2009. Today he is an active scholar working on a master's degree in criminal justice from Columbia College and serves as adjunct instructor with Park University teaching a variety of management courses.

When he is not studying or in the classroom, he is active with the American Legion, American Legion Riders and the Air Force Sergeant's Association and enjoys spending time with his family.

Clark said it is an honor to be selected to speak during the POW/MIA breakfast and looks forward to sharing the significance behind remembering our nation's warriors throughout our history who remain unaccounted for.

In conjunction with the breakfast, Whiteman AFB is also holding a POW\*MIA run, Sept. 13, to honor those who answered the nation's call.

The breakfast menu includes: scrambled eggs, fried potatoes, biscuits and gravy, bacon, sausage, juice, coffee and tea. The cost is \$9.75 for members and \$10.75 for non-members. Tickets can be purchased no later than Sept. 10 from their squadron point of contact or first sergeant. Military should wear the uniform of the day and civilians should dress business casual.

## The POW\*MIA Table

It is set for one. This table is our way of symbolizing that members of our profession of arms are missing from our midst. They are commonly call POW's or MIA's...we call them brothers.

They are unable to be with us this evening and so we remember them.

This table set for one is small... it symbolizes the frailty of one prisoner against his oppressors.

The tablecloth is white -- symbolizing the purity of their motives when answering the call to duty.

The single red rose, displayed in a vase, reminds us of the life of each of the missing, and the(ir) loved ones and friends of these Americans who keep the faith, awaiting answers.

The vase is tied with a yellow ribbon, symbol of our continued determination to account for our missing.

A slice of lemon on the bread plate is to remind us of the bitter fate of those captured and missing in a foreign land.

A pinch of salt symbolizes the tears endured by those missing and their families who seek answers.

The glass is inverted -- to symbolize their inability to share this evening's toast.

The chair is empty -- they are missing.

Remember... all of you who served with them and called them comrades, who depended on their might and aid, and relied on them... for surely... they have not forsaken you.

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ABOVE: Honor Guard members salute those who gave all, in honor of those missing in action or prisoners of war during a POW\*MIA Recognition Ceremony.

RIGHT: Honor Guard members place hats in honor of those missing in action or prisoners of war during a POW\*MIA Recognition Ceremony.



# Whiteman to honor the past with a POW\*MIA run



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Cody Ramirez

An Airman holds up a torch during the POW\*MIA run here Sept. 15, 2011. The run recognizes and shows respect to those who have been captured or gone missing during American military conflicts. Team Whiteman will host its annual run annual run Sept. 13-14.

#### By Senior Airman Cody Ramirez 509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

Members of active duty, Guard and Reserve units will support those military members who have been prisoners of war, or determined missing-in-action throughout U.S. military history with an annual run Sept. 13-14. The run kicks off 4 p.m., Sept., 13 and continues until 4 p.m., Sept. 14.

The run will start with a remembrance ceremony where a torch is lit and a flag is raised. Each move continuously for 24 hours to represent the sacrifice and struggle each POW and MIA made sacrificing their freedom to protect their country's.

"The 24- hour POW\*MIA Run is done in remembrance of those who have given their lives and are still continuing to sacrifice for

> The prisoners of war and missing-in-action flag flies as personnel with the 509th Communications Squadron complete their leg of the POW\*MIA run. The POW/ MIA run is a 24-hour torch and flag run to honor prisoners of war missing-in-action and personnel.

you and me," said Staff Sgt. Michelle Brambila, POW\*MIA run team coordinator. "It is our duty to pay the utmost respect to our fellow service members and their families. Many are still continuing to pay the ultimate price and have endured things most of us can't even imagine. This is a day set aside specifically to honor our POW\*MIA family members."

According to heroesofhome.com, since World War I more than 200,000 Americans have been listed as POW or MIA. Less than half of them were returned at the end of hostilities, leaving more than 125,000 American servicemen MIA since the beginning of World War I.

Last year, more than 120 individuals serving here came out to honor these American heroes. Brambila said at this time service members from 18 units across Whiteman will

each run two 30-minute segments to support the cause. The remaining slots will be filled by last minute sign ups or units who volunteer to run additional slots.

Chief Master Sgt. Lee Barr, 509th Bomb Wing Command Chief, said he expects to have a great showing this year.

"I believe now more than ever we need to honor and show respect to those who paid the ultimate sacrifice for our nation's freedom. We've been in a constant state of war for over 20 years," Barr said. "Our men and women who serve in the U.S. Armed Forces can express their gratitude and reverence by participating in the 2012 POW\*MIA run.

"I feel truly blessed to be able to show support to those who sacrificed all to protect our great nation and the freedoms we enjoy today," the chief added.

## Interested in taking part in the run?

Call your unit representative or first sergeant to get involved. (If your unit isn't listed, contact your first shirt):

509th Bomb Wing -Senior Airman Cody Ramirez 509th Operations Group -Staff Sgt. Crista Parker 509th Operations Group Staff -Tech. Sgt. Heather Baumann 509th Medical Group -Staff Sgt. Cass Vaughn

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Also if interested in volunteering for the set up crew, contact Staff Sgt.Tyrome Kelley or Tech. Sgt. Carrie-Anne Goodwin, or for the tear down crew, contact Staff Sgt. Jennifer Tucek.



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Cody Ramirez



# Troops' investment aids community

#### By Army & Air Force Exchange Service Public Affairs

The Whiteman AFB Exchange is paying dividends in more ways than one as Airmen exercising their benefit by dining and shopping on base last year generated a dividend of \$401,548.39.

These funds are critical to Air Force Service's ability to enhance local programs and facilities including the Royal Oaks golf course, Fitness Center and Stars and Strikes Bowling Center.

"Historically, roughly two-thirds of Exchange earnings are paid to morale, welfare and recreation programs with the other third used to build new stores or renovate existing facilities," said the Whiteman AFB Exchange's store manager Becky Stover. "As a result, authorized shoppers are essentially investing in a benefit that generates a healthy return by directly improving Air Force quality of life efforts."

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goods and services at competitively low prices and generate earnings to support quality of life efforts, the dual benefit the Exchange provides goes far beyond the clothes, electronics and snacks on shelves.

Shoppers who visit the Exchange, either online at www.shopmyexchange. com or in person, actually help make the military community a better place to live and work. In fact, purchases made at Exchange operations in the past 10 years have provided more than \$2.4 billion to military programs such as Youth Services, post functions, gyms and aquatic centers.





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# **Events & Morale**

#### The Warrior Aug. 31, 2012

#### TEAM WHITEMAN COMMUNITY 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 http://www.redcross.org/en/volunteer.

Volunteer opportunities for High School Students (dependents) — 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."

**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. Vehicles have been identified as suspected abandoned and will be towed at the owner's expense. For more information about

vehicles, contact Steven Scott at 660-687-5342.

Airmen Against Drunk Driving — AADD is a Whiteman AFB Active Airmen Association program designed by Airmen to provide Whiteman personnel, with a valid Department of Defense ID card, (active duty, retirees, Guard, Reserve, cadets and dependents) a free safe ride home 24/7 in the local area by dialing 660-687-7433 (RIDE) 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. RodneyHarrell, in-service Recruiter at 660-687-1868 or 660-460-1041.

Whiteman AFB Domestic Abuse Victim Advocate 24 Hour Emergency Crisis Line — Whiteman AFB Domestic Abuse Victim Advocate 24 Hour Emergency Crisis Line is available 24/7 for safety planning, support and referrals. Victim advocates can be reached during duty hours and for non-emergencies at 660-687-4341.

**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.

**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.

#### FAMILY ADVOCACY OUTREACH

**Stress Management** — Stress Management is a one-time, 90-minute session support group and is offered the first and third Friday of every month from 3-4 p.m. in the Airman & Family Readiness Center. Students will learn how different stressors make an impact and how to make positive changes to reduce stress. To sign up, contact 660-687-4341.

1-2-3 Magic — 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 two-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.

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

**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.

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.

#### AIRMAN & FAMILY READINESS CENTER

**Spouse Orientation Acclamation & Resources** — Spouse Orientation Acclamation & Resources is a 60-minute program offered every Monday from 10-11 a.m. at the Whiteman Inn. The target audience is spouses who are brand new to the base. The program is designed to inform newcomer spouses with resources available to them, base and local community information as well as answering questions. Children are welcome. For more information, call 660-687-7132.

# **Caption Contest**

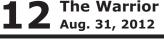
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- 2. E-mail entries to whiteman.warrior@whiteman.af.mil by 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7. Entries must include name, rank, squadron and caption to be eligible.
- 3. The winning author(s) caption(s) is the one that receives the most laughs or groans from our panel of impartial judges.
- 4. Winners will be announced in the Sept. 14 edition of the Whiteman Warrior.
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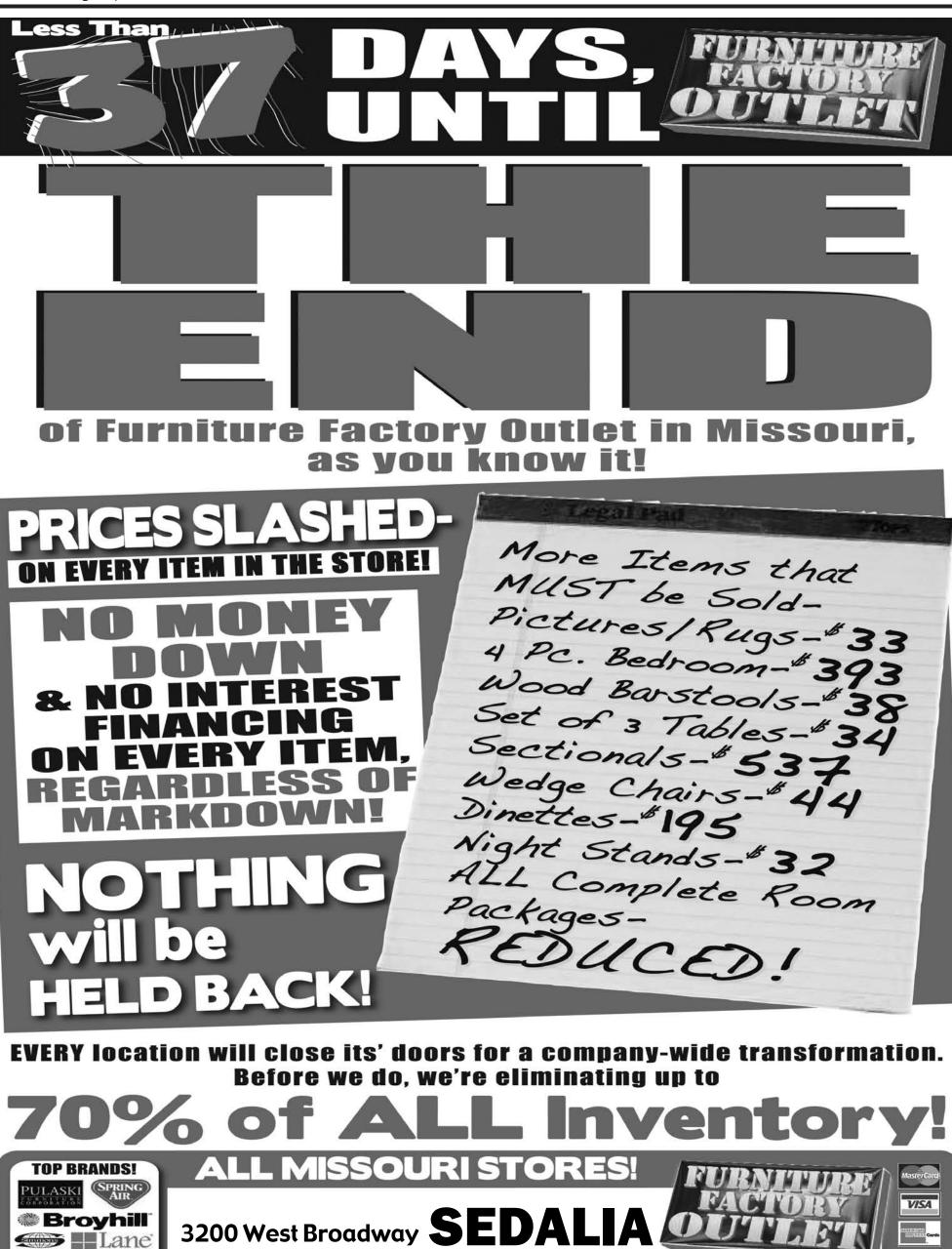


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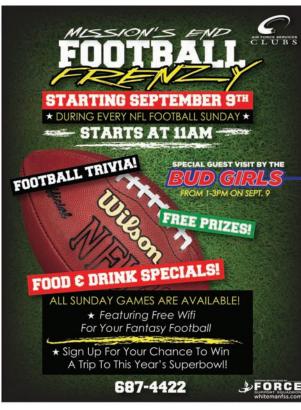
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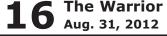
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