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Local WWII Hero Speaks to Whiteman Pilots

By Frank Cavouti, Lt. Col. (Ret.),
former B-2 Pilot

The local chapter of Daedalians, a national fraternal order of military pilots, hosted a local World War II hero, Kenneth "Wayne" Thomason, at Mission's End for a luncheon, providing pilots, past and present, a venue for sharing camaraderie and Army Air Corps heritage and tradition.

Following lunch at the Club, Thomason took the gathering back into the combat days of flying his single-seat, radial-engine P-47 Thunderbolt II ground-attack fighter, regaling fellow aviators with tales of when "gladiators" took to the skies with more than just fierce determination and pride, but also a healthy

sense of humor mixed with courage.

During his combat aerial patrols and escorts over the skies of Italy, Thomason recorded five enemy aircraft destroyed on one mission the day before Christmas. For his outstanding service on this mission, he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

He also recounted bailing out of a stricken P-39 into waters off the coast of Corsica, exercising the use of his life-saving "silk chute," and becoming a life-long member of the Caterpillar Club.

Those able enough to attend and participate in this exciting discussion of historic air power were happy to see that aviation enthusiasm and the thirst for patriotism has been passed throughout

the generations. General Thomas Bussiere, 509th Bomb Wing commander, as well as several squadron commanders in attendance, recognized Thomason's service and sacrifice, presenting him with both personal and unit coins.

After the luncheon, Thomason also took the opportunity to climb into an hour-long simulator to show how a real "stick-and-rudder" fighter pilot would fly the B-2 Spirit.

Patriots like Wayne Thomason, from diverse days of American air power, are yet one more example of the greatness of America's fighting forces.

(Writer's note: if you are interested in the Daedalians at Whiteman AFB, please contact Flight Captain Justin Meyer, 687-5846.)

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This Week in 509th Bomb Wing History

Courtesy of David Easley
509th Bomb Wing Historian

January 17, 1991

The Operation DESERT STORM air campaign began. In about five weeks, the American-led coalition flew over 100,000 sorties, dropped 88,500 tons of bombs, and destroyed 36 enemy planes in air-to-air combat. The extensive use of Stealth technology in battle, in the form of the F-117A Night Hawk, made its practical debut (though the official first combat sorties of the F-117 were dur-

ing Operation JUST CAUSE in 1989). Constituting less than 2.5 percent of all coalition aircraft, F-117A Stealth fighter-bomber crews attacked more than 31 percent of Iraqi strategic targets during the first day of the Gulf War, and ultimately would strike more than 40% of the strategic targets during the entire campaign...without the loss of a single aircraft.

January 13, 1993

U.S. Air Force Maj. Susan Helms, a member of the space shuttle Endeavor crew, became the first U.S. military woman in space. Maj Helms, now Lieutenant General Helms and the Commander of 14th Air

Force, eventually completed five space flights and five spacewalks, including a record eight hour and 56 minute spacewalk installing equipment on the International Space Station in 2001.

Chief's Group Award



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

Tech. Sgt. Andrea Scherlin, 509th Force Support Squadron, receives the Whiteman Chiefs' Group Chiefs' Choice Award for the month of January. The Chiefs' Group Chiefs' Choice Award is awarded to an airman each month who stands out for outstanding service to fellow wingmen and their families.

From the Frontlines: Senior Airman Tara Loftin

By Staff Sgt. Nick Wilson
509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

The Air Force takes Airmen on journeys all over the planet. For Senior Airman Tara Loftin, 509th Force Support Squadron fitness specialist, the journey took her to Southwest Asia.

Leaving in April 2012 and returning in October, Loftin worked downrange as a quality assurance evaluator during her time overseas.

“Our job was to make sure contractors over there were doing their job properly,” Loftin said. “We had a performance work statement listing all of their duties as contractors.”

Even though most of the host nationals spoke English, the cultural differences sometimes made it difficult to provide quality assurance, according to Loftin.

“They didn’t know some of the things we do in the U.S. in regards to health and safety,” Loftin said. “We had to ensure certain expectations were being met.”

The central focus of her mission was to ensure all aspects of the U.S. government’s services contracts were accounted for, she said.

“If something wasn’t being done properly, we had to perform write-ups and make sure it was brought to the attention of the contractors,” Loftin said. “We had to make sure troops coming in had the best quality food and service that could’ve been provided to them.”

Loftin’s day-to-day duties varied throughout the duration of her deployment. She worked the day shift the first half of her de-



U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Nick Wilson

Senior Airman Tara Loftin, 509th Force Support Squadron fitness specialist, was deployed to Southwest Asia from April to October 2012. While deployed, Loftin was a quality assurance evaluator for local-nationals.

ployment, and the night shift during the second half.

“When I worked days, I checked the time and dates on all food items,” Loftin said. “If the trash was overfilled, for example, I would make sure the contractor knew he needed to get someone to do that job.”

In addition to providing quality assurance, Loftin escorted food trucks to and from the front gate of the installation.

“I also provided accountability for ‘Meals, Ready to Eat’ that were delivered to our warehouse,” Loftin said. “We controlled more than 3,000 MREs during my deployment.”

While the dayshift demanded daily mission inspections, the nightshift was a different

challenge altogether. During this shift, Loftin was responsible for controlling the dining facility inventory and ensuring contractors could pass health inspections.

“We made sure expired food from the storage area was thrown out, and made sure incoming food was organized in first-in-first-out order,” Loftin said. “The nightshift entailed a lot more organizing and making sure items were prepped for the busier dayshift.”

From ensuring contractors were properly handling food by day, to inspecting inventory items at night, her deployed mission was completely different to her mission at Whiteman. Loftin worked in the dining facility while deployed and works in the fitness

center at here on base.

A big difference between her deployed mission and her home-station mission was that her job at Whiteman is more hands-on.

“We don’t have a contractor here at Whiteman because we perform the mission,” Loftin said. “It was difficult being deployed and not being able to do the job. I had times where I wanted to do things myself, but wasn’t allowed to.”

“We couldn’t even tell the local-nationals to perform a task,” she said. “We had to tell the contractor to tell them to do the task.”

The differences in duties also helped her appreciate her time in Southwest Asia.

“The best part about my deployed job was seeing how many different countries we helped support,” Loftin said. “It was really neat seeing our countries support each other.”

Loftin said that another positive aspect of her deployment was having the ability to go outside the wire.

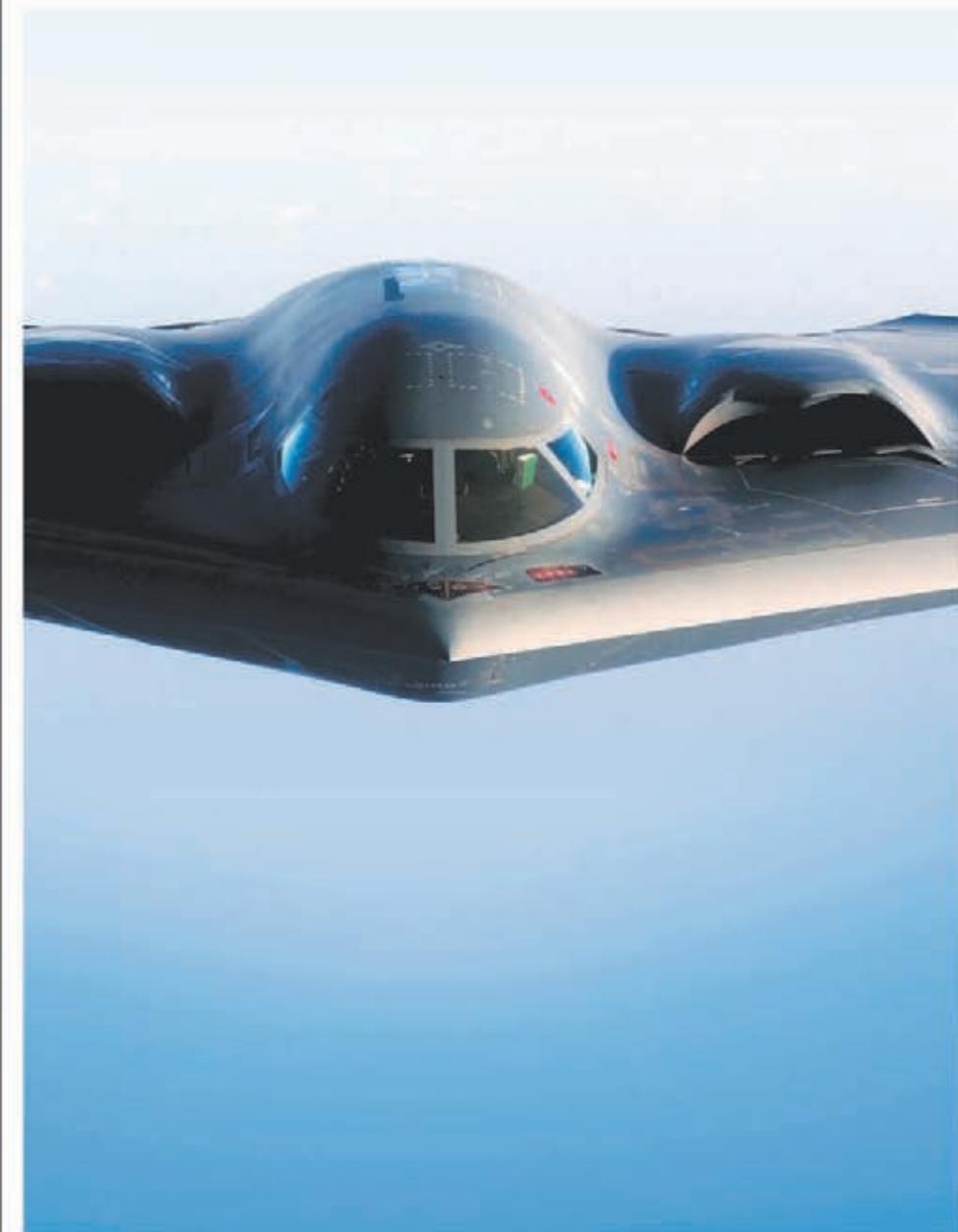
“It was a once-in-a-lifetime experience,” Loftin said. “We had the opportunity to go white-water rafting or horseback-riding. Being able to see how the locals lived was a great experience.”

In addition to getting a first-hand experience of the Southwest Asian culture, Loftin also volunteered at two local K-12 schools.

“We got to visit the children and see their schools,” Loftin said. “We raised more than \$1,200 to provide them soccer jerseys, winter jackets and school supplies.”

Experiencing the quality of life for the

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Wheeling around with the tire shop



Airman 1st Class Chris Cunningham, 509th Maintenance Squadron B-2 Spirit crew chief, removes parts of a B-2 Spirit wheel while disassembling it for cleaning, Jan. 9. Maintaining the wheel's cleanliness is essential to ensuring safe operations.



Airman 1st Class Christian Liuchan, 509th Maintenance Squadron B-2 Spirit crew chief, reassembles a T-38 Talon wheel, Jan. 9. Twenty-four hours after each tire is inflated, it is inspected to check for leaks.



Airman 1st Class Chris Cunningham, 509th Maintenance Squadron B-2 Spirit crew chief, removes a bolt from a B-2 Spirit wheel, Jan. 9. The wheel and tire section is assigned an NCOIC and two qualified Airmen to complete all tasks.



Airman 1st Class Christian Liuchan, 509th Maintenance Squadron B-2 Spirit crew chief, reassembles a T-38 Talon wheel, Jan. 9. The wheel and tire section is assigned three Airmen who rotate every six months between the shop and normal crew chief maintenance.

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The Base Exchange will also be **CLOSED** Jan. 28 for annual inventory. Normal hours of operations will return Jan. 29 at 9 a.m.

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Whiteman 'kicks' off Wing Fitness Day

By Heidi Hunt
509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

The 509th Force Support Squadron sponsored the 2013 Wing Fitness Day at the Whiteman Fitness Center, Jan. 11.

"The event was used to introduce new instructors, new and existing fitness courses, nutrition classes and a health and fitness fair," said Michael Taylor, 509th FSS fitness center director. "Healthy individuals are able to stand up to the rigors of military duty in an easier manner, which is essential to keep a fighting force."

Fitness reduces illnesses and stress, and improves mental well-being, said Tech. Sgt. Angela Gooden, 509th FSS Fitness Center NCOIC. The annual event also supports and promotes morale and social skills.

"Moreover, Wing Fitness Day is devoted to assisting Whiteman members in fulfilling their New Year's resolutions and personal fitness goals," Gooden said.

Throughout the day, many activities were offered, such as equipment orientation and Micro-Fit Assessment, which identifies where appropriate health improvements should be made. Additionally, the Fitness Center also provided demonstration of, and opportunities to participate in, fitness classes, nutritional class, metabolic testing and BOD POD, a composition measurement test.

The free event offered classes including Spin, Boot Camp, Extreme Military Training, Turbo Kick, Yoga, Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu and Step Aerobics.

More than 250 individuals participated in the Wing Fitness Day, and many said they look forward to meeting and maintaining their fitness goals.

"I enjoy working out, and Wing Fitness Day provided me with an overview of classes I haven't par-

ticipated in yet," said Kelly Lawhead, wife of Senior Airman David Lawhead, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron firefighter. "It was also a great opportunity to see more of what the Fitness Center and base health agencies have to offer."

The Fitness Center works closely with the HAWC staff, as both units' programs work hand-in-hand to promote health and fitness, according to Taylor. Also present was Family Advocacy, Airman & Family Readiness and the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office.

"Overall, the Wing Fitness Day was beneficial because the hardest part is getting members in the door to see what we have to offer," Taylor said. "You wouldn't believe how many times we hear, 'I didn't know you had that.'"

Sometimes people just need a little push to get started on a life-changing journey, said Gooden.

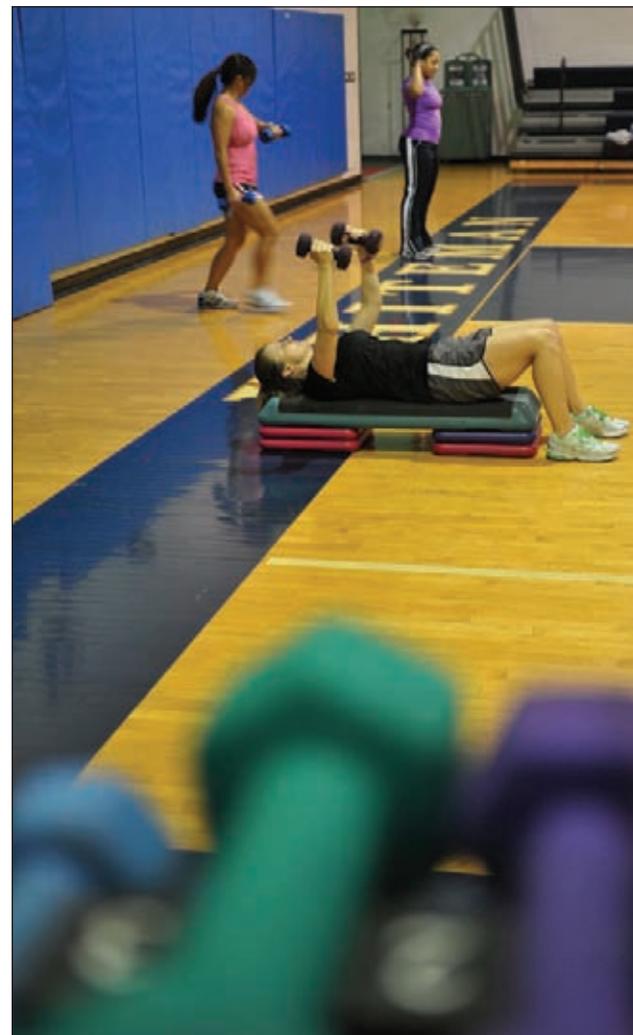
"We offer assistance to start, and stay focused, on fitness," Gooden said. "Our customers come in all shapes and sizes, but share one common idea of wanting to improve their fitness."

While budget cuts have been made, the Fitness Center still surpasses the standard of 15 classes per week, offering 24, said Taylor. Additionally, the staff aims to provide numerous special events.

"Our Air Force special events standard is to have four a year and we are planning to offer 22," Taylor said. "Additionally, we provide all five intramural sports – football, basketball, volleyball, soccer and softball."

The Fitness Center has events scheduled for every month in 2013. Customers can look forward to the Whiteman Winter Games, Family Fitness Day, Whiteman Triathlon, multiple wing 5Ks, the Striker Life half-marathon and more.

For more information contact the Fitness Center at 660-687-5496 or visit www.whitemanfss.com.



U.S. Air Force photo/Heidi Hunt
Farrah Thompson, Whiteman Fitness instructor, leads an Extreme Military Training course at the Whiteman Fitness Center during Wing Fitness Day, Jan. 11. The event is held annually to teach Team Whiteman about fitness and nutrition.

Person on the Street:



"To read the Bible in one year. So far I am on track to completing my goal. Praise God!"

– Senior Airman Joseph Couch,
442nd Logistics Readiness Squadron
traffic management technician

The Whiteman Warrior asked what Team Whiteman's New Year's Resolutions are and if they have kept them thus far.

To date, those who participated have kept their resolutions.



"As a brand new Airman I am striving to support our mission and provide expert help and job expertise for Team Whiteman."

– Airman 1st Class Matthew Murphy,
509th Bomb Wing Comptroller
Squadron finance customer service



"Continue to be a non-smoker. I quit for the second time in June and hope to stay that way."

– Trish Dillon,
Military Clothing Store manager



"To be happier."

– Senior Airman Schuyler,
131st Maintenance Squadron
munitions maintainer



"Start taking better care of myself so I can be a better mother, wife and Airman."

– Tech. Sgt. Kennecia Williams,
509th Bomb Wing Command Post
NCO in charge of reports

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host nationals was an eye-opener for Loftin. It helped her appreciate how privileged she was to live in the United States, especially in comparison to the lifestyle of those who must endure lower standards-of-living.

Even though Loftin enjoyed her deployment, she missed several aspects of life at home, in addition to her friends and family.

"I missed real food that didn't come from the dining facility," Loftin said. "Also, in the dorms, my bed was right next to the door, which slammed all night. Being able to sleep alone in my quiet bedroom was nice."

Overall, the deployment to Southwest Asia proved to be a learning experience for Loftin.

"The deployment was an excellent way for Loftin to gain breadth of experience," said Staff Sgt. Alaina Baldowski, 509th Force Support Squadron assistant lodging manager. "She also won Airman of the Month while deployed and was picked number one out of 130 enlisted members for her excellent job performance, community involvement, volunteer efforts and self-improvement."

Taking advantage of working with the host nation and being involved with sister services was an opportunity for Loftin to gain leadership and teambuilding skills, said Baldowski.

"My job at Services gave me a greater sense of what I do for the Air Force," Loftin said. "Without Services, Airmen wouldn't have a place to eat, sleep, work out or enjoy recreation."

By Heidi Hunt
509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

BASH program saves lives, money

Story and photos By Staff Sgt. Nick Wilson
509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

Whiteman's aircraft are not the only birds that rule the skies over central Missouri. In 2012, Whiteman units flew a total of 6,379 successful sorties, thanks in part to the efforts of 509th Operations Support Squadron's Airfield Management Flight and its Bird Air Strike Hazard (BASH) program.

The purpose of BASH is to ensure birds do not pose a threat to flying aircraft. Without BASH, there would likely be an increased number of bird-related aircraft mishaps on base.

"When an aircraft gets a bird strike, it becomes non-mission capable until the repair process is completed," said Tech. Sgt. Ray Northcutt, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron flight safety superintendent. "This can cause missed sorties and mission drops."

Equipped with pyrotechnics and shotguns, airfield management specialists participate in the BASH program all day, every day. The BASH program maximizes mission efficiency and saves the Air Force millions of dollars, according to Myles.

When birds are spotted, airfield management specialists work with the control tower to describe the location, size and other details of possible aircraft threats. Because airfield managers have a responsibility to ensure the safety of aircrew and flightline assets, the airfield management shop typically handles most bird threats.

"If the U.S. Department of Agriculture is not here, we'll take responsibility for dispersing of the birds," said Senior Airman Synque Wilson, 509th Operations Support Squadron airfield management coordinator. "If it isn't safe for planes to fly in the area, we can suspend operations until the threat is cleared."

The bird-watch conditions of "low," "moderate" and "severe" will usually give pilots and air traffic controllers a heads-up on what to

expect for the day's mission. Airfield management specialists also perform daily checks every two hours. If the threat is heavy, Airmen will continue to scare away the birds until the hazard is dispersed.

"We ensure not only the safety of pilots, but also the safety of everyone on base," Wilson said. "A crashed aircraft can create quite a disaster. We won't have as many aircraft to perform or respond to missions."

Not only can a bird strike slow down the mission, but it can also cost Airmen their lives and deprive the Air Force of valuable resources. Since FY 2008, Whiteman has experienced 365 bird strikes; the resulting damage has exceeded \$285,100 in repairs, said Northcutt.

Because of the significant assets and capabilities lost due to previous bird strikes, airfield management specialists are taking necessary countermeasures to reduce future mishaps.

"We keep the grass cut and make sure there is no standing water on the airfield to attract birds," Wilson said. "We do everything we can to deter them from the paths of taxiing, flying and landing aircraft."

Keeping the grass mowed requires airfield management specialists to work with members from the 509th Civil Engineer Squadron to ensure the grass stays between 7 to 14 inches. They also kill all weeds that could provide homes for both birds and the animals they tend to eat.

"This keeps the area the least habitable as possible," said Senior Airman Dennis Myles, 509th OSS airfield management coordinator. "If there is no food for birds to look for, then they aren't going to want to come to the airfield."

With a dedicated team of Airmen who work 24/7, holidays included, airfield management coordinators use BASH to keep birds from bringing Whiteman's mission to a grinding halt, said Myles.

"Birds can fly in at all times of the day, especially during migration times, so we are continuously on the lookout," he said. "Safety is our number one priority."



Airman 1st Class Hannah Schmitz, 509th Operations Support Squadron airfield management coordinator, and Senior Airman Alessandra Aceves-Harnden, 509th OSS airfield management coordinator, receive notification of a possible Bird Aircraft Strike Hazard, Jan. 9. Airfield management coordinators are responsible for updating bird-watch conditions, which let pilots and air-traffic controllers know what BASH threat level they can expect on flying days.



Airman 1st Class Heather Hall, 509th Operations Support Squadron airfield management coordinator, prepares pyrotechnics before dispersing a bird threat, Jan. 9. Airfield management coordinators utilize different types of pyrotechnics that aid in bird-threat dispersal.



Airman 1st Class Hannah Schmitz, 509th Operations Support Squadron airfield management coordinator, prepares pyrotechnics while responding to a bird threat, Jan. 9. Pyrotechnics and other resources help keep birds away from the paths of departing, landing and flying aircraft.



Airman 1st Class Heather Hall, 509th Operations Support Squadron airfield management coordinator, coordinates with the air traffic control tower to report a BASH threat, Jan. 9. Airfield management specialists engage with different agencies on base to ensure aircraft are protected from the risk of bird strikes at all times.



Airman 1st Class Heather Hall, 509th Operations Support Squadron airfield management coordinator, performs a check for foreign object debris before dispersing a bird threat, Jan. 9. FOD checks help keep aircraft free of small fragments that can potentially cause damage to aircraft.



Airman 1st Class Hannah Schmitz, 509th Operations Support Squadron airfield management coordinator, shoots pyrotechnics to disperse a bird threat on the flightline, Jan. 9. Along with ensuring the general safety of those who work on the flightline, airfield management specialists participate in the base's Bird Air Strike Hazard program to keep birds from posing a threat to flying aircraft.

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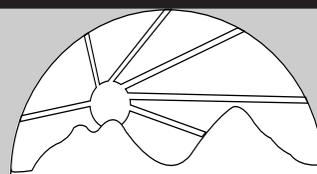
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Shaun Hardy, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron-Bteam intramural basketball team member, helps his team prepare a game plan after an early timeout against the 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron at the Fitness Center, Jan. 10. All intramural basketball games will be played at the Fitness Center in the back basketball court Monday through Thursday.

Story and photos by
Airman 1st Class Bryan Crane
509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

After a two-week break for the holidays, the sound of basketballs bouncing off the hardwood floor could be heard once again as the intramural basketball season resumed Jan. 10.

The 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron wasted no time earning their first victory after the break, completing a 54-49 come-back win over the 509th Aircraft Maintenance B-team.

AMXS-B came out firing to start the game. With great ball movement, they opened up an early 11-3 lead on LRS. Foul trouble for LRS kept AMXS-B on an early roll; however, LRS stayed in the fight, keeping within striking distance and ending the quarter down only 15-8.

Maintenance opened the second quarter on fire. Shaun Hardy, AMXS-B team member, hit a three-pointer to open up the half, and his teammates followed with two more open baskets from behind the arc to expand their lead to 21-12 early in the quarter.

However, a fast start by AMXS-B soon slowed due to bad passing decisions and missed shots. LRS took advantage of these miscues to mount their comeback. Near the end of the half, a big offensive rebound and a put-back bucket allowed LRS to cut the deficit to 3 and finish out the half down 23-20.

"We seemed to be getting beat down early," said Michael Evseff, 509th LRS intramural basketball team point guard. "We fought back, though, knowing we had the talent to still win."

LRS jumped out with a quick three-pointer to begin the second half, tying the game. Several subsequent steals led to more points for the squad. AMXS-B, however, failed to match their early first-half performance, committing several turnovers and missing shots.

Near the end of the third quarter, LRS held a 30-25 lead. AMXS-B cut it to 30-29 before LRS came right back with another three, ending the third quarter ahead 33-29. AMXS-B would not get within four points the rest of the game.

LRS came out in the fourth looking to finish off the comeback. Lead by Evseff and Daniell Branch, LRS played shut-down defense and hit their foul shots down the stretch. LRS would end every threat AMXS-B had by hitting clutch free throws, and closed out the comeback, 54-49.

"Free throws are always key," Evseff said. "A lot of teams allow comebacks by missing these opportunities, but we weren't going to let that happen to us tonight."

Evseff and the rest of the team are looking forward to the rest of the season and a potential playoff run.

"Our first step is making the playoffs, and then we think we are good enough to make a strong run at the championship," Evseff said.

Fans are welcome to come out and cheer on their squadrons as they pursue a championship season. All intramural basketball games will be played at the Fitness Center in the back basketball court, Monday through Thursday. Contact the Fitness Center at 687-5496 for further scheduling details.



Rashid Hill, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron intramural basketball team member, goes for a layup against the 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron-Bteam at the Fitness Center, Jan. 10. LRS defeated the AMXS-B team 54-49.



ABOVE: Daniell Branch, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron intramural basketball team member, drives for a layup against the 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron-Bteam at the Fitness Center, Jan. 10. LRS began the game without much momentum and trailed 15-8 at the end of the first quarter.

LEFT: Donte Maxwell, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron-Bteam intramural basketball team member, drives through the paint for a layup against the 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron at the Fitness Center, Jan. 10. Intramural basketball games foster a spirit of both competition and camaraderie among Airmen.

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