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INSPECTING THE UNEXPECTED

Care and feeding for successful leaders

By Chaplain (Lt. Col.) William A. Bartoul
509th Bomb Wing Chaplain

Recently, while I was reviewing our commander's priorities, I noticed the last item: "Grow Airman Leaders." My first thought was "How do you *grow* a leader?"

How do we grow anything else – provide good soil, plenty of water, nutrients, light, patience and vigilance. Voila, you have growth!

When it comes to people, the good soil is the healthy environment (work station, classroom, or life-setting). The water would be the opportunities to excel. The nutrients and light can be divided among the information given, training offered and the experiences shared.

Patience doesn't really need a definition. We merely need to be patient with one another as the growing process proceeds. Vigilance is important to gauge the health of the soil, as well as the necessary amounts of water, nutrients and light.

One example of growing a leader is "mentorship." This involves a mentor and a mentee. In many manuals on mentorship, the first steps are assumed; they are not addressed. Many manuals begin by defining mentorship, the mentor and finally the mentee. This is succeeded by lists of each one's responsibilities. For example (taken from AFMAN 36-2643), mentorship is an important part in developing well-rounded, professional and competent future leaders.

The overall goal is to help Airmen reach their full potential, thus enhancing AF professionalism in general. Simply put, mentorship is a relationship in which a person with greater experience

and wisdom guides another person to develop both personally and professionally.

Definitions are easy. Mentors are advisors and guides who share knowledge, experiences and advice so as to help mentees achieve their goals (i.e., consultant, coach, facilitator and advocate). A mentee is a young person who is taught and helped by someone who has a lot of knowledge and experience (i.e., protégé, apprentice, learner, a young Padawan).

Together, mentors and mentees will work to create the mentee's personal plans that clearly identify educational and professional goals and objectives. All of this sounds good. But, as I mentioned above, the first step is missing: how do you know who is a mentor and how do you know who wants mentoring?

It's noble to say that "all leaders are mentors" and that "all Airmen are mentees." But the fact remains that not all leaders want to be mentors and not all Airmen want to be mentored. This is the first step that is often missing in mentorship manuals: leaders who want to be mentors should make this known so everyone knows who is available as a mentor. Along with this acknowledgment, Airmen who want to be mentored need to ASK.

A mentor is not going to tap people on the shoulder asking if they want to be mentored! Once the mentors are identified, then the mentees need to approach them and ask to be mentored. It's just that simple. Then they coordinate their available schedules and voila, the growing process begins.

In the AF, we live and work in an atmosphere that truly wants people to grow and succeed. The ways to do this are available. So, mentors step forward and mentees speak up. The quality of our future AF leaders depends on you. Thank you.



Service Before Self – one of our Air Force Core Values

By Maj. Jason Kalin
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AFI 1-1 states, "Professional duties take precedence over personal desires."

When you initially read that, what comes to mind?

Did it come across as a demand to subordinate yourself completely to an impersonal job or concept? Did it inspire you to ask "serve who?" or "serve what?"

Serve OTHERS before self. Does that help clarify the meaning of the core value? It puts it in a much clearer light, doesn't it? Do you as an Airman and as a leader emphasize to your wingmen or your subordinates the importance of serving family, community and friends? Do you ensure that even in times of high ops tempo, you are focusing on the needs of those around you, even if it means devoting extra time, effort and attention?

There is nothing like seeing someone give

of themselves, without hesitation, for others. Do we regularly commit ourselves to selfless service towards our fellow Airmen when everyone is around, but neglect those Airmen when no one is watching?

Everyone knows we are committed to the mission. We need to be mentored. We need to have passion for our work – to pay attention to the details of our specific AFSCs. We need to be Airmen who are honorable in our actions and who epitomize the concept of integrity. However, these traits could be skewed into self-serving tools for advancement – stepping stones to the next grade or job.

Service is not about SELF. It is about your commitment to your fellow wingmen, mentoring the next generation of Airmen, passion and compassion for the well-being of your subordinates. It is about being a leader who pays attention to those around you and picks up on subtle indicators of physical,

emotional or spiritual need. Service is about being honorable enough to be a voice of integrity even if it causes one to lose face with peers – placing what is best in front of what is comfortable.

Service is placing OTHERS before one's self.

It takes a unique individual to knowingly and willingly walk toward a life-threatening situation. It is difficult to place one's life at risk so that OTHER lives may be saved. You understand the sense of duty, commitment and values our nation was built upon. Indeed, as a member of the military, it is your duty to embody that sort of character. The trick is to translate that same level of dedication from matters of life and death to one's daily duty – making an uncompromising stand to serve all those around you who serve.

Let us never forget that a life well-lived does not revolve around individuality, but rather what you can do for OTHERS.

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Senior Airman Chase Stephans, 509th Maintenance Squadron non-destructive inspection technician, uses a black light to inspect an aircraft part at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., May 8, 2014. The black light causes particles normally unseen by the human eye to become florescent.

NEWS BRIEFS

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Rest and recuperation program affected by loss of imminent danger pay

By Maj. David Faggard

U.S. Air Forces Central Command Public Affairs

SHAW AIR FORCE BASE, S.C. (AFNS) -- Defense officials are urging service members to fully understand the Rest and Recuperation Leave Program, also known as R&R, when deploying to the U.S. Central Command area of operations.

Starting June 1, nine countries in the theater of operations including Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan will not receive imminent danger pay.

Due to a normal IDP recertification process completed in December 2013, service members who deploy on 365-day deployments or PCS to these nine countries after June 1, will no longer be eligible for the R&R program, according to a May 6 DoD letter, "Recertification of certain USCENTCOM land areas as chargeable R&R leave areas." The letter states those service members whose deployment started prior to June 1, remain eligible for the R&R program.

"This recertification has taken place over time as the region has stabilized and countries in the AOR continue to become more and more

safe," said Col. Ron Dougherty, the U.S. Air Forces Central Command director of manpower, personnel and services. "Several of these locations allow accompanied tours; it didn't quite make sense to have people PCS their families to a location and still receive imminent danger pay."

There are more than 21,000 Airmen deployed throughout USCENTCOM; however, only a small portion of them, about 500, are affected by this decision.

USCENTCOM officials are working with USAFCENT officials to develop a leave program service members will likely recognize from other parts of the world.

"USCENTCOM, in concert with the service components, is developing options on how to best transition from the current R&R program to an ordinary leave program within these nine countries," said Army Col. John Bray, the USCENTCOM chief of manpower and augmentation.

"We're exploring all options for a leave program in AFCENT," Dougherty said.

For more information, Airmen are encouraged to consult the Air Force Personnel Center website at www.afpc.af.mil, or call AFPC's Total Force Service Center at (800) 525-0102.

Great futures start here: Whiteman Teen named "Youth of the Year"

Courtesy of Whiteman AFB Youth Programs

A Team Whiteman youth was recently named Missouri "Military Youth of the Year," and is set to compete against other military youths in Chicago this summer for the regional Military Youth of the Year award, sponsored by the Boys & Girls Clubs of America.

Donavan McGoldrick, 17, is the son of Senior Master Sgt. Peter McGoldrick, 509th Maintenance Group. As Whiteman's Youth of the Year, Donovan will also receive a \$300 college scholarship from Whiteman AFB Youth Programs.

Being named Youth of the Year is the highest honor a Whiteman AFB Teen Programs member can receive. As BGCA's premier youth recognition program, "Youth of the Year" recognizes outstanding contributions to a member's family, school, community and teen center, as well as success overcoming personal challenges and obstacles.

The program encourages youth to reach their full potential by achieving academic success, leading healthy lifestyles and contributing to their communities.

Youth of the Year honorees are shining examples and living proof that great futures start at Whiteman AFB Youth Programs, said Kimberly O'Brien, Whiteman AFB teen coordinator.

"We are very proud of Donovan," O'Brien said. "He is responsible and working hard towards his goal of attending college."

Donovan is vice president of his high school's student council and a member of Whiteman Keystone Club, a youth group dedicated to leadership, community service, fundraising, academic success and career preparation.

"Youth of the Year has given me valuable experience in public speaking and has shown me the importance of hard work and community service," Donovan said.

He will now compete for the title of Mid-West Region Military Youth of the Year and an additional \$10,000 scholarship from Tupperware Brands.

Six regional winners will then advance to Washington, D.C., to compete for the title of BGCA's National Military Youth of the Year.



Donovan McGoldrick was named Missouri "Military Youth of the Year," and is set to compete against other military youths for the title of regional Military Youth of the Year. The "Youth of the Year" program, sponsored by the Boys & Girls Clubs of America, is the organization's premier youth recognition program, recognizing outstanding contributions to a member's family, school, community and teen center.

The National Youth of the Year will receive an additional scholarship of up to \$50,000 from The Rick and Susan Goings Foundation, and will have the opportunity to meet with

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Casey Price fields a ground ball during the varsity softball tryouts at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., May 7, 2014. The base is providing individuals an opportunity to play softball at a higher level of competition from other military installations from the local area. Tryouts are scheduled to continue throughout the month of May, and are open to all DOD ID card holders. Softball season is scheduled to begin in June. If Airmen want to participate in the tryouts, contact Staff Sgt. Angel Arnednariz at 660-687-8198.

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By Army & Air Force Exchange Service Public Affairs

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Don't stand in someone else's shadow

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

Walking around base, you will see several first sergeants, but have you noticed this one in particular? He is five feet, seven inches tall, with a Mr. Clean appearance and a presence that lights up a room.

No matter the rank, he snaps to attention, arms straight down the seam of his pants, heels together at a 45-degree angle, listening to Airmen and answering with a sir or ma'am.

Master Sgt. Matthew Coltrin, 509th Medical Group first sergeant, strides in with a huge grin on his face. You would never know he was a Military Training Instructor for five years.

"Since the beginning, my mom has always been the driving force in my life to do the right thing, achieve and be something great," Coltrin said. "I wanted to make my mom proud and I knew enlisting in the military would make that happen."

Coltrin said he wanted to serve but didn't know how. It was on September 11, 2001 when it became clearer what to do.

"The game plan was to do something different, get some cool experience and go back home," he said.

Coltrin's patriotism, finances and his motivation led him to the recruiter's office in Lake Charles, Louisiana.

He graduated from the Avionics Component Maintenance Course at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas. He was responsible for maintaining aircraft electronic equipment such as radar systems, communications and navigation systems, flight control systems and flight data recorder systems.

In his early years as an Airman, he demonstrated himself to be a hard-working individual.

"The product you produce in life is a reflection of your values, it also presents an individual with the opportunity to positively affect all those around them, that's why I'm always am trying to raise the bar, you never know how your actions affect those around you" Coltrin said. "My goal is to be better than I was yesterday. I may not be the best compared to someone else, but I want to be my best. That is all I can be."

With a positive attitude and dedication, Coltrin won his first award, the 18th Component Maintenance Squadron Airman of the Year, after only serving six months at his first assignment. He then followed up the next year, being named First Term Airman of the Year for Pacific Air Forces.

While at Kadena Air Base, Japan, Coltrin also joined the Base Honor Guard Team, and subsequently became a member of the Kadena Drill Team, a volunteer team where members practiced outside of duty hours.

"Matt was an important part of that team," said Capt. Ray Bradshaw, former Kadena Drill Team leader. "He always did what we asked him, even the menial stuff designed to make him quit, all because he wanted to be considered a brother to the rest of the team."

Before joining the drill team, Coltrin had to serve a full honor guard commitment, which was a year.

"He stuck it out and eventually came to be as trusted as any other member of the team," Bradshaw said.

His persistence paid off in 2005 when Coltrin was named the 18th Wing Honor Guard Airman of the Year.

"In my eyes it's not about what you've done, it's what you're going to do," he said. "I take positive energy with me everywhere I go. A positive attitude is critical to accomplishing goals. I am super-motivated, and when I have the opportunity to work with a team and accomplish feats that would be otherwise impossible acting alone, this higher calling is the fuel that drives my engines. I tell my Airman they should always operate on the borderline of discomfort and failure, that's where awesomeness occurs. If you're bored it's time to move on. Don't ever be satisfied with status quo."

In 2006, Coltrin applied for another one of his objectives — Air Force Basic Military Training Instructor duty.

"I always admired Coltrin's dedication and commitment to the Air Force," said Juan Lewis, former command chief at Lackland AFB, Texas. "I remember how some of his leadership tried to persuade him from following his heart with comments that he was too young. However, I could look into his eyes and see his passion to do what he loved. As his command chief, he was unquestionably my number one Military Training Instructor."



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

Master Sgt. Matthew Coltrin is the 509th Medical Group first sergeant at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo. He provides guidance and direction to unit senior leadership on morale, career enhancement and discipline. Coltrin served as an Air Force Basic Military Training Instructor and attended the United States Marine Corps Staff Non-commissioned Officer Academy Advance Course. He accepted the challenge of several special duties, while at the same time represented the Air Force as one of the things to keep him motivated.

Coltrin's career as an MTI speaks for itself. He received several accolades for his job well-done, including the Excellence in Instruction award at Military Training Instructor School; Non-commissioned Officer of the Year, twice; Military Training Instructor Association President's Award; the Air Education and Training Command Master Instructor Badge; and Blue Rope of the Year.

Coltrin said it would not have been possible without the support of his wife, Renee, and their two sons, Clayton and Charlie.

"My power team includes my peers, phenomenal supervisors/mentors, and most importantly my wife and kids," Coltrin said. "She jumped on board with me early and we do this Air Force career together."

Coltrin has been stationed at Whiteman for almost three years. In his first two years back from his special duty, he shined in his career field before applying to become a first sergeant. He was named as the Air Force's Lieutenant General Leo Marquez winner in the Maintenance Supervisor Category in 2012.

"Special duty assignments are about learning new tools and applying those lessons learned to your job, making it better," Coltrin said. "MTI duty definitely prepared me to be a better maintainer."

One of his latest accomplishments was attending the United States Marine Corps Staff Noncommissioned Officer Academy Advance Course.

While this is not the typical or popular route for Air Force senior NCOs, when it comes to professional military education, it is an option, and a demanding one.

Nicknamed the "PT Academy," the Advanced Course teaches graduates how to advise subordinates in stress management, the performance evaluation system, financial planning and more. The course instructs the graduates in warfighting skills, applying the fundamentals of offensive and defensive tactics.

"The academics of the school are completely Marine-oriented," Coltrin said. "I had to translate the material from Marine to Airman to grasp the understanding of what the instructors were referring to. The Marine's mentality is definitely different than what we are accustomed to in the Air Force," Coltrin said. "They are very competitive; they are always testing and

challenging each other. I love it! I fit right in."

Despite the differences, Coltrin was able to graduate second in his class, earn the Academic Achievement award, score a perfect on his Combat Fitness Test, and win the prestigious Gung Ho award for leadership and motivation.

"The Gung Ho for Marines is held in the highest esteem," said U.S. Marines Corps Master Sgt. Mark Jerry, staff noncommissioned officer in charge for the Advanced Course. "I have had the pleasure of leading men and women into battle and if I had my choice, First Sergeant Coltrin would be on my team for our next conflict."

For Coltrin, accepting the challenge of learning how a different service trains, while at the same time representing the Air Force, was one of the things that kept him motivated.

"A good way to stay motivated to achieve something one wouldn't otherwise do on their own is find someone with similar goals and enter a healthy competition," Coltrin said. "A healthy competition is a beautiful thing. The entire time I was at that school I felt like I was personally carrying the Air Force flag."

Coltrin said the Airmen in today's Air Force also keep him driven and inspired.

"The young Airmen of the Air Force motivate me every day to do my job, fight for and with them" Coltrin said. "It's my pleasure to be the young guns muscle, which is a big reason I became an MTI and Shirt. Taking care of people is my business."

So with all his accomplishments and career achievements, what is the biggest thing Coltrin has learned in his career?

"Don't be paralyzed by the fear of failing," he said. "Everyone has bad days. You will fail lots of times before you win. In my opinion being successful has little to do with being smart or good looking, but it has everything to do with putting forth an extraordinary effort. Put your head down, ignore the naysayers and do work. If you apply the core values to all of your daily routines, you are almost always guaranteed success."



Courtesy photo

Tech Sgt. Matthew Coltrin, former Air Force Basic Military Training Instructor, (left), performs "eyes right" during his final parade as a basic military training instructor at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, June 17, 2011. In 2006, Coltrin applied for MTI duty and throughout his years wearing his hat, he received several accolades, including the Excellence in Instruction award at Military Training Instructor School, Non-commissioned Officer of the Year, Military Training Instructor Association President's Award, and Blue Rope of the Year.

A first sergeant's job is never done



Master Sgt. Trapper Otto, 509th Security Forces Squadron first sergeant, signs an Air Force Form 2708 as Senior Airman Jamecia Smith, 509th Security Forces Squadron desk sergeant, and Tech. Sgt. Michelle Caldwell 509th Security Forces Squadron assistant first sergeant, act as witnesses at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., May 1, 2014. Any time security forces detains a member, the first sergeant has to sign this form.

By Airman 1st Class Joel Pfiester
509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

Whenever an Airman needs help with their personal well-being or requires counseling or guidance for not living up to the core values, they come to the person with the diamond on his or her chevrons.

Master Sgt. Trapper Otto, 509th Security Forces Squadron's first sergeant, is one of these "diamond sharp" individuals.

Originally a hydraulics technician, the South Dakota native and military brat has been

stationed in Japan, the United Kingdom and Korea. Though he was not a first sergeant during any of these assignments, he desired to help out fellow Airmen and become a first sergeant at Whiteman.

"I became a first sergeant because I enjoy working with people," Otto said. "I've had a positive influence with one of the first sergeants in my past and I want to be able to have that effect on the members that I would have the opportunity to do that for."

U.S. Air Force first sergeants are responsible for the morale, welfare and personal well-being

of the enlisted members of their respective squadrons. Each squadron or unit on base has a first sergeant who normally holds the rank of master, senior master or chief master sergeant. These senior enlisted Airmen serve as chief advisers to their squadron commanders concerning their units' enlisted force.

"We simply advise supervisors and the commander on what actions to take to provide fair and equitable treatment across the board," Otto said.

There are many different situations Airmen can find themselves in such as work-related, financial and even personal relationships problems, and it is important for Otto be easy-going and personable.

One of the biggest challenges to deal with as a first sergeant is dealing with the ever-changing dynamics of Airmen, Otto said.

"When most senior non-commissioned officers came in the Air Force we did not have the technology that is out there today," Otto said. "This is a challenge as we try to get the newer and younger Airmen to get out of their dorms and away from their video games to see what there is to do out in the community and the world."

Despite the challenges that accompany the title of first sergeant, helping out just one Airman makes the job extremely rewarding.

"If someone comes to me with a problem, no matter how small it may seem to me and how quick we can fix it, it is the most important event in their life right now so we take it as serious as anything else and help them through that tough time," Otto said. "It is rewarding to see their relief and gratitude when you are able to help them with whatever they are going through."



Master Sgt. Trapper Otto, 509th Security Forces Squadron first sergeant, and Senior Airman Matthew Stivala, 509th Security Forces Squadron response force member, inspect an M-4 rifle at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., May 1, 2014. U.S. Air Force first sergeants are responsible for the morale, welfare and well-being of the enlisted members of their respective squadrons.

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By Tech. Sgt. Chris Gunn
509th Civil Engineer Squadron

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Tech. Sgt. Shonta Simes, 509th Force Support Squadron, receives the Chiefs' Choice award May 7, 2014 at the Ozark Inn Dining Facility at Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri. As the Ozark Inn Dining Facility Manager Simes oversees more than 45 personnel responsible for providing meals to more than 3,000 Airmen daily. Additionally, she is one of two Master Resilience Trainers for the 509th Bomb Wing and recently led the mortuary support team handling two active-duty cases.



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Inspection for perfection

By Senior Airman Bryan Crane
509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

The human eye can see many things, but it cannot see everything. This is why Whiteman Air Force Base employs the 509th Maintenance Squadron non-destructive inspection shop.

The NDI shop uses a variety of methods to check the structural integrity of an aircraft and to find discrepancies not obvious to the naked eye.

“We use many different types of technology to get our job done,” said Airman 1st Class Rolando Echavarria, 509th MXS NDI technician. “Some methods include x-rays, ultra-sonic, fluorescent penetration and infrared-thermography.”

With the composite structure of the B-2 Spirit bomber, the most common inspection method is the infrared-thermography.

“Our infrared-thermography uses heat signatures to look for disbands and delaminates on the aircraft,” Echavarria said. “It’s also our most common method used with the B-2 because of the structure of the jet.”

Echavarria said the most common discrepancies found on the B-2 are dis-bonds. A dis-bond occurs when the outer layer of the aircraft begins to separate from the adhesive underneath.

Each aircraft goes through a phase inspection every 1,000 flight hours. During these inspections, and any other routine inspection, crew chiefs scrutinize aspects of the aircraft to see if there are potential discrepancies needing further evaluation.

If further evaluation is needed, the NDI shop steps up to the plate.

“When the crew chiefs come across a potential problem they will then call us out to the jet to fully diagnose it,” Echavarria said. “Smaller

parts will be brought back to the shop to inspect using one of our various techniques, otherwise we bring the technology right to the aircraft.”

Whiteman’s NDI shop consists of nine active-duty Airmen and one full-time National Guard member from the 131st Bomb Wing, working two shifts, seven days a week.

“Throughout a normal week we will have two shifts each day with someone on call overnight,” Echavarria said. “During exercises we go to 24/7 operations to get the mission done.”

The 509th and 131st NDI shop members began their integration back in 2008 and have since worked close together to accomplish the mission.

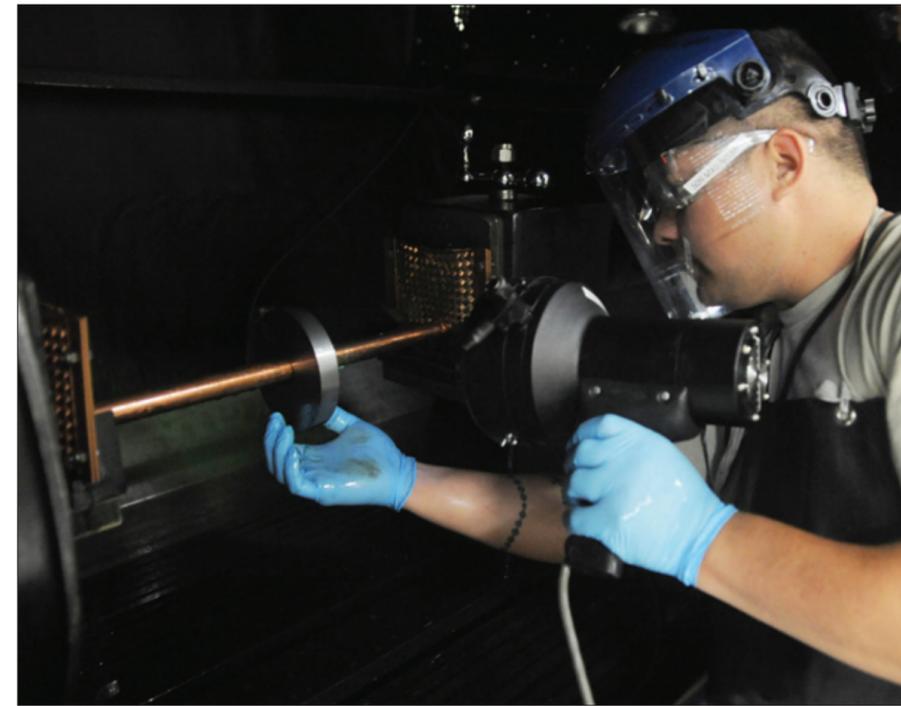
“Even before the official integration, both shops worked closely with each other,” Echavarria said. “When we go out to the jet for something I can guarantee nobody else can tell who is the active duty member and who is the guard member because together we have been trained by the best and we all complete the mission to the highest capability.”

Master Sgt. Tracey Gilliard, 509th MXS NDI NCO in-charge, praises her crew for their hard work and vast knowledge.

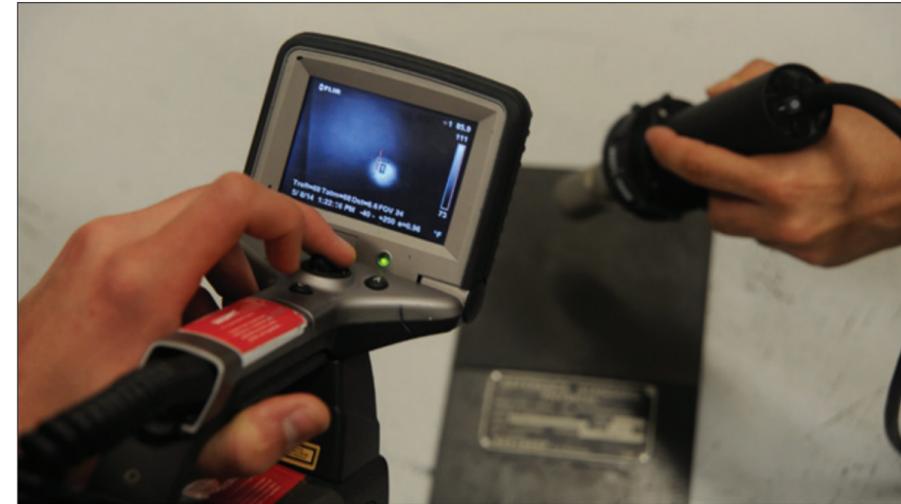
“We have a great team here,” Gilliard said. “I can rely on them to get the mission done accurately and not have to question them constantly. They know what they are doing and they are very good at getting the job done.”

The NDI shop members understand their role in Whiteman’s mission, and this understanding drives them to do their best each and every day.

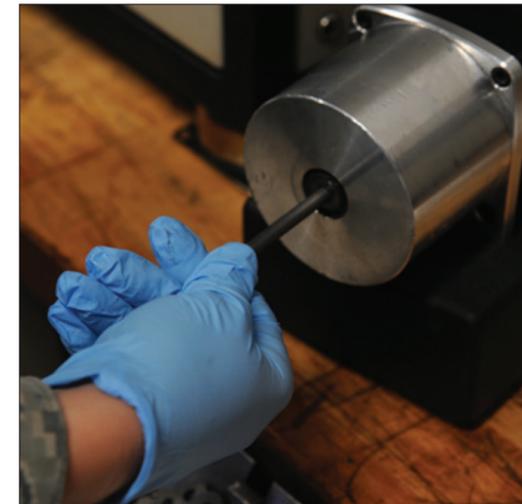
“Every day I come to work knowing I contribute,” Echavarria said. “There’s a lot of pressure with this job knowing any mistake could be very costly, but we do our best work under the pressure.”



Airman 1st Class Rolando Echavarria, 509th Maintenance Squadron non-destructive inspection technician, begins a pre-evaluation on an aircraft part to check for discrepancies. The NDI shop uses a variety of methods to inspect the aircraft including x-rays, ultra-sonics, fluorescent penetration and infrared thermography.



Airman Kawika Cadman, 509th Maintenance Squadron non-destructive inspection technician, uses infrared technology to find discrepancies in aircraft parts. Infrared thermography uses heat signatures to look for disbands and delaminates on the aircraft.



Senior Airman Jessica Gibson, 509th Maintenance Squadron non-destructive inspection technician, sharpens a training rod. The NDI shop is a 10-man shop, working two shifts, with a member on call at all times.

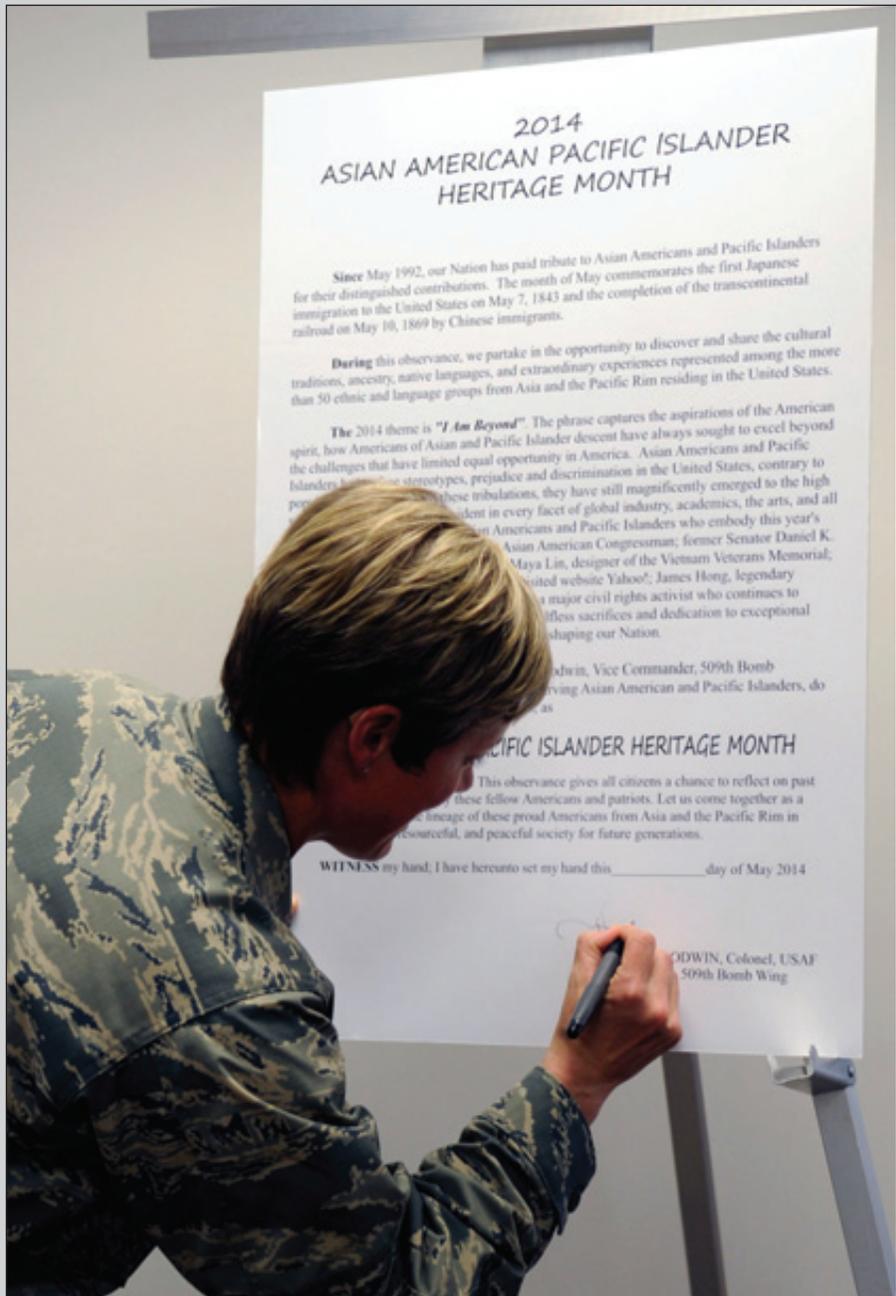


Senior Airman Jessica Gibson, 509th Maintenance Squadron non-destructive inspection technician, runs a sampling test. The 509th MXS NDI members are integrated with members of the 131st BW NDI shop, making both fully qualified to work on the B-2 Spirit.



Airman Kawika Cadman, 509th Maintenance Squadron non-destructive inspection technician, prepares his infrared technology to search for discrepancies on individual aircraft parts at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., May 8, 2014. To become fully trained to work on aircraft, NDI shop members attend a 10-week technical training course and complete 12 months of on-the-job training.

Whiteman kicks off Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month



U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Alexandra M. Boutte
Col. Kristin Goodwin, 509th Bomb Wing vice commander, signs the Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month proclamation at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., May 8, 2014. The month of May commemorates the first Japanese immigration to the United States on May 7, 1843, and the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869 by Chinese immigrants. During the observation, individuals will have the opportunity to discover and share the cultural traditions, ancestry, native languages and extraordinary experiences represented among more than 50 ethnic and language groups from Asia and the Pacific Rim residing in the United States. This year's theme is "I Am Beyond."



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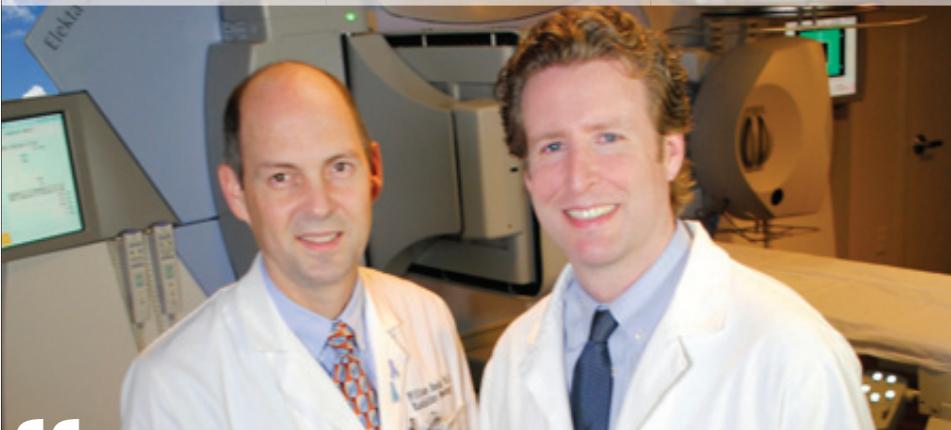
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NFL Draft Recap--surprises and sure things



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Khalil Mack of the Buffalo Bills poses with NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell after he was picked #5 overall by the Oakland Raiders during the first round of the 2014 NFL Draft at Radio City Music Hall on May 8, 2014 in New York City.

By Senior Airman Bryan Crane
509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

The 2014 NFL entry draft concluded this past weekend, and for sports nerds like me it was another exciting event.

This year's draft featured a trade for a top-five pick, Johnny Football drama, and as always, some head scratching picks.

I will cover my favorite picks and least favorite picks from this season's edition of the best reality TV show you could possibly watch.

BEST PICKS

Oakland Raiders drafting Khalil Mack

Mack had the potential to be the number one pick in this year's draft. That's the kind of talent this kid has. Some teams graded him higher than actual number one pick Jadeveon Clowney, but I saw him as the second best defensive player. He has elite pass rushing ability and will fill the void left by Lamarr Houston, who went to the Bears in free-agency. Mack was the perfect fit for the Raiders, who played it smart in this year's draft.

St. Louis Rams drafting Aaron Donald - Aaron Donald fell right into the laps of the Rams. The Rams already have an elite defensive line and it only gets better. Donald was a dominant force in the Atlantic Coast Conference and had an incredible workout at the scouting combine. He was in my opinion the sixth best player in this

draft and he could have been drafted as high as number five with the Raiders. He fell down to the Rams and that's a good thing for him. Pairing him with an already talented line will only increase his ability to rush the passer from the inside, which is his best attribute.

Cincinnati Bengals drafting Darqueze Dennard - The Bengals came into the draft with a glaring need to infuse some youth into an aging secondary. Not only did they accomplish this with drafting Dennard, they didn't have to trade up or reach for a corner not as highly rated.

I had Dennard as the best cornerback in the draft as he has the best all-around tools. However, two cornerbacks came off the board before Dennard and he slipped all the way down to the twenty-fourth pick. The Bengals can use him in a variety of ways this season and he should plug into that defense right away.

New York Jets drafting Calvin Pryor - The Jets had needs coming into the draft at the playmaker positions. Needing some depth at receiver and tight end positions, the Jets used some of their later round picks to add some quality players to help out their offense. Their first round pick was on defense though, and is a perfect fit for a Rex Ryan defense. Ryan requires his safeties to be able to not only drop back in coverage but to be able to play up in the box with physicality. That is exactly what Pryor brings as he is the hardest hitting safety in the draft. He can

practically be a fourth or fifth linebacker and will get better at playing over the top in the back end of the secondary as he matures.

WORST PICKS

Minnesota Viking drafting Anthony Barr

Barr came into the draft process rated very high but dropped when scouts viewed more and more of his tape. His stats were elite coming out of the Pac-12 but he still is a raw talent after converting from running back and only playing defense for two seasons. Though Barr has some upside, the Vikings left some really talented players on the board including Donald, Dennard and Kyle Fuller.

Kansas City Chiefs drafting Dee Ford

Pass rusher was not the number one need for the Chiefs coming into the draft; however they used their first round pick on one. The Chiefs have two elite pass rushers already in Tamba Hali and Justin Houston, though Hali could be in his last year in KC. I think the Chiefs could have addressed pass rusher later in the draft and added a receiver in the first round, in a draft that was extremely deep and talented at the position. They left Marqise Lee, Jordan Matthews and Cody Latimer all on the board when those players could have immediately helped an offense that relies too heavily on Jamal Charles.

Carolina Panthers drafting Kelvin Benjamin - The Panthers did the right thing in

the first round by addressing a huge need at receiver. However, I'm not a fan of the player they picked. Benjamin is a massive target standing 6'5" 240 pounds. He should put up the stats in his first year based on the fact there really isn't another proven pass catcher besides Greg Olsen and Jason Avant on this team. I think going with a more finished product in Jordan Matthews would have suited the Panthers better for the near future.

Philadelphia Eagles drafting Marcus Smith

The Eagles did well addressing some of their needs later in the draft, particularly with Matthews at receiver. I do believe they could have got a lot better value out of the twenty-sixth pick. Smith is a hybrid defensive end outside linebacker that would have been around in round two.

He will play a versatile role for the Eagles, but they could have gone in a number of ways if they stayed at pick 22 including drafting Dennard, Jason Verrett or Bradley Roby to help out their secondary.

The draft overall was filled with talent and it showed as trades were down this year with teams being comfortable knowing they could stay put and still get a quality player they covet.

Teams will still be on the lookout to add depth to their rosters through free-agency and via trades so don't be worried if your team still has some holes to fill before the season begins.

Recycling: More money brings renovation

By Airman 1st Class Keenan Berry
509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

Recycling is good! No really it's great! It contributes to many different elements around the base.

Thanks to the 509th Force Support Squadron recycling center, the base has a rubber track, batting cages and restrooms at the baseball fields.

When Whiteman Air Force Base recycles it makes a huge difference for the community.

The recycling center also sells recyclable materials to recycling companies within the local community.

"I receive and process all recyclable materials such as cardboard, glass, paper, newspaper, aluminum and metal cans," said Eric Goewey, 509th FSS material examiner and identifier. "We have a drop-off center and two trailers in the general base area. We clear the drop off center 2 to 3 times a day. Once we get enough of the raw materials for that particular type, we run it through the baler to compress it, record the weight and store it in the warehouse until we get enough bales to do a small truck load and sell it to the highest bidder."

Recyclable materials must be weighed before they are sold to the bidder.

"We have a scale we use to weigh the bales," said Mark Davis, 509th FSS recycling center supervisor. "We keep a daily excel spreadsheet in which we use to log the production. A truck load of the commodity will go across the scale and the trucks will



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Keenan Berry

Eric Goewey, 509th Force Support Squadron material examiner and identifier, examines aluminum cans at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., May 7, 2014. In order to sell bales of cans to companies, the recycling center crew must ensure all bales are free of unwanted waste.

take them go to a mill to process cardboard, newspaper and office paper to be sent off to the company."

After all labor and maintenance expenses are paid for, the money stays here at

Whiteman. The money is used for items the base populous will benefit from, Davis said.

"This year, \$246,000 will go towards new concrete cart paths at the golf course and \$104,000 are going towards composting

toilets on the backside of the golf course," he said. "Recently, \$536 went towards buying a trash receptacle for the new dog park. They are constantly making renovations to suit our Airmen here on base."

To save more money and help protect the environment, the recycling center avoids sending waste to landfills as much as possible.

"The primary goal of our recycling operations here on this installation is to reduce the amount of waste we are sending the landfill, which is called our diversion rate," said Paul Edwards, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron qualified recycling program manager. "Last year, our diversion rate was at 40 percent and we are hoping to do better this year."

Summer is approaching and this is typically the time when most PCS moves occur. The recycling center provides services to help with clean-up.

"As we enter the summer clean-up and permanent change of station 'season,' it's important to remember the recycling center can provide Whiteman residents with cardboard boxes," Edwards said. "We can also arrange to pick up empty boxes at their location."

The recycling center crew enjoys bringing in money to the base to help make renovations for Airmen and their families.

"I enjoy seeing the results of our job leading to the renovations that are being made to Whiteman," Davis said. "It makes me happy to know that what we are doing is giving back to the base and its Airmen. In return, they reap the benefits."

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OKLAHOMA CITY (AFNS) -- Members of the Oklahoma Air National Guard's 146th Air Support Operations Squadron at Will Rogers Air National Guard Base here recently started training on the first simulator designed specifically for their mission.

The Air National Guard advanced joint terminal attack controller training system, or AAJTS, is the only simulator to train joint terminal attack controllers.

The system simulates virtually any environment and most aircraft and weapons system utilized by the JTACs.

"Everything is very realistic," said Chris Johnson, the logistical support for QuantaDyn, the Sterling, Virginia, based company that created AAJTS. "If a JTAC operates unsafely and pulls his aircraft in too close, they'll get shot down. It's better to do that in a simulator than in real life."

The ASOS mission is to provide ground commanders with proper coordination and control of close air support missions.

The AAJTS provide a way for Airmen to make mistakes when it's not so costly.

"Airplanes only have a certain amount of fuel, so you can't just stop a training if it's not going well," said Lt. Col. James Waltermire, the 146th ASOS commander.

"With this system, we can reset and get it right before going to a live range."

The system is comprised of a large dome projection screen, a control station and an aircraft simulator station. The dome contains 14 high-end projectors that

encapsulate the Airmen and place them in the action as realistically as possible. It is also capable of projecting infrared images for virtual nighttime operations.

"If you are under (night vision goggles), the image looks as close as possible to actually being outside," Johnson said. "It's a huge leap for simulators in that capacity. This is the first simulator to offer NVG capability."

QuantaDyn Corporation developed AAJTS in 28 months and each system costs \$2 million. But that cost is easily paid for by the reduced cost of real-life missions according to Waltermire.

"This (simulator) allows us to go back to the basics and do it over and over until we don't make any mistakes," Waltermire said.

The simulator not only reduces costs, but also allows the Airmen to train in situations not possible in real life.

"It gives us the ability to train against moving targets that are out there in a simulated environment and gets my guys used to seeing things move that you can't see on a range when your dropping live ordinance," said Waltermire.

The simulator is also capable of networking with other simulators across the world. This way, the JTACs can communicate and train with real-life pilots on their own aircraft simulators hundreds of miles away.

More AAJTS will be installed across the U.S. this year, including systems for active duty Air Force and the Marines.

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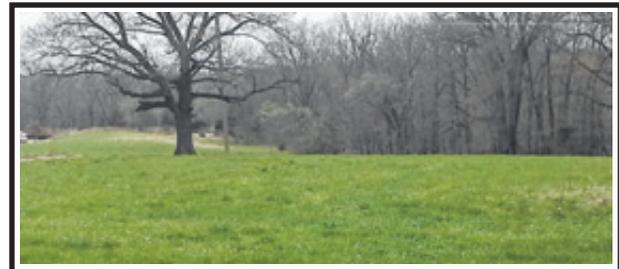
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