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#### By Lt. Col. Kevin Templin 509th Bomb Wing Chief of Safety

Wing Safety is the office that runs the US Air Force Mishap Prevention Program here at Whiteman AFB. The purpose of the mishap prevention program is to minimize the loss of Air Force resources and protect Air Force personnel from death, injuries, or occupational illnesses by managing risks on- and off-duty. That's a formal way of saying we try to prevent mishaps. Keeping ourselves and our equipment safe insures we have the means available to make things unsafe for our enemies.

Commanders are responsible for developing and implementing a mishap prevention program in their units but it takes everyone doing their part to keep the installation safe. Because it takes everyone, Safety shops assist Commanders with the implementation and integration of risk management into all on-duty operations and off-duty activities. There are three specialties within the 509 BW and 131 BW Safety Shop: Flight Safety, Ground Safety, and Weapons Safety.

Flight Safety at Whiteman works several programs that relate to the safety of our aircrew and aircraft. Some of the bigger programs they work include the Bird/ Wildlife Aircraft Strike Hazard (BASH) Plan, Hazardous Air Traffic Reporting (HATR), and the Midair Collision Avoidance (MACA) Program. Only those squadrons that operate aircraft have Flight Safety programs, but our Wing Flight Safety shop also works with the 509 MXG, 509 OSS, 509 CES, and the USDA Wildlife Services here on base.

Ground Safety at Whiteman works numerous mishap prevention programs that include operational, occupational, off-duty, and traffic safety. They are the installation's "OSHA" but also ensure compliance with DoD and Air Force safety requirements. They monitor sports facilities and activities, implement the traffic safety program (including the motorcycle riding program), and review and recommend approval of the use of new hazardous materials. They work closely with Civil Engineering to ensure work requests and construction projects provide a safe work environment. Ground safety also promotes on- and off-duty safety awareness, distribute safety education materials, and conduct both newcomers' safety orientation and the Supervisors Safety Training course. Ground Safety works with numerous units across the base to include (but not limited to) Security Forces, Civil Engineering, Contracting, Services, Bioenvironmental Engineering, Environmental, and Public Health personnel to provide an effective Ground Safety program. Additionally, each squadron on base has their own unit Ground Safety program.

Weapons Safety at Whiteman works with two disciplines: explosives safety and nuclear surety. Weapons Safety works with squadrons that maintain explosives and ammunition. Weapons Safety also ensures that we incorporate maximum nuclear surety, consistent with operational requirements, from weapon system development through dismantlement.

All three disciplines maintain records of reportable mishaps and monitor/track non-reportable mishaps for trend analysis. We investigate all safety incidents because the goal of the mishap prevention program is to prevent safety incidents from happening in the first place.

As mentioned before, Commanders are responsible for developing and implementing a mishap prevention program within their units. However, you as an individual can proactively assist your supervisor and Commander in this tasking. It is each individual's responsibility to:

• Comply with all safety instructions, technical orders, job guides, and operating procedures.

• Consider personal safety and the safety of coworkers while doing assigned tasks as well as off-duty activities.

• Identify and report hazardous conditions that place Air Force personnel or property at risk. Use the AF Form 457, USAF Hazard Report, when necessary.

• Immediately report to your supervisor if you believe that you have a physical or mental condition that may affect safe job performance.

• Use and maintain recommended and appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) for job tasks.

• Apply risk management principles in both on- and off-duty activities.

• Decline to perform an assigned task if you reasonably believe the task poses an imminent risk of death or serious bodily harm to yourself or others (except in a combat environment). You and/or local management may request an assessment by installation safety, fire protection, or health professionals before proceeding.

• Immediately notify supervisors of a known pregnancy and make an appointment with Public Health to initiate a workplace evaluation for exposures that may be hazardous to the fetus and determination of work restrictions.

• Use official on-duty time to take part in safety activities.

The bottom line is that you are an integral part of Team Whiteman. We need you to be safe so that we can effectively provide Strategic Deterrence, Global Power, and Combat Support to Combatant and Joint Force Commanders...Anytime, Anywhere.

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# On the cover

U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Nick Wilson Roy Dietzman, Sporting Whiteman varsity soccer team head coach, mentors players on the importance of playing aggressively after a scrimmage at Cloverdale Complex in Sedalia, Mo., Aug. 12, 2014. The team practices twice a week and scrimmages against various semi-pro and collegiate soccer teams each month.

# Did you know?

**By Master Sgt. Lafoundra N. Thompson** 509th Security Forces Squadron first sergeant

DID YOU KNOW? All personnel are prohibited from carrying a concealed weapon on base at any time. While privately owned firearms are authorized on the installation, each and every owner must ensure that registration is accomplished. Personnel will declare privately owned firearm(s) to SF personnel if stopped for any reason. Any person identified with an unregistered firearm stored on the installation will be subject to disciplinary actions. Actions can range from withdrawal of the authority to store firearms on the installation, revoking authority to occupy base housing and administrative discipline.

In order to ensure all personnel are in compliance, all units on WAFB will appoint a primary and alternate Firearms Registration Monitor (FRM) in writing. As part of organizational in processing, FRMs will brief the contents of this chapter to newly assigned persons. 509th SFS Police Services personnel will brief on-base firearms registration requirements during base Right Start Briefings.

Registration and storage procedures apply to newly assigned persons to the installation as well as persons in TDY status or when on-base overnight as an active duty transient. This applies to Dorm residents who procure a firearm off of the installation and want to store the firearm in the SF armory. In addition, occupants of Military Family Housing (MFH) must follow this guidance. Firearms purchased from AAFES will be taken directly to the SF Armory, MFH or off base. The military member is responsible for registering all firearms stored within their quarters.

Temporary registration and storage will not exceed 10 duty days and personnel assigned to WAFB must permanently register their firearm within 10 duty days or their unit commander will be notified.

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If you have any questions regarding this program, you can contact your unit First Sergeant or Master Sgt. Stephen Thomas, the AFRC In-service Recruiter, at 687-1868.

#### Speed limit change

The 509th Civil Engineer Squadron will be installing new speed limit signs around base housing. The new signs will direct a speed limit of 20 mph unless children are present, in which case the limit will be 10 mph.

#### Air Force Housing Web Site

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# If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is

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Follow your instincts: If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

Membership in the military presents unique issues that the general public does not face. We move often, we come into contact with many people, and we have to trust and rely on individuals we don't know. Because of the unique circumstances associated with military service, military members and our families are often the targets of scammers and others who try to cheat us out of our money. This happens over the phone, through the mail, or most frequently these days, through the internet.

An example of this kind of scam is the "Nanny Scam" targeting military spouses who provide child care in their homes. Victims are generally contacted via e-mail through a legitimate website such as SitterCity.com or Care.com saying that their services are requested for a new family moving to the area, usually from an overseas location. Once the parties agree to an amount, the scammer tells the victim that the scammer will send a check with additional money added on to purchase toys or special equipment for the child's arrival (like a wheelchair for a disabled child). The scammer asks the victim to immediately deposit the check and withdraw the amount for the special equipment or toys, which is then to be sent via Western Union to a designated third party who "sells" such items. This third party is either the scammer or his accomplice, and receives the victim's money. The scammer's check eventually bounces, but the member doesn't learn about that until after their money is gone. The victim is left with bounced check fees and the responsibility for repaying the amount they withdrew from their bank on the bad check.

This kind of scam can occur with a number of activities we deal with as military families: child care, goods shipment, car shipment, credit cards, old rentals, employment, etc.

There are ways that you can protect yourself against these and other scams. Here are few tips to keep in mind: • Know what a scam looks like – Check for inconsistencies, spelling and grammar mistakes, and advertisements in the correspondence. Check the website you use for tips and updated information on scams. Frequently check the Federal Trade Commission, Better Business Bureau, and FBI website for updated information and tips on scams. If anyone asks you for money up front on a deal, be on alert for a scam.

• Know who you're dealing with – Meet in person before coming to any set agreement or handing over any money.

• Ask questions and avoid sympathy traps – Politely ask questions about the situation and avoid making agreements based on your emotional response to a "sob story."

• If a potential employer asks for documents that contain your sensitive personal information, verify the identity of the person you are asked to send it to and their need to know.

• Don't deposit checks without verifying authenticity through your bank or local law enforcement, and don't use the money until the check has cleared. If in doubt, see if the bank named on the check has a local branch, and ask them to confirm whether there are adequate funds in the account.

• Trust your instincts – If the situation seems "off," seek advice. If you feel that you have been targeted by a scammer you should stop engaging in correspondence with them, print all of your correspondence, and immediately report the incident. You can report scams to local law enforcement, the state Attorney General, and the Federal Trade Commission. The FTC has a website to facilitate making reports: https://www.ftccomplaintassistant.gov. You should also take actions to protect your accounts, credit cards, and identity if you have already shared any personal information. Contact your financial institutions and the major credit reporting agencies to report any suspected identity theft or financial breeches.

If you have any questions about an agreement you've entered into, if you feel that you're a potential fraud target, or if you have any other concerns regarding fraud, visit your local base legal office. You can contact the Whiteman Legal Office at (660) 687-6809.



The story of the 110th Bomb Squadron has shown that the 131st Bomb Wing has always been ready for action. What started in 1923 as a small, home-grown squadron in the back room of a Saint Louis area gas station grew to become a decorated combat unit in the Pacific during WWII.

While the 110th was in the Pacific Theater, there is another part to the history that has only recently been uncovered in greater detail. The 131st itself followed a different path starting in World War II and the European Theater of Operations.

In 1943, the 364th Fighter Group was organized and trained in California before relocating to Honington, England in January 1944. The unit initially flew the Lockheed P-38 Lightning on patrol over the English Channel on D-Day --June 6, 1944 -- and follow-on strafing missions





against railroad yards, bridges, and other targets. After converting to the North American P-51 Mustang, the 364th Fighter Group received the Distinguished Unit Citation for an escort mission on Dec. 27, 1944 when the group dispersed a large formation of German fighters attacking U.S. Army Air Forces Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress bombers on a raid to Frankfurt, Germany.

After WWII ended, the Air National Guard was established in 1946 and the Army Air Corps wanted to preserve the lineage and history of its many successful units from the war. The 364th Fighter Group was re-designated the 131st Fighter Group and allotted to the 71st Fighter Wing of the Missouri ANG in Saint Louis. In 1950, the wing was re-designated the 131st Composite Wing in 1950 with Wing designation now based on the lead combat unit, the 131st Fighter Group. All awards, lineage, and history which passed on from the 364th Fighter Group to the 131st Fighter Group now belonged to the 131st Composite Wing.

While the mission, names, and even locations have changed several times over the years, two paths converged: The 110th Bomb Squadron with its legacy in the 110th Observation Squadron of the 35th Division, Missouri National Guard, and the 364th Fighter Group, sharing a proud heritage now known as the 131st Bomb Wing of the Missouri Air National Guard.

The dedication and hard work demonstrated of members throughout the years has proven time and time again that the Citizen-Airmen of the 131st Bomb Wing live up to the original motto of the 364th Fighter Group so proudly displayed today: "Parati ad Agendum, Ready for Action."









U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Nick Wilson Chief Master Sgt. Shawn Drinkard, command chief of the 509th Bomb Wing, signs a Combined Federal Campaign Contribution slip at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Oct. 14, 2014. The CFC started on Oct. 1, 2014 and will continue on until Nov. 21, 2014. Airmen or civilians who would like to donate can contact 2nd Lt. Zachariah Wood at DSN 687-5460 or Capt. Dustin Duke at DSN 687-2801.



U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Nick Wilson Col. Matthew Brooks, vice commander of the 509th Bomb Wing, signs a Combined Federal Campaign Contribution slip at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Oct. 14, 2014. The CFC provides Service members of the National Capital Region an opportunity to donate to international, regional and hometown charities.





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## **Feature**

# **Global Strike Challenge... accepted**



Chief Master Sgt. Erick Hays, one of the Global Strike Challenge evaluators, watches on as Airmen from the 509th Munitions Squadron construct a munitions assembly conveyor as part of the 2014 Challenge here. The Global Strike Challenge is designed to promote esprit de corps, recognize the Air Force's outstanding Global Strike personnel and teams, and to improve capabilities through competition.

#### By Senior Airman Nathan Dampf 131st Bomb Wing Public Affairs

More than 80 Airmen from the 509th Bomb Wing and Missouri Air National Guard's 131st Bomb Wing here recently defended their Global Strike Challenge title in this year's competition.

The total force team won the coveted Fairchild Trophy during the last competition, held in 2012, and have won the top prize in two of three competition years. There was no competition in 2013 due to sequestration.

"When a challenge is put out, our Airmen

are dialed-in to show who they are," said 509th Maintenance Group Commander Col. Chase McCown, in a message to evaluators before the competition started here Oct. 8. "Evaluators will see a total force integration effort. We'll show how our wings have worked together day-in and day-out."

The Global Strike Challenge is the world's premier bomber, intercontinental ballistic missile and security forces competition. The Challenge's three primary goals are to build esprit de corps, recognize the Air Force's global strike teams and help enhance the Air Force's combat capabilities by spotlighting areas of improvement. "One of the challenge's primary goals is to build camaraderie," said Col. Kimbra Sterr, commander of the 131st Maintenance Group. "You can see that at Whiteman as 509th active duty Airmen and 131st Guardsmen work side-by-side. Some evaluators who have been involved in past inspections and competitions here are going to see the same relationship they've seen in past years, and that is a seamless one."

The security forces, operations and maintenance personnel were evaluated in several key areas. The competition judges the Airmen's proficiencies through functional area knowledge assessments, timed exercises and thorough inspections of the aircraft and equipment. Before the challenge on base, the 509th Security Forces team was evaluated offsite. Starting off the competition at Whiteman, all competitors participated in a dress and appearance inspection. From there, teams from munitions, maintenance squadrons and weapons load teams displayed their skills in their functional areas.

During one such exercise, munitions Airmen assembled a munitions assembly conveyor and 15 conventional weapons, as evaluators timed the exercise and reviewed the end results to ensure all bombs were assembled and organized correctly. Evaluators even went so far as to review the minute details of the shop's toolbox.

The Airmen performed well, said Chief Master Sgt. Douglass Collins, superintendent for the 509th Munitions Squadron.

"Exercises like this are only required one time per year," said Collins. "We have been training for this opportunity for the last couple months over and over. It has improved camaraderie, validated the training we've done and presented opportunities for improvement later."

On day two of the challenge, inspectors visited with weapons loaders and crew chiefs. Evaluators viewed how well a team was equipped to load 15 weapons on the B-2 Spirit. Several of the Airmen were eager to show what they had to offer to the mission and to the defense of team Whiteman's title.

"We're excited it's finally here," said

Staff Sgt. Jeremie Key, weapons loader with the 131st MXG. "There is some pressure since we've won it in the past. But, we do this every day, so we're just happy to showcase what we can do through the competition."

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Following the weapons load assessment, evaluators then held a thorough inspection with the aircraft's crew chief team, which was split half active duty and half Guard Airmen. The participants in this portion were asked knowledge questions to see how well they knew the subject matter, and were then asked to inspect a specific component of the plane with the evaluator.

"Challenges like this give us the chance to show what we bring to the fight as the two wings work together," said Staff Sgt. Travis Weiler, crew chief with 131st MXG. "We've been preparing for this and I think when the inspectors leave this base, they'll be talking about how TFI works."

Whiteman's active duty Airmen and Missouri's Citizen Airmen have been working alongside each other since the 131st moved from Lambert Airport in St. Louis in 2007. Working side-by-side, the units are competing for multiple Global Strike Challenge awards, including: the Fairchild Trophy (best bomber unit), Ellis Giant Sword Trophy (best bomber maintenance group), as well as other specific team and team chiefs awards.

The units on Whiteman have won several of the awards in the past, including the Fairchild Award. But, munitions leaders tout the competition is more than awards. It is about the confidence decision makers can have in the units to get the job done.

"The bottom line is, we're ready," said Collins. "And, if we're called by the president in the middle of the night, not only will we meet expectations, we'll exceed them."

Other competing Global Strike Command units include 90th Missile Wing of F.E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyoming; the 91st Missile Wing and 5th Bomb Wing of Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota; the 341st Missile Wing of Malmstrom Air Force Base, Montana; and the 2nd Bomb Wing of Barksdale Air Force Base Louisiana.



Sgt. Jeremie Key and Jake Smith, both weapons loaders with the 131st Maintenance Group, usher one of 15 conventional bombs to the B-2 Spirit Aircraft here during the October 2014 Global Strike Challenge. Key, Smith and other participants were evaluated on their functional area understanding through knowledge tests, but then had to display that knowledge during the evaluation the following day.

U.S. Air National Guard photos/Senior Airman Nathan Dampf



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Throughout the years, military associations have provided numerous forums that foster military professionalism and development. In addition, these groups work to increase awareness of our mission with the American public and foster strong and mutually beneficial relationships among government, industry and civic leaders. At both the national and local chapter levels, these organizations also offer a variety of services to assist Airmen and their families, including Wounded Warrior programs, educational scholarships, youth activity camps and transition assistance services.

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Military associations represent an important dimension of our country's strong interest in national defense. We encourage your involvement with military associations to the extent allowable by Department of Defense and Air Force policies.

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U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Emily F. Alley Airmen from the 442nd Fighter Wing stationed at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., pose for a picture before game one of the 2014 World Series at Kauffman Stadium in Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 21, 2014. The Airmen performed the flag detail during the singing of the national anthem with their counterparts from the Army and active duty Air Force from Whiteman.



An Airman from Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., holds the American flag during game one of the 2014 World Series at Kauffman Stadium in Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 21, 2014. More than 100 volunteers from Whiteman AFB participated in the flag ceremony that accompanied the national anthem.



Airmen from the 509th Bomb Wing and 131st Bomb Wing at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., hold the American flag during the Royals vs. Orioles baseball game at Kauffman Stadium in Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 15, 2014. A B-2 Spirit stealth bomber made an appearance during the pre-game activities, representing the U.S. Air Force to a packed stadium as well as a TV viewership of millions during Game 4 of the American League Championship Series.



U.S. Air Force photo/Capt. John Cooper Airmen from Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., hold the American flag during game one of the 2014 World Series at Kauffman Stadium in Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 21, 2014. The Royals would fall to 0-1 in the series after losing game one to the San Francisco Giants.

Airmen from Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo. toss around a football before game one of the 2014 World Series at Kauffman Stadium in Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 21, 2014. The Royals would fall to 0-1 in the series after losing game one to the San Francisco Giants.

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# Sporting Whiteman scouts for new talent year-round

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

One of Team Whiteman's priorities as an installation is to create an environment that is healthy and fun. Varsity sports on base provide one of many avenues through which this goal is being accomplished.

Whiteman's varsity soccer team, also known as Sporting Whiteman, started up in June and is currently looking for new talent.

Deployments, permanent changes of duty stations and temporary duty assignments create a unique challenge for the team's coaches to develop a roster of players from three wings.

"When I first got to Whiteman back in 2010, we had a varsity soccer team where we would travel to Kansas City and play in a bunch of their Latino leagues," said Staff Sgt. Jeremie Key, Sporting Whiteman team member. "After a few years, a lot of people got deployed or went to a lot of other bases, so we didn't have the numbers we had before. Now we have a team that can travel to events like the Defender's Cup each year."

Tryouts are open to enlisted members, officers, dependents and civilians assigned to Whiteman Air Force Base.

"The base gym put out flyers for tryouts and I've been talking to intramural players to let them know that they could come out if they wanted to play at a higher level," said Tech. Sgt. Fred Koeller, Sporting Whiteman assistant coach. "We've also had first sergeants and other leadership who helped get the word out. Over time, as people saw us on base practicing, they joined to see what was going on."

Playing against more competitive teams has helped Sporting Whiteman increase strengths and pinpoint weaknesses. During



Team members from the Sporting Whiteman soccer team share a laugh during a team chant at Cloverdale Complex in Sedalia, Mo., Aug. 12, 2014. Sporting Whiteman started up in June and is currently looking for new talent. Anyone looking to tryout or join the team can call the assistant coach, Tech. Sgt. Fred Koeller, at DSN 975-2753.

the team's first soccer tournament, they competed against 12 National Collegiate Athletic Association soccer teams in the region, and finished in second place.

"We went to the Clinton Cup in Clinton, Missouri, and won our first game with a score of 2-1," Koeller said.

The team then moved up in the tournament bracket to the semifinals, where they won 2-0.

"In the championship game we lost by one goal," Koeller said. "The Clinton Cup was a good thing for our guys because it shows motivation in the fact that what you practice actually works and leads to something positive. What we do in our scrimmages will eventually lead to becoming a better team." The team also competed in the Defender's Cup Sept. 1-3, where they finished in sixth place in a tournament bracket against 38 other military soccer teams.

During the Defender's Cup, various teams in the Air Force and its sister services competed in America's largest military soccer tournament at Joint Base San Antonio, Texas, Koeller said.

"I feel, as a coach, that our team's performance was spot on for everything that we have been working toward," Koeller said. "It was nice to be the underdog and beat a lot of teams that have been playing at the Defender's Cup for years. This is huge for us because now it just motivates us to go there and win it all next year.'

Koeller was not sure how well the team would fare in a tournament of this caliber with a team that had only practiced together for a few months.

"Once we got to San Antonio, it was like all the training just clicked," Koeller said. "What really set us apart from other teams was our camaraderie, sportsmanship, work ethic and willingness never to quit."

Sporting Whiteman's ability to strategize for each game and think on their toes during tournaments has also been a major factor in their success.

"Teams would talk to others that have played us and try to make a strategy for how we played," Koeller said. "Then we would come out and do something totally different to throw them off guard, which made them change their game plan to our advantage."

Although Sporting Whiteman played against teams that had played together longer, they still showed how hard work and dedication can pay off, Koeller said.

"We weren't able to reach our goal of getting the Cup trophy but we were close and we know that we'll be there next year," Koeller said. "With a team like this, we will be sticking together and building off of this to make us better as a team and prepare for next year's Defender's Cup. Our goal next year is to bring the championship trophy home."

As the Sporting Whiteman prepares for next year's Defender's Cup, they are still looking for new talent. Their next game will be against Scott Air Force Base at Team Whiteman's Fitness Center Nov. 11.

Anyone looking to tryout or join the team can call the assistant coach, Tech. Sgt. Fred Koeller, at DSN 975-2753.



Members of the Sporting Whiteman soccer team play in a scrimmage during a practice session at Cloverdale Complex in Sedalia, Mo., Aug. 12, 2014. The team consists of enlisted members, officers, dependents and civilians assigned to Whiteman Air Force Base.

# Distance couldn't stop first sergeant from seeing daughter born

#### **Story and photo by Tech. Sgt. Emily F. Alley** 442nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Senior Master Sgt. Matthew Youkey has not starred in a film, but in real life he almost lives the plot of a romantic comedy.

Youkey, first sergeant for the 442nd Fighter Wing's Force Support Squadron, has been on loan to Air Force Reserve Command Headquarters at Robins AFB, Ga. since late June. He had not seen his wife, or their three children, in almost four months and was not planning to see them until he took leave for the birth of his fourth child, scheduled for October 21.

The week before that, however, he got a call from his wife.

"She called me at 10:30 in the morning and said 'I'm going into labor," recalled Youkey.

Youkey told his supervising chief master sergeant that he would need to start his leave early- and that he would need a ride to the airport. Youkey briefed the chief, who would be filling in as his replacement during leave, and made calls to reschedule his flight during the drive. The airline did not even charge him to change the dates when he told them why he needed a different flight.

"As we were taxiing in the pilot announced over the intercom that the Royals were going to the World Series," said Youkey. "Everyone was cheering."

The Royals had just won their last American League Champion Series game. As he left the airport, however, Youkey found the traffic was overwhelming due to the baseball game. He took calls from his wife, telling him to hurry, and he even tried to take detours. He finally made it to the hospital just under four hours before his daughter was born.

"It was pretty cool when he walked in," his wife, Christina Youkey, recalled. "All three kids jumped up and yelled, 'Daddy!' and the two boys didn't even know he was coming."

At the time, though, she did not notice. She had other things on her mind.

"I was hoping he would make it," said Christina Youkey. "But the pain was too much. I was just trying to have the baby."

"She did everything naturally," added Matthew Youkey.

"When the chaos stopped he came over and gave me a kiss. He was still in his ABUs."

When their three kids were asked who they were happier to have at home- their new little sister, or their dad- they agreed they liked having both.

Senior Master Sgt. Matthew Youkey and his wife Christina Youkey proudly show off their four children. Youkey is the first sergeant for the 442d Fighter Wing's Force Support Squadron, but has been working at Air Force Reserve Command Headquarters at Robins AFB, Ga. since late June. He made it home four hours before the birth of his newest daughter, Addison Grace.



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# Monthly Fire Prevention Safety Tip

By Tech. Sgt. Chris Gunn 509th CES/CEFP

Are your kids getting geared up for that one night of the year were they get dressed up as their favorite super hero or Disney princess? You may even be decorating your house with scary skeletons and cobwebs for those 4ft visitors that are eager to get your candy, as you do keep fire safety in mind. Did you know, Decorations are the first thing to ignite in 900 reported home fires each year and two of every five of these fires were started by candles? So before you head out to get those deliciously chocolate treats or open your haunted house up to your neighbors, take a few minutes and review the fire safety tips for Halloween.

#### Decorations

 Dried flowers, cornstalks, bales of hay, and crepe paper are highly flammable. KEEP these and other decorations well away from all open flames and heat sources, including light bulbs and heaters

 Use flashlights as alternatives to candles or torches when decorating walkways and yards. They are much safer for trick-or-treaters, whose costumes may brush against the lighting.

 It is safest to use flashlight or battery-operated candle in a jack-o-lantern.

 If you using a real candle, use extreme caution. Make sure children are watched at all times when candles are lit.

 When lighting a candles in a Jack-olantern, use long, fireplace-style matches or a utility lighter.

 Be sure to place lit pumpkins well away from anything that can burn and far enough out of the way of trick-or-treaters, doorsteps, walkways and yards.

 Remember to keep exits and exit paths clear of decorations, so nothing blocks escape routes.

#### Costumes

• Tell Children to stay away from open flames. Be sure they know how to stop, drop, and roll if their costume catches on fire.

• Have them practice, stopping immediately, dropping to the ground, covering their face with hands, and rolling over and over to put the flames out.

#### Halloween Parties

 If your children are going to Halloween parties at others' homes, have them look for ways out of the home and plan how they would get out in an emergency

• After you enjoy the Halloween night of ghost and goblins, don't forget that time change is right around the corner and that means when you change clock, change your battery in your smoke detector.

• Be sure to test them monthly. (Contact Whiteman AFB Fire Prevention Office for calendar reminders)

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