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TEAM WHITEMAN BRINGS HOME THE FAIRCHILD TROPHY

How did we lose this young Airman?

By **Col. Donald Grannan**

88th Communications Group commander

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio (AFNS) -- She was an Airman Leadership School distinguished graduate, earned staff sergeant her first time testing, received all 5s on her enlisted performance reports and took part in two deployments. Clearly she was a high-performing Airman.

But, in her words, the Air Force had made it clear it didn't want her. Huh?

I have proudly served our Air Force all of my adult life, so I truly didn't understand. Although I wasn't in her chain of command, I've known this young woman throughout her career. I tried to reflect on this from a professional, albeit admittedly biased, point of view. What would make this superstar believe we didn't care if she stayed or not?

Was it a bad first impression? I remembered an incident that involved her as a new Airman at her first duty station. A senior NCO struck her car from behind in a minor fender-bender. Instead of admitting fault and moving on, he berated and intimidated this young Airman about the issue. Her first sergeant, who she looked to for help, would not interject or discuss the issue with the senior NCO. I could have interjected as well, but I mistakenly believed it wasn't my place. It was. An Airman needed help, and no one gave it.

Was it a lack of encouragement? After she earned staff sergeant her first time eligible, she saw the results online on the Air Force Web. Then

... nothing until the following Monday when the first sergeant stopped by to congratulate her and said the commander was "really busy."

When she was a distinguished graduate from Airman Leadership School, it was a highlight in her career. But other than her immediate supervisor, no one from her squadron chain of command was present. I know, because I was there.

Was it motivation? She was a veteran of two deployments, including one where she had a few days notice to support a humanitarian operation. By chance I saw her and another Airman at a connecting airport as I was returning from a temporary duty assignment. I saw their apprehension and anxiety and made sure they understood to take care of each other, trust their training and focus on the mission. But I wondered if their own leadership had talked to them like this.

Did we at least send her out the door with a smile, to encourage others toward an Air Force career? No. Instead her superiors decided there would be no decoration for this outstanding Airman who achieved a lot in a short period of time and who was highly lauded by her supervisors.

Why? Because she had once failed a physical fitness test, immediately re-took it, and passed. She had tried to 'wing it,' failed the run and learned a lesson.

This young, healthy Airman, who weighs a buck-twenty-five, did not have a fitness or standards problem. She had a leadership problem. No one in her squadron leadership knew about or was present to witness her exceptional duty

performance, her distinguished graduate accomplishment, her two deployments or early promotion. But they sure knew about the one time she stumbled.

In the end we took an exceptional, highly motivated volunteer and did we mold her? No way. Did we encourage her? Not a chance. Did we create a new leader? No. We created someone who cares about our nation but is disillusioned and frustrated about what our Air Force finds important and unimportant. We lost an enormous opportunity, and we can't afford to repeat that mistake.

Today, more than ever, as our ranks continue to decline, we must retain the best and most highly motivated Airmen. To do that, we have to lead them, be in the fight with them and focus on what's truly important and not become hyper-focused on marginal or anecdotal issues.

How many more situations like this are out there? If you're in a leadership position, are you part of this problem? Do you know the people under you? Are you in the fight, witnessing their capabilities, encouraging and motivating them, or do you only know about them when they stumble? If you think command or leadership positions are just another assignment, you're part of the problem.

Ask yourself, when was the last time a troop brought you a problem? If that's not happening, it's because they don't believe you can, or will, help them. So get busy proving to them they can count on you, and you'll be surprised how well you can count on them.



Suicide prevention: The spiritual side

By **Airman 1st Class Brandon Valle**

90th Missile Wing Public Affairs

F.E. WARREN AIR FORCE BASE, Wyo. -- *Editors note: This is the third article in a series of stories focusing on suicide prevention.*

The U.S. Air Force uses a program called Comprehensive Airman Fitness, and the concepts of the pillars of resiliency, to encourage Airmen to keep balance in their lives. There are four pillars: social and family, physical, mental and emotional, and spiritual.

When talking about suicide or working toward its prevention, one must understand how suicidal thoughts affect each of the four pillars. The spiritual pillar focuses on two key points: having a sense of faith and having a sense of purpose.

For some, having faith means being religious, but this is not always the case.

"We all have a sense of faith; it's what drives our actions every day," said Chaplain (Capt.) Robert Tilley, 90th Missile Wing Chaplain Office chaplain. "If not religion, it is a set of core beliefs that motivates us and gives us a sense of purpose. It's what drives every decision we make in our lives."

Faith is the central point that keeps us motivated. Suicidal thoughts result from a breakdown of a sense of faith. When faith fails, people begin to lose hope, Tilley said.

"Hope is intertwined with faith," Tilley said. "When all hope looks bleak or seems lost, ultimately, it's that calling for something better that keeps you up. That feeling or motivation is what pulls you out of the darkness and into the light."

For many, hope is focused on the future. Losing sight of what's ahead can open the door to suicidal thoughts.

"Suicidal thoughts are focused on the here and now, not on the future," said Chaplain (Maj.) Wade Jensen, 90th Missile Wing Chaplain Office chaplain. "Loss of hope leads to loss in a confident expectation into what is coming. Being able to look ahead and keep moving forward is key in being able to bounce back from hardship."

Everyone has something in their life that is their reason for waking up in the morning. This driving force is what gives life a meaning.

"The most important piece of the pillar is that life has a meaning," Tilley said. "Without a purpose or belief system, you can feel directionless. It is easier to fall victim to hopelessness or to struggle without a goal or direction in your life. We need an anchor in our lives, something that keeps us moving forward."

During trials and challenges, people sometimes begin to lose themselves in the struggle.

"When people don't see that they have a purpose," Jensen said, "they tend to lean to suicidal thoughts. Without a purpose, people begin to think there is no reason to stay. When we get caught up in our lives, we fail in one main aspect in our life: making time for our self. We need to find time to recharge our soul after facing challenges."

When faced with difficulties, some people turn against themselves.

"People tend to ask 'why me' or 'why now' when confronting challenges," Jensen said. "Instead, people should be asking 'what does this mean, what must I do in this' or 'what must I become through this challenge.'"

The spiritual pillar is about practical applications. The whole purpose is having a balance built into your life.

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SecAF presents first Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medals



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First Lt. Victoria Fort dons the very first Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal Nov. 5, 2014, during Air Force Global Strike Command's 2014 Global Strike Challenge at the Bossier Civic Center, Bossier City, La. Fort is a missile combat crew instructor from the 91st Missile Wing at Minot Air Force Base, N.D.

By Kate Blais

Air Force Global Strike Command

BOSSIER CITY, La. (AFNS) -- Secretary of the Air Force Deborah Lee James presented the Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal (NDOSM) for the first time to 25 Airmen during Air Force Global Strike Command's 2014 Global Strike Challenge, Nov. 5.

James approved the award in May with the intent of recognizing Airmen for their contributions to the nation's strategic objectives in nuclear deterrence. She presented the medals after her speech during day two of the symposium, held at the Bossier Civic Center, Bossier City, Louisiana.

During her speech, James said she has visited 49 bases around the world in her first 10 months as secretary, but there are a few specific locations that stick with her.

"I've had a special place in my heart and in my travel plans for our Air Force Global Strike bases since almost my first day on the job," James said. "This week's challenge demonstrates your dedication, skill, and passion for the mission ... the same passion and skill I saw when I visited your bases earlier this year. There is no mission more important to our nation's security than the nuclear mission."

Addressing a crowd of 800 command competitors, Airmen and symposium attendees, James talked about perseverance and facing adversity. Like in any endeavor, success doesn't come easy -- it's what comes after that's important, she said.

"The example you've set over the last year shows Airmen across the service -- in the Combat Air Forces, the Mobility Air Forces, in space and cyberspace -- that overcoming adversity really is a step on the path to success," James continued.

In recognition of AFGSC Airmen and their exceptional contributions to national defense, 25 medals were awarded, with the remainder to follow in the spring.

"I am very honored and feel privileged to receive this award because I really love being in missiles," said Staff Sgt. Amber Moore, a missile chef in the 341st Missile Wing at Malmstrom AFB, Montana. "It's been nothing but an honor serving with maintenance teams, missileers and the cops as well. This is a huge deal for me."

In the mind of one Airman, the new medal is part of a larger effort to affect change within the nuclear enterprise culture.

"It's exciting. It's one of the steps in creating a new culture among missileers and anyone associated with missiles, reinvigorating our mission and what we do for America," said 1st Lt. Carolyn Hockaday, a missile combat crew commander with the 490th Missile Squadron, also at Malmstrom AFB. "Without us and the rest of the triad, America wouldn't be as safe."

Medal recipients represented a variety of career fields eligible to receive the decoration.

The following Airmen, who represent the active-duty, Air National Guard and Reserve forces, received the first medals:

From Minot AFB, North Dakota

- 1st Lt. Victoria Fort, an combat crew instructor, representing nuclear and missile operations, 91st Missile Wing
- Staff Sgt. Brett Jordan, a B-52 dedicated crew chief, representing bomber crew chiefs, 5th Bomb Wing
- Airman 1st Class Robert Cook, a maps technician, representing missile and space system maintenance, 91st Missile Wing
- Staff Sgt. Kamuela Kalilikane, a facility maintenance team training instructor, representing missile and space facilities, 91st Missile Wing
- Tech. Sgt. Matthew Westad, a group facility maintenance instructor, representing facility managers, 91st Missile Wing
- Capt. Clyde Vickery, the chief of standardization and evaluation, representing rescue pilots, 91st Missile Wing

From F.E. Warren AFB, Wyoming

- Capt. Dan Cook, an intercontinental ballistic missile launch combat crew commander, nuclear and missile operations, 90th Missile Wing
- Capt. David Skelly, an aircraft commander, representing rescue pilots, 90th Missile Wing
- Airman Riley Borges, a response force member, representing security forces, 90th Missile Wing
- Airman 1st Class Joseph Tucker, a maps technician, representing missile and space system maintenance, 90th Missile Wing

From Malmstrom AFB, Montana

- 1st Lt. Carolyn Hockaday, an OSS instructor, representing nuclear and missile operations, 341st Missile Wing
- Tech. Sgt. Christopher Zachary, an electrical maintenance technician quality assurance evaluator, representing missile and space systems electronic maintenance, 341st Missile Wing
- Staff Sgt. Amber Moore, representing missile chefs, 341st Missile Wing
- Airman 1st Class Andrew Matthews, a nuclear weapons technician, representing nuclear weapons career field, 341st Missile Wing
- Staff Sgt. Bob Kohlenberg, an instructor flight engineer/scheduling non-commissioned officer, representing special mission aviation, 341st Missile Wing

From Whiteman AFB, Missouri

- Airman 1st Class Jeremiah Neer, a weapons maintenance team member, representing nuclear weapons career field, 509th Bomb Wing
- Staff Sgt. Cole Miller, a command post controller, representing command post controllers, 131st Bomb Wing, Air National Guard

From Barksdale AFB, Louisiana

- Capt. Mehul Brahmabhatt, an executive officer, representing bomber navigators, 2nd Bomb Wing
- Tech. Sgt. Erin Bernik, a squadron lead crew member, 2 man, representing aircraft armament, 307th Bomb Wing, Air Force Reserves
- Staff Sgt. Nicole Cowles, a Personnel Reliability Program medical records technician, representing medical support staff, 2nd Bomb Wing
- Tech. Sgt. Jessica Chebaro, a strategic logistics planner, representing logistic planners, 608th Strategic Operations Squadron, 8th Air Force
- Master Sgt. Janie Rodriguez, an NCO in charge, security forces training, standards and evaluation, representing security forces, Air Force Global Strike Command
- Tech. Sgt. Crystal Velez-Greenhill, a quality assurance manager, representing financial management and comptrollers, Air Force Global Strike Command
- Staff Sgt. Giavonia Fields, an NCO in charge, headquarters Air Force Global Strike Command commander support staff, representing personnel
- Maj. Raymundo Vann, a nuclear and missile operations lead, representing nuclear and missile operations, Air Force Global Strike Command

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Whiteman's own Veteran in Blue



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Retired Master Sgt. Alex Slocum entered basic training in July of 1979. He completed Law Enforcement Specialist Technical School at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, and had assignments throughout the world; to include Kwang Ju Air Base, Korea, Clark Air Base, Philippines, and Royal Air Force (RAF) Mildenhall, England. Slocum completed three deployments to Saudi Arabia throughout the 1990s, retiring in 2000. After his retirement from active duty he was employed with the Kansas City Royals and later Techseco Incorporated until securing civilian employment at Whiteman. He is currently employed with the 509th Bomb Wing as a security specialist in the Information Protection Office. Slocum is an award winning historian with The American Legion and served for two years as commander of Matthews-Crawford Post 131. He was recently elected to the position of commander for the Department of Missouri's Sixth District in June 2014. Slocum continues his service as a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Disabled American Veterans and is also a board member of the Veterans Assistance League at the Missouri State Veterans Home-Warrensburg.

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Air Force updates AF Instruction 1-1

Air Force News Service

WASHINGTON (AFNS) -- Air Force officials approved Air Force Instruction 1-1, Air Force Standards, Nov. 7, to clarify guidance on Airmen's religious rights and commanders' authority and responsibility to protect those rights.

The changes come as a result of a Religious Freedom "Focus Day" earlier this year when leaders in the Air Force's chaplain corps came together to discuss Air Force policy regarding religious freedom as directed by Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Welsh III.

At the Focus Day, chaplains discussed Air Force law and policy, the complaint process and how to educate and communicate with Airmen about their rights.

"We provide, or provide for, the free exercise of religion and we advocate its free exercise for every member of the Air Force and the joint environment and their families," said Maj. Gen. Howard D. Stendahl, the Air Force chief of chaplains.

Several changes were made to the Air Force policy to clarify guidance for how commanders should handle religious accommodation requests or when Airmen's rights to free exercise are questioned. Chaplain corps officials also clarified policy language to assist commanders in

balancing the constitutional protections for their own free exercise of religion or other personal beliefs with the constitutional prohibition against governmental establishment of religion.

"We trust our commanders with the great responsibility of caring for our Airmen," Welsh said. "That includes Airmen's physical, mental, social and spiritual health. We owe them clear guidance on what their responsibilities and rights are to protect and care for their Airmen."

Airmen who feel their leadership has failed to accommodate their religious expression appropriately or whose behavior infringes on the prohibition against governmental establishment of religion should first attempt to resolve the conflict through their chain of command, said James Carlock, the Air Force director of equal opportunity.

Civilian and military Airmen should also be informed of their rights to discuss their concerns with an equal opportunity advisor in the local EO office.

"We are committed to creating an environment in which Airmen can realize their highest potential, regardless of their personal religious beliefs or lack of beliefs," Carlock said. "Taking care of our Airmen is our number one concern."

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Building the road to success

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

The sound of machinery echoes across the base as the 509th Civil Engineer Squadron dirt boys are hard at work. Their muddy hands serve as badges of honor, measuring the intense, rigorous efforts needed to ensure the roads are serviceable for Whiteman's mission. Hard work, dedication and a steadfast attitude are the tools needed to be a Whiteman dirt boy. Dirt boys, like construction workers, deal with ground and pavement operations comprising the airfield, runway and installation roads.

"It's important to maintain and ensure there are no defects on the airfields and runways," said Staff Sgt. Phillip Williams, 509th CES pavements and equipment supervisor. "Defects in concrete, such as spalls (holes), can cause harm to the aircraft's fragile exterior, which may lead to millions of dollars' worth of damage."

If Airfield Management is driving around and sees a spall on the flightline, they will do a sound check. A sound check entails using a rod to hit the pavement. If they hear a loud thud, this indicates a defect within the concrete. They then probe the area until a metallic sound result. The area is then spray painted and the ground and pavements shop is notified of the defect.

"We gather our equipment and head to the marked area. Once we find the marked area, we jackhammer it out," Williams said.

"Depending on severity, we will jackhammer 6-12 inches. If we go down 6 inches and there is still brown pavement, this means the spall is going through the pavement. This indicates a high level of severity and requires further jackhammering."

The severity of the spall determines how long it takes for the taxiway to be aircraft ready again, with the longest repair time being about a week.

During the winter, the ground and pavements shop clears snow on the flightline using snow brooms, plows and blowers. The amount of snow on the ground determines which tool they use.

The ground and pavement shop puts ice slice on the streets, a sandy material used to melt snow and create traction on the roads for vehicles.

There are multiple hazards when working in construction. The hazards consist of falls, de-gloving, head injuries and many more. Personal protective equipment, sound decision making and attention to detail is essential when handling machinery and vehicles during operation.

Aside from the hazards, the job has its rewards and comforts when the end result is produced: mission success.

"The most rewarding part for this job is seeing aircraft leave the ground," said Airman 1st Class Melvin Stoudemire, 509th CES pavements and equipment apprentice. "They can't leave the ground if we aren't doing our job-- maintaining the roads."



Bo Smith, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron tractor operator, welds the loader bucket at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Nov. 4, 2014. This procedure is done to repair equipment damaged during operations.



U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Nicholas Warkocz, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron supervisor, replaces loader bucket blades at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Nov. 12, 2014. The blades wear down from constant usage, requiring them to be replaced.

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



U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Matthew Nipper spots Senior Airman Michael Worton, both Civil Engineer Squadron journeymen, while he operates a backhoe at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Nov. 4, 2014. It's important to have a spotter present when operating equipment to ensure safety.



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Members from Team Whiteman who participated in the 2014 Global Strike Challenge pose with the fairchild trophy and other awards outside of Barksdale Air Force Base, La., Nov. 12, 2014. This was the second year in a row that the Fairchild Trophy has been won by Team Whiteman.



Master Sgt. August F. Rochon Jr., an Air Force Global Strike Command ICBM Facilities Systems Manager, and Senior Master Sgt. Randall Kingfisher, AFGSC Superintendent for ICBM Requirements, practice for the Global Strike Challenge 2014 scoreposting ceremony.

Airman 1st Class Emili Koonce

The 509th and 131st Bomb Wings' Global Strike Challenge Team returned from the Global Strike Challenge Symposium and Score Posting at Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana, as back-to-back winners of the Fairchild Trophy for Best Bomber Wing in Air Force Global Strike Command.

Whiteman also brought home Best Bomber Conventional and Nuclear Aircraft Crew Chief Team, Best Bomber Nuclear Load Team and Best Bomber Nuclear Munitions Maintenance Team.

The 393rd Bomb Squadron won the Tibbets Trophy for Best B-2 Squadron with a total of 1,681 points, seven points ahead of second place. Team Whiteman also received a \$50,000 check for winning the second place Innovation Award.

"This victory marks the second year in a row, and the third time since the contest resumed in 2010, that the 509th and 131st Bomb Wings have taken home the Fairchild Trophy for best bomb wing," said Brig. Gen. Glen VanHerck, 509th Bomb Wing commander. "The outstanding performance and dedication to duty from our pilots, maintainers, security forces and other Global Strike Challenge team members exemplified the high standards our nation expects from the

stewards of the nuclear enterprise."

The competition is more than just winning a trophy. The Airmen on these teams worked long, hard hours to prepare and show they are the best in AFGSC. While working they learned invaluable lessons of teamwork. Staff Sgt. Renell Atherton, a 509th Munitions Squadron conventional maintenance crew chief, had the opportunity to learn from all of her teammates on the conventional munitions build team.

"We trained every day together in the heat, rain and cold," said Atherton. "We found out what everyone was good at and used everyone's knowledge and skills to make us a better team. Every one of our Airmen brought something to the table."

The Air Force Global Strike Competition and Symposium gave Whiteman Airmen an opportunity to understand their position within the nuclear enterprise mission. Airmen who attended had the opportunity to listen to speakers such as Secretary of the Air Force Deborah Lee James, and AFGSC commander, Lt. Gen. Stephen W. Wilson. Understanding how important their role is in the mission is critical to empowering today's Airmen.

"The coolest thing I learned was how wide our missions here at Whiteman and the AFGSC impact the United States security," said Staff Sgt.



Tech. Sgt. Kirkland Walker, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, dressed as Batman, speaks during the Trophy Return ceremony outside of Barksdale Air Force Base, La., Nov. 3, 2014. The event consists of Global Strike Challenge teams returning the previous year's trophies so that they may be re-awarded after the GSC. Batman is Team Whiteman's mascot.

Chad Frantz, who is assigned to the 393rd BS and participated as the 509th Nuclear Load Team leader. "It was an awesome experience that I will take with me for the rest of my life."

Empowered with the knowledge and trophies they picked up this year, Team Whiteman looks forward to competing in next year's Air Force Global Strike Challenge where they can once again connect with other bases in the command and celebrate the "best of the best."



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Jannelle Dickey
Lt. Gen. Stephen Wilson, commander of Air Force Global Strike Command, makes the opening remarks at Global Strike Challenge 2014 Technology and Innovation Symposium hosted by Barksdale Air Force Base, La., Nov. 4. The Technology and Innovation Symposium is part of GSC capstone activities that culminate here Nov. 5, with score posting and naming this year's "best of the best." GSC is the nation's premier bomber, intercontinental ballistic missile, helicopter operations and security forces competition with units from AFGSC, Air Combat Command, Air Force Reserve Command and the Air National Guard. More than 350 competitors and around 800 total attended the three day capstone events.



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Joseph Raatz
Tech. Sgt. Robin Samolinski, a spectrum manager with Air Force Global Strike Command's communications directorate, practices for her role as emcee for the Global Strike Challenge 2014 scoreposting ceremony.

SAPR Spirit Award program



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

Col. Matthew Brooks, 509th Bomb Wing Vice Commander, poses with members of the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Team and Capt. Colleen Weed after presenting the most recent SAPR Spirit Award at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Nov. 12, 2014. The award was given to Master Sgt. Angela Smith, 131st Bomb Wing victim advocate, and Capt. Colleen Weed, member of the 131st Logistics Readiness Squadron, for their innovative idea that SAPR members wear teal T-shirts every Friday to raise awareness for the program and identify members who can accept restricted reports.

By Miss Ann Beem

Sexual Assault Response Coordinator

The Sexual Assault Prevention and Response team has established a new recognition program for Whiteman members who have helped create a culture consistent with the SAPR principles, promote the SAPR program directly, or proven themselves to be a positive bystander.

To nominate a Team Whiteman member who falls into one of the three categories above, you can hand-carry a summary of the accomplishment of a member to the SAPR office, which is located by the Airmen and Family Readiness Center across from the Commissary. There is no stipulation to length or formatting (can be bullet or

sentence).

The SAPR team will screen the nominations to ensure it meets the full intent of the program. Once the screen is complete and if the nomination has been approved, the team will coordinate with the appropriate level of leadership to set the date and time of presentation of the SAPR Spirit coin by the SARC.

There are no requirements as to if the nominee is active duty, Reserve, National Guard or civilian. This award is a way to recognize everyone and anyone who has gone above and beyond in promoting a culture and climate where sexual assault is not tolerated.

For questions regarding this recognition program you can call the hotline at 660-687-7272.



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

Senior Airman Christian Diaz-Centeno, an introduction manager for the 509th Security Forces Squadron, is recognized by the Sexual Assault and Prevention Response Spirit Award Program at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Nov. 12, 2014. Diaz-Centrio was recognized for personally bringing each new member in the squadron to the SAPR office ensuring new members are fully aware of SAPR services at Whiteman AFB.



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Veterans Day abroad: A moment of silence for the fallen



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Airmen from the 423rd Air Base Group Honor Guard stand at parade rest prior to firing a volley during a Veterans Day ceremony Nov. 11, 2014, at Cambridge American Cemetery, England. The ceremony honored the 3,812 American Service members buried at the cemetery, along with veterans past and present.

By Staff Sgt. Jarad A. Denton
501st Combat Support Wing Public Affairs

CAMBRIDGE AMERICAN CEMETERY, England (AFNS) -- A cold wind swept across the grounds as leaves of red, yellow and orange gently descended on the people gathered in solemn respect at Cambridge American Cemetery Nov. 11.

The group stood in silent reverence upon the ground serving as the final resting place for 3,812 American service members.

Tech. Sgt. Forrest Booker, a 423rd Civil Engineer Squadron operations superintendent broke the silence, reading words penned by Canadian military doctor and artillery commander, Maj. John McCrae, nearly a century ago.

“In Flanders fields the poppies blow. Between the crosses, row on row, that mark our place; and in the sky the larks, still bravely singing, fly scarce heard amid the guns below.”

As Booker read, service members and civilians in attendance at the Veterans Day ceremony began shifting their gazes past the podium he stood behind. They focused their attention on the names of fallen brothers and sisters, engraved in stone on a memorial wall.

“We gather today to reflect on the service and sacrifice of those memorialized here,” said Lt. Gen. Darryl Roberson, the commander of the 3rd Air Force. “Those buried here are remembered in the United States as members of the “Greatest Generation,” who ensured freedom’s survival through the darkest moments of history.”

First proclaimed in 1919 as Armistice Day by President Woodrow Wilson, Veterans Day is also shared in the United Kingdom as Remembrance Day. Initially, it marked the official end of hostilities during World War I, and has since evolved into a time when all service members are honored



U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Jarad A. Denton

Rows of crosses line the Cambridge American Cemetery, England, Nov. 11, 2014. The cemetery was dedicated in 1956 as the final resting place of 3,812 American service members.

for their devotion and sacrifice.

“We are the dead,” Booker continued. “Short days ago we lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow, loved and were loved, and now we lie in Flanders fields.”

Now a part of modern-day Belgium, Flanders was the site of some of the most gruesome battles on the Western Front during World War I. It became the inspiration for the poem Booker read, as well as the brilliant red poppies worn by many who attended the ceremony, including U.S. Visiting Forces Royal Air Force Group Capt. Frank Clifford.

“The willingness of our uniformed personnel to continue to serve their country is a testament to the bravery and sacrifice of those who went before them,” Clifford said. “When

we look at our respective countries, at the relative peace and prosperity we enjoy today, this is in no small part due to the bravery of the men and women who were willing to give their lives to protect our way of life.”

As the trees swayed and the leaves bristled in the wind, Clifford’s words echoed among the tombstones that served as unmoving guardians over fallen heroes; men and women who put aside their fears and personal desires to defend something greater than themselves.

“Take up our quarrel with the foe,” Booker said. “To you from failing hands we throw the torch; be yours to hold it high. If ye break faith with us who die we shall not sleep, though poppies grow in Flanders fields.”

Airmen Powered by Innovation program launches new site

By Gen. Larry O. Spencer
Air Force Vice Chief of Staff

WASHINGTON (AFNS) -- Fellow Airmen,
Your enthusiasm and ingenuity continues to be our Air Force's number one weapon system! In April of this year we launched the Airmen Powered by Innovation program aimed at turning your ideas into real cost savings for our Air Force. Since coming online API has received and reviewed more than 2,400 ideas and that number continues to climb. Thank you and keep the great ideas flowing.

The secretary of the Air Force, chief of staff of the Air Force and I are committed to continuous process improvement and empowering you with the tools to refine how you submit ideas for review. To that end, we have developed an enhanced API page hosted on the Air Force Portal giving submitters a wealth of information from the latest API approval stats, to tools that can help refine and enhance potential submissions – making it even easier for you to communicate your ideas about how to improve the way we do business across our Air Force.

For example, on the enhanced API page you will find nine “hot buttons or icons” allowing you to query previously submitted API ideas (search to see if an idea has been submitted already), see what ideas have been approved, submit your idea, and most

importantly check the status of your submission. We also included an expanded database of ideas submitted under the previous Every Dollar Counts campaign to ensure we captured every submission. For our senior leaders, we included icons showing statistics by major command and Headquarters Air Force 2-letter staff along with an executive view icon that includes a monthly API update briefing.

We are also committed to transparency and having an open dialogue. On the API page you will find monthly reports showing just how we are doing across the Air Force with regards to processing your submissions. There is also a link enabling you to communicate directly with the API Team to get answers to questions you may have. We are also looking at ways to deliver monetary awards quicker – we know your time is valuable and we appreciate your participation.

Finally, I want to challenge each of you to continue to think of ways we can make the world's best Air Force even better. In the near future I will be visiting many of you “virtually” across the Air Force to talk about API. I want to hear about your experiences and your thoughts on the new look and functionality of the API page.

Remember the future of our Air Force starts with each of us ... and I am convinced we will continue to do what we have been doing best for 67 years – leading from the front with innovation. Fly, fight and win!

Winter is quickly approaching... steps to enjoying it

By 509th Civil Engineer Squadron

Missouri winters can vary tremendously from year to year. In a recent winter we received a record low three inches of snow for the entire season but this region has received up to 46 inches in a single winter. It is not uncommon to receive over 16 inches in a single day. Ice can also pose problems for drivers and is usually more dangerous than snow so we urge caution for early morning commuters since temperatures can drop suddenly creating patches of black ice on local roadways.

The 509th Civil Engineer Squadron is prepared and ready to keep Whiteman's streets as safe as possible so you can enjoy the winter and support our unique global mission. However, safety during winter requires everyone's participation and we would like to pass on a few pointers that can be helpful in avoiding unwanted accidents while aiding crews that keep our streets safe.

The Whiteman AFB Snow and Ice Control Plan can be located on Whiteman's Share Point site under Plans. This document addresses procedures and responsibilities for all units on the installation to include housing.

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munities (BBC). For questions and concerns in housing please contact BBC at 660-563-2477 or access current status from their web site at whitemanafbfamilyhousing.com.

General inquiries for installation streets and parking areas can be addressed at 660-687-2231.

At the onset of a snow or ice event, please remove all vehicles from roadways to clear the way for snow removal equipment.

When snow removal equipment is operating on roadways please stay clear of the plows and sanders at least 75 feet.

Do not let children play on snow banks at the ends or edges of streets and parking lots since removal equipment may not be able to see them.

When parking lots are cleared some parking will be reduced and used for storing snow. Please do not park in front of dumpsters so that trash services are not impeded.

Exercise caution when walking on slick surfaces. Appropriate shoes or ice cleats will prevent accidental falls and injury. Please shovel path ways and treat with ice melt or sand to increase traction.

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Roll Call: Giants among us



U.S. Air Force graphic

By Staff Sgt. Carlin Leslie
Air Force Public Affairs Agency

WASHINGTON (AFNS) -- The Air Force's senior enlisted Airman released the latest installment of Roll Call, urging Airmen to continue to honor veterans, past and present, beyond the holiday.

"We are all part of that lasting legacy paved by Airmen who conducted bombing, aeromedical, maintenance and other missions in the cities of Europe, the jungles of Vietnam and the deserts of Iraq and Afghanistan," said Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force James

A. Cody. "The tradition of honor we celebrate was built by those who have served before us, and continues in our service today."

More than 45 million men and women have served in uniform. They continue to build platforms from which the future generation of Airmen can move forward, writes Cody.

The Roll Call honors those service men and women and encourages today's Airmen to consider their own contribution to the air-power legacy.

The message also includes a video that Cody says "clearly shows you are carrying on the legacy in a unique and special way."

To read the latest installment of Roll Call, scan this code with your smart phone or tablet.



Town Hall Meeting

Brig. Gen. Glen VanHerck, 509th Bomb Wing commander, is hosting a Town Hall meeting Nov. 19 at Mission's End at 5:30 p.m. All members of Team Whiteman and their families are invited! If you have concerns or issues about any aspect of base life, or just questions about daily operations at Whiteman, we'd love to see you there. Questions can also be posted to the official Whiteman Facebook page, emailed to 509.bw.pa@us.af.mil. Questions may also be texted to 660-233-2238. This is a great opportunity to dialogue with the leadership of the base, so come to the Club, grab some dinner and bring a question or two! Hope to see you there!

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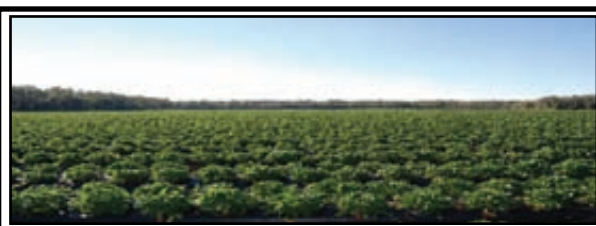
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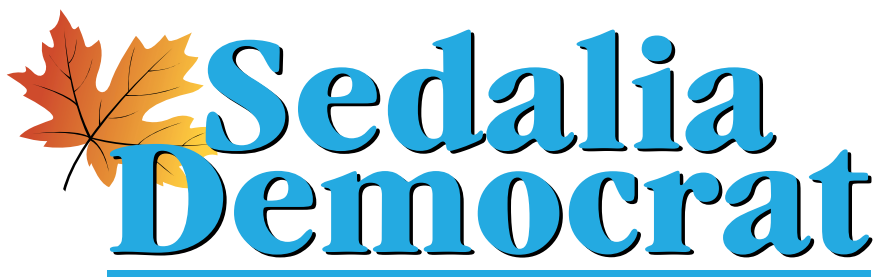
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