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“Time is of the Essence”

By Lt. Col. Aaron Wilt
509th Civil Engineer Squadron Commander

Do you have enough time in your day to complete your core duties and responsibilities? Does your shop, flight or unit have enough personnel to accomplish your core mission requirements? I suspect your answer is no and depending on your perspective, you probably have a myriad of reasons why that is the case.

I know that multiple personnel cuts, both military and civilian, over the last several years have significantly impacted my unit as well as most every other unit. I have over 100 civilians in my squadron and they provide much needed expertise, continuity and training across thirteen Air Force Specialty Codes. These significant cuts have reduced some skill sets to only one civilian position. Sequestration and furlough impacts in 2013, followed by a shutdown in early 2014 further reduced available manpower capabilities across the wing, ultimately hurting a workforce we heavily rely on. All of these reductions and lost time created more work for the military personnel continuing the mission. This was especially evident with the additional taskers asking for the impact of sequestration and lost manpower.

Not only have we suffered these civilian reductions, we are now losing the last of the recent voluntary separations and retirements and involuntary retention and quality force review board personnel. I expect most units are down in total personnel from this time last year, as my unit is down nearly 20 personnel from these programs. Assuming some inbounds will help alleviate this overall impact, it will take time to stabilize personnel numbers in the wake of these force management reductions.

In addition, daily workload requirements have not reduced with the personnel cuts, and in most cases they have increased. Therefore, fewer personnel doing the same work results in “doing more with less.” Ideally the expectation is that we would “do less with less” to adjust for lost manpower. What I see happening is that we are continually asked to do more based on internal, external and functional demands on our time.

Internal demands are those that we require and fill within our own organizations to accomplish our mission, whether that is for wing-wide support, training, additional duties, etc. In the 509 CES I see these big rocks as the Emergency Management Support Team, snow and ice removal augmentees and grounds maintenance surge support. Each of these requirements pull personnel from their primary AFSC but enable another AFSC to accomplish

its mission.

External demands are those that are driven by requirements in other organizations or programs that require support outside those organizations or that drive a manpower requirement for them to be effective. Some of these are security forces augmentees, drug demand reduction, escort pool (CE requirement affecting other mission partners), honor guard, resiliency training assistants/master resiliency trainers, and sexual assault victim advocates. I have nothing against these programs, but we can all agree that they require manpower support from our organizations.

Functional demands are those that come from or are driven by functional requirements or higher headquarters guidance such as the Bomber Strategic Aircraft Recovery Team (BSART), Incident Response Force/Response Task Force (IRF/RTF), deployment taskings and Developmental Special Duty (DSD) programs. These are necessary requirements tied to contingency operations, incident response, and military training/education but they also add another layer of burden on our time and limited manpower.

In order to add some perspective on these manpower demands, I provide an example from the 509th Civil Engineer Squadron. Due to mission constraints, I can’t normally task my Fire and EOD personnel (71 military) for these additional requirements. Out of the specific programs identified above, to include currently deployed personnel, the civil engineer burden is 184 of 201 available personnel. This number is not all inclusive, does not account for nearly 20 fewer personnel than a year ago, increased 2015 deployment taskings or increasing annual training requirements (i.e. CBTs converting to face-to-face training). Even though most are not full time demands, they begin to highlight the significant time burden placed on our Airmen outside their core AFSC.

I highlight these time demands as a leadership challenge for all Airmen. In order to manage the chaos, we need to understand the competing demands, minimize them where we can, prioritize our resources and step out to accomplish the mission. I challenge you to propose smart, common sense solutions to your leadership, even if those recommendations buck the status quo. You may be surprised by their support. A popular civil engineer mantra is “Can Do, Will Do”, but the question “Should I Do?” is required in today’s resource constrained environment. Be cognizant of your resource constraints and look for more efficient ways to get the job done. The 509th Civil Engineers will continue to “Carry the Load,” unfortunately it is currently being done on the backs of fewer engineers.

‘Tis the season to drink responsibly

By Col. Maureen Harback
81st Diagnostics and Therapeutics
Squadron commander

KEESLER AIR FORCE BASE, Miss. (AFNS) -- It’s that time of year when holiday parties and late night celebrations begin to fill our calendars and we look forward to spending time with family and friends to celebrate our own special reasons for the season.

Every Christmas Eve, I celebrate my life and I give thanks for being able to share the holiday with my family. Nearly 30 years ago on Christmas Eve, my father, brother and I were hit by a drunk driver.

After a busy day of last-minute shoppers, my family and I closed our business at the mall for the evening. We were one of the last cars to leave the parking lot and I remember being the only one on the road. We sat patiently at a red light waiting to cross an intersection legally, even though there was no cross traffic for as far as the eye could see. Most travelers and shoppers had returned home in preparation for the holiday.

Meanwhile earlier that evening, a 19-year-old male left a Christmas Eve party after drinking. He was traveling on the

divided highway that ran perpendicular to the access road we were exiting. The highway patrol later estimated his speed at more than 80 mph in a 45 mph zone.

He never remembered what happened that night so the sequence of events from his point of view is speculation. I expect he was too impaired to realize that the traffic light turned red as he couldn’t have slowed much to approach us so quickly.

As we proceeded through the intersection, turning left on the green signal, his vehicle suddenly appeared on the right traveling toward us. Fortunately, his driver’s side front bumper only clipped the right front panel of our car, spinning us 180 degrees and into the grassy median. Our seat belts, fortunate timing, and the solid steel framework of our 1978 Chevrolet station wagon saved us from tragedy.

Unfortunately, more than 30 years later, this is still a fairly predictable scenario.

Holiday drinking often leads to buzzed and drunk driving. Mothers Against Drunk Driving reports that approximately 1,000 people die between Thanksgiving and New Year’s Day each year in drunk driving crashes. Hundreds more are injured or impacted, as we were that night.

As an Airman, I have the responsibility

to lead by example; to drink responsibly, designate a driver and be a good wingman; however, regardless of my actions, it is not enough to ensure my fellow citizens are following suit. As a result, I’ve adopted some defensive driving principles, and I am especially mindful of them at this time of year.

First, all riders wear a seat belt. Seat belts are the best defense against drunk drivers. The safest place to be in an accident is in your vehicle and safety belts assure you stay there.

Second, avoid roadways late in the evening and very early mornings, especially on holidays and weekends. More crashes occur at these times.

Finally, when I have to travel, I pay attention. Impaired drivers often show clear signs of danger. Swerving, traveling too fast or slow for the flow of traffic, and excessive braking, put me on alert.

Thirty years ago, timing was on my side. If the drunk driver had met us in the intersection a second later, the outcome may have been grim. So, I pay it forward and ask that everyone to think before they drink, designate a driver, have a plan and drive defensively. With a concerted effort, we can all enjoy a happy and healthy holiday and return safely in 2015.

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A photo illustration highlighting Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo. events through 2014. More photos from 2014 can be found on pages 8, 9 and 10.

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509th FSS named AFGSC General Eugene L. Eubank award winner

By Staff Sgt. Nick Wilson

509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

The 509th Force Support Squadron was recently named the Air Force Global Strike Command Eugene L. Eubank award winner for 2014.

The Award came from Major Gen. Eugene L. Eubank who acknowledged the importance of morale armed welfare for Armed Forces members. It recognizes the best small installation-level force support squadron in the Air Force. The 509th FSS will now compete for the Air Force level award.

"First and foremost, this is a Team Whiteman Award," said Maj. Chip Hollinger, 509th Force Support Squadron commander. "The 509th FSS provides unrivaled support, sustainment, readiness, and community services to the men, women, and families of the Whiteman community. Being recognized

as the AFGSC Maj Gen Eugene L. Eubank Award winner validates our commitment to supporting the 509th Bomb Wing priorities to take care of people and families, create an environment that is healthy and fun, and grow Airmen leaders."

Annually, the Eugene L. Eubank Award recognizes areas of mission accomplishment, leadership, innovation, management, customer focus and customer impact. In addition to the small unit award, the 509th FSS also won three individual awards and four program awards (outlined below):

Force Support Airman of the Year:
Senior Airman Jason S. Stevenson, (509th FSS/FSVF)

Civilian Technician of the Year:
Ms. Joanne Rodriguez, (509th FSS/FSFR)

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"When I first found out that my unit was named the AFGSC General Eugene L. Eubank award winner, the first thing I wanted to do was share the news with my squadron," Hollinger said. "Team FSS earned this award and I wanted to ensure they know their hard work and determination paid off, for both the team and those we serve. I can't . I can't begin to tell you how blessed I am to command the 509th Force Support Squadron; it is evident that the squadron has a passion for everything they do...without support, mission abort!"

Jurries takes 131st Mission Support Group helm

By Airman 1st Class Halley Burgess

131st Bomb Wing Public Affairs

Lt. Col. Michael Jurries took command of the 131st Mission Support Group during an assumption of command ceremony held here during drill Dec. 7.

Previously commander of the 131st Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Jurries was responsible for planning and conducting all aspects of aircraft maintenance, launch and recovery of the B-2 Spirit bomber. Jurries started his career on active duty as an intelligence officer and as an F-15 pilot, and has commanded at both the flight and squadron levels.

"What happened to the young Captain Jurries, 'world's greatest fighter pilot,' to transform him into Lt. Col. Jurries, Mission Support Group commander?" asked Col. Michael Francis, 131st Bomb Wing commander, during his remarks as presiding officer at the ceremony.

"The answer is, Mike has re-discovered his gift of leadership. A gift seeded and nurtured by parents. A gift grown on the gridiron of the Air Force Academy football team. A gift that has been maturing through parenthood and life experience," said Francis. "And now he finds this talent for leadership blossoming as he experiences command."

"Lt. Col. Mike Jurries is a leader. He is an outstanding officer of high integrity and honor. He is a good man deeply proud of his family and fiercely proud of this wing," Francis added.

Jurries takes the helm from Col. Mark Beck, who retired Dec. 6 following 36 years of uniformed service, and who also previously served as a commander in the maintenance group.

"Just as he set the framework of success in the Maintenance Group during



U.S. Air National Guard photo/Airman 1st Class Halley Burgess

Lt. Col. Michael Jurries accepts the 131st Mission Support Group guidon from Col. Michael Francis, 131st Bomb Wing commander, during Jurries's Assumption of Command ceremony at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Dec. 7, 2014.

the transition to Whiteman in 2007, he has provided that same framework in the (Mission) Support Group. The framework of success," Jurries said, describing Beck's role in the wing's transition from a St. Louis-based fighter wing to its current B-2 mission here.

"I am honored and humbled to continue command in this organization, at such an historic time in our 91-year history," Jurries said. He thanked past and present wing leadership, along with total force leaders from the active duty 509th Bomb Wing, who helped him "develop my perspective of what it means to serve

in the 'Nuclear Enterprise.'"

"We as Guardsmen and women have a huge responsibility to be value added to this mission. It is what we have been asked to do, and I will tell you we are doing it well," he said, adding, "we must continue to evolve."

The incoming commander recognized - and challenged - the Citizen Airmen of his new command.

"Serve your country, serve your state. Be proud to wear the uniform, become experts in this mission," he said. "I think you will find it a worthy and satisfying endeavor."

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Thrift Savings Plan limits increase for 2015

By Janis El Shabazz

Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, Texas (AFNS) -- The Internal Revenue Service has announced increased limits for 2015 Thrift Savings Plan contributions.

"The maximum contribution amount for traditional and/or Roth TSP will be \$18,000; this is an increase from the elective deferral limits of 2013 and 2014, which was \$17,500," said Erica Cathro, an AFPC Human Resources Specialist. "Additionally, the maximum amount of 2015 catch-up contributions is \$6,000, which is an increase from the \$5,500 elective deferral limit for calendar years 2013 and 2014."

Catch-up contributions are additional tax-deferred contributions and are separate from regular TSP contributions. For those who are eligible, catch-up contributions provide a way for individuals to secure their retirement, especially for those who begin investing later in their careers.

To be eligible for catch-up contributions,

civilian and military employees must be 50 or older in the year in which the first deduction from pay occurs. They must also be in a pay status and be able to certify they will make, or have made, the maximum "regular" employee contributions of \$18,000 to a TSP or other eligible account by the end of 2015.

TSP contributions stop when an employee's contributions reach the annual maximum limit and will automatically resume the next tax year if the employee is still enrolled in TSP.

"This is especially important to employees under the Federal Employees Retirement System because once employee contributions stop, agency matching contributions will also stop," Cathro said.

For detailed information on TSP and other personnel issues, go to myPers, select "Search All Components" from the drop down menu and enter knowledge article number "23799" in the search window. Air Force retirees who do not have a myPers account can request one at www.retirees.af.mil/shared/media/document/AFD-120510-068.pdf.

SrA and below EPR static closeout date to be March 31

By Debbie Gildea

Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, Texas (AFNS) -- Enlisted evaluation and promotion changes, announced in July, continue with establishment of a March 31 enlisted performance report static closeout date (SCOD) for Regular Air Force (RegAF) senior airmen and below, Air Force Personnel Center officials said Dec. 5.

Additionally, change of reporting official evaluations (CRO) have been eliminated for RegAF senior airmen and below, effective Dec. 2, 2014.

Enlisted Evaluation System and Weighted Airman Promotion System changes continue to be implemented in stages over the next 16 months for RegAF Airmen, and over the next 28 months for Air Reserve Component (Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard) Airmen. The changes focus on ensuring job performance is the most important factor when evaluating and identifying Airmen for promotion.

The new SCOD implementation and CRO

report elimination affect RegAF senior airmen and below with at least 20 months of total active federal military service as of Dec. 2.

RegAF senior airmen and below whose EPRs closed out before Dec. 2, will get another EPR on March 31, 2015. That EPR will cover the number of months since their last EPR closed out.

RegAF senior airmen and below whose EPRs would have closed out between Dec. 2, 2014, and March 31, 2015, will not get an EPR until the March 31, 2015, closeout.

Airmen who reach 20 months of active duty service after the March 31, 2015, closeout will get their initial EPR on the date they reach 20 months of active service.

Additional enlisted evaluation and promotion system changes will be announced as they are approved for implementation.

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End-of-Year All-Call Highlights 131st Bomb Wing's Success-Filled 2014



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131st Bomb Wing Outstanding Airmen of the Year Awards were presented by the 131st BW commander at the End-of-Year All-Call during December UTA at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Dec. 7, 2014. Pictured left to right are Wing Command Chief Master Sgt. Paul Carney; First Sgt. of the Year Master Sgt. Kirsten Inwood, 131st Medical Group; Senior NCO of the Year Master Sgt. Melissa Lakin, 131st BW staff; NCO of the Year Tech. Sgt. Matt Storm, 131st MDG; Airman of the Year Staff Sgt. Brittany O'Neal, 131st BW staff; Company Grade Officer of the Year 2nd Lt. Ashley Blaser, 157th Air Operations Group; and 131st BW Commander Col. Michael Francis. Not pictured is Field Grade Officer of the Year Maj. Luke Jayne, 131st Operations Group.

By Tech. Sgt. Traci Payne
131st Bomb Wing Public Affairs

The 131st Bomb Wing commander gathered the wing together Sunday to highlight significant events, honor outstanding Airmen and wrap up a tremendous 2014.

Col. Michael Francis began by looking back at the year's successes, starting with the Nuclear Surety Inspection in January. He referred to total force integration milestone as "the beginning of the year, but the end of a long journey for the wing," as it marked the attainment of full operational capability for the wing in its strategic nuclear deterrence mission with the active duty 509th Bomb Wing.

This year was one filled with numerous awards and accomplishments, including the Omaha Trophy, as well as the Fairchild Trophy, which was earned during the Global Strike Challenge competition. Global Strike is the world's premier bomber, intercontinental ballistic missile

and security forces competition, and Whiteman's total force team defended the title for the third time in four years.

The 131st also received the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, a Verne Orr award nomination and the Air Force Association's Jimmy Doolittle award for being the No. 1 Air National Guard wing in the category of power projection.

Francis acknowledged that awards are nice to receive, but stated "all they do is validate that you are who I think you are. You are truly amazing."

"I'm truly happy we've had a fantastic year and I'm really proud of you," Francis added.

The hard work and accomplishments of the 131st garnered the attention of a few high-profile visitors this year, including Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force James Cody in March and Secretary of the Air Force Deborah Lee James in May.

Francis also recognized 131st BW Outstanding Airmen of the Year winners

during his address, including:

Airman:
Staff Sgt. Brittany O'Neal
131st Bomb Wing staff

Noncommissioned Officer:
Tech. Sgt. Matt Storm
131st Medical Group

Senior Noncommissioned Officer:
Master Sgt. Melissa Lakin
131st Bomb Wing staff

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Master Sgt. Kirsten Inwood
131st MDG

Company Grade Officer:
2nd Lt. Ashley Blaser
157th Air Operations Group

Field Grade Officer:
Maj. Luke Jayne
131st Operations Group

Francis also took time to address the unrest in Ferguson, Missouri, and highlighted the involvement of the 131st in state emergency duty in response.

Francis summed up the year by attesting that 2013 was a great year, and stating that 2014 was even better.

"We continue to improve, we continue to innovate, we continue to make the process better, within our wing and outside of our wing," Francis said. "Whether it is the B-2 mission or the Air Force mission, I think we are making an impact."

As he closed, Francis encouraged the wing's Airmen to have a safe, well-deserved holiday season, and to watch out for each other.

"Please don't forget the Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors and Marines that are still deployed for the holiday season," Francis said. "Enjoy your friends and family, recharge your batteries and come back for an even better 2015."

New personal property allotment rule implemented to protect Airmen

Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (AFNS) -- Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel recently directed a policy change in paycheck allotments which will prohibit service members from allotting pay to buy, lease or rent personal property.

The prohibition includes allotments for the purchase or finance of vehicles, such as automobiles, motorcycles and boats; appliances or household goods, such as washers, dryers and furniture; electronics like laptops, iPads, cell phones and televisions; or other consumer items that are tangible and movable.

The new policy, which becomes effective Jan. 1, 2015, will not affect Airmen's existing allotments and does not apply to military retiree or civilian employees. According to a Defense Department news release announcing the change, Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel directed the change following an interagency review conducted in response to a major enforcement action by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. "The purpose of this policy change is to eliminate one mechanism that predatory lenders use to take advantage of service members who finance purchases using the military pay allotment system," said Eric Cuebas, the Air Force Financial Services director.

Under the new policy, service members must certify through myPay or manually on DD Form 2558 under the

Uniform Code of Military Justice that the allotment is not for "the purchase, lease, or rental of personal property of or payment toward personal property." Airmen will still be able to use the allotment system for savings account deposits, investments, to support dependents, pay insurance premiums, mortgages, rents, make Combined Federal Campaign contributions, and U.S. government debt repayments.

Defense officials said a 2012 analysis showed that the top 10 financial institutions that received allotments from service members processed almost two million allotments totaling \$3.767 billion. Of the top 10 allotment processors, state law enforcement, consumer advocates, and the financial regulators have flagged three particular institutions as suspected abusers of the allotment system. Those institutions received 999,588 allotments totaling \$1.380 billion in fiscal year 2012.

"Although this policy change offers our Airmen some protection from unscrupulous lenders, Airmen must exercise caution any time they choose to borrow money," Cuebas said. "Airmen who need loans should work with reputable financial institutions and carefully review all the terms of the loan to ensure they don't fall victim to predatory lenders."

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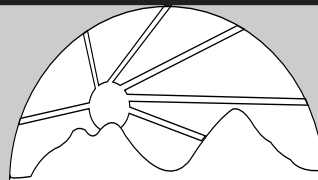
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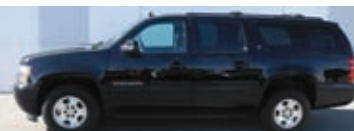
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2014: A year in pictures



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U.S. Army Spc. Todd Gann, 1-135th Attack/Reconnaissance Battalion aircraft maintainer, inspects the main rotor head of an AH-64 Apache at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Jan. 9, 2014. Soldiers perform this inspection annually to ensure there are no signs of corrosion developing, which could cause malfunctions.



U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Nicholas Wilson
Gaining an advantage
Derek Devereaux, Sporting Whiteman varsity soccer team member, dribbles the ball down the field during a scrimmage against the Sedalia Fly Emirates at Cloverdale Complex in Sedalia, Mo., Aug. 8, 2014. The scrimmage was practice for the Defender's Cup, which took place Sept. 1-3, where Sporting Whiteman finished in sixth place in a tournament bracket against 38 other military soccer teams.



U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Nicholas Wilson
Grandpa's first kiss
U.S. Army Sgt. 1st Class Ed Borgstadt, 1-135th Attack Reconnaissance Battalion operations NCO in charge, kisses his three-week-old grandson for the first time following the unit's welcome-home ceremony at the University of Central Missouri in Warrensburg, Mo., Feb. 9, 2014. Borgstadt returned home after a year-long deployment to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.



U.S. Air Force photos/Staff Sgt. Alexandra M. Boutte
Ayden Fitte, licks a snow cone at the Independence Day Celebration at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., July 2, 2014. Airman and their families were able to purchase food and drinks at the celebration while enjoying free games and activities. Evan is the son of Tech. Sgt. Robert Fitte, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron unit deployment manager.



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Joel Pfister
A B-2 Spirit bomber taxis on a flight line during Exercise Global Thunder 15. The B-2 is one of the key aircraft used to support U.S. Strategic Command's global strike and bomber assurance and deterrence missions. Its stealth capabilities provide U.S. decision makers the capability to deter strategic attacks and, if necessary, penetrate the most secure defense systems to rapidly deliver its payload when called upon by the President and Secretary of Defense.



U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Brigitte N. Brantley
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/Airman 1st Class Keenan Berry
U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. William Park, 131st Maintenance Squadron Munitions Flight Conventional Maintenance Section crew chief, ensures the MHU-110 trailer is ready for an assembled munitions load at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., April 1, 2014. The trailer has a rated weight capacity of 15,000 pounds.

2014: A year in pictures



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

Senior Airman Joshua Thompson and Airman 1st Class James Fulton, both 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron crew chiefs, use communication cords to speak to pilots while performing pre-flight checks at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Feb. 24, 2014. As technical experts on the B-2 Spirit, crew chiefs work directly with the aircraft, ensuring pilots have the most reliable, mission-capable aircraft possible to complete the mission.



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

Small tools for mass destruction

U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Wesley Martinez, 509th Maintenance Squadron egress technician, removes screws from mission commander hatch at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Aug. 12, 2014. The hatches must be removed for inspections on the ACES II ejection seats to ensure serviceability.



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

U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Joshua Batman, 509th Operations Support Squadron air traffic controller, operates a light gun at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., July 10, 2014. The light gun is used to communicate to pilots telling them when to land, taxi and takeoff.



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Joel Pfister

LEFT: Airman First Class Anthony Patterson, 509th Operations Support Squadron aircrew flight equipment specialist, demonstrates how the MBU-20/P soft shell mask fits onto a pilot's face at Whiteman Air Force Base Mo., Feb. 12, 2014. The AFE technicians inspect all the safety equipment on a daily basis.

RIGHT: U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Kyle Bemis, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron vehicle maintenance craftsman, inspects load bearings on a winch at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Feb. 21, 2014. This procedure is done to ensure there is no leaking hydraulic fluid. If there is leaking fluid, it can cause the crane to lock up and drop the load.



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

Whiteman AFB Mishap Prevention Programs

Lt. Col. Kevin Templin
509 Bomb Wing Chief of Safety

Wing Safety is the office that runs the US Air Force Mishap Prevention Program at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo. 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.

Airmen, families, friends remember loved ones at Arlington

By Staff Sgt. Christopher Gross
Air Force News Service

ARLINGTON, Va. (AFNS) -- Nearly 50,000 volunteers came together to place remembrance wreaths on the headstones of about 230,000 veterans during the 23rd Annual National Wreaths Across America Day Dec. 13, at Arlington National Cemetery, Virginia.

Airmen from all around the Washington D.C. area, along with friends and families of fallen warriors were among the thousands.

One of those family members of a fallen warrior was Susan Zerbe, of York, Pennsylvania, who lost her son, Tech. Sgt. Daniel Zerbe. He was killed when a CH-47 Chinook he was on crashed in Afghanistan's Wardak Province Aug. 6, 2011.

Zerbe's mother said he was an amazing son and was always determined to help others. As an Air Force Special Operations Command pararescueman she said he epitomized the motto, "that others may live."

As she stood by grave with the wreath already laid, she reminisced about what a "jokester," her son was growing up and how he loved the outdoors. "He was an incredible human being, and I'm so proud I got to be his mother," she said.

Helping lay remembrance wreaths like on that of Zerbe's was Lt. Col. David Burnett, assigned to the Joint Staff, J1, Plans and Readiness Personnel Readiness Division at the Pentagon. Surrounded by the thousands of volunteers that showed up to pay their respects to veterans of all generations, Burnett said he felt a great sense of pride and was humbled by the experience.

One of the things Burnett said he enjoyed seeing was the amount of children who came out to help with the event.



Lt. Col. David Burnett lays a wreath on a tombstone during the 23rd Annual National Wreaths Across America Day Dec. 13, 2014, at Arlington National Cemetery, Virginia. Burnett, assigned to the Joint Staff, J1, Plans and Readiness Personnel Readiness Division at the Pentagon, was one of the nearly 50,000 volunteers at Arlington.

"It's great, you see these (kids) with so much energy (and) it's a learning thing for them," Burnett said. "They can really get an appreciation of what these folks have done for our country."

That energy could be seen as a Boy Scout troop from New York helped unpack one of the 80 trucks full of wreaths in which Maj. Michael Hayek, the close air support

branch chief and the air liaison officer career field manager at the Pentagon, was in charge of.

"To me, that's the type of mentorship (and) leadership we need to instill for young kids," Hayek said as he also reflected on his thoughts of seeing all the remembrance wreaths laid out.

"To see something like this is very

impressive, very moving. It just makes you understand and appreciate what (it) is that we do and what it is that we're apart of for our country," said Hayek, who has friends buried at Arlington and whose father is also buried in a military cemetery.

(Some information courtesy of Wreaths Across America press release)

U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Christopher Gross

Holiday Fire Prevention Safety

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

The Christmas holiday is a time for celebrating with family and friends, which means more cooking and the increased risk of fire. Did you know that cooking is the leading cause of home fires and related injuries this year? The following are a few cooking tips from the National Fire Protection Association to help you have a happy and safe holiday.

- Make sure your smoke alarms are working. Test them by pushing the test button.
- Always stay in the kitchen while you are frying, grilling or broiling food.
- If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- If you are simmering, baking, roasting or boiling food, check it regularly, remain in the home while the food is cooking and use a timer to remind you that you are cooking.
- Keep anything that can catch fire – oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels or curtains – away from stovetop.
- Keep the floor clear so you don't trip over kids, toys, pocketbooks or bags.

IF YOU HAVE A COOKING FIRE

- JUST GET OUT!
- When you leave, close the door behind you to help contain the fire.
- Call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number after you leave.
- If you try to fight the fire, be sure others are getting out and you have a clear way out.
- Keep a proper sized lid nearby when you're cooking to smother small grease fires.
- Smother the fire by sliding the lid over the pan and turn off the stovetop. Leave the pan covered until it is completely cooled.

- For an oven fire turn off the heat and keep the door closed.

Christmas Trees

What's a traditional Christmas morning scene without a beautifully decorated tree? If your household includes a natural tree in its festivities, take to heart the sales person's suggestion – "Keep the tree watered." Christmas trees account for hundreds of fires annually. Typically, shorts in electrical lights or open flames from candles, lighters or matches start tree fires. Well-watered trees are not a problem. A dry and neglected tree can be.

Caring for Your Tree

Do not place your tree close to a heat source, including a fireplace or heat vent. The heat will dry out the tree, causing it to be more easily ignited by heat, flame or sparks. Be careful not to drop or flick cigarette ashes near a tree. Do not put your live tree up too early or leave it up for longer than two weeks. Keep the tree stand filled with water at all times.

Maintain Your Christmas Lights

Inspect Christmas lights each year for frayed wires, bare spots, gaps in the insulation, broken or cracked sockets and excessive kinking or wear before putting them up. Use only lighting listed by an approved testing laboratory.

Do Not Overload Electrical Outlets

Do not link more than three light strands, unless the directions indicate it is safe. Connect strings of lights to an extension cord before plugging the cord into the outlet. Make sure to periodically check the wires – they should not be warm to the touch.

The Whiteman AFB Fire Department would like to wish you and your family a safe and happy holiday season. If you have any question about fire prevention or fire safety please contact our Fire Prevention Office for information at 687-6080/6083/6374. Also, please log on to our face book page at Whiteman AFB Fire Emergency Services for more fire safety tips.

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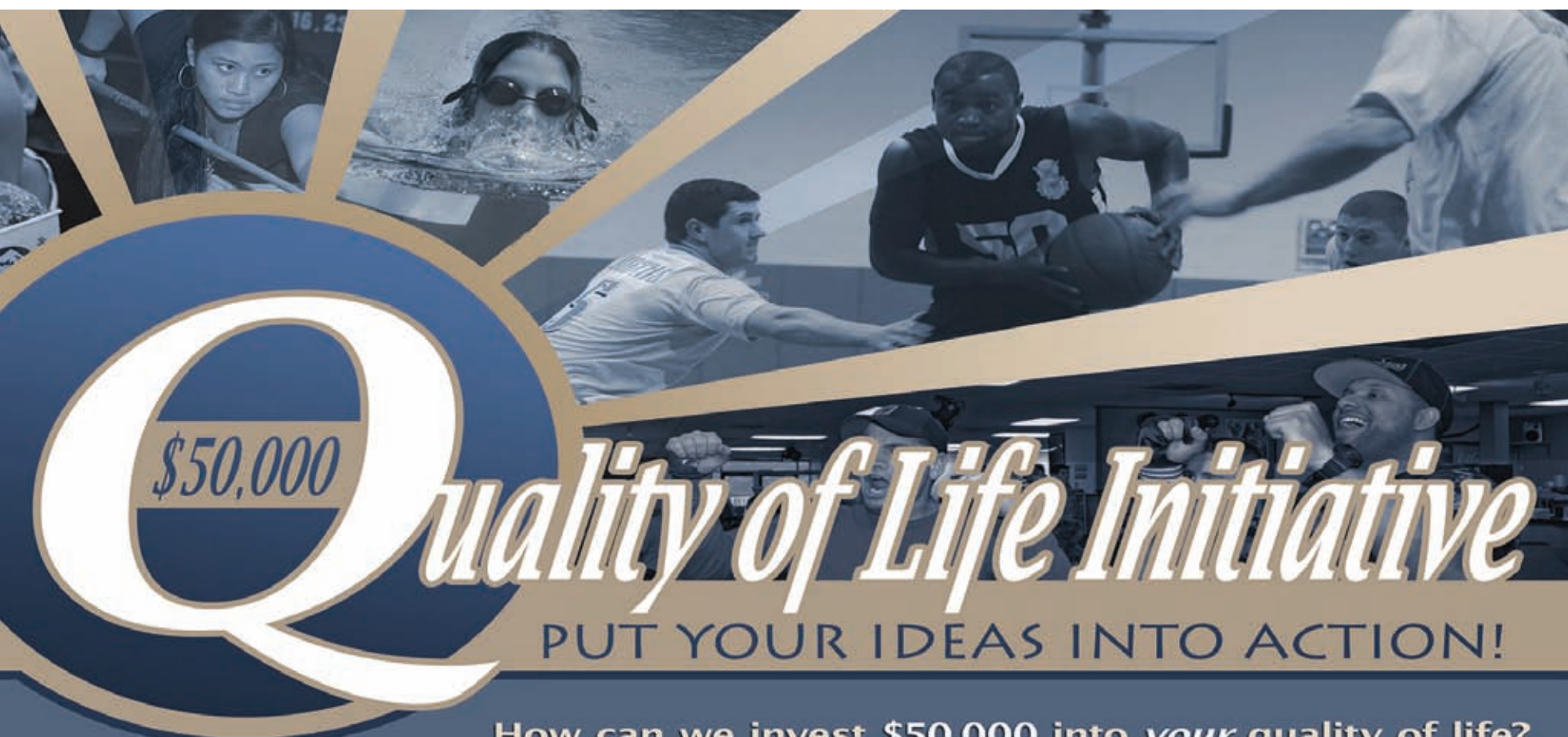
Short-term care for children of fallen military members. All reservations must be made through the FCC office. Once Air Force has received verification of the needed, they will decide on the amount of time to be allotted.

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PCS Child Care for Army, Navy & Marines

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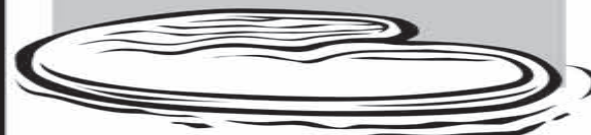
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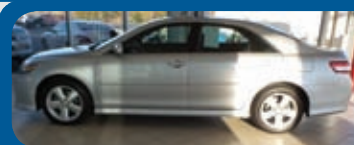
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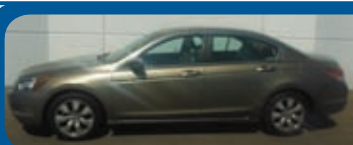
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