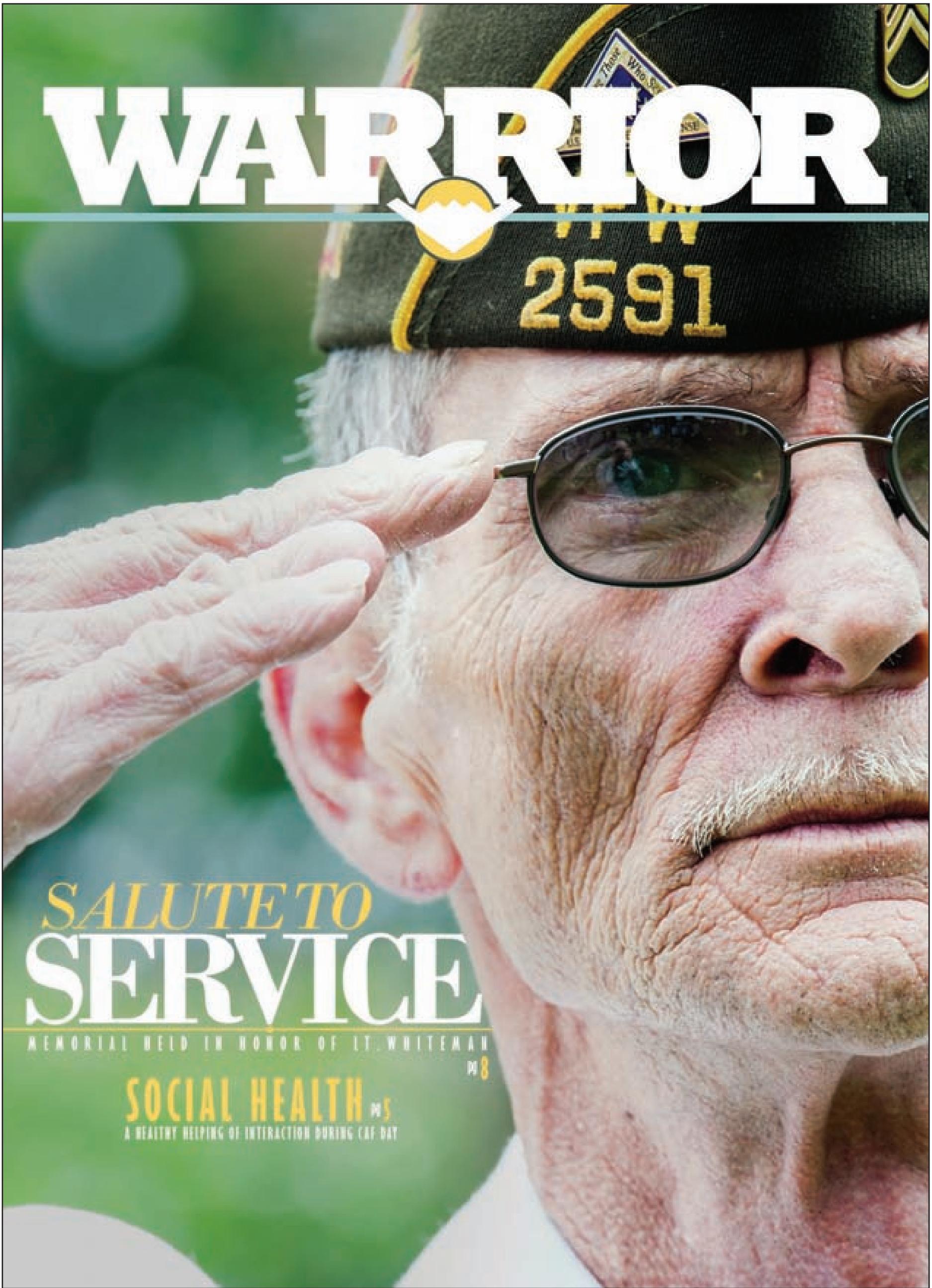


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A HEALTHY HELPING OF INTERACTION DURING CAF-DAY

# Healthy social networks

By Tech. Sgt. Shonta Simes  
Ozark Inn dining facility manager

As we draw near to the end of this quarter, I'd be remiss if I did not take this opportunity to highlight the social domain and how it applies to one of the greatest working teams on base ... the Ozark Inn Dining Facility (DFAC)!

I believe the social domain is all about developing relationships with each other. In times of adversity, the relationships you develop with others will in turn become your support system. As a master resiliency trainer, I teach that the Air Force definition of social resilience is "the ability to engage in healthy social networks that promote overall well-being and optimal performance." So, how does this apply to the DFAC? Well, over the last year, your DFAC served as the prime location on base for approximately 134 distinguished visitor events, commander's calls, award ceremonies, professional organization meetings, luncheons and briefings. Most importantly, the DFAC has served as a place where I've observed you having one-on-one time with your Airmen, mentors and friends!

Social resilience is also about making connections as you meet new people. Whether you've known it or not, the DFAC staff has created several opportunities for our primary customers to make those social connections by hosting quarterly birthday meals. These meals are hosted solely with you as the customer in mind. So if you haven't had the opportunity to attend one, let me tell you what you've missed ... a 5-star meal that included steak and lobster, homemade pastries, flash mobs, games, prizes and fun. Previous birthday meal themes included:



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sports, dinner and a movie with celebrities, Fright Night and Spring Fling. This meal offers you the opportunity to be served by wing leadership, first sergeants and supervisors in a relaxed social setting.

So, what's on the horizon for this year you ask? On June 11, we will host our quarterly food show that will feature food samplings from several commercial vendors. Lastly, to shake things up a bit, the DFAC will be hosting its first "Airman Appreciation Meal" on June 24 that will be open to all authorized patrons. The meal will feature "made-to-order" Mongolian barbecue as well as well as our main serving line options. The Mongolian barbecue meal will take the place of the DFAC's second quarter birthday meal. So please come out, bring a friend and let the DFAC be your place to engage in "healthy social networks."

## Commander's Memorial Day message

Team Whiteman,

This year's Memorial Day Weekend marks many great things for our nation, and it is more than just the gateway to summer. The extended holiday gives all of us the opportunity to rest and reflect, and I encourage you to think about a few things during this time. First and foremost, remember our nation's heroes. Since our inception, more than 1.3 million Americans have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to the United States. I encourage you to honor these heroes by attending a Memorial Day ceremony or event recognizing the courageous acts of these brave men and women.

As we move into summer, it amazes me how much our team has already accomplished so far this year. Your tremendous efforts have enabled us to continually provide strategic deterrence, global power, and combat support to the President and combatant commanders around the globe. In the last two weeks alone, the 509th Bomb Wing and 131st Bomb Wing demonstrated unrivaled long-range global strike during Exercises Neptune Falcon, Constant Vigilance and Combat Hammer, while our partners in the 442nd Fighter Wing, 20th Reconnaissance Squadron, and 1-135th Attack/Reconnaissance Battalion continued their traditions of excellence in their respective missions. I



Brig. Gen. Glen D. VanHerck  
Commander, 509th Bomb Wing

could not be more proud of the effort made by all members of Team Whiteman. The next several weeks will provide our team additional opportunities to demonstrate our tremendous capabilities, as we gear up for Wings Over Whiteman in June and exercises throughout the summer and fall.

As I've mentioned many times before, our ability to accomplish the mission could not be possible without our number one asset: the Airmen, Soldiers, civilians, and family members of Team Whiteman. In January

2015, I held a series of commander's calls soliciting your feedback in ways that we could better serve our team. I am proud to report that we listened to your feedback, and your leadership has been working hard to implement many of your recommendations. To date, we've implemented 18 new initiatives to address the feedback you provided earlier this year. These initiatives focus on areas such as increasing Airmen involvement in the development of our Comprehensive Airman Fitness programs, establishing training programs for our front line supervisors, leveraging our partnerships with community organizations to address our shared public health challenges, and much more. For a full list of the initiatives we've implemented and additional details on how to get involved, I encourage you to contact your unit's Resiliency Training Assistant or one of the installation Master Resiliency Trainers.

Lastly, I need all of us to focus on safety and effective risk management. I know that many of you will be vacationing and visiting loved ones across the country over the next few months. You've earned this time of relaxation, so enjoy it. However, always be conscious of safety, whether you're planning a day out on the water, an evening around the campfire, or preparing for a lengthy road trip. Take the time to relax and recharge when you can, because our mission continues and we need each and every one of you contributing your expertise and leadership to our team.

In closing, remember our nation's heroes this weekend, reflect on our outstanding accomplishments, and take advantage of the opportunity to take care of yourselves. Thanks again for your service and the tremendous sacrifices each of you make to keep our country free.

Regards,  
Glen VanHerck

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## On the cover

U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Brigitte N. Brantley  
U.S. Army veteran Joe Cochran salutes the American flag during a wreath-laying ceremony May 16, 2015, in Sedalia, Mo. Each year, Airmen from Whiteman Air Force Base join veterans and other community members to honor the sacrifice made by the base's namesake, 2nd Lt. George Whiteman.



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# Exercise tests command's deterrent capabilities



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A B-52H Stratofortress sits on the Minot Air Force Base, N.D., flightline after being loaded with air-launched cruise missiles during a Constant Vigilance aircraft generation exercise May 7, 2015. Air Force Global Strike Command routinely conducts training activities and exercises to ensure its forces are ready to perform nuclear deterrence and long-range strike operations.

By Carla Pampe

Air Force Global Strike Command Public Affairs

**BARKSDALE AFB, La. (AFNS)** -- Air Force Global Strike Command's bomb wings participated in exercise Constant Vigilance May 4-13, demonstrating the command's flexibility and global reach while testing its tactics, techniques and procedures.

Airmen from headquarters AFGSC; the Eighth Air Force and the 2nd Bomb Wing at Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana; the 5th Bomb Wing at Minot AFB, North Dakota; and 509th Bomb Wing at Whiteman AFB, Missouri; honed their skills in planning and generating aircraft in surge operations.

An annual AFGSC exercise, Constant Vigilance is designed to train and assess the command's ability to perform its conventional and nuclear missions. Using notional scenarios, command and control elements, and operational units effectively demonstrated AFGSC's ability to perform nuclear deterrence operations and long-range strike missions if and when called upon to do so.

"The exercise offers AFGSC units the ability to hone their nuclear deterrence skills," said Robert Thomson, the AFGSC's Exercise Division chief. "Only with continual, robust and realistic training can we ensure our units are prepared and ready for this vital mission set."

Training and participation in exercises such

as Constant Vigilance are critical to AFGSC's ability to respond quickly and effectively to real-world situations.

"It provides an opportunity to practice our number one priority mission and gives our Airmen the opportunity to learn and build experience, while allowing us to further hone our procedures as an integrated unit," said Col. David Benson, the 509th Operations Group commander. "While providing that invaluable experience for our Airmen, it instills confidence that we can execute our primary mission."

Benson said the exercise provides a precious opportunity to train with operational command and control in the lead.

"Nuclear operational C2 procedures are developed to be very secure for obvious reasons. However, this forces detailed and more complicated communication procedures than normal, conventional C2," he said. "It is critical to practice these procedures during exercises like Constant Vigilance so that critical nuclear C2 is ready and able when called upon."

For members of Eighth Air Force's, Constant Vigilance was an opportunity to exercise their mission of quickly providing combatant commanders with kinetic and nonkinetic capabilities to achieve strategic effects.

"Participating in CV helps our wings by improving our collective muscle memory. It is comparable to knowing how to prepare (and ultimately perform) a physical training evaluation and then actually preparing and performing the evaluation," said Master Sgt. Joshua Craig, a cruise missile manager. "By participating in CV the wings ensure our forces are ready to perform nuclear deterrence operations and long-range strike missions if and when called upon to do so."

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## AF implements automated evaluation, decoration processing via myPers

By Air Force Personnel Center  
Public Affairs

**JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, Texas (AFNS)** -- Beginning in May, supervisors of active-duty Airmen will be able to initiate, process, track and sign officer and enlisted evaluations using myPers, Air Force Personnel Center officials announced May 15.

Additionally, beginning in June, supervisors of active-duty members will be able to use myPers to initiate and track decorations as well.

"Airmen can view their personnel records, update assignment preferences, update their record of emergency data and more on myPers through the 'Access AFPC Secure' link," said Christine Stingley, the military future operations branch requirements and testing chief. "Enabling Airmen to manage their personnel information and perform transactions electronically creates efficiencies all around."

Adding the automated evaluation and decoration processing piece through an app on myPers called the virtual Personnel Center (vPC) will further improve Airmen's access to personnel processes, she explained.

Once the automated process is activated in May for active duty, supervisors will be able to initiate Airmen's evaluations and route them through their respective reviewer and approval officials, much like the existing Evaluations Management System.

"Unlike the existing system, once the evaluation is signed by the ratee, the military personnel section will be able to receive and forward it to AFPC through myPers vPC for final processing into an individual's official record at the click of a button," Stingley



said.

vPC is a modified version of vPC Guard and Reserve, a system used by the Air Reserve Personnel Center to support Reserve and Guard programs.

"The important thing about vPC is that there will be no bugs to root out or work-arounds to implement," said Brig. Gen. Samuel Mahaney, the ARPC commander. "vPC is a tried and true application courtesy of the world-class development team at ARPC."

Electronic processing of awards and decorations will save members time since it will include prepopulated certificates and memorandums, online "Décor 6" forms, automatic updates to Military Personnel Data System and automatic transfers to official records.

Active-duty decorations will be initiated, processed and tracked through the vPC app dashboard. Initially, the award automation will include the Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal, Aerial Achievement Medal, Combat Readiness Medal and Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal.

"The new process eliminates delays with scanning and mailing, and saves man-hours through a streamlined, single personnel system that performs transactions and updates to a member's record," Stingley explained. "Ultimately, personnel specialists will be able to spend more time assisting Airmen."

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# Making connections to avoid disconnections



Squadrons participate in the 1.5-mile run on the flightline May 15, 2015, at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo. After remarks from Brig. Gen. Glen VanHerck, 509th Bomb Wing commander, each flight, bearing their unit's guidon, took off with their team while singing jodies.



Airmen gather at the Spirit Café to play video games during CAF day. The "Gamer's Guild" offered an array of game consoles, Magic The Gathering card games, computer games and more.

**By Airman Jazmin Smith**  
509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

Being a good wingman is everyone's responsibility all day, every day. That is what Airmen are taught from day one at basic military training.

Knowing the person to your left or right could make all the difference; one day it might help a wingman sense if something is wrong or it could help a burdened Airman feel like he or she has someone to confide in.

"By making connections, individuals feel

a sense of belonging," said Sandi Williams, 509th Bomb Wing community support coordinator. "By having a sense of belonging, individuals are more apt to share their trials, tribulations and concerns with someone they feel connected to. Resiliency is an individual thing, but having a strong support system is paramount to success."

This past Friday, Whiteman took a newer approach to making those connections for members of the base.

Members of Whiteman participated in the bi-annual Comprehensive Airman Fitness

Day on May 15, 2015. The theme for the all-day event was "Making connections to avoid disconnections."

"Although we work side by side with our peers, sometimes we don't really know them," said Williams. "The social domain CAF Day emphasis is to help build a meaningful community. This CAF Day was developed by Airmen for Airmen and the activities were planned to bring like-minded people together. Through sharing interests, we hope this will establish future friendships and ultimately a strong support system."

Squadrons participated in the 1.5-mile flightline run to kick start the event. After remarks from Brig. Gen. Glen VanHerck, 509th Bomb Wing commander, each flight, bearing their unit's guidon, took off singing jodies. The morning progressed into free time during which base members could choose to participate in numerous activities. From a car show in the Professional Development Center parking lot to a jam session in the Mission's End ballroom, there were several opportunities to meet like-minded people at Whiteman.

"I think that CAF day presented a great opportunity to meet other Airmen with common interests and hobbies," said Airman 1st Class Tianna Smith Cruz, 509th Comptroller Squadron base LeaveWeb administrator. "I'm really looking forward to participating in the next CAF day!"

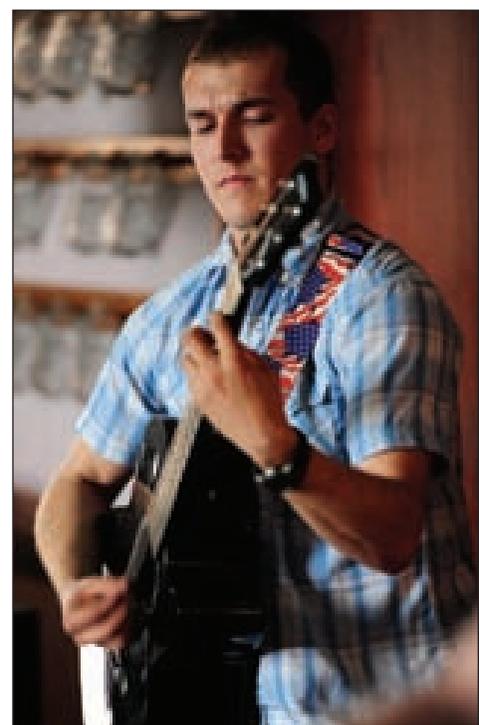
CAF encompasses four domains: mental, physical, spiritual and social. The pillars, when combined, represent a balanced lifestyle.

"Each domain focuses on individual resiliency, but also, on how important it is to reach out and get the support you need when you feel you are lacking in one of the four areas," said Williams. "CAF, to me, represents the 'whole person' concept. Being a wingman means being there for their fellow Airman. It could be encouraging them to work out to meet physical training requirements (physical); referring them to a helping agency when they are undergoing a stressful situation (mental); helping their Airman find that inner strength that is needed to get them through a difficult time (spiritual); or, just having someone to do something with (social)."

Every squadron has resiliency training assistance (RTA) and master resiliency trainers assigned. If you are unsure of whom they are, contact your first sergeant or commander. It is important for people everywhere to make an effort to build a culture of commitment.

"Airmen or families looking to get involved can just step outside their doors," said Williams. "By stepping up and going just a little outside your comfort zone you will make Whiteman one step better. The old adage, 'It

takes a village,' never rang too true. By being involved and making Whiteman your home, it will pay back dividends not only for you but for your career."



Senior Airman Tim Mullins, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron low observable technician, plays a song he wrote in front of an audience during CAF day. Members who participated in CAF Day could join others at the Mission's End ballroom to enjoy karaoke, open mic and open performance, followed by an American Idol-style competition.



U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Angel Ramirez-Rodriguez, 509th Maintenance Squadron, ride with other bike enthusiasts during CAF day. "Gear heads" had the opportunity to show off their car, truck or motorcycle during the Comprehensive Airman Fitness Day.



Volunteers from the United Service Organizations of Missouri support Airmen during CAF day. The USO traveled from Lambert, Mo., to provide hotdogs, chips and Girl Scout cookies at Skelton Park.

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# The short life and long legacy of 2nd Lt. George Whiteman



Hunter Fugit, left, and Matt Berry, descendants of 2nd Lt. George Whiteman, lay a wreath at the lieutenant's grave during the annual ceremony May 16, 2015, in Sedalia, Mo. Whiteman, believed to be the first Airman killed during World War II, was the oldest of nine brothers and sisters.



Veterans of Foreign Wars from Chapter 2591 stand at attention after firing a three-rifle volley during the annual wreath-laying ceremony at the grave of 2nd Lt. George Whiteman May 16, 2015, in Sedalia, Mo. Each year, veterans around the area attend the ceremony to honor the ultimate sacrifice that the lieutenant made when he became one of the first Airmen to die during World War II.



Community members watch as local Boy Scouts raise a flag May 16, 2015, during the annual wreath-laying ceremony in Sedalia, Mo., honoring the ultimate sacrifice of 2nd Lt. George Whiteman. Whiteman, a Sedalia native, was in the Air Force for less than two years when he became one of the first Airmen to die during World War II.



U.S. Air Force Brig. Gen. Glen VanHerck, right, 509th Bomb Wing commander, holds a flag honoring the sacrifice of 2nd Lt. George Whiteman May 16, 2015, during the annual wreath-laying ceremony in Sedalia, Mo. VanHerck's first assignment as a young lieutenant was to the 44th Fighter Squadron, a descendant of the unit that Whiteman was assigned to when he died after his plane was shot down Dec. 7, 1941, during the attack on Pearl Harbor.

By Staff Sgt. Brigitte N. Brantley  
509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

It's impossible to know what is going through a man's mind in the final minutes before he dies.

As 2nd Lt. George Whiteman ran toward his P-40B Warhawk on the morning of Dec. 7, 1941, he likely thought only of getting airborne to retaliate against the attacking Japanese fighters.

As a burst of enemy gunfire shot through his aircraft's cockpit wounding him, he may have thought of his younger siblings back in Missouri, waiting for their big brother to return safely.

As his plane crashed and burned moments after he lifted off the runway, he may have thought of his mother waiting for her first-born to make it home alive.

It's impossible to know exactly what Earlie Whiteman was doing at the moment her son took his last breath.

Although it was morning in Hawaii, it was afternoon in America and all throughout the country, radio programs were interrupted with breakings news: Japan had attacked Pearl Harbor.

At 10:13 p.m. that night, official news reached Earlie back in Sedalia, Missouri: Her 22-year-old son George had died. When interviewed by a newspaper reporter, she said, "It's hard to believe. It might have happened anytime, anywhere. We've got to sacrifice loved ones if we want to win this war."

It was the same news 416,000 other mothers of American service members during World War II would receive.

On August 6, 1945, pilots from the 509th Composite Group dropped the "Little Boy" atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Japan. On August 9, a second crew dropped "Fat Man" on Nagasaki.

George is now believed by many historians to be the first pilot killed in aerial

combat during the war. Although his life was cut short, his legacy lives on in military history.

In 1955, the recently re-opened Sedalia Air Force Base was renamed Whiteman Air Force Base in his honor. Fast forward to 2015. Each year, a ribbon-covered wreath is placed on the young lieutenant's grave to honor the sacrifice he made.

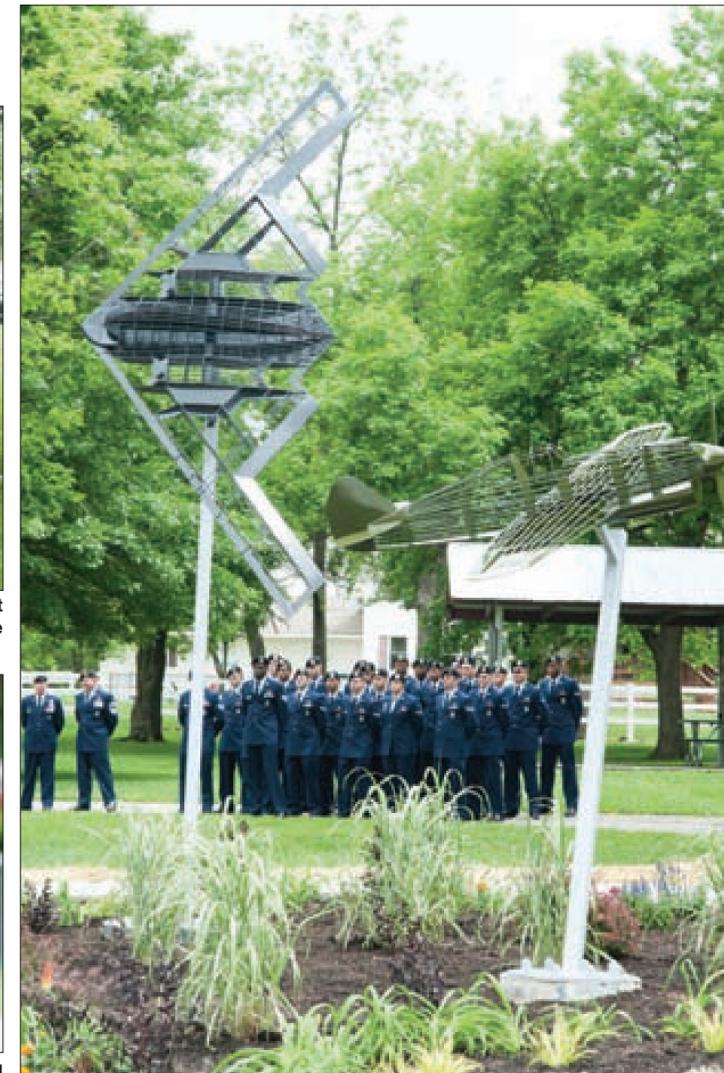
This year's wreath-laying ceremony was held on May 16. As the flag was raised to half-staff, George's grave was surrounded on three sides by groups he impacted in one way or another. On one side were Security Forces Airmen from the base, lined up in a neat formation with sharp salutes. On another side, descendants from his nine brothers and sisters solemnly watched the flag slide up the pole. On the last side of the grave, veterans from multiple conflicts also rendered the proper salutes.

The event's guest speaker was U.S. Air Force Brig. Gen. Glen VanHerck, commander of the 509th Bomb Wing, which ties its roots back to the 509th Composite Group.

"He would be proud to know the wing that dropped the atomic bomb and effectively ended the war now resides at the base that bears his namesake," said VanHerck.

VanHerck, whose first assignment as a young lieutenant was also to the Pacific as a part of the 44th Fighter Squadron under the 18th Fighter Wing, said he feels a personal connection to Whiteman, who was assigned to the forefather units of that squadron.

"Whiteman had a choice: he could run from the fight or he could run toward the fight," said the general. "He could have easily spared his life, but he placed himself in harm's way for his country, his family, his fellow Airmen and all of us standing here today. He embodied everything we desire in our service members."



Airmen from the 509th Security Forces Squadron at Whiteman Air Force Base attend a ceremony for the opening of the Whiteman Corridor May 16, 2015, in Sedalia, Mo. The base was named after 2nd Lt. George Whiteman, a Sedalia native who was killed during World War II. The P-40B Warhawk points to lieutenant's childhood home and represents the past, while the B-2 Spirit stealth bomber points toward the base and represents the future.

This year, in addition to the traditional wreath-laying ceremony, plaques were placed at locations throughout his hometown on a route known as the Whiteman Corridor. The plaque located in Katy Park at the intersection of 24th and Grand streets is accompanied by two metal sculptures by local artist Don Luper.

The first sculpture, a P-40 pointing toward his childhood home, represents the past. The second sculpture, a B-2 Spirit stealth bomber pointing toward Whiteman Air Force Base, represents the future. Together, they are called "Whiteman: Legacy of Freedom."

"Whiteman Air Force Base has grown and changed many times in the past 60 years, but its mission remains the same as Lt. Whiteman's missions that early December morning: to protect this country, its people and its freedom from those that would do it harm," said Dianne Simon, who serves on Sedalia's Military Affairs Committee.

"When the base received its current name, many Sedalia residents would have still remembered Lt. Whiteman and his family, or known others who have served and sacrificed in that Great War," Simon added. "Today, the numbers of that generation are rapidly dwindling and we do not want the memory of Lt. Whiteman to fade away with them."

George Williams, the lieutenant's nephew who was named after his uncle, agreed that it's important to remember the pilot's sacrifice.

"Today's generation doesn't fully understand what he did and what others did," said Williams, who added he's very proud of the service members who gave the sacrifice then as well as the ones who are serving now. "This ceremony helps keep it in front of them."

It's impossible to know what Whiteman would think of his legacy, but it's likely he would have been proud of the base that bears his name and the Airmen who help keep his memory alive.

# Staying safe on two wheels

By Staff Sgt. J. Aaron Breeden  
21st Space Wing Public Affair

PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. (AFNS) -- With the worst of winter behind us, many folks are beginning to break out the hiking boots and sunscreen for some outdoor fun. Additionally, many motorcyclists who have been bound by snow and ice for the last several months are making their way onto the roads again.

Lt. Col. Mark Guerber, the 16th Space Control Squadron commander and avid motorcyclist, recently briefed members of his unit about the importance of staying safe riding.

According to the Air Force Safety Center, since 2005, motorcycle and automobile accidents are the leading cause of death among service members while off-duty.

This is one of reasons why Guerber said he is a strong advocate for motorcycle safety and remains as educated of a rider as possible.

"Motorcyclists take recurring training every couple of years and many of us practice emergency skills on a regular basis," Guerber said. "Although the risks are higher, a well-trained operator practices risk management daily."

Guerber also explained that being a defensive rider is best considering no one else on the road is more concerned for your safety than you.

He said that it is imperative to not only pay attention to what other drivers are doing inside of their vehicles, but also to watch the wheels of other cars around.

"A car driver may not do a head check before changing lanes, but the human eye can easily see when the wheels go out of parallel and start heading toward your bike," Guerber said.

Guerber also offered advice to car drivers who might not understand the risk typical hazards, like oil, water, sand or gravel, can pose to motorcyclists.

"Cars need to be aware of road hazards that have a greater impact on motorcycles," Guerber said. "Motorcycles will go slower and wider than a car driver expects because the challenge of negotiating these obstacles with less available traction."

Guerber added that wildlife pose a significant risk to riders, and to steer toward the rear of an animal to try to avoid a collision.

Speaking personally, Guerber recounted a time when his inexperience nearly caused a mishap that could have ended badly.

"I was on a sport bike approaching an intersection, looking at cross traffic while I slowed down with the front brake," Guerber said. "When I heard tires squeal, I looked forward to see the driver from another lane had merged into my lane and cut off the driver in front of me."

Guerber said rather than releasing his brake and moving into the empty lane next to him, he clamped down on his front brake, stopping mere inches from the car in front of him.

"Although I stopped ... my bike collapsed sideways with me under it," he said. "Proper habits, drilled into muscle memory would have kept me and my bike from a lot of pain and damage."

Ultimately, Guerber equated safe driving as a matter of "dollars and cents."

"Whether you're in a car or on a bike, you've only got \$10 worth of attention and skill," Guerber said. "If you don't practice and develop safe habits, you may spend \$9 just driving. When an emergency pops up, you're left with just \$1 to handle a much more challenging situation."

Guerber added that proper practice and planning allows riders to flip this equation. Riders should spend more time on how to respond during emergency situations



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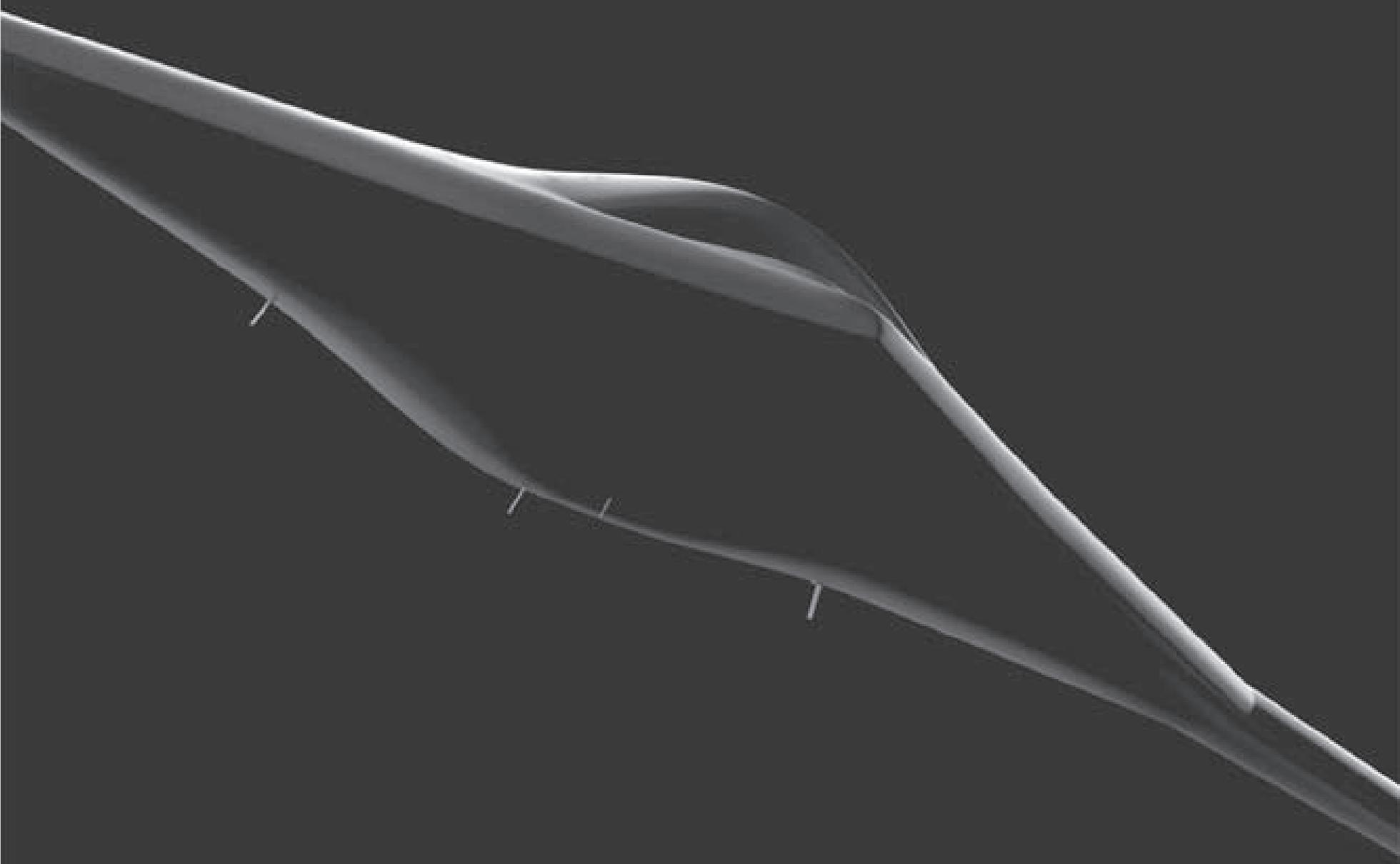
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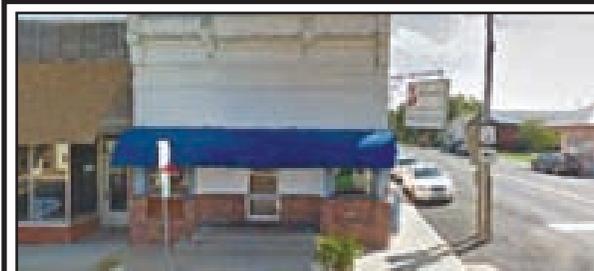
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