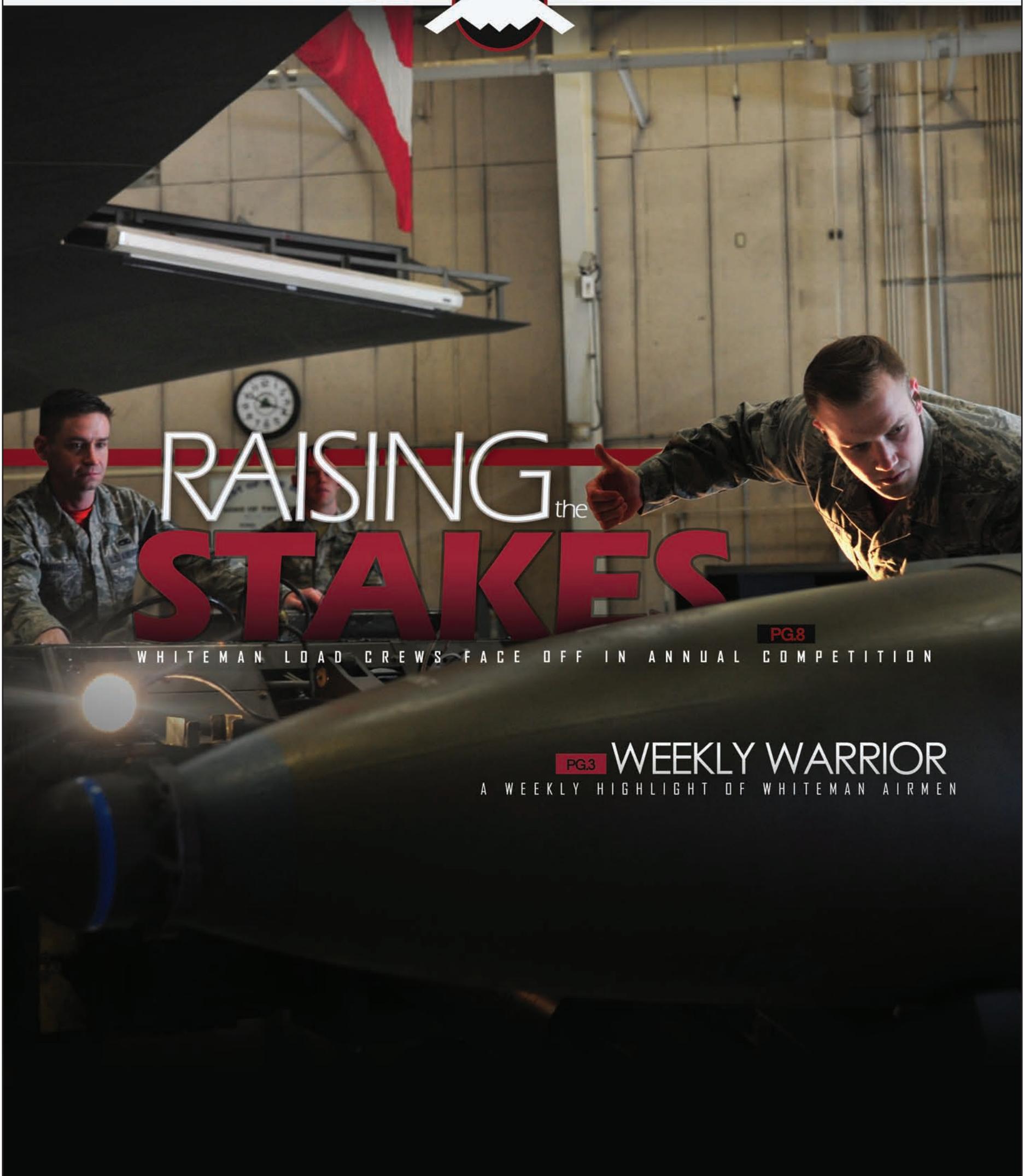


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For questions, contact Maj. Robert Schmidtgoessling at 660-687-4324 or 2nd Lt. Kyle Briney at 660-687-1463.

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A little going a long way

Compiled by MilitarySaves.org

Military Saves Week 2016 is here! Every year, military installations and organizations around the world join forces to motivate, support, and encourage service members and military families to save money, reduce debt and build wealth through a week of financial focus and education. Since 2007, more than 200,000 Savers have accepted the challenge of Military Saves Week. What is that challenge? The Military Saves Pledge is a commitment to exercise good financial habits, improve financial readiness, and encourage other Americans to do the same.

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is about -- deciding what's important to you and taking action. One small step can lead to another, then another, until your goal is met.

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• Tax time is a great opportunity to save for those who receive a refund. Use a Form 8888, Allocation of Refund, to direct deposit your refund in up to three different accounts. Make sure one is a savings account.

On the cover

U.S. Air Force photo/
Airman 1st Class Jovan Banks

U.S. Air Force Senior Airman John Anderson, right, directs Staff Sgt. Jake Smith, both load crew members of the 131st Aircraft Maintenance Unit, as a trainer weapon is loaded onto a jammer during the annual Weapons Load Competition at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Feb. 19, 2016. Load crew competitions help Airmen maintain their mission-readiness, ensuring they can perform at any given time.

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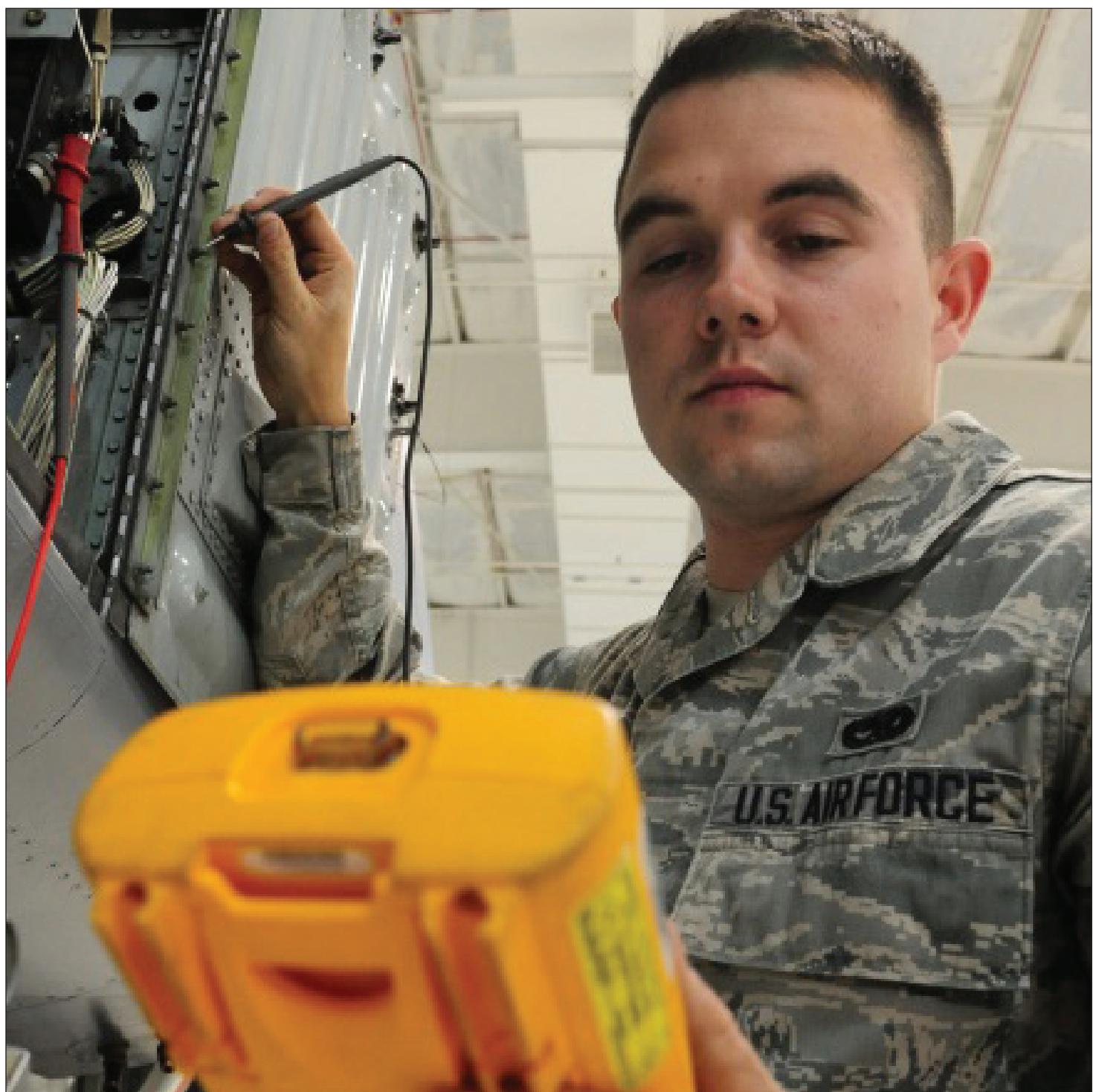
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Whiteman Weekly Warrior



U.S. Air Force Airman Stephen Shaff, an electrical environment systems specialist from the 358th Fighter Squadron, checks resistance readings for fire detection control units on an A-10 Thunderbolt II at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Feb. 18, 2016. The fire detection units are used to alert the pilot of any fires detected in the engine compartment.

By Airman 1st Class Keenan Berry

509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

Meet U.S. Air Force Airman Stephen Shaff, an electrical environment systems specialist from the 358th Fighter Squadron. Shaff handles power generation, lighting, heating and cooling pressurization on the A-10 Thunderbolt II. Shaff was born and raised in Tarpon Springs, Fla. and has served three years in the Air Force.

"I love my job because of the people and the atmosphere," said Shaff. "I've had some great mentors who have helped me throughout my time here on station and have provided excellent guidance."

Shaff took time out of his day to sit with the 509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs office for a question and answer session.

Q. Why do you enjoy your job?

A. I enjoy doing my job because not many people my age can say they've worked on a multi-million dollar aircraft. It provides me with a thrill to know that the aircraft I'm working on puts fear into the enemy's eyes. It gets me pumped up.

Q. Why did you join the Air Force?

A. I joined the Air Force to provide a better life for myself and help my sister through college. I also like the fact of serving my country. I've had many relatives who served to include my grandfather, and I feel honored to serve as well.

Q. What are your thoughts about the bomber legacy?

A. The legacy and history this base has astounds me each and every day. I am a part of an installation that houses the most feared weapon system within our country; the B-2 Spirit. I am proud to be a part of a rich heritage that is embedded within our Air Force history.



U.S. Air Force Airman Stephen Shaff, an electrical environment systems specialist from the 358th Fighter Squadron, inspects cannon plugs on an A-10 Thunderbolt II's nosewheel steering harness at Whiteman Air Force Base, Feb. 18, 2016. This procedure is done to ensure the cannon plugs are in good condition and there is no damage. If the plugs are damaged, they could cause severe damage to the aircraft's wheel component.

Q. What are your personal goals?

A. My short term goals are to complete college and obtain a nursing degree. My long term goal is to become an Army medical pilot.

The Whiteman community congratulates Shaff as he continues to work hard and uphold the legacy.

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

When should your child visit the dentist?



By Capt. Whitney Eichholz
509th MDOS

When should your child visit the dentist?

February is National Children's Dental Health Month and what better time to schedule a dental appointment for your child?

The American Association of Pediatric Dentistry recommends that children should have their first dental visit when their first tooth erupts or no later than 12 months old. This may seem like a rather young age to visit the dentist but it is important to monitor the erupting teeth and detect any oral conditions at an early stage.

After the first dental visit, children are most commonly seen every 6 months for their dental exams. Based on their treatment needs, some children may have more frequent visits.

In addition to diagnosing dental disease, regular dental visits are important so that the child has a "dental home" and is comfortable in the dental office. Regular exams also help to provide the parent with treatment recommendations as the child progresses through the various stages of dental development.

When children are 6-24 months old, dentists can provide parents with recommendations regarding oral hygiene, appropriate feeding practices, indications for fluoride supplementation, and age-appropriate guidance regarding

pacifiers or thumbing sucking habits.

During the period of 2-6 years old, regular dental visits will let the dentist determine if the child will need sealants on their molar teeth, provide the parents with age-appropriate information on preventing injuries to the teeth, and monitor the adult teeth as they develop & begin to erupt.

From 6-12 years old, most children will lose almost all of their baby teeth. As the adult teeth erupt, it is very important to have regular dental visits that include an exam, x-rays and a cleaning to prevent and detect any cavities. When the adult teeth are erupting, the dentist can monitor how these teeth are affecting the child's bite and smile so that referrals for braces can be made at the optimal age.

As children enter their late teens, the dentist will monitor the wisdom teeth. Some wisdom teeth may cause discomfort or affect the health of the gums or other teeth. Regular dental visits are essential so that the wisdom teeth can be removed at the appropriate age, ideally in the late teens to early twenties.

As military members, make sure to utilize your dental insurance so that all of your child's dental needs are met and your child has a happy, healthy smile from the eruption of their first tooth to high school graduation! Visit the Tricare website for more information on enrolling your dependents into the Tricare Dental Program.

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393D AMU: Specialists support B-2 readiness



U.S. Air Force Tech Sgt. Aaron Bradley, a 393d Aircraft Maintenance Unit specialist section chief, prepares to supply power to a B-2 Spirit at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Feb. 18, 2016. The power, provided by a generator, allows operation of the aircraft avionics system and is essential when working on the B-2's landing gear.



U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Aaron Bradley, a 393d Aircraft Maintenance Unit specialist section chief, inspects the hydraulic lines of a B-2 Spirit at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Feb. 18, 2016. The inspection of the 4,000 psi hydraulic system tests operation of the B-2 flight controls, landing gear, brakes, steering and weapon systems.



U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Aaron Bradley, a 393d Aircraft Maintenance Unit specialist section chief, adjusts the front landing gear of a B-2 Spirit with a socket wrench at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Feb. 18, 2016. A second member, located in the cockpit, communicates with Bradley through headsets, allowing the specialists to adjust the steering of the front landing gear without turning the wheel.

U.S. Air Force photos/Tech. Sgt. Miguel Lara III



U.S. Air Force Tech Sgt. Aaron Bradley, a 393d Aircraft Maintenance Unit specialist section chief, uses a socket wrench to adjust the front landing gear of a B-2 Spirit at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Feb. 18, 2016. When needed, Bradley wears a headset to communicate with a second member in the cockpit—who applies hydraulic pressure. This method allows the crew to adjust the steering of the front landing gear without actually turning the wheel, which prevents wear on the tires.



U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Aaron Bradley, a 393d Aircraft Maintenance Unit specialist section chief, reviews technical orders prior to maintenance work on a B-2 Spirit at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Feb. 18, 2016. As the specialist section chief, Bradley has oversight of more than 80 personnel of the aircraft hydraulics, propulsion and electrical and environmental section. Bradley is also responsible for the maintenance of the 4,000 psi hydraulic system which operates the B-2 flight controls, landing gear, brakes, steering and weapon systems. The maintenance performed by the hydraulics section ensures the B-2 is mission ready.

Top III MVP recognized at WAFB



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Michaela R. Slanchik
 U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Ashley Sharpe, a 509th Bomb Wing command post emergency action controller, center left, receives a Whiteman Top III MVP award from Master Sgt. Donna Jacobson, the treasurer of the Top III, at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Feb. 18, 2016. Sharpe earned the award for supporting more than eight events in two months that benefitted her unit, and the Whiteman and Warrensburg, Mo., communities. Additionally, as the command post's morale monitor, she plans the shop's holiday parties and other events.

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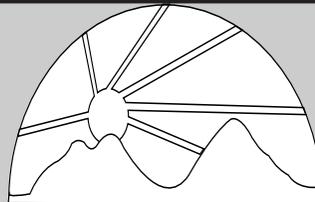
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Innovator of stealth technologies visits Whiteman



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Dr. John Cashen, designer of the low observable radar feature of the B-2 aircraft, speaks about his history and the development of stealth aircraft capabilities at the University of Central Missouri, located in Warrensburg, Mo., Feb. 23, 2016. Cashen, who recently visited Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., worked with Northrop Grumman in the development of stealth technology, leading to the creation of the B-2 stealth bomber.

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Load crew members of the 131st Aircraft Maintenance Unit load training munitions during the Annual Weapons Load Competition at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Feb. 19, 2016. The load crews participating in the annual competition are crews who previously won a quarterly competition.



U.S. Air Force Senior Airman John Anderson, right, directs Staff Sgt. Jake Smith, both load crew members of the 131st Aircraft Maintenance Unit, as a trainer weapon is loaded onto a jammer during the annual Weapons Load Competition at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Feb. 19, 2016. Load crew competitions help Airmen maintain their mission-readiness, ensuring they can perform at any given time.



U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Jeremie Key, a load crew member assigned to the 131st Aircraft Maintenance Unit, surveys a trainer weapon during the Annual Weapons Load Competition at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Feb. 19, 2016. Load crew members must check for damages on all munitions before they are loaded.



U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Nicholas Scott, a load crew member of the 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, surveys a trainer weapon during the Annual Weapons Load Competition at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Feb. 19, 2016. The competition scores are based on various categories including the load time.



U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Daniel Jensen, a load crew member assigned to the 131st Aircraft Maintenance Unit, secures the final trainer weapon for his team during the Annual Weapons Load Competition at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Feb. 19, 2016. Each team must load two trainer weapons in addition to restocking all equipment before time is called.

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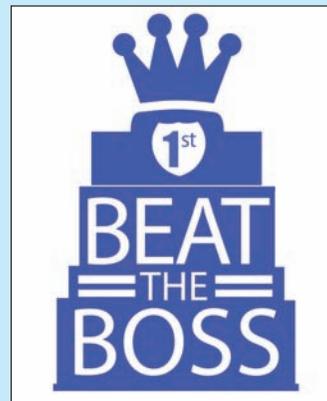
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The 509th Maintenance Group Research and Engineer (RE) flight is tasked to provide engineer expertise for the 509th Bomb Wing, 131st Bomb Wing, the 442d Fighter Wing and 5 additional tenant units on Whiteman AFB. The RE shop prepares and evaluates modification and engineering change proposals, provides designs and 3-D models for fabrication, and supports in-house projects such as reviewing failure data, conducting studies and developing changes to improve reliability, maintainability and effectiveness. The RE shop benchmarked 3-D printing technology at Whiteman—allowing them to prototype and verify design ideas at a fraction of the cost. Currently the RE shop is working on projects throughout Whiteman and for engineers at Tinker AFB, Okla. and various AFGSC working groups.



U.S. Air Force Capt. Wayne Kreimeyer, the 509th Maintenance Group (MXG) Research and Engineering (RE) flight commander, left, reviews the progress of a 3-D print with Master Sgt. James Gargano, an RE technician with the 509th MXG, at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Feb. 18, 2016. The 3-D model is used for “form-fit function.” The form-fit function method prints an object for specification prior to sending to the metals technology shop for fabrication.



U.S. Air Force Capt. Wayne Kreimeyer, the 509th Maintenance Group (MXG) Research and Engineering (RE) flight commander, right, discusses circuit designs for a portable sensor tester with Tech. Sgt. Billy Doser, an RE technician with the 509th MXG, at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Feb. 18, 2016. The tester, operated by micro-controllers, tests multiple sensors on hydraulic reservoirs from the B-2 aircraft by inputting a variety of voltages and displaying the results on an LCD.



U.S. Air Force Capt. Wayne Kreimeyer, the 509th Maintenance Group (MXG) Research and Engineering (RE) flight commander, left, reviews a 3-D drawing for a piece of test equipment with Master Sgt. James Gargano, an RE technician with the 509th MXG, at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Feb. 18, 2016. The test drawing is designed for the 72nd Test and Evaluation Squadron, simulating the placement of equipment on a jet for testing.

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AF presents fiscal year 2017 budget

WASHINGTON (AFNS) -- The Air Force presented its fiscal year 2017 president's budget request Feb. 9 following the Defense Department and sister services' budget briefings.

Maj. Gen. Jim Martin, the Air Force budget director, presented the service's budget request and said the fiscal 2017 budget request supports the defense strategy, resources combatant commander requirements, continues readiness recovery from fiscal 2016, but still reflects the many tough choices the service had to make to live within the limits of the 2015 Bipartisan Budget Act.

The Air Force requested a top-line budget of \$120.4 billion in Air Force-controlled funding that continues to take care of people, strike the right balance between readiness and modernization and make every dollar count.

Martin said the temporary relief provided by the BBA allows the service to restore end-strength to recover some critical skill sets; continue the top three modernization programs, but at reduced rates for the F-35; sustain capacity to meet combatant commanders' most urgent needs and readiness for today's fight; and resource strategic assets in nuclear, space, and intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance mission areas.

The budget supports a total force end strength of 492,000 personnel and that the service will continue to assess capability gaps and grow end-strength to meet that demand where they exist, he said.

To help with that effort, this budget supports a 1.6 percent pay raise for active-duty and civilian personnel; adds approximately 100 basic training and tech training instructors, and supports approximately 2,100 accessions above fiscal 2016 levels; increases Officer Training School accessions to a maximum capacity of approximately 1,100 candidates; implements the training and integration of enlisted remotely piloted aircraft pilots into the RQ-4 Global Hawk community; and offers a skills retention bonus for critical career fields such as intel-

ligence, cyber, maintenance and battlefield Airmen.

For readiness, this budget request funds flying hours to executable levels and weapons system sustainment to near capacity. It ensures advance weapons schools and combat exercises like Red Flag and Green Flag are fully funded to help in a long-term effort to restore full-spectrum readiness; supports 60 RPA combat lines while sustaining critical space programs; and continues to establish 39 cyber teams and trains these cyber Airmen to meet today's and tomorrow's threats.

The fiscal 2017 procurement budget preserves top modernization programs, sustains our space procurement strategy, invests in the nuclear enterprise, and funds munitions to near capacity to support ongoing operations and to start replenishing current inventories, Martin said.

"Unfortunately, in this budget, we had to sacrifice modernization for current readiness, and, as a result, were forced to delay five F-35s, some fourth-generation modifications, and delay completion of the recapitalization effort of the C-130H in fiscal 2017," he said.

The budget supports the goal of maintaining assured access to space and viability in contested and increasingly congested environments by continuing the block buys of the Advanced Extremely High Frequency System satellite vehicles 5 and 6 and Space Based Infrared System 5 and 6; and funding five Evolved Expendable Launch Vehicle launch services, three of which are competitive launch opportunities.

"We appreciate the relief BBA gives, but tough choices remained, leaving critical capability, capacity and readiness gaps," Martin said. "Budget stability and the repeal of BCA limits are necessary for the Air Force to remain true to its long-term strategy and to meet all the demands we are being asked to meet, both today and in the future."

For more information about the Air Force's fiscal 2017 budget request visit <http://www.saffm.hq.af.mil/budget/>

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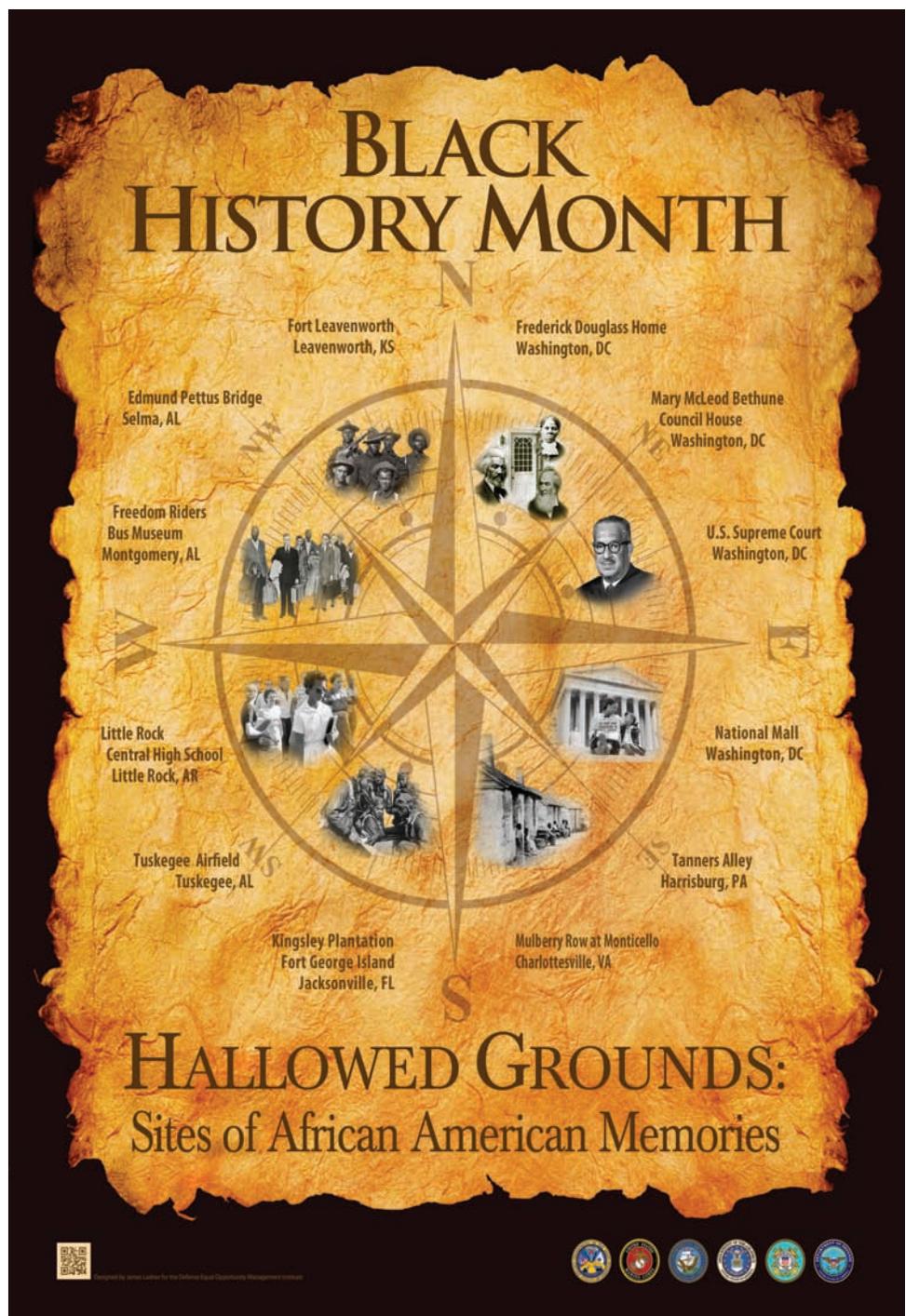
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