

# WARRIOR



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131ST BW GETS NEW COMMANDER





# Colonel Eaves takes 131st reins at Wing Change of Command



U.S. Air National Guard photo/Airman 1st Class Halley Burgess  
Col. Ken "Willie B" Eaves accepts the 131st Bomb Wing guidon from Maj. Gen. Gregory Champagne, Air National Guard assistant to the Air Force Global Strike Command commander, during the change of command ceremony at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., May 15, 2016. Eaves is now responsible for the Air National Guard's only B-2 unit, which provides nearly 1,100 combat-ready Citizen-Airmen for both state and federal missions.

By Airman 1st Class Halley Burgess  
131st Bomb Wing Public Affairs

The 131st Bomb Wing, Missouri Air National Guard, has a new commanding officer after a change of command ceremony held during May drill here today.

Previously wing vice commander, Col. Ken "Willie B" Eaves is now responsible for the National Guard's only B-2 unit, which provides nearly 1,100 combat-ready Airmen for both state and federal missions.

Eaves assumed command of the unit from Col. Michael J. Francis, who was recently selected for promotion to brigadier general and was named to be the new assistant adjutant general-air for the Missouri National Guard. Maj. Gen. Gregory Champagne, previous 131st commander, presided over the ceremony on behalf of Maj. Gen. Steve Danner, Adjutant General, Missouri National Guard.

"When he first joined the Guard in '95 I got to know him a little bit. I said he's the hardest working person that I know. I said back then that if he continued on that pace, that someday he would be the wing commander," said Champagne of Eaves. "That someday is today."

Eaves told the wing, standing in formation, that he was honored to be their commander.

"I cannot think of another group of professionals that I would want to work with more so than you all," he said. "It is getting difficult for me to keep up with all the great things you do."

"I have had the privilege of having a front-row seat to watch history in the making. Although we are the 8th-oldest unit in the Air National Guard and can trace our lineage back 93 years to 1923, I cannot find a period in time where 131st personnel have persevered and excelled more than you all."

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Senior Airman Jovan Banks  
March 21, 2016, marked the 70th anniversary of the Strategic Air Command (SAC).



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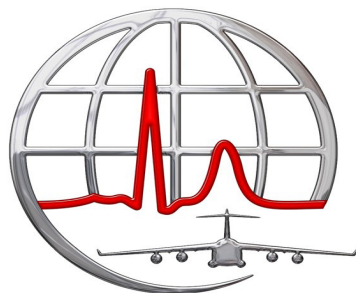
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Hi 71	Hi 75
Lo 53	Lo 53
Sunday	Monday
Mostly Sunny	Chance of Storms
Hi 77	Hi 77
Lo 54	Lo 61

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	Mon-Fri 1030-1400 Sat-Sun 0700-1400
	Mon-Sat 1100-1800 Sun 1200-1600
	Mon-Fri 0700-1800 Sat-Sun 0930-1800
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James Morgan, the 509th Comptroller Squadron financial services officer, briefs dorm residents on how to manage their finances during the scheduled dining facility closure at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., May 18, 2016. The dining facility is scheduled for a six-month closure beginning June 7 and is slated to re-open on Nov. 24, 2016. During this time period, dorm residents will receive a basic allowance for subsistence to compensate for the lack of dining facility access.

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## Beat the Boss

The Beat the Boss program is a monthly PT test competition between 509th Bomb Wing units that will recognize outstanding teamwork and devotion to fitness at the Squadron level. Active duty 509th Airmen who score the same or higher than the commander's score of 95.4% will earn a one-day pass and those who score a 100% win a one-day pass and one of the commander's coins.

Here are the Beat the Boss results:



**1st Lt. Jamiel Peterson • 509th BW • 96.1%**

**Senior Airman Joel Pfiester • 509th BW • 97.3%**

**Capt. Amy Birdsong • 509th MDOS • 100%**

**Master Sgt. Jeremy Reed • 509th LRS • 100%**

**Airman 1st Class Christopher Meyers • 509th CS • 96.1%**

**Airman 1st Class Thomas Laroue • 509th MXS • 95.5%**

**Master Sgt. David Wiggers • 509th CES • 98.6%**

**Senior Airman Robert Nicholson • 509th CES • 98.1%**

**Staff Sgt. Ryan Prettyman • 509th AMXS • 99.3%**

**Airman 1st Class Jimmie Hinojoza • 509th CES • 97.3%**

**Capt. Karl Agudo • 509th CPTS • 97.3%**

**Maj. Jordan Knaub • 509th OSS • 98.6%**

**Capt. Jacob Campione • 393d BS • 97.9%**

**Maj. Nicholas Polczynski • 509th MDOS • 99.3%**

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**Senior Airman Tyler Krzanowski • 509th CES • 97%**



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# Strategic deterrence: 70 years with SAC

By Senior Airman Jovan Banks  
509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

March 21, 2016, marked the 70th anniversary of the Strategic Air Command (SAC), the forefather of what is now Air Force Global Strike Command (AFGSC).

In 1946, SAC was activated as one of the three combat commands of the U.S. Army Air Forces. Shortly after, SAC would transition into a command under the newly-created U.S. Air Force.

The 509th Bomb Wing lineage under SAC dates back to the 1940's.

The 509th Bombardment Group, formerly known as the 509th Composite Group, was one of the 10 groups that made up SAC and was the first trained and tasked with the nuclear mission.

In November 1947, the newly-formed 509th Bombardment Wing was established under SAC with a core mission of providing the U.S. with long-range, offensive capabilities.

Although best known for its nuclear deterrence mission, SAC conducted conventional bombing operations during the Korean War and the Vietnam conflict.

Following the Korean war, former U.S. President Dwight D. Eisenhower called for change to the country's national defense. These changes invested more in air power and less in maintaining a large army or navy.

SAC and the Air Force accepted the challenge and ensured the president's goals were realized.

By 1953, while under the leadership of Gen. Curtis E. Lemay, SAC achieved a high level of striking force. With 11 of 17 wings in the atomic force now equipped, the B-47 stratojet fleet rose from 62 to 329, the B-36 Peacemaker fleet reached 185, and its reconnaissance counterpart, the RB-36 component, attained 137 aircraft. Supporting the bombers were 500 tankers and 200 fighter aircraft. By 1960 SAC also included the nation's Intercontinental Ballistic Missile (ICBMs) force.

Despite the challenges of being a newly-formed command, SAC was able to accomplish its ambitious long-range, offensive mission.

The nation relied on SAC bombers and missiles to prevent war by utilizing their nuclear-deterrence capabilities, and the command delivered; this justified the command's motto: "Peace is Our Profession."

SAC disbanded in 1992, when its supervisory mission was assumed by U.S. Strategic Command and its assets turned over to Air Combat Command. In 2010 the Air Force again saw the need for a separate strategic major command and created AFGSC, which the 509th Bomb Wing now belongs to. Today, part of the 509th BW's strategic deterrence mission still honors the "Peace is Our Profession" legacy.



**Top right: Gen. Curtis E. LeMay, former Strategic Air Command commander, is considered a pioneer of the global strike concept. His leadership and guidance contributed to the rapid defeat of the Japanese Empire, thus avoiding a land and sea invasion.**  
(courtesy photo)





## 13th AMXS Airman earns Chiefs' Choice



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

Members of the Whiteman Chiefs' group present U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Jeremy Furusho, a 13th Aircraft Maintenance Unit load crew member, a Chiefs' Choice award at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., May 12, 2016. Furusho completed six weapons standardization loading tasks with zero deficiencies and was selected to compete in the 509th Bomb Wing Load Crew of the Quarter Competition. He also coaches baseball for the Sedalia Youth Baseball League, instilling teamwork and baseball fundamentals with 14 children.







# Whiteman recognizes U.S. law enforcement with Police Week



U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Gerardo Flores, a 509th Security Forces Squadron (SFS) security response force leader, stands guard in front of a B-2 Spirit at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., May 18, 2016. SFS operations entail protecting Air Force assets from any enemy, foreign or domestic.



U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Corey Witt, a 509th Security Forces Squadron automated entry control systems manager, finishes the 16th hole at the Royal Oaks Golf Course in Knob Noster, Mo., May 18, 2016. Members of Team Whiteman participated in the golf outing along with softball, bowling and other games, as part of a tournament recognizing National Police Week.



U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Chip Purkins, a protection level 1 area supervisor assigned to the 509th Security Forces Squadron, runs across stones during a ruck race at Knob Noster State Park, Knob Noster, Mo., May 18, 2016. The 2-mile ruck was a part of National Police Week honoring the service of law enforcement officers.



A battlefield cross is displayed in the 509th Security Forces Squadron building for National Police Week at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., May 16, 2016. Whiteman honored National Police Week, May 16-20, with events such as a vigil for fallen law-enforcement officers, a memorial 5K run and a base-wide tournament including golf, bowling, softball and other games.



U.S. Air Force Col. Randall Sparks, the 509th Mission Support Group commander, salutes a battlefield cross after placing a rose in a boot to recognize a fallen law-enforcement member, at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., May 16, 2016. Every 20 minutes between reveille and retreat on the day of the vigil, volunteers recognized an officer who died in the line of duty for their sacrifice.



Members of Team Whiteman gather for a group photo after completing a 2-mile Police Week ruck at Knob Noster State Park, Knob Noster, Mo., May 18, 2016. The 2-mile ruck race was a part of a competition spanning the course of three days.



## All Schools Graduation

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# Team Whiteman All-School graduates

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Senior Airman Aceves, Alessandra	Aviation Management
Staff Sgt. Adkinson, Denny	Air Traffic Operations and Management
Master Sgt. Allen, Joshua	Human Resource Management
Master Sgt. Bailey, Jonathan	Human Resource Management
Staff Sgt. Bairos, Adam	Avionic Systems Technology
Staff Sgt. Bandy, Duard	Construction Technology
Tech. Sgt. Briskorn, Thomas	Aircraft Structural Maintenance Technology
Staff Sgt. Budd, Arlando	Criminal Justice
Staff Sgt. Buhrman, Michael	Construction Technology
Staff Sgt. Burian, Kyle	Aircraft Structural Maintenance Technology
Staff Sgt. Cannon, Nicole	Criminal Justice
Tech. Sgt. Carlson, Corey	Aircraft Armament Systems Technology
Staff Sgt. Carter, Vanesa	Human Services
Senior Airman Cassity, Eric	Logistics
Staff Sgt. Chapman, Vincent	Avionic Systems Technology
Master Sgt. Clark, William	Environmental Systems Technology
Staff Sgt. Cox, Kurstie	Physical Therapist Assistant
Staff Sgt. Davis, James	Aircraft Structural Maintenance Technology
Master Sgt. Davis, Ryan	Aircraft Structural Maintenance Technology
Staff Sgt. Dinet, Armond	Aircraft Structural Maintenance Technology
Senior Airman Dolan, Joseph	Criminal Justice
Staff Sgt. Ecker, Jared	Aviation Maintenance Technology
Staff Sgt. Flood, Kyle	Aircraft Structural Maintenance Technology
Senior Airman Flores, Guillermo	Aircraft Armament Systems Technology
Master Sgt. Gebbia, Jason	Munitions Systems Technology
Master Sgt. Goodwin, Jamil	Human Resource Management
Tech. Sgt. Gordon, Reynard	Criminal Justice
Senior Airman Hames, Ricardo	Criminal Justice
Staff Sgt. Hess, Matthew	Health Care Management
Senior Airman Holden, Justin	Contracts Management
Staff Sgt. Huffstetler, Daniel	Mechanical and Electrical Technology
Tech. Sgt. Humphery, David	Aircraft Armament Systems Technology
Staff Sgt. Hunsucker, Zachary	Aviation Maintenance Technology
Staff Sgt. Hunt, James	Logistics
Master Sgt. Jansen, Mark	Aviation maintenance Technology
Staff Sgt. Jones, Joseph	Information Management
Senior Airman Jones, Maegan	Information Management
Senior Airman Joyce, Adam	Transportation
Staff Sgt. Junker, Adam	Human Resource Management
Staff Sgt. Lawhead, David	Fire Science
Tech. Sgt. Lee, Marie	Logistics
Senior Airman Leo, Jaime	Aircraft Structural Maintenance Technology
Senior Airman Lewis, Elisa	Financial Management
Tech. Sgt. Lewis, Robert	Air and Space Operations Technology
Tech. Sgt. Lewis, Robert	Aircraft Armament Systems Technology
Master Sgt. Lindley, Joseph	Human Resource Management
Tech. Sgt. Lingaolingao, Leonardo	Dental Assisting
Staff Sgt. Links, Bernard	Air Traffic Operations and Management
Staff Sgt. Luna, Alejandro	Aviation Maintenance Technology
Master Sgt. Markin, David	Safety
Tech. Sgt. Martinez, Joshua	Practical Nursing Technology
Senior Airman McManus, Delena	Mental Health Services
Staff Sgt. Meidell, Joshua	Munitions Systems Technology
Senior Airman Montes, Ezequiel	Mechanical and Electrical Technology
Staff Sgt. Moore, Delray	Aircraft Structural Maintenance Technology
Senior Airman Mullaney, Sean	Criminal Justice
Staff Sgt. Newman, Brandon	Public Health Technology
Staff Sgt. Perez, Jessica	Practical Nursing Technology
Staff Sgt. Perez Aquino, Juan	Aviation Maintenance Technology
Staff Sgt. Perez Aquino, Juan	Air and Space Operations Technology
Staff Sgt. Pircio, Michael	Intelligence Studies and Technology
Senior Airman Porter, James	Human Resource Management
Staff Sgt. Rayner, Joseph	Aerospace Ground Equipment Technology
Tech. Sgt. Rice, Charles	Mechanical and Electrical Technology
Tech. Sgt. Ritter, Ronald	Air and Space Operations Technology
Tech. Sgt. Rodriguez Ethan	Logistics
Staff Sgt. Rojas Tavera, Brayam	Criminal Justice
Staff Sgt. Ross, Donald	Aviation Maintenance Technology
Staff Sgt. Ross, Donald	Explosive Ordnance Disposal
Staff Sgt. Sheeron, Matthew	Human Resource Management
Tech. Sgt. Sherman, Howard	Aerospace Ground Equipment Technology
Staff Sgt. Slavens, Ashley	Logistics
Staff Sgt. Smith, David	Avionic Systems Technology
Staff Sgt. Speights, Stephanie	Criminal Justice
Staff Sgt. Stimely, Christopher	Aviation Maintenance Technology
Tech. Sgt. Terrell, Joshua	Aviation Maintenance Technology
Staff Sgt. Thompson, Joshua	Aviation Maintenance Technology
Senior Airman Trenkamp, Eric	Transportation
Senior Airman Valles, Marcos	Air Traffic Operations and Management
Master Sgt. Wadley, Robert	Aviation Maintenance Technology
Tech. Sgt. Waggoner, Jaret	Information Systems Technology
Tech. Sgt. Walker, Anthony	Aircraft Armament Systems Technology
Staff Sgt. West, De Leon	Criminal Justice
Senior Airman Wilkens, Joel	Health Care Management

## April 2016 CCAF Graduates

Staff Sgt. Abbondanza, Jessica	Munitions Systems Technology
Tech. Sgt. Abelt, David	Air and Space Operations Technology
Tech. Sgt. Abelt, David	Information Management
Senior Airman Allen, Corey	Aviation Maintenance Technology
Staff Sgt. Alvarez, Danyel	Aircraft Armament Systems Technology
Staff Sgt. Armes, Corey	Avionic Systems Technology
Senior Airman Armstrong, Corey	Electronic Systems Technology
Master Sgt. Ashcroft, Cynthia	Maintenance Production Management
Tech. Sgt. Atherton, Joseph	Munitions Systems Technology

Staff Sgt. Barrett, Shawn	Electronic Systems Technology
Tech. Sgt. Bloom, Olivia	Aviation Maintenance Technology
Senior Airman Boll, Jennifer	Contracts Management
Tech. Sgt. Bono, John	Instructor of Technology and Military Science
Staff Sgt. Boone, Gabrielle	Emergency Management
Staff Sgt. Brown, Tashonna	Criminal Justice
Staff Sgt. Burner, Daniel	Criminal Justice
Tech. Sgt. Callow, Christopher	Aircraft Structural Maintenance Technology
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Tech. Sgt. Cress, Pierre	Avionic Systems Technology
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Staff Sgt. Dagostino, Lindsey	Munitions Systems Technology
Senior Master Sgt. Davis, Ochshalay	Maintenance Production Management
Senior Airman De Los Santos, Zachery	Aircraft Structural Maintenance Technology
Airman 1st Class Dhennin, Charles	Aerospace Ground Equipment Technology
Staff Sgt. Dieckmann, Daniel	Criminal Justice
Tech. Sgt. Dowdell, Derek	Practical Nursing Technology
Staff Sgt. Dukes, Sylvester	Avionic Systems Technology
Staff Sgt. Eaglen, Michael	Construction Technology
Staff Sgt. Eames, Jordan	Construction Technology
Staff Sgt. Eckardt, John	Instructor of Technology and Military Science
Staff Sgt. Eilenstein, Gregory	Logistics
Staff Sgt. Elder, Matthew	Criminal Justice
Staff Sgt. Ellis, Shaun	Aerospace Ground Equipment Technology
Tech. Sgt. Frederick, Ray	Instructor of Technology and Military Science
Senior Airman Frias, Miguel	Mechanical and Electrical Technology
Senior Airman Garcey, Joshua	Aviation Maintenance Technology
Staff Sgt. Gemsky, Christopher	Intelligence Studies and Technology
Master Sgt. Gillespie, Charles	Aviation Maintenance Technology
Staff Sgt. Grove, Zachary	Avionic Systems Technology
Tech. Sgt. Heltne, Patrick	Management Engineering Technology
Staff Sgt. Hill, Audrey	Information Management
Tech. Sgt. Hunter, Jeremy	Emergency Management
Tech. Sgt. Hunter, Jeremy	Criminal Justice
Airman 1st Class Hurlbert, David	Aviation Maintenance Technology
Staff Sgt. Ides, David	Aviation Maintenance Technology
Staff Sgt. Jackson, Bridgett	Air Traffic Operations and Management
Senior Airman Jackson, Brittany	Aircraft Structural Maintenance Technology
Staff Sgt. Jaynes, Jeremiah	Aviation Maintenance Technology
Staff Sgt. Johnson, Keena	Criminal Justice
Senior Airman Johnson, Zackory	Air and Space Operations Technology
Senior Airman Jones, Nicole	Criminal Justice
Tech. Sgt. Jones, Tawnya	Human Resource Management
Tech. Sgt. Kendrick, Cylina	Information Management
Staff Sgt. Lamb, Jared	Air Traffic Operations and Management
Tech. Sgt. Lopez, Ruben	Instructor of Technology and Military Science
Staff Sgt. Madore, Matthew	Mental Health Services
Staff Sgt. Marsh, Adrian	Logistics
Staff Sgt. Mccullough, Zachariah	Aviation Maintenance Technology
Staff Sgt. McDuffie, Jaclyn	Criminal Justice
Tech. Sgt. Meschkat, Steven	Education and Training Management
Senior Airman Minner, Ryan	Aircraft Armament Systems Technology
Master Sgt. Morris, Sean	Criminal Justice
Airman 1st Class Moser, Ethan	Aviation Maintenance Technology
Staff Sgt. Nam, Ki Seung	Criminal Justice
Master Sgt. Northcutt, Ray	Aviation Maintenance Technology
Master Sgt. Olejniczak, Joseph	Logistics
Staff Sgt. Otero Octaviani, Ismael	Munitions Systems Technology
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Tech. Sgt. Pitman, Erik	Aviation Maintenance Technology
Airman 1st Class Portney, Jessica	Air and Space Operations Technology
Master Sgt. Potts, Douglas	Air Traffic Operations and Management
Staff Sgt. Puga, Lelani	Practical Nursing Technology
Airman 1st Class Quichocho, Adrian	Aerospace Ground Equipment Technology
Tech. Sgt. Rash, Derrick	Mechanical and Electrical Technology
Staff Sgt. Rivers, Shiantee	Hospitality and Fitness
Staff Sgt. Rodriguez Marquez, Guillermo	Construction Technology
Staff Sgt. Rojas, Julio	Mechanical and Electrical Technology
Staff Sgt. Rojas, Luis	Electronic Systems Technology
Senior Airman Rutledge, Erika	Munitions Systems Technology
Senior Airman Sanders, Kevin	Avionic Systems Technology
Staff Sgt. Sandoval, Miles	Vehicle Maintenance
Staff Sgt. Sayre, Michael	Criminal Justice
Tech. Sgt. Schaeffer, Travis	Munitions Systems Technology
Staff Sgt. Schroeder, Brian	Aviation Maintenance Technology
Senior Airman Scott, Nicholas	Aviation Management
Tech. Sgt. Sedgwick, Kent	Instructor of Technology and Military Science
Staff Sgt. Speights, Stephanie	Education and Training Management
Staff Sgt. Stewart, Jeremy	Aerospace Ground Equipment Technology
Tech. Sgt. Swanson, John	Aircraft Armament Systems Technology
Staff Sgt. Tankel, Isaac	Transportation
Tech. Sgt. Tryan, Eric	Criminal Justice
Senior Master Sgt. Turner, Orenzy	Human Resource Management
Tech. Sgt. Urban, Gerald	Mechanical and Electrical Technology
Master Sgt. Wakefield, Jennifer	Information Management
Senior Airman Wheatley, Marissa	Aerospace Ground Equipment Technology
Staff Sgt. Wilke, Kyle	Aerospace Ground Equipment Technology
Tech. Sgt. Williams, Nathaniel	Logistics
Staff Sgt. Williams, Phillip	Construction Technology
Staff Sgt. Wilson, Everette	Avionic Systems Technology
Tech. Sgt. Womack, Brandon	Avionic Systems Technology
Staff Sgt. Wranich, Jessica	Health Care Management
Tech. Sgt. Yoder, Brian	Mechanical and Electrical Technology



# What you need to know about probate and estate planning

**By Capt. Eric P.W. Hall**  
Assistant Staff Judge Advocate  
143d Airlift Wing

When Prince died on April 21, 2016, he died without any estate plan. It's estimated that his estate was worth \$300 million, and now, because Prince didn't do any prior planning, it's possible that his estate could owe over \$168 million in taxes.

Most people don't have an estate the size that famous celebrities do, but that doesn't mean they shouldn't have a well-purposed estate plan. This article is intended to act as a guide for those who have recently lost someone close to them or are thinking about making an estate plan for themselves and their family. This article is not a substitute for legal advice though, and you should see the legal office to get specific advice for your particular needs.

To fully understand how to create an estate plan for your needs, it is important to know a bit about probate. Probate is the process one's heirs go through to "wrap up" the decedent's affairs at a local probate court. Probate courts

are located in state counties, and probate should be opened in the county of the decedent's legal residence at the time of their death.

One of the most important things probate will do is determine who your heirs will be. If you don't want the state to decide who should be the beneficiary of your life's labor, it's imperative that you create a Last Will and Testament that names who will be your heirs.

The next important thing the probate court will determine is what your estate owes in taxes and debts. Thus, when creating your estate plan, one should do so with an idea as to avoid these costs as much as possible. Generally, the smaller one's estate, the smaller the costs of probate and the smaller the amount of taxes one's heir may owe.

The easiest way to lower the value of your estate is through the joint ownership of your property. Jointly-owned property is not subject to probate and will generally hold a legal "right of survivorship" which means that the property you own with another automatically passes to that person

at the time of your death. This is most typically seen in real estate owned with a spouse. Also, any checking account, 401(k), individual retirement account (IRA), thrift savings plan (TSP) or other financial account, can be designated as a "payable on death" account. You should call the respective institutions who manage your accounts to let them know you'd like to name beneficiaries.

Another strategy is to create a trust. A trust is a separate entity from you, and it can do everything that a real person can do except vote. Creating a trust allows a person to move all of their property, real estate and personal, into accounts that the trust controls. Trusts exist for the purpose of providing for you, or your trust's named beneficiaries. While most military members may not need a trust, it is an option to consider.

I can't stress the importance of having an estate plan, especially if you are married or have children. Please stop by the legal office and create your estate plan today or contact the 509th Bomb Wing office at (660) 687-6809.

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