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HIGHLIGHTING ONE OF WHITEMAN'S BRIGHTEST

A sobering display of drunken driving consequences



Senior Airman Dylan Kielcheski, a family practice medical technician from the 509th Medical Operations Squadron, poses in front of a wrecked vehicle display at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., April 21, 2016. The wrecked vehicle was involved in a real-world drunk driving accident and was donated by a local salvage business to serve as a reminder of the potential outcome of drunken driving.

Story and photos by
Senior Airman Joel Pfiester
509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

At the intersection of Spirit Boulevard and Vandenberg Avenue lie the remnants of what was, at one time, a fully-functioning vehicle. Now, all that remains is a reminder of how one impaired decision can have drastic consequences.

The vehicle on display, donated from a local salvage yard, was involved in a real-world drunken-driving accident. It now sits in the parking lot to serve as an eye opener about what can happen when a person decides to drink and drive.

“The purpose of the display was to show what can happen as a result of driving under the influence,” said U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Dylan Kielcheski, a 509th Medical Operations Squadron family practice medical technician and the Airman Against Drunk Driving (AADD) president. “Our goal was to be more than just a ride and make an impact on the base to reduce DUIs.”

Halfway through 2016, Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., has already seen six active-duty DUIs, which is double the number at this point last year. Even with a program that offers a free ride service, people still make the decision to get behind the wheel after they’ve been drinking.

“I believe that those who choose to drive under the influence make their decision due to various factors,” said Kielcheski. “Some think they will face repercussions from their chain of command should they call for a ride, or simply don’t want to bother someone in the middle of the night. Others might believe they are simply not that drunk. Many people have different alcohol tolerances based on frequency of consumption, body composition or even gender. One might feel sober enough to drive when they really shouldn’t get behind the wheel.”

No matter the reason, that is when AADD should come into play. AADD is volunteer based and provides sober rides 24 hours-a-day, 365 days-a-year for all Department of Defense identification card holders to include spouses. At any given time, there is an Airman

in possession of the AADD phone that will dispatch a driver to pick up and drop off anyone in need. The program is free and confidential to all who use it, and they will even take the person to his or her vehicle the next day. The service covers anywhere on Whiteman or surrounding towns, to include Knob Noster, Warrensburg, Sedalia and Concordia, Mo.

“We provide coverage for base functions such as promotion release parties, the Air Force Ball, holiday parties as well as others,” said Kielcheski. “At these events, we can be recognized by our blue AADD volunteer shirts.”

AADD has 76 Airmen registered as volunteers, and they are always accepting applications.

“Anybody who is interested in volunteering for the program or has questions can get started by speaking with the AADD point of contact in their squadron or by emailing the AADD officer distribution list on the global address list,” said Kielcheski. “Shifts can be worked right from home, and you don’t have to stay up waiting for the call.”

According to Mothers Against Drunk Driving, in 2015 there were 9,967 people killed and approximately 290,000 injured in drunken driving accidents in the U.S. Being a volunteer with AADD provides you with the potential to save lives.

“While growing up, my mother always told me that if I needed a ride home because something went wrong at a party to call her,” said Senior Airman Emili Koonce, a 509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs broadcast journalist and AADD Driver of the Year. “While I never found myself in that type of position, I watched a lot of my friends do a lot of stupid things. When I first got to Whiteman and heard about the program, I felt like I’d finally found an organization where I could support my fellow Airmen, and since I had a car and a few free nights I felt like it was my duty to be there for my wingmen.”

Although you should always have a plan in place before going out for a night that involves drinking, calling AADD should always be utilized before getting behind the wheel while intoxicated. If you find yourself needing a ride, dial 660-687-RIDE (7433). Don’t let a DUI end your legacy.

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Airmen Against Drunk Driving (AADD) volunteers pose in front of a wrecked vehicle display at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., April 21, 2016. AADD is a free and confidential program that provides an alternative to driving while impaired. AADD can be utilized by any Department of Defense identification card holder by calling 660-687-RIDE.

On the cover

U.S. Air Force photo/
Airman 1st Class Keenan Berry
Mike Morrow, a 509th Maintenance Squadron precision measurement equipment laboratory technician, repairs a digital multi-meter at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., May 4, 2016. A digital multi-meter is used to measure alternating current and direct current voltage and resistance.

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Chance of Storms	Chance of Storms
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Whiteman Warrior



U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Marco Cardenas, a 509th Medical Support Squadron pharmacy technician, verifies medication inventory levels at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., April 20, 2016. The pharmacy stocks over 1,300 medications each month to ensure adequate supply.

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

Meet U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Marco Cardenas, a pharmacy technician from the 509th Medical Support Squadron (MDSS). He handles medications and prescriptions for patients. Cardenas was raised in South El Monte, California, and has served three years in the Air Force.

"I love my job because I get to interact with customers," said Cardenas. "I gain no greater personal satisfaction from anything other than helping people. My role in the 509th MDSS gives me that opportunity every day."

Cardenas took time out of his day to sit

with the 509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs office for a question and answer session.

Q. Why did you join the Air Force?

A. I finished high school in the high desert of California, where there is very little opportunity for success. I needed to learn a skill, and the Air Force was the perfect place. I spoke with a recruiter and left a few months after graduation.

Q. What are your thoughts about the bomber legacy?

A. Last year I had the opportunity to tour the B-2 and speak to some of the pilots. They asked me where I worked, and I was a bit embarrassed to tell them I was only a pharmacy technician. One of them said "Wow, I'm not sure what exactly you

guys give us for our missions, but we definitely couldn't do it without you." Since that day, I understood how big of a role the 509th Medical Group plays in Whiteman's strategic deterrence, global power and combat support mission.

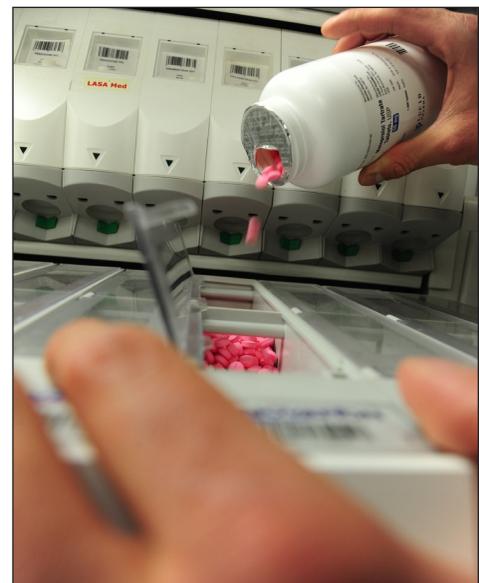
Q. What are your personal goals?

A. I'm nearly finished with my bachelor's degree in psychology, so that is on my to-do list. One day, I'd like to become a military training instructor for the Air Force.

The Whiteman community congratulates Cardenas for earning the 2015 Air Force Global Strike Command Outstanding Honor Guardsman of the Year award as he continues to perform his duties as a pharmacy technician.



U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Marco Cardenas, a 509th Medical Support Squadron pharmacy technician, counsels a patient at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., April 20, 2016, on the proper use of medications. Pharmacy technicians must inform patients on the purpose of their medications, how to take them properly, and what other types of medications can be used in conjunction with them.



U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Marco Cardenas, a 509th Medical Support Squadron pharmacy technician, replenishes an automated counting machine at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., April 20, 2016. The automated counting machine is designed to ensure an accurate amount of medication is distributed for each prescription before being issued to the patient.

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

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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:



- Tech. Sgt. Tyler Olcott • 509th MUNS, 99.5%**
- Staff Sgt. Nikolas Westland • 509th CES, 97.9%**
- Staff Sgt. Duard Bandy • 509th CES, 99.5%**
- Airman Gildaro Martinez • 509th MXS, 96.8%**
- Senior Airman Desmond Antwi • 509th AMXS, 97.3%**
- Senior Master Sgt. Kevin Whitt • 509th SFS, 97.7%**
- Staff Sgt. Zackary Demeter • 509th MUNS, 97.8%**
- 2nd Lt. Aaron Lewis • 20 ATKS 100%**
- Master Sgt. Neil Gertiser • 509th CES, 96.6%**
- 2nd Lt. Gabriel Stelly • 509th CONS, 97.4%**
- Senior Airman Jacob Skidmore • 509th AMXS, 97.3%**
- Capt. Kyle Harrington • 394th CTS, 96.6%**
- Staff Sgt. Tereaud Morris • 509th CES, 98.9%**
- Capt. Christopher Englert • 13th BS, 100%**
- Capt. Karl Wiest • 509th BW, 96.9%**
- Senior Airman Philip Shoemaker • 509th CES, 98.5%**
- Staff Sgt. Brandon Newman • 509th MDOS, 96.8%**
- Staff Sgt. Gregory Eilenstein • 509th LRS, 97.1%**
- Airman 1st Class Erin Bush • 509th LRS, 98.1%**
- Maj. Christopher Diaz • 393d BS, 97.9%**
- Lt. Col. Justin Grieve • 509th OSS, 100%**
- Airman 1st Class Hali Conner • 509th LRS, 98.5%**
- Senior Airman Trey Branch • 509th LRS, 98.2%**
- Airman 1st Class Kayley Robertson • 509th AMXS, 95.8%**
- Capt. Joseph Manglitz • 13th BS, 96.6%**
- 1st Lt. Shane Connolly • 509th MXS, 99.7%**
- Maj. Theodore Jackson • 509th MDG, 98.7%**
- Senior Master Sgt. David Hall • 509th SFS, 96.3%**
- Senior Airman Pierre Sims • 509th MDOS, 98.8%**
- Senior Airman Joshua Putman • 509th MXS, 96.4%**
- Senior Airman Cory Brewer • 509th MXS, 96.7%**

Whiteman host Chiefs draft day event



A drummer from the Kansas City Chiefs Rumble performs during the Kansas City Chiefs' Draft Event held at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., April 30, 2016. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Brittany Cannon)



U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Austin King, a 509th Aircraft maintenance Squadron instrumental flight control systems journeyman, announces a Kansas City Chiefs' Draft pick during the Kansas City Chiefs' Draft Event held at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., April 30, 2016. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Brittany Cannon)



U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Heath Curless, the supervisor of radio frequency transmissions systems assigned to the 509th Communications Squadron, announces the Kansas City Chiefs' fourth round draft pick at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., April 30, 2016. The Chiefs were allotted three draft picks in the fourth round of the NFL draft. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Jovan Banks)

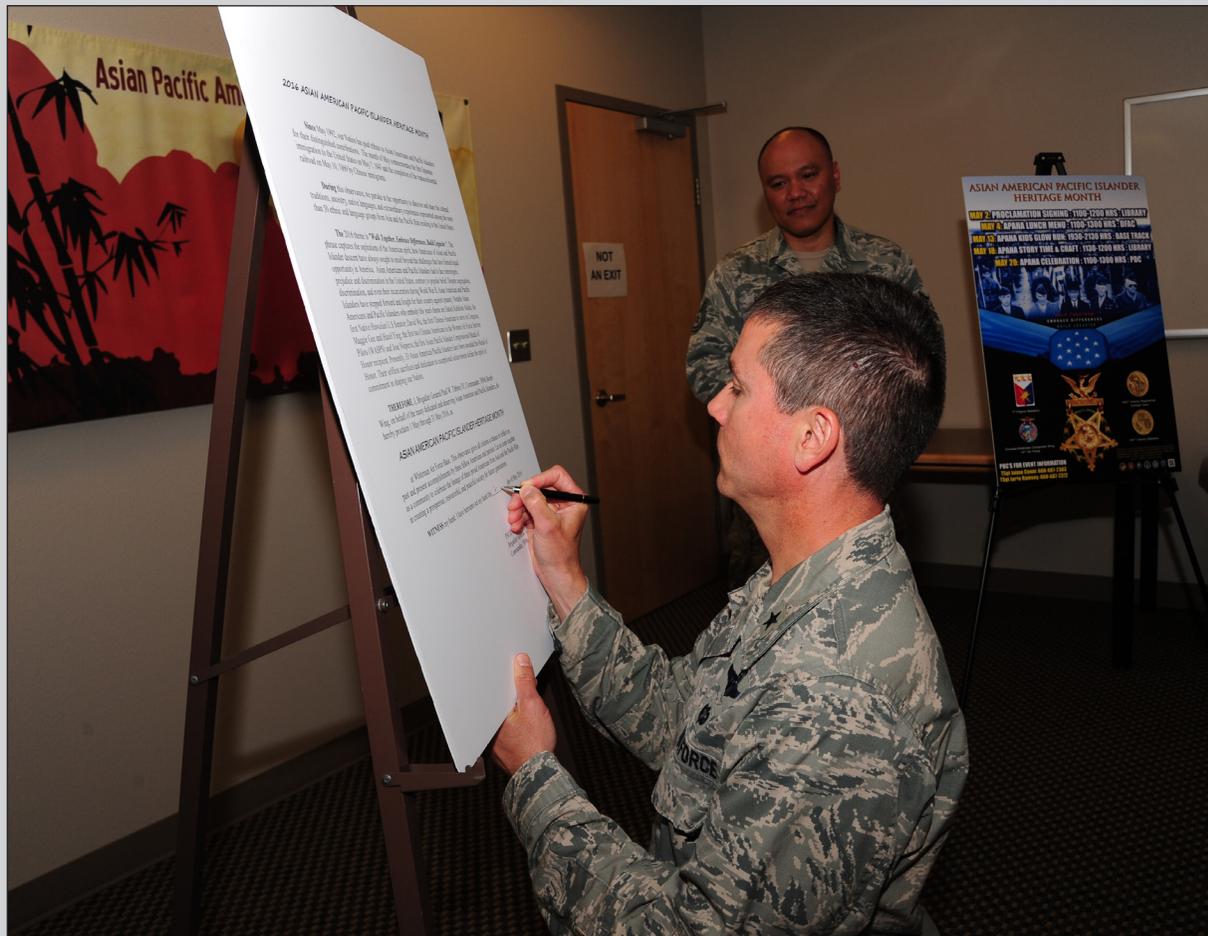


U.S. Air Force Brig. Gen. Paul W. Tibbets IV, the 509th Bomb Wing commander, center, and Col. Brian Borgen, right, the 442d Fighter Wing commander, are presented with a photo by Bill Chapin, the Kansas City Chiefs' senior vice president of business operations, during the Kansas City Chiefs' Draft Event held at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., April 30, 2016. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman 1st Class Halley Burgess)



U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Nathan Dampf, a photojournalist assigned to the 131st Bomb Wing, announces a draft day selection for the Kansas City Chiefs at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., April 30, 2016. Dampf was one of several Airmen selected to announce the draft picks for the Chiefs. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Jovan Banks)

BW CC signs Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month proclamation



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

U.S. Air Force Brig. Gen. Paul Tibbets IV, the 509th Bomb Wing commander, signs the Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month Proclamation at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., May 2, 2016. Asian American Pacific Islander heritage is celebrated throughout the month of May, which will include a wide range of events.



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UK to MO: RAF officer Exchange Program



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Jovan Banks

Royal Air Force (RAF) Wing Commander, Clive T. Mitchel, the deputy defense advisor of the British Embassy, left, stands with Capt. Wesley Pead, a pilot assigned to the 13th Bomb Squadron, after an in-flight briefing at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., April 27, 2016. Mitchell had opportunity to see the daily operations of the RAF pilots who have participated in the officer exchange program at Whiteman.

By Senior Airman Jovan Banks
509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

Wing Commander Clive T. Mitchell, Deputy Defense Advisor of the British Embassy, paid a visit to Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., April 27, 2016, to get an in-depth look at what participants of the Royal Air Force (RAF) Officer Exchange Program experience.

The program is an initiative that works similar to a student exchange program in school. Officers from allied forces are assigned to U.S. Air Force squadrons and become fully integrated into that squadron for three years.

Mitchell believes is instrumental in building and retaining relationships that are of vital importance during joint operations.

“Exchanges with the United States Air Force and RAF will help in the future with exercises; it’s all about fostering relationships,” said Mitchell. “If we want to fight together then we have to train together.”

Since 2004, the 509th Bomb Wing has participated in the exchange program, and every three years the RAF advertises the program amongst RAF officers.

U.S. Air Force Capt. Wesley Pead, a pilot now assigned to the 13th Bomb Squadron, heard about the program and decided to take the Air Force up on the opportunity. He has now been at Whiteman for more than a year and a half.

“The exchange program was an excellent opportunity to broaden my operating experience and offer my operational

experience to the United States Air Force and the B-2 community,” said Pead.

Since coming to Whiteman, Pead has earned the respect of his peers and plays an important role as a combat ready pilot.

“Pead brings the tactical employment knowledge from another combat platform that we’re able to learn from, as well as an opportunity to expand our own B-2 Tactics Technique and Procedures (TTPs),” said Lt. Col. Matthew Michaud, the 394th Combat Training Squadron commander. “Beyond the TTPs, Capt. Pead is an experienced flight instructor, and he’s been able to apply his teaching style and aeronautical experience with many of our wing pilots in the T-38 and the B-2.”

Pead, who was a GR-4 Tornado pilot before entering the RAF Officer Exchange Program, now pilots the B-2 Spirit.

“The importance of coming to Whiteman is getting the experience with stealth operations,” said Pead. “The tactical abilities that low-observable operations provide can be used when handling other aircraft in the future.”

This initiative not only gives RAF officers an opportunity to fly the aircraft here, it also benefits Whiteman and the U.S. Air Force.

“The program is important to our mission as a global deterrent. It helps ensure that our operations are current and capable in any coalition endeavor,” said Michaud. “Having RAF pilots with B-2 expertise strengthens and lends credibility to our airpower in a coalition air campaign.”

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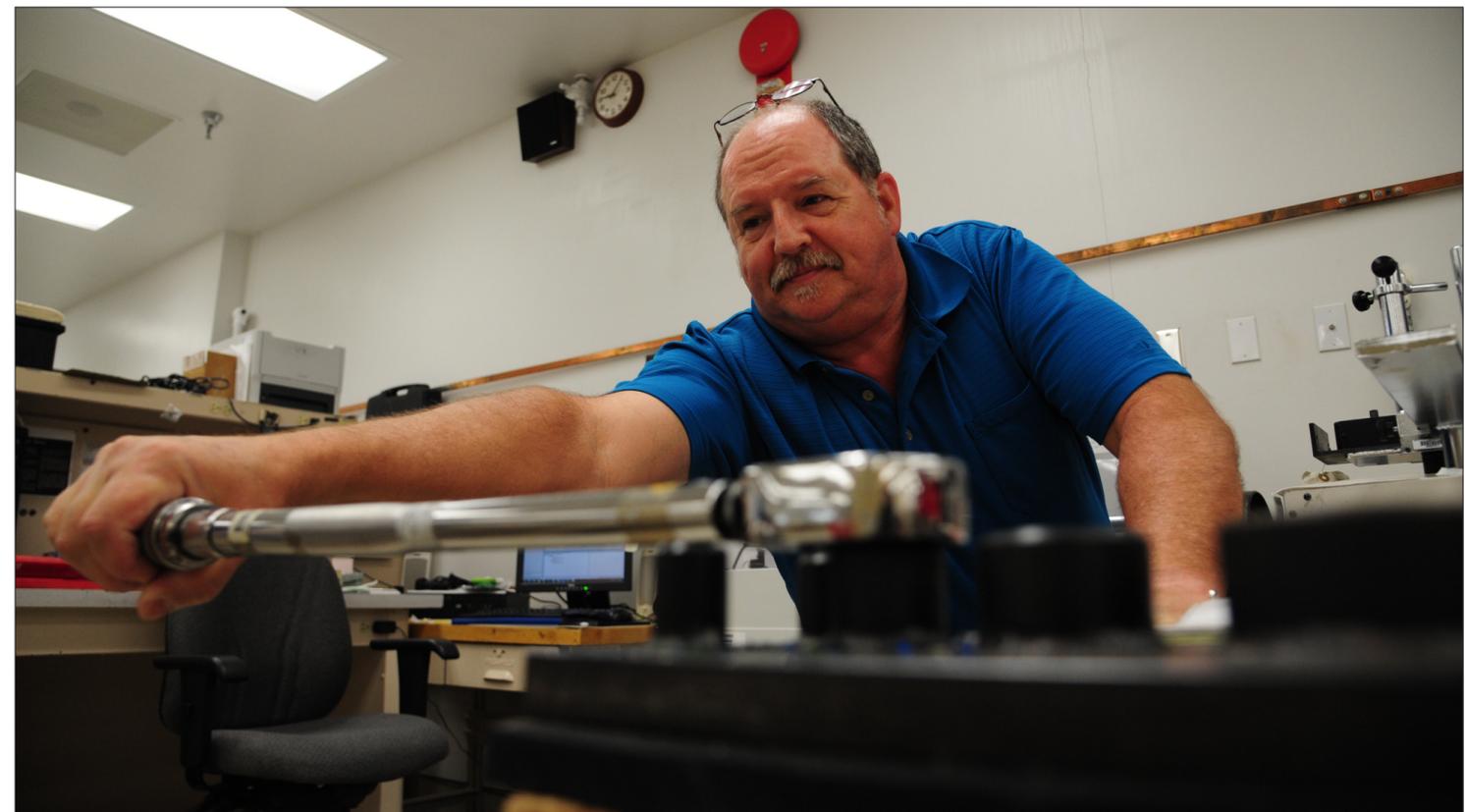
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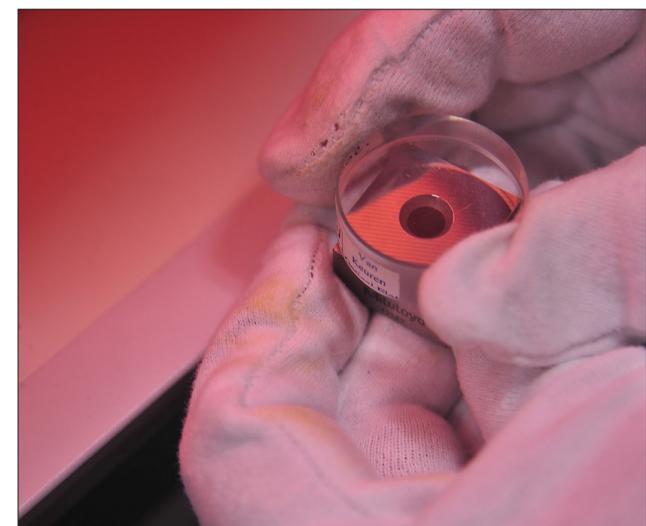
Precision personnel



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Jovan Banks
Marc Morris, a precision measurement equipment laboratory (PMEL) technician assigned to the 509th Maintenance Squadron, adjusts a precision-angle block before measuring test equipment at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., May 4, 2016. The equipment tested by PMEL technicians is used by various squadrons throughout Whiteman.



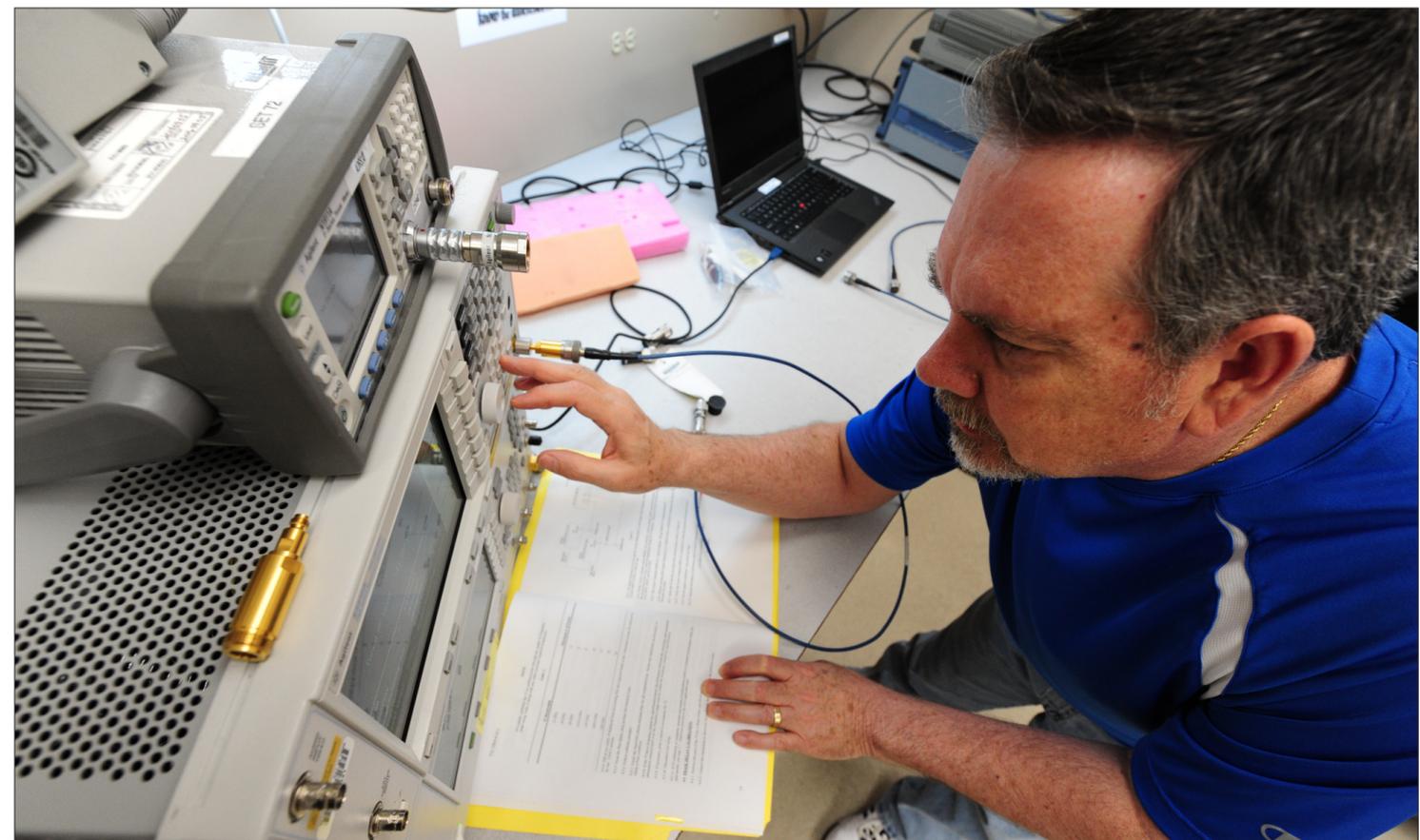
U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Keenan Berry
Jeff Folsom, a 509th Maintenance Squadron precision measurement equipment laboratory technician, calibrates a torque wrench at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., May 4, 2016. A torque wrench must be calibrated to ensure the accurate amount of force is applied when using the tool on aircraft and support equipment.



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Jovan Banks
Marc Morris, a precision measurement equipment laboratory (PMEL) technician assigned to the 509th Maintenance Squadron, places a precision-gauge block under a monochromatic light at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., May 4, 2016. Monochromatic lights are used to measure the distance between increment lines marked on the gauge blocks.



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Jovan Banks
Marc Morris, a precision measurement equipment laboratory (PMEL) technician assigned to the 509th Maintenance Squadron, holds a clinometer during equipment testing at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., May 4, 2016. PMEL technicians use clinometers to measure slopes and angles when doing equipment testing.



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Keenan Berry
Craig Mayeux, a 509th Maintenance Squadron precision measurement equipment laboratory technician, initiates a test on an audio analyzer at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., May 4, 2016. An audio analyzer is a test and measurement instrument used to quantify the audio performance of electronic and electro-acoustical devices.

You can make a difference in a flash

By Tech. Sgt. Timothy Caudill
131st Communications Flight

It only takes a moment to make a difference: one choice to step up, one choice to stand up, and one choice to speak up.

This man's identity may be known by some, but to most, the man behind the mask is a mystery. No one knew he was going to show up at the 5K Race for Respect. He was the winner of the race with an impressive time of 17:33. But, who is he?

The thing about a superhero is that, while sometimes they are in the forefront standing up against the injustices of the world, there are times when their intervention takes place in unlikely places, in uncommon ways, and without pomp and fanfare.

Each member of Team Whiteman has within them the potential to be a superhero in someone's life. When we choose to uphold the legacy of integrity, sacrifice and excellence, we are setting ourselves up for superhero status. When we exercise integrity by upholding a zero-tolerance policy for discrimination and disrespect, and we champion a workplace that promotes excellence in character, then we are one step closer to winning the battle to eradicate sexual assault in the U.S. Air Force.

It was impressive to watch the Flash come across that finish line in



Courtesy photo

A masked runner crosses the finish line in first place during the 5K Race for Respect at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., April 29, 2016. Members of Team Whiteman are encouraged to act like superheroes by choosing to step up, stand up and speak up.

record time. How did he do it? He did it by redeeming every opportunity to excel. He purposed with every step to put his best foot forward and to give it all he had.

You and I can make a difference every day of our lives in and out of the workplace simply by upholding our core values and making every step of the race that is life count. If

you will purpose in your heart that this going to be your manner of life, you may unknowingly become a superhero to someone. They may never know your name, but you can make a lasting impact in their life by making that one choice to step up, stand up and speak up when you can, where you can. You can make a difference... in a flash.

**Uphold the
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EXCELLENCE**

CONSTANT VIGILANCE 16 a profound success for Air Guard integration into B-2 strategic operations

By Senior Airman Nathan Dampf
131st Bomb Wing Public Affairs

Exercise CONSTANT VIGILANCE 16 proved to be a total force success story as 131st and 509th Bomb Wing Airmen affirmed their strategic B-2 operational mission readiness and completed the final phase of a plan, 11 years in the making.

For the first time in this exercise, Whiteman's total force team included drill-status Guardsmen, or DSGs, according to Col. Michael J. Francis, 131st Bomb Wing commander. The Air Force Global Strike Command training event April 8-13 honed the ability to perform conventional and nuclear missions.

"The precise and dedicated work of the Airmen in our total force team, whether active or Guard – and now for the first time, whether full-time or part-time – is nothing but exceptional," Francis said. "They proved to be superior performers, and that is due to the high level of professionalism and expertise of all of our Missouri Airmen."

DSGs are Citizen-Airmen in the National Guard who work full time for a civilian employer during the week and then drill part-time with the 131st, usually just one weekend per month and two weeks per year. Their successful participation in this exercise culminates the final step for the Air Force's plans that began in 2005 after the Base Realignment and Closure Commission announced that the F-15 Eagles would withdraw from the Missouri Air National Guard's 131st Fighter Wing based at Lambert Airfield in St. Louis, Missouri. The unit would remain fully manned to accept a new mission.

In Feb. 2006, the Secretary of the Air Force released a letter assigning the wing as a "classic associate unit" for the B-2 mission, across the state here at Whiteman.

"That letter gave us our mission," said Col. Kenneth Eaves, 131st BW vice wing commander.

Then in 2007, Air Combat Command and the National Guard Bureau released the Integration Plan for aligning the 131st and 509th Bomb Wings. ACC oversaw the B-2 mission prior to the stand up of Air Force Global Strike Command in 2009.

The I-Plan document instructed the two units on all mission and legal requirements to accommodate a full range of operations with the B-2, according to Eaves.

Fast forward to 2009, the wing commanders then agreed to a memorandum of understanding that outlined a liaison program, described how the 131st would integrate in active duty workspaces, determined pilot selection criteria and more.

"In 2013, we were certified to conduct the nuclear mission



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Keenan Berry
U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Caleb Watkins, left, and Tech. Sgt. Jaime Farmer, both aircraft armament systems technicians assigned to the 131st Aircraft Maintenance Squadron (AMXS), prep a munitions handling unit (MHU)-204 trailer for loading procedures at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., April 14, 2016, Watkins and Farmer are two of three 131st AMXS drill-status guardsmen who loaded weapons to the B-2 Spirit during an exercise for the time during CONSTANT VIGILANCE 16.

after the initial nuclear surety inspection," said Eaves. "We declared FOC – full operational capability."

But, there was one remaining piece that was vital to 131st leadership – the operational capabilities of DSG Airmen, continued Eaves.

Due to the B-2's highly sensitive strategic mission, the Department of Defense's Personnel Reliability Program serves as an extensive security and medical review of Airmen working on the airframe and its weaponry. The final phase of the 2009 memorandum was the enrollment of DSGs in PRP.

But earning PRP certification is more complex for DSG Airmen who work civilian careers away from base for most of the month, yet need to be evaluated on a regular basis. Despite that hurdle, the DSGs were able to achieve the certification.

"In the 2009 MOU, it says the 'final phase' of Total Force Integration at Whiteman will include getting drill-status Guardsmen on PRP," said Eaves. "The important word is 'final,' and we did that in CONSTANT VIGILANCE 16.

"The 131st has fully arrived," he added.

Not only did the 131st and 509th accomplish the objectives set out in the Integration Plan, they exceeded them.

During CV16, one TFI bomb load team included two full-time Missouri Air Guard technicians, a part-time Missouri Guard DSG Airman and a 509th active duty Airman. The team's members were specifically recognized

by the inspector general as superior performers and were coined for their work.

Tech. Sgt. Jaime Farmer, a weapons loader with the 131st Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, was the part-time DSG who participated on that load team.

"You almost live two lives," said Farmer of his status. "Throughout the week, I'm talking with farmers, helping them grow soy beans. Then on weekends, I have to switch my mind to my military career. We come in on drill and spend time training to improve on various tasks, and prepare for when the time comes that it's not an exercise."

Farmer is an agronomist with Pioneer Hybrid and works out of central Missouri when he is not in uniform. He commended the other DSG Airmen of his team whose civilian careers include IT software sales manager, a recruit with the Kansas City Police Department and a medical student.

The Air Force recognized the Airmen's full-time lives and careers outside of Whiteman as an opportunity, not a liability, since it is rare that Guardsmen change duty stations. The 2007 Integration Plan specifically states that, "Mission effectiveness should increase over current capabilities due to the high experience level and continuity of ANG personnel, and the number of qualified Guardsmen integrating with the current 509 BW."

Farmer agreed.

"The Guard has an institutional memory when it comes to the job and working with the jet," he said. "That's one of the biggest benefits that the Guard offers the active duty."

Farmer and his teammates perform monthly proficiency loads on the B-2 to maintain that institutional knowledge and acquire their certifications – meaning they can never miss a drill, said Chief Master Sgt. John Flaughter, who supervises Farmer and his Guard teammates.

"The 509th has been very supportive of this effort," said Flaughter, the wing weapons manager.

The success of the total-force team in CV16, Team Whiteman victories in the Air Force Global Strike Challenge four of the last five years and outstanding performance in other exercises has brought attention to the TFI success here.

Air Force and Department of Defense leaders have visited Whiteman specifically to see TFI in action. In February, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Welsh III met with base and Missouri National Guard leadership to discuss the concept. Welsh also spoke at a base-wide all call to Airmen, where he stressed the need for Total Force excellence to ensure full global strike capabilities.

"Time after time, we have been excellent," said Eaves. "That's what we expect daily, so when inspections or exercises happen, that's what people will see. The success of this team tells that story."

Volunteering really pays off

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People volunteer every day for various reasons to assist in maintaining the well-being of the community. Whether they know it or not, volunteering impacts lives, develops new skills and provides network opportunities. It is a fundamental aspect in giving back to the community, and the result can pay off in the end.

Recently, a check was presented to U.S. Air Force Brig. Gen. Paul W. Tibbets IV, the 509th Bomb Wing commander during the annual Whiteman AFB volunteer award ceremony on behalf of the dedicated volunteers who sacrificed hours to give back to the community.

Raxsel Colburn, a 509th Force Support Squadron community readiness technician at the Airman and Family Readiness Center, organizes opportunities for people looking to volunteer. Colburn gathered volunteer numbers for fiscal year 2015 and coordinated the volunteer appreciation ceremony.

"The value of the volunteer hours means something," said Coburn. "We asked different organizations around the installation for the amount of hours volunteers accumulated and we came to an estimate of 63,733 hours."

According to the state of Missouri, for every hour that a volunteer contributes, the state would receive \$21.30. The check was written for \$1,316,120.49, which symbol-

ized the 63,733 hours volunteered by members of Team Whiteman.

"When people volunteer, they should document the hours they worked and give it to their leadership," said Colburn. "Their sacrifice matters, and we want to recognize them for their dedication and willingness to improve the community and installation. It's a simple way to thank them for what they've done and encourage them to keep on doing it."

The check as a reminder of the hard work and time members of Team Whiteman dedicated to community involvement.

Colburn expressed her thoughts about the importance of volunteering and the impact it has.

"Volunteering opens doors, provides

opportunities and enhances relationships, which are priceless," said Colburn. "Volunteering can be used for enlisted performance reports and resumes, and gives people an opportunity to obtain a new skillset they've never had before. This, in return, can open doors if someone is looking to apply for a job that relates to their volunteer work."

Colburn hopes that even more members of Team Whiteman will take advantage of opportunities to volunteer and voiced her gratitude toward the volunteers' hard work.

"The volunteers did a great job last year and the result was impactful," said Colburn. "I look forward to seeing more people volunteer and the numbers for next year's check increase."

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U.S. Air Force Brig. Gen. Paul W. Tibbets IV, the 509th Bomb Wing commander, is presented with a check by Raxsel Colburn, a 509th Force Support Squadron community readiness technician, at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., April 30, 2016. The check signified the amount of money saved by volunteer hours performed by Team Whiteman.



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Load Crew of the Quarter Competition



U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Yu Leung, a 393d Aircraft Maintenance Unit (AMU) load crew member, inspects MHU-110 trailer stanchions during a weapons load competition at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., April 27, 2016. The 393d AMU load crew team 10 placed first during the competition.



U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Brandon Anderson, a 393d Aircraft Maintenance Unit (AMU) load crew member, prepares the bomb rack sway pads prior to loading an AGM-158 Joint Air-to-Surface Standoff Missile during a weapons load competition at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., April 27, 2016. Total Force Airmen from the 131st and 393d AMU competed in the competition to test the crews' ability to load weapons in a timely manner.

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