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A B-2 Spirit takes off from Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri, on July 17, 2019. Whiteman AFB is celebrating the 30th anniversary of the inaugural flight of the B-2 in 1989. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Kayla White)

Whiteman AFB propulsion flight Airmen boost readiness to 8-year high

News

Staff Sgt. Kayla White 509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

The 509th Maintenance Squadron Propulsion Flight has achieved the highest engine readiness rate across the active-duty Air Force

40 jet engine mechanics operate out of a repair center on base, ensuring the readiness of Whiteman Air Force Base's 44-billion-dollar fleet of B-2 Spirits.

Active-duty and National Guard Airmen collaborate with civilian employees on a daily basis to achieve a 375% war ready engine level (WRE). The WRE level is the net number of serviceable engines available to support the Air Force's war tasking at a given time.

Col. Mark Riselli, the 509th Maintenance Group commander, highlighted the milestone as a reflection that collaboration, an initiative known across the AF as total-force integration (TFI).

"Our TFI B-2 jet propulsion team is peak performing," he said. "Their ability to deliver spare engines is critical to ensuring we meet our annual flying hour commitments and, more importantly, the team is delivering safe and reliable aircraft to our aircrew members every time we fly."

Riselli also credited the strong partnerships with General Electric, Northrop-Grumman,

Head Quarters Air Force Global Strike Command and AF Material Command, specifically Tinker Air Force Base. These partners ensure that Team Whiteman has the technical support, equipment and parts they need to succeed.

The propulsion flight is unique in that it performs intensive maintenance and tests on the B-2 engines and the aircraft's tailpipes while they are separated from the aircraft itself.

Edwin Hancock, a former AF maintainer and the current civilian AF engineering and technical services representative, has been working within the B-2 mission

for 26 years. He supports the jet propulsion flight as they work to resolve complex system and maintenance problems.

Hancock explained the significance of the tests run by the jet propulsion flight.

"The limits for these tests are much more stringent than operating engines installed on the aircraft," he said. "The test cell operator must be highly skilled in engine operation and troubleshooting. It is his or her expertise that determines if the engine operates within specified limits."

Master Sgt. Bobby Rodriguez, the propulsion flight chief assigned to the

Members of the 509th Maintenance Squadron jet propulsion flight pose for a group photo on July 9, 2019, at Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri. The jet propulsion flight works daily to run diagnostic tests and perform regular maintenance on F-118 engines, which power the Whiteman AFB fleet of B-2 Spirits. Thanks to their efforts, Whiteman AFB has the highest engine readiness rate across the active-duty Air Force. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Kayla White)



Airman 1st Class Mariana Salazar, an aerospace propulsion Airman assigned to the 509th Maintenance Squadron jet propulsion flight, trains to perform maintenance on an F-118 engine on July 9, 2019, at Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri. Salazar and other members of his flight run diagnostic tests and perform regular maintenance on F-118 engines on a daily basis to ensure the readiness of the B-2 Spirit fleet at Whiteman AFB. The jet propulsion flight achieved the highest readiness rate across the active-duty Air Force. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Kayla White)

Airman 1st Class Kyle Jacob, an aerospace propulsion Airman assigned the 509th Maintenance Squadron, poses for a portrait on July 9, 2019, at Whiteman Air Force Base. Missouri. Jacob and other members of the jet propulsion flight work daily to ensure the fleet of B-2 Spirits at Whiteman AFB have the engines needed to accomplish the mission, with plenty to spare, giving Whiteman the highest readiness rate across the active-duty Air Force. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Kayla White)

509th MXG, leads the flight's maintenance efforts, evaluates the skills of its members and ensures appropriate distribution of manpower across the Wing.

"Being able to empower my team with critical tasks and trust things will get accomplished is what made this possible," he said. "Being able to communicate and trust each other has made this propulsion flight solid."

Rodriguez credited his team's ability to learn from the critical feedback they receive through evaluations and then challenge each other through intensive regular training.

"Being able to say we have the Air Force's number one highest active-duty WRE level is special," he said. "I'm proud to be their flight chief."



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- Army & Air Force Exchange Service (BX) shoppers can now buy items at ShopMyExchange.com and pick them up at their local BX for free. Visit https://www.shopmyexchange.com/#.
- The base gym has a parking spot reserved during all regular hours and days. The new space is near the front entrance and is reserved for any wing annual award winner or member of Honor Guard.
- The Exceptional Family Member Program and Special Needs Support Group meets at 10-11 a.m. the first and third Tuesday of each month at Whiteman AFB Youth Center. The group provides free information, speakers, children's activities and other events. Call 660-687-7132 for more information.

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- Due to ongoing construction projects, Arnold Avenue on base between 8th and 9th streets will be closed until October 2020. There will be a detour around this on block area. This minor closure will increase project efficiency and safety. Thank you for your understanding and patience as crews modernize the installation and ensure it is a world-class place to live and work
- With the Base track back open, there are some rules to ensure the track remains in good condition. Please do not bring gum or food on track, the only approved beverage is water, no sunflower seeds or tobacco products and no spitting on track or turf.
- Be cautious of the current heat wave. Limit time outside and stay



Volunteer Opportunities

- · The Habitat for Humanity needs volunteers for July 13th and August 10th. Volunteers will be building and improving homes for affected families in Independence, Missouri area. No experience is needed! Contact Margot Cadigan at Margot. Cadigan@us.af.mil or 407-373-9035 with questions and to volunteer.
- The Youth Program is planning the Teen Late Night for July 26th. Currently volunteers are needed to be refs for the bubble soccer game and to play! To volunteer, contact Megan Cesarski at 660-687-5586.
- To volunteer for Team Whiteman's Airman Against Drunk Driving (AADD) program, contact Senior Airman Tyler Anderson at tyler.anderson.14@us.af.mil.
- Whiteman AFB Fitness Center Pool is now hiring lifeguards. Applicants must be 16 years or older and have a current lifeguard certification. Apply at www.nafjobs.org or call 660-687-6476/5215/7876 with questions.

31 Upcoming Events

- Powell Gardens will be hosting the Monarch Butterfly Social and Release from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on July 26th by Eric Perrettee at the Monarch Bar . Event price is \$35 and includes a live butterfly release, a 15 minute presentation about Monarchs and a discussion of host plants.
- The Youth Center will be hosting the Teen Late Night from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. on July 26th. Priced at only \$2 for members and \$5 for nonmembers, the event includes a meal of walking tacos, bubble soccer, and Night Hoop. To sign up, contact the Whiteman AFB Youth Center at 660-687-5586.
- A pre-diabetes class is 2:30-4:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of every month at the 509th Medical Group Education and Training room in the basement. Call 660-687-
- EFMP/special needs or deployment/remote status military family are invited to Coffee & Chat 10-11 a.m. every third Wednesday of the month at Coffee SKNOBS in Knob Noster. Complimentary coffee with refreshments are offered. Children are welcome with adult supervision. For more information, call 660-687-7132.
- The Airman & Family Readiness Center offers financial classes every month. Individual appointments are available. Call 660-687-7132 or 660-619-2735 for more information.
- Every Sunday at 2 p.m. 4 p.m. at the Stealth Lounge will host a social for anyone who speaks English as a second language. This social allows anyone who attends to practice their English and meet new people.

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Team Whiteman commemorates 30 year anniversary of B-2 test flight



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509th Bomb Wing Staff reports

This year, Whiteman AFB commemorates the 30th anniversary of the B-2 Spirit's inaugural test flight on July 17, 1989, from Palmdale to Edwards AFB, California.

For three decades, B-2 crews have participated in five major military operations and countless training engagements. The bomber has completed missions in Kosovo, Afghanistan, Iraq and most recently Libya. The B-2 was also the first aircraft over Afghanistan after the Sept. 11 attacks, for which aircraft and crew hold the record for longest combat mission at 44.3 hours. The stealth bomber has been a vital component of America's National Defense and stands as a symbol of the Air Force's global strike capabilities.

"The combination of range, payload, and stealth is really what makes the B-2 unique in all these fights," said Col. Jeffrey Schreiner, 509th Bomb Wing commander. A command pilot now responsible for the combat readiness of the Air Force's only B-2 base. "Our adversaries don't know when a conflict is going to heat up, or when Whiteman is going to be called into the fight."

B-2 expertise and dedication is shared here at Whiteman AFB following the 2008 total force integration of the 509th Bomb Wing and the 131st Bomb Wing, a Missouri Air National Guard Unit. This shared responsibility includes training, maintenance and combat operations around the globe and is necessary for the success of this program.

"At the heart of the stealth enterprise are the men and women in uniform and civilian experts who work tirelessly to provide an asset of unmatched capability," Schreiner said. "With their expertise and dedication, the B-2 will remain an invaluable asset to our nation for years to come."

With its unique flying wing design and advancing avionics systems, the B-2 Spirit is more lethal and innovative today as it was 30 years ago. Our world-class Airmen conduct daily testing and maintenance, long-duration training missions, and readiness exercises to keep the B-2 Spirit operational.

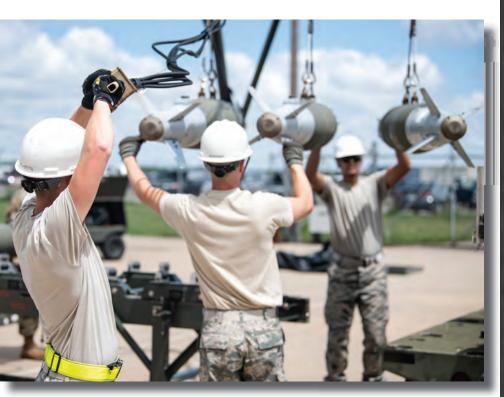
If you would like to know more about the B-2 Spirit or Whiteman AFB, please visit www.whiteman.af.mil or follow us on Facebook. For specific questions, please contact the 509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs at (660) 687-5727 or 509bw.public.affairs@us.af.mil.



Global Strike Challenge



Airmen from the 509th Munitions Squadron use a Munitions Assembly Conveyor to build ammunition during the Global Strike Challenge (GSC) at Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri, June 24, 2019. The GSC traces its lineage to 1951 when the Strategic Air Command held the first command-level bombing competition. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Thomas M. Barley)



Airmen from the 509th Munitions Squadron raise munitions onto the Munitions Assembly Conveyor (MAC) during the Global Strike Challenge (GSC) at Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri, June 24, 2019. The MAC is designed to provide a mobile capability to rapidly assemble and disassemble conventional munitions and provide a means to load and unload to and from a munitions handling trailer or vehicle. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Thomas M. Barley)

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121st ARW finance superintendent makes dream a reality



U.S. Air National Guard Master Sgt. Shaun Hansel, a finance superintendent with the 121st Air Refueling Wing, Ohio, poses for a photo in the hangar gym at Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base, Ohio June 15, 2018. Hansel invented a magnetic sleeve for bottles called Affixt. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman 1st Class Tiffany A. Emery)

Airman 1st Class Tiffany A Emery 121st Air Refueling Wing

RICKENBACKER AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE, Oh — At seven years old, Shaun Hansel started working with his dad, who owned an auto and boat mechanic shop, during his summer breaks. He started off just answering the phone and scheduling appointments. After time, Hansel was changing oil

"As a kid I always wanted to be just like my dad," said Hansel. "He always told me he never wanted to work for anyone, so this became the root for my desire to be an

Hansel, now a master sergeant and the superintendent of finance for the 121st Air Refueling Wing at Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base, Ohio, created a product called Afixt to accomplish this dream and become an entrepreneur.

In 2016, Hansel said he was at the gym and noticed people's bottles all over the place. They were on benches, on the floor and people were kicking them over. He said this lead him to believe something needed to be done.

After working through different ideas, Hansel decided on creating a magnetic sleeve that would fit around bottles of different sizes.

Hansel said, "If you take a look around, vour whole world is metal "

The sleeve, which he appropriately named Afixt, can be used to connect bottles to workout benches, grills, car doors or anything else

Hansel said, "I actually tested this going 75 mph down the road sticking to my door and it sticks no problem."

To get this idea made into an actual product, Hansel employed Kickstarter, a global crowdfunding platform. Since starting in 2016, he has raised \$29,170 and has over 1 000 backers

He also recently auditioned for the television show Shark Tank, but is unable to discuss the results from that.

Even though this process has taken up a lot of time, Hansel said that the Air National Guard is still important to him and credits the ANG with some of his success.

"I wouldn't have been able to do it without being here," he said.

Hansel said that being in the ANG has given him leadership and management skills that will help him be a better chief executive officer of his business.

Currently, Hansel is in the process of manufacturing the initial order of 2,200 Afixt sleeves that were sold on Kickstarter. When those are made, Hansel and his seven year old son will package and ship them from his house, carrying on the tradition of father helping son in the family business

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Medical Evaluation Board: What you need to know

Staff Sgt. Kristin Cerri 509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

A Medical Evaluation Board (MEB) is a reality that any Airman can face at any point during his or her career. An MEB is just one component of an overall system known as the Air Force Integrated Disability Evaluation System (IDES).

IDES is in place to ensure not only a fit force, but the safety and well-being of all members. Navigating through this system can be challenging and stressful at times, but there are a few key points to remember.

There are stages

After an initial injury or diagnosis, an Airman is not automatically subjected to an MEB. After a trigger event, such as an injury or diagnosis of medical condition, the Wing's Deployment Availability Working Group (DAWG) will gather the information and assess whether or not the case needs to be elevated to the next step, the Initial Review in Lieu Of (IRILO).

If the case is recommended by the DAWG for an IRILO, a Physical Evaluation Board Liaison Officer (PEBLO) will contact the Airman and his or her leadership. PEBLOs work to ensure the Airman understands the complete IDES process and the possible outcomes. There are currently two PEBLOs assigned to the 509th Bomb Wing.

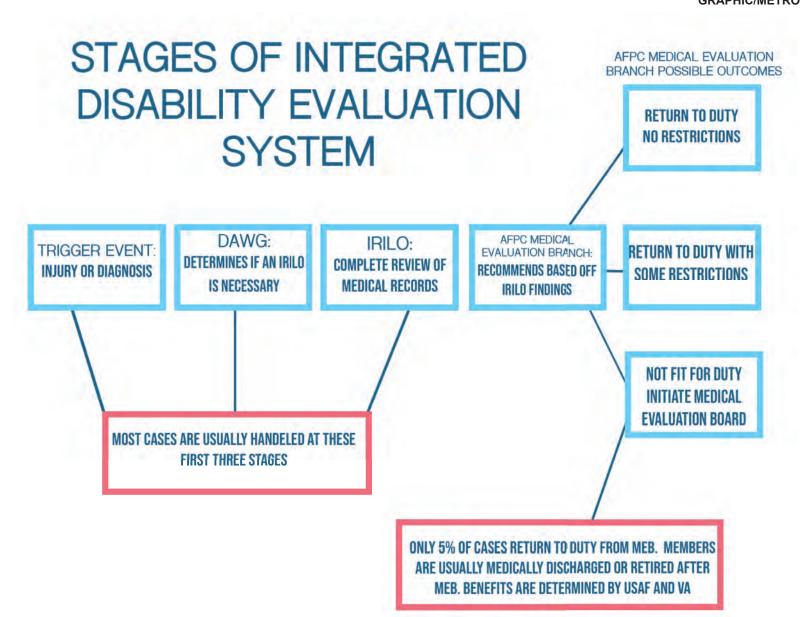
After all required information for the IRILO is collected, the member's case is sent to the Medical Standards Branch. There it will be determined whether or not the member is fit for duty and if they are, what restrictions (if any) will be imposed.

If findings conclude that the Airman is not fit for duty, the MEB will be initiated. According to Staff Sgt. Jaclyn Barile, a PEBLO assigned to the 509th Medical Group, after the case is recommended to MEB, the Airman and their leadership will receive notification that the MEB process has started.

During the MEB it is determined whether or not the individual will be medically discharged or retired. If it is determined the Airman will be discharged or retired, then the Air Force and Veteran's Affairs will determine the Airman's ratings, which will dictate that Airman's benefits.



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to be met for referrals "Honestly, the number-one thing every According to AFPC, there is criteria that member going through a MEB needs to know is it's stressful," said Barile. "You needs to be met in order for the case to **EVALUATION BOARD** don't know the fate of your career and you continue on to a MEB. 1. Medical conditions that prevent an don't know what's going to happen." RESOURCES Airman from performing the duties While it might be among the most of their office, grade, rank, or stressful events that can happen in an TRANSITION AND Airman's career, there are resources that IDES PROCESS 2. Medical conditions that can help. The main resource for Airmen FINANCIAL represent an obvious medical going through the IDES is the PEBLOs risk to the health of the member assigned to each base. or safety of other members. "We are here to help. We are very 3. Medical conditions that impose transparent with all of our patients," PEBLO OFFICE affirmed Barile. "We will answer any unreasonable requirements on the military 687-4887 to maintain or protect questions from our members." an Airman There is a variety of resources available to Airmen at every stage of the process. LOCAL VA REP In addition to these Whilst going through the process, Airmen MENTAL AND conditions, Barile clarifies that can access the base chaplains, Military there is a medical standards directory. Family and Life Counselors (MFLCs), "It states all the potentially unfitting and the Airman and Family Readiness A&FRC (MFLC) conditions that could happen and some Center (A&FRC) to help with the mental which are mandatory to go through the financial, and emotional stressors of the IRILO process." "At the end of the day, the Air Force Additionally, Airmen who qualify wants to ensure that you can deploy and can reach out to the Wounded Warriors they want to ensure that if you deploy your Program, Veterans Affairs and the Air medical needs are being met," added Barile. Force Transition Program.

You have rights

According to AFPC, "Airmen have the right to legal advice on their IDES case and legal representation by the Office of Airmen's Counsel (OAC) at no expense. The OAC consists of attorneys who provide legal services to Airmen who are going through the IDES."

When a decision is reached during the MEB stage, the Airman can either accept the decision or they have the right to appeal. Their appeal will be sent to the Formal Physical Evaluation Board.

Additionally, those who have 16 years of service, but less than 20, may qualify for Limited Assignment Status.

No two cases are alike

Just because two individuals have the same condition as they go through IDES, does not mean their outcomes will be the same. The IDES evaluates an Airman based on a variety of factors.

Some of these factors can include: years of service, rank, rating, fitness limitations, deployment and assignment requirements, treatment history and prognosis.

"Every single case is different. Every experience is different and every outcome is different," said Barile.

DES is a last resort

According to AFPC, most cases are handled at the DAWG or IRILO levels and never reach the point of a

Members can rest assured that if their case is referred to MEB it is after their medical team has exhausted every resource and treatment to reach a maximum medical outcome.

ACRONYM KEY

It's stressful

IDES-INTEGRATED DISABILITY EVALUATION SYSTEM

OVER-ARCHING SYSTEM IN WHICH MEMBERS ARE MEDICALLY EVALUATED TO DETERMINE FITNESS TO SERVE

MEB-MEDICAL EVALUATION BOARD

THE FINAL STAGE IN IDES WHERE MEDICAL SEPERATION, RETIREMENT, OR RETURN TO DUTY IS DETERMINED

IRILO-INITIAL REVIEW IN LIEU OF

COLLECTION OF ALL MEDICAL INFORMATION TO BE SENT TO THE MEDICAL STANDARDS BRANCH

PEBLO-PHYSICAL EVALUATION BOARD LIASONII
INDIVIDUALS ASSIGNED TO THE WING TO ACT AS THE BRIDGE BETWEEN PATIENT AND THE IDES

AFPC-AIR FORCE PERSONNEL COMMAND
MEDICAL STANDARDS BRANCH FALLS UNDER AFPC AND DICTATES THE GUIDANCE FOR MEB

VA-VETERAN'S AFFAIRS

PROVIDES RATINGS WHICH DETERMINE MEMBER'S BENEFITS

A&FRC- AIRMAN & FAMILY READINESS CENTER PROVIDES TRANSITION, FINANCIAL, AND FAMILY ASSISTANCE THROUGHOUT IDES

MFLC-MILITARY AND FAMILY LIFE COUNSELOR PROVIDES CONFIDENTIAL COUNSELING FOR AIRMEN AND THEIR FAMILIES

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by Bob Burg & John David Mann

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by Angela Duckworth

True grit is something most of us think we have in abundance, but quickly find that may not be the case when we need it most. However, grit may be the difference between success and failure, or more importantly, life and death, in our business. This book is an excellent resource in helping Airmen understand what grit is, and how they can deliberately grow perseverance over time so they'll have it when it counts.

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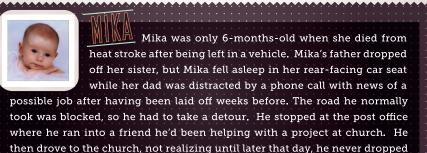
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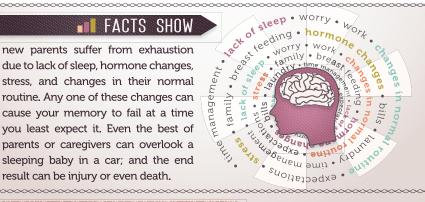


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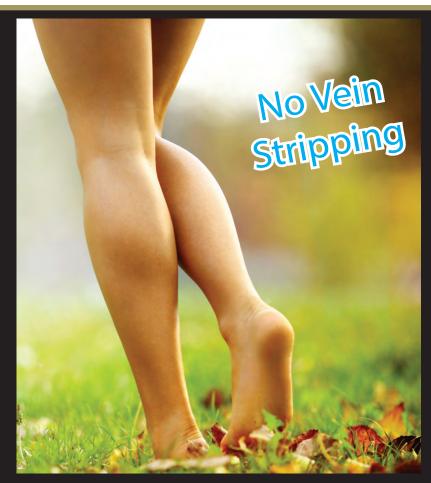




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Air Force releases request for proposals for new ICBM system

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Air Force Nuclear

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KIRTLAND AFB, N.M. --

The Air Force released a request for proposals for its Ground Based Strategic Deterrent intercontinental ballistic missile weapon system program July 16.

The request is for the weapon system's Engineering and Manufacturing Development phase and includes five production lot options to produce and deploy the weapon system.

The two contractors for GBSD's current Technology Maturation and Risk Reduction phase, Boeing and Northrop Grumman, will compete for the EMD contract. The Air Force Nuclear Weapons Center expects to award the contract in the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2020.

The GBSD is the follow-on to the aging LGM-30G Minuteman III ICBM, which first became operational in the mid-1960s. While some components and subsystems have been upgraded over the years, most have supported over 50 years of continuous operation.

In May, Ellen Lord, undersecretary of defense for acquisition and sustainment,

expressed the need to upgrade nuclear capability and modernization to maintain a deterrence edge. She said it no longer makes financial sense to continue to upgrade or extend the life of existing

Minuteman III ICBMs and the new GBSD weap-on system must be brought online.

"There is no margin to do another service life extension program on Minuteman III, because not only would it be more expensive than developing GBSD, but you would not have

the resiliency in the capability because you would not have the modern equipment, you would not have the actual capabilities from a functional range point of view (or) warhead capability," Lord said. "So we need to, by 2028, start replacing (ICBMs)."

Senior Air Force leaders also support the new GBSD system.

"If you look at the threat that we face, Russia just completed their modernization of their triad this year...because they know

they cannot defeat us-and certainly can't defeat NATOconventionally," said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. David L. Goldfein at a congressional committee hearing in April. "So, our modernization and recap of the triad is just in time because in the missile

leg, key parts of that program expire right about the time that we bring on the new Ground Based Strategic Deterrent to replace it."

The AFNWC is the lead for the Air Force's GBSD acquisition effort.

"The GBSD will be designed to be

adaptable and responsive to the challenges posed by the pace of technological change and new threat environments," said Maj. Gen. Shaun Morris, AFNWC commander and the Air Force program executive officer for strategic systems. "After a complete evaluation of the proposals, the EMD contract will be awarded to the company which will provide the best overall value to the warfighter and taxpayers."

"The GBSD program office members have worked hard to analyze the costs of every requirement, used modeling and simulation to evaluate every decision and keep the design, development and deployment of the weapon system on track," said Col. Jason Bartolomei, GBSD program manager. "The EMD request for proposal is the next step in the development of a safe, secure and effective GBSD weapon system."

The GBSD program office is part of AFNWC's ICBM Systems Directorate at Hill Air Force Base, Utah. The center is responsible for synchronizing all aspects of nuclear materiel management on behalf of Air Force Materiel Command in direct support of Air Force Global Strike





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Whiteman Air Force Base Upcoming Events

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Get connected: New AF Connect app enables one-stop shop, mobile CAC access for Whiteman Airmen & Families

By Tech. Sqt. Alexander W. Riedel 509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

WHITEMAN AIR FORCE BASE, Mo. – The Air Force has launched a new mobile app connecting Airmen with the information that matters most to their lives and careers.

The app, called Air Force Connect, equips Airmen with a new, mobile-friendly way to find important base and career information - and access frequently used CAC websites right from their phone.

Within AF Connect, Whiteman Air Force Base is now available in the app's "Favorites" portal – with tailored local information. Simply install USAF Connect from the Apple App Store or Google Play, select "Whiteman Air Force Base" when prompted to add Favorites and swipe left from the USAF Connect home screen. Airmen can favorite up to 10 organizations.

From there, Airmen can access localized features such as phone directories, chat groups, events calendars and receive custom notifications from their command on-the-go.

The new favorites feature also allows Airmen to retain one mobile app without the need of downloading base applications each time they travel or move to a different duty station.

"Airmen are constantly on the go and their computing needs are no longer tied to a desktop computer or a lap top," Col. Minh Tri Trinh, AF Connect project lead said in a news release. "We believe Air Force Connect and its future iterations will continue to be transformative, delivering on the promise of convenience and the power of technology, now and into the future."

Editor's Note: The Whiteman App Team utilizes locationbased notifications. That means, you will only be notified when in range. When prompted, Airmen should allow the app access to the requested permissions; the app cannot be used to track your location and it collects no personal data.

Put it to the test

The 509th Bomb Wing is now offering Thursby's CAC readers to select Beta testers on Whiteman Air Force Base. These Android and/or Apple mobile CAC readers allow Airmen to access CAC-secured websites when paired with a secure mobile browser app. This hardware and accompanying software is distributed in order to beta test ways the Air Force can increase an Airman's access to information. The Air Force Connect Office will conduct a survey via email following the test period, starting in August.

If you're interested in received a free reader and giving feedback to the developer team: Contact 509bw.public.affairs@us.af.mil today - readers are only available as long as supplies last. The app now can be downloaded from Google Play and Apple's app store.

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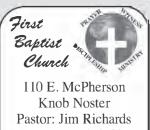
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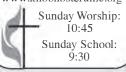


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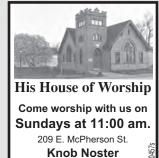


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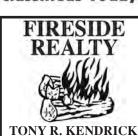
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