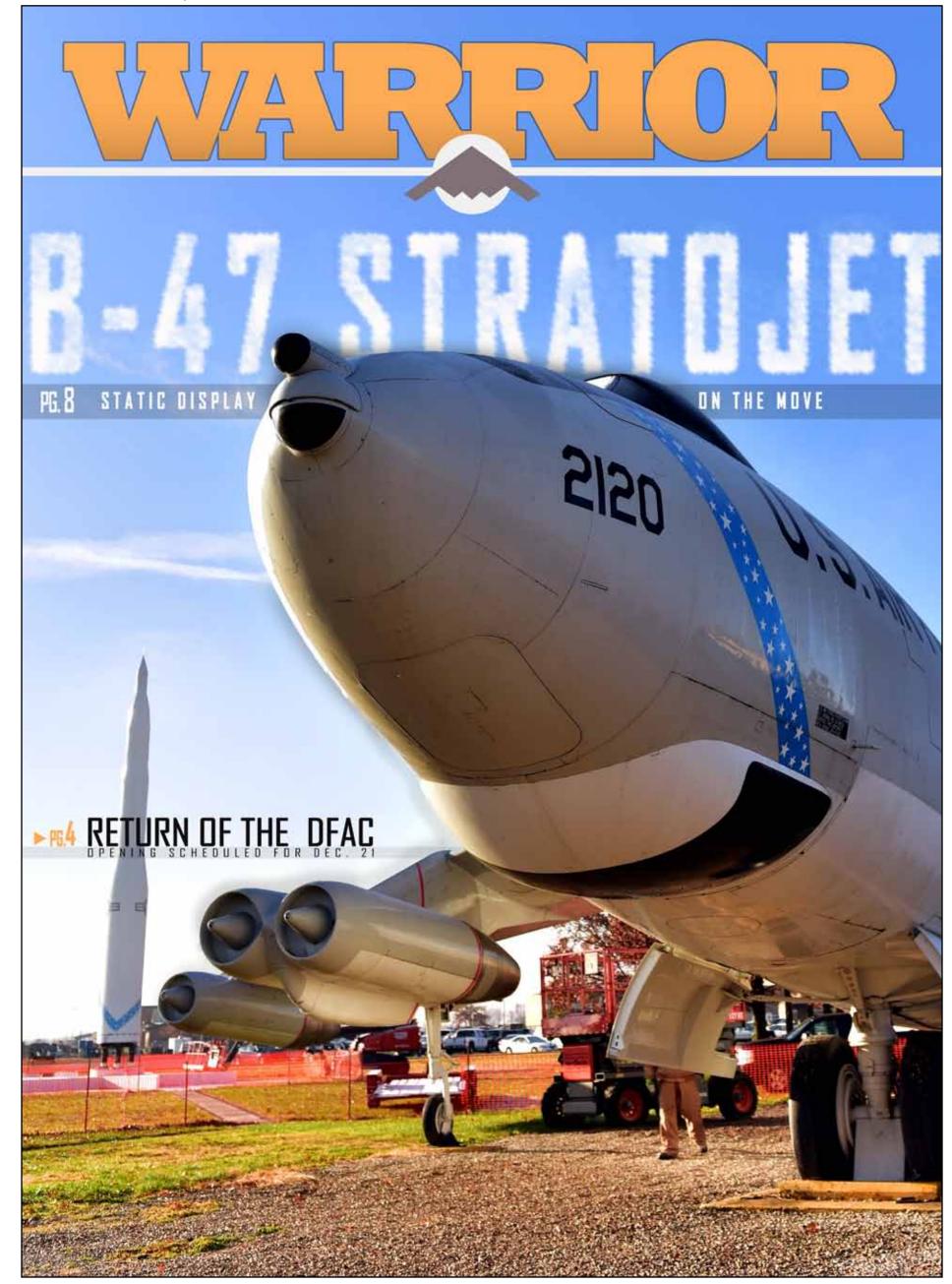
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Weekly commander's message

Greetings, Team Whiteman!

It's been another busy, but exciting week. On Saturday evening, we hosted many of our local community leaders at our beautifully decorated Mission's End club for a holiday social. Without the continued support we receive from our local communities, particularly through our tremendous Base Community Council (BCC), Whiteman would not be the premier installation it is today.

Any given year our BCC spends upwards of \$20,000 on programs and initiatives designed for our Airmen and our families. Our BCC also is responsible for contributing to many of the holiday parties we all have been enjoying this season, and we are grateful for the BCC's support!

Earlier this week, our Total Force team continued supporting U.S. Air Force Weapons School Advanced Integration training at Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada. Following the return of our aircraft from Nellis on Tuesday, we shifted our focus to executing local training sorties. Specifically, our training squadron executed multiple initial qualification sorties. Flying continues today as our bomb squadrons conduct training sorties involving the delivery of inert munitions at a local training range. All of this training will allow us to close out our calendar year flying schedule next week, allowing our operators and maintainers some much deserved time off over the holidays.

Speaking of time off, next week many of your units will begin minimum manning schedules. These adjusted schedules are designed for one purpose ... to give time back to you! While not everyone will be able to take advantage of this initiative, I hope those that can relax and recharge with family and friends. Chief Smith and I know that many of you work very long hours and often work extra shifts throughout the year, so please utilize this time wisely ... and safely.

Also, take a moment to ensure your fellow Wingmen have plans over the holidays. If they don't, invite them over at some point or do something togeth-



er out in the community ... you will be glad you did, and so will they.

Finally, if you know someone is having a difficult time or something just does not seem right, say something to that person or to your leadership. Doing so will help that Airman "Fire-Back" and come out of the dark period he or she may be experiencing. It also will ensure we can get him or her involved with the many support systems we have available!

Thanks again for all that you and your families do for our great nation on a daily basis – we truly appreciate each and every one of you.

Defend ... Avenge!

Nuke PAUL W. TIBBETS IV Brigadier General, USAF Commander, 509th Bomb Wing

Beat the Boss

The Beat the Boss program is a monthly PT test competition between 509th Bomb Wing units that recognizes outstanding teamwork and devotion to fitness at the Squadron level. Active duty Whiteman Airmen who score the same or higher than the commander's score of 98.0% will earn a one-day pass, and those who score a 100% receive a one-day pass and one of the commander's coins.



Here are the Beat the Boss results:

1st Lt. Shallyn Troutman, 442d MXS, 100% Senior Airman Thomas Dutter, 358th FS, 98.9% Lt. Col. Scott Plakyda, 303d FS, 98.7% Tech. Sgt. Cameron Miller, 358th FS, 98.6% Tech. Sgt. Samantha Renner, 509th LRS, 98.6% Master Sgt. Marvin Morris, 509th MDSS, 98.3%

Senior Airman Casey Benner, 509th MUNS, 98.2%

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

A Boeing B-47 Stratojet static display aircraft is prepared by engineers to have the static display's wings dismantled at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo. Dec. 6, 2016. The wings were removed to make transporting the aircraft easier and less dangerous.

NEWS BRIEFS Disposition of Personal

Effects 1st Lt. Alana Piccone is authorized to make dispositions of the personal effects of Airman 1st Class Ian Bradley, deceased, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, as stated in AFI 34-511. Any person having claims for or against the deceased please contact 1st Lt. Alana Piccone/ 660-687-4613/ alana.piccone.1@us.af.mil

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Stealth Lounge

If you are a young Airman, let the Stealth Lounge make your time at Whiteman more fun. Stop by after work to play some pool, darts, foosball, or the newest games on Xbox One or Playstation 4. The lounge opens at 4 p.m. during the week and noon on weekends. There is free dinner every Friday at 4:30 p.m. There are also free premium snacks and Wi-Fi. Come for the free stuff, stay for the fun and friends.

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WAFB expands resiliency efforts



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Danielle Quilla

Jared Estes, motivational speaker, presents his Fire Back campaign during an all call at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Dec. 9, 2016. Estes shared his story about dealing with depression and suicidal thoughts after a car accident caused by a drunk driver killed his wife of six months and left Estes with 2nd and 3rd degree burns on half of his body. He explained how he was able to gain a new perspective and emerge from the dark period in his life.

By Senior Airman Danielle Quilla 509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

"We must listen to all our Airmen, hear their feedback and develop a way ahead," said U.S. Air Force Brig. Gen. Paul W. Tibbets IV, the 509th Bomb Wing (BW) commander.

With this in mind, nearly 40 experts from across Air Force Global Strike Command (AFGSC) came to assist with the Resiliency Task Force (RTF) during a stand-down day at Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri, Dec.

9, 2016.

Their goal was to get feedback from all Whiteman Airmen on what needs to be changed with the current resiliency programs.

The plan was executed through peer group discussion with open and anonymous feedback. Thousands of Airmen provided feedback on two questions: why are Airmen not seeking help, and what barriers do Airmen have that keep them from getting the help they want and need.

"People poured their concerns and ideas

out on paper, hopefully, knowing that someone would take them seriously," said Sandra Williams, the community support coordinator assigned to the 509th BW. "As the visiting master resilience trainers and resilience training assistants from across the command were out briefing group commanders, steps were being put into place to act upon the many suggestions made."

Over the coming days and weeks, the RTF will continue to analyze the feedback and consider changes locally that can be controlled.

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Return of the DFAC



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman Michaela R. Slanchil

The Ozark Inn Dining Facility at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., is scheduled to be up and running Dec. 21, 2016. Recent renovations and equipment upgrades have enhanced the atmosphere. Family dining options are extended to junior enlisted members and their families, including family members of deployed spouses.

By Airman Michaela R. Slanchik 509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

After more than six months of renovations, the Ozark Inn Dining Facility at Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri, is scheduled to be up and running Dec. 21, 2016.

Since June 7, the facility has been under construction generating a new sports section, conference room, serving line, exhaust hood and floor rafters, along with upgraded plumbing and electrical systems.

Airmen from the 509th Force Support Squadron who were employed at the dining facility helped at the Mission's End club and the Royal Oaks Golf Course in Knob Noster, Missouri, where they assisted with offering other breakfast options for Airmen while the facility was closed. Others helped at the Whiteman Inn, fitness center and the marketing department.

Airmen who live in the dormitories received basic allowance for sustenance (BAS) and BAS type II while the dining facility was closed. These Airmen will no longer receive the BAS type II as of Dec. 21. Meal deductions will also be reinstated as of Dec. 21, except for those who work career fields where meal deductions are not taken due to dining facility availability and work schedules.

For those who live in the dorms, reference your December end-of-month leave and earnings statement to notice these changes.



FIRST MEAL SERVED WILL BE A CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

Soft Opening FROM 0600-0800 HRS Grand Opening Ceremony STARTS AT 1045 HRS

LUNCH MENU

Entrée Starch Vegetable STEAK, SALMON, LASAGNA Harvest Blend Rice, Baked Potato Zucchini Fritters, Calico Corn, Broccoli

BAS INFORMATION

-BAS II WILL STOP 21 DEC 2016 -Last day members will receive bas II will be 20 DEC 2016 -meal deduction & normal bas will start on 21 DEC 2016

FOR MORE INFORMATION REGARDING BAS II, PLEASE CONTACT BASE FINANCE AT 687-2006, or email 509CPTS.FCS@US.AF.MIL

DFAC QUESTIONS? 687-5677

HOURS OF OPERATION

Weekdays Breakfast: 0600-0830 LUNCH: 1100-1300 Dinner: 170D-200D Midnight Meal: 2300-0030

Weekends & Holidays

BRUNCH: 0700-1230 Dinner: 1800-2000 Midnight Meal: 2300-0030

Varsity team represents Whiteman

By Airman Michaela R. Slanchik 509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

Joining the Air Force isn't just a job. It is an oath, a commitment to a set of values, a lifestyle. However, this doesn't mean that Airmen shouldn't have hobbies outside of work.

For some, this meant becoming part of the Whiteman Air Force Base varsity traveling basketball team and building relationships while participating in something they're passionate about.

"I think Airmen get a sense of belonging at work in the Air Force, but outside of work they need to feel a belonging too," said Master Sgt. Douglas Potts, the 509th Operations Support Squadron NCO in charge of air traffic control training and the team's head coach. "They also get to travel to other bases to represent Whiteman, again solidifying a belonging and desire to do great things in the name of a larger community. These players work hard to get to where they are, and are proud to represent their home base."

Out of the 35 who tried out for Whiteman's varsity basketball team, 14 Airmen made the cut. The team travels to various local Army and Air Force installations within the north division of the central U.S. military basketball league to compete for the championship title. The team plays four games each weekend they travel, totaling 28 games throughout the six-monthlong season.

Some picked it up as a hobby recently, whereas others have been playing competitively for years.

"I have been playing basketball ever



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

The Whiteman varsity basketball team poses for a photo with wing leadership after the U.S. military basketball league tournament at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Dec. 10, 2016. Whiteman's next home game is scheduled to be held Feb. 25, 2017.

since I was in the seventh grade," said Senior Airman Isaac Moore, a weapons load crew member from the 509th Maintenance Group and a varsity basketball team member. "I first started playing for the base team back in 2014. Basketball teaches you a form of discipline and how to work with a group in order to fulfil a certain goal."

As with any team, it takes time to learn how to effectively work with new team members to accomplish a mission.

"It's nice to see them come together and play as a team as the season progresses, instead of trying to be a one-man show like the beginning of the season," said Potts. "Seeing the successes of the players and watching them get better throughout the season is rewarding. It's a great feeling winning a game, but when we lose, we take it as a learning experience."

This teamwork, along with effective coaching, has proven to pay off by winning

four games together so far.

"Coaching has a pretty direct correlation to being a senior NCO," said Potts. "Building a team is taking a group of individuals and bringing them together to accomplish a common goal which is much like the Airmen we have today in the Air Force–different backgrounds, experiences and drive, coming together to make the mission happen. For this team, the mission is winning basketball games."

Whiteman's team hopes to make another win on Feb. 25, 2017, when they host fellow service members at the next home game.

"It is very interesting and exciting to play against other service members and see all the talent across our military," said Moore. "It is great playing with fellow service members because I have formed bonds and friendships that will last a lifetime."

Feature

B-47 Stratojet static display not static anymore



Several civil engineers work together to remove the wings of a Boeing B-47 Stratojet static display aircraft Dec. 6, 2016. The static display is scheduled to be a part of the new Heritage Museum at Whiteman.



A craftsman uses a power circular saw to make the initial cuts to the wing of a Boeing B-47 Stratojet static display aircraft at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Dec. 6, 2016. The aircraft is scheduled to be moved to be a part of the new heritage park.





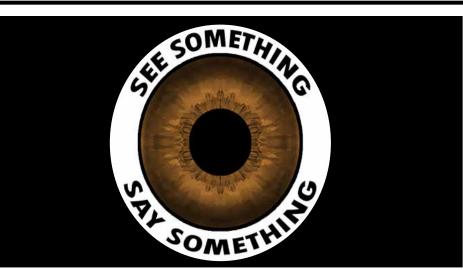
U.S. Air Force photos/Senior Airman Jovan Banks

Upcoming Self Development Opportunities

DATE	TOPIC	TIME	LOCATION
19 Dec	Enlisted Force Structure Master Sgt. Kaufmann	12 - 1 p.m.	Ford Auditorium
20 Dec	Conduct On/Off Duty Air Force Sergeants Association	12 - 1 p.m.	Ford Auditorium
21 Dec	Dress & Appearance Master Sgt. Thompson & Senior Master Sgt. Capehart	12 - 1 p.m.	Ford Auditorium
22 Dec	Enlisted Professional Military Tech. Sgt. Cook & Master Sgt. Biddlecome	Education 12 - 1 p.m.	Ford Auditorium
27 Dec	Wing Support Agencies Master Sgt. Sherman	12 - 1 p.m.	Ford Auditorium
28 Dec	Promotion/Force Distribution Master Sgt. Moreno	12 - 1 p.m.	Ford Auditorium
29 Dec	Airmen's Comprehensive Asso Tech Sgt. Waterfield	essments (AC 12 - 1 p.m.	CA) Ford Auditorium

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Whiteman graduates ALS class 17-A



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

Graduates of Whiteman Airman Leadership School (ALS) class 17-A gather for a class photo after a graduation ceremony at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Dec. 8, 2016. ALS is a five-and-a-half week-long course that prepares senior airmen to supervise and lead Air Force teams, which supports the employment of air, space and cyberspace power.

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