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News

How Whiteman Airmen fit into the global nuclear deterrence mission



U.S. Navy Adm. Cecil D Haney, U.S. Strategic Command (USSTRATCOM) commander, speaks with 2nd Lt. Shannon Miller, an intelligence officer with the 157th Air Operations Group, Missouri Air National Guard at the "Next Generation Breakfast" during the seventh annual USSTRATCOM Deterrence Symposium, La Vista, Neb., July 28, 2016. The breakfast served as an opportunity for senior leaders to mentor junior personnel within the nuclear enterprise.

By Senior Airman Nathan Dampf 131st Bomb Wing

For the last several years, I have come to Whiteman Air Force Base for two days every month and two weeks every summer. However, I've never felt I was making a difference in the world.

I joined the military to be a part of something bigger. I wanted to enlist Sept. 11, 2001. I spoke with an Army recruiter that very day. I wanted to go get the bad guys. My parents recommended I get my degree and go in as an officer.

Even after I got my degree, I didn't join. I put the decision off for another 11 years.

In 2012, I brought up to my wife that I still felt compelled to be a part of that something bigger. We talked about it and agreed it was time for me to enlist.

I joined the Air National Guard and was assigned a role in Public Affairs. I would not be holding a weapon actively engaging the terrorists. Instead, I'd be holding a camera and writing stories. It was a good compromise for me since I had the added responsibility of being a parent to two young girls.

Now, four years into my career, I still feel that I'm not making a direct impact in the military. But, maybe I've been wrong in that conclusion.

In July, I had the chance to attend U.S. Strategic Command's 2016 Nuclear Deterrence and Assurance Symposium near Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska. The symposium was a collaboration of military, civic, business and academic leaders from 14 countries, brought together to discuss nuclear deterrence - something we pride ourselves on here at Whiteman.

I was interested in attending the event because I was curious to learn how I - a senior airman with the Missouri Air National Guard - fit into this much bigger picture.

In his opening remarks to the 650 attendees, U.S. Navy Adm. Cecil Haney, commander of U.S. Strategic Command, addressed this concern directly. He recognized the importance of young servicemen and women in the nuclear deterrence mission. He said that it is vital for us to engage in the forum and with experts so that we are prepared for key decisions and leadership roles in the future.

"The nature of deterrence is more complex. There are multiple actors now, which makes it harder to predict. Information gets distorted and it reduces leaders' decision space from days to hours," added U.S. Army Gen. Curtis Scaparrotti, commander of U.S. European Command and NATO Supreme Allied Commander Europe, and a keynote speaker at the event. He touched on a lot of the intricacies, pivotal changes in the security environment and the shift from "assurance to deterrence."

But Gen. Scaparrotti said something else that stuck with me.

"Our credibility is key to our capability." I thought to myself, "That's it. If we are going to protect our allies and deter our enemies from nuclear engagement, we must be credible."

In 2014, I covered Whiteman's 131st and 509th Bomb Wing Airmen as they took part in the Air Force Global Strike Challenge. Our Airmen mentioned to me that they studied hard in preparation, and performed their jobs year-round to ensure that the annual competition was just another day to them. They won the Challenge that year, and again the next year.

Then in March of this year, our total force Airmen participated in Constant Vigilance 16. It was the first time drill-status Air National Guard Airmen took part in the exercise. Full Guard participation by its part-time Citizen-Airmen was a major and final milestone called for in the Secretary of the Air Force's Integration Plan in 2006, and of a 131st-509th memorandum of understanding for total-force integration of the B-2 mission at Whiteman.

We have won the coveted Fairchild Trophy a record number of times. Whiteman is consistently visited by Air Force and Department of Defense leaders who want to hear about the total force integration success at this base.

Operation after operation, exercise after

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Volunteers from the 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron welcome veterans from the Missouri Veterans' Home during a visit to Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Aug. 26, 2016. Approximately 20 veterans toured Whiteman and received briefings from various units on base.

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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.

Please like the Stealth Lounge on Facebook to stay up to date on special events and tournaments.

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Weekly commander's message

Greetings, Team Whiteman!

On Monday we were privileged to host U.S. Senator Claire McCaskill here at Whiteman. During her visit, leadership from the 509th BW, 131st BW, 442d FW, 20 ATKS, and the 1-135th Assault Helicopter Battalion briefed her on ongoing operations and readiness. We also briefed the senator on the tremendous growth potential for our installation, and how we are posturing our great team for the future!

In addition to the senator's visit, it was fantastic to welcome home the main body of our Bomber Assurance and Deterrence team from their incredibly successful deployment! We are all very proud of the way you projected our global strike capabilities while executing this USSTRATCOM mission, and we are glad to have you all back home!

Even with our deployed teammates returning, we continued training throughout the week to ensure we are ready to deter and assure, anytime and anywhere. Specifically, we executed multiple B-2 training lines, including three sorties in support of Weapons School, which is a highly elite program that provides advanced weapons employment and tactics training. During these advanced training sorties, our operators practiced delivering guided weapons when they dropped 500-pound GBU-38 munitions on a test range. The weapons, which were dropped from over 5 miles above the earth, hit within mere feet of their targets!

We also trained to employ unguided weapons by executing three training sorties



during which we dropped nine 500-pound MK-82 munitions. Additionally, we flew seven initial qualification sorties, which are required for our newest pilots to become certified on the B-2. We also executed two 24-hour sorties, which validated our team's long-duration global strike capabilities. Along with our B-2 operations, our maintainers and operators successfully executed 72 T-38 sorties to complement our B-2 training.

Also this week we received exciting news that our base commissary will temporarily be open on Mondays starting 12 September while renovations continue at our dining facility. The newly adjusted commissary schedule provides another great dining option for our team as the DFAC continues to be updated. More details will be coming your way soon regarding hours of operation. Thanks to everyone on our team and at the Defense Commissary Agency who made this happen!

It was great to see so many of you at the monthly promotion ceremony on Wednesday. Any day that we can recognize the accomplishments of our teammates and celebrate their continued success is a good day...congrats to all our promotees once again!

Finally, I hope you all have a great Labor Day weekend! Because of the sacrifices you and your loved ones make, the American dream continues to be realized across our great nation! So this weekend please find time to relax and recharge, but do so safely, especially if you are going to drink alcohol. If you are going to drink, have a plan for how you are going to get home safely and stick to that plan...don't let a DUI ruin your legacy! Similarly, if you see someone who is or who is about to participate in risky behavior, say something!

As always, watch out for one another and remember that what you and your families do for our great nation does not go unnoticed.

Happy Labor Day!

Defend...Avenge!

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



Airmen and family members from Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., welcome their loved ones home from their deployment to Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, in support of the BAAD mission Aug. 31, 2016.

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



FRIDAY, SEPT. 2 • 7 p.m. Jason Bourne (PG-13) Adults - \$6.25, children - \$4.00 **SATURDAY, SEPT. 3** • 7 p.m. Advanced Free Screening (PG-13) Adults - \$6.25, children - \$4.00

SUNDAY, SEPT. 4 • 3 p.m. Bad Moms (R) Adults - \$6.25

Beat the Boss

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

Here are the latest Beat the Boss results:



Lt. Col. Geoffrey Romanowicz 29th TSS • 99.5%

Senior Airman Marissa Anderson 358th FS • 98.5%

Airman 1st Class Gael Dobessi 509th FSS • 98.2%

> **Capt. Justin Spencer** 394th CTS • 97.9%

Senior Airman Cameron Jackson 394th CTS • 97.9%

> **Maj. Matthew Howard** 110th BS • 96.6%

Airman 1st Class Antonio Steward 509th LRS • 95.8%

Lt. Col. Louis Pine 20th ATKS • 95.7%

Swim, bike, run: Whiteman hosts youth triathlon



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

Caleb Ellis, age 12, begins the bike portion of a youth triathlon at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Aug 27, 2016. Approximately 32 children, ranging from ages eight to 15 years old, competed for cash awards presented to the winners in each of the three age groups.



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Michaela R. Slanchik

Participants of the youth triathlon cross the finish line at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Aug. 27, 2016. The race, organized by Whiteman's Fitness Center, was a first for Whiteman.



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

Sam Wilhelm, age 13, a youth triathlon participant, runs during the last portion of the event at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Aug. 27, 2016. The fitness center hosted the triathlon to offer youth the opportunity to display their athletic abilities while working toward their mission of creating lifelong athletes.



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Michaela R. Slanchik

Sam Wilhelm, age 13, examines the pool before participating in a youth triathlon at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Aug. 27, 2016. The event offered the opportunity for youth to display their athletic abilities and encourage lifelong athletes.



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Michaela R. Slanchik Julian Floyd, age 10, admires his medal after a youth triathlon at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Aug. 27, 2016. Floyd took third place in the eight to 10 age division.



Upcoming street closure

State Street, near McKissock Street, will be closed on September 9, 2016, from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., due to the Knob Noster Homecoming.

This closure may effect traffic exiting Arnold Gate.

Knob Noster Police encourage base patrons to use Spirit or Le-May Gates as an alternative.



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THINK SAFETY

Feature



By Senior Airman Joel Pfiester 509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

Veterans from the Missouri Veterans' Home visited Whiteman Air Force Base. Missouri, Aug. 26, 2016, to learn about the Whiteman mission and trade stories about their time in the service.

Squadron (LRS) hosted the veterans after Staff Sgt. Ryan Jardina, the NCO in charge of armor shop from the 509th LRS, decided to show the veterans how much he and fellow Airmen appreciate their service to this country.

a weekly visit to the Veterans' Home in Warrensburg, Mo., every Friday for happy hour and spend time with those who served before us. Jardina could sense their interest in coming out to base and decided to certificate from Maj. Kellie Courtland, the set up a visit for them.

"Spending time with the veterans at the home every Friday and always having country. them ask me questions about the B-2 made me want to bring them out to see it and hear from the pilots about it," said Jardina. "Once I started planning the event, they were all getting so happy and excited about spending time with us on base, I knew I event together. We are the best equipped, had to make it happen. The smiles on their trained and supported military in the world faces throughout the tour made every min- because of our veterans who paved the ute of hard work worth it "

LRS had a vast hands-on display of mis- for their service. This event was just sion-essential equipment that various one simple way for the LRS to show our squadrons on base use during everyday appreciation.'

operations. Security forces personnel, firefighters and explosive ordnance disposal technicians from the 509th Civil Engineer Squadron were on hand to explain and exhibit how their equipment is used in today's military. Volunteers escorted and sat with the veterans to trade stories of each other's service before Col. Aeneas Gooding, the The 509th Logistics Readiness 509th Mission Support Group commander, welcomed and thanked the veterans for their service.

Following the panel, the veterans headed to the flightline to tour and have their photos taken with the B-2 Spirit. Pilots fielded questions and gave statistics on the Volunteers from the 509th LRS make B-2, which was then followed up with a barbecue at the vehicle maintenance shop where troops and veterans alike indulged in an all-American style meal. Each veteran received a LRS Bulldog coin and a 509th LRS commander, who recognized them for their outstanding service to our

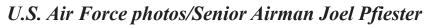
"It was the perfect chance to take away some wisdom and knowledge from our greatest national treasure...our veterans," said Courtland. "I could not be more proud of the LRS for putting this very special way and set us up for immeasurable suc-Upon arriving to Whiteman, the 509th cess. We can't possibly thank them enough



TOP LEFT: Veterans from the Missouri Veterans' Home and Airmen from Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., pose in front of a B-2 Spirit at Whiteman, Aug. 26, 2016. After learning more about Whiteman's mission, the veterans toured the B-2 Spirit.

TOP RIGHT: U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Kyle Bemis, a vehicle maintenance manager from the 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron, describes some of the items on display to a veteran at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Aug. 26, 2016. Veterans from the Missouri Veterans' Home visited Whiteman and learned about various squadrons on base and each unit's mission

BOTTOM LEFT: A staff member from the Missouri Veterans' Home receives a briefing from U.S. Air Force Maj. Kellie Courtland, the 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron commander, during a visit to Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Aug. 26, 2016. After learning more about the Whiteman mission, the veterans also toured the B-2 Spirit. BOTTOM RIGHT: U.S. Air Force Maj. Joseph Knothe, a B-2 Spirit pilot from the 394th Combat Training Squadron, greets a veteran from the Missouri Veterans' Home at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Aug. 26, 2016. Approximately 20 veterans toured Whiteman and received briefings from various units on base.





AF opens RPA pilot program to all AFSCs

By Master Sgt. Amaani Lyle Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (AFNS) -- Using a phased-application approach, Air Force senior leaders are casting a wider net to ensure more active-duty enlisted Airmen are eligible to apply for the service's RQ-4 Global Hawk remotely piloted aircraft program, a Pentagon official said Aug. 29.

The program expands the eligibility pool from careerenlisted aviators to all Air Force specialty codes with a revised timeline in which Airmen now have from Sept. 1-Oct. 14 to take the computer-based Air Force Enlisted Pilot Qualifying Test (AFEPQT) and the Test of Basic Aviation Skills (TBAS), said Senior Master Sgt. Kimberly Pollard, an RPA enlisted specialty manager.

"The timeline has become more specific and gives Airmen more time to test, to prepare their applications, and to complete their flight physicals" Pollard said. "Now all Airmen should be able to take advantage of this program if they meet the qualifications."

Air Force Secretary Deborah Lee James explained the rationale behind the expansion and timeline change in which the first board packages are due by Dec. 16.

"Expanding opportunities in the RPA program is one of many ways the Air Force is tapping into the talent of our skilled, diverse and innovative enlisted force," she said. "This gives Airmen an opportunity to excel in a new way, and we couldn't be more pleased to open the doors."

According to the Air Force Personnel Center, Airmen who meet the eligibility requirements may begin Phase 1 and signal their intent to apply by taking the AFEPQT/ TBAS at the nearest testing facility, located by visiting the AFPC's website and clicking on the "PCSM," or pilot candidate selection method, link at the bottom of the page. Additionally, interested applicants who have previously taken the pilot portion of the Air Force Officer Qualifying Training or the paper AFEPQT should email Enlisted Aircrew Assignments Workflow with subject line "Intent to Apply" to request their scores be considered if they do not wish to take the new computer-based AFEPQT.

Finally, interested applicants who have taken the AFOQT or the paper AFEPQT within the past 180 days are prohibited from taking the AFEPQT again but may still send an email to confirm their intent to apply.

Applicants must hold a rank from staff sergeant through senior master sergeant and be retainable for six years from course graduation date. Airman in all AFSCs are eligible for this program; however, a career field manager release is required for Airmen receiving a critical skills retention bonus or for Airmen in the following AFSCs: aerospace maintenance (2AXXX); battlefield Airmen (1C2XX, 1C4XX, 1T2XX, 1W0X2, 3E8XX); cyber (1B4X1, 3D0X2, 3D0X3, 3D1X2); missile maintenance (2M0XX); and nuclear weapons (2W2XX). Selection opportunities may be further limited or restricted during the board for some career fields in order to maintain acceptable operational manning levels.

Pollard explained that the AFEPQT, which covers four areas to include math and aviation knowledge, takes about 85 minutes while TBAS is a 75-minute exam. Testing terminals are located at 54 Air Force and Air National Guard

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2016 Air Force Ball

the True Spirit and Legacy of Whiteman AFB Saturday, September 17th *al Hangar 52*

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bases, 54 ROTC detachments, and 65 military entrance processing stations (MEPS). Airmen can contact the military personnel element/flight customer support section or the base education office for more information regarding AFEPQT and TBAS testing.

Airmen who've already amassed offduty flying hours can apply that experience toward their score, which Pollard said is the same scoring system used to select Air Force officer pilots.

"AFEPQT and TBAS scores are combined with an applicant's flying hours to generate a pilot candidate selection method (PCSM) score, which if high enough, enables an Airman to advance to Phase 2 of the application process," she said.

All applicants will be considered based on their test scores. No later than Oct. 28, AFPC will announce a pool of 200-300 candidates for Phase II, which entails submitting all of the required application documents to AFPC and completing an Air Force initial flying class II physical examination. Airmen will have until Jan. 27 to submit a certified flight physical to AFPC.

The results of the inaugural Air Force Enlisted RPA Pilot Selection Board, which meets Feb. 6-Feb. 9, will be released in late February 2017.

"The Air Force is a place of opportunity," said Pollard, who was once an open general enlistee. "You may not have a full road map when you're offered these opportunities so it's up to you to say 'yes,' and ask yourself 'why not me?""

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Dave Goldfein expressed the importance of the ISR force.

"Our ISR capabilities are in demand by every combatant commander in every region," he said. "We must continue to ensure that we recruit, train and retain the very best in our RPA force. They are simply vital to the joint fight and a strategic resource for our nation."



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SERVICE BEFORE SELF

exercise, event after event, our Airmen are excellent. We are credible. Whether that credibility is seen or unseen, Whiteman Airmen do their jobs exceptionally well.

The B-2 flies to air shows and performs missions like we just completed in Guam. The power of the stealth is conveyed to the globe as we display the aircraft and its weaponry in Europe or Asia. The credibility of the jet and of our team is there for the world to see.

But, our credibility is also in what is unseen. Not unlike the stealth capability of the B-2, Whiteman Airmen are quiet professionals. Yes, we win trophies and we'll celebrate accordingly, but that success doesn't make the headline news of national television.

"I am impressed with the quality of questions from our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines and how thoughtfully engaged they are in the mission," Adm. Haney said. "Whether they are in a launch control center or maintaining a B-52 or a B-2, our successes may not be noticed. If we stay unseen, that is a success."

Adm. Haney's comment touches on credibility. If our U.S. service members are not in the news for the way we conduct ourselves - negatively speaking of course - that also sends a clear message to our adversaries: it tells them, by the professionalism of our conduct, that we are a credible threat. And, those adversaries should tread carefully in attacking us or our allies.

Whiteman Airmen are hard-working, diligent and professional. Just like the B-2's stealth capability allows it to remain unseen, our Airmen's professionalism and their excellence allows us to remain unseen.

Both our seen successes and our unseen professionalism alike - by Airmen in all Air Force specialties - contribute to our credibility on the national stage. I'm responsible for telling that story, because if the world doesn't know about it, how then are we capable of deterring another nuclear power? I challenge you to consider this if you ever doubt your contributions to the effectiveness of history's most effective fighting force, as I once did.

If you turn a wrench, inspect a small piece of equipment on the jet, feed the troops, ensure we get paid, take pictures of Airmen, administer health evaluations, build or maintain our facilities, or do any other of the hundreds of jobs and roles and tasks necessary to execute the Whiteman mission; you do, indeed, play a role in nuclear deterrence.

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