

# WARRIOR



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# How I fit into the mission

By Airman 1st Class Lavincia Jones  
509th MUNS

One of the most difficult things as a new Airman in the operational Air Force is figuring out your role in your first duty stations' mission. For some it is easy to get to your first base and dive right into life as the newest defender. For me, it takes time to learn the ropes and information required to assist in the success of our mission. This is why I put myself to the test by finding out the sole reason of why I am a part of the 509th Bomb Wing and how I can contribute. Every day that I spend on this base I am learning new ways to apply what I've learned so far. I whole-heartedly believe

that my current role is to learn and apply. There's a lot of learning I have to do before I can go out on jobs or advance to the next skill level, so I ensure that I understand and memorize everything that I am learning so that when it is time to apply it, I know what I am doing. By being able to apply what I've learned expertly and carefully shows confidence and excellence, and it is very exciting for me to know that through trial and error I will get there.

Although my role may seem small now, it will later turn into something that is beyond me. Being able to operate forklifts and tow trucks to retrieve or provide ammunition to be delivered so that other Airmen can continue to carry out the Air

Force Global Strike mission gives me a sense of pride that no one can take away. It makes me realize why I work hard every day and try my best in everything that I do. By making sure that I do my job correctly it makes everyone around me able to continue their daily duties without having to worry about anything going wrong. As long as I know I've done everything possible to make the work life of my Air Force family and myself easier, I will feel accomplished. Every day my role may change but the mission does not, which is why I learn as much as I can and apply it when the opportunity presents itself. I am proud to be a part of the world's greatest Air Force!

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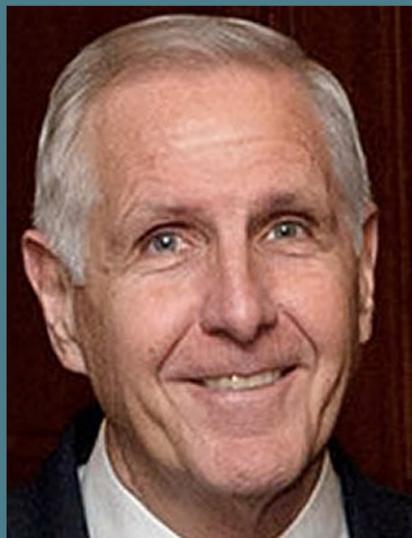
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## On the cover

U.S. Air Force photo/  
Senior Airman Danielle Quilla  
U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Pablo Novel-Valdez, a biomedical equipment technician with the 509th Medical Support Squadron, checks the settings of a dental x-ray power board at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Oct. 13, 2016. Each item at the medical group facility is checked for compliance prior to patient use.

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| Today                          | Saturday                       |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Mostly Sunny<br>Hi 81<br>Lo 53 | Sunny<br>Hi 79<br>Lo 63        |
| Sunday                         | Monday                         |
| Mostly Sunny<br>Hi 74<br>Lo 57 | Mostly Sunny<br>Hi 81<br>Lo 61 |

**Airman's Attic reopens at new location**



Above: U.S. Air Force 2nd Lt. David Jones, left-centered, a program development engineer with the 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, and Brig. Gen. Paul W. Tibbets IV, right-centered, the 509th Bomb Wing commander, cut a ribbon signifying the opening of the new Airman's Attic at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Oct. 21, 2016. The facility is now located across the street from the gas station and hours of operation are Tuesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Left: The Whiteman Airman's Attic accepts donations and offers them to Airmen between the ranks of E-1 to E-5 for free. The new location of the shop is across the street from the gas station.

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

**Weekly commander's message**

Greetings, Team Whiteman!

Throughout the week our stellar Total Force team has proven once again why we are America's premier bomber force. I want to thank you all for the hard work you have done to demonstrate the way in which we maintain a safe, secure, effective and ready strategic deterrent force. Please know that Chief Smith and I are very proud of your efforts!

Looking to next week, our next monthly promotion ceremony is scheduled for Monday at Mission's End. The ceremony begins at 3:30 p.m. Any day we can recognize the accomplishments and celebrate the promotion of our Wingmen is a good day...hope to see you there!

Please remember Whiteman Day at the University of Missouri is set for Saturday, November 12th. If you and/or your loved ones are interested in attending, tickets are available for only \$15 and include a ticket to the football game that day (Mizzou vs. Vanderbilt), access to the tailgate, and a specially designed T-shirt. Tickets are still available for purchase through Chief



Smith's office in the 509th BW Headquarters building (Bldg. 509, Room 211), and transportation will be provided from the base if you are interested. This is a great opportunity to relax and unwind together as a team...don't miss out!

Also, I want you to be aware of another great opportunity coming in November for

our Whiteman families. Weather permitting, on November 21st a B-2 will be on display in front of base operations and there will be a photographer present to capture individual or family photos for those interested. More details will be released as we get closer to the date, but feel free to take advantage of this unique opportunity, particularly as we begin to move closer to the holiday season.

Speaking of holidays, I hope you and your loved ones have a safe and enjoyable Halloween! The trick-or-treating hours for the base are from 6-8 p.m. on Monday night and our Defenders will be conducting their annual Pumpkin Patrol to ensure everyone has a great time.

As always, continue to watch out for one another, both on and off duty, and if you see something unsafe...say something!

Defend...Avenger!

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

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(PG-13)

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# STRATCOM commander addresses Strategic Deterrence in 21st century

By Terri Moon Cronk

DOD News, Defense Media Activity

WASHINGTON — Global security threats today must be viewed in a transregional, multidomain and multifunctional context, the commander of U.S. Strategic Command said Oct. 21.

Speaking at Kansas State University's Landon Lecture Series, Navy Adm. Cecil D. Haney addressed U.S. military strategic deterrence in the 21st century.

Haney discussed Russia, China, North Korea, Iran and the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant as the five evolving challenges the military faces, and he emphasized that strategic deterrence capabilities are used every day to maintain strategic stability.

"As we look in the rear-view mirror over the last year and extrapolate into the future, our global security environment remains dynamic and uncertain," the STRATCOM commander said. "Some nation-states are developing and modernizing their nuclear weapons capabilities," he said. "Nuclear and non-nuclear nation states aspire to or have demonstrated their ability to employ not just a variety of missile capabilities, but also cyber, counter-space and other asymmetric capabilities."

### Addressing Challenges

But any nation that thinks it can get away with a strategic attack on the United States and its allies must think carefully about their actions and potential consequences, Haney cautioned. "I think we all understand the impact a nuclear weapon could have, but it's also important to understand that an attack in space or cyberspace can have strategic effect," he said.

And with all the complexities and the interconnectedness of globalization, these strategic problems have global ramifications that require comprehensive solutions, Haney said.

As a global combatant command, STRATCOM has transregional responsibility that extends from under the sea to geosynchronous orbit, the admiral explained.

"[STRATCOM's] capabilities underpin the fundamental elements of deterrence, affording the United States the ability to maintain strategic stability – a must in this dynamic and uncertain security environment," he emphasized.

STRATCOM works to understand deterrence mechanisms and gain a deeper understanding of the adversary, he noted, adding, "We provide the nation with a safe, secure, effective and credible strategic nuclear deterrence force that is ready."

### Deterrence Forces Critical in Global Security

U.S. deterrence forces stand at the ready and are critical in a global security environment where it is clear other nation-states are placing a high priority on developing, sustaining, modernizing, and in some cases expanding their nuclear forces, Haney said.

"Today, the extended service of our nuclear delivery platforms is testament to the efforts and ingenuity of our predecessors – particularly the designers, engineers, maintainers, and industry – but we are fast approaching the point where having an effective nuclear deterrent will be put at risk," he said. "To be clear, however, baseline sustainment won't meet future adversarial

threats. We simply must modernize."

Delaying development and fielding of our modernization programs – everything from space-sensing, communications, platforms and life extensions for warheads – or ceasing to invest in the people who engineer, maintain and operate these systems -- will create an unacceptable increase in risk, the admiral said.

"Equally, if not more important, delaying will directly affect our credibility and ability to deter and assure and will detract from our non-proliferation efforts," Haney told the audience.

### Synchronized Campaign

Meeting future challenges requires a synchronized campaign of investments supporting the full range of military operations that secure U.S. national security objectives, he added. And while the admiral said he was pleased with the president's proposed defense budget request for fiscal year 2017, he said he is "not pleased with the fact we do not have an approved budget and continue to live with a continuing resolution."

A credible strategic deterrence capability cannot be done by STRATCOM alone, he said, adding that a holistic approach should be taken to integrate military effects with all instruments of national power.

Haney explained such synchronization is commonly called "DIME" – for diplomatic, information, military and economic – "which together deters our adversaries and assure U.S. allies and partners."

For example, he said, STRATCOM aims to work seamlessly with the other combatant commands and across the federal government, as well as with partners and allies, the commercial sector and academia to apply the scope of its portfolio toward a synchronized pursuit of national objectives, such as building, sustaining and supporting partnerships to better understand the strategic and the regional environment and successfully develop effective strategies.

The STRATCOM commander also noted that leaders must ensure they are developing the talent that will assume the mantle as the geopolitical landscape continues to change and evolve.

### Nation Needs Future Leaders

The nation needs professionals who can think deeply and strategically, voice educated opinions, coherently document those thoughts and drive effective solutions, Haney said. "We must ask ourselves: How do we deter one without provoking another?" he said. "Are we thinking about our actions from the perception of our adversaries? How do we communicate our intent, our resolve, and our readiness?"

The answers to those questions start with this institution and with the people in this room," the admiral told the university audience. "KSU fosters a high-velocity learning environment and helps to create leaders who not only understand the challenges associated with the world we live in today, but who can develop and apply solutions. Therefore, we need you."

The goal of deterrence is peace, the STRATCOM commander noted. "Peace is achieved through strength," he added. "Strength is all of us working together to prepare for an uncertain world."

# Whiteman graduates ALS class 16-G



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

Graduates of Whiteman Airman Leadership School (ALS) class 16-G gather for a class photo after a graduation ceremony at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Oct. 20, 2016. ALS is a five-and-a-half week-long course that teaches Airmen the fundamentals of being effective front-line supervisors.

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509th OSS

**Senior Airman Lawrence J. Bowman**  
358th FS

**Senior Airman Grayson S. Brown**  
509th SFS

**Senior Airman Lyndsey M. Brown**  
509th MDOS

**Senior Airman Justin R. Bullock**  
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**Senior Airman Denis E. Clayborne-Harris**  
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**Senior Airman Samantha Field**  
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509th AMXS

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**Senior Airman Rodger P. Lecuivre**  
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**Senior Airman Taylor S. McClellen**  
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**Senior Airman Ryan P. McGarrigle**  
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**Senior Airman Aaron M. Meadows**  
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**Senior Airman Evan J. Middlemas**  
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**Senior Airman Matthew L. Nipper**  
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**Senior Airman Benjamin Z. Penley**  
509th CES

**Senior Airman Jacob S. Ruemler**  
509th LRS

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509th AMXS

**Senior Airman Christopher G. Shields**  
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**Senior Airman Michael A. Simon**  
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**Senior Airman Gabriel R. Yazdzik**  
509th MUNS

# FSS Airman receives Top III MVP

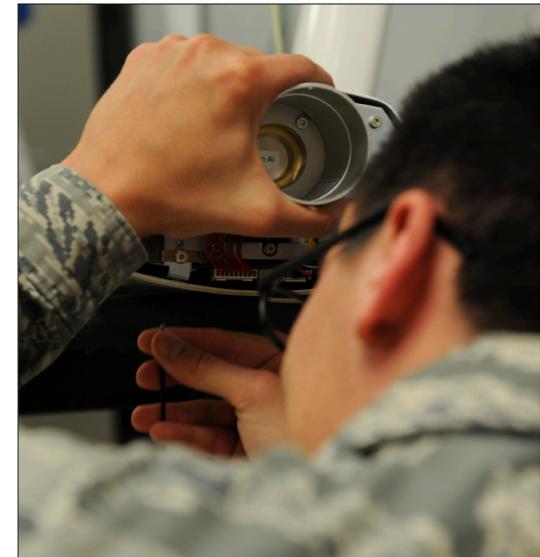


U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Danielle Quilla

U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Markus Robinson, right-centered, a fitness program manager assigned to the 509th Force Support Squadron, receives a Whiteman Top III MVP award at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Oct. 6, 2016. A1C Robinson is filling a staff sergeant position as a fitness program manager overseeing personal trainers and instructor course contracts; he was also selected for Senior Airman Below the Zone.

**THINK SAFETY**

# Biomedical has the fix on your health



U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Pablo Novel-Valdez, a biomedical equipment technician with the 509th Medical Support Squadron, removes the cone from the x-ray tube-head to salvage the parts for later use at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Oct. 11, 2016. Each month Novel-Valdez has a specific list of medical equipment requiring preventive maintenance to ensure they are working efficiently.



U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Lance Voegtline, a biomedical equipment technician (BMET) with the 509th Medical Support Squadron, inspects a power board for a dental x-ray machine at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Oct. 13, 2016. BMETs stay up-to-date on industry leading equipment and use this knowledge to review and approve all medical equipment that is assigned to the clinic.



U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Lance Voegtline, left, and Staff Sgt. Pablo Novel-Valdez are 509th Medical Support Squadron biomedical equipment technicians at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo. Together they are responsible for over 1,000 pieces of medical and dental equipment at the 509th Medical Group that has approximately 57,000 appointments scheduled a year.

**By Senior Airman Danielle Quilla**  
509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

The blood pressure machine beeped as the cuff slowly released the pressure from the patient's upper arm. Standing at five foot ten inches, the dedicated long distance runner thought this would be a routine check-up. However, to his surprise, the nurse read off the measurement to be 140 over 90. Does this mean stage one hypertension or a machine error?

From installing and repairing to inspecting and calibrating, the biomedical equipment technicians (BMETs) have their finger prints on every piece of equipment at the 509th Medical Group (MDG). The MDG supports approximately 57,000 scheduled appointments each year at Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri.

"Every item within the medical group is checked for compliance prior to patient use, which enable the 509th MDG to provide first class care with first class equipment," said Master Sgt. Christopher Espinosa, the flight chief of medical logistics with the 509th Medical Support Squadron (MDSS).

Currently, the 509th MDSS BMET team consists of Staff Sgt. Pablo Novel-Valdez and Senior Airman Lance Voegtline. Together, they are responsible for maintaining about 1,043 equipment items for daily patient care, including items for the 131st MDG and 442nd Fighter Wing.

"Every month we are provided with a work list of equipment requiring preventive maintenance," said Novel-Valdez. "Typically, doctors use the devices we maintain to diagnose patients and administer care, if those devices are not maintained properly people can be injured or worse."

With the ever changing technology landscape, Novel-Valdez and Voegtline dedicate hours to studying the updated manufacture, National Fire Protection Association and industry standards. This allows them to effectively inspect, review and approve all the medical equipment at the clinic.

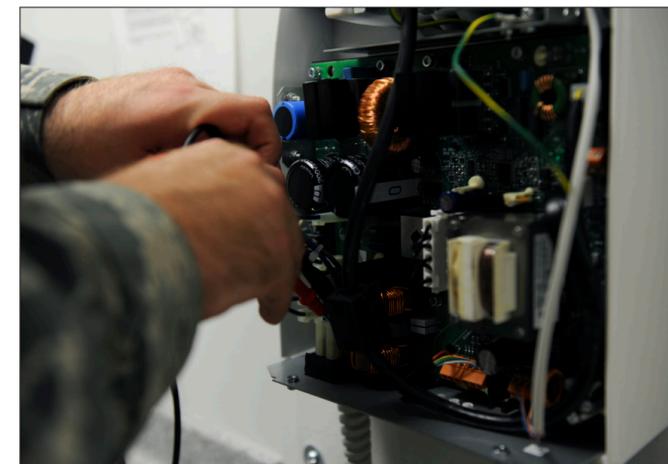
"The dental clinic has a close working relationship with the BMET team," said Lt. Col. Theodore Jackson, the chief of dental services assigned to the 509th Medical Operations Squadron. "Under the guidance and mentorship of Master Sgt. Espinosa, Staff Sgt.

Novel-Valdez and Senior Airman Voegtline not only meet the high demands we place on them, but consistently exceed our expectations."

In addition to their routine checkups, the BMETs act as first responders when it comes to equipment failure. They use deductive reasoning to pin point the issue and get the equipment up and running in a timely manner.

"Both are great stewards of the Air Force Medical Service's Trusted Care Concept of Operations in that they understand that every member of the Medical Group plays an important role in delivery of patient care," said Jackson. "The pride that the entire BMET team takes in the customer service they provide the dental clinic is clearly evident and greatly appreciated!"

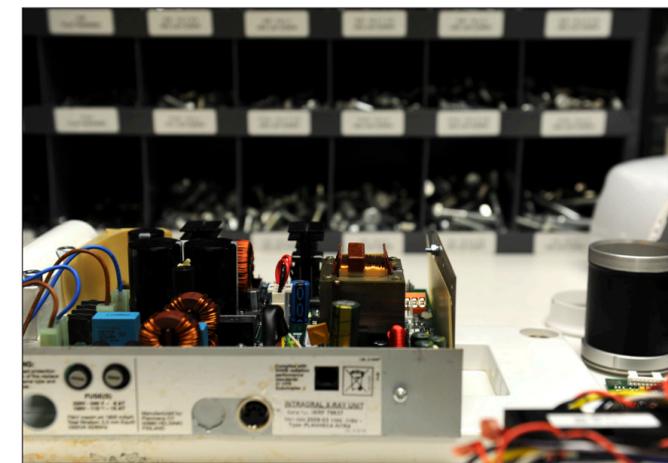
The long distance runner's situation might sound familiar to some, but preventative maintenance ensured that his blood pressure measurement was correct. The BMETs bridge the gap between engineering and medicine, allowing the medical staff to confidently use the equipment knowing their patients are safe and they are receiving accurate results.



U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Lance Voegtline, a biomedical equipment technician with the 509th Medical Support Squadron, calibrates a dental x-ray power board at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Oct. 13, 2016. The equipment assigned to the medical group are inspected against manufacture, National Fire Protection Association and industry standards.



U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Pablo Novel-Valdez, left, and Senior Airman Lance Voegtline, biomedical equipment technicians (BMET) with the 509th Medical Support Squadron, inspect dental equipment at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Oct. 13, 2016. BMETs are responsible for ensuring approximately 1,043 equipment items at the medical group are functioning correctly.



A dental x-ray power board is prepared to be salvaged for replacement parts at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Oct. 11, 2016. Biomedical equipment technicians are required to stay up-to-date on industry leading equipment and ensure devices are maintained properly.

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

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**See  
Something...  
Say  
Something**

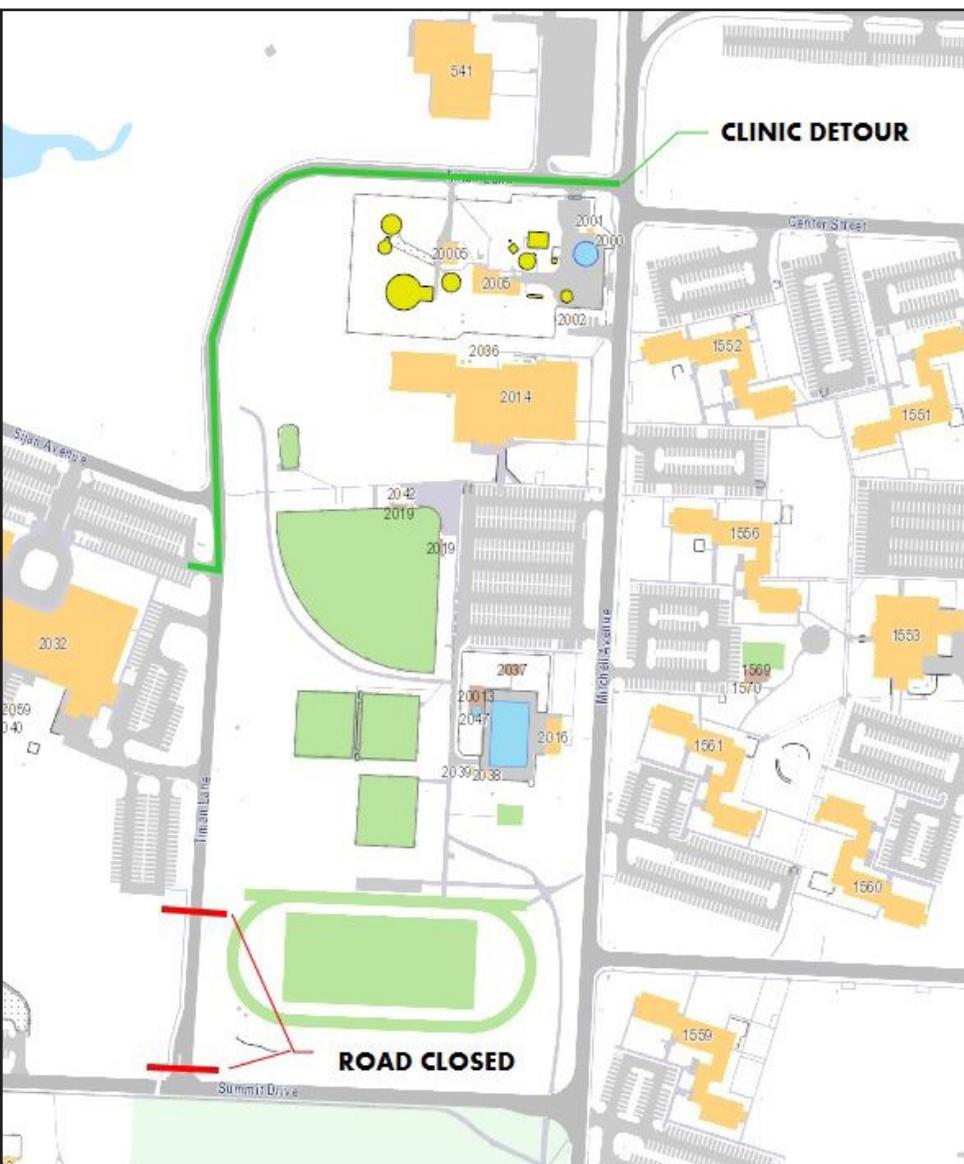
## October's CGOC Bars and Stars superior performer



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman Michaela R. Slanchik  
U.S. Air Force 1st Lt. Russell Pagan, left, a 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron (LRS) deployment and distribution flight commander, receives a Company Grade Officer Council (CGOC) Bars and Stars award from Capt. Justin Cassidy, the CGOC president, at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Oct. 6, 2016. Pagan led a humanitarian mission, delivering 11,000 pounds of goods and medical supplies, is the flight commander of the largest flight in the LRS, and was hand-selected to lead a Bomb Wing investigation.

# UPHOLD THE LEGACY

# Road closure Nov. 7



Starting Monday, November 7th, the 509th Civil Engineer Squadron will be closing Tinian Lane for approximately two weeks from Summit Drive to Sijan Avenue for pavement maintenance. Traffic will be detoured (see map). Please drive carefully around the construction area. Use alternate routes where possible. Thanks for your patience as we improve our base infrastructure. For more information contact Mr. Paul Day, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron at 660-687-6388, or Capt. Grant Hatfield at 660-687-6309.

# Child Development Center hosts fall festival



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Danielle Quilla Miller Calderon, a pre-school 2 student at the Child Development Center (CDC), decorates a mini pumpkin during a fall festival event at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Oct. 20, 2016. The CDC event gave parents the opportunity to spend time with their children while celebrating the fall season.

# 509 AMXS Airman is Diamond Sharp



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Jovan Banks U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Ziegfred Dumaoal, a 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron sortie support assistant section chief, receives a Diamond Sharp award from members of the First Sergeant's Council at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Oct. 21, 2016. Dumaoal volunteered to become a Resilience Training Assistant, participated in Tour-de-Cure raising \$120,000 in support of finding a cure for diabetes and managed 31 programs and 28 personnel, leading to 48 days with zero quality assurance fails.

# WAFB spouses receive grant



Courtesy photo

**Left to Right Front row: Jessica Craig-SFCC, Smitty Smith- A&FRC Director, NL Barnes-Instructor, Meghan Rowswell-Military Spouse, Lyndy Willis-Military Spouse, Emily Walker-Military Spouse, John Matthews-Director SFCC for Whiteman AFB, Lt. Col Michael Evans-509 FSS Commander**  
**Left to Right Back row: Raxsel Colburn-A&FRC, Dr. Joanna Anderson-SFCC President, Iliia Young-Military Spouse, Lauren Flake-Military Spouse, Shawyana Capehart-Military Spouse, Nicole Gray-Military Spouse**

Whiteman Air Force Base was awarded an Air Force Military Spouse Education Grant to provide Professional Office Skills Certification to seven spouses of active duty Air Force personnel. The State Fair Community College Professional Office Skills Training Program was specifically designed for WAFB spouses seeking first time or re-entry into the professional workplace.

Two certifications; a Workplace Computer Skills Certificate and a National Career Readiness Certificate, were awarded upon completion of the requirements.

To be considered as a candidate for the program, spouses must have provided the following items:

- Be a spouse to a current active duty Air Force military member.

- Be expected to reside in the Whiteman AFB with no PCS scheduled.

- Have transportation to and from State Fair Community College (Professional Development Center) Whiteman AFB.

- Be a U.S. citizen or have the appropriate documentation to work in the United States.

- Complete an application and Letter of Intent.

- Attach a cover letter, resume and a copy of your sponsor's military orders.

- Be available to complete all training sessions and class requirements.

For more information, please call the Airman & Family Readiness Center at 660-687-7132.

# National Domestic Violence awareness month

**By Charla Ledbetter**

Domestic Abuse Victim Advocate for Family Advocacy Program  
509th MDG

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Domestic violence is coercive behavior that seeks to control and exercise power over another person. At its most extreme, it is one person taking the life of another when the ability to control them by other means is unsuccessful.

According to the Missouri Coalition on Domestic Violence, in 2014 there were over 80,000 crisis calls to state domestic violence hotlines, shelters, and advocacy centers. Additionally, in Missouri, law enforcement officers responded to 72,553 domestic violence incidents, shelters provided refuge for 29,128 victims and children and there were 25,335 protective orders issued.

Violence in the home has life changing impacts on the family and is a critical national problem that impacts every workplace and community. In order to bring further awareness of the impact of domestic violence, a visual display,

known as “The Clothesline Project” will be staged in numerous locations throughout the installation.

The “Clothesline Project” originated in Hyannis, Massachusetts in 1990 and since its inception, has expanded nationwide. It is comprised of t-shirt shaped paper cutouts each representing a substantiated adult maltreatment domestic violence case this year at Whiteman Air Force Base. Each t-shirt displayed honors the survivors; helps with the healing process for survivors as well as family and friends of victims who were injured; educates, documents, and raises society’s awareness about the crimes of violence against adults within our community; and encourages victims to not remain silent and reporting of suspected domestic violence. The project is a compelling exhibition that bears witness to the many forms of violence perpetrated against adult and child victims of domestic violence in our own community.

Contact the Family Advocacy Program at 660-687-4341 for information about domestic violence reporting and prevention.