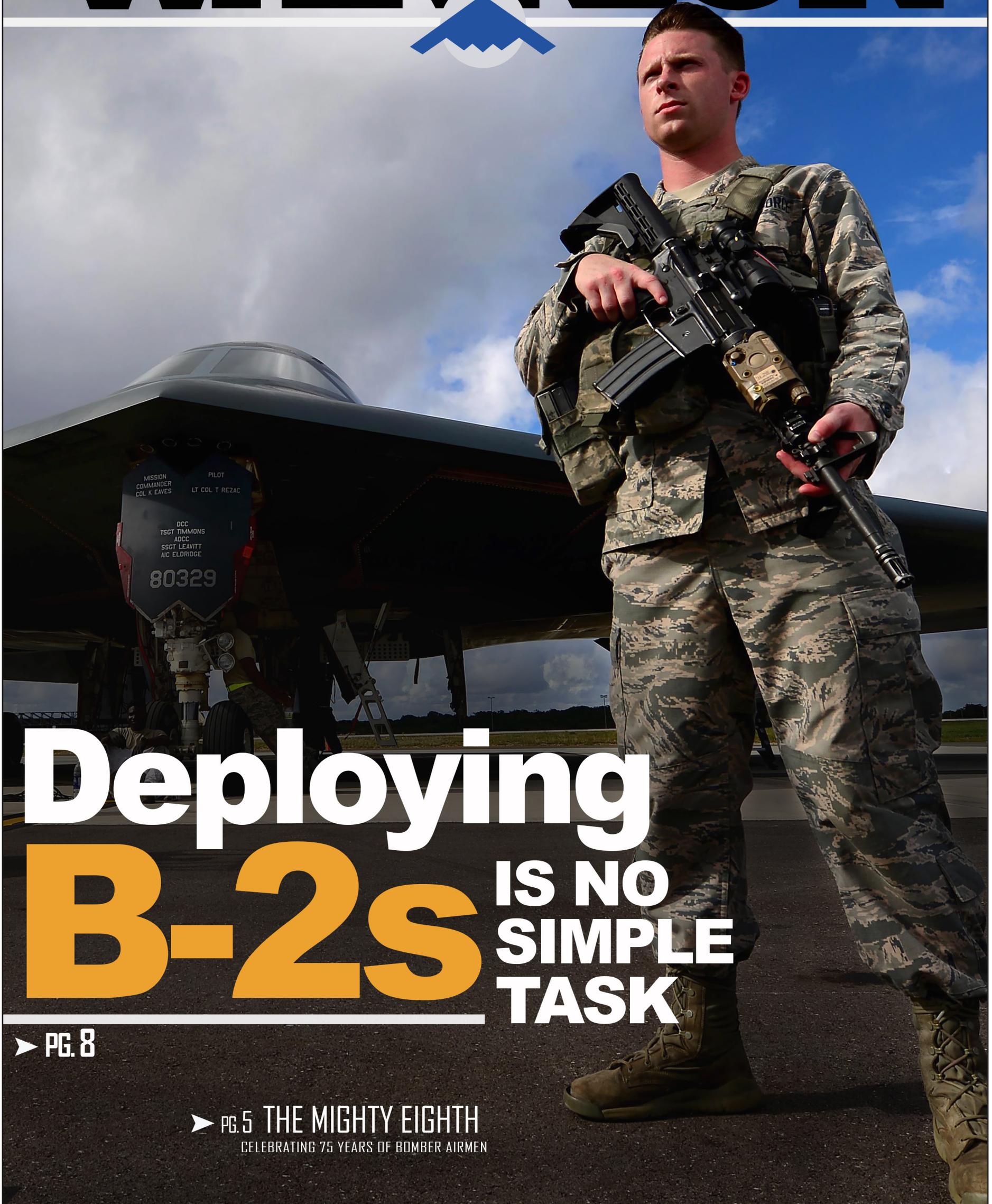


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Weekly commander's message

Greetings, Team Whiteman!

This week it was great to welcome home several hundred of our Airmen from an incredibly successful Bomber Assurance and Deterrence deployment to Andersen AFB, Guam. During this deployment, our Total Force team conducted numerous sorties throughout the Pacific area of operations. For example, we executed operations over Australia, where we integrated with the Australian Air Operations Center and Australian Joint Terminal Attack Controllers. We also conducted a joint exercise with our naval partners and performed integrated training missions with B-1B Lancers currently deployed to Andersen AFB in support of the Continuous Bomber Presence mission. Please know that Chief Smith and I are incredibly proud of all you accomplished. Take time to re-connect with your loved ones and recuperate ... you've earned it and welcome home once again!

The excitement continued this week as we celebrated the 75th Anniversary of our Eighth Air Force. In order to pay tribute to the generations of bomber Airmen who founded the legacy of excellence we now uphold, our team performed a B-2 flyover alongside our B-1 and B-52 teammates at Barksdale AFB, La. This incredible display of airpower showcased everything the Mighty Eighth represents, and I hope you and your units reflected this week on what it means to be part of such a historical and impactful command.

This week also marked the beginning of African American Heritage Month. This year's theme is "Success Always Leaves Footprints" and our heritage committee has an outstanding schedule of events planned for us, including the Poetry and Jazz Valentine's Day Dinner on February 10 at Mission's End ... Angelle and I attended last year's dinner and we look forward to it again this year!

We will close out the week by hosting Colonel Ronald Harvell, the AFGSC Command Chaplain, who is our guest speaker for today's National Prayer Breakfast. Our Chaplain Corps has planned a wonderful and humbling celebration under this year's theme, "A Sentry on a Wall of Prayer." I know everyone who attends will have a rewarding experience ... thanks to everyone who put this annual event together!



Have a great, safe weekend! And if you see something unsafe this weekend ... say something!

Defend...Avenge!

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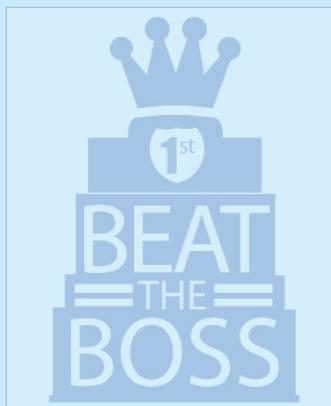
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Beat the Boss

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 a commander's coin.



Here are the Beat the Boss results for Jan. 23-25, 2017:

Staff Sgt. Iain Anglin
505th CCW Det. 1 • 98.8%

Airman 1st Class Christopher Rabago
509th MXS • 98%

On the cover

U.S. Air Force photo/
Airman 1st Class Jazmin Smith
U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Taylor Lang, a 509th Security Forces Squadron security response member, stands guard at the entry control point at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, Jan. 16, 2017. U.S. Strategic Command forces are on watch 24 hours a day, seven days a week to deter and detect strategic attacks against the United States and our allies.

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Faces of the 131st



U.S. Air National Guard photo/Senior Master Sgt. Mary-Dale Amison

By 131st Bomb Wing Public Affairs

Name: Emily Elliott
Rank: Airman 1st Class
Hometown: Columbia, MO

What is your military specialty?

2S031 Material Management

What is your civilian occupation?

Phlebotomist, trained professional who removes or collects blood, and full-time

student at Columbia College in Columbia, Missouri, seeking a degree in Business Finance. When I was 19 my dad took me to an investor, and ever since then I have been very interested in all the things that people can do with their money besides just leaving it in a checking or savings account.

Why did you join the Air National Guard?

My dad served 30 years in the Army National Guard and tried to get me to join

when I was 17, but at that age I just wasn't interested. However, the older I got, and more independent I became, I realized it might not be a bad idea. I did some research, talked with the 131st recruiters and decided to join. I have been in a year and a half now and wish my 17-year-old-self had taken my dad's advice! I picked the ANG over the other services because I wanted to go Air Force and still maintain a civilian life.

What do you like best about your job?

The fast-paced environment and the people whom I work with. I use some of what I have learned with supply at the 131st in my civilian job such as: double checking shipments to make sure everything is there, in good condition, and make sure the supplies are used in order based off the day they were received. Good to know whether you're in material management or working as a Phlebotomist!

What do you enjoy most about being in the military?

All the opportunities to grow and being able to travel.

What are your favorite ways to spend your free time?

Being with family and doing anything from chilling on the couch to being active outdoors.

Where do you hope to see yourself in 5 years? 10 years?

With a bachelor's degree and a career as a financial planner helping others achieve their financial goals.

What is something that is on your bucket list?

Travelling! Especially to Jamaica and the Bahamas.

Do you have any interesting talents or skills?

I'm always striving to learn new things and I catch on pretty quick. That's a great skill to have.

Tell us about a favorite military memory.

I don't have a lot of stories so far in my adventure, but I really enjoyed tech school. Being able to get to know different people from all over the world, hearing their stories, and building friendships throughout the course. The memories I made in San Antonio, Texas, will never be forgotten! Going down to the river walk, family visiting me on the weekends, and going to events the base was hosting for the tech school members.

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Whiteman, Barksdale defenders protect operations in the Pacific



U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Andy M. King

U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Victor Anciano-Suezo, a security forces member assigned to the 2nd Security Forces Squadron from Barksdale Air Force Base (AFB), La., stands guards at an entry control point Jan. 24, 2017 at Andersen AFB, Guam. Close to 200 Airmen from Whiteman AFB, Mo., and Barksdale AFB, La., deployed to Andersen AFB, in support of U.S. Strategic Command (USSTRATCOM) Bomber Assurance and Deterrence missions. USSTRATCOM bomber missions familiarize aircrew with airbases and operations in different Geographic Combatant Commands. USSTRATCOM forces are on watch 24 hours a day, seven days a week to deter and detect strategic attacks against the United States and our allies.

By Airman 1st Class Jazmin Smith
509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

The B-2 Spirit is the world's premier stealth bomber. It has the ability to penetrate an enemy's most sophisticated defenses and threaten heavily defended targets while avoiding adversarial detection, tracking and engagement.

Assigned to Whiteman Air Force Base (AFB), Missouri, three B-2 bombers deployed to Andersen AFB, Guam, in support of the U.S. Strategic Command Bomber Assurance and Deterrence mission.

Just as the B-2 presents a credible defense to our nation and its allies, the vigilance of the security forces members who deploy with the aircraft is paramount as the first line of defense in guarding one of the highest priority assets of the U.S. Air Force.

"This mission not only validates the military's essential need to display our vital deterrence capabilities to both our allies and enemies at home and abroad, but also serves as a great opportunity for security forces members to become educated and to better understand why we perform our nuclear mission back at Whiteman," said U.S. Air Force 2nd Lt. Alex Covey, the 509th Security Forces Squadron (SFS) bravo flight commander.

During this deployment, Airmen with the

509th SFS were joined by their brothers and sisters assigned to the 2nd SFS from Barksdale AFB, Louisiana.

"Our shared mission isn't just about security forces protecting one of the military's greatest assets," added Covey. "It's about every unit working together with effective communication and discipline in order to display our nuclear deterrence to the world."

These team members overcame the challenges that arose from working in a different environment.

"We pulled security forces members from two separate bases, with completely different operations," said Staff Sgt. Hannah Phillips, the 2nd SFS flight chief. "This particular mission provided a unique opportunity for both the 509th and 2nd Security Forces Squadrons to learn and grow as defenders together."

The primary duties of a defender remained the same: make sure certain procedures were carried out, remain alert, take care of each other and ensure the security of the aircraft.

"Wherever you go, security is always critical to the mission," said Tech. Sgt. William Riney, Jr., a 509th SFS flight chief. "Having the opportunity to protect this resource so that the mission can be accomplished gives security forces members a sense of pride in what we do."

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75 years of American Airmen: Past, present, future

By Senior Airman Erin Trower
8th Air Force Public Affairs

BARKSDALE AIR FORCE BASE, La. – On Feb. 1, 1942, the history of today's 8th Air Force began to write its story. With milestones such as the Doolittle Raid and Operation Linebacker II, it's no surprise the 8th Air Force made a lasting legacy and is known today as the "Mighty Eighth."

Lining the corridors of the historic 8th Air Force headquarters building at Barksdale Air Force Base, La., are photographs, paintings and mementos that illustrate to all Airmen who walk the halls, the triumphant history and feats the Eighth has made over the past 75 years.

Today's Mighty Eighth actually activated under the designation of VIII Bomber Command (BC) at Langley Field, Va., as part of an expansion of the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. The VIII BC was a subordinate unit to the former 8th Air Force, today known as U.S. Air Forces in Europe, and relocated to Savannah, Ga., within days after settling in Virginia. Soon after, the VIII BC deployed to the European theater of operations where it found a permanent war-time home at the former Wycombe Abbey School for Girls in High Wycombe, England, under its first commander, Ira C. Eaker.

"Some monikers from WWII have stood the test of time and are still in use today across the command," said Lane Callaway, 8th Air Force historian.

For example, the wartime codename for the VIII BC headquarters was "Pinetree," and now is the name of the command conference room in the Eighth's headquarters building, where meetings address issues impacting worldwide operations and items of national interest.

However, with great feats also come trial and tragedy. From May 1942 to July 1945, the Eighth was responsible for America's daylight and strategic bombing campaign against Nazi-occupied Europe. With this responsibility, the Eighth suffered large losses. Out of 115,332 troops, more than 47,000 were taken out of the fight, including more than 26,000 killed in action. With this, the Eighth's brave men, from general officer to enlisted, earned 17 Medals of Honor, 220 Distinguished Service Crosses and 442,000 Air Medals.



On Feb. 28, 1944, the VIII BC was given the official designation of 8th Air Force. Later by mid-1944, the Eighth received its nickname, the Mighty Eighth, in recognition of its strength and ability to send more than 2,000 four-engine bombers and 1,000 fighters in a single mission against enemy targets in Europe. The unit was composed of more than 200,000 people.

Finally in January 1975, Eighth Air Force moved to Barksdale, its ninth location, and has since called the Bossier City and Shreveport area home. Barksdale also serves as the unit's longest standing home station in its history.

While the Mighty Eighth was born into battle in the 1940s, its influence and impact can be seen spanning the post WWII and modern day eras.

The Mighty Eighth has participated in a string of contingency operations in support of bomber assurance and deterrence missions using the world's most advanced and equipped bombers. Some examples being:

1. 1991: Gulf War involving the 2nd Bomb Wing
2. 1996: OPERATION DESERT STRIKE against Iraq
3. 1998: OPERATION DESERT FOX against Iraq

4. 1999: OPERATION ALLIED FORCE against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia -- bombers flew 325 sorties to drop over 7 million pounds of ordnance on enemy targets.

Even in today's operations, Eighth Air Force's bomber presence is felt globally.

The Mighty Eighth continues to maintain a continuous bomber presence in the Pacific where B-1s not only deter aggression, but assure our allies that the U.S. is committed to international security. In the Central Command region, B-52s carry out a bombing campaign against ISIS, ISIL forces. And the B-2 operates globally as well, most recently seen striking terrorist training camps in Libya.

"There is no doubt that Mighty Eighth forces are as relevant today as they were in the early years," said Callaway.

Today, the 8th Air Force celebrates its 75th anniversary; 75 years of progression, strength, national assurance and pride. The Mighty Eighth commands the U.S. Air Force's entire fleet of long-range, stealth and heavy-bombers, in addition to the recently added E4-B National Airborne Operations Center fleet.

To commemorate the occasion, bomber Airmen from across the country have gathered at Barksdale for a special retreat and flyover. Additional scheduled events include a building dedication, memorial run, WWII veteran dog tag presentation, and a gala hosted by a local support organization to commemorate the American Airmen of the Mighty Eighth.

Within the next decade, the Eighth will boast their newest capability -- the B-21 Raider -- a long-range strike bomber, named after the surprise attack against Japan during WWII in 1942 -- the Doolittle Raid. This bomber will play in allowing the Air Force to operate in tomorrow's high-end threat environment, and in providing the Air Force the flexibility and capability to launch from the continental U.S. and deliver air strikes on any location in the world. The Air Force plans to field the initial capability of the bomber in the mid-2020s.

"I am extremely proud to be part of a unit engrained with such a rich heritage," said Maj. Gen. Thomas Bussiere, 8th Air Force commander. "From early on, Eighth Air Force has played a major role in our nation's security, and we will carry that legacy into the future."



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Joshua Smoot

A U.S. Air Force B-52 Stratofortress, B-1B Lancer and B-2 Spirit fly over Guam after launching from Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, for an integrated bomber operation Aug. 17, 2016. This mission marked the first time in history that all three of Air Force Global Strike Command strategic bomber aircraft simultaneously conducted integrated operations in the U.S. Pacific Command area of operations.

Whiteman Airman receives Diamond Sharp Award



U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Miguel Lara III

U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Kimberly Carrillo, left-center, a security forces response member assigned to the 509th Security Forces Squadron (SFS) is recognized with a Diamond Sharp Award at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Jan. 27, 2017. While performing security duties for the "Annual Sedalia Christmas Parade," Carrillo responded to an individual in the crowd suffering from a seizure. While responding to the crisis, she prevented any restrictions to the individual's airway until medical personnel could arrive. Additionally, Carrillo received an "Exceptionally Well Qualified" score of 100% on her initial security forces patrolman duty position certification. Carrillo also trained four new installation entry controllers, contributing to Delta flight's 100% standardization and evaluation pass rate leading to "Flight of the Quarter" for the fourth quarter of 2016.



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Maintainers: Keeping Spirits up overseas



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Jazmin Smith

U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Hayden Thayer, a crew chief assigned to the 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, marshals a B-2 Spirit to the flightline at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, Jan. 12, 2017. Bomber missions enable crews to maintain a high state of readiness and proficiency, and validate our always-ready global strike capability.

By Airman 1st Class Jazmin Smith
509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

Nearly two decades ago, the B-2 Spirit deployed overseas for the first time from Whiteman Air Force Base (AFB), Missouri. Its destination: Andersen AFB, Guam.

Upon its initial arrival, a crew assigned to the 509th Bomb Wing was present to meet the bomber. Accompanying the aircraft then, and on each deployment since 1998, was a team of Airmen with an array of specialties.

In support of the U.S. Strategic Command Bomber Assurance and Deterrence mission, over 20 different shops under the 509th and 131st Maintenance Group (MXG) provided Airmen who embraced long days and demanding workloads.

Charged with fixing any issues that arise with the aircraft, the maintenance Airmen, or maintainers, who deploy with the B-2 Spirit undertake any tasks that fall within their domain.

“Maintenance checks are done on a daily basis,” said U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Elijah Fleming, a 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron aerospace maintenance craftsman. “We split the day into 12-hour shifts, but if something breaks on our jet, our objective is to fix the problem so the aircraft is safe and reliable for the pilots.”

Prior to each generation of the bomber, maintainers provide pre-flight checks to ensure the safe and successful launch of the aircraft. Upon its return, each section would then hasten to service the aircraft as needed and make sure all systems were

functioning correctly.

“We are constantly checking vital components and looking over the aircraft for any discrepancies,” added Fleming. “We check over multiple components ranging from the tires to the engine inlets and exhausts.”

As a crew chief, avionics specialist or a hydraulics specialist, each Airman plays his or her individual role on the flightline. Even more impressive is how the members within each section pull together to make certain each sortie begins and ends with sound maintenance.

“The overall mission of the maintenance group is to generate and sustain aircraft, munitions, and equipment in support of operational requirements,” said Capt. Christopher L. Clark, the 509th Maintenance Squadron operations officer.

“In a deployed environment things like shift schedules, climate, and infrastructure may be a little different, but our maintainers are the best at what they do, and they quickly adapt to ensure mission success,” added Clark.

Working on the world’s premier bomber has its advantages. Other than being able to say they work on a \$2.2 billion aircraft, these Airmen get experiences they will remember for the rest of their lives.

“My favorite part of the job would have to be when you see the aircraft take off,” remarked Fleming. “There’s a great feeling of accomplishment in knowing you played a major role in getting the aircraft off of the ground and safely in the air.”



Bomber presence displays global strike capability

U.S. Air Force photo/Tech Sgt. Andy M. Kin

U.S. Air Force maintenance technicians assigned to the 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., communicate with a B-2 Spirit pilot during pre-flight checks prior to a local training mission at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, Jan. 12, 2017. Close to 200 Airmen from Whiteman Air Force Base (AFB), Mo., and Barksdale AFB, La., deployed to Andersen AFB, in support of the U.S. Strategic Command (USSTRATCOM) Bomber Assurance and Deterrence missions. USSTRATCOM bomber missions familiarize aircrew with airbases and operations in different Geographic Combatant Commands.

By Airman 1st Class Jazmin Smith
509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

Three B-2 Spirits and approximately 200 Airmen assigned to Whiteman Air Force Base (AFB), Missouri, deployed to Andersen AFB, Guam, January 9, 2017, in support of the U.S. Strategic Command (USSTRATCOM) Bomber Assurance and Deterrence mission.

During the deployment, the B-2s conducted local and long duration sorties and regional training to display the flexible global-strike capability of the U.S. bomber force and the United States' commitment to supporting global security.

The total-force integrated team accompanying the B-2 included members assigned to the 509th Bomb Wing (BW) and their mission partner, the Air National Guard 131st BW.

"It's amazing how after only nine years of the 131st sharing the bomber mission with the 509th you can't tell where one unit stops and the other begins. It's always been one team one fight," said U.S. Air Force Maj. Jeffrey Suhr, a 131st BW pilot assigned to the 110th Bomb Squadron. "The training, exercises, and joint deployments accomplished by both wings only reinforces how each component of Team Whiteman executes operational readiness."

"The recent precision strikes against two Daesh camps in Libya just goes to show that while we're deployed here at Guam, the operation-ready TFI team back at Whiteman can still take the fight to ISIS," added Suhr.

While positioned half way across the globe, these Airmen had the opportunity to train with key regional partners and allies and synchronize

joint efforts to produce multiple successful sorties.

"Every Bomber Assurance and Deterrence tasking to Whiteman tests our ability to execute strategic deterrence, global strike and combat support," said Lt. Col. Scott Weyermuller, the 393d Bomb Squadron commander. "Our ability to execute training missions and integrate with assets in this theater prepares us for unexpected contingency operations and the call to strike a target anywhere, anytime."

Throughout their time at Andersen, members of Team Whiteman provided secure, effective and reliable capabilities in order to support U.S. national security objectives, while experiencing firsthand how they are effectively executing USSTRATCOM's Bomber Assurance and Deterrence mission.

"Guard and active-duty Airmen alike share the same goals: To conduct safe and credible B-2 operations at a deployed location," said Weyermuller. "Total Force Integration means it doesn't matter what patches you wear, because the expectations are the same."

"Neither our adversaries nor allies grade our performance on who conducted the mission, so long as the mission was effective," added Weyermuller. "That's what we're aiming to accomplish: Presenting a credible B-2 threat to our adversaries and a capable asset to our allies."

From the Airmen who fix the aircraft to those who assemble the helmets and gear worn by the pilots, the experience gained during deployments like this is invaluable.

"Across the board, Airmen across all functional areas have shown incredible initiative to overcome challenges and make this B-2 operation a success," remarked Weyermuller. "It's no simple task to deploy the B-2, and the team did a phenomenal job!"



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Jazmin Smith

U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Dez Starkes, a crew chief assigned to the 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, signals to the mission commander that he is clear and free to move forward at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, Jan. 12, 2017. Strategic bomber missions enhance the readiness and training necessary to respond to any potential crisis or challenge across the globe.



U.S. Air Force photo/Tech Sgt. Andy M. Kin

U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Elijah Fleming, a crew chief assigned to the 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, walks on top of the B-2 Spirit aircraft while performing post-flight inspections after local training at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, Jan. 17, 2017. The B-2's low-observable, or "stealth," characteristics give it the ability to penetrate an enemy's most sophisticated defenses and threaten heavily defended targets while avoiding adversary detection, tracking and engagement.



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Jazmin Smith

U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Armando Torres, a fuels distribution technician assigned to the 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron, monitors the control panel to ensure he maintains proper nozzle pressure and revolutions per minute while refueling a B-2 Spirit at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, Jan. 17, 2017. The refueling operations are capable of delivering up to 600 gallons per minute.



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Jazmin Smith

U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Suzanne Koehler, an aircrew flight equipment technician assigned to the 131st Operations Support Flight, right, and Airman 1st Class Timothy Doyle, an aircrew flight equipment apprentice assigned to the 509th Operations Support Squadron, take apart aircrew equipment to ensure all components are correctly functioning at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, Jan. 24, 2017. Bomber missions familiarize aircrew with airbases and operations in different Geographic Combatant Commands.

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Whiteman Airman receives MVP Award



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Members of the Whiteman Top III present U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Mathew Nipper, a pavements and construction equipment operator journeyman assigned to the 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, with the January Top III MVP Award at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Feb. 1, 2017. Nipper was selected for his leadership abilities to increase the number of available snow removal equipment operators by 35 percent to guarantee all the roadways were fully operational during the snow and ice storms. Additionally, he led a four man team in executing crane jobs to support the 1-135th Assault Helicopter Battalion. In addition to volunteering for Operation Warm Heart, Nipper became the legal guardian of his 15-year-old sister to provide her with a stable life after losing their father.

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Give Kids a Smile!



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Whiteman AFB Dental Clinic
Feb. 11, 2017 – 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

- Providing dental screenings, x-rays, polishing, and fluoride.
- Eligible: Kids between the ages of 4-10 that are enrolled at the 509 MDG.
- Please call if you have questions on eligibility.
- Appointments are limited to 50 slots.
- Call the base dental clinic at 660-687-2188 to get scheduled.

By Tech. Sgt. Leonardo Lingaolingao
509th Medical Group

In 2003, the American Dental Association (ADA) launched the Give Kids a Smile program. This initiative is a way for dentists to join with others in the community to provide dental services to under-served children.

Since its inception there have been over 400,000 volunteers, 1,500 events nationwide and so far, 350,000 to 400,000 children who have benefited from the program.

Whiteman's Dental Clinic will provide free dental services during "Give Kids a Smile Day" for children between the ages of 4-10, with a parent enrolled at the 509th Medical Group, from 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. on Feb. 11, 2017.

An estimated 20 dentists, hygienists, and assistants will provide dental screenings, x-rays, polishing and provide dental education.

Parents will need to call the clinic at 660-687-2188 to schedule an appointment. Appointments are limited to 50 slots and are on a first-come, first-served basis.



Balfour Beatty accepting scholarship applications

Are you a college bound and community-minded resident at Whiteman Family Homes? If so, you're the achiever we're looking for. Balfour Beatty Communities Foundation is now accepting scholarship applications for the 2017/2018 academic year and is looking to recognize both current and aspiring college students looking to make a difference both in and out of the classroom.

New to this year's scholarship program, the applicant pool has expanded to include leaseholders, their spouses and their dependents at all Balfour Beatty Communities-owned and managed properties. If you live at Whiteman Family Homes, are attending or will be attending an accredited educational/technical institution for the 2017/2018 term and are excelling academically while making your community a better place to live – we want to recognize your efforts and lend a hand with your college finances.

For more details and to submit an application, please visit the Foundation's website, www.bbcommunitiesfoundation.org. Only online applications will be accepted and the application deadline is March 31, 2017, 11:59 p.m. PST.

The Balfour Beatty Communities Foundation is a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization which principally focuses on supporting the post-secondary educational goals of residents living in a community owned and managed by Balfour Beatty Communities, LLC. Since the scholarship program's inception in 2009, Balfour Beatty Communities Foundation has awarded more than 200 academic scholarships. We are continually impressed by the academic integrity and community achievements demonstrated by the applicants and are proud to be able to help support their education ambitions through our scholarship program.

Would you like to be recognized by a member of Congress?



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By: Kimberly O'Brien
Whiteman AFB Youth Programs

The Congressional Award is a prestigious self-directed award open to young people ages 14 to 23 year-olds.

The Congressional Award is the United States Congress' award for young Americans. It is non-partisan, voluntary, and non-competitive.

Young people may register when they turn 13 1/2 years old and must complete their activities before their 24th birthday. Participants earn Bronze, Silver, and Gold Congressional Award Certificates and Bronze, Silver, and Gold Congressional Award Medals.

Each level involves setting goals in four program areas: voluntary public service, personal development, physical fitness, and expedition/exploration.

Earning the Congressional Award is a fun and interesting way to get more involved in something you already enjoy or something you'd like to try for the first time. You move at your own pace – on your own or with your friends. This is not an award for past accomplishments. Instead, you are honored for

achieving your own challenging goals after registering for the program.

There is a \$15.00 reimbursable registration fee if you sign up through Youth Programs. Regardless of your situation, you can earn the Congressional Award. The Congressional Award has no minimum grade point average requirements. It accommodates young people with special needs or disabilities who are willing to take the challenge.

Youth Programs is also offering a babysitting course for youth ages 12-18. They will be certified in Red Cross infant/adult CPR and first aid and participate in interactive guest speakers, tips and tricks to help build a successful babysitting career.

Also, please look for our summer camps for ages 9-18 that include Air Force funded camps, lock-ins, sports and fitness, education and career, character and leadership, the arts, and health and life skills opportunities. Teens and parents can join our closed group Facebook page by visiting the Youth Center first before we can approve you to join the group.

Please call Youth Programs for more information on all our upcoming programs and events at 660-687-5586.