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Weekly commander's message

Greetings, Team Whiteman!

This week our Medical Group completed a very successful lab inspection. As part of the inspection, the College of American Pathologists inspected over 500 elements and found ZERO findings! A perfect laboratory inspection is quite an impressive event, which speaks to the attention to detail and pride our laboratory professionals show in taking care of the 15,000 beneficiaries who use their services. Congratulations to the team ... we are all very proud of your accomplishments!

On Tuesday night our team recognized 32 of our newest supervisors as they graduated from Airman Leadership School, which involves five weeks of extensive training in full range leadership, teamwork, communication, and diversity. That night we also recognized our top performers: Senior Airman Robert Palmer (509 FSS), Levitow Award; Senior Airman Christian Chesnet (509 SFS), Distinguished Graduate Award; Senior Airman Nakeyta King (509 MDSS), Distinguished Graduate Award and Academic Achievement Award; and Senior Airman Casey Benner (509 MUNS), Commandant Award. Congratulations to all the graduates for completing your first Professional Military Education course and thanks for helping lead our team!

It was great to see so many of you yesterday afternoon at our monthly wing promotion ceremony! Any day that we can celebrate the accomplishments of our teammates while enjoying some well-deserved comradery with one another is a good day for sure. Congratulations once again to all of our promotees ... Chief Smith and I know you are ready to take on more responsibility and we look forward to watching you grow in your new roles in the wing!

As we move into April, our Total Force team will be fully engaged next week in a Nuclear Weapon Accident Incident Exercise (NUWAIX), which will include several hundred representatives from across the spectrum of government coming here to participate alongside of our team. Thanks to your dedication and expertise, NUWAIX will further validate our ability to respond to an event involving strategic weapons. It will also help to expand our already robust partnerships with federal, state and local response agencies. It will be an exciting week and it will be great to watch our stellar team in action ... thanks in advance for all your hard work!

Later on in April, we will once again be hosting an NFL

Draft Day event in partnership with the Kansas City Chiefs. Last year's event was a huge success and I have no doubts that this year will be just as amazing! The event will take place on Saturday, April 29th, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in both the 5 Bay Hangar and Hangar 52. In addition to members of our own team announcing the Chiefs' draft picks live on national television, there will also be current and former players present to meet with our team and families, to take photographs with and sign autographs. There will be a flyover, free food, and tons of family friendly events in support of this AFGSC Year of the Family celebration ... be sure to mark your calendars!

I hope you all have a safe, enjoyable weekend. Watch out for one another, find time to spend with a Wingman, and thank you for what you and your families do for our great nation.

Defend ... Avenge!

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



U.S. Air Force courtesy photo

The 509th Medical Support Squadron lab technicians received zero demerits during the national College of American Pathologists inspection.

AFGSC 2017 Nuclear Deterrence Operations Field Grade Officer of the Year Award:

Maj. Patrick A. Yanez, 509th Operations Support Squadron

AFGSC 2016 A1 Award Winners:

General Billy J. Boles Mentorship Award: Tech. Sgt. Thomas J. Otero

Lieutenant General Norm Lezy Award: Ms. Rebecca R. White

Personnel Company Grade Officer of the Year: Capt. Nicholas L. Cunningham Bowling Program of the Year: 509th Force Support Squadron

George Washington Award for Protocol Excellence: 509th Bomb Wing Protocol

Professional Development Program of the Year: 509th Force Support Squadron

2016 AFGSC Command Post Award Winners:

Command Post Airman of the Year:

Senior Airman Jessica Gianakis

Command Post Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year:

Staff Sgt. Gabrielle Boone

Command Post Senior Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year: Senior Master Sgt. Raymond Capehart III

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U.S. Air Force graphic/ Senior Airman Jovan Banks The second annual military appreciation NFL Draft Day event

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1. Use the smart phone app

2. Manually select an agency

3. Choose USA then Federal Agency then select AFOSI

4. Create a passport, select New Tip and fill out the form with as much information as possible.

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Text "AFOSI" plus your tip information to 274637 (CRIMES)

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 Thursday at 5:30 p.m., with an optional discussion on spiritual resilience to follow at 6:30 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.

Air Force Housing website

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Lo 49	Lo 50

Faces of the 131st





U.S. Air National Guard photos/ Senior Master Sqt. Mary-Dale Amison Name: Stephen Summit Rank: Staff Sergeant Hometown: Kansas City, Missouri

What is your military specialty? 3M051 Fitness specialist What is your civilian occupation? High school social studies teacher Why did you join the Missouri Air National Guard?

I joined the Missouri Air National Guard after doing some research and meeting with an Air National Guard recruiter. I decided it was a better fit for me to make the switch from the Army National Guard and cross "into the blue" with the 131st Bomb Wing.

What do you like best about your job? I enjoy assisting fellow Airmen in attaining their personal and professional goals by offering fitness advice and guidance. Administering physical fitness assessments gives me an opportunity to help others achieve and meet their promotion, class date, or reenlistment requirements

What do you enjoy most about being in the military?

The camaraderie with others who've served. No matter what differences we may have, we all share that common experience and honor.

What are your favorite ways to spend vour free time?

My favorite ways are spending time with my wife and kids, and working out at the gym.

Where do you hope to see yourself in five years? Ten years?

In five years I hope to see myself with a Master's degree in Education and continuing to teach students to love life, think critically, and never stop being curious. In ten years, I hope to still love teaching as much as I do now.

What is something that is on your bucket list?

Traveling with my wife around Europe.

Do you have any interesting talents or skills?

I play the drums for my church's Praise and Worship Team.

Tell us about a favorite military memory.

Spending two weeks in Washington, D.C., in support of the 2017 Presidential Inauguration. It was a great time, with lots of opportunities to meet fellow guardsmen from different units and explore our nation's capital.





We're saving a seat for you.

FRIDAY, MARCH 31 • 7 p.m. Get Out (R) Adults - \$6.25 **SATURDAY, APRIL 1 •** 7 p.m. The Great Wall (PG-13) Adults - \$6.25, children - \$4.00

SUNDAY, APRIL 2 • 3 p.m. Rock Dog (PG) Adults - \$6.25, children - \$4.00



Celebrating and thanking our MHS Doctors



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

U.S. Air Force Capt. David J. Downey, a physician assigned to the 509th Medical Group, Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., is photographed in honor of National Doctors Day on March 29, 2017. Downey provides care to patients in the Family Health Clinic on Whiteman. National Doctors Day is observed annually on March 30th highlighting the dedication and service of men and women in health care. Military Health System (MHS) doctors have been at the leading edge of trauma care innovation, resulting in unprecedented survival rates for troops with combat related injuries. During contingency operations and humanitarian missions, military doctors provide critical health care to deployed service members and citizens around the world.



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

U.S. Air Force Maj. Robert B. Wieck, a psychiatrist assigned to the 509th Medical Group, Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., is photographed in honor of National Doctors Day on March 29, 2017. Wieck has been seeing patients at the Mental Health Clinic for over 3 years at Whiteman. National Doctors Day is observed annually on March 30th highlighting the dedication and service of men and women in health care. Military Health System (MHS) doctors are essential to military readiness, and therefore to our national security, and a mission ready medical force leads to a medically ready force. Military doctors share their research and innovative procedures with their civilian counterparts, improving outcomes for all Americans.



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Celebrating Women's History Month

Throughout history, women have broken barriers through legitimate channels to serve in the military and defend our nation. However, women were not integrated into the military until 1948, when President Harry Truman signed the Women's Armed Services Integration Act. This week features four women: The Honorable Dr. Sheila Widnall, retired Command Master Chief Evelyn Banks, Maj. Gen. Lori Reynolds, and Tracey Pinson.

In 1993, Dr. Sheila E. Widnall became the 18th Secretary of the Air Force (SECAF) and the first female to hold that position. As the SECAF, she was responsible for Air Force readiness to accomplish its missions. She oversaw the recruiting, training and equipping of the 380,000 men and women on active duty, 251,000 members of the U.S. Air National Guard and the U.S. Air Force Reserve, and 184,000 civilians. She was responsible for planning, justifying and allocating the service's annual budget. Her other responsibilities included logistical support, maintenance, research and development, and the welfare of personnel.

In 2003, retired Command Master Chief Evelyn Banks became the U.S. Navy Recruiting Command's first female command master chief. Four years later, Banks went on to become the first female command master chief of the U.S. Naval Academy in 2007. Among her other many accomplishments, she is a highly decorated sailor, was a surface warfare specialist in the North Arabian Gulf; and awarded the coveted Ramage Award for the best Aircraft Carrier/Carrier Air Wing team on the USS Abraham Lincoln.

In 2011, Brig. Gen. Lori Reynolds became the first woman to take command of the famed U.S. Marine Corps training depot at South Carolina's Parris Island in its 96-year history. Parris Island graduates approximately 20,000 Marines annually and is the only site where female enlisted Marines are trained to enter the Marine Corps. Reynolds was also the first female Marine to ever hold a command position in a battle zone.

Tracey L. Pinson became the Director for the Office of Small Business Programs, Secretary of the Army in May 1995. Pinson advised the Secre-



tary of the Army and the Army Staff on all small business procurement issues and was responsible for the implementation of the federal acquisition programs designed to assist small businesses. Until her retirement in June 2014, she was the highest-ranking female civilian in the Army's acquisition career field.

The women featured represent many diverse backgrounds and each made her mark in a different field. While each woman is extraordinary, each is also ordinary in her own way, proving that women and female leaders can, and should be, considered the norm. Their lives and their work inspire girls and women to achieve their full potential and encourage boys and men to respect the diversity and depth of women's experience.

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As we reflect on the triumphs of the past, and close out Women's History Month, we must also look to the limitless potential that lies ahead. Women are critical members in the defense of our nation and the achievement of our nation's objectives. The next decade promises to be an exciting one for women.

Senior Airman Dahl receives Chief's Choice award



U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Christopher Dahl, center, an aerospace ground equipment (AGE) training monitor assigned to the 509th Maintenance Squadron, receives a Chief's Choice award at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., March 22, 2017. Dahl displayed superior Wingmanship when he performed sponsorship duties above and beyond expectations. Not only did he secure housing for the Airman he sponsored, but Dahl also acquired a power of attorney and fully furnished the home prior to the family's arrival.



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Whiteman scores NFL Draft Day Event on April 29th









flyover is currently scheduled.

at 3 p.m.

information.

By 509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs Staff



Whiteman Air Force Base will be hosting its second annual military appreciation NFL Draft Day event in coordination with the Kansas City Chiefs on Saturday, April 29.

As part of the event, which is open to all Department of Defense ID card holders and their

families, Team Whiteman members will be announcing the Chiefs draft selections live on television.

As part of this family-friendly event, the Chiefs have invited current and former players to hold autograph and photograph sessions for those in attendance. The Chiefs cheerleaders also will be at the event to perform their routines, sign autographs and meet Team Whiteman members of all ages.

In addition to the players and the cheerleaders, the Chiefs Rumble team, as well as the Chiefs mascots, both Warpaint and Wolf, are scheduled to attend. So be sure to bring the entire family.

There also will be free food and numerous activities for all ages to enjoy.

Some of the event highlights include NFL Play 60 events, football themed bouncy houses, dance competitions, a dance zone, a skills competition, static displays, a munitions display, and a live stage show. Last, but not least, a four-ship A-10 Thunderbolt II

Please mark your calendars and be sure to come out to enjoy this tremendous event occurring inside both the 5 Bay Hangar and Hangar 52.

Doors open at 11:00 a.m. and the event concludes

Be sure to follow the official Whiteman Air Force Base Facebook page for updates and for more











Public Health Week EVENT SCHEDULE	
Monday April 3 1-2:30 p.m.	Learn the facts about vaccines and emerging diseases. Location: Room 102 at the Professional Development Center
Monday April 3 4-4:30 p.m.	Public Health Gift Giveaway at the Gates. Public Health will be giving out goodie bags for those leaving base.
Tuesday April 4 1-2 p.m.	Knob Noster State Park is hosting some free activities for the base. Learn about the local animals and plants. Great for children!
Thursday April 6 1-2 p.m.	Knob Noster State Park is hosting some free activities for the base. Learn about the local animals and plants. Great for children!
Friday April 7 9-11 a.m.	Interested in focusing on your health? Join us at the commissary to learn about healthy eating and food safety!

For any questions about any of these events, please contact Public Health at 660-687-4305



Upholding the Legacy of Excellence -- your legacy!

Public Affairs is offering the opportunity for you, members of Team Whiteman (to include Active Duty, Guard, Reserve, Civilian and Retired Military), to submit commentaries about your personal experiences with or reflections on the 509th Bomb Wing's Legacy of Excellence and what it means to you.

Submissions must be 250-1200 words in length and will be reviewed for content, grammar and style before publication by the Public Affairs staff. Once approved, one commentary will be posted in the Whiteman



Warrior base newspaper weekly.

To make a submission, please email the 509th Bomb Wing PA office at 509.bw.pa@us.af.mil. Please include "UTL Commentary" as the subject line. Lastly, please ensure that you include information about yourself, such as your name and rank, job title, and any information that could help tie you to the Legacy.

Photos are accepted! Please ensure that they are either official military photos or scans/digital copies of personal photos.

We look forward to publishing your story!

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Lt. Col. Deaver takes command of Det 2, 53d TMG



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

U.S. Air Force Col. Thomas Dempsey III, the 53d Test Management Group (TMG) commander, left, passes the guidon to Lt. Col. Michael Deaver, the new Detachment (Det) 2, 53d TMG commander, right, during the Det 2, 53d TMG change of command at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., March 23, 2017. Activated at Whiteman on Nov. 7, 2007, and assigned to the 53d TMG located at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., Det 2, 53d TMG is responsible for managing the B-2 bomber force development evaluations, tactics development and software evaluations.

Whiteman graduates ALS Class 17-C



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

Graduates of Airman Leadership School (ALS) class 17-C gather for a class photo after a graduation ceremony at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., March 28, 2017. 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.

Senior Airman Nelson Acosta 509th SFS

Senior Airman Paul Anderson 509th SFS

Senior Airman Tucker Andrews 509th LRS

Senior Airman David Astleford 509th AMXS

Senior Airman Casey Benner 509th MUNS

> Senior Airman Robin Bergamasco 72nd TES

Senior Airman William Bray 509th MXS

Senior Airman Benjamin Burd 509th AMXS

Senior Airman Christian Chesnet 509th SFS

Senior Airman Sean Clutter 509th SFS

> Senior Airman Redentor Enriquez 509th CES

Senior Airman Colton Gerber 509th LRS

Senior Airman Eric Grande 442d MXG

Senior Airman Amanda Grantham 509th OSS

Senior Airman Rachel Jones 509th SFS

Senior Airman Emily Jordan 20th ATKS Senior Airman Nakeyta King 509th MDSS

Senior Airman Elizabeth Lavaring 509th FSS

Senior Airman Eric Layman 509th MUNS

Senior Airman James Miles 358th FS

Senior Airman Karla Nesbitt 434th AMDS

Senior Airman Robert Palmer 509th FSS

Senior Airman Avery Petit 509th AMXS

Senior Airman Kaylee Reece 509th MUNS

Senior Airman Jeremy Reed 509th SFS

> Senior Airman Martha Rodriguez 509th SFS

Senior Airman Brett Shanklin 509th SFS

Senior Airman Stephen Stipp 509th SFS

> Senior Airman Dylan Stringham 509th MUNS

Senior Airman Zachary Strong 139th SFS

Senior Airman Zachary Tippy 509th SFS

Senior Airman Colton Williams 509th MXS