

WARRIOR



FLIGHT READY

MAINTAINERS KEEP THE B-2 IN THE AIR **PG. 8**

In The Air Over Nevada

B-2 at RED FLAG 17-3 **PG. 5**

Weekly commander's message

Team Whiteman,

Last Saturday, approximately 150 of our Total Force teammates returned home from an annual Red Flag exercise at Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada. While at Red Flag, our Wingmen participated in the most realistic aerial combat training our joint force offers. The training was challenging and demanding, but it was also vital to ensure we remain poised to execute our global strike mission anytime, anywhere.

Also on Saturday, our Total Force team led an incredible flyover featuring all three of America's bombers. The flyover occurred at the Experimental Aircraft Association's AirVenture Oshkosh 2017, which is considered one of the world's premier events for aviation enthusiasts. The flyover with our Air Force Global Strike Command partners was certainly one of the highlights of the entire event. Nearly 600,000 people attended the air show, including our Secretary of the Air Force, Dr. Heather Wilson.

This week, we executed multiple Initial Qualification sorties and our combat qualified aircrews honed their skills by releasing training munitions over several local

ranges. In addition, our Total Force team assessed our safe, secure and reliable deterrence capabilities this week in order to further validate our strategic readiness.

As we head into the weekend, please keep the 400+ members of Team Whiteman currently deployed to 11 countries, as well as their loved ones, in your thoughts. Many are serving in harm's way and we will never forget their service and their sacrifices.

Finally, remember when you take off your uniform to enjoy some well-deserved downtime this weekend, it does not mean you stop being a Wingman. Be bold leaders willing to step in and help another person who may be facing a difficult situation. Your personal action may very well help save the career or the life of one of our own. We are all expected to lead and I want to thank you in advance for your direct involvement in helping a fellow Airman.

Have a great, safe weekend.

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JOHN J. NICHOLS, Colonel, USAF
Commander, 509th Bomb Wing



Courtesy Photo

A B-1 Lancer, B-52 Stratofortress and a B-2 Spirit participate in a flyover at the Experimental Aircraft Association's (EAA) AirVenture Oshkosh 2017 air show. For one week every summer, EAA members and aviation enthusiasts totaling more than 550,000 from more than 80 countries attend EAA AirVenture at Wittman Regional Airport in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

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On the cover

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

U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Charles Rutledge, a 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron aircraft propulsion system journeyman, reviews a technical order at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Aug. 2, 2017. Technical orders must be used during aircraft maintenance to ensure the safety and accuracy of each job completed on the B-2 Spirit.

NEWS BRIEFS

**Disposition of Personal Effects
Master Sgt. Chad A. Imes**

U.S. Air Force 1st Lt. Atlee Stutzman is authorized to make disposition of the personal effects of Master Sgt. Chad A. Imes, deceased, 72d Test and Evaluation Squadron crew chief as stated in AFI 34-511, Disposition of Personal Property and Effects. Any person having claims for or against Imes should contact Stutzman at 660-687-1618.



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To submit a web tip go to the AFOSI web page at <http://www.osi.af.mil>.

How to report an anonymous tip using a smart phone:

1. Open 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.

How to report an anonymous tip via text message:

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 enjoyable. 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.

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

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WEATHER

| Today | Saturday |
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| Sunny | Chance of Showers |
| Hi 77 | Hi 77 |
| Lo 57 | Lo 57 |

| Sunday | Monday |
|------------------|--------------|
| Chance of Storms | Mostly Sunny |
| Hi 78 | Hi 79 |
| Lo 65 | Lo 62 |

Fixing our pest problem



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

A single-door trap is placed behind a dumpster on Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Aug. 2, 2017. The traps are designed to close once an animal enters to eat the bait on the opposite end of the trap. The traps are baited with a bag filled with canned dog or cat food.

By 2nd Lt. Allen Palmer
509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

While working at Whiteman Air Force Base (AFB) Missouri, you are bound to encounter wild animals at some point. Nevertheless, one animal in particular seems to be ever-present. Whether on your morning drive or evening run, base residents and commuters have noticed the raccoon population is on the rise.

The 509th Civil Engineer Squadron's four-man pest management section has already captured approximately 80 raccoons, opossums and skunks in 2017. That is nearly three animals per week being removed from the installation. However, this number is continuing to increase. In order to up their game, pest management recently doubled the number of traps in their inventory and are asking all of Team Whiteman to help make the base less appealing for these furry critters.

The North American or Common Raccoon habitats every state in North America and almost every country in the world. Adult raccoons commonly range between 10 and 30 pounds and feature poor eye-

sight, a keen sense of smell and intelligent persistence. They are dexterous climbers and have nimble five-fingered hands. Being primarily nocturnal, the urban raccoon often uses storm drains as "hidden highways" to make their way through a neighborhood without being seen, emerging to investigate food sources and escaping back into the drains when startled. Living an average of two to three years in the wild, raccoons are mostly solitary and invade crawlspaces, attics and porch voids in order to den, they will eat just about anything including trash, pet food and barbecue scraps under a grill.

For a raccoon, Whiteman AFB is a neon "all you can eat" sign amidst the surrounding grasslands, woods and rivers. The homes, food establishments, dumpsters and trash cans found on base are constantly pumping out attractive food odors. Nevertheless there are steps you can take to help lessen a raccoon's attraction to our community.



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

Jim Ivie, a pest control specialist assigned to the 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, prepares a bait bag for a pest control trap at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Aug. 2, 2017. Bait bags consist of canned dog or cat food to help attract animals for capture.

Trash Cans

- Secure your trash can to a fence or stout post to prevent raccoons from tipping your can.
- Securing your trash can's lid with a strap to guarantee trash won't accidentally fall out.
- Never over-fill your trash. If you need extra space ask a neighbor to use some room in their can.
- Wash your trash can as needed. Grunge build-up creates a powerful and attractive stench.
- Place your trash can next to the curb on the morning of pick-up day, not the night before.
- Do not raccoon-proof your trash can by placing heavy objects on top of the lid. This may damage the can or cause bodily harm if it falls.

Dumpsters

- Dumpsters should be at least 50 feet from a door and have the lids closed at all times.
- Inspect your dumpster for damage or rust-through that would allow a raccoon access to trash.
- Use sturdy trash bags and do not overfill or lay trash on top of or next to a dumpster.

Back Yard

- Keep grills clean of scraps and store grilling utensils in a secure location.
- Clean up after parties, picnics and barbecues. Food, wrappers and other debris will attract raccoons.
- Place any outdoor pet food dishes inside at night.
- If you encounter raccoon droppings or scat in your yard, use a plastic bag turned inside-out with your hand in a disposable glove to remove it.
- Do not sweep or spray away dried scat with a garden hose as roundworm eggs, commonly found in raccoon scat, may become airborne and inhaled causing severe sickness.

Prevention is a strong first step with pests and will go a long way in keeping raccoons from targeting your home. However, if you do encounter a raccoon, such as one trapped in a dumpster, do not approach. Raccoons may carry rabies or canine distemper, as well as hitchhikers like fleas and ticks, and will lash out if threatened. If you encounter a dumpster with significant rust issues or a strapped raccoon inside please call 509th Civil Engineer Squadron Requirements at 660-687-6350.



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

Jim Ivie, a pest control specialist assigned to the 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, prepares a single-door trap for placement at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Aug. 2, 2017. The traps are designed to close once an animal enters to eat the bait on the opposite end of the trap.

Faces of the 131st

Reel Time Theaters

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FRIDAY, AUG. 4 • 7 p.m.

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U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Master Sgt. Mary-Dale Amison

Name: Scott Singleton

Rank: Airman 1st Class

Hometown: Arnold, Missouri

What is your military specialty?

3D052. Cyber Systems Operations

What is your civilian occupation?

I am a service manager at Maverick Transportation. I will also be attending Western Governor's University full-time for Cyber Security and Information Assurance.

Why did you join the Missouri Air National Guard?

I had always been interested in joining the Air Force, but for me the timing never quite worked out right. My wife did not want to move our two kids around, so the Missouri Air National Guard allows me to serve both my State and country while also being close to home.

What do you like best about your job?

Working with a team of individuals who are dedicated to keeping systems running to support the 157th and 131st Bomb Wings.

What do you enjoy most about being in the military?

I would say working with individuals who are making a difference within Missouri and in the global theater on a daily basis.

What are your favorite ways to spend your free time?

Spending time with my family. We spend most weekends hiking, fishing, riding all-terrain vehicles, and camping. My children love playing on their baseball team and practicing in the backyard.

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

In 5 years, I hope to finish my master's degree, and buy a house with acreage south of St. Louis to start a mini-farm. In 10 years, I would like to run my own small business.

What is something that is on your bucket list?

My wife and I plan on visiting all the state parks throughout the United States. We love to take the kids camping to show them different areas of the country.

Do you have any interesting talents or skills?

I would say that I'm good with mechanics on gasoline and diesel engines. I'm currently restoring a 1979 z28 Camaro, so being mechanically sound is helpful.

Tell us about a favorite military memory.

Being so new to the military I would say seeing my kids during graduation of Basic Military Training. They were dressed in Airman Battle Uniforms and so happy to see me after my being away for a few months.

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High Spirits: Maintainers fuel global reach

By Senior Airman Joshua Kleinholz
99th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

NELLIS AIR FORCE BASE, Nev. -- Its 172-foot wingspan is interrupted only by the placement of four engines, each capable of providing 17,300 pounds of thrust to get a two-man crew from point A to B. On a regular day, Point A is Whiteman Air Force Base (AFB), Missouri; Point B could be on the other side of the globe.

It travels at high subsonic speeds often at elevations approaching 50,000 feet. Aided by a revolutionary blend of low-observable technologies, it can strike even the most heavily protected enemy assets deep inside hostile territory or with a devastating 40,000 pounds of nuclear or conventional payload. Only 20 of them remain in the U.S. Air Force fleet, and back in the early 1990s when it first entered service, U.S. taxpayers placed a massive bet on its potential at nearly \$1.2 billion per unit. It is the B-2 Spirit multi-role stealth bomber, and by itself, it's capable of nothing.

The dedicated men and women assigned to the 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron (AMXS) call themselves the "Keepers of the Spirit." They're responsible for providing worldwide combat capability by planning and conducting all aspects of aircraft maintenance, launch and recovery of B-2 aircraft in support of Department of Defense nuclear and conventional taskings. Without them, the Air Force finds itself with a small collection of \$20 billion paperweights gathering dust in central Missouri. Without them, the enemy is a little less afraid.

Fear can be effectively used as a deterrent; and for the better part of July, these maintenance professionals were here at Nellis AFB sweating it out beneath the punishing southern Nevada sun doing their part to keep potential adversaries on notice.

"Being a contributor to that kind of air superiority; being able to reach out and touch the enemy anytime, anywhere is an awesome feeling," said Airman First Class Justin Manning, 509th AMXS crew chief. "There are only 20 aircraft. We're the only ones, and a lot of unit cohesion comes from that."

The squadron is here to support their flying

unit, the 393rd Bomb Squadron, as they play their unique role in Red Flag 17-3. Being a part of the Air Force's premier multi-domain combat exercise requires service members to operate at an accelerated pace designed to simulate wartime operations. Despite the 24-hour maintenance requirements, and temperatures exceeding 110 degrees Fahrenheit, the "Keepers of the Spirit" never flinch.

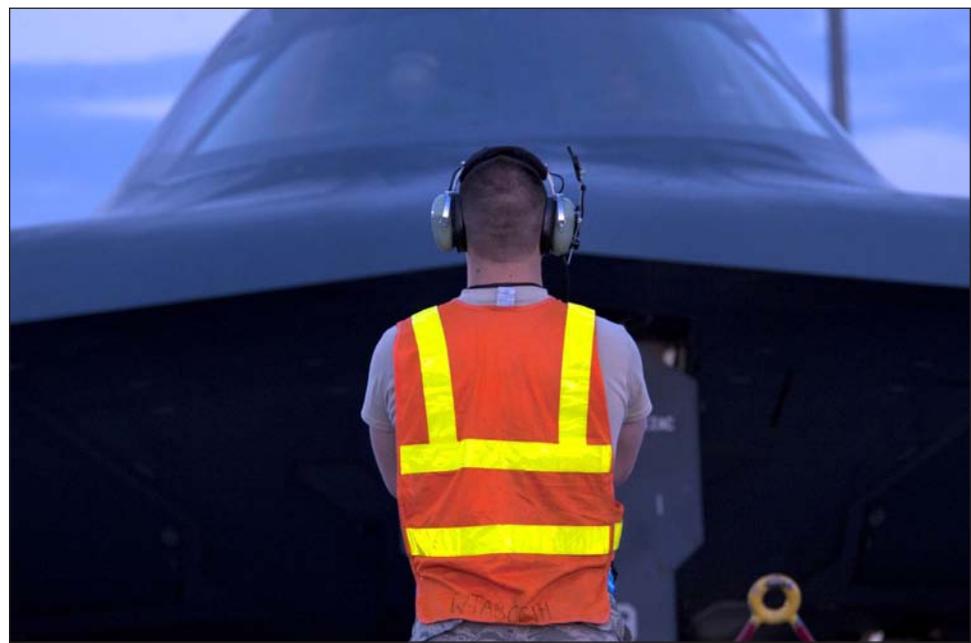
You'll never see the B-2 breaking a sweat, but the effects of such high temperatures aren't limited to just the boots on the ground. In addition to preparing aircraft for a full schedule of Red Flag sorties, these Airmen are also supporting sporadic cross-country flights back to Whiteman AFB where the B-2 can be stored properly. When exercise training scenarios dictate, the aircraft can then be moved back into the fight and prepped rapidly for whatever the mission requires.

"The jet reacts differently in different mission placements," said Staff Sgt. Dez Starks, 509th AMXS crew chief. "We have to constantly be aware of problems that may pop up here more often than we see back home."

When the exercise that eventually became Red Flag was first devised in 1975, its primary objective was to increase the survivability of an aircrew's first ten combat missions through intense simulations in a safe, controlled air space. Perhaps just as importantly though, the event provides joint U.S. and coalition Air Force maintenance professionals an invaluable opportunity to gain experience in deployed conditions.

"Out here with limited resources we're forced to find work-arounds for any problems that we may have," said Starks. "When something goes wrong here, it's up to you and the small group of Airmen you came with. This allows for a certain amount of growth that you won't always see at your home station."

Red Flag 17-3 ended July 28 and B-2 crews honed their efforts to streamline integration with the latest versions of fifth generation combat aircraft during the exercise. During the exercise, the Spirits will come and go, often under the cover of darkness. But no matter where on earth they show up next, one thing is for sure; the maintainers have been there waiting for hours.



U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Kevin Tanenbaum

An aircraft maintainer assigned to the 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, from Whiteman Air Force Base (AFB), MO., perform pre-flight checks on a B-2 Spirit bomber for the 393rd Bomb Squadron prior to a Red Flag 17-3 training sortie July 20, 2017, at Nellis AFB, Nev. Red Flag exercises commonly task aircraft to fly multiple sorties per day, which requires maintenance to be performed throughout the night.



U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Joshua Kleinholz

Aircraft maintainers assigned to the 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, from Whiteman Air Force Base (AFB), MO., communicate during a B-2 Spirit bomber engine start-up prior to a Red Flag 17-3 training sortie July 20, 2017, at Nellis AFB, Nev. Personnel specializing in the B-2 are entrusted with maintaining a small, 20-strong fleet of the world's only stealth bombers.



U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Joshua Kleinholz

Crew chiefs assigned to the 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, from Whiteman Air Force Base (AFB), MO., observes as pilots perform pre-flight checks in the cockpit of a B-2 Spirit bomber July 20, 2017, at Nellis AFB, Nev. The 509th AMXS underwent a simulated forward deployment to Nellis AFB to support the 393rd Bomb Squadron during Red Flag 17-3.

Civil Engineer Squadron welcomes new commander



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

U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Miroslav Karamarinov, right, the 509th Civil Engineer Squadron commander, receives the squadron guidon from Col. Aeneas Gooding, left, the 509th Mission Support Group commander, during the change of command ceremony at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., July 27, 2017. The passing of the guidon symbolizes the transfer of command of the 509th Civil Engineer Squadron.



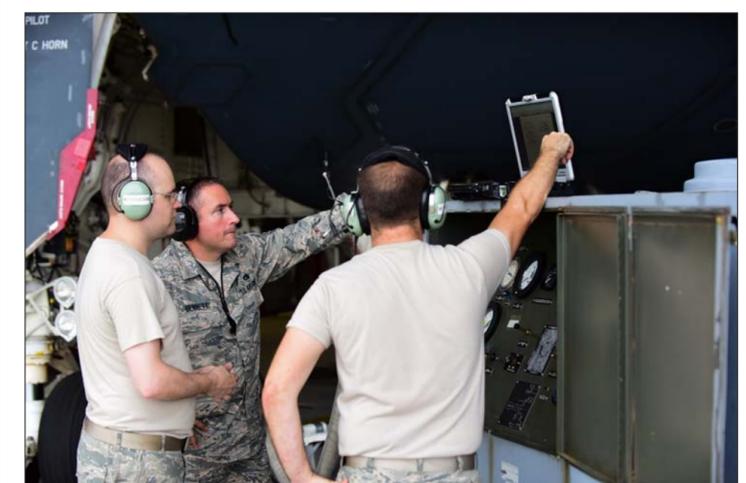
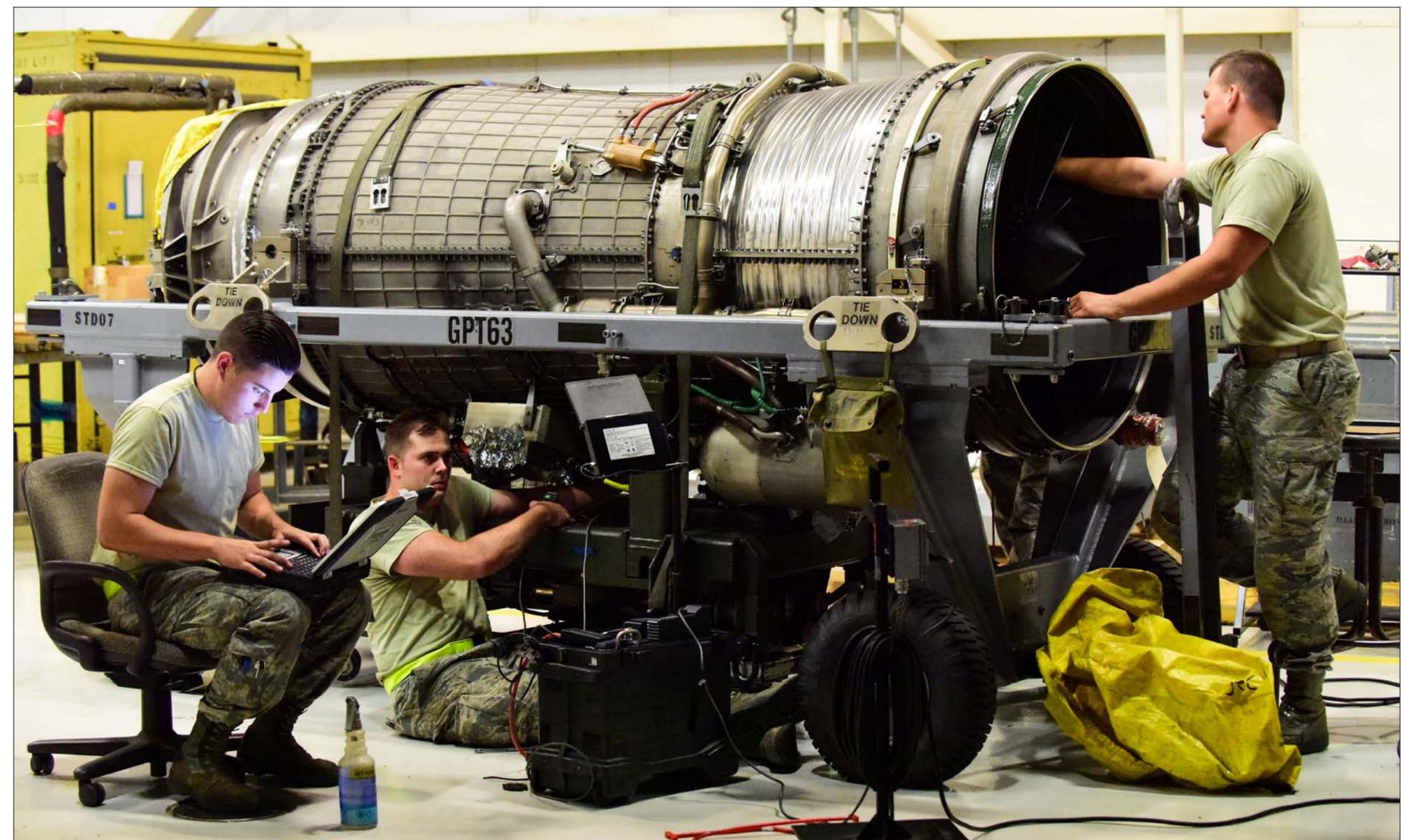
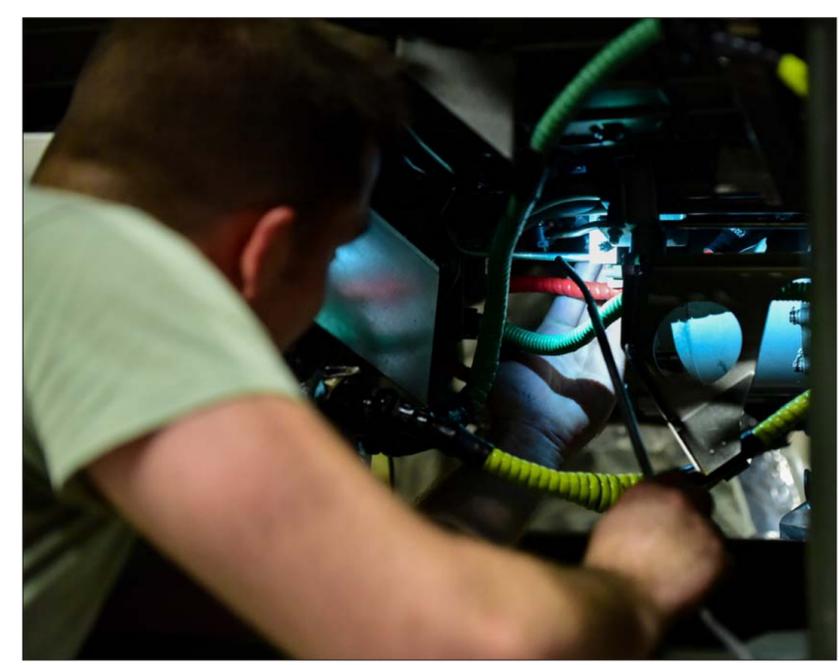
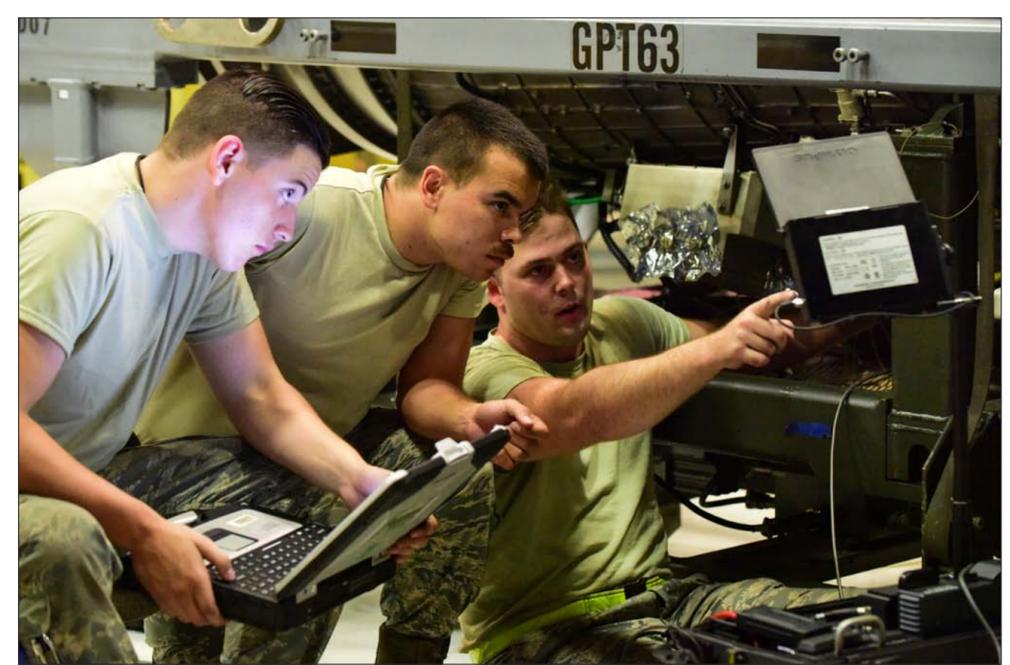
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73 years of strategic deterrence

The 509th Bomb Wing's history dates back to its World War II ancestor, the 509th Composite Group. During the hectic days of that bygone era, the Army Air Forces formed the group with only one mission in mind: to drop the atomic bomb. Led by Col. Paul W. Tibbets Jr., the group trained hard for its unique task. On Aug. 6, 1945, the 509th fulfilled its destiny when the B-29 "Enola Gay" piloted by Colonel Tibbets dropped the first atomic bomb and destroyed Hiroshima, Japan. On Aug. 9, 1945, the group once again visited the Japanese mainland and unleashed the atomic bomb on another city, Nagasaki. Within days, World War II ended. This year marks 73 years of the 509th Bomb Wing providing strategic deterrence for America and its allies.

If it's in the air -- maintenance put it there



Members of the 509th and 131st Aircraft Maintenance Squadrons perform routine inspections on the B-2 Spirit to ensure all the parts are working at optimal condition at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., July 27, 2017. Aircraft electrical and environmental system specialists are responsible for all the wiring and environmental control units on the aircraft, while aircraft propulsion system specialists ensure all 300 items of the engines are working properly. Each engine has a thrust of 17,300 pounds, which allows the aircraft to reach high subsonic speed and travel to anywhere on the globe.

U.S. Air Force photos by Staff Sgt. Danielle Quilla

Seeing clearly in the Stealth Bomber



U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Jovan Banks
U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Seth Calkins, a crew chief assigned to the 393rd Aircraft Maintenance Unit, preps the windshield of a B-2 Spirit with masking tape at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., July 28, 2017. The masking tape is placed onto the windshield to prevent sealant from making contact with the glass.

RECYCLE This Paper

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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.



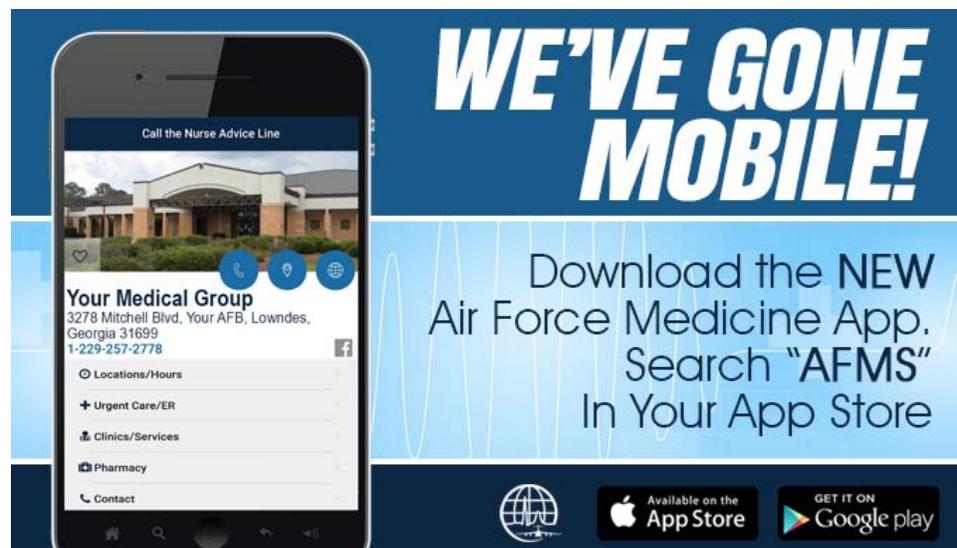
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New medical mobile app is ready for download



By Peter Holstein

Air Force Surgeon General Office of Public Affairs

FALLS CHURCH, Va. -- The Air Force Medical Service (AFMS) has launched a new mobile app to connect Airmen and patients to news and information about the AFMS.

The new app is a mobile version of the AFMS website, and lets users customize their experience based on the Air Force military treatment facility (MTF) they use. This way, patients can get information about clinic hours, find phone numbers and get other valuable information about the MTF where they work or get care.

The app also contains a trove of health education information and resources, as well as a tool for how to engage with your health provider and get the most out of your next appointment. For users looking to communicate securely with their Air Force health provider, the app has a section on connecting to TOL Patient Portal Secure Messaging. It also has a social media hub for users who want to connect to other Air Force patients or give their feedback to an MTF.

To download the AFMS app, search for "AFMS" in your app store, or go to the Mobile Apps section of the AFMS website.