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A message from the 442d FW commander

Team Whiteman,
Tracy and I thank you for the warm welcome and wonderful support as we transitioned to Whiteman Air Force Base (AFB) this October. We are honored to join Team Whiteman and look forward to serving together as part of the mighty KC Hawgs of the 442d Fighter Wing (FW).

Both of us hail from Tampa, Florida, and recently PCS'd from Randolph AFB, Texas. I took command of the 442d FW on Oct. 21 and am honored to follow in the footsteps of Brig. Gen. Brian "Borg" Borgen. Borgen is a great American and is off to bigger and better things, and he will still fly the mighty A-10 with the 442 FW as an attached flyer. Thank you to all who helped support my family and friends over the busy change of command weekend. The billeting and base support was outstanding and the 509th Bomb Wing and 442d FW staff produced a world class ceremony. It was wonderful to see the entire Whiteman leadership team in attendance.

During my immersion over the past two weeks, I saw a strong Total Force team. I look forward to strengthening the relationships and bonds across our active-duty Air Force, Air National Guard, Air Force Reserve, and Army National Guard. It is truly a blessing and honor to serve with the outstanding Airmen and Soldiers of Team Whiteman.

I graduated from the Naval Academy (USNA) which explains the "Don't Give Up The Ship" flag on our base house. I saw the light a little late and crossed over into the blue immediately after graduation in 1989 with a "cross commission." U.S. Navy Adm. Oliver "Hazard" Perry flew the "Don't Give Up The Ship" flag as his battle flag during the War of 1812. U.S. Navy Capt. James Lawrence uttered the legendary phrase after he was mortally wounded and carried below the USS Chesapeake. The Naval Academy displays the original "Don't Give Up The Ship" battle flag in its museum and a copy over the names of USNA graduates who perished in battle in Memorial Hall.

When I look upon the famed battle flag, I am reminded of our dedication to mission and the memory of those who gave the ultimate sacrifice.

The 442d FW welcomed home over 170 Airmen from an Agile Combat Support deployment over the past few months and are preparing for a 330 plus member Operation INHERENT RESOLVE deployment in early 2018. With the help from Team Whiteman, our Airmen performed brilliantly during the last deployment and achieved unparalleled readiness for the future deployment. When our nation exhausts diplomacy and deterrence, the KC Hawgs ATTACK!

Thank you for your service. It is an honor to join Team Whiteman.

Very Respectfully,
Col. Roger "Seaman" Suro



Col. Roger "Seaman" Suro



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Maria Fussell, an education specialist assigned to the 509th Force Support Squadron, shares the personal trials she has had to overcome with members of Team Whiteman during the Storytellers event at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Nov. 15, 2017. Storytellers is a quarterly resiliency initiative where speakers share how they found strength during real-life events and challenges.

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Resiliency showcased during Whiteman Storytellers event



U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Bryan Robinson, a military working dog handler assigned to the 509th Security Forces Squadron, and Maria Fussell, an education specialist assigned to the 509th Force Support Squadron, share personal trials they have had to overcome with members of Team Whiteman during the Storytellers event at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Nov. 15, 2017. Whether it was the long-term suffering from losing loved ones, the trauma from facing a series of sexual assaults, or a decision that was career-changing, both speakers ultimately learned how to find strength through faith, family, and friends during those times of darkness. They encourage others who may be suffering to be strong, talk to someone, and proactively better their environment when possible. If you have a story you would like to share about overcoming adversity, or if you want to speak to someone about an issue you are facing, contact the 509th Bomb Wing Chapel Corps at 660-687-3652.



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Keep safety in mind during seasonal and holiday plans



By Darlene Y. Cowser

Air Force Safety Center Public Affairs

Temperature changes, shorter daylight hours, increased travel and emotional overload are hallmarks of the fall, winter and holiday seasons that safety officials say result in preventable mishaps.

"It's as simple as taking the same safety practices and procedures we use on duty and applying them to our off-duty activities," said Maj. Gen. John T. Rauch, the Air Force Chief of Safety. Every Airman should maintain a safety culture, he said, from following the fundamentals on duty to using sound risk management and making smart decisions off duty.

"I urge every Airman – uniformed and civilian – to take the time to thoroughly think through your holiday plans and use sound risk management when traveling and participating in the seasonal and holiday activities," Rauch said.

Occupational safety experts at the Air Force Safety Center track mishaps through the fall-winter-holiday period from the Monday preceding Thanksgiving Day to the day after New Year's Day. Mishaps for those periods over the past five fiscal years resulted in 25 serious off-duty mishaps; 20 deaths, one permanent total disability and four permanent partial disabilities. Motor vehicle mishaps made up the majority with 15, followed by sports, recreation and individual fitness with five.

"While we know that one fatal mishap is too many, it's especially disheartening when we see that most of these mishaps were preventable," said Bill Parsons, the Air Force chief of occupational safety. "If every Airman commits to making risk management part of every activity – on duty and off duty – I'm convinced there will be more Airmen who return to duty after the

holidays with great memories and stories to share."

While most serious off-duty mishaps involve motor vehicle operation, safety experts agree that potential dangers in the home and in recreational activities must also be managed effectively to save lives and reduce serious injuries.

All Airmen and their families can use the following safety checklists to keep seasonal and holiday travels, celebrations and activities safe.

For your home:

- Supply of flashlights, batteries and blankets
- Salt or sand for treacherous sidewalks and driveways
- Safe, radiant space heater (no open coils)
- Supply of medications and food
- Smoke and carbon monoxide detectors

For your car:

- Check fluid levels, service belts and hoses
- Ensure heater and defroster are working
- Check tire pressure and tread
- Check brakes within the last 5,000 miles
- Test turn signals, brake and headlights, and four-way hazard lights
- Change cracked or worn windshield wiper blades
- Stock emergency kit (blankets, flashlights, water, energy bars, warning triangles, first aid kit, etc.)

While driving:

- Driving and texting make a lethal combination; don't let your next text be your last
- Alcohol and driving ... don't do it
- Plan your outing ... know the area and pack accordingly
- Slow down ... enjoy the drive
- Get a good night's sleep and take frequent rest stops

If stranded on the roadway:

- Stay calm; get your vehicle as far off the road as safely possible; turn on emergency flashers
- Call or text roadside assistance or 911; keep windows and doors locked until help arrives
- Make your vehicle visible; open the hood or tie a brightly colored object to the antenna
- Remain in the vehicle unless help is visible within 100 yards; don't risk exposure
- Run engine periodically to keep the vehicle warm; ensure car exhaust pipe is clear of snow that could block the discharge; crack a window to avoid carbon monoxide buildup
- Move fingers, toes and change seated position frequently to avoid frostbite

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Grand re-opening for base Thrift Shop

Members of Team Whiteman gather to support the grand opening of the base thrift shop at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Nov. 13, 2017. The thrift shop has relocated to 837 Vandenburg Ave., next to the auto hobby shop and is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The new facility offers patrons various household goods, to include décor, clothing, electronics, furniture, toys and books, and much more! The consignment store is primarily ran by its own board with representation from the Whiteman Spouses' Club, and all proceeds made from sales are distributed by the Whiteman Spouses Club in the way of scholarships and donations to local organizations.



U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman Jazmin Smith

Home for the Holidays



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Taylor Phifer

Greg Frencken, right, the former Base Community Council (BCC) president, acknowledges four of the five Airmen selected for the Home for the Holidays program during the BCC evening social at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Nov. 8, 2017. Home for the Holidays is a program that helps send Airmen home to their families during the holiday season. Five Airmen from Whiteman were selected this year, some traveling to Florida and others to Puerto Rico.



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Whiteman Day at University of Missouri



Members of Whiteman Air Force Base participated in the 19th annual Whiteman Day at Mizzou on Nov. 9, 2017, at Memorial Stadium at the University of Missouri in Columbia, Mo. There were free t-shirts, bracelets, and food for military members and their families at the pregame tailgate, along with a visit from Truman the Tiger, the official mascot for the University of Missouri. Before the game, a wreath was presented during the National Anthem to show support and appreciation for all those who have and are currently serving in the military. The game ended with a Mizzou win against the University of Tennessee; the final score was 50 to 17.

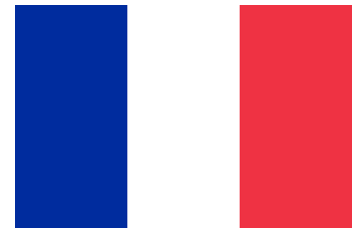
*U.S. Air Force photos by
Airman 1st Class Taylor Phifer*



Strengthening relationships: French Delegation visits WAFB



Members of a French Delegation visited Whiteman Air Force (AFB), Mo., Nov. 14, 2017. The invitation to visit the home of the B-2 stealth bomber came from U.S. Strategic Command (USSTRATCOM) as part of a USSTRATCOM staff visit. Staff visits are vital in the strengthening of relationships with allied partners and allow the discussion of best practices and ways the countries can bolster support for each other. At the conclusion of their visit, the French Delegation went back to USSTRATCOM Headquarters at Offutt AFB, Neb., to discuss their experiences they had with Team Whiteman.



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Senior Airman Jovan Banks*

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AFGSC innovation and technology symposium opens



U.S. Air Force Gen. Robin Rand, commander of Air Force Global Strike Command, welcomes participants to the 2017 Air Force Global Strike Command Technology and Innovation Symposium on Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2017, at the Shreveport Convention Center in Shreveport, La.

By Carla Pampe

Air Force Global Strike Command Public Affairs

The 2017 Air Force Global Strike Command Innovation and Technology Symposium kicked off this week at the Shreveport Convention Center, in Shreveport, Louisiana.

The two-day symposium is part of the culmination of Global Strike Challenge, a competitive event where the top security forces, maintainers, missile, bomber and helicopter crews are recognized as the “best of the best” in their specialties. Competition events took place throughout the summer back at the Airmen’s home bases.

Teams from AFGSC’s nine wings, as well as competitors from the Air Force Reserve, Air National Guard and other mission partners, arrived in the Shreveport-Bossier City area Monday for the symposium and official score posting and awards ceremony which was held Wednesday evening at Barksdale Air Force Base.

U.S. Air Force Gen. Robin Rand, commander of Air Force Global Strike Command, welcomed attendees to the symposium by recognizing the importance of heritage and the need to bring Airmen together to learn from each other and showcase the command’s premier bomber and ICBM forces through rigorous competition and teamwork.

“The idea of competing, of hard work trying to be the best you can be, this is our heritage,” he said. “That heritage can be used to inspire us.”

Just as important as our heritage, Rand said, is what we’re doing today.

“Right now, today, we are on alert. We’re flying patrols ... we’re ready to go ... we’re flying combat right now, today,” he said. “We’re busy. And do you know why? Because there are a lot of wolves out there. And they want to howl at us, they want to eat the sheep, and you know what we need? We need sheep dogs. And right here in this room are a bunch of sheep dogs, and I’m really proud of you Our Airmen are our strength.”

However, the general reminded Airmen that no one is successful alone, especially in a competition like Global Strike Challenge.

“None of you got here by yourself,” he added. “You were selected to be here because you’re pretty sharp Airmen, but you didn’t compete by yourself. You competed as a team, and that’s important.”

Brig. Gen. Kristin Goodwin, the commandant of the cadets at the U.S. Air Force Academy, was the opening guest speaker for the day, and highlighted the importance of breaking barriers, which she said the Air Force has been doing since 1947.

“This community will continue to play a vital role in the future of modern warfare, and now more than ever, it’s indispensable, and you truly are our nation’s shield,” she said.

Maj. Gen. Garrett Harencak, commander, Air Force Recruiting Service, gave the group a perspective on bomber heritage.

“Our heritage is not just the aircraft we flew, it’s the stories of our incredible brothers and sisters,” he said. “These stories are more important than whatever weapon system I could have highlighted here.”

“The greatest weapon system we have does not have a tail number. The greatest weapon system we have does not have a serial number stamped on it. The greatest weapon system we have has a social security number,” Harencak added. “It’s all about you – the American Airman. The American Airman will never let us down.”

Heritage, and the legacy of the men and women who create it, will never die, Harencak told the group, nor will their memory.

“As long as it may be required for young men and women to don the uniform of our nation ... to fly and fight and defend America ... to leave their villages and cities to confront tyranny ... you will live ... in the hearts and minds of the Airmen who follow you.”

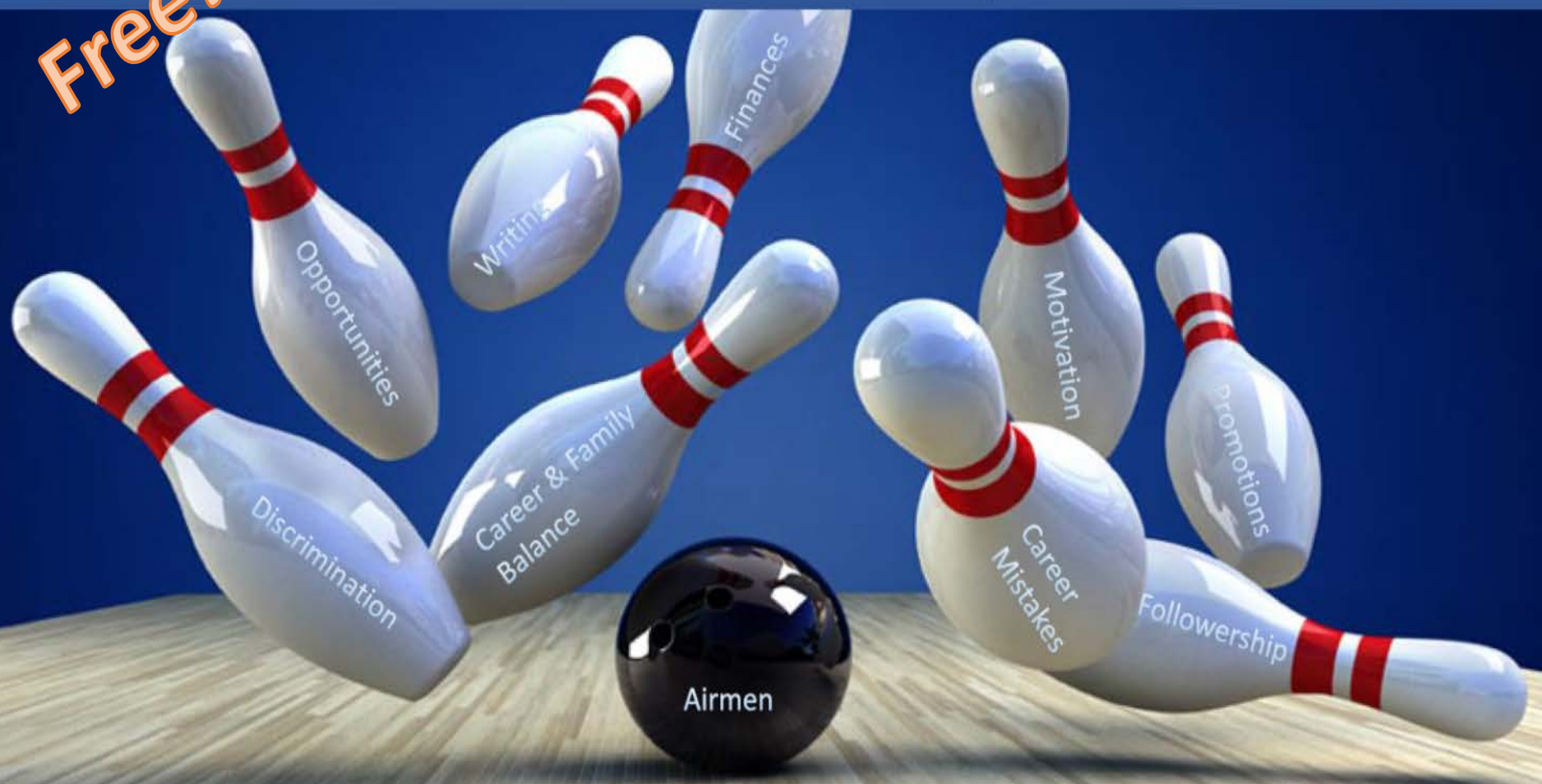
Day one of the symposium wrapped up with Lt. Gen. Richard Clark, commander, 3rd Air Force at Ramstein Air Force Base, Germany, who spoke on the importance of the strategic bomber mission.

“We have three truths: bombers are strategic in nature, numbers matter, and Airmen make it happen,” he said. “As bomber Airmen, we have to hold on to these truths.”

Clark told the group, “Every one of you matters. Thank you for being great wingmen and for being great Airmen!”

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Wilson, Goldfein emphasize need for FY18 budget in State of the Air Force address

By Staff Sgt. Alyssa C. Gibson
Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

The Air Force must have a higher and more stable budget to provide security for the nation, said Secretary of the Air Force Heather Wilson and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. David L. Goldfein during the State of the Air Force address Nov. 9, 2017, at the Pentagon.

"The fiscal 2018 continuing resolution is actually delaying our efforts to increase the readiness of the force, and risk accumulates over time," Wilson said. "We are stretching the force to the limit, and we need to start turning the corner on readiness."

If the Air Force goes through sequestration again, people will walk. Congress needs to lift sequestration as it is currently structured, she added.

Wilson and Goldfein addressed several of the issues the Air Force faces, including the service's response to the church shooting Nov. 5, 2017, in Sutherland Springs, Texas.

"The events of Sunday, and since, were heartbreaking not only for the Air Force, but all of America," Wilson said. "The Air Force has launched a full-scale review of this case and all others like it. . . Our approach here is to act in accordance [with] our values, which includes integrity and excellence, and that's the way we're proceeding."

Goldfein echoed the secretary's sentiments.

"We offer our sincere and heartfelt condolences to the families of the victims of this awful, awful attack in Sutherland Springs," Goldfein said. "This is a community with extensive ties to the Air Force, and we're ensuring all of our resources are made available to the families of all the victims."

Wilson also stressed the importance of restoring readiness, cost-effectively modernizing the force, driving innovation, developing exceptional leaders and strengthening America's alliances.

The Air Force has moved forward in

providing equipment and support for its allies, to include the delivery of the first F-35s to Norway and Israel before the end of the calendar year, Lebanon's stateside A-29 attack aircraft training and Bahrain's acceptance of \$2.7 billion in equipment.

"Those partnerships we are creating with our allies, [as well as our] training, equipment and information exchange . . . make the United States stronger because we're stronger when we're together," Wilson said.

Every dollar the Air Force spends is focused on readiness and making the service more lethal, Goldfein said. As the service with the most diverse portfolio, the Air Force is involved in every joint force mission.

Today, there are 34,000 Airmen working together with Naval nuclear forces to stand watch. In space, 12,000 Airmen launch, operate and control six constellations for the joint force around the globe. In the cyber domain, Airmen join their Soldier, Sailor and Marine counterparts to defend the nation and refine tactics, techniques and procedures to produce strategic effects in this new domain.

Each of these missions is a growth industry, and every mission is no fail. Though Airmen make carrying out these missions look easy, it's anything but, Goldfein said. The Air Force's high operations tempo is taking its toll.

"Surge has become the new normal," Wilson said. "Less than one percent of Americans serve in uniform and protect the rest of us, and they're carrying a heavy burden. We are burning out our people because we are too small for what the nation is asking of us."

The service is making the mission happen, but on the backs of its Airmen, Goldfein added. "We are looking for ways to reduce the tension on the force."


Wilson and Goldfein recognized the commitment Airmen and families are making in service to the nation and advocated for Congress to provide the resources needed to sustain global operations and win.



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