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Gate closures

On Wednesday, Nov. 22, Lemay Gate (South Gate) will close at 6 p.m. and Arnold Gate (Knob Noster) will close at 10 p.m. Both gates will remain closed until the morning of Monday, Nov. 27; then Arnold Gate will open at 5 a.m. and Lemay will open at 6 a.m. Spirit Gate will remain open 24/7.

USSTRATCOM leaders discuss Global Thunder 2018, 21st century deterrence

By U.S. Strategic Command

Following the conclusion of Exercise Global Thunder 2018, U.S. Navy Rear Adm. Daniel Fillion, director of global operations for U.S. Strategic Command (USSTRATCOM), and U.S. Navy Rear Adm. William Houston, deputy director for strategic targeting and nuclear mission planning, sat down to share their insights on mission rehearsals, the command's global reach and strategic deterrence in the 21st century.

EXERCISE GLOBAL THUNDER 2018

Exercise Global Thunder 2018 ended Nov. 7, 2017, and marked the first USSTRATCOM mission rehearsal for Fillion and Houston, both of whom have been in their current positions for less than a year.

"Everybody came in with the right mindset," said Fillion. "From the minute we [kicked off] the exercise, we started talking about how this is not an exercise, this is a mission rehearsal."

Fillion went on to explain the difference between an exercise and a mission rehearsal.

"With an exercise mindset, there is 'OK, we were supposed to have this working or not working, so let's stop and make it work,'" he said. "That kind of attitude does not train anybody for the strategic deterrence, decisive response and combat-ready force we maintain here 24 hours a day. When it's a mission rehearsal, you don't stop. You figure out how to get past that, you fight through it."

"We had several things, equipment-wise and process-wise, that didn't work as advertised or anticipated, and we didn't stop anything. We fought through it," he added. "We rehearse the mission we're doing right now, 24 hours a day, with 184,000 people worldwide."

Houston said the biggest take away from his first Global Thunder was the amount of forethought and activity involved, as well as the complexity of the situation and how prepared USSTRATCOM is to execute its missions.

"I've operated through Global Thunder exercises during my previous positions with SSBNs (ballistic missile submarines)," he said. "But [it was] amazing to see the whole-of-government effort and be surrounded by so many talented and dedicated people – the personnel manning the ICBM wings, seeing our bomber crews in action, seeing our space and cyber capabilities – and to see how each element plays an immensely important role in strategic deterrence."

"Exercises like this are absolutely necessary because we need to prove at all times that we are 100 percent ready," added Houston.

PEACE IS OUR PROFESSION ...

Shortly after assuming command of USSTRATCOM, U.S. Air Force Gen. John Hyten introduced the command's current motto, "Peace is our Profession ...," which he adopted from the days of Strategic Air Command, to reinforce his three priorities.

"When [Gen.] Curtis LeMay approved the motto, the legend has it that he also said there's a dot-dot-dot at the end," Hyten said at the 2017 USSTRATCOM Deterrence Symposium. "That means if you cross the line, the United States and our allies will be there with a very, very large response."

"When you think about 'Peace is our Profession,' think about the dot-dot-dot at the end," Hyten continued. "Think about the three priorities of this command: 1) Above all else, we'll provide strategic deterrence, 2) If deterrence fails, we'll provide decisive response, and 3) We'll do it with a combat-ready force, because Peace is our Profession ..."

Houston offered his perspective on Hyten's priorities and what it takes to achieve them.

"Those three priorities mean to me that we are the nation's no-fail mission," he said. "We are constantly around the globe providing, against all potential adversaries, our nation's foundational capability that enables all of our other military efforts."

"If it comes to action, we are ready to unleash the most overwhelming response necessary. To do that, you absolutely have to have a combat-ready force, and we are constantly training at the component level and the headquarters level. As you walk into this building, Peace is our Profession, but there are several dots after that."

STRATEGIC DETERRENCE

Fillion called strategic deterrence "a team sport" that requires integration and described it as "the most sobering job I've ever had in my life."

"This is not a game," Fillion said. "We've got to do deterrence better than anyone on the planet 24-7 every day of the week so that we don't get to where we have to use that decisive response."

He also noted his belief that deterrence works, because there has been no nuclear conflict since 1945.

"We know what the world looks like before nuclear war, and we know what the world looks like after nuclear war. Because of that, we haven't had anybody challenge us," Fillion said. "But people are starting to close that gap, and it's up to us to maintain the posture that we do for nuclear deterrence 24-7."

"Quite frankly, if we ever come to a strategic exchange, nobody wins. We are not looking for a fight by any stretch of the imagination, but everybody has to understand that if pressed, we will deliver a fight and it will be very short and we will come out victorious."

MORE THAN NUCLEAR

While Houston's position at USSTRATCOM deals primarily with the nuclear enterprise, he asserted that effective strategic deterrence in the 21st century requires more than nuclear capabilities, citing USSTRATCOM's space, cyber-space and electronic warfare missions as examples.

"There are significant challenges we face in multiple domains: integrating space, cyber and our strategic weapons into the overall strategic deterrence we're trying to achieve," Houston said. "Those are key elements because any one of those areas could lead to a strategic imbalance between potential adversaries. What we are trying to ensure is that we never get to the point where we ever have to use the nuclear component, but we are absolutely ready if we have to."

A GLOBAL COMBATANT COMMAND

While the Unified Command Plan (UCP) identifies USSTRATCOM as a functional combatant command, Houston suggested the level of integration and capabilities of the command are more than that.

"We are fully integrated with the geographic combatant commands," said Houston. "As General Hyten would say, we serve as a foundational force across all geographic combatant commands, but we are a warfighting command. We're really a global combatant command because we enable all of the geographic combatant commanders to focus on their geographic area and ensure strategic stability."

He also noted how the command's success is directly tied to its close working relationships with other government agencies, as well as the international community.

"Strategic deterrence [requires] a whole-of-government approach," he said. "It's not just our government, it's our allies like the United Kingdom. During this exercise, they played a key role along with Canada and Australia."

"There is no finer strategic force on the planet than the one the United States of America brings to bear, and we bring it to bear with our allies and partners," added Fillion. "We couldn't get it done without them."

Both leaders also praised the soldiers, sailors, Airmen, Marines and civilians who support USSTRATCOM at the command's headquarters and across the globe.

"We're talking about a command that's over 180,000 people throughout the Department of Defense (DOD) who are really the foundational part of national security," said Houston. "It's a tremendous team, superbly talented and absolutely 100 percent prepared to execute."

"I take a lot of pride in the men and women I get to work with here because they are really good at what they do," added Fillion. "We don't have to be reminded, but we stress it every day: this is not a staff job, this is a combatant command with a combatant mission that we may have to do at the drop of a hat."

"What's really impressive about United States Strategic Command is that [those of us] in uniform represent 40 percent of the population of this command. The other 60 percent are a lot of veterans, but a lot of men and women are not. They have just served this country their entire adult life, but they are just as much

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On the cover

U.S. Air Force photo by
Airman 1st Class Taylor Phifer
Pilots assigned to the 393d Bomb Squadron fly T-38 Talons in formation over Missouri, Oct. 26, 2017. The T-38 Talon is a twin-engine, high-altitude supersonic pilot trainer aircraft. The two-seat jet has a top speed of 812 miles per hour. As the world's first supersonic trainer, the T-38 first flew in 1959 and continues to be utilized to this day.

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AFGSC announces Global Strike Challenge scores



Members of Team Whiteman are awarded with various trophies during the 2017 Global Strike Challenge at Barksdale Air Force Base (AFB), La., Nov. 15, 2017. During the scoreposting event, Whiteman AFB, Mo., took home the following awards:

Tibbets Trophy (Best B-2 Squadron)
394th Combat Training Squadron

Best Bomber Conventional Aircraft Crew Chief Team
509th Bomb Wing

Best Bomber Nuclear Aircraft Crew Chief Team
509th Bomb Wing

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509th CS Airman earns Top III MVP Award



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U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Anthony Davenport, a client systems technician assigned to the 509th Communications Squadron, is presented with the Top III MVP award at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Nov. 17, 2017. Davenport was recognized for his outstanding contributions to the Air Force mission, his steadfast dedication to his Wingmen, and helping one of his fellow Airmen through a difficult time.



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Top III hosts mentorship bowling event



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Over 18 mentors and 60 Airmen attended a mentoring event hosted by Whiteman’s Top III Council at the Stars and Strikes bowling center at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Nov. 17, 2017. The event helped introduce Airmen to senior NCOs in a more relaxed environment and developed mentorship and networking opportunities. It also gave Team Whiteman members a chance to meet other individuals who they might not encounter during their day-to-day mission. While bowling, they had a chance to interact in small groups with their "lane" mentor and their fellow bowlers to talk about any concerns, issues, feedback or guidance they might be looking for.

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Tigers triumph with T-38 Talons

By Airman 1st Class Taylor Phifer
509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

Imagine taxiing down the runway with an open canopy, feeling the cool breeze through your body. After closing the canopy and being in position, the aircraft is cleared for takeoff. Adrenaline rushes through your body, making your heart race as anticipation increases. In a matter of seconds, you go from being on the ground to looking out the glass cockpit and being engulfed by nothing but white clouds and the bright blue sky. You are now 30,000 feet in the air, traveling at up to 812 miles per hour, with the feeling of 3,000 pounds from the thrust of the afterburners and the force of gravity pulling down while ascending through the sky.

This is what pilots flying the T-38 Talon experience.
As the world's first supersonic, twin-engine, high-altitude trainer, the jet

first flew in 1959 and continues to be utilized to this day.

"Pilots love to fly the T-38," said U.S. Air Force Capt. Andrew, a pilot assigned to the 393d Bomb Squadron. "It's fast, maneuverable and a great-looking jet."

The Air Force received more than 1,100 of the T-38 Talons by the time production of the aircraft ended in 1972. Over time, specific airframes, engine and other components have been modified, replaced and upgraded to keep this aircraft operational.

"It has no autopilot or modern avionics, so when you strap into the jet you feel like you're being transported back to the 1960s," said Andrew. "Whiteman's maintainers do an amazing job keeping these jets airworthy."

Air Education and Training Command is the primary user of the T-38 Talon, as it prepares pilots for front-line fighter and bomber aircraft like the F-16 Fighting Falcon, A-10 Thunderbolt, F-22 Raptor, as well as the B-2 Spirit.

"The T-38 aerobatic jet trainer is used by the bomb squadrons to maintain pilot proficiency," said Andrew. "Without the T-38, pilots would have to spend more time practicing basic skills in the B-2, which is a much more expensive and maintenance-intensive aircraft."

The T-38s at Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri, have the important mission of keeping pilots prepared and skillful in the sky to ensure aerial domination.

"The T-38s play a critical role in maintaining the lethality of bomb squadron pilots here," said Andrew. "They help the 393d Bomb Squadron Tigers maintain a basic level of Airmanship so that when we are fighting in the B-2, we are able to focus on higher level tasks and tactics."

For the past 60 years, fighter and bomber pilots have trained in T-38s. This aircraft has served our nation in the past and will continue to serve it in the future.



U.S. Air Force photos by
Airman 1st Class Taylor Phifer/ Staff Sgt. Scott Fremming

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warfighters as you and I are. We cannot get it done without our civilian warriors.”

Fillion arrived at USSTRATCOM headquarters in January 2017 after serving as commander of Expeditionary Strike Group 3.

Houston became USSTRATCOM’s first deputy director for strategic targeting and nuclear mission planning in October 2017 after the inactivation of the Joint Functional Component Command for Global Strike (JFCC GS). He previously served as the JFCC GS deputy commander.

One of nine DOD unified combatant commands, USSTRATCOM has global responsibilities assigned through the Unified Command Plan that include strategic deterrence, space operations, cyberspace operations, joint electronic warfare, global strike, missile defense and intelligence.

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U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Tiffani-Amber Petit, left, a physical therapy technician assigned to the 509th Medical Operations Squadron, discusses post-shoulder surgery treatment with Senior Airman Moses Deb-raska, a security response member assigned to the 509th Security Forces Squadron, at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Nov. 15, 2017.



Left: Various specialized equipment designed to aid in recovery is available for use at the physical therapy clinic at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Nov. 15, 2017. Prior to beginning treatment, patients meet with the physical therapist to diagnose what issue(s) they are experiencing or discuss methods of prevention. Injury prevention is a proactive treatment method in healthcare and a key to healthy, mission-capable Airmen.



Below: U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Jay Bennett, a geospace analyst assigned to the 509th Operations Support Squadron, performs a warm-up prior to beginning exercises necessary for building core strength, at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Nov. 15, 2017. Bennett underwent a diaphragm surgery which resulted in one side of his abdomen compensating for the other. Through the physical therapy he has received on base, Bennett said he has noticed improvement in his recovery.

The physical therapy clinic: Helping you find the path to healing



From left to right, U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Tiffani-Amber Petit, a physical therapy technician, Chris Buhr, a physical therapy assistant, and Capt. Bridgette Griffiths, the physical therapy element chief, all assigned to the 509th Medical Operations Squadron, pose with various physical therapy equipment at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Nov. 20, 2017.

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



U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Brandon Berry, an electrical power production specialist assigned to the 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, is trained by Senior Airman Tiffani-Amber Petit, a physical therapy technician assigned to the 509th Medical Operations Squadron, on how to use crutches when traveling down a stair case to avoid further injury at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Nov. 15, 2017.



By Capt. Bridgette Griffiths
509th Medical Operations Squadron physical therapist

If you did not get a chance to attend the physical therapy open house, here are a few things you missed. The clinic is currently staffed with one physical therapist, one physical therapy assistant and one physical therapy technician, with another en route! You can always call the clinic or stop by if you have any questions. The clinic is currently open to active-duty personnel.

Some services the PT Clinic offers that you may not know are available:

Individual Injury Prevention! The PT staff wants to keep you healthy and find an issue BEFORE you get hurt. If you have any questions about an activity or workout plan you can schedule an appointment. A physical therapist can evaluate for issues that may put you at risk for injury. This includes noting asymmetrical weakness, limited joint range of motion, poor functional movement, and detrimental exercise habits. By addressing the issue early, it may prevent an injury later. Injury prevention is a proactive treatment method in healthcare and a key to healthy, mission-capable Airmen.

Unit Injury Prevention! If you are a commander,

superintendent, first sergeant, or physical training leader interested in keeping your unit healthy, call the clinic. The physical therapist will discuss options best suited for your unit. This could include ensuring you have an optimal unit fitness plan, discuss injury prevention with your unit, or screen your unit for injuries.

Direct Access! In case you didn't know, if you have an acute injury (less than 14 days old), you can skip the appointment with your PCM and schedule with physical therapy to begin rehab right away!

For any further questions, please feel free to contact the physical therapy clinic at 660-687-7027.

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Time: 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. & 1 to 3 p.m.

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TRICARE is changing. Here is what you need to know:

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Currently, there are 3 TRICARE regions in the U.S.: North, South and West. The North and South regions will combine on Jan. 1, 2018 to form TRICARE East, while TRICARE West will remain mostly unchanged. This change will allow better coordination between the military hospitals and clinics and the civilian health care providers in each region.

TRICARE Prime

TRICARE Prime is a managed care program option. An assigned PCM provides most of your care. When you need specialty care, your PCM will refer you to a specialist. Active duty service members and their family members do NOT pay anything when referred to a network provider by their PCM. All others pay annual enrollment fees and network copayments.

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On Jan. 1, 2018, TRICARE Select will replace TRICARE Standard and TRICARE Extra both stateside and overseas. Stateside, TRICARE Select will be a self-managed, preferred provider network option. You will not be required to have a primary care manager (PCM) and therefore you can visit any TRICARE-authorized provider for services covered by TRICARE without a referral. TRICARE Select adopts a number of improvements, including additional preventive care services previously only offered to TRICARE Prime beneficiaries.

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as they are eligible. TRICARE Prime enrollees will remain in TRICARE Prime. TRICARE Standard and TRICARE Extra beneficiaries will be enrolled in TRICARE Select. During 2018, you can continue to choose to enroll in or change coverage plans.

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In the coming months, more information will be available at www.tricare.mil/changes. To stay informed, sign up for email alerts. You can also get alerts by signing up for eCorrespondence in milConnect. By staying informed, you'll be ready for a smooth transition with TRICARE.

Think before you buy a drone this Black Friday

509th Bomb Wing Staff Report

With today being Black Friday, many Team Whiteman members will begin focusing on what to get loved ones for the Holidays. Some may even be considering buying an unmanned aerial system or drone as a present.

If you are considering buying a drone, be sure to follow these simple rules while operating the drone in order to avoid breaking federal law and incurring a potential \$25,000 fine.

1. Know where you can and can't fly, especially here on Whiteman. The bottom line is Whiteman's air space is deemed a "no drone zone" by the FAA. The FAA divides the national airspace above us into categories: A, B, C, D, E and G. The airspace over Whiteman AFB is Class D Restricted airspace and drone use is strictly prohibited.

- Class A is 18,000 feet and above sea level and you must be communicating with the FAA to operate up there. So just remember, Class A is "above" where small unmanned aircraft should fly.

- Class B/C/D is the airspace around airports and requires two-way communications with the airport's tower, so small unmanned aircraft need to steer clear of these areas. Just remember not to fly within 5 nautical miles of an open airport/airfield/heliport, military or civilian.

- Class G airspace exists around uncontrolled airports (no two-way communications), but small unmanned aircraft must still remain clear by the 5 nautical miles.

2. The Federal Aviation Agency (FAA) now requires registration of all recreational drones weighing between 0.55 and 55 lbs. Go to <http://registermyuas.faa.gov> to register. Flying an unregistered drone could land you with up to a \$25,000 fine!

3. Respect the propellers. The two-inch propellers of a micro-quad model can sting or cut you if they nick your finger. The nine-inch propellers on larger models can send you to the emergency room.

4. Know your controls before you take off. Some smart-device-enabled drones even have simulators you can use.

5. Don't fly over people, cars, emergency responders or any other situation where the equivalent of a rapidly descending drone could cause injury to yourself or others.

6. Most drones don't do well in high winds and open areas around Whiteman are notorious for windy weather. If your drone isn't behaving well, land it.

If you decided to purchase before reading this and now you are confused about where you can fly, a good source of information is your local Radio-controlled, or R/C, club. They know the best and safest locations to fly.

If you prefer to go it alone, here are some words of caution before you take off: If you become the latest close call and you're not following the rules, you not only stand to lose your potentially \$1,000 aircraft, but may be subject to Federal charges and an FAA fine of up to \$25,000.



Team Whiteman hosts 2017 Special Olympics tournament



Diane Brimer, the regional program director for the Missouri Special Olympics, speaks prior to the Special Olympics Bowling Tournament at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Nov. 18, 2017. This year's Annual Special Olympics Bowling Tournament hosted 11 groups from around Missouri. Special Olympics athletes are men, women, boys and girls who train and compete, learning to win and lose, they strive to do their best in their sport.



Athletes participate in the Missouri Special Olympics Bowling Tournament at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Nov. 18, 2017. This year's Annual Special Olympics Bowling Tournament hosted 11 groups from around Missouri. Athletes typically train for at least eight weeks for the sports they choose to participate in. They can participate on a local level, followed by area, district and sometimes regional competition.

Lanes are prepared and bowling balls are placed on the machines before the Special Olympics Bowling Tournament at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Nov. 18, 2017. The Annual Special Olympics Bowling Tournament hosted 11 groups. Special Olympics Missouri offers year-round sports training and athletic competitions. More than 16,500 athletes participate in this program.



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