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SENDING PILOTS OFF SAFELY

Celebrate the holidays

By Chaplain John W. Shipman
509th Bomb Wing Chapel

“I expect to pass through life but once. If therefore, there be any kindness I can show, or any good thing I can do to any fellow being, let me do it now, and not defer or neglect it, as I shall not pass this way again,” said William Penn.

William Penn’s words echo through my life and raise up thoughts concerning December. A friend of mine walked into the Base Exchange several years ago at a base, and while she paid for her wares she said, “Merry Christmas.” The person behind her in line said, “You can’t say that in this establishment, you can only say ‘Happy Holidays!’” My friend turned to the person and stated, “I can say Merry Christmas any time I want!” The second person’s retort was, “Do you know who I am?” Then he stated his important position at the wing. My friend said, “Do you know who I am?” Then she stated that she was the wife of a very important person on base. At the end of their interchange, everyone in the BX knew who the important people were by name, and that they were neither happy nor merry.

The men and women serving in the 509th Bomb Wing, I am proud of your accomplishments. I am proud to serve alongside you

in defense of our nation. Through November and December, I hope people will know your names, because of your servant leadership, not by the words you say in a line. I hope you will reach out beyond yourself, to inspire someone who has less then you, to brighten a life and to encourage joy in our world, no matter your faith or un-faith.

Christmas (Dec. 25), Chanukah (Dec. 12 to 20), Kwanzaa (Dec. 26), Yule (Winter Solstice Dec. 21) are all holidays in the month of December and each one is significant to someone serving at Whiteman. I encourage you to explore what others believe and discuss with them the importance of their observances. This will encourage community and understanding which are essential for a strong team.

As I write these words I know that a deployment lies ahead for my family, and that I will be separated from those I love for a long time. You and your family may be facing the same issues, or a permanent change of station, or retirement in 2018. Make the time you have together special. Remember, during the month of December and throughout the year ... expect to pass through life but once. If therefore, there be any kindness you can show, or any good thing you can do to any fellow being, do it now, and not defer or neglect it, as you shall not pass this way again. Be great and help others be greater.

Congratulations to Whiteman's newest ALS grads!



Courtesy photo

Members of Whiteman Leadership School (ALS) 18-A gather for a class photo at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Nov. 30, 2017. ALS is a five-and-a-half week-long course that prepares Airmen to become noncommissioned officers.

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358th FS
Senior Airman Franklin Aveni
509th OSS
Senior Airman Carly Bania
393d BS
Senior Airman Kenyadrick Black
509th CES
Senior Airman Amanda Blossom
20th ATKS
Senior Airman Kyle Bomar
509th AMXS
Senior Airman Adam Breeds
20th ATKS
Senior Airman Jayson Chapman
509th SFS
Senior Airman Glenn Cooley III
509th CES
Senior Airman Robert Cooper II
358th FS
Senior Airman Maurice Cooper
509th CPTS
Senior Airman Austin Goehring
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Senior Airman Jermikal Hamilton
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Senior Airman Jade Hernandez
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Senior Airman Simon John
509th MUNS
Senior Airman Kurt Kalis
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Senior Airman James Keyes
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U.S. Air Force photo by
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U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Diana Quijada, left, and Airman 1st Class Ashley Walton, both aircrew flight equipment (AFE) technicians assigned to the 509th Operations Support Squadron, pose with the equipment they maintain at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Dec. 12, 2017. Walton and Quijada inspect the equipment on a regular basis to ensure it functions correctly for the pilots.

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WEATHER

Today	Saturday
Mostly Sunny	Sunny
Hi 45	Hi 58
Lo 28	Lo 34
Sunday	Monday
Rain Likely	Mostly Sunny
Hi 48	Hi 51
Lo 38	Lo 33

In-flight kitchen: A peek behind the service line



U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Jazmin Smith
From left to right, Airman 1st Class Mrqkze Macon, Airman 1st Class Shelby Carson, Tech. Sgt. Jessica Ancheta, and Senior Airman Demarcus Johnson, all Airmen assigned to the 509th Force Support Squadron, stand outside of the "Touch & Go" kitchen on the flightline at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Dec. 11, 2017.

By Senior Airman Jazmin Smith
509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

Their day begins long before the rise of the sun – The modest-sized staff, consisting of six active-duty Airmen and three civilian contractors, must prepare for the 200-plus guests who walk through the doors of the "Touch n' Go" flight kitchen, also known as the in-flight kitchen (IFK), at Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri.

Their mission is on the flightline, not in operations or maintenance, but as an essential augment to these assets.

"We provide mission-sustaining and customer-driven food and beverage programs to enhance the quality of life for Air Force communities," said U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Jessica Ancheta, the flight kitchen manager assigned to the 509th Force Support Squadron.

Their role offers flightline personnel a means to reduce the amount of time they spend away from nation's premier stealth bomber mission. In short, they save the base countless hours of in and out-processing from a secure flightline.

"We also support the pilots and Airmen during real-world contingencies and during exercises by offering flight and ground meals," added Ancheta.

Amid the heat from the ovens and steam from dishes running through the wash, the kitchen staff always confirms equipment is working properly and routinely checks all refrigeration units.

"Shift leaders start their day with the production log, ensuring every item for break-



fast and lunch has been pulled to thaw and to ensure that we have enough product to support," said Ancheta.

Some of the additional duties the staff hold are determining the logistics on how much food will be needed each week, while preventing waste as best as possible. Once the orders are sent through, supplies from six different vendors must be picked up by the IFK staff from the Ozark Inn dining facility.

This year marks the first of its kind where the IFK staff changed it up for the holiday season.

On Dec. 14, 2017, flightline personnel entered to find an unusual venue: a Christmas feast. Their Christmas lunch menu featured roast turkey, baked ham, roast rib of beef, and various side options to include a salad bar and dinner rolls. The choice of French apple pie or the pecan pie was available to finish off the meal.

"This is the first time in the flight kitchen's history that we have been able to offer holiday themed meals to our Airmen on the flightline," said Ancheta. "Most of our flight kitchen customers do not get a chance to experience a Thanksgiving or Christmas meal since we have never offered specialty meals at the IFK, so we wanted to brighten the season and this is our way we can say 'thank you' to the hard working Airmen on the flight line."

With the New Year just around the corner, there are other changes patrons can expect to see and taste.

"We have been selected as the test base for new flight and ground meal options, which will offer more variety and also focus on incorporating additional healthy options," added Ancheta. "We are projected to roll those out by the end of January 2018."

A renovation project is also in the works to update the facility and equipment and streamline processes to meet the needs of the mission and focus on customers' desire to have more grab-n-go options.

When lunch is over, the day is not finished. Condiments, beverages, and grab-n-go items are stocked and the production log is completed. Then data is compiled from product orders, daily sales and headcounts, and much more to forecast how much of each item to make or purchase.


When the day finally calms, the Airmen have time for career development training, which will take them to closing time. Aprons and hats are put up in lockers, and a final walkthrough ensures the facility is safe and secure prior to locking the doors and heading home.




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Winter holidays are a time for families and friends to get together. But that also means a greater risk for fire. Following a few simple tips will ensure a happy and fire-safe holiday season.

-  **HOLIDAY DECORATING**
- Be careful with holiday decorations. Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant.
 - Keep lit candles away from decorations and other things that can burn.
 - Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both.
 - Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of light strands to connect.
 - Use clips, not nails, to hang lights so the cords do not get damaged.
 - Keep decorations away from windows and doors.



-  **HOLIDAY ENTERTAINING**
- Test your smoke alarms and tell guests about your home fire escape plan.
 - Keep children and pets away from lit candles.
 - Keep matches and lighters up high in a locked cabinet.
 - Stay in the kitchen when cooking on the stovetop.
 - Ask smokers to smoke outside. Remind smokers to keep their smoking materials with them so young children do not touch them.
 - Provide large, deep ashtrays for smokers. Wet cigarette butts with water before discarding.



Before Heading Out or to Bed

Blow out lit candles when you leave the room or go to bed. **Turn off** all light strings and decorations before leaving home or going to bed.

FACTS

-  **Two of every five** home decoration fires are started by candles.
-  **Nearly half** of decoration fires happen because decorations are placed too close to a heat source.



Whiteman welcomes newest chief master sergeant selects



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

Members of Team Whiteman gather together to celebrate the individuals selected to promote to the rank of chief master sergeant at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Dec. 6, 2017. Senior Master Sgt. Kerry Parsons, front left of center, the operations superintendent assigned to the 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, Senior Master Sgt. Tracette Abney, front center, the deployed and distribution superintendent assigned to the 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron, Senior Master Sgt. Edward Crissen, front right of center, the maintenance superintendent assigned to the 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, and Senior Master Sgt. Donnel Graham, not pictured, the plans and programs superintendent assigned to the 509th Communications Squadron, were four of the 472 selected by the Air Force to promote to chief master sergeant.

SFS Airmen receive CGOC award



(Right) U.S. Air Force 2nd Lt. Kyle Brandt, the alpha flight commander assigned to the 509th Security Forces Squadron, right, receives a Whiteman Company Grade Officer Council (CGOC) Bars and Stars award for the month of August from Col. Mark Ely, the 509th Bomb Wing vice commander, at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Dec. 13, 2017. As a certified emergency medical technician, Brandt came across a multiple vehicle accident on Highway DD. He quickly assessed the injuries and stabilized the most gravely hurt victim, preventing further injury until emergency responders arrived.

(Left) U.S. Air Force 2nd Lt. Austin Romano, the 509th Security Forces Squadron commander's support staff section officer in charge, right, receives a Whiteman Company Grade Officer Council (CGOC) Bars and Stars award for the month of September from Col. Mark Ely, the 509th Bomb Wing vice commander, at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Dec. 13, 2017. As a junior officer, Romano was placed in the role of caring for 85 Airmen when one of their wingmen passed away. He led his team through recovery while still accomplishing the mission.

Courtesy photos



Attention to detail: From BMT to AFE

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

She recalls being full of nerves, holding her breath in order to stand still. Although it may sound unimportant, passing this wall locker inspection was the difference between graduating basic military training (BMT) or having to repeat the training. Everything had to be perfect, which meant no dust or lint anywhere, socks and shirts properly folded, towels with flushed edges, and uniforms hung correctly on evenly spaced hangers. She stood completely still as the military training instructors (MTIs) inspected her locker.

"In basic training, whenever we had locker inspections attention to detail was key," said U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Diana Quijada, an aircrew flight equipment (AFE) technician assigned to the 509th Operations Support Squadron (OSS). "When the MTI pulled out a strand of hair that I didn't see in my locker, it taught me a lot which has transferred over to my job now."

In BMT, one of the main lessons taught to the incoming Airmen is paying attention to the small details in everything in order to create discipline and instill a good work ethic. While it may have seemed pointless or confusing to put so much emphasis on rolling socks, Quijada and her fellow Airmen now understand the importance of it all, as their meticulous work is essential to mission success.

"There are a lot of little pieces to the equipment we work on," said Airman 1st Class Ashley Walton, an AFE technician assigned to the 509th OSS. "Some pieces might seem insignificant to those who don't know it, but if there's even the slightest thing wrong with the equipment it could lead to a much bigger issue."

The aircrew flight equipment technicians are placed in one of two shops when stationed at Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri. One on the flightline, which handles survival equipment such as parachutes, life preservers and rafts. The other shop, where both Quijada and Walton work, handles life support equipment such as helmets, oxygen masks, harnesses and G-suits.

"Some might think this job would cause a lot of pressure," said Quijada. "While at times this is true, I think the more you work with the equipment, the more you know what you're looking for and the more confidence you get with your work."

During the four months that Quijada has been stationed at Whiteman she has learned and experienced a lot.

"My favorite part of the job is having some interaction with the pilots," said Quijada. "We are more of the customer service side of the career field which is great. You get to have conversations with the pilots and hear some amazing stories."

Coming into a male-dominant career field, Quijada and Walton are currently the only two active-duty females out of 30 Airmen in the unit to work in the life support section of AFE. They continue to advance in their training every day while staying motivated and positive.

While it is imperative that these Airmen look at every little thing when they work on the gear, since a missing or incorrect part could have an impact on how the equipment works, it is the family feeling that makes it all worth it.

"I've had jobs prior to being in the Air Force and the people I worked with in those jobs were nothing more than my co-workers," said Walton. "This shop is different, it was unexpected but it really does feel like a family here, and it's one of the best experiences I've ever had."



(Above) U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Ashley Walton, an aircrew flight equipment (AFE) technician assigned to the 509th Operations Support Squadron, returns equipment to its assigned locker at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Dec. 12, 2017. Walton and the other AFE technicians must be proficient in their training and inspect the equipment on a regular basis to ensure it functions correctly for the pilots.

(Upper-right) U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Diana Quijada, an aircrew flight equipment (AFE) technician assigned to the 509th Operations Support Squadron, inspects the helmets at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Dec. 12, 2017. The technicians use pliers and screwdrivers to disassemble, inspect and reassemble parts of the helmets to ensure they function correctly.

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



Whiteman AFB Spirit Chapel



Holiday Worship Schedule

Protestant Schedule

24 Dec - Christmas Eve Service 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Catholic Schedule

24 Dec - Fourth Sunday of Advent; Mass at 11 a.m.

24 Dec - Christmas Eve/Children's Mass; 5 p.m.

24 Dec - Men's Choir/Carol in the Chapel; 10:30 p.m.

24 Dec - Christmas Eve Mass; 11 p.m.

25 Dec - Christmas Day Mass; 9 a.m.

Air Force announces change to deployments

Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

The Air Force announced another milestone under the chief of staff's number two focus area: Strengthening Joint Leaders and Teams.

Airmen deploying on individual taskings will now deploy in teams of three or more. This move will provide mutual support during the entire deployment continuum. This directive, effective Nov. 30, 2017, is referred to as "Deployed Teaming."

"Deployed Teaming places a higher value on mutual support and improves our warfighting capability," said Maj. Gen. Brian Killough, director of Air Force Strategic Plans. "It allows us to be more effective, while increasing resiliency."

This concept will be comprised of Airmen from the same duty location, deploying to the same location, during the same cycle. Members will accomplish pre-deployment training, travel to and from the area of responsibility and perform reintegration together.

"Our Air Force is working hard to provide Airmen the support structures they need to be successful and resilient for the duration of their deployments," said Killough.

Team leaders will be appointed to guide and lead their teams during the deployment process. Although Airmen deploying as a part of a team may not be assigned to the same work center, the leads will ensure there is crosstalk and mutual support.

Additional information will be available through Installation Deployment Readiness Cells.

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