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WAFB Air Force ball: Happy 70th



Members of Team Whiteman gather to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the U.S. Air Force at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Sept. 23, 2017. During the annual Air Force Ball, guests had the opportunity to hear from retired U.S. Air Force Col. Carlyle “Smitty” Harris, a pilot who was held as a Vietnam prisoner of war. Harris shared his story and the importance of the communication between himself and his fellow captives utilizing the now historic “Tap” code. Attendees also witnessed the tradition of having both the highest-ranking Airman and the lowest-ranking Airman cut the cake with a saber, in addition to watching the Honor Guard render the colors and perform a POW/MIA table ceremony. A B-2 Spirit served as a backdrop to the event and guests were afforded the opportunity to take their photo in front of the stealth bomber.

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On the cover

U.S. Air Force photo by
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Members of the Missouri Army National Guard and the Tennessee Air National Guard load a UH-60 Black Hawk onto a C-17 Globemaster III assigned to the 164th Airlift Wing in Memphis Tenn., at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Sept. 24, 2017. Elements of the Missouri National Guard were activated to support hurricane relief efforts in the U.S. Virgin Islands.

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WEATHER

Today	Saturday
Sunny	Mostly Sunny
Hi 77	Hi 74
Lo 54	Lo 51

Sunday	Monday
Mostly Sunny	Mostly Sunny
Hi 77	Hi 85
Lo 54	Lo 60

Patrolmen provide lifesaving CPR

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

Their work day started like every other day: the two patrolmen arrived at work around 4:15 a.m., armed up with all their equipment by 4:30 a.m., went through all other requirements and were on patrol by 6 a.m.

While on patrol, U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Brian Bedell and Senior Airman Matthew Hinson, both installation patrolmen assigned to the 509th Security Forces Squadron (SFS), responded to an emergency call for an unresponsive adult male Sept. 11, 2017, at Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri.

The two patrolmen arrived first at the residence and after they announced themselves at the house they were directed to the bedroom where the individual was located.

"I knelt beside him and began talking to him to see if he was responsive," said Bedell. "I checked for a pulse, but couldn't feel one. Then, I checked to see if he was breathing and felt a very light breath from his nose after each gasp. There was no obstruction in his airway when I looked, but he was gasping for air and I knew I needed to begin chest compressions."

It was vital the two Airmen were near the area and quickly at the scene to administer CPR before the medics arrived.

"This all happened in about five to six minutes," said Bedell. "At this point we heard the fire and medical personnel arrive where they entered the room and took control of the scene."

Bedell and Hinson stayed beside the individual and assisted the paramedics by lifting him up and placing him onto a stretcher. The medics thanked the two patrolmen for their dedication and help.

"While they took him out of the house, we continued to gather all pertinent



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

U.S. Air Force Senior Airmen Brian Bedell and Matthew Hinson, both installation patrolmen assigned to the 509th Security Forces Squadron, are coined by Chief Master Sgt. James Lyda, the 509th Bomb Wing interim command chief, at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Sept. 15, 2017. Bedell and Hinson were recognized for their quick response to an emergency call where they administered CPR until medical personnel arrived at the scene.

information from the emergency to report back to the Law Enforcement desk while continuing to control the scene at the residence," said Bedell.

After the male was placed in the ambulance, Bedell and Hinson escorted the ambulance off of the installation in route to the hospital.

"It made us proud to know that in such a high-stress situation we could remain calm, collected and effective in our actions," said Bedell. "We put our emotions aside, stuck to our training and experience in order to take care of the situation at hand."

Bedell and Hinson showed dedication and put their training into action to help keep the individual alive until medical personnel arrived.

"What these two did gave me 100

percent confidence that they can and will do what's necessary whenever it's needed in the future," said Master Sgt. Shane Sudman, a flight chief assigned to the 509th SFS.

The two patrolmen were coined for their actions by Chief Master Sgt. James Lyda, the 509th Bomb Wing (BW) interim command chief. The Airmen were the first to be coined by Lyda in his position as the 509th BW command chief.

"We are extremely grateful to receive the first two coins from Chief Master Sgt. Lyda," said Bedell. "Being part of the SFS, we don't look for a thank you, we're just glad to see the results from our hard work. We want the base to know that when you call us, we'll be fast, reliable and effective every time."

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The Spirit of Whiteman



Courtesy photo

By Senior Airman Kristin Cerri
509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

On a brisk January morning, after the first few cups of coffee and productivity was reaching its peak, a group of Airmen were all called together.

“We can’t tell you specifics, but we are all going to need you to be flexible over the next 24 hours,” said a lead technical sergeant.

Later in the afternoon, four Airmen were instructed to document the taxi and takeoffs of two B-2 Spirits that night. The Airmen were unaware of why they were documenting this specific happening, but were prepared to record this event all the same. Two B-2s left Whiteman Air Force Base (AFB), Missouri that night, and in less than 33 hours, those same B-2s made it back home.

The Airmen documenting those takeoffs didn’t know that those B-2s were headed to fly their first combat mission in six years. They didn’t know the precision striking capabilities of the B-2 and their pilots would eliminate 78 members of Islamic State in Iraq and Syria (ISIS). They didn’t know those B-2s were sending the message, “[We are] able to hold any target on the face of the earth at risk,” spoken by the current 509th Bomb Wing commander, Brig. Gen. John Nichols.

After months of reflection, Whiteman AFB was able to present the accomplishments and lessons learned from Operation Odyssey Lightning at the Air Force Association: Air, Space, and Cyber Conference in National Harbor, Maryland, September 19, 2017. A panel of Airmen, to include Nichols, spoke to the efficiency of not only the B-2, but all the Airmen who played a role in executing the orders.

According to the panel, in order for mission success, every Airman involved in the

planning had to be precise and focused due to the unprecedented aspect of this raid. This was the first dynamic priority mission for this aircraft.

“This mission is the first time the B-2 executed a sortie that was nearly, entirely dynamic in nature,” said B-2 pilot, Maj. Christopher Conant. “What I mean by that is, we had an idea roughly where targets were, but we had no fidelity what the final answer was going to be, and we took off knowing that.”

“We had all worked some long hours,” said Master Sgt. Travis Gatchell, the 13th Aircraft Maintenance Unit aircraft section chief. “They were doing amazing work and not asking questions,” added Gatchell as he reflected on the work ethic and determination of the Airmen on his team.

From those four Airmen who were told that January morning to be ready, to the Security Forces Airmen standing by protecting assets, to the munitions Airmen who built over 400 bombs, to the maintenance Airmen who readied five aircraft for this mission ... all Airmen executed their pieces of this charge to ensure success.

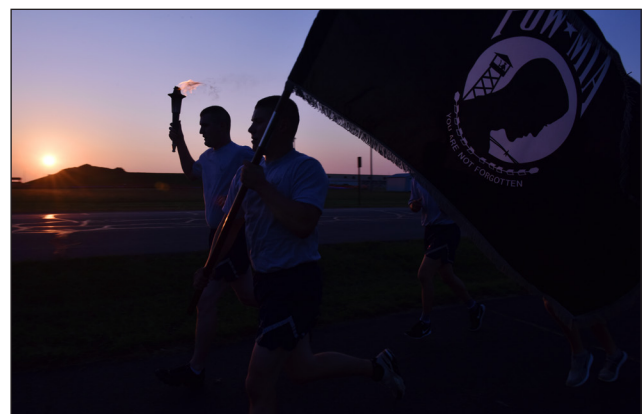
Once the panel had finished closing statements, the Air Force Global Strike Commander, Gen. Robin Rand, praised Team Whiteman.

He said that even though the pilots were quarterbacking the mission, it wouldn’t have been a touchdown without the team backing them up. As Rand spoke, a sense of pride filled the room.

What was realized is that bombers will come and go and the mission may change, but the hearts and spirits of the Airmen are immortalized. While the B-2 is a lethal and revolutionary aircraft, the spirit of Whiteman AFB isn’t the B-2 Stealth Bomber; the spirit of Whiteman AFB is the Airmen.



Running to remember



A remembrance ceremony was held in honor of National POW/MIA Recognition Day at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Sept. 21, 2017. The opening ceremony included remarks from a guest speaker and the 509th Bomb Wing vice commander, Col. Mark Ely, prior to the lighting and passing of the torch. Each squadron, along with several other Whiteman groups, participated the 24-hour-long run.

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

Expressways ribbon cutting



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

U.S. Air Force Brig. Gen. John J. Nichols, commander of the 509th Bomb Wing, and Col. Chrystal D. Henderson, commander of the 509th Medical Group (MDG), cut the opening ribbon for the 509th MDG Expressways and Leche Lounge Sept. 26, 2017, at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo. These rooms will be available to mothers around the base who need to express their milk. There are eight Expressways around base and the first "Leche Lounge" in the Air Force.

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Members of the Missouri Army National Guard help load Humvees, UH-60 Black Hawks and other essential gear onto three C-17 Globemaster IIIs and four C-130 Hercules Sept. 23-24, 2017, at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo. About 30 Soldiers were sent to the U.S. Virgin Islands to support hurricane relief efforts. The relief mission is expected to last 30 days.

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

Robo bot 3: Kids make machines come to life

By Senior Airman Jovan Banks
509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

With the completion of the LEGO® robot, the first competition for the LEGO® FIRST robotics team at Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri is fast approaching.

This portion of the build fuses LEGO® with actual robotics, with teammates executing the robot's movements around the challenge course.

"The team has to use the coding program provided to them," said Rickey Brandenburg, a coach of the LEGO® FIRST robotics team. "They also have to code each movement of the robot. It really cannot do anything without commands from the code and the thoughts of the team."

With the amount of participants on the team, coming to a final solution for the project could be a problem for some teams.

"The thing that has impressed me the most about this team is the ability of each team member to put aside their individual desires and go with the team decisions and their ability to come together as a team so quickly," said Brandenburg.

This display of selfless teamwork is never more evident than when getting the robot to move on the course.

"First they must decide which element on the playing field they want to tackle," said Brandenburg.

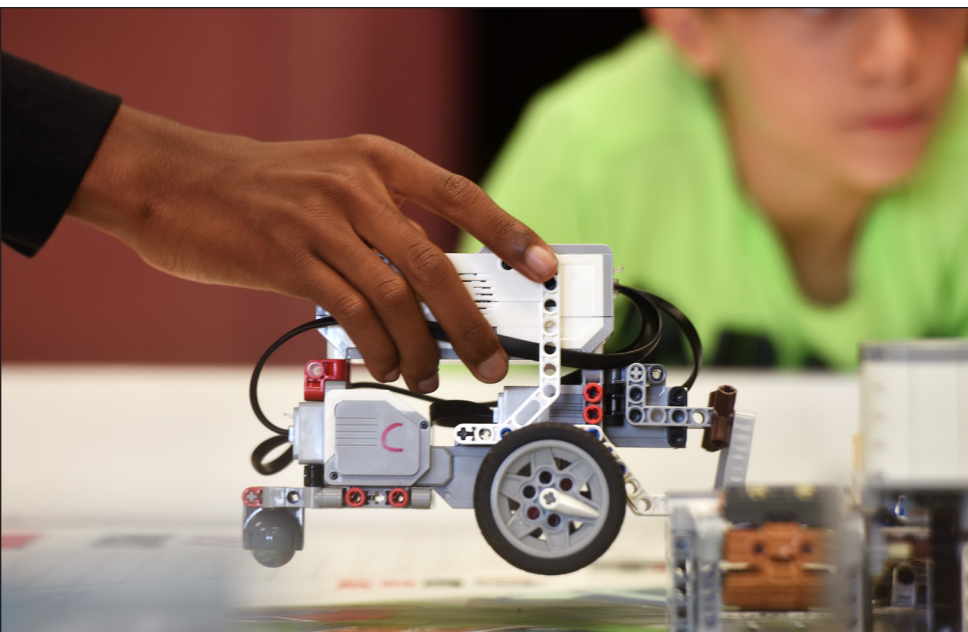
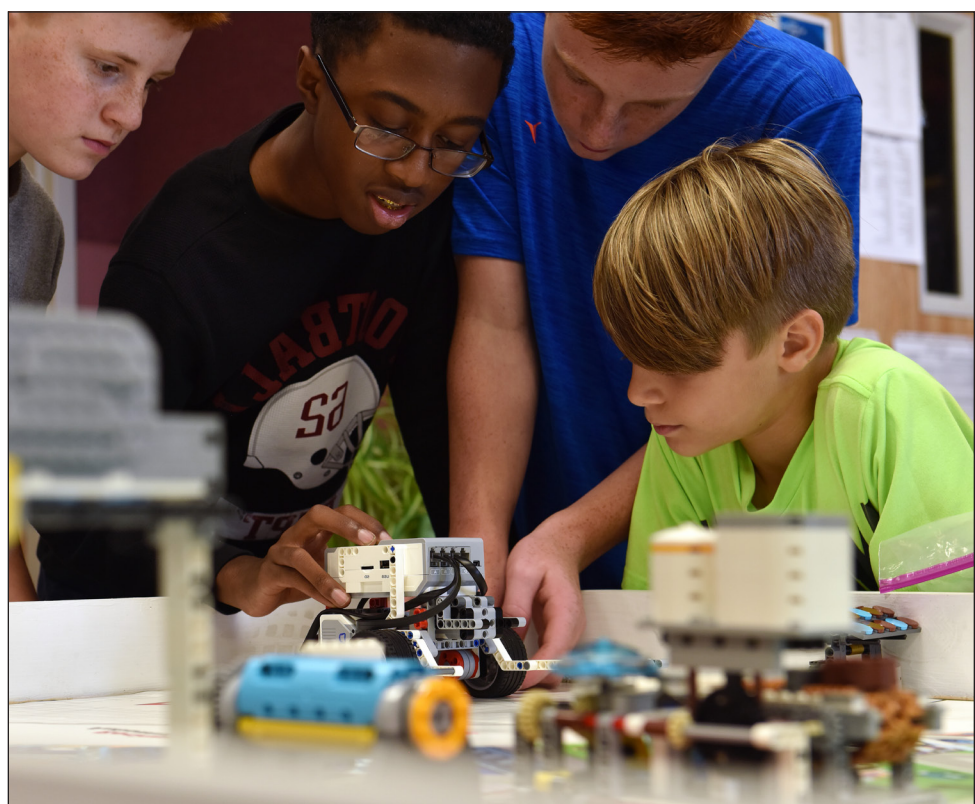
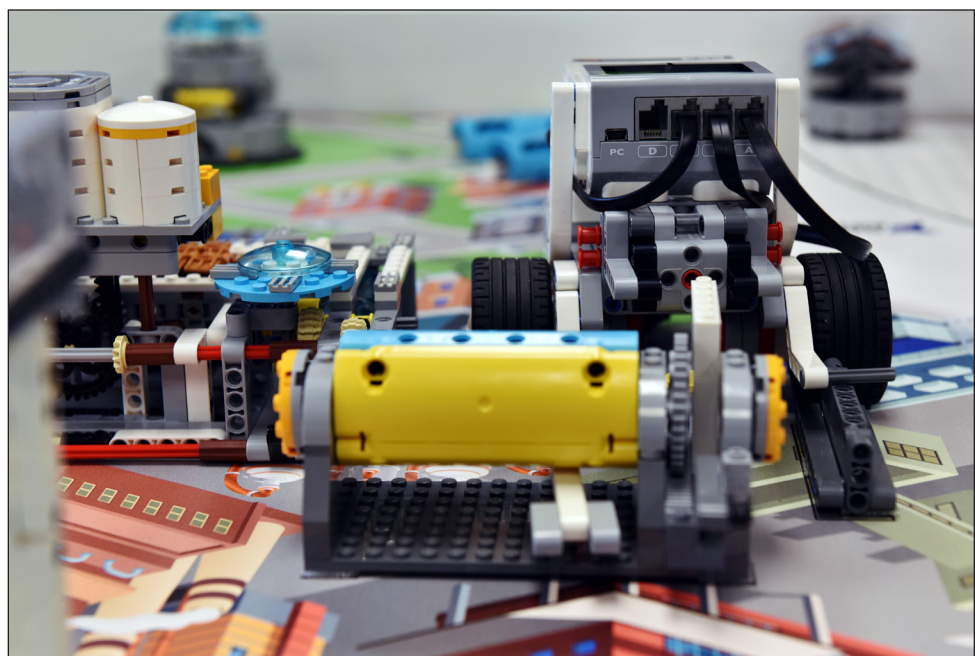
"Then they have to determine the precise movements and how they want the robot to accomplish that challenge by either moving an object, pushing an object or triggering an element to make something else happen."

While only four weeks into their season, this rookie team has a long road ahead of them but they believe they have what it takes to win.

"I believe each team member brings a unique talent to this team," said Brandenburg. "We have thinkers and builders. We have team members who refuse to live inside the box and think way beyond it."

This is what gives us the ability to win, not just at competition but at school, college and life."

Whiteman's LEGO® FIRST robotics team competition is scheduled for Dec. 2, 2017 at Bingham Middle School in Independence Mo. Let's wish them the best.



Members of Whiteman's FIRST® LEGO® robotics team practice clearing course objectives and course movements at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Sept. 21, 2017. This portion of the build fuses LEGO® with actual robotics, with teammates executing the robot's movements around the challenge course. Members of the team must code the robot to move around the LEGO® field as part of the FIRST® LEGO® League challenge.



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394th CTS change of command



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

U.S. Air Force Col. Brian Gallo (left), commander of the 509th Operations Group, passes the 394th Combat Training Squadron's (CTS) guidon to Lt. Col. Geoffrey Steeves (right), the incoming commander of the 394th CTS, Sept. 22, 2017, at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo. The 394th CTS provides mission-ready B-2 Spirit and T-38 Talon pilots to support combatant commanders worldwide.



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