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The 509th Medical Group's New Year Resolutions

By Col. Chrystal Henderson
509th Medical Group commander

Bringing in the New Year is almost always synonymous with making big changes and resolutions. This is also true for the 509th Medical Group. Although 2017 was a challenging year for the 509 MDG, it was also a very successful year and we are gearing up for an even greater 2018.

In 2017, the 509 MDG underwent significant changes, from leadership to programs infrastructure which could have crippled some other organizations, but because of the phenomenal fortitude, resilience, and determination of the 509 MDG striker medics, the organization continued to thrive. Throughout the year, the 509 MDG was transformed to a more modern structure with the completion of a \$28.6 million renovation project. The large renovation required numerous disruptive moves for staff and patients, both in the main building and in temporary facilities. Additionally, during the summer months, the 509 MDG experienced 100% turnover in commanders and superintendents at the Group and Squadron levels however, like water off a duck's back, the personnel within the MDG took the changes in stride and did not miss a beat. Despite all of the changes, the 509 MDG striker medics continued to provide the safest, highest quality of care to our beneficiaries. The Group's stellar performance was recognized with achieving the number one ranking in Air Force Global Strike Command for numerous medical programs including but not limited to Individual Medical Readiness, Medical Evaluation Boards, Access to Care, Deployment Health Reassessment, and Clinical Preventive Services; with winning six Air Force Global Strike Air Force Medical Service Awards; and with Air Force Medical Service recognition for Superior Performance for Access to Care.

The 509 MDG will capitalize on the significant amount of positive momentum generated in 2017 and use it to propel us to more successes in 2018. We recently completed our CY18 Strategic Plan which will be published in January 2018 and used as a road map to get us to where we want to be—the Air Force's Premier Clinic. In preparation for the journey, the 509 MDG resolves to continue to focus on our mission, our Airmen, our families, and on each individual. Additionally, recognizing that every Airman is a problem solver every day, we resolve to utilize innovation and continuous process improvement to optimize our processes while maximizing our resources. Furthermore, we resolve to infuse our culture with a preoccupation with safety, en-



hanced leadership engagement, and to partner with our patients and families delivering patient-centered care. Moreover, we resolve to always speak up when issues occur, to stay committed to a "safety first" mindset, and to remain steadfast in striving for "zero harm." Finally, we resolve to look out for and to encourage one another; to mentor, lead, guide, and professionally develop one another; and to stand in the gap for any of our fellow striker medics who need our assistance. For we know that we may vary in strength as individuals, but when we pull together as one, we are invincible.

The 509 MDG is determined to stay focused and to remain steadfast with our 2018 resolutions. By doing so, we have no doubt that 2018 will be an even more successful year than 2017. Trust me ... It's going to be phenomenal! "No Health ... NO STEALTH!!"

Air Force saves Airmen time, no longer requires first year evaluations

Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (AFNS) -- Air Force officials announced Jan. 4, 2018, Enlisted Performance Reports are no longer required for regular Air Force Airmen in the grade of airman first class and below with less than 36 months' Time-In-Service or Air Reserve Component Airmen below the grade of senior airman.

This policy change supports Air Force senior leaders' focus on revitalizing the squadron and saving Airmen time. It is intended to eliminate an unnecessary administrative requirement and empower front-line supervisors, raters and commanders to frequently engage with their Airmen face-to-face, said Lt. Gen. Gina Grosso, deputy chief of staff for Manpower, Personnel and Services.

"While the Air Force values the

contributions of all enlisted personnel, the requirement to document performance in a formal evaluation prior to the grade of senior airman is not necessary," said Grosso.

Instead, the Air Force has additional means available to document an Airman's performance and to ensure he or she is meeting the training, developmental and experiential skills required to perform as professional Airmen."

Performance feedback and Airmen Comprehensive Assessments will still be required. Initial feedback sessions will occur within 60 days of raters taking over as supervisors and then every 180 days until an EPR occurs.

The removal of EPRs prior to promotion to senior airman will allow Airmen more time to learn their primary skills and missions before their performance is

documented on an EPR, Grosso said.

All active-duty enlisted Airmen will receive their initial evaluation upon reaching their first March 31 Static Close-out Date after either promotion to senior airman, or after completion of a minimum of 36 months' time-in-service, regardless of grade, whichever occurs first. All Air Force Reserve Component enlisted Airmen will receive initial evaluations upon the first March 31 SCOD as a senior airman.

Commanders still retain the option to complete a Directed By Commander evaluation to document substandard performance for those airmen first class and below any time after an Airman reaches 20 months' Time-In-Service. If a Directed By Commander evaluation is written, the Airman will receive a subsequent evaluation the following March 31 SCOD.

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U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Taylor Phifer
A U.S. Air Force B-2 Spirit from Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., performs a flyover during the National Anthem at the 2018 Rose Bowl in Pasadena, Calif., Jan. 1, 2018. The University of Georgia and the University of Oklahoma were matched in the 104th Rose Bowl Game. The football game went into double overtime before the University of Georgia won with a score of 54 to 48.

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Keeping the Peace at Whiteman



U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Andrew Sterrett, an allied trade technician assigned to the 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron, applies the finishing touches to a Cadillac Gage Peacekeeper II at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Dec. 11, 2017. The restored Peacekeeper will be a part of a heritage park here at Whiteman to honor the men and women who served as members of the 351st Strategic Missile Wing.

By Senior Airman Jovan Banks
509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

With the New Year comes new memories and historical moments to be remembered. In the spring of 2018 Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri will be adding a piece of its history at the Oscar One facility.

Before the B-2 Spirit ever touched down to greet the public as America’s newest bomber, Whiteman Air Force Base was home to the missileries of the 351st Strategic Missile Wing.

“The Peacekeeper served as a convoy vehicle,” said David Grisdale, the Director of Historical Properties assigned to the 509th Bomb Wing. “The Peacekeeper was used primarily by the security forces as a response vehicle, to patrol missile facilities, and used in missile convoys in the 80's and early 90's.”

As a memento of Whiteman’s past, members of the 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron have refurbished a Cadillac Gage Peacekeeper II to preserve a historical legacy.

“The Peacekeeper is being refurbished to honor the men women who served in the 351st SMW at Whiteman AFB,” said Grisdale.

The Peacekeeper was accessed into the Air Force Historical Property Inventory in 2004 and will now serve as a symbol of Whiteman’s history.

“I’m a big fan of history in general,” said Staff Sgt. Andrew Sterrett, an allied trade technician assigned to the 509th LRS. “The Air Force doesn’t have a longest history since it is the youngest branch, so I think it is important to show our heritage so people can experience it.”



An adhesive U.S. Air Force decal is placed onto the doors of a Cadillac Gage Peacekeeper II at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Dec. 11, 2017. The peacekeeper, once used in missile convoys in the 80's and early 90's, will be memorialized at the heritage park on base.

*U.S. Air Force photos/
Senior Airman
Jovan Banks*

B-2 flying high over Chiefs 2018 playoff game



Courtesy photo

A B-2 Spirit flyover opens the Chief vs. Titans playoff game at Arrowhead Stadium in Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 6, 2018. The flyover was performed by Missouri Air National Guard Col. Matthew Calhoun, the 131st Bomb Wing vice commander and Maj. Matthew Howard, a pilot with the 110th Bomb Squadron.



Base Community Council takes off into 2018



US Air Force photo by Senior Airman Jovan Banks

U.S. Air Force Maj. Redahlia Person, commander of the 509th Maintenance Squadron, speaks to the Whiteman Air Force Base Community Council, at the Mission's End club, Whiteman AFB, Mo. Jan. 10, 2018. The Whiteman BCC consists of more than 20 communities, which surround the installation. Each community is assigned a liaison squadron from Whiteman. This allows Airmen the opportunity to serve their community and for each community to provide engagement for the Airmen and their families to enjoy events year round. Knob Noster and the 509th MSX were featured at this month's luncheon, the first of 10 for 2018.

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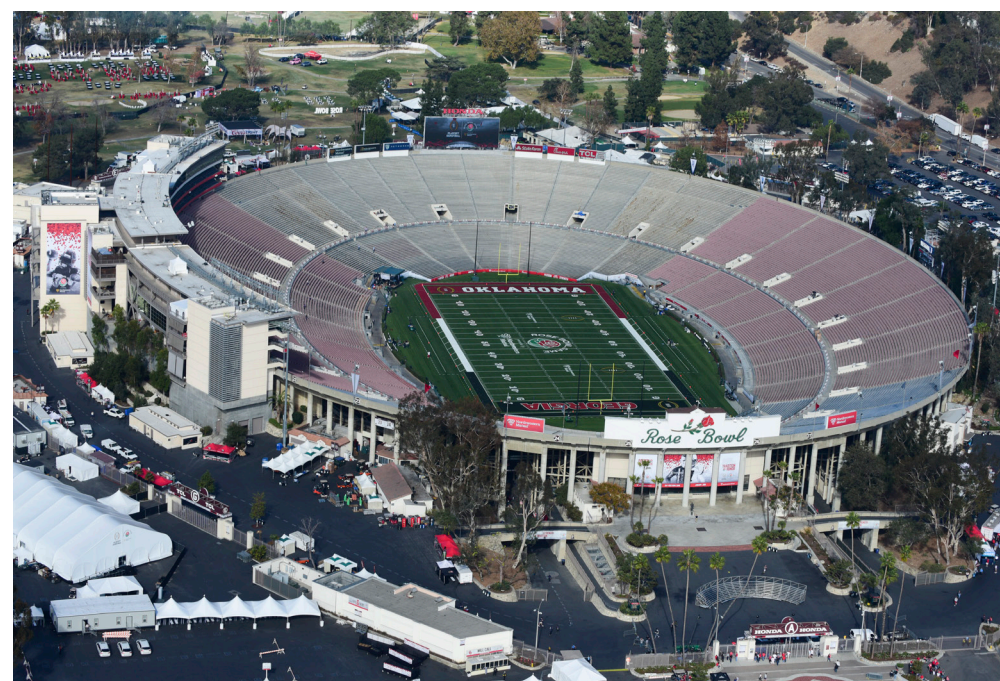
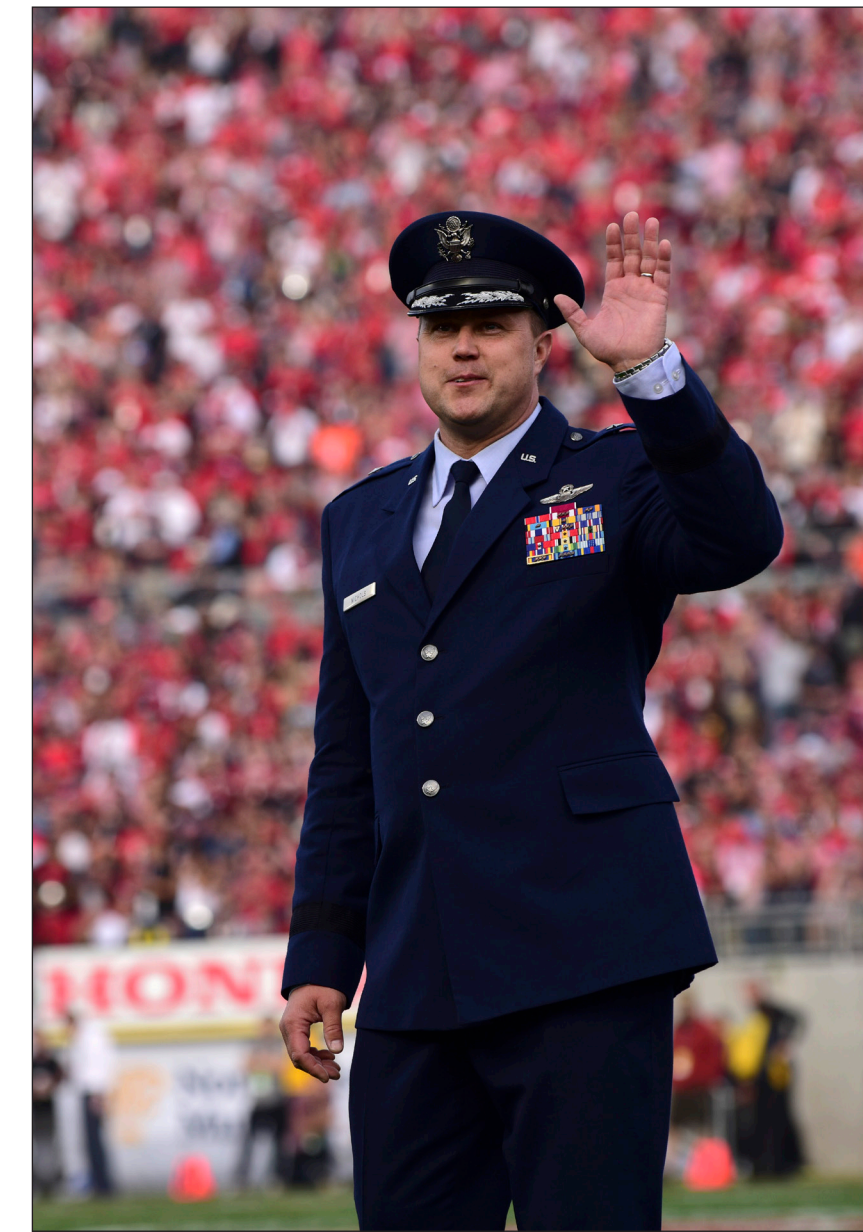
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B-2 kicks off Tournament of Roses in California



U.S. Air Force Brig. Gen. John Nichols, middle, the 509th Bomb Wing commander, and Chief Master Sgt. James Lyda, right, the 509th Bomb Wing command chief, greet Lee Corso, an ESPN football analyst, before the Rose Bowl Game in Pasadena, Calif., Jan. 1, 2018. Corso has been a featured analyst on ESPN's College Game Day program since 1987.



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AF selects locations for next two Air National Guard F-35 bases



U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Kate Thornton

Truax Field, Wisc, and Dannelly Field, Ala, were recently named preferred locations to receive the F-35A Lightning II. The 5th generation aircraft will replace current 4th generation platforms to meet combatant commander requirements.

WASHINGTON (AFNS) -- The Air Force has selected Truax Field Air National Guard Base, Wisconsin, and Dannelly Field, Alabama, as the preferred locations for the next two Air National Guard F-35A bases.

“Selecting Truax Field and Dannelly Field will increase Air National Guard F-35A units providing 5th Generation airpower around the world,” said Secretary of the Air Force Heather Wilson. “As F-35As arrive at these locations, we will use the existing aircraft at these fields to replace the aging F-16s at other Air National Guard units.”

F-35As will eventually replace many of the 4th generation Air Force aircraft. However, the Air Force will continue to fly a mix of 5th and 4th generation fighters into the 2040s, in order to maintain enough fighters to meet combatant commander requirements, provide required training and allow a reasonable deployment tempo for the force.

“Putting F-35s at these two Air National Guard bases continues our transition into the next generation of air superiority,” said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. David L. Goldfein. “It helps ensure we can always offer the Commander-in-Chief air power options and be ready to penetrate any

enemy air defenses, hold any target at risk and go when and where the president tells us to go. We're the options folks. The F-35 is critical to the family of systems we need to accomplish this mission for the nation now and in the future.”

At this time, the Air Force expects the F-35As to begin arriving at Truax Field in early 2023 and at Dannelly Field later that year.

These locations remain preferred alternatives until the secretary of the Air Force makes the final basing decisions after the requisite environmental analysis is complete.

The Air Force also evaluated Gowen Field ANGB, Idaho, Selfridge ANGB, Michigan and Jacksonville Air Guard Station, Florida in this round of decisions. Those bases were reasonable alternatives, but not preferred.

Previously, the secretary of the Air Force selected three active duty operational locations and one Air National Guard location—Hill AFB, Utah, RAF Lakenheath, England, Eielson AFB, Alaska and Burlington AGS, Vermont.

Additionally, the Air Force announced Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth, Texas as the preferred alternative for the first Air Force Reserve base.

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Missouri Air National Guard selects Outstanding Airmen of 2017



U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Traci Howells

The Missouri Air National Guard 2017 Outstanding Airmen of the year are joined by Brig. Gen. Michael Francis, Missouri assistant adjutant general and Chief Master Sgt. Joseph Hamlett, the Missouri Air National Guard command chief. Pictured from left to right: Master Sgt. Bernadine Eastridge, (Missouri Air National Guard Command Chief Award winner) 139th Airlift Wing, Master Sgt. Kirsten Inwood, (First Sergeant of the Year) 131st Bomb Wing, Staff Sgt. Nanci Young, (NCO of the Year) 139th AW, Senior Airman Jael Watson, (Airman of the Year) 131st BW, Senior Master Sgt. Matthew Mullins, (Senior NCO of the Year) 139th AW, and Francis.

By Master Sgt. Traci Howells
131st Bomb Wing

The Missouri Air National Guard's top performers of 2017 were announced at the Outstanding Airmen of the Year Banquet held here Thursday.

Maj. Gen. Steve Danner, Missouri Adjutant General, recognized more than a dozen Citizen-Airmen from the 131st Bomb Wing, headquartered here, the 139th Airlift Wing, based at Rosecrans Air National Guard Base, in St. Joseph, and from the Jefferson City-based Joint Forces Headquarters for their unit-level awards, with his recognition coin, prior to kicking off the evening's event.

Winners in the wing-level enlisted categories competed for state-level honors. Those winners are:

Airman category:
Senior Airman Jael Watson
131st BW

Non-Commissioned Officer category:
Staff Sgt. Nanci Young
139th AW

Senior Noncommissioned Officer category:
Senior Master Sgt. Matthew Mullins
131st BW

First Sergeant category:
Master Sgt. Kirsten Inwood
131st BW

Brig. Gen. Michael Francis, assistant adjutant general-air, and Chief Master Sgt. Hamlett, Missouri command chief, presided over the ceremony, and presented each enlisted winner with a Minuteman statue trophy and the Air Force Commendation Medal in recognition of their service and accomplishments across the year.

"These Airmen have performed admirably — in their

AFSCs and in demonstrated leadership in their wings and in their communities," said Francis. "Each deserves great personal credit for this accomplishment, but for every winner that I spoke with, each also had a mentor that gave them coaching and critical feedback that helped them along the way. Thank you to those leaders and supervisors for being a catalyst for excellence, by our winners and across our wings."

Master Sgt. Bernadine Eastridge, 139th AW Staff, received the Missouri Air National Guard Command Chief Award. This special recognition is awarded to a top performer amongst all enlisted nominees not otherwise recognized in their category, and was selected by the three Command Chief Master Sergeants: Joseph Hamlett from Joint Forces Headquarters; Kris Neros from the 139th AW; and Jessica Settle from the 131st BW.

"The process to select our winners was rigorous, and the margin that separated our winners was razor-slim," said Hamlett. "I'm incredibly impressed by the quality of the packets submitted that reflect the exemplary performance of our Missouri Air Guardsmen. Each Airman recognized is a credit to themselves, to their state of Missouri and to the Air National Guard."

Unit-level award winners were:

Airman of the Year category:
Senior Airman Jael Watson
131st Maintenance Squadron

Senior Airman Chayla Hurd
139th Medical Group

Senior Airman Mitchel Cochran
Joint Force Headquarters

NCO of the Year category:
Tech. Sgt. Matthew Lakin
239th Combat Communications Squadron

Staff Sgt. Nanci Young
139th AW Staff

SNCO of the Year category:
Senior Master Sgt. Matthew Mullins
131st Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Master Sgt. Bernadine Eastridge
139th AW Staff

Senior Master Sgt. Paula Runyon
Joint Force Headquarters

First Sergeant of the Year category:
Master Sgt. Kirsten Inwood
131st Medical Group

Master Sgt. Paul Jackson
139th Mission Support Group

Company Grade Officer of the Year:
Capt. Ryan Forristal
131st Logistics Readiness Squadron

1st Lt. Michael Lewis
139th Mission Support Group

1st Lt. Sean Navarro
Joint Force Headquarters

Field Grade Officer:
Maj. Jeffrey Bishop
131st BW Staff

Maj. Kristie Miller
139th Medical Group

The state-level enlisted award winners will go on to compete at the Air National Guard level.

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noble struggle for
EQUAL RIGHTS.
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GREATER NATION
of your country, and a
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