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True North program helps Airmen

By Brye Steeves

509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

Before Lt. Col. Rachel Freestrom takes command of the 509th Communications Squadron on Friday, May 11, she needs to make one crucial stop: the Welcome Center.

Freestrom needs to in-process.

"This is my first day at Whiteman," Freestrom said earlier in the week, while at the base's Welcome Center. "My family and I are excited to be here."

The newly opened Whiteman Welcome Center serves as a one-stop shop for in-processing appointments, including administrative, financial and medical needs. Freestrom and other new arrivals receive a list required appointments from the center's staff. Additionally, dependents can receive personalized medical briefings as well as help updating their Tricare information.

"It's great to have everybody here at the Welcome Center working together to make this an easier transition," Freestrom said.

That's exactly what the base's new Welcome Center is designed to do. It's just one aspect of Task Force True North, said Sarah Lovell, manager of the program at Whiteman Air Force Base.

The TFTN program began early this year. Its goal is to promote Airmen resiliency by offering increased support within individual units. As part of the program's ongoing efforts to assess how to best meet Airmen's needs, the TFTN is conducting an anonymous online survey through May 18; Airmen and government civilian employees are asked to participate.

"That's what makes this taking this survey so important – this is an opportunity for Airmen to tell their leadership exactly what they need," Lovell said. "We're looking at Airmen's needs as identified by individual Airmen."

Whiteman AFB is one of four beta test installations for the TFTN, along with Minot AFB, North Dakota; Beale AFB, California; and Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska. TFTN may be expanded Air Force-wide in the future.

The TFTN initiative includes interpersonal relations, workplace cohesiveness and mental wellness. Ultimately, units will have an embedded team of social workers and mental health providers who interact with Airmen every day to normalize the process for Airmen.

For more information on Task Force True North, contact program manager Sarah Lovell at 660-687-3135 or sarah. lovell.2@us.af.mil.

Task Force True North (TFTN) survey

What: A 15-minute, anonymous survey.

Who: All active duty members and government civilian employees.

Why: To collect data from Airmen to enhance resources.

Where: Surveys can be taken from any computer; a CAC login is not required.

When: The survey deadline in 18 May.

<u>How:</u> https://nyu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/ SV_6VyNDjIAVHtscUI

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U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Matthew Helmich, a finance technician assigned to the 509th Comptroller Squadron, in-processes Lt. Col. Rachel Freestrom, the 509th Communications Squadron incoming commander, at the Whiteman Welcome Center at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., May 7, 2018. The center, which is part of the Task Force True North resiliency program, acts as the one-stop shop for in-processing newcomers to the base. Active duty members and government civilian employees are being surveyed through May 18 about behavioral health within their units and families in an effort to enhance resources available to them.

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Air Force Housing website

Visit www.housing.af.mil to find your new home with the Air Force. This website serves as a one-stop shop for Airmen and their families to obtain information about the housing options and support services available to them at Air Force bases worldwide.

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Sunday Partly Sunny Hi 90 Lo 69 Monday Chance of Storms Hi 88 Lo 67

Air Force selects locations for B-21 aircraft



By Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (AFNS) -- The Air Force announced that the B-21 Raider will replace B-1 Lancer and B-2 Spirit aircraft at three existing bomber bases beginning in the mid-2020s.

The Air Force selected Dyess Air Force Base, Texas; Ellsworth AFB, South Dakota; and Whiteman AFB, Missouri, as reasonable alternatives to host the new B-21 aircraft. Using the current bomber bases will minimize operational impact, reduce overhead, maximize re-use of facilities, and minimize cost, Air Force officials said.

"Our current bomber bases are best suited for the B-21," said Secretary of the Air Force Heather A. Wilson. "We expect the first B-21 Raider aircraft to be delivered in the mid-2020s."

Barksdale AFB, Louisiana, and Minot AFB, North Dakota, will

continue to host the B-52, which is expected to continue conducting operations through 2050.

"We are designing the B-21 Raider to replace our aging bombers as a long-range, highly-survivable aircraft capable of carrying mixed conventional and nuclear payloads, to strike any target worldwide," said Chief of Staff of the Air Force Gen. David L. Goldfein.

The Air Force will make its final B-21 basing decision following compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act and other regulatory and planning processes. That decision is expected in 2010

Although the first B-21 are expected in the mid-2020s, the Air Force doesn't plan to retire the existing bombers until there are sufficient B-21s to replace them. The Air Force hasn't determined which location will receive the aircraft first.

Air Force photo contest begins, theme is "Freedom"

By AFIMSC Public Affairs

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-LACKLAND, Texas – The 2018 Air Force photo contest, managed by the Air Force Services Activity, officially began this week.

This year's theme is "Freedom" with the contest running through May 31.

"Freedom is the power or right to act, speak or think and holds a different meaning and feeling to all of us," said Darlene Johnson, AFSVA Community Programs Branch chief. "During this contest, participants can express how they view Freedom through their camera lens and capture that moment in time forever."

The photo contest is part of the Air Forces arts and crafts program which develops the skills and creative abilities of Airmen and their families by getting them involved and connected through photography, said Jon Grammer, AFSVA Director of Programs.

"The program directly supports three (of the four) pillars of Comprehensive Airman Fitness by providing mental, social and spiritual development for a more resilient Air Force," Grammer said.

Participants can submit photos at http://www.myairforcelife.com/arts/photo-contest.aspx. The contest is open to authorized patrons of Air Force morale, welfare and recreation programs, and is divided into adult and youth categories.

The adult category has novice and accomplished divisions. The youth category is separated by three age divisions: children (6-8), pre-teens (9-12) and teens (13-17).

Participants can submit up to two original images in a JPEG or JPG format; only online entries are eligible. The file size must be between 3 and 8MB.

Winners will be announced in July, Johnson said. Amazon gift cards will be awarded to the top three winners in each division, with first place winning \$400; second place \$300; and third \$200.

For more information, visit http://www.myairforcelife.com.



2018 photo contest theme "Freedom"

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FRIDAY, MAY 11 • 7 p.m. A Quiet Place (PG-13) Adults - \$7.00, children - \$4.75 SATURDAY, MAY 12 • 7 p.m. Rampage (PG-13) Adults - \$7.00, children - \$4.75

SUNDAY, MAY 13 • 3 p.m. Ready Player One (PG-13) Adults - \$7.00, children - \$4.75



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AF plans to accelerate defendable space with Next-Gen OPIR

Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (AFNS) -- The Air Force announced its intention to award two sole-source contracts for the Next-Generation Overhead Persistent Infrared program.

In order to maintain space superiority over its adversaries, the Air Force is implementing rapid procurement authorities and is targeting the first Next-Gen OPIR launch in 2023. This establishes an aggressive goal of cutting four years off the current procurement process and supports the service's commitment to field new capabilities at the speed of relevance.

"As we develop these new systems, speed matters," said Secretary of the Air Force Heather Wilson. "The next generation missile warning satellite will be a pace-setter."

Next-Gen OPIR will succeed the current Space Based Infrared System by providing improved missile warning capabilities that are more survivable against emerging threats.

The first contract will be sole-sourced to Lockheed Martin Space to define re-

quirements, create the initial design and identify and procure flight hardware for a satellite to operate in geosynchronous orbit. The second contract will be solesourced to Northrop Grumman Aerospace Systems to define polar system requirements.

"The next generation missile warning will be an important pace-setter for learning to speed up traditional acquisitions. This is more than just building a prototype or a low-cost system," said Dr. Will Roper, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics. "This is an important system for the nation, and to 'go for the gold' by targeting five years instead of nine years allows us to pick up the pace to defend the nation."

The Air Force is the lead agency for procuring Next-Gen OPIR satellites. The Space and Missile Systems Center's Remote Sensing Systems Directorate at Los Angeles Air Force Base, California is the acquisition program office. Today, the Air Force operates 77 satellites vital to national security that provide communications, command and control, missile warning, nuclear detonation detection, weather and GPS for the world.



SUPERHERO'S SECRET:

Whiteman AFB 'sidekicks'

By Airman 1st Class Taylor Phifer

509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

In the middle of Missouri lives a superhero only a few have ever seen, let alone met. A one-of-a-kind machine, created solely to defend and avenge, that soars high in the clouds in stealthy disguise.

That's me: the B-2 Spirit. I am America's Bomber. Though I don't have much time before my next mission, I wanted to share with you one of my deepest secrets.

I'm a multi-role bomber aircraft that can deliver both conventional and nuclear munitions – 40,000 pounds of weapons designed to deter aggression.

I'm about 20 feet tall, nearly 70 feet long and 160,000 pounds of pure aircraft muscle.

I. Am. A. Beast.

That means I need a lot of well-trained sidekicks to give me round-the-clock attention.

That's my secret: my Airmen.

There's a lot of work, time and effort that goes into making me and my 19 super powered brothers and sisters ready to fight. Actually, that is a vast understatement. So, to my important maintenance men and women who pull long shifts: thank you. As awesome as I am, I'm nothing without you.

Team Whiteman keeps me fit-to-fight and equipped with stealth. My Airmen empower me to surprise my enemies anywhere on the planet, making sure they'll never see me coming.

Part of being a hero is maintaining a well-rounded diet, which my friends at Whiteman help me with by testing everything before they feed me. So, a huge thank you to my fuels Airmen who give me the strength to not just aim high, but to get there.

Of course, my favorite thing to do is fly. There is nothing quite like flying.

When I'm not getting pampered in the bays, it's all about test drives with my pilots. I can only fit a two-member crew, but we can fly 30-hour missions, and even longer after air refueling. I remember one time we flew nonstop to Afghanistan and back to Missouri in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. That was one of my longest missions, but I'd do it again without question.

When I'm not out protecting my country and the world, I'm back at my home base with my chill Talon crews. They're the high-altitude, supersonic T-38s that keep my pilots qualified to fly with me.

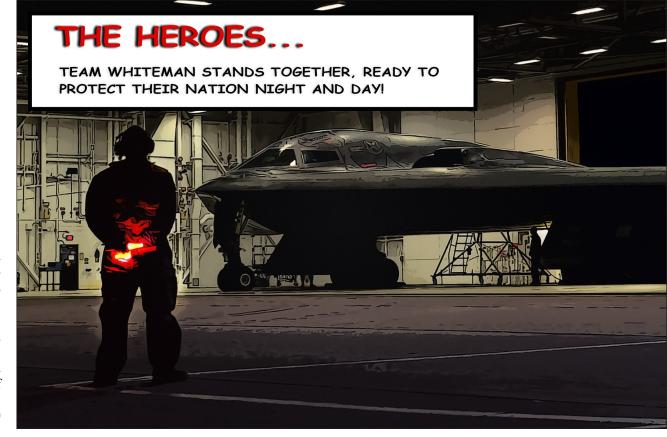
Being stationed at Whiteman, you run the only operational base that is able to house us B-2 Spirits. In my not-so-humble opinion, we are the luckiest aircraft on the planet because we have you. I think I'm the baddest there's ever been, but without you, my Airmen, I'd be the hero that never was.

No matter your role, whether it's medical, operations, mission support or maintenance, it is because of you I can fly. You're all necessary to fulfill the mission at Whiteman to execute strategic deterrence, global strike and combat support... anytime, anywhere!

BEEP, BEEP, BEEP

It's about time to get going, but you can follow me on Twitter at @Whiteman AFB.

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









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20th Attack Squadron Airman wins Diamond Sharp Award



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U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Travis, a sensor operator assigned to the 20th Attack Squadron receives the First Sergeant's Diamond Sharp Award at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., April 24, 2018. Travis volunteered 64 hours during eight days off to complete a \$1,600 squadron heritage room renovation project. He led a five-member team through a total of 748 hours boosting knowledge and camaraderie of a 51 year heritage.

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STRATCOM Commander Presents Omaha Trophy to 509th, 131st Bomb Wings



U.S. Air Force Gen. John Hyten, commander of U.S. Strategic Command, visits Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., May 8, 2018. He presented the Omaha Trophy to the 509th and 131st Bomb Wings, talked with Airmen, toured a B-2 Spirit and more.

U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman Jovan Banks and Airman 1st Class Taylor Phifer **By Brye Steeves**509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

U.S. Air Force Gen. John Hyten, commander of U.S. Strategic Command (USSTRATCOM), awarded the Omaha Trophy to the men and women of the 509th Bomb Wing and 131st Bomb Wing at Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri, May 8.

The Omaha Trophy is awarded to units for excellence in strategic deterrence and global strike. Team Whiteman won the trophy for executing the best Strategic Bomber Operations of 2017.

The trophy, however, doesn't recognize an installation; it recognizes a team of individuals—a team of Airmen.

Hyten recalled a moment when this was reaffirmed to him.

During a family dinnertime conversation years ago, Hyten's twenty-something son, Chris, shared an observation with his father: "You don't do any real work anymore."

The four-star general certainly felt he was working pretty hard day in and day out. But, Hyten took pause, and then realized his son was right.

"The people do the real work," Hyten said.

And that includes the Airmen at Whiteman AFB, whom Hyten thanked in person Tuesday, both as a group of hundreds during an award ceremony and also throughout the day, one-on-one around the base.

"You're being recognized because you're the best," Hyten said. "I'm just here to say 'thanks.""

The award was presented by USSTRATCOM and the Strategic Command Council, a civilian advisory group that acts on behalf of the people of Omaha, Nebraska.

The Omaha Trophy was first presented as one award in 1971. It has since expanded to five categories: Strategic Bomber Operations, Global Operations, Intercontinental Ballistic Missile Operations, Submarine Ballistic Missile you'll ever do."

Operations and Strategic Aircraft Operations. The 509th and 131st Bomb Wings also earned the trophy in 2013 and the 509th BW received it in 2006.

Omaha business leader Steve Martin helped present the trophy during Tuesday's ceremony to Brig. Gen. John Nichols, commander of the 509th BW, and Col. Ken Eaves, commander of the 131st BW.

"You stand as the best example of our nation's freedom," Martin said.

The two Wings earned the Omaha Trophy because of their interoperability to execute one of the country's most important national security missions: nuclear deterrence by utilizing the B-2 Spirit stealth bomber to dissuade adversaries and assure our allies. The award explicitly recognized Team Whiteman's inspection and exercise excellence, as well as the execution of Operation ODYSSEY LIGHTNING in Libya, which significantly degraded ISIS's ability to carry out attacks in Europe and the United States.

"The total force success of Team Whiteman is truly one to emulate," Eaves said. "Time after time, our successes are spotlighted or awarded by our nation's military and civic leadership. The fact that the 131st and 509th Bomb Wings were honored again with the Omaha Trophy validates the excellence in our deterrence and assurance mission, and reveals how our Airmen continue to make a difference on a global scale."

Nichols added, "We take our mission very seriously; we understand our responsibility to our communities and our nation, and the Omaha Trophy reinforces that our Airmen's efforts have a very real impact on the global stage. Team Whiteman is a dedicated, total force and we are immensely proud."

Hyten had just one reminder for Team Whiteman before his departure: "Just worry about doing your job every day," he said, "This is the most important mission you'll ever do."

The 2017 Omaha Trophy recipients:

- Strategic Bomber Operations: 509th and 131st Bomb Wings, Whiteman AFB, Mo.
- Intercontinental Ballistic Missile Operations: 341st Missile Wing, Malmstrom AFB, Mont.
- Ballistic Missile Submarine Operations: USS Alabama (SSBN 731), Naval Base Kitsap-Bangor, Wash.
- Strategic Aircraft Operations: Strategic Communications Wing One, Tinker AFB, Okla.
- Global Operations: 460th Space Wing, Buckley AFB, Colo.







What is the Omaha Trophy?

The Omaha Trophy is a token of recognition and appreciation that is awarded annually to military units. It was created in 1971 by a citizens group in Omaha, now known as the Strategic Command Consultation Committee.

Through the years, award categories were expanded to reflect the missions and organizational structure of U.S. Strategic Command (USSTRATCOM). Selection for the award in each of the categories is based on formal evaluations, meritorious achievement, safety, community involvement and humanitarian actions, among other criteria.

"This year's Omaha Trophy winners demonstrated the highest levels of excellence in support of our global warfighting command," said U.S. Air Force Gen. John Hyten, commander of USSTRATCOM. "These recipients best represent the soldiers, sailors, Airmen, Marines and civilians across the command who are critical to our nation's most important mission: deterring attacks and delivering decisive capabilities from, in, and through all domains wherever and whenever needed."

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WAFB celebrates National Nurses Week

By Lt. Col. Dianne Stroble 509th Medical Group, chief nurse

National Nurses Week is celebrated at the same time every year to commemorate a pioneer of modern nursing: Florence Nightingale. It begins on May 6 and ends on May 12, which is Nightingale's birthday. Nightingale was born in 1820 and died in 1910 at the age of 90.

Nightingale was known as the "lady with the lamp." She carried a light with her when she made her night rounds to care for the wounded during the Crimean War (1853-1856), when the Russian Empire lost to an alliance of the Ottoman Empire, France, Britain and Sardinia. Her efforts and passion for nursing helped decrease the death count and bring comfort to the wounded during the war.

Additionally, her writings "Notes on Matters Affecting the Health, Efficiency and Hospital Administration of the British Army" profoundly sparked health care reform.

This week, the 509th and 131st Medical Groups nurses and technicians participated in activities to celebrate National Nurses Week, as well as reflected on how they positively influence health care for all they serve. Their dedication and passion ensures our Airmen and their families receive trusted care.



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Whiteman's Operation Spirit 2018









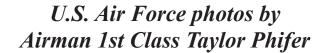








Team Whiteman members participate in Operation Spirit, a mock deployment for children, at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., May 5, 2018. Members took part in different activities throughout the day that included: going through a deployment center line, visiting a B-2 Spirit, completing an obstacle course and receiving training from various Whiteman units.





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Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (AFNS) -- Chief of Staff of the Air Force Gen. David L. Goldfein directed all Air Force wings with flying and maintenance functions to execute a one-day operational safety review by May 21, 2018.

Air Force directs one-day

operational safety review

"I am directing this operational safety review to allow our commanders to assess and discuss the safety of our operations and to gather feedback from our Airmen who are doing the mission every day," said Goldfein.

After a series of recent aviation mishaps and fatalities, including a WC-130 Hercules crash May 2, the Air Force is taking swift action to ensure the safety of its force. Although safety statistics over the past decade

show Air Force Class A and B aviation mishaps trended downward, the Air Force's manned aviation mishap rate increased since the beginning of fiscal year 2018.

During the safety review, commanderled forums will gather feedback from Airmen who execute the Air Force's flying operations and challenge Airmen to identify issues that may cause a future mishap.

"We cannot afford to lose a single Airman or weapons system due to a mishap that could have been prevented," said Goldfein. "Our men and women have volunteered to give their last full measure for America's security. My intent is to have commanders lead focused forums with their Airmen to help identify gaps and seams that exist or are developing, which could lead to future mishaps or unsafe conditions."



