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U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Kayla White

Maj. Allison Barkalow, commander of the 509th Munitions Squadron, stands in front of her squadron building on Oct. 16, 2018 at Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri. Barkalow spoke at the fifth annual Youth Leadership Summit at the University of Missouri in Columbia about her experience as an Air Force officer.

Seek adventure while serving your country

Lt. Col. Geoffrey Steeves
13th Bomb Squadron commander

More than likely, we’ve joined the Air Force for some common reasons. Thinking back to the day when I first raised my right hand to take the oath, I, like all Airmen, was drawn to the ideas of service, tradition, education and the prospect of being part of something larger than myself. As I lowered my hand, I also remember an overwhelming surge of excitement.

Despite all the uncertainty of what awaited me as I embarked on my Air Force journey, there was one guarantee: adventure.

I knew that incredible opportunities that aren’t available in most careers were just around the corner. These opportunities for adventure are some of the greatest reasons to be Airmen.

Today, many years later and with a lifetime of adventures under the belt, I look back and I am awed by the opportunities that the Air Force has provided my family and I during my 21 years as an Airman.

I’ve been fortunate enough to be stationed in Brazil as an Olmsted Scholar where my then-2-year-old daughter became fluent in Portuguese in less than three months and I explored previously un-navigated rivers in my whitewater kayak through the Brazilian rainforest. My family and I experienced intense cultural immersion in six nations of South America, as furthered to the Air Force’s regional understanding and increase my breadth as a leader.

During my assignment at United States Forces Korea (USFK), I escorted one of the Department of Defense’s highest officials in a U.S. Army Blackhawk helicopter up to the North Korean border to showcase the most heavily fortified spot on the planet, serving as the Air Force’s policy conduit to Pentagon officials. Both the Undersecretary of Defense for Policy and I walked away from the Demilitarized Zone that day with a better understanding of one of the most volatile regions in the world.

And now I’ve returned to the 509th Bomb Wing, this time to the 13th Bomb Squadron with the privilege of training the next generation of Air Force pilots to employ the world’s most strategic aircraft: the B-2 Spirit Stealth Bomber. Since taking command one year ago, I’ve managed to still get into the cockpit regularly and can certainly attest to the adventure of this assignment, right here from rural Missouri.

These, and countless others, are some truly unique experiences that are only afforded to those who choose to serve.

In the 13th BS, one of my Airmen, Airmen 1st Class Akira Dubose, was recently selected to deploy to Kuwait. Even though deployments are commonplace and not unexpected, Dubose was elated. When one considers that Dubose is from a small town in Mississippi, where most of his friends and family have had little opportunity to travel abroad, let alone to the Middle East, his excitement is understandable. While he doesn’t know exactly what awaits him overseas, he’s certain to have an adventure that very few others from back home will likely have. It’s this type of adventure that he knew awaited him when he joined the Armed Forces.

I understand exactly how Dubose feels and hope our fellow Airmen also experience this excitement throughout their careers. Whether taking advantage of educational programs, traveling abroad, joining an Air Force sports team or getting involved in combat operations, there are innumerable opportunities for adventure while serving your country.

I believe one of my duties as a commander is to remind Airmen of these opportunities and motivate them to not only plan their futures, but also reflect on their pasts so they can realize the dreams that inspired them to serve in the first place.

Do more than embrace opportunities that come your way to combine service and adventure — seek them out.

Fallen Hawg remembrance ceremony marks the start of A-10’s 2018 Hawgsmoke competition

A U.S. Air Force A-10 Thunderbolt II performs aerial maneuvers before the start of a Fallen Hawg remembrance ceremony Oct. 17, 2018, at Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri. The remembrance ceremony was held in honor of fallen A-10 pilots and signals the start of 2018 Hawgsmoke competition, which is a biennial worldwide A-10 bombing, missile and tactical gunnery competition derived from the discontinued “Gunsmoke” Air Force Worldwide Gunnery Competition. The Hawgsmoke competition is an opportunity for camaraderie, fellowship of the world’s premier close-air support fighter, and a legacy for its pilots and support crews.

*Be sure to grab the October 26 edition of the Warrior to see more photos from Hawgsmoke.*
Upcoming Events

Exceptional Family Member Program and Special needs Support Group meets the first and third Tuesday of each month at White- man AFB Youth Center. The group provides free information, speakers, children’s activities and other events. 660-687-713

Calling all NFL fans: Support your favorite team by recording a video shout-out to be aired in stadium on the jumbotron during the 2018-19 season. Contact Public Affairs at 660-687-5727.

State Fair Community College in Sedalia is offering a free come-and-go workshop on FASFA financial aid on Oct. 25 at the Donald C. Proctor computer lab at the Yeater Learning Center.

Hear a wide array of music in a variety of styles! State Fair Community College in Sedalia is hosting its annual fall concert at 7:30 p.m., Oct. 19-20 in the Staufacher Theatre. Tickets are $6; groups of 10 or more are half price. www.sfccmo.edu/the-arts

Los Angeles-based artist Gisela Colon will give an illustrated lecture about her work and current “Pods Exhibition” in the Daum Museum at 6 p.m. Oct. 25 in the Staufacher Theatre at the State Fair Community College in Sedalia. Admission is free. The exhibit remains through Dec. 16.

Authorized Exchange shoppers can visit ShopMyExchange.com to complete a sweepstakes entry form through Oct. 31. Four grand-prize winners will each receive a $1,000 Exchange gift card; four winners will each receive a $1,000 Firestone Complete Auto Care gift card; 40 additional winners will each receive a $100 Firestone gift card.

Volunteer Opportunities

To volunteer for Team Whiteman’s Airman-against-Drunk Driving (AADD) program, contact Senior Airman Tyler Anderson at tyler.anderson.14@us.af.mil.

The Airman and Family Readiness Center needs front-desk volunteers to schedule appointments, answer phones, refer clients and more. Hours are flexible and childcare may be paid. Contact Ms. Holley Hudson at (660) 687-7132.

The Community Programming & Partnership Office (CPO) needs volunteers to support the base’s Boo Bash from 5-7 p.m., Oct. 26. Duties include helping the “Scare Team” for the Tents of Terror, overseeing games, directing traffic for the hayride and more. Call 660-687-5754 or email at 509FSS.FSE.CPO@us.af.mil.

Volunteer at the Worlds of Fun Haunted House in Kansas City on Oct. 19, 20, 26 and 27. Shift times are from 5 p.m. to midnight. Volunteers will be provided costumes to match the theme of their haunted house. Contact your squadron POC or Master Sgt. Catherine Engel at 660-687-4926 or catherine.engel@us.af.mil.

Closures / Downtime

The status of the installation during inclement weather or other circumstances is updated on Facebook, www.whiteman.af.mil, and the Straight Talk line, which is 660-687-NEWS (6397).
Whiteman kicks-off CFC

Capt. Bryan Szucs
509th Munitions Squadron

The Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) is the world's largest and most successful annual workplace charity campaign with 36 CFC zones located everywhere federal employees work.

Last year, military and civilian employees contributed more than $167 million to almost 20,000 local, national and international charities. Members of the military and Department of Defense civilians accounted for more than $67 million of that total.

Whiteman Air Force Base’s CFC is October 22 to December 21. To donate, contact your unit representative, or the installation representatives Capt. Bryan Szucs 660-687-8275 or Senior Master Sgt. Peter LeBorgne at 660-687-4150.

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By Tech. Sgt. R.J. Biermann
Air Forces Cyber Public Affairs

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-LACKLAND, Texas (AFNS) — As the cyber realm evolves, effects from cyberattacks are moving from the digital world to the physical one.

To ready the Air Force’s Cyber Protection Teams, which defend priority Department of Defense networks and systems against such malicious cyber-physical acts, the 90th Cyberspace Operations Squadron has developed an innovative new training tool.

“‘Bricks in the Loop’ helps cyber Airmen conceptualize and understand the relationship between the network and physical domains in operational technology infrastructures,” said Christopher De La Rosa, 90th COS cyber modeling and simulation environments lead. “Significant differences exist between information technology and OT networks, necessitating different approaches to training our Airmen in IT and OT cyber defense.”

In other words, BIL links cyber (IT) and physical (OT) resources to afford Airmen the opportunity to see how a cyber action can effect a physical asset. Unfortunately, any cyber-physical training option using life-size training assets would be too costly to create, so current options are predominantly virtual-based, according to De La Rosa.

To remedy this, his team created a scaled, physical training environment made of toy, plastic bricks purchased off-the-shelf. They combined this with an IT network built from open source or low-cost, and easy-to-use software options. The build cost less than $4,000 and took only four months.

The “loop” serves as a simulated Air Force installation with assets such as a passenger terminal, jets, tanker trucks and other vehicles. Many of these elements can purposefully be hacked and made to light up, move forward or backward, spin, alarm or stop working all together, to alert the trainee a cyber action has taken place. The toy bricks are built on 15x15 inch tiles so they can be easily transported and re-built to support on-demand training or to model service-level exercises.

“The look and functionality of the environment allows the trainee to easily translate the model to critical missions on most bases, and the potential damage that could occur from a malicious cyber-physical attack on those missions,” De La Rosa said. “There are many more scenarios relevant to Air Force bases that, if disrupted, may have a critical impact on assigned missions.”

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‘Bricks in the Loop’ provides cyber Airmen an innovative, low-cost training option

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True North reaches beyond installation gates

Staff Sgt. Danielle Quilla
509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

The Task Force True North (TFTN) program effort goes beyond just in-processing at Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri. It spans across oceans – literally – to help build a culture of engagement and resiliency.

During a few weeks of U.S. Strategic Command’s Bomber Task Force (BTF) six-week deployment at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPH-H), Hawaii, the program sponsored a two-person Religious Support Team (RST) to ensure the 200 Airmen deployed there from Whiteman were spiritually and emotionally fit to accomplish their mission.

“Although Hawaii is part of the United States, a deployment there is still a geographic separation and our Airmen are separated from loved ones,” said Morgan Hildebrand, the Whiteman AFB TFTN program manager. “We want to do everything we can to support them through that separation.”

The separation coupled with other challenges – this was the B-2s first deployment to Hawaii and the islands were threatened by Hurricane Lane – prompted Chaplain (Capt.) Jonathan Ayers and Master Sgt. Stenya Mendoza to offer their support to the deployed Airmen.

“Although there were helping agencies available locally at JBPH-H, it is often nice to see a familiar face from the Whiteman AFB Chaplain Corps,” Hildebrand said.

Additionally, Ayers and Mendoza provided several resiliency and cultural opportunities for Airmen during their downtime. Some of the events offered included the Hawaii Rainbow Warriors vs. Navy Midshipmen football game, a deep-sea fishing excursion, shark-cage diving, a Polynesian Luau and more.

“As an RST, our goal is to provide events that are not only fun, but also give Airmen opportunities to strengthen personal relationships inside and outside of their workplaces,” said Ayers. “Relationships are crucial when it comes to resiliency.”

“We are very grateful for the opportunity to get out of our rooms and go on excursions,” said Senior Airman Aaron Pitts, a 509th Maintenance Squadron non-destructive inspection technician. “The trips allowed us to take a step back and just relax so we were refreshed when we went back to work.”

The RST also provided meals to Airmen in their workplaces during their 12-hour shifts.

“The 509th Bomb Wing Chapel and TFTN had an amazing opportunity to work together in supporting all Airmen for this BTF,” Hildebrand said. “We are thankful for this opportunity and hopefully this sets a new standard for future deployments.”

TFTN is a beta-test program at only a handful of bases across the Air Force. Whiteman AFB has embedded RSTs within the 509th Mission Support Group and 509th Maintenance Group, as well as assigned mental health professionals to many of the squadrons.

For more information on TFTN, stop by the Whiteman AFB Welcome Center or call 660-687-3135.

NORTH STAR: Task Force True North Survey
What: 15-20 minute, biannual, anonymous survey
Who: All 509th active duty members and government civilian employees.
Why: TFTN focuses on building practical application resiliency plans according to individual unit cultures and feedback.
How: Survey access will be provided through unit leadership Nov. 7-21 and can be taken from any computer; a CAC login is not required.
Barkalow braves youth leadership summit

Staff Sgt. Kayla White
509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

Maj. Allison M. Barkalow, the 509th Munitions Squadron commander at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., spoke at the fifth annual Youth Leadership Summit for the first time on October 16, 2018, at the University of Missouri in Columbia.

Congresswoman Vicky Hartzler, who represents Missouri’s Fourth District, which includes Whiteman AFB, hosted the event. It featured three motivational speakers: a legend, a leader and a hero. She invited high school students from throughout her district to listen and then participate in a Q-and-A forum.

Barkalow shared her journey into the military as well as her experiences and perspective as a leader in the United States Air Force.

“I’ve been in the Air Force since May of 2006 – just about 12-and-a-half years now,” she said, sitting at the head of a conference-room table in the MUNS building, a few days before the summit.

With the hallway hustle and bustle of her Airmen dulled only slightly by a closed door, the MUNS commander, looked both poised and in her element.

“It was intimidating at first,” said Barkalow of the invitation to speak at the event. “But I took the opportunity to engage with these students because they likely haven’t had any exposure to the military and all it has to offer.”

A military background

Barkalow grew up rooted in a military family.

“My parents were both in the South Dakota Air National Guard for over 20 years,” Barkalow said, smiling warmly as she reflected back. “My mom was in comm and my dad was in ammo. They would go off to Sioux Falls once a month and we would go stay with grandma and grandpa.”

As Barkalow finished up high school, she knew she wanted to attend a four-year college. Her mother encouraged her to take the ACT, a standardized test used for college admissions, to see if she could qualify for a ROTC scholarship.

She earned a communications degree from the University of Iowa and a commission as an Air Force officer.

“Starting out, I didn’t know if it was going to be a career, but I knew that I was going to try it out,” Barkalow said of the Air Force.

More than a decade later, she is able to look back at the experiences and opportunities that have shaped who she is within the military.

Gaining experience

She joined Team Whiteman for the first time in 2010 before heading to Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, Texas, in 2013, where she worked as an assignments officer for two years.

“Working at the Air Force Personnel Center (AFPC) gave me a behind-the-scenes perspective of how the Air Force works,” said Barkalow. “I learned a lot about assignments and the deliberate development of officers. Understanding the personnel aspects of how things work and how decisions are made has given me the ability to have very frank and productive conversations with people.”

She continued her education through the Air Force Institute of Technology at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, where she earned an associate’s degree in logistics.

“This opened my eyes to the business world, how logistics works on a grand scale,” said Barkalow. “I’ve been able to translate that into some of the processes and procedures that the Munitions Squadron is responsible for, and develop some good best practices.”

Barkalow earned her Master’s degree in Aerospace Engineering through the Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, Florida.

She also worked within the Air Force Materiel Command in the major commands (MAJCOM) staffing office.

“I was in the nuclear directorate,” said Barkalow. “Being able to see the big picture plans of the Air Force and the Department of Defense when it comes to the nuclear revitalization and just the strategic environment in general was so incredibly valuable. Seeing what was in store by way of upgrades to our systems and processes helped me grasp the impact of the munitions mission here.”

Leading MUNS

Bringing all her knowledge gained and experiences earned with her, Barkalow took command of the 509th MUNS on May 30, 2018.

“The munitions squadron is the arming end of the B-2’s mission, which is that global strike, that long-range, strategic global strike,” she said, her blue eyes bright with energy. “We provide that firepower, that lethality, to the Wing’s mission. When I sit back and think about what the munitions squadron brings to the table, I honestly geek out. I want my Airmen to geek out with me. I want them to understand just how important they are in the key roles they are playing.”

As a commander, she is responsible for the overall logistical readiness and personnel development of the hundreds of active-duty, Guard and civilian members of her squadron.

“It’s humbling, incredibly humbling,” she said, lightly placing both palms down on the table in front of her as she spoke.

As a servant-style leader, a steward to her people, Barkalow knows it is her job to make sure they have everything they need, both personally and professionally.

“A lot of that is giving them the data and training they need to be technologically proficient, but it’s more than that,” she said. “Sometimes it’s holding people accountable, sometimes it’s lifting them up and praising them, but it is also getting to know them on a personal level.”

Barkalow emphasized the importance of having a well-rounded understanding of her Airmen.

“It allows me to better support them so that they can become better, stronger people and airmen,” she said. “Hopefully they absorb that and apply it to their own leadership styles as they move up the ranks. I consider it a ground-up initiative.”

Sharing her story

After summarizing her military career thus far, trying to impart her earned wisdom onto the group of high school students, Barkalow engaged in a conversation with them.

“It was excellent,” she said, nodding her head and bringing her fingertips together in front of her chest. “They asked a lot of really great questions and really seemed to care about what I had to say.”

Many of the students’ questions centered on how Barkalow knew the military was a good fit for her and how, based on their own goals, they should factor it into their plans.

“I told them to consider serving just because I know the Air Force has given me so much,” she said. “So many opportunities to grow and provide for my family.”

Barkalow said she would speak at similar events, if invited to do so.

“This type of community engagement is important,” she said. “It is important to know what the Air Force is capable of and what it has to offer.”
Members of Team Whiteman participate in Motorcycle Safety Day at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Oct. 15, 2018. The event included safety instructions and demonstrations from special guest Hector St. John, eight-time MotoGP National Champion. Check out the Whiteman AFB Facebook page to watch a video on motorcycle safety on base. (U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman Kristin Cerri)
Just another day on the Whiteman runway

Aircraft based at Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri, fill the skies on October 16, 2018. The 509th Operations Group is the active-duty flying component of the 509th Bomb Wing, and manages and employs all of the U.S. Air Force’s B-2 Spirit Stealth Bombers (below), as well as a fleet of T-38 Talon trainer aircraft (above). Whiteman is also home to the 131st BW, which is a Missouri Air National Guard Wing that maintains and operates the B-2 Spirit alongside its active duty counterparts. The 442d Fighter Wing is the Air Force Reserve component that is responsible for the operation, maintenance and support of a squadron of A-10 Thunderbolt II aircraft (middle). Whiteman also houses the Army National Guard 1-135th Attack Battalion.

U.S. Air Force photos by Staff Sgt. Joel Pfeister
Special Tactics Airmen open Tyndall AFB airfield for operations

24th Special Operations Wing Public Affairs
HURLBURT FIELD, Fla. (AFNS) -- Air Force Special Tactics Airmen with the 23rd Special Tactics Squadron assessed, opened and controlled air traffic at Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida, Oct. 11.

The Special Tactics Airmen cleared and established a runway at Oct. 11, at 7 p.m., and received the first aircraft at 7:06 p.m.

Special Tactics Airmen have the ability to assess, open and control major airfields to clandestine dirt strips in any environment, including those that have been impacted by a natural disaster.

Special Tactics Airmen are in control of the airfield and are prepared to support airfield operations until further notice, which will allow support to facilitate humanitarian assistance to Tyndall AFB.

Tyndall AFB received extensive damage in the wake of Hurricane Michael.
**WHAT’S HAPPENING AT WHITEMAN**

Friday, October 26 - 6:00am to 8:00am
*Day of the Dead 5K Run*
Join the Fitness Center Staff for this festive 5K run. Volunteers are asked to arrive by 5:45am. Runners should arrive by 6:30am for the run to begin at 6:45am.
For volunteer opportunities and information contact SSgt Angela Folsom at (660) 687-5497.

Wednesday, October 31 - 4:00pm to 9:00pm
*Wicked Wing Wednesday*
Are you ready for Wings and Witches? Join the Mission’s End Club Staff for BOOS, BREWS, and BURGERS for Halloween 2018. Dress up for the Costume Contest (for adults) and try one of the clubs drink specials. Don’t miss out on this spooky event. For more information visit or call (660)687-4422.

Saturday, November 3 - 10:00am to 1:00pm
*Veterans Day Scramble*
Come on over to the Royal Oaks Golf Course for this 4 Person Scramble (Open to the Public). The cost is $60 per person or $40 if you are a member; the price includes: tournament entry fee, cart & green fees, and lunch. An end of year prize drawing will be held after the competition! Entry fee must be paid in cash the morning of the tournament. For more details and information contact Royal Oaks at (660) 687-5572.

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Members of the Whiteman Fire and Emergency Services Flight, along with community partners from Johnson County Fire Protection and the Knob Noster Fire Department, participate in an on-base parade on October 13, 2018, as part of Fire Prevention Week at Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri. Smokey Bear and Sparky the Fire Dog gave candy to children and the Whiteman Fire Department hosted fire-prevention and fire-response activities in the Commissary parking lot following the parade. (U.S. Air Force photos by Airman Parker McCauley)