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# Whiteman's new dedicated



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

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509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

The position of dedicated crew chief is something that is earned over the course of several years. On May 18, 2018, with their friends, family and fellow Airmen applauding in the audience, 19 noncommissioned officers saw their hard work pay off and were named the newest dedicated crew chiefs at Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri.

“They are the last ones to touch the aircraft before it takes off and the first ones to touch it when it lands,” said Tech Sgt. Thomas Dunlap, the 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron airframe power plant general section NCO in charge.

The ceremony is a formal recognition of their responsibility for the aircraft they maintain, but also signifies that they are leaders on the airfield.

There is an extensive list of qualifications one must hold to become a DCC. So for many, this is seen as the pinnacle of the career field.

“To become a DCC you must prove your maintenance aircraft knowledge, work ethic, supervisory skills among other qualifications,” said Dunlap. “Those certifications are normally recertified annually, or semi-

annually, or quarterly. There are numerous, vigorous tests and tasks that are taken to earn these qualifications.”

Unlike most air frames, the B-2 Spirit was not created in large quantities. This makes each new DCC one of a select few who have held the title “B-2 DCC”.

“The B-2 is such a selective aircraft,” said Dunlap. “You can almost count on both hands how many have held that DCC title for each aircraft.”

Crew chiefs work in all weather conditions, weekends and holidays to ensure the B-2 is safe for flight and can complete its mission.

“Dedicated crew chiefs on the B-2 are the best of the best within the maintenance career fields,” said Dunlap. “There is a sense of pride to have your name on the aircraft letting everyone know who the head mechanic of that machine is.”

The sense of pride and accomplishment was something that was easily recognizable as each Airman received his or her coin and even more so when the group recited the DCC charge.

“Walking out there to be recognized made me feel that all the hard work over the years finally paid off,” said Staff Sgt. Brandon Wirth, a DCC assigned to the 509th AMXS. “It lets me know that the work we do every day doesn’t go unnoticed.”

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## On the cover

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Staff Sgt. Joel Pfister

U.S. Air Force Capt. Brandon Pinto, a tactical air control party member from the 18th Air Support Operations Group rides in a Missouri Army National Guard UH-60 Black Hawk before jumping to a designated drop zone during a training exercise in Clinton, Mo., May 17, 2018. TACPs from various units trained with several aircraft from Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., including UH-60s, T-38 Talons, A-10 Warthogs and B-2 Spirits.



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## Preserving history: The Great Artiste is refurbished



U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Kyle Burian, a low observable technician assigned to the 509th Maintenance Squadron, is part of the LO team refurbishing the B-29 Superfortress static display at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., May 21, 2018. The LO technicians refurbish static displays on an as-needed basis, in addition to their routine maintenance on the B-2 Spirits to ensure the aircraft are mission ready.

**By Staff Sgt. Danielle Quilla**  
509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

Airmen from the 509th Maintenance Squadron are performing a total refurbishment of the Boeing B-29 Superfortress static display located at the Spirit Gate of Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri.

The refurbishment began on May 16 and it is scheduled to be completed within three to four weeks, depending on weather.

"This refurbishment will ensure a part of Air Force history is upheld for future generations," said David Grisdale, the 509th Bomb Wing director of historical properties. "This project will not cause any disturbance to the base populace, and it will not interrupt traffic flow entering and exiting the base."

During the total refurbishment, the B-29 static display will be sanded, primed and repainted to continue to honor the legacy of The Great Artiste. It features a black, white and red cartoon-like picture of a man wearing a tuxedo beneath the title "The Great Artiste," which is thought to be a reference to bombardier Capt. Kermit Be-

ahan's skills in the aircraft and also with women.

The Great Artiste was assigned to the 393d Bomb Squadron in the 509th Composite Group prior to World War II. It was the only aircraft to fly on both atomic bomb missions on Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1945.

Unfortunately, the original aircraft was lost during a crash landing at Goose Bay Air Base, in Labrador, Canada, in 1949. So, another B-29 was painted as a replica for static display. The static display was eventually moved to Whiteman AFB from Pease AFB when the New Hampshire base closed in 1991. Today, Whiteman is home to the 393d Bomb Squadron and the 509th Bomb Wing.

The handful of static displays at Whiteman AFB are constantly being evaluated for damage, corrosion, needed repairs and cleanliness. Refurbishment is scheduled on an as-needed basis.

"Preserving these pieces of historic property are important to upholding our heritage and our public image," Grisdale said. "This is all accomplished through the great skills, efforts and teamwork of Team Whiteman."



A low observable technician assigned to the 509th Maintenance Squadron sands the wing of the B-29 Superfortress static display at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., May 21, 2018. The aircraft is a replica of the plane famous for its role in World War II.

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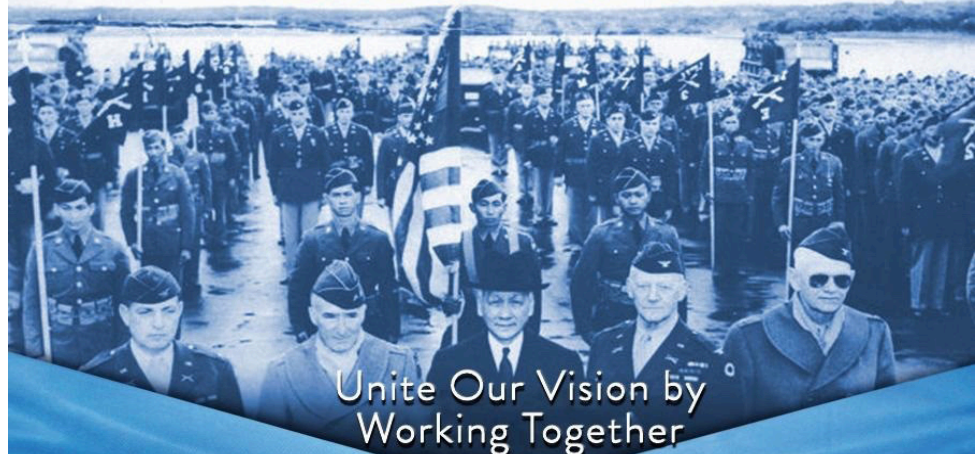
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# Lt. Whiteman remembered during annual wreath laying ceremony



Boy Scout Troop 61 hoists the American Flag during the 30th Annual Whiteman Memorial Wreath Laying Ceremony at Memorial Park Cemetery in Sedalia, Mo., May 19, 2018.



A wreath placed by family members of 2nd Lt. George A. Whiteman, sits atop his grave during the 30th Annual Whiteman Wreath Laying Ceremony at Memorial Park Cemetery in Sedalia, Mo., May 19, 2018. The ceremony is held every Armed Forces Day in remembrance of 2nd Lt. George A. Whiteman, whom Whiteman Air Force Base is named after.



Missouri Air National Guard Staff Sgt. Christopher O'Conner, 131st Comptroller Squadron, speaks at the start of the 30th Annual Whiteman Memorial Wreath Laying Ceremony at Memorial Park Cemetery in Sedalia, Mo., May 19, 2018. The 509th Security Forces Squadron commander and his squadron gathered in formation during the ceremony to honor fallen heroes.



Members of the Sedalia Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 2591 stand in formation during the 30th Annual Whiteman Memorial Wreath Laying Ceremony at Memorial Park Cemetery in Sedalia, Mo., May 19, 2018.



Members of the Sedalia Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 2591 fire gun volleys during the 30th Annual Whiteman Memorial Wreath Laying Ceremony at Memorial Park Cemetery in Sedalia, Mo., May 19, 2018.

*U.S. Air Force photos by Staff Sgt. Joel Pfiester*



## Police Week at Whiteman



An Airman assigned to the 509th Security Forces Squadron, shows children how to collapse a baton May 16, 2018, at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo. During Police Week, the 509th SFS displayed vehicles and equipment they use daily.



Members of Whiteman's Honor Guard perform a flag folding ceremony during the closing ceremony of National Police Week May 17, 2018, at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo. The 509th Security Forces Squadron honored Airmen who have fallen in the line of duty.



A child tries on the Security Forces Squadron's battle gear during National Police Week at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., May 16, 2018. Airmen from the SFS displayed equipment, gear and weapons that are used by Airmen.

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





# TACPs conduct training with WAFB aircraft



By Brye Steeves  
509th Bomb Wing  
Public Affairs Specialist

They are a pilot's eyes and ears on the ground.

They are TACP, or tactical air control party. These Airmen are often embedded with the U.S. Army but communicate with personnel from all branches of the armed forces, which includes calling in airstrikes and helping coordinate air support missions with pilots.

About 20 TACPs from installations around the country, such as Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Fort Drum, New York; Fort Bliss, Texas; Moody Air Force Base, Georgia; and Kirtland AFB, New Mexico, spent a week training at Whiteman AFB with B-2s, A-10s, UH-60s, T-38s and supporting agencies as part of the Reaper CAS EX. Training was conducted in the area surrounding Whiteman, which simulated battlefields and enemy targets.

The TACPs primary responsibilities are to deploy to battlefield forward areas and support other branch units; coordinate air and field artillery fire support; and provide Air Force expertise that is essential to joint combat operations.

This type of joint training is unique due to the diverse weapons systems based at this installation that make up Team Whiteman. Additionally, the 509th Bomb Wing is the first in Air Force Global Strike Command to formally commit to future training with the 93rd Air Ground Operations Wing as part of the implementation of close air support and joint terminal attack controller integration for a multi-domain fight. A handful of these joint operations at Whiteman first started a year and a half ago and will continue being conducted several times a year.



*U.S. Air Force photos  
by  
Staff Sgt. Joel Pfister*



# Motorcycle Safety Day 2018



Members of Team Whiteman participate in the annual Motorcycle Safety Day at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., May 21, 2018. This year's events included motorcycle inspections, practice courses, and special guests Johnny Dare and Bob Edwards from 98.9 The Rock.

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