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An eye for safety

Senior Airman Mark Mock from the 509th Operations Support Squadron attached to 393rd Bomb Squadron Life Support, inspects Polarized Lead Zirconium Titanate (PLZT) Flash Blindless Goggles for cracks, Sept. 28. The lenses reverse polarity when a nuclear flash has occurred and blacks out each lens to protect the pilot's vision. See Page 5 for more photos.



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WEATHER

Today	Sunday
Sunny	Sunny
Hi 73	Hi 62
Lo 48	Lo 45

Saturday	Monday
Sunny	Mostly Sunny
Hi 66	Hi 63
Lo 44	Lo 44

Weather courtesy of the National Weather Service

First B-2 Aviator in combat set to retire

By Senior Airman Torey Griffith
509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

509ers have been making history since the secret inception of the 509th Composite Group, Dec. 17, 1944. From the days of Strategic Air Command to the current Air Force Global Strike Command, the 509th has played an integral role in the sovereignty of our nation. Delivering the first and only nuclear weapons, advancements in aerial in-flight refueling, as well as the famous Arc Light missions in Vietnam are among the contributions the 509th has made toward the liberty of all Americans.

The 509th Bomb Wing made history once again March 24, 1999, as the B-2, once dubbed a multi-billion-dollar public relations nightmare, penetrated protected enemy airspace and opened its weapons bay doors, unleashing precision-guided bombs on targets in Yugoslavia, the first night of Operation Allied Force.

Col. Eric Single, Chief of the Global Strike Division of the Secretary of the Air Force, was commander of the 393rd Bomb Squadron at Whiteman that night the B-2 first tasted combat. He was also in command of the mission. From the flight deck of the Spirit of Mississippi, then-Lt. Col. Single and Maj. Steve Basham, accompanied by Maj. Steve Sicking and Maj. Darrell Davis in the Spirit of Pennsylvania, proved the B-2 to be the most lethal aerial platform on the planet.

Much work had been put into transforming the B-2 from an air show oddity into a battle-proven weapons platform. When the Spirit of Missouri, arrived at Whiteman Dec. 3, 1993, it was still in the test and production stage of development. It wasn't until April of 1997 that the B-2 reached

initial operational capability. Thanks to fliers like Colonel Single the B-2 demonstrated early operational capability. Once outfitted with precision weapons the B-2 became even more lethal by combining stealthiness with long range with precision strike. These attributes made the B-2 the weapons systems of choice for Operation Allied Force.

According to Rebecca Grant's book, "The B-2 Goes to War," (IRIS press, 2001,) the next step was to "persuade air commanders, CINCs and their staffs that the bombers were something they could use." She went on to say that The B-2 pilots had to become advocates and spokesmen for their controversial new weapon system. Not everyone was a believer that a bomber could be stealthy and effective.

"(Our) main mission was to help 'sell' the airplane," said Colonel Single, in the book. "We had one summer where we worked every weekend, both days, flying air shows."

One major selling point occurred in 1998, when the B-2 deployed to Guam for training after North Korea launched a test missile over Japan and into the northern Pacific. The extensive amount of flying and bombing performed during this first operational deployment of the B-2 earned the 509th an enormous amount of experience that flying air shows on the weekends would never bring.

The Airmen united to overcome obstacles they had never encountered before; sand, humidity and long, simultaneous sorties that degraded low observable capabilities and tested the performance of the craft mechanically. The 509er's performance in Guam helped them land the B-2 its first combat assignment. The Spirits of Mississippi and Pennsylvania

departed Whiteman in the middle of the night on Mar. 23 and followed established air traffic control routes to the Mediterranean where they "stealthed up," and began their choreographed run into the heavily defended Serbian airspace. The mission was to destroy military targets in an effort to convince Slobodan Milošević, then president of Serbia to withdraw forces from Kosovo, where they had been murdering thousands of civilians in an "ethnic cleansing."

Each B-2 delivered 16 Joint Direct Attack Munitions precisely on target before heading back to Whiteman, completing the mission in just over 31 hours.

The NATO-led air campaign against Milošević lasted 78 days. B-2s flew a total of 49 sorties, dropped more than 650 JDAMs with an accuracy rate of 84 percent. This unprecedented accuracy rate proved the B-2's capability, regardless of distance, weather or air defense systems.

Colonel Single went on to become the 5th Bomb Wing Operations Group Commander at Minot AFB, S.D., Vice Wing Commander of the 509th in 2005 and then on to Washington, where he will retire from the SAF/AQPN position at the Pentagon October 1.

"Colonel Single is a great man and we were fortunate to have him in the Air Force and as a part of the B-2 and B-52 programs," said Colonel Basham. "We will do well to keep him close to the defense of the nation for many years to come.

"[He is] one of the best, if not the best instructor I've ever flown with. His demeanor in the aircraft matched his professionalism displayed on the ground. You could constantly rely on him

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Lorenz on Leadership: Ordinary people becoming extraordinary Airmen

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFNS) – During my 37 years in the Air Force I have served with many great Airmen. Recently, Air Force officials announced the retirement of five of our very best: Gens. Howie Chandler, Kevin Chilton and Roger Brady as well as Chief Master Sgts. Pam Darrow and Rob Tappana. Each one of these Airmen has selflessly served our nation in positions of great responsibility over many long years--in fact, together they total more than 173 years of uniformed service.

These senior Airmen are leaders of the rarest form. Each ascended to the highest officer or enlisted rank in the Air Force, demonstrating a combination of exemplary character, personal intellect, exceptional work ethic and an unwavering commitment to our nation.

They began their lives in very different places and under very different circumstances...but they have one thing in common: They exemplify how our Air Force affords ordinary people the opportunity to do extraordinary things.

General Chandler grew up in Missouri. He is the son of two hard-working parents. His mom invested her life as a housewife caring for and raising him. His dad spent his entire career in radio and television broadcasting as a writer and producer. As the future general approached high school graduation, he chose to apply to only one college, believing strongly that he was destined to fly. He was accepted to the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1970.

Four years later he was commissioned and began his rise

among the fighter community. To date, he has completed more than 3,900 flying hours, predominantly in advanced fighter platforms.

General Chilton spent his early years in Los Angeles. His father served in the Navy during World War II, then spent a lengthy career as a program manager with McDonnell-Douglas. When this future combatant commander was just 12 years old, he experienced the exuberance of viewing a cockpit for the first time and putting his hands on the controls of an airplane.

Although it was a small private airplane, he was fascinated by his surroundings. In fact, at one point in the flight he turned to the pilot and asked, "Do you get paid to do this?" That flight was the beginning of his passion for aviation. In 1976, he graduated from the Air Force Academy with a degree in engineering, then spent the early years of his military career flying fighter aircraft. He attended Air Force Test Pilot School and later, as an astronaut, piloted two space shuttle flights and commanded one.

General Brady grew up on an Oklahoma farm that his grandfather homesteaded in 1889. He is the son of two school teachers; his father also served in the Navy during World War II. As a young boy this future Air Force leader was given big responsibility in helping run the family business. His after-school chores often involved rounding up cattle in the evening while his dad and brother spent time at football practice.

In 1964 he received an athletic scholarship to the University

of Oklahoma. Four years later he graduated, was commissioned and given the opportunity to complete his master's degree. After a few years as an officer in the intelligence community and serving in the Vietnam War, he became a pilot.

Chief Darrow was the second of six children and grew up in Indiana. Her mother was fully employed raising the six children, and her father was a factory worker. The future chief was working in a bank after graduating from high school when she and a friend decided to join the Air Force together on the buddy system. After just the second week of Basic Military Training her friend left, but she persevered. She entered the Air Force in 1980 and spent her early career gaining expertise in a variety of communications assignments.

An NCO Academy distinguished graduate, she earned numerous accolades during her years of service including being named MacDill Air Force Base's Federal Woman of the Year in 1996. A leader of Airmen, she served as commandant of the Air Force Senior NCO Academy and as a command chief for nearly five years, culminating her career as the enlisted leader of a major command.

Chief Tappana was raised in the great state of Alaska. Early in life he developed a passion for outdoor activities. His inquisitive nature drew him to adventures as a hunter, fisherman and explorer. His mom managed a doctor's office and his dad was a school teacher. Each of them encouraged him to act on conviction and explore his surroundings. He entered the Air

Force after visiting a recruiter on a quest to see the world. He enlisted in 1979 and spent his early career as a traffic management specialist. He received countless honors and distinguished graduate recognitions throughout his career.

Additionally, he spent nearly one-third of his career as a command chief. He was the senior enlisted leader for three wings, a numbered air force and a major command.

Many may know these professional Airmen by their duties and rank. But remember--they, too, were once young adults with a drive to serve and an unconquerable zeal for life...much like the young Airmen who make up the bulk of our force today.

Anyone who knows these "ordinary Airmen" understands one principle is central to their lives ... our service's core values. I have personally witnessed each one of these Airmen advocate and fight for what they believed was right for the defense of this great nation and for our Airmen and their families. They also each demonstrate skillful balance in their lives because they are guided by their faith, love for family and true belief in the principles of freedom. Each leaves behind a legacy of public service, humble stewardship and determined leadership.

While it is difficult to know how they, or any of us, will be remembered in the future, one thing is certain--we each have the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of others, to prepare and posture our Air Force for the challenges ahead, and to serve in awe of the wonderful nation we are sworn to protect.

Each moment is an opportunity to learn something new

Commentary by Senior Airman Youseff Elkassis
386th Expeditionary Contracting Squadron

SOUTHWEST ASIA (AFNS) – It takes a special person to join our all-volunteer military in the U.S. Just looking at our numbers will tell you that.

With a population of more than 300 million people, less than one percent of our country serves in the active-duty and Reserve military components combined.

The fact that you have volunteered to serve should be a source of pride, not because we are all members of an extremely small minority of the U.S. population, but because of the things we are willing to sacrifice for this service.

As deployed individuals, we spend large amounts of time separated from our friends

and families, risking life and limb, and placing our personal goals on hold to complete our missions. Every day, I meet someone new with a spouse and perhaps children at home who are waiting for their loved one to get back. Every day, I'm reminded that my own family -- my parents and siblings -- are all patiently waiting for the day I safely return home.

But until we get home to our families, we have our military families in the deployed environment. We must take the opportunity each day to use this pride in our service and push for excellence in all our actions.

When we take those extra seconds, minutes or even hours to accomplish our tasks properly the first time, we build the force multiplier that makes our military the most agile and powerful in the world.

In order to remain the force multiplier

the U.S. needs us to be, we must continue to exhibit the strength, courage and flexibility that is required of us.

Through our everyday actions, we must show that we really care about what we are doing. We must be dedicated to the continued growth and development of ourselves, and see each moment as an opportunity to learn something new. The rest of the world will continue to grow whether we adapt or not, and by the time we realize we have been left behind, it will have been too late.

"Be the change you want to see in the world," Ghandi said.

Pursue your ideas, your goals and your dreams. Never stop looking for the best way to accomplish your tasks.

Be humble, and see that you can learn a lesson from any person, no matter who they are or where they came from.

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NEWS BRIEFS

UCM Military Appreciation Day

Military personnel and family members with military ID cards will get free admission to the UCM vs. MWSU game, Oct. 16 at 1:30 p.m. at Walton Stadium – Kennedy Field (UCM campus).

AADD poster contest

Airman Against Drunk Driving needs a new poster. Those interested should send entries to paul.denton@whiteman.af.mil beginning Oct. 15 through Nov. 14. All entries must incorporate AADD's name, phone number, and logo. Submissions must not have crude language or explicit images. The contest is open to everyone. An AAFES gift card will be awarded to the top three winners. For more information call or e-mail Paul Denton at (660) 687-2595.

LeMay Gate closure

The LeMay Gate will be closed until Oct. 15 to all privately owned vehicle traffic, inbound and outbound, for speed hump replacement. For more information contact Paul Day, at (660) 687-6388, or Jerry Whitford at (660) 687-7761.

Domestic Abuse Awareness Month

October is Domestic Abuse Awareness Month and the Whiteman Family Advocacy Program is spearheading a campaign to raise awareness and assist the Warrensburg Survival Adult Abuse Center. In 2009, the shelter assisted nearly 500 women and children to include Whiteman family members. Family Advocacy is sponsoring a "Supplies for Survival" donation campaign through Oct. 15 which will benefit the local shelter for battered families. The 509th Bomb Wing first sergeants will collect donation items such as non-perishable food, cleaning products and paper goods. For more information or to donate to the 'Supplies for Survival' campaign, contact Ms. Jeannine Johnson at (660) 687-4341 or a unit first sergeant.

Officials seek Spirit of Hope Award nominees

Air Force officials are soliciting nominations for the 2011 Spirit of Hope Award. The award recognizes a military member, civilian or an organization that epitomizes the values of Bob Hope – duty, honor, courage, loyalty, commitment, integrity and selfless dedication. Each major command, field operating agency and direct reporting unit may only submit one nomination. Organizations and base-level personnel must contact their MAJCOM, FOA or DRU for applicable suspense dates and additional information regarding nomination procedures. Completed nomination packages must be sent to the Air Force Personnel Center by March 15, 2011. For more information on this and other Air Force recognition programs, visit the AFPC personnel services website at <http://gum.afpc.randolph.af.mil> or call the Total Force Service Center toll-free at (800) 525-0102 or DSN 665-5000.

Col. Paul Barzler Visits Whiteman



Senior Master Sgt. Ray Smith, 509th Maintenance Group, gives Col. Paul Barzler Staff Judge Advocate, Headquarters Air Force Global Strike Command, a tour of the weapons load trainer here, Sept. 21.

U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jason Huddleston

509th BW, 442nd FW announce October promotions

Congratulations to the following 509th Bomb Wing and 442nd Fighter Wing promotes:

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From the Frontlines: Master Sgt. William Sander

By Heidi Hunt
509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

In a career field that manages and maintains public funds, one's skill-set must include attention to detail and personal responsibility for every penny. Deployed comptroller duty is exactly that and one that is entrusted to Airmen.

Master Sgt. William Sander, 509th Comptroller Squadron superintendent, focused on leading the largest Air Force disbursing operations in U.S. Air Force Central Command during his deployment to the 379th Expeditionary Comptroller Squadron.

The Air Force Global Strike Command Sergeant deployed in February, and spent five months contributing to a vital part of the base operation.

"I oversaw cashier operations which consisted of accommodation exchanges of foreign currency and made deposits to the uniformed services savings deposit program and check cashing services," said Sergeant Sander.

Sergeant Sander also disbursed foreign currency and U.S. dollars to local vendors for supplies and services.

"Over half my time was spent managing the Eagle Cash Program... maintaining the kiosks, uploading daily files and trouble shooting problems," he said. "My mission was to keep the money flowing on base. Any agency that had cash to turn in or withdrawal came through me."



Courtesy photo

Master Sgt. William Sander, 509th Comptroller Squadron superintendent, focused on leading the largest Air Force disbursing operations in U.S. Air Force Central Command during his deployment to the 379th Expeditionary Comptroller Squadron.

Some of the agencies were Army Air Force Exchange Service, post office, force support, traffic management office, contracting and the operations group.

Aside from his deployed duties, Sergeant Sander volunteered his time as the focal point for the wounded warrior and emergency leave clothes locker campaign.

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Uniform changes go into effect Oct. 1

By Staff Sgt. Patrice Clarke
50th Space Wing Public Affairs

SCHRIEVER AIR FORCE BASE, Colo., (AFNS) -- Oct. 1 not only signals the beginning of a new fiscal year, it also signifies the time when many uniform changes come into effect.

The following is a list of upcoming changes:

- The 2EXX, 3AXXX and 3CXXX legacy badges will no longer be worn.
- The green fleece outer garment must have name, service designator and rank affixed to wear.
- The black fleece will no longer be worn as an all-purpose environmental camouflage parka liner.
- Tucking the Airman Battle Uniform or

Battle Dress Uniform trousers into the boots will remain optional versus becoming mandatory. Pant legs can either be tucked in or bloused over the boots.

- The 100-percent wool, pullover, blue sweater will no longer be worn.
- The phase-out date for the gray and dark blue scarves, gloves, mittens and earmuffs are Dec. 31.
- The BDU and Desert Combat Uniform, and all their uniform items, are still authorized until Nov. 1, 2011. Airmen can still wear the desert tan boots with their ABU until the mandatory wear date in November.

For more information concerning any uniform wear or change issues go to www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/dress/index.asp.

LIFE SUPPORT

Staff Sgt. Erick Hall from 509th Operations Support Squadron attached to 393rd Bomb Squadron Life Support, inspects the shoulder straps of a parachute harness before clearing the equipment for operation, Sept. 27. The harnesses undergo inspection every 30 days ensuring compliance with Air Force Global Strike Command regulation.



Photo story by
Senior Airman
Carlin Leslie

An Airman from the 509th Operations Support Squadron attached to 393rd Bomb Squadron Life Support, disassembles the face mask that attaches to a flyer's helmet for inspection, Sept. 27.



Above: Staff Sgt. Erick Hall from the 509th Operations Support Squadron attached to 393rd Bomb Squadron Life Support, inspects the survival cord that is laid precisely in the back flap of the parachute harness, Sept. 27. Pilots who have parachuted into an obstacle can use the cord to attach to the object and rappel safely to the ground.

Left: Staff Sgt. Erick Hall from the 509th Operations Support Squadron attached to 393rd Bomb Squadron Life Support, looks through a monocular from the Air Ace Survival Vest to check for broken lenses, Sept. 27. The rescue vest is inspected every 90 days, ensuring compliance with Air Force Global Strike Command.



Staff Sgt. Erick Hall from 509th Operations Support Squadron attached to 393rd Bomb Squadron Life Support, inspects connection points on a parachute harness, Sept. 27.

Aviator

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for anything. He has a quiet humility that makes him easily approachable,” said Colonel Basham.

Col. (ret) Tony Imondi, a former B-2 Instructor Pilot, was among the first instructor pilots who brought the B-2 from Edwards AFB, Calif. to Whiteman. He along with Lt. Col. (ret) John Belanger initiated the training program at Whiteman and trained all the initial Cadre Pilots. Colonel Imondi was also the Operations Group commander for the B-2's combat debut.

“Colonel Single is a true warrior – he leads by example and never loses his cool,” said Colonel Imondi. “Having mastered the skills of piloting, Colonel Single was one of the very first Bomber Pilots to be selected for Weapons School. It was at the Weapons School that Col Single made his name and where his combat skills were honed.

“He came to the B-2 program with a wealth of experience in war fighting and long-range strike. As a commander and flight leader, there is no one better. His cool demeanor coupled with his accurate trigger finger make him the ideal choice to lead any unit into combat. Colonel Single is an extraordinary officer who completely understands how to project true global power.”

Colonel Imondi worked alongside Colonel Single as the B-2 moved through the stages of its capabilities, as it went from testing to full operational capability.

“Colonel Single was instrumental in transitioning the 393rd Bomb Squadron and 509th Bomb Wing from a safety-minded startup

operation to a fully operational combat wing,” said Colonel Imondi. “He was particularly successful on focusing the wing on weapons delivery tactics. His leadership overflowed to the flight line where he projected a warrior spirit into the maintenance operations, leading to significant increases in B-2 Mission Capable rates.

“Simply stated – Colonel Single is a warrior-leader with the perfect blend of mission and people skills. He was always on point leading the way no matter the challenges – he is respected up and down the line and respected as one of our very best leaders,” Colonel Imondi said.

Mr. Imondi's most memorable moments with the Colonel pertain to Operation Allied Force in 1999.

“Watching Colonel Single prepare for and execute the B-2's first combat sortie was clearly the high point,” Mr. Imondi said. “He was destined to lead the B-2s into combat from the first day he arrived at the 509th. He portrayed the warrior ethos in everything he did. His leadership was infectious and spread throughout the wing.

“On the first night of the war he came prepared for combat to include bringing a lawn chair with him to sleep in during the flight to Kosovo.

Colonel Single was our top aviator, our top commander, and our combat leader during that time. I relied on him to set the example and tone for the entire wing – and he didn't disappoint,” Mr. Imondi said.

Colonel Eric Single retires today after 29 faithful years of service to his country. The men and women on the 509th Bomb wing salute him and his family for their significant contributions to our Air Force. His accomplishments will live on in the annals of USAF History.

Fire Prevention Week October 4 - 10

PURPOSE: Each year during the first week of October fire officials across the country strive to raise awareness concerning fire safety. This year is no exception as Whiteman Fire and Emergency Services has planned several events to further educate the base populace. We look forward to working with everyone on base during this year's Fire Prevention Week.

Events:

Saturday, 2 October 2010

1000 - 1400 Kick Off Event - Base parade, Base Exchange vehicle display with Sparky/Smokey, hands-on demos, and base populace activities located in grass field directly West of the BX Parking lot.

Sunday, 3 October 2010 N/A Off

Monday, 4 October 2010

1100 - 1300 Display at the Base Exchange

Tuesday, 5 October 2010

1000 - 1400 Display at the Base Exchange

Wednesday, 6 October 2010

0830 - 1100 Sparky, Smokey and Engine-7 visit the CDC

1000 - 1015 Fire drill at Whiteman elementary school

1100 - 1400 Commissary display

Thursday, 7 October 2010

0830-1100 Sparky, Smokey and Engine-7 visit the Whiteman elementary
Poster coloring contest

1600-1700 Sparky, Smokey and Engine- 7 visit the Youth Center

Friday, 8 October 2010

0900 & 1300 Back up Day for CDC and Display at Commissary

Smoke Alarms: Up, Down and All Around

Whiteman AFB Fire Emergency Services Reinforces Newer Smoke Alarm Recommendations during Fire Prevention Week, October 3-9, 2010

(October 3, 2010) – In an effort to better educate communities throughout the U.S. about smoke alarm recommendations, the nonprofit National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) is promoting “Smoke Alarms: A Sound You Can Live With!” as the theme for this year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, October 3-9, which Whiteman AFB is supporting locally. NFPA has been the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week for 88 years.

Many homes in the community may not have any smoke alarms; not enough smoke alarms; alarms that are too old; or alarms that are not working. We want residents to understand that working smoke alarms are needed in every home, on every level (including the basement), outside each sleeping area and inside each bedroom. And, if a smoke alarm is 10 years old or older, it needs to be replaced.

According to Whiteman AFB Fire Prevention Office, a unit of Air Force Global Strike Command, smoke alarms can mean the difference between life and death in a fire. NFPA statistics show that working smoke alarms cut the chance of dying in a fire nearly in half. But they must be working properly to do so. The association's data shows that many homes have smoke alarms that aren't working or maintained properly, usually because of missing, disconnected or dead batteries. Roughly two-thirds of all home fire deaths result from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.

The Whiteman AFB Fire Emergency Services will be hosting activities during Fire Prevention Week to promote “Smoke Alarms: A Sound You Can Live With!” locally, and to help WAFB residents understand NFPA's smoke alarm recommendations. Through these educational, family-oriented activities, residents can learn more about the power of smoke alarms, newer options for installing and maintaining them properly, and ultimately, how to better protect their loved ones from fire.

NFPA and Whiteman AFB Fire Emergency Services agree that interconnected smoke alarms offer the best protection; when one sounds, they all do. This is particularly important in larger or multi-story homes, where the sound from distant smoke alarms may be reduced to the point that it may not be loud enough to provide proper warning, especially for sleeping individuals.

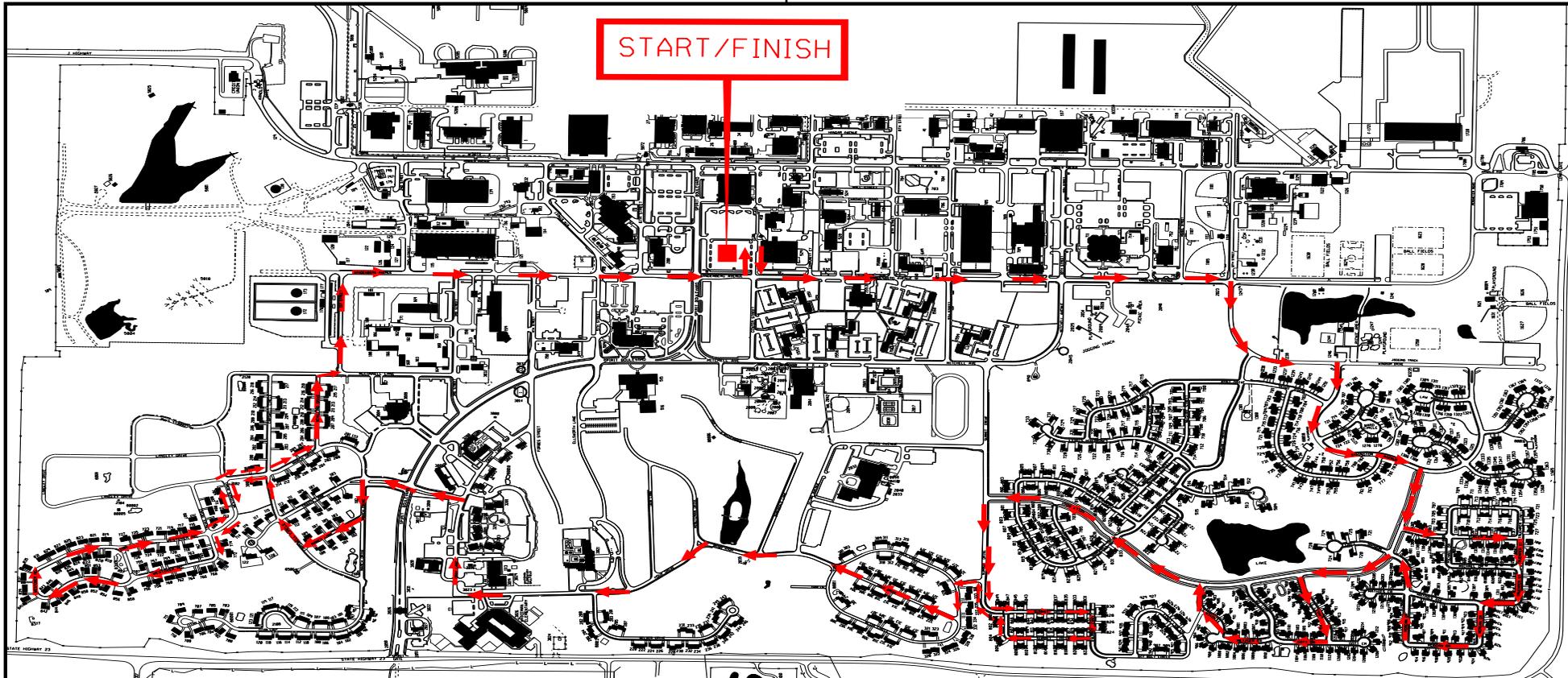
“Most people have a sense of complacency about smoke alarms because they already have one in their homes. Fire Prevention Week provides an excellent opportunity to re-educate people about smoke alarms, new technologies and expanded options for installation and maintenance,” says Judy Comoletti, division manager for NFPA public education. “Ultimately, we want this year's campaign to serve as a call to action for households nationwide to inspect their homes to ensure that their families have the full smoke alarm protection that's recommended.”

Whiteman AFB Fire Emergency Services offers the following tips for making sure smoke alarms are maintained and working properly:

- Test smoke alarms at least once a month using the test button, and make sure everyone in your home knows their sound.
- If an alarm “chirps,” warning the battery is low, replace the battery right away.
- Replace all smoke alarms, including alarms that use 10-year batteries and hard-wired alarms, when they're 10 years old (or sooner) if they do not respond properly when tested.
- Never remove or disable a smoke alarm.

To find out more about Fire Prevention Week programs and activities at WAFB, please contact the Whiteman AFB Fire Emergency Services at 687-6083 Mr. Paul Williams or 687-6080 Mr. Tim Robinson to learn more about “Smoke Alarms: A Sound You Can Live With!,” visit NFPA's Web site at www.firepreventionweek.org.

(Courtesy of the National Fire Prevention Association)



Airmen ADAPT to better lifestyle

Airman 1st Class Montse Ramirez
509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

As military members, Airmen are held to a higher standard. They are expected to set examples and be role models for others look up to.

The substance abuse clinic here helps Airmen achieve that standard by providing prevention and treatments to active-duty members who experience problems attributed to substance abuse and try to minimize the negative consequences of substance abuse to the individual, family and organization.

Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Treatments are not a form of punishment, and the counselors are not the ones who issue the

consequences to the individual. Their focus is to prevent, treat and educate Airmen.

"We educate on alcohol and how to drink responsibly if an individual chooses to drink," said Tech. Sergeant Thelma Richardson, 509th Medical Operations Squadron, substance abuse counselor.

ADAPT assists substance abusers with becoming 100 percent mission ready. They also minimize the negative consequences of substance abuse to the individual and family by raising awareness and educating individuals.

ADAPT is available to Airmen in hopes of helping them realize how much abusing substances can affect their lives.

"I didn't realize that what I was doing was

endangering not only myself, but others as well," said Airman Basic Cori Suffern, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron firefighter. "The classes make you think about your lifestyle and where you will be if you stay on the path you're choosing."

Sergeant Richardson said she gets the most satisfaction from educating Airmen and seeing a change in their lives.

"The information that was given to me in class is definitely the most useful thing I have in recovering from my DUI and trying to keep as many people as I can from making the same mistake," said Airman Suffern.

"I believe most DUI cases happen because Airmen aren't well informed," said Sergeant Richardson. "They don't know how long it

takes for them to process each drink or how much alcohol they can consume before they reach an acceptable limit."

With the help of ADAPT, Whiteman has seen a radical decrease in the number of Airmen who have been caught drinking underage or who have gotten DUI's since 2008. According to ADAPT statistics, by this time last year there were 47 cases, whereas so far this year we have had 25.

"We provide the tools, but it's up to individuals to utilize them," said Sergeant Richardson.

"Hopefully, with the tools provided to Airmen to better themselves, they can achieve the above average standard they are expected to reach."

Reservists head to Hill AFB for training deployment

By Senior Airman Danielle Wolf
442nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

HILL AIR FORCE BASE, Utah – About 70 reservists from the 442nd Fighter Wing went to Hill Air Force Base, Utah Aug. 24 to Sept. 2 to support A-10 Thunderbolt II live-weapons training.

This was the first time the wing has had the opportunity to do live AGM-65 maverick missile and live GBU-38 GPS-guided bomb target practice.

"From an operational standpoint, this is one of the few chances a year our pilots get to do live-munition training," said Senior Master Sgt. Aaron McRoberts, acting aircraft maintenance squadron production supervisor for the temporary duty. "From the maintenance standpoint, it's an opportunity to load live munitions and learn the safety aspects of working around them."

Sergeant McRoberts said the TDY acted as a refresher for certain aspects of aircraft maintenance - something he doesn't always get the chance to do as a flight chief at his home station.

For some 303rd Fighter Squadron pilots, this was their first opportunity to fire live joint direct-attack munition drops.

At home-station ranges, pilots fire practice munitions, which allows them to train on a daily basis. But at the Utah test and



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Danielle Wolf
Maj. Todd Riddle, 303rd Fighter Squadron A-10 Thunderbolt II pilot, prepares for flight. The 303rd FS is part of the 442nd Fighter Wing, which deployed approximately 70 reservists to Hill Air Force Base, Utah for deployed facility training in August 2010. The 442nd FW is an Air Force Reserve unit here at Whiteman.

troop commander.

A new firing ground is one way to eliminate that complacency.

"Instead of having a range with hundreds of acres, we now have a range with hundreds of thousands of acres to practice

on," said Lt. Col. Preston McConnell, TDY troop commander. "(The UTTR) gives us the ability to drop live weapons at targets, like armed personnel, carriers and trucks."

Maj. Lee Saugstad said the geography of Utah is helpful for weapons training because in many ways, it mirrors the geography of the Middle East.

"Utah's geography is much more like Afghanistan's geography than that of Missouri," he said. "The mountains are large, but with vast areas of flat land. The elevation is also similar to Afghanistan's (elevation.)"

The main body of people was able to experience some of those similarities when they first arrived in on the C-5 in Utah Aug. 28.

"It was very 'Bagram-esce,'" said Major Saugstad. "We landed in the middle of a dust storm, and the wind was howling."

Between weather and maintenance, the team had its fair share of challenges.

"Maintenance handled everything with class," Colonel McConnell said. "They did their jobs even though nothing went smoothly when we first got here - and because they did their jobs, we never lost a sortie. They also worked very long hours so the pilots could get in valuable training."

"This whole mission was a team effort that epitomizes the strength of the 442nd Fighter Wing," he said.

Community council connects mutual interests

By Heidi Hunt
509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

(This is the second of a series highlighting the Base Community Council and this month's featured communities are Knob Noster, Holden and Marshall).

In the midst of the many changes seen at Whiteman over the years, one factor has remained constant – the relationship between the base and members of the Base Community Council.

For more than 20 years, Whiteman has been building and maintaining relationships within the 18 surrounding communities through the BCC, a community relations program.

"This council consists of representatives from the local area and is chartered to support Air Force Global Strike Command Whiteman personnel," said Jesse Kellock, BCC president. "Working alongside the military is a wonderful opportunity for civilian BCC members to work toward a mutual community interest."

The benefit goes both ways.

A squadron from the 509th Bomb Wing is assigned a community to get Airmen involved in local organizations and work with community members on various projects and events.

The 2010 Wings Over Whiteman Gala and Air Show was a chance for Team Whiteman to come together with community members.

BCC luncheons are hosted by one or more communities and are scheduled the first Thursday of each month. The next BCC is Thursday, and features the communities of: Knob Noster, Holden and Marshall.

Knob Noster

The city of Knob Noster is a small, rural, community, located just minutes from Knob Noster State Park near U.S. Highway 50. A short distance northeast of town there are two hills, called knobs. The hills have become a landmark for the community and are closely related to the organization and background of the town. Knob Noster is home to Whiteman, which sits at the edge of the city limits and works with the 509th Maintenance Squadron.

"Our town is a close-knit community which values the relationship we have with military and all of the people affiliated with the Base," said Dana Cass, BCC representative. "Many of the active-duty personnel retire here and become permanent members of the Knob Noster community. We are proud of our first-class school district and the Knob Noster State Park, among other things."

For more information log on to www.knob-nostergov.com.

Holden

The city of Holden is a full-service community with a country atmosphere strategically located near the Ozarks and Kansas City. Holden has many recreational facilities such as the Holden City Lake and a community center.

The 72nd Test and Evaluation Squadron and Holden support one another.

"Holden is a very strong family-oriented community where you know your neighbors," said William Dryer, BCC representative.

"The mutual support between Holden and the 72nd TES allows each of us to lend a hand in times of need or stress," said Lt. Col. Richard Bohn, 72nd Test and Evaluation commander.

"There is no doubt in my mind Holden would go to any length to support the 72nd or Whiteman."

For more information log on to www.hold-enchamber.org.

Marshall

The city of Marshall is a small town located centrally in the heart of Missouri between Kansas City and St. Louis. This farming community is steeped in history from the charming Victorian homes to the site of the Civil War

Battle of Marshall.

"We are a proud community of agriculture background, having some of the finest farming in the state of Missouri," said Charles Cooper, BCC representative.

The 509th Force Support Squadron and Marshall support one another.

"My squadron treasures its affiliation with Marshall, a city in an idyllic setting with a rich history and wonderful Midwestern values," said Lt. Col. David Stanfield, 509th FSS commander. "We are working to partner with city leaders on community projects to show our appreciation for their tremendous support to the men and women who work at Whiteman."

For more information log on to www.marshall-mo.com.

The BCC is comprised of the citizens of Whiteman, the cities California, Clinton, Cole Camp, Columbia, Concordia, Higginsville, Holden, Jefferson City, Kansas City, Knob Noster, La Monte, Lexington, Lincoln, Marshall, Sedalia, Warrensburg, Warsaw and Windsor.

Military members are free to join the BCC. Civilians wanting to know more about membership fees can contact the BCC treasurer, Patty Sellers at (660) 563-3011.

Whiteman runners compete in annual Air Force marathon

By Heidi Hunt
509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

The Whiteman running club completed in the Air Force Marathon Sept. 18, at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. The marathon team was made up of 10 runners and was a combination of Air Force Global Strike Command Airmen and Department of Defense civilians.

The Air Force marathon's showcases the U.S. Air Force's legacy of pride, professionalism, and perseverance through an enduring world-class fitness experience for all.

Chief Master Sgt. Tim Cooley, 509th Bomb Wing command chief and 2nd Lt. Ben Coffman, 509th Contracting Squadron contracting specialist created the team earlier this year aimed at helping those who attend, learn and enjoy the principles and benefits of proper running and training.

"Five team members ran the half-marathon and the other five ran the full-marathon," said Lieutenant Coffman. "All five marathoners were 'first-timers' as were many of the half-marathoners."

First-time marathon runner Tech. Sgt. Joseph Laxson, 509th Force Support Squadron Airmen Leadership School instructor said the experience was a success because Team Whiteman finished without injuries.

"It goes to show that our training plans were very consistent for first-time marathon runners to be healthy and finish healthy, granted we didn't place," Sergeant Laxson said. "We couldn't have done it without Team support and the

phenomenal support from everyone on base."

The team was required to conduct two group runs per month and spent hours training every week in the months leading up to the race.

"Members followed plans which helped them gradually and specifically increase their mileage so their bodies could handle the rigors of a 13.1 or 26.2 mile race," Lieutenant Coffman said.

"Many of the members trained three to five days a week," Sergeant Laxson said. "We all worked together and supported to each other. We absolutely encourage anyone who has ever thought about joining the running club to do so.

"We don't want this to be the last time Whiteman fields a team for the Air Force marathon," Sergeant Laxson said. "We want this to be a good, strong representation. We want to encourage people to show up at the running club, get better and to represent Whiteman in a really positive light."

The team is a part of a larger group belonging to 8th Air Force who sent runners from Barksdale AFB, La. and Minot AFB, ND.

"Congratulations on a successful race," said Chief Cooley. "Hopefully, the runners all caught the marathon and half-marathon bug and will sign up for future races."

The running club meets Saturday mornings at the Royal Oaks Golf Course parking lot at 8 a.m. For more information about the running club, e-mail or call Lieutenant Coffman (660) 687-5461 or Tech. Sgt. Joseph Laxson at (660) 687-5758. To visit the official Air Force marathon website, log on to www.usafmarathon.com.

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Frontlines

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"I also worked with the book for soldiers and operation gratitude programs and assisted with getting over 100 books handed out to transient personnel, as well as many sundries and other care package items at the passenger terminal," he said.

Overall, Sergeant Sander said his deployment was enriching and the best part of his deployment was working and networking with so many agencies and people of the host nation.

While his deployment was notable, Sergeant Sander said there were things he missed most about being home.

"I missed my family and also the liberties not afforded to me such as showers lasting more than 3-minutes, having to get permission to go anywhere off-base and of course, precious time off," he said.

This was the sergeant's first deployment and said he enjoys seeing the world, but said the deployment did have drawbacks.

"Unfortunately, I did not have enough time in the day to exploit many of the opportunities I would have liked to," he said. "Some days the temperatures were 130-degrees which made movement in-and around base difficult."

Combined with his work ethic and community involvement, it's not uncommon for Sergeant Sanders to take on a superior role according to his supervisor here at Whiteman.

"Master Sgt. Sander's 'can-do' attitude and depth of experience is a real asset to have in any organization, especially in a deployed location where getting things done can be very time sensitive and more complex," said Lt. Col. Judson Fussell, 509th CPTS commander.

Overall, Sergeant Sander's deployed experience was an enriching one and he is happy to be back home and looks forward to future endeavors.



Here are the Solutions for last weeks crossword puzzle.

This week's puzzle can be found on page 11.

Warrior Weekly Caption Contest

This Week's Photo



Last Week's Photo



Winner: "MOW – Mullets Over Whiteman 2010..."

-Ken Thomas
509th Civil Engineer Squadron

Tie for Runner-up:
"In this photo, you can see the rare and nearly extinct 'Missouri Mud Flap.'"

-Staff Sgt. James Hoskins
509th Logistics Readiness Squadron

"The Golden Knights were all business in the front and party in the back."

-Staff Sgt. Liza Murfin
509 Logistics Readiness Squadron

This Week at the Movies

Saturday - 7 p.m.

Nanny McPhee Returns

In the latest installment, Nanny McPhee appears at the door of a harried young mother, Mrs. Isabel Green, who is trying to run the family farm while her husband is away at war. But once she's arrived, Nanny McPhee discovers that Mrs. Green's children are fighting a war of their own against two spoiled city cousins who have just moved in and refuse to leave. Rated PG (rude humor, some language and mild thematic elements) 108 min

Sunday - 3 p.m.

Vampires Suck

Becca, an anxious, non-vampire teen, is torn between two boys. Before she can choose, Becca must get around her controlling father, who embarrasses Becca by treating her like a child. Meanwhile, Becca's friends contend with their own romantic issues -- all of which collide at the prom. PG-13 - crude sexual content, comic violence, language and teen partying 82 min

Movie showings are featured at the Whiteman AFB Movie Theater. Call the movie line at (660) 687-5110 for more information.

Out & About

NAF sale – The Non-Appropriated Funds sale is Oct. 28 at the Whiteman Inn building 3200 and 3003 from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Items for sale in bldg. 3200 include: bed frames, box springs, mattresses, chairs, ottomans, love seats, dining chairs, comforters, curtains, lamps and televisions. Items for sale in bldg. 3003 include: bed frames, head boards, box springs, mattresses, comforters, dressers, night stands, sleeper sofa, love seats, recliners, end tables, activity tables, art work, entertainment centers, televisions, wall mirrors and dining table with chairs.

Items not sold Oct. 28 will be available for purchase Oct. 29, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Customers are responsible for moving items at the time of sale. Cash or check only.

New Parent Support Program (NSPS) – This education/outreach program is available to all expecting parents, and parents with children through the age of two. In-home visits from a Registered Nurse and a Licensed Social Worker will provide professional advice, educational material and resources for both parents. For more information call (660) 687-4341.

Dad's the Basic's – This is a four hour workshop for new dads to learn about caring for their new baby. The workshop is taught by other dads. It will be held on a Saturday morning from 8 to noon every three Months. Call (660) 687-4341 for next workshop date and location.

Shifting Angry Response Patterns (SHARP)

– This four session class is offered every month on Thursdays from 10-11:30 a.m. for individuals interested in learning effective strategies for understanding and managing anger. Reservations required, call (660) 687-4341.

Prevention & Relationship Enhancement Program

– This couple communication workshop is for couples (married, engaged, and/or dating) who have a good relationship and want to make it better. We will explore how men and women fight differently, how to discover hidden issues and expectations, how to set ground rules for fighting constructively, how to communicate and really understand each other and finally how to enhance fun, friendship and intimacy in your relationship. This 6 hour workshop will be held every three months on a Friday from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Call for the next workshop date and location at (660) 687-4341.

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