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Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz replies to a question from an Airman during an all call March 8. General Schwartz answered questions from Airmen about retirement benefits, national defense and force management.

Air Force Chief of Staff visits Whiteman

By Heidi Hunt
509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz visited here March 8 to meet with Airmen and local civic leaders, and review the capabilities and readiness of this Air Force Global Strike Command base.

During an all-call with total force Airmen and civilians, the general said the men and women of Whiteman Air Force Base uphold an awesome responsibility to ensure the nation's defense.

"What you do is not easy," he said. "But what you do affects how people perceive the whole Air Force. We expect excellence from all Global Strike Command bases."

During his remarks, General Schwartz discussed force management, saying the Air Force has more Airmen on active duty than the law allows, due in large part to high retention rates.

While the general emphasized the tremendous dedication of Airmen through more than

nine years of war, the fact remains that there are too many Airmen on active duty in certain year groups.

He said Air Force officials are being careful and deliberate in managing the force, both in reducing the number of new Airmen sworn in and in taking other actions to shape the existing force for the long term.

"In an effort to minimize the impact to our current force, we will reduce active-duty accessions as much as is prudent," he said. "In addition to the previously announced voluntary programs, we will also implement involuntary programs to include enlisted date of separation rollbacks, officer retention boards, and reduced officer promotion opportunities."

The general also addressed the repeal of the law commonly known as "Don't Ask, Don't Tell," saying that the new policy will not affect mission accomplishment.

"We will treat each other with dignity and respect," he said.

Air Force officials are implementing training

and education that will help Airmen understand what is expected in a post-repeal environment, he added.

General Schwartz also addressed suicide, stating that Air Force officials are instituting resiliency programs to help Airmen better handle life's stresses.

"Suicide has a tragic impact on the immediate family and on our Air Force team as a whole," he said.

He encouraged everyone to use the wingman concept and to not be afraid to ask for help when experiencing personal crises.

Additionally, General Schwartz praised the total force teamwork at Whiteman AFB.

"Everyone counts: active-duty, guard, reservist and civilian," he said. "Each one of us plays an important part."

He thanked the all-call attendees for their commitment and congratulated all Whiteman Airmen for winning Air Force-level awards.

"Be proud of the organization you belong to, because it matters," General Schwartz said.



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Commander's NOTAM – Future Leaders

Mighty Eighth,

This is my motto: "People First. Mission Always." I believe that by taking care of your Airmen – providing the skills, leadership and motivation they require – they will, in turn, take care of the mission. One of my objectives in 2011 is to ensure we develop our officers and enlisted into the next generation of strategic nuclear leaders. I've tasked my staff to identify ways to make this happen. Here are some things we are doing to help our Airmen:

- 1) Encourage leaders at all levels to closely monitor subordinates' careers
- 2) Develop methods to monitor officer and enlisted career paths
- 3) Use Nuclear Fundamentals Course quotas to their full potential
- 4) Monitor promotion rates and PME completion

The efforts listed about are merely tools you can use to help in your professional growth. Ultimately, your development depends on you. If you desire to become a future leader, begin now – not as you are competing for promotion or school. It disappoints me to see great leaders left behind because their records don't adequately reflect their true ability. Completing your educational requirements is an immediate discriminator; however, a long track record of consistent performance is also indispensable. Lastly, ask your supervisor to discuss your future; he or she can highlight your strengths and identify opportunities.



Maj. Gen. Floyd L. Carpenter

Accepting change is key to future

By Chief Master Sgt. Richard Pingleton
131st Bomb Wing command chief

"If it ain't broke, don't fix it!" We've done it this way for years. We would have been a lot better off without all of these changes!

When it comes to changes within the organization, we've heard (or said) at least one of these statements. Change can be disruptive, but in most cases, it's the key to survival in an age of transformation. New missions, technological advances, budget cuts, and leadership turnover are a few examples of events that cause change and stress within a unit. How we prepare our forces to understand and flex to the change makes a difference in how smoothly the changes will be executed.

Today's Air Force is not the Air Force we grew up in. In the last 20 years, we've seen the Air National Guard evolve from a strategic reserve with outdated equipment and obsolete missions to an operational reserve with new equipment and hot-off-the-press emerging missions that are relevant to current combat operations. These changes were the direct result of the efficiencies associated with combat-ready reserve forces and are a positive move in establishing total force initiatives.

Overcoming personal anxiety or resistance to inevitable change requires an open mind and the realization that change is necessary and normal. How you think, or act, is important during challenging times of change. What does it take to accept change so it can be managed and implemented?

First, it's important to let go of the past and start building the future. Holding on to the past with a firm grip and calloused hands will not stop further evolutionary changes. Sometimes it's hard to accept

change for fear that the more enjoyable aspects and traditions of the job will be lost. Some traditions will go away along with the old way of doing business. It's best to look at these traditions as good memories and work towards building traditions that support new cultures and enhance the mission.

Second, change is here to stay. Organizations do not change just for the sake of change. There are underlying events, policies or directives that force us to adjust how we operate. Survival relies on our ability to change our direction. Even though things may seem quiet and the stress of work is low, be aware that the possibility of change is on the horizon and be prepared to deal with it.

Finally, have faith. Quite often we see change that feels like a huge encroachment on our comfort. It's forced us to change how we operate and forced us to learn new processes. Sometimes we change processes and see no direct result or outcome at the local level. However large or small the change is, have faith that leadership directs change for the betterment of the Air Force. There are good reasons behind every decision to change and leadership does not want to see us fail.

The future of the Air Force belongs to the newest members. We cannot expect them to grow and evolve into their future by holding on to the things we find endearing. We may not like change, but understanding that it's necessary to improve, succeed and survive is the first step in accepting the need for change. Neale Donald Walsch, noted author, said, "Life begins at the end of your comfort zone," and it is a great reminder that each of us, when stretched beyond our coziness and security, can really see new opportunities. Anticipating change, asking how you can help and standing ready to participate ensures a strong position for our unit and better prepares you as a leader.

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AFGSC/IG visit

Lt. Col. Edie Edmondson, Air Force Global Strike Command deputy chief inspector general complaints and oversight, will be at Whiteman AFB March 14-18. If interested in meeting with Colonel Edmondson, she will be available Tuesday, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Thursday 3-5 p.m., in building 509, suite 105. For more information call, (660) 687-1733.

Blood drive

The Armed Services Blood Drive is March 16 from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at the community activity center. The drive is open to anyone with base access. To schedule an appointment log on to www.militarydonor.com/index.cfm. The units will be flown directly to Fort Hood, Texas, for processing, and within four days will save the lives of troops in Iraq, Afghanistan and Germany. Call (573) 596-5385 for questions.

Legal office construction

The legal office is under construction until March 30. The new entrance is located across from the Mission Support Group commander's office. The temporary number is (660) 687-2050.

Operation Spirit registration

The Airman and Family Readiness Center is hosting Operation Spirit April 16. Operation Spirit provides children, grades K-12, with a simulated military deployment. Parents must be assigned to Whiteman AFB or on remote assignment. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Each child will receive a photo identification badge, military orders, dog tags, T-shirt, certificate of deployment and a free lunch. Sign up is limited to 100 children and no return participants from 2010. Children must register in person March 18, 4-6 p.m., March 19 noon-4 p.m., or March 21, 4-6 p.m. For more information, call (660) 687-7132.

My pay and tax hours

The Internal Revenue Service no longer mails tax packages. Individuals who don't have access to the defense finance and accounting services can create an account at www.mypay.dfas.com. This is a free service and those who need help establishing an account can call the Whiteman Finance Office at (660) 687-2006. The new location for the tax center is in building 59 and is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. To make an appointment, call (660) 687-5726. Due to limited spacing, personnel are encouraged to not bring children.

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B-2 Spirit pilot breaks flying hours record

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

Lt. Col. Roger Forsythe, 72nd Test and Evaluation Squadron director of test operations and B-2 Spirit pilot stationed at this Air Force Global Strike Command base, broke the B-2 Spirit flying-hours record Jan. 12 shortly before his retirement from active-duty.

Colonel Forsythe spent 14 of his more than 23 years of service flying the B-2, accumulating more than 1,780 flying hours, surpassing the previous record of 1,750 hours set by his first instructor pilot, Scott Paganoni.

"I was glad to pass him," said Colonel Forsythe. "He's a good friend and it was a little ironic that he was my IP. It was my own little private goal during the last year.

"Accumulating so many hours while having a full time job was definitely a challenge," he said. "I've been fortunate enough to have had the majority of my jobs be flying related, making it easier for me to fly and maintain currency."

Colonel Forsythe said he also flew B-52s, T-37s and T-38s during his career, bringing his total flying-hours to more than 4,400, but his favorite aircraft remains the B-2 Spirit.

"To fly the B-2 is an amazing experience," he said. "Sometimes I get a little jaded because I see it all the time, but when I take a step back I realize how unique it is. I feel blessed I had the opportunity to fly such a special aircraft.

"I've enjoyed witnessing the advances in technology throughout my career and being able to see how we have not only applied them in our everyday life, but also in flying," Colonel Forsythe said. "Being able to bring new advances to the aircraft and onto the weapons



U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Kenny Holston
Lt. Col. Roger Forsythe, 72nd Test and Evaluation Squadron director of test operations and B-2 Spirit pilot, gets soaked by his children after his final B-2 flight.

system has been the most gratifying."

Although his career has come to an end, he will be remembered, according to his commander.

"Roger 'Bull' Forsythe's end-of-tour flight marks a tremendous loss of B-2 experience at Whiteman and the entire Air Force," said Lt. Col. Richard Bohn, 72nd TES commander. "Not only is he the most experienced aviator on base, he's one of the most well-respected instructors and mentors to his fellow pilots.

His B-2 career culminates as an operational test pilot in the 72nd TES and his legacy will continue on for years to come as we field multiple upgrades he has led the last few years," Colonel Bohn said.

509th LRS wins two AFGSC unit awards

By Heidi Hunt
509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

The 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron won two unit awards at the Major Command level for the 2010 calendar year.

They were awarded the 2010 Air Force Global Strike Command Maj. Gen. Warren R. Carter Logistics Effectiveness Award, also known as the Daedalian Award, and the 2010 American Petroleum Institute Award for best fuels flight in AFGSC.

"Being selected for these two unit awards is a major accomplishment and distinguishes the 509th LRS and fuels management flight as the best in AFGSC," said Capt. Karla Lascot, 509th LRS FMF commander.

"2010 was a challenging year for the 509th LRS," Captain Lascot said. "Throughout the challenges, the 509th LRS rose to the occasion and was recognized for the outstanding accomplishments."

Additionally, the 509th LRS experienced numerous higher headquarters inspections and individual and team deployments, according to Captain Lascot.

"The 509th LRS provided superior lo-

gistical support to the Wing's high operations tempo mission," said Captain Lascot.

Both individual categories and team nominees will compete this year for Air Force level recognition and will be announced at a later date.

Exceptional performance at home and while deployed led to ten 509th LRS Airmen being selected as AFGSC functional award winners, according to Captain Lascot.

"When you're recognized with an award of this scale, it really makes you feel great knowing there are people around you willing to put forth the effort to get you recognized for everything you've achieved and accomplished," said Senior Airman John Broome, 509th LRS refueling maintenance technician and AFGSC Fuels Airman of the Year.

The Air Force Global Strike Command 509th LRS functional winners are:

Company Grade Officer
1st Lt. Stefan Hafner, 509th LRS section commander
Senior NCO in charge Logistics Plans
Master Sgt. Clay Konrad, 509th LRS section chief, plans and integration

Senior Master Sgt. Speight Material Management

Master Sgt. Rene Corona, 509th LRS material management flight superintendent
Material Management Airman

Airman 1st Class Nawaf Al-Khenaizi, 509th LRS aircraft parts store and mobility readiness spares packages journeyman
NCO in charge Traffic Management

Tech. Sgt. Lisa Cisneros, 509th LRS integrated receipt process manager
Fuels NCO in charge of the Year

Tech. Sgt. David Janes Jr., 509th LRS NCO in charge of fuels support and training
Vehicle Operations NCO in charge

Staff Sgt. Charles Holley II, 509th LRS vehicle operations supervisor
Fuels Airman of the Year

Senior Airman John Broome, 509th LRS refueling maintenance technician
Vehicle Operations Airman of the Year

Senior Airman Stacey Schumpert, 509th LRS vehicle operator and dispatcher
Material Management Civilian Technician

Billy Haston, 509th LRS individual protective equipment section chief

Eighth Air Force selects 2010 maintenance award winner

By Staff Sgt. Brian Stives
Eighth Air Force Public Affairs

BOSSIER CITY, La. -- The "Mighty Eighth" honored one of its best during the Eighth Air Force Outstanding Airmen of the Year ceremony at the Eldorado Resort and Casino in Shreveport, La., March 3.

Capt. Wilburn Poe Jr, of the 509th Bomb Wing, Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., received the Eighth Air Force Pursuit of Excellence Aircraft and Munitions Award for his outstanding accomplishments and dedication to the flying mission of Eighth Air Force.

Captain Poe managed the wing's Adaptable Communications Suite modification, which saved more than \$25 million in contractor costs.

Captain Poe also coordinated a 15-sortie generation for an ex-

ercise with the B-2 being the sole platform in a 120 aircraft strike package, and made a 100-percent Time on Target rate.

His nuclear mission expertise led to him being selected as one of only two company grade officers Air Force-wide to attend the 65th Anniversary Manhattan Project Symposium on Tinian with the vice chief of staff of the Air Force.

Captain Poe was also an instrumental figure in the squadron's preparation for the Defense Threat Reduction Agency and Headquarters Air Force Global Strike Command's dual nuclear surety inspection - where the wing earned the highest possible rating.

"We are extremely proud to extend our congratulations to all of the winners; as always the competition was tough and truly reflected the outstanding accomplishments of our maintenance professionals and the airmanship of our warriors throughout the 'Mighty Eighth,'" said Maj. Gen. Floyd Carpenter, Eighth Air Force commander.

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K-9 'HANDLING' THE MISSION



Staff Sgt. Charles Davis, 509th Security Forces Squadron dog handler, stands out by the flightline prior to taking his K-9 through a deferred final response course March 7. 509th SFS dog handlers participate in an array of exercises and training courses with the K-9s in order to stay sharp and prepared for any mission.



Staff Sgt. Charles Davis, 509th Security Forces Squadron dog handler, prepares to take his K-9 through a deferred final response course March 7.



(Above) Staff Sgt. James Swann, 509th Security Forces Squadron dog handler, plays fetch with his K-9 (below) before running him through a confidence course March 7.



Staff Sgt. James Swann, 509th Security Forces Squadron dog handler, walks with his K-9 after completing a deferred final response exercise March 7.

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Each American Airman is a 'part' of the Air Force's vision for building a model command. Staff Sgt. KariLee Thomas, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron aircraft part store supervisor, was a necessary component in that process during her last deployment to Southwest Asia.

Sergeant Thomas departed this Air Force Global Strike Command base July 4, 2010 and returned Jan. 8. During her deployment she worked flightline supply as a night shift supervisor.

"My duties consisted of supporting the Global Hawk, U-2s and AWACS aircraft with the parts they needed to complete their

day-to-day mission," said Sergeant Thomas. "In a deployed environment you work many aspects of supply in one section."

While deployed, Sergeant Thomas' responsibilities in the flightline supply section consisted of working the flight service center, mobility readiness spare packages, inventory and customer service.

"The importance of my job was simple ... I provided the parts needed to keep the aircraft flying," she said. "On my shift, I worked to finish any tasks from the day shift and completed customer orders."

"My team and I conducted inventory almost daily to improve the warehouse and better serve our customers," she said.

Sergeant Thomas was also the night shift 'due-in for maintenance monitor' and

worked closely with production superintendents from different maintenance squadrons to ensure they turned in their DIFM assets in the allotted two-day time period.

"I was also in charge of monitoring the product quality deficiency reports and worked closely with quality assurance to get the assets shipped back to the appropriate agencies for inspection," she said.

While her deployed duties were similar to those at Whiteman AFB, she supported several aircraft instead of just one.

When not on shift, Sergeant Thomas used her time to work towards her Community College of the Air Force degree in logistics, completing three credit hours.



SOUTHWEST ASIA - Staff Sgt. KariLee Thomas, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron aircraft parts store supervisor, deployed July 4, 2010 and returned Jan. 8.

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509th Civil Engineer Squadron – In Too Deep



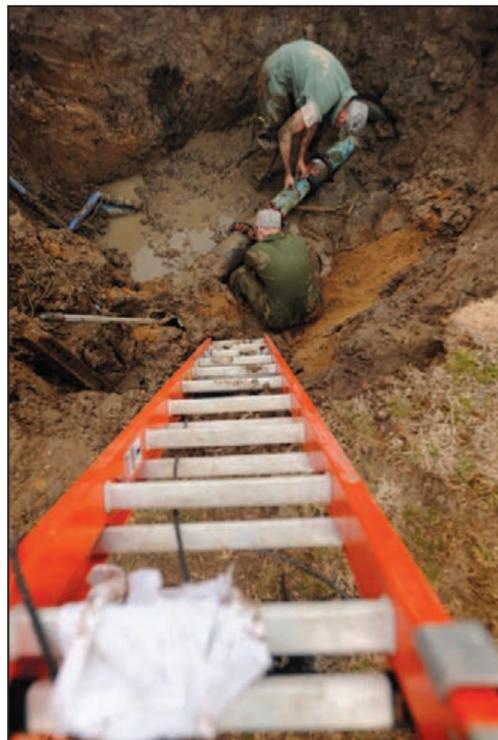
Senior Airman Sean O'Connor (left) and Staff Sgt. Justin England, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron water fuels maintenance specialists, shovel loads of thick mud to get access to a broken water main March 7.



Senior Airman Sean O'Connor, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron water fuels maintenance specialist guides a hose to drain standing water from a ditch, gaining access to a broken water main. The 509th CES Airmen quickly repaired the water main restoring clean drinking water to five base facilities.



Staff Sgt. Justin England, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron water fuels maintenance specialist, reaches up to take tools from a coworker in order to finish repairing a busted water main.



A ladder leads into a muddy pit where Staff Sgt. Justin England and Senior Airman Sean O'Connor, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron water fuels maintenance specialists, work vigorously to repair a busted water main. The broken water main caused five base facilities to have undrinkable water. Both Airmen worked to fix the water main quickly, which restored clean drinking water.



A mud covered hard hat is discarded as a 509th Civil Engineer Squadron Airman finishes fixing a broken water main March 7.



Airmen from the 509th Civil Engineer Squadron hand each other parts to fix a busted water main.



Staff Sgt. Justin England, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron water fuels maintenance specialist, wipes mud from his hand after spending several hours repairing a busted water main.



A thunderous-spring warning

By Airman 1st Class Cody H. Ramirez
509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

March 20 marks the first day of spring and with it comes unpredictable Midwest weather and thunderstorms which hold no mercy for anything in their paths. This Air Force Global Strike Command base happens to be in a vulnerable spot for such weather.

Why worry about thunderstorms?

According to the National Weather Service, lightning causes an average of 55-60 fatalities and 400 injuries each year. It occurs with all thunderstorms and costs more than \$1 billion in insured losses.

Tornadoes cause an average of 60-65 fatalities and 1,500 injuries each year. They can be a mile wide and stay on the ground for more than 50 miles with wind speeds in excess of 200 mph.

Straight-line winds can exceed 125 mph and cause destruction equal to a tornado.

Flash floods and floods are the number one cause of deaths associated with thunderstorms, accounting for more than 90 fatalities each year.

Hail can be larger than a softball (5 inches in diameter) and causes more than \$1 billion in crop and property damage each year.

The NWS recommends people check if their location is under a weather watch or warning area by radio, television or the Internet.

The following are weather terms from the NWS:

Severe Thunderstorm: A thunderstorm that produces a tornado, winds of at least 58 mph, and/or hail at least ¾ inch in diameter. Structural wind damage may indicate that a severe thunderstorm took place. A thunderstorm with winds equal to or greater than 40 mph and/or hail of at least ½ inch is defined as approaching severe.

Severe Thunderstorm Watch: Thunderstorms are likely to occur in the local area. Watch the sky and stay tuned for NWS warnings.

Severe Thunderstorm Warning: A severe thunderstorm is occurring or likely to occur. Warnings indicate imminent danger to life and property.

Tornado: A violently rotating column

of air with circulation reaching the ground. It nearly always starts as a funnel cloud and may be accompanied by a loud roaring noise. On a local scale, it is the most destructive of all atmospheric phenomena.

Tornado Watch: Tornadoes are possible in the local area. Remain alert for approaching storms.

Tornado Warning: A tornado is occurring, or likely to occur within minutes, in the specified area. Warnings indicate imminent danger to life and property.

Flash Flood: A rapid and extreme flow of high water into a normally dry area, or a rapid water level rise in a stream or creek above a predetermined flood level, beginning within six hours of the causative event (e.g., intense rainfall, dam failure, ice jam). However, the actual time threshold may vary in different parts of the country. Ongoing flooding can intensify to flash flooding in cases where high rainfall results in a rapid surge of rising flood waters.

Flash Flood Watch: Issued to indicate current or developing hydrologic conditions that are favorable for flash flooding in and close to the watch area, but the occurrence is neither certain or imminent.

Flash Flood Warning: Issued to inform the public, emergency management and other cooperating agencies that flash flooding is in progress, imminent, or highly likely.

The 509th Force Support Squadron emergency management plans and operations office recommends that people put together a disaster supply kit to be ready for when severe weather strikes. It should include, at a minimum:

- Three-day supply of water
- One change of clothing and footwear
- One blanket per person
- First-aid kit
- Emergency tools, including a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- Weather Radio, flashlight and extra batteries
- Special items for infants, elderly, or disabled family members

When the sky holds a green tint, trees are bent sideways by the force of wind and hail is falling from the sky, remember these terms and get to a safe area.

For more information, call the 509th FSS emergency management plans and operations office at (660) 687-6222.



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SHREVEPORT, La. - Maj. Gen. Floyd Carpenter (left), Eighth Air Force commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Brian Hornback (right), Eighth Air Force command chief, stand with the Eighth Air Force Outstanding Airmen of the Year: (left to right) Rebecca Smith, 509th Bomb Wing, Whiteman AFB, Mo.; Kelli Kish, representing her husband Master Sgt. Steven Kish, 509th BW; Capt. Michael Pontius, 2nd Bomb wing, Barksdale AFB, La.; Senior Airman Marthinus Taljaard, 2nd BW; Tech. Sgt. Bradley Williams, 5th Bomb Wing, Minot AFB, N.D.; and John Garrett, Headquarters Eighth Air Force, Barksdale AFB. The Eighth Air Force announced their Outstanding Airmen of the Year for 2010 during the Eighth Air Force Outstanding Airmen of the Year Banquet held at the Eldorado Resort and Casino in Shreveport, La., March 3.

'Mighty Eighth' names 2010's Outstanding Airmen of the Year

By Staff Sgt. Brian Stives
Eighth Air Force Public Affairs

BARKSDALE AIR FORCE BASE, La. -- In a gala event held at the Eldorado Resort and Casino in Shreveport, La. March 3, the Eighth Air Force announced the Outstanding Airmen of the Year for 2010 in seven categories including: Airman, Non-Commissioned Officer, Senior Non-Commissioned Officer, First Sergeant, Company Grade Officer, Civilian Category I and Civilian Category II.

The winners will represent the "Mighty Eighth" at the Air Force Global Strike Command OAY ceremony on March 24.

"We at the 'Mighty Eighth' are extremely proud of all the nominees for their accomplishments over the past year," said Chief Master Sgt. Brian Hornback, Eighth Air Force command chief. "The nominees competing at this level truly are the best of the best in Eighth Air Force; they have led by example and showcase the excellence we strive for in the Mighty Eighth. The competition was very tough and although we had to narrow down to these Airmen that will go to represent us at the next level, all the nominees are winners and reflect what makes the Mighty Eighth so great, our people."

The OAY banquet recognizes the nominees for their superior leadership, job performance, community involvement and personal achievements.

"Each of the nominees is already a winner, and they represent the best of the Eighth Air Force," said Col. Robert Gass, Eighth Air Force vice commander.

Each of the nominees took back something different from the week of activities.

"It's an honor to be here," said Senior Airman Marthinus Taljaard, from the 2nd Bomb Wing at Barksdale AFB, La. "If it wasn't for my leadership and parents mentoring me all of my life I wouldn't be here today, because this event is more than just about me."

"It was a humbling experience," said John Garrett, from Headquarters Eighth Air Force. "Just being able to meet the other nominees and learning what they have done has motivated me

to strive to do even more for Eighth Air Force. I believe the whole experience of how we were recognized was just outstanding."

"My favorite part about the whole event was the 'speed chiefing,'" said Airman 1st Class Desiree Flynn, from the 5th Bomb Wing, Minot Air Force Base, N.D. "It meant a lot for the chiefs to take their time like that and let us ask any question on our minds. It was interesting to ask some of the same questions and get a feel for their different views on certain subjects. I really feel as though this experience caused me to grow in areas such as my knowledge about the Air Force, as well as, my professionalism. This experience has impacted me in a very good way."

This year's event was organized by a team of volunteers led by Master Sgt. Derek Groeling, 608th Strategic Operations Center strategic armament system manger.

"This event really came together because of all the teamwork that was put into it by the Eighth Air Force Top Three and associated committees," said Sergeant Groeling. "We had a wonderful team which caused the banquet to turn out wonderful."

The Outstanding Airmen of the Year for the Mighty Eighth are:

Airman of the Year:

Senior Airman Marthinus Taljaard, 2nd Bomb Wing, Barksdale AFB, La.

Noncommissioned Officer of the Year:

Tech. Sgt. Bradley Williams, 5th Bomb Wing, Minot AFB, N.D.

Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year:

Master Sgt. Robert Dalton Jr., 5th Bomb Wing, Minot AFB, N.D.

First Sergeant of the Year:

Master Sgt. Steven Kish, 509th Bomb Wing, Whiteman AFB, Mo.

Company Grade Officer of the Year:

Capt. Michael S. Pontius, 2nd Bomb Wing, Barksdale AFB, La.

Civilian Category I:

Rebecca Smith, 509th Bomb Wing, Whiteman AFB, Mo.

Civilian Category II:

John Garrett, Headquarters Eighth Air Force

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- ❑ Primers and primer devices will be stored in the manufacturer's original container or an after market primer tray that holds primers securely and maintains them physically separated.
- ❑ A minimum 20 pound B/C rated fire extinguisher will be provided by the resident and kept in the immediate area of any reloading operation.
- ❑ Use of reloading components for other than their designed purpose e.g., construction of pyrotechnics or fireworks, is prohibited.

Personnel need to contact the Fire Department for questions before storing or maintaining reloading material at (660) 687-4507.

For more information about gun safety reference Whiteman AFB AFI 31-101v2 or contact (660) 687-4482.

Gov. Jay Nixon visits Whiteman

Missouri Gov. Jay Nixon speaks to local civic leaders at the base community council luncheon March 8. Governor Nixon was the guest speaker for the event and thanked the council for their part in strengthening the base's relationship with the local community. The featured communities for March were California and Columbia, Mo. The BCC consists of more than 350 individuals representing 18 local communities. Each community is paired with a Whiteman AFB squadron to get Airmen involved in local organizations and work with community members on various projects and events.



U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Kenny Holston

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She also volunteered with base organizations and in the community, combining her work ethic with her educational progress.

She spent time supporting the 5/6 council, helped improve base morale and mentored Airmen, assisted with the combat dining-in and was the representative for her flight's combined

federal campaign.

"Sergeant Thomas is an incredibly motivated individual who is always willing to make any sacrifice to complete the mission," Staff Sgt. Peter Hill, 509th LRS APS NCO in charge. "She epitomizes the Air Force Core Values and is an indispensable member of the aircraft parts store."

Sergeant Thomas said she missed her family and six-months of her daughters' life while deployed, but was proud to support the fight against terror by helping the reconnaissance mission succeed.

"I felt I had a real purpose in my job while I was deployed and I would do it again," she said.

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Wire Jewelry Deadline ~ Arts & Crafts

Noon, today is the sign up deadline for Wire Jewelry class scheduled March 15, 9-11 a.m. Cost is \$20, supplies included. Call 687-5691 to reserve a spot today!

Pheasant Hunt Deadline ~ Outdoor Recreation

Today is the sign up deadline for the Pheasant Hunt trip scheduled March 19, 6 a.m.-6 p.m. Cost is \$85. A \$35 non-refundable deposit is due at registration. Call 687-5565 for more details.

Super Social Hour ~ 5-7 p.m. ~ Mission's End

Come to Mission's End for great music, bar bingo, Wii dance, Spades and Domino tournaments! Hors' d'oeuvres and drink specials served. Club members free; nonmembers \$7 at the door. Must be 18 years or older to enter. Call 687-4422 for more information.

Cosmic Color Pin ~ 7:30-10:30 p.m. ~ Stars & Strikes

Come out every Friday or Saturday night to enjoy Cosmic Color Pin Bowling with a chance to win a free game every time you bowl. Games are just \$2. Call 687-5114 for more details.

Sing it Like a Star ~ 8 p.m.-1 a.m. ~ Mission's End

Join us in the Lavene Lounge and Sing it Like a Star! 1st, 2nd and 3rd place cash prize and a chance to compete in the quarterly sing off in April for \$250. Must be 18 years or older to participate. Nonmembers may not compete for cash prizes. Call 687-4422.

SATURDAY 3/12

Ping Pong Tournament ~ 2 p.m. ~ Community Center

Get your Forrest Gump on and join in on some fast-pace action as singles and pairs go at it in a double elimination tournament. Event is free and open to all ages. Call 687-5617 for more details.

Texas Hold'em ~ 6:30 p.m. ~ Mission's End

GO ALL IN! Two sessions. Members are free; nonmembers \$10. Register at 6 p.m. Call 687-4422 for more information.

MONDAY 3/14

Get a Grip ~ Royal Oaks Golf Course

March is the time to switch out those grips! Drop off your clubs in the morning and we will do our best to have them ready for you to pick up in the evening on the way home from work. Purchase the grips from us, and we will put them on for free! Call 687-5572 for more information. In-stock grips only.

Blue Plate Special ~ 11 a.m.-1 p.m. ~ Mission's End

Today's special: chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, green beans w/almonds, country gravy and Texas toast. Cost is \$6 for members; \$8 nonmembers. For more info, call 687-4422.

TUESDAY 3/15

Club Grill Specials ~ 11 a.m.-1 p.m. ~ Mission's End

Your choices this month are roast beef turkey with gravy on open face Texas toast served with Cajun potatoes or waffle fries or Salad of the month: Asian crispy chicken salad or Southwest Cobb salad. For more information, please call 687-4422.

Free Bowling Days ~ 3 p.m.-Closing ~ Stars & Strikes

Purchase \$6 from the snack bar, receive three free games and shoe rental when you present your receipt at the bowling counter. Can't make it today, stop by Thursday, same time, same place. Call 687-5114 for more details.

Daily Bar Bingo ~ 5-6 p.m. ~ Mission's End

Join us every Tuesday through Friday for daily bar bingo! Weekly coverall numbers called go up by one; jackpot goes up by \$50. Cost is \$1 per card. A \$20 consolation prize daily if no jackpot winner. Card sales begin 5 p.m., game starts 5:30 p.m. Only club members can participate. Stop by daily to try your luck for that grand prize! Call 687-4422 for more information. Must be 18 years old to play.

WEDNESDAY 3/16

Boss-n-Buddy Night ~ 4-7 p.m. ~ Mission's End

Bring your boss and/or buddy over for wings, brews and bingo. 20-cent member wings; 35-cent nonmember/carry-out wings. Stick around for our members only bingo at 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. Call 687-4422 for details.

THURSDAY 3/17

Cook's Night Off ~ Mission's End

Call in your order to 687-4422 by 2 p.m.; pick up 5-8 p.m. A perfect meal that feeds a family of four. March's menu is baked pork chops, wild rice, mixed vegetables, pasta salad, dinner roll and apple crumble cake. Cost is \$15.95 for members; \$18.95 nonmembers.



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Youth & Teen Events

TODAY 3/11

Teen Leadership & Space Camps Sign Ups ~ Youth Ctr.

Teens, ages 13-18, the Youth Center is accepting registrations for Teen Leadership Camp scheduled July 11-15 at the University of Texas, San Antonio and Space Camp July 25-30 at Huntsville, Alabama. Applications for both camps must be submitted by April 1. Call 687-5586 for more details or visit www.afyouthprograms.com

Sports Physicals ~ Youth Center

Schedule your child's sports physical today! Children are not permitted to participate in practices or games until a current sports physical is on file. Be ready for Spring and Summer by scheduling the physical early. Contact 687-5586 for more information.

Youth Baseball/Softball Sign Ups ~ Youth Center

The Youth Center is accepting registrations for Tee Ball & Coach Pitch Baseball for ages 5-8 and Glenn Shippy Baseball/Softball League for boys & girls grades 3rd-8th. Cost is \$35 for members; \$45 nonmembers. Sign up deadline and parent's meeting is March 25; 5:15 p.m. at the Youth Center. Call 687-5586 for more details.

Teen Dinner & Movie Sign Ups ~ Youth Center

Teens, ages 13-18, sign up for the dinner & movie trip to Lee's Summit scheduled March 26, 5-10 p.m. Cost is \$3 for members; \$5 nonmembers. Sign up deadline is March 25. Call 687-5586 for details.

Free Teen Shuttle Service ~ 2:30 p.m. ~ Youth Center

Attention teens attending Warrensburg middle & high schools: need a ride to get to the Whiteman AFB Youth Center to hang out with friends? The Youth Center provides free shuttle service every Friday! Pickup is at 2:30 p.m. at the middle school then the high school. Permission slip (military ID card if 16 years and older) required. Must have access to the base. Call 687-5586 for details.

Youth Fun Night ~ 6:30-9:30 p.m. ~ Youth Center

Youth, ages 6-12, join us today for Youth Center's Fun Night. Various activities planned throughout the evening. Cost is \$8 for members; \$10 nonmembers. Call 687-5586 for more information.

MONDAY 3/14

Summer 2011 Program ~ Youth Center

School Age Program is accepting applications for the 2011 Youth Summer Program. Children, kindergarten through age 12, explore Missouri via educational activities, the arts and various recreational activities. Last day to register is April 15. Call 687-5586 or stop by to find out how to enroll your child today!

Image Makers Photography Contest ~ Youth Center

The Youth Center is joining a nationwide search to identify talented young artists. The competition is part of the Boys & Girls of America's ImageMakers National Photography Contest. Youth ages 6-18 may submit their photos to the Youth Center no later than March 16. Contact the Youth Center at 687-5586 for more info.

Dentokan Karate ~ 4-5 p.m. ~ Youth Center

Classes are offered every Monday and Wednesday for youth ages 6-18. Cost is \$35 for members; \$45 nonmembers per month. For more information, please call 687-5586.

TUESDAY 3/15

Torch Club Meeting ~ 4-5 p.m. ~ Youth Center

Preteens, ages 9-12, learn to work together to plan and implement activities. Torch Club meets every Tuesday during the school year. Cost is free. Call 687-5586 for details.

Keystone Club Meeting ~ 6-8 p.m. ~ Youth Center

Teens, ages 13-18, meet to discuss leadership and community involvement. Nonmembers are welcome to join! Call 687-5586.

FCC NEWS!

Extended Duty Care

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This Week at the Movies

No Strings Attached

Saturday, 7 p.m.

Natalie Portman, Ashton Kutcher — Emma and Adam are life-long friends who almost ruin everything by having sex one morning. In order to protect their friendship, they make a pact to keep their relationship strictly “no strings attached.” “No strings” means no jealousy, no expectations, no fighting, no flowers, and no baby voices. It means they can do whatever they want, whenever they want, in whatever public place they want, as long as they don’t fall in love. The question becomes -- who’s going to fall first? And can their friendship survive? R- Sexual content, language and some drug material 108 min.

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Sunday, 3 p.m.

Alice Parkinson, Richard Roxburgh — Master diver Frank McGuire has explored the South Pacific’s Esa-ala Caves for months. But when his exit is cut off in a flash flood, Frank’s team - including 17-year-old son Josh and financier Carl Hurley - are forced to radically alter plans. With dwindling supplies, the crew must navigate an underwater labyrinth to make it out. Soon, they are confronted with the unavoidable question: Can they survive, or will they be trapped forever? R - language, some violence and disturbing images. 108 Min

*Movie showings are featured at the Whiteman AFB Movie Theater.
For more information call (660) 687-5110.*

Retiree Activities Office — The Retiree Activities Office provides an interface between the active-duty force and the retiree population from all military branches. The RAO is staffed by volunteers and open from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Monday through Friday. The RAO is always looking for volunteers and training is provided. For more information, call (660) 687-6457 or 1 (800) 303-5608 or e-mail rao@whiteman.af.mil.

You, Your Children, & Divorce — You, Your Children, & Divorce is a 90-minute class offered twice a month on the second and fourth Tuesday from 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. for individuals with children whose parents are in the process of a divorce. Class content focuses on helping parents help themselves and their children through a divorce successfully and minimize negative effects on the children. Reservations are required. Call (660) 687-4341 for additional information.

Dads: The Basics — Dads: The Basic’s is a four-hour workshop for new dads to learn about caring for their new baby. The workshop is taught by other fathers and is held on a Saturday morning from 8 a.m.-noon every three months. Call (660) 687-4341 for next workshop date and location.

Shifting Angry Response Patterns (SHARP) — Shifting Angry Response Patterns is a four-session class 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 — Prevention & Relationship Enhancement Program is a communication workshop for couples (married, engaged and/or dating) who have a good relationship and want to make it better. This is a six-hour workshop and will be held every three months on a Friday from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Call (660) 687-4341 for the next workshop date and location.

1-2-3 Magic — 1-2-3 Magic is a two-session research-based parenting skills class offered twice a month on the second and fourth Tuesday from 2 – 4 p.m.

It teaches parents easy-to-follow steps for disciplining children ages 2-12 without yelling, arguing or spanking. Parents will learn how to get their children to stop doing what they don’t want them to do and encourage them to start doing what they want them to do. Parents will learn techniques for handling misbehavior in public and dealing with testing and manipulation. Reservations required, call (660) 687-4341.

Common Sense Parenting — Common Sense Parenting is offered in three, 90-minute classes every month and is scheduled according to the parent’s needs. The Family Advocacy Program offers two different classes. One for parents of children ages 3-5 and another for parents of children ages 6-16. This class will demonstrate how to give clear messages, stay calm and teach your child self-control as well as prevent misbehavior. Reservations required, call (660) 687-4341.

WIC — WIC is nutrition education, health promotion and supplemental food program aimed at assisting women, infants and children who have special nutritional needs. WIC office personnel will be at the Airman & Family Readiness Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:30 a.m. First time attendees who want to sign up for WIC must call their office first for details at (660) 747-2012.

New Parent Support Program — New Parent Support Program is an educational outreach program 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.

School Liaison Officer — The School Liaison Officer is available to assist military families with questions or issues in regards to Kindergarten through 12th grade schooling options. The SLO works to develop partnerships with the local school districts. The SLO is located in the Airman & Family Readiness Center, and can be reached at (660) 687-7132.

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