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Airmen of the 509th Civil Engineer Squadron work to clear the flight line at on Jan. 12, 2019, at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo. In order for the various aircraft, including the B-2 Spirit, to use the area for operations, it must be clear of snow and ice so they can get sufficient traction.

(U.S. Air Force photo by Airman Parker J. McCauley)



A U.S. Air Force B-2 Spirit bomber deployed from Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., prepares to land at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, Jan. 10, 2019. Three B-2 bombers and more than 200 Airmen deployed here in support of U.S. Strategic Command's (USSTRATCOM) bomber task force mission. Bomber aircraft regularly rotate through the Indo-Pacific region to integrate capabilities with key regional partners and maintain a high state of aircrew proficiency. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Thomas Barley)

B-2 bombers deploy to Hawaii

Tech. Sgt. Eric Donner
Pacific Air Forces Public Affairs

JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR HICKAM, HI — Three B-2 Spirit bombers and more than 200 Airmen, from Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri, deployed, here in support of U.S. Strategic Command's (USSTRATCOM) Bomber Task Force (BTF) mission, Jan. 10, 2019.

Bomber aircraft regularly rotate through the Indo-Pacific region to integrate capabilities with key regional partners and maintain a high state of aircrew proficiency.

"This training is crucial to maintaining

our regional interoperability," said Lt. Col. Joshua Dorr, 393rd Bomb Squadron director of operations. "It affords us the opportunity to work with our allies in joint exercises and validates our always-ready global strike capability."

Although the Spirit has trained in the region multiple times in the past, utilizing Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, this deployment marks the second time the Spirit has deployed to JBPH-H supporting the BTF mission.

During the B-2s first deployment to JBPH-H in August 2018, the bomber flew multiple local and long-duration sorties,

conducted hot pit refuelings and integrated with the Hawaii Air National Guard 199th Fighter Squadron's, F-22 Raptors.

"Deploying to Hawaii enables us to showcase to a large American and international audience that the B-2 is on watch 24 hours a day, seven days a week, ready to protect our country and its allies," Dorr said.

The B-2s low-observable, or "stealth," characteristics give it the ability to penetrate an enemy's most sophisticated defenses and put at risk their most valuable targets, its presence in the Hawaiian Islands stands as a testament to enhanced



A U.S. Air Force B-2 Spirit bomber deployed from Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., takes off on its first sortie from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPH-H), Hawaii, Jan. 14, 2019. Three B-2 Bombers arrived to JBPH-H on Jan. 10, 2019 in support of U.S. Strategic Command's (USSTRATCOM) bomber task force mission.



THE WHITEMAN WEEKLY WIRE

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The Whiteman Weekly Wire is published weekly in the Warrior and on www.facebook.com/WhitemanAirForceBase.

Items to be published should be submitted no later than noon on Wednesdays to: whiteman.warrior@us.af.mil with the subject "Weekly Wire Request." Your submission must be five lines or less, including contact information. Attachments cannot be included.

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

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- **Snow removal equipment has the right of way** on airfield and base streets. If you are experiencing heating issues please contact the 509th Civil Engineer Squadron at 660-687-6350.
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- **Every Wednesday from 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Lt. Col Shipman leads Combat Communications** in his office at the base chapel. Combat Communications is for service men and women and spouses to talk about combat experiences and support options. Contact Lt. Col Shipman if interested but, unable to attend on Wednesday. Contact at DSN 975-3652 or COMM: 660-687-3652.
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- **For the latest news, photos, and videos** please refer to the official Whiteman Facebook page at www.facebook.com/WhitemanAirForceBase.



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31 Upcoming Events

- **The 509th Medical Group is offering a nicotine cessation class.** Attending all four sessions is recommended. Session 2 is 3-4:30 p.m., January 22; Session 3 is 3-4:30 p.m., January 29; Session 4 is 3-4:30 p.m., January 29. Call Health Promotion at 660-687-1199 to enroll.
- **The Kansas City Mavericks are hosting a military appreciation weekend** and are offering \$10 tickets for military personnel and their families on January 25-26. There will be Special Military Gameday Auction Jerseys. To order tickets call 816-777-0035 or for more information go to kcmavericks.com.
- **Single unaccompanied Airmen are invited to a free event at Sky Zone** from 9:45 a.m.-1 p.m. on January 25 in Lees Summit. Transportation and food will also be provided. The event is a resiliency event and is an alternate duty location; Airmen need their supervisor's approval to attend. There are limited openings for this event. For more information and to sign up, email Airman Devon Grejczyk at devon.grejczyk@us.af.mil.
- **The Whiteman Spouses' Club is accepting applications for scholarships** from high school seniors, continuing undergraduates and military spouses. Applications must be postmarked by January 31, 2019. For an application and more information, email wsc.scholarship1@gmail.com or visit www.whitemanwsc.com/scholarships.html
- **EFMP/special needs or deployment/remote status military family are invited** to Coffee & Chat 10-11 a.m. every third Wednesday of the month at Coffee SKNOBS in Knob Noster. Complimentary coffee with refreshments is offered. Children are welcome with adult supervision. For more information, call 660-687-7132.



F-16A Fighting Falcon, F-15C Eagle and F-15E Strike Eagle fighter aircraft fly over burning oil fields in Kuwait during Operation Desert Storm. (Courtesy U.S. Air Force photo)

Desert Storm: A look back

Shannon Collins
U.S. Department of Defense

Operation Desert Storm was the first major foreign crisis for the United States after the end of the Cold War.

On Aug. 2, 1990, Saddam Hussein led a well-equipped Iraqi army into Kuwait, a major supplier of oil to the United States. The U.S. had supplied Iraq

with military aid during its eight-year war with Iran, giving Iraq the fourth-largest army in the world at that time. This posed a threat to Saudi Arabia, another major exporter of oil. If Saudi Arabia fell, Iraq would control one-fifth of the world's oil supply. The Iraqi leader also was repeatedly violating United Nations resolutions, so the U.S. had U.N. support in responding to Iraq's invasion of Kuwait.



President George H.W. Bush meets with troops in Saudi Arabia on Thanksgiving during the Gulf War, Nov. 22, 1990. (Courtesy of George Bush Presidential Library and Museum)

KEY FACTS

- More than 500,000 American troops deployed to Saudi Arabia as part of Operation Desert Shield, in case Iraqi troops attacked Saudi Arabia.
- On Jan. 15, 1991, Operation Desert Shield became Operation Desert Storm, backed by public support after diplomacy failed.
- Desert Storm became the largest air campaign since the conflict in Southeast Asia.
- The U.S. and 40 allied nations, including several Arab nations, flew more than 18,000 air deployment missions, more than 116,000 combat air sorties and dropped 88,500 tons of bombs.
- After air attacks that lasted for six weeks, the ground campaign lasted only 100 hours before Kuwait was

- liberated.
 - Iraq tried to split the coalition by launching Scud missiles at Israel, but Israel refrained from responding, thanks to its partnership with the United States.
 - Desert Storm saw the first use of the MIM-104C Patriot missile system in combat, where it was used to intercept Scud missiles. It was also the first time the Air Force used stealth and space systems support capabilities against a modern, integrated air defense.
 - About 697,000 U.S. troops took part in the war, with 299 losing their lives.
- The United States remains in good standing with many of the countries involved in the coalition that began with Operation Desert Storm 27 years ago.

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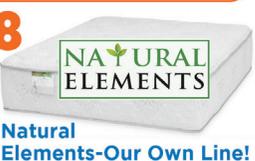


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U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Kristofer Vandermark, far left; Staff Sgt. Titus Poulouse, left; Staff Sgt. Michael Jennings, right; and Master Sgt. Chris Farnsworth, far right, of the 263rd Combat Communications Squadron, a detachment of the 145th Airlift Wing, pose for a photo while deployed to Antarctica in support of Operation Deep Freeze (ODF), at McMurdo Station, Antarctica, Dec. 1, 2018. ODF is a military mission in support of the National Science Foundation throughout the continent of Antarctica, to provide air, land, and sea support to McMurdo Station. (Courtesy photo)

North Carolina Guard team enhances Antarctic communications

Tech. Sgt. Nathan Clark
145th Airlift Wing
North Carolina Air National Guard

McMURDO STATION, Antarctica – When December rolls around all eyes are traditionally focused on the North Pole. That was not the case this year however, for four members of the 263rd Combat Communications Squadron, who spent the last month of 2018 focused on the South Pole of Antarctica and Operation Deep Freeze.

Operation Deep Freeze (ODF) is a Joint Task Force mission that provides air, land and sea support to the National Science Foundation, located at McMurdo Station; a mere 850 miles north of the South Pole. The Airmen of the 263rd Combat Communications Squadron spent over two weeks in the Arctic weather installing and validating satellite communications.

"Essentially, this was a proof of concept to determine if combat communicators can provide local, temporary services to increase the network data rate via our tactical satellite terminals," said Master Sgt. Chris Farnsworth, a communications technician with the 263rd Combat Communications Squadron. "Our role was to deploy a four-man team to install and validate isolated SATCOM capabilities at Williams Field (the airport for McMurdo Station) while simultaneously developing processes for continued mission support through 2021."

Communication is no small matter with Antarctica being an isolated continent at the bottom of the world. Networks will be slow, and all communication must

correspond with military partners in places like Japan and Hawaii. This makes speaking to friends and family back home more difficult than in most other deployed locations.

"While 'On the Ice' we were limited to an Iridium, phone cards, basic low-rate email, and a single pager (all aspects a successful mission on our end could rectify). Likewise, access to basic consumable material often associated with combat communications was limited," said Farnsworth.

Outside of communication issues, December is the time of year when the Earth's Southern Hemisphere experiences summer. For Antarctica that means 24/7 sunlight for a couple of weeks, making work hours extremely flexible, but resting hours extremely awkward. For Master Sgt. Farnsworth, the never ending daylight was made bearable by the company and hard work of everyone there.

"The people we worked with, military and civilian, were exceptional. The team atmosphere and accommodations provided proved critical in our overall mission success. We couldn't have done what we did without the support we received both in planning and while on the ground."

At the end of the day, the unique icy landscape provided an additional reward.

"While our pace of work was high, and stress a constant factor, at times we could pause, gaze at our surroundings and absorb how privileged we were to have been selected for such a unique mission," said Farnsworth. "Antarctica is a truly magnificent landscape that no amount of photos or explanation can justify."

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Snow removal on Whiteman AFB



Tech. Sgt. Broc French, the NCO in charge of the pavements and equipments shop with the 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, operates a snow plow on Jan. 12, 2019, on the flightline at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo. French worked with other Airmen with the 509th CES using a variety of specialized vehicles including snow plows, snow blowers and brushes. Clearing the snow off the flightline allows personnel to continue to support operations as the aircraft require sufficient traction on the ground to operate safely and effectively. (U.S. Air Force photos by Airman Parker J. McCauley)





Senior Airmen Brandon Gene B. Arroyo and Angus J. Bailey, assigned to the electrical power pro section of the 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, pose for a portrait on Jan. 8, 2019. Arroyo and Bailey were part of a group of 12 509th CES members who went to Tyndall to support the rebuild and relief efforts between mid-November and December of 2018. (US Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Kayla White)



Tyndall Air Force Base Commander Col. Brian Laidlaw, in front of ruined base housing Oct. 22, 2018. The eye of Hurricane Michael went directly over the base and damaged every structure. (Kevin Begos/The Washington Post)

Whiteman civil engineers rebuild Tyndall AFB after Hurricane Michael

Staff Sgt. Kayla White
509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

12 Airmen assigned to the 509th Civil Engineer Squadron responded to Tyndall Air Force base to help restore it to its former operational glory after Hurricane Michael hit in October 2018.

The category 4 force of nature rocked the home of the 325th Fighter Wing in Panama City, Florida, as it ripped roofs from buildings, destroyed airplane hangars and closed the Silver Flag Training site.

The training site provides U.S. Air Force civil engineers with hands-on technical experience for high-demand, contingency tools and equipment generally not available at their home stations. It focuses on bare base setup of equipment, sustainment operations and recovery after attack.

Senior Airman Brandon Gene B. Arroyo, assigned to the 509th CES electrical power pro section, said Tyndall AFB was barely recognizable.

"I'd been to Tyndall before for Silver Flag training," he said. "I couldn't believe what I was seeing."

1st Lt. Travis S. Ellison, the 509th CES requirements and optimization section officer in charge, said he and his Airmen initially fell under Task Force Phoenix before merging with Tyndall's 325th CES.

From mid-November to mid-December, they partnered with the 275th CES from Scott AFB, the 19th CES from Little Rock AFB, the 436th CES from Dover AFB and the 319th CES from Grand Forks.

Ellison described the impact his

team had, including providing electrical power for members of the combined relief effort.

"We repaired 15 facilities at the Silver Flag training site which allowed the site to reopen and [continue to] train 4,500 personnel annually," he said.

Ellison said the engineers led a repair project at the base's child development center where they built a 120 ft. fence and a 20 ft. bridge.

"We also removed a 6-ton storage tank that held 590 gallons of fuel from the coastline, which mitigated a potential 28 thousand acre spillage," he said.

Arroyo and his wingman Senior Airman Angus J. Bailey, also assigned to the 509th CES electrical power pro section, have both deployed in support of operations in the Middle East. They each described why this relief experience at Tyndall stood out to them.

Arroyo said it felt good to know he was helping his fellow Americans in their time of need.

"Being able to see how we could all respond, working together, was great," said Bailey, describing how the experience helped reinforce his engineer training. "It really made me feel more confident."

Ellison said this collaborative relief effort proves that the Air Force can be extremely resilient.

"A major natural disaster strikes and devastates the base and we are there the day after, getting the base mission ready in two months," he said. "It shows the world our ability to take a huge hit and bounce back quickly."



Senior Airmen Brandon Gene B. Arroyo and Angus J. Bailey, assigned to the electrical power pro section of the 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, perform maintenance and inspections on, and operate the Basic Expeditionary Airfield Resources (BEAR) Power Unit during their relief mission to Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla. in the aftermath of Hurricane Michael which struck in October 2018. Arroyo and Bailey were part of a group of 12 509th CES members who went to Tyndall to support the rebuild and relief efforts between mid-November and December of 2018. (Courtesy photos)



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Airman 1st Class Jeremy Wentworth, 97th Air Mobility Wing Public Affairs

Nov. 20, 2018, Altus Air Force Base, Okla. The new boom pod was the winning idea on the Air Force Spark Tank and will be added into every KC-135 Stratotanker. (U.S. Air Force photo)

Master Sgt. Christopher Joyce, a 56th Air Refueling Squadron boom operator, examines a new boom pod bed



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Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

ARLINGTON, Va. (AFNS) -- The Air Force is calling for submissions from start-ups and small businesses as it seeks to rapidly invest up to \$40 million at Air Force Pitch Day as part of a larger rapid contracting effort.

Air Force Pitch Day is designed as a fast-track program to put companies on one-page contracts and same-day awards with the swipe of a government credit card. The opportunity affords small businesses access to the military market as well as non-dilutive capital, which is funding that does not require a company to share its ownership.

The event is modeled after commercial investment pitch competitions to deliver a faster, smarter approach to compete for ideas in the accelerating technology ecosystem. The process is a major departure from the lengthy contractual processes typically expected of the military.

"Mind-blowing ideas are being birthed in U.S. start-up companies, but the Pentagon largely misses out on them," said Dr. Will Roper, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics. "We have to do business at the speed of ideas so we can both inspire and accelerate start-up creativity towards national security challenges. The only way we're going to do that is by making sure partnering with the Air Force is easy and energizing."

Submissions are open to ideas furthering national security in air, space and cyberspace with a special emphasis on three areas:

- Command, control, communications, intelligence and network technologies
- Battlefield air operations family of systems technologies
- Digital technologies

Companies are encouraged to apply soon – proposals and pitch decks will be accepted from January 8 – February 6.

The most promising candidates will be invited to pitch their ideas live to a team of Air Force experts, commercial investors and defense partners in New York City March 6, for an opportunity to compete for an Air Force contract award up to \$158,000.

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Education services personnel supporting active Air Force installations, CCAF advisors working with the Air National Guard (ANG) and training technicians assigned to the Air Force Reserve Command (AFRC) counsel students and serve as the direct link between students and the administrative center. These counselors guide students toward degree completion and work with civilian collegiate institutions to arrange for course offerings needed to satisfy CCAF degree requirements.

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**Thursday, January 24th
Make Your Own Burrito Bowls
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

Enjoy some mouth watering Tex Mex at Ozark Inn Dining Facility! Open to all DoD ID holders.
For more information call (660) 687-5677.

**Friday, January 25th
Powerlifting Competition @ Fitness
9:00 a.m. – Over**

Show off your strength at the Powerlifting Competition! Score is recorded as a total of all three lifts in lbs: bench press, squat, & deadlift.
For more information call (660) 687-5496.

**Wednesday, January 30th
Chef Wars Cheesecake Showdown
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

Ozark dining personnel will split teams & compete to be the cheesecake master! Come taste & vote for your favorite! All DoD ID card holders may taste test for free. Full size portions are \$1.10 + surcharge per piece.
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**Sunday, February 3rd
The Big Game @ Ozark Dining
5:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.**

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Air Force accepts KC-46A

Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

ARLINGTON, Va. -- The Air Force accepted the first KC-46A Pegasus tanker from The Boeing Company Jan. 10.

This is a major milestone for the next generation tanker and will allow Airmen to begin operational testing and flight training.

The Air Force has identified, and Boeing has agreed to fix at its expense, deficiencies discovered in developmental testing of the remote vision system. The Air Force has mechanisms in place to ensure Boeing meets its contractual obligations while initial operational testing and evaluation continues.

The formal delivery ceremony at McConnell Air Force Base, Kansas, will occur as early as late January.



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