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Airman Samantha Johnson, a 509th Security Forces Squadron response force member, poses for a portrait on Feb. 22, 2019, at Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri. Johnson belongs to the youngest generation of female defenders since women integrated into the career field in 1971. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Kayla White)



Best-selling book author visits Whiteman, talks about leadership and inspiration

Simon Sinek is the author of the newly released "The Infinite Game" as well as multiple best-selling books, including:

- "Start with Why: How Great Leaders Inspire Everyone to Take Action;"
- "Leaders Eat Last: Why Some Teams Pull Together and Others Don't"
- "Together is Better: A Little Book of Inspiration"
- "Find Your Why: A Practical Guide for Discovering Purpose for You and Your Team"

Sinek's work focuses on how people think, act and communicate, and the environments in which they operate at their natural best. One of his goals is to help other leaders and organizations inspire action.

Additionally, Sinek popularized the concept of "why" in 2009 during his first TED Talk, which amassed more than 40 million views and became the third most-watched talk on TED.com.

Sinek meets with an array of leaders and organizations, including the U.S. military, with a vision to change the way businesses think, act and operate, he says.

5 Qualities of successful organizations:



JUST CAUSE: Believing the mission is worthwhile, despite frustrations

"Do you show up to work every day with a sense of purpose, with a sense of cause so powerful that you would be willing to sacrifice to advance that cause? Those days feel like I'm advancing something and committing to something and sacrificing for something that I believe in something bigger than myself."

TRUSTING TEAMS: Members can be themselves and communicate openly

"The only way we can make our organization outlast us and survive us, is if we commit ourselves just improving ourselves and improving our organizations, which means we have to admit mistakes and ask for help," he said. "When you work in a trusting team, it means you feel psychologically safe enough to raise your hand and say I made a mistake."

WORTHY RIVALS: Looking to competitors and rivals as sources of motivation to do better "You can have worthy rivals at work. It's no problem who actually does better than you, who's better at your job than you, who's a better leader than you. Admire them, learn from them, see where you can improve. Partner with them. The goal is to work together with them and make yourself stronger so that you can stay in the game as long as possible."

COURAGE TO LEAD: Working within one's sphere of influence to positively impact their subordinates, peers and to further the mission

"The responsibility of every Airman is not simply to do your job. The responsibility of every Airman is to equip that Airman who follows you to do your job better than you did it. All the little tricks and lessons that you've learned while you've been doing your job. How will you pass those on to the person who takes the job after you? Are you looking after the person to the left of you and looking after the person to the right of you?"



(U.S. Airforce photos by Senior Airman Thomas Barley)

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Closures / Downtime The Airman & Family Readiness Center

- will be closed for training on March 27. From March 25-29, 509th MUNS will be conducting a 100 percent inventory of the stockpile. No munitions transactions, including issues, pulls, expenditures or turn-ins will be processed. To ensure your account has assets to complete mission and/or training requirements, schedule all munitions transactions for March 18-22, prior to the inventory. Only emergency munitions transactions will be accepted during this time and must be approved in writing through group commanders. Contact Munitions Operations at whiteman.fv4625@us.af.mil or 660- 687-8214. (AFI21-201: A3.3.4. During inventories, minimize account transactions by only processing emergency requests submitted in writing and approved by the group commander (or equivalent)).
- The Fitness Center Track and Field is closed for renovations. PT tests will be conducted at Knob Noster High School. All tests are run through the Fitness Assessment Cell (FAC); the FAC will transport testers to the high school to complete the walk/run portion of the test. The Knob Noster track is not available for squadron PT, but if you'd like to run and get a feel for the track, it is only available after school hours.

- Service members are advised to be aware of what they consume as some states legalize recreational marijuana and THC. THC and CBD oils are illegal under federal law and Article 112a of the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ). Products containing them, such as THC beer, can cause a positive urinalysis result in a drug test.
- The Air Force Aid Society is providing four scholarships for active-duty spouses to complete a pharmacy technician certification course. The 12-week course through State Fair Community College at Whiteman AFB provides the Certified Pharmacy Technician certificate. Applications are available for pick up at the Airman & Family Readiness Center and are due by 4 p.m. on March 15. Classes meet Tuesday and Thursday each week from April 2-June 20 at the SFCC on base.
- TRICAREOnline (TOL) offers online access for appointment management, prescription refills, health data, the nurse advice line, secure messages with vour PCM and more. Go to www.TRICAREOnline. com
- Army & Air Force Exchange Service (BX) shoppers can now buy items at ShopMyExchange.com and pick them up at their local BX for free. Visit https://www.shopmyexchange.com/#.
- The base gym has a parking spot reserved during all regular hours and days. The new space is near the front entrance and is reserved for any wing annual award winner or member of Honor Guard.
- The Exceptional Family Member Program and Special Needs Support Group meets at 10-11 a.m. the first and third Tuesday of each month at

Whiteman AFB Youth Center. The group provides free information, speakers, children's activities and other events. Call 660-687-7132 for more information.

- Keys, wallets, bicycles, jewelry and other items have been turned in as found property to Security Forces. To inquire, visit Building 711, Room 305, or call Detective Steven B. Scott at 660-687-5342.
- The Qualified Recycling Program is open for drop-off 24/7 with reduced customer service staff. Cardboard, paper, newspaper, printer cartridges, lead acid batteries, scrap metal and aluminum cans are accepted. Materials left outside the Whiteman recycling center are base property; taking them is theft. Contact the recycling center with questions at 660-687-6253.
- Are you interested in joining a vanpool or starting your own? The Department of the Transportation (DoT) manages the vanpool program for the DoD at no out-of-pocket costs for you. This program is open to active duty, guard, reserve and civilians. Contact Maj. Keith Bratton at keith.bratton@us.af.mil.
- Have you checked out the Whiteman Air Force Base smartphone app? The app is frequently updated with new content and resources, including events, a base directory, medical information, and information for inbound and outbound personnel. A link to the download the app is available on the Whiteman website.
- For the latest news, photos, and videos please refer to the official Whiteman Facebook page at www. facebook.com/WhitemanAirForceBase.

Upcoming Events 31

- A pre-diabetes class is 2:30-4:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of every month at the 509th Medical Group Education and Training room in the basement. Call 660-687-1199 to enroll.
- 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 are offered. Children are welcome with adult supervision. For more information, call 660-687-7132.
- The Airman & Family Readiness Center offers financial classes every month. Individual appointments are available. Call 660-687-7132 or 660-619-2735 for more information.

The Whiteman PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) needs volunteers for its chili cookoff and family bingo night April 12 at the Whiteman Elementary School cafeteria. Volunteer hours are 4-8:30 p.m. Volunteers eat free and can be provided an EPR

- ChildSafe, a child advocacy center needs volunteers for the Adult Egg Hunt on April 13 at the Elm Hills Golf Course in Sedalia, Missouri. Volunteers will needed for setting up, serving food, helping with the hunt and games, handing out prizes, cleaning up and more. To volunteer email hheimsoth@childsafehouse.org.
- The Airman & Family Readiness Center is looking for volunteers to support Operation Spirit 2019 on April 27 at the Deployment Center on base. Volunteers help children with their mock deployment: in-processing, applying make-up, serving as chalk leaders and escorts for the obstacle course, setting up and tearing down, and assisting the USO serve food. To volunteer and for more information, call 660-687-7132.
- Powell Gardens is looking for volunteers for numerous positions. Volunteers are given free admission year round, along with discounts and other benefits. Volunteers must be at least 16 years old. For more information, call 816-697-2600 ext. 304 or email bhallak@ powellgardens.org.
- To volunteer for Team Whiteman's Airman **Against Drunk Driving** (AADD) program, contact Senior Airman Tyler Anderson at tyler.anderson.14@us.af.mil.

Advisories

- If you are experiencing heating issues on base, please contact the 509th Civil Engineer Squadron at 660-687-6350.
- The Whiteman AFB Tax Center will not be stood up this year as a result of December's partial government shutdown. Options to assist you with filing your taxes, including free online software and tax consultants available via phone, are detailed at www.whiteman.af.mil/taxcenter/. Taxes are due to the IRS by Monday, April 15 (April 17 for residents of Maine

and Massachusetts). The IRS is accepting tax returns now.

Food Recalls: Nature's Path Foods Inc. recalled Choco Chimps, Gorilla Munch and Jungle Munch cereals due to undeclared gluten. Utz Quality Foods LLC recalled Bachman 10-ounce twist pretzels due to undeclared milk and mislabeling. All applicable base facilities have been notified. Review recalls at http:// www.dla.mil/TroopSupport/ Subsistence/FoodSafety/fso/ ALFOODACT.aspx.

The 509th Medical Group is offering a nicotine cessation class in the B-2 conference room at the clinic. Attending all four sessions is recommended. Session 1 is complete; Session 2 is 3-4:30, March 26; Session 3 is 3-4:30, April 2; Session 4 is 3-4:30, April 19. Call Health Promotion at 660-687-1199 to enroll.

The Whiteman PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) is hosting a chili cook-off and family bingo night from 5-8 p.m. April 12 at the Whiteman Elementary School cafeteria. The event is open to everyone on base. The cost is \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door; PTO members and their families are \$5. For additional information, contact whitemanpantherspto@gmail.com.

letter.

Community leaders meet AF top Chaplain, visit Airmen at work

The 509th Security Forces Squadron and the City of Sedalia were featured during the March 6 Whiteman Base Community Council luncheon hosted at the Mission's End Club. Staff Sgt. Nicolette Sheridan, a 509th SFS military working dog handler, was highlighted during the #KnowYourMil portion of the event, where she talked about her experience in the military. Following this presentation, U.S. Air Force Chief of Chaplains Maj. Gen. Steven Schaick had the opportunity to speak to the BCC members as the event's guest speaker. After the luncheon, the Sedalia BCC members attended a tour of the Base Operations, Tower and the Radar Approach Control facilities. The next BCC luncheon will be April 3, 2019, featuring the 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, 509th Contracting Squadron and the 509th Force Support Squadron, with their respective communities Lee's Summit, Lexington and Marshall. (U.S. Air Force photos by Staff Sgt. Danielle Quilla)





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News Key support system at Whiteman Welcome Center

Staff Sgt. Kayla White 509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

The Whiteman Welcome Center is the first stop for Airmen and their families when they arrive new to the base

The center is a consolidation of representatives from major offices around Whiteman, such as Finance and Medical, in one convenient location.

The primary advantage of in-processing through the WWC is the time and complication that is eliminated," said WWC office manager, Michael Cridell. "Gone are the days of running around a new base completely lost and stressed. In-processing is an extremely stressful experience, whether the newcomer is a brand new Airmen or an O-6 with their spouse and children in tow."

Or, a technical sergeant and his family, coming from Tyndall AFB, Florida, just after Hurricane Michael hit in October of 2018

The WWC integrates all inbounds into the installation, their primary unit and the local community in a way that creates a sense of family and team unity from arrival, Cridell said. And the story of this technical sergeant serves as a testament to the value of the welcome center.

WHITEMAN BOUND

The WWC received notification that Tech. Sgt. David Knox and his family would be relocating from Tyndall AFB two weeks before they arrived. Knox would be joining the 509th Maintenance Group's Aerospace Ground Equipment unit.

"Due to his extenuating circumstances, the AGE Flight wanted to make sure that we were prepared to meet his needs and were well ahead of the curve," said Cridell

Knox and his family lost much of their personal belongings and their home when Hurricane Michael devastated Tyndall AFB, Florida.

He said the entire experience, from watching the storm on radar, to coming to terms with the loss of their home, was a rollercoaster ride. His family worked to remain positive through the adversity.

"We made sure to keep in mind that there were hundreds, if not thousands, of families in the area that lost more than us and would have a harder time replacing items," said Knox.

He said he still thinks about the local civilians who did not have access to the resources and aid that he and his family did.

When his family relocated to Whiteman, they had a couple primary concerns such as furnishing their home and connecting to their new community.

'EXTREMELY GRATEFUL'

He credits the WWC with helping his family make a smooth transition.

"The only reason I have shared all of the details of my family's journey over the last couple of months is because of how much help the Welcome Center provided us upon arrival," said Knox.

He said he spent around an hour at the WWC to complete his in-processing.

"This impressed me, especially given the unique situation and lack of any documentation from my last



Tech. Sgt. David Knox, an aerospace ground equipment craftsman assigned to the 509th Maintenance Group, poses for a portrait on March 8, 2019, at Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri. Knox and his family relocated to Whiteman after Hurricane Michael hit Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida, in October 2018. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Kayla White)

base," said Knox.

He commended the accommodating and professional WWC staff. They took additional time to show him where he could find secondhand stores and furniture stores, as well as good ways to help his children integrate into the local community.

"I am extremely grateful for all the help and information the Welcome Center provided to me," said Knox. "I sincerely hope that one day every Airman, Air Force-wide, will have the stress of a PCS lessened by a Welcome Center similar to what I experienced here at Whiteman Air Force Base."



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Camaraderie and sorority: 509th SFS female defenders represent

Staff Sgt. Kayla White 509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

Female members of the 509th Security Forces Squadron are woven into the defender mission at Whiteman Air Force Base - but this wasn't always the case.

Lt. Col. Justin Secrest, the 509th Bomb Wing director of staff, started his Air Force career as a security specialist three years after women began serving in the career field.

"It took our service from 1971 through 1985 to fully intete women into all aspects of service as a Defender," he said. "There is no doubt it made us better. Because of the integration there are some incredibly dedicated people serving who otherwise our service would have missed out on.

In honor of Women's History Month, we're recognizing the female defenders who make up just a fraction of the SFS manning at Whiteman, but touch every part of the mission. They protect weapons assets, enforce the law, handle military working dogs and many other critical things in between, just as their male counterparts do.

Just over a handful of those women sit in senior leadership positions throughout one of the base's largest squadrons: three lieutenants, one senior master sergeant and a master

First Lt. Jennifer Blanton, assistant operations officer assigned to the 509th SFS for the last two years, said all she ever wanted was to be a security forces officer.

"I chose it because I wanted to be with Airmen and I knew that choosing Security Forces would give me the highest chance of doing that," she said.

Blanton said she enjoys engaging and training with her Airmen on a daily basis.

"Joining security forces is the best, most important thing I've done with my life," she said.

Blanton works closely, as a team, with Senior Master Sgt. Mary Trent, the operations superintendent, and Master Sgt. Tory Wagner, the NCO in charge of operations. They advise, guide and support Blanton in her role

"I have amazing senior NCOs," she said. "Senior Trent and Sgt. Wagner are, by far, some of the strongest I've ever met. I feel blessed that I have these women to be around, to learn from.

As the 509th SFS operations superintendent, Trent is responsible for all security and law enforcement operations at Ŵhiteman, not to mention the several hundred SFS Airmen



Senior Master Sgt. Mary Trent, 509th Security Forces Squadron personnel operations superintendent, poses for a portrait on March 7, 2019, at Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri. Trent has served as a SF Airman for more than 22 years. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Kayla White)

who make those missions happen. "To be honest, I like it," said Trent. "It's a lot of work, a lot of juggling and long hours, but I get a lot of satisfaction from taking care of troops.³

Trent, who has served as a defender for more than 22 years. is also a single mother. She acknowledged a particular struggle women face while trying to maintain a military career.

"For many mothers, they're deciding if they should stay in or if they should start a family," said Trent. "For many, it is an either-or situation."

She described one of her many motivations for fighting to



First Lt. Jennifer Blanton, assistant operations offer assigned to the 509th Security Forces Squadron, poses for a portrait on Feb. 22, 2019, at Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri. Blanton joined the SFS two years ago after graduating from ROTC. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Kayla White)

strike a balance between the two roles in her own life.

"It's important that younger females see that kind of role model at my level," she said. "They need to know that they can be here one day."



Staff Sgt. Nicolette Sheridan, a military working dog handler assigned to the 509th Security Forces Squadron, poses for a portrait with her dog Gucci on Feb. 22, 2019. Sheridan is the only female military working dog handler stationed at Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Kayla White)



Female defenders assigned to the 509th Security Forces Squadron pose for a portrait on Feb. 22, 2019, at Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri. In honor of Women's History Month, Whiteman AFB is highlighting the women that make the mission happen each and every day. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sqt. Kayla White)

Staff Sgt. Nicolette Sheridan, the only female military working dog (MWD) handler stationed at Whiteman AFB, is partnered with 4-year-old MWD, Gucci. Together, they help ensure the safety of the base.

How long have you been within the SFS at Whiteman? I have been a part of Team Whiteman since September of 2017.

Have there been any challenges you've overcome as a female defender? Since I'm standing tall at 5 feet 5 inches, the biggest challenge was proving to myself and anyone else that I am strong enough.

What is the best part of being a defender and what does it mean to you? The bonds created with my coworkers are unlike anything in the civilian world. I have made some of the best friends at work that I know I will have for life.

How would you describe the camaraderie and sorority amongst female defenders? We protect our own. Either you show up strong-willed and ready to work, or we help build you into someone who can handle the stressors of this career field.

Potential innovators can submit their ideas to save money, save time or save lives at https://www.whiteman.af.mil/Edge/.



Airmen with the 509th Maintenance Squadron work with sticky notes to explain the new inspection process for the B-2 Spirit on Jan. 14, 2019 at the 509th Communications Squadron building on Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri. The sticky notes were used to visually compare the old and new processes and allow things to be adjusted as needed. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman Parker J. McCauley)

Maintenance teams streamline processes, reduce inspections by seven days

Airman Parker J. McCauley 509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

Airmen with the 509th and 131st Maintenance Squadrons at Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri, developed a new process for the B-2 Spirit's phase inspection and tested it in February 2019.

The new process aligns with the Air Force and base's focus on innovation. It saves time and increases aircraft readiness for the B-2 by cutting off seven days from the current inspection process while retaining the same levels of quality and safety.

The Total-Force Integration, or TFI, team comprised 10 active-duty Airmen and Guardsmen, including flight commanders Capt. Dustin C. Bagnall and 1st Lt. Chris Schomburg.

"We finished our first 14-day phase in 17 days," said Schomburg. "Two of the three extra days were due to the inclement weather – getting sent home/delayed reporting due to the snow and ice. One day was pushed due to combined maintenance troubleshooting and fixes. Without the weather, we finished in 15 days versus the traditional 21. Although we didn't we make it in 14 days, we're declaring this a success as we still decreased our phase by six days and will be using our lessons learned to improve the next phase."

As a TFI innovation, Senior Master Sgt. Philip Johnson, who is a maintenance flight superintendent with the 131st MXS, credited the success to coordinating with all agencies in the active-duty and guard maintenance squadrons as well as outside-the-box thinking.

"Within our section, collaboration was completely seamless due to the fact we are naturally integrated at all levels," said Johnson.

Aircraft Readiness

Bagnall said when former Secretary of Defense James Mattis made his announcement in October to raise aircraft readiness rates across the Air Force, Global Strike Command followed that directive for the B-2 Spirit.

Airmen had been working on reducing the inspection time since July 2018; when completion times were around 19 to 21 days.

In order to achieve the goal of 14 days, Bagnall said he and his commander, Maj. Phillip Rehmert, discussed about setting up a Continuous Process Improvement (CPI) event, which is an effective method of finding shortfalls.

The CPI event developed a new inspection process in about a week by examining the old process and finding various ways to improve it.

Bagnall said this allows Whiteman to maximize aircraft availability and increases the fleet readiness of the B-2, allowing additional flying days that play into the annual Flying Hour Program (FHP).

"This translates into additional training for the Ops and Maintenance Groups," said Bagnall. "More importantly, in a time where readiness is vitally important, it translates into more deployable assets here at Whiteman." Bagnall added that all aircraft have various required inspections based on flight hours as well as those that are periodically scheduled throughout the calendar year that take time away from flying.

"Programmed Depot Maintenance (PDM) is overhaul maintenance performed on the aircraft using specialized inspection processes completed at a different facility that go beyond our technical requirements," said Bagnall.

Prior to a depot inspection, is the phase inspection, which was the focus of this innovation.

"The phase is a type of a major inspection, so we're pulling off a number of panels, pretty much every panel on the aircraft is coming off," said Bagnall. "Engines are being removed, flight controls are being inspected; we're checking electrical components, structural components along with a multitude of other areas on the aircraft as well."

Bagnall said that the inspection is there primarily to check the integrity of the aircraft.

Streamlining

Schomburg provided more information about how they were able to cut time off of the inspection process.

"We revamped our phase scheduling matrix so more shops could be working simultaneously on the aircraft as much as possible," said Schomburg. "We took advantage of level loading our work and consolidating our maintenance throughout our timeline so that we could become more efficient in completing phases."

He said reducing time was the result of

moving various inspections to different parts of the timeline and in-house solutions that included moving some of their work-cell designs.

The teams now uses visual workflow aids, such as color-coded charts, to track milestones and maintenance status indicators.

"Rather than going out and buying a bunch of new equipment and finding new innovative technology..., a lot of our solutions were maneuvering where equipment is located, alignment of processes, cutting the fat from our current process, and receiving buy-in from other shops that have a vested interest," said Schomburg.

Bagnall also highlighted one of the shops helped streamline the phase process.

"Aerospace Ground Equipment (AGE) will be providing us our own AGE equipment ready line and we will be moving most the tools we use to inside of the dock so we can have instant access to these pieces of equipment," said Bagnall.

Initial reactions, additional benefits

When they were given a 14-day inspection goal, the team members were originally concerned, but by resetting their focus on specific obstacles, they were able to overcome. Bagnall said it helped to achieve the end result quicker and more effectively. Schomburg added that having the opportunity for the entire MXS team to work with the CPI manpower office helped them significantly on being able to critical think through reevaluating their processes and produce the best possible result.

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Air Force budget focuses on modernization, readiness, confronting global threats

ARLINGTON, Va. (AFNS) — The Air Force's budget would rise to \$165 billion in fiscal year 2020 under the White House spending plan unveiled March 12, a \$10 billion increase that allows the service to grow, modernize and effectively adapt to an array of changing global threats.

As written, the proposed budget attaches numbers to larger strategic goals that include the need to meet challenges posed by China and a resurgent Russia, provide a safe, secure and effective nuclear deterrent while continuing to disrupt violent extremists in a cost-effective manner.

The spending plan provides funding for the Air Force to continue restoring readiness with special attention on training, maintenance, spare parts and flying hours.

The proposed budget for fiscal 2020 provides money to modernize nuclear ballistic missile operations, strategic bombers, nuclear air-launched cruise missiles, intercontinental ballistic missiles as well as associated nuclear command, control and communications systems.

One of the more significant additions to this year's budget is a \$14 billion investment in the Air Force's space portfolio, a 17 percent increase over the previous year. This investment includes \$72.4 million to establish the headquarters for Space Force, which will be a new service within the Department of the Air Force. The budget allows the Air Force to continue its dominance in space while also providing funding to train 1,480 new pilots, an increase from 1,211 trained this year. Overlaying all of it is funding to continue the progress on improving readiness across the Air Force's 690,000 total force. Related is a 3.1 percent pay raise for service members as part of the larger Department of Defense budget.

Taken as a whole, the proposed budget for fiscal year 2020, which begins Oct. 1, 2019, continues Air Force efforts to add equipment and personnel, training and support to offset an era of lean budgets. As Air Force Secretary Heather Wilson has said, the new budget is crafted to align the Air Force closer to the National Defense Strategy.

To get there the budget calls for purchasing an additional 48 F-35A Lightning II and eight upgraded F-15EX Srike Eagle fighters. It provides funding for 12 KC-46A Pegasus tankers as well as funds for thirdgeneration GPS satellite and money to finance four launches of space vehicles for national security.

Additionally, the budget proposal includes funds for training and for modernizing live and virtual ranges and infrastructure that provide realistic – and crucial – training capabilities against the most advanced threats.





Secretary of the Air Force Heather Wilson testifies before the Senate Judiciary Committee in Washington, D.C., Dec 6, 2017. (U.S. Air Force photo by Wayne A. Clark)

Secretary of the Air Force Heather Wilson announces resignation

Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

ARLINGTON, Va. (AFNS) – Upon a favorable final vote by the regents, Secretary of the Air Force Heather Wilson announced her resignation March 8, 2019, after serving in her position as the service's top civilian since May 2017.

Wilson will continue to serve as the 24th Secretary of the Air Force until May 2019 and then go on to assume the role as president of the University of Texas at El Paso.

"It has been a privilege to serve our Airmen over the past two years," said Wilson in her letter of resignation to President Donald Trump. "I am proud of the progress we have made to restore our nation's defense."

During her tenure, Wilson has been responsible for the affairs of the Department of the Air Force, including organizing, training and equipping, and providing for the welfare of all active-duty, Guard, Reserve and civilian forces, as well as their families.

Moreover, Wilson has been leading the way in improving the lethality and readiness of the Air Force. What was once 660,000 total force in 2017 is now 685,000 total force today – a 15 percent increase.

She oversees the Air Force's annual budget of more than \$138 billion and directs strategy and policy development, risk management, weapons acquisition, technology investments and human resource management across a global enterprise.

"We hit the lottery with Secretary Wilson," said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. David L. Goldfein. "Under her leadership, we became a better U.S. Air Force and our Airmen will continue rowing hard, becoming even faster, smarter. As she takes her talent and leadership to my home state of Texas, I wish her the very best."

Prior to assuming the secretary position, Wilson was president of the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology, a member of the U.S. House of Representatives, a member of the National Security Council staff and also served in the private sector.

"My greatest appreciation and thanks to Secretary Wilson for her premier leadership of the world's greatest Airmen and Air Force," said Under Secretary of the Air Force Matthew P. Donovan. "We wish her the best at the University of Texas El Paso."

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