

# Warren SENTINEL



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## Beer Man: Idol or idiot?

Airman Tessa Cubbon  
*Public Affairs*

“My goals have always been to help people make decisions. Many people are afraid to make snap decisions based on cloudy logic,” said Beer Man in an interview with his alter ego, Staff Sgt. Kurt Arkenberg, public affairs.

Beer Man was unleashed on the Warren community as a way to create a culture change and lower the amount of alcohol-related incidents suffered at the hands of our Airmen, non-commissioned and commissioned officers.

Many servicemembers groaned about the new anti-alcohol campaign set loose on Warren.

They winced and were befuddled about some unknown enigma called “0-0-1-3.”

However, they had also groused about base-wide recalls at 5 a.m. Monday morning to see another PowerPoint presentation about the dangers of driving after drinking and underage drinking. They were annoyed at being put on six-ring stand-by because “they caught another one at the gate last night.”

These same Airmen, NCOs and officers are the ones getting behind the wheel, buying alcohol for someone who’s under age, committing intoxicated assaults, and drinking before coming of age.

Beer Man, while an unconventional messenger, helps us understand. I’d hate to say a 33-year old staff sergeant in a beer bottle costume is the only way to get to our troops, but it’s working for us.

One month after introducing Warren to Beer Man, he was everywhere: posters in every office, three commercials, spotlights in the paper, and of course, special appearances around the base.

From interrupting wing stand-up meetings to trashing an Airman 1st Class’s car, Beer Man is showing Warren the error of its ways.

As of July 15, ARI’s are down 49 percent, infractions are down 37 percent, DUI’s are down 27 percent and under age drinking incidents have dropped 44 percent according to Col. Evan J. Hoapili, 90th Space Wing Commander.

Those same Airmen who cry about another PowerPoint presentation are listening to a walking, talking beer bottle.

At the gate, the cops made fun of Beer Man’s crazy antics as he drove on base earlier.

The personnel at the medical clinic stop and stare as he made his rounds, signing autographs and talking to the troops.

All over base, people listened to a beer bottle tell them drinking and driving is great. He told random people to “Become a drunk and your family will leave you. One less thing to worry about, right?”

Maybe it’s child psychology. Maybe it’s the costume. Whatever it is, it’s certain that when the bartender hands a servicemember a tall, amber bottle Friday night, in the back of their minds, they’re laughing at the guy in the beer suit and his opinion on making snap decisions based on cloudy logic.



## Hoops Shots

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Photo by 2nd Lt. David Tervin

The 90th Space Wing Honor Guard leads the military section in all four Cheyenne Frontier Day Parades. Left to right: Airman 1st Class Marissa Agustin, Senior Airman Derrick Smith, Senior Airman Jeremy Powell, Airman 1st Class Todd Vedder, Airman 1st Class Alirio Flores.

# Commentary

## Ask yourself 'Why do I wear the uniform?'

The pay check with benefits, a sense of belonging or making a difference?

**Chief Master Sgt. Randolph Tegge**  
90th Operations Group

Each day you get up to go to work, why do you put on the uniform? Over the years I've asked many Airmen, officer and enlisted, why they do it. There are three main answers I've been given: the paycheck with benefits, a sense of belonging, and to make a difference. For a large number of Airmen just starting out in the Air Force they like the paycheck and benefits. Let's face it - it's really tough for young people just starting out. The Air Force helps find you a job based on your potential to succeed coupled with the needs of the Air Force. This is a really great deal;

you're not sure what you're good at or what you want to do and the Air Force gives you a job.

The benefits I mentioned do attract many people. They like the idea of a paycheck coming in even if they're sick and can't go to work. They like the fact the Air Force even takes care of the medical bills. Another benefit Airmen like to take advantage of is the educational benefits. A common theme in our society is; if you want to get ahead, get an education. If you joined for one of these reasons, that's ok. I just challenge you to find other reasons to stay.

The next reason our Airmen wear the uniform, a sense of belonging, is equally important. Airmen are looking for a structure

where they fit in and feel like they belong. Some of our airmen have told me they liked being in school, around other people. But when they were no longer in school, it seemed like everyone was slowly drifting away. They were looking for something where they would be accepted, a place where they would fit in. Once you put on the uniform you became part of the Air Force Family. We work hard to create an environment free from prejudice where each of us can succeed or fail based on our own motivations. I heard a general give a speech one time where he said, "The Air Force is a melting pot of our society. We take America's children, from all walks of life, teach them a skill, grow them up, and then give them back." When you think about it, his comments make perfect sense.

The last reason why Airmen choose to wear the uniform is to

make a difference. They feel a sense of patriotism that is larger than themselves. To them, making a difference means working in all kinds of weather, any time of the day or night. They're doing what it takes to get the job done without complaint so our country remains strong. They understand the Air Force core value: service before self.

Our Airmen, especially the youngest ones, don't always see the difference they make here at Warren. However, I see the difference everyday in the way our mission gets done. Just read Hoops' Shots and you'll get a sense of what I'm talking about. People are doing great things day-in and day-out.

Putting on the uniform makes you part of something larger than most can imagine. It means you've

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## How much war should children be exposed to?

**U.S. Marine Corps Cpl. Josh H. Hauser**

I betrayed my better judgment one weekend and went to see a controversial and emotion-provoking film at a nearby theater in Hampton, VA. I could hardly believe my eyes.

Unfortunately, it wasn't just because of the producer's blatant distortion of the facts.

Moments before the movie was about to begin I noticed a small figure with an armful of popcorn and treats climbing up the staircase seemingly looking for his party. Thinking that my eyes were deceiving me in the theater's low light I dismissed my

initial assumption until the reality of the situation was no more than 10 feet from my seat.

It was a young boy of no more than 10 years old getting ready to sit down and get a heaping serving of what can only be described as a purely adult entrée of the R rated variety. I was so shocked, I lost track of the young lad as he disappeared into the audience. I've been ashamed of myself every day since for not getting a hold of my senses and speaking up — "Where are your parents, young man? What are you doing here?"

The Classification and Rating Administration designates films with a rating so parents can educate

themselves on what their children should consume from the big screen and as a means of shielding them from certain content. However, these ratings are nearly voluntary and place complete responsibility with the parents.

At what point does a parent decide that their children will be able to handle the realities of war from a glorified Hollywood perspective?

Whether you agree with our current national policy, military operations or the producer himself is a moot point.

The producer ensures viewers get a pleasant taste of children flying kites in our adversary's peaceful backyard before

the big, bad American death machine rolls in and dares to introduce the concept of freedom.

This film shows the things I always assumed my grandfather kept from me when he would cut short a story of his experiences in World War II. As I grew older, I learned to appreciate and respect what he did for me. He loved our country so much, he offered himself for our freedom. He cared so deeply for his family that he endured the pain of his memories to protect us even after the war until we were of age to comprehend and accept the realities of war.

Is seeing a movie so important, at some point

bypassing your child's well being is justifiable?

It's a point worth contemplating.

I had a hard enough time stomaching the thought of my brothers-in-arms, both past and present, facing the horrors of war, which the producer portrays as exclusively America's evils.

But as I sat there and endured the producers cinematic bomb throwing, I couldn't help but think of that young boy somewhere in the crowd and what he must have been thinking with his fourth-grade education.

Perhaps an even more astounding question would be "What were his parents thinking?"

## Give us your two cents

What do you think of the new uniform?



"It's nice for males and looks good on males, but it doesn't look so good on females." Airman 1st Class Yesenia Martinez, 90 LRS/TMO



"It's different, but I can still work it! I like the material." Senior Airman Natasha Watson, 90 LRS/TMO



# Tops in Blue come back to Cheyenne

Courtesy article

The U.S. Air Force's Tops in Blue is offering a free night of family entertainment at the Cheyenne Civic Center at 7 p.m., August 15. The show is general admission, open to the public, and tickets are not required.

In this year's show, "Musicology," Tops in Blue creates their very own musical formula. They take the swing of "Brian Setzer Orchestra," the groove of "Chaka Kahn," the harmonies of the "Commodores," the energy of the "Madonna," the blues of "Ray Charles," the country of "Martina McBride," the emotion of "Celine Dion," and the craziness of "Blues Brothers." Shake well, pour into a stage setting of incredible, lighting, and choreography and then savor through all your senses to get a small taste of this year's Tops in Blue extravaganza. The world-renowned Air Force's Expeditionary Entertainers will satisfy all musical tastes with a musical mixture that's sure to entertain.

"Tops in Blue is the Air Force's premier entertainment showcase," said Tom Edwards, show producer and chief of Air Force Entertainment. "The new 2004 team is a reflection of the 'best of the best' performers throughout the Air Force."

The Tops in Blue 2004 team will visit more than 120 locations and perform over 150 shows in the United States and 22 foreign countries. Their official web site is [www.topsinblue.com](http://www.topsinblue.com) and provides information about the 2004 touring schedule and how to join the team.

Sponsors for the tour include the 90th Space Wing, the 90th Services Squadron, AT&T and Coca-Cola. AT&T is providing a 1,000 call-minutes card, which will be awarded during the show. By attending the show audiences also have the chance to enter the Million Minute Giveaway, sponsored by AT&T. For more show information, contact Lt. Dave Everson, 773-3727.

This Million Minute Giveaway ends Dec. 31.

No federal endorsement of sponsors is intended.



Photo by Liz Saucier

## ON POINT

A Thunderbird officer acts as a point of reference as an F-16 lands its aircraft after arriving at the Wyo. National Guard on 25 July.

## Military recognition day at fair

The Larimer County Fair and Rodeo invite the military to "Military Recognition Day," Sunday at the Budweiser events center located between Fort Collins and Loveland, at exit 262.

There is a free pancake breakfast beginning at 7 a.m., and a cowboy church service at 9 a.m.

The gates to the fair will open for free gate admission to all military servicemen and servicewomen in uniform or those with military I.D., to enjoy the fair at their leisure the rest of the day.

Come and get some rest and relaxation at the fair with great exhibits, entertainment, and special promotions at the carnival!

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joined an elite group of people performing on a world stage. Yes, a world stage. You are performing for people around the world.

We are both hated and loved by people from all walks of life, from countries all around the globe. Our president, our commander in chief, has tremendous clout based on how well each one of us does our jobs. Even if you feel your job is insignificant, the part you play is much more than you may realize.

Each one of us has an important part to play. From security forces members performing a routine launch facility check, to maintenance teams doing functional checkouts, from contracting getting the supplies we need, to transportation keeping our trucks on the road and our operators prepared to carry out their duty if directed. I could go on and on and on; each one of

us, active duty and civilian alike, are required to get the mission done. I'm sure you've heard the phrase, "united we stand, divided we fall". It's never been more important than right here at Warren.

But why do you put on the uniform - to make a difference or for personal gain? We've all had people we'd rather not have to work with. And hopefully, we've also had people we'd follow anywhere. If you take a closer look at the latter, they're usually the ones that have realized the Air Force is larger than one individual. They want to make a difference.

While there are many more reasons for wearing the uniform, these are the main three reasons Airmen have shared with me. So tomorrow when you're getting ready for work, as you reach for your uniform, reflect on just why you do it. Think about what it means to wear the uniform of the greatest, most powerful military force ever known.

## Briefs

### Comedy Jam!

You'll receive a night of laughs from comedians Miss Gayle and Jimmy Abeyta at the Trail's End Club Aug. 14. The show starts at 9 p.m. and tickets are on sale now at the club. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. Comedy Jam is an ATWIND event. Air Force club members receive a \$2 per ticket discount. For more information, call the Trail's End Club at 773-3048.

### Blood drive

There will be a blood drive Aug. 18 and 19 in the Baker Room at the Trails End Club. Go to [www.BloodHero.com](http://www.BloodHero.com) to make your appointment. 25 people are needed per day. During the last blood drive, less than half of that showed up. Wyoming Health Care providers and United Blood Services need blood badly. Please come and support this cause. For more information, contact 2nd Lt. Kevin Williams, blood drive coordinator.

### Road Closure

There will be a road closure at the intersection of Atlas Loop and Minuteman Drive in Carlin Heights Aug. 9 to 16. This closure is for the installation of a water line to service the Laramie County Elementary "Freedom" School east of the family housing area. The units that will be directly affected are 5225, 5227, 5229 and 5337. Vehicular traffic accessing Atlas Loop will access the area via the south end of Minuteman Drive. All dates are subject to change. For more information, contact Harry Furrey 90 CES/CECC at 773-3539

## Going to Sturgis?

You have a contact Lt. Col. Michael Smith, 321st Missile Squadron Commander, is going. No spying, no drink counting, he's there for safety reasons, and to help out brother and sister bikers. For more information call (307) 214- 4611.

# Residents to go to normal watering status

## Third day of watering to be added to new watering schedule

**Elizabeth McClain**  
90th Civil Engineering Squadron

Effective August 15, F.E. Warren Air Force Base in partnership with the City of Cheyenne will go to normal water supply status, changing the conservation measures from those you would follow in a mild drought to those in normal conditions.

With the help of F. E. Warren, the city met its conservation goal on July 11.

Residents are now allowed to water three days a week for three hours per day or 20 minutes for sprinkler systems.

Lawn and turf watering is still prohibited between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Beginning August 15, addresses ending in 1, 2 or 3 water lawns, trees and bushes, and wash cars on Monday, Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Addresses ending in 4, 5, 6 or 7 water lawns and wash cars on Sun-

days, Tuesdays and Thursdays and Sundays. Addresses ending in 8, 9 or 0 water lawns and wash cars on Sundays, Tuesdays and Fridays.

Gardens and flowers may be watered on any day, but not between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Washing personal vehicles is still limited to hoses equipped with shut-off spray nozzles and/or buckets on designated days, before 10 a.m. or after 6 p.m.

No washing of hard surfaces, such as sidewalks, driveways and parking lots except for health or safety reasons.

Conservation measures highlights:

\*No watering between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

\*Lawn watering three days a week for 3 hours on your designated days.

\*Lawn watering for 20 minute intervals.

\*Watering trees, bushes and shrubs on your designated days.

\*Watering of new sod / new seed on other than designated watering days is prohibited except by permit.

\*Watering trees, bushes and shrubs is still limited to designated days and prohibited between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

\*From October 16 through April 15, trees, bushes and shrubs may be watered once per month without time of day restrictions.

\*Watering gardens and flowers is prohibited between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

\*Wasting water by allowing water to run off onto the street is prohibited.

\*Events that use a significant amount of water for set up or operation must employ best management practices, such as shut-off nozzles on hoses for car washes.

\*Washing hard surfaces, such as sidewalks, driveways and parking lots, is prohibited except for safety and health reasons.

The new watering schedule adds a third day of watering to the two days already in place.

Watering is permitted between October 16 and April 15.



Photo by Liz Saucier

## HOT CAKES! GET YOUR HOT CAKES RIGHT HERE FOLKS

The Thunderbirds meet the public while serving up some flapjacks during the annual CFD Pancake breakfast on 28 July before their performance. Like the Thunderbirds Air Show, the pancake breakfast is a much-anticipated tradition during Frontier days.



Photo by Liz Saucier

## FOR THE HONOR

Warren's Honor Guard helps welcome the arrival of the Thunderbirds to Cheyenne on 25 July. The team's F-16's landed at the Wyo. National Guard.

## 50 Years Space and Missile Trivia

**What date does the Air Force celebrate it's birthday?**

Think you know the answer? Stop by the ICBM Heritage Museum and receive an ATWIND game piece.

Answer to last weeks question:

**What year was the Minuteman I Missile removed from service?**

*In September of 1976, the last Minuteman I Missile was removed from active service in the Air Force.*

Wanna learn more about Space & Missile History?

Click on AFSPC's Anniversary website  
[www.peterson.af.mil/hqafspc/50th](http://www.peterson.af.mil/hqafspc/50th)



# Plans on table to sustain Minuteman III

**Airman 1st Class Katie Booher**  
*5th Bomb Wing Public Affairs*

MINOT AIR FORCE BASE, N.D. — The officer in charge of America's intercontinental ballistic missile force said plans are well under way to sustain the life of the Minuteman III missile until the year 2020.

Maj. Gen. Frank Klotz, 20th Air Force commander, visited recently and spoke about the future of America's ICBM force.

"The Minuteman III modernization programs will cost about \$7 billion altogether. We are changing out the three-stage solid rocket motors and guidance systems to make [them] more maintainable," General Klotz said.

"We plan to improve environmental control systems that provide heat, cooling air and power to the missile, and we're pursuing a service life extension for the missile command consoles at which the officer crews perform their duties."

As for what new deterrence systems will look like after 2020, the general said nothing is set in stone.

"I expect sometime this summer the Pentagon will approve a formal analysis of alternatives which will be-

gin the process in the Air Force and in the office of the secretary of defense to explore, with our industry partners, new types of technologies for a new delivery system, its command and control system and the security that goes with it," he said. "What that will all look like, I don't know. That's what an analysis of alternatives is supposed to do, take a look at the options out there and decide what will best provide for land-based strategic deterrence in the middle of the 21 century."

Because of the increased maintenance that goes along with the missile upgrades, the operations tempo in 20th AF remains high, but General Klotz said everyone is helping the process go as smoothly as possible.

"Our operators, maintainers, security forces and people that support them have always been very professional and hard working. They're certainly stepping up to the challenge," he said.

"I don't see that challenge decreasing anytime soon because these modernization efforts will be with us until 2011."

Another program requiring the attention of 20th Air Force people is the deactivation of the Peacekeeper

ICBM based at Warren.

"We're also drawing down the total number of operationally deployed strategic weapons in the entire U.S. strategic force," General Klotz said. "This reduction is in response to the president's direction and the Moscow Treaty which President George W. Bush and Russian President Vladimir Putin signed on May 24, 2002."

In light of the increased terrorist threats since Sept. 11, 2001, the general is confident of the missile system security measures and the people who guard that system.

"I'm very confident of the security of our ICBM forces," he said. "There's a 110-ton blast door that sits on top of the missile silo, there are sensors on the launch facility, and more importantly, there are very capable, well-trained security forces who constantly develop and practice their techniques, tactics and procedures for securing and protecting our weapon system."

"Since the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, a new breed of terrorists have cropped up," said General Klotz.

"The U.S. confronts an adversary who is persistent, will come back again if they don't succeed against a particular target, employs different

“*The U.S. confronts an adversary who is persistent, will come back again if they don't succeed against a particular target, employs different types of tactics and is willing to lose his life in the process of attacking American interests.*”

**—Maj. Gen. Frank Klotz**  
**20th Air Force Commander**

types of tactics and is willing to lose his life in the process of attacking American interests," he said.

"I'm very confident in the security of America's ICBM force because of the way it's designed and because of the capabilities of our security forces. At the same time, I think we need to pursue new technology to make ourselves even more secure than we are now."

(Courtesy of Air Force Space Command News Service)





# The aftermath

Courtesy article

“The 509 Composite Group, 20th Air Force will deliver its first special bomb as soon as weather will permit visual bombing after about 3 August 1945 on one of the targets: Hiroshima, Kokura, Niigata and Nagasaki.”

That July 25 1945 order from General Thomas Handy, acting Chief of Staff, launched 20th Air Force and the 509th Composite Group as the Air Force’s first nuclear capable units and the only forces to ever use those weapons.

During the final year of the war in the Pacific, the

B-29s of 20th Air Force devastated Japan with repeated bombing. That summer the Allied powers issued the Potsdam Declarations calling for Japan’s unconditional surrender with President Harry Truman warning the Japanese of unprecedented destruction on the Japanese home islands.

The Japanese premier announced to the Japanese press that his government would ignore the ultimatum.

That rejection and the threat of massive Allied and Japanese casualties an invasion would cause, set events in motion to employ a new weapon: the

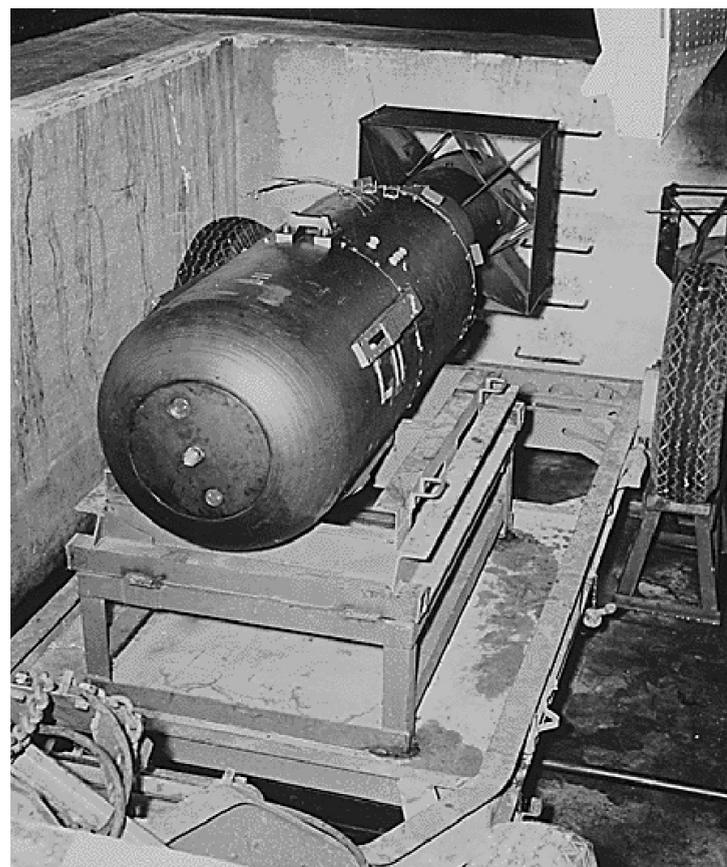
atomic bomb.

Airman of the 393rd Bombardment Squadron, under the command of Colonel Paul Tibbets, had trained in B-29 Superfortresses for the secret mission since September of the previous year at Wendover Field, Utah.

In December 1944, the Army officially activated the 509th Composite Group as higher headquarters for the squadron.

Early in 1945, the 393rd received new B-29s modified specifically for their special mission under Tibbets’ direction.

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Above: The bomb. Below: The aftermath.





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The 509th arrived at Tinian Island in the Marianas in June 1945 as the base intended for the fateful missions.

Throughout July, the modified B-29s under Tibbets flew missions over Japan for tactical preparation and to get the Japanese used to seeing the unique formations flown by the Superfortresses. On July 26 the USS Indianapolis dropped anchor off Tinian and unloaded components for "Little Boy" (the nickname for one of two atom bombs available for use against Japan) at Tinian.

The bomb had several inscriptions scribbled on its shell, one of which read, "Greetings to the Emperor from the men of the Indianapolis."

Three days later General Carl Spaatz arrived on Guam with the order from the War Department authorizing the dropping of the first special bomb. As 20th Air Force continued conventional bombing missions over Japan, "Little Boy" was

loaded onto the Enola Gay, Lt. Col. Paul W. Tibbets' plane on Tinian.

The plane was named after Tibbets' mother and was a stripped down version of the B-29. General Leslie Groves, head of the Los Alamos atomic bomb project, designated Hiroshima as the primary target and Kokura as the secondary. On August 6 1945, at 2:45 a.m., the Enola Gay took off from Tinian accompanied by two other superfortresses: The Great Artiste, flown by Maj. Charles W. Sweeney, and No. 91, piloted by Capt. George Marquardt. Five and a half hours later, Colonel Tibbets dropped "Little Boy" over Hiroshima at an altitude of 31,000 feet. The first atomic bomb used in war detonated at about 1,900 feet unleashing the equivalent of an estimated 15,000 tons of TNT. The explosion destroyed 4.7 square miles, or about 60 percent of the city. Of the 90,000 buildings in Hiroshima before the bomb was dropped,

only 28,000 remained.

Despite the enormity of the dropping of the first atomic weapon, the Japanese high command and the emperor's ministers delayed conceding to the surrender.

Three days after the first mission another Superfortress, Bock's Car, dropped a second atomic bomb, "Fat Man", on Nagasaki. 20th Air Force flew one final mission before the Japanese finally communicated their surrender, this one with conventional bombs involving over 800 B-29s.

On August 14 1945, the Japanese Imperial government finally announced its acceptance of the terms of unconditional surrender drawn up at the Potsdam Conference.

The air war in the Pacific and the mission of the Enola Gay began a legacy of decisive, long-range air power born of that massive and devastating air campaign reflected in the heritage of 20th Air Force and its deterrent mission today.



**Above:** The Enola Gay and its crew.

**Left:** The infamous mushroom cloud could be seen from miles away after impact.



A city destroyed.

# In this fast paced world, how do you score?

## Take a peek at the world of credit reports, scores

**Shauna Lacey**  
*Family Support Center*

Remember going to school and getting a report card? Report card grades reflected how well you did or didn't do. As an adult, you still get a "report card." It's called a credit report, and it indicates your personal credit score. A credit score influences the credit that's available to you, and the terms in which you will be loaned money.

It's amazing how your credit history and score impact so many areas of your personal and financial life. Along with loans, a credit report can impact car insurance, credit cards, employment opportunities,

landlords, banks to open checking and savings and more.

What exactly is on the report that makes it so important? "Trade Lines" are your credit accounts. Lenders report on each account you have established with them.

They report the type of account, the date you opened the account, your credit limit or loan amount, the account balance and your payment history.

"Inquiries" are the next item.

When you apply for a loan, you authorize your lender to ask for a copy of your credit report. This is how inquiries appear on your credit report. The

inquiries section contains a list of everyone who accessed your credit report within the last two years. The report you see lists both "voluntary" and "involuntary" inquiries.

Lastly, are "Public Record" and "Collection Items." Credit reporting agencies also collect public record information from state and county courts, and information on overdue debt from collection agencies. Public record information includes bankruptcies, suits, wage attachments, liens and judgments.

How long does that information stay on file? Bankruptcy information stays for ten years, negative information like late payment on a loan stays for seven years, judgments for 21 years and inquiries only two. Gone are the days

when obtaining a loan was up to the person behind the desk. Credit bureau scores are often called "FICO scores."

There are five categories used to calculate your score: payment history, debt levels, credit history, application/inquires, and credit mix.

What are good scores? 620 is acceptable, 650 is good and 700 + is awesome! The better the score the better the interest rate!

Experian, Equifax, and Transunion are the three main credit bureaus.

Some companies report to all three and some report to one, so request your report from all three bureaus.

4-7 out of every 10 credit reports has improper or invalid information on them. If you find an error on your report, contact the credit

bureaus. The agency must investigate and respond to you within 30 days. You can call or e-mail all three bureaus to obtain a copy of reports:

**Equifax**  
**(800) 685-1111**  
**Experian**  
**(888) 397-3742**  
**TransUnion**  
**(800) 888-4213**

The costs range from 9 dollars for a single report to \$39.95 for all three with your credit score.

It is highly recommended that you check your credit report annually and at least 6 months before a major purchase like a home or car.

If you have questions about your credit report or credit score, stop by your Family Support Center.

We're here to help you by providing you the financial tools you need for success!

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Courtesy Photo

## WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS

The 90th Maintenance Group Soccer Team, made up of MOS and MMXS players, are the base champs for 2004 with a record of 10-1-1. In the post season, they overcame adversity by breaking through the loser's bracket into the championship. During the final game, they defeated 2-time base champs, the 790th MSFS.

## To bowl, or not to bowl: That is the question

Join a bowling league this fall and roll into some fun.

Sign up sheets for fall bowling leagues are posted at Warren Lanes and the AAFES foyer. Leagues include Tuesday Night Fun League, Base Intramurals, Friday Mixed Doubles and the Saturday Morning Youth League. All leagues start in September.

Xtreme Bowling is an exciting way to spend a Friday or Saturday night. Xtreme's rockin' music, laser lights, smoke machines, glow-in-the-dark shoes, pins and balls all set the stage for good clean family fun! The cost is only \$6.50 per lane/per hour! Plan a night of Xtreme Fridays and Saturdays, 7 - 11 p.m.

Tuesday is ATWIND Bowling Day. Each bowling participant earns one game piece. This includes the Free Xtreme Bowling Tuesdays, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Rent shoes and the Xtreme is free!

Come to Family Fun Night every Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. Certified coaching is available upon request. The cost is \$5 per person.

Sunday afternoon open bowling is reduced for Family Day. The entire family can bowl for only \$5.50 per hour/per lane, noon - 6 p.m.

For more information call Warren Lanes at 773-2210.

## Life is just a fantasy, can you live this fantasy life?

**Master Sgt. Jeff Bohn**  
*Public Affairs*

Aug. 9 kicks off a rejuvenating lifestyle for numerous people who transform into a Sunday recluse, desert their spouses, neglect their chores and become passionate with the remote control. It is of course the start of the National Football League's preseason, with a contest in Canton, Ohio's Hall of Fame Game.

This ritual signifies the dawn for gridiron fanatics who take the game to the next level -- fantasy football. For those who haven't endured the hot spark of office discussions, the next five months of fantasy football jive may leave them wondering if they're missing out.

Fantasy football was created for this generation of multi-tasking fanatics who don't find complete satisfaction with memorizing

ball-card statistics. It's the opportunity to be a football team's coaching staff, general manager, and talent scout -- positions at the heart of putting a team in contention for a Super Bowl ring.

Get into a league, create a team, draft players, manage the team and take the team to the Super Bowl are the foundation of the game.

Getting into a league requires a few choices. There are a number of commercially sponsored, automated Internet leagues, or perhaps there is the older style managed league that a friend crunches numbers manually each game day. We're going to focus on Internet leagues for simplicity sake. One caveat however brief: Fantasy is a no-no on your government computer. You can't access the sites for a host of reasons ... so it will need to be done elsewhere.

A league is comprised usually of 12 teams, though

different leagues may have different numbers of teams.

Leagues can be either public or private. A public league is first-come, first-serve to any member. A private league usually requires an invitation and requires a password from the league creator. Private leagues are well suited for friends and family.

Drafting players can be exciting, and for many rookie coaches the bane of their first season. Either way, draft day results hinge on knowledge and performance strategies that are somewhat unique to fantasy.

Teams compete head-to-head against other teams in their league in weekly matchups. The goal is to outscore your league opponent with the players selected to be active, based on those players performance during that particular week of NFL play.

The key for running a season is to know the match-

ups, player's performances and keep the active roster full of active-week players. Too many times points are lost because roster changes weren't made to accommodate an injured or bye-week player.

Taking a team to the Super Bowl isn't difficult, but requires some skill and a little luck. Only two of the twelve will go -- so ten folks will gaze through cyberspace. Proven successful teams have a few elements in common.

- Competitive each week: Keep the best eight players active each week.

- Sleepers emerge and weakness dropped: Be prepared to drop or grab up players when it's most opportunistic. When Anquan Boldin emerged for Arizona last season, there was a rush at the free agent line to pick up this unknown rookie who will probably be in the top 75 players taken in this year's

draft.

- Don't bet the farm on a player's knee. Season ending injuries will kill a fantasy team unless it has the depth of solid backups.

- Consistency is key. Just because a player has spurts of brilliance and scores three times one week doesn't spell victory. Pick up the players who consistently score 10 to 20 points per week.

Fantasy football has a way of bringing fans closer to the action. What once was a Monday morning review of box scores becomes a game-by-game analysis of team's point standings and weekly bragging rights of spanking righteous opponents. Most players find their knowledge and interest in the game improves when they track their players performance and look into interesting prospects. It is yet one more element to improve what many consider America's top sport.



# Warren Tech. Sgt. on his way to Air Force 1

Welcome aboard, Mr. President. Coffee, tea, or nuclear war order?

1st Lt. Darrick Lee paid a visit to Trans to chat with Tech. Sergeant Ray Bard about Air Force one, yeager schnitzel and owning a home.

**I see you're working on an engine, what's wrong with it?** This engine needs to go back into one of the Fire Department's trucks...I've got to get her running before I leave.

**So, you're leaving?** Yes, I've been selected as a 1A6X1, that's a flight attendant for presidential support. I found out last month. I'll be leaving Warren this winter.

**What exactly is an Air Force flight attendant?** Well, there are lots of details involved, but basically I'll be flying with the blue 'n' whites out of Andrews AFB in D.C. In addition to ensuring the safety of passengers and inspecting the cabin equipment, I'll prepare meals for the president and staff, and perform personal services as required by other DV's. I won't wear a regular uniform... most of the time I'll be in a suit. But, since this job falls under the enlisted aviation aircrew category, when I do wear a uniform, I'll get to wear wings! I'll be traveling between 120 to 150 days a year. I hope to be on Air Force 2, and later, if I'm good enough, maybe someday I'll be handpicked to serve aboard Air Force 1.

**What made you want to pursue this career?** Well, although the Air Force needs people in Trans, my particular job was selected for forced cross-training. I know the Air Force has lots of unique job opportunities, and I was looking for a flight-oriented occupation. I looked at being a flight engineer before learning about presidential support. I applied while I was in Uzbekistan, and when I returned I found out I was selected.

**So why a flight attendant instead of an engineer?** Well, presidential support is a prestigious duty, and it's nice to know that I'll be flying and assisting people that are changing the world.

**How does one get selected for such a job?** It's a long process, involving an application with resume, and obtaining a top secret security clearance. I'm working on getting a White House clearance right now. Out of 85 applicants, only 16 were granted interviews. We were flown to the east coast to undergo 3 days of interviews, including tours showing what the duties entail. The final interview is in front of a panel of 12 people. Out of the 16, about 6 to 8 people were selected ... I was one of them.

**What happens next?** I leave for training in October. During initial training I'll have to go through water survival training in Florida, survival school in Washington state, and culinary school and flight attendant school at Andrews AFB.

**Enough about the new job... What do you think is the best part about being in the Air**

**Force?** I like that most jobs help serve you in the civilian world. Like vehicle maintenance. I can use it elsewhere outside the military. Even my experiences as a flight attendant could serve me well in the civilian world, too.

**What made you want to join the Air Force?** My dad was in the Air Force. He served proudly and got out to go to school. He's proud of me for staying in and making a career out of it.

**How many years have you been in now?** 13 years now. I plan on staying in as long as they'll have me.

**Have your goals changed since you came in?** Yes, I've traveled a lot and seen a lot of things, but I just now started to think about pursuing higher education. I'm thinking about working towards a bachelor's degree in business administration.

**Where do you see yourself 5 years from now?** Hopefully on Air Force 1 serving the president.

**Other than Warren, where's the coolest place the Air Force has taken you?** Probably Alberg, Denmark. I worked with the 603rd Air Control Squadron. I've been to Kuwait and Russia, too. It's neat to see how other people live.

**I'll bet you tried lots of different types of cuisine, too. If you could have dinner delivered to you from anywhere in the world tonight, where would it be from?** I'd have some food delivered from Germany. I love kartoffel soup, it's like potato soup. And of course, I've got to have a yeager schnitzel (mushroom and onion covered sausage) and a heffavisen (beer!)

**What's your favorite part about your job with maintenance?** I like seeing work through to completion. It makes me feel good to see a vehicle running smoothly that my team and I worked on.

**Has any movie greatly influenced your life?** Rudy, the football movie. It taught me that no matter what, you've gotta keep trying.

**Spoken like a true hero... by the way, who's your hero?** Senior Master Sgt. Edwin Scott. He might be a Chief now. He made me realize that I wanted to make the military a career. He strengthened me by giving me responsibility and letting me develop my own leadership style.

**What do you think civilians misunderstand about the military?** They don't understand why we fight ... why we are wherever we are. I've been to several countries, and I've seen what goes on.

I've heard the stories from the natives who need our help. Civilians don't always see the good we do behind the scenes.

**What's your life's motto?** I will never be unhappy again. I was divorced a while ago, and went through a lot. Now that I'm re-married with two great kids, I've vowed to always work towards keeping myself happy. I even bought a yellow pickup truck, just because it's a fun color!



**Is there anything else that the people you work with would be surprised to know about you?** Yeah, I'm really a softie. I'm kind of hard on the folks at work, but when I go home, my 4-year-old daughter walks all over me.

**When you were a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up?** I had no clue. I loved taking stuff apart and putting it back together again, so I guess vehicle maintenance was a perfect fit for me.

**So then, what did you end up doing before you joined the Air Force?** I went to college for a short while at Lynchburg Community College in VA. I also worked in sporting goods at K-mart for a while.

**Did you go to Frontier Days?** Yep. I saw Randy Travis and George Strait. It was great.

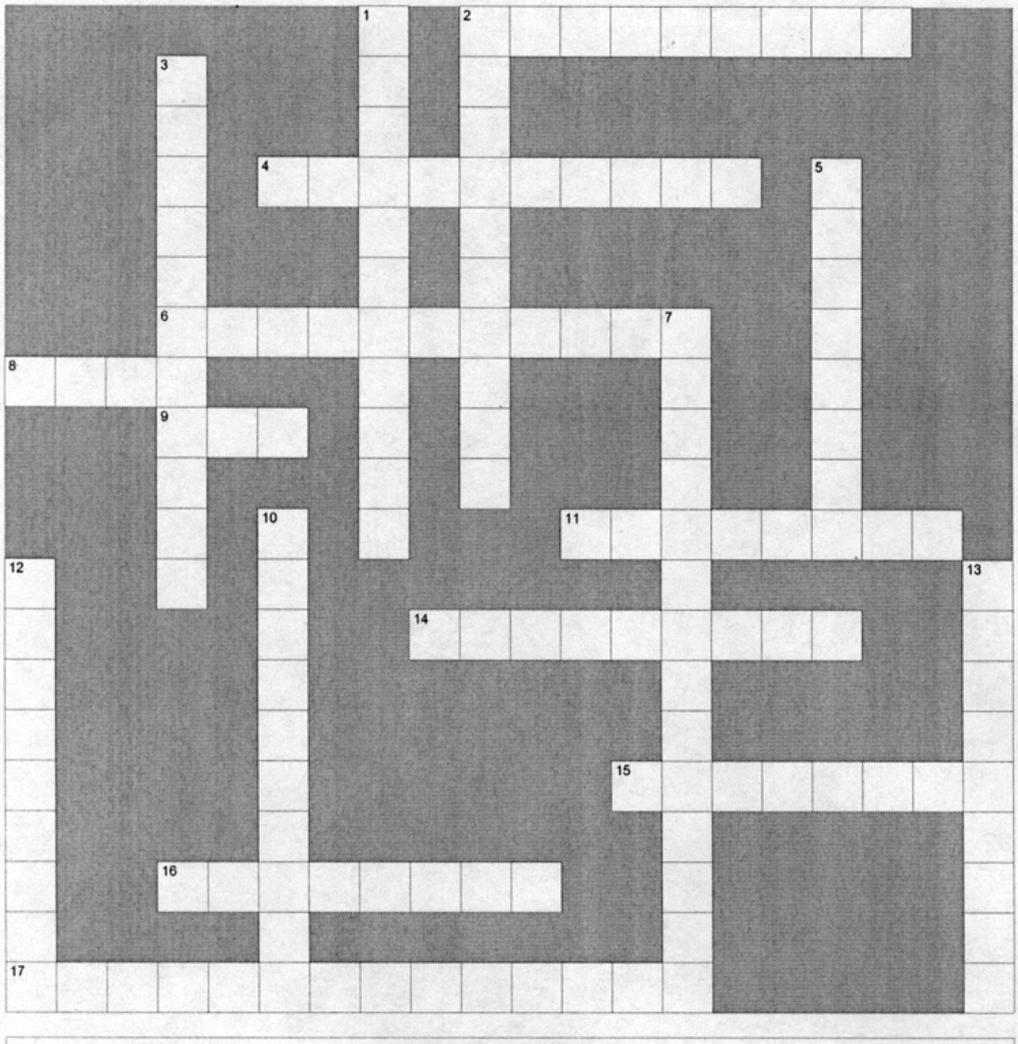
**If you were president for a day what would you do?** I'd go visit the troops. I'd hit as many spots around the world as I could. Nothing is more impressive than seeing your leadership willing to set foot in the same lands we're deployed in.

**Do you ever dream about anything?** It may sound corny, but my dream is to own a home. We're working towards that now... it'll be my first house.

**Home ownership is indeed a dream for a lot of people.**

**I'm sure with the help of the military, you'll secure a nice place for you and your family to settle down in after your successful career in presidential support. Thanks for chatting with me... I'll leave you to your Fire Engine. Thanks.**

# 101 Critical Days of Summer crossword puzzle



## Down

1. Freeze from the inside
2. The point at which liquid becomes fire
3. A body without water
5. Used to roast marshmallows
7. Brightly colored during the day, reflective at night
10. Three little mice carry this
12. Used to cut grass but never used as a hedger
13. Medical waste

## Across

2. Used to celebrate New Year's Day and 4th of July
4. Used while crossing roads
6. Used to find our way in the field
8. Occupational safety and health (abbr.)
9. Traffic control center (Abbr.)
11. Pilots need this before flying
14. Cook from the inside
15. Maintenance bible
13. Never use gasoline to start one of these
17. Common sense

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# Thunderbirds soar through their 51st CFD appearance



**Above:** From the parking lots of Laramie County Community College, over 11,000 spectators saw first-hand the power of an F-16. While flying at high speeds, the Thunderbirds keep tight formations with as little as 18 inches between each aircraft.



Smoke trails fill the air during the Air Show on 28 July. The Thunderbirds performed their first public Air Show in Cheyenne back in 1953, and have returned each year ever since.



**Right:** Recruiting is one of the missions supported by Thunderbird air shows. Before the show, the newest members of the Air Force are sworn in, while a Thunderbird Recruiter re-enlists local Airmen.