

# Bedrock Bulletin

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## BEDROCK Briefs

### Air conditioning units

Bedrock residents are reminded to clean their A/C unit filters once a week. Also, residents are required to turn down the thermostat to prevent a unit from freezing. A/C units must be shut off if a room is left unattended for long periods of time. For more information, contact the lodging office at 445-2521.

### Focus 5/6 meeting

The next Focus 5/6 meeting is Saturday at 4:30 p.m. in the Bedrock Chapel Annex. Airmen between the ranks of E-4 (with line numbers) and E-6 are welcome.

### Casino night

The 407th Expeditionary Force Support Squadron is hosting a Casino Night, May 25 at 6 p.m. in the Big Top. Volunteers are still needed as dealers and to operate stations. To volunteer, sign up at the Hot Spot.

### Ur Market Policy

Airmen traveling to the Ur Market are required to bring a Wingman. Appropriate attire includes ABU, DCU or flightsuits and ID cards are required at all times. PT uniforms are not authorized. Uniform status is subject to change at any time; therefore, everyone must take their IBA to the market. For more information, contact a unit first sergeant.

### AOR photos of the Week

Airmen can now view the AOR Photos of the Week on the share drive. Go to the [PA folder](#) to view this week's and previous slide-shows. To view 407th Air Expeditionary Group photos, go to the [Photo Drive](#). For more information, contact public affairs at 445-2318.

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## EFSS Airman earns prestigious award

An Airman deployed from the 96th Services Squadron, Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., was recently awarded the John L. Hennessy Travelers Award for 2009.

Staff Sgt. Wendell N. Bowles II, currently deployed to the 407th Expeditionary Force Support Squadron, Ali Base, Iraq, was named the most outstanding food service person of the year during an awards presentation at the National Restaurant Association Food Service Convention in Chicago May 15.

As the winner, Sergeant Bowles will receive a \$5,000 scholarship to be used toward furthering his education in the food service industry. In addition to the scholarship, he earned a week-long course of study at The Culinary Institute of America in Greystone, Calif.

"I never thought I had a chance to win the Hennessy Travelers Award, so it was a shock when the commander announced it," said Sergeant Bowles who's an assistant manager of the Eglin Oasis Dining Facility. "I'm still in shock knowing I was chosen to receive such a prestigious award, and I'm humbled by the selection."

A team judging the squadron's dining facilities for the 2009 Hennessy Trophy nominated Sergeant Bowles to represent Air Force Materiel Command for the award. He competed against other food service Airmen around the world to determine the winner. The 96th SVS took home the 2009 Hennessy trophy in the multiple-facility category.

Earning the award caps the Fort Lauderdale native's approach to doing one's job and estab-

lishing the importance of working as a team. He also understands it's a reflection of how hard Airmen in his dining facility work to support the squadron's mission. To him, the award is for them.

"We were focused on the task at hand," Sergeant Bowles said. "We work hard but have fun, and always share our job knowledge with each other and strive to make our facility better."

Lt. Col. Harry Lane, 407th EFSS and 96th SVS commander, was impressed with the food service team's win and also with Sergeant Bowles' win in the individual category.

"The Hennessy Award is the highest honor an Air Force dining facility can attain," Colonel Lane said. "Our junior NCOs and Airmen put a lot of effort into our success at the command and Air Force levels. Selection as the Air Force Hennessy Traveler recognizes Sergeant Bowles as having stood out above all other Airmen in this Air Force-wide competition. This is a huge honor for Sergeant Bowles and the 96th Services Squadron, and very well deserved."

According to the Hennessy Travelers Association website, the annual awards program began in 1956 when hotel and restaurant executive, John L. Hennessy began working to improve military food service. Judges for the award come from the Society for Food Service Management, the National Association Restaurant Association and the International Foodservice Executives Association.

*(Compiled by 407th Air Expeditionary Group Public Affairs)*



U.S. Air Force photo/ Staff Sgt. Christopher Marasky  
**Staff Sgt. Wendell Bowles II, 407th Expeditionary Force Support Squadron, was recently named the Hennessy Travelers Award winner for 2009. He and other members of his home unit, 96th Services Squadron also won the 2009 Hennessy Trophy in the multiple-facility category.**

# Remember their sacrifice to our Nation

By Lt. Gen. Gary North  
9th Air Force, Air Force Central Command  
Commander

On May 25, 2009, we will again honor our service men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice for our great nation as we have done for the past 141 years.

In last few years of commenting on the celebration of Memorial Day, I've discussed with you the history of Memorial Day, how it became a national holiday and even shared with you memorable quotes from speeches past.

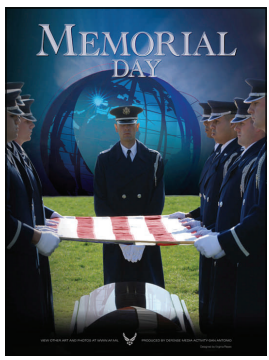
But this year, let me simply express my gratitude...and our collective respect to those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice in the service of our nation during past conflicts and those who have lost their lives supporting the current conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Let us pay special tribute to the nine airmen we lost this year supporting operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. They are Staff Sgt. Timothy

Bowles, Staff Sgt. Timothy Davis, Maj. Duane Dively, Tech. Sgt. Philip Myers, Senior Airman Jacob Ramsey, Maj. Rodolfo Rodriguez, Tech. Sgt. Jackie Larsen, Senior Airman Omar James McKnight and Staff Sgt. Brian Hause.

They served with distinction and honor. They are heroes to us all. As we remember those who we have lost, let us offer a "Thank you" for their sacrifice — a "thank you" to their families for all they have sacrificed as well. They offered their sons and daughters, brothers, sisters, husbands, wives, mothers and fathers for our nation and for developing nations throughout the world. This does not go unnoticed by our nation, or by the people for whom our heroes shed their very lifeblood to protect and defend.

Let us remember them this Memorial Day and as you serve in your place of duty, near or far, or for those service members who can share day with their families. We will never forget their sacrifice or the sacrifices of those who have gone before us.



## Warrior of the Week



### Senior Airman Joseph Witkiewicz

Every week an Airman is chosen to be the Warrior of the Week. WOWs are Ali Base's finest Airmen, an example to others on how to optimize our core values. This week's WOW is Senior Airman Joseph Witkiewicz.

**Hometown:** Cleveland  
**Birth date:** Sept. 4, 1985  
**Deployed unit:** 407th Expeditionary Communications Squadron  
**Job title:** Telephone and Cable Technician  
**Home unit and base:** 34th Combat Communications Squadron, Tinker Air Force Base, Okla.  
**Date entered the Air Force:** June 2005  
**Hobbies:** Camping, fishing and playing shuffle board

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## On the job...



(U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Christopher Marasky)

Senior Airman Marcus Goodpaster, 407th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron Vehicle Maintenance Flight (left), and Chief Master Sgt. Gerald Delebreau, 407th Air Expeditionary Group superintendent, work to remove old armor from a HMMWV May 14. They installed added protection to the vehicle. Chief Delebreau is working with Airman Goodpaster as part of the Ali Base immersion program. The program allows Airmen to perform the duties of other career fields, in order to see how everyone contributes to the mission.



## Proposed GI Bill transferability rules

Department of Veterans Affairs representatives began accepting sign-ups for the Post-9/11 GI Bill May 1, and Defense Department officials are working to get the word out on the proposed policy regarding the bill's transferability provisions to help service members decide if the new benefit is right for them.

Proposals call for enlisted or commissioned members of the Armed Forces serving on active duty or in the Selected Reserve on or after Aug. 1 to be eligible to transfer their benefits as long as they qualify for the Post-9/11 GI Bill.

Another Pentagon proposal would cover service members who will reach the 20-year service mark, making them retirement-eligible, between Aug. 1, 2009, and Aug. 1, 2013.

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## Heat Related Injuries

The signs and symptoms of heat related injuries include: weak, dizziness or feeling faint; headaches and loss of appetite. To treat heat-related injuries move to a cool place and rest; quickly lower the victim's body temperature (wet them down or fan them); and seek medical attention.