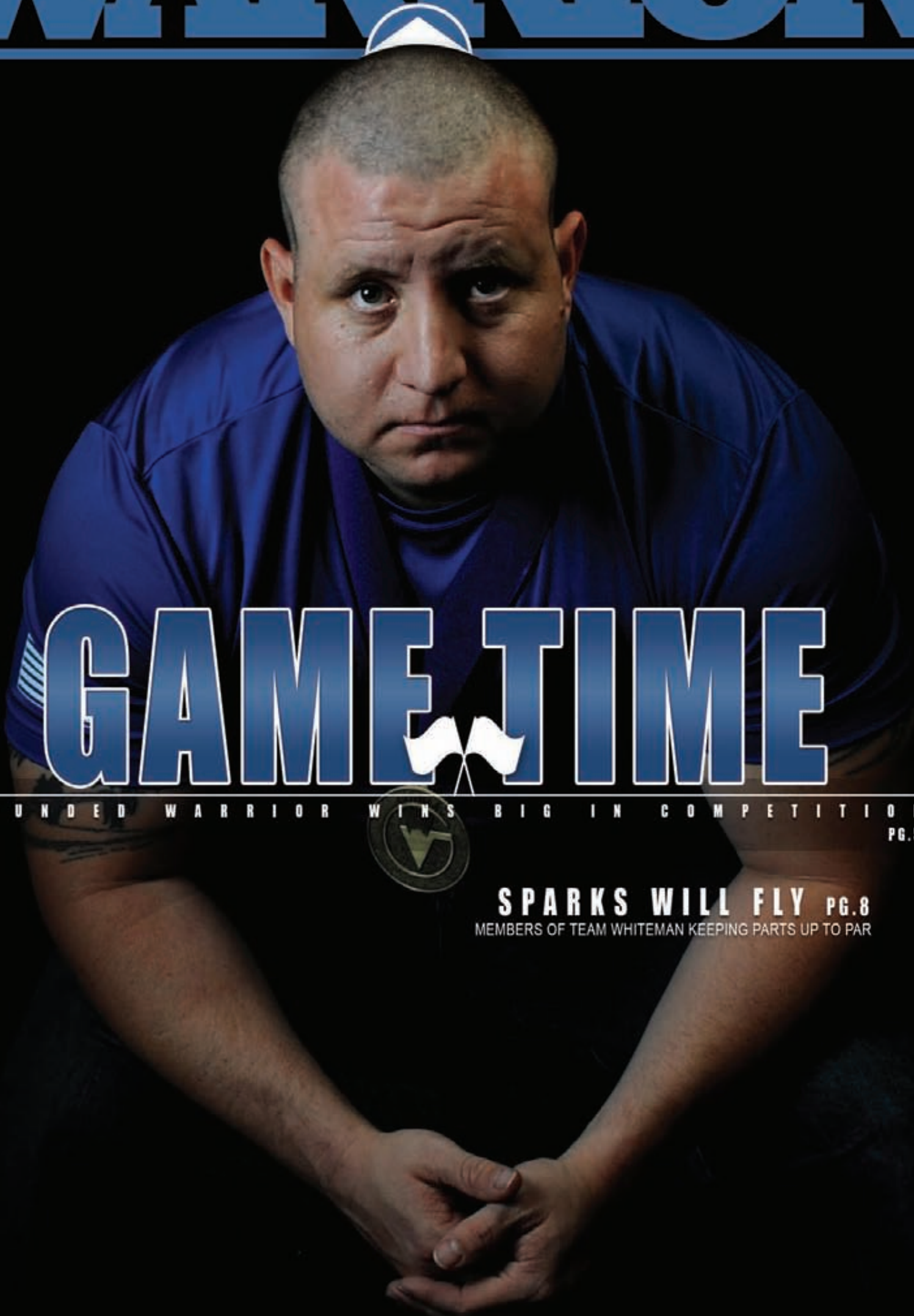


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Whiteman Hot Topics

Every week we'll address concerns expressed by the Whiteman community. This week, we'll focus on questions regarding base fitness facilities.

Has the base looked into getting a turf field?

Answer: Great idea and we'll look into this. There aren't any current plans to install a turf field at the base track, but we can research the cost and assess the financial feasibility. As you can imagine, costs for an artificial field are quite high and conservative estimates for artificial fields of this size are approximately \$320,000. If it makes sense from a financial perspective, we will certainly consider investing in an artificial field. Thanks again for the suggestion!

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to support shift workers. The Fitness Center will conduct a survey to see if any further changes are required, but please understand that we have to consider our dorm residents. We'll see what we can implement without interrupting sleeping hours for our dorm and housing residents.

24/7 fitness: Is the 24/7 gym access here to stay or are we still in the trial phase?

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If you have questions or concerns you'd like us to address please email the 509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs office at 509.bw.pa@us.af.mil.

Beat the Boss

The Beat the Boss program is a monthly PT test competition between 509th units that will recognize outstanding teamwork and devotion to fitness at the Squadron level. Active duty 509th Airmen who score the same or higher than the commander's score of 98.5% will earn a one-day pass and those who score a 100% win a one-day pass and one of the commander's coins.

Here are the Beat the Boss results for 8-9 September:

- Airman 1st Class Michael Bentley**
509th Maintenance Squadron
97.4%
- Senior Airman James Porter**
509th Munitions Squadron
96.6%
- Airman 1st Class Clayton Manning**
509th Civil Engineer Squadron
98.0%



- Staff Sgt. Alan Mitchell**
509th Operation Support Squadron
97.3%
- Capt. Corey Wiechmann**
509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
97.9%

Whiteman celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month



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U.S. Air Force Col. Matthew Brooks, 509th Bomb Wing vice commander, signs the Hispanic Heritage Month proclamation Sept. 15, 2015, at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo. National Hispanic Heritage Month runs from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15, and recognizes the contributions of Hispanic and Latino Americans throughout history. Members of Team Whiteman can participate in various events over the next month to experience and celebrate the Hispanic culture.

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August 2015 Courts-Martial, Article 15s, and Discharges

Below is a summary of some of the more serious disciplinary actions that have occurred on base in August of this year.

NON-JUDICIAL PUNISHMENT

•A Staff Sergeant from the 509th Munitions Squadron received an Article 15 for two violations of Article 128, assault consummated by a battery. For these offenses, the member received a reduction to the grade of Senior Airman, forfeiture of \$400 pay per month for two months (suspended), and a reprimand.

•A Staff Sergeant from the 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron received an Article 15 for a violation of Article 86, failure to go to their appointed place of duty. For this offense, the member received a reduction to the grade of Senior Airman (suspended), forfeiture of \$1125 pay per month for two months (the portion in excess of \$500 per month suspended), 45 days extra duty (the portion in excess of 15 days suspended), and a reprimand.

•A Senior Airman from the 509th Munitions Squadron received an Article 15 for a violation of Article 128, assault consummated by a battery. For this offense, the member received a reduction to the grade of Airman First Class, forfeiture of \$1,027 pay per month for two months (suspended), and a reprimand.

•A Senior Airman from the 509th Security Forces Squadron received an Article 15 for a violation of Article 134, negligent discharge of a firearm. For this offense, the member received a reduction to the grade of Airman First Class (suspended), forfeiture of \$500 pay per month for two months (suspended), 7 days extra duty, and a reprimand.

•An Airman First Class from the 509th Security Forces Squadron received an Article 15 for violations of Article 92, dereliction of duty, for drinking while on standby and for storing ammunition in a vehicle, and Article 112a, wrongful use and possession of marijuana. For these offenses, the member received a reduction to the grade of Airman Basic, forfeiture of \$773 pay per month for two months (suspended), restriction to base for 45 days, 45 days extra duty, and a reprimand.

DISCHARGES

•Three Airmen received involuntary administrative discharges for mental health conditions that are incompatible with military service and for failure to meet minimum fitness standards.

•A Senior Airman received an involuntary administrative discharge for minor disciplinary infractions which include failure to report for duty on time, failure to maintain government quarters in inspection order, failure to adhere to base safety regulations, underage drinking, damage to government property, and assault, for which the member received an Under Honorable Conditions (General) service characterization.

•Two Airmen received involuntary administrative discharges for drug abuse and for fraudulent filing of travel vouchers, for which the members received Under Honorable Conditions (General) service characterizations.

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Tech. Sgt. David Hernandez, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron resource advisor assistant, practices archery Sept. 9, 2015, in Knob Noster, Mo. Hernandez took third place in an archery competition against wounded warriors like himself. Hernandez has been practicing archery since he was young.

**By Airman 1st Class
Michaela R. Slanchik**
509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

On Aug. 16, 2011, an Airman was working with a group of U.S. Army Soldiers while deployed to Panjwai, Afghanistan. At around seven that morning, the Airman's patrol came under fire. While defending themselves, the foot patrol proceeded into town to regroup with their main element.

Before the patrol made it to their rallying point, the Airman was shot through the wrist.

Tech. Sgt. David Hernandez, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron NCO in charge of resource management, returned from Afghanistan in

2011 with an injury that changed his life, and qualified him as a wounded warrior.

Hernandez, now a Purple Heart recipient, went to physical therapy for more than a year after being shot. He eventually regained about 50 percent of the movement in his left wrist.

"Physical therapy was fun," said Hernandez. "After being told I wouldn't get my movement back, I took my bow and arrow in and measured the degree for what I needed to shoot it again. That was my goal for physical therapy, to have 12 degrees of movement. I got there after a year and a half. Everything else just came with me slowly working out and stretching."

Every year, the Wounded Warrior Project sends out a list of activities and events to

participate in. One of the activities listed this year was a tournament that allows veterans and service members with physical and/or visual disabilities to select events in which to compete.

When Hernandez received the email, he decided to take on the challenge. After choosing the events he would compete in, he began training six days a week.

"You pick three different events," said Hernandez. "They're set up for your disability. No matter the disability that you have, there is an event you can participate in."

Last month, Hernandez competed against other wounded warriors and placed in two out of three of his events.

The competition tested his skill in power lifting, shot put and archery. There was nearly a tie in the power lifting competition, but Hernandez took the gold. He also earned third place in archery.

"The second place winner for this year's power lifting competition had been going there every year, taking it with ease," said Hernandez. "I was glad to give him some tough competition."

Eileen Hawkins, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron operation compliance manager, said she believed the games would be a piece of cake for Hernandez due to his preparation and how he consistently strives for excellence.

"With his determination, I had no doubt that he would be in the top three," said Hawkins. "He is committed to achieving the goals he sets for himself."

The games weren't strictly competition; the warriors also had the opportunity to learn a lot from each other.

"There were wounded warriors from every

war imaginable," said Hernandez. "They all had different injuries, stories and attitudes. It seemed a lot of the competitors lived for the games. I think it's important to get everyone together so the wounded warriors realize they're not the only ones going through everything they're going through. We're not alone."

Hernandez said the games give competitors healthy competition, friendships that last a lifetime and more importantly, they give some a reason to live.

Hawkins said she believes that the competition has helped him improve his job performance.

"Being able to prepare for and participate in these games added to his discipline which carried over to his job performance," said Hawkins. "He has improved his work performance and overall morale by accomplishing goals."

While some may avoid certain activities due to such an injury, Hernandez does not let his wrist hinder him.

"He is willing to take on any task assigned to him and see it through," said Hawkins. "He does not say that he can't do something because of his injury."

Hernandez said he believes the competition has inspired him in many ways.


He now has plans to get more involved with other events that help veterans who went through similar situations during their service. He is also looking to give back by helping at a post-traumatic stress disorder camp at the end of the year and plans to compete in more competitions.

"It gave him a goal and something to work towards," said Hawkins. "He strives to do his best and it shows."




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Senior Airman Cody Knott, 495th Fighter Group structural maintenance technician, bends a piece of metal at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Sept. 15, 2015. Metal pieces are bent to fulfill the shape requirement for various aircraft parts.



Senior Airman Spencer Stringer, 495th Fighter Group structural maintenance technician, shaves metal at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Sept. 15, 2015. Parts must be shaved in order to fit properly on an aircraft.



U.S. Air Force A.J. Long, 495th Fighter Group structural maintenance technician, grinds a door frame at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Sept. 15, 2015. This process is done to clean up weld marks from the procedure.

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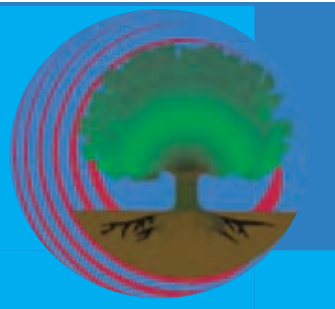
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5:00 pm - 11:00 pm Beer Garden Open

Main Stage Performances

4:00 pm Opening Ceremonies with Mayor Robin Allen
National Anthem by the Warrensburg High School Band
Warrensburg High School Pep Rally
5:00 pm Brandon Webb, Emily Russell & The Tribe of Levites
6:30 pm The Lucky Dogs
9:00 pm The Nace Brothers

Saturday, September 26th

7:30 am - 12:00 pm Warrensburg Farmers' Market
9:00 am - 2:00 pm Warrensburg Wheels Cruise-in Car Show
10:00 am - 9:00 pm Vendors Open
10:00 am - 9:00 pm Children's Inflatable Zone Open
11:00 am - 5:00 pm Burg Train
5:00 pm - 11:00 pm Beer Garden Open

Main Stage Performances

10:00 am Zumba with Studio Arriba
10:30 am WHS Show Choir
11:00 am Jr. Community Chorus
11:30 am Warrensburg Fire Dept. Burn House Demo (near stage)
12:00 pm Center Stage Academy of Performing Arts
1:00 pm UCM Dance Club
1:30 pm Yoga for Every Body
2:00 pm By Grace Performance Studio
3:00 pm Twister Sports
4:00 pm Warrior Jujitsu
4:30 pm Xplosion Cheer and Tumbling
5:00 pm Mazzio's Wing Eating Contest
6:30 pm The T. Ross Band
8:00 pm Melodie Madness with DJ and Karaoke

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10:00 am Interactive Story time & UCM Mascot: MO the Mule
10:30 am Origami
11:00 am University of MO Extension - Super Size Me
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1:00 pm Department of Conservation - Woodworking for Wildlife Demo
2:00 pm Western MO Medical Center - Helmet Safety Demo
3:00 pm Lowe's Build and Grow Projects
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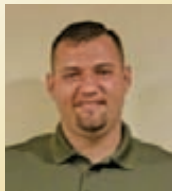
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