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U.S. Air Force Brig. Gen. Paul W. Tibbets IV, the 509th Bomb Wing commander, stands with members of the Whiteman Heritage Foundation Barn Crew at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., March 1, 2016. The crew has spent eight years restoring a CG-4A WACO Glider used for training during World War II at Sedalia Army Air Field, Mo. The estimated completion date for the glider is 2018.

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On the cover

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A Tuskegee Airmen Congressional Medal of Honor replica coin was passed around during the Black History Month luncheon at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Feb. 26, 2016. Members of the Heart of America Tuskegee Airmen of Kansas City, Mo., Chapter visited Whiteman for a question and answer session, presentation of a documentary film, stories and tour of the B-2 Spirit.

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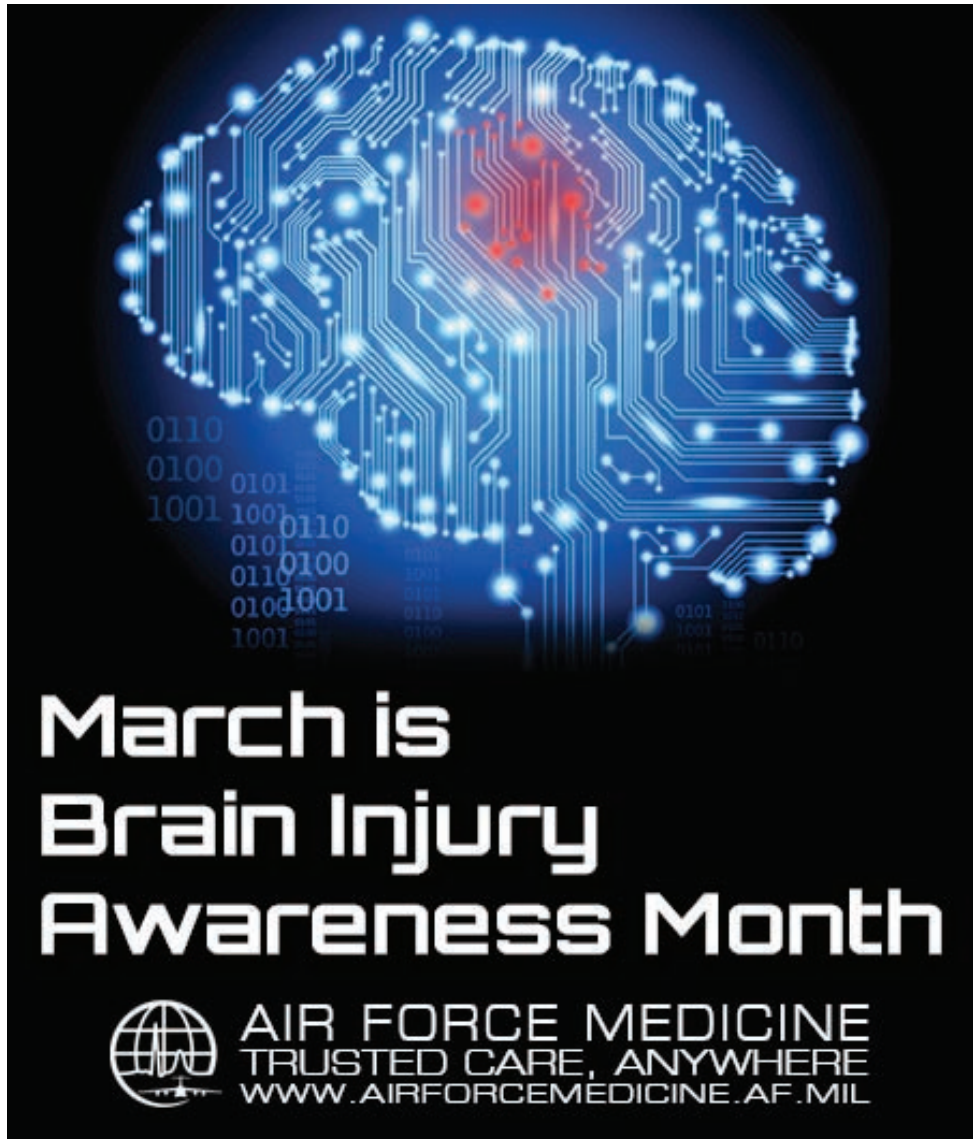
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Whiteman Promotion Ceremony



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Michaela R. Slanchik
Members of Team Whiteman stand at attention while U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Nicole Jones, a 509th Security Forces Squadron protection level one entry controller, sings the National Anthem before a bomb wing promotion ceremony at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Feb. 29, 2016. More than 60 Whiteman Airmen were recognized as superior performers and promotees.

Be aware, know the signs, get help



AFMS staff report

The Department of Defense (DoD) and the Brain Injury Association of America recognize March as Brain Injury Awareness month to increase awareness of Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI). According to the Centers for Disease and Prevention (CDC), each year 1.7 million people are diagnosed with a brain injury. The Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury defines a TBI as the result of a blow or jolt to the head that disrupts the normal function of the brain. Not all blows or jolts to the head result in a TBI. Injuries can be closed or penetrating head wounds and will range in severity from mild to moderate

to severe. The most common form of TBI in the military is mild TBI, also referred to as concussion. According to Defense and Veterans Brain Injury Center, from 2000-2014(3 QTR), more than 313,816 service members have been diagnosed with TBI.

This year, Congress has designated 16 March as Brain Injury Awareness Day. During March, MHS will focus on the issue of TBI. We will provide tools and resources to help educate service members, their families, retirees and DoD civilians about the prevention and treatment of TBI while highlighting ongoing MHS research and breakthroughs that are helping to improve and prolong the quality of life for those living with TBI.

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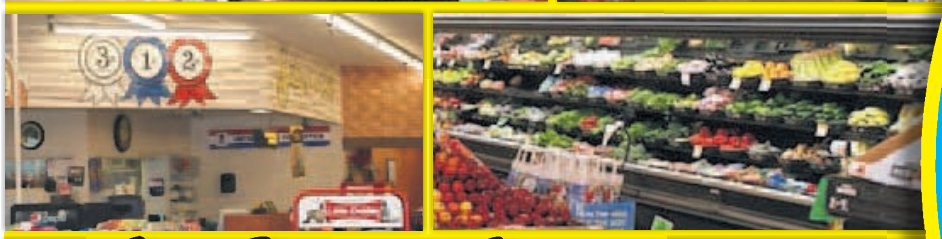
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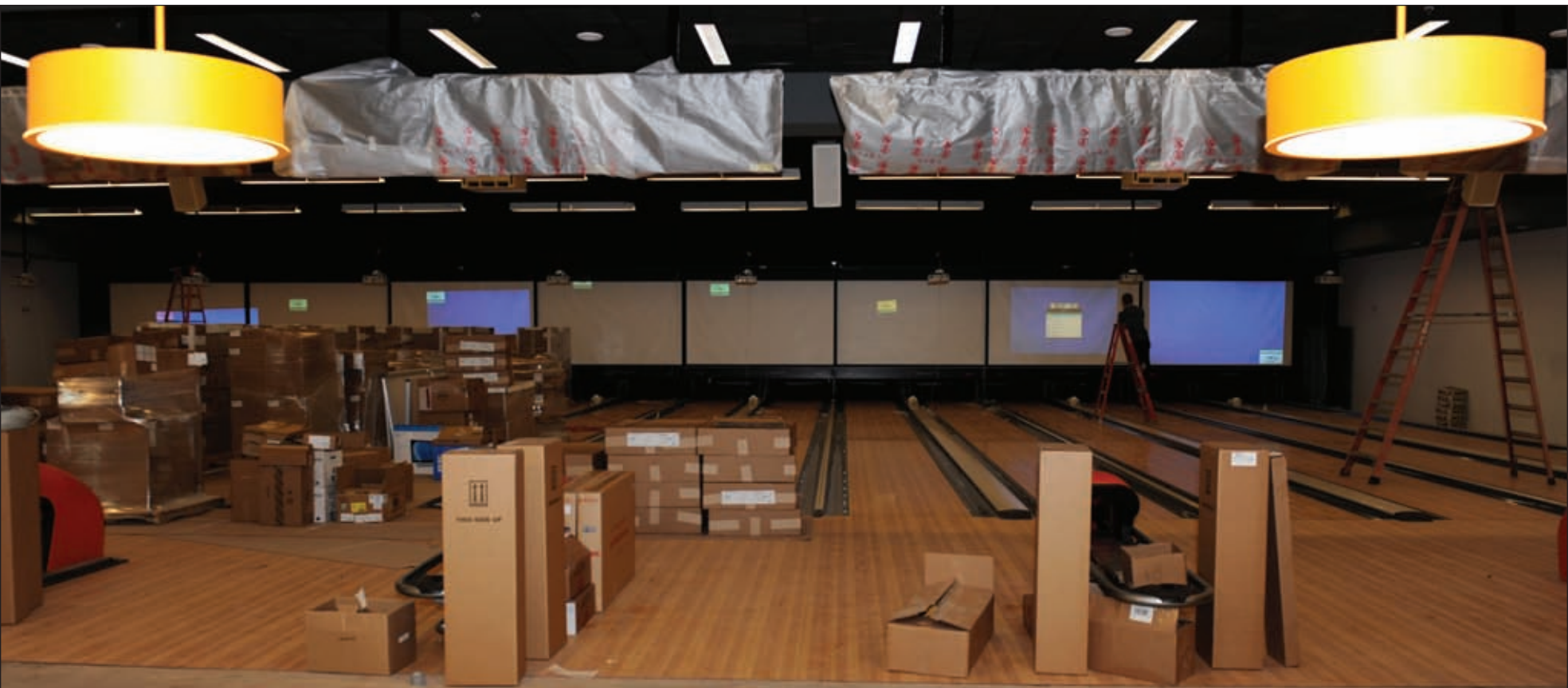
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Whiteman Bowling Center nears completion



Building supplies sit atop the new Whiteman Bowling Center lanes at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Feb. 23, 2016. Upon completion, the new Bowling Center will feature 16 lanes and a new entertainment system that will enable users to bowl traditional games or play a variety of modified game sets.

By 2d Lt. Matthew Van Wagenen
509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

Just across the intersection from the 509th Bomb Wing Headquarters building, the new Whiteman Bowling Center is nearing completion.

The Bowling Center is a Quality of Life (QoL) initiative for Team Whiteman anticipated to open in mid-May 2016.

Like the current Stars and Strikes Bowling Center, the new Bowling Center will also have 16 lanes. However, the new facility is significantly larger than its predecessor.

“The project increased total square footage from the old facility by 17 percent,” said Mark Wheeler, 509th Civil Engineering Squadron’s Engineer Flight chief. “The current facility is 16,600 square feet, but does not have adequate seating for the snack area, nor party rooms, or a game room. By expanding the kitchen area, seating area, traffic flow, and adding two party rooms and a game room, the overall building footprint has increased 17 percent to 20,400 square feet.”

Another new feature will be large projectors above the pins to allow bowlers to watch sports games, music videos, and other video entertainment options. Additionally, flat-screen monitors above the ball returns will be linked to a new entertainment system, a feature that will enable users to bowl traditional games or play a variety of modified game sets.

The Stars and Strikes Bowling Center has been rated one of the most popular dining options on base, and the new Bowling Center will continue to provide outstanding service while featuring a larger dining area, expanded kitchen and outdoor seating options.

“The staff and I are extremely excited about the new facility and all the advanced state of the art equipment we will be offering,” said Pat Schneider, the Bowling Center manager.

Next to the dining area, guests will be able to use a large game room with arcade-style games and billiards tables.

The new Bowling Center will also feature two new party rooms that can be combined into one large room. Both will offer connections to the base computer network for commander’s calls and other meetings.

A common question is how we funded the Bowling Center project in the current fiscal climate. This project was fully funded with Non-Appropriated Funds (NAF), not through Appropriated Funds (APF). NAF money is generated directly from the community, while APF money is approved by Congress and has rigid rules surrounding its use. For example, facilities like the Whiteman Fitness Center are primarily funded with APF money. As a result, we don’t charge a fee for access to the Fitness Center or the base track. Facilities like the Bowling Center, on the other hand, earn money from their use and these profits are categorized as NAF funds. NAF money is more flexible in its use, allowing base leadership to allocate it toward various QoL improvements. These “pots” of money are separate and not interchangeable.

To put this into perspective, \$300,000 of the Bowling Center’s total cost was directly funded by contributions from Team Whiteman. This means that the cup of coffee you purchased from the Mission’s End and your Labor Day weekend boat rental from Outdoor Recreation directly helped to fund the new Bowling Center.

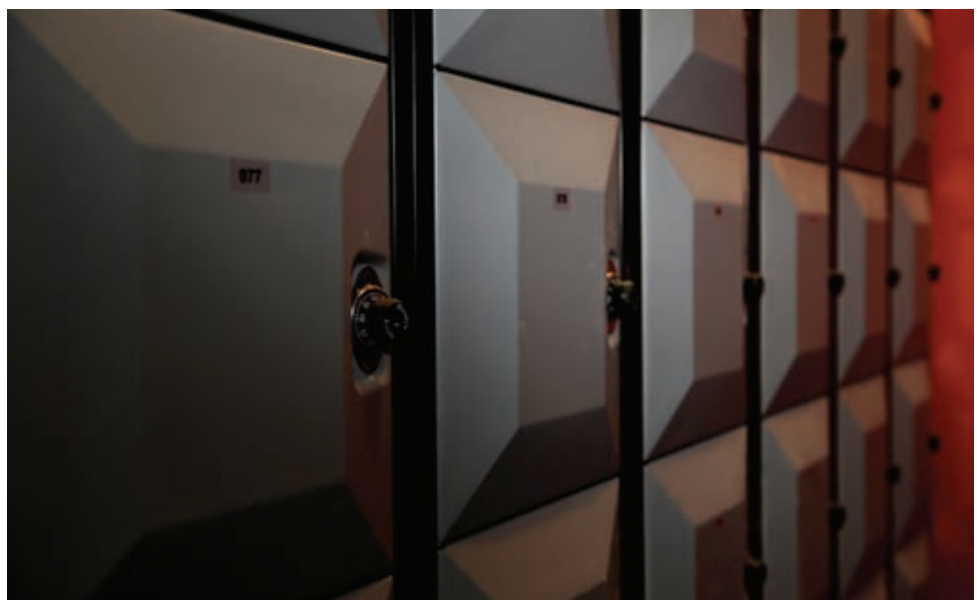
Once the Bowling Center is operational, the money it earns will combine with the NAF MWR funds from various 509th Force Support Squadron facilities and activities on base, helping fund future QoL initiatives and improvements.

“The facility will increase Whiteman’s generated MWR funds and provide increased self-sufficiency throughout the Bowling Center’s services,” said Janet Judkins, the 509th Contracting Squadron’s Infrastructure Flight Chief.

As members of Team Whiteman begin to use the new Bowling Center, this will directly help fund future QoL projects here at Whiteman and help make it a better place for our Total Force Team.



The shoe rental rack sits behind the customer service desk at the new Whiteman Bowling Center at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Feb. 23, 2016. The 509th Force Support Squadron and the 509th Civil Engineer Squadron initiated the Non-Appropriated Funds Bowling Center’s construction project in 2009.



Newly installed lockers stand in the new Whiteman Bowling Center at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Feb. 23, 2016. Patrons will have access to an upgraded entertainment system, a large game room, lockers, equipment rentals, party rooms and a pro shop in the new facility.

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Cody gives enlisted perspective at AFA



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Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James A. Cody gives his enlisted perspective during the Air Force Association's Air Warfare Symposium in Orlando, Fla., Feb. 25, 2016.

By Senior Airman Hailey Haux
Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

tion Air Warfare Symposium Feb. 25.

Cody's theme, "Why we serve," gave substance, emotion and purpose to his talk that reflected on 25 years of continuous combat operations and highlighted stories of Airmen who continue to serve today.

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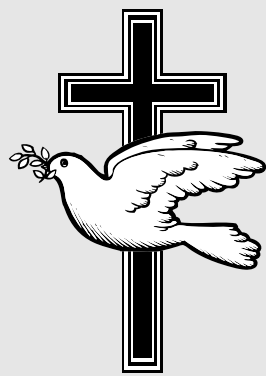
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Tuskegee Airmen visit Whiteman



Retired U.S. Air Force Capt. George Dunmore speaks to members of Team Whiteman at the Black History Month luncheon at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Feb. 26, 2016. Dunmore spoke about the history and experiences of the Tuskegee Airmen.

U.S. Air Force photos/Airman 1st Class Michaela R. Slanchik



U.S. Air Force Col. Matthew Brooks, the 509th Bomb Wing vice commander, speaks with members of the Heart of America Tuskegee Airmen of Kansas City, Mo., Chapter during the Black History Month luncheon at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Feb. 26, 2016. Members of the chapter visited Whiteman for a luncheon that included a documentary video, question and answer session and tour of the B-2 Spirit.



Members of the Heart of America Tuskegee Airmen of Kansas City, Mo., Chapter were presented a \$500 donation check for the Tuskegee Airmen Scholarship Foundation from the Whiteman spouses club and Whiteman's African American Heritage Council at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Feb. 26, 2016. Every year, the Tuskegee Airmen Scholarship Foundation presents \$1,500 scholarship awards to 40 first-year college students who instill the ideals, leadership and commitment as exemplified by the Tuskegee Airmen.



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U.S. Air Force Col. Timothy Molnar, the 509th Maintenance Group commander, talks to Edward King III, a member of the Heart of America Tuskegee Airmen of Kansas City, Mo., Chapter at the Black History Month luncheon at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Feb. 26, 2016. The chapter supports the history of African-Americans in the Army Air Corps during World War II.



Members of the Heart of America Tuskegee Airmen Chapter from Kansas City, Mo., stand in front of a B-2 Spirit with U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Tyrone Simes, the president of the Whiteman African-American Heritage Council (AAHC), and Master Sgt. David Shaw, a member of the AAHC, at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Feb. 26, 2016. The chapter toured the B-2 and had a luncheon with base personnel in celebration of Black History Month.



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By **Kimberly O'Brien**
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YES allows high school students to "bank" \$6 in grant funding for every hour volunteered in an on-base function. Students may accumulate as many as 250 hours over all four years of high school combined, for a potential maximum of \$1500 toward their future vocational-

technical or academic endeavors. In addition, the base is credited with \$2 for every volunteer hour; to be used in support of Whiteman Teen Programs (up to \$10,000 per year).

Teen Programs is looking for teens that would like to volunteer and base agencies that would like teen volunteers to learn various skills that will help them in future careers.

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Team Whiteman member “leaps into a Jeep”



Photo by Armando Perez

A 2016 Jeep Wrangler Rubicon is parked at San Antonio, Texas, ready to be picked up by U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Anna Cruz, a 509th Medical Group nuclear operations medicine technician assigned to Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Feb. 29, 2016. The Air Force Services Activity declared February as Air Force Clubs Membership Appreciation Month by selecting 10 members daily to receive prizes, including a chance to “leap into a Jeep” as the winner of the 2016 Jeep.

U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Anna Cruz, a 509th Medical Group nuclear operations medicine clinic technician, won a 2016 Jeep Wrangler Rubicon as part of the Air Force-wide Clubs Membership Appreciation Month at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Mar. 2, 2016. The appreciation month, declared by the Air Force Services Activity, gave members a chance to receive daily prizes and win the Jeep as the grand prize.

“I’m thrilled about winning a new Jeep,” said Cruz. “That just shows you that being a club member pays off.”



U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Miguel Lara III

By Tech. Sgt. Miguel Lara
509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

The Air Force Services Activity recently declared February as Air Force Clubs Membership Appreciation Month.

Throughout the month, Air Force Clubs showed their appreciation by selecting 10 members daily to receive prizes. Additionally, one lucky member had the chance to “leap into a Jeep” as the winner of a 2016 Jeep Wrangler Rubicon.

“We wanted to do something to show our members how much we appreciate them” said Col. Mike Lamb, director of operations with the Air Force Services Activity.

U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Anna Cruz, a 509th Medical

Group nuclear operations medicine clinic technician, stationed here at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., was one of three finalists in the Jeep drawing held in San Antonio, Texas.

“I received a phone call from a gentleman, and he told me that I was selected for a chance to win the Jeep,” said Cruz. “He told me to select key two or three—number one was already taken. So I chose two. A representative took the key and cranked the Jeep right up.”

Cruz and her family will travel to San Antonio to pick up the Jeep and drive it back to Whiteman.

“I’m thrilled about winning a new Jeep,” said Cruz. “That just shows you that being a club member pays off.”

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Members of the Whiteman First Sergeant's Council present a Diamond Sharp award to U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Amanda Blossom, a 20th Reconnaissance Squadron mission intelligence coordinator, center, at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Feb. 24, 2016. Blossom volunteered over 20 hours to various organizations in the local community, which included the Shilo Baptist Church, Missouri Veterans Home, American Legion and the local animal shelter. Blossom's selfless contributions to these organizations have made a significant impact to the local community.

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"I always love how (Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Welsh III) always says, 'Without airpower, you lose,' and I always like to finish that ... 'and without Airmen, there is no airpower,'" Cody said. "It's really important to remember that. We can have all this stuff, but without our Airmen, it doesn't happen."

The Air Force has seen continuous combat for the past 25 years. The men and women who serve in today's Air Force, most of whom joined after 9/11, are more engaged around the globe than back in 1991, but with fewer people, Cody mentioned.

"You go from 134 combat-coded fighter squadrons to 55," Cody said. "You go from about 946,000 active, Guard, Reserve, civilian Airmen down to about 664,000, yet we are more engaged today. That puts a tremendous toll on our people; it puts a tremendous toll on their families, and it's put a tremendous toll on our country."

Cody went on to ask the question, "Who are these Airmen and why do they serve?"

"When you think about this dynamic, it's unlike any other dynamic that has existed in our history of (people answering) the call to service, so you have to get to know them a bit," Cody said. "It really re-connects you to why it's important, what we do and talk about here, because at some given point we are going to bring it right back to these men and women."

Cody went on to highlight some of the Airmen and family members from across

the Air Force who he had the chance to meet, saying that's what really motivates and inspires him.

"It's great what we are able to do for our country; it's great what we represent globally, but nothing is better than the men and women that do it for us and do it with us," Cody said. "We are a family. We're in this together and we will need each other to get through some of (the hard) times. What a great testament to what it means to serve. Beyond just doing great things for our country, you are doing it for the people who put this uniform on with you."

Cody answered questions from the crowd regarding military pay, retirement, healthcare, promotion testing and deployment dwell time. He ended his speech by awarding Airmen from the geospatial intelligence analyst career field the 2016 Etchberger Team of the Year Award, named after Chief Master Sgt. Richard Etchberger, the most recent enlisted Medal of Honor recipient who was killed in action on March 11, 1968, at Lima Site 85 in Laos.

"Our Airmen are proud; they are really, really proud of what they represent," Cody said. "They understand that it actually is a privilege to put this uniform on. It is always an honor for me to represent them to the secretary and to the chief and certainly to our elected officials to let them know exactly what it is that each of them do and what their families do in service to their country."



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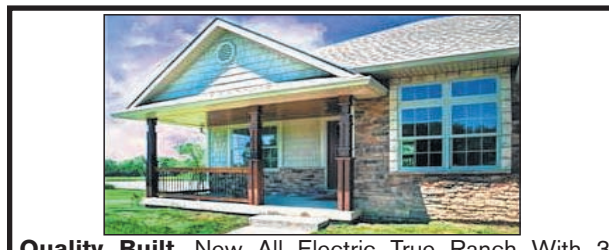
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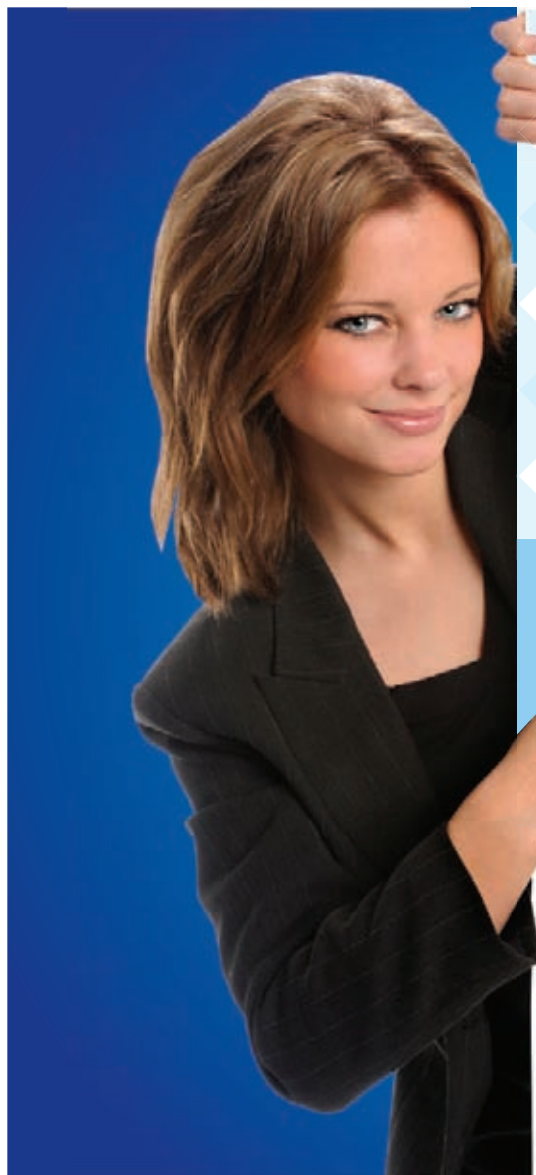
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