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WHITEMAN CONGRATULATES THE 2017 WING-LEVEL ANNUAL AWARD RECIPIENTS

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WHITEMAN FSS COOK UP THEIR BEST FOR HENESSEY AWARD ■ PG2

509th Force Support Squadron prepares best for Hennessy evaluations



The John L. Hennessy Award evaluation team visits Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Feb. 18-22, 2018. The Hennessy Trophy Awards Program was first conceived in 1956. The trophies are presented annually to Air Force installations with the best foodservice programs. There are two separate regions, east and west, in the competition this year. Whiteman, in the east region, is facing six other Air Force installations for the trophy. In order to win, the installation must show excellence in foodservice management, food quality, force readiness support, resource conservation, safety, good employee and customer relations.

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On the cover

U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Jovan Banks

U.S. Air Force retired Chief Master Sgt. Gerardo Tapia presents a speech on wingmanship as the guest speaker at this year's Annual Awards Banquet March 2, 2018 at the University of Central Missouri, Warrensburg, Mo. During the banquet Airmen and civilians were recognized as winners of their respective category at the wing level. Award winners will now compete at The Air Force Global Strike Command level.

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Air Force Housing website

Visit www.housing.af.mil to find your new home with the Air Force. This website serves as a one-stop shop for Airmen and their families to obtain information about the housing options and support services available to them at Air Force bases worldwide.

WEATHER

Today	Saturday
Mostly Sunny Hi 58 Lo 29	Chance of Rain Hi 55 Lo 34
Sunday	Monday
Showers Likely Hi 49 Lo 37	Sunny Hi 47 Lo 29

A-10 Thunderbolt II Joins Air Campaign against Taliban



An A-10 Thunderbolt II, assigned to Whiteman Air Force Base, taxis down the flight line on Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan, Jan. 19, 2018. U.S. Air Forces Central Command realigned airpower to USFOR-A Combined-Joint Area of Operations (CJOA) to support increased operations in support of the Resolute Support Mission and Operation Freedom's Sentinel.

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan— The United States Forces - Afghanistan and Afghan National Defense and Security Force's air campaign against the Taliban was bolstered with the arrival of a squadron of A-10 Thunderbolt II ground attack aircraft, assigned to Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri, Jan. 19, 2018.

Commonly known as the Warthog, the A-10's return to Afghanistan supports the increased need for close air support and precision strike capacity for a variety of efforts, including the strategic air campaign targeting Taliban revenue sources and counter-terrorism operations that continue to take place. These operations will also be supported by the placement of additional aircraft at Kandahar Airfield, including MQ-9 Reapers that provide armed overwatch and intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance of the battlefield, and HH-60G Pave Hawk helicopters, to conduct personnel recovery and search and rescue.

The arrival of these aircraft follows a recent decision by U.S. Air Forces Central Command to realign aircraft, airmen, and assets already in the U.S. Central Command AOR to Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan, to support increased airpower requirements of ANDSF and USFOR-A to implement South Asia Policy under Operation Freedom's Sentinel. Along with a detachment of KC-135 Stratotankers that have operated from Kandahar since September, the A-10s, MQ-9s and HH-60G will complement F-16s, C-130J, EC-130H and other aircraft supporting these operations from Bagram Airfield.

These increased assets will assist with the ongoing ANDSF strategic air campaign that targets Taliban revenue sources of which are aimed at aggressively taking the fight to the Taliban.

"The Taliban still has not felt the full brunt of American and Afghan air power," said U.S. Air Force Major General James Hecker, commander of 9th Air and Space Expeditionary Task Force-Afghanistan and NATO Air Command-Afghanistan. "With the arrival of new air assets and the growing capabilities of Afghan pilots, the Taliban will have a constant eye towards the sky as an integrated unified fight is aimed



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In a matter of days A-10s will conduct their first strike against the Taliban, continuing the air campaign destroying narcotics production facility. Since November, 30 strikes conducted against Taliban narcotics production facilities resulted more than \$20 million in total impact on Taliban revenue.

Under the authorities granted in the South Asia Policy, precision strikes with A-10s will hit the Taliban where they are most vulnerable: their revenue streams and profits from developing and selling illegal narcotics.

Now the Taliban will face a more aggressive adversary in this air campaign as U.S. Air Force F-22s, F-16s, B-52s, A-10s and MQ-9s, along with support from Navy F-18s, will join in counter-finance operations.

"The A-10 provides planners even more options given its ability to deliver a wide variety of precision munitions and devastating firepower from its 30mm cannon," said U.S. Air Force Brigadier General Lance Bunch, chief, Future Operations, CJ35. "In the coming weeks, the A-10's operations will be integrated into our combined U.S. and Afghan air campaign to deliver destructive precision firepower that sends a strong impactful message to the Taliban."

The Afghan Air Force additionally will more than double their fleet of aircraft over the next seven years. Plans include the in-

roduction of AC-208 attack aircraft and UH-60 Black Hawk assault helicopters, as well as additional A-29 attack aircraft and MD-530 attack helicopters.

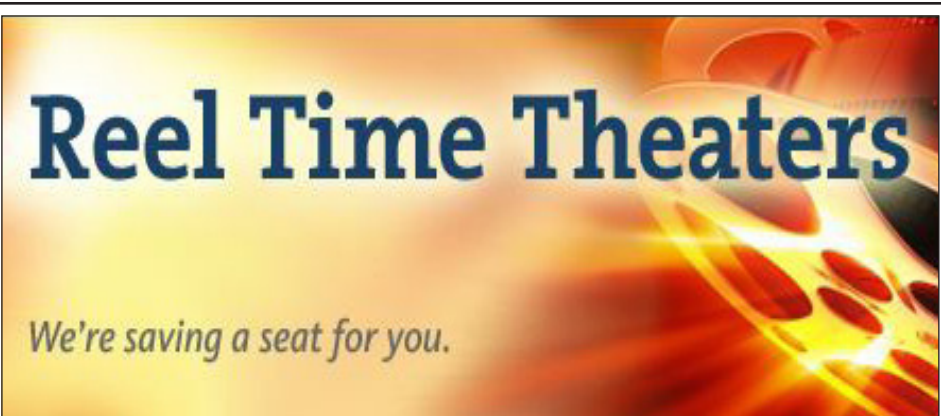
Two years ago, AAF pilots made their first flights in A-29 aircraft and MD-530 attack helicopters. Today, Afghan pilots fly transport, attack aircraft, and helicopters from three wings across Afghanistan.

In the past year, the AAF effectively incorporated A-29 ground attack aircraft, C-208 and C-130 mobility aircraft, MD-530, and Mi-17 helicopters into daily operations, aided by Afghan Tactical Air Coordinators positioned in Afghan National Defense and Security Forces to successfully integrate operations that enable battlefield successes.

"The growing Afghan Air Force is vital to the success of ANDSF on the battlefield," said Major General Mohammad Shoaib, commander, AAF. "Dedicated pilots and crews provide resupply, close air attack, casualty evacuation, and air assault capabilities to their brothers on the ground. The success of the Air Force is key to tipping the battlefield in favor of ANDSF. The Afghan Air Force is successfully fighting and growing at the same time increasing attack capabilities while delivering daily blows to the Taliban."

Together with United States airpower the AAF will continue to develop critical warfighting capabilities needed to help them in their task of defeating the Taliban and setting conditions for reconciliation.

U.S. Air Force photos by Staff Sgt. Sean Martin



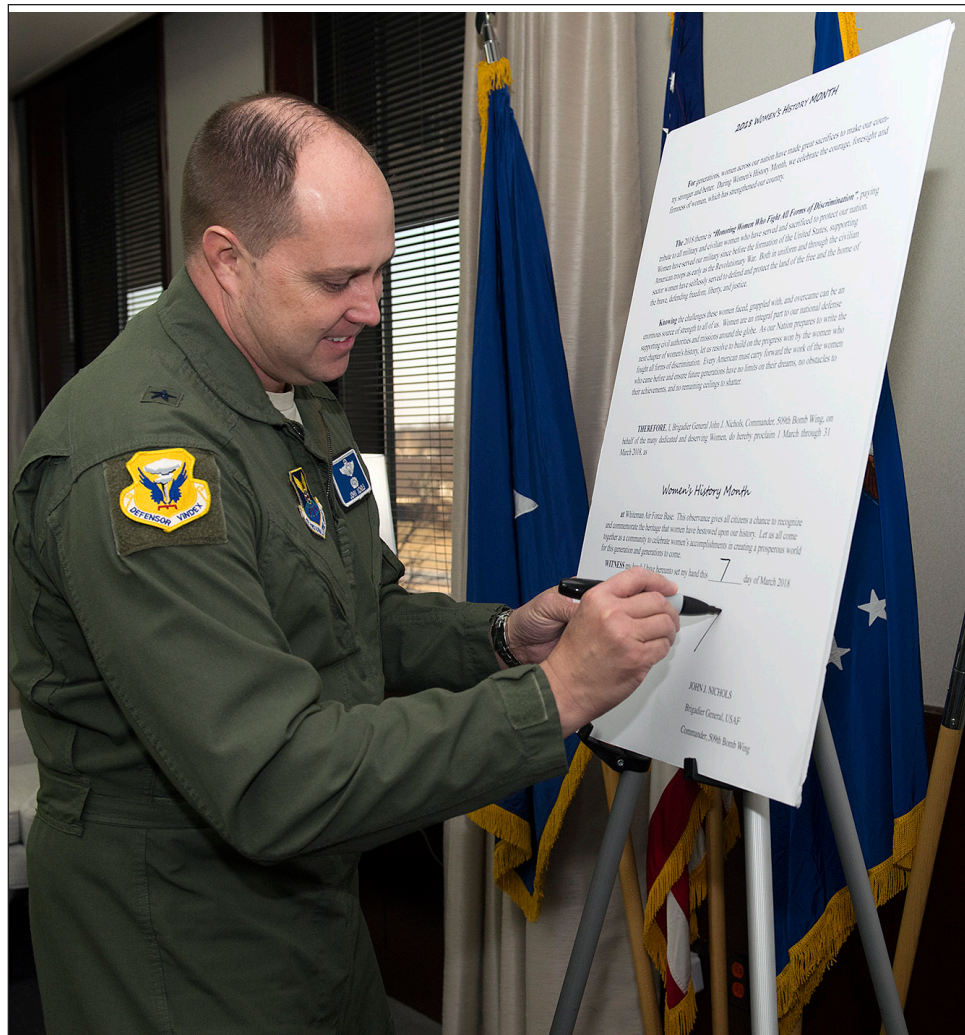
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Whiteman proclaims March as Women's History Month



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Taylor Phifer. U.S. Air Force Brig. Gen. John Nichols, the 509th Bomb Wing commander, signs the Women's History Month Proclamation on March 7, 2018, at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo. The theme for the month is honoring women who fight all forms of discrimination. This observance gives Team Whiteman a chance to recognize and commemorate the contributions that women have bestowed upon history.

Holidays For Heroes

- Who:** Open to all (Groups and/or Squadrons welcome)
- What:** Every major holiday, come share your stories and hear theirs while enjoying homemade cookies
- Where:** Missouri Veterans Home, 1300 Veterans Rd, Warrensburg Mo, 64093
- When:** 17 Mar 2018 from 1000-1100
- How:** Volunteer your time or drop off baked goods to Bldg. S6, Rm. 101 on 16 March 2018



For more information, please call or email SSgt Eric Zimmerman at 687-6589 or eric.zimmerman.6@us.af.mil

Meet the Airmen of the 2017 DoD Medium Fire Department of the Year



U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Christopher Gunn, an assistant chief of operations assigned to the 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, poses for a photo on the flightline at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Feb. 13, 2018. As the DoD Medium Fire Department of the Year for 2017, their responsibility is not only to the residents of the installation, but also entails being prepared to support the flightline during normal operations and exercises.



U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Corey Benefield, a driver operator assigned to the 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, stands at ease during roll call at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Feb. 13, 2018. This ceremony is a tradition where crew members are briefed on safety protocols and operations that occurred during the previous shift or is scheduled for the incoming shift.



U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Joshua Hargis, a driver operator assigned to the 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, conducts a check on equipment and tools on a firetruck at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Feb. 13, 2018. In addition to providing prompt response to various emergencies, their department also aids the public in customer service and education on fire safety measures they can incorporate.



An Airman assigned to the 509th Civil Engineer Squadron moves a T-3000 firetruck out of the way to clean the fire department as part of their daily operations at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Feb. 13, 2018. As the DoD Medium Fire Department of the Year for 2017, their Airmen excelled in emergency response, customer outreach and public education, in addition to many other areas of merit.



U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Gregory Ramirez Jr., a crew chief assigned to the 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, poses for a photo after conducting the daily vehicle check on a firetruck at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Feb. 13, 2018. Daily checks are conducted to ensure crews and vehicles are ready to respond in case of fire, life-saving emergency or any other crisis.

U.S. Air Force photos

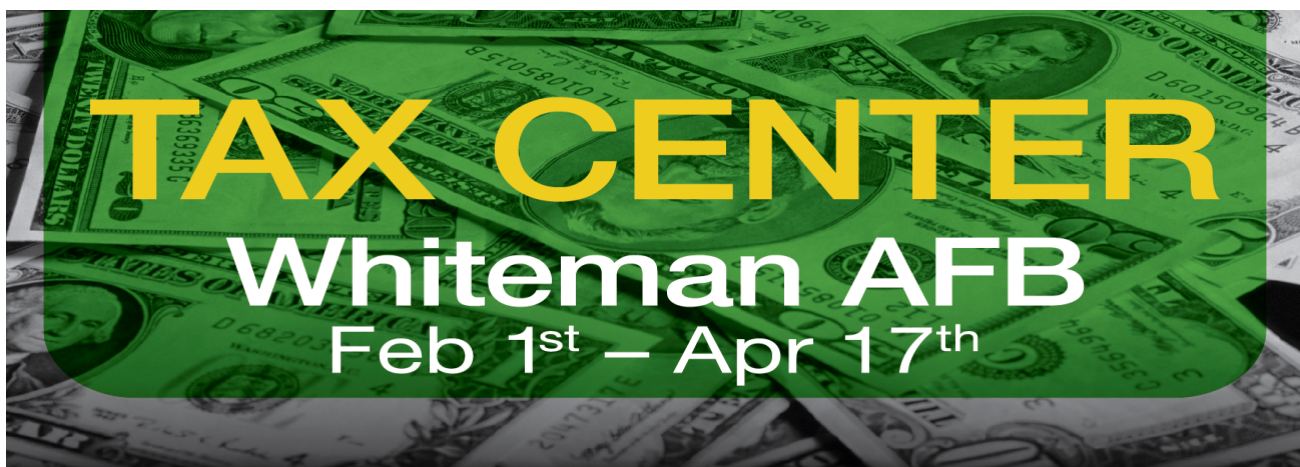
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The Whiteman Air Force Base Tax Center is scheduled to open Thursday, 1 Feb 2018 for free advice, assistance, preparation and electronic filing of federal and state income tax returns through the Internal Revenue Service's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. Active duty military members, retirees, military dependents, and Department of Defense civilians may receive assistance.

TO RECEIVE TAX PREPARATION/E-FILING ASSISTANCE, YOU MUST BRING:

- Photo IDs – Proof of identification (taxpayer/spouse)
- Social security cards (or ITIN card, if applicable) (taxpayer/spouse/dependents)
- Birth dates (taxpayer/spouse/dependents)
- Prior year tax return (they no longer have copies of prior returns for previous clients)
- Wage/income statements (i.e. W-2s, W-2G, 1099-B, 1099-R, 1099-G, 1099-Misc.)
- Interest and dividend statements (1099-INT, 1099-DIV)
- Affordable Care Act healthcare documents (IRS Form 1095-A, 1095-B or 1095-C)
- Dependent care information (daycare provider name, address, tax ID # and amount paid)
- Education credit information (1098-T and receipts or out-of-pocket expenses)
- Proof of bank routing and account number (for direct debits or direct withdrawals)
- Any other forms applicable to your return (i.e. "1098-E Student Loan Interest Paid", 5498 IRA contributions, 1098 Mortgage Interest Paid, real estate taxes)

LOCATION:

Professional Development Center
Bldg. 515, Rm. 209

HOURS:

APPOINTMENT ONLY:
Day: Monday – Thursday
Time: 0800 – 1500

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Time: 1000 – 1500

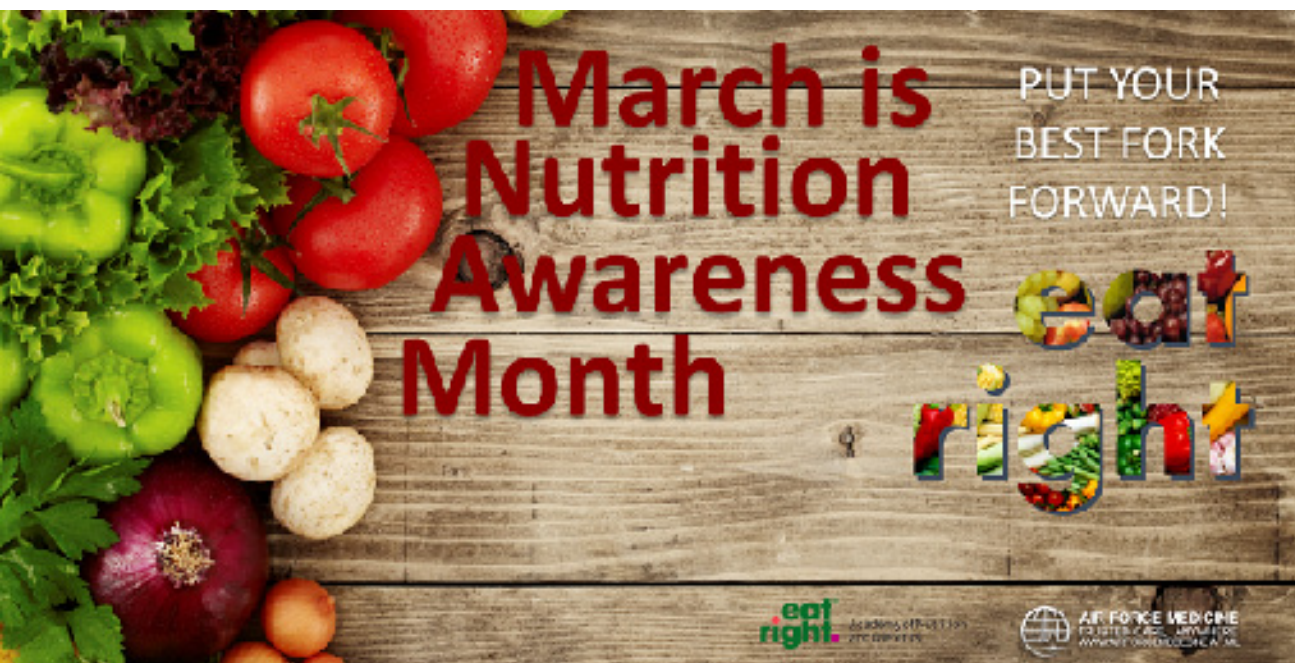
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Nutrition care easily accessible via telehealth appointments

By Shireen Bedi
Air Force Surgeon General Public Affairs

FALLS CHURCH, Va. -- The U.S. Air Force Medical Service is working to increase access to high level nutrition care using tele-medical nutrition therapy.

With tele-medical nutrition therapy, or tele-MNT, patients get a referral from their primary care provider to meet with a dietitian via video teleconferencing anywhere in the world. The dietitian can guide them through a wide variety of issues, such as weight, celiac disease, allergies, hyperlipidemia, and hypertension. Tele-MNT provides a level of care not available in-person at many Air Force facilities that can help patients navigate complex nutrition needs and improve patient outcomes.

"Nutrition care is effective in disease mitigation and prevention," said Maj. Minette Herrick, chief of Health Promotion with the Air Force Medical Operations Agency. Tele-MNT makes it easier for patients to get assessments, diagnoses, interventions, monitoring, and evaluation for various conditions across the age spectrum."

Providing the tele-MNT services is not only helpful in disease management, but is also essential to Airmen readiness. AFMS Dietitians focus on keeping Airmen healthy and ready.

"There is a definite correlation between nutrition and readiness," said Herrick. "Weight and diet affects your ability to pass your physical fitness test. It also affects the ability to maintain ready forces and perform downrange."

The tele-MNT program started in November 2017, and has already received 30 referrals and made a positive impact on patient satisfaction.

"The program is starting to pick up as more patient sites open and people become interested in nutritional care," said Herrick. "We are hearing positive things already. Patients really love the convenience of the video teleconference and think it works well."

With positive feedback from patients, tele-MNT is aiming to add locations and bring on more dietitians.

"We want to expand the number of sites where patients can access tele-MNT to bring more nutrition resources to patients," explained Herrick. "Eventually we want to make it easier to provide nutrition care to where patients live, work, and play."

If You Answer "True" to One of These Statements, You May Be at Risk for Type 2 Diabetes

- I am of Asian, Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander descent
- I have family members with diabetes
- I am over 45 years old
- I am overweight/obese
- I do not exercise regularly

Talk to your doctor to see if additional testing is needed.

Whiteman holds 2017 Annual Awards banquet to congratulate winners



Members of Team Whiteman celebrated the accomplishments and achievements of some of Whiteman's finest March 2, 2018 at during this year's Annual Awards Banquet at the University of Central Missouri, Warrensburg, Mo. During the banquet Airmen and civilians were recognized as winners of their respective category at the wing level. The winners of these awards are scheduled to go on to represent Whiteman at The Air Force Global Strike Command level.

U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman Jovan Banks

Congratulations to the 2017 Annual Award winners



Winners of Whiteman Air Force Base's annual awards gather for a group photo March 2, 2018 during this year's Annual Awards Banquet at the University of Central Missouri, Warrensburg, Mo. During the banquet Airmen and civilians were recognized as winners of their respective category at the wing level. The winners of these awards are scheduled to go on to represent Whiteman at The Air Force Global Strike Command level.

OAY Categories

Senior Airman Thomas M. Meisel

2017 Airman of the Year

Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri

"Leaders of the Past...History in the Making"

Tech. Sgt. Michael X. Vallejo

2017 Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year

Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri

"Leaders of the Past...History in the Making"

Senior Master Sgt. Christopher A. Moore

2017 Senior Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year

Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri

"Leaders of the Past...History in the Making"

Master Sgt. Sherrill D. Sinclair

2017 First Sergeant of the Year

Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri

"Leaders of the Past...History in the Making"

Mrs. Tara Huhmann

2017 Key Spouse of the Year

Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri

"Leaders of the Past...History in the Making"

Staff Sgt. Alec J. Lawlis

2017 Honor Guard Member of the Year

Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri

"Leaders of the Past...History in the Making"

Master Sgt. David S. Shaw

2017 Honor Guard Program Manager of the Year

Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri

"Leaders of the Past...History in the Making"

Internal Categories

Capt. Daniel J. Merkh

2017 Company Grade Officer of the Year

Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri

"Leaders of the Past...History in the Making"

Maj. Christopher L. Clark

2017 Field Grade Officer of the Year

Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri

"Leaders of the Past...History in the Making"

Staff Sgt. Mark E. Bedwell

2017 Innovator of the Year

Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri

"Leaders of the Past...History in the Making"

Tech. Sgt. Dawn F. Burns

2017 Supervisor of the Year

Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri

"Leaders of the Past...History in the Making"

Brandi N. Meyer

2017 Civilian Associate of the Year

Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri

"Leaders of the Past...History in the Making"

Walter A. Farwell

2017 Civilian Specialist/Manager of the Year

Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri

"Leaders of the Past...History in the Making"

Paul F. Edwards

2017 Civilian Supervisor of the Year

Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri

"Leaders of the Past...History in the Making"

Tenant Awards

Airman of the Year

Senior Airman Jade LeMay

20th ATKS

NCO of the Year

Staff Sgt. Robin Bergamasco

72d TES

SNCO of the Year

Senior Master Sgt. Kieth Parks

72d TES

CGO of the Year

Capt. Hanna Sparrow

20th ATKS

FGO of the Year

Maj. Anthony Mulia

20th ATKS

KS of the Year

Ms. Sarah Dvorak

20th ATKS



UCM Launches New Veterans Upward Bound Program

The University of Central Missouri recently received a new grant that creates opportunities designed to help veterans succeed in college. Veterans Upward Bound (VUB) is a free U.S. Department of Education program designed to help veterans refresh their academic skills and give them the confidence they need to successfully obtain a college degree.

Veterans Upward Bound can assist a veteran by offering:

- Basic skills development to help veterans successfully complete a high school equivalency program (if needed) and gain admission to college education programs.
- Short-term remedial or refresher classes for high school graduates that have put off pursuing a college education. Areas of interest: Math, science, reading, literature, composition, and computer basics.
- Assistance with applications to college or university of choice, financial aid, and scholarships.
- Personalized counseling for degree and career selection.
- Connecting veterans with outside available resources.
- Providing each veteran with an individualized academic plan that is developed based on personal needs and desires.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Be a U.S. Military veteran with more than 180 days of active duty service, and discharged under conditions other than dishonorable. *Veterans with fewer than 180



days of active duty service may apply.

- Meet low-income criteria, according to guidelines published annually by the U.S. Department of Education, and/or a first-generation potential college graduate.
- Demonstrate academic need for Veterans Upward Bound.

The Next Step:

The next step is to contact your local Veterans Upward Bound Program. Your local VUB office will help you get started on the process and answer any questions. Let us help you make your educational dreams a reality.

If you need more information, please contact:

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Telephone: 660-543-8124 or 660-543-4785
e-mail: kuranda@ucmo.edu

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Missouri Lieutenant Governor attends BCC luncheon



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Joel Pfister
The Honorable Michael L. Parson, Lieutenant Governor of Missouri, speaks during the Whiteman Base Community Council luncheon March 7, 2018 at Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri. Parson spoke about the Missouri National Guard and the Missouri State Fair Foundation and its support of our military members.



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Joel Pfister
(From left to right) Brig. Gen. John J. Nichols, 509th Bomb Wing commander, Mr. Joe Scallorns, Air Force Global Strike Command civic leader emeritus and Base Community Council board member, The Honorable Michael L. Parson, Lieutenant Governor of Missouri, and Col. Kenneth Eaves, 131st Bomb Wing commander pose with a B-2 painting March 7, 2018 at Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri. On behalf of the Scallorns Foundation the photo was presented to the USAF.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

BEGINS

**Sunday, March 11, 2018
at 2 a.m.**

**Don't forget to turn your clocks
ahead one hour**