

# WARRIOR



## BUILDING YOUR FOUNDATION

TOP AF CHAPLAIN SPEAKS AT WHITEMAN'S NATIONAL PRAYER BREAKFAST

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509TH SFS TEAMS BATTLE FOR CHAMPIONSHIP

# FSS Needs YOU!



WHITEMAN AIR FORCE BASE MO  
**FORCE**  
SUPPORT SQUADRON

By Lt. Col. Eugenia Edwards  
509th Force Support Squadron commander

but with your help, energy, and excitement on Feb. 20, we are confident that we will once again earn the title of Best Food Service Program in the Air Force!

Your food service team here on Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri, is engaged in a fierce competition, and you can help us bring home the trophy!

Whiteman AFB has been selected as a finalist for the Air Force John L. Hennessy Trophy, and a team will be on base Feb. 18-22 for our on-site evaluation. This is a prestigious award, not just for the food service program, but for the entire installation.

The evaluators will be judging total base support as one of the major graded areas for the trophy, so everyone plays a role to ensure Team Whiteman comes out victorious.

Whether you are Active Duty, Missouri Air National Guard, Reserve, or Civilian, all base personnel are invited to the Total Force Rally at Mission's End, Tuesday, Feb. 20, at 8 a.m. This event will kick off the official evaluation, and will make a lasting impact on the evaluators that Whiteman has the motivation, support, pride, and professionalism to be worthy of recognition.

It's not all work on your part! Base personnel are also invited to our Food Expo on Feb. 21, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be 17 vendors at the Ozark Inn Dining Facility offering FREE, generous samples of new food items.

Whiteman has not taken home the Hennessy Trophy since 2013,



## THE WARRIOR

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## Change in commissary hours

Need to restock the pantry after a long weekend  
and find out the commissary is closed?

Not anymore!

Starting Feb. 20, 2018, the Commissary will be  
open all Tuesday's following a Monday holiday.

## On the cover

U.S. Air Force photo by  
Senior Airman Jovan Banks  
U.S. Air Force Maj. Gen. Dondi E. Costin, the Air Force chief of chaplains, speaks to the people in attendance of Whiteman Air Force Base's National Prayer Breakfast Feb. 13, 2018 at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo. Costin spoke about the importance of having strong foundations to weather personal storms.

NEWS BRIEFS



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2. Manually select an agency
3. Choose USA then Federal Agency then select AFOSI
4. Create a passport, select New Tip and fill out the form with as much information as possible.

How to report an anonymous tip via text message:

Text "AFOSI" plus your tip information to 274637 (CRIMES)

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Keys, wallets, bicycles, jewelry and other items have been turned in as found property to Security Forces Investigation Section. To inquire about lost property, go to building 711, room 305, or call Detective Steven Scott at 660-687-5342.

**Air Force Housing website**

Visit [www.housing.af.mil](http://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**

<b>Today</b> Partly Cloudy Hi 35 Lo 25	<b>Saturday</b> Mostly Sunny Hi 51 Lo 26
<b>Sunday</b> Sunny Hi 58 Lo 28	<b>Monday</b> Showers Hi 64 Lo 45

# Base Community Council strengthens Whiteman

By Airman 1st Class Taylor Phifer  
509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

The Base Community Council at Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri, is an organization where base and community leaders partner together to build strong working relationships and mutual support.

"BCC works in sync with Whiteman's leadership to support the mission by engaging with the communities that surround the base," said Karl Kramer, the BCC president. "The support we give to the base helps improve the quality of life for Team Whiteman and ultimately improves the execution of the mission."

Whiteman's BCC is comprised of 18 different communities surrounding the installation, each of which is partnered with a different squadron at Whiteman. Together, they participate in different community or unit events throughout the year.

"The community engagement is great in this program," said Kramer. "Communities offer the Airmen and families opportunities to enjoy different events they hold, and the community members also are able to engage in several events on base."

Every month, Whiteman hosts a luncheon featuring a different community and their corresponding squadron. Each luncheon also features a guest speaker, usually a military or civilian leader, to further inform communities about the mission at Whiteman.

In addition to supporting monthly luncheons, the BCC also organizes programs to help welcome and support Airmen.

"The BCC provided me a chance to go home during the holidays," said U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Riley Fulton, a medical logistics technician assigned to the 509th Medical Group. "The opportunity meant a lot to me. I got to spend time with my family and show my love and appreciation for them while being home. I will cherish the experience forever."

The programs the BCC provides Whiteman are designed to benefit Airmen, increasing productivity on the base.

"Our efforts support Airmen with activities on and off base, which allows them to separate physically and mentally from their day-to-day work," said Kramer. "Programs like Adopt an

Airman and Airmen Home for the Holidays offer great experiences and support the care and wellbeing of Airmen, allowing them to come back to work recharged and ready to accomplish Whiteman's mission."

For many years, this program has served Team Whiteman positively by actively engaging Airmen and families with the surrounding communities and allowing the community members a chance to understand Whiteman's mission of strategic deterrence, global strike and combat support ... anytime, anywhere.



U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Jazmin Smith  
U.S. Air Force Maj. Gen. Thomas Bussiere, commander of the 8th Air Force, speaks with Rev. Jon-Michael Schweigert, the Knob Noster community liaison, following the monthly luncheon at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Feb. 14, 2018. During his time with members of the local community, Bussiere highlighted the strength of the bomber fleet and shared stories on the unit's history.



U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Jazmin Smith  
U.S. Air Force Maj. Gen. Thomas Bussiere, commander of the 8th Air Force, speaks with members of the Whiteman Base Community Council during their the monthly luncheon at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Feb. 14, 2018. During his time with members of the local community, Bussiere highlighted the strength of the bomber fleet and shared stories on the unit's history.

# Reel Time Theaters

We're saving a seat for you.

**FRIDAY, FEB. 16 • 7 p.m.**

Black Panther (PG-13)

Adults - \$7.00, children - \$4.75

**SATURDAY, FEB. 17 • 7 p.m.**

Black Panther (PG-13)

Adults - \$7.00, children - \$4.75

**SUNDAY, FEB. 18 • 3 p.m.**

Black Panther (PG-13)

Adults - \$7.00, children - \$4.75



# TAX CENTER

## Whiteman AFB

Feb 1<sup>st</sup> – Apr 17<sup>th</sup>

**T**he 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

**WALK-IN'S:**  
Time: 1000 – 1500

### CONTACT:

**SCHEDULE APPOINTMENT OR QUESTIONS:**  
A1C Taylor Griffin  
509th BW Legal Office  
687-3672



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## FEBRUARY IS TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

### Warning Signs That Your Date Is or May Become Abusive

- Blames you of flirting/cheating with others.
- Tells you how to dress, what to say and how to act.
- Threatens to hurt self or others if you break up.
- Dislikes your friends and family, therefore, tries to limit the time that you can spend with them.
- Breaks or hits things to intimidate you.
- Humiliates, insults and belittles you and your opinions, especially in front of others.
- Unpredictable mood swings and cannot control his/her anger.
- Believes in rigid sex roles and/or pressures you to have sex or forces you to do things that you don't want to do by saying, "if you really loved me you would..."
- Wants you to limit your extra curricular activities so you can spend more time together.

TALK TO YOUR PARENTS  
LET A FRIEND KNOW  
TALK TO A TRUSTED ADULT



# 509th SFS teams battle for basketball championship



The 509th Security Forces Squadron Team A won the 2018 intramural basketball championship at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Feb. 13, 2018. The SFS Team A defeated the SFS Team B, 59-57, after a close game in overtime.

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

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# Air Force outlines future of bomber force

By Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

The Air Force outlined plans for its bomber fleet in its Fiscal Year 2019 President's Budget Request Feb. 12, 2018.

In line with the service's bomber vector, the budget request detailed the Air Force plan to update the B-52 Stratofortress fleet and continue modifications to the B-1 Lancer and B-2 Spirit fleets while continuing to acquire B-21 Raiders.

"As part of our decisions presented in the FY19 President's Budget, the Air Force will update the B-52 bomber fleet and fund development of replacement engines," said Secretary of the Air Force Heather A. Wilson. "We will also continue necessary B-1 and B-2 modifications to keep them relevant until the B-21s come on line."

Once sufficient B-21 aircraft are operational, the B-1s and B-2s will be incrementally retired. Delivery and retirement timelines are dependent on the B-21 production and delivery schedules.

"If the force structure we have proposed is supported by the Congress, bases that have bombers now will have bombers in the future," Wilson said. "They will be B-52s and B-21s."

The B-21, which the Air Force plans to start fielding in the mid-2020s, will eventually become the backbone of the U.S. strategic bomber fleet and serve as a visible, flexible deterrent to adversaries and assure U.S. partners and allies.

"Modernizing and recapitalizing our bomber force is absolutely central to the recently released National Defense

Strategy and the Nuclear Posture Review," said Chief of Staff of the Air Force Gen. David L. Goldfein. "Our bomber force allows the commander in chief to hold targets at risk anywhere on the globe with unparalleled range and our most diverse payloads."

The decision to maintain the B-52 is based on numerous factors including maintenance and sustainment metrics, such as aircraft availability, mission capability, supply, maintenance hours per flying hour and total cost perspectives.

"With an adequate sustainment and modernization focus, including new engines, the B-52 has a projected service life through 2050, remaining a key part of the bomber enterprise well into the future," said Gen. Robin Rand, Air Force Global Strike Command commander.

The Air Force's bombers are an integral component of the nation's strategic deterrence and global strike capabilities. The nation requires that the bomber force remain a potent and decisive asset throughout the spectrum of conflict in the modern battlespace.

"At the end of Desert Storm in 1991 we had 290 total bombers," said Rand. "Today that force has dropped to 157 bombers at five bomb wings and 15 total force bomb squadrons. That's a 46 percent decrease in our bomber force while we have conducted continuous combat operations such as Allied Force, Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom, Odyssey Dawn, Inherent Resolve and Freedom's Sentinel, in addition to continuous bomber rotations in the (U.S. Central Command) and (U.S. Pacific Command) areas of responsibility."

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# Whiteman hosts annual National Prayer Breakfast



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

The annual National Prayer Breakfast was held Feb. 13, 2018 at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo. The breakfast was capped off by the U.S. Air Force's Chief of Chaplains Maj. Gen. Dondi E. Costin, who emphasized on building a strong foundation and included "Faith works, if you work your faith". The National Prayer Breakfast is an opportunity for service members to continue our nation's tradition of celebrating our individual diverse faith backgrounds.



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