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# Riveter's granddaughter reminds Whiteman of Rosie's Legacy



The Whiteman Air Force Base **Sisters in Arms** meets every third Wednesday of the month at the Stars and Strikes Bowling Center on base.



Airman Parker J. McCauley 509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

The Whiteman Air Force Base Sisters in Arms hosted the Women's History Luncheon on March 26, 2019 at the Mission's End Club on base.

Leah Winchester, the granddaughter of Naomi Parker Fraley, who was the inspiration for Rosie the Riveter, was the guest speaker for the event and she spoke about a variety of things including the lessons she learned from her grandmother and her current involvement with the 131st Bomb Wing.

Master Sgt. Rayna Scott, a human resources remote with the 131st Force Support Squadron, started the lunch with a short introduction. A video about Fraley played, detailing how she became one of the most recognizable faces in America thanks to the famous World War II-era poster.

Winchester thanked the Sisters in Arms for the invitation to tell her grandmother's story after the video ended. She said it was humbling to represent her grandmother and that it was exciting because Fraley left behind a legacy that was bigger than herself.

"In an effort to honor my grandmother's 'We Can Do It' attitude, I have recently become involved in an exciting new initiative meant to bridge the gap between community members and the 2,000 Airmen and Soldiers serving at Jefferson Barracks Air National Guard Station in St. Louis," said Winchester.

Winchester will continue to volunteer her time with the 131st Bomb Wing and the Missouri National Guard as her way to support the military as a civilian.

Winchester joined members of Team Whiteman for photos, autographs and further discussion after the event.

"The event went really well," said Scott. "I was pleased with the turnout and the support from both bomb wings."

Winchester also thanked Team Whiteman and the military.

"I thank you very much for being here, thank you for your service," said Winchester.

#### **Airmen Against Drunk Driving**

# On the cover

Rosie the Riveter was the star of a campaign aimed at recruiting female workers for defense industries during World War II – and has become perhaps the most iconic image of working women.

Based in small part on a real-life munitions worker, but primarily a fictitious character, the strong, red bandanna-clad Rosie became one of the most successful recruitment tools in American history.

American women entered the workforce in unprecedented numbers during the war, as widespread male enlistment left gaping holes in the industrial labor force. Between 1940 and 1945, the female percentage of the U.S. workforce increased from 27 percent to nearly 37 percent. By 1945, nearly one out of every four married women worked outside the home.

More than 310,000 women worked in the U.S. aircraft industry in 1943, making up 65 percent of the industry's total workforce (compared to just 1 percent in the pre-war years). The munitions industry also heavily recruited women workers, as illustrated by the U.S. government's Rosie the Riveter propaganda campaign.





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# General information

- The Fitness **Center Track and** Field is closed for renovations. PT tests will be conducted at Knob Noster High School. All tests are run through the Fitness Assessment Cell (FAC); the FAC will transport testers to the high school to complete the walk/run portion of the test. The Knob Noster track is not available for squadron PT, but if you'd like to
- Service members are advised to be aware of what they consume as some states legalize recreational marijuana and THC. THC and CBD oils are illegal under federal law and Article 112a of the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ). Products containing them, such as THC beer, can cause a positive urinalysis result in a drug test. The 12-week pharmacy technician
  - certification course through State Fair Community College at Whiteman AFB provides a certificate. Classes meet Tuesday and Thursday each week from April 2-June 20 at the SFCC on base.
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  The base gym has a parking spot reserved during all regular hours and days. The new space is near the front entrance and is reserved for any wing annual award winner or member of Honor Guard.
- The Exceptional Family Member Program and Special Needs Support Group meets at 10-11 a.m. the first and third Tuesday of each month at Whiteman AFB Youth Center. The group provides free information, speakers, children's activities and other events. Call 660-687-7132 for more information.
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- Have you checked out the Whiteman Air Force Base smartphone app? The app is frequently updated with new content and resources, including events, a base directory, medical information, and information for inbound and outbound personnel. A link to the download the app is available on the Whiteman website.
- For the latest news, photos, and videos please refer to the official Whiteman Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ WhitemanAirForceBase.

# 31 Upcoming Events

- The 509th Medical Group is offering a nicotine cessation class in the B-2 conference room at the clinic. Attending all four sessions is recommended. Session 1 and Session 2 are complete; Session 3 is 3-4:30, April 2; Session 4 is 3-4:30, April 19. Call Health Promotion at 660-687-1199 to enroll.
- The Whiteman PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) is hosting a chili cook-off and family bingo night from 5-8 p.m. April 12 at the Whiteman Elementary School cafeteria. The event is open to everyone on base. The cost is \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door; PTO members and their families are \$5. For additional information, contact whitemanpantherspto@gmail.com.
- A pre-diabetes class is 2:30-4:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of every month at the 509th Medical Group Education and Training room in the basement. Call 660-687-1199 to enroll.
- EFMP/special needs or deployment/remote status military family are invited to Coffee & Chat 10-11 a.m. every third Wednesday of the month at Coffee SKNOBS in Knob Noster. Complimentary coffee with refreshments are offered. Children are welcome with adult supervision. For more information, call 660-687-7132.
- The Airman & Family Readiness Center offers financial classes every month. Individual appointments are available. Call 660-687-7132 or 660-619-2735 for more information.

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- If you are experiencing heating issues on base, please contact the 509th Civil Engineer Squadron at 660-687-6350.
- The Whiteman AFB Tax Center will not be stood up this year as a result of December's partial government shutdown. Options to assist you with filing your taxes, including free online software and tax consultants available via phone, are detailed at www.whiteman.af.mil/taxcenter/. Taxes are due to the IRS by Monday, April 15 (April 17 for residents of Maine and Massachusetts). The IRS is accepting tax returns now.
- Food Recalls: Monogram Meat Snacks recalled ready-to-eat Duke's pork sausage products due to contamination/adulteration. All applicable base facilities have been notified. Review recalls at http:// www.dla.mil/TroopSupport/ Subsistence/FoodSafety/fso/ ALFOODACT.aspx.

# Volunteer Opportunities

- The Whiteman PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) needs volunteers for its chili cook-off and family bingo night April 12 at the Whiteman Elementary School cafeteria. Volunteer hours are 4-8:30 p.m. Volunteers eat free and can be provided an EPR letter.
- ChildSafe, a child advocacy center needs volunteers for the Adult Egg Hunt on April 13 at the Elm Hills Golf Course in Sedalia, Missouri. Volunteers will needed for setting up, serving food, helping with the hunt and games, handing out prizes, cleaning up and more. To volunteer email hheimsoth@childsafehouse.org.
- The Airman & Family Readiness Center is looking for volunteers to support Operation Spirit 2019 on April 27 at the Deployment Center on base. Volunteers help children with

their mock deployment: in-processing, applying make-up, serving as chalk leaders and escorts for the obstacle course, setting up and tearing down, and assisting the USO serve food. To volunteer and for more information, call 660-687-7132.

- Powell Gardens is looking for volunteers for numerous positions. Volunteers are given free admission year round, along with discounts and other benefits. Volunteers must be at least 16 years old. For more information, call 816-697-2600 ext. 304 or email bhallak@powellgardens. org.
- **To volunteer for Team Whiteman's Airman Against Drunk Driving** (AADD) program, contact Senior Airman Tyler Anderson at tyler.anderson.14@us.af.mil.

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# Women from the

In honor of Women's History Month, The Warrior is recognizing females base wide. Check out Whiteman.af.mil to see others featured.

# Wing





#### Airman 1st Class Elaiza J. Andora 509th Force Support Squadron

I'm originally from the Philippines, then moved to Washington state. I am a part of Force Management.

#### Who is/was the most influential woman in your life?

For me, it's my mother. My mom has always told me that if there's no pain, you will not gain anything. She taught me *that fear is never an option – if you fear* then you will not be able to try and if you don't try, nothing is going to happen. I look up to her like I want to be like her as a mother, as a wife and as a good friend. I thank her for making me for what I am right now.

#### Staff Sgt. Brandi Fern 509th Force Support Squadron

I am originally from Squaw Valley, California. I am an Airman Leadership School instructor, who used to be an aircraft maintenance craftsman.

What does serving mean to you?

I joined primarily for travel and educational opportunities. I also had an obsession with aircraft, so I wanted to fix them!

I continue to serve because I enjoy being immersed with different career fields and being open to different perspectives.

To serve, in my opinion, is to help those around me. My goal is to build people to understand their full potential, and to use it to make things around them better and to take care of their people.

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# **2019 Wings Over Whiteman** Air and Space Show is June 15-16

#### From 509th Bomb Wing staff reports

The 2019 Wings Over Whiteman Air and Space Show and Open House is June 15 and 16 at Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri. Admittance and parking are free.

This year's show features: Air Combat Command's F-22 Raptor Demonstration Team, the A-10C Thunderbolt II demo team and the U.S. Army Golden

Knights Parachute Team, along with Whiteman AFB's B-2 Stealth bomber and T-38 Talon jet.

Guests will get an up-close look at strategic Air Force assets that our Airmen use to carry out missions across the globe as well as the technical expertise of the U.S. military.

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Secretary of the Air Force Heather Wilson talks to members of the 55th Wing on March 22, 2019, at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb. A week earlier the base began taking on flood waters that eventually covered one-third of the installation. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Rachelle Blake)

# Secretary of the Air Force: We will rebuild Offutt AFB

### Tech. Sgt. Rachelle Blake 55th Wing Public Affairs

**OFFUTT AIR FORCE BASE, Neb.** — Secretary of the Air Force Heather Wilson met with Offutt Air Force Base leadership and elected officials on March 22, 2019, to discuss rebuilding efforts for the base following recent flooding.

Just a week earlier, the base began taking on water that eventually covered onethird of the installation.

"We have assistance flying in from all over the United States to assist in the assessment of the damage and to begin reconstruction," Wilson said. "The United States Air Force will rebuild Offutt Air Force Base. We will work with the Nebraska congressional delegation to secure supplemental funds to be able to recover from the damage and make this base even better than it was."

During her visit, she commended base leadership for their preparatory efforts.

"There were no injuries, no loss of life on this base," Wilson said. "All the aircraft were either flown out or moved to high ground. A lot of the ground equipment was saved because they called in everybody in an all-hands effort."

Offutt leadership shared with Wilson the pride they felt in their fellow Airmen. "If you could have been here one week ago, you would have seen the American spirit of resiliency alive and well," said Col. Michael Manion, 55th Wing commander. "When the call came out for all hands on deck to do everything we could to defend this base against the rising water, there was nothing but positive attitudes, strong backs, strong shoulders, as we fought the water and now we are in the recovery mode and we are going to put this base back together. Every day we are getting a little bit better."

Wilson met with a handful of the many men and women who took part in the preparation efforts.

"One of them, who was a National Guardsman, spent ten hours filling sand bags," Wilson said. "Another one was the wife of an Airman who worked at the Bennie Davis Maintenance Facility," she continued. "He called his wife and said 'the water is coming up across the parking lot.' She called her folks in Iowa to come stay with the kids and she went in and started taking things from people's offices and trying to get them up higher and tried to protect all of the heritage."

Among those she spoke to, one in particular, Bruce McCauley, 55th Civil Engineer Squadron deputy director, really resonated with her.

"(He) said something I just had to write down," Wilson said. "(He) said, 'Mother Nature can't beat the 55th Wing.""

# March 30, 2019

**National Doctors' Day** 

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Air Force Capt. Jacob Shepherd, family practice physician, Maj. Kallyn Harencak, operational and aerospace flight commander, and Lt.Col. Mary Kiel, chief of medical staff, pose for a photo on March 27, 2019, at Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri. The three physicians are assigned to the 509th Medical Group and represented the base for National Doctor's Day 2019. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Kayla White)

# **National Doctor's Day**

#### Lt. Col. Mary Kiel, chief of medical staff

509th Medical Group

Every year on March 30, the United States celebrates Doctors' Day to recognize the many achievements that our physicians have made in caring for patients around the world.

The first observance occurred in 1933, in Winder, Georgia, when Dr. Charles B. Almond's wife, Eudora Brown Almond, created a day to honor physicians. She led the recognition of doctors in her community by mailing them greeting cards and placing red carnations on the graves of deceased doctors.

History reports that she chose the date for Doctors' Day based on the remarkable innovation of the first use of ether anesthetic during surgery on March 30, 1842.

Fifty-seven years later, in 1991, the United States Senate and House of Representatives passed the resolution to recognize Doctors' Day. Then-President George W. Bush signed the resolution into law on October 30, 1990, to be observed on March 30, 1991, to celebrate the sacrifices and contributions made by our nation's doctors.

The 509th Medical Group at Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri, is currently home to 13 physicians who provide primary care and specialty services for more than 11,000 patients. They are trained in general medicine, family medicine, internal medicine, pediatrics and psychiatry.

Physicians take the Hippocratic Oath, swearing to uphold ethical standards and to "first do no harm." Our Air Force physicians are charged with providing trusted care to our active duty service members, their families and retirees.

National Doctors' Day is a time for the Whiteman community to say thank you and recognize the diversity of dedicated active duty physicians who are a critical component of our healthcare team.

We asked several of the 509th Medical Group physicians how they came to be military doctors, what they love about Air Force medicine and what their future goals are. Here were their responses:

Capt. Jacob Shepherd - Family Medicine Physician, Primary Care Clinic

"My father is a family medicine physician and I had the opportunity to work in his practice growing up doing medical billing and medical assistant work. After high school, I got to do some oversees medical missions, and this confirmed my desire to be a physician. I attended medical school at Saba University School of Medicine, then family medicine residency at the University of Kansas City program at Truman Medical Center. I chose the Air Force because I wanted to have the opportunity to serve our military and their families. I am honored to have the opportunity to serve my country. I joined the military through the Financial Assistance Program, which covered my training costs and also included an annual grant and a monthly stipend. One of my reward-ing moments since arriving to Whiteman Air Force Base was when my team was able to treat an active duty member with severe pneumonia here in the clinic by utilizing our nurses and techs to administer IV antibiotics that kept him from being hospitalized." Maj. Kallyn Harencak – Flight Commander and Inter-

nist, Áerospace Medicine Flight

"I grew up in the Air Force and wasn't ready to leave the nest... After my first year at the United States Air Force Academy, I enrolled in the summer glider program where you learn the basics of flight... and I was awful at it! I'm a terrible pilot. So I went with my back-up plan to go to medical school. I graduated from Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences and then completed a residency in Internal Medicine at Wright Patterson AFB. I love our patient population and think we are afforded opportunities none of our civilian counterparts get. No one else gets to practice medicine in the back of a C-17. No one else gets to spend the morning in clinic and the afternoon at 18,000 feet!"

Lt. Col. Mary Anne Kiel - Chief of Medical Staff and Pediatrician

"I am the daughter of a retired Air Force medic and first sergeant. I feel extremely fortunate that the Air Force helped fund my undergraduate education. I went to medical school because I loved the volunteer work that I did in a hospital in college. I was later awarded an Air Force Health Professions Scholarship to attend medical school. I feel I have a responsibility to give back to the institution that supported me growing up and in my education. I became a pediatrician because I wanted to make a difference in children's lives, to help make them healthy and successful in their journey toward adulthood. Kids are so imaginative and fun! In the Air Force, taking care of kids means taking care of their parents who work hard to carry out the mission. If their children are healthy and safe, then parents have the peace of mind and focus required to do their jobs. Now my job as the chief of medical staff is to support all our providers in giving the best care to our patients. Our staff is passionate about health, and we want our patients to know how much we care about them and how hard we work to meet their needs.

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Tech. Sgt. Keona Newsom, **192nd Operations Group Commander's Support Staff** noncommissioned officer in charge, poses for a portrait in front of a hangar, March 26, 2019, at Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Virginia. She received recognition from **Command Chief Master Sgt.** Christopher Amburn, 192nd Wing Command Chief, for providing lifesaving care in a situation that occurred while she was off duty. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Bryan Myhr)

# Virginia ANG Airmen recognized for saving lives

#### Staff Sgt. Johnisa B. Roberts 192nd Wing Public Affairs

**JOINT BASE LANGLEY-EUSTIS, Virginia** — Tech. Sgt. Keona Newsom, 192nd Operations Group commander's support staff, did not hesitate to react while shopping at a Target with her noncommissioned officer academy classmates in Maryville, Tennessee. She heard the panicked cries of a child coming from one of the public restrooms in the store and immediately sprang into action.

"We heard a little girl scream from the bathroom, and at first we didn't know what was going on...so we dropped everything and ran to the bathroom," said Newsom. "When we got there, we saw a woman lying on the ground."

Newsom and her classmates stumbled on to a scene they did not expect. The woman on the ground was bleeding from her head. Thinking quickly, they worked together to clear out and secure the bathroom, call 911 and administer first aid for the woman until paramedics arrived.

ics arrived. "When we arrived, there was so much blood that there was really nothing else we could use but our jackets, so we took them off and put them under her head and secured them," Newsom said. "We kept her stable until paramedics arrived."

Newsom said that although it was mostly instinct

that compelled her and her classmates to react and intervene in the situation, she could not deny that her military background also played a factor in knowing what to do in a crisis.

"My military background helped a lot with the (Self-Aid and Buddy Care) training we receive," Newsom said. "I was able to utilize those principles in the situation as well as (remaining) calm under that pressure. The training that we get when we deploy, mobilize, everything like that - it really played a role and was crucial to us helping that woman in Target."

#### Training, instinct

"When something happens off duty and you realize you have to take action and put your military skills to work, that's when it hits home," said Newsom. "You're on duty 24/7, and you're here to protect people and do everything you can, so that's our job."

In addition to human instinct and utilizing military training, Staff Sgt. Noel Cullen, 192nd Support Squadron Base Services, said it was also her maternal instinct that ensured she did not hesitate when she rescued a young boy while white-water rafting during the summer of 2018. The young boy had found himself trapped upside-down in rough waters when his raft flipped over.

Without a second thought, Cullen rushed to the boy and pulled him out of the water by his feet, hit his back a couple of times until he coughed up water, and tied him to a rope she had in order to take him safely to his father.

#### Recognition

"My decision to go into the water was more of a maternal instinct, but coming from a military standpoint, I just couldn't leave anybody behind," Cullen said. "If it were my kids, I would want somebody to do [the same]."

Newsom and Cullen received recognition Jan. 9, 2019, during a ceremony at Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Virginia, for their efforts.

There are many sacrifices that all Airmen perform day to day, on and off duty. Newsom and Cullen were both surprised to receive recognition for the incredible deeds they accomplished in rescuing the injured woman and the boy in danger.

"I was very appreciative of the award, [although] the woman's safety and well-being was my main concern," Newsom said. "I was very shocked to receive an award because I felt we did what any decent (person) should do; if a little girl is screaming and a woman is in trouble, you go help."

"The award was completely unexpected (for me)," Cullen said. "It was a great feeling to be recognized by people you don't even think always necessarily see you. It was really nice to have my peers know that it's more than just the uniform every day, the mission, and then go home."

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Operation Snowbird provides support for visiting flying units from U.S. military installations and allied partners needing to train in the optimal weather conditions and ample ranges of southern Arizona. The 133rd and the 182nd Airlift Wings partenered from Feb. 26-28, 2019, in Yuma, Arizona. In this photo, U.S. Air Force Senior Master Sgt. Steven Lynch, flight engineer superintendent from the 109th Airlift Squadron, gives the signal to pop smoke during an airdrop mission. The smoke allows C-130 navigators to identify the drop-zone location.

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#### **12** The Warrior Friday, March 29, 2019 **Air Force announces Ellsworth as first B-21 base**

**WASHINGTON** – The Air Force announced on March 27, 2019, that Ellsworth Air Force Base, South Dakota, has been selected as the preferred location for the first operational B-21 bomber and the formal training unit.

Whiteman AFB, Missouri, and Dyess AFB, Texas, will receive B-21 Raiders as they become available.

The Air Force used a deliberate process to minimize mission impact during the transition, maximize facility reuse, minimize cost and reduce overhead.

"These three bomber bases are well suited for the B-21," said Secretary of the Air Force Heather A. Wilson. "We expect the first B-21 Raider to be delivered beginning in the mid-2020s, with subsequent deliveries phased across all three bases."

Ellsworth AFB was selected as the first location because it provides sufficient space and existing facilities necessary to accommodate simultaneous missions at the lowest cost and with minimal operational impact across all three bases. The Air Force will incrementally retire existing B-1 Lancers and B-2 Spirits when a sufficient number of B-21s are delivered.

"We are procuring the B-21 Raider as a long-range, highlysurvivable aircraft capable of penetrating enemy airspace with a mix of weapons," said Gen. David L. Goldfein, Air Force Chief of Staff. "It is a central part of a penetrating joint team."

Barksdale AFB, Louisiana and Minot AFB, North Dakota, will continue to host the B-52 Stratofortress, which is expected



to continue conducting operations through 2050.

The Air Force will make its final B-21 basing decision following compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act and other regulatory and planning processes. That decision is expected in 2021 and is part of the overall Air Force Strategic Basing Process.

#### What does this mean for Whiteman AFB?

Whiteman AFB will house B-21 Operational Flying Squadrons to fulfill the Air Force's requirements to grow its bomber fleet.

There are many factors that drove the Air Force to select Whiteman in sequence and with the combination of units selected in the decision. Whiteman is the only current location with a B-2 mission; therefore, it must remain operational until sufficient B-21 aircraft are fielded at Ellsworth AFB.

Whiteman does not have sufficient space and existing facilities necessary to accommodate a B-21 formal training unit and operational missions and B-2 missions simultaneously. As B-2s are phased out, B-21s will be phased in, using current bomber bases will minimize operational impact, reduce overhead, maximize re-use of facilities, and minimize cost.

"Team Whiteman is excited about the Air Force's decision that our base will host the B-21 Raider," said Brig. Gen. John Nichols, commander of the 509th Bomb Wing at Whiteman AFB. "As home of the world's most strategic aircraft, Whiteman is absolutely the right choice to be one of the bases that will house the next generation of stealth bombers. The B-21 – like the B-2 has done for the past 30 years – will support the nuclear triad by providing visible and flexible nuclear options and conventional capabilities that will assure allies, anytime and anywhere."





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# Whiteman Air Force Base Upcoming Events

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#### Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup> Baseball First Friday @ Mission's End 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

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#### Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup> Whiteman Scavenger Hunt 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Ready for some fun? Grab a team of friends, at least one motor vehicle and a smart phone or camera and head over to Mission's End for the Scavenger Hunt! Show at least 10 minutes prior to start time to hear rules. \$400 first place prize! \$20 per team (teams of 4) To sign up call (660) 687–5754.

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# Anniversary of Operation Allied Force marks B-2's combat debut 20 years ago

#### From 509th Bomb Wing staff reports

Twenty years ago, the B-2 Stealth bomber made its combat debut as part of Operation Allied Force, the air campaign over Serbia and Kosovo.

Beginning on March 24, 1999, the B-2 proved its combat effectiveness. The stealth bomber was responsible for destroying 33 percent of all Serbian targets in the first eight weeks.

The B-2 flew nonstop from its home base, Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri, to Kosovo and back home. The combat sortie was in support of NATO efforts against Yugoslavia during the Kosovo War. For two months, the B-2s flew 49 sorties, each of which averaged 29 hours. The stealth bomber dropped more than 650 bombs and was the first aircraft to drop GPS-guided JDAM smart bombs in combat.

This B-2 operation was the first sustained offensive combat air operations conducted solely from U.S. soil.

Shortly after the B-2s airpower dominance during Operation Allied Force, then-President Bill Clinton visited Whiteman in June of 1999 to congratulate the 509the Bomb Wing on the B-2's combat debut.



In this file photo from 1999, a B-2 Spirit bomber prepares to receive fuel from a KC-135 Stratotanker during a mission in the European theater supporting NATO Operation Allied Force. The twentieth anniversary of Operation Allied Force was March 24, which marked the B-2's combat debut. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Ken Bergmann)

Today, the B-2 continues to be the world's most strategic aircraft. It is a multi-role bomber capable of delivering both conventional and nuclear munitions. The B-2 brings massive firepower to bear, in a short time, anywhere on the globe through previously impenetrable defenses. Most recently, on Jan. 18, 2017, two B-2s dropped more than 100 JDAM bombs on an ISIS training camp in support of the Libyan government during Operation Odyssey Lightening. The B-2s flew a 34hour roundtrip mission from Whiteman Air Force Base that included air refueling 15 times.



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