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# B-2 pilots celebrate tradition with fifth Dining In



Courtesy photo

Past, present and future B-2 pilots gather every five years to celebrate the traditional Air Force Dining In event. The head table included, from left, Capt. Derek Ecklebe, the newest pilot to fly a B-2; Col. Justin Grieve, the 509th Operations Group commander; Col. Seth Graham, the 509th Bomb Wing vice commander; Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Christopher D. Miller, a former 509th Bomb Wing commander; Mr. Tom LeBeau, the most senior B-2 pilot in attendance; Col. (Ret.) Tony Imondi, a former 509th Operations Group commander; and Brig. Gen. John J. Nichols, the 509th Bomb Wing commander.

By Lt. Col. (Ret.) Frank "Vooter" Cavuoti  
Spirit #78

Past, present and future stealth bomber pilots gathered on Saturday, Aug. 11, 2018, during the fifth B-2 Pilot Dining In to celebrate their collective diverse backgrounds, unique and rich heritage, shared common vision, and 25 years of the operational B-2 Spirit.

Held at the Whiteman AFB Mission's End Club, more than 100 B-2 pilots attended this Air Force function, including 51 who were able to return from off-station locations like Edwards AFB, Barksdale AFB, the Pentagon and many other stealthy areas.

Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Chris Miller, a former B-2 pilot (Spirit #407) and the sixth B-2 wing commander here at Whiteman, attended as the guest speaker, presiding over this formal event that was rich with Air Force tradition.

General Miller currently leads the Center for Character and Leadership Development at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Our current 509th Bomb Wing Commander, Brig. Gen. John Nichols (#647) served as the president of the mess, assisted by Maj. Nick Anderson (#606), who served as vice president of the mess. Col. Seth Graham (#675), Col. Matt Calhoun (#351), Col. Justin Grieve (#373) and Col. (Ret.) Tony Imondi (#13) joined the head table. The lowest Spirit Number in attendance, Mr. Tom LeBeau (#5), capped one end of the distinguished table, while the most recent Spirit Number, Capt. Derek Ecklebe (#689), anchored the other end. Of note: two of the 10 female B-2 pilots (#507 and not-yet-assigned); one of the three B-2 pilot husband-wife couples

(#507 married to #514); and one of two sets of B-2 pilot brothers (#605 and #689) were in attendance. A special toast with water paid observance to three of the B-2 pilot brethren who have passed over the final threshold to do one more roll far above us all.

The Air Force tradition of the Dining In has ancient pre-Christian Roman roots, through Viking warlords and King Arthur's knights in the sixth century, by way of British soldiers in colonial America and George Washington's Continental Army to Gen. Henry H. "Hap" Arnold's wing dings in the 1930s and into today's present format. Through this all, the purpose of the Dining In is to bring together members of a unit in an atmosphere of camaraderie, good fellowship, and social rapport to promote high morale and esprit de corps.

Formal traditions during this mess dress event included toasts to the President of the United States, the Queen of the United Kingdom, the Chief of Staff of the Air Force, the Chief of Naval Operations, and deployed members, as well as the somber POW/MIA table ceremony. Additionally, some less formal but just as important traditions, like drinking from the grog bowl and wearing of unit-specific regalia, were observed. The evening was even surprisingly interrupted by members of the base fire department's presentation of the toxic grog, followed by several wardrobe malfunctions and humorous limerick toasts with associated solo and mutually supported team trips to the twin grog bowls. Finally, a mass round metallic object, i.e. coin, check ensured that every attendee had adhered to the rules of engagement for this tradition of keeping a commemorative B-2 coin with them.

The actual Dining In event was a culmination of several events surrounding this gathering of so many B-2 pilots, to include: the Stealth Golf Tournament, complete with Joint Air-to-Surface Stand-off Missile and Massive Ordnance Penetrator shots, and a companion spouse and friends gathering at Player's restaurant with the presentation and viewing of archived scrapbooks dating all the way back to Initial Qualification Training Class Zero (IQT-90 is currently in training).

This series of events and the B-2 Pilot Dining In usher our wing into a very significant timeframe, as we prepare to celebrate the 115th anniversary of man's first flight and the 25th anniversary of the first arrival of the B-2 Stealth Bomber here at Whiteman AFB, on Dec 17.

Many thanks to all the individuals and spouses who volunteered their time, talent, resources and patience to make this event an epic success. It is your hard work and dedication that keeps this tradition and the Spirit alive!



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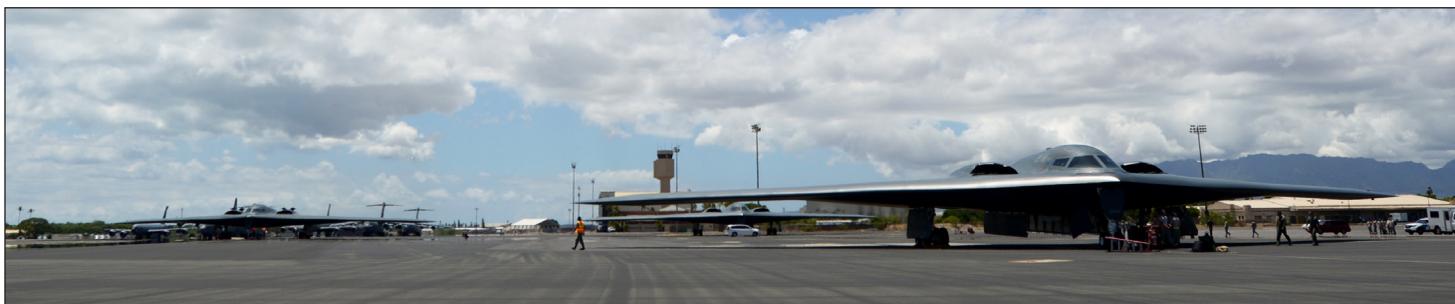
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# On the cover

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Staff Sgt. Joel Pfeister

Members of Team Whiteman participate in the first Whiteman Adult Triathlon at Whiteman Air Force, Missouri, Aug. 29, 2018. The triathlon consisted of a 500 meter swim in the base pool, a 5K run, and a 20K bike ride.

# B-2s deploy to Indo-Pacific



U.S. Air Force B-2 Spirits, deployed from Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri, land at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPH-H), Hawaii, Aug. 15, 2018. B-2s regularly rotate through the Indo-Pacific region to conduct routine air operations, which integrate capabilities with key regional partners and demonstrate U.S. commitment to peace and stability in the region. These operations support the U.S. Strategic Command's Bomber Task Force deployment.

*U.S. Air Force photos by Staff Sgt. Danielle Quilla*

Civilian job vacancy at Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri:



Civilian job vacancy at Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri:  
 Position: Architect  
 Work schedule: full time  
 Pay scale and grade: GS-12  
 Salary: \$73,840 to \$95,991 per year  
 Closing date: 8/29/2018  
 Appointment type: permanent  
 For more information, including eligibilities, duties, requirements, and to apply, please visit [www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov).



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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).

## WEATHER

<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
Chance of Storms	Mostly Sunny
Hi 90	Hi 91
Lo 70	Lo 74

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>
Mostly Sunny	Partly Sunny
Hi 89	Hi 88
Lo 72	Lo 71

# Reel Time Theaters

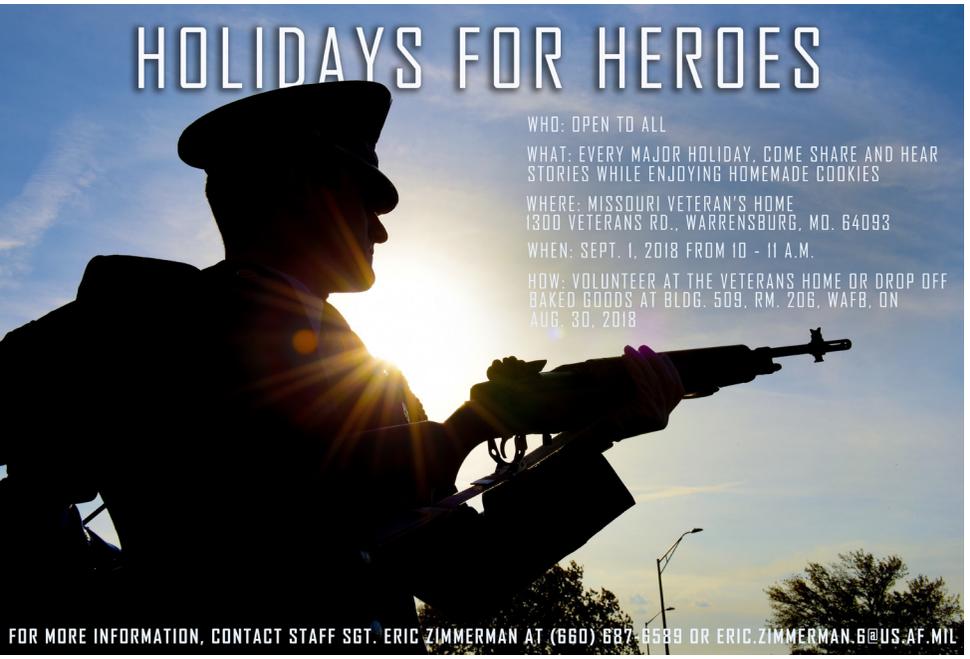
We're saving a seat for you.

**FRIDAY, AUG. 31 • 7 p.m.**  
Christopher Robin (PG)  
Adults - \$7.00, children - \$4.75

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 1 • 7 p.m.**  
The Spy Who Dumped Me (R)  
Adults - \$7.00

**SUNDAY, SEPT. 2 • 3 p.m.**  
Christopher Robin (PG)  
Adults - \$7.00, children - \$4.75

## HOLIDAYS FOR HEROES



WHO: OPEN TO ALL  
WHAT: EVERY MAJOR HOLIDAY. COME SHARE AND HEAR STORIES WHILE ENJOYING HOMEMADE COOKIES  
WHERE: MISSOURI VETERAN'S HOME  
1300 VETERANS RD., WARRENSBURG, MD. 64093  
WHEN: SEPT. 1, 2018 FROM 10 - 11 A.M.  
HOW: VOLUNTEER AT THE VETERANS HOME OR DROP OFF BAKED GOODS AT BLDG. 509, RM. 206, WAFB, ON AUG. 30, 2018

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT STAFF SGT. ERIC ZIMMERMAN AT (660) 687-6589 OR ERIC.ZIMMERMAN.6@US.AF.MIL

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**1300-1500**  
**Professional Development Center, Room 223**

Contact Cory @ [cory.d.watson.civ@mail.mil](mailto:cory.d.watson.civ@mail.mil) or call (660) 687-7332 for reservations!

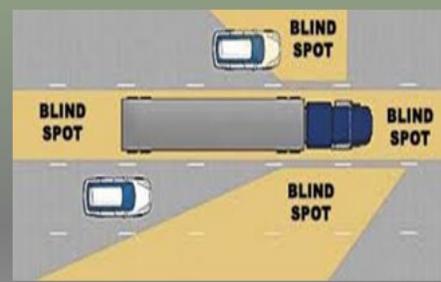
**This class is free!**  
(No childcare at this time)



## Total Force September 2018 Safety Gram

### Traffic Safety

Labor Day weekend is one of the deadliest times for traffic fatalities. The National Safety Council estimates 405 fatalities this Labor Day weekend.



### Safe Driving Tips

- Prepare your vehicle for long distance travel.** Check your wipers and fluids. Have your radiator and cooling system serviced. Simple maintenance can prevent many of the problems that strand motorists on the side of the road.
- Plan ahead.** Before you get on a highway, know your exit by name and number, and watch the signs as you near the off-ramp. Drivers making unexpected lane changes to exit often cause accidents.
- Don't cut in front of large trucks.** Remember that trucks are heavier and take longer to make a complete stop, so avoid cutting quickly in front of them.
- Be aware of trucks' blind spots.** When sharing the road with large trucks, be aware of their blind spots. If you can't see the truck driver in his or her mirrors, then the truck driver can't see you.
- Use a map or GPS.** Surprisingly, few motorists plan their routes, even when driving through unfamiliar areas. Knowing the road is essential for safe driving – it allows you to anticipate lane changes and avoid a panicked search for directions.
- Leave early and avoid risks.** Leave early and allow for delays in your travel schedule. Know your limitations; don't drive when tired, upset or physically ill.

*You Can Never B-2 Safe*



## No one is LOL now. Stop distracted driving!

# Whiteman civic leader receives ride of a lifetime



Charles Ambrose, the former president of the University of Central Missouri, receives a B-2 Spirit incentive flight August 28, 2018, at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo. For the past eight years as UCM's president, Ambrose has been a tireless supporter of Whiteman AFB and has contributed to a strong partnership between Team Whiteman and UCM. The aircraft was piloted by a UCM graduate from the class of 2003.

*U.S. Air Force photos by Airman 1st Class Taylor Phifer*

# DTRA leadership program visits



U.S. Air Force photo by Ms. Jennifer Greene

Members of the Defense Threat Reduction Agency leadership program met with Team Whiteman Airmen, Aug. 23, 2018, during a visit to Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri. This leadership development program was implemented in June 2018. It affords selected agency personnel the chance to travel to various DoD, government, and industry sites. The goal is to expand their understanding of the 509th and 131st Bomb Wing mission in relation to the mission of DTRA and broaden the scope of learning about the strategic deterrence mission and partner capabilities across all branches of the military.



View the *Whiteman Warrior* online  
by logging onto  
[www.whiteman.af.mil](http://www.whiteman.af.mil)

# Whiteman athletes test mettle in first adult triathlon



Members of Team Whiteman participate in the first Whiteman Adult Triathlon at Whiteman Air Force, Missouri, Aug. 25, 2018. The triathlon consisted of a 500 meter swim in the base pool, a 5K run, and a 20K bike ride.

*U.S. Air Force photos by Staff Sgt. Joel Pfiester*

# Civilians make up third of Whiteman's CE squadron, more wanted to fill vacancies

By Brye Steeves

509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

The civil engineering squadron at Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri, is one of the base's most diverse units – both in its duties and its personnel.

The 509th Civil Engineer Squadron maintains and operates Whiteman's 5,566 acre complex. This means providing engineering, alterations and new construction services, but also fire protection, disaster response and explosive ordnance disposal services.

The squadron's engineering flight has approximately 30 members, half of which are military personnel and half are civilian employees. This is a higher ratio than many other units at Whiteman AFB, but typical for civil engineering units in the Air Force.

"We are a fully integrated squadron and military members and civilians work side-by-side. Our civilian employees provide continuity and technical expertise," said April Whitbeck, engineering flight chief, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron. "C.E.'s job is to keep all base facilities in working order to accomplish Whiteman's – and the B-2's – mission. The engineering flight is responsible for the larger, complex projects that cannot be carried out by in-house staff on base."

"Our civilian engineers enable Whiteman to successfully carry out its mission of assuring



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

**The 509th Civil Engineering squadron is part of the 509th Mission Support Group at Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri. The civil engineering flight executes Whiteman's facility maintenance, repair and restoration through contracted means. It relies on civilian employees to work alongside military members, and is currently looking to fill civilian job vacancies.**

our allies and deterring our enemies," said Col. Christopher Callis, 509th Mission Support Group commander. "Our civilian Airmen are as vital to our success as our uniformed Airmen."

However, filling these critical civilian

positions can be a challenge. The civil engineering flight is currently searching for both a GS-12 architect and mechanical engineer.

"These positions have been hard to fill, but Whiteman Air Force Base is a hidden gem that is not known to many," Whitbeck said, adding

that the local economy offers an affordable cost of living. "Plus, being a Department of Defense civilian employee offers job security and career advancement opportunities."

The primary purpose of the architect position is to serve in support of design duties related to facilities engineering management at Whiteman AFB. Meanwhile, the primary purpose of the mechanical engineer position is to lead a design team of engineers, architects and technical staff on complex, multi-phase projects.

"The civil engineering flights fits in with all the other organizations at Whiteman Air Force Base," Whitbeck said. "Joining us as a civilian employee means becoming an integral part of Team Whiteman. We work in a fast-paced, challenging environment with a direct connection to the B-2 mission. And that's really a rewarding career – we're helping keep the world safe."

**For more information on civilian job vacancies at Whiteman Air Force Base, including eligibilities, duties, requirements, and to apply, please visit [www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov).**

## 509 SFS brings home softball championship



U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Alexander Riedel

Members of the 509th Security Forces Squadron pose with the 2018 Intramural Softball Championship trophy August 29, 2018 at Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri. The 509th SFS played the 509th Communications Squadron and came out on top with a final score of 5-4

# Whiteman FAQ: Did YOU know ... ?!

Compiled by Whiteman Warrior staff /  
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• From the inbox: "I am retired Army. My wife's ID card expires this fall. She is in a nursing home and is confined to a wheelchair. Does she physically have to renew her card on base or is there another way?"

- M.A., retired U.S. Army

*The Warrior:* Thank you and your wife for your service.

• For the general ID card process, please visit the following link:

<http://www.cac.mil/Uniformed-Services-ID-Card/Getting-Your-ID-Card/>

• When a trip to base is not possible for health reasons, there is a process for exceptional situations. Contact the Force Support Squadron to verify eligibility.

First, you need to complete DD Form 1172 (available at the website above); the sponsor must sign Block 90 and date Block 91. The form must then be notarized. Attach a clear and current 8-by-10 inch photograph of the individual receiving the ID card. The photo must be a headshot from the chest up with a white background and it must be notarized (not on the portion to be used for the picture). Please also enclose copies of two forms of identification. (For a complete list, please contact the 509th FSS at 660-687-6526).

Address:

509 FSS/FSMPS

330 Ellsworth Lane, Bldg 3036

Whiteman AFB, MO 65305

The process takes approximately six weeks. Certified mail is recommended when returning your application.

### Warrior tip:

• No dumpster diving on base: Materials left outside the Whiteman AFB recycling center are base property; taking them is considered theft. Contact the recycling center with questions at 660-687-6253.

• Donate unwanted goods: If you have items that are still usable, consider donating them.

◀ The Airman's Attic, 740 Arnold Ave., is open to staff sergeants and below; all items are free. It's open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tuesdays and Fridays. Call 660-687-3661.

◀ The Thrift Shop, 750 Arnold Ave., is open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays. Donations are accepted 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays. The store is closed during the summer months. Call 660-563-3910.

*Do you have a question about Whiteman Air Force Base? Check [www.whiteman.af.mil](http://www.whiteman.af.mil), or contact us at [Whiteman.Warrior@us.af.mil](mailto:Whiteman.Warrior@us.af.mil).*



Are you a new

# DAD ?

...or going to be?

## Dads the Basics

Friday, 21 September 2018

8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Professional Development Center, Rm 223

Dads the Basics is an informational course designed to help understand some ins and outs of being a new dad brought to you by other Airmen and dads who have been there!

Some topics will include:

→ Diapering, bathing baby, and packing a diaper bag

→ Common reactions and stresses to being a new parent

→ Attachment, communication with spouse, labor and delivery, and coming home from the hospital

→ Stress and deployment

**Being a new father does not have to be scary! RSVP today!**

**Contact Cory Watson to RSVP at 687-7332 or [cory.d.watson.civ@mail.mil](mailto:cory.d.watson.civ@mail.mil)**



## **\*\* Job Opportunity \*\***

### **Chapel Tithes and Offerings (CTOF) Airmen Activities Coordinator**

**Basic Specifications/Qualifications.** The Contractor will serve as the Activities Coordinator at the Whiteman Air Force Base Chapel. The individual will be responsible for developing and implementing a full ministry operation that helps recruit, train, and place volunteers in service at the Stealth Lounge. The coordinator will provide administrative support, as well as assist the chaplains in planning, budgeting, and day-to-day operations and activities related to the Stealth Lounge. The Activities Coordinator will consult and coordinate with the Wing Chaplain or their designee, who will monitor the contractor's work performance.

**Primary Duties.** See Statement of Work (SOW) for list of primary duties – Chapel, Bldg 3020.

**Demonstration of Skills.** Possess excellent verbal, written, and interpersonal communication skills. The contractor must be able to interact constructively with staff and volunteers in sometimes stressful situations. Be a spiritually-aware person who specializes in working with military personnel and Chapel volunteers in a pluralistic environment. Be self-motivated and possess the ability to work unsupervised. Demonstrate enthusiasm for singles, and dormitory ministry by being self-motivated and proactive. Be proficient in Microsoft Office Products (Word, Excel, Power Point, Outlook, and Publisher). Attend a qualifying interview and demonstrate the ability to work within a pluralistic religious setting. Be able to furnish resume with academic and work related references. Lastly, able to furnish two letters of reference/recommendation.

**Application Procedures.** Pick up a Statement of Work (SOW), Basis of Award (BOA), and General Provisions Memorandum from the CTOF Contract Officer Representative, Whiteman Air Force Base Chapel, Bldg. 3020, 687-3652, between the hours of 0900 and 1500 (Mon-Fri).

Submit a resume and all other applicable paperwork to the CTOF Contract Officer SSgt Bennett by 11 Sep 18 at 0900.

## **\*\* Job Opportunity \*\***

### **Chapel Tithes and Offerings (CTOF) Account Manager**

**Basic Specifications/Qualifications.** Oversees the Whiteman AFB Chaplain Corps CTOF accounting administrative procedures and processes. Assists in the development of the Chaplain Corps program plan, submitting consolidated faith group program plans to the Chapel Financial Working Group for review and validation. Provide training and guidance for chapel staff, faith group program leaders and volunteers in fund procedures and processes. Serves as the primary POC for the Chaplain Corps Accounting Center (CCAC).

**Primary Duties.** See Statement of Work (SOW) for list of primary duties – Chapel, Bldg 3020.

**Demonstration of Skills.** Be able to clearly communicate CTOF financial data to staff, program leaders and volunteers. Have a working knowledge of the Windows XP or Vista operating system, as well as, Microsoft Office programs. Possess the skills to assimilate, assess, improve, and communicate the existing funds policy and procedures. Be able to furnish resume with academic and work related references. Lastly, able to furnish two letters of reference/recommendation.

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