

# WARRIOR



## HOLIDAY MAGIC

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# Weekly commander's message

Greetings, Team Whiteman!

This week our Total Force team ramped up flying operations following the holiday weekend. The week began with training flights for our newest initial qualification pilots, and continuation training for our bomb squadron aircrews. On Tuesday and Wednesday, we launched three B-2s to drop 2000-pound GBU-31 Joint Direct Attack Munitions at the Utah Test Range. We also completed three long-duration missions this week, validating our aircrews' abilities to cope with the rigors of flying for 24 hours straight. Finally, we supported three test missions to develop tactics for emerging capabilities in our B-2 fleet ... what an exciting week!

But that's not all. On Tuesday our Mission Support teammates hosted an incredible holiday celebration for our Whiteman families. Hundreds of you were able to make it out to witness the tree lighting ceremony, as well as enjoy many different fun-filled holiday activities at Mission's End. We even had a very special guest in attendance to meet with our youngest teammates ... he flew in straight from the North Pole, contacted our Airmen in the tower, landed on our ramp right next to one of our B-2s, and arrived at Mission's End riding in style on the back of one of our Fire Trucks!

Yesterday, we held our monthly promotion ceremony at Mission's End. Any day that we can celebrate the achievements of our fellow bomber Airmen is a great day ... congratulations to all our promotees!

As we move into a Unit Training Assembly weekend, our Total Force team will be conducting a Medical Readiness Exercise. This TFI exercise, which is scheduled for Saturday morning, will validate the response capabilities of our medical teammates, first responders, and many more!



Also, over this weekend many of our units will begin to host their holiday parties. Events like these are great opportunities to spend quality time with one another in a relaxed environment. That said, be sure to enjoy these events safely and responsibly. Everyone should have a plan for how they are going to get home from these events safely, and everyone must stick to their plan! Watch out for your fellow wingmen and if you see that something unsafe is about to occur ... say something!

Defend ... Avenger!

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**PAUL W. TIBBETS IV**  
Brigadier General, USAF  
Commander, 509th Bomb

# Happy Holidays from the 442d FW Commander

**By Col. Brian Borgen**  
442d Fighter Wing commander

The Christmas season and New Year are rapidly approaching; I want you to know how extremely grateful I am for your continued service. You and your families continue to make sacrifices for our country every day. Mary and I are extremely proud of each and every one of you.

It is my sincere hope that during this holiday season you are surrounded by the people that matter most, but remember some do not have this luxury. Many folks are far from their loved ones or on duty protecting us, including some of our 442d Mission Support Group and Wing Staff members who have mobilized or are about to travel to various

areas down-range. This continued display of courage and willingness to defend our freedom is a shining example for all Americans. Please keep all of them in your thoughts or prayers.

The new year promises challenges and changes as we continue our mission to defend our nation and the cause of freedom around the world. Please know that your contributions make the 442d Fighter Wing a valued and respected member of the Total Force. This sacrifice comes with many challenges; please keep an eye on each other and on the families of the deployed warriors. Deployments and holidays in general can be extremely hard on all involved. This is the time to watch for signs in each other that may indicate that "something is just not right." Chal-

lenge yourselves and have the courage to reach out to each other if you perceive someone is in need of help. We all need to look out for our 442d family at home and abroad.

Lastly, I'd be remiss if I didn't mention safety. Winter weather is here with the potential for icy roads, snow, holiday traffic and lots of distractions. Please take care of yourselves and always be a great wingman. Often said, and absolutely true; we need everyone back in 2017 to continue the exceptional work the 442d Fighter Wing is distinctly known for.

Mary and I sincerely appreciate you, and wish you and yours a Merry Christmas and happy New Year. We are proud of your patriotism and loyalty to our great nation. It is an honor to serve with each of you here at the mighty 442d Fighter Wing!

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# On the cover

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Senior Airman Danielle Quilla  
**Santa Claus, left, smiles for a photo with a child during the annual holiday tree lighting event at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Nov. 29, 2016. After a photo with Santa, the children had the opportunity to visit Santa's workshop where volunteers were handing out free toys that were donated by the H.E.R.O.E.S. Care program.**

NEWS BRIEFS



U.S. Air Force Eagle Eyes provides service members and civilians a safe, discreet and anonymous option to report criminal information, counterintelligence indicators or force protection concerns.

To submit a web tip go to <http://www.tipsubmit.com/WebTips.aspx?AgencyID=1111> or the AFOSI web page at <http://www.osi.af.mil>

How to report an anonymous tip using a smart phone:

1. Use the smart phone app
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 "AFOSP" plus your tip information to 274637 (CRIMES)

**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.

**Stealth Lounge**

If you are a young Airman, let the Stealth Lounge make your time at Whiteman more fun. Stop by after work to play some pool, darts, foosball, or the newest games on Xbox One or Playstation 4. The lounge opens at 4 p.m. during the week and noon on weekends. There is free dinner every Friday at 4:30 p.m. There are also free premium snacks and Wi-Fi. Come for the free stuff, stay for the fun and friends.

Please like the Stealth Lounge on Facebook to stay up to date on special events and tournaments.

**Found property**

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.

**WEATHER**

Today	Saturday
Mostly Sunny	Mostly Cloudy
Hi 46	Hi 45
Lo 27	Lo 29
Sunday	Monday
Chance of Rain	Partly Sunny
Hi 46	Hi 50
Lo 35	Lo 31

# Faces of the 131st

By 131st Bomb Wing Public Affairs

**Name:** Hannah Ivie  
**Rank:** Airman 1st Class  
**Hometown:** Lowry City, MO

**What is your military specialty?**  
Maintenance Management Production  
**What is your civilian occupation?**  
I am currently working as a Temporary Technician with the 131st Bomb Wing.  
**Why did you join the Air National Guard?**

I had always been interested in joining the military, but I didn't want to move too far from home. So when I found out about the Missouri Air National Guard, I felt like I had found the best of both worlds. I am getting to serve my country and still stay close to home.

**What do you like best about your job?**

I love the feeling that I am supporting the B-2 mission. I get to work alongside some amazing individuals who make my job meaningful and fun.

**What do you enjoy most about being in the military?**

It's hard to pick just one thing that I enjoy about the military. It has given me a structure and stability, and also has given me lifelong friends that have changed my life forever. Being part of the 131st has given me a feeling of fulfillment and



U.S. Air National Guard photo/Staff Sgt. Colton Elliott

pride in the work that I accomplish.

**What are your favorite ways to spend your free time?**

I spend the majority of free time outdoors. I enjoy hunting, fishing and spending time with my family and friends.

**Where do you hope to see yourself in 5 years? 10 years?**

In 5 years I hope that I am on track to finish my master's degree, possibly owning some land and increasing the number of cattle that I own. In 10 years I hope to be working in a career that I love, whether that be with the 131st or possibly in my degree career field.

**What is something that is on your bucket list?**

I would like to visit the world's best mountain ranges and national parks.

**Do you have any interesting talents or skills?**

I have been told that I am a very good baker. In my free time I bake for my co-workers and they always tell me that I need to start selling my baked goods.

**Tell us about a favorite military memory.**

I'm fairly new to the unit but I would have to say my favorite military memory would have to be attending Camp Clark this past summer. I was able to meet so many new people in the unit. It was great to be able to get to know my fellow Airmen outside of drill or work.

## NAHM Observance



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman Michaela R. Slanchik

Lillian A. Sparks, Commissioner of the Administration of Native Americans (ANA), speaks during the Native American Heritage Month event at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Nov. 28, 2016. Sparks shared her experience as part of the Rosebud and Oglala Sioux Tribes and her journey to becoming the commissioner of the ANA. She also highlighted the importance of passing down native language to future generations and the role Native Americans have in the U.S. Armed Forces today.

# Reel Time Theaters

We're saving a seat for you.

**FRIDAY, DEC. 2 • 7 p.m.**

Moana (PG)

Adults - \$6.25, children - \$4.00

**SATURDAY, DEC. 3 • 7 p.m.**

Hacksaw Ridge (PG-13)

Adults - \$6.25, children - \$4.00

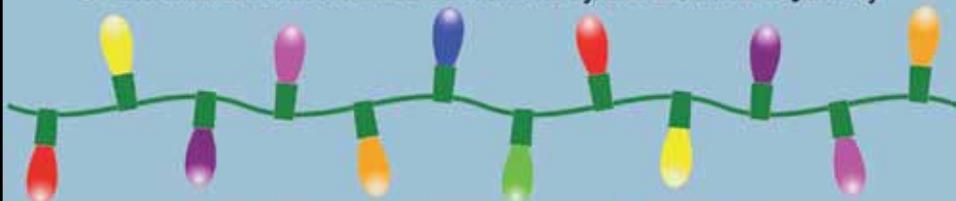
**SUNDAY, DEC. 4 • 3 p.m.**

Trolls (PG)

Adults - \$6.25, children - \$4.00

## Base Housing Holiday Guide

- Exterior holiday decorations may be lit from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m.
- Rooftop decorations are prohibited
- Decoration fasteners that leave permanent damage are prohibited
- Seasonal decorations must be removed by the 3rd week of January



For more information check page 23 of the Resident Guide

# Beat the Boss

The Beat the Boss program is a monthly PT test competition between 509th Bomb Wing units that recognizes outstanding teamwork and devotion to fitness at the Squadron level. Active duty Whiteman Airmen who score the same or higher than the commander's score of 95.4% will earn a one-day pass, and those who score a 100% receive a one-day pass and one of the commander's coins.

Here are the Beat the Boss results for tests taken Nov. 21:  
Effective Nov. 22, the new standard for the Beat the Boss competition is 98.0%



**1st Lt. Eric Amos, DET 2 TES, 100%**

**Airman 1st Class Steven Mendoza, 509th MXS, 98.7%**

**Staff Sgt. Sonny Velasquez, 442d SFS, 97.9%**

**Tech. Sgt. Rodney Transfiguracion, 358th FS, 97.7%**

**Master Sgt. John McKivitz, 509th MDG, 96.3%**

**Capt. Nicholas Tygard, 20th ATKS, 95.7%**

**Staff Sgt. Austin Ishmeal, 509th MUNS, 95.6%**

## Remembering Pearl Harbor



Courtesy photo

2nd Lt. George Allison Whiteman, a Sedalia native and the namesake of Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., was killed on Dec. 7, 1941, as he attempted to take off in a P-40 Warhawk aircraft to fight the Japanese forces attacking Pearl Harbor. Initially called the Sedalia Glider Base upon opening in 1942 and after having undergone several name changes in the following years, the base was ultimately renamed Whiteman Air Force Base in his honor in 1955.

# Thanksgiving feast serves Whiteman families



U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Renton Espejo, a food service worker with the 509th Force Support Squadron, places a turkey under a warming light at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Nov. 24, 2016. The Mission's End Thanksgiving feast was open to anyone with base access and included roast beef, turkey and traditional Thanksgiving sides and desserts.



Above: Base leadership and volunteers serve side dishes to guests during a Thanksgiving feast at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Nov. 24, 2016. The 509th Force Support Squadron staff at Mission's End along with numerous volunteers, prepped and served a Thanksgiving meal to anyone with base access.

Right: Traditional Thanksgiving entrees and side dishes are served to guests during a Thanksgiving feast at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Nov. 24, 2016. The 509th Force Support Squadron staff at Mission's End prepped multiple turkeys, a roast, side dishes and desserts for a feast open to anyone with base access.



*U.S. Air Force photos/Tech. Sgt. Miguel Lara III*

# “Stay Quit” Nicotine Intervention Program begins in January

The WAFB Medical Clinic is starting a new Nicotine Intervention Program in January 2017. This is a four-week course dedicated not only to helping you quit, but helping you stay quit. If you are interested, the first session will be held January 11 at 2 p.m. in room 200 in the PDC. A brief synopsis of the program is below:

■ **Week 1** - Introduction, Rate Reduction, Managing Urges, Goal Setting, Initial Medication Education, and Ordering of Medications

■ **Week 2** - Helpful Hints/Behavioral Modification, Preparing to Quit/Setting a Quit Date, and Starting Medications

■ **Week 3** - Program Recommended Quit Date, Managing Urges with Healthy Thinking, Relapse Prevention, and Managing Nicotine Withdrawal

■ **Week 4** - Problem Solving for High Risk Situations, Maintaining Changes, and Relapse Prevention

For more information, contact Maj. Chris Button at 660-687-4341.

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# BHOP

## Behavioral Health Optimization Program

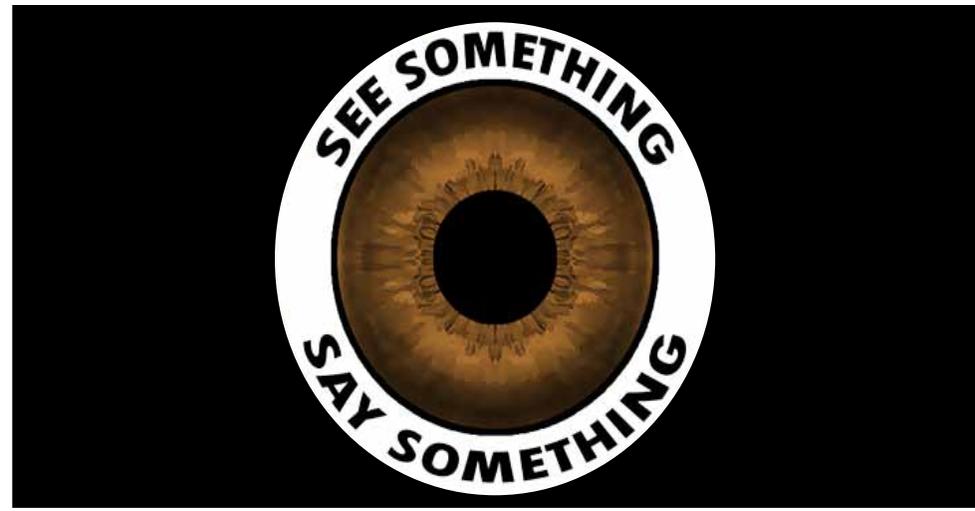
- For Active Duty, Dependents, and Retirees
- Services within the Family Health Clinic
- Provided by a Licensed Clinical Social Worker
- Variety of areas addressed
  - Sleep, Stress, PTSD, Depression, Anxiety, Parenting, Relationships, Weight Loss, and MANY more...
- Quicker access to appointments
- Short term treatment alternative to Mental Health



Call 660-687-2188  
Ask for a  
BHOP appointment



**Strengthen your Physical & Mental CAF pillars**



# Annual tree lighting transforms Whiteman into a wizarding world



A young Team Whiteman member chooses a handmade wand during the annual tree lighting event at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Nov. 29, 2016. More than 300 wands were made by volunteers to help make the wizard-themed event special.



A volunteer dressed as an elf, center left, listens to a child, right, explaining why he should be on the nice list before meeting Santa during the annual tree lighting event at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Nov. 29, 2016. Approximately 1,400 people attended the event, which was made possible by a total of 16 volunteers.



Airmen hold homemade wands as part of the annual tree lighting event at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Nov. 29, 2016. Attendees were encouraged to wave their wands to help light the decorations to kick off the holiday events.



A talking hat used to sort children into their respective wizard houses waits on a table during the annual tree lighting event at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Nov. 29, 2016. Children also had the opportunity to enjoy different aspects of the wizard-themed event, such as choosing a homemade wand and tasting questionable jelly bean flavors.

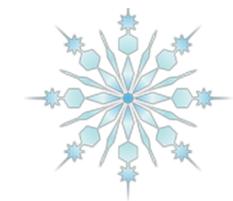


A young Team Whiteman member, outer left, tries a booger-flavored jelly bean during the annual tree lighting event at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Nov. 29, 2016. In addition to the candy, volunteers set up different wizard-themed activities to help make the night magical.



Left: The holiday tree glows in front of the Mission's End Club during the annual tree lighting event at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Nov. 29, 2016. Approximately 1,400 people attended the wizard-themed event that kicked off the holidays in a magical way.

Right: Attendees visit Santa's Workshop for a free toy during the annual tree lighting event at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Nov. 29, 2016. The toys were donated by the H.E.R.O.E.S. Care program, and volunteers carefully paired a toy with each child who attended the event.



Uphold the  
**LEGACY**



*Oh Holy Night*

In coordination with Force Support's annual Christmas Tree Lighting, the chapel presents its annual Living Nativity with actors and refreshments at 6 p.m. in front of the chapel.

As a Christmas gift, the chapel would like to present a two pound bag of whole bean coffee to everyone in attendance. **Dec. 5, 2016**

A festive illustration featuring a green Christmas tree with blue and orange ornaments, a yellow star on top, and two wrapped gifts (one red with white polka dots, one green with white polka dots). The tree is set against a large blue globe. Several colorful Christmas ornaments (teal, green, pink, red) are hanging from the top. At the bottom, there are two gingerbread cookies (one star-shaped, one man-shaped) and two Christmas stockings (one red with white stripes, one red with white polka dots).

**Airman COOKIE DRIVE**

Drop off your solid in texture homemade cookies (no gooey frosting) December 12 & 13 at Mission's End between 0700-0900. Volunteers will organize and assemble packages December 14 from 0730-1000. Volunteers are welcome and appreciated!

**Let's Spread Holiday Cheer to our Airmen in the dorms!**

# 509th SFS: Creating warriors, servants, leaders

By Airman Michaela R. Slanchik  
509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

This past summer, Air Force Global Strike Command (AFGSC) Security Forces Squadron (SFS) commanders, superintendents and representatives from each rank tier attended a conference at Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana, in response to the investment of the AFGSC commander, Gen. Robin Rand, in the SFS middle-tier and to address issues within the SFS units.

During the conference it was observed that 75 percent of the career field was occupied by junior Airmen, which is considered the largest at-risk tier, along with the least amount of supervision. The units were sitting at a supervisor to troop ratio of 1-to-8, when the ideal ratio would be 1-to-4.

AFGSC leadership then developed two methods to help reverse these trends and build NCO core tools to pass along to those they will supervise. The first plan of action included transferring 200 staff and technical sergeants from the security forces career field across the Air Force into security forces units within AFGSC. Second, senior airmen and young staff sergeants who are currently in the AFGSC SFS units would attend leadership training to help them grow as effective, current and future front-line supervisors during the transition.

Pat Welsh, the founder and president of PJ Welsh and Associates, LLC., a retired major after 26 years of police department service, will facilitate the leadership training for 150 Airmen assigned to the 509th SFS.

Welsh's training is tailored to Air Force security forces personnel and gives Airmen the tools to develop and become warriors, servants and leaders in the community, at home and in the squadron.

Brig. Gen. Christopher Skomars, the AFGSC Director of Innovation, Analyses and Leadership Development, audited the first class at Whiteman as other bases in AFGSC will be following Whiteman's lead and will use Welsh's course to better their Airmen.

"The training is designed to make defenders think deeply about how they conduct themselves and how they can improve," said Lt. Col. Justin Secrest, the 509th SFS commander. "By improving these areas, we believe we will reduce some of the incidents we have on-duty and off-duty with our defenders. This in-turn will improve the security forces organization culture overall."

Welsh's training provides tips on accountability, challenging



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman Michaela R. Slanchik  
**Pat Welsh, the founder and president of PJ Welsh and Associates, LLC, a training and coaching service, instructs 509th Security Forces Squadron (SFS) members at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Nov. 28, 2016. The training provides SFS members with tips on accountability, challenging oneself, and difference between leading and managing others.**

yourself, the difference between leading and managing and different leadership styles.

"This isn't a quick, 'Hey there's an issue and we're going to fix it,'" said Capt. Daniel Merkh, the 509th SFS operations officer. "This is grooming new and future NCOs to be better people holistically and they're going to carry that in their role with the Air Force."

Attendees of the 14-hour course will write a letter with their short-term goals and give it to Welsh. In six months, Welsh will send each individual their letter back and challenge them to see if they have accomplished these goals. This helps the Airmen

become accountable and better people in all categories of their lives.

"It forces them to think about their lives and how their interactions impact those around them," said Secrest. "Doing the right thing, at the right time, for the right reasons and in the right way becomes their guide. This will enable better leadership at all levels that will last. The message is full of our core values."

This class is the first of many actions to help alleviate issues within the AFGSC SFS units. By the summer of 2017, AFGSC security forces units can expect to see an increase in NCO and senior NCO presence within their squadrons.

## 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 Dec 2016 from 10-11 a.m.

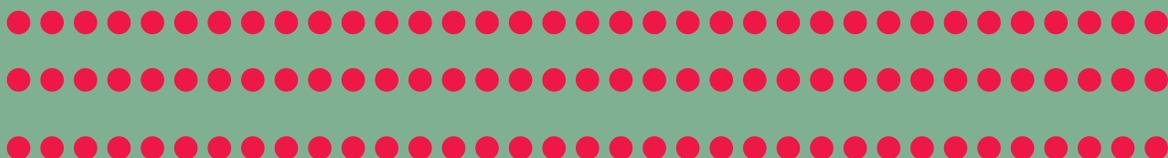
**How:** Volunteer your time or drop off baked goods to Bldg. 509, Rm. 206 on 18 November 2016



For more information, please call or email Staff Sgt. Eric Zimmerman at 660-687-7233 or [eric.zimmerman.6@us.af.mil](mailto:eric.zimmerman.6@us.af.mil)

## **TOP III Mentorship Event set for December 9th**

The TOP III will be holding a condensed “Mentorship Event” on Friday, December 9, from 8 - 9 a.m. at Mission’s End. Topics scheduled to be covered include the promotion system and how the new EPR system is shaping our force. Also, there will be a discussion mentorship and leadership. Finally, several Chief Master Sergeants will attend so all present can tap into their vast knowledge and experience. Refreshments will be provided.



## **Menorah lighting scheduled for December 5th**

The base chapel is hosting a Menorah lighting ceremony on Monday, December 5th. The ceremony will occur at 5 p.m. and occurs in conjunction with the live nativity event planned at the Chapel that evening. If you have any questions about this ceremony, or any chapel events or services, please call the Chapel staff at 660-687-3652.



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[www.whiteman.af.mil](http://www.whiteman.af.mil)

# Trading spaghetti for care packages

**Tech. Sgt. Andy Kin**  
509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

Children from the Whiteman School-Age Care program collected more than 430 items for deployed Airmen care packages during a spaghetti dinner at Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri, Nov. 9, 2016.

Under the guidance of Savannah Wilkes, a Whiteman School-Age Care staff member, the children set up a spaghetti dinner at the youth center and requested attendees to bring items to donate to the care packages.

"I was very excited for the opportunity to do something for our troops and was completely overwhelmed with the response we received from the Whiteman community," said Wilkes. "We are truly blessed to have such a supportive military family and we hope this helps bring a smile to their

faces this holiday season."

With the help of Whiteman Marketing, the program was able to advertise the event to parents of school-age, sports, open recreation, teen programs, and the public. This resulted in more than 70 Team Whiteman members participating in the event.

The children added their personal touch to the care packages by decorating them with specialty items, photos, letters, and thank you cards.

"I loved helping with the care packages because Christmas is about giving and it felt good to do that," said eight-year-old Audrina, a Whiteman School-Aged Care member.

The care packages were sent to the 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron and the 509th Communications Squadron to be delivered to deployed Airmen.



Courtesy photos

Whiteman School-Age Care members set up ingredients for a spaghetti dinner event at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Nov. 9, 2016. During the event, donations were accepted to build care packages for Airmen who are currently deployed during the holidays. The children added their personal touch to the care packages by decorating them with specialty items, photos, letters, and thank you cards.