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Beat the Boss

The Beat the Boss program is a monthly PT test competition between Whiteman units that recognizes outstanding teamwork and devotion to fitness at the Squadron level. Whiteman Airmen who score higher than the commander's score of 98.3% will earn a one-day pass, and those who score a 100% receive a one-day pass and a commander's coin.



Here are the Beat the Boss results for April 10-13, 2017:

Chief Master Sgt. Jody Christo, 509th CES, 99.8%

Maj. Timothy Liebold, 509th MUNS, 99.8%

Maj. Rachel Savage, 131st LRS, 99.5%

Senior Airman Jonathan Stockhaus, 509th MUNS, 98.5%

Airman 1st Class Cody Westover, 509th SFS, 98.5%

On the cover

U.S. Air Force photo/
Senior Airman Danielle Quilla

U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Justin Gambon, left, and Staff Sgt. Chris Patricelli, airfield systems craftsman assigned to the 509th Operations Support Squadron air traffic control and landing systems, maintain the AN/GPN-30 Digital Airport Surveillance RADAR (DASR) at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo. The DASR is used to detect and display aircraft positions and weather within 60 nautical miles of Whiteman.

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

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 Thursday at 5:30 p.m., with an optional discussion on spiritual resilience to follow at 6:30 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.

Air Force Housing website

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

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
Chance of Showers	Showers Likely
Hi 57	Hi 51
Lo 47	Lo 43
Sunday	Monday
Sunny	Sunny
Hi 67	Hi 71
Lo 39	Lo 44

Commitment to excellence

By Lt. Col. Kent Mickelson
509th Bomb Wing chief of safety

A "commitment to excellence" isn't just a saying made famous by former Oakland Raiders owner Al Davis, it is on display at Whiteman Air Force Base (AFB) every day.

Whether we are striking ISIS camps in Libya, flawlessly generating aircraft during Higher Headquarters exercises, or hosting senior leadership, your commitment to excellence shines through. I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every person on this base for their dedication to the mission and to let you know what an honor it is to serve alongside you.

In order for us to continue our commitment to excellence, we must occasionally take a step back and reflect on ways we can strengthen our team. From my perspective as the 509th Bomb Wing chief of safety, Team Whiteman is doing a tremendous job of accomplishing the mission. However, there are a few items that we need to address as a community. If we all take these issues seriously, we prove our commitment to remaining the nation's premier bomb wing.

We need to take care of one another.

We are all challenged by the critical role that Whiteman AFB plays in the defense of our nation and the operations tempo that comes with that role. We all feel this burden, whether it's lost time with our families, lost

opportunities to decompress, or the inability to take time off when we would like to.

This burden means we need to look out for each other and move beyond slogans and buzzwords in an attempt to display true empathy for each other. When we truly take the time to understand our coworkers, we become a stronger team and thus display our commitment to our mission, our country, and each other.

We need to take care of our own well-being.

This may seem obvious, but we need to take the time to consider our own physical, mental, and spiritual needs as we remain devoted to the mission. Often we feel like the mission may demand we push these needs aside.

While this may work to achieve short-term success, it is a recipe for failure in the long run. We need to take the time to ensure we are eating properly and working out, set personal goals and work toward achieving them, and that we take time to address our spiritual concerns. When these needs are fulfilled, we become stronger individually and collectively, and thus remain committed to mission accomplishment.

I would just like to reiterate how proud I am to serve with all of you. Your dedication to our country and our mission is truly remarkable. Let's continue to look out for one another and ensure we remain committed to being the nation's premier bomb wing!

Everything to know for the WAFB Draft Day on April 29

What you need to know for the Whiteman Air Force Base (AFB) Draft Day event:

* The Draft Day event is occurring inside Hangar 52 and the 5 Bay Hangar. Gates open at 11 a.m. and the event concludes at 3 p.m. The event is rain or shine.

* Free food and drinks will be provided by the Kansas City Chiefs' event sponsors: Papa Johns, Heartland Coke-a-Cola, and the Whiteman Base Community Council.

* The event is open to anyone with base access.

Things to do at the Draft Day event:

- * Player, alumni and cheerleader autographs.
- * Interactive stage show featuring Mitch Holthus, the voice of the Chiefs.
- * NFL Play 60 areas featuring skills challenges, drills, and obstacles.
- * Inflatables and bounce houses.
- * Pass, catch and kick challenges.
- * Cheer Camp with the Chiefs' cheerleaders.
- * Dance Zone with the Chiefs' cheerleaders.
- * Meet the Chiefs' mascots KC Wolf and Warpaint.
- * The Chiefs' Rumble Team will perform.
- * See Whiteman AFB static displays, a munitions display and an Explosive Ordnance Disposal display.
- * An A-10 flyover at noon.
- * Much more!

Parking and getting to the event:

- * Parking is allowed on all hard surface areas. Please follow all parking rules, signs and traffic laws.
- * Off limits parking areas include the lots directly outside Hangar 52 and the 5 Bay Hangar. In addition, event parking is not allowed in the security forces parking lot.
- * Attendees are encouraged to enter and exit Whiteman AFB through any gate.
- * Event signs will help provide directions to the event.

Security at the event:

- * The event will adhere to the NFL's Bag Policy. Only clear plastic bags equal to or smaller than a one gallon freezer bag will be allowed inside the event.
- * Prior to entering the event, all bags and strollers will be searched.
- * Small clutch bags and small purses with or without a handle or strap can be taken into the event with one of the clear plastic bags.
- * Exceptions will be made for medically necessary items after proper inspection.

SATURDAY APRIL 29TH GATES OPEN AT 11

DRAFT EVENT
WHITEMAN AIR FORCE BASE

5 BAY & HANGAR 52

FOR MORE INFORMATION FOLLOW THE WHITEMAN FACEBOOK PAGE

THIS IS CHIEFS KINGDOM

Whiteman is hosting a military appreciation NFL Draft Day event with the Kansas City Chiefs on Saturday, April 29. As part of the event, which is open to all Department of Defense ID card holders and their families, Team Whiteman members will be announcing the Chiefs' draft selections live on television. As part of this family-friendly event, the Chiefs have invited current and former players to hold autograph and photograph sessions for those in attendance. The Chiefs cheerleaders will also be at the event to perform their routines, sign autographs and meet Team Whiteman members of all ages.

Reel Time Theaters

We're saving a seat for you.

FRIDAY, APRIL 21 • 7 p.m.

Power Rangers (PG-13)

Adults - \$6.25, children - \$4.00

SATURDAY, APRIL 22 • 7 p.m.

Power Rangers (PG-13)

Adults - \$6.25, children - \$4.00

SUNDAY, APRIL 23 • 3 p.m.

Chips (R)

Adults - \$6.25

All Schools Graduation



*The graduates from the
Community College of the Air Force,
State Fair Community College
and Park University
requests the pleasure of your company at
the All Schools Graduation in honor of
their 2017 graduating classes.*

*On Monday, May 15th, at 6 p.m.
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Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri.*

R.S.V.P. by May 8th

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Military: Duty Uniform

Civilian: Business Attire

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New WAFB app:

ready for download

Have you ever wondered what's really happening on base? Ever felt like you couldn't locate a phone number? Tired of having to search through numerous webpages to find information?

Well you're in luck. The 509th Bomb Wing (BW) is proud to re-lease the base's very first mobile app.

The Whiteman Air Force base app is your one-stop location for all things Whiteman. On the app, you can read the latest base news, find pictures of promotion ceremonies, locate needed phone numbers and even get information about various events on base. It contains medical contact information, movie times for the base theater, and numerous resiliency and outreach items for you and your whole family. There are also links to the base's social media sites and even information for individuals PCS'ing to or from Whiteman.

And it is 100% free!

At this time, the app is only avail-able to iOS users and can be found on the app store. For android users, the app will be available in the very near future, so please stay tuned.

To download, head to the app store and in the search bar type Whiteman Air Force Base. The 509th patch will show as the app icon. Tap to download. Again, search Whiteman Air Force Base and tap to download. It's that easy!

Over the coming months, the 509th BW Public Affairs office looks forward to hearing your feed-back on how to make the app even more effective. If you do have com-ments, please feel free to send them to 509.BW.PA@us.af.mil.

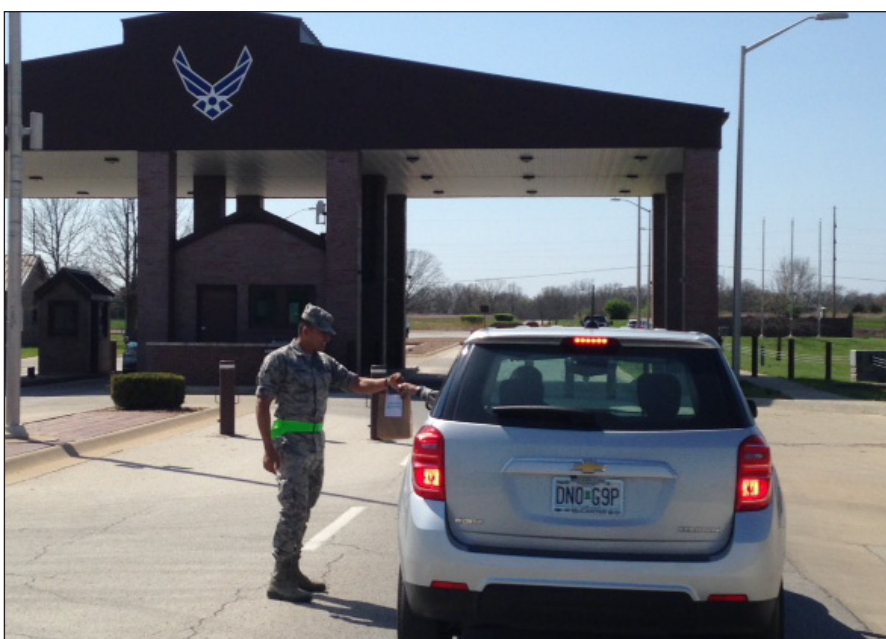


509th MDOS Public Health Week



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Danielle Quilla

Members of the youth center display their Public Health Week arts and crafts activity at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., April 5, 2017. The public health technicians used the activity to educate the youth about the importance of hand washing to prevent the spread of diseases.



U.S. Air Force courtesy photo/Staff Sgt. Lyndsey Brown

U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Fredy Velasquez, a public health technician with the 509th Medical Operations Squadron, hands a member of Team Whiteman a giveaway bag during Public Health Week at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., April 3, 2017. The Public Health office put together health awareness bags containing information on topics, such as hand washing procedures, Sexual Transmitted Diseases, Zika, and Tuberculosis to help educate people on different diseases they could potentially come in contact with.



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Danielle Quilla

An arts and crafts activity planned by the 509th Medical Operations Squadron public health technicians demonstrate the importance of hand washing to children at the youth center at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., April 5, 2017. The purpose of Public Health Week is to celebrate the professionals who work in the career field, highlight their various jobs and promote health awareness.



Courtesy photo

Left: U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Anthony Ibanez, a public health technician assigned to the 509th Medical Operations Squadron, presents information on proper food handling procedures during Public Health Week at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., April 7, 2017. During Public Health Week the technicians focused on three main topics to spread health awareness to the base populace: entomology, handwashing and food safety.



Courtesy photo

Theresa Ramsey, a naturalist for the Knob Noster State Park, left, shows Airman 1st Class Fredy Velasquez, a public health technician with the 509th Medical Operations Squadron, an edible plant found in the Knob Noster State Park, Mo., April 6, 2017. During Public Health Week, Velasquez organized visits to the state park to help educate people on how to recognize harmful plants and insects while outdoors.

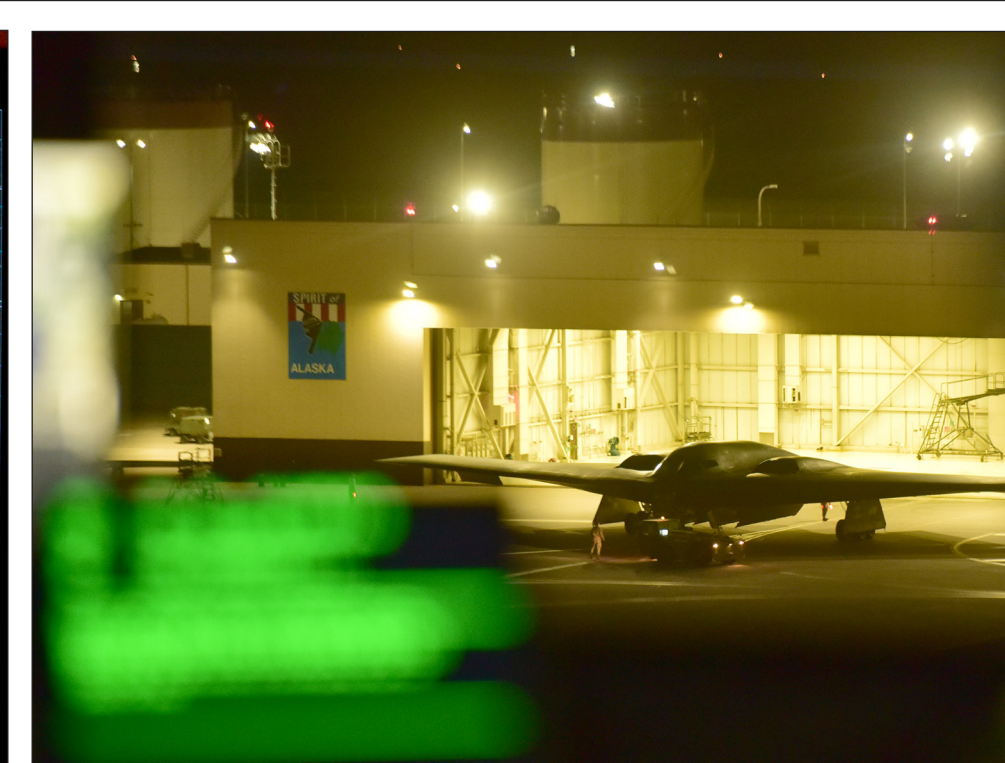
Capt. Harris awarded CGOC Bars and Stars award



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Jazmin Smith

U.S. Air Force Capt. Bill Harris, the 509th Security Forces Squadron logistics officer in charge, center right, receives a Whiteman Company Grade Officer Council (CGOC) Bars and Stars award from members of the CGOC and Col. Mark Ely, the 509th Bomb Wing vice commander, at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., April 7, 2017. Harris consistently engaged with his troops and provided them with the resources needed to cope with the loss of a fellow Airman. He also organized his section to provide a weapons and vehicle demonstration to 13 kids from the youth center as part of a local outreach event.

Eyes in the sky: ATC, RAPCON and ATCALS take control



There are three sections of the 509th Operations Support Squadron that work together to ensure pilots and aircraft negotiate the airspace safely: Air Traffic Control, Radar Approach and Control (RAPCON) and Air Traffic Control and Landing Systems (ATCALS).

Air Traffic Controllers in the tower use two-way radio communications to assist pilots in take-off and landing on the Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., flightline and ensure the safety of vehicles and personnel on the airfield.

From navigation aids to ground-to-air radios, ATCALS ensure the readiness of all the equipment needed to track an aircraft's flight path and maintain communication from the tower to pilots that would otherwise not be possible.

Equipment such as the AN/GPN-30 Digital Airport Surveillance Radar is used to reflect microwaves and aircraft transponder interrogations to detect and display aircraft positions and weather within 60 nautical miles of Whiteman. This information is sent to RAPCON where it is displayed on radar scopes for Air Traffic Controllers. ATCALS also uses the multi-meter to verify test point voltages on an AN/GRR-24 UHF Receiver at the Ground to Air Transmit and Receiver site. This receiver obtains radio frequency voice transmissions from pilots in the air which are then sent to Air Traffic Controllers in the tower and RAPCON.

The RAPCON controllers are responsible for communicating and directing any aircraft (military or commercial) in their air space that spans 5,500 square miles and up to 23,000 feet of altitude at times. The controllers must be familiar with seven different key operational areas: assist, approach, arrival, military operation area controller, clearance delivery, coordinator and finals. Once the pilots leave the tower's sight, they communicate with RAPCON until they reach another airspace, where the receiving location's RAPCON will assume responsibility for guiding the pilots to their destinations.



April 29th
11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
5 Bay &
Hangar 52

For more information
follow the
Whiteman Facebook page

509th CES Airman receives Top III award



U.S. Air Force courtesy photo
U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Michael Furch, an emergency management apprentice with the 509th Civil Engineer Squadron (CES), receives the Whiteman Top III MVP award at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., April 13, 2017. Furch was recognized for his fast response during the Nuclear Weapons Accident/Incident Exercise 2017, which enabled a team of eight to test for radiation, and he was the key focal point in helping over 70 CES Airmen prepare for deployment by issuing equipment and setting up training.

DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE
April 23-30, 2017

What: Holocaust remembrance event

When: April 24, 2017
7 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Guest speaker at 11 a.m.

Where: Mission's end

Who: The guest speaker is Allen Lebovitz.
He is a second generation holocaust survivor
from the Midwest Center for Holocaust Education.

His parents Kate and Eugene Lebovitz
were holocaust survivors.

LEARNING FROM THE HOLOCAUST
The Strength of the Human Spirit



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Tips from Whiteman defenders

At Whiteman, we are a team and being part of a team means looking out for the safety of one another – on and off base. In order to help ensure our members and their families are protected, below are some helpful tips and key facts to know from our Defenders. These tips will help you and your loved ones stay safe, and they also provide information regarding Privately Owned Firearms.

Basic Crime Prevention on and off base:

- * Current crime trends in our local area point toward “targets of opportunity” so being security-minded will go a long way.
- * It is important that you and your family always lock your vehicles and your house no matter if you are on or off base.
- * Always keep valuables out of sight if you choose to leave them in your vehicle no matter where you are parked.

Security Forces (SFS) Investigations Involvement:

- * Crime trends for the base have decreased from previous years, but anywhere there are people there is the potential for crime. On-base crime rates are significantly less than in the local community.
- * Please report suspicious activity to EAGLE EYES (660-687-3700). SFS Investigations takes all notifications seriously and actively works these cases.
- * Suspected crimes should be reported to base security forces or local law enforcement, not just social media.
- * Base residents likely have noticed an increase in Security Forces patrols in their neighborhoods over recent months. These patrols help to ensure the safety and security of all Whiteman residents and our base community.

Privately Owned Firearms (POF)

- * Constitutional Carry of POF is not authorized on Whiteman Air Force Base.
- * Team Whiteman members who hold Missouri recognized concealed carry permits may keep POF in their respective vehicles while parked on base for up to 24 hours if the members are off-base residents.
- * On base residents may only have POF in their vehicle when they are travelling directly from their home to off the installation.
- * Physically carrying a POF, even with a Missouri recognized concealed carry permit, on base is not allowed for non-Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act (LEOSA) members.
- * LEOSA members assigned to WAFB having LEOSA credentials and a proper base permit may carry on base with certain restrictions.
- * All POF stored on WAFB must be registered through your unit’s Firearms Registration Monitor and they must be stored in the 509th SFS armory or in base housing locked and unloaded.
- * If you have any questions regarding concealed carry of POF, please consult your unit Firearms Registration Monitor or your First Sergeant.

Everything is spiritual: pop culture, media and spirituality

By: Chaplain, Capt. Graham Baily
509th Bomb Wing Chapel

The musical artist 2Pac wondered, “If heaven has a ghetto.” Marc Roberge of O.A.R. (Of A Revolution) insists that, “I don’t want to go to heaven if I can’t get in.” Bands like One Republic, The Script and Imagine Dragons sing about the redemptive power of pain and suffering. Those of us who remember the epic hair metal of the 1980s know that Bon Jovi is “Livin’ on a Prayer.”

Spirituality is everywhere, and it’s not just in popular music. It can be found in television shows like HBO’s “The Wire,” which challenges popular notions of good and evil. The popular ABC series, “Lost,” explored ideas about faith, mystery, and religion. In HBO’s “The Sopranos,” viewers were compelled to ponder questions of identity and destiny. It’s not just music and television that are latently spiritual.

The movie industry has been asking questions about beliefs, principles, values and religion before Bon Jovi was “Livin’ on a Prayer.” In the days of black and white, films like Frank Capra’s, “It’s a Wonderful Life,” explored questions about contentment and second chances; while, modern day masterpieces like Quentin Tarantino’s “Pulp Fiction,” contrast different notions about God.

Media and popular culture reflect both who we are as a nation and help shape us as people, so it is no surprise that spirituality

and religion play a major role in entertaining and challenging us. It could be said that media reflects, “The lived religion of mainstream America -- a practice based religion concerned with moral choices and personal growth rather than debates over faith and dogma.” It could also be said that if media is our lived religion, then celebrities are our living idols.

However, my aim is not to critique spirituality in popular media, rather to celebrate it. The covert spirituality in our music, TV shows and movies indicate that Americans are overtly spiritual people. In other words, you may not realize it, but if you listen to music, watch TV or go to the movies, you are a spiritual person asking spiritual questions. I celebrate that, and I hope you do too.

In addition to celebrating our spirituality, I would like to invite you to actively embrace your spirituality, discover the riches of faith and the strength of spiritual resilience.

How can you do that? Join the conversation that is already happening all around you, in your workplace, at home, in the dorm and at your place of worship. If 2Pac can ask the question, “Is there heaven for a G?” and finds a suitable answer--you can too. I would venture to say, we can together.

If you are interested in walking along the winding road of spirituality, please visit the Whiteman AFB Chapel Facebook page for the full listing of events, or contact U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. James McConnell or Staff Sgt. Ronald Murray III at the Chapel Annex at 660- 687-3652.

509th Medical Group Closures/Training Day Change

Team Whiteman,

In an effort to provide the best access to medical care for our patients, the Medical Group is happy to announce that the clinic will only be closed on Federal Holidays and weekends. The clinic will no longer be closing for a full training day or during AFGSC Family Days or 509th Bomb Wing down days. You will have access to all of our services on these days, but we will tailor our staffing levels so our staff can also have time with their families.

Our training requirements remain robust and in order to ensure that we meet those objectives, starting April 27, the Medical Group will open every THURSDAY at 9:30 a.m.

Effective the week of April 24, our new hours are as follows:

Monday-Wednesday 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Thursday 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Friday 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

We want to continue to earn your trust and exceed your expectations. We want to be the provider of choice for our family members and our retired populations. Minimizing our closures and maximizing access to care is one way that we partner with you in your healthcare.