

# WARRIOR



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# Weekly commander's message

Team Whiteman,

One of the key tenets of our AFGSC Striker culture is balance – meaning we accomplish our mission, but at the same time we proactively care for ourselves, our brothers and sisters in arms, and our families.

We have always and will continue to complete our mission with passion and to the level of excellence our Total Force team is known for. That said, I want all of us, including me, to look for new ways that we can make our teammates and our loved ones feel welcome, appreciated, and valued.

I can tell you from personal experience that there is a difference between telling someone they matter and actually making someone feel like they matter and that their contributions are valued. Simply put, actions speak louder than words. And that is why I want all of us to reflect on our Wingman culture and how together we can tackle the resiliency challenges our team faces day in and day out.

No matter your rank, duty title, or AFSC, I want all of you to know that you are empowered to seek out new ways to strengthen the morale and welfare of your unit and your Wingmen.

Furthermore, I want all of us to devote time to building relationships with our co-workers – military and civilian. Doing so will pay tremendous dividends, not only in the lives of our teammates, but in terms of mission effectiveness.

Today's Air Force is as stressful as ever for all of us. Our operations tempo is up. We continue to deploy downrange into harm's way at a significant rate. We are constantly working to support and secure our installation, even as new threats emerge in the physical domain and in cyberspace. Perhaps now more so than ever before, it is imperative that we take every step possible to support one another on and off duty – doing so is how we will become more resilient as individuals and as a team.

It is an honor for me to serve alongside strong leaders, warriors and Airmen such as yourselves each day and always remember I am very proud to be your 509th Bomb Wing Commander.

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JOHN J. NICHOLS, Colonel, USAF  
Commander, 509th Bomb Wing

## Air Force Club updates

### 509th Force Support Squadron Report

Air Force Clubs have transitioned to a new member portal at six pilot bases around the world. Of those six, Whiteman Air Force Base, home to the Mission's End Club, was a logical choice to test capabilities of the new system at a remote location.

The online platform is expected to roll out across the rest of the Air Force in August 2017.

The new system features a club member website and smart device application that provides new benefits and ease of use to existing members, as well as those signing up for club membership.

"Air Force Club membership is a tradition," said U.S. Air Force Col. Donna Turner, the Air Force Services Activity commander (AFSVA). "It's where our Airmen experience, learn and share our Air Force culture. Our clubs provide resiliency to our Airmen and their families. This new approach to club membership will make it easier for our Airmen to stay connected with our Air Force tradition and build on the culture and esprit de corps established by those who have previously served."

It also eliminates the requirement for an Air Force Club credit card. It lets members decide which card they use to pay their dues and receive information about club membership and events.

Other pilot bases are Eglin Air Force Base, Florida; Joint Base Charleston, South Carolina; Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, Texas; Osan Air Base Republic of Korea; and Thule Air Base, Greenland.

"As a service to club members, the Air Force Services Activity is converting all current members to the new system," said Jonathan Boyd, the AFSVA non-appropriated food and beverage operations chief.

The new portal gives members more value by giving them freedom to manage their membership anytime, anywhere, as well as choice and flexibility in dues payment methods.

Once their club transitions to the new portal, all current club members will be provided with a link to the site where they'll activate their account information and select their preferred dues payment method. They can also reach the member portal by visiting the [www.MyAirForceLife.com](http://www.MyAirForceLife.com) website.

"The initial login affords more members the best opportunity to update their dues payment method," said Boyd. "Because the current Air Force Club credit card is being deactivated, it's important to have new payment methods added in the member portal. Members can put in their selected card and start earning points or other rewards associated with that card."

With the new club member portal, all Chase-branded club membership credit cards are being deactivated on Oct. 15, 2017. Chase will be contacting members about current and future credit card options.

Club dues at pilot bases have been collected via the member portal since May 15, 2017. Unlike the current system, where club dues were collected at different times during the month, all club members across the Air Force will now have dues collected on the 15th of each month once members are connected through the member portal.

Every current club member was contacted and advised of the changeover, the process and how to update their accounts under the new system. For more information on how to become a club member, or for help with making the transition, please contact the Mission's End Club at (660) 687-4422 or the Marketing Office at (660) 687-7929.

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## On the cover

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

**Senior Airman Kevin Brodbeck, a competitor from the 509th Maintenance Squadron, reaches for a ring during the Alpha Warrior Challenge at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., July 22, 2017. The challenge is an Air Force-level event where competitors face eight obstacles testing their physical and mental limits.**

NEWS BRIEFS



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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](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.

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**WEATHER**

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Sunday	Monday
Sunny	Sunny
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Lo 60	Lo 61

# "Readin' la vida loca"

By Airman Taylor Phifer  
509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

Nearly 50 eager children sit in a circle with their legs crossed, staring up at the pictures and listening to the story being read to them. After story time is over, the children scream and jump with excitement because it's time for crafts. Shiny stickers, colorful markers, velvet ribbons and plenty of glitter keep the children entertained and allow their creative juices to flow.

Storytime, arts and crafts, scavenger hunts and quizzes are some of the activities children of all ages can get involved with at Whiteman Air Force Base Library's annual summer reading program.

The theme for the program is Reading by Design, where readers of all ages can set their own goal for the summer.

"This program helps keep children reading during the summer," said Dennis Wilson, the 509th Force Support Squadron Force Development flight library director. "While on summer vacation, children can lose about two months' worth of work they learned from the school year. Reading programs allow children to be more prepared for the next school year."

Once a child signs up for the program, they create a goal and then log the minutes of reading they complete throughout the summer. Those who achieve their goal can



bring their recorded reading log to the library from July 20 through August 5. After achieving their goal, the child receives a certificate of completion, coupons to McDonald's and Pizza Hut and are able to choose one free Scholastic paperback book to keep. Food coupons and books are available only while supplies last.

Along with the individual summer reading program, the library also holds hour-long events each week for separate age groups. Based on the age group, the events have different activities. For the younger

age group, children 3 to 7 years old, a story is read to them followed by craft time. The older age group, 8 to 12 years old, consists of more competitive activities like quizzes, scavenger hunts and other various games.

"We encourage families to come to the library because there's something for every age," said Wilson. "It's really important to keep kids engaged and on the right track in the summer and these programs help with that."



U.S. Air Force photos by Airman Michaela Slanchik  
Members of Team Whiteman participate in the library's summer reading program at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., July 12, 2017. Around 300 children of all ages are involved in the three-month program. The program included self-paced reading, crafts, scavenger hunts and other fun activities.

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# A Paralegal's Perspective

By Airman 1st Class Lindsey Brehm  
509th Bomb Wing Judge Advocate

Being an Airman at Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri, can be both challenging and rewarding, but one of the challenges we can face is a self-inflicted one ... the abuse of alcohol. The fact is, alcohol can be very dangerous when abused. Sometimes it feels like society has made alcohol the only accessory for a good time; but in the last year at the legal office I have seen what happens when the abuse of alcohol goes terribly wrong.

An example we see every day is the DUI sign at the gates. Since I have arrived at Whiteman that board has been unable to reach 60 days. In fact, in 2016, there were a total of 21 active duty DUIs. That number does not include our total force partners or civilians. However, as Col. John Nichols, the 509th Bomb wing commander, challenged us at his initial all-call, "we can do better." The count so far this year is 10.

DUIs are only part of the story. Working in the legal office, I see the other impacts that the abuse of alcohol has on this wing. Over the last year, there have been 23 Article 15 actions where alcohol was a contributing factor. Of those 23 cases, 17 involved charges for an alcohol related offense. One recent case involved an underage Airman who got drunk at a dorm party. After the party, he decided to take a shower and fell asleep with the water running. When his suite-mate came home, he found water leaking into his room from the locked bathroom. Security

Forces eventually got into the bathroom, where they found our under-age Airman still asleep in the shower, along with several opened beer and vodka bottles. The follow-up breath test showed the sleeping Airman had a .177% breath alcohol content. That's over twice the legal limit of .08, which is only the legal limit if you are over 21.

Another trend I see is how alcohol contributes to serious misconduct. In 2016 and 2017, out of 17 courts-martial, 10 involved alcohol as a contributing factor. Courts-martial are no different than being charged with a crime downtown, and if found guilty, an Airman will have a federal conviction on their record (along with possible jail time, fines, reduction in rank, and discharge). Of the last four felony trials this office has prosecuted since March, alcohol was a significant factor in two.

Let's face it; alcohol can prevent an Airman from making good decisions. If you are under-age, make the choice to not drink. If you are over 21, drink responsibly. Listen to family or friends if they warn you that you may have a drinking problem. Always have a plan for a safe ride home. Have a designated driver, and if that falls through call Airman Against Drunk Driving (AADD). Their number is 660-687-RIDE (7433), and they are on call 24/7.

Be a good wingman. As wingmen we look out for our teammates at home and deployed. We can do more to prevent our teammates from becoming another briefing statistic at an all-call. Fight's on!

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# Easy way to medical aid

By Airman Taylor Phifer  
509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

It's 8 p.m. and you're running low on a prescription. You need a new refill for the medication, but can't call the clinic's appointment line until the morning.

There is a faster and easier way to renew referrals, fill prescriptions and ask questions. Secure messaging allows patients to communicate with their Primary Care Manager (PCM) without calling the appointment line. Secure messaging is available through TriCare Online. To access secure messaging a patient can log into their TriCare Online account and select the secure messaging tab on the multi-colored wheel of options to choose from. The patient will be directed to the Relay Health website where he or she can create or log into their account. Once logged in they can compose a secure message to their PCM.

"Secure messaging is beneficial, easy to access and can save a patient time by using it," said U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Elizabeth M. Cardoza, a 509th Medical Operations Squadron (MDOS) Family Health Office manager. A patient can send a secure message to their provider about prescription refills, renewing referrals, lab results or general questions. Appointments can be scheduled, re-scheduled or cancelled by using secure messaging, but it is not intended for emergencies.

"I use it to refill my medications and book appointments," said U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Canna Williams-Ivey, a 509th MDOS aerospace medical techni-



cian. "It's easy and convenient for me because I don't have to call the appointment line and wait on hold to talk to someone."

It's recommended that patients use secure messaging instead of calling the appointment line for a telephone consult, said Cardoza. With a telephone consult, the patient has to wait on hold for an appointment clerk to enter the message. This system eliminates the appointment clerk and lets the patient create and submit their own message 24/7. For those who want to submit a photo or scan a document, there is an option to attach a document to their secure message

"Use the attachment tool in the message," said Cardoza. "For example, if a patient recently had surgery and needs to be on convalescent leave, the patient can take a photo or scan their paperwork, upload it, attach it to a secure message and send the message to their PCM instead of going to the clinic to drop off the papers after surgery."

Along with secure messaging and download my data, patients can view who their PCM is and update their account information on the Relay Health website.

When there is a new email address or change in residence, Relay Health gives the patient control of their account information. It's important to keep accounts updated, such as the patient's email address because if they receive a new secure message they will be notified via email. Emails will not contain any of the secure message's details, instead they will only say the patient has a new message and to check their account.

"These resources and tools are available to patients 24 hours a day, seven days a week," said Cardoza. "By utilizing this, it should reduce the amount of time the patient will spend on the phone with the appointment line or going to the clinic to ask questions and leave messages for their PCM. As technology increases, I see health care increasing digital access and giving patients more control over their own health care."

## WHITEMAN AFB 911 EMERGENCY REPORTING PROCEDURES

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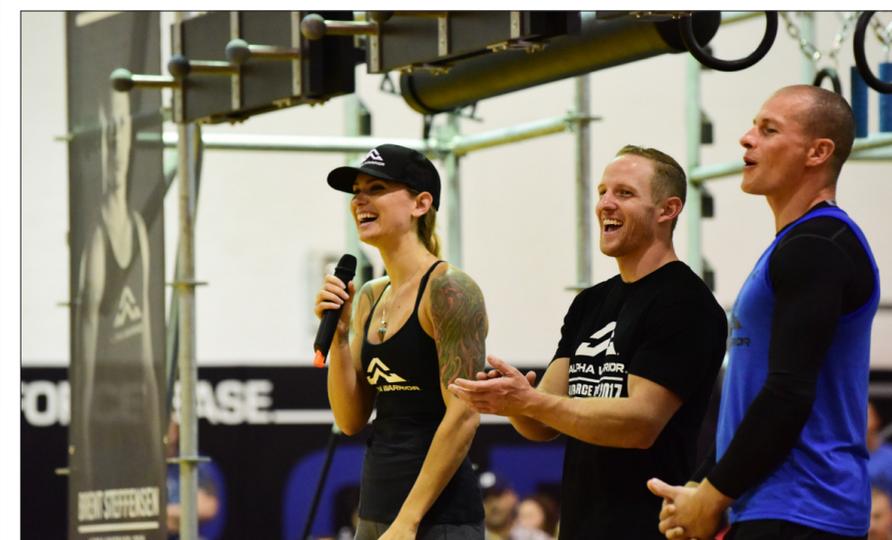
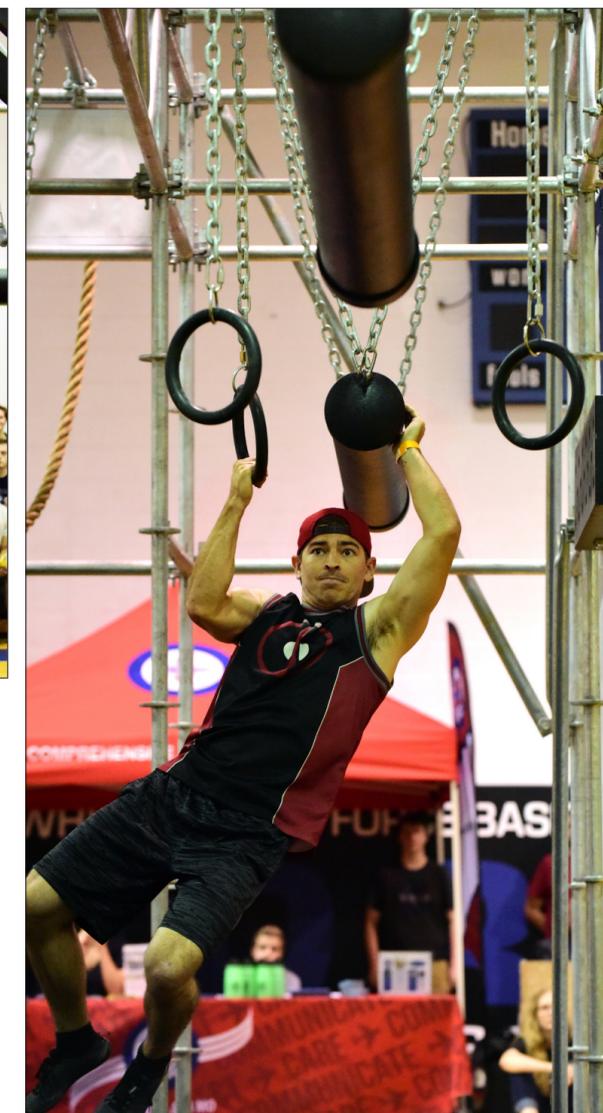


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# Whiteman sets the bar for Alpha Warrior



By Senior Airman Danielle Quilla  
509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

No mud. No miles. No mercy. A total of 38 people put their physical and mental abilities to the test during the Alpha Warrior Challenge at Whiteman Air Force Base (AFB), Missouri, July 22, 2017, with seven competitors finishing the battle rig completely. The obstacle course pushed the competitors' grip strength, endurance, cardio and balance to the limits and separated the top male and female athletes from the rest of the participants. "A person cannot get through a course like this on strength alone," said U.S. Air Force Col. Mark Ely, the 509th Bomb Wing vice commander. "In addition to physical prowess, a

mindset of confidence, toughness and spirit are all key to getting through this course." The only way to completely finish was through eight obstacles that consisted of hanging rings, bars and other hand grips. The tasks required competitors to support their entire body weight primarily with their upper body strength. The majority of competitors said that the course was eye opening. Although the course looked like extreme monkey bars, it was much more difficult than what school-aged children play on. Before the competition began, participants had the opportunity to practice on the course and strategize. Three Alpha Warrior professionals were available to give tips and demonstrate how they would take on the obstacles. In the end, the top female was Kennedy Schultz and the

top male was Donovan Metoyer. They, and the competitors who finished in the top 10 for males and the top 10 for females, will have the opportunity to compete against other Air Force Global Strike Command winners in the regional competition taking place at Whiteman AFB on Sept. 30, 2017. The following Sunday, July 23, a permanent rig was set-up at the fitness center for the base populace to use and prepare for regionals. "The well-being of Airmen and their fitness is significant to the overall mission," said Brittany Reid, an Alpha Warrior professional. "This is something that brings camaraderie, boosts morale, and it is a fun and different way to workout." For more information, check out the Alpha Warrior website at [www.alphawarrior.com](http://www.alphawarrior.com)

*U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman Danielle Quilla*

Competitors test their physical and mental abilities to complete the Alpha Warrior Challenge at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., July 22, 2017. This Air Force-level event separates the top male and female athletes to compete against other bases to determine the ultimate Air Force Alpha Warriors.

# Chapel offers place of worship for Jewish community



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

A member of Team Whiteman visits the Jewish Prayer Room at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., July 21, 2017. The first-ever dedicated Jewish prayer space at Whiteman is affixed with a mezuzah, marking the room as a Jewish prayer or learning space. Located in the Chapel Complex, the room offers worship 24/7, all year round. Depending on the desires of the Jewish community, more service opportunities may arise around the holidays. For more information, please contact the Chapel Corps at 660-687-3652.

## CHAPEL SERVICES

### Catholic Services

Weekend Mass at Base Chapel	Sunday: 11:00 AM
Reconciliation	after Mass or by request
Religious Education	Sunday: 9:30 AM
Scripture Study at Base Chapel	Sunday: 6:00 PM
Women's Study at Base Chapel	Tuesday: 7:00 PM

### Protestant Services

Worship services at Base Chapel	Sunday: 9:00 AM
Stealth Lounge Young Adult Bible Study	Sunday: 4:00 PM
Women's Bible Study at Base Chapel	Wednesday: 6:30 PM
	Thursday: 9:30 AM

### Muslim Prayer Room

Muslim Prayer Room at Base Chapel Complex

### Jewish Prayer Room

Jewish Prayer Room at Base Chapel Complex



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# An Airman's best friend

By Airman Micheala Slanchik  
509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

You may be able to taste a teaspoon of sugar in your morning coffee, but your family pup can smell this same teaspoon of sugar submerged in up to one million gallons of water.

A military working dog (MWD) has 200 million scent-retrieving cells in its nose – 40 times more than a human's – enhancing their ability to detect illegal drugs ranging from marijuana to extremes like cocaine. Along with their superior sense of hearing, visual motion detection and crushing jaw strength of 238 pounds of pressure, they are a true force to be reckoned with.

There are qualities in dogs which humans simply aren't capable of, and that's why the Air Force adopts K-9s and recruits them to be a part of our team.

Currently, more than 2,700 dogs serve in the U.S. Armed Forces, with hundreds of these specialized MWD and trainer teams deploying overseas and throughout the U.S.

Just like our Airmen, our K-9s go through a lengthy selection process. Their eagerness to learn, playfulness, lack of separation anxiety and not having a fear of noise all help their chances at becoming a part of the world's greatest Air Force.

Once a K-9 is selected to become a MWD, they are familiarized with military equipment such as aircraft, vehicles and being in the presence of weapon firing. It doesn't end there: they train day in and day out practicing commands and drug detection.

Once fully qualified, the MWD and their trainer are

ready to support any mission that comes their way, from clearing buildings to sniffing explosives for the safety of all our personnel.

U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Joshua Montgomery, a MWD handler with the 509th Security Forces Squadron, and his side-kick, MWD Gipsy have been partners for over a year now. They have traveled the country ensuring the safety of Americans when called upon.

The duo recently returned from a trip working with the U.S. Secret Service (USSS) involving the security of the vice president.

However, this wasn't their first USSS support mission. In December 2016, Montgomery and Gipsy traveled to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to support a visit from President-Elect Donald Trump.

"I believe our MWD teams are an integral part in the success of any Department of Defense or Air Force mission," said Montgomery. "We're able to detect explosives and narcotics, deter crime and violence and locate individuals in a variety of different situations. Whether it's overseas or here at home, there's always a dog team on duty to keep our people safe as they carry out the mission."

Although MWDs like Gipsy are smart, energetic and protective, they still need training to become the most disciplined and effective versions of themselves for any mission at hand.

"When these taskings come down, more often than not they're at the last minute – so we always have to be ready," said Montgomery. "All of our dog teams consistently train to ensure that we're 110 percent ready to go anytime we might be tasked."

But, just like humans, there are always things to learn.

"As a dog handler, every day on the job is a learning experience in some way," said Montgomery. "I've been working with Gipsy for about a year now, and I'm still learning new stuff about him. He performed exceptionally well with everything that was thrown at us and the entire event ran smoothly."

When the work was done for the day, the team enjoyed the personal perks of going on a trip together.

"At home station, our dogs don't come home with us at the end of our shift," said Montgomery. "Instead, they stay in the kennels. When we go on these missions though, our dogs go everywhere we go."

To the handler, these dogs are the world. To the world,



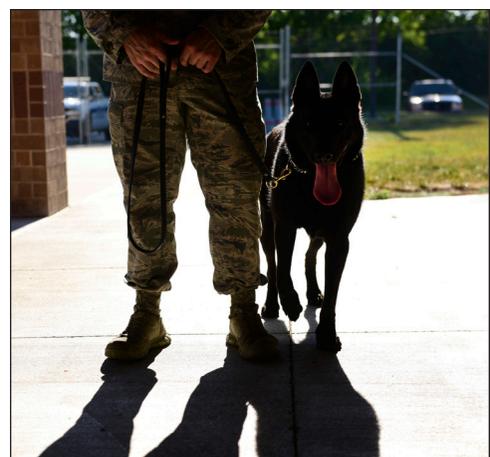
these dogs are heroes.

"Having the opportunity to be a part of any interagency operation is so rewarding," said Montgomery. "Working with the Secret Service, Cleveland Police and being able to be a part of all the behind-the-scenes action that happens for these presidential events is pretty awesome."

"Being able to network with Secret Service agents, police officers, Explosive Ordnance Disposal techs and other DOD handlers is a huge incentive on these missions," added Montgomery.

Fit for duty with any agency in any situation, the MWD has made an impact on much more than just the Air Force.

MWDs have ensured the safety of Americans time and time again. When a hand-selected team of trainer and his MWD take a mission head-on, together, they are always one step ahead of the enemy.



U.S. Air Force photos by Airman Michaela Slanchik

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# WAFB Thrift Store begins renovations



Courtesy Photo

Sedalia Military Affairs Committee members teamed up with the Warrensburg Military Affairs Committee members for the thrift store's demolition day at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., July 22, 2017. The Whiteman Thrift Store is in the processes of moving to a new location attached to the Auto Hobby Shop. People can continue to leave donations in the unlocked shed at the old location until a new shed is set up at the new site.

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