

# WARRIOR



## ONE MORE MILE

WAFB runners go the distance  
PG. 8

**GOT FAITH?**  
Local Clergy visit Airmen  
PG. 3

# Weekly commander's message

Team Whiteman,

As summer winds down, our kids have sights on school starting back up, but the activities at Team Whiteman remain sizzling! This past week our team conducted multiple initial qualification sorties as our B-2 pilots had the opportunity to drop training munitions at several local ranges, all while supporting our mobility and tanker partners in Exercise Mobility Guardian. This was a large-scale training event involving more than 3,000 total force Airmen that tested our joint and allied partners' ability to rapidly generate and deliver forces to operate seamlessly and effectively in a dynamic threat environment.

To showcase just how amazing our Team Whiteman Airmen are, the Logistic Readiness Squadron supported the country of Haiti by shipping 44 short tons of food and supplies to help in their relief efforts. The 2017 "Convoy of Hope" mission marks the third time that Team Whiteman has been instrumental in providing much needed aid to the people of Haiti.

Mark your calendars for two great upcoming events – college football and the Missouri State Fair! On Aug 31, a Thursday, the University of Central Missouri (UCM) is hosting their annual military ap-

preciation football game. This is a great opportunity to have some fun and support our community. Admission to the game is free for military members as well as our dependents through UCM's Command Pass. Don't forget to wear your Mules gear as we "Get out the Red!" Go Mules!

This weekend the Missouri State Fair will be in full swing with concerts, plenty of food, and lots of fun for the whole family. Sunday is Military Appreciation Day. Admission is free for military members and only \$1 for dependents. If you see my family and me around, don't be afraid to say hello. I hope to see all of you there!

As we head into next week, please remember school is starting Thursday! Expect morning traffic on base to increase and be sure to take that extra look when driving and watch for children crossing the street. The team mentality we foster on base is paramount in keeping our total force safe, so drive carefully and always lookout for your wingmen.

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JOHN J. NICHOLS  
Brigadier General, USAF  
Commander, 509th Bomb Wing



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Kevin Tanenbaum

Two B-2 Sprit stealth bombers assigned to the 509th Bomb Wing, Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri, taxi down the runway as they prepare to takeoff during Deliberate Strike Night (DSN) at Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada, June 16, 2016. DSN is a Large Force Exercise in the Weapons School Advanced Integration Phase involving in excess of 70 aircraft and Joint Department of Defense assets (from three services) against a realistic near peer adversary. DSN is a graduation level exercise for U.S. Air Force Weapons School students. It is the U. S. Air Force's premier training event focused on attacking an Integrated Air Defense System. It was this level of training that allowed two B-2s to depart Whiteman for a transatlantic flight to Libya on Jan. 18, 2017 in what would become the B-2's first combat mission since Operation Odyssey Dawn in 2011.

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## On the cover

U.S. Air Force photo by  
Airman Taylor Phifer

Mr. Gregory Giles, a flight operation scheduler assigned to the 72d Test and Evaluation Squadron, readies himself to run at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., July 28, 2017. Giles is part of the base's running club and was the first member to reach the 509-mile marker. The club currently has three different mile markers of 100 miles, 250 miles and 509 miles.

**NEWS BRIEFS**

**Disposition of Personal Effects  
Master Sgt. Chad A. Imes**

U.S. Air Force 1st Lt. Atlee Stutzman is authorized to make disposition of the personal effects of Master Sgt. Chad A. Imes, deceased, 72d Test and Evaluation Squadron crew chief as stated in AFI 34-511, Disposition of Personal Property and Effects. Any person having claims for or against Imes should contact Stutzman at 660-687-1618.



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1. Open 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 enjoyable. 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.

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
Chance of Storms	Partly Sunny
Hi 82	Hi 80
Lo 67	Lo 62
Sunday	Monday
Chance of Storms	Partly Sunny
Hi 78	Hi 80
Lo 68	Lo 64

**Clergy Day:**

**Chapel strengthens partnerships**

By Staff Sgt. Danielle Quilla  
509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

Whether Airmen and their families choose to attend worship services on or off base, the Air Force Chaplain Corps is responsible for ensuring the base population's spiritual needs are met.

For the past three years the Whiteman Chapel has organized a Clergy Day to help strengthen the partnership between military and local religious leaders. On Aug. 4, 2017, these leaders congregated at the Whiteman Air Force Base (AFB) chapel once again.

"We invited religious leaders of all denominations, from Lee's Summit, to Centralia, to Branson," said U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. John Shipman, the 509th Bomb Wing (BW) chaplain. "The purpose of this multi-faith event was to help inform local religious leaders regarding the mission of the 509th BW."

From Catholic priests to Methodist ministers, a total of 10 clergy members entered the sanctuary and, last Friday, had the opportunity to hear from the guard and reserve counterparts.

"This was the first year Clergy Day was a Total Force Integration (TFI) event including the 509th, 442d and 131st wings," said Shipman.

Both the 509th BW commander, Col. John Nichols, and the 442d Fighter Wing vice commander, Col. James Macaulay, welcomed the group to the base and answered questions.

"With the local clergy and the base chaplains working together we can do great things for our Airmen," said Rev. Jon-Michael Schweigert, the pastor for Faith Lutheran Church in Knob Noster, Missouri. "It was nice to hear the chaplains' perspective on ministry, as well as the commander's perspective on what life is like at Whiteman."



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Danielle Quilla  
U.S. Air Force Col. John Nichols, the 509th Bomb Wing commander, shakes hands with a local religious leader during Clergy Day at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Aug. 4, 2017. The Whiteman Chapel staff invited religious leaders from different denominations to the event to thank them for their support and ministry to Airmen who attend worship services off base.

Since a large population of Whiteman attend worship services at off-base locations, the base chapel staff also used Clergy Day to ensure the religious leaders were equipped with tools they needed to support their ministry for Airmen, as well as keep track of those who were willing to help the base during emergencies or crisis.

"Clergy Day was a way of establishing a greater connection with the local religious leaders," said Shipman. "We also took it as an opportunity to thank them for their support and inspiring our Airmen's spiritual journey."

For more information about the Whiteman AFB Chapel call 660-687-3652.



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Danielle Quilla  
U.S. Air Force Col. James Macaulay, the 442d Fighter Wing vice commander, and Col. John Nichols, the 509th Bomb Wing commander, answer questions during Clergy Day at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Aug. 4, 2017. This was the first Total Force Integration Clergy Day event at Whiteman to help the local religious leaders understand how their support is contributing to the well-being of the active duty, guard and reserve Airmen and their families.

# Reel Time Theaters

*We're saving a seat for you.*

**FRIDAY, AUG. 11 • 7 p.m.**

Spiderman: Homecoming (PG-13)

Adults - \$6.25, children - \$4.00

**SUNDAY, AUG. 13 • 3 p.m.**

The Big Sick (R)

Adults - \$6.25

**SATURDAY, AUG. 12**

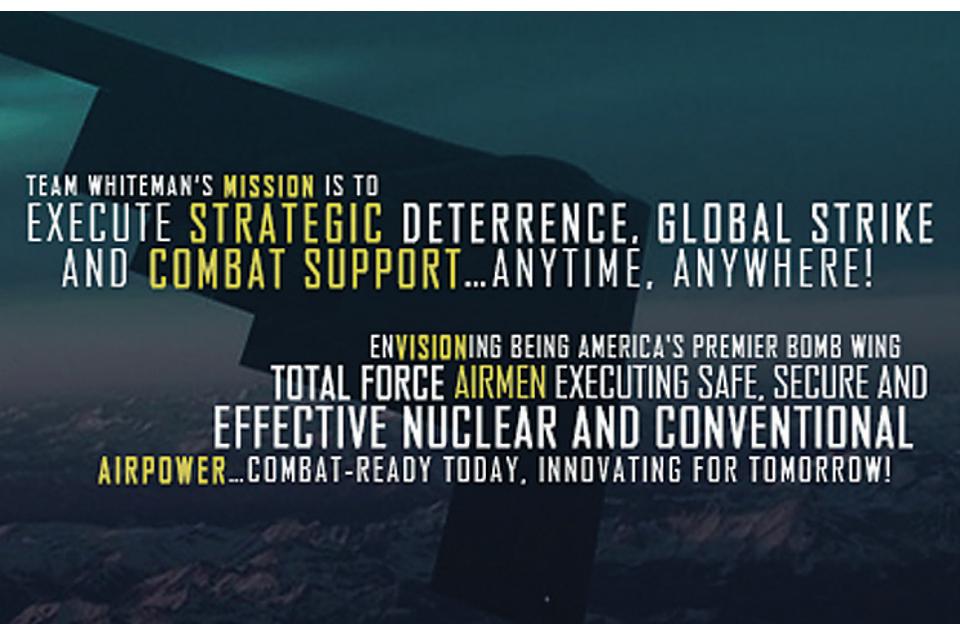
7 p.m.

War for the Planet of the Apes

(PG-13)

Adults - \$6.25,

children - \$4.00



# Making a difference in Michigan, one bottle at a time

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

“We are more than just dropping bombs,” said U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class James Douglas, a 509th Maintenance Squadron (MXS) nondestructive inspection apprentice.

U.S. service members take an oath to lay down their lives for their country, ensuring the safety and freedom of America. Airmen commit to excellence, integrity and service before self for themselves, their wingmen and their communities.

“We are people with hearts, homes and families,” said Douglas.

After being made aware of the water problems in Flint, Michigan, in 2014, Douglas searched for a way to make a difference. However, Douglas knew this wasn't something he could do on his own. He turned to his Air Force family to lend a hand.

“I have always wanted to do something to help since this issue has been brought to my attention,” said Douglas. “Living in southern California before I joined the military made it challenging to contribute in a capacity that would really make a difference. Now that I am stationed at Whiteman, I was too close not to help.”

That's when Douglas teamed up with his wingman, Airman 1st Class Skylar Doeden, a 509th MXS metals technology journeyman, to do some behind-the-scenes work. The team then turned to their commander, Maj. Redahlia Person, the 509th MXS commander, for advice on how to broadcast the project and reach a larger audience.

After the entire squadron was involved, cases of water started to stack up. Drop-offs were made available at the Airmen and Family Readiness Center on Whiteman, Knob Noster City Hall and various squadrons on base. Airmen from the 509th MXS alone donated more than 50 cases and over \$150.

Douglas also created an online donation event which generated more than \$800.

Staff Sgt. Richard Fitzpatrick, a 509th MXS flight training monitor, and Doeden were key contributors in making the trek to Michigan. In fact, each are originally from about an hour from Flint. Senior Airman Matthew Martinez, a 509th MXS metals technology journeyman, also helped make the road trip possible.

On June 29, 2017, the four Airmen hit the road and 11 hours later they arrived in Plymouth, Michigan, where they made a stop to purchase more cases of water with the donations. After all was said and done, they headed to the YMCA in Flint with more than six pallets of water, one of which was donated by the water vendor.

“Seeing their faces light up with happiness was absolutely priceless,” said Doeden. “Simply knowing that all of the hard work was put to the best use imaginable. Helping out people in need made the 14-hour day well worth it.”

Altogether, the team donated around 16,000 bottles that were made available at the local YMCA to families in need. Most took one or two cases, meaning these Airmen impacted 500 to 600 families.

“This wouldn't have been as successful without my wingmen,” said Douglas. “It was a very overwhelming and satisfying feeling to be able to help.”

Douglas wasn't the only one to feel a sense of accomplishment and pride in helping the citizens of Flint.

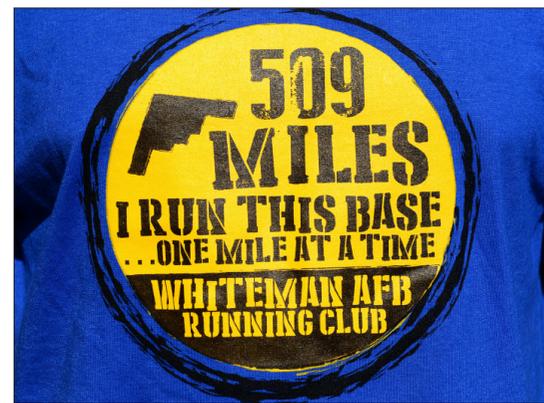
“I think being service members and helping any community, whether they are in need or not, is important in many aspects,” said Doeden. “We are sworn to support and defend the Constitution, but we don't feel that it only applies to that – but to the people of this country as well.”

## 509th Bomb Wing Diamond Sharp



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman Taylor Phifer **U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Joshua, an MQ-1B sensor operator assigned to the 20th Attack Squadron, receives the First Sergeant's Diamond Sharp Award at Ike Skeleton Park at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., August 4, 2017. Joshua earned the award for supporting a fellow Airman who was going through a tough time. Joshua worked alongside the first sergeant to ensure the wellbeing of not only his wingman, but their dependents.**

# Rewarded by running



**By Airman Taylor Phifer**  
509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

Trying to control his breathing while his heart is pounding, blood is pumping and sweat is streaming down his face as he pushes himself to run faster and longer. Running to his limit and not stopping until he reaches his goal. He knows that he will reach it today. Telling himself that he won't leave the gym until it's complete, no matter how long it takes. He's been tracking all his miles and it was finally the day Gregory Giles, a flight operation scheduler assigned to the 72d Test and Evaluation Squadron, would reach the 509-mile marker for Whiteman's running club.

"Mr. Giles was the first to reach the 509-mile marker and has tracked a total of 1,048 miles," said U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Amy Tordera, the fitness program director assigned to the 509th Force Support Squadron (FSS).

Around 35 people are a part of either the 100, 250 or 509 mile club. The program started in 2016 and continued because it was such a success.

"By joining the base's running club you're getting involved, connecting with people and also becoming healthier overall," said Giles.

Joining the running club is simple and anyone can become a part of it. This program brings friends and families together so they can break a sweat while they're having fun.

"To get involved you grab a mile-tracker card from the front desk at the fitness center and just start running," said Tordera. "In order to track miles you must record your miles in the appropriate column on the chart as well as keep track of it through your own means. For example, most people keep track on their own run-

ning apps, and show it to us when we verify their tracker card."

Once a member gets to a mile marker of 100, 250 or 509 they must provide the chart with the tracked miles to the fitness center. The fitness center will keep the chart on file and will provide the member with a t-shirt for reaching the mile marker. Each marker has a different t-shirt, so when someone gets to the next marker he or she earns a new t-shirt.

Along with a free t-shirt, the runner will also get their picture taken to be uploaded to the FSS Facebook page and the runner's name will be written on the window by the front entrance of the fitness center.

The club gives people a running goal with a perk for when the goal is reached, so this gives people an extra push to get out and run more. This club not only has health benefits, but it also keeps people socially active by running with friends and helps them stay mentally sharp.

"I think it's an incentive to run," said Giles. "People will see your shirt, ask you where you got it and then they'll join the club because they want one too."

Think about the miles someone runs during a physical fitness session in the morning or how many miles someone walks at work every day. All those miles can add up and be tracked by using a pedometer, smart watch or application on a phone. By recording those miles and charting them, reaching the first mile marker will come in no time.

"It's not all about the free stuff I get for reaching that mile marker though," said Giles. "It's more than that. Running puts me in a place of peace and I live in that moment. I think of all the people who aren't as lucky, those who can't run anymore. I run for them, running is my reward."



U.S. Air Force photos by Airman Taylor Phifer

# "Dirtboyz" pave the way

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

Being stationed in the middle of tornado alley, inclement weather is bound to happen. When the weather hits, Whiteman Air Force Base's flightline deteriorates. Chipped concrete, expanded cracks and protrusions are all products resulting from a mix of weather



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman Michaela R. Slanchik  
**U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Warocz, a 509th Civil Engineer Squadron pavement and equipment shop supervisor, uses a jackhammer at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., July 25, 2017. Members of the shop, known as "Dirtboyz," refurbished 19 yards of concrete on the flightline, enabling taxiway K to be operational again.**

and natural wear and tear.

This spring the 509th Civil Engineer Squadron (CES) found about 35 patches of spalled, or chipped, concrete on taxiway K.

When foreign object debris (FOD), like chipped concrete, is in the path of an aircraft, it can be hazardous to the pilots and the aircraft. FOD can cause damage anywhere from a simple ding on the outer frame, to blowing out tires at high speeds, or shredding fan blades when sucked into an engine of an aircraft.

There are many preventative measures the Air Force practices in order to keep FOD as far from the flightline as possible. However, when the flightline itself is the problem, it's crucial to fix it in order to protect Whiteman's aerial fleet and personnel.

The 509th CES sent their pavement and equipment shop, the "Dirtboyz," to repair the damage.

"The Dirtboyz here at Whiteman lead the way by providing pavement and structural support to our fleet," said U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Collin Nichols, the 509th CES pavement and equipment shop supervisor.

First, the Dirtboyz cut sections of the spalled concrete with a K-12 concrete saw with 14 inch diamond-tipped cutting blade, then jack hammer the ground to break it into small enough pieces for the airfield sweeper to remove the FOD. Then the holes are replaced with fresh cement.

"With this repair, the T-38 Talons will be able to use their taxiway again, enabling more flying hours," said Nichols.



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman Michaela R. Slanchik  
**U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Dozzi, left, and Staff Sgt. Warkocz, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron pavement and equipment shop supervisors, use jack hammers to break cement apart on the flightline at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., July 25, 2017. First, the Dirtboyz cut sections of spalled concrete with a K-12 concrete saw then jack hammer the ground to break it into small enough pieces for the airfield sweeper to remove the debris.**

The team of eight Airmen took just under two weeks to completely restore 19 yards of concrete, making the taxiway mission-ready.

"No matter what the conditions, rain, snow, or high temperatures, our shop will get

it done," said Tech. Sgt. Marcos Silva, the 509th CES Pavement and Equipment shop NCO in charge. "Our mission is to have this

pavement operational for Whiteman's aircraft, Dirtboyz get it done."



# Fortis Subsidium

By Lt. Col. Ian Erskine

509th Medical Support Squadron commander

Fortis Subsidium! Without strong, bold support there is no chance of success. This truism is prevalent in many operational environments no matter what the mission focus is. The men and women of the 509th Medical Support Squadron (MDSS) recognize and identify with the force enabler capability our unit brings to the fight.

The MDSS exists at just about every installation in our great Air Force. At last count, one can identify 76 distinct Medical Support Squadrons, eight of which fall within Air Force Global Strike Command. The 509th MDSS was constituted on Aug. 26, 1994, and activated on Sept. 1, 1994. In the 23 years since our unit's activation we've seen significant change in the Air Force Medical Service resulting in the right-sizing of Whiteman's medical mission to an out-patient operation. The emergency room and in-patient hospital beds may have gone away, but our 24/7 medical support mindset has never been stronger.

The 509th MDSS is organized into four flights, all highly calibrated to support medical operations. Eighty military, civil service and contract Airman staff the flights, which include the Diagnostic and Therapeutic (D&T), Medical Logistics and Readiness, TRICARE Operations and Patient Administration (TOPA), and Resource Management (RMO) flights. Each flight is organized and equipped to enhance the Medical Group's mission, which is to "Optimize Health, Wellness and Readiness for Team Whiteman" and they do this in awesome fashion every day.

Members of the D&T flight work in a complex environment, where application of science and art are daily reality. This flight delivers laboratory and radiology services and pharmacy operations. They bring expert trusted care to more than 26,000 unique patient engagements every year. The Airmen in this environment complete rigorous technical training programs lasting more than one year before arriving on station to support the delivery of care for Team Whiteman.

Alongside the D&T flight, you'll find our RMO flight, a skilled crew managing a \$12 million operations budget and staffing for the group's 280 health care professionals. Our resources advocate on behalf of the Whiteman community daily, developing business cases and securing funds for the continuous improvement of healthcare services.

As our resources tee-it-up, our Medical Logistics and Readiness flight, lovingly referred to as our Log Dawgs, expertly execute the supply, medical equipment, facility, and emergency management as well as acquisition service needs for the group. Over the last two years these Airmen have been hard at work executing a \$28 million military construction project aimed at improving patient flow and upgrading the aging medical equipment and utility infrastructure.

Finally, our TOPA completes the unit's composition, these stellar Airmen manage the TRICARE health benefit for more than 19,000 active and retired service members and their dependents in the local area. They deliver patient administration services including, but not limited to, medical boards, medical referral processing and special health care benefit reviews. TOPA also oversees a \$21 million civilian healthcare program ensuring Whiteman Airmen and their families have access to timely, quality care.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to provide just a glimpse into the lives and highlights of The 509th MDSS. We are honored to serve and support the delivery of trusted care for Team Whiteman. Rest assured, we are at the ready, and well prepared to support all your future health care needs... Fortis Subsidium!

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