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A tribute to 2nd Lt. George Whiteman



Courtesy photo

Duplicate of the 'Lucky, Lucky Me' photo sent to 2nd Lt. George Whiteman's mother, Earlie Whiteman.

509th Bomb Wing Staff Report

Whiteman Air Force Base is named in honor of 2nd Lt. George Whiteman, U.S. Army Air Corp.

During the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, Whiteman gave his life in service of his country on Dec. 7, 1941, while attempting to take off to defend Bellows Air Field, in Oahu, Hawaii.

George Allison Whiteman, the eldest of 10 children of John and Earlie Whiteman, was born Oct. 12, 1919, at the Wilkerson farm near Longwood, Missouri, in Pettis County. He graduated from Smith-Cotton High School in Sedalia and attended the Rolla School of Mines, prior to enlisting in the service in 1939.

In the spring of 1940, 2nd Lt. Whiteman received orders to report to Randolph Field, Texas, for training as an aviator. He was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army Air Corps Nov. 15, 1940, and volunteered for duty in Hawaii early the following year.

As the sun rose over Oahu on the morning of Sunday, Dec. 7, 1941, the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor began. Whiteman got to his P-40B aircraft at Bellows Field and had just lifted off the runway when a burst of enemy gunfire hit his cockpit, wounding him and throwing the plane out of control. The plane crashed and burned just off the end

of the runway.

The news of Whiteman's death reached his family at 10:13 p.m. that night. In an interview with the Sedalia Democrat that evening, his mother said, "It's hard to believe – It might have happened anytime, anywhere. We've got to sacrifice loved ones if we want to win this war." She gave the reporter a photograph of her son sitting in an aircraft with the inscription "Lucky, lucky me."

2nd Lt. Whiteman is believed to be one of the first Airmen killed during the assault which marked the United States' entry into World War II. For his gallantry that day, he was posthumously awarded the Silver Star, the Purple Heart, the American Defense Medal with a Foreign Service clasp, the American Campaign Medal, the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign medal with one bronze star, and the World War II Victory Medal.

Another honor was bestowed on Lieutenant Whiteman 14 years after his death. Gen. Nathan F. Twining, Air Force Chief of Staff, informed Earlie Whiteman on Aug. 24, 1955, that the recently reopened Sedalia Air Force Base would be renamed Whiteman Air Force Base in tribute to her son.

The dedication and renaming ceremony took place on Dec. 3, 1955. This year marks the 62nd anniversary of the renaming ceremony.

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On the cover

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

U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Joshua Cantrell, a crew chief assigned to the 131st Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, familiarizes himself with the inside of the cockpit during egress training at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Nov. 21, 2017. Egress training familiarizes aircrew on how to properly evacuate an aircraft in case of an emergency.

NEWS BRIEFS



U.S. AIR FORCE
EagleEyes
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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>.

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2. Manually select an agency
3. Choose USA then Federal Agency then select AFOSI
4. Create a passport, select New Tip and fill out the form with as much information as possible.

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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
Sunny	Sunny
Hi 56	Hi 59
Lo 32	Lo 39

Sunday	Monday
Partly Sunny	Mostly Cloudy
Hi 65	Hi 62
Lo 42	Lo 53

Winter is coming – You can never “B-2” safe



U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Jazmin Smith

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Although the fall weather is lingering, there is no doubt the biting chill and accompanying snow is imminent in the forecast for the next few months. For that reason, it is important for members of Team Whiteman to understand the reporting process regarding inclement weather, specifically how and when to report to the installation.

Please take a moment to review the procedures and the base operating status terms below.

General procedures:

U. S. Air Force Brig. Gen. John J. Nichols, the 509th Bomb Wing commander, is the authority for determining the base operating status per Recall, Reporting, and Release Plan 10-207. Keep in mind that the base reporting status may or may not follow the local surrounding area status.

For example, the schools in the local area may be closed or delayed, but Whiteman may be operating normally. The same is true for early release. Schools may be letting out early; however, the installation may not be aligned with the early release of the local schools.

Team Whiteman members can expect to be notified of changes to the base operating status or if early release is authorized via one or more of the following avenues:

1. The AtHoc System. All Team Whiteman members who have properly registered and have an up-to-date AtHoc Account will receive a phone call, email and/or text based upon the settings you have established. Per the Installation Notification and Warning System plan, all active duty, reserve, Missouri Air National Guard, and government civilians are required to opt-in to AtHoc and have all their respective contact information filled out with the exception of their personal email address. If you haven't established an AtHoc system account, do so now. You can do this and check your current information in AtHoc by right-clicking on the purple globe on the bottom right of your computer and selecting "Access Self Service."
2. The Whiteman Air Force Base Facebook page. If you do not follow or have not "liked" the Whiteman Facebook page, now is a good time to do that as well so you can receive the latest news and information regarding Whiteman.
3. The base website, which is www.whiteman.af.mil.
4. The Straight Talk Line, which can be accessed by dialing 660-687-NEWS (6397). This line will be updated with the base operating status, as well as other pertinent information.
5. Local news and radio stations will also be notified of delays or clo-

sures, similar to school closings. Please keep in mind, however, that not every news channel you have access to may be broadcasting information regarding the installation's operating status, so it is best not to rely on a single media source.

6. A phone call from your chain of command.

The following terms define the possible reporting status options:

1. BASE OPEN: All Team Whiteman members report at their normal scheduled duty times – this is our normal day-to-day reporting status.
 2. DELAYED REPORTING: During this status, we delay reporting until no earlier than the time specified in the message you receive. For example, "Due to ongoing snow removal, all personnel except security forces, firefighters, and snow removal personnel delay reporting until 9:30 a.m." This means that all personnel except security forces, firefighters and snow removal personnel report to work on or after 9:30 a.m. If your particular shift report time is after the report time in the message, you report at your normally scheduled time, such as swing and mid-shifts.
 3. RESTRICTED REPORTING: Only "mission-essential" personnel specified in the message report to work. All others stay home. Personnel are designated "mission essential" by their group or squadron commander based on the specific situation. For example, if it is a simple snow event, then mission essential personnel will likely only include security forces, command post and snow removal personnel. If we are in combat operations, it will likely include operations and maintenance personnel as well.
 4. EARLY RELEASE: This occurs when the installation commander directs an early release from duty, which may result from a weather event or any emerging situation. The message you receive will specify the affected demographic. For example, during a snow event, early release times may be staggered based upon the distance a member resides from the installation.
 5. BASE CLOSED: The installation is closed due to inclement weather, for example, and personnel are not required to report unless specifically notified to do so. Also, installation gates may be closed and, based on the situation at hand, internal movement on base may be limited.
- Ultimately, we all need to exercise sound judgment when it comes to winter weather. If you are experiencing trouble or have questions about your duty status, please contact your supervisor and utilize your chain of command. If you have specific questions regarding the reporting procedures above, please contact Wing Plans at 660-687-2312. Please contact Public Affairs at 660-687-5727 with questions or concerns regarding notifications via Facebook, the base website or the Straight Talk Line.

**Construction will be occurring from Nov. 29 through Dec. 8
at the Spirit Gate entrance.**

**Inbound and outbound traffic will be restricted to one lane each direction from
8:30 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m. each day.**

**Please stay outside of the construction barriers and away from construction crews
and exercise caution while entering and exiting the installation during this time.**

Reel Time Theaters

We're saving a seat for you.

FRIDAY, DEC. 1 • 7 p.m.

Bad Moms Christmas (R)

Adults - \$7.00

SATURDAY, DEC. 2 • 7 p.m.

Jigsaw (R)

Adults - \$7.00

SUNDAY, DEC. 3 • 3 p.m.

Coco (PG)

Adults - \$7.00, children - \$4.75

The beauty of purpose



One of the many dogs previously available at a local animal shelter peers through the fencing in Warrensburg, Mo. Volunteer opportunities at a shelter include socialization and exercise of the animals. Getting the dogs out of their kennels for some one-on-one brushing or taking them on a walk helps the staff learn some of their quirks so they can find good placements for them.

By Senior Airman Jazmin Smith

509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

I remember the first time I realized there were animals in need.

As a kid growing up in the late 90's, I, like many others my age, had my eyes glued to the box TV when I wasn't outside playing with friends. Amidst the various commercials and advertisements, little did I know at the time there was a certain series which would stand out. It would always start with soft piano music transitioning with videos of animals in a shelter. Eventually, a spokesperson would appear to express how the animals needed your support. Collectively, it would entice a sense of sorrow and pity ... and eventually a desire to help.

As a seven-year-old at that point, I did not donate, nor did I volunteer. I continued watching cartoons as usual until dinner time.

Fast-forward two decades.

I married my high school sweetheart, adopted two dogs and was an enlisted member of the Air Force. Life was great.

Yet, I still didn't feel as though I was doing enough.

I took a step back and asked myself what else I could be doing to benefit others. I quickly came to the conclusion that for me to truly make a difference I had to invest my time in something personal.

In the words of Mark Anthony, "If you do what you love, you'll never work a day in your life."

Since coming to Whiteman, I've had the opportunity to volunteer at the local animal shelter. During my time there, I would frequently overhear the nearest passerby call out with different versions of the same phrase, "Look at this one!"

If you really take a look, you would see this is not where they want to be for the rest of their lives. I'm sure if I could communicate with animals, they would tell me about how much they wanted to go home with the family that came in earlier that day.

Whenever my husband and I have a free Saturday afternoon, we spend a few hours playing with the sweetest dogs, letting them explore for a bit of time.

During our visits there, I am able to capture them as happy, full of life and playful. By taking photos, my hope is that the shelters I photograph for will be able to share the images and thus generate more interest in adoption. This is my goal; what's yours?

Other than the genuine happiness which overwhelms me after spending a few hours with some four-legged friends, I always look forward to seeing how busy the shelter is when I am there. Seeing pups getting loaded into their new family's vehicle would leave a smile on my face, and I would carry a noticeably better mood throughout the day.

To this day, I recall my first encounter with the animals at the shelter. Other than wanting to take home every animal, the interaction brought an immediate realization: I went with the intentions of coming by just a few times, but I left knowing this is something I would continue doing.

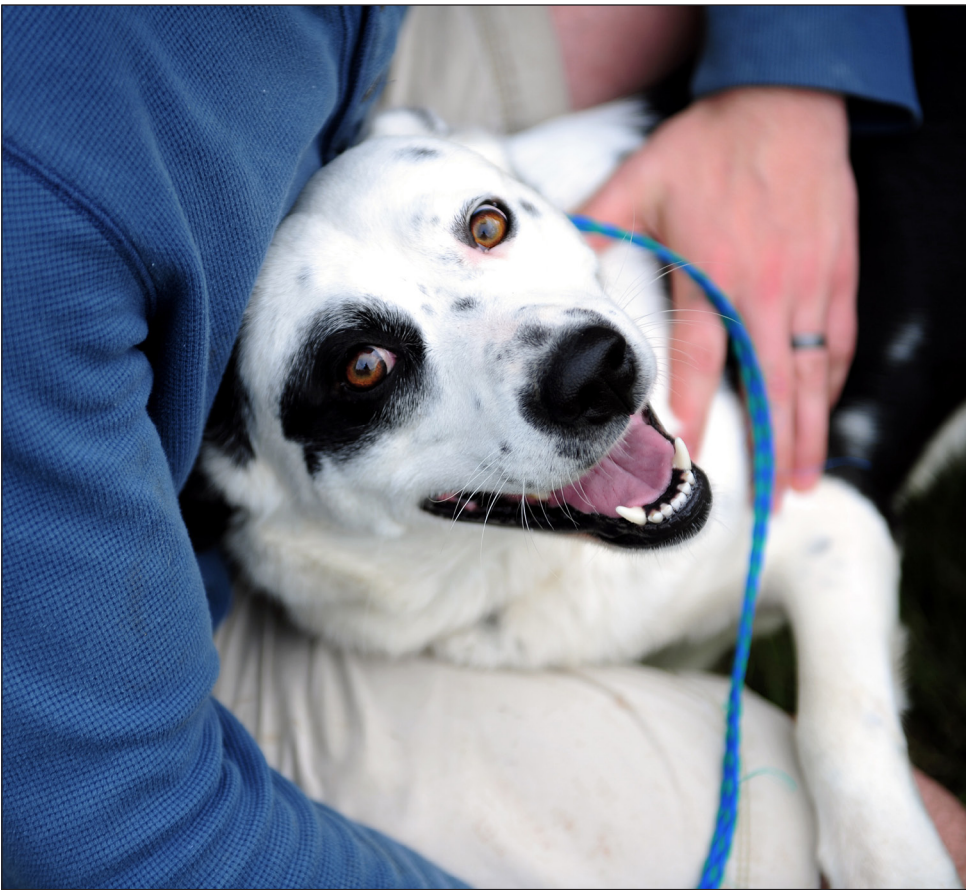
Just by applying a skill I've acquired from my job in the Air Force, I have been able to offer my time and services in the hopes of helping animals find a home outside of the kennels.

No matter what your tie is to the military, it is important to remember the significance of your engagement within the surrounding community and the humbling sense of purpose that betters you as a person. My own intentions benefited a few animals and families, but if you find something, whether it is at a veteran's home, for a neighbor, or even within your own office, keep it up; you're making a difference for the better.

All around us are chances for volunteering. With emails coming in from the shirts and supervisors, there is no doubt the window of opportunity is there.

If you aren't seeing something you like out there, start asking questions or better yet, take the initiative and create your own.

More photos on next page



One of the animals previously available at a local shelter in Warrensburg, Mo. Opportunities to volunteer increase significantly by venturing into the local communities and keeping an open eye for things of personal interest.



A puppy enjoys time outside of a local animal shelter in Warrensburg, Mo. Many local shelters have a variety of dog and cat breeds of all ages available for adoption. Contact your local shelter for more information about volunteering.



A puppy enjoys some fresh air at a local animal shelter in Warrensburg, Mo. Volunteers at a shelter can socialize and exercise the animals, which helps the staff in finding them good homes. Contact your first sergeant for more information on volunteer opportunities available in your local community.

U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman Jazmin Smith

Air Force announces continuation pay rates



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Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs Office

Air Force leaders recently announced the Air Force's continuation pay rates which are part of the new Blended Retirement System.

Continuation pay is a way to encourage Airmen covered by BRS to remain in the Air Force since it will be possible to leave with some retirement benefit prior to 20 years of service.

The system is a blend of a 20-year retirement and contribution plan that allows service members to contribute to a Thrift Savings Plan account that is transferable after separation from the military.

"Continuation pay is a one-time direct cash payout, like a retention bonus," said Lt. Gen. Gina Grosso, deputy chief of staff for Manpower, Personnel and Services. "Members will receive continuation pay at 12 years of service in return for a commitment of four years of service."

For active duty Airmen the payment rate is 2.5 times monthly basic pay. For the Reserve component Airmen to include, Guardsmen and Reserve, the payment rate is 0.5 times monthly basic pay, as if on active duty. For Reserve component Airmen

on active Guard and Reserve orders, the payment rate is 2.5 times monthly basic pay. The rates and parameters for paying continuation pay will remain in effect until changed.

"Modernizing the current retirement system into the BRS will ensure that the vast majority of uniformed service members receive a portable government retirement benefit," said Daniel Sitterly, acting assistant secretary of the Air Force for Manpower and Reserve Affairs. "It will help make the uniformed services more attractive to new generations of American citizens by providing a retirement annuity with options on how to shape their retirement benefit."

The BRS was enacted into law in the Fiscal Year 2016 National Defense Authorization Act, and will go into effect Jan. 1, 2018. All currently serving members are grandfathered into the current military retirement system. However, those with fewer than 12 years of service as of Dec. 31, 2017, or Air Force Reserve component members with fewer than 4,320 retirement points may choose to "opt in" to the BRS during the designated opt-in period from Jan. 1, 2018, through Dec. 31, 2018.

For more information about the BRS please visit MyPers.

Upholding the Legacy of Excellence – your legacy!

Public Affairs is offering the opportunity for you, members of Team Whiteman (to include Active Duty, Guard, Reserve, Civilian and Retired Military), to submit commentaries about your personal experiences with or reflections on the 509th Bomb Wing's Legacy of Excellence and what it means to you.

Submissions must be 250-1200 words in length and will be reviewed for content, grammar and style before publication by the Public Affairs staff. Once approved, one commentary will be posted in the Whiteman Warrior base newspaper weekly.



To make a submission, please email the 509th Bomb Wing PA office at 509.bw.pa@us.af.mil. Please include "UTL Commentary" as the subject line. Lastly, please ensure that you include information about yourself, such as your name and rank, job title, and any information that could help tie you to the Legacy.

Photos are accepted! Please ensure that they are either official military photos or scans/digital copies of personal photos.

We look forward to publishing your story!

SERE, egress training prepares Whiteman personnel for worse-case situations



U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Sergio Avalos, the sole SERE specialist assigned to the 509th Operations Support Squadron, trains members of Team Whiteman in egress and survival, evasion, resistance and escape (SERE) at Whiteman Air Force Base (AFB), Mo. Nov. 21 and 27, 2017. Avalos provides refresher and continuing education for aircrew on how to properly evacuate an aircraft in case of an emergency.

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



Whiteman AFB Spirit Chapel



Holiday Worship Schedule

Protestant Schedule

24 Dec - Christmas Eve Service 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Catholic Schedule

24 Dec - Fourth Sunday of Advent; Mass at 11 a.m.

24 Dec - Christmas Eve/Children's Mass; 5 p.m.

24 Dec - Men's Choir/Carol in the Chapel; 10:30 p.m.

24 Dec - Christmas Eve Mass; 11 p.m.

25 Dec - Christmas Day Mass; 9 a.m.

Gobble till you wobble: Celebrating Thanksgiving at the DFAC



Base leadership presents holiday meals to patrons during the annual Thanksgiving luncheon at the Ozark Inn Dining Facility at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Nov. 23, 2017. During the luncheon, customers were treated to traditional Thanksgiving foods, to include roasted turkey, baked ham, mashed potatoes, vegetable sides and an array of desserts. The dining facility staff set up decorations and offered specialty cakes and desserts for retirees, service members and their families.

*U.S. Air Force photos by
Senior Airman Jovan Banks*

Changes are coming to TRICARE!

Join our TRICARE Town Hall:

Changes are coming to your TRICARE benefit beginning Jan. 1, 2018. These changes will give you more benefit choices, improving your access to care, simplifying cost shares and allowing you to take command of your health.

The best way for you to prepare now is to update your information in DEERS, sign up for TRICARE benefit updates, and visit TRICARE Changes.

TRICARE is changing. Here is what you need to know:

Region Consolidation

Currently, there are three TRICARE regions in the U.S.: North, South and West. The North and South regions will combine on Jan. 1, 2018, to form TRICARE East, while TRICARE West will remain mostly unchanged. This change will allow better coordination between the military hospitals and clinics and the civilian health care providers in each region.

TRICARE Prime

TRICARE Prime is a managed care program option. An assigned PCM

provides most of your care. When you need specialty care, your PCM will refer you to a specialist. Active duty service members and their family members do NOT pay anything when referred to a network provider by their PCM. All others pay annual enrollment fees and network copayments.

TRICARE Select

On Jan. 1, 2018, TRICARE Select will replace TRICARE Standard and TRICARE Extra both stateside and overseas. Stateside, TRICARE Select will be a self-managed, preferred provider network option. You will not be required to have a primary care manager (PCM) and therefore you can visit any TRICARE-authorized provider for services covered by TRICARE without a referral. TRICARE Select adopts a number of improvements, including additional preventive care services previously only offered to TRICARE Prime beneficiaries.

Enrollment

All current TRICARE beneficiaries will transition to their respective TRICARE plan on Jan. 1, 2018, as long as they are eligible. TRICARE

TRICARE Town Hall

Did You Know?
TRICARE is changing!
Effective 01 Jan 18

- Increasing access to care
- Benefit updates
- Consolidating TRICARE regions
- Moving to TRICARE Select
- Enrollment changes
- Health plan costs

Find out more at www.tricare.mil/changes

#takecommand

Prime enrollees will remain in TRICARE Prime. TRICARE Standard and TRICARE Extra beneficiaries will be enrolled in TRICARE Select. During 2018, you can continue to choose to enroll in or change coverage plans.

Are You Ready? Take Action Now

You can begin to prepare for the upcoming changes now by:

- Signing up for a DS Logon
- Updating your personal informa-

tion in DEERS

This is YOUR Benefit – Take Command! Stay informed with the latest information.

In the coming months, more information will be available at www.tricare.mil/changes. To stay informed, sign up for email alerts. You can also get alerts by signing up for eCorrespondence in milConnect. By staying informed, you'll be ready for a smooth transition with TRICARE.

Air Force travelers reminded of flat rate per diem policy

By Ed Shannon

Air Force Installation and Mission Support Center Public Affairs

Some Air Force travelers may not be aware of a flat rate per diem policy established a few years ago that focused on extended temporary duty travel (TDY).

Congress instituted the flat rate in November 2014. The new policy reduced per diem from 100 percent to 75 percent for TDYs from 31 to 180 days and to 50 percent for TDYs over 180 days.

Air Force Installation and Mission Support Center finance officials encourage

Air Force travelers whose temporary duty travel exceeds 30 days and their approving officials to be knowledgeable of the policy.

“We want to make sure Air Force travelers and approving officials understand the policy when creating travel authorizations and filing vouchers so that payments can be made timely and accurately,” said Col. Burke Beaumont, deputy director of AFIMSC’s Resource Management Directorate.

Flat rate per diem information is available at the Defense Travel Management Office website at <http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil>.

Air Force Personnel Center to visit WAFB

Come one, come all on Dec. 5, 2017!

Location: Ford Auditorium in the PDC

Representatives from the Air Force Personnel Center (AFPC) will provide a general description of assignment philosophies and priorities, volunteer programs (i.e. Base of Preference, Join Spouse, Equal Plus) and developmental special duties.

The briefing is open to all Whiteman mission partners of all ranks (including civilians).

This is a great opportunity to ask those hard questions or address some of your concerns.

The sessions are as follows:

[9:30 to 11 a.m.] [1:30 to 3 p.m.] [3 to 4:30 p.m.]



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