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S P E C I A L W E A T H E R I S S U E

What kind of fish are in the base lakes?

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

Keith Donaldson, a natural resources manager assigned to the 509th Civil Engineer Squadron at Whiteman Air Force Base, and members from the Missouri Department of Conservation surveyed the fish population in the Ike Skelton, Bear, Nugent and North Lakes at Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri, June 5, 2018.

All the base lakes have a balanced population of bluegill and largemouth bass; Bear Lake also has channel catfish. Pond dye was added to Ike Skelton Lake and Nugent Lake to help control the algae and reduce the water temperature. According to Donaldson, the dye helps make more dissolved oxygen, which is crucial for the fish as summer temperatures continue to rise.

All the base lakes are open for fishing and no permit or license is required. However, catch-and-release fishing is recommended to ensure Team Whiteman's natural resources are maintained.



U.S. Air Force photos by Staff Sgt. Danielle Quilla

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2018 LGBT Pride Month proclamation signing



U.S. Air Force Col. Mark Ely, the 509th Bomb Wing vice commander, signs the 2018 Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Month proclamation at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., June 1, 2018. On Sept. 20, 2011, the "don't ask, don't tell" repeal went into full implementation, allowing lesbian, gay and bisexual military members to serve openly in the U.S. armed forces. The month is dedicated to recognizing the contributions LGBT service members have in our armed forces.

U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Kristin Cerri

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Do you have broken equipment laying around the office? Don't throw it out!



U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Benjamin Sherrill, an Air Force Repair Enhancement Program technician assigned to the 509th Maintenance Group, cleans a damaged circuit board from a power control unit on May 29, 2018. It is worth \$70,000 and is part of the munition lift trailer at Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri.

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

The Air Force strives to make every dollar count. The high cost of replacing devices is a large portion of installations' annual budget so

Airmen are encouraged to repair broken items, rather than tossing and replacing them.

That's precisely what the Air Force Repair Enhancement Program (AFREP) does.

The AFREP section at Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri, has three certified technicians

dedicated to repairing broken equipment, ranging from basic office equipment to parts for the A-10 Thunderbolt II. This reduces unnecessary expenses and minimizes waste.

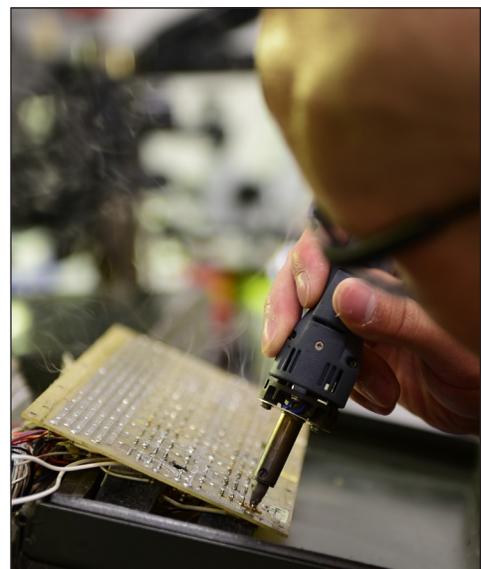
"We would like to let Team Whiteman know to come see us," said Tech. Sgt. Benjamin Sherrill, an AFREP technician assigned to the 509th Maintenance Group. "We are looking to offer our expertise to the entire installation to repair miscellaneous items that have been stored away and forgotten because they're broken."

Sherrill and his fellow AFREP technicians, Master Sgt. Daniel Nelson and Staff Sgt. Christopher Lear, are certified to fix just about anything a customer turns into their section. Their efforts have already saved the 509th Bomb Wing more than \$110,000 in the 2018 fiscal year.

"Within the last fiscal year, we replaced a \$5 fuse on the \$27,000 microwave for the B-2 sustenance container, returning it back to service," Sherrill said. "Many times it only takes a few dollars to get a piece of equipment restored to its fully functional state."

Before throwing away that faulty keyboard or any other equipment, contact AFREP or go to Building 709, Room 107.

"Just ask us," Sherrill said. "The worst thing that we might say is we can't fix it, but we will do all the necessary research before



U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Benjamin Sherrill, an Air Force Repair Enhancement Program technician assigned to the 509th Maintenance Group, repairs a burnt power control unit at Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri, on May 29, 2018. This power control unit is the last available spare in the Air Force, and without repair, some unit could suffer time delays.

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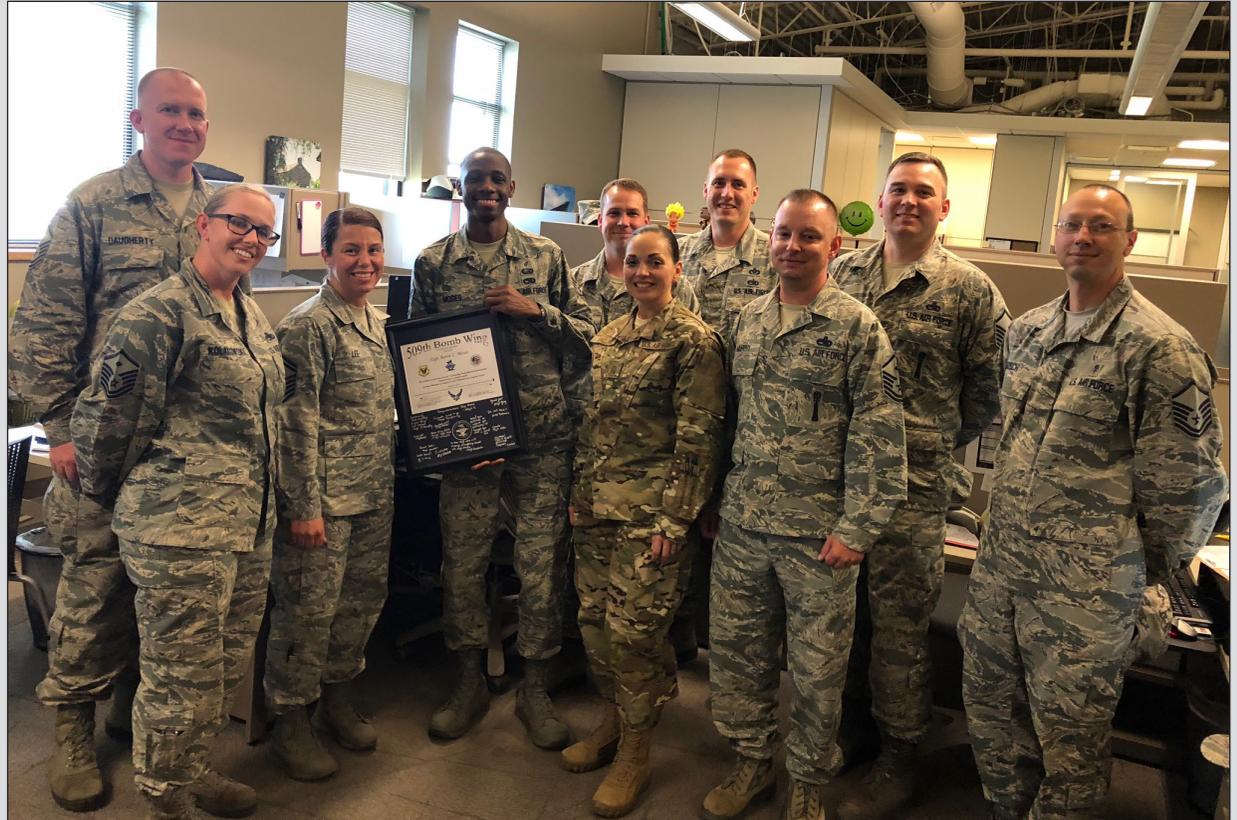
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U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Christopher Lear, an Air Force Repair Enhancement Program technician assigned to the 509th Maintenance Group, removes the damaged layers from a circuit board at Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri, on May 29, 2018. AFREP technicians attend certification courses at David-Monthan AFB, Arizona, to be qualified to perform electronic repairs.

U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Danielle Quilla

Staff Sgt. Moses receives Diamond Sharp Award



Courtesy photo by Master Sgt. Natalie Carbajal

U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Aaron Moses, 509th Force Support Squadron outbound assignments NCO in charge, receives the Diamond Sharp Award from the Whiteman First Sergeant Council at Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri, May 23, 2018. Moses was recognized for his exemplary leadership and taking the time and energy to make sure he was caring for his subordinates to the best of his ability.

THINK SAFETY

Summertime fire prevention safety



By Master Sgt. Justin Pederson
509 Civil Engineer Squadron
assistant chief of prevention

With school coming to an end and the first holiday break upon us, we can safely say that summer is finally here. Summer means outdoor activities with family and loved ones and what better way to enjoy a long day out in the summer sun than with some barbecue food. The Whiteman Fire Department wants to ensure you have a safe experience. Below are some stats and tips to make sure that everything goes the way you planned this summer.

Seven out of every 10 adults in the U.S. have a grill or smoker, which translates to a lot of tasty meals, but it also means there's an increased risk of home fires.

In 2011 – 2015, fire departments went to an annual average of 9,600 home fires involving grills, hibachis or barbecues per year, including 4,100 structure fires and 5,500 outside or unclassified fires.

Grilling by the numbers

- July is the peak month for grill fires (17 percent), including both structure, outdoor or unclassified fires, followed by May (14 percent), June (14 percent) and August (13 percent).

- In 2012-2016, an average of 16,600 patients per year went to emergency rooms because of injuries involving grills. Almost half (8,200 or 49 percent) of the injuries were thermal burns.

- Children under 5 accounted for an average of 1,600 or one-third (35 percent) of the 4,500 thermal non-fire grill burns. These burns typically occurred when someone, often a child, bumped into, touched or fell on the grill, grill part or hot coals.

- Gas grills were involved in an average of 7,900 home fires per year, including

3,300 structure fires and 4,700 outdoor fires annually. Leaks or breaks were primarily a problem with gas grills. About 12 percent of gas grill structure fires and 24 percent of outside gas grill fires were caused by leaks or breaks.

- Charcoal or other solid-fueled grills were involved in 1,300 home fires per year, including 600 structure fires and 700 outside fires annually.

Safety tips

- Propane and charcoal barbecue grills should only be used outdoors.
- The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches. (base rules states grills will be 15 feet away from structures)
- Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- Never leave your grill unattended.
- Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.

Whiteman Fire Emergency Services would like you and your family to be safe and enjoy the summer. If you have any questions about fire prevention, fire safety or training, please contact the Fire Prevention Office for information at 660-687-6080 or 6083. Also, please log on to our Facebook page at Whiteman AFB Fire Emergency Services for more fire safety tips.



Total Force June 2018 Safety Gram Grilling



Statistics:

- Five out of six (82%) grills involved in home fires were fueled by gas, while 14% used charcoal or other solid fuel.
- From 2012–2016, an average of 16,600 patients per year went to emergency rooms because of injuries involving grills.
- Half (8,200 or 49%) of the injuries were thermal burns.
- Children under age 5 accounted for an average of 1,600 or one-third (35%) of the contact-type burns.



Grilling Tips

- Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- The grill should be placed well away from the home and out from under eaves.
- Keep children and pets away from the grill area.
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- Never leave your grill unattended.



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Whiteman AFB units work together to ensure tornado preparedness



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

Weather Operations works with units across the base to ensure Team Whiteman is prepared for severe weather.

By Brye Steeves
509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs Specialist

Missouri's tornado season is here. While tornadoes occur year round, peak season in this area is late spring through early summer. Experts agree preparation is paramount, which means units across Whiteman Air Force Base work together to ensure a fast response to tornado threats.

"It is always essential to stay vigilant for the risks of severe weather," said Col. Mark Ely, Vice Wing Commander of the 509th Bomb Wing at Whiteman AFB. "This helps eliminate confusion so we can better take care of, and protect, our Airmen, our families and our aircraft and assets."

Weather Operations, Command Post, Security Forces and others all play a role in alerting Airmen, personnel and families on base if there is a tornado warning.

"Cooperation between the different units on Whiteman AFB is imperative to saving lives," said Tech. Sgt. Ted Collins, who oversees Airfield Weather Operations at Whiteman AFB, which is where the base's response efforts start.

"Our role in Whiteman's tornado warning response really begins days in advance of a tornado warning being issued," Collins said. "We're analyzing significant weather conditions as far out as seven days to determine if Whiteman would be impacted."

A tornado watch means a tornado is possible, while a tornado warning means a tornado or funnel cloud has been spotted. This distinction determines how units will proceed.

"If we think the atmospheric conditions are right for a tornado to impact Whiteman, we will issue the tornado watch and notify numerous base agencies of the threat," Collins said. "Once a tornado is spotted, we will issue the tornado warning and notify certain base agencies so they can enact their tornado emergency checklist actions. We also alert the Knob Noster Emergency Management Dispatch Office."

Following a tornado warning notification from Weather Operations, the Command Post and Security Forces units take action. Command Post activates the sirens on base, releases a message on the Giant Voice loudspeaker system and emails base commanders, while Security Forces travels through the base to notify people the warning has been issued.

"Whiteman personnel should know that the base weather personnel are well trained to analyze the atmosphere for severe weather, to interrogate storm cells, and to actively communicate all severe weather threats to wing leadership and the base populace," Collins said.

Ely added, "If severe weather is headed for Whiteman, many units are working together to make sure you know."

During a tornado warning:

- Seek shelter immediately. Go to a storm shelter or basement; if this is not possible, go to the lowest level possible. A small, interior room is best.
- Stay away from windows, doors and outside walls. Use your arms to protect your head from falling and flying debris. You may also wear a helmet or use a blanket or pillow to cover your head.
- If you cannot find shelter, stay buckled in your parked vehicle. Leave the engine running, allowing the airbags to deploy if there is an impact.
- Do not park under an overpass or bridge; a low, flat location is best.

BE PREPARED FOR A
TORNADO

IN CASE OF SEVERE WEATHER, KNOW THE DIFFERENCE

WATCH

WARNING

CONDITIONS ARE FAVORABLE OR EXPECTED

CONDITIONS ARE OCCURING OR IMMINENT

HAVE A PLAN FOR SHELTER & SUPPLIES

TAKE SHELTER IMMEDIATELY

CHECK FOR FORECAST UPDATES

MONITOR FORECAST FOR UPDATES

A TORNADO WATCH MEANS A TORNADO IS POSSIBLE, WHILE A TORNADO WARNING MEANS A TORNADO OR FUNNEL CLOUD HAS BEEN SPOTTED.

FOR A TORNADO WATCH, HAVE AN ACTION PLAN IN PLACE AND CONTINUE TO MONITOR WEATHER CONDITIONS.

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Chief of Staff of the Air Force Goldfein:

'Family, friends, caregivers – we're on your wing for life' during DoD Wounded Warrior Games opening ceremony



Chief of Staff of the Air Force Gen. David L. Goldfein speaks at the Wounded Warrior Games at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado, June 2, 2018.

Story and photos by Staff Sgt. Rusty Frank
Secretary of the Air Force Public Affair

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AFNS) -- Chief of Staff of the Air Force Gen. David L. Goldfein spoke about teamwork and resiliency during the opening ceremony of the Department of Defense Wounded Warrior Games at the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado, June 2, 2018.

"There's this old saying, 'Age wrinkles the body but quitting wrinkles the soul,'" said Goldfein. "And while all of us grow older, not all of us grow stronger as we age. The athletes and warriors we celebrate this week show us how to grow stronger over time as they conquer the daily challenges in mind, in body, in spirit. Warrior Games athletes are not defined by illness, injury or the invisible wounds of war. They're defined by their courage, their determination, their grit, their resilience and their friends and family who cheer them on here and at home."

The Air Force is committed to supporting the service's wounded warriors, their families and caregivers throughout the recovery, rehabilitation and reintegration process. Goldfein said every athlete's story is unique and deeply personal, but there are common threads of strength and resilience between the athletes.

"These Warrior Games allow all of us, from both here and watching from home to recommit that no warrior takes the road to recovery alone," said Goldfein. "Family, friends and caregivers - we're on your wing for life. It's a full contact team sport. And within the profession of arms it's family business."

Goldfein also announced a new tradition by presenting an official Warrior Games flag to Air Force Lt. Gen. Gina Grosso, this year's Warrior Games commander.

Star Power at the Ceremony

Other senior military leaders were in attendance for the opening ceremony, including Air Force Gen. Paul J. Selva, Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, who addressed the athletes in attendance.

"To all the athletes, thank you for being an inspiration," Selva said. "This week is all about sportsmanship and camaraderie. It's about making friends. It's about being the

heroes that you are."

Comedian Jon Stewart served as the master of ceremonies for the event, and pop singer Kelly Clarkson performed a free concert for the athletes and their families at the conclusion of the ceremony.

Stewart had jumped earlier with the Air Force's Wings of Blue parachute team and joked about his trouble keeping his breakfast down.

Goldfein told him, "Thank you Jon Stewart for joining the Wings of Blue and jumping out of a perfectly good airplane today. I just hope we were able to replace the breakfast you lost on the way down."

This is Stewart's third year as host of the Warrior Games.

Athletes at the Warrior Games "will go to any lengths for their teammates, for the victory, and I hope you're not here just to support them but to learn from them," Stewart told the opening ceremony audience.

"Whenever I spend time with the athletes at the Warrior Games," he added, "I hope that just a fraction of their tenacity, their honor, their grace, their resilience and their teamwork will inspire me to do better in my life every day."

Clarkson said she was honored to return to the Warrior Games.

"It was such a blessing to do the first one. It's such an honor. Thank you so much for your service," she said. "Thank your families for the sacrifice that you all make."

Lighting the Torch

Air Force Senior Master Sgt. Israel Del Toro Jr., a 2010 inaugural games athlete, began the torch passing to representatives of each branch of the service until retired Air Force Master Sgt. Shanon Hampton had the flame for the big cauldron on the stage. As Goldfein told him to light the cauldron, he reached up to light it, but strong winds prevented him from doing so.

Goldfein announced the official opening of the 2018 DoD Warrior Games but Stewart jumped in, getting an assist from stage support for a ladder. A stage hand lit the torch.

"Done -- we are open for business," Stewart said.

Hampton said he was honored to carry the torch.

"It is difficult to put into words the honor I was given to carry the torch for the Air Force and the Warrior Games. To once again serve with the Air Force, with my teammates, for my country and for God will be a memory I will cherish the rest of my life," Hampton said. "We all have faced trials, hardship and heartache to get where we are at, but some things are just worth hurting for. Go Air Force!"

History and Purpose of the Games

This year's Warrior Games competitions began June 1 and will conclude June 9. About 300 wounded, ill and injured service members, including 39 Air Force athletes, representing teams from the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Coast Guard, and U.S. Special Operations Command,

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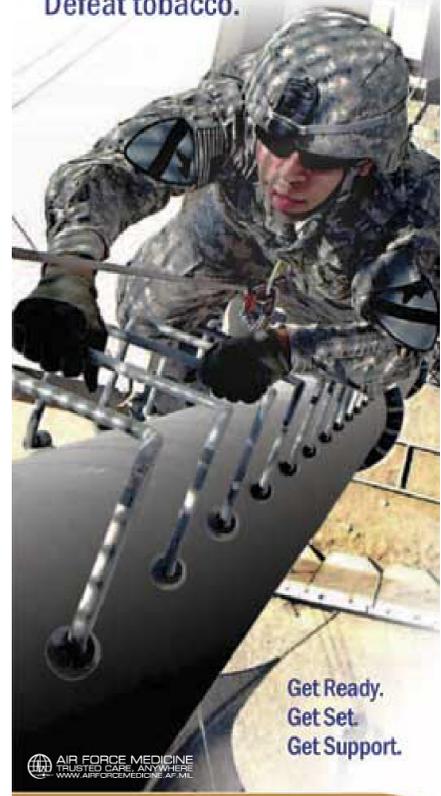
Team Air Force walks down the ramp during the opening ceremony of the Department of Defense Wounded Warrior Games at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado, June 2, 2018. There are 39 athletes representing Team Air Force at the Games, competing against wounded, ill and injured service members and veterans representing the U.S. Army, Marine Corps, Navy, and Special Operations Command, as well as athletes from the United Kingdom Armed Forces, Australian Defence Force and Canadian Armed Forces.

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Warrior Games

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Actor and television personality Jon Stewart is hoisted up in the air by members of Team Air Force during the opening ceremony of the Department of Defense Warrior Games at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado, June 2, 2018. First held in Colorado Springs in 2010, the Warrior Games were established as a way to introduce service members who were wounded, ill or injured to adaptive sports.

along with allied armed forces from the United Kingdom, Australia and Canada, are competing in shooting, archery, track and field, swimming, sitting volleyball, wheelchair basketball, powerlifting, time-trial cycling and indoor rowing.

The Warrior Games were created in 2010 as an introduction to adaptive sports and reconditioning activities for service members and veterans.

The U.S. Olympic Committee led and organized the Warrior Games from 2010 to 2014, hosting them each year in Colorado Springs. In 2015, the DoD assumed responsibility for planning and organizing the Warrior Games, having a service branch host the games each year.

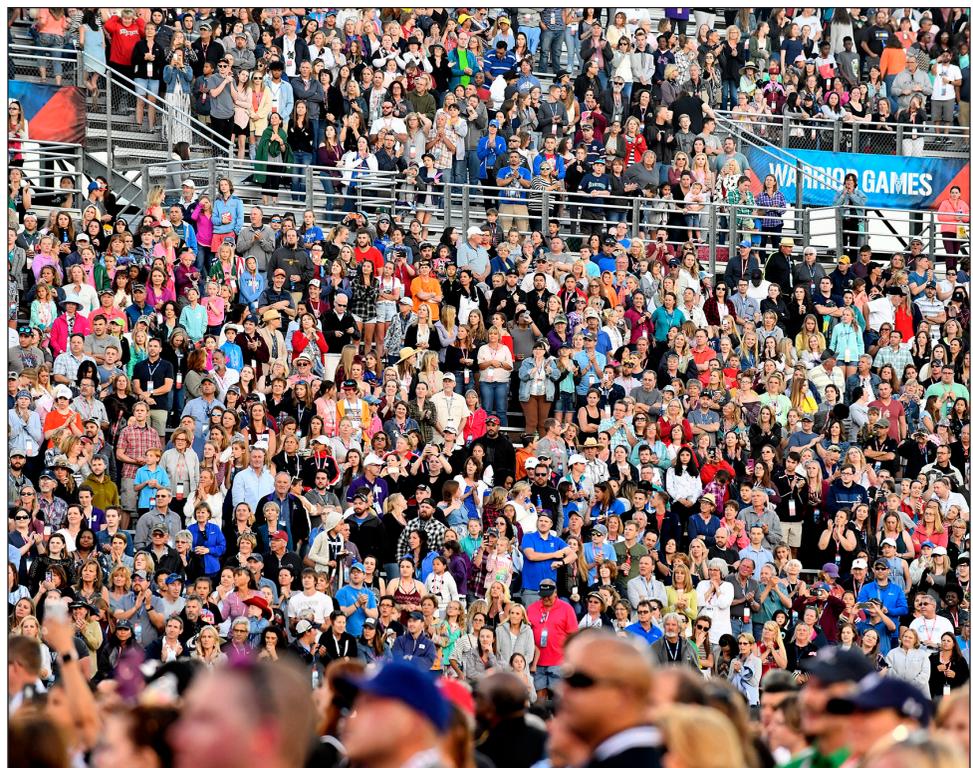
The Marines hosted in 2015 at Marine Corps Base Quantico, Virginia, and then

handed it off to the Army at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York. The Navy hosted last year in Chicago, near its basic training center.

Adaptive sports and reconditioning are linked to a variety of benefits for wounded, ill and injured service members across all branches of the military. Benefits include less stress, reduced dependency on pain and depression medication, fewer secondary medical conditions, higher achievement in education and employment and increased independence, self-confidence and mobility.

Admission to Warrior Games competition events is free and open to the public.

(DoD News Service contributed to this story.)



Crowds cheer during the opening ceremony of the Department of Defense Warrior Games at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado, June 2, 2018. The Air Force is the host service for this year's Games.