

# WARRIOR

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## The Spirit of the 'Stache



U. S. Air Force illustration/Senior Airman Laura Goodgame

Whiteman Airmen sport mustaches during the annual mustache March tradition. According to legend, Robin Olds, a triple-ace fighter pilot, started the tradition while deployed in Vietnam. The "bullet proof mustache," a forbidden facial feature fighter pilots believed made their aircraft impervious to bullets. This tradition bolstered moral during the Vietnam era, when Airmen would grow a "bulletproof" mustache as a superstition for protection. Today the legacy continues to raise money for charities as well as bolstering moral amongst Airmen seen in today's Air Force.

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The next Base Community Council is April 5 at Mission's End. The hosted communities are Higginsville and Windsor. To make a reservation, contact 509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs at 660-687-6121 by noon April 2.

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Today	Saturday
Partly Cloudy	Sunny
Hi 74	Hi 82
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Courtesy of National Weather Service

### Join Mules in celebrating Military Appreciation Day

By Jeff Murphy  
University of Central Missouri  
University Relations

**WARRENSBURG, Mo.** -- Join the University of Central Missouri Mules baseball team in honoring the men and women who serve their country during Military Appreciation Day March 31, at Crane Stadium-Tompkins Field.

Special activities will begin shortly before the start of a double-header at 1 p.m. featuring UCM against the Missouri Southern State University Lions.

During this special day, all military personal - active duty, National Guard, reservists, their families and veterans -

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## Air Force officials announce third round of VERA/VSIP

**WASHINGTON (AFNS)** -- In its continuing effort to meet the Defense Department requirement to maintain civilian manning at fiscal 2010 levels, the Air Force is offering a third round of Voluntary Early Retirement Authority and Voluntary Separation Incentive Payment beginning May 1.

"The Air Force recognizes the invaluable contributions of our civilian workforce, but also recognizes the fiscal constraints under which the Department of Defense and the government as a whole are operating," said Maj. Gen. Sharon Dunbar, the Director of Force Management Policy. "Our civilian workforce is near required target levels, and we're focused on fine tuning the force while taking care to minimize the effect on our current permanent civilian workforce and their families."

As the Air Force continues the fiscal 2012 civilian workforce restructure, round three of VERA/VSIP will be used to further realign and rebalance the civilian force. In addition, the Defense Civilian Personnel Advisory Service has granted a temporary waiver exception to the Priority Placement Program to expand the use of VSIP across installations. The Air Force Personnel Center will be providing additional details to the Civilian Personnel Sections on the waiver criteria.

Civilian employees will receive VERA/VSIP eligibility surveys from their local CPSs May 1, and applications are due the week of May 14 or an earlier date established by local authorities. Applicants approved for this round of VERA/VSIP will need to separate no later than Aug. 31.

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## Hoot's Law: You can always make things worse

By Lt. Col. Randy Boswell

509th Civil Engineer Squadron commander

Many of us are familiar with Murphy's Law, which generally states, "What can go wrong, will go wrong." This is a great saying, as it teaches us to be prepared, have backup plans, and apply critical thinking to our proposed actions. A not so familiar adage, yet very powerful, is Hoot's Law.

I was introduced to Hoot's Law during a gathering at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. of distinguished individuals who achieved great accomplishments during their military careers, generally in the field of aviation.

My son and I had the opportunity to talk one-on-one with a U.S. Marine two-star and prior shuttle mission commander. I asked if he had any advice he would pass along to us and he responded with Hoot's Law.

Hoot's Law goes something like this, "No matter how bad things get, always remember, you can make things worse."

He went on to explain that there was an emergency situation, while flying the space shuttle, which got very serious. The vacuum of space and minimal gravity all work against you.

During training, the shuttle astronauts studied many contingency situations and most importantly possible solution sets. This type of training focuses on our actions and how we response to an emergency, it could either make things better or could make things worse. In these situations, one had to stop and really think through the actions before embarking on them. His training and remem-

bering Hoot's Law made him an excellent astronaut and mission commander.

Since that encounter I have always remembered Hoot's Law and I submit that this saying is just as useful as Murphy's Law. Let me give you an example. While frying a dish in cooking oil, the oil reaches an excessive temperature and ignites. You now have an important decision to make regarding this bad situation. You could a.) douse the flaming pan of oil with water, b.) evacuate the kitchen or c.) cover the pan with a lid.

If you proceed to douse the flaming pan with water the result will most likely be spreading the fire to other surfaces of the kitchen increasing the seriousness of the fire. Evacuating the kitchen will definitely ensure your safety but potentially at the cost of the entire home. Covering the pan with a lid will starve the fire of oxygen extinguishing the flames. After doing option c, turning off the stove will successfully resolve the situation; while, the other two will make things worse.

We face situations everyday that require successful decision making. Some situations will be more serious than others. Hoot's Law reminds us to stop for a moment, think through the situation and our possible responses before taking action.

Doing this may just make your day go smoother or possibly even save your life. If you were wondering who this sage individual was that I met at Maxwell, his name is Maj. Gen. Charles Bolden, Jr. On July 17, 2009, after being nominated by President Barack Obama and confirmed by the U.S. Senate, he became the 12th Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

## What else is there about core values?

Master Sgt. Will Williams, Jr.  
375th Medical Group

**SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, III.** -- Our core values are steadfast, unifying ideals. With them the many, become one; a team united in purpose. Knowing them is good; understanding where they come from is even better. Let me tell you a little about our core values, what they are founded upon and what we can do to ensure they are maintained as we live our lives as Wingmen, leaders and warriors in the today's Air Force.

"Integrity First" is our first core value. This means doing what is right even when no one is watching. "Service Before Self" is next and this means doing what is in the corporate best interest. "Excellence in All We Do" is our final core value and it means not settling for anything other than excellence. You've heard these all since basic training, throughout your time in the Air Force, but did you know that there are personal qualities that underlie our core values?

Character, honor, personal integrity and patriotism are key traits supportive of our core values. Character is not a static assessment; it is our actions over time that defines our character.

Consistent adherence to principles and standards helps to strengthen our character. We honor the mission by doing our assigned duties, great and small. Whether you are performing bay orderly in the dormitory or at the Pentagon scripting policy for an Air Force initiative ...

what you do matters.

All jobs contribute to the overall success of the team. We have to be truthful. No deviation from this is acceptable in regards to our personal integrity. Too much is at stake for us to misrepresent the truth.

Lies erode the fabric of our character and may put the mission and lives at risk. Patriotism leads us to our obligation to be good citizens and stewards of our nation. We have chosen to stand and act in the face of danger as guardians of freedom and justice.

It's not always easy to do what is right. As American Airmen, we bear an immense responsibility to our nation and people. But at the same time, through that responsibility, we are given a wonderful opportunity to represent our nation. In honoring our commitment as professional warriors and defenders of our nation, we may face situations where our core values are challenged. We must be able to safeguard our core values through situations of adversity.

Challenges can be very blunt. They can also be subdued, like the daily pressures of getting the job done quickly and efficiently, while maintaining discipline in the usage of resources. The core values are checkpoints we all can reference as we do our part in accomplishing the mission. Our core values don't change with the situation. Understanding them connects us to our fellow Airmen, past, present and future. They bring us back to the Airmen we are and help us to become the kind of Airmen we want to be.

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## Commander's Corner

Team Whiteman,

Tomorrow, the last day of March, signals the last day of Women's History Month.

Some of our team were able to attend last week's Women's History Celebration with the theme "Women's Education, Women's Empowerment." You may have heard of many great women who contributed immensely to progress that we benefit from today, to include women's accomplishments in the medical, military, business and political fields.

The list is endless of the integral role women have played in our societal history, but more unfamiliar to most of us is the path paved by female Airmen to shape today's Air Force.

"Women in the Air Force," also known as WAF, was a program which brought women into limited positions in the AF in the late 1940s--a monumental step at that time--and began opening doors for women to progress, although it was limited due to the fact that they served mostly in clerical and medical positions.

The history of women Airmen began to take form...and a prominent individual who persevered despite the setbacks through the years is Nancy Love. She was among the select group to become one of the first female pilots and progress to lieutenant colonel. However, once she obtained the rank, she was directed to join the reserves and was classified as a federal civilian employee rather than active military personnel due to the fact that WAF would not accept active duty pilots until 1976, when women were accepted into the AF on an equal basis with men.

Remember our past--don't forget these Airmen who helped shape today's Air Force and changed it forever.

Defensor Vindex.  
-Brig. Gen. Scott Vander Hamm,  
Commander





## NEWS BRIEFS

### Book Event at Exchange

A book event is scheduled to be held at the Base Exchange from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 31. "A Million Kisses to the Moon" inspired by McKenzie Brownlee, written by Angela Points Schumer, USAF Veteran, is scheduled to share her latest children's book and will be available for autographs. During the event there will be children's activities such as a coloring contest, free Hershey chocolate kisses for all visitors, free-giveaways, free tickets to a drive-in movie/dinner and more. For more information and future ones log onto kids4courage.com

### Warrensburg AAA Interested in Baseball (hardball) Players Wanted

The Warrensburg American Legion is looking for interested men in the age group of 18 to 19 years old who want to continue their baseball careers. In order to be eligible, a player's age for the Senior American Legion Baseball competition in 2012 is open only to players born on or after January 1, 1993. The team plays a schedule of more than 40 games with tournaments in Arkansas, Blue Springs, Sedalia and Springfield, Mo., and have district, zone and state tournaments. Those interested should call, 660-441-3384 or email jrgrove@embarqmail.com.

### American Red Cross Volunteer Opportunity at Whiteman AFB

The American Red Cross has multiple volunteer opportunities at the 509th Medical Group. Anyone interested in volunteering should first contact the Medical Group's volunteer coordinators in the Resource Management office, room 1130, or call 660-687-6782. Volunteers can serve in a variety of service positions including patient check-in, answering phones, records management, pharmacy, lab, radiology support and other general administrative functions. Professional volunteers are also welcome. The MDG volunteer coordinator will help those with the Red Cross volunteer application process. More information and forms can be found at <http://www.redcross.org/en/volunteer>.

### Whiteman Tax Center

The Whiteman Air Force Base Tax Center is open for business in building 509, suite 215. Tax assistance is available to active duty, Guard, reservists on Title 10 orders, dependents and retirees, free of charge with a valid military ID. Clients can call 660-687-2896 to schedule an appointment. Taxpayers are asked not to contact base legal.

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## Women's Education -- Women's Empowerment



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Nick Wilson  
Staff Sgt. Fatimat Bello, 509th Bomb Wing ground safety craftsman, views a display of American women who made an impact in society and American culture during a Women's History Month observance at Mission's End March 23. Since the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps in 1942, women have served in the armed forces with distinction and continue to make a large impact in the Department of Defense today.

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# Mustache March maximizes manliness

By Senior Airman Torey Griffith  
11th Wing Public Affairs

**JOINT BASE ANDREWS, Md.** -- What makes a man a man? Is it stature or power? Fame or fortune? A fast car or a big gun?

From the master of the T-top Trans Am, Burt Reynolds, to the bad boy of breakfast buffets, Ron Swanson, powerful males around the world share one feature that is the universal symbol of manhood: the mustache.

"Mustache March," an Air Force tradition with roots going back to the Vietnam era, is a 31-day, fuzzy-lipped free-for-all in which participants boldly proclaim their awesomeness by growing mustaches.

According to legend, Robin Olds, a triple-ace fighter pilot, started the tradition while deployed in Vietnam. The "bullet proof mustache," a forbidden facial feature fighter pilots believed made their aircraft impervious to bullets, much like Chuck Norris, was taken to the next level in March of 1965.

Olds' soup strainer grew and grew, despite regulations

against facial hair in those days. His hairy act of defiance signaled a call for all people, Airmen and generals alike, to think for themselves, respectfully question the status-quo and to fight as a team for what they believe in.

"Generals visiting Vietnam would kind of laugh at the mustache," said Olds. "I was far away from home. It was a gesture of defiance. The kids on base loved it. Most everybody grew a mustache."

While commanding the 8th Tactical Fighter Wing in Vietnam, Olds' maverick attitude trumped both the "yes man" attitude in Washington, D.C., and the "ready, fire, aim" mentality that sometimes forms among quick-to-act fighter pilots.

Despite his 100-flying-mission restriction from higher headquarters, Olds flew more than 150 missions; including the famous Operation Bolo, in which he shot down four Russian MiGs in one dogfight.

This tenacity in the air, combined with his genuine approach to leadership and dashing caterpillar lip, earned Olds a place in Air Force history.

Upon his return to the states, Olds met a different at-

titude toward his mouth eyebrow.

"I remember my first interview with [Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P.] McConnell," Olds said. "I walked briskly through the door, stopped and snapped a salute. He walked up to me, stuck a finger under my nose and said, 'Take it off!' And I said, 'Yes, sir!' And that was the end of that."

Today, to the dismay of many Air Force spouses and significant others, Mustache March contests for the Selleck-iest 'stache continue. However, in this battle of the fork brooms, Airmen must follow the guidelines in Air Force Instruction 36-2903, Dress and Appearance. After all, with a great mustache comes great responsibility.

Section 3.1.2.2. states, "... male Airmen may have mustaches; however they will be conservative (moderate, being within reasonable limits; not excessive or extreme) and will not extend downward beyond the lip line of the upper lip or extend sideways beyond a vertical line drawn upward from both corners of the mouth. See Figure 3-1, reference points B, C, and D."

# Missouri National Guard's first Air Assault School at Camp Crowder

## *Air Assault*

Photos by Matthew J. Wilson, Missouri National Guard Unit Public Affairs Representative



More than 100 Soldiers and Airmen were among those to graduate March 9 from the Missouri National Guard's first Air Assault School at Camp Crowder. The class included service members from the Guard, Reserves and active-duty components. These photos are a glimpse into the second and final week - March 5-9 - of the training where the class members were certified in sling loading and rappelling, and completed a 12-mile ruck march in under three hours that ended with an equipment inspection before their graduation ceremony. Out of a starting class size of 162, 105 earned their Air Assault Wings.



# From the Frontlines: Master Sgt. Stephanie Nelsen

By Heidi Hunt  
509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

threats and guided the units through checklists specific to their needs.  
“We combined emergency management,

Integrated Defense and anti-terrorism into the force protection working groups and council that met weekly with the wing commander,”

Nelsen said. “We conducted site visits to all 18 Air Force compounds, to validate their force protection status.”

If a natural disaster strikes, a major accident occurs or an enemy attacks an Air Force base, it's essential to maintain full operational capability. Ensuring each base is prepared and has an emergency management plan developed is a major priority for not only Team Whiteman, but Air Force wide.

Master Sgt. Stephanie Nelsen, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron readiness and emergency management superintendent, understands this responsibility first hand since a major part of her job is ensuring that personnel within the wing are prepared for such threats.

She returned in December 2011 from her six-month deployment to the 451st Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron at Kandahar, Afghanistan, where her skills and knowledge were honed. There she trained the 451st AEW unit personnel on running unit control centers, developed a new Installation Emergency Management Plan and guided them into a new phase of enhanced force protection and emergency response recovery capability.

“My work days entailed reviewing the daily intel from multiple resources and briefing my commander and the force protection superintendent on any relevant information,” Nelsen said.

She attended meetings from wing stand up, to force protection working groups to meetings with NATO counterparts.

Nelsen also assembled the wing's emergency management plan on how to prepare, respond, recover and mitigate from any



**SOUTHWEST ASIA --** Master Sgt. Stephanie Nelsen, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron readiness and emergency management superintendent, returned from her six-month deployment to the 451st Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron, where she worked to ensure personnel were prepared for any threats.

The site visits highlighted those who needed their fences and gates fixed. It also informed her team of who needed stronger security, deterrence into their compound and how they were going to defend themselves if a need ever arose.

Combined with her work ethic, Nelsen also volunteered with the 651st Expeditionary Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron transporting wounded warriors from the NATO Role 3 Medical Treatment Facility to aircraft, who then took the wounded either to Germany or back to the states for further treatment.

“As difficult as this was at times, I felt that this was the best way I could give back,” Nelsen said.

Her supervisor, Maj. Sonja Tritsch, 451st ECES commander, said Nelsen was simply an amazing senior NCO and emergency manager.

“I relied on her to singlehandedly carry the emergency management load for the 451st AEW and she did that with incredible professionalism, perseverance and dedication as she vectored the force protection community into a new dimension,” said Tritsch.

There are many parts of the deployment she enjoyed. Overall, Nelsen said the high sense of accomplishment from helping to educate others on how to protect and recover from rocket attacks to her volunteer work transporting wounded made the deployment very rewarding.

“I wish I could have stayed another six months,” Nelsen said.

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Tech. Sgt. Jacob Byers, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron NCO in charge of equipment support, marshals a Bearcat before an inspection. Airmen working in the vehicle operations center support the mission here at all levels by providing a variety of maintained vehicles.

# VEHICLE OPS: DRIVING THE MISSION

Story and photos by Senior Airman Nick Wilson  
509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

Whether it's aircraft parts or supporting security forces with vehicles or wrecker recovery, the 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron supports a 24/7 mission to assist aircrew and keep the supply system moving.

A support crew is always on duty to carry out the mission, maintain record management, provide extra help that may be needed on the flightline and assist the snow removal teams.

"We deliver the parts to the aircrews that maintain the B-2, A-10 and T-38," said Airman 1st Class Antonio Salgado, 509th LRS vehicle operator. "Whenever pilots need to get to a plane, we take them there as fast as possible. It's clockwork."

Airmen working in the vehicle operations center "drive the mission" by providing essential capabilities needed to sustain the various missions of the 509th Bomb Wing and all tenant units.

"We support squadron commanders at all levels with command and control

vehicles," said Tech. Sgt. Jacob Byers, 509th LRS NCO in charge of equipment support. "We support security forces with replacement vehicles. Anything that's an LRS vehicle, we sustain it here and we provide recovery operations for any unit and any government vehicle here."

In addition to supporting the flightline mission, Airmen in the vehicle operations center provide government flightline driver's licenses and process more than 3,000 Airmen and civilians on base annually.

"We're like the invisible hand that moves the base and keeps command and control vehicles ready to go at any time," Byers said. "We also keep security forces supplied with vehicles so they can provide security to keep aircraft and resources on base safe. Without vehicle operations, Team Whiteman wouldn't be able to move the supplies necessary to sustain the mission here."

Prior to returning vehicles, customers must fill the gas tank and ensure the interior and exterior is completely cleaned before they are turned in. Airmen and Department of Defense employees can request government operated vehicles by sending an email to [509LRS.Dispatch@whiteman.af.mil](mailto:509LRS.Dispatch@whiteman.af.mil).



(Above) Staff Sgt. Christopher Waters, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron vehicle trainer, chains down a government vehicle on a trailer March 23. Vehicles are chained down on trailers so they don't roll off during travel. (Left) Senior Airman Stacy Schumpert, 509th LRS operator records and licensing journeyman, inspects a ten-ton tractor. Before, during and after trips, it's important to inspect the vehicles for any damages to ensure the reliability of the vehicle and safety of the members driving it.



Tech. Sgt. Jacob Byers, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron NCO in charge of equipment support, and Staff Sgt. Christopher Waters, 509th LRS vehicle trainer, chain down a government vehicle March 23.



# An NDI for details



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Wesley Wright

Kathy Morrison, 442nd Maintenance Squadron Nondestructive Inspection technician, dips a component from an A-10 Thunderbolt II into a chemical bath in order to detect cracks March 19. The 442nd MXS NDI shop is responsible for testing aircraft components for defects. The shop is part of the 442nd Fighter Wing, an A-10 Thunderbolt II Air Force Reserve unit at Whiteman AFB, Mo.

By Senior Airman Wesley Wright  
442nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Some jobs are not all they are cracked up to be, but in the 442nd Maintenance Squadron Nondestructive Inspection shop, cracks are just part of the job.

Tech. Sgt. Kathy Morrison, 442nd NDI technician, is responsible for checking A-10 Thunderbolt II components for cracks and damages. Morrison and the other NDI technicians accomplish this using a variety of tools and methods for the multitude of parts that comprise the warthog.

"For non-ferrous metal parts, such as aluminum, we use a chemical bath," Morrison said. First, the component is soaked in a chemical penetrate that glows under a black light to show any potential defects. If there are any defects, the chemical glows and indicates the flaw.

"For either non-ferrous or ferrous metal parts, we can use the eddy method to detect the cracks," Morrison said.

The eddy method uses alternating magnetic and electric currents to detect faults. Conveniently, the equipment used in this method is portable and can be taken to the flightline, Morrison said.

For ferrous-metal parts that are able to be moved to the NDI lab, the magnetic particle method can be used.

"Basically we magnetize the part and pour oil with fluorescent metal particles in it over the part," Morrison said. "Cracks make a break in the magnetic field of the part and the metal particles will stick to that."

In addition to chemical and magnetic methods, x-ray imaging and ultrasonic testing can determine if parts have cracks. Morrison said the

NDI lab has a vault set aside to x-ray parts.

The ultrasonic method uses sound to detect problems in a part, Morrison said. The part is pinged and the timing of the return signal can indicate faults.

"It should take a certain amount of time for the signal to reach the end of the part and bounce back," Morrison said. "If it bounces back sooner, or doesn't bounce back like it should, then something is wrong."

Regardless of the method used, when a fracture is detected, a few things factor in to whether the part must be replaced.

"Cracks have to be a certain size or in a certain place on the component for it to be replaced, but if any damage is found on landing gear, for example, that part is definitely replaced," Morrison said.

In addition to testing parts for damage, the NDI lab is responsible for testing A-10 engine oil daily to see if the engines are running properly.

To test the engine oil, a sample of the oil is put into an oil analysis machine. The oil is burned and the machine analyzes the vapors. The technician interprets the results and determines if the engine is running as intended. Morrison said this is an important part of the job.

While deployed the NDI team takes a portable oil analysis machine to ensure engines down-range are running smoothly so pilots can accomplish the mission - this is just one of the tasks, however, an NDI technician performs in theater.

"We have two people from our lab deployed now," Morrison said. "It gives me a sense of pride, knowing we are helping to keep the pilots safe," she said.

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"We are committed to maximizing voluntary separation measures to preclude involuntary actions," Dunbar said. "However, as we progress toward the end of the fiscal year, it is apparent some bases will need to rebalance the skills of their workforce into other enduring positions."

The processes available to rebalance or re-skill the work force include using reduction-in-force procedures to determine employee placements rights into enduring vacancies as well as providing the flexibility to waive qualifications for more placements. In that regard, the bases will begin their preparations for submitting their requests for approval to use RIF procedures so as to have their employees realigned to the continuing positions by Sept. 30.

For general information about force management programs and other personnel issues, visit the Air Force Personnel Services website at <https://gum-crm.csd.disa.mil>.

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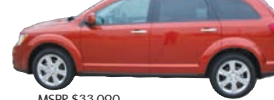


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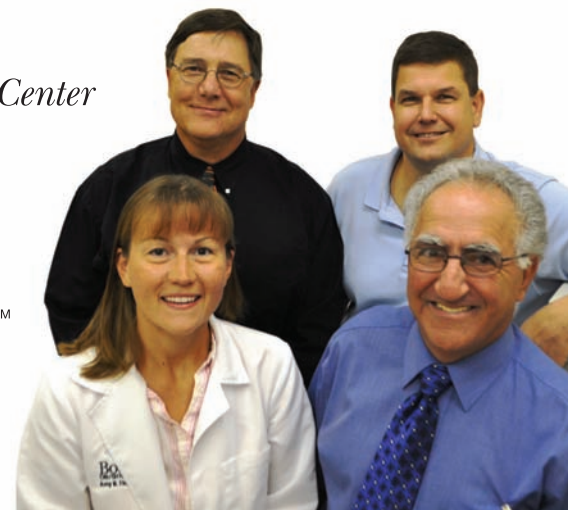
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will be admitted to the games free of charge, when they present their military ID at the ticket window on game day.

Prior to the opening game, the university will honor Whiteman Air Force Base personnel, and Brig. Gen. Scott Vander Hamm, 509th Bomb Wing commander, who will throw out the first pitch. A special presentation also will be made by UCM President Charles Ambrose in recognition of the outstanding relationship

that has developed between UCM and the base under the leadership of Vander Hamm. A special announcement will be made about a new benefit to military personnel who attend events on the UCM campus.

In case of rain, the game will be rescheduled. Information about all UCM athletic events is available on the Intercollegiate Athletics website at [ucmo.edu/athletics](http://ucmo.edu/athletics).

## SecAF: Cyberspace is an Air Force priority



**By Tech. Sgt. Richard A. Williams Jr.**  
Air Force Public Affairs Agency

Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley highlighted cyberspace as an important Air Force priority and joint force enabler during remarks to airmen, industry officials and Air Force Association members March 23 at the Air Force Association's 2012 CyberFutures Conference and Technology Exposition here.

"Access to reliable communications and information networks makes it possible for today's modern forces to operate effectively at a high operations tempo," Donley said. "Our military depends on resilient, reliable and effective cyberspace assets to respond to crises, conduct operations, project power abroad and keep forces safe."

Given this, he said it was no wonder that cyberspace is a priority for the Air Force and the Department of Defense. In addition, he also pointed out that cyberspace operations impact every other operational domain, making the Air Force's integration of air, space and cyberspace operations an important requirement.

"As the only domain created by man, cyberspace is dynamic and evolving," Donley said. "Its operations support and closely interact with operations in all of the other domains — land, sea, air and space. And through the integration of air, space and cyberspace operations, the Air Force is developing unique capabilities that support military operations across the spectrum of conflict."

The secretary said the Air Force has a long history of being a forward-leaning ser-

vice that has always been at the forefront of applying new technologies to strengthen U.S. national security.

"Cyberspace is just the latest arena offering the Air Force the challenge and the opportunity to keep evolving as we again wrestle with technology and policy issues right on the cutting edge of national security," he said. "But more than that, we recognize that as cyber-related technologies transform the way we communicate, share information, provide services and conduct any number of daily tasks, the Air Force cannot afford to stand on the sidelines."

"Much like the inventors who created the technologies of the 20th century, today's innovators will redefine our expectations and expand our capabilities as cyberspace continues to develop and mature," he said.

Donley said the Air Force is determined to ensure the service is ready to leverage these state-of-the-art technologies; to have the right plans and strategies in place; and that Air Force cyber operations and cyber support Airmen have the skills and the training needed to meet the defense challenges and opportunities this newest frontier presents.

To help tackle emerging cyber challenges and threats, the secretary said the Air Force has fielded a total force of more than 45,000 trained and certified professionals equipped to ensure continuity of operations. In addition, he said the service will establish three new total force cyber units this year, consisting of two Air National

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# Stop Loss special pay extended



**Stop Loss Airmen eligible for compensation**

U.S. Air Force Illustration

Approximately 39,000 current and former Airmen who were involuntarily held on active duty beyond an approved separation or retirement date as a result of stop loss between Sept. 11, 2001, and Sept. 30, 2009, may be eligible for a Retroactive Stop Loss Special Pay compensation of \$500 for each whole or partial month they were affected.

By Cindy Dewey  
ARPC Public Affairs

**BUCKLEY Air Force Base, Colo.** -- Eligible Airmen, veterans and their beneficiaries now have until midnight Oct. 21 to apply for retroactive stop loss special pay following an extension in the continuing resolution authorized by Public Law 112-74.

The new Oct. 21, 2012 deadline extends the original cutoff for applications and allows eligible recipients more time to apply for the benefit.

Airmen eligible for the benefit include active, retired and former members as well as guard and reserve component members who served on active duty while their enlistment or period of obligated service was involuntarily extended, or whose eligibility for separation or retirement was suspended as a result of stop loss. Legally designated beneficiaries for Airmen affected may

also apply.

To file a claim, eligible individuals may download a stop loss claim application at [www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/sto-ploss](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/sto-ploss). Applicants who were serving in the Reserve or Guard at the time of stop loss may apply by visiting vPC-GR via the Air Force Personnel Services website.

Air Force officials used stop loss for Operation Enduring Freedom from Oct. 2, 2001, through Jan. 31, 2003, and Operation Iraqi Freedom from May 2 through Dec. 31, 2003. Individuals who were deployed during either operation may be eligible beyond the inclusive dates depending on their Air Force specialty and deployment return date. The Stop Loss Program may have affected approximately 39,000 Airmen.

For more information on program eligibility and claims instructions, call the Total Force Service Center - Denver at 800-525-0102.

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Guard information operations squadrons to be located in Washington state and California, and one Air Force Reserve active association with the 33rd Network Warfare Squadron at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

There are also plans to expand the Maryland Air National Guard's 175th Network Warfare Squadron, he added.

"Cyberspace may be the newest recognized operational domain, but its importance in the way we think, the way we organize, train and equip is becoming more evident all the time," Donley said. "Today's

joint missions in the air, space and in all domains are increasingly dependent on skilled and innovative cyberspace forces."

He said the Air Force must maintain its cyber security commitment by resourcing; developing cyber plans and strategies; developing and acquiring the best technology; and, most importantly, building the intellectual capital and expertise of its Airmen who make it all work.

"Doing so will contribute to our national defense as well as reinforce our proud position as the world's finest Air Force," Donley said.



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#### MONDAY 4/2

**Soar Program- 10-11am- Airman & Family R.C.**  
Whiteman spouses join other spouses at Whiteman Inn for the Spouses Orientation Acclamation and Resources Program. Children are welcome with adults. Contact the A&FRC at 687-7132 for more information.

**Seniors' Bowling- 10am-1pm- Stars & Strikes**  
Every Monday! Only \$1 per game, Seniors come enjoy a cup of coffee and bowl a few games! Call 687-5114 for more info.

#### WEDNESDAY 4/4

**Boss & Buddy- 4-7pm- Mission's End**  
Hang out after work and enjoy the cheapest hot wings around, only .40 cents a wing! Call 687-4422 for more info.

#### FRIDAY 4/6

**Cook's Night Off!- 5-8pm- Mission's End**  
Call in your order, and feed a family of 4 for less than \$20! Rosemary Roast Beef, Herb Potatoes, Broccoli, Rolls, Brown Gravy & Chocolate Chip Cake! Call before 2pm to have your order ready for pick up, between 5-8pm. Call 687-4422 for more information.

## FCC NEWS!

### FCC ORIENTATION CLASS

Receive training to become a licensed FCC provider on Whiteman AFB. The class is approximately one week long and runs from 8am-4pm. The classes are scheduled once 4 applications are received and there is a need for new providers. Providers with chronic health problems are accepted. The program needs providers who are willing to care for infants and children during swing and evening shifts and children with special needs. Stop by our office to pick up a registration package. Registration needs to be received by the Wednesday prior to the class.

### BASE RESIDENTS

Doing child care to help support the AF mission? Licensing is not required if you are: Providing occasional child care for a friend or neighbor; Babysitting on an occasional basis for other families; A teenager doing evening or weekend babysitting for families; Providing child care in the parents' own home; Parent cooperative where one of the parents provides supervision for other parents' children on an exchange basis and no fees are involved. If you are providing care beyond these opportunities, please contact us for a licensing application.

-Call us at 687-5590

Or 687-1180 for more info

## DID YOU KNOW?

The Whiteman AFB Library is available to provide online resources overview briefings for your base office, Commander's Calls, etc.

Providing information about: Personal Career Development, College/University Research, Test Preparation and Practice Tests, Foreign Language Learning & Cultural Awareness, K-12/Homeschooling Resources and more!

Please contact the Library Director @ 660-687-5614 to schedule.

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### Youth & Teen Events

#### TUESDAY 4/3

**Time 2 Play- 9:30am-11am- Youth Center**  
A self-directed play group for ages birth-5 yrs old. In the Youth Center's Gym, parents can bring their children's toys, we will provide space & recreational balls. No reservations are reqd just stop in! Call 687-5586 for more info.

#### FRIDAY 4/6

### PANCAKES FOR PARENTS!

6:45am - 8:00am at the Youth Center, The SAP will host Pancakes for Parents breakfast in celebration of the Month of the Military Child. All SAP families are invited to join there child for breakfast. Pancakes, Fresh Fruit, Coffee, Milk & Juice. Free Event for SAP children & families! For more information please contact the Youth Center at 687-5586.

## School Age Program SUMMER CAMP

May 29 - August 10

K-12yrs. 6am-6pm

The SAP is now taking requests for care in our Summer Camp child care program. Youth will have the opportunity to experience a variety of activities including swimming, field trips, special guest presentations & more!



Pick up a registration packet, at the Youth Center during normal business hours, Monday-Friday 0600-1800 or have them sent via Email!

## Register Now!

The Youth Center currently provides many different instructional classes, as well as programs for your children and teens. Please contact the Youth Center for more information at 660-687-5586, and feel free to check the youth calendar provided on our [www.whitemanfss.com](http://www.whitemanfss.com) calendar page. Join in the fun with us!



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## This Weekend at the Movies

### This Means War

March 31, 7 p.m. • Rated PG-13

*Reese Witherspoon, Chris Pine* -- The world's deadliest CIA operatives are inseparable partners and best friends until they fall for the same woman. Having once helped bring down entire enemy nations, they are now employing their incomparable skills and an endless array of high-tech gadgetry against their greatest nemesis ever - each other. Rated PG-13 for sexual content including references, some violence and action and for language. 98 minutes.

### Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance

April 1, 3 p.m. • Rated PG-13

*Nicolas Cage, Ciarán Hinds* -- Johnny Blaze, still struggling with his curse as the devil's bounty hunter, is hiding out in a remote part of Eastern Europe when he is recruited by a secret sect of the church to save a young boy from the devil. At first Johnny is reluctant to embrace the power of the Ghost Rider, but is the only way to protect the boy and possibly rid himself of his curse forever. Rated PG-13 for intense sequences of action and violence, some disturbing images and language. 95 minutes.

Movie showings are featured at the Whiteman AFB Movie Theater.

Call the movie line at 660-687-5110 for more information.

Cash or check only.

\*Movies are \$4.50 for adults and \$2.25 (3-11 years).

Doors open 30 minutes prior to show time.

\*Movies and ticket prices are subject to change without notice.

## Tornado preparedness plan



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A tornado shelter with the minimum requirements for an Emergency Management Plan is shown. Every home in base housing has a tornado shelter either under the house or in the garage. The shelters should not be used as storage and the items inside should include water, first aid kit, whistle, flashlight, blankets, canned food, plastic bag and sanitation wipes. For more information visit [www.Facebook.com/whitemanemergencymanagement](http://www.Facebook.com/whitemanemergencymanagement)

### AIRMAN & FAMILY READINESS CENTER

**Spouse Orientation Acclamation & Resources** — Spouse Orientation Acclamation & Resources is a 60-minute program offered every Monday from 10-11 a.m. at the Whiteman Inn. The target audience is spouses who are brand new to the base. The program is designed to inform newcomer spouses with resources available to them, base and local community information as well as answering questions. Children are welcome. For more information, call 660-687-7132.

### TEAM WHITEMAN COMMUNITY

**Breastfeeding Support Group** — Breastfeeding Support Group is a 90-minute support group offered to Whiteman members and is the first Wednesday of every month from 11:30 a.m. -1 p.m. at the A&FRC. Contact Briana Kovach at 660-687-0368 for information. Children are welcome and should bring something to play with. No RSVP needed.

**Airmen Against Drunk Driving** — AADD is a Whiteman Active Airmen Association program designed by Airmen to provide Whiteman personnel, who have a valid Department of Defense ID card, (active duty, retirees, Guard, Reserve, cadets and dependents) a free safe ride home 24/7 in the local area by dialing 660-563-1178 when they've had too much to drink and their coordinated plan has fallen through. The local area includes: Warrensburg, Knob Noster, Windsor, Sedalia and Whiteman AFB. Rank, name, and age are kept confidential. Rather than risk your life and career, take advantage of AADD.

### Whiteman AFB Domestic Abuse Victim

**Advocate 24 Hour Emergency Crisis Line** — Whiteman AFB Domestic Abuse Victim Advocate 24 Hour Emergency Crisis Line is available 24/7 for safety planning, support and referrals. Victim advocates can be reached during duty hours and for non-emergencies at 660-687-4341.

**Retiree Activities Office** — The Retiree Activities Office provides an interface between the active-duty and the retiree population from all military branches. The RAO is staffed by volunteers and open from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Monday through Friday. The RAO is looking for volunteers and training is provided. For information, call 660-687-6457 or 1-800-303-5608 or email [rao@whiteman.af.mil](mailto:rao@whiteman.af.mil).

### FAMILY ADVOCACY OUTREACH

**Dads: The Basics** — Dads: The Basics is a four-hour workshop for new dads to learn about caring for their new baby. The workshop is taught by other fathers and is held on a Saturday morning from 8 a.m.-noon every three months. Call 660-687-4341 for next workshop date and location.

**1-2-3 Magic** — 1-2-3 Magic is a two-session research-based parenting skills class offered twice a month on the second and fourth Tuesday from 2-4 p.m. It teaches parents easy-to-follow steps for disciplining children ages two-12 without yelling, arguing or spanking. Parents will learn how to get their children to stop doing what they don't want them to do and encourage them to start doing what they want them to do. Parents will learn techniques for handling misbehavior in public and dealing with testing and manipulation. Reservations required, call 660-687-4341.

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