



## Welcome to Whiteman Air Force Base

### **509th FSS Lodging Accomplishments**

2011 AFGSC Innkeeper Award

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### **2006 Air Force Innkeeper Award**

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2000 ACC Innkeeper Award

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## WHITEMAN INN

“Where everyone is treated like family”

TO OUR VALUED GUESTS:

On behalf of the entire team, I extend to you a very warm welcome to Whiteman Inn. Whether you are traveling on business or pleasure, we are honored that you have selected our property for your lodging needs. We are committed to providing you with the level of service you have come to expect from Air Force Inns and trust your stay with us will be enjoyable and comfortable.

During your visit, we invite you to enjoy the following amenities:

Wireless internet access in all buildings, printing capabilities in our business center and our indoor fitness room (located on the 1 st floor of building 3200). Additionally, for your convenience, we offer sundry sales with a variety of snack items and we also have free coffee service located in our main lobby; building 3200.

Should you require any assistance or have specific requirements, please do not hesitate to contact any Guest Services Representative at extension 0 or 660-687-1844.

Shortly after your stay, you will receive a short survey from Air Force Inns via email regarding your experience with the Whiteman Inn. It is our goal to exceed your expectations in every aspect of our facilities. If there is anything we can do to make your visit or travel experience pleasurable, please contact our professional Guest Services Representatives.

Thank you for choosing Whiteman Inn for your lodging accommodations and we look forward to welcoming you on your next visit to Whiteman AFB.

BRANDI E. JENSEN  
Whiteman Inn, Lodging Manager



## GENERAL INFORMATION

### FIRE SAFETY

The following tips have been provided, courtesy of the Fire Prevention Department. Help us ensure your safety and the safety of all guests by locating emergency exits and determining escape routes immediately upon checking in. Please follow good housekeeping practices and avoid the following:

- » Smoking and vaping in bed. (Smoking in all Whiteman Inn facilities is strictly prohibited)
- » Storing flammable liquids (such as gas, charcoal lighter, and etc.) in guest rooms.
- » Use of cooking or heating devices in rooms other than those supplied by lodging.
- » Leaving appliances (such as irons, coffeepots, etc.) plugged in when not in use.
- » Placing hot appliances in lockers or on furniture.
- » Placing charcoal grills within 15 feet of the building.
- » Overloading electrical circuits. The use of multi-plugs is forbidden.
- » Burning candles or incense in rooms.
- » Throwing cigarette ashes or butts in trash receptacles.
- » Leaving television, radio or other electrical appliances on when you leave the room.
- » Leaving cooking equipment unattended in a room that has a kitchen.
- » Tampering with or removing fire safety equipment i.e. fire extinguishers, alarm pull stations and smoke detectors.

**The life you save may be your own!  
This is your temporary home; please keep it safe for everyone.**

### TORNADO PROCEDURES

The following is a list of procedures to follow in the event of a tornado:

1. Seek shelter immediately!
2. Use in-place sheltering.
3. If a basement is available use it: if not, go to the lowest floor possible.
4. A central room such as a closet is best.
5. Hide under furniture and stairwells and cover your head.
6. In a vehicle, get out; do not attempt to outrun the tornado.
7. If no shelter is available, take refuge in a ditch or a ravine; or lie flat on the ground and cover your head with your arms.

**TORNADO WARNING:** Means a tornado has been sighted or detected by radar and may be approaching. **SEEK SHELTER IMMEDIATELY!!**

**SIGNAL:** You will hear a 3 to 5 minute steady tone over the base siren. This is the same signal used in the civilian community.

**AFTER ACTIONS:** Determine if everyone is all right. IF exiting the shelter beware of severe damage, such as live power lines down or gas leaks.

**The safest area to go in case of a tornado if staying in the Main Building (3200) is a 1st floor stairwell. TLF residents should take cover in the bathroom.**



## **SECURITY TIPS**

We want your stay here to be enjoyable and relaxing. Please practice the following security tips:

- » Personal property should be locked in your luggage or taken with you when you leave the room.
- » Keep your room door locked at all times. Be sure to check your door for security when leaving.
- » Avoid leaving personal items in hallways or laundry room.
- » Avoid leaving money unsecured in your room.
- » Report suspicious people in or around any facility to Security Forces at 687-3700.
- » Secure your car when not attended.

## **ENERGY CONSERVATION**

Please help us conserve energy by following these helpful tips:

- » Turn off lights when not in use.
- » Keep heating temperatures 65 degrees or less.
- » Set cooling temperatures 78 degrees or higher.
- » Turn off radios and televisions when not in use.
- » Keep exterior door closed.
- » Keep windows closed when heat or air-conditioning is on.

## **WEAPONS STORAGE**

Contact the Law Enforcement Desk for the storage of firearms at 687-3700.

## **CLASSIFIED DOCUMENT STORAGE**

Lodging is not authorized to store classified documents. Contact the Command Post (687-3778) for storage of classified documents.

## **RECREATION ACTIVITIES**

The 509 th Force Support Squadron publishes a monthly Calendar of Events. This will give up-to-date information about all services activities and their hours of operation. Copies are also available at the front desk. <http://www.whitemanfss.com>

## **WHITEMAN INN**

We are very proud of our accommodations and hope your visit will be a pleasant and enjoyable one. Customer satisfaction is our goal, and service is our business.

When checking in a form of Department of Defense (DOD) identification card is required.

Advance payment must be made at check-in or secured with a credit card. Payment may be made at any time, day or night. Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Government Travel Card are accepted. A \$25.00 fee is charged for any returned check. Late or deferred payments must be approved in advance by the lodging manager. Refunds for advance payments or overpayments will be made on the spot or mailed to you.

The front desk is staffed 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to assist you. Please feel free to contact them with any problems, suggestions or comments. Also, in your room is a comment card we would ask you to complete and deposit in the drop box located in the lobby. We look forward to serving you again.



## **AIRCREW LODGING**

The Whiteman Inn is dedicated to supporting aircrews. Express check-in/check-out procedures are used to pre-register the crews. Keys and transportation are provided to the aircraft commander upon arrival. We offer services and amenities comparable to those found at commercial hotels and do our best to provide comfort and convenience to support crew rest needs.

## **GENERAL POLICY**

We are very proud of our facilities, and our goal is to keep our facilities and services the very best in the Air Force. To help us accomplish this goal, we ask our guest to:

- » Pick-up and store personal clothing and valuables in appropriate storage areas.
- » Seal and store food items properly.
- » Continually supervise children under the age of 10. The Family Day Care Program will be able to provide you information about available child care. Please call them at 687-5588.
- » Store bicycles, motorcycles, auto parts etc., in a location other than in your room.
- » Observe quiet hours between 2220-0600.

Guest rooms may be personalized in a neat, clean and efficient manner during the stay. However, **PLEASE DO NOT HANG PICTURES, MARK OR PAINT ON THE WALLS.** At the time of departure, all furniture should be returned to the original position.

## **CHECKOUT TIME & EXPRESS CHECKOUT SERVICE**

### **CHECKOUT TIME 1100**

Checkout time for all guests is **1100**, unless prior arrangements are made with the supervisor on duty. Please abide by this so rooms may be cleaned for the next guest. Late checkouts will be charged an additional fee (daily room rate) unless first cleared with the supervisor on duty.

### **EXPRESS CHECKOUT SERVICE**

This service is offered upon request to every guest. Dial the Front Desk at extension 0 or 687-1844 for your charges.

## **ICE MACHINES / LAUNDRY ROOMS & DRY CLEANING FACILITIES**

### **ICE MACHINES**

Ice machines are located in each facility for our guests. At building 3200 the ice machines are located on second and third floor marked by signs. TLFs & TLF Houses all have refrigerators with ice trays located in the freezer for your convenience.

### **WASHERS & DRYERS**

Washers and dryers are provided free of charge. They are located on the second and third floors of the main VQ (building 3200); the playground side of TLFs. For specific directions to the laundry room closest to you, please contact the front desk at extension 0 or consult the map section of this directory for a detailed map of the facility you are occupying. Dry cleaning service is located inside the Base Exchange (563-0555).



## HOUSEKEEPING RESPONSIBILITIES

### HOUSEKEEPING

Quality housekeeping service is provided daily from 0800-1500.

#### General stay-over (Daily Service)

- » Wastebaskets cleaned and emptied
- » Coffee/tea restocked
- » Floors and carpet cleaned
- » Bed made in accordance with established AF Inns standards
- » Toilet/tub/shower cleaned
- » Vanities/sinks/mirrors cleaned

*Housekeepers will not take the towels when they are not on the floor.*

#### Extended stay-over

All items listed under the General Stay should be completed in addition to the following:

- » Light dusting completed
- » Furniture polished
- » Sheets and shower curtains changed on the seventh day upon check out

We have provided you with a few complimentary items to get you through your first nights stay. Feel free to ask any Lodging team member if you need any of these items replenished. If you forgot to pack any other toiletry items, please come see us at the front desk. We should have what you need available for purchase.

### The Air Force Inns Promise

“Our goal is to provide our guests with a clean and comfortable room to guarantee a good night’s rest and pleasant stay. If any part of your stay with us is not satisfactory, please provide the lodging manager or front desk staff an opportunity to ‘make it right’.”

## GUEST’S RESPONSIBILITIES

### GUEST

All guests are responsible for any damage to the room or furnishings and for the washing of dishes in your room during your stay. An additional fee, up to \$150.00, may be charged to guests who **smoke** in a room, leaves **furnishings damaged**, leaves a room that requires **excessive cleaning**, or brings **pets into a non-pet unit**. Housekeepers are not authorized to handle personal items; please secure personal property (money or high value items left lying around the room are reported to management).

Housekeepers cannot provide you quality service if personal property is on beds or other areas they need to clean. Guests who report the loss of “secured” personal property may file a claim against the government through the base legal office (687-6809). Any problems, maintenance or otherwise, need to be reported to the front desk immediately. For safety reasons, housekeepers are required to enter all guest rooms once every three days regardless of **DO NOT DISTURB** signs. If you have a DO NOT DISTURB sign on your door, you must contact the front desk no later than 1230 if you need housekeeping service.



## LODGING ROOM RATE PER NIGHT

### LODGING RATES

Room Type	Room Rate
Visiting Quarters	\$85.00
Distinguished Visitor Suites	\$95.00
Temporary Lodging Facility	\$94.00
Pet Friendly TLF	\$94.00 + \$10.00 pet fee
Large Distinguished Visiting Quarters	\$96.00

### PAYMENT/FEES

**TLF/VQ-** Advance payment must be made at check-in or secured with a credit card. Payment may be made at any time day or night. Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Government Travel card are accepted. Long term and TLF guests are required to pay room charges every 15 days.

**TLF-** Standard rate (regardless of number of occupants) is applicable. The most current room rates are listed in this book and posted at the front desk. Extension requests beyond 30 days must be submitted to the lodging general manager and will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

**VQ-** The most current room rates are listed in this book and posted at the front desk.

### FAX

Unofficial business fax service is available at the BX – Customer Service Center for a fee.

UNOFFICIAL BUSINESS BX COMM: (660) 563-7568

### FITNESS

Our fitness room is located in building 3200 on the first floor. We provide fitness mats and aerobic equipment.

**Base Fitness Center: For Hours of Operation Call:**

(660) 687-5496

### LINEN-TOWELS

Please do not remove linen or towels from your quarters. If you need additional linen or towels, please contact the front desk and we will gladly supply them.

### LIQUOR/BEVERAGES & OTHER SUNDRY ITEMS

When not stocked in your quarters, alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages are available at the front desk. Liquor may be purchased at the front desk by registered guests, 21 years of age or older. Snacks, microwavable foods and other sundries are available at the front desk. Quarters stocked with sundries are inventoried and supplied daily. Charges are posted to the guest's account.





## LOST AND FOUND

Call Housekeeping at extension 8002 from 0800-1530, or contact the front desk at extension 0 after duty hours. Any food items are discarded for sanitation reasons.

## MAINTENANCE

For any maintenance request during duty hours 0800-1500 you may contact extension 8004. For maintenance request after duty hours contact the front desk at extension 0.

## MAIL

To receive mail, please set up a temporary mail box at the Base Post Office located at 750 Arnold Ave (located adjacent to the Commissary).

- » Please note that we cannot receive and personal mail please call 660-687-5100 for further assistance.

## VISITORS

Registered guests are authorized to have visitors in their rooms. Overnight visitors are prohibited. Visitors are not authorized a key to the guest's room. No guest under 18 years of age will be authorized in a guest room, with the exception of relatives. Guests will be responsible for the conduct of their visitors and for any damages incurred.

## PETS

PETS ARE NOT AUTHORIZED IN ANY LODGING ROOM ON WHITEMAN AFB TO INCLUDE TEMPORARY LODGING FACILITIES (TLF's) WITH EXCEPTION OF PET TLF'S. A listing of local kennels is available at the front desk. The following is a list of kennels in the local area furnished for your information only and does not constitute endorsement by the Department of the Air Force.

<b>ALPINE KENNEL</b>	<b>VICTORIAN HILLS BOARDING KENNELS</b>	<b>WAG-N-TAILS PET RESORT</b>	<b>WEE-BARK KENNEL</b>
1600 E Hale Lake R Warrensburg, MO	202 SE 591 RD Warrensburg, MO	320 US-50 Warrensburg, MO	23625 Hwy V Sedalia, MO
(660) 747-2413	(660) 441-0295	(660) 747-7387	(660) 827-7297

## **PARKING**

Please park in the designated spaces at the VQ and TLF buildings. Call or stop by the front desk for information and assistance in parking trailers, recreational vehicles or any oversized load. Be sure to lock your car and take all valuables with you as we cannot be responsible for these items.

## **BANK/ATM SERVICES**

Your banking needs will be met by RG Federal Credit Union that is located by McDonalds in Knob Noster, or Equity bank in Knob Noster. Foreign currency, electronic funds transfers and the usual range of banking services (checking/saving accounts, certificates of deposits, etc.) are available. In addition to both facilities, the Base Exchange and Shoppette have ATMs on site.

## **CHAPEL SERVICES**

Please call 687-3653.

## **FINANCIAL LIABILITY**

Liability can be incurred if you or your guest damage, lose, misuse or destroy lodging property while under your care. Please notify the front desk or Security Forces at 687-3700 if you see anyone destroying, damaging or stealing government property.

## **ROOM AMENITIES**

Complimentary amenities are furnished in your room to make your stay more enjoyable and comfortable (Clock Radio, Microwave, Coffee Maker and Coffee). The front desk can also provide air mattresses, play pens, high chairs, etc.

## **BUSINESS CENTER**

The Business center is located in building 3200 first floor lobby. High speed wireless Internet is available throughout all of our Lodging facilities.

## **WAKE-UP CALLS AND MESSAGES:**

**SET A WAKE-UP CALL:** Dial 73050 and follow the prompts to set a wakeup call.

**TO CANCEL A WAKE-UP CALL:** Dial 73050 and Press 2 to cancel the wakeup call.

**TO RETRIEVE MESSAGES FROM YOUR TELEPHONE MAIL BOX:** To retrieve and/or delete messages from your room dial 6000 and follow the voice prompts.

**PLEASE SO NOT UNPLUG THE PHONE CABLE.**



## PHONE INSTRUCTIONS

Telephone dialing instructions (Whiteman Area Code 660)  
The Whiteman Inn

Phone: 660-687-1844	DSN: 975-1844
Front Desk	0 or 97 + 687 +1844
On Base Number	97 + 687 + last 4 digits
Local Number	99 + 660 + Number
Long Distance (\$0.10 per min)	99 + 1 + last 4 digits
International	99 + 011 + Country Code + Number (Intern. Rates apply)
DSN	97 + 94 + last 7 digits
Toll Free	99 + 1 + 8XX + last 7 digits
Room to Room	Dial 4 digit room extension
Base Operator	97 + 0

## IN CASE OF EMERGENCY DIAL 911

### 509th Medical Group's After Hours Contact Information

#### Normal Hours of Operation:

Monday – Thursday: 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Friday: 8:30 – 4:00 p.m.

#### Emergency Care

BE ADVISED THAT WHITEMAN AFB DOES NOT HAVE AN EMERGENCY ROOM – AMBULANCE DISPATCH ONLY - Ambulance Dispatch (Whiteman AFB, 24 hours): Call 911

#### Dental

Emergency treatment for acute infection, swelling, traumatic injury, or relief of pain is available at all times for active duty members. During normal duty hours, patients should call the dental clinic for any emergency appointment at 687-2201. Patients with urgent problems will be accepted on a walk-in basis. When the clinic is closed, the patient should call the after-hours operator at 687-2188 to reach the on call dentist. **Off base dental emergency Turnbow Family Dental (660-747-7512) 625 E Russell Ave Warrensburg MO 64093.**

#### Primary Care Manager

A PCM is a healthcare provider who will take care of your basic healthcare needs and refer you to a specialist for more advanced care when necessary.

» After-Hours Access: For urgent healthcare questions after-hours, call the 509th Medical group's after hours PCM line at 1-800-334-2958.



## APPOINTMENTS

Priority for appointments is given to TRICARE Prime enrollees. In general, you should expect to be seen within 24 hours for acute illness; within (1) one week for a routine visit; within (4) four weeks for preventive health visits.

**Please contact WAFB Medical Center for proper disposal of any hazardous materials: (e.g...hypodermic needles, sharp objects, blood soaked garments etc.).**

## IMPORTANT MILITARY QUICK REFERENCE

EMERGENCY (Police, Fire, Ambulance)	911
MEDICAL GROUP (BASIC CLINIC) » Appointment Desk	687-2188
MEDICAL GROUP (BASIC CLINIC) » TRI-WEST (toll free)	800-TRI-WEST
MEDICAL GROUP (BASIC CLINIC) » TRICARE Advice Line	888-887-4111
LIFE SKILLS	687-4341
CHAPLAIN DUTY OFFICE	687-3652
CHAPLAIN DUTY OFFICE » After Duty Hours (Command Post)	687-3778
COMMAND POST	687-3778
BASE OPERATIONS	687-3101
BASE TAXI DISPATCH	687-3408
PROTOCOL	687-7144
SECURITY FORCES/LAW ENFORCEMENT DESK	687-3700
ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE » Military Pay Inquiries	687-2006
ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE » Travel Pay Inquiries	687-2006
HOUSING OFFICE	687-4418
TMO	687-4118
MPF CUSTOMER SERVICE	687-6426
BASE LOCATOR	687-1841
VISITOR CENTER	687-7959

## QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE TO BASE FACILITIES

FACILITY	HOURS	ADDRESS	PHONE
SPIRIT AUTO	Mon - 0800-1600 Tue-Fri - 0800-1700 Sat - 0900-1700	837 Vandenberg Ave	687-5689
WHITEMAN TICKETS AND TRAVEL	Mon-Fri - 0900-1600	711 Vandenberg Bldg 529	687-5618
CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER	Mon-Fri 0600-1800	209 Houx Dr	687-5588
FAMILY DAY CARE		305 Gray Lane	687-5590
YOUTH CENTER	Mon-Fri - 0600-1800	333 Houx St	687-5586
OUTDOOR RECREATION	Mon-Fri - 0830-1700	725 2nd St	687-5565
STARS & STRIKES BOWLING CENTER	Mon- 0700-1400 Tue & Thu - 0700-2100 Wed - 0700-1900 Fri - 0700-2000 Sat - 1000-2000 Sun - 1300 - 2000	609 Mitchell Ave	687-5114
MISSION'S END CLUB	Mon-Fri - 1100-1300 Wed-Fri - 1600-1900	322 Spirit Blvd	687-4422
FITNESS CENTER	Mon-Thu - 0500-2200 Fri - 0500-2000 Sat-Sun - 1000-1700	777 Spirit Ave	687-5496
ROYAL OAKS GOLF COURSE	Sun-Sat 0730-2030 <i>Hours may vary due to weather.</i> Dec 1 - Mar 15 - Closed	Hwy 23 - Bldg 3076	687-5573
OZARK INN DINING FACILITY	Mon-Fri - 0600 - 0830 Mon-Fri - 1100 -1300 Mon-Fri - 1700 - 2000 Mon-Fri - 2300 - 2430 Sat-Sun - 0700 - 1200 Sat-Sun - 1800-2000 Sat-Sun - 2300-2430	720 Vandenberg Ave	687-5469
LIBRARY	Mon-Fri - 0830-1600	511 Spirit Blvd/Bldg. 515	687-5614
SHOPPETTE/GAS STATION	Mon-Thu - 0530-0100 Fri - 0530-2400 Sat - 0630-2300 Sun - 0700-2300	410 3rd St	563-5445
THEATRE	Fri-Sat - 1800-2200	708 Community St	687-5110
BASE OPERATOR	Mon-Sun - Open		687-1110
MARKETING	Mon-Fri 0800-1600	1081 Arnold Ave. Bldg 59	687-7929

## BASE EXCHANGE & FOOD COURT

ALL FACILITIES LISTED BELOW ARE LOCATED AT:

711 Vandenberg Avenue Bldg. 529 & 411

<b>BASE EXCHANGE (BX)</b>	Mon-Fri - 1000-1800 Sat - 1000 - 1400 Sun & Holidays - 1100-1600
<b>SHOPPETTE</b>	Mon-Thu - 0530-0100 Fri - 0530-2400 Sat-Sun - 0700-2300
<b>COMMISSARY</b>	Mon - Closed Tue-Sat - 0900-1830 Sun - 1000-1830
<b>BARBER SHOP</b>	Mon-Fri 0900-1800 Sat - 0900-1700 Sun - 1100-1600
<b>DRY CLEANING &amp; ALTERATIONS</b>	Mon-Sat - 1000-1800

## FOOD COURT

<b>TACO BELL</b>	Mon-Sat - 1030-1800 Sun - 1100-1600
<b>BURGER KING</b>	Mon-Fri - 0700-1800 Sat - 0930-1800 Sun - 1100-1600
<b>CHARLEYS PHILLY STEAKS</b>	Mon-Sat - 1030-1800 Sun - 1100-1600
<b>STARBUCKS</b>	Mon-Fri 0600-1700 Sat - 0900-1700 Sun - 1100-1600

## WARRENSBURG DRY CLEANING/LAUNDRY

<b>ELITE CLEANER &amp; LAUNDRY</b>	Mon-Fri 0700-1800 Sat - 0800-1200 Sun - Closed
<b>US CLEANERS WARRENSBURG</b>	Mon-Fri - 0800-1630 Sat-Sun - Closed



## AREA RESTAURANT LISTING - KNOB NOSTER

RESTAURANT	ADDRESS	PHONE
A LITTLE OFF BASE	47 SE 23 Hwy	660-563-3930
AMVETS POST 143	1101 NE US-50	660-563-6077
B&G SCOOPS	421 N State St	660-687-0800
CASEY'S	709 W McPherson St	660-563-5920
COFFEE SKNOBS	103 W McPherson St	660-687-0070
GRUMPYS CAFE	104 W McPherson	660-563-1273
K-TOWN CONVENIENCE	1113 US-50	660-563-9050
MAMA PINS THAI & ASIAN CUISINE	109 N State St	660-563-8027
MCDONALDS	601 N 23 Hwy	660-563-3546
MEL'S PLACE	109 S State St	660-238-7610
MILLER & SONS BBQ	109 E McPherson	660-563-3209
PANTHER STEAKHOUSE	506 W McPherson	660-563-3930
PIZZA HUT	552 N State	660-563-0800
SONIC DRIVE-IN	300 N State St	660-563-4944
SUBWAY	102 W Lucas	660-563-3800
TEQUILA JALISCO MEXICAN	660 E Allen St	660-563-9780
WILLIAMS & WILLIAMS CARRY OUT	1505 S State St	660-563-3209

## AREA RESTAURANT LOCATIONS - WARRENSBURG

RESTAURANT	ADDRESS	PHONE
APPLEBEE'S GRILL & BAR	255 E Cooper Ave	660-747-1683
ARBY'S	502 N Maguire	660-747-7944
BUFFALO WILD WINGS	303 Cooper Blvd	660-442-3369
BURGER KING	215 E Young St	660-747-1300
CAFE BLACKADDER	121 N Holden St	660-747-2382
CANCUN MEXICAN CUISINE	708 N Charles St	660-362-0610
CASEY'S	303 N Maguire St	660-429-0539
CENTRAL NUTRITION	123 E Gay St	660-362-1317
CHICK-FIL-A	517 S Holden St UCM Union	660-543-4300
CHIPOTLE MEXICAN GRILL	728 N Maguire St	660-422-3212
COPPER COYOTE	630 E Young Ave	660-429-4474
COUNTRY KITCHEN	205 E Cleveland	660-747-3149
CULVERS	906 N Simpson Dr	660-362-0629
DAIRY QUEEN GRILL & CHILL	601 E Young St	660-747-1555
DOMINO'S PIZZA	623 S Maguire St	660-429-2171
EL MONTERREY MEXICAN	120 E Cooper Blvd	660-747-1600
EINSTEIN BROS BAGELS	601 Missouri St & 500 S Maguire St	660-543-4844
FITTER'S PUB	131 W Pine St	660-429-3500
JIMMY JOHN'S	100 N Maguire	660-747-8000
LITTLE CAESARS PIZZA	101 N Maguire	660-362-0770
GODFATHER'S PIZZA EXPRESS	250 E Cooper Blvd	660-429-6502
HEROES	107 W Pine St	660-747-3162
HONG KONG EXPRESS	601 S Maguire St	660-429-5595
IHOP	729 N Charles St	660-422-6487
KING'S CHEF BUFFET	501 N Maguire	660-747-0880
LA SOUS TERRE	101 W Pine St	660-864-3710
MARY JANES	1042 S Maguire St	660-429-1596
MAZZIO'S PIZZA	204 E Young Ave	660-422-7200



## AREA RESTAURANT LOCATIONS - WARRENSBURG CONT.

RESTAURANT	ADDRESS	PHONE
MCDONALD'S	311 E Young St	660-747-2023
MI PATRON	503 N Maguire St	660-362-0814
MUDDY CREEK AND HONKEY TONK BBQ	115 N Holden St	660-362-1355
OLD BARNEYS	112 Hout St	660-429-0110
ORIENTAL CUISINE	705 Burkarth Rd	660-429-1020
OLD DRUM COFFEEHOUSE & BAKERY	211 N Holden St	660-362-0161
PAPA JOHN'S PIZZA	505 N Maguire	660-422-7272
PAPA MURPHY'S PIZZA	218B E Culton St	660-262-4211
PINGS HIBACHI	101 N Maguire St	660-429-1888
PITA PIT	303 E Cooper Blvd	660-362-1444
PIZZA HUT	914 N Simpson	660-747-1777
PLAYERS RESTAURANT	627 E Russell Ave	660-747-2115
RAGING BULL STEAKHOUSE	433 E Russell Ave	660-362-0441
REFLECTIONS RESTAURANT	700 Clubhouse Dr	660-717-5515
RIB CRIB	111 Parsons Ave	660-747-2180
RISE CAFE	607 N Ridgeview Dr	660-747-2125
SCOOTER'S COFFEE	501 N Maguire St	660-362-0171
SMOKESTACK BBQ	1299 N Northwest 13 Hwy	660-429-0176
SONIC DRIVE-IN	419 N Maguire	660-747-6767
SPIN! PIZZA	114 W South St	660-543-7746
SUBWAY	505 N Maguire & 301 E Cooper Blvd	660-429-6500 660-429-6502
TACO BELL	701 N Maguire	660-747-2877
TAQUERIA HABANA	121 E Pine St	660-362-0660
TRADITIONS RESTAURANT	5 Par Dr	660-543-8694
WENDY'S	410 N Maguire	660-429-1500
ZAXBY'S	322 Hawthorne Blvd	660-422-3212
ZYDECOS	609 E Young Ave	660-362-0417

## **WHITEMAN AFB PUBLIC TOUR INFORMATION**

Whiteman Air Force Base offers two free public tours monthly; the Spirit One Tour and the Spirit Two tour. The tour season begins in March and lasts until October. Each tour will be conducted on a Friday and lasts about three hours. These tours are geared toward members of the general public. Additional tours may be scheduled on a date and space available basis for groups of 15 or more. These groups must contact the Public Affairs Office and fill out a tour request form. These additional tours are scheduled for groups such as 4-H, Boy Scouts, JROTC, etc. (see below for more information about group tours).

General information for each tour is listed below. All tours begin and end at the base's Royal Oaks Golf Course unless otherwise specified. Directions to Whiteman and the golf course are listed under the links on this page and will be sent with a confirmation letter.

Guests must adhere to safety regulations while on Whiteman Air Force Base. Guests may not wear hats, or bring cell phones or other transmitting devices on to the flight line area. Guests who require special or physical accommodations must inform the Public Affairs staff when requesting a tour.

For more information about our tour program, or to sign-up, contact the 509 th Bomb Wing Public Affairs Office at (660) 687-5727 or e-mail: [509bwpa@whiteman.af.mil](mailto:509bwpa@whiteman.af.mil).

### **Spirit-One Tour**

This tour takes places from 8:40 a.m.-noon and includes a wing mission brief, which highlights each unit on base and how they contribute to the defense of America, an Oscar-01 missile launch control facility tour, a viewing of the 509 th Bomb Wing's B-2 static, and a short windshield tour of the base. Cameras are allowed and encouraged on the tour. Maximum participants: 40.

### **Spirit-Two Tour**

This tour takes place from 8:40 a.m.-noon and includes a wing mission brief, which highlights each unit on base and how they contribute to the defense of America, a viewing of the 442nd Fighter Wing's A-10, the Missouri Army National Guard's 1-135 th Attack Battalion AH-64A Apache helicopter, a viewing of the 509 th Bomb Wing's B2 static, and a short windshield tour of the base. Cameras are allowed and encouraged on the tour. Maximum participants: 40.

### **More about Oscar-01**

From 1964 to 1993, Whiteman AFB's Oscar-01 served as command center for 10 Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles. Oscar was one of 15 such facilities that were spread out across west central Missouri. Oscar stood out, however, as it was the only such operational site actually located on a base. Today, the site is a tribute to all Air Force members who pulled alert duty and kept the system operational during the Cold War. As such, Oscar is open for tours. People who have base access can call (660) 687-6560 to schedule a separate tour of Oscar-01.



## **Group Tour Requests**

The Public Affairs Office may schedule additional tours for groups such as 4-H, Boy Scouts, ROTC, Rotary Club, etc. on a date/space available basis. These tours are geared towards groups of more than 15, but are limited to 40 members. To request a group tour, groups must contact the 509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs Office at (660) 687-5727 or e-mail: 509bwpa@whiteman.af.mil and fill out a group tour request form.

**\*\*NOTE\*\*** All tours have a maximum number of 40 participants. In order to meet the tour requests while minimizing interruptions to operations and meeting security regulations, the tours program is a by-reservation-only system, on a first-come, first-served basis. Tour dates vary and are pre-coordinated with affected units on base. All interested participants must contact the Public Affairs Office for available tours and to sign up for a tour. Because the tour dates are pre-coordinated, we are not able to accommodate drop-ins or last-minute tour requests. The base does not offer weekend tours due to limited manning.

Tours are subject to change or cancelled, with little or no notice, due to mission requirements or inclement weather.

### **We must have:**

- » Full names of all attending
- » Social Security numbers
- » Address, e-mail and phone number for the group's main coordinator is required to send confirmation letter and/or notify of cancellation, etc.
- » If any guests attending the tour are non-U.S. citizens, please notify the Public Affairs Office upon making tour reservations.

This information must be provided to 509 th Bomb Wing Public Affairs Office no later than two weeks before the requested tour date. Confirmation letters will be mailed approximately three weeks before scheduled tour with a reminder about the information needed. No last minute additions will be allowed on base.



## LOCAL AREA ATTRACTIONS/POINTS OF INTEREST

### CINEMAS

AMC CLASSIC	386 Hawthorne Blvd Warrensburg, MO	660-422-6857
GALAXY CINEMA	4104 W Main St Sedalia, MO	660-826-7711

### CAMPGROUNDS

KNOB NOSTER STATE PARK	873 SE 10 Knob Noster, MO	660-563-2463
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### MUSEUMS

HISTORIC JOHNSON COUNTY COURTHOUSE	302 N Main St Warrensburg, MO	660-747-6480
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**HISTORIC JOHNSON COUNTY COURTHOUSE** - This historic 1838 courthouse was the site of the famous 1870 Old Drum Trial that coined the phrase, "Man's best friend is his dog."

### HISTORIC LANDMARKS

OLD DRUM MONUMENT	Courthouse Lawn on Holden St Warrensburg, MO	
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**OLD DRUM MONUMENT** - The monument was erected in tribute to Old Drum, the loved hunting dog that was shot by a neighbor in 1869.

### GOLF COURSE, FISHING, HIKING, MORE

PERTLE SPRINGS (Mules National Golf Club)	5 Par Dr Warrensburg, MO	660-543-4182
HIDDEN PINES GOLF COURSE	77 NW Division Rd Warrensburg, MO	660-747-5515

### WINERY

MONTSERRAT VINEYARDS	104 NE 641 Knob Noster, MO	660-747-9463
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### BOTANICAL GARDEN

POWELL GARDENS	1609 NW Hwy 50 Kingsville, MO	816-697-2600
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## KANSAS CITY AREA ATTRACTIONS/POINTS OF INTEREST (KCMO) - Kansas City, MO

ATTRACTION	ADDRESS	PHONE
ARGOSY	777 NW Argosy Pkwy - KCMO	816-746-3100
ISLE OF CAPRI	1800 E Front St - KCMO	816-855-7777
HARRAH'S	1 Riverboat Dr - KCMO	816-472-7777
AMERISTAR	6800 200 Dr - KCMO	816-414-7000
CONVENTION & VISITORS CENTER	1100 Main St - KCMO	816-221-5242
UNION STATION SCIENCE CITY	30 W Pershing Rd - KCMO	816-460-2000
BARTLE HALL & MUSIC HALL	301 W 13th St - KCMO	816-513-5000
MIDLAND THEATER	1228 Main St - KCMO	816-283-9900
HEARTLAND THEATER	2450 Grand Blvd - KCMO	816-842-9999
CROWN CENTER	2450 Grand Blvd - KCMO	816-274-8444
COUNTRY CLUB PLAZA	4706 Broadway Blvd - KCMO	816-753-0100
CITY MARKET	5th & Walnut - KCMO	816-842-1271
METRO NORTH MALL	400 NW Barry Rd - KCMO	816-436-7800
INDEPENDENCE CENTER	2035 E 39th St Independence, MO	816-795-8602
OAK PARK MALL	11461 W 95th St Overland Park, KS	913-888-4400
ARABIA STEAMBOAT MUSEUM	400 Grand Blvd - KCMO	816-471-1856
HARRY S. TRUMAN LIBRARY & MUSEUM	500 W US Hwy 24 - KCMO	816-268-8200
KANSAS CITY MUSEUM	3218 Gladstone Blvd - KCMO	816-483-8300
NEGRO LEAGUES BASEBALL MUSEUM	1616 E 18th St - KCMO	816-221-1920
KANSAS CITY ZOO	6800 Zoo Dr - KCMO	816-595-1234
KANSAS CITY CHIEFS TICKETS (Football)		816-504-4040
KANSAS CITY ROYALS TICKETS (Baseball)		816-921-8000
SPORTING KANSAS CITY TICKETS (Soccer)		913-912-7525
WORLDS OF FUN/OCEANS OF FUN AMUSEMENT PARK	4545 Worlds of Fun Ave - KCMO	816-454-4545

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SHOPPING
MUSEUMS/ZOO
GAMES/PARKS

You may print out driving directions from our lobby business center.



## LOCAL TV/CABLE PROGRAMMING

For your convenience, a copy of the most current TV cable listing is located in your room on top of your television.

## RADIO STATIONS

STATION	MUSIC GENRE
FM 90.9	Public Radio
FM 93.3	Top 40 - Pop
FM 94.9	Oldies
FM 96.1 or 97.3	Religious
FM 96.5	Alternative
FM 97.7	Classic Rock
FM 98.5	Country
FM 98.9	Rock
FM 99.7	Pop
FM 101.1	Classic Rock
FM 102.1	Adult Contemporary
FM 103.3	Hip Hop/R&B
FM 104.3	Country
FM 105.7	Country
FM 106.5	Country
FM 107.3	Soul

## TRANSPORTATION

The phone number for Air Crew transportation is 687-3408. You may refer to the telephone directory for commercial taxi services.

### AREA AUTOMOBILE RENTALS

RENTAL COMPANY	ADDRESS	PHONE
ENTERPRISE RENT-A-CAR	329 E Young Warrensburg, MO	660-429-3222
ENTERPRISE RENT-A-CAR	2409 W Broadway Sedalia, MO	660-827-3575
TOLL FREE		800-736-8222
LARSON MOTORS	1412 Hwy 13 S Warrensburg, MO	660-747-3343
LOTSPEICH MOTORS	109 W Bus Hwy 50 Warrensburg, MO	660-833-4145
THRIFTY CAR RENTAL	3110 W Broadway Sedalia, MO	660-829-4092

### AIRLINE RESERVATIONS

AIRLINE	PHONE
AIR CANADA	888-247-2262 800-221-6903
ALASKA AIRLINES	800-426-0333
AMERICAN AIRLINES	800-433-7300 800-535-5225
DELTA	800-221-1212 800-325-8224
FLYFRONTIER	800-432-1359 877-376-6437
SEAPORT	888-873-2767 SIGNATURE FLIGHT SUPPORT
SOUTHWEST	800-435-9792
UNITED	800-241-6522

### DRIVING DIRECTIONS TO KANSAS CITY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Take Hwy 50 West to Hwy 291. Turn right (North) on Hwy 291 to I-70. Take I-70 West to I-435. Go north on I-435 and follow signs to the airport.

APPROXIMATE DRIVE TIME TO KCI FROM WHITEMAN AFB = 90 Minutes



## 509th Bomb Wing Emblem

Since 1952, the 509th has proudly displayed its one and only official heraldic device – the wing emblem (or patch). The 509th Bomb Wing's emblem is rich in history. The shield is like a family coat of arms and uses symbols to tell its story. Each symbol on the shield represents some part of our unique past.

First, the Air Force wings represent the branch of service: but the wings are not in the familiar outstretched position. When the ancient Greeks approached a stranger, they raised their arms with the palms outward to show they were carrying no weapons – a sign of peace. The 509th obtained special permission to display the wings in this configuration to show that it, too, comes in peace.

Wings with an official motto are required to display it in the scroll of their emblem. The 509th has an official motto. The motto, "Defensor Vindex" (Translated: Defender avenger) means that its mission was, and remains, to protect and retaliate for any infringement on that peace. The atomic cloud burst represents two things: the fact that the 509th dropped the only two atomic bombs ever in wartime, and that it still uses atomic power as a deterrent to war and defender of peace. Finally, the eldest son symbol (the red tripod) shows that the wing is the oldest atomic-trained military unit in the world. Members of the 509th are indeed the inheritors of a proud legacy. Properly wearing and displaying the wing emblem enhances our spirit de corps and unit identity.

## A Brief History of the 509th Bomb Wing

### 509th Composite Group

The 509th bomb Wing, one of the most famous wings in the Air Force, traces its historical roots back to its World War II ancestor, the 509th Composite Group (however, technically speaking it is the 509th Operations Group and NOT the 509th Bomb Wing that literally and linearly descended from it). During World War II, the Army Air Forces (AAF) formed the Group with one mission in mind: drop the atomic bomb. It was activated on December 17, 1944 at Wendover Field, Utah under the command of Col Paul W. Tibbets, Jr.

The Group made history when, on August 6, 1945, the B-29 Enola Gay piloted by Tibbets took off from Tinian in the Northern Marianas Islands, flew to Japan, and the bombardier, Major Thomas Ferebee, dropped the world's first atomic bomb (Little Boy) on Hiroshima. On August 9, 1945, the Group once again visited the Japanese mainland, and Bockscar piloted by Maj Charles W. Swenney dropped a second atomic weapon (Fat Man) on the city of Nagasaki. Within days of the nuclear strikes, the Japanese sued for peace, ending the war.

Upon returning to the United States in late 1945, the Group settled into Roswell Army Air base, New Mexico, where it became the core of the newly formed Strategic Air Command (SAC). In May of 1946, the now-called 509th Bombardment Group (Very Heavy) again traveled to the Pacific where it participated in the Operation CROSSROADS nuclear tests. On July 1, 1946 "Dave's Dream" piloted by Maj Woodrow P. Swancutt dropped the Able atomic bomb on an armada of 73 obsolete and captured naval vessels moored off the Bikini Atoll.





## **The 509 th Bombardment Wing at Roswell 1947-1958**

On November 17, 1947, SAC activated the 509th Bombardment Wing (Very Heavy) at Roswell (renamed Walker Air Force base in 1948), assigned the 509th bombardment Group to the wing, and bestowed the group's honors upon it. The group's and the wing's mission was to carry out strategic (and if necessary, nuclear) bombing missions using their B-29s. For a brief time in 1947 and 1948, the 509th also operated F-51 Mustangs and F-84 Thunderjets from the attached 33rd Fighter group (whose mission was to escort the 509th bombers). Within five years, however, the Air Force inactivated the 509th Bombardment Group (eventually re-designating and reactivating it as the 509th Operations Group in 1993). Meanwhile, the wing carried out a new concept in September 1948, when it added air refueling capability, first with KB-29M hose-type tankers, and eventually with B/KB-29P boom-type aircraft. In 1948, the wing also re-designated as the 509th Bombardment Wing (Medium).

In June 1950, the wing began receiving B-50D Superfortresses to replace the B-29s, and in January 1954, the KC-97 aerial tanker replaced the aging KB-29s. Next, the wing entered the jet age in June 1955, when it received the first all-jet bomber, the Boeing B-47E Stratojet. In the early 1950's the wing deployed three times to England and once to Guam for show of force and deterrence missions.

## **Pease AFB, New Hampshire 1958-1990**

In August 1958, the 509th moved its personnel and equipment to Pease AFB, New Hampshire. There, the wing continued to function as an integral part of SAC, maintaining its strategic nuclear alert mission. In 1965, the wing's last KC-97 was transferred to the 100th Bomb Wing, and SAC scheduled all B-47s in the United States Air Force for retirement (the process began in 1961). Initially, this retirement also included the 509th Wing, itself, as well. Fate intervened, however, as SAC changed its plan and decided to keep the 509th alive. It was re-designated as the 509th Bombardment Wing (Heavy) and equipped with B-52 Stratofortress bombers and KC-135 Stratotanker refueling aircraft in 1966.

The wing's association with the B-52 included two major deployments to Andersen AFB, Guam, as part of the now famous Vietnam War ARC LIGHT missions. Operation ARC LIGHT was the specific name for the deployment of B-52s as conventional bombers from US bases to Guam to support ground combat in Southeast Asia. By extension, ARC LIGHT also became the general term for uses of B-52s as close air support (CAS) platform, and most ARC LIGHT operations involved attacks on enemy base camps, troop concentrations, and supply lines. In April 1968, and again in April 1969, the wing began six-month ventures in the Western Pacific where almost all of its B-52 force, much of its tanker fleet, and over 1,400 operations, maintenance, and support personnel were deployed. During the last deployment, SAC informed the 509th it would soon receive FB-111A fighter-bombers. Accordingly, in late 1969, the 509th gave up its B-52s, and again re-designated as the 509th Bombardment Wing (Medium). After a year of performing only refueling operations and FB-111 ground training, the 509th began receiving the new fighter-bombers in December 1970.



## **Pease AFB, New Hampshire 1958-1990 Cont.**

Over the next two decades, the 509 BMW excelled in its mission of providing top-notch nuclear alert forces, as demonstrated by winning the SAC Bombing and navigation competition and the Fairchild Trophy in 1979, 1981, 1982, and 1983. However, a decision by the Department of Defense in 1988 to close Pease would change that status quo. That year, Congressman Ike Skelton announced the B-2 Advanced Technology Bomber would be based at Whiteman AFB, Missouri, and the 509th Bombardment Wing would become the USAF's first B-2 Spirit Wing. On September 30, 1990, Headquarters SAC inactivated the 509th and transferred the non-operational wing to its new home at Whiteman.

## **Whiteman AFB and the B-2 1990-Present**

Several new developments occurred to the wing while in this "hibernated" state. On September 30, 1990 the wing went back to its old designation as the 509th Bombardment Wing (Heavy), and on September 1, 1991, SAC changed the wing's name to its current designation, the 509th Bomb Wing. Another change occurred on June 1, 1992, when the Air Force disestablished SAC and the 509th became part of the newly created Air Combat Command (ACC).

On April 1, 1993, the Air Force returned the 509th to operational status and personnel and equipment were again officially allocated to the wing. The wing grew still further on July 1, 1993, when it accepted host responsibilities for Whiteman from the 351st Missile Wing.

On July 20, 1993, the wing received its first fixed-wing aircraft in almost three years, a T-38 complete with a B-2 style paint job. Finally, on December 17, 1993, the first operational B-2, named "The Spirit of Missouri," touched down on the Whiteman runway. Not only did the date mark the 90th anniversary of the first powered flight by the Wright brothers, it also fell on the 509th Composite Group's 49th anniversary.

Over the next few years, the 509th continued welcoming B-2s into its inventory. By early 1998, the wing had received eighteen B-2s, and eventually would operate as many as 21 of the high-technology bombers. The 509th also ushered in 1997 with an historic event, when it was declared ready for conventional operations. On April 1, 1997, the wing achieved Initial Operational Capability.

Throughout its history at Whiteman, the B-2 has always been at the forefront of America's national defense. The inaugural B-2 combat missions were flown on the first night of Operation ALLIED FORCE, March 24, 1999. The Spirit of Mississippi and the Spirit of Pennsylvania employed the 2000-pound variant of the GBU-31 JDAM (Joint Direct Attack Munition), the Air Force's newest GPS-assisted weapon. This mission was also the combat debut of JDAM. The B-2s combination of its unique survivability and amazing bombing accuracy truly marked the first time when the fundamental calculus of air combat changed from the number of sorties required to destroy a target, to the number of targets that could be destroyed by a single sortie. In all, during 78 days of ALLIED FORCE missions against Serbia, 49 B-2 combat sorties were launched from a recovered at Whiteman AFB, MO. Forty-five of these sorties reached their target and 652 JDAMs and four GBU-37s were dropped. The round trip missions lasted 28 to 32 hours. Amazingly, the B-2 flew less than 1 percent of the combat sorties but dropped 11 percent of the total bombs.



On October 5, 2001, two 509 BW B-2s departed Whiteman and flew combat missions in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM (OEF), America's response to the terrorist attacks on September 11th. Crews flying The Spirit of Mississippi and The Spirit of Louisiana launched from Whiteman and flew sorties lasting 43.5 and 43.2 hours long, respectively. After each aircraft dropped bombs in Afghanistan, the crews went on to land at a forward operating location. There, they conducted engine running crew changes and returned to Whiteman on 8 October 2001, following sorties lasting 29.6 and 29.3 hours, respectively. A few days later in the campaign, The Spirit of America, flying a similar flight profile, accomplished the longest combat sortie (73.3 hours) in the history of the USAF to date.

March 21, 2003, was the first night of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM. For the first time in history, B-2s launched from two different locations and struck targets in the same area of responsibility. From Whiteman, the Spirit of Missouri led a three-ship armada including the Spirit of Louisiana and Spirit of Arizona. From their forward operating location, the 393rd Expeditionary Bomb Squadron launched the Spirit of Pennsylvania, Spirit of Georgia and Spirit of Mississippi. Crews destroyed 92 targets in the opening hours of the "Shock and Awe" air campaign, and nearly 600 targets in all. B-2s were responsible for dropping more than a million pounds of ordinance during the course of the air war against Saddam Hussein's forces.

On December 17, 2003, The 8th Air Force Commander, Lt Gen Bruce Carlson announced the B-2 was now Fully Operational Capable. The announcement came at the 10th Anniversary gala commemorating the delivery of the first B-2 to Whiteman.

On Feb. 1, 2010, the 509th Bomb Wing at Whiteman AFB became part of the newly created Air Force Global Strike Command. In addition, since its move from Saint Louis in October 2008 and its accompanying transition from an F-15 to a B-2 unit, the Air National Guard's 131st Bomb Wing has been increasingly integrated into all phases of the 509th Bomb Wing mission. The partnership is now recognized as a model of Total Force Integration concept and most major operations, inspections, evaluations and competitions are conducted as part of a combined 509th /131st Team.

The wing's pre-eminent role in the projection of American military power was again demonstrated in March of 2011, when B-2s from Whiteman struck targets in Libya as part of Operation ODYSSEY DAWN. During the 25-hour mission, crews employed 45 JDAMs against hardened aircraft shelters, destroying the planes and helicopters inside and preventing Muammar Qaddafi from using his air force against his own citizens.

The last few years have seen continued success and resulting recognition of the outstanding performance of the 509th Bomb Wing. The 509th / 131st Team won 3 out of the last 4 (2010, 2012, 2014) Fairchild Trophies recognizing the Best Bomb Wing in the AFGS Global Strike Challenge Competition. In 2013, the 509th also earned the castle Trophy as Outstanding Bomb Wing in the 2013 AFGSC Operational Awards, as well as the USSTRATCOM Omaha Trophy in the Strategic Aircraft Operations Category (the wing previously won the Omaha Trophy in 2006).

Thus, the 509th Bomb Wing, with its long and illustrious past, continues to beckon others to 'Follow Us' as it continues to prove its famed World War II slogan, "Non Finer than a 509'er!"

