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The President's Perspective

You may have heard me talk about the need to upgrade airplanes for the 139th Airlift Wing of the Missouri Air National Guard located here in St. Joseph. In case you don't know much about the situation, here is a little more information.

The 139th consists of 13 highly capable warfighting squadrons that provide tactical airlift, medical, communications, air traffic control, logistics, civic engineering, finance, legal and administrative support, deploying multiple times throughout the world.

The 139th mission is local, state and federal with 1,063 airmen/349 full time with 10% being Missouri National Guard. This makes the 139th the fourth largest employer in St. Joseph with a \$200 million local economic impact. The Guard uses 2,400 hotel rooms for drill weekends alone, and that doesn't include additional rooms for training. The 139th is also the home of the Advanced Airlift Tactics Training Center. This center includes a Weapons Instructor Course for pilots across the country and the world.

Currently flying the C-130 H2.5 "Hercules" model, we are hoping to upgrade to the C-130 J models. By upgrading to the J model this ensures the Wing can continue its critical mission for our State and Nation as one of the only airlift wings in the FEMA Region 7. There are only enough planes in the current

federal budget to supply airplanes to one base. We are hoping that base is the 139th. What you can do is reach out to your U.S. senators and let them know the importance of this upgrade for Missouri and our city so we can keep our flying mission in St. Joseph. Go to www.schmitt.senate.gov/contact for Sen. Eric Schmitt or e-mail senator@hawley.senate.gov for Sen. Josh Hawley.

The 139th motto is "Always Ready, Ever Willing." Let's make sure we continue to advocate and support the 139th for a long future in St. Joseph.

Want to learn more about the 139th to be a better advocate for them? Come to the Civic Leadership Academy on September 26-27 (information on the back of the newsletter) or the Air Show on September 14-15. See stjairshow.com for more information.



Natalie Hawn
President & CEO

NEW MEMBERS

The following businesses and individuals have been approved for membership in the St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce:

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Bakeries



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September Calendar

For more information, call 816/232-4461. CREDIT CARD RESERVATIONS CAN BE MADE ONLINE, www.saintjoseph.com

4, 18
12, 26

Circle of Influence

Sept. 4 & 18 and Sept. 12 & 26
11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Guests Free

Circle of Influence is a leads group composed of small business professionals looking to exchange direct client referrals and leads. The group also provides a forum for the discussion of issues which businesses commonly encounter. Only one member per profession/speciality in each group is allowed. Cost is \$100 to join. There are two groups, one that meets the first and third Wednesdays and another that meets the second and fourth Thursdays. (Holidays affect this schedule.) Contact Tony Luke for more information, luke@saintjoseph.com or (816) 364-4101. Meetings held at Stoney Creek Hotel & Conference Center, 1201 Woodbine.

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Lunch & Learn Seminar

Lunch by
Taco Bandido

Presented by Altec Industries, Inc.

"Start Now to Grow Your Business in 2025" -- It's that time of year where business owners and leaders begin planning for the next year. Kyle Danner will review the vision and people components of the EOS model to help you plan. Attendees will receive a workbook.

Tuesday, Sept. 10
11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., \$12
St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce
3003 Frederick Ave.
RESERVATIONS REQUIRED:
816/232-4461
or www.saintjoseph.com

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DIPLOMATS CLUB Breakfast

Presented by Altec Industries, Inc., John Joe Insurance & Rogers Pharmacy

The Diplomats Club is a fun group that provides opportunities to promote your business and serve as a link between the Chamber and the community. Join them for their monthly meeting!

Thursday, Sept. 12
7:15 a.m., \$10
Breakfast provided
St. Jo Frontier Casino
777 Winners Circle
RESERVATIONS REQUIRED:
816/232-4461 or www.saintjoseph.com

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Parties on the Parkway

Presented by Nodaway Valley Bank

Bring your lawn chairs and blankets and spread out along the Parkway while listening to some great music at the last Parties on the Parkway of the year. Happy Endings will play 90s and 2000s alt rock and other hits. Food, treats and drink vendors will be available. No coolers are allowed. A free balloon artist is available for the kids! Bring friends, family and pets and enjoy the beautiful parkway. Co-hosted with the City of St. Joseph.

Thursday, Sept. 12
5 to 8 p.m., Free
Remington Nature Center
Rain date: Sept. 19

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New Executives Welcome

Presented by The Accel Group

Do you have a new executive in your company that you want to congratulate? Honor them at the New Executives Welcome where they can meet other new executives, be recognized publicly, receive gifts, food and drinks. They could be newly promoted or transferred into St. Joseph from another location. Cost is \$50, includes lunch and new executives receive a goodie bag.

Tuesday, Sept. 17
Noon to 1:30 p.m., \$50
MWSU Fulkerson Center
4525 Downs Drive
RESERVATIONS REQUIRED:
816/232-4461 or www.saintjoseph.com

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CAREER FAIR

Presented by Altec Industries, Inc., Human Resource Management Association of Northwest Missouri, KQTV, Sealed Air Corp., Stoney Creek Hotel & Conference Center and Triumph Foods

The Chamber and Human Resource Management Association of Northwest Missouri are partnering to bring 40 employers together for a Career Fair. Employers in all industries need employees. Talk to companies about available jobs, how to apply, benefits and much more.

Tuesday, Sept. 17
3 to 6 p.m., Free
Stoney Creek Hotel & Conference Center
1201 N. Woodbine Road

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Women's Leadership Group

Presented by Altec Industries, Inc., BMS Logistics, Inc., Candlewood Suites, Human Resource Management Association of Northwest Missouri, RitePack, Inc. Sealed Air Corporation, Top Property Realty LLC and Triumph Foods

Each month the Chamber and Northwest Missouri State University's Small Business Development Center bring business topics to light that are important to women. This month learn about "Leading Through Self-Advocacy: The Most Important Role in Healthcare," from Shelbe King, of Freudenthal Home-Based Healthcare.

Monday, Sept. 23
Noon to 1 p.m., Free
Bring your own lunch
RESERVATIONS REQUIRED:
816/232-4461 or www.saintjoseph.com

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THE CHAMBER CLASSIC

Presented by Fairway Independent Mortgage Corporation & Team Perka

The annual Chamber Classic Golf Tournament is coming up. All teams are filled, but volunteers and donations are needed. Contact Mary Kate Masters to volunteer or donate at masters@saintjoseph.com.

Wednesday, Sept. 25
10 a.m., shotgun start
St. Joseph Country Club,
50 Ridgeland Road

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BUSINESS after HOURS

Presented by Altec Industries, Inc.

Don't miss Business After Hours! Bring your business cards and make some new connections.

Thursday, Sept. 26
5 to 7 p.m., Free
St. Jo Frontier Casino
777 Winners Circle

26-27

Civic Leadership Academy

Corporate Business Partnership Sponsor: Altec Industries, Inc. Presented by Bluescope Buildings North America, Motorola Solutions, Sellenriek Construction and Triumph Foods

Get an exclusive deep dive into inner workings of the Missouri Air National Guard's 139th Airlift Wing. Participate in hands-on activities, tours and discussions. A reception will be held at 5:30 on Thursday, Sept. 26 and the course is from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 27. Limited to 30 people. Registration is required. Email masters@saintjoseph.com for more information.

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Sept. 26-27, Free
139th Airlift Wing