

UFO sighting reported locally; Wytheville incidents described

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Wytheville, Va., has not been the only area of UFO sightings. A Green Valley woman said she and her family recently saw strange lights that made no noise and vanished.

Myrtle Mullens said she first saw the lights about two weeks ago for several evenings between sundown and 9 p.m.

"We saw two big white lights and a red light in the center," she said. "They were flying lower than an aircraft and made no noise."

She said they came in from the north and flew

west.

"We also saw lights that looked like a figure-eight shape," Mullens said. "They were huge and went in different directions and disappeared."

Mullens said the lights were often accompanied by other "normal" aircraft and that makes her think it's all some sort of military operation.

"One night we saw about 40 aircraft, besides the strange lights," she said. "You could hear the other airplanes. But there were a lot of them."

She said she hasn't been

outside to look lately because "it's been too cold" but she's convinced it all can be explained.

In Wytheville, five people who claim to have seen UFOs said Friday a secret military operation has stirred up the recent flying saucer craze in Wythe County, but they offered no evidence to back the assertion. The Associated Press reported.

"It appears we are dealing with something of a military nature," said news director Danny Gordon of radio station WYVE.