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Air Force Ball Drawdown

The Air Force Ball Drawdown will be held at 6 p.m. July 17 at the Fitness Center with the theme College Night. All proceeds will benefit the Columbus Air Force Ball Committee. For more information contact your squadron POC.

SUPT Class 15-12 Graduation

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 15-12 is graduating at 10 a.m. July 24 in the Kaye Auditorium. The graduation speaker is Brig. Gen. Scott Pleus, 56th Fighter Wing Commander, Luke Air Force Base, Arizona.

Quarterly Awards Ceremony

The 2nd Quarterly Awards Ceremony is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. July 28 at Kaye Auditorium.

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Feature 8

The business times are highlighted in this week's feature.

Hecker takes reins of 19th AF

14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Maj. Gen. James B. Hecker assumed command of 19th Air Force in a ceremony June 23 at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, Texas.

The assumption of command marked the second celebration of the day for Hecker, as he pinned on major general rank prior to the ceremony.

As the new commander of 19th AF, Hecker oversees the training of more than 30,000 U.S. and allied students annually, including those at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. The training ranges from entry-level undergraduate flying training through advanced combat crew training, and ultimately provides fully qualified aircrew personnel to the warfighting commands.

Hecker was commissioned in the Air Force in 1989 after graduating from the U.S. Air Force Academy. He was both a graduate and instructor at the U.S. Air Force Weapons Instructor Course. In response to the 2011 earthquake and tsunami in Japan, Hecker was responsible for coordinating both civilian and military disaster relief and humanitarian assistance during Operation Tomodachi, while working with U.S. Forces Japan at Yokota Air Base. He has also worked as a military legislative assistant for the Senate majority leader in Washington, D.C. and has commanded at the squadron, group and wing levels. Prior to this assignment, he was the Director of Plans, Programs, and Requirements at Headquarters Air Combat Command, Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Virginia.

Hecker is a command pilot with more than 3,300 hours.

Assignments

1. October 1989 - November 1990, Student, undergraduate pilot training, Sheppard AFB, Texas 2. January 1991 - March 1991, Student, AT-

38 lead-in fighter training, Holloman AFB, New Mexico



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14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of July 10, 33 TEAM BLAZE members are deployed worldwide. Remember to support the Airmen and their families while they are away.

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3. March 1991 - August 1991, Student, F-15 replacement training, Tyndall AFB, Florida

4. August 1991 - May 1992, F-15C Pilot; 8th and 9th Tactical Fighter Squadrons, Holloman AFB, New Mexico

5. June 1992 - December 1995, Instructor Pilot, Flight Examiner and Chief, F-15C Standardization and Evaluation, Mountain Home AFB, Idaho

6. January 1996 - June 1996, Student, F-15C Weapons Instructor Course, Nellis AFB, Nevada

7. July 1996 - August 1998, Weapons Officer, 44th Fighter Squadron, Kadena AB, Japan

8. September 1998 - July 2000, Instructor Pilot, F-15C Weapons Instructor Course, Nellis AFB, Nevada

9. August 2000 - September 2001, Senate Liaison Officer, Office of Legislative Liaison, Secretary of the Air Force, Washington, D.C.

10. October 2001 - October 2002, Capitol Hill Fellowship Program, the Government Affairs Institute, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.

11. November 2002 - June 2003, Assistant Director of Operations, 94th Fighter Squadron, Langley AFB, Virginia

12. July 2003 - September 2004, Director of Operations, 27th Fighter Squadron, Langley AFB, Virginia

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13. October 2004 - May 2006, Commander, 27th Fighter Squadron, Langley AFB, Virginia

14. July 2006 - May 2007, Student, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Alabama

15. July 2007 - July 2009, Commander, 3rd Operations Group, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska

16. July 2009 - June 2011, Director of Operations, Operations Directorate (J3), J.S. Forces Japan, Yokota AB, Japan

17. June 2011 - May 2013, Commander, 432nd Wing, 432nd Air Expeditionary Wing, Creech AFB, Nevada

18. May 2013 – June 2015, Commander, 18th Wing, Kadena AB, Japan

19. April 2015 – June 2015, Director of Plans, Programs, and Requirements, Headquarters Air Combat Command, Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Virginia

20. June 2015 – Present, Commander, 19th Air Force, Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, Texas

Joint assignments

1. July 2009 - June 2011, Director of Operations, Operations Directorate (J3), U.S. Forces Japan, Yokota AB, Japan, as a colonel

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Aug. 15

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will be no race day registration

Columbus Main Street and the Columbus Arts Council partner to bring Art Walk

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"My educational journey has taken more than 20 years, and I continue to seek ways to demonstrate the learning path is not a sprint but a lifelong journey," he said. "The path has been filled with examinations, quizzes, papers and assignments (and) wedged between four deployments, five temporary duty assignments, six job rotations, four promotions, four professional military education courses and seven permanent changes of station."

Parker said he heavily relied on tuition assistance and testing support provided by education centers around the Air Force.

"Programs such as Tuition Assistance, Montgomery GI Bill and the (Post) 9/11 GI Bill were all instrumental in paying for my education," he said. "If it were not for the dedicated professionals operating at the many training and education centers across the globe, many of our Airmen would be lost in the maze of degree mills, loan debts, broken financial aid agreements and degrees that fail to contribute to the furtherance of the Air Force's mission."

But, institutional support meant more than tuition assistance. Parker said, throughout his academic career, he relied on support from teammates and familv alike.

"Remaining true to my faith, respecting friendships developed at the many bases I have been assigned and having an incredible wife to take care of the homefront are the primary ways I have maintained the delicate balance," he said. "There were a lot of supporters responsible for driving my education successes and for each of them I am truly honored and humbled. Commanders, chiefs, shirts, supervisors, co-workers, professors, cohorts and my family members have all played key roles in my suc-

With busy days at the flightline, shop or office, many Airmen may be unsure how to approach education or fit it into a busy day. However, according to Parker, this is no excuse to waste time, and he recommends having a long-term education plan to keep on track.

"Start with the local training and education office to determine educational goals," he added. "Build a team of support to include supervisors and co-work-

ers. I assert that work-life balance will pose different challenges for every individual; however, the members must start their journeys with a solid plan. Having an education plan allows life to happen without derailing the education train."

With recent force management actions and a changing enlisted evaluation system, Parker acknowledged Airmen are challenged in new ways to contribute to the team and their self-improvement.

"The pace of change is faster than it's ever been, and education is and will remain an essential feature of the Air Force's new normal," Parker said. "My education has allowed me a seat at the table to speak on behalf of our enlisted corps. It helps me maintain and enhance the knowledge and skills to keep pace with the current standards in the career field and across the service."

While focusing on how enlisted education programs assist in the advancement of Airmen's careers, and how they can facilitate movement into new positions to lead, manage, influence, coach and mentor, Parker said education also ensures active-duty enlisted professionals remain aware of the changing trends and directions within the profession of arms.

nimble-footed and imaginative to prevent the currency of the enlisted members' knowledge from becoming outdated or irrelevant," he said. "An educated enlisted corps leads to increased public confidence in our enlisted force, and blending technical school training with industry-based skill sets and professional certifications benefits the wing though molding a more diverse and qualified enlisted corps, which is critically needed to maintain our national defense." Today, as in 1995, Parker said what

"Our enlisted Airmen must remain

keeps him motivated is the daily opportunity to lead by example and inspire Airmen along the way.

"Going above and beyond is not just a state of mind or the buzz phrase of the enlisted Airmen's day, but a call for action and is part of the enlisted Airmen's DNA," Parker said. "So, why would we not go above and beyond just the minimum? Continuing one's education may stem from an interest in lifelong learning or may be based on a desire to maintain and improve the professional competence within both the career field and the Air Force as an enterprise.

"No matter what the ultimate reason for pursuing education, Airmen should rest assured they have the support of their leadership," he continued. "As leaders we owe it to our Airmen to help them achieve their greatest education potentials."







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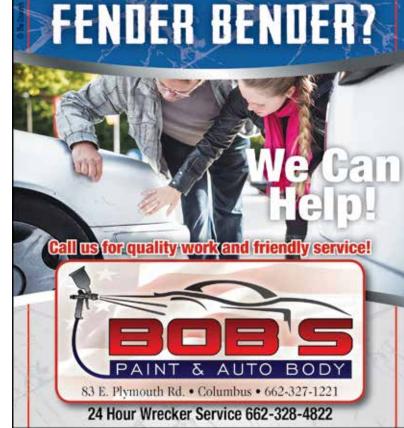
Team BLAZE welcomes Brig. Gen. Scott L. Pleus as the graduation speaker for Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 15-12 July 24 on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi.

Pleus is the Commander, 56th Fighter Wing, Luke Air Force Base, Arizona. The wing's mission is to train the world's greatest F-35 and F-16 fighter pilots.

As part of Air Education and Training Command, and home to 23 squadrons with both F-16 and F-35A Lightning II aircraft, the 56th is the largest fighter wing in the U.S. Air Force and graduates more than 300 F-16 pilots and 300 air control professionals annually. The wing is also responsible for the squadrons under the 54th Fighter Group located at Holloman AFB, New Mexico, where F-16 training will move as Luke AFB transitions to become the sole pilot training center for the F-35, the Air Force's newest multi-role aircraft. Additionally, the 56th Fighter Wing oversees the Gila Bend Air Force Auxiliary Field and is steward of the Barry M. Goldwater Range, a military training range spanning more than 1.7 million acres of Sonoran desert.

Pleus received his commission in 1989 through the Air Force ROTC program at the University of Minnesota-Duluth. During his career, which includes five over- D.C.

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Pleus to be guest speaker for SUPT Class 15-12 graduation

Public Affairs



Brig. Gen. Scott L. Pleus

seas assignments, he's commanded at the squadron, group and wing levels and was a Secretary of Defense Corporate Fellow at Sun Microsystems in California. Prior to his current assignment, Pleus served as the Executive Officer to the Chief of Staff of the Air Force, the Pentagon, Washington,

Pleus is a command pilot with more than 2,300 flying hours, including combat time earned during operations Desert Fox Fighter Squadron, Luke AFB, Arizona and Southern Watch.

Assignments

1. March 1990 - March 1991, Student, undergraduate pilot training, Columbus AFB, Mississippi

2. April 1991 - December 1992, Student, F-16 Replacement Training Unit, MacDill AFB, Florida

3. January 1993 - January 1996, F-16 Pilot, 18th Fighter Squadron, Eielson AFB, Alaska

4. January 1996 - December 1996. F-16 Flight Examiner and Instructor, 35th Fighter Squadron, Kunsan Air Base, South Korea

5. January 1997 - June 1999, flight commander, F-16 Flight Examiner and Instructor, 34th Fighter Squadron, Hill AFB, Utah

6. June 1999 - June 2000, Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Alabama

7. July 2000 - September 2000, Student, Joint Forces Staff College, Norfolk Naval Air Station, Virginia

8. September 2000 - November 2002. Joint and Combined Contingency Plans Officer, Alaskan Command, Plans and Programs (J5), Elmendorf AFB, Alaska

9. November 2002 - April 2003, Student, F-16 re-gualification training, 61st

10. May 2003 - June 2004, Operations Officer, 56th Training Squadron, Luke AFB, Arizona

11. June 2004 - June 2006, Commander 63rd Fighter Squadron, Luke AFB, Arizo-

12. June 2006 - June 2008, Director, Headquarters AETC Command Action Group, Randolph AFB, Texas

13. June 2008 - July 2009, Secretary of Defense Corporate Fellow, Sun Microsystems, Menlo Park, California

14. July 2009 - May 2011, Commander, 611th Air and Space Operations Center Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska

15. May 2011 - May 2012, Commander, 8th Fighter Wing, Kunsan Air Base, South Korea

16. June 2012 - June 2014, Executive Officer to the Chief of Staff of the Air Force, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

17. June 2014 - present, Commander, 56th Fighter Wing, Luke AFB, Arizona

Summary of joint assianments

September 2000 - November 2002, Joint and Combined Contingency Plans Officer. Alaskan Command, Plans and Programs (J5), Elmendorf AFB, Alaska, as a major

Security and policy review

Commander's Action Line 434-1414

The Commander's Action Line is your direct line to the commander for comments and suggestions on how to make Columbus AFB a better place. Although the Commander's Action Line is always available, the best way to resolve problems is through the chain-of-command.

The Commander's Action Line phone number is 434-1414. Callers should leave their name and phone number to receive an answer. All names will be kept confidential. Message may be answered in the Silver Wings without names.

Written questions may also be brought to the PA office in the Wing Headquarters building, BLDG. 724, suite 210. Questions and answers may be edited for brevity and style.



Article 15s at Columbus

14th Flying Training Wing Staff Judge ball game that created the appearance Advocate

manded for an unprofessional relation- tion, Show Cause Action (SCA-adminship with a second lieutenant, former istrative discharge for officers) was initi-Columbus Air Force Base student pilot. ated. The maj. conditionally waived her The investigation uncovered thousands right to a board hearing and the Secreof sexually explicit text messages, pho- Lary of the Air Force approved the maj.'s tos and emails exchanged between them discharge with an honorable characteriover a four month period after the 2nd zation of service. Lt. had PCS'd to Fort Rucker, Alabama. The sexually explicit communications punishment consisting of forfeitures of were evidence of the Maj. engaging in a \$1,452 pay for two months and a repripersonal and social relationship with the mand, for purchasing a spy-cam for the 2nd Lt. which violated AETCI 36-2909, purpose of videotaping another female Professional and Unprofessional Rela- officer in the nude, in violation of Artionships, a lawful order or regulation ticle 133, UCMJ, conduct unbecoming under Article 92, UCMI.

pended reduction to airman, 30 days ex- 107, UCMJ, when he lied to OSI agents tra duty, and a reprimand for being dere- during the investigation. The Article 15 lict in the performance of his duties. The triggered Show Cause Action. The 2nd A1C failed to monitor a trainee and mo- Lt. had less than two years of service and mentarily exited from his position of duty was considered a "probationary officer," without being properly relieved. The thus not entitled to a board hearing. He A1C was found guilty of being derelict was discharged with a general characterunder Article 92, UCMJ, the A1C had ization of service for committing serious a duty, knew or reasonably should have misconduct punishable by military or ciknown of the duty, and willfully failed to vilian authorities. perform the duty.

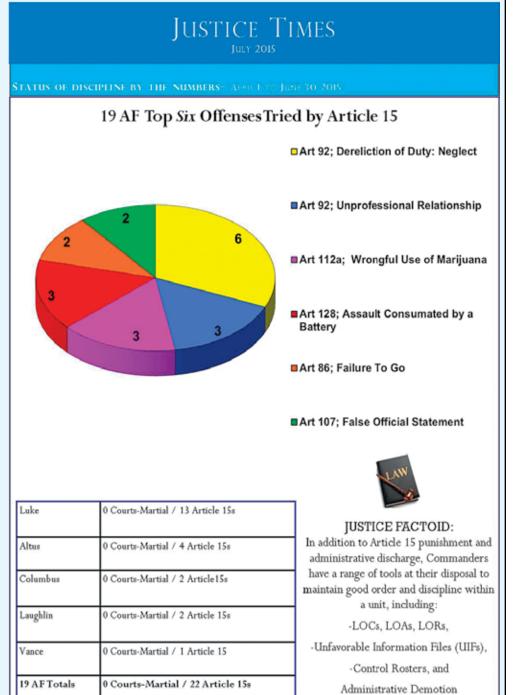
charge actions we were unable to report state or base license/permit and for failing on them until now.

paraging statements about her superi- offenses violated Article 92, UCMJ and or commissioned officer, like "he is the triggered administrative discharge acworst commander I have ever worked tion. Following a discharge board hearing for," wrongful use of a prescription drug, for pattern of minor disciplinary infracand fraternization with a senior NCO. tions, which consisted of the Article 15 The maj.'s interactions with the SNCO and numerous LOCs and LORs, the staff included frequent lunches, dinners, and sgt. was discharged with a general characattendance at social functions i.e. a base- terization of service.

of favoritism and a personal relationship adverse to good order and discipline, in A major, instructor pilot, was repri- violation of Article 134, UCMJ. In addi-

A second lieutenant received max an officer and gentleman. He also made a An airman first class received a sus- false official statement, violating Article

A staff sergeant received a suspended NOTE: The following Article 15 ac- reduction to senior airman, restriction to tions closed in a previous quarter, how- base for 30 days, 15 days extra duty, and a ever due to pending administrative dis- reprimand for hunting on base without a to maintain proper inventory records for A major reprimanded for making dis- equipment within the squadron. These



By Senior Airman 36th Wing Public Affairs

ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE, Guam - (This feature is part of the "Through Airmen's Eyes" series. These stories focus on individual Airmen, highlighting their Air Force story.)

hold the rank of chief master sergeant.

ed service member's career.

listed leadership.

ing the minimum requirements.



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AF News

Dr. Chief inspires Airmen toward higher education

Alexander W. Riedel

By federal law, only about 1 percent of the Air Force's active-duty enlisted force may

Achieving the rank takes experience, dedication and marks the pinnacle of any enlist-

Additionally, senior enlisted leaders need a completed Community College of the Air Force degree — a two-year technical degree - to advance into this final echelon of en-

For Chief Master Sgt. Marvin Parker, being a leader meant more than simply check-

Since 2014, the 36th Mission Support hope to inspire others. Group superintendent has held a doctorate in business administration, summa cum laude, specializing in global operations of supply chain management — making him part of only a handful of chief master sergeants to thing more than even a bachelor's or master's hold a Ph.D.

At a recent CCAF graduation, Parker to achieve.' took the stage as a commencement speaker, wearing the full academic regalia of a doctorate recipient. While drawing inquisitive looks and curious smiles from the crowd, the he was a staff sergeant with 16 of 64 credit chief displayed the unusual ensemble with knowing purpose — after all, it was seeing a Ph.D. graduate in the crowd of a CCAF graduation years ago that sparked his own interest supervisor, he faced his first official feedback in pursuing the advanced degree.

"I remember noticing his cap and gown were different than any other graduate," he recalled with a smile. "I told one of my Airmen, 'I've got to get me one of those outfits.'" he was not as well prepared as he initially Parker kept his word. Years later, he thought. donned the trappings of cap and gown in the

"When I was asked to speak at the graduation, I knew exactly what to do," he said. "I wanted the Airmen to see there was something more than the CCAF. There is somedegree — something more they could strive

While he is an academic role model today, Parker acknowledged he did not start his academic career with as much speed. In 1995, hours completed toward his degree in transportation and business management.

When the young NCO became a first-line session with his subordinate, an airman 1st class. Aiming to do right by his Airman, he wanted to stress the importance of education and how to achieve it. However, Parker said

The airman 1st class surprised the budding

supervisor with having completed 59 credit hours toward the very same degree, as well as having utilized the DANTES and the CLEF tests toward his transcript.

"Although rare, I was at a loss for words, because at that moment I realized I was in no position to mentor, guide or lead this (airman) on how to best complete his educational journey," Parker recalled. "Shortly after the session, I went back to my desk, reflected what had just happened and made a vow to never put myself in that situation again. The very next day, I met with a base education counselor, got enrolled in weekend classes at the local community college, and the rest is history."

This motivation lasted Parker for more than two decades, carried him to complete two CCAF degrees, a bachelor's and a master's degree in logistics management and leadership, respectively.

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Air Force **Readiness Programs**

(Editor's note: All activities are offered at the Airman & Family Readiness Center unless otherwise specified. For more information about any of the activities listed, call 434-2790.)

Deployment Camp

This event is 8 a.m. – noon July 17 at the Youth Center/Walker Center/Freedom Park, for Columbus Air Force Base youth ages 5-18. The event includes a mock deployment line, pre-deployment training, and more. For advance registration and more information please call 434-2790.

Entrepreneurship Track Transition Workshop This workshop will be held 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. July 20 – 21. The Entrepreneurship workshop is conducted by the Small Business Administration for veterans and all base personnel interested starting up and operating their own business, to register and more information call 434-2790.

TAP Education Track

This transition event is held 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. July 21 – 22. Held at the Education Center, the workshop prepares individuals for the college application process. It addresses topics as identifying educational goals, funding, and researching and comparing institutions. Upon completing the Educational track, members will be prepared to submit an application to institution, schedule session with a counselor and connect with a Student Vet Org on campus. Members will be able to meet with educational

First Term Officer's PFR

The First Term Officers' Personal Financial Readiness Workshop is required by AFI for all newly assignment personnel to their first station. The event will be 9-10 a.m. July 21. Call 434-2790 to sign up.

Capstone

This class is scheduled for 8 a.m. – noon July 23. The Capstone is required for all separating/retiring personnel and should occur no later than 90 days prior to anticipated separation/retirement; however, if a member has less than 90 days left in the military, the member should attend as soon as possible within their remaining period of service. It verifies if service members have/have not met their Career Readiness Standards/Individual Transition Plan Checklist, DD Form 2958. The checklist, in conjunction with the ITP, will be used by the A&FRC to verify status of CRS completion. Call 434-2790 for more information.

Financial Aid Workshop

The Education Center is offering Financial Aid Workshops at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. July 23. The workshops are held in the Education Center, Building 916 (Room 3 & 4). Topics to be covered are Federal Financial Aid, Scholarships and more. If you or your dependents need information to find funds for school, this workshop is for you. Please RSVP at edcenter@us.af.mil no

COMMUNITY

Fishing at SAC Lake



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Daniel Lile Fishing is a recreational option for Airmen at SAC Lake on Columbus Air Force Base. Mississippi. Contact outdoor recreation to purchase an on-base fishing permit along with your state fishing license.

later than noon July 17. For more information, contact Laurence Brooks at 434-2562.

Hearts Apart Social

The Hearts Apart Social program is a monthevent to provide community bonding, fun and appreciation for the families of active duty personnel who are deployed, remote, or on an extended TDY. Food and activities are provided. This month the social is 5-7 p.m. July 30 at Independence Pool. For more information call 434-2790.

Pre-separation Counselina

This counseling is a mandatory briefing for personnel separating or retiring, to be completed at least 90 days prior to separation. It may be completed up to 12 months prior to separation or retirement. The counseling is held daily at 8:30 a.m. It takes approximately 60 minutes. Please contact A&FRC, 434-2839/434-2790 for more information.

Pre, Post Deployment Tour Brief

These briefings are mandatory briefings for active-duty personnel who are either deploying or returning from deployment or a remote tour. The briefings are held daily at the A&FRC. Pre-deployment is at 9:30 a.m., and post-deployment is at 1:30 p.m. Please contact A&FRC, 434-2839/434-2790 for more information.

Survivor-Benefit Plan

one decision you will need to make before you

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Military and Family Life Consultant Program

The MFLC counselors provide non-medical counseling to help Airmen (both single and married), their spouses and other family members to cope with stressful situations created by deployments, reintegration, and life challenges such as martial issues, parenting, career stress and anger. All consultants are licensed mental health providers. Counselors can meet either on or off base. There is no charge for services and appointments can usually be made within one to two days. To contact the MFLC, call 662-364-0504.

Volunteer Opportunities

If you are interested in volunteering please contact the Airman & Family Readiness Center. We have volunteer opportunities located throughout the base for a one-time event, special events, or on a continual basis. Volunteers are needed on base at the Youth Center, Child Development Center, Library, Golf Course, Medical Clinic, the Chapel, Airman Attic, Thrift Store, the Retiree Are you nearing military retirement? The Activities office and many others. For more information please call A&FRC at 434-2790.

Air Force Recovery **Coordination Program**

The Recovery Coordination Program streamlines and improves the way care and support are delivered to wounded, ill, and injured Airmen and their families. The RCP provides the support of a Recovery Care Coordinator who guides the Airman and family along their road to recovery. Those eligible include wounded, ill and injured Airmen who: (1) have a serious illness or injury (2) are unlikely to return to duty within a specified amount of time (3) may be medically separated from the military. Additional details are available by contacting the Columbus AFB RCC at DSN: 493-3399, Office: 334-953-3399 or tim.griggs.1.ctr@us.af.mil.

Temporary Jobs for the Summer

Job opportunities include: Clerical, Life guard, Recreation Aid, Computer Clerk, General Laborer and others. Posting on USA Jobs began March 9 at usajobs.gov.

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Please call Inspection at 434-7231 to review DRMO property or Stock Control at 434-7197 with questions or concerns you may have. Parking and assistance is available in the back of building 158.

Chapel Schedule

Whether you are new to Columbus Air Force Base or have been around for a while, our parish communities welcome you to join us as we worship, fellowship, and encourage one another. For more information, please call 434-2500.

Catholic Community

Sunday:

3:15 p.m. – Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (Chapel Annex) 3:45 p.m. – Religious Education, grades K-9 (Chapel Annex) 4 p.m. – Choir Practice (Chapel Sanctuary) p.m. – Confession (or by appointment) 5 p.m. – Mass w/Children's Church Tuesday: 11:30 a.m. – Daily Mass Protestant Community

9 a.m. – Adult Sunday School (Chapel Library) 10:45 a.m. – Traditional Worship Service Tuesday:

5 p.m. – Student Pilot Bible Study (Chapel Library)

Wednesday:

4 p.m. - Music Rehearsal

TRICARE's breast pump policy was recently updated to include coverage of breast pumps and supplies, and breastfeeding counseling. These supplies and services

will be retroactively covered as of Dec. 19, 2014.

Service members and military family members are able to receive any manual, electric or hospital grade breast pump for scription under the new policy.

The pumps may be purchased at any store, according to the new policy.

If the beneficiary buys it using their prescription from a pharmacy or other medical service equipment provider, there is no out of pocket cost. If it is purchased at any other kind of retailer, the buyer can submit a reimbursement request to TRI-CARE with their receipt and copy of their prescription.

Additionally, any TRI-CARE user who has purchased a breast pump or other supplies covered by the policy after receiving a prescription since Dec. 19, 2014, can submit their receipts and copy of their prescription to TRICARE.

The previous TRICARE policy only covered hospital grade breast pumps for premature infants. It did not cover lactation consultants or support. Under the new policy, users can receive one hospital grade breast pump, if a doctor believes it to be necessary, and one manual or electric breast pump every time they give birth. The policy also covers and tubing adaptors, lock-

14th Medical Group Corner: **TRICARE's** lactation, breast pump provision

breast pump kits.

Up to six appointments with a TRICARE authorized lactation consultant after the mother leaves the hospital are also covered at no charge, and a referral is not needed, the policy states.

The policy, however, does not cover pump battery packs and accessories, pump bags, cleaning supplies, kits that enfree, provided they have a pre- able hands-free pumping, ice packs or labeling supplies, nursing bras, pads or shells, nursing lotion or regular baby bottles.

> According to officials, breastfeeding has long been a recommended healthy choice. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends exclusive breastfeeding for the first six months, for most children, and continued breastfeeding for at least the first year as foods are introduced. TRICARE's breastfeeding support benefit is considered to be preventive care. Therefore, the equipment, supplies, and services covered under this benefit are exempt from cost shares and copays.

The coverage is for all pregnant TRICARE beneficiaries, as well as beneficiaries who legally adopt and intend to personally breastfeed. To be covered, the breast pump and supplies must be obtained from a TRICARE authorized provider, supplier or vendor. For manual or standard electric breast pumps and associated supplies (includes breast pump kits), this includes any civilian retail store or pharmacy. If payment pump power adapters, tubing is out of pocket for a covered breast pump, a completed claim ing rings, bottles, bottle caps, form with a copy of the preshield or splash protectors, and scription for the breast pump, breast milk storage bags as well along with a receipt for reimas up to two double pumping bursement must be submitted.

BLAZE Hangar Tails: F-35A

14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Mission

The F-35A is the U.S. Air Force's latest fifth-generation fighter. It will replace the U.S. Air Force's aging fleet of F-16 Fighting Falcons and A-10 Thunderbolt II's, which have been the primary fighter aircraft for more than 20 years, and bring with it an enhanced capability to survive in the advanced threat environment in which it was designed to operate. With its aerodynamic performance and advanced integrated avionics, the F-35A will provide next-generation stealth, enhanced situational awareness, and reduced vulnerability for the United States and allied nations.

Background

The F-35 is designed to replace aging fighter inventories including U.S. Air Force F-16s and A-10s, U.S. Navy F/A-18s, U.S. Marine Corps AV-8B Harriers and F/A-18s, and U.K. Harrier GR.7s and Sea Harriers. With stealth and a host of next-generation technologies, the F-35 will be far and away the world's most advanced multi-role fighter. There exists an aging fleet of tactical aircraft worldwide. The F-35 is intended to solve that problem.

On Oct. 26, 2001, Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics Edward C. "Pete" Aldridge Jr. announced the decision to proceed with the Joint Strike Fighter program. This approval advanced the program to the System Development and Demonstration phase. The Secretary of the Air Force James G. Roche announced the selection of Lockheed Martin teamed with Northrop Grumman and BAE to develop and then produce the JSF aircraft.

During this SDD phase, the program will focus on developing a family of strike aircraft that significantly reduces life-cycle cost while meeting operational requirements. The requirements represent a balanced approach to affordability, lethality,



U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sat. Darlene Seltmann

The F-35 Lightning II makes its first appearance March 10, 2014, at Luke Air Force Base, Arizona. The aircraft was flown in directly from the Lockheed Martin factor at Fort Worth, Texas, and is the first of 144 F-35s that will eventually be assigned to the base.

survivability and supportability. The F-35A Lightning B course is at Luke Air Force Base, Arizona.

With nine countries involved in its development (United States, United Kingdom, Italy, Netherlands, Turkey, Canada, Denmark, Norway and Australia), the F-35 represents a new model of international cooperation, ensuring U.S. and Coalition partner security well into the 21st Century.

Features

•Conventional takeoff and landing gives the U.S. Air Force and allies the power to dominate the skies - anytime, anywhere.

•The F-35A is an agile, versatile, high-performance, 9g capable multirole fighter that combines stealth, sensor fusion, and unprecedented situational awareness.

•The F-35A's advanced sensor package is designed to gather, fuse and distribute more information than any fighter in history, giving operators a decisive advantage over Il adversaries.

•Designed to achieve unprecedented levels of reliability and maintainability, combined with a highly responsive support and training system linked with the latest in information technology. The Autonomic Logistics Information

System performs behind-the-scenes monitoring, maintenance and prognostics to support the aircraft and ensure continued health and enhance operational planning and execution.

•The Electro-Optical Distributed Aperture System provides pilots with situational awareness in a sphere around the aircraft for enhanced missile warning, aircraft warning, and day/night pilot vision. Additionally, the aircraft is equipped with the Electro-Optical Targeting System that provides extended range detection and precision targeting against ground targets, plus long range detection of air-to-air threats.

 Contains state-of-the-art tactical data links that provide the secure sharing of data among its flight members as well as other airborne. surface and ground-based platforms required to perform assigned missions.

•The Engine produces 43,000 lbs of thrust and consists of a 3-stage fan, a 6-stage compressor an annular combustor, a single stage high-pressure turbine, and a 2-stage low-pressure turbine.

Team BLAZE members with F-35 experience:

• You could be the first!

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Harris congratulates newest aviators

Senior Airman Stephanie Englar 14th Flvina Training Wina Public Affairs

Col. Carlyle "Smitty" Harris, United States Air Force retired, spoke to Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 15-11 on their graduation day July 1 in the Kaye Audito-

Harris, who received a standing ovation before he was able to begin his speech, was a prisoner of war in North Vietnam for nearly eight years and is credited for teaching the tap code to the other prisoners so they could all communicate.

Harris was one of the service members freed from North Vietnam during Operation Homecoming. Following his return to the United States, Harris flew fighter aircraft and served as an instructor pilot, operations officer and faculty member at the Air War College. He now talks to various groups and tells them his Air Force story.

"With all of the choices I made in my Air Force career and after, if I had ly enjoyed my service to the United today," Harris said.

States Air Force.

Harris told the class of new aviators that earning Air Force wings is an honor, and enduring a rigorous selection process and succeeding in a challenging program has opened a new distance for their lives in the future.

"This is the day [the graduates] will remember for a long time," Harris said. "I think the family and friends who see this today recognize what an achievement it has been and how fortunate you young men, in this case, are to have gone through life and through a program and ended up with your Air Force wings.²

Harris told the class there were a lot of things that had brought them to this stage in their lives, and some of the underpinnings really important in their training were intelligence, education, a positive attitude, perseverance, sacrifice, and their God-given ability

"I believe at this point in your lives you have lived your lives with values that are so important and these include your faith in God, patriotism, the same choices to make today, with honor, integrity, loyalty, duty, respect, the same information, I would do it all selfless service and personal courage,



U.S. Air Force Photo/Senior Airman Stephanie Englar

Col. Carlyle "Smitty" Harris, U.S. Air Force retired, demonstrates the tap code for the audience at the Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 15-11 graduation July 1 on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Harris was a prisoner of war in North Vietnam for almost eight years before being freed over again," Harris said. "I thorough- all have led to you earning your wings during Operation Homecoming. Harris taught the other prisoners the tap code to improve morale and allow them to communicate.



Feds Feed Families breaks 1,000 lbs.

Airman 1st Class John Day 14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

(Editor's note: Standings accurate as of July 8.)

Team BLAZE members may have noticed the red bins scattered throughout Columbus Air Force Base. These bins are there to collect donations for Feds Feed Families.

Feds Feed Families is a Department of Defense program that collects donations from government and military installations and donates them to local families in need of non-periashable food and juices.

"Columbus AFB has been a great contributor to the county, touching Starkville, Columbus, West Point and some of the smaller surrounding towns," said Master Sgt. Nesha Willis, Feds Feed Families Wing Staff Agency Representative. "This has helped sustain local families through tough times and holidays.

numbered Air Force and MAJCOM can donate the most. The competition began June 1.

are as follows:

1st - Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland (37th Training pounds of goods.

Wing) 5,878 pounds

- 2nd Luke AFB 3,091.61 pounds
- 3rd Sheppard AFB 1,762 pounds
- 4th Goodfellow AFB 1,482 pounds
- 5th Columbus AFB 1,024.6 pounds
- 6th Altus AFB 971 pounds
- 7th Vance AFB 374.3 pounds
- 8th JBSA-Lackland (502 Air Base Wing) 105 pounds
- 9th Little Rock AFB 46.4 pounds
- 10th Laughlin AFB 0 pounds
- 10th Maxwell AFB 0 pounds

As it stands, Columbus AFB holds strong at 5th place in AETC with 1,024 pounds of donated goods.

"Right now, AETC is actually leading the campaign with the highest among the MAJCOMs," Willis said. "We are the top donators Air Force-wide. Some of the AETC bases have already donated more than 3,000 pounds with Lack-Each year, bases compete for which group, wing, base, land leading the AETC pack with nearly 6,000 pounds of donations."

The campaign wraps up Aug. 31 when all donations will The current Air Education Training Command rankings be calculated to find the final numbers for each organization. Last year, the entire DoD contributed over 1 billion

Columbus Air Force Base Information and Events

Join our Facebook page at Columbus AFB Living, Twitter at @columbusafbliving, MyAirForceLife App on any smart phone or visit our website at columbusafbliving.com to keep up to date with all the great events happening around base. Check out the calendar on the website for important Airman and Family Readiness Center events. For more information, contact 434-2337.

Summer Reading Awards Ceremony

434-2934.

Youth Flag Football Registration

The Youth Center is offering youth flag football for ages 3 - 18. Register July 6 – 31. The cost is \$40 per youth. Volunteer coaches needed. For more information, contact 434-2504.

Dog Days of Summer Fitness Run

The Fitness Center is offering a 5K run/walk at 7 a.m. Aug. 21. Bikes and strollers welcome. Commander's trophy points awarded. For more information, contact 434-2772.

Story Time

Play Paintball

Book your next paintball event at Outdoor Recreation. The cost is \$15 per person for a party of 10 or more; \$20 per person for party of 9 or less. You must purchase paint at Outdoor Recreation for \$45 per case of 2,000. For more information, contact 434-2505.

Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Class

Free classes are scheduled every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 6 p.m. The benefits include huge gains in confidence, functional strength, flexibility, discipline, and overall physical conditioning. Mandatory equipment: BJJ Kimono (Gi); for ages 13 and up. For more information, contact 434-2772.

Belgium Beer Pairing

Whispering Pines Golf Course is offering a Belgium Beer Pairing at 6 p.m. Aug. 20. The cost is only \$30 per person. The menu includes chargrilled peaches with Honey-Glazed Chicken paired with Ranger, Leafy Green Salad with goat cheese, orange wedges, and beer vinaigrette paired with Snapshot, Flank Steak



FSS Services

The Base Library is offering a Summer Reading Awards Ceremony at 1 p.m. July 23. For more information, contact

The Base Library is offering Story Time each Friday at 10:30 a.m. for all ages. For more information, contact 434-2934.



served with stir fried peppers and onions on a bed of fragrant rice paired with Fat Tire, and Salted Caramel Apple Pie paired with 1554 Black Lager. Space limited to 40 participants. For more information, contact 434-7932.

Wood Shop Self Help

Do you need to complete a wood project? The base wood shop is open Saturdays from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. for only \$4 per hour. For more information, contact 434-7836

RV Storage Lot

Recreation offers a great place to store your RV year around. You contact 434-2505.

will have 24-hour access and can pay monthly or yearly. For more information, call 434-2505.

Green Plate Special

The Pro Shop at Whispering Pines Golf Course offers a special for lunch Tuesday through Friday. For more information, call 434-7932 or check us out on Facebook at Columbus AFB Living or Twitter @ CAFBLiving!

Instructional Classes at Youth Center

Youth Programs is offering piano lessons, guitar lessons, tumbling classes, dance classes, and martial arts instruction. Times and ages vary for all classes. Call 434-2504 or stop by the Youth Center for more information.

Fitness on Request

Columbus AFB Fitness and Sports offers a truly comprehensive group fitness platform that is available all day and completely customizable to meet your needs with over 30 different classes on the Fitness on Request system. For more information, call 434-2772.

Space A Lodging

The Magnolia Inn usually has openings for Space A family and single units. Contact the lodging desk at 434-2548 for more information.

Ride in Style

If you don't want to leave your car at the airport over a vacation, we can help you out. Outdoor Recreation offers a shuttle service to the airport of your choice. Transportation one way is \$175 for Birmingham and \$50 for Columbus. Call 434-2505 for more information.

Hot and Easy to Use

Force Support Squadron gift cards are available in increments of \$5 to fit any budget. They can be used at most Force Support Squadron facilities at Air Force installations worldwide and they never go out of style.

Free Pool Passes and FootGolf

Independence Pool Passes and FootGolf is included with Whispering Pines Golf Membership. . If you have an individual golf membership, you receive an individual pool pass and FootGolt membership and if you have a family golf membership, you receive a family pool pass and FootGolf membership. Visit Outdoor Don't clutter your home space, park with us. Outdoor Recreation for your free pool pass today. For more information.

To advertise in Silver Wings, call 328-2424

VIEWPOINT

Leadership lessons from athletics

Col. Kurt Kayser 14th Mission Support Group Commander

Like many parents, my wife and I have signed our two kids up for a variety of summer camps, many of them sports related. I was raised in a home where participation in sports was more of an expectation than an option.

As I was driving back from dropping my son off at his week-long Mississippi State University baseball camp, I remembered the important lessons athletics provided to my life that I hope my kids will also learn.

I'm sure many people feel the same, but might not have taken the time to remember. Even if you did not grow up playing sports, other activities might provide similar life lessons. Here are five of the most important ones to me.

The first hard lesson I learned is your team will not always win and you will make mistakes. Despite our best efforts, the best coaching and superior talent, these are some games or competitions where the final score is not in our favor. For some parents, this is a lesson they don't want their kids to learn. They believe scores should not be kept and all kids should be winners to shield them from feeling sad or inadequate.

However, I believe that is not reflective of life. Successful people learn from setbacks and "losses" in life. If channeled correctly, it fuels a competitive spirit leading to a desire to get better and win the next game. It's part of our American spirit and has driven us to lead the world with a military second to none, business innovations envied around the globe and Olympic medal hauls other countries aspire.

Next, a team is made up of different people, with diverse talent levels, and motivated by a variety of factors. Successful teams learn to deal with the differences and harvest them to bring out the best. Our military teaches us the value of our diverse workforce.

Airmen are an eclectic group of men and women from all different walks of life. Our varied life experiences enable us to harness different perspectives on issues while leading us toward one common goal. Successful teams minimize their differences and maximize their similarities. The goal of winning a game, or championship, or making the playoffs becomes a paramount and unifying force where teams sacrifice petty conflicts for the greater good.

Third, competition can bring out the best – and worst – in people. Like it or not, we are surrounded by competitive events. The up or out culture in our military promotion and assignment system is an example hope you will remember the impact athletics played in those in uniform can relate.



Unfortunately, some of us have seen unscrupulous peers or leaders who would not hesitate to step on others to make themselves look good. These selfish players exist on the ball field as well as life. I vividly remember players who put on their "A-game" when the coaches were watching and brought the team down when they were not the center of attention. My father taught me to be competitive, but not so much that I would sacrifice my values or drag others down to make me look better.

Another lesson is to be humble and let your play speak for itself. We have all seen the trash talkers and players or managers that provide locker room quotation motivation to the other team. These are times when it is effective in psyching out another player. However, no one likes an arrogant winner.

I was fortunate to have coaches like my father who taught me to always acknowledge and appreciate the other team and my teammates. As a young basketball player, I thought I had played a great game by scoring a large portion of my team's points, only for it to be spoiled by my teammate's missed shot at the end of regulation. After letting my teammate know how I felt, my coaches made a public example of my poor sportsmanship.

These are many plays throughout the course of a game. If the entire team does what it should throughout the game it should never come down to one single play to determine the outcome. A team shares both the losses and the wins.

Finally, I learned there are no shortcuts to being the best player or best team. As the great former coach of the Green Bay Packers, Vince Lombardi, once said; "Football is like life. It teaches work, sacrifice, perseverance, competitive drive, selflessness and respect for authority." Although athleticism is certainly important in sports, you can develop the skills with practice and repetition.

Success on the field is dictated by honing your physical, emotional and mental abilities to the maximum capacity. I learned at an early age sports expanded my maximum capacity and helped me to stretch the limits of what I felt possible. Susan Casey, an author, Olympic swimmer, and former editor of Sports Illustrated, sums things up perfectly. She said, "Sports remain a great metaphor for life's more difficult lessons. It was through athletics many of us first came to understand fear can be tamed; that on a team the whole is more than the sum of its parts; and the ability to be heroic lies to a surprising degree, within.'

I hope my kids learn these valuable life lessons and I our development as Airmen.

MyMC2 app

Welcome to the My Military Communities information page. MyMC2 is the mobile application that centralizes all of your installation's community events, organizations and services right in your pocket.



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How do I get MyMC2 for my phone?

You can access this app by navigating to the native app store or market on your device and search for "MyMC2", or you can scan this QR code and it will take you directly to the download page in your phone.



If you have any questions or need support please visit www. facebook.com/mymc2suppor

Sushi back again at Columbus AFB commissary



Staff Sgt. Dustie Daniels, 14th Operation "One of our core values at Saint Leo University is excellence, and we are delighted to see Support Squadron, with a GPA of 3.75, and these students work so hard to achieve so much Christopher Craig, L-3, with a GPA of 3.8, were named on the Dean's List at Saint Leo Universiand aspire to live out our values," said Michael Nastanski, vice president of academic affairs. ty for the spring 2015 semester.

The values of excellence, community, re-The Dean's List is published at the end of the spect, personal development, responsible stewfall, spring and summer semesters. Students who ardship, and integrity are central to academic have earned at least 12 credits with a term grade life at this leading Catholic teaching university. point average of 3.65 or higher are recognized



Michele Asberry, 14th Medical Group **Jimmy Howard.** 81st FS Daniel Schell, 14th OSS Jonathan Vickery, 81st FS Charles Virgil, 81st FS Nathan York, 81st FS

U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Kaleb Snay

Gin Kim, Sushi Chef, and Thet Oo, sushi chef supervisor, make sushi rolls July 15 at the Commissary on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Team BLAZE personnel are now able to purchase fresh sushi from the commissary after a pause of business in previous months.

Team BLAZE members make Dean's List at Saint Leo University

Saint Leo University

on the Dean's List, which is announced at the conclusion of each semester.

Columbus AFB master sergeant selects

Markus Anthony, 81st Fighter Squadron, Moody Air Force Base, Georgia Joshua Clements, 14th Operations Support Squadron Jeffery Randolf, 19th Civil Engineer Squadron Amanda Savannah, 14th Flying Training Wing Brenna Wiley, 37th Flying Training Squadron Darious Williams, 48th Flying Training Squadron

Mississippi Sales Tax Holiday

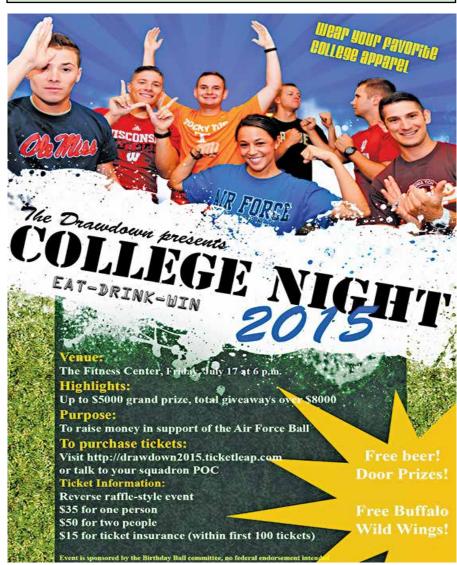
wear items, meant to be worn next to the supplies and computers are not included. body and cost less than \$100 per item, are For more information go to https://www. exempt from sales tax during this period. dor.ms.gov/secondsalestaxholiday.html.

The annual Sales Tax Holiday begins Accessories such as jewelry, handbags, walat 12:01 a.m. central standard time July lets, watches, backpacks, and similar items 31, and ends midnight Aug. 1. The items do not qualify for the Sales Tax Holiday. exempt from sales tax during the Sales Cleats and items worn in conjunction Tax Holiday are identical to those items with an athletic or recreational activity exempt in prior years. Clothing and foot- are other sample items not eligible. School

Alabama Sales Tax Holiday

standard time on Aug. 7, and ending at tailers are required to participate and may midnight on Aug. 9, Alabama will hold not charge tax on items that are legally its 10th annual sales tax holiday giving tax-exempt during the Sales Tax Holiday. shoppers the opportunity to purchase For more information go to revenue.alacertain school supplies, computers, and bama.gov/salestax/SalesTaxHol.cfm.

Beginning at 12:01 a.m. central clothing free of state sales or use tax. Re-



FEATURE

~Airman's Attic

Tuesday, Thursday: 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Wednesday: 5 p.m.-7 p.m. Saturday: 10 a.m. - noon. *Uniforms now available for officers. *All ranks first Saturday of the month

~Airman and Family Readiness

Center Monday-Friday: 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. 434-2790

~Arts and Crafts Center Monday - Friday: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. 434-7856

Base Exchange

Monday-Saturday: 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. Sunday: 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. Holiday hours: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. (662) 434-2988

Base Housing (Hunt)

Family housing office Monday-Friday: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. (662) 434-8213 Maintenance office Monday-Friday: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. (662) 434-8303

(Automated) Base Operator

434-1110

~Barber Shop Monday-Friday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sunday: noon - 4 p.m.

(662) 434-6699

~Bowling Alley and Grill

Monday - Friday: 6:30 a.m. - 8 p.m. Saturday: 11 a.m. - 8 p.m. (Grill closes at 7 p.m.) Sunday: Closed 434-3426

~Chapel

*Sanctuary open during duty day for prayer and medi-

*Chaplains available for counseling by appointment or Sunday: 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. walk-in

*On-call 24/7 through Command Post Sunday Services Protestant Traditional Worship Service: 10:45 a.m. Catholic Confession: *Appointment Catholic Mass: 5 p.m. Tuesday Daily Mass: 11:30 a.m. 434-2500

434-2479

Monday: Closed 434-7109

434-7836

Emergencies AFB.

~Finance 434-2705

*Open 24/7, register at the front desk during hours below Monday-Thursday: 5 a.m. - 11 p.m. Friday: 5 a.m. - 9 p.m. Saturday-Sunday: 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. Holidays: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. 434-2775

GNC Monday - Saturday: 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. 434-5050

What time do you open? *Phone numbers with "(662)" are considered off-base numbers

and you must dial 99-434-#### when on base.

*Organizations marked with "~" are always closed on federal holidays.

~Child Development Center

Monday-Friday: 6:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Columbus Club

*Closed for Renovations

Commissary

Sunday: Noon - 6 p.m. Tuesday: 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. Wednesday: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Thursday: 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. *Check online for holiday hours or closures

~Custom Framing and Engraving

Monday-Friday: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

*Please call 911 and inform them you are on Columbus

Monday-Friday: 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Fitness Center

Indy's *Closed for Renovations

~Legal Office

Monday-Friday: 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Power of Attorney/Notary walk-ins Monday-Friday: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Wills done by appointment only 434-7030

~Library

Mon., Wed., Sat.: Closed Tues., Thurs., Fri.: 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Sunday: 1 - 5 p.m. 434-2934

~Back Gate

Monday-Friday: 6 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Medical Appointments

434-2273 (CARE)

~Optical Shop

Monday-Friday: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. 434-8496

OSI 434-2852

~Outdoor Recreation

*Summer hours (April – Sept.) Mon., Thurs., Fri.: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Tues., Wed., Sat., Sun.: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. *Winter Hours (Oct. - March) Mon., Thurs., Fri.: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Tuesday - Wednesday: Closed Saturday - Sunday: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. 434-2505

~Personnel Customer Service

Mon., Wed., Fri.: 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tuesday: 7:30 a.m. - 7 p.m. Thursday: 7:30 a.m. - noon 434-3294/2626

Shoppette

Monday-Friday: 7 a.m. - 9 p.m. Saturday-Sunday: 8 a.m. - 9 p.m. Holiday hours: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. (662) 434-6026

~Stylique Salon

Sunday - Monday: Closed Tuesday - Friday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. 434-6717

Subway

Monday - Friday: 7 a.m. - 6 p.m. Saturday: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Sunday: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. 434-1369

~Taco Bell

Monday: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Tuesday - Saturday: 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Sunday: Closed 434-1369

~Thrift Shop

Tuesdays and Thursdays: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. *Open to public Wednesday: 5 p.m.-7 p.m. starting July 29 434-2954

~Visitors Center

Monday-Friday: 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. *Closed at noon every third Thursday of the month 434-3161/7133/2111

Whispering Pines Golf Course

Monday: Closed Tuesday-Thursday: 8 a.m. - dusk Friday-Saturday: 7 a.m. - dusk Sunday: 8 a.m. - dusk Holiday hours: 7 a.m. - dusk Pam's Place lunch specials: 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. 434-7932/7972

~Wood Shop

Saturday: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. 434-7856

~Youth Center

Office Monday-Friday 10 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Open Recreation

Monday-Friday: 3 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. (Summer hours: 1 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.) 434-2504