

Augmentee duty available for reservists, guardsmen

Gary Emery
Air Force Security Forces Center Public Affairs

Reserve component enlisted Airmen in any career field are eligible for a unique program allowing them to help protect Air Force bases nationwide.

The air reserve component force protection volunteer program gives individual mobilization augmentee, Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard members in grades E-6 and below the opportunity to serve tours with security forces units at most stateside bases, said Maj. Scott Parker, air reserve component force-protection liaison officer at Air Force Security Forces Center headquarters.

Volunteers will perform force-protection duties such as manning entry-control and vehicle-inspection stations at base gates as well as other duties, Major Parker said.

Assignments will vary from base to base.

"People in all (Air Force specialties) are eligible," he said. "Security forces volunteers will hit the ground running, while volunteers from other career fields will go through a one- or two-week security forces ready training program before assuming their duties."

Tour lengths are variable based on each volunteer's availability, Major Parker said. The minimum tour length is 30 days, while those who are available for longer periods can begin serving immediately and stay on duty until at least Sept. 29, he said. The Air Force is funding all travel and per diem costs for program participants.

Volunteers have a wide range of locations to choose from, Major Parker said.

"The list of bases is a moving target, but just about all (continental U.S.) bases have a need for volunteers," he said. "We have a capable staff that can place individuals at or near their desired location."

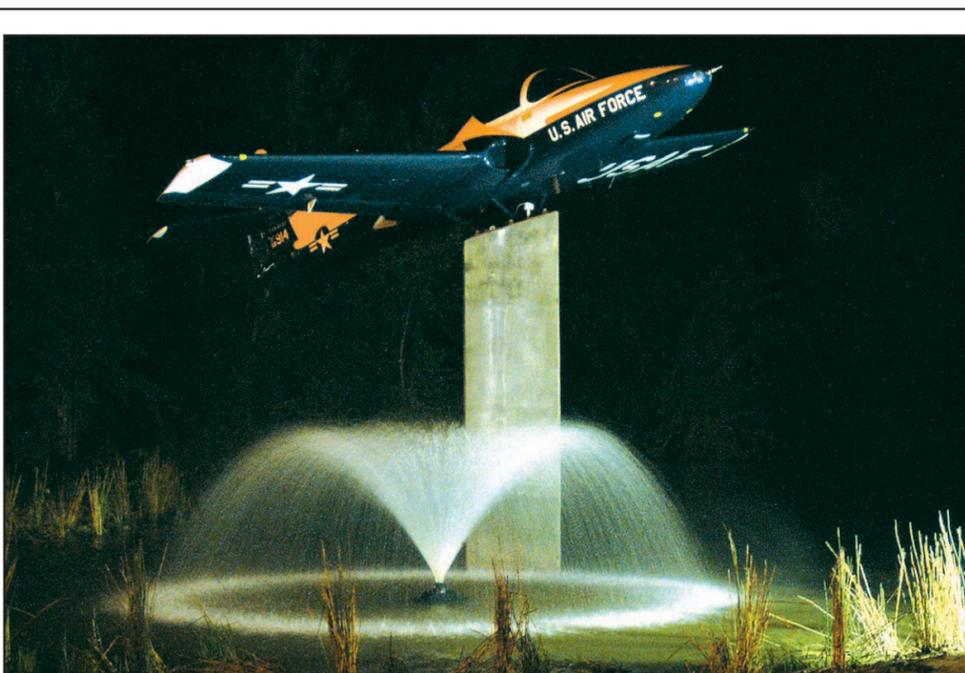
This program has many benefits, Major Parker said.

"People get a chance to volunteer for locations where they would like to go, and the force-protection needs of the Air Force are met as well. It works out well for everyone concerned," he said.

About 2,100 volunteers are already serving in the program, and at least 400 more are needed this fiscal year, Major Parker said. He said he anticipates the program will be funded again next fiscal year for up to 3,000 volunteers.

Air National Guardsmen who wish to volunteer or get more information on the program can call Major Parker at (210) 925-7051 or DSN 945-7051. Air Force Reserve Airmen can call Tech. Sgt. David Kahler at (210) 925-0305 or DSN 945-0305.

Volunteers cannot be on physical profile, must meet Air Force physical fitness standards and must have a government travel card.



Airman 1st Class Cecilia Rodriguez

Timeless takeoff

The Lowndes County Board of Supervisors recently took one more step toward the completion of the T-37 static display at the main gate access road off Highway 45 by adding an automated light system.

More troops to receive vaccinations

Gerry Gilmore
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — More U.S. servicemembers, including those serving in South Korea, will be vaccinated against smallpox and anthrax, the Defense Department's senior medical adviser said June 30.

The availability of additional smallpox and anthrax vaccine will allow for vaccinating all servicemembers assigned to U.S. Central Command, and many serving in U.S. Pacific Command, said Dr. William Winkenwerder, assistant secretary of defense for health affairs. This includes troops assigned in South Korea.

Dr. Winkenwerder said he could not provide the numbers of troops

affected by the policy change, other than saying "tens of thousands" would be vaccinated. The policy change, he said, was not precipitated by a definite threat increase.

"There is no substantial change to the threat situation," Dr. Winkenwerder said, explaining the increased availability of both vaccines "will provide an additional layer of protection" for servicemembers.

Central Command troops deployed to the Afghanistan and Iraq theaters of operation had been vaccinated against smallpox and anthrax, Dr. Winkenwerder said, but now "all personnel in Central Command" will receive both vaccinations.

Servicemembers serving in selected areas of PACOM, including South Korea, also will receive the anthrax

and smallpox vaccines, Dr. Winkenwerder said.

The cost of administering more smallpox and anthrax shots will run into "the tens of millions of dollars," Dr. Winkenwerder said, but the program would not strain his \$30 billion overall budget.

Medical studies, Dr. Winkenwerder said, have shown that administration of the vaccines poses little threat to servicemembers' health. Since June 2002, the Defense Department has vaccinated more than 750,000 troops against anthrax. That number, he said, increases to an aggregate of more than 1 million if vaccinations administered since 1998 are factored in.

Since December 2002, he said, more than 625,000 troops received smallpox vaccinations.

Uniform board releases results: changes to apply

Staff Sgt. Melanie Streeter
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Air Force officials recently released the results of the 96th Air Force Uniform Board held June 18 and 19.

The chief of staff approved a number of changes, affecting everything from cell phones to scarves. Among the changes are:

- Establish a standardized Air Force physical training uniform.
- Redesign the female lightweight blue jacket.
- Authorize the lightweight blue jacket to be worn indoors.
- Authorize, as an option, to have the Air Force symbol embroidered on the lightweight blue jacket.

- Offer the A-line skirt as an optional item.
- Redesign and revise maternity uniforms.
- Authorize the black scarf only with all Air Force uniforms, eliminating white, gray and olive drab options.
- Authorize conservative ornamentation on nonprescription sunglasses and eyeglasses.
- Authorize one small, black, nondescript personal digital assistant, pager or cellular phone at a time to be worn on the uniform belt.
- Allow females to wear small, black spherical earrings when in uniform.
- Allow black web belts or black riggers belts with nondescript buckles as an optional item with the battle dress uniform.
- Remove the requirement to wear a tie or tab with short-sleeved shirt or blouse while traveling on a commercial airline.

- Authorize wear of a backpack over both shoulders.
 - Authorize only a solid-color black backpack with blue uniform combinations and solid black, olive drab or woodland camouflage backpack with battle dress uniforms.
 - Redesign the security forces beret.
 - Allow the wear of plain black conservative hairpins, combs, headbands, elastic bands and barrettes with all female hair colors.
 - Allow males to cleanly shave their heads or have military high-and-tight haircuts; females are not authorized to shave their heads or wear high-and-tight haircuts.
- More information about these and other uniform board decisions will be included in the next update of Air Force Instruction 36-2903, being released this summer. More information will also be published in the Silver Wings as it becomes available.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations will conduct an accreditation survey of the **14th Medical Group, Columbus AFB, July 21 through July 23.**

The purpose of the survey will be to evaluate the organization's compliance with nationally established Joint Commission standards. The survey results will be used to determine whether, and the conditions under which, accreditation should be awarded the organization.

Joint Commission standards deal with organization quality and safety-of-care issues and the safety of the environment in which care is provided. Anyone believing that he or she has pertinent and valid information about such matters may request a public information interview with the Joint Commission's field representatives at the time of the survey. Information presented at the interview will be carefully evaluated for relevance to the accreditation process. Requests for a public information interview must be made in writing and should be sent to the Joint Commission no later than five working days before the survey begins. The request must also indicate the nature of the information to be provided at the interview. Address such requests to:

Division of Accreditation Operations
Office of Quality Monitoring
Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations
One Renaissance Boulevard
Oakbrook Terrace, Ill. 60181
or
fax to (630) 792-5636
or
e-mail to complaint@JCAHO.org

The Joint Commission's Office of Quality Monitoring will acknowledge in writing or by telephone requests received 10 days before the survey begins. An account representative will contact the individual requesting the public information interview prior to survey, indicating the location, date and time of the interview and the name of the surveyor who will conduct the interview.

This notice is posted in accordance with the Joint Commission's requirements and may not be removed before the survey is complete.

Airmen urged to vote

RANDOLPH AFB, Texas — General elections are approaching and Air Force voting officials here want to remind everyone to register to vote.

The Department of Defense recently announced that it has worked out a plan with the United States Postal Service to get absentee ballots to overseas members faster, but registering to vote is the first step to acquiring a ballot.

"Getting registered to vote is not a difficult process, it's just a matter of making it a priority," said Lt. Col. Lee Shick, Air Force voting action officer.

Deadlines and state specific rules on voter registration can be found on the Federal Voting Assistance Program Web site at www.fvap.gov. The site includes a list of 10 things to do to ensure your vote counts.

"Our goal is 100 percent contact with every Airman by a voting representative," he said. "The opportunity to vote has been emphasized as a command responsibility, and our installation voting officers play a key role. We want to make sure each individual gets the word about voting and that they have the tools and information to apply for an absentee ballot and vote."

Columbus AFB personnel can also access the wing's voting link at <https://columbusweb>. The link provides lists of unit voting counselors, voting news and frequently asked questions.

"Filling out the Federal Post Card Application is the first step in exercising your right to vote," said Lt. Col. David Franz, 14th Flying Training Wing voting action officer.

Unit voting counselors are available to help with that process. Election officials at legal residences will send absentee ballots for all elections — local, state and federal — in which people are eligible to vote. Completed ballots are then mailed back to the address provided.

The wing's goal is to have Federal Post Card Applications in each active-duty military member's hand, as well as in the hands of their voting eligible family members, by the end of August, Colonel Franz said. "It's a right and a responsibility to vote. Don't wait until the last minute."

For more information, contact a squadron voting representative, Maj. Lee Baker, assistant wing voting officer, at Ext. 3472, or Colonel Franz at Ext. 7076. (Courtesy of Air Force Personnel Center)

'101 Critical Days of Summer' tip:
Safety is something you cannot live without.

Deployed 14th SFS officer makes difference overseas

A 14th Security Forces Squadron officer assigned to the 416th Air Expeditionary Group's Security Forces Squadron in Central Asia has already found a way to make a difference at his deployed location.

Using the talents of Airmen from five different bases and three different major commands, 2nd Lt. Timothy Gorske has created a base defense plan, disaster preparedness plan, established an active defense and coordinated an aggressive intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance plan with the office of special investigations, all in less than 30 days.

He also led the U.S. Army host in two days of Morale, Welfare and Recreation activities for Memorial Day, providing for

the recreation of more than 1,200 combat personnel.

In addition to being the squadron operations officer, Lieutenant Gorske manages the unit Fly Away Security Teams. FAST units from the 416th AEG are elite two-person security details that fly as mission essential aircrew whenever the group's aircraft go to remote locations throughout the region. Lieutenant Gorske has performed two combat missions, racking up seven flying sorties totaling 10 hours as a FAST member.

For these accomplishments, Lieutenant Gorske was recognized as the 416th AEG's Company Grade Officer for May 2004. (Courtesy of the 416th AEG Security Forces Squadron)



Second Lt. Timothy Gorske (center), 14th Security Forces Squadron, conducts post check with host nation security personnel at his deployed location in Central Asia. Courtesy photo

NEWS BRIEFS

Change of command

A change-of-command ceremony for the 50th Flying Training Squadron takes place at 7:50 a.m. Monday in front of the wing headquarters building. Lt. Col. Dan Clarke will relinquish command to Lt. Col. Frank Rossi. For more information, call Ext. 1510.

Wednesday dorm dinner

The monthly dorm dinner is at 5 p.m. Wednesday at the chapel annex. The menu includes pulled pork. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Steven Butler at Ext. 2500.

Drivers needed

The local chapter of Disabled American Veterans needs volunteers to transport veterans to and from the Veterans' Administration hospital in Jackson, Miss. Volunteers will receive a physical examination and orientation at the hospital.

The van is presently scheduled run every Wednesday. To volunteer or for more information, call Lawrence Borchers at 243-2334.

Teamwork, determination avert crash

Staff Sgt. Martin Jackson
386th Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

SOUTHWEST ASIA — A C-130 Hercules from the 710th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron, with 65 people on board, came within minutes of making a crash landing June 29.

What started out to be a 90-minute flight turned into three and a half hours of nonstop effort to get the aircraft safely on the ground.

Leaving Balad AB, Iraq, during what seemed to be a normal takeoff, the aircrew gained altitude and attempted to retract the landing gear. They received indications that the C-130's right main landing gear would not retract, and upon inspection, they discovered the gear had become wedged.

"We had the loadmasters check out the gear, and they found that the aft wheel was nearly all the way down and the forward one was retracted wedging them at an angle," said Maj. Bruce Fogle, aircraft commander.

With 59 Soldiers on board, the crew had to quickly plan out their emergency strategies, all the while working out their landing gear predicament.

"We immediately began assessing our situation determining our flight and landing options," Major Fogle said. "The decision was to make our way to the Persian Gulf where we would orbit until we either fixed the gear problem or reached (a specified fuel level), then we would attempt to land at Kuwait International Airport because of its large runway and nearby medical facilities."

The two loadmasters and flight engineer worked their way through the four possible procedures to raise and lower the gear listed in the operating manual, but the gear would not budge. The crew also troubleshooted the problem via radio, conferencing with maintainers both locally and at the crew's home station in Mansfield, Ohio, and with engineers at Lockheed Martin, the company that designed the aircraft. Nothing they tried moved the gear.

"We easily had more than 100 people on the ground working through and troubleshooting this situation with us," said Maj. Jeff Charette, aircraft co-pilot. "They were doing all they could to help us as we stepped through each

and every possible troubleshooting technique."

Running out of fuel and time, they left their one and a half-hour orbit over the water and began their approach to make an emergency landing. Meanwhile the aircrew continued to work vigorously on the problem. Then success!

"We just had to get it to dislodge," said Tech. Sgt. Shane Adams, a flight engineer. "We repeatedly worked it for quite a while in a side-to-side rocking motion, when it finally started to free up and slowly work its way down into the full-down position."

The next task was to secure the gear in the down position for landing. The loadmasters braced it in place with heavy cargo chains strapped across the belly of the aircraft.

Finally, they then turned their attention to their new concern — the safety of their passengers.

"With 59 passengers, we were configured for maximum capacity," said Senior Master Sgt. Mike Cyphert, a loadmaster. "With the chains running across the inside of the aircraft and threat of metal from the props if the gear was to give way (upon) landing, we had to rearrange (the passengers') seating, moving several of them to the floor of the aircraft where we ran cargo straps across their legs to secure them in place."

With everyone secure, it was then all on the shoulders of the pilot and the strength of the chains as everyone on board braced for the landing.

"It was the smoothest landing I have ever seen," Major Charette said. "(Major Fogle) put it down very soft and gentle, getting us all safely back."

Safely on the ground, the crew said they heard elated cheers through the radio from their teammates who had been working with them from the ground.

"This was a huge team effort, not by just our crew of six but (by) everyone on the ground working with us to fix this problem," Major Fogle said. "Even if it would have come to landing on a wedged gear, you never give up. That's not an option when you're flying."

Five days later, the crew was back in a C-130, and it was business as usual flying the exact same mission — this time making it back in the scheduled 90 minutes.

CAFB encompasses 'Service before self' on family day

Lt. Col. Victoria Farley
14th Medical Operations Squadron



For many military members, family days involve well-planned road trips and exciting outdoor activities with their spouses and children. I fall into this category, but proudly spent this last family day with the BLAZE TEAM before I went fishing with my spouse.

My day started with a phone call at 8:15 a.m. — "Ma'am, we have a problem that needs your attention." According to the facility manager, the clinic's phone lines would not forward to the after-hours call service until the voice mail system was fixed. The contract technician was arriving that day to repair the problem. The only option for after-hours phone service over the four-day weekend was to physically answer the phone.

Taking a deep breath, I pulled out the recall roster and the cascade of phone calls began. Before I could answer the first phone call, the doctor on call and his medical technician rushed in to help and quickly answer medical calls. This freed me to concentrate on organizing a four-day shift schedule. By 10 a.m., the BLAZE medical team was

in action as both medical operations and medical support squadron members volunteered to answer the phone until Tuesday.

Just as I sat to catch my breath and marvel at the amazing teamwork I had just witnessed, I received another phone at 11:15 a.m. — "Ma'am, two causality notification teams have been organized and require medical representatives. An airman from Fairchild AFB, Wash., was killed in an automobile accident today. His mother, father and sister require notification today in person. How soon can you report to Building 926 in your service dress uniform?"

Within the next hour I had changed into my service dress, reported to Building 926, and received a briefing on the good, bad and ugly of causality notification.

My team was tasked to notify the mother in Kosciusko, Miss., and the other team was to notify the father and sister in Jackson, Miss. At 12:30 p.m., a T-37 commander, a chaplain and a dentist were on their way down the Mississippi country roads to notify a mother that her only son had been killed on his 25th birthday.

The town of Kosciusko was easy to find, but it took three stops for directions — a florist, country store and tractor repair shop — to find Attala County Road 2053. It was 6:15 p.m. by the time we located the mother's home, only to discover she was in Jackson, Miss., an hour away. At 7:45 p.m., we returned to the mother's home.

The T-37 commander nobly read the notification letter to a physically shaking and weeping mother. The chaplain comforted the family with prayer and psalm reading. As this was my first experience with causality notification, it was a challenge to find comforting means to calm down a distraught mother.

We stayed until the family was comfortable and safe. The mother and husband shook our hands and thanked us for taking the time out of our day to tell them. On the long ride back to Columbus, we reflected on the way we had "meshed" as a team and were all very thankful to have accomplished the solemn task. Thirty minutes from Columbus, I received another phone call — "This is the [14th Communications Squadron] commander. The voice mail system is almost fixed. My crew will be working through the night until it is fixed." The phone faded in and out of service as I tried to thank him. By 11 p.m., the notification team arrived back at Building 926 for an out brief and the end of our mission. But my story does not end until the next day at 7:15 a.m. with yet another phone call.

A dental technician who had volunteered for phone duty called to report that the phone lines were working. With many thanks, I advised him to go home and enjoy his Fourth of July weekend. He replied, "Thank you, ma'am. Today is my 19th wedding anniversary. I volunteered to help, but am glad I'm able to spend the day with my wife."

STRAIGHT TALK LINE

The Straight Talk Line is your direct line to the commander for comments and suggestions on how to make Columbus AFB better. Although the Straight Talk Line is always available, the best way to resolve problems is through the chain of command.

The Straight Talk Line phone number is 434-7058. Callers should leave their full name and phone number to receive an answer. All names are kept confidential.

Written questions may also be brought to the public affairs office in the wing headquarters building, Bldg. 724. People can also access the Straight Talk program through the Blazeweb at <https://columbusweb> and the main Web site at www.columbus.af.mil. Questions and answers will be edited for brevity.

Topsoil for yards in base housing

Question: Is it possible to get topsoil for planting around base houses? The dirt that is placed behind the auto hobby shop is almost pure clay — it's impossible to plant anything in it. In addition, the clay only compounds drainage problems. Everyone is interested in making the base look its best and this would help a lot.

Answer: Thanks for taking the time to improve our housing environment. The topsoil we use and provide to housing

occupants is located inside the Civil Engineer Aggregate yard behind the POL storage area. A small pile of topsoil and mulch is placed outside the gate so that occupants can have access to it during the weekend. If occupants need a large quantity of soil or mulch, please fill out an AF Form 332 and the civil engineer squadron will deliver it to your curbside. Thanks again for improving the aesthetics of our housing area.

Col. Stephen Wilson

14th Flying Training Wing commander

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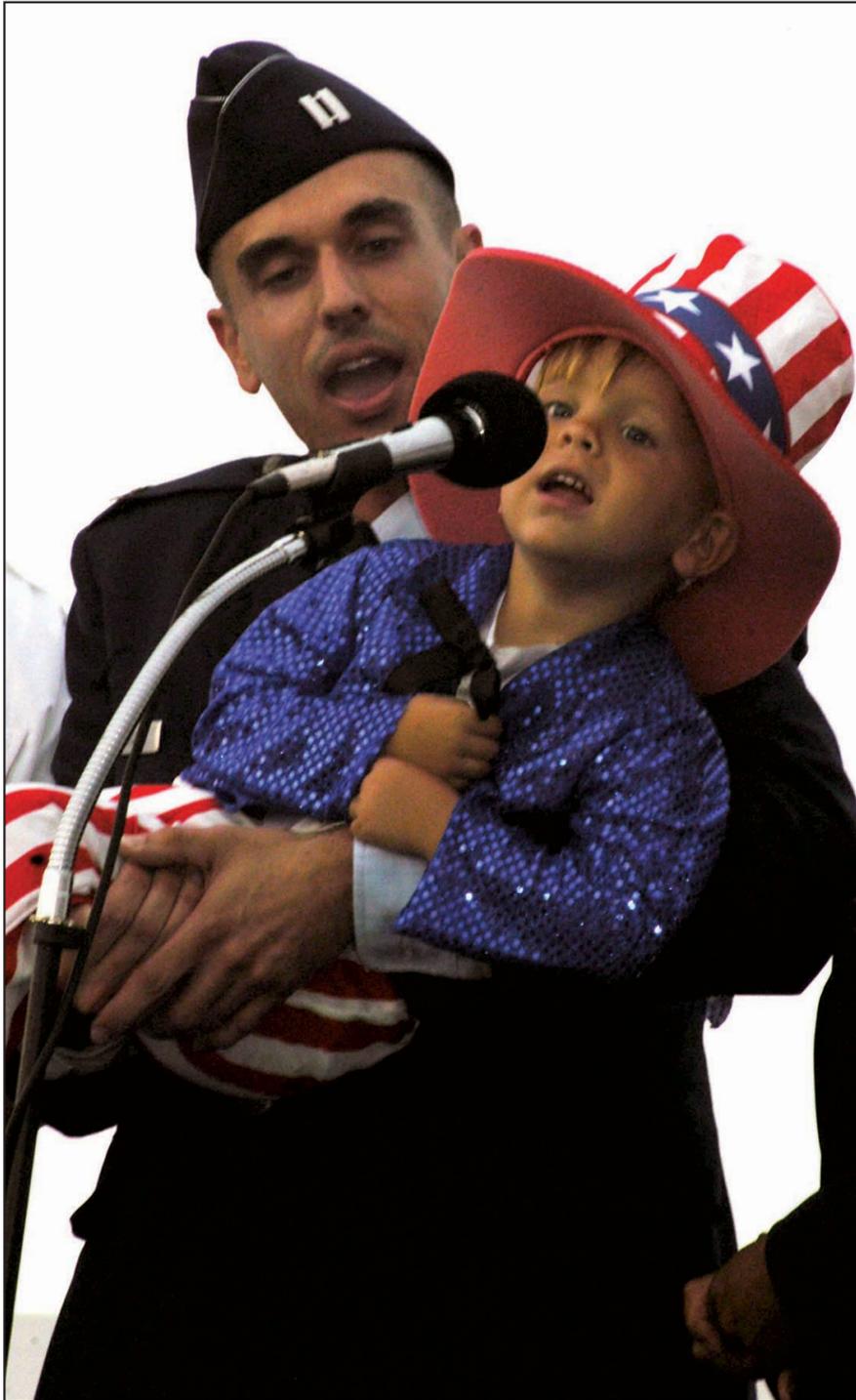
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14th Flying Training Wing deployed



As of press time, 32 BLAZE TEAM members are deployed worldwide. Remember to support them while they are away.

BLAZE TEAM, surrounding communities celebrate America's 228th birthday



Airman 1st Class Boto Bradford
Capt. Deric Prescott, 14th Flying Training Wing Legal Office, and Luke Evans, 3, kicked off Columbus AFB's Go 4th celebration Sunday by singing the national anthem.



Airman 1st Class Cecilia Rodriguez
A \$25,000 fireworks display brought Go 4th 2004 to a close.



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The event featured a public service parade, during which operators of fire engines, police cars, postal service trucks and other vehicles tossed treats to spectators along the route.



Airman 1st Class Cecilia Rodriguez
Despite soggy weather conditions, spectators traveled from across the region to enjoy Go 4th festivities along the flightline.



Left: A jet-powered truck with the same engine used by the T-38C Talon training aircraft made two high-speed runs during the night.

Airman 1st Class Boto Bradford

AT THE CHAPEL

Catholic

Sunday:

9:15 a.m. — Mass
5 p.m. — Confessions
5:30 p.m. — SUPT Mass

Protestant

Sunday:

10:45 a.m.— Traditional worship
1 p.m. — Contemporary worship
Tuesday:

Noon — Lunch and Bible study

Wednesday:

7 p.m. — Choir rehearsal

For information about Islamic, Jewish, Orthodox or other services, call the base chapel at Ext. 2500.

AT THE MOVIES

All movies are shown at 7 p.m., unless otherwise noted, at the base theater.

Today

"Shrek 2" (PG, crude humor, a brief substance reference and some suggestive content, 93 min.)

Starring: Voices of Mike Myers and Eddie Murphy.

Saturday

"The Day After Tomorrow"

(PG-13, intense situations of peril, 124 min.)

Starring: Dennis Quaid and Jake Gyllenhaal.

July 16

"Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban" (PG, frightening moments, creature violence and mild language, 142 min.)

Starring: Daniel Radcliffe and Rupert Grint.

For more information about movies, visit www.cafbgrapevine.com.

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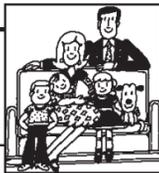
BLAZE 64 offers announcements for people living in base housing or the dormitories.

For more information, call public affairs at Ext. 7068.

Weekdays

9 a.m., noon and 2 p.m.

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FAMILY
SUPPORT

(Editor's note: All activities are offered at the family support center unless otherwise specified. For more information about any of the activities listed, call Ext. 2790.)

Financial management workshop: Personal financial management training for grades E-4 and below is from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesday.

Resumes: A workshop about different types of resumes and how to write one effectively is from 9 to 10 a.m. Wednesday.

Coping with difficult people: A workshop on how to cope with difficult people in the workplace is from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Bundles of Joy: A workshop for active-duty Air Force spouses who are pregnant or have a child four months or younger is from 2 to 4 p.m. Thursday. Speakers will provide information about finances, labor and delivery, and infant care. The Air Force Aid Society provides a gift package valued at more than \$50.

BASE
NOTES

Smooth Move for Kids: A workshop designed to help children deal with the stress of relocating and leaving family and friends is from 2 to 3 p.m. Tuesday at the youth center. For more information, call Ext. 2504.

Spouse aircraft briefing: A spouse aircraft briefing is at 7 p.m. Thursday at Phillips Auditorium. The briefing will familiarize spouses with the various kinds of aircraft, explain how the flying mission operates and introduce them to the role of a support network when spouses are away. For more information, call Ext. 7158.

International women's group: A women's group for wives of international military members at Columbus AFB meets for a potluck luncheon from noon to 2 p.m. July 19 at the chapel annex.

Spouses are encouraged to bring photo albums to share. This is an opportunity for

international women to gather and share a culturally diverse experience. For more information, call Liisi Herring at 356-9267.

Proportional per diem training: A mass training on the rules of proportional per diem is at 8 a.m., 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. July 23 at Phillips Auditorium.

Commanders are encouraged to mandate this training for resource advisors and orderly room personnel. Training information will also be distributed to all unit commanders via e-mail July 22. To sign up or for more information, call 2nd Lt. Shellonda James at Ext. 2702 or Ext. 2711.

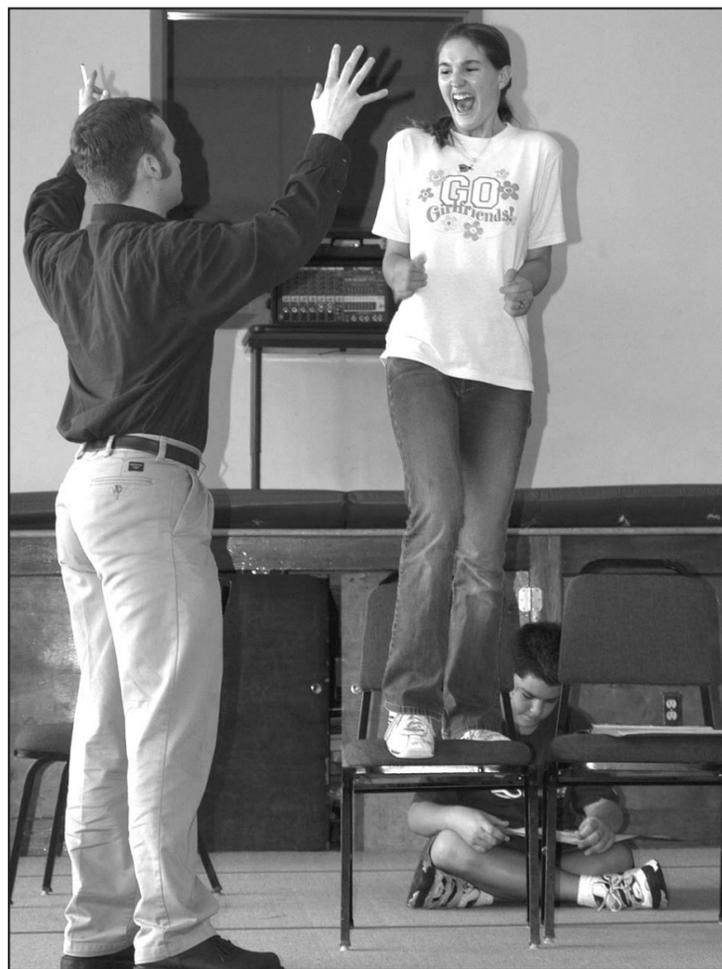
Pharmacy upgrades: An upgrade of the pharmacy technology is scheduled to begin at the end of July. The new technology is

geared toward preventing prescription processing errors. Delays are to be expected while the new system is installed.

Prescriptions will only be filled for patients who check in after they have seen their providers. People are also encouraged to call in refill prescriptions to allow time for processing. Call Ext. 2799.

Free tuition: Harvard College offers free tuition for children of families with incomes of less than \$40,000. In addition, Harvard will reduce the contributions expected of families with incomes between \$40,000 and \$60,000.

For more information, call the education center at Ext. 2562, Harvard's financial aid office at (617) 495-1581 or visit <http://admis.fas.harvard.edu/FAO/index.htm>.



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'Ribbet'ing performers

Brian Epperson, Missoula Children's Theatre tour director, and Jenn Peltz, "Princess Prim," rehearse a scene from "The Frog Prince" while Thomas Anzelone, "Swamp Frog," studies his lines. Base youth will present the play at 3 p.m. Saturday at the youth center. For more information, call Ext. 2504.

Summer programs abound for base people, families

Catfish buffet: The Columbus Club offers an all-you-can-eat catfish buffet from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fridays. Cost is \$5.95 for members and \$7.95 for nonmembers.

Customers may still order from the a la carte menu. Call Ext. 2490.

Bar bingo: The enlisted lounge offers one \$300 progressive jackpot bingo game at 5:30 p.m. every Friday for officers and enlisted personnel. Players have three chances to win cash — \$10 for the first straight bingo, \$15 for the first large picture frame and \$300 for cover-all in 48 numbers or less with a \$50 consolation prize for wins of 49 numbers or more. The numbers increase by one each week. Three-on cards are \$1.50. Nonmembers pay a \$5 entry fee to play. Call Ext. 2490.

All-ranks Sunday brunch: The Columbus Club offers a brunch from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday. Cost is \$8.95 for members and \$10.95 for nonmembers. Call Ext. 2490.

Mediterranean lunch buffet: The Columbus Club offers this all-you-can-eat lunch buffet from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday. Cost is \$5.95 for members and \$7.95 for nonmembers.

Club scholarship deadline: Thursday is the deadline to apply for Columbus Club scholarships. Current club

members and dependents who have been accepted by or enrolled in an accredited college or university for the fall of 2004 as part-time or full-time students are eligible to apply.

The club will award more than \$25,000 in scholarships. These prizes are made possible through commercial sponsorship provided by Bank One, Coca-Cola and Mastercard (no federal endorsement of sponsors intended). Entries must include the club member's name, last four digits of his or her club membership card account number, base, club name, entrant's full name with mailing address and phone number.

Entrants must provide an essay of 500 words or less on the topic "What Freedom Means to Me." Nominees must also provide a single-page summary of their long-term career/life goals and previous accomplishments. Applicants must submit all entries to Louella Anderson, services director. For more information, call the club at Ext. 2490 or visit the Air Force services Web site at www.afsv.af.mil.

Parents' night out: The youth center and child development center offer this program from 6 to 10 p.m. July 17. For reservations, call the youth center at Ext. 2504 or the child development center at Ext. 2479.

Community center hours: Effective July 19, the community center's new hours of operation are 10 a.m.

to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday. The center is closed Saturday and Sunday. Call Ext. 7450.

Bowling center steak night: The bowling center offers this special from 5 to 7 p.m. July 20. Cost is \$5.95 and includes steak, french fries and a garden salad. Call Ext. 2426.

Gymnastics camp: The youth center offers gymnastics camps July 26 through July 30 for ages 3 and older. Prices range from \$30 to \$90, depending on length of stay. Call Ext. 2504.

Summer dance camps: Three sessions of dance camp are being offered at the youth center in July. The camp includes ballet, lyrical, modern and jazz instruction and will culminate in a student demonstration the final day of camp.

Session II is for ages 10 to 12 and is offered July 19 through July 23. Session III is for ages 13 to adult and is offered July 26 through July 30. Those who register early receive a tuition discount. For registration information and camp details, call the youth center at Ext. 2504.

Casino trip: The information, ticket and travel office offers a trip to the Silver Star Casino July 23. Cost is \$15 and includes transportation and \$15 in coins. Call Ext. 7861.

Visionland trip: The information, ticket and travel office offers a trip to Visionland in Birmingham, Ala., July 24. Cost is \$28 per person and includes transportation and a ticket to the park. The bus departs from outdoor recreation at 9 a.m. and returns at 6 p.m. Call Ext. 7861.

Drop-in care available: The child development center offers drop-in care Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Cost is \$3 per hour. To make reservations, call Ext. 2479.

Birthday parties: The Strike Zone Lanes offers three different birthday party packages ranging in price from \$3.50 to \$4.75 per person. Stop by to pick up a brochure on what is offered with each package. Call Ext. 2426.

Art classes: The community center offers classes in painting and drawing using pencil, ink and acrylics. The classes are from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Mondays and are open to all ages. Registration is \$45 for art supplies, and each class is \$10. Call Ext. 7450.

Instructors needed: The community center is looking for qualified instructors to teach all types of classes including craft, exercise programs, party planning, dance, music, flower arranging and more. Instructors set their own rates. Call Ext. 7450.

Book club: The community center is organizing a book club. Anyone interested in joining can call Ext. 7450.



Pam Wickham

Big splash

Joshua Knight takes the plunge at Independence Pool. Children's swim lessons, water aerobics, lap swimming and pool party reservations are available at the pool. For more information, call Ext. 2491.

Children's acting classes: Terry Gladney, High School of Performing Arts and New York University graduate, will instruct acting classes for children ages 8 to 16 years old from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Monday nights through July 31. Interested students younger than 8 years old must meet with Mr. Gladney prior to being accepted. To sign up, call the Columbus Arts Council at 328-2787.

Market Street Grill Cooking School: People are invited to join Chef Pat Morris and Chef Opal Peacock to learn how to make Thai food from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Rosenzweig Arts Center. The class is \$40 per person, or students can purchase the entire cooking series of six for \$200. Reservations must be made in advance. For more information, call the Columbus Arts Council at 328-2787.

Movie in the park: All are invited to watch the classic *Casablanca*, starring Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman, at Ballard Park in Tupelo, Miss., today. The movie starts at dark and is free. For more information, call (662) 841-6440.

Fun day: First United Methodist Church of Reform, Ala., invites everyone to a fund-raiser from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Saturday. Adults as well as children are invited to partake in the many activities, food, crafts and a bake sale. Funds raised benefit the church's day care program. The church is located on Highway 17 North in Reform, Ala. For more information, call (205) 375-9710.

Sears thanks troops: As a "thank you" to American troops and their families, Sears Portrait Studio is offering free portrait sessions and a 20-percent discount on all in-studio and online portrait purchases through December 31. The offer is available to customers who show their military IDs. Sears Portrait Studio is also creating hundreds of hometown scrapbooks featuring portraits of customers, families and friends.

Sears is offering free studio sessions and four free 3x5 portraits of one pose July 17 through July 23 to customers who want their portraits included in the scrapbook and specifically mention the "Thank Our Troops" project. The scrapbooks will be distributed during Thanksgiving to troops in all branches of the military who are serving overseas.

To be included in a scrapbook or for more information, call the store's Columbus branch at (662) 241-7969 or visit www.searsportrait.com.

Columbus Farmers' Market: The Columbus Farmers' Market in downtown Columbus is open through October on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Homegrown in-season vegetables, flowers, plants and homemade canned goods such as jams, jellies and pepper sauces are sold. Make a right at Zachary's on 2nd Ave — the lot is two blocks down. For more information, call 328-4164.

Friday Nite Gospel Sing: This event features different local talent each month. The show takes place at the Princess Theatre on 5th Street South. Admission is \$6 per person. The show is from 7 to 9:30 p.m. and is sponsored by the McAdams Quartet. For more information, call 328-5016.

Sponsors needed: The Caledonia High School girls basketball team seeks sponsors to support their basketball and volleyball programs. Sponsorship packages range from \$60 to \$300.

Sponsors' names and organizations will be displayed on a banner in the school's gymnasium. For more information or to purchase a package, call Doll Wilder at 549-5284.

For more event listings, visit www.columbus-ms.org.

BARGAIN LINE

Bargain Line advertisement

The Bargain Line is free for all military members (including guard and reserve members), DOD civilians, military retirees, family members and contract employees.

Bargain Line advertisements must be turned in to the Silver Wings office in the 14th Flying Training Wing headquarters building by noon Monday to be included in the following week's issue. Late ads will be held over for the next issue.

Reruns must be phoned in to the Silver Wings office, 434-7068, by noon Monday for inclusion in the next week's issue. Please do not re-submit ads for rerun on this form. Advertisements should contain a home phone number, home address or both. Duty phone numbers will not appear in the ads.

Advertisements for private businesses or services providing a continuous source of income, such as baby-sitting or rental property, may not appear in the Bargain Line. They may, however, be purchased through the Silver Wings publisher: 328-2424. Please fill out this form completely. The Silver Wings staff reserves the right to edit ads as necessary.

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If you would like to give any other suggestions, please e-mail us at silverwings@columbus.af.mil.

New PT gear on shelves by fall

Master Sgt. Scott Elliott
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — The Air Force's first physical training uniform will hit the street later this year.

The new PT uniform has already been approved by Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper and will soon be in active service.

"We did a wear and fit test from January through March," said Senior Master Sgt. Jacqueline Dean of the Air Force Uniform Board.

"We took all the feedback, and we now have established military specifications. They've gone out to manufacturers and should be in full production by the end of June."

The PT uniform ensemble consists of dark blue running shorts, a gray T-shirt and a dark blue running suit — all with reflective safety markings.

Sergeant Dean said the goal was to have enough PT uniforms by Oct. 1 to supply Airmen scheduled for immediate deployment. After that

requirement is met, the uniforms will be available for purchase through Army and Air Force Exchange Service.

The PT uniform will have a two- to three-year phase-in period. Sergeant Dean said the running suit costs about \$100, and the shorts and shirt about \$25. Officials have not yet determined if Airmen will receive a lump sum allotment in October, an increase in their annual clothing allowance or a voucher to pay for the initial requirement.

Although personal preference is the rule for PT shoes, Sergeant Dean said they must be conservative in design and color. Saluting will not be required while wearing the PT uniform, and jewelry wear will be the same as with other uniforms, so long as safety is taken into consideration.

Only active-duty, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve Airmen will be authorized to purchase the PT uniforms from AAFES until adequate supplies are available.



Three-on-three basketball tournament

This three-day basketball tournament begins Aug. 3. Units will receive Commander's

Trophy points for participation, and first, second and third place winners will receive additional points.

Units may enter up to three teams, and eligible players include active duty servicemembers, dependents, guardsmen, reservists, retirees, Department of Defense civilians and base contractors.

Teams must register no later than July 30; new teams will not be added after the deadline. By-laws will be issued prior to the event. For more information, contact a unit fitness and sports center representative, or call Eric Rascoe at Ext. 2772.

SHORTS

Golf tournament

The British Open Golf Tournament is July 17 and July 18 at Whispering Pines Golf Course. Entry is \$10 for members and \$10 plus green fees for nonmembers. Players must pick their tour plays by 9 a.m. July 17. Call Ext. 7932.

Cosmic no-tap tourney

This tournament is at 7 p.m. July 23 at the bowling center. Entry is \$10 per person. Call Ext. 2426.

Circuit class change

The fitness center's force circuit class days have changed. Effective July 28, the classes are from noon to 12:45 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. For more information, call Ext. 2772.

Intramural softball playoffs

Softball playoffs begin July 13. For more information, visit www.cafbservices.com/fitness/leagues.html.

'Top Gun' volleyball tournament

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 04-15 sponsors this tournament at noon July 17 at Freedom Park. Cost is \$20 for each four-person team. Winners take home a minimum of \$60. Players also have the chance to participate in a "Goose" and "Maverick" look-alike contest. Burgers, hot dogs and drinks will be available for purchase. For more information or to register, call Cathy Meyer at 434-5554.



Airman 1st Class Boto Bradford

Go 4th, get fit

Participants of the Go 4th 5K run/1.5-mile walk dash from the starting line on the Columbus AFB runway Saturday morning. A Stars and Stripes fun run begins at 7 a.m. July 16 at the fitness center. For more information, call the fitness and sports center at Ext. 2772.