

## Deployed heroes honored at CAFB

Throughout OPERATIONS IRAQI FREEDOM and ENDURING FREEDOM, many troops have been exposed to hostile fire and inhospitable environments. They've experienced sights, sounds and smells that will be with them for a long time. They've faced life threatening situations and human suffering. Some might have seen their friends dead or injured. These reasons alone are enough for us to treat them as heroes.

Columbus AFB recognizes all BLAZE TEAM members deployed since March 2003 at its first Welcome Home Heroes celebration 4 p.m. Monday at the Columbus Club.

"The present conflict presents a new challenge," said Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Joseph Vu, 14th Flying Training Wing head chaplain. "Fewer troops generate frequent deployment; with intense hostility, it spells stress.

"The war's effects on our military and home life are real, and we must recognize these troops and their families for the sacrifices they've endured," he continued. "We want all commanders and others to join us in recognizing our heroes."

Information from the chaplains' office and agencies such as the medical clinic, family support center, health and wellness center and services, will be available at the event.

"These helping agencies are dedicated to the health and wellbeing of our military community," Chaplain Vu said. "This celebration demonstrates our commitment to build a healthy and happy community at Columbus AFB."

Since March 2003, five percent of Columbus AFB's Airmen are deployed at any given time.

"This figure may seem small, but the number of missing troops adds up," Chaplain Vu said.

"We must tell them that we appreciate their dedication and remind Airmen that their military profession is a noble way to serve our nation and the free world."

Deployed-returned Airmen planning on attending the event must call the chapel at Ext. 2500 to register and receive information. They are also invited to bring memorabilia from their last deployments for display at the celebration.

Limited complimentary childcare is also available during the event. To register children, call the youth center at Ext. 2504 or the child development center at Ext. 2479.

All BLAZE TEAM members are welcome, heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served and cost is free for all attendants. For more information about the Welcome Home Heroes celebration, call the chapel at Ext. 2500. (Courtesy of the 14th Flying Training Wing Chapel)



1st Lt. Jennifer Moore

**'Wheely' thorough**  
Capt. Oliver Johnson, 48th Flying Training Squadron instructor pilot, conducts an exterior inspection on a T-1 Jayhawk before departing on a student training sortie.

## BLAZE TEAM earns appreciation celebration for outstanding year

**Tech. Sgt. Jim Moser**  
Public Affairs

The 14th Flying Training Wing's BLAZE Appreciation Day celebration begins at 11 a.m. Thursday at the community center.

"I'd like to invite the entire BLAZE TEAM out to celebrate the incredible things we've done this year," said Col. Stephen Wilson, 14th FTW commander.

Picnic-goers will enjoy free hamburgers, hotdogs, bratwurst, drinks, side dishes and music by local band Freeway. Dyncorp and Cash Distributing will provide complementary refreshments.

"No picnic would be would be complete without a little fun, and this year's party is no exception," said Lt. Col. Mike Martel, acting 14th Services Division

director. "Most of the activities are centered around adults who are young at heart."

The event includes volleyball, horseshoes, and softball tournaments.

Those not interested in organized sports can try Sumo wrestling, take a swing at the "High-Striker," or try to get a good view of the base from atop the climbing wall.

Anyone feeling a little cowboy- or cowgirl-ish can saddle up and take a spin on the mechanical bull, Colonel Martel said. A bouncy castle will also be available for children to burn off a little energy.

"This is our chance to get paid while having fun," Colonel Martel said.

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## AFRL tests new firefighting technology

**2nd Lt. William Powell**  
325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

**TYNDALL AFB, Fla.** — A new method of extinguishing fires is currently being tested and may revolutionize the way the Air Force and the nation fight fires.

The Air Force Research Laboratory's deployed base systems branch here has been developing new firefighting technology for nearly two years. Dubbed the ultra-high pressure system, the experiment combines high pressure with water and aqueous film-forming foam.

"We were looking at ways to combine carbon dioxide with water to make a more effective firefighting agent. High pressure is required to keep the carbon dioxide liquid, and we had to design a system that would allow us to operate at high pressures," said Dr. Doug Dierdorf, fire research group lead scientist.

The scientists found that water with the foam solution under ultra-high pressure is extremely effective at putting out fires, he said.

Normal firetrucks deliver firefighting agents, including water, at pressures ranging 100 to 250 pounds per square inch. Firetrucks retrofitted with the ultra-high pressure system deliver firefighting agents at 1,500 ppsi.

"Current firefighting systems use lower pressure and a higher flow of firefighting agent, as much as 500 to 700 gallons per minute," said 2nd Lt. Bob Johnson, fire research group project officer. "What we're offering is higher pressure and a lower flow, which uses only 200 gpm."

Ultimately, smaller amounts of water required to extinguish fires could result in smaller firetrucks; and light, lean and lethal vehicles are especially important in today's rapid globally mobile Air Force.

"This was a very timely discovery because during preparations for Operation Iraqi Freedom, the lab had been asked to try and help develop an air-droppable firefighting system," Dr. Dierdorf said. "We went into a high-speed development mode where we took an (ultra-high pressure system) and mounted it on an air-drop certified, six-wheeled all-terrain vehicle. The system was then immediately put into deployment mode in February 2003. It successfully fought a fire at Baghdad International Airport with only 50 gallons of water shortly after our first forces moved in to occupy the area."

The success of the specially equipped ATV motivated researchers to design a larger scale version as a primary firefighting tool for two reasons.

"First, our current deployable vehicle, the 1,000-gallon capacity P-19, basically fills a C-130 [Hercules]," Dr. Dierdorf said. "With 500 gallons and (the system), we are able to put out as much fire as we would with 1,500 gallons using a conventional firefighting system. This 3-to-1 advantage (could) give us a fire truck half the size of the P-19. Our goal is to put two vehicles on one C-130."

The other driving force behind the program is the collateral damage and high cost involved with applying the foam to large aircraft engines, which are very expensive to repair, Dr. Dierdorf said.

"The high-bypass turbofan engines on the C-17 [Globemaster III] cost roughly \$14



2nd Lt. William Powell

Tyndall AFB firefighters train using a new method to extinguish fires developed by the Air Force Research Laboratory's deployed base systems branch.

million apiece; and a rebuild of one engine, if it's been exposed to (the foam), results in a bill of about \$4 million," he said. "It turns out the high-pressure water gives us better penetration, better dispersion of water and helps us attack fires on the large-scale engines."

While pure water and high pressure are not enough to suppress these fires, researchers found that adding two or three pounds of a gaseous clean agent will do the final extinguishing. The agent evaporates and avoids collateral damage to the engine during firefighting operations, he said.

The ultra-high pressure also changes the physical dynamics of the firefighting agent, further increasing its effectiveness.

"The (ultra-high pressure system) atom-

izes the agent into very fine droplets, which increases the agent's ability to absorb heat, thus improving its effectiveness," said Donald Warner, Air Force Fire and Emergency Services chief. "Efficiency is increased because less agent is required, which is very important in areas where water is scarce."

Additionally, smaller hoses should dramatically reduce the work effort for firefighters on the ground, who currently must fight fires while carrying very heavy hoses, Mr. Warner said.

All it takes to retrofit a vehicle are the new hoses, a special pump and a new nozzle, roughly one-tenth the size of existing nozzles. (Courtesy of Air Education and Training Command News Service)

## Airmen need to heed Hatch Act Rules

**WASHINGTON** — As the election season swings into high gear, the U.S. Office of Special Counsel has filed complaints against two federal employees deemed in violation of the Hatch Act.

The complaints address the use of "politically partisan electronic-mail messages while on duty," OSC officials said.

The Hatch Act regulates DOD employees' and service-members' participation in politics. The recent violations focus on e-mails sent to about 15 recipients in one case and more than 70 in the other.

"The use of Internet and electronic mail is second-nature to almost everyone and has become a favorite and effective campaign tool, even more so perhaps than four years ago," said Scott Bloch, OSC head. "I want to remind federal employees to be vigilant about following the Hatch Act, because we will consider this activity a form of electronic leafletting and thus a violation of the prohibition on partisan political activity in the workplace."

Partisan political activity is defined as activity directed

toward the success or failure of a political party or candidate for a partisan political office or partisan political group.

Participation in politics is not completely forbidden; however, active-duty military and executive-branch employees need to be aware of the rights and restrictions that the Hatch Act imposes on such activity. What is allowed and disallowed can be a bit confusing.

Service members are under the most restrictions. They may attend political meetings or rallies, but only as spectators and not in uniform. They are not allowed to give political speeches, serve in any official capacity in partisan groups or participate in political campaigns or conventions.

They are also not generally allowed to campaign for political office.

In its essence, the Hatch Act prohibits federal executive-branch employees from engaging in political activity while on duty or wearing an official uniform, officials said. For more information, call wing voting officer Lt. Col. David Franz at Ext. 7076. (Courtesy of American Forces Press Service)

### Mission Report

As of Wednesday

T-1A Goal: 1,848 hrs. Flown: 1,888.5 hrs. T-37 Goal: 2,228. Flown: 2,440 T-38C Goal: 1,049 Flown: 1,039  
Flying hours: Monday: 7 a.m.-6:15 p.m.; Tuesday: 7 a.m.-6:30 p.m.; Wednesday: 7 a.m.-5 p.m.; Thursday: 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Oct. 1: 7 a.m.- 6:45 p.m.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Suicide intervention training

Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training is from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday at the chapel. The training is open to all BLAZE TEAM members. However, it is highly recommended for supervisors.

The training will enhance individuals' skills to intervene until either the immediate risk of suicide is reduced or additional life-assistance resources can be found. For more information, call Ext. 2239.

### Enlisted promotions

The 14th Flying Training Wing congratulates the October enlisted promotees during a ceremony at 4 p.m. Wednesday at the Columbus Club. For more information, call Ext. 7294.

### Newcomers orientation

A newcomers orientation is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. Thursday at the Columbus Club. For more information, call Ext. 2601.

### Commissioning opportunity

Fifty spaces are available for Airmen interested in attending the Air Force Academy Preparatory School in Colorado Springs, Colo., as part of the Leaders Encouraging Airman Development Program Phase I.

The LEAD Program provides Airmen the opportunity to attend the prep school with the intention of an Academy appointment to follow. Commanders have the opportunity to identify outstanding and deserving Airmen with officer potential for this commissioning program. For information about entry criteria, the application process and other questions, call Ext. 2561.

### Munitions announcement

The munitions storage area is closed through Tuesday for the annual wall-to-wall inventory. For more information, call Ext. 7391.

# BLAZE TEAM helps local victims of Hurricane Ivan

**Airman 1st Class Cecilia Rodriguez**  
Public Affairs

As thousands of evacuees fled the havoc of Hurricane Ivan, agencies across the base collectively created a refuge for servicemembers from the coastal region and their families.

Columbus AFB provided shelter and services for more than 100 people in search of warm, dry places to wait out the storm.

"As Hurricane Ivan approached the southern coast, we anticipated the needs of those fleeing from the severe weather and then made an accounting of our capabilities in coordination with all other support group assets," said Lt. Col. Mike Martel, acting 14th Services Division director. "Our troops prepared to support the guests for as long as they needed our services."

Like a well-oiled machine, the BLAZE TEAM worked together to solidify plans.

The 14th Civil Engineer Squadron provided empty base housing units to shelter the visitors. The squadron also ensured key base facilities, such as food services, had power available in spite of the inclement weather.

The 14th Logistics Readiness Division contributed available cots and sleeping bags, and also called



Airman 1st Class Cecilia Rodriguez, Second Lt. Mike McFarland, 14th Operations Support Squadron, and 1st Lt. Richard Carter, 14th Services Division, deliver snacks and drinks to Paul Roussel, an evacuee from Keesler AFB, Miss.

numerous reserve centers in search of supplies. The logistics parking lot also housed 12 Federal Emergency Management Agency trucks and other supporting vehicles poised to assist devastated regions in the aftermath.

With extremely short notice, the

14th Contracting Squadron found emergency funding sources and purchased items for evacuees based on a services assessment. Contracting squadron troops picked up 200 cots, 1,000 towels, 1,000 bars of soap, shower curtains and approximately 20 cases of toilet paper.

The services division traveled door-to-door delivering donated snacks and drinks and provided guests with a list of dining locations and activities on base.

Services also coordinated with lodging facilities in downtown Columbus to accommodate helicopter pilots from Fort Rucker, Ala., among visitors.

"The front-line combatants in this battle against mother nature were those troops in the mission support group," Colonel Martel said. "When our guests arrived, the 'face' of Columbus AFB was a lodging clerk. A huge, unseen, well-coordinated team supported that clerk."

"The efforts of the entire base were vital to the BLAZE TEAM's success in supporting the local victims of Hurricane Ivan."



Senior Airman Calvin Williams and 2nd Lt. Aaron Mitchell, 14th Communications Squadron, pick up debris left behind by inclement weather.

# BLAZE TEAM sportsmen prepare for hunting season

Hunting season begins Oct. 1 on Columbus AFB.

Hunters must be active duty, reserve, retired military or civil service.

At a mandatory hunter's briefing Thursday, safety issues were discussed, as well as this year's base hunting rules and regulations.

Anyone who missed this briefing must call a game warden to receive a briefing before they begin hunting. In addition, hunters must purchase a Mississippi hunting license at a sporting goods store prior to the briefing.

BLAZE TEAM hunting fees are \$10 for grades E-1 through E-5, and \$20 for grades E-6 and above, civil service and retirees. Payments can be made in advance at the finance office in the military personnel flight building.

Hunters must pay the annual fee and show proof of payment to a game warden before they

can hunt on base.

All hunters born on or after Jan. 1, 1972 must complete a hunter safety course approved by the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks. The next two classes will be from 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Saturday at New Hope High School and Oct. 23 at the Columbus Police Club. People must pre-register for these courses to guarantee a seat in the class by calling (662) 840-5172.

During hunting season, pedestrians are strongly encouraged to wear orange vests or bright colors when near the hunting areas. Pedestrians should also stay on the main Perimeter Road and nature trails for their own safety.

For a complete list of Columbus AFB game wardens or for more information, call Ext. 7958.

(Courtesy of the 14th Civil Engineer Environmental Flight)

## 2004-2005 Hunting Seasons

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Deer	
Archery	Oct 1. — Nov. 19 Jan. 20 — Jan. 31
Black powder, archery	Dec. 2 — Dec. 15 Jan. 20 — Jan. 31
Shotgun, black powder, archery	Nov. 20 — Dec. 1 Dec. 16 — Jan. 19
Youth — Shotgun, black powder, archery	Nov. 13 — Nov. 19
Rabbit	Oct. 16 — Feb. 28
Squirrel	Oct. 2 — Feb. 28
Turkey	March 15 — May 1
Youth turkey	March 8 — March 14

# CAFB kicks off CFC campaign

The 2004-2005 Columbus AFB Combined Federal Campaign begins Monday and will run through Oct. 8.

The CFC is a once-a-year opportunity for military and federal employees to voluntarily support service, health and welfare agencies throughout the nation.

"Each individual's gift is crucial, as is the combined gift generated from Columbus AFB," said Col. Stephen Wilson, 14th Flying Training Wing commander. "I solicit your support and the focused dedication of your units' members to make this year's campaign a great success."

There are more than 50 eligible organizations in the local area, including the base youth center, the Happy Christmas Fund, and hundreds of other organizations nationwide.

Last year, federal workers reached into their pockets to donate nearly \$250 million during the campaign.

The CFC was established in 1961 and is the largest workplace charity campaign in the country, according to officials at the Air Force Personnel Center at Randolph AFB, Texas.

On average, one in four federal employees or their family members will benefit from the CFC charities this year alone, according to officials.

Donors may designate which charity, or charities, receives their money by filling out a pledge card. Contributions can be in cash, check or by payroll deduction.

"The Columbus BLAZE TEAM has always given generously, and I'm sure we'll all step up to the plate again to help others," Colonel Wilson said.

For more information, call wing CFC project officer Capt. Loyd Childs at Ext. 7762 or visit the CFC Web site at [www.opm.gov/cfc](http://www.opm.gov/cfc). (Courtesy of the 14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs Office)



Courtesy photo

## Future AF leaders

The 14th Flying Training Wing congratulates the 14 senior airman who graduated from Airman Leadership School Thursday. Pictured are (from left to right): Tchenevia Stewart, 14th Operations Group; Jennifer Hullman, 14th Medical Support Squadron; Daniel Swindle, 14th Mission Support Squadron; Joseph Rimmer, 14th Operations Support Squadron; Jonathan Morgan, 14th OG; James Wells, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron; Brandon Pickard, 14th OSS; Joseph Senkovich, 14th Contracting Squadron; Leanna Cummins, 14th MDSS; Eric Klick, 14th Security Forces Squadron; Tara Goswick, 14th MSS; Charles Hammond, 14th OSS; Michael Cook, 14th CES; Derrick Berry, 14th OSS; and ALS instructor Tech. Sgt. Deena Everist, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

Speakers are needed for the Columbus AFB Speaker's Bureau. Anyone interested in speaking about the Air Force or their career field at civic clubs, career fairs, science fairs, elementary schools or high schools in the Golden Triangle area can come to the public affairs office and fill out an application. Call Ext. 7068.

## 14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, 73 BLAZE TEAM members are deployed worldwide.

Remember to support the troops and their families while they are away.



# Columbus Club — It's for all BLAZE TEAM members

Lt. Col. Mike Martel  
14th Services Division



I've had the honor of acting as the 14th Services Division director for about three weeks now, and I'd like to share a couple of my observations.

First — services is full of tremendous folks who are really trying to provide the goods and services you need and enjoy. They are passionate about their jobs and do them very well.

Second — it's tough to get "the word" out so that everyone can enjoy the fruits of their labor. For instance, did you know that with the \$2 coupon found at services agencies it's cheaper to change your car's oil at the full-service auto hobby shop than it is downtown?

I also need to get "the word" out about the Columbus Club. There are a number of misconceptions about the

club I'd like to clear up, especially among our junior ranks.

First and foremost, the Columbus Club is not an officers' club — it's an all-ranks club, and that includes civilians. Too many folks miss out on all-you-can-eat lunch and Sunday buffets, free food on membership night, 15-cent chicken wings on Boss and Buddy Night, and the chance to meet and informally talk with leadership or friends at the bar. That's right — the bar is also open to all ranks.

As a side note, you'd be surprised by what you can sometimes accomplish in the informal club setting over a beverage.

At Minot AFB, I took a late Friday call from Air Combat Command. Could I arrange for two B-52's to be in Australia for an air show by that Tuesday? I had to provide an answer within the hour.

Since the wing's key leaders were all at the club, the request was quickly coordinated and approved. And I tell you, we had some pretty happy crew chiefs and crew

dogs at the Darwin Club by that Tuesday night!

I also want to address misconceptions about the base lounges.

The Landing Lounge, located in the Columbus Club, is not just an officers' lounge. The Landing Lounge and enlisted lounge are only separated by rank on Friday nights — and there is never any distinction in caliber of service!

Each lounge receives the same free finger foods on Fridays (for members), and the same members-only dinner spread on student pilot assignment nights. Even the drink specials are the same.

Furthermore, the enlisted lounge is actually open to all ranks for many functions, such as Monday night football or upcoming Monday bingo.

So, help me get the word out. Don't miss out on the good deals and programs offered simply because you're unaware. Services works hard at providing them for you — and you deserve them. I hope to see you all at the club!

# Chief of Staff Sight Picture Recognizing the responsibility of command

Gen. John Jumper  
Air Force Chief of Staff



Leading Airmen as a commander of a wing, group, or squadron is one of the most important and challenging opportunities in our Air Force. Two years ago, Secretary Roche and I put into action two initiatives for commanders charged with leading the men and women of our Air Force. First, we authorized wear of the command insignia. Today, commanders across the Air Force are justifiably proud to wear this distinctive badge of leadership. Secondly, we instituted Commander Responsibility Pay (CRP) as

an additional way to recognize and emphasize the leadership responsibilities of command.

Congress authorized CRP in 1958 and by Law, each service is authorized to pay up to 10% of their service members in each of their command ranks of Colonel, Lieutenant Colonel, and Major. Over the past two years you have embraced the Air Expeditionary Force and tackled the overwhelming demands of dealing with new and evolving threats to our national security.

In so doing, you enabled Joint Force Commanders to call upon the best air and space forces in history to help liberate more than 50 million people in two different countries. Because of our critical expeditionary commitments, the number of command positions has grown beyond our Congressional authority to pay them.

Consequently, we must adapt our CRP structure and reduce the number of command positions qualifying for

CRP. Consistent with our focus on the AEF, warfighting, and deployed operations, we will designate specific command billets for CRP based on one or more of the following characteristics:

- Likelihood of deploying to a combat zone
- Uniqueness or criticality of primary mission
- Deployment for a year or more

Commanders at all levels, in every mission area, and at every location, are vital to our Air Force's success. The tremendous care we take in identifying and selecting our commanders testifies to the value we place on command. The change to CRP will not affect wear of the "command insignia" which is an Air Force initiative not governed by any statutes. Command is the most important task in our Air Force.

I thank all commanders for the tremendous job you have done accomplishing the mission and taking care of the Airmen in your charge.

## 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](http://www.columbus.af.mil). Questions and answers will be edited for brevity.

### Clarification on recycling program

**Comment:** I go to considerable effort to recycle on base. Recently, I received a warning in my mailbox from the base recycling department stating that I had not "met standards" for recycling. I have made repeated calls to the number listed on the warning and received no response. I thought I was doing everything right in regards to recycling, and I am extremely discouraged by this event. I would appreciate a response from the recycling department regarding my "ticket."

I think recycling is very important to all of us on base. Please publish the requirements for recycling on base so that everyone knows what to do.

**Response:** Thank you for your interest and support of our recycling program. The requirements for recycling are contained in the Columbus AFB Family Housing Pamphlet. In addition, recycling personnel

published a Housing Recycling Guide and distributed a copy to all family housing occupants in July.

To meet the base recycling policy, you must bring your recyclables to the curb at least twice a month and six times per quarter. In your discussion with the 14th Civil Engineer Squadron Environmental Flight chief, you indicated that you and your husband were gone for most of July and could not recycle. This is understandable and will not count against you.

Recycling personnel work with the housing flight to try and determine if occupants have been gone for an extended period of time to avoid situations such as yours from occurring. If you have any further questions or suggestions regarding the recycling program, please contact the recycling center at Ext. 7406 or the environmental flight at Ext. 7955.

Col. Stephen Wilson  
14th Flying Training Wing commander

### Key phone numbers

Base Exchange.....	434-6013
Chaplain.....	434-2500
Civil Engineer Service Desk.....	434-2856
Civilian Personnel.....	434-2635
Clinic:	
Family Practice.....	434-2172
Appointment Desk.....	434-2273
After Hours Care.....	434-2273
Columbus Club.....	434-2489
Commissary.....	434-7106
Finance.....	434-2706
Housing Maintenance.....	434-7370
Inspector General.....	434-2927
Legal Office.....	434-7030
Military Equal Opportunity.....	434-2546
Security Forces.....	434-7129
Shoppette.....	434-6026

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# Saying goodbye to fallen troops with respect, dignity, pride

Master Sgt. Robert Branham  
332nd Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron

**BALAD, Iraq** — Somewhere in America a family member was waiting for a relative who was returning home. He was returning early, having served his profession with pride and excellence.

We wouldn't be there to honor his arrival, but we were here to see him off with respect and dignity. His title, and the title of thousands of his like-minded brothers and sisters, was specialist. For their profession is to defend the United States of America.

The Soldiers of his unit and the Airmen of ours stood at attention, in a cordon of desert camouflage uniforms, as six of his unit's young men stood ready

to carry their brother to his place on the start of his journey home. Just before they began their solemn march, we were ordered to present arms, and for three seconds our right arms were slowly raised to touch the corner of our eyes. As the detail passed we held our salute, honoring our comrade in arms and the Stars and Stripes. We held our salute until he was secured in his place of honor, then after the first sergeant's command, we slowly brought our arms to our side.

Still at attention, with eyes straight ahead, I could observe several faces with trails of tears, men and women alike, young and old. For we had lost one of our own, one who put service before self.

Next, the Army chaplain marched

between our columns to join his troop on the plane. Only then were we released from formation, but were told we could march onto the plane for the chaplain's comments. No one walked away. Every member of the formation joined together, side by side, until there was no room to stand inside the plane. The others stood respectfully just outside the plane's rear entrance, as the chaplain recited the 23rd Psalm before he said a prayer for our departing brother and for his family.

Slowly we left the plane so the specialist could begin the journey home. As I looked back into the cargo bay, I saw something I will never forget. Members of his unit saluted the flag on their own; some touched it respectfully. One soldier leaned over and put his

forehead briefly next to the stars, as if putting his forehead on his brother's forehead.

As our Air Force members slowly left the area, the Army again fell into formation. They stood at attention as the plane rolled away.

Yes, somewhere someone was waiting for this loved one's final journey home. We wish he hadn't left early. We gave him a final salute with heartfelt pride and professional excellence. His sacrifice to duty, honor, and country demanded we offer no less. We are the profession of arms.

All of us made a commitment to serve. Most of us make some sacrifice while in service. Some make the ultimate sacrifice.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

A big "thank you" to the 100-plus personnel who came out early to the Whispering Pines Golf Course Sept. 17. The major clean-up you did to the course after the previous night's devastating storm was phenomenal! Thanks to you, we were able to hold the 5th Annual Happy Christmas Fund Golf Tournament and raised \$2,600 to provide needed clothing for local disadvantaged children at Christmas. The tournament was also a success due to the generosity of the commissary and dedicated volunteers from the Columbus AFB Top 3 and Officers' Spouses Club.

With gratitude,  
George "Happy" Irby

## Hispanic Heritage Month Spotlight



Airman 1st Class Roxanne Roque  
14th Mission Support Squadron

Hispanic Heritage month can mean a whole host of things, but primarily to me it's the month to recognize all the various contributions that Hispanics have made and continue to make to the country, culture and the fabric of America.

**(Editor's Note: In recognition of Hispanic Heritage Month, the Columbus AFB Multicultural**

Committee is sponsoring a luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Oct. 15 at the Columbus Club.

Hispanic cuisine will be served.

Guest speaker is Lt. Col. Robert Ruiz of the 340th Flying Training Group. Cost is \$10 for club members and \$12 for nonmembers.

For more information, call Staff Sgt. Sarah Swift at Ext. 2137.)

# 14TH MISSION SUPPORT GROUP



Airman 1st Class Cecilia Rodriguez

Airman 1st Class Justin Desorcy, 14th Communications Squadron, works on a touch entry display to be used in the new radar approach control facility.



Airman Alexis Lloyd

Airman 1st Class Everett Cooper, 14th Mission Support Squadron, hands a customer his military ID card.



Airman 1st Class Cecilia Rodriguez



Airman 1st Class Cecilia Rodriguez

Left: Tech. Sgt. Jorge Lebron, 14th Logistics Readiness Division, updates unit tasking code information in the Logistics Module system. Top: Marquila Stallings, 14th Services Division, cleans weight room equipment at the fitness and sports center.



Airman 1st Class Cecilia Rodriguez

The 14th Civil Engineer Squadron Crash Truck 4 crew simulates extinguishing a fire on the aircraft mockup located at the fire department training area on the flightline.



Airman Alexis Lloyd

Staff Sgts. Edward Vega and Aaron Bess, 14th Security Forces Squadron, simulate a "surrender" with military working dog Rex.

AT THE CHAPEL**Catholic****Sunday:**

9:15 a.m. — Mass

10:30 a.m. — CCD

5 p.m. — Confessions

5:30 p.m. — SUPT Mass

**Protestant****Sunday:**

9 a.m. — Sunday school

10:45 a.m.— Traditional worship

1 p.m. — Contemporary worship

**Tuesday:**

10:30 a.m. — Ladies Bible study

Noon — Lunch and Bible study

**Wednesday:**

5 p.m. — Bible study potluck

6 p.m. — Bible study, Pioneer

Clubs, teen ministries

For information about other ser-

vices, call the chapel at Ext. 2500.

AT THE MOVIES

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

**Today**

"Collateral" (R, violence and language, 127 min.)

Starring: Tom Cruise and Jamie Foxx.

**Saturday**

"Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement" (G, 115 min.)

Starring: Anne Hathaway and Julie Andrews.

**Oct. 1**

"Alien vs. Predator" (PG-13, violence, language, horror images, slime and gore, 100 min.)

Starring: Lance Henriksen and Sanaa Lathan.

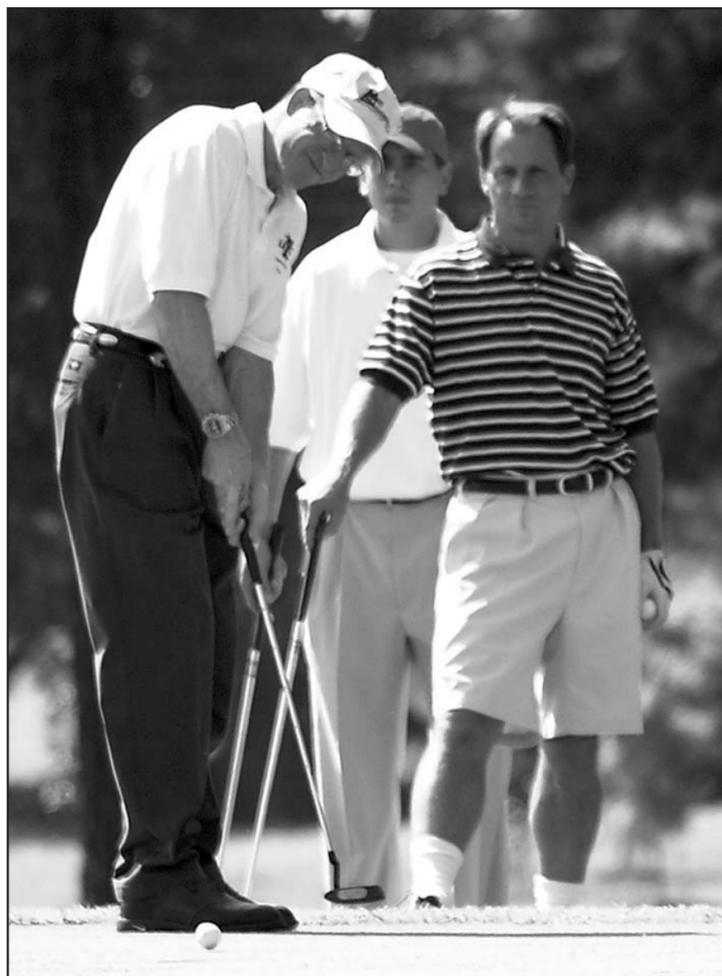
For more information about movies, visit [www.cafbgrapevine.com](http://www.cafbgrapevine.com).CHANNEL 64

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

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

**Weekdays**

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

**Air Force Television News****BASE NOTES****OCF:** An Officers' Christian Fellowship Bible study meets from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Mondays at the chapel annex. The fellowship is open to all BLAZE TEAM members. For more information or to arrange complimentary child care, call 434-6356.**OSC Social:** The spouses from the 50th Flying Training Squadron sponsor a Columbus Officers' Spouses' Club costume Halloween bingo social at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 12 at the Columbus Club. The menu is vegetable lasagna. Cost is \$9.50 per person, and club members receive a \$2 discount. New members are welcome. To sign up, call Cammy Cheater at 434-8915 by noon Oct. 7.**Stables safety reminder:** To ensure the safety of BLAZE TEAM members, people are not allowed in the stable area or pastures without a stable member escort. People who are unfamiliar with horses and their habits could place themselves in danger. For information, call Ext. 3060.**Cub Scouts:** Cub Scout Pack 52 meets at 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the community center. For more information, call 328-7228.**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.)***Heart Link:** The next Heart Link spouse orientation is from 8:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday. The event is for spouses new to the military or Columbus AFB. The meeting gives spouses a chance to gather information about protocol, finances, benefits and base agencies.**Bundles of Joy:** A workshop for active-duty Air Force spouses who are pregnant or have a child four months or

Tech. Sgt. Jim Moser

**Happy Fund golf****Col. Stephen Wilson, 14th Flying Training Wing commander, eyes his putt as Maj. Jay Fisher, 14th FTW executive officer, and Columbus Mayor Jeffrey Rupp look on at the Happy Fund Golf Tournament Sept. 17 at the Whispering Pines Golf Course. The event raised \$2,600 for the fund.**

younger is from 2 to 4 p.m. Tuesday. 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.

**Sponsorship training:** A workshop designed for all unit introduction monitors is at 9 a.m. Tuesday. Training includes the importance of effective sponsorship and resources available for both sponsors and newcomers.**WIC:** Women with military identification cards who are pregnant and/or have a child younger than five years old may qualify for food supplements under the Women, Infants and Children program. For an appointment to determine finan-

cial eligibility, call Ext. 2790.

**Air Force Aid Society:** The AFAS offers 24-hour emergency assistance. Possible aid includes interest-free loans and grants for items such as rent, food, utilities, car repairs and emergency travel.**Relocation assistance:** People who are making a permanent change of station can stop by the family support center for information about other bases, checklists to make moves easier and ideas for easy traveling with children.**Remote/deployment briefing:** Military personnel going remote or being deployed must attend a mandatory briefing held daily at 9 a.m.**Third annual ladies' golf scramble set for Oct. 2****Pam Wickham**

Marketing specialist

Whispering Pines Golf Course closes the course at noon Oct. 2 to host the third annual three-lady golf tournament.

The registration deadline is Wednesday. Cost is \$40 per person and includes greens fees, tee prizes, door prizes, and a dinner show immediately following the tournament at the Columbus Club.

"This is a fun tournament," said Ricky Magers, Professional Golf Association golf pro. "The ladies are given special treatment — bag drop service, free beverages on every third hole, a great show and dinner.

"We have enlisted the support of our base leadership to provide part of the night's entertainment, which will be well worth the cost of a social ticket," he said.

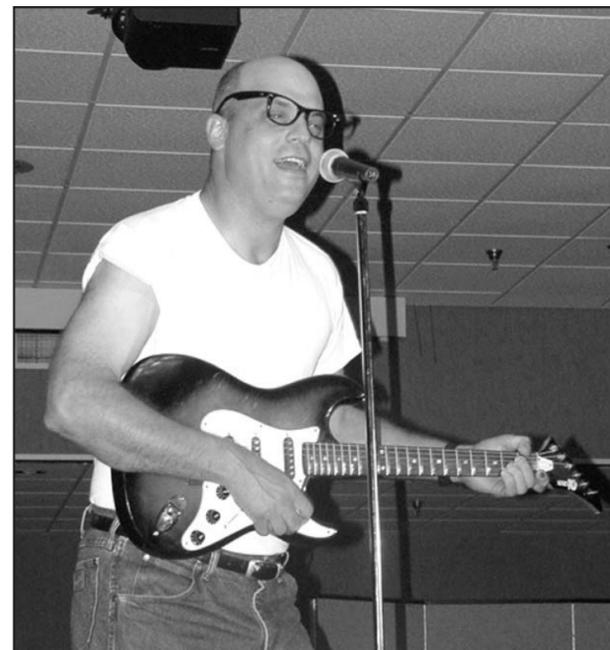
Social tickets, which cover the cost of dinner

and the show only, are \$15 each and must be purchased by Wednesday at the golf pro shop.

"I have participated in this golf tournament every year and will play again this year even though I now live in Pensacola," said Paula Anderson. "I wouldn't miss it for the world."

The tournament is sponsored in part by Cash Distributing Company and Michelob Ultra with hole sponsorships from Cable One, McRaes, PJ's Barbecue, Sonic Restaurant on Highway 45 North, Premier Ford Lincoln Mercury, Columbus Women's Clinic, First Command, Monograms Plus and Ivy Cottage Florist.

Door prizes are provided by services-in-kind sponsors Kim's Hallmark, TNT Auto Glass and Detail, Express Oil Change, Fashion Bar, Muscles Nails &amp; Faces, Sunn Tann, Petty's Cleaning Service, Brickerton Day Spa and Beehive Gifts and Flowers. Federal endorsement of sponsors not intended. For more information, call Ext. 7932.



Pam Wickham

**Lt. Col. William Sherman, 14th Mission Support Group deputy commander, does his impersonation of Buddy Holly at last year's three-lady scramble dinner and show.****Leisure time choices for base****All-you-can-eat pasta buffet:** The Columbus Club offers this evening buffet from 5 to 8 p.m. today. Cost is \$8.95 for club members and \$10.95 for nonmembers. Call Ext. 2490.**Disc Jockey Kleve:** Disc Jockey Kleve entertains from 7 to 11 p.m. today at the enlisted lounge. Call Ext. 2490.**All-you-can-eat lunch buffets:** The Columbus Club offers these buffets Tuesday to Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday is breakfast, Wednesday is Southern, Thursday is Mexican and Friday is catfish. Call Ext. 2490.**Youth center dance:** The youth center is sponsoring a dance for preteens and teens from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Saturday. Cost is \$1 for members and \$2 for nonmembers. Call Ext. 2504.**Stampin' up class:** The community center offers this hands-on workshop from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. Cost is \$10 per person and includes five stamping projects. Call Ext. 7450.**Football Frenzy:** The enlisted lounge opens at 7 p.m. Mondays for all ranks to watch the night's big game and win prizes. Club members can also enter a drawing for a trip to the Super Bowl. Call Ext. 2490.**Massage therapy:** The community center

offers massage therapy Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays by appointment only.

Costs range from \$15 to \$60 depending on the type of massage desired. Ear candling services are also available for \$35. For appointments, call Ext. 7450.

**Dignity Memorial Escape School videos:** These educational videos are available for check-out at the library.

The videos teach children to recognize potentially dangerous situations, and equip them with the mental tools to avoid and escape abduction. This educational program also initiates important dialogue between parents and children. Call Ext. 2934.

**Openings at base stables:** Empty stalls with paddocks are available for rent at the base stables. A riding area, wash rack, round pen and five pastures are also available for use. Call Ext. 2507.**Pro football trips:** The information, ticket and travel office offers two trips to New Orleans, La., to watch the New Orleans Saints. Cost is \$145 per person and includes a ticket to the game, transportation and two nights lodging at the Radisson on Canal Street. Trips are Oct. 8 to Oct. 10 for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers game and Oct. 15 to Oct. 17 for the Minnesota Vikings game. Call Ext. 7861.**BLAZE  
Appreciation Day  
Celebration****Thursday, Sept. 30  
11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
behind the community center****Free food & beverages****Entertainment by local band  
"Freeway"  
from noon to 4 p.m.****Jousting, sumo wrestling,  
softball, volleyball, a rock  
climbing wall, horseshoes,  
rides on a mechanical bull  
and more!**

**Hunting safety:** A hunter safety brief is from 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Saturday at New Hope High School. Classes are free, but people must pre-register by calling (662) 840-5172. In Mississippi, people born on or after Jan. 1, 1972 are required to complete a 10-hour hunter education course before purchasing a hunting license. For more information, visit [www.mdwfp.com/default.asp](http://www.mdwfp.com/default.asp).

**Hot Country Nights:** This old-time stage show featuring local and regional country musicians and comedians is from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for teens, and children 12 and under are free. For more information, call 347-0291 or 327-6789.

**Country and gospel show:** A big country and gospel show is at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Main Street Opry in Amory, Miss. Jack P. Hammer, the Gung-Ho Trio, and Jesse Betts and the Bacatcha Band will perform. For reservations, call (662) 256-9378.

**MOPS:** Mothers of Preschoolers meets from 9 to 11 a.m. every second and fourth Tuesday at Hope Community Church for encouragement and socialization. Childcare is provided for children up to six years old. For more information, call 434-6862.

**Afternoon Tunes:** An evening of live entertainment is from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday at the Trotter Convention Center Courtyard. For more information, call 328-6305.

**Exchange Club:** The Exchange Club meets at noon Thursdays at the Columbus Country Club. The community service group is dedicated to programs and projects that aid in child abuse prevention. For more information, e-mail [exchangeclubofcolumbusms@yahoo.com](mailto:exchangeclubofcolumbusms@yahoo.com)

**Community yard sale:** A community yard sale begins at 7:30 a.m. Oct. 2 at 540 Gurlie Malone Road in Caledonia, Miss. The sale will benefit R.I.D.E.S., a therapy center for disabled children and adults. For more information, call (662) 356-4458 or (662) 547-2707.

**Walk for Diabetes:** The Golden Triangle Walk for Diabetes is at 1 p.m. Oct. 3 at Propst Park. For more information, call (601) 957-7878.

**Trash to treasures:** Beta Sigma Phi chapter Epsilon Lambda sponsors a trash to treasures event from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 9 at the Columbus fair grounds. Arts, crafts, antiques and collectibles will be available. For more information, call 329-8783.

**Used cell phone drive:** The North Mississippi Medical Center sponsors a used cell phone drive through Oct. 15 to help protect victims of domestic violence in Tupelo, Eupora, Iuka, Pontotoc and West Point, Miss. For more information, call (800) 843-3375.

**Centennial celebration:** The town of Caledonia celebrates its centennial anniversary from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 16 in downtown Caledonia and at Ola J. Pickett Park. For more information, call (662) 356-4117.

**Drivers needed:** The local chapter of Disabled American Veterans seeks volunteers to transport veterans to and from the Veteran Affairs hospital in Jackson, Miss. Volunteers do not have to be veterans. Presently, the van runs to and from Jackson every Wednesday, but service may increase due to demand. For more information, call (662) 243-2334.

**Exchange student sponsors:** Cultural Academic Student Exchange, Inc. seeks families in the Golden Triangle Area to sponsor high school foreign exchange students. For more information, call (800) 458-8336.

For more event listings, visit [www.columbus-ms.org](http://www.columbus-ms.org).

# Air Force officials announce marathon results



1st Lt. Jennifer Moore  
Shannon Prasek, 50th Flying Training Squadron, recovers after completing the 8th Annual Air Force Marathon Saturday at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.

**WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, Ohio** — Helped by cool temperatures and a sunny sky, more than 3,800 runners from 48 states and 10 foreign countries ran in the eighth annual U.S. Air Force Marathon here Sept. 17, with about 2,000 spectators and more than 1,800 volunteers assisting.

Wheelchair competitors began the 26.2-mile race at 7 a.m., pursued by individual runners at 7:05 a.m.; relay teams at 7:20 a.m.; half-marathon (13.1 miles) runners at 7:40 a.m.; and 5k runners at 10 a.m.

The individual overall male winner was James Bresette, of Clinton, Ark., with a time of 2 hours, 40 minutes, 55 seconds. Second-place male winner was Hendrik Van Loon, of Ramstein Air Base, Germany, with a time of 2:40:59. Taking third place was Chuck Engle, of Clinton, Mich., with a time of 2:41:38.

Repeating her win from last year, individual overall female winner was Jill Metzger, of Ramstein AB, with a time of 3:06:06. Second place went to Shannon Moon, of Mount Orab, Ohio, with a time of 3:17:07. Finishing third was Kelly Tuinstra, of Beavercreek, Ohio, with a time of 3:20:04.

Grant Berthiaume, of Grand Rapids, Mich., was the first male wheelchair competitor to cross the finish line with a winning time of 2:09:11; Holly Koester, of Walton Hills, Ohio, was the first-place female with a winning time of 3:19:37. There were no second- and third-place male or female wheelchair winners.

The first relay team to finish was Recce 1 with a time of 2:24:04; second place was Stars and Stripes at 2:38:07; third was Air Education and Training Command at 2:39:46.

The first male overall half-marathon winner was Mark Stidham, of Austin,

Ind., with a time of 1:20:21; second was Eric Petersen, of Holladay, Utah, at 1:20:38; third was Gregory Sierschula, of Dayton, Ohio, at 1:20:48.

The first female overall half-marathon winner was Charlotte Anne Chumlea, of Springfield, Ohio, with a time of 1:27:16; second was Teri Ewert, of Beavercreek, at 1:29:50; third was Fe Lobo-Menendez, of San Antonio at 1:30:07.

The first male overall 5k-run finisher was Jimmie Haager, of Camden, Ohio, with a time of 16 minutes, 52 seconds; second was Brian Frederickson, of Beavercreek, at 17:06; third was Matthew Nyholm, of West Carrollton, Ohio, at 18:25.

The first female overall 5k-run finisher was Leslie Steckbeck, of Sherwood, Ark., with a time of 20:18; second was Amy Gibson, of Asheville, N.C., at 20:56; third was Melissa Kimbler, of Dayton, at 21:01.

Final race results can be found on the marathon Web site at <http://afmarathon.wpafb.af.mil>.

Next year's Air Force Marathon is scheduled to take place Sept. 17. (Courtesy of Air Force Print News Service)



Courtesy photo  
More than 3,800 runners from 48 states and 10 foreign countries competed in the marathon, half-marathon and 5K events.

## 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.

Type of advertisement (circle one): Home    Transportation    Miscellaneous    Yard sales    Pets

Print advertisement: \_\_\_\_\_

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(in case we need more information)

Please let us know what you think of the Silver Wings:

Are you happy with the Silver Wings? Yes  No

What would you like to see more of in the newspaper? News  Sports  Photos

If you would like to give any other suggestions, please e-mail us at [silverwings@columbus.af.mil](mailto:silverwings@columbus.af.mil).

## SHORTS

### Intramural sports

The fall season of intramural sports is approaching and dependents are encouraged to participate. To be eligible, dependents must be at least 16 years and need to contact a unit or squadron sports representative. A list of representatives is located at the fitness center. Fall sports include flag football, golf, and bowling. For more information, call David Hoeffcker at Ext. 7618 or the fitness center at Ext. 2772.

### Soccer camp

Columbus AFB hosts the Air Force Soccer Trial Camp Jan. 6 through Jan. 23. The deadline for completing Air Force Form 303, Request for

Specialized Sports Training, is Nov. 1. All military personnel interested in participating in the camp must complete the AF Form 303 or contact the fitness center at Ext. 2772.

### Spinning classes

A spinning class is at 5 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at the fitness and sports center. Spin is a self-paced training session of 40 to 45 minutes of sprinting, resistance climbing and jogging — all done on a stationary bike. For more information, call Ext. 2772.

### Karate/Judo classes

Karate classes are offered from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at

the community center. Cost is \$45 per month. The community center also offers Judo classes from 4 to 6 p.m. Thursdays. Cost is \$35 per month. For more information about the classes, call Ext. 7450.

### Cardio kickboxing

A cardio kickboxing class is at 6 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. The class includes jump roping, boxing, kickboxing and more. For more information, call Ext. 2772.

### Low-impact fitness

A low-impact fitness class is from 9 to 10 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at the community center. Cost is

\$5 a week or \$2 per class and is open to all BLAZE TEAM members. The class is sponsored by the health and wellness center. For more information, call Ext. 7450.

### Fitness 101

An instructional class for those new to fitness is available at the fitness and sports center.

During the one-hour class, participants learn how to use the center's large selection of cardiovascular and strength training equipment. Trained fitness specialists also explain how to exercise effectively to meet goals.

Classes are available by appointment only. For more information, call Ext. 2772.

# CAFB remembers those still Missing In Action and Prisoners Of War



Airman 1st Class Cecilia Rodriguez



Melissa Wooley

Airman 1st Class James Harris-Jordan, base honor guard member, presents arms during the playing of the national anthem at the POW/MIA ceremony Sept. 17 at Memorial Plaza.

Top: Base honor guard members retrieve the U.S. flag during the POW/MIA retreat ceremony. Right: Lt. Col. William Sherman, 14th Mission Support Group deputy commander, leads his Airmen in saluting the flag.



Airman 1st Class Cecilia Rodriguez