

CAFB honors Retiree Day with special events

Airman 1st Class Cecilia Rodriguez
Public Affairs

People celebrate certain days in recognition of significant beliefs, events and people every year.

The BLAZE TEAM will follow suit, expressing its gratitude for the sacrifices and contributions of our retired servicemembers on Retiree Appreciation Day Sept. 18 at Columbus AFB.

A day full of informative briefings, health screenings, shopping specials and counseling opportunities for the retirees will begin with registration and a continental breakfast from 8 to 8:30 a.m. at the Columbus Club.

Afterward, the base honor guard will post the colors, followed by opening remarks from Col. Stephen Wilson, 14th Flying Training Wing commander.

Between 9 and 11 a.m., activities for Retiree Appreciation Day will include — but are not limited to — a variety of services and information from agencies such as the base legal office, finance office, medical and dental clinics, health and wellness center, chapel, family support center, military personnel flight customer service and more.

“Everyone is taking time out of their weekend to help honor those people who defended our country before us,” said 1st Lt. Thomas Haas, event coordinator.

A lunch buffet at the club is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., during which Retired Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Frederick Finch will speak.

The buffet is \$9 per person and includes: classic Caesar salad with herbed croutons, bowtie pasta salad with roasted vegetables and creamy balsamic vinaigrette, grilled Italian sausages with peppers and onions, slow roasted chicken with garlic, lemon, rosemary and olive oil, penne pasta with Pomodoro Diabolo sauce, coffee and tea. Retirees, from any branch of service, may contact Lieutenant Haas at Ext. 2643 to sign up for the meal, no later than Sept. 10.

The day of activities will culminate at 1:30 p.m. when shuttle buses will transport guests from the club to the commissary and exchange, allowing them to take advantage of sales and prizes exclusive to the retiree community. The shuttle buses will also make stops on the flightline for aircraft tours and static displays.

“This is going to be a bigger and better event than last year,” Lieutenant Haas said. “We hope that all retirees from the local area will come out this year.”

For more information about Retiree Appreciation Day, call Ext. 2643.



Kenn Brown

Maj. Gen. Edward Ellis, 19th Air Force commander, prepares for a T-37 sortie Tuesday. General Ellis visited Columbus AFB Monday and Tuesday. He began his career as a T-37 first assignment instructor pilot.

19th AF leadership visits base

Airman Alexis Lloyd
Public Affairs

The 19th Air Force commander and command chief visited Columbus AFB Monday and Tuesday.

Maj. Gen. Edward Ellis and Chief Master Sgt. Timmothy Dickens came to the base to visit the troops.

General Ellis held two commander’s calls: one for officers and the other for enlisted troops.

During his commander’s calls, General Ellis discussed various topics.

General Ellis, who began his career as a T-37 first assignment instructor pilot at Craig AFB, Selma, Ala., opened with how good it was to be back in a training environment.

“Everyone here impacts the mission of training the best pilots in the world,” he said. “We are training so we don’t come in second in this war or the next war.”

When he spoke to both groups, he said that “As I look at this sea of faces, I know there are probably generals, colonels, chief master sergeants and senior master

sergeants in this audience ... I don’t know which one of you will hold those positions of responsibility and neither do you. So it’s important that you prepare yourself throughout your career.”

The general and chief had meals with Airmen from the base to give Airmen time to address issues and concerns.

One hot topic from enlisted folks was uniforms.

“The new utility uniform hasn’t been finalized yet,” General Ellis said. “The only issue that there seems to be consensus on is the fact that most folks don’t like the Marine-style eight-point hat.”

Officers asked about the alignment of overseas forces, personnel overloads and drawbacks, and tips on how to have a successful Air Force career.

The general mentioned how junior officers need to define success for themselves and prioritize their goals accordingly.

General Ellis took command of 19th Air Force in June. He said he is extremely proud of everyone at Columbus AFB.

“You are all helping to carry out an important mission and doing a tremendous job,” General Ellis said.

14th FTW presents quarterly safety awards

The 14th Flying Training Wing safety office presented its quarterly awards to units and people making a difference in safety.

The following is the list of winners who have made significant contributions to the wing flight or ground safety programs, and/or an exceptional safety record worthy of special recognition.

The 37th Flying Training Squadron was awarded the Wing Commander Flight Safety Trophy. This recognizes a unit’s outstanding achievement in aircraft accident prevention.

The 41st Flying Training Squadron won the Wing Commander’s Ground Safety Trophy. This recognizes a unit’s outstanding achievement in the reduction of ground mishaps.

Maj. Brad Robinson, 14th FTW safety, received the Wing Commander’s Aircrew of Distinction Award. This recognizes an aviator’s outstanding achievement in aircraft accident prevention.

Randy Putnam, 14th FTW, won the Wing Commander’s Ground Safety Individual Award. This quarterly award recognizes an individual’s out-

standing achievement in the reduction of ground mishaps.

Maj. James Gathright, 37th FTS, Capt. Michael Keefe, 48th FTS, Capt. Jian Pena, 48th FTS and Capt. Gregg Beeber, 37th FTS, received a Wing Commander’s Well Done Award. These periodic awards recognize an individual for a singular event (flying/ground) that without the extraordinary action of that individual would have led to a significantly worse outcome.

(Courtesy of the 14th Flying Training Wing safety office)

Sexual assault prevention, response report released

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Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — The Air Force has released a study that assessed the service’s sexual assault prevention and response capabilities.

The 96-page document titled, Report Concerning the Assessment of U.S. Air Force Sexual Assault Prevention and Response, was released Aug. 30. In February 2004, the secretary of the Air Force and the Air Force chief of staff requested an assessment of sexual assault prevention and response capabilities, including areas needing improvement. The Air Force performed a qualitative assessment that generated findings to inform senior leaders of potential program improvements.

Michael Dominguez, assistant secretary of the Air Force for manpower and reserve affairs, and Lt. Gen. Roger A. Brady, deputy chief of staff for personnel, supervised the assessment.

The assessment’s findings and recommendations were briefed to Air Force senior leaders May 18 at CORONA Top. They approved a campaign plan to address the findings and to further develop the recommended solutions. Air Force three-star leaders met at a summit Aug. 16 to discuss proposed solutions

“The most important thing we learned is that sexual assault is a very complex subject,” General Brady said. “And it’s a subject that we probably didn’t understand very well. So this report helps us educate our commanders, our supervisors, our people and ourselves so that we know what we’re dealing with, and we can

attack the problem aggressively.

“We want to do something about it because it obviously affects the quality of life for our people; it affects our readiness; it affects our ability to conduct our mission,” he said.

Air Force Vice Chief of Staff Gen. T. Michael Moseley, in a February tasking memorandum to all major command commanders, established five goals for the assessment:

— Strive to eliminate sexual assault and any environment that fosters it.

— Ensure an environment where victims have the confidence to report sexual assault.

— Conduct appropriate investigation and prosecution.

— Address victims’ well-being and health as effectively as possible.

— Ensure commanders and senior leaders oversee program effectiveness.

“We want to send a very clear message,” General Brady said. “It is that sexual assault, or any behavior anywhere approaching this, is absolutely inconsistent with our core values and everything that we believe. It is unacceptable.

“When we find people who are involved in this kind of activity, these are not people we need in our Air Force,” he said. “We also need to make sure that anyone who is a victim of such a crime knows that we’re going to handle it discreetly, we’re going to be aggressive in not only pursuing justice for the individual and the system, but we’re also going to show all of the compassion and show all the support we can (to individuals) as they proceed through what for them is a very traumatic event.”

Twenty significant findings are listed in the report, as well as 14 recommendations.

Findings and recommendations focused on six topic areas: sexual assault realities; policy and leadership; education and training; reporting; response; and air and space expeditionary forces and deployment. Each topic area except sexual assault realities contains a series of recommendations.

“We’re already using what we have found,” General Brady said.

“We did not wait until we got ready to publish the report,” he said. “As soon as we started having consistent findings from across our Air Force, we put out guidance to our commanders, for example, to establish victim-support liaisons. We are using this report to educate ourselves about the nature of this crime, about the environment we currently have in the Air Force and to build the programs we need to create the environment where we build greater trust. I think it will help us move toward eradicating a behavior that is totally unacceptable.

“We already have Air Education and Training Command building most of our education programs for this,” the general said. “We’re developing programs that begin with Airmen coming to Lackland, officers coming in to various accession forces, noncommissioned officer academies, commander’s schools, etc. We want to have consistent messages, appropriate to the audience, across the ranks. And we are educating our leaders to deal with these problems wherever they’re faced.”

The cornerstone of this effort was a series of self-assessments conducted by major commands focusing on each one’s sexual assault prevention and response capabilities. A headquarters integrated planning team undertook a parallel effort to review established policies, conduct corporate and uni-

versity benchmarking, and engage in sexual assault subject-matter experts external to the Air Force. Representatives from the MAJCOMs and the headquarters teams worked together to capture findings and develop recommendations.

This assessment is the next step of a journey that began in January 2003, when allegations of sexual assault at the U.S. Air Force Academy came to light. In March 2003, after multiple investigations into these allegations, the secretary and chief of staff implemented Agenda for Change. The Agenda for Change was a map for complete cultural change within the academy.

Over the course of 2003, two studies focusing on the sexual assault crisis at the academy were conducted. The Report of the Working Group Concerning Deterrence of and Response to Incidents of Sexual Assault at the U.S. Air Force Academy (Working Group Report) was delivered in June 2003. In a second study, former Rep. Tillie Fowler led a panel chartered by the U.S. Congress to review the actions of the academy and Air Force in response to allegations of sexual misconduct. The Report of the Panel to Review Sexual Misconduct Allegations at the U.S. Air Force Academy (Fowler Report) was released in September 2003.

The Air Force learned a great deal about sexual assault from its experiences with the academy. Consequently, during a four-star summit in the fall of 2003, Air Force senior leaders decided to look beyond the academy to determine whether the academy experience was an anomaly or existed Air Force-wide.

The Pacific Air Forces commander volunteered

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Mission Report

As of Wednesday

T-1A Goal: 120.0 hrs. Flown: 127.9 hrs. T-37 Goal: 144 Flown: 164 T-38C Goal: 65 Flown: 78

Flying hours: Tuesday to Wednesday: 6:19 a.m.-7 p.m.; Thursday: 6:19 a.m.-6:19 p.m.; Sept. 10: 6:19 a.m.-7 p.m.; Sept. 11: 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

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.

NEWS BRIEFS

Case lot sale

A case lot sale is from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the commissary.

Sale products include baking mixes, cookies, snacks, paper products, laundry detergent, pizzas, soups, juices, canned vegetables, cereal, granola bars, crackers and pet food. For more information, call Ext. 7109.

Sports physicals

The 14th Medical Group conducts sports physicals from 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday. The physicals are for children who are playing fall or winter sports. For more information or to make an appointment, call Ext. 2273.

NCO retraining

The Air Force has announced the start of the FY 05 NCO retraining program. The program's goal is to retrain about 1,000 NCOs from Air Force Specialty Codes with overages in to AFSCs with shortages.

The voluntary phase of the program runs through Sept. 30. A complete list of retraining opportunities is available on the retraining advisory at the military personnel flight. For more information, call Ext. 7038.

14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, 46 BLAZE TEAM members are deployed worldwide.

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



BX invites base to Toyland opening

Airman Alexis Lloyd
Public Affairs

Columbus AFB exchange grand opening of Toyland is from noon to 6 p.m. Sept. 18.

"[The exchange] wants to help everyone on base prepare for Christmas," said Chong Viehauser, exchange assistant manager.

"The savings for exchange users is almost 22 percent, and that's before taxes," Ms. Viehauser said. "And we'll match prices from any downtown store."

There are many discounts being offered throughout the day. Some include:

- 50 percent off selected toys
- 15 percent off all coats
- 50 percent off selected watches
- Additional 75 percent off of already clearanced clothing and shoes
- Additional 25 percent off of already marked down video games
- 25 percent off regular priced children's clothing

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to do an assessment within the command. This assessment was limited to allegations of rape within the command and findings were presented to the next four-star summit in February. Based on the PACAF findings, Air Force leaders agreed on the necessity of an Air Force-wide assessment.

This assessment represents the culmination of an 18-month process. Although the learning process continues, the Air Force is comfortable drawing three overarching observations:

- The sexual assault problem is much more complex than it seemed initially.
- Sexual assault is a societal problem. Consequently, it is also an Air Force problem. There are no quick solutions to address sexual assault. It will require positive, ongoing efforts to foster and instill institutional change.
- Commanders and leaders at all

levels are key to the process of institutional change. Recognizing and understanding the sexual assault problem is challenging. Air Force commanders have been working this issue on a case-by-case basis rather than attacking it as a cultural and societal issue. The Air Force must do a better job of defining and understanding the crime of sexual assault and the behavior that spawns it. Ultimately, the Air Force must work through its commanders to create an institutional environment that refuses to accept or facilitate such behavior.

"Finally, let me say that this is an issue that has to do with who we are as Airmen," General Brady said.

"It has to do with our core values. And just as we talk about integrity first, service before self and excellence in all we do, there is an important, vital component in each of those that has to do with respect," he said. "When we have

There will be free giveaways all day long.

Sparky the Fire Dog and McGruff the Crime Dog will be at the event. Security forces will showcase a military police dog and weapons demonstrations.

Free gifts are given out to the first 100 children. A bouncy castle will be set up in the exchange lobby.

People can enter to win a \$100 gift certificate, four \$25 gift certificates, a 20-inch flat screen television or a DVD player.

"We coordinated the opening of Toyland to be the same day as Retiree Appreciation Day, so retirees can be a part of this event," Ms. Viehauser said.

There will be an oldest male and female retiree contest. Also, there is a youngest children contest.

Free cookies and punch are available from Subway. The store is also offering specials on their foot-long subs.

"This event will hopefully be the biggest we've ever had," Ms. Viehauser said. "Last year, we only had three people show up.

"Please come out and join the festivities," she said.

For more information, call 434-8484.

sexual assault, we have a clear lack of respect. As Airmen we must respect ourselves, we must respect the institution and its values, and we must respect each other.

"Airmen come into the Air Force because they want to be part of a winning team," the general said. "And to be a winning team every one of us — every man, every woman — has to be a full-up round. We cannot have a situation in which one Airman, for whatever reason, lives in fear of another. Winning teams do not operate that way. We're a team: men, women, civilians, military, officer, enlisted, Guard, Reserve and active. One team, one total force, one standard."

The complete Report Concerning the Assessment of USAF Sexual Assault Prevention and Response, is available at www.af.mil/library/posture/SA_Assessment_Report.pdf.

Holiday weekend brings 101 Critical Days to close

Kenneth Murray
14th Flying Training Wing

The fast approaching Labor Day weekend will bring an end to this summer's safety focus on personal risk management. I ask you to examine your own activities this past summer and critique how well you have survived. Was it good decision-making or luck? I salute every one of you for making this critical time "fatality free" so far for our Columbus AFB family. Unfortunately for the Air Force and Air Education and Training, not all of our servicemembers survived these 101 Critical Days.

As we are nearing the end our campaign, Columbus AFB has experienced a 50-percent increase in reportable mishaps this summer compared to last year. In fact, the highest number since the summer of 1996. We were looking at a relatively good year until July 30. Since then, we have experienced seven reportable injuries that have caused our people to lose time at work. Two of these occurred on-duty in an environment we have full control over. One incident involved a bad risk decision and others were due to simple inattention while

conducting routine tasks. Now is not the time to lose focus, we still have a big hurdle ahead of us in the upcoming holiday weekend. This final, last "hurrah" weekend of the summer, will mark the end of this safety campaign for another year. We all should know what to do by now.

Commanders and supervisors have expressed their concerns for good decision-making during throughout this campaign. You need to think about the task at hand, consider the associated risk and change the plan to eliminate or reduce risk to an acceptable level. This is the basis of a sound personal risk management program. The process is actually quite simple; just ask yourself what-if-this-or-that should happen. Can you handle or live with the possible outcomes of these what-if results or should you make a change in your plans to eliminate or shift the possible outcome to be more desirable? This mental process should not take more then a few seconds for most activities. Use travel as an example: Do you want to traverse our two-lane Mississippi roads (Starkville-Jackson, Columbus-Tuscaloosa, Columbus-Brooksville) during the daylight hours or at night? You can significantly reduce the risk on a return trip by leaving

early enough so that you cover this ground during daylight hours, especially if it's the end of a long driving day, and you'll already be fatigued.

This year's campaign has had its close calls for some of our Columbus families. Several have had unexpected trips to the base clinic or local hospital. Either of which quickly brings good times to a drastic halt. This is shaping up to be an ominous year Air Force and AETC wide. Too many of our fellow Airmen have lost their lives during this year's campaign. Air Force statistics indicate 19 off-duty and two on-duty fatalities as of Aug. 18. We lost our first AETC member this past week. Eighteen of the fatal mishaps involved operation of a motor vehicle. Three of the fatalities involved drinking and driving. Several did not use seatbelts in vehicles or helmets on motorcycles or all terrain vehicles. The lessons learned out of these senseless fatalities are nothing new. If they had applied the old axioms "Think before you act," "Don't drink and drive" and "Wear your seatbelts/helmets," many of these Airmen would still be showing up for work and at the dinner table with their families. Think smart, work smart, play smart and enjoy this well deserved long weekend.

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. Messages are answered in the Silver Wings without names.

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 website at www.columbus.af.mil.

Questions and answers will be edited for brevity.

Cleaning up area around Highway 45 base sign

Concern: A lot of effort and time has been put into the new T-37 static display on Highway 45. But the sign across the road is showing signs of neglect — it's dirty, and there are a lot of weeds growing around it. It definitely detracts from the appearance of the base. Can someone take care of sprucing it up? Thank you.

Response: Thank you for your interest in the appearance of the main gateway to Columbus AFB. The current sign was donated by the Columbus-Lowndes Development Link's

CAFB 2020 committee to the county and is maintained by the county and the committee. We are currently working with the CAFB 2020 on options to refurbish, replace, or remove the sign, and have contacted the county to do some cutting in the area. Mississippi Department of Transportation crews do the grounds maintenance. This summer's unseasonable rainfall has hindered MDOT's efforts to maintain weed control in low areas.

*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

Voter's Registration Week

The last push for servicemembers to register for their absentee ballots to vote is today through Sept. 11. The end of registration for the November elections is fast approaching with less than 60 days left. Unit voting counselors are available to assist in filling out Federal Post Card Applications. A list of counselors is available at <https://columbusweb> under the "wing voting" button. For more information, call Ext. 7076.



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Take time to make choices, life decisions

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Life is made up of many choices. What to wear in the morning, what to eat for lunch, where to go on vacation, how to get home after the big party, how to address somebody who just ran into the back end of your car, what to say to your boss when he is wrong, etc. Something I've noticed is that the choices I've made that got me in trouble were usually made a little too quickly without taking time to consider the options and outcomes. Basically, life is defined in those split seconds between what happens and how we choose to react. Over the years I've picked up a couple acronyms to help me out with those split second decisions, and I've found that life is much better when I actually use them.

The first is Look, Think, Do — LTD. It's a safety acronym for on- and off-duty Operational Risk

Management. The key is in order to use this you have to pause long enough to think. In today's fast paced world, we have to actually train ourselves not to be so quick in every decision. Take a deep breath, reflect on what you've been told about the situation you are in, look at all the circumstances and consider the outcomes. Then do what you assess is the correct thing to do.

The second acronym is HALT'D — Hungry, Angry, Lonely, Tired and Drinking. Throughout my career I've wasted time worrying about what I did the day prior and if it would get me in trouble. I'm sure you might have done the same.

A few years ago, I realized I could do something to prevent having to get into those situations when I heard the acronym HALT. HALT stands for Hungry, Angry, Lonely and Tired and is something I picked up from Dr. Charles Stanley when I was teaching Sunday school. I added on drinking making it HALT'D. Now as I look

back I can see where I should have HALT'D just prior to taking action on something. I might have realized that I was over-reacting based on being angry or acted foolishly because I was tired. I should have given myself a little time to cool off and then approached the matter from a relaxed perspective. You might be saying, "But I can't always get well-rested or comforted before I make a decision." That is true, but if you will realize that those factors will influence your decision, you will take a few more seconds to make that decision and try to be more rational. You can also move into the preventative mode by ensuring you get your rest, getting involved with a group of friends from work or church, and watching the alcohol intake to ensure it isn't impairing your ability to act properly.

To sum it up, take time to make wise decisions without letting the things that can get you down in life make those decisions for you.

Boy Scouts offers fun, helps learn responsibility

Wayne Boswell
Boy Scout Troop 52 leader

Imagine you are cold, hungry and lost in the woods. Night is fast approaching as you contemplate your next move. A gentle breeze is swaying the tree branches, and you start hearing animals scamper about in the dusk. You are calm and collected as you check your gear and locate a suitable spot to bed down for the night. You could be a pilot who has just ejected over enemy territory, or you could be 13 year old lost in the woods. Of course the most important thing right now is to stay alert and stay calm. You know you have what it takes to survive. You are a Boy Scout.

Hopefully, we will not find ourselves in a similar situation as our 13 year-old friend.

But if we do, our survival will hinge upon what we have in us as opposed to what we have on us. Sure the gear we have in our backpacks will provide some level of safety and security. Without the mental courage to think before responding in this critical situation, we might not survive the night.

How many times in life does attitude and self-confidence play a role in achieving goals or surviving daily challenges?

Today's children have many extra curricular activities to choose from. However, none provide the opportunities to hone survival skills, learn how to interview for a job, learn how to read river currents while canoeing or to learn how to trap animals like scouting. This simple movement, which began at the turn of the century, provides a young man the

opportunity to prepare himself for lifelong challenges while having fun and learning about himself as his self confidence grows. At age 12, he could be leading fellow scouts on a hike, teaching them to navigate at night or how to identify poisonous plants.

Ask an Eagle Scout what he learned as he progressed through the scouting ranks. His response will probably include bits and pieces of merit badges, which cover everything from camping, water sports, rifle shooting and, yes, wilderness survival. He will also discuss how he learned leadership skills, which showed him it is easier to motivate people to work and respond than to force them to do something. Ultimately, he will tell you that he learned a great deal about himself.

I emphasize the importance of a positive

proactive attitude because we need more positive community members willing to roll up their sleeves and turn words into action. A scout is loyal, helpful and friendly everyday, not just when they feel like it. The purpose of scouting is to offer the opportunity to have fun, enjoy and appreciate the outdoors, learn lifelong skills, while preparing and planning for tomorrow.

As I tell the boys I lead, "Give to scouting and scouting will give to you." A person will not fully appreciate what scouting offers until he finds himself in a challenging situation like being lost in the woods. (*Editor's note: The Boy Scouts are having a lock-in at 5 p.m. Sept. 11 at the SAC Alert Facility. For more information, call 2611.*)

Servicemembers have responsibility to register, vote

Capt. Mike Tkacz
14th Contracting Squadron

The window of opportunity for unregistered voters is beginning to close as we rapidly move toward the final days of the 2004 presidential election process. With less than 60 days remaining, now is the time to act if you have not registered. Otherwise, you risk losing the opportunity to exercise a hard-earned privilege — a privilege that was a result from the bloodshed from our past veterans.

Studies have revealed that Americans as a whole have not exercised their right to vote enough at the polls. The recent voter

turnout has been significantly lower when compared to past years. There were only about 51 percent of eligible voters who voted in the 2000 election. Since the early 1900's, there has been a steady decline in the number of voters. The 1902 presidential election turned out about 75 percent of eligible voters.

These studies have revealed that the decline of voters has been an ongoing problem for many years. We need to break the trend. I have no doubt that the answers range from simple explanations to a web of complex issues. Perhaps a few of the more common reasons for this gradual decrease of voter turnout at the polls stem from lack of interest in politics and one's own self-

interest. I'm willing to bet that the latter of these two possibilities plays an exceptionally large role.

Many years ago, during the turn of the century, my great-grandfather served under the Czar while in the Russian army. The living conditions and personal rights he experienced were a far cry from what we enjoy today as U.S. citizens in a free society. In fact, I know that he valued his right to vote when he became a U.S. citizen after he defected from this communist country and had to jump ship upon arrival at a U.S. harbor.

There are many countries similar to the one my great-grandfather defected from that continue to deny its citizens a right to be

heard. The country of Iraq is a good example. Consider all the events that have taken place during the past and present day in Iraq. The recent military actions of coalition forces ultimately resulted with the removal of a dictatorship and served to free a very repressed society of people who had no rights. I'm sure that if we can believe and feel committed to this cause, then surely we as military members and U.S. citizens should regard voting to be nothing less than a responsibility for all Americans.

Please contact your unit-voting representative for both you and your families voting needs or visit the Federal Voting Assistance Program Web Site at <http://www.fvap.gov/>.

Top enlisted leader

Command chief offers insight on unique aspects of mentorship at Columbus AFB

Tech Sgt. Jim Moser
Public Affairs

The top enlisted person plays a vital role in the command structure of any wing.

They are the voice of the enlisted corps to leadership and advisor to the commander on all aspects of enlisted issues. They are chosen directly by the wing commander through an interview process to ensure the right person fills the shoes of command chief.

Chief Master Sgt. Jeffery Bowes, the new 14th Flying Training Wing command chief, is no exception. He is a wideband communications maintenance troop by trade and has served in Air Force Communications Command, United States Air Forces Europe, Air Combat Command, Pacific Air Forces and Air Education and Training Command. He has deployed six times supporting various missions throughout the Middle East.

"I'm very happy to be here," he said. "I received the standard comment, 'Your going to Ohio?' when I told people that I had an assignment to Columbus, but I couldn't be more excited about this assignment. The people are very friendly and Columbus AFB and its surrounding area provides so many opportunities for off-duty excursions."

Chief Bowes feels his past assignments give him a firm foundation for the command chief's billet.

"I like to think I'm pretty well versed in the issues that are most important to taking care of the men and women here," he said. "An old mentor of mine told me 'If you want to take care of the enlisted force, not just the enlisted force but all Airmen, you have to understand 'PPA' Pay, Promotions and Assignments as these areas have the greatest impact on



Tech. Sgt. Jim Moser
Chief Master Sgt. Jeffery Bowes, 14th Flying Training Wing command chief, watches Senior Airmen Leanna Cummins, 14th Medical Support Squadron, and Tara Goswick, 14th Mission Support Squadron, do an exercise at Airman Leadership School.

the active duty members and their families."

The chief spent four years at the Air Force Personnel Center as a career field functional manager where he developed a good grasp of enlisted assignments and personnel programs.

"It (time at AFMPC) really opened my eyes to many of the issues our troops face, and how vital it is to ensure things are done correctly on their behalf. As for promotions, I would like to think I'm qualified to speak about the promotion system. For the pay system, yes it's always changing, but I think we see fewer pay problems now than in the past."

The chief also understands that no assignment is perfect, and there are challenges at Columbus AFB.

"One of the most important things on

my plate would have to be getting the force at Columbus to play as hard as they work," he said. "We have a very important mission that we do very well, but I'm concerned, as is the rest of wing leadership, that we don't have the 'play hard' part down. Playing hard can be a two-edged sword — you can play hard — but you have to play hard responsibly. We need to afford our men and women the chance to play hard safely and help them make the most of their off-duty relaxation time."

The chief also recognizes that mentoring young Airmen is a challenge at a base with a small enlisted population.

"A mentor doesn't necessarily come from your own AFSC or your own work center," he pointed out. "Being a small base, we're afforded the luxury of

knowing each other better — both personally and professionally than we would at a larger wing."

In closing, the chief talked about the BLAZE motto.

"I like it," he said. "The BLAZE motto is patterned after the Air Force Core Values. When you have a building block like that, how could you go wrong?"

But to the chief, the slogan is more than just words.

"Colonel Wilson talks about what the BLAZE motto means to him and what it should mean to us," the chief commented. "Senior leadership uses BLAZE as a call sign, but it's more than just a motto — it's a mind set. When you really pay attention to the words, you understand that they embody everything we do."

Water Wars...

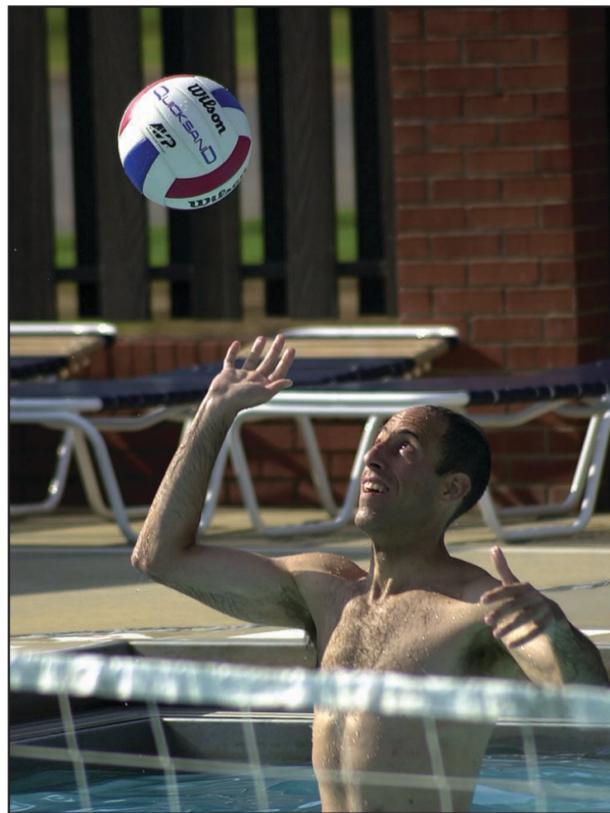
Pool sports day drenches three squadrons in cool aqua combat



Shannon Rossi, 50th Flying Training Squadron team, tips the ball over the net during the water volleyball battle finals at the pool sports day.

Photos by Tech Sgt. Jim Moser

Right: Alexandra Greiner, 1 year old with the 48th FTS team, gets ready for the hula contest.



Frank Rossi, 50th FTS team, serves the ball during sports day.



Willard Lacy, 14th Comptroller Squadron team, and Chris Duffet, 48th FTS team, splash up a storm during the intertube relay race.



Willard Lacy, 14th CPTS, lunges over Montrial White, 14th CPTS, and Frank Rossi to block a shot from J.R. Reed, 50th FTS, during the water basketball free-for-all. The 50th FTS came in first place, followed by the 48th FTS and the 14th CPTS.

AT THE CHAPEL

Catholic Sunday:
9:15 a.m. — Mass
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 services, 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
“*Bourne Supremacy*” (PG-13, violence and intense action, brief language, 108 min.)
Starring: Matt Damon and Frank Polente.

Saturday
“*Thunderbirds*” (PG, intense action sequences and language, 87 min.)
Starring: Bill Paxton and Ben Kingsley.

Sept. 10
“*I, Robot*” (PG-13, intense stylized action and some partial nudity, 115 min.)
Starring: Will Smith and Bridgit Moynaham.

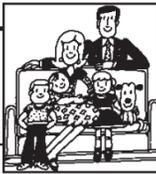
For more information, visit www.cafbgrapevine.com.

CHANNEL 64

BLAZE 64 offers announcements for people living in base housing or the dormitories. For more information, call Ext. 7068.

Weekdays
9 a.m., noon and 2 p.m.
Air Force Television News

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.)

Deals on Wheels: A workshop with information on buying and leasing vehicles is from 11 a.m. to noon Thursday.

Predatory Lending: A workshop explaining predatory lending, potential targets, warning signs, avoidance and assistance is from 2 to 4 p.m. Thursday.

TAP: A transition assistance program workshop is from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 14 to Sept. 16 for people who are within one year of separation. It includes interview techniques, information on resumes, job searches and Veteran's Affairs benefits.

Air Force Aid Society: The AFAS offers 24-hour emergency assistance. Possible aid includes interest-free loans, grants, food, utilities, car repairs and emergency travel.

Free oil change: The Air Force Aid Society's "Car Care Because We Care" program is available to Airmen enrolled in the First Term Airmen's Center and spouses of active-duty Air Force members deployed or remote for more than 30 days. Call Ext. 2855.

BASE NOTES



Brownie meeting: Brownie Troop 323 meets at 6:30 p.m. Thursdays at the community center. Girls in grades first through third or ages 6 to 9 are invited to attend. For more information, call Amanda Fitzhugh at 434-5179.

Bible study: The chapel begins a bible study class called "Raising Children From a Biblical Perspective" at 6 p.m. Wednesday in the chapel's conference room. For more information, call the chapel at Ext. 2500.

OSC social: The spouses from the 41st Flying Training Squadron sponsor a Columbus Officers' Spouses' club social

mixer at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 14 at the Columbus Club. The menu is roasted strip loin of beef. Cost is \$11.50 per person, and club members receive a \$2 discount. New members are welcome. Call Brandi Diaz at 329-1955 by noon Sept. 9.

Thrift Shop: The Thrift Shop, located at Building 345, C Street, is open from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursdays. Consignments are accepted until one hour before closing. Volunteers are welcome. For more information, call Ext. 2954.

Pharmacy equipment upgrade: Due to an upgrade in pharmacy technology, patients

are asked to call in refills at least two days in advance; the pharmacy is unable to accommodate same-day refills. Customers are also asked to check in at the pharmacy after a doctor's visit or telephone consultation. Wait times will increase until the new system is in place. For more information, call Ext. 2168.

Pharmacy formulary change: As a result of a mandated change in pharmacy formularies Air Force-wide, Allegra is no longer available at the pharmacy, and patients currently taking Allegra should switch to Loratadine. Other options exist for patients desiring medications no longer available at the pharmacy. For more information, call Ext. 2168.



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Making their mark

Senior Airmen Michael Cook and James Wells, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron, take apart a slide at Franklin Academy's playground. Airmen Cook and Wells are part of the Airman Leadership School, and ALS cleaned up the playground as part of their community service project.

Football season brings trips, chances to win

Pam Wickham
Marketing specialist

Whether you like to play a little football or get into watching your favorite team play, base people of all ages have several chances to bring a little football into their lives.

The information, ticket and travel office offers several trips to New Orleans, La. to watch the Saints play teams such as the Tampa Bay Buccaneers (Oct. 10), Minnesota Vikings (Oct. 17), Kansas City Chiefs (Nov. 14), Denver Broncos (Nov. 21) or the Carolina Panthers (Dec. 5). Cost is \$145 per person which includes transportation, two nights lodging at the Radisson on Canal Street and ticket to the game.

The ITT office also has game tickets available for Atlanta Falcons game Dec. 26 in New Orleans, La.

At the fitness center, Tuesday kicks off the intramural flag football season with games at 6:15 p.m. and 7:15 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. According to Rob Wilburn, fitness center director, "You don't have to be a player to be a part of the team, cheering from the stands keeps the players motivated, so come on out."

The youth center offers a one-day trip to New Orleans Sept. 19 to watch the Saints play the San Francisco 49ers. Cost is \$30 per person and includes

transportation and game ticket. "Space is very limited and registration ends Wednesday and is on a first-come, first serve basis," according to Kayline Hamilton, youth center director. Children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult.

Club members again have the opportunity to win a trip to a regular season NFL game, the Super Bowl and the Pro Bowl. Football fans can watch the Monday night games starting Sept. 13 at the enlisted lounge and enter to win prizes.

"This is the 10th anniversary of the Football Frenzy program and expands club membership value by providing increased opportunities to win these incredible trips," said Brenda Freeman, club manager.

Trips include round-trip airfare, hotel accommodations, local transportation, and game tickets. "We've added our hardest working fan contest to the mix for a chance for a club member to win an X-box and the 2005 Madden football game. Club members clock in and clock out at the enlisted lounge and the member with the most accumulated hours at the end of the season wins. This prize will be awarded at the Super Bowl Party in January," Ms. Freeman added. Football Frenzy 2004 is sponsored by



Pam Wickham

Klaus Bauer, tour director, checks the oil on the bus for a chartered tour to Jackson, Miss. For more information about tours, call Ext. 7861.

Miller Brewing Company, American Airlines and Double Tree Atlanta Waikiki (no federal endorsement of sponsors intended).

Services: Offering variety of recreational opportunities

Dance classes: Register now through Tuesday for the fall semester of dance classes at the youth center.

Creative movement, ballet, tap, jazz and adult classes are offered for ages 3 and older. Classes begin Tuesday. Cost is \$35 per month with a one time \$10 registration fee. For more information, call Ext. 2504.

Tumbling tots: To promote physical exercise for toddlers, ages 18 months to 4 years of age, in a safe environment, the youth center is offering this program from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. every Tuesday. Cost is \$40 per month. Must have five registered to offer class. For more information, call Ext. 2504.

Preschool story time: The base library offers this 30-minute program every Wednesday starting at 10 a.m. for children ages 3 to 5. Parents are asked to remain in the library during story time.

For more information, call Ext. 2934.

about the advantages of club membership. For more information, call Ext. 2490.

Cruise seminar: The information, ticket and travel office is offering this free seminar from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday at the Columbus Club. Learn all about cruising, the best times to cruise and how much you can save booking through the ITT office. Attendees will receive 50-percent off the cost of lunch at the club. For more information, call Ext. 7861.

Babysitting course: The youth center offers this course for ages 11 and older from 9 a.m. to noon Sept. 11.

Cost is \$20 for books. The course covers emergency procedures, first aid, positive guidance, discipline and activity ideas. Deadline to register is Tuesday. For more information, call Ext. 2504.

Shopping trip: The information, ticket and travel office office this trip to Birmingham, Ala. Sept. 11. Cost is \$15 per person. Stops include the Riverchase Galleria and Water Mark Outlet Mall. The bus will leave at 9 a.m. from the community center parking lot and return around 6 p.m. For more information, call Ext. 7861.

Southern Living at Home: Join the community center staff for this Southern Living at Home party from 6 to 8 p.m. Sept. 14. Some things you can expect are a taste of delicious food from the many Southern Living cookbooks, entertaining ideas for everything from a football party to a formal Christmas party, great holiday gift ideas from the Southern Living catalog of home decor items and door prizes. For more information, call Ext. 7540.

Openings at base stables: The base stables has empty stalls with paddocks for rent. The stables also has riding areas, wash rack, round pen and five pastures. For more information, call Ext. 2507.

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 you desire. Ear candling services are also available for \$35.

For an appointment or more information, call Ext. 7450.

Exercise classes: The community center offers these low-impact exercise classes

starting Sept. 20. Classes will be from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Cost is \$5 per week. Call Ext. 7450.

Monday Holiday Hours



Auto Hobby Shop	Closed
Bowling Center	11 a.m.-6 p.m.
Cardinal Inn	9:30 a.m.-Noon
and	5-7 p.m.
Child Dev. Center	Closed
Columbus Club	Closed
Community Center	Closed
Copy Cut-Ups	Closed
Enlisted Lounge	Closed*
Fitness Center	10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Golf Course	7 a.m.-dusk
Human Resources	Closed
Landing Lounge	Closed
Library	Closed**
Outdoor Recreation	8 a.m.- Noon
Skills Dev. Center	Closed
Swimming Pool	Noon-7 p.m.
Wood Hobby Shop	Closed***

*Also closed Friday
** Also closed Saturday
*** Also closed Sunday

Toastmasters: The Professional Link Toastmasters meet at noon every second and fourth Monday at Master Hosts Inns and Suites in Columbus.

Participants learn to effectively develop public speaking skills. Call 328- 0943.

Volunteers needed: Brickyard Properties needs about 50 volunteers for stage set up/tear down and traffic control for Shoutfest 2004 Sept. 5.

The set up/tear down crew will work before and after the event. Brickyard properties will work volunteers in shifts and each volunteer is given a free ticket to the event. To volunteer or for more information, call Bill Walker at 327-4676.

Tennessee Williams Tribute: The Tennessee Williams Tribute and Tour of Historic Homes is Sept. 9 though Sept. 12 in downtown Columbus.

Exhibits, luncheons, book signings, plays, socials and tours are available. Some events require tickets. Call

(800) 327-2686, 327-5071 or e-mail spatkaye@eci-com.net.

Story hour: Mother Goose Story Hour is from 10 to 11 a.m. Thursdays for ages 3 to 6 and from 3:30 to 4 p.m. for ages 2 to 4 at the Columbus-Lowndes Public Library.

Community chorus: The Starkville Community Chorus rehearses at 7 p.m. Mondays in the Mississippi State University choral building.

All choral enthusiasts are invited. Directions to the choral building can be found on the campus map at www.msstate.edu. For more information, call Ron Losure at 324-1995.

Online practice tests: All branches of the Columbus-Lowndes Public Library offer interactive online practice tests based on official school exams such as the ACT, SAT, GED and ASVAB, and career exams for firefight-

ers, police officers, paramedics, postal workers, cosmetologists, real estate agents, brokers and more. Log on to www.LearningsExpressLibrary.com at the library or at home with a Columbus-Lowndes Public Library card.

Barbershop choral society: The Possumtown Barbershop Choral Society meets at 7 p.m. Thursdays in the First Baptist Church Choir room (across from Memorial Funeral Home). All interested males are welcome to the rehearsals and sing four part harmony.

For more information, call James Gibson at 327-1655.

Farmers market: The Columbus Farmers Market will be open through October from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. For more information, call 328-4164.

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

Marathon becomes official Air Force event

Brett Turner
88th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, Ohio — The U.S. Air Force Marathon has been flying high for eight years and Air Force Services Agency officials recently approved it as an official Air Force event.

“The official endorsement has always been kind of understood, it’s just never been written formally; now it will be,” said Steve Carlyon, the 88th Mission Support Group’s services division director here. “This is just part of the evolution of the Air Force Marathon.”

The marathon was initiated in 1997 as the base’s tribute to the 50th anniversary of the Air Force. It is run on the third Saturday in September each year in recognition of the anniversary.

Event officials said the Air Force Marathon offers unique touches to make the experience stand out for all participants, not just competitive runners. For instance, aid stations along the course and volunteers being involved are event hallmarks.

It also differs in that it is run through much of the base, as well as through such historic sites as the U.S. Air Force Museum and the area where the Wright Brothers made early experimental flights. Also, participants are given

eight hours to complete the course, which is more time than other marathons permit.

Although the 26.2-mile marathon is the main focus, there is more to the event, Mr. Carlyon said. Also offered are a 13.1-mile half marathon race; a four-person relay race (26.2-miles with team members running different parts of the course); a 5k race (3.1 miles); and a 26.2-mile wheelchair race.

In recent years, the Air Force Marathon has drawn more involvement, according to Mr. Carlyon. A record 3,500 people participated last year, while about 7,000 others volunteered or were spectators.

“We want to grow the event and make it bigger, and (so we) needed to put an endorsement on it,” he said. “Our vision is to attract 20,000 runners.

“Becoming the official Air Force Marathon brings that credibility to it. Plus it ties in resources from the Air Force Services Agency for marketing and promotional support; it ties in resources from public affairs and other areas, and brings us up to that next step.”

One of the steps will be tying the marathon into the Air Force’s official calendar of sporting events. This could entice more athletes to participate.

Another potential boost will be in drawing name runners to the event. Unlike many major sports, runners here

may be able to compete alongside top professional runners.

Mr. Carlyon said the upside to this would be competitors could see how they compared to a world-class runner at various mile markers, and those top marathoners would be available to speak to competitors and offer tips.

The Air Force Marathon is already a qualifying race for such world renowned races as the Boston Marathon and the New York Marathon.

The Air Force Marathon is not just open to military people but the general public as well. It is an open event.

Even though much of it is run on a military base, anybody who enters will be allowed to participate, regardless of age. A new awards category was added this year to recognize runners age 12 and younger in the 5k race.

A question Mr. Carlyon hears periodically concerns leave for active-duty people. He said permissive temporary duty is authorized, entitling individuals to submit a request through their commander in lieu of taking leave. All lodging and other expenses are the individual’s responsibility.

The 2004 Air Force Marathon still has openings in all events. For more information, call DSN 787-4350, commercial (937) 257-4350 or (800) 467-1823, or go online to <http://afmarathon.wpafb.af.mil>.

Falcons win one, lose one against Northern Colorado

U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. — Air Force Academy Falcons Melinda Mokus’ goal at the 86-minute, 34-second mark propelled Air Force past the University of Northern Colorado Bears, 1-0, in women’s soccer Aug. 27 here. The Falcons won their season-opener for the second consecutive season.

With the clock winding down and overtime seeming eminent, teammate Brittney Perkowski was able to get to a loose ball

deep in the center of the Bears goal box.

Perkowski then swung the ball out to the right side past two Bears defenders, finding Mokus open. Mokus immediately fired from five yards out and scored the game-winner — her first-career goal — past Bears goalkeeper Chrissy Marvin.

The assist was also Perkowski’s first as a Falcon.

Falcons goalkeeper Jennifer Drew earned the shutout in her first-career start, only

having to corral two saves as the Falcon backfield constantly disrupted Bears offense.

Martin had four saves in the loss for the Bears.

In a game of two evenly matched foes, the shots were hard to come by as the Falcons took only eight shots in the game, four on goal, while the Bears took six shots, two on goal.

The Bears committed 14 fouls, including two

yellow cards, while the Falcons had 10 fouls.

Perkowski and Raegan McDowell led the way for the Falcons with two shots taken. Reagan McHugh led the Bears with two shots. Nine Falcon freshmen, including three who started, saw their first action as Falcons.

The Falcons lost to Colorado, 0-1, Aug. 29 in Boulder. The Falcons fell to 1-1-0 on the season. Air Force next plays Idaho here today. *(Courtesy of Air Force Print News)*

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.

SHORTS

Golf club championship

The Whispering Pines Club championship is Saturday through Monday. Entry is \$35 plus greens fees. Participants must register at the golf pro shop. Call Ext. 7932.

Youth soccer

Children may register for the fall soccer season now through Sept. 15 at the youth center. Cost is \$25 for members of the center and \$35 for nonmembers. Coaches are also needed. Call Ext. 2504.

Karate

Karate classes are offered from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Mondays and Wednesdays at the community center. Cost is \$45 per month. All ages are eligible to participate. Call Ext. 7450.

Judo classes

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

Happy Fund tournament

The Happy Christmas Fund’s annual golf tournament begins at 9 a.m. Sept. 17 with a shotgun start at the Whispering Pines Golf Course. All proceeds from the event goes to the Happy Fund. Cost is \$120 per four-person team and is limited to the first 18 teams to regis-

ter. For more information or to sign-up, call Ext. 7932.

Golf club championship

The Whispering Pines Club championship is Sept. 4 through Sept. 6. Entry is \$35 plus greens fees. Participants must register at the golf pro shop. Call Ext. 7932.

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.