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Weather

 Today High: 90, Low: 70 60% Thunderstorms	 Saturday High: 92, Low: 70 40% Thunderstorms
 Sunday High: 93, Low: 69 40% Thunderstorms	 Monday High: 94, Low: 65 30% Thunderstorms

News Briefs

Class 08-12 Assignment Night

Assignment Night for Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 08-12 will be held tonight at the Columbus Club beginning at 5 p.m. A Crud tournament will immediately follow the event.

BLAZE 56 Gas Card Giveaway

The BLAZE 56 council will be selling chances for a \$100 gas card from July 14 to August 4. The tickets can be purchased for \$2 each or three tickets for \$5 and the drawing will be Aug. 8 at the BLAZE 56 monthly meeting. All proceeds will benefit the August dorm dinner. For more information contact Staff Sgt. Anedra Davis at 434-2437.

In Processing Brief

Effective immediately, the Finance PCS In-Processing briefing will be held in the MEO Conference Room (Building 926, Room 213) every Thursday at 9 a.m. For more information, call the Finance office at 434-2705.

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Remembering Fireworks on the Water 2008, a night of food, fun, fireworks and flyovers.



U.S. Air Force photo by Melissa Duncan

Colonel Roger Watkins, 14th Flying Training Wing commander, hands the 14th Medical Group guidon to Col. Diane Fletcher in a change of command ceremony at the Columbus Club July 1. Colonel Susan Hall relinquished command of the group to Colonel Fletcher.

14th MDG introduces new commander

Airman Josh Harbin

14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Colonel Susan Hall relinquished command of the 14th Medical Group to Col. Diane Fletcher July 1 in a ceremony held at the Columbus Club.

Colonel Fletcher comes to Columbus AFB from Scott AFB, Ill., where she was the commander of the 375th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron there. She maintained readiness and directed mobility preparations for a

complete, deployable theater aeromedical evacuation system, in support of any theater of war or contingency.

Colonel Fletcher has served in many locations such as Texas, Illinois, Florida, New Jersey and Mississippi. She has also served at overseas locations such as Kuwait, Japan, Cuba, Qatar and Germany.

Her previous assignments include the 57th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, 86th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron and the 514th Aeromedical

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COLUMBUS AFB TRAINING TIMELINE

PHASE II				PHASE III				IFF				WING SORTIE BOARD			
Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Track Select	Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation	Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation	Aircraft	Required	Flown	Annual
37th (09-06)	-0.40 day	-0.57 days	August 11	48th (08-12)	0.01 days	1.03 days	July 25	49th (08-JB)	5.73 days	5.73 days	August 11	T-6	710	735	21,427
41st (09-05)	0.33 days	-3.43 days	July 21	50th (08-12)	-4.39 days	-1.88 days	July 25					T-1	270	261	9,140
												T-38	268	280	8,944
												IFF	53	47	2,369

Graduation speaker: The graduation speaker is retired Brig. Gen. Cross, former Adjutant General Mississippi National Guard.

Ridilla assumes command of 14th CES

Senior Airman Danielle Hill
14th Flying Training Wing
Public Affairs

Lieutenant Col. Robert Germann relinquished command of the 14th Civil Engineer Squadron to Lt. Col. Peter Ridilla in a ceremony Wednesday.

Colonel Ridilla comes to the BLAZE Team from Andersen AFB, Guam, as the 36th Civil Engineer Squadron commander.

He received his Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from the United States Air Force Academy in 1988. He received his Master of Science in Engineering and Environmental Engineering from AFIT in 1993. He went on to complete Squadron Officer School, On-Scene Commanders Course and Fire Marshall Course and attend the Air Command and Staff College and the Air War College.

Colonel Ridilla received the Commander in Chief's Special Recognition Operations Flight Unit Award as commander in 2006. His decorations include the Bronze Star, AF Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, AF Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Meritorious Unit Award, AF Outstanding Unit Award with Valor and two oak leaf clusters, Iraq Service Medal and the AF Organizational Excellence Award.

He has been stationed in South



U.S. Air Force photo by Elizabeth Owens

Colonel Mark Brown, 14th Mission Support Group commander, hands the 14th Civil Engineer Squadron guidon to Lt. Col. Peter Ridilla in a ceremony Wednesday at the Crash, Fire and Rescue Station. Colonel Ridilla replaces Lt. Col. Robert Germann as commander of the 14th CES.

Carolina, Ohio, Florida, Illinois, Colorado, Japan, the United Kingdom and Guam.

The 14th Civil Engineer Squadron provides planning, design, construction, operations and maintenance, and disaster preparedness support through

responsible management of 6,013 acres, 802 facilities, 539 housing units and all base infrastructure valued at \$168 million with an annual budget of \$10 million. They provide base fire and environmental protection supporting Air Force contingency missions

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Shirt Tales

Master Sgt. Allen Rigdon
14th Flying Training Wing First Sergeant

Did you know that Air Force members with families will have family care arrangements that reasonably cover all situations, both short and long term? The plan must detail and provide a smooth, rapid transfer of responsibilities to designees during the absence of the member.

Those following personnel are required to develop a written plan (AF Form 357) to be maintained by the commander or first sergeant.

- Single parents
 - Dual military couples with family members
 - Members with civilian spouses who have unique family situations
 - As determined by the commander or first sergeant
- For further details, contact your first sergeant.



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bedtime story**



14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

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



Visit www.columbus.af.mil to learn about Columbus AFB agencies and other important information.

Fighter Training Squadron welcomes new commander

Senior Airman Danielle Hill
14th Flying Training Wing
Public Affairs

Lieutenant Col. Thomas Lennon relinquished command of the 49th Fighter Training Squadron to Lt. Col. Tor Dietrichs in a ceremony July 3.

Colonel Dietrichs enlisted in the Air Force upon graduating from high school in Ohio. He then separated from the AF to complete his studies in Aeronautical and Astronautical Engineering at Ohio State University. He commissioned in 1992 after entering Officer Training School.

A Columbus AFB pilot training graduate, Colonel Dietrichs went on to fly the F-15E Strike Eagle for ten years after graduation.

While assigned to RAF Lakenheath, United Kingdom, he upgraded to mission commander and instructor pilot. He then went onto an assignment at Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C., where he filled many different positions.

In 2003, Colonel Dietrichs was assigned to a staff position at the Pentagon in the Weapons Division of the Secretary of the Air Force for International Affairs. His main priorities focused on air-to-air missiles and the USAF Fighter Exchange program. Later he completed Air Command and Staff College and earned a Master of Business Administration from Colorado

State University.

In 2005, he left the Pentagon to attend Intermediate Developmental Education at the Air Force Institute of Technology at Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio.

Colonel Dietrichs joined the BLAZE Team in 2006 after attending T-38 Pilot Instructor Training at Randolph AFB, Texas. He joined the 50th Flying Training Squadron "Strikin' Snakes."

Colonel Dietrichs is a command pilot with more than 2,000 flight hours in the F-15E Strike Eagle and more than 300 hours in the T-38C Talon. His hours include 148 hours during 56 combat sorties. He has been deployed in support of Operations PROVIDE COMFORT, DENY FLIGHT, DELIBERATE FORCE, NORTHERN WATCH and IRAQI FREEDOM.

Colonel Lennon will stay with the BLAZE Team as the 14th Operations Group deputy commander.

The 49th FTS is responsible for Active Duty and international AT-38C flying training.

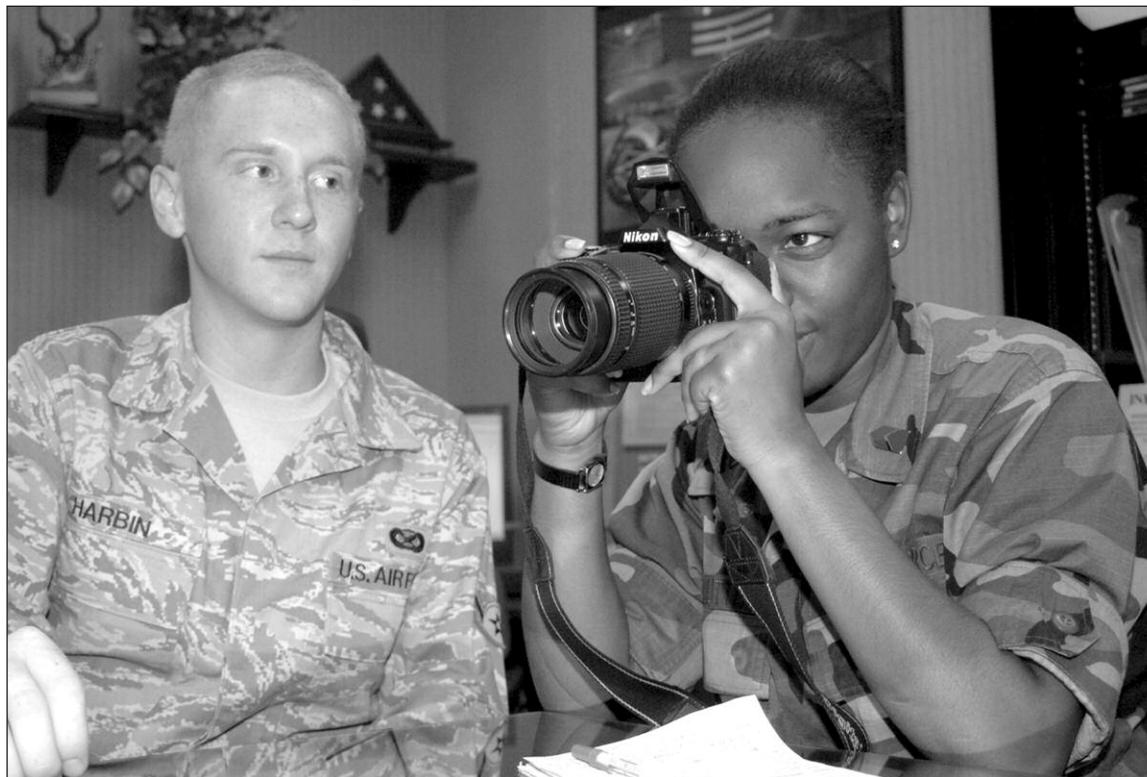
The 49th FTS also provides Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals training to pilots and weapon system officers entering all Air Force major fighter weapons systems. This six-week course introduces pilots to air-to-air employment, air-to-surface attack and low-altitude navigation in the AT-38C.



U.S. Air Force photo by Melissa Duncan

Colonel Eric Theisen, 14th Operations Group commander, passes the 49th Fighter Training Squadron guidon to Lt. Col. Tor Dietrichs in a ceremony July 3. Colonel Dietrichs replaces Lt. Col. Thomas Lennon as commander of the 49th FTS.

Ops AF Cadet visits



U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Danielle Hill

Airman Josh Harbin, 14th Flying Training Wing, shows Candice Dillitte, an Operations Air Force cadet, how to operate a Nikon D100 camera. Cadet Dillitte shadowed the public affairs office during her stay at Columbus AFB for the Operation Noncommissioned Officer Program.

COMMANDER

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Evaluation Squadron. She has more than 3,800 flight hours on the C-9, C-17, C-21, C-130E, C-130H, C-130J and the C-141 aircraft.

Prior to her Air Force career, Colonel Fletcher served as an assistant charge nurse at West Georgia Medical Center in LaGrange, Ga. In 1983, she received a direct commission into the Air Force Nurse Corps.

She received her Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing in 1981 from Valdosta State University in Georgia, and later went on to receive a Master of Science degree in Medical-Surgical Nursing from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, Ill.

During her service, she has received the Air Force Meritorious Service Medal with five oak leaf clusters, the Air Medal, the Aerial Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster, the Air Force Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters, the Air Force Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters and was named Field Grade Officer of the Year for Keesler Medical Center, Keesler AFB, Miss., and the Air Mobility Battlelab, Fort Dix, N.J.

Colonel Hall will leave CAFB for Kelly AFB, Texas.

FPCON ALPHA

Applies when there is an increased general threat of possible terrorist activity against personnel or facilities, and the nature and extent of the threat are unpredictable.

New AETC commander offers views on leadership, future of command

Capt. John Severns

Air Education and Training Command
Public Affairs

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — The day before he pinned on his fourth star and took command of the Air Force's First Command, Gen. Stephen R. Lorenz sat down to talk leadership, AETC's role in the Global War on Terror, and what the command's Airmen can expect from their new boss.

The general, who replaced Gen. William R. Looney III as commander of Air Education and Training Command July 2, made it clear that effective leadership tops the list of skills he expects from all his subordinates, regardless of their rank or position.

"All great endeavors are done by teams," General Lorenz said. "And these teams have to have leaders. Everyone, from a slick-sleeve Airman to a four star general, is going to lead something, even if it's only by the example they set."

Leadership has been a consistent theme for General Lorenz, who as a refueling squadron commander at Castle Air Force Base, Calif., sat down one evening in 1987 to write what would become known as "Lorenz on Leadership," a list of 13 principles that have guided him for 35 years as a leader and commander.

In "Lorenz on Leadership," the general singled out one of the 20th century's greatest figures to highlight the traits that define an effective leader.

"Winston Churchill wasn't the first person to say, 'Never, ever, ever give up,'" the general said, "But he's the one who gets credit for it, because during his life he never gave up, and he overcame incredible challenges and adversities. Winston Churchill's tenacity and perseverance gave him character, and they are why he epitomizes greatness in leadership."

Not everyone can be Winston Churchill, but the general emphasized that everyone in his command has a stake in the success of the entire organization.

"Most people, when they're trying to balance shortfalls or solve problems, look at things through a soda straw. They aren't seeing the big picture," he said. "It's tough to solve problems when you're looking through a soda straw, so what I recommend to people is to look at your boss's problems and at your boss's boss's problems, so that when you have to make a tough decision, you can make one that's in the best interests of your people and the mission of your unit."

When it comes to the future of the command, General Lorenz said that changes would be evolutionary rather than revolutionary.

"I have found that in all great endeavors, the measure of success is whether or not it stays on after the leader leaves," he said. "If you move things in an evolutionary fashion, rather than a revolutionary fashion, the changes have a tendency to stay and they are much better decisions. General Looney left this command in great shape, and we intend to build on the things he's done and keep moving the ball further down the field."

The general noted that many of the initiatives he intends to pursue are already underway.

"I think we have some great opportunities in the future to use distance learning," he said. "We already use distance learning and we know it can be used for cognitive education. The one challenge we face is how we use it to get the hands-on part of education and training done. That's just one of the challenges we face in trying to better train our Airmen to support the joint warfighter and joint forces commander."

The general predicted no specific changes in recruiting, noting that Air Force Recruiting Service has been doing a fantastic job of filling the ranks despite the wartime environment.

"It's amazing to me what our great recruiters do day-to-day, especially with the number of recruiters we have in the field," General Lorenz said, referring to the relatively small number of recruiters the Air Force fields compared to the other services. "Our recruiters are very efficient and effective, and I am very impressed with what they do and how they do it."

One thing that Airmen should continue to expect is more training geared to a forward-deployed combat environment.

"We've been a nation at war for almost seven years now," he said. "Our Airmen are deployed all over the world, and they need the skills that will enable them to meet the requirements of the different theaters they are involved in, and those skills have changed over the years."

"What we need to do at BMT and all levels of AETC is to listen to our people who have deployed, and listen to the needs of the combatant commanders, and train Airmen to that need."

As for his own job as commander of the First Command, General Lorenz offered a day-to-day perspective.

"One of the great things about being a member of the greatest Air, Space and Cyberspace force is that every day,

when I put my feet on the floor as I roll out of the rack, I'm excited," the general said. "I'm excited because I don't know what I'm going to be doing that day, but I know it's going to be exciting serving the world's greatest Air, Space and Cyberspace force. And every night when I go to bed, I'm a little bit depressed, because it's one less day serving in that force."

"I know that when you come to work, and you do your job, and you are excited and enthused about it; if you do that every day, in good times and bad, you will make a difference, and there will be progress."



U.S. Air Force photo by Rich McFadden

General Stephen Lorenz addresses the crowd at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, July 2 after assuming command of Air Education and Training Command. Shortly before taking command, the general spoke about the value of effective leadership and the importance of AETC's mission to the Global War on Terror.

From the Home Safety Council News

Did you know that falls and poisoning are the number one and two causes of home injuries? Every year, nearly 5.1 million people in America are injured by falls occurring in and around the home. As the leading cause of home injury, falls account for one-third of all unintentional home injury deaths, and more than 40 percent of all nonfatal home injuries. While the circumstances surrounding the majority of falls in the home are unknown, research indicates that falls from stairs and steps are responsible for almost 20 percent of fatal falls. The Home Safety Council recommends the following fall prevention actions: Have grab bars in the tub and shower. Have bright lights over stairs and steps and on landings. Have handrails on both sides of stairs and steps. Use a ladder for climbing instead of a stool or furniture. Use baby gates at the top and bottom of the stairs if babies or toddlers live in or visit your home. (Editor's Note: This information was provided by the 14th Flying Training Wing Safety Office.)

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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL COLUMBUS AFB PERSONNEL

Policy Letter- Sponsoring Short Term Visitors

1. Short term visitors: (1 to 30 days): Guests of base employees/residents (excluding contractors) or personnel requiring brief base access are considered short-term visitors.

2. Effective immediately, the following procedures will be implemented to grant short term visitors access to Columbus AFB:

When visitors come to the Visitor's Center (during duty hours) or the Main gate (during non-duty hours, weekends and holidays) they will inform the controller or gate guard who they are visiting and where they are going. The visitor controller or gate guard will verify the visitor's information by contacting the sponsor, either in-person (the sponsor is there) or via telephone. The sponsor must be contacted before a visitor will be allowed access. An AF Form 75, Visitor/Vehicle Pass will be issued to all short term visitors.

3. During increased Force Protection Conditions (FPCONs) these procedures will change. Large groups attending scheduled events still require an Entry Authority List as currently outlined in Columbus AFB Plan 31-101 and Columbus AFB Instruction 31-101.

4. An interim change addressing this policy will be incorporated into Columbus AFB Instruction 31-101 and Columbus AFB Plan 31-101 within 90 days.

5. My POC for this matter is Maj Kiley Stinson, 14 SFS/CC, x7112.

Roger H. Watkins

ROGER H. WATKINS, Colonel, USAF
14th Flying Training Wing Commander

New leave and liberty policies to implement NDAA of 2008

The Department of Defense is presently coordinating a confirming change to the DoD Instruction governing leave and liberty for the U.S. Armed Forces (reference (a)). For clarity and ease of use, the revised issuance will incorporate all previous policy changes since the last publication and should be published within the next few months.

Sections 551 and 552 of the NDAA 2008 (reference (b)) established significant changes to military leave policy. These changes must be implemented immediately to conform to the time-sensitive leave- and liberty-related provisions of the law. It is essential that the Military Departments and other DoD Components promulgate these policies to the maximum awareness and benefit of all Service members.

The following four new leave policies are effective immediately, retroactive to the date of NDAA enactment, January 28, 2008:

Annual leave accrual is temporarily (until December 31, 2010) increases from 60 to 75 days. Service members may now carryover up to 75 days of accrued leave, beginning with the fiscal year changeover from FY08 to FY09 (i.e. a Service member with 75 days of leave on Sept. 30, 2008, will not lose that leave on Oct. 1, 2008)

Special leave accrual (SLA) retention limits

are increased. Under the new limits, SLA earned in combat zones may now be kept for four fiscal years; SLA earned in support of operations may now be kept for two fiscal years. Absent further statutory revisions, the higher combat zone retention limit applies only to SLA accumulated during the period of Oct. 1, 2008, through Dec. 31, 2010.

An additional one-time SLA sell back is authorized for enlisted Service members. Under this provision, an enlisted Service member may sell back up to 30 days of SLA (this does not apply to officers). Such a sell back counts towards the Service member's cap of 60 days over a career. This provision has no termination date.

Authorized special rest and recuperation (SR&R) absence with transportation benefit is increased from 15 to 20 days. This applies to personnel completing an overseas duty tour extension longer than 12 months. This SR&R authorization is distinct from and not to be confused with the rest and recuperation program in paragraph 6.15 of reference (a). This provision has no termination date.

These policy changes are issued pursuant to the authority in paragraph 4.1 of reference (c). These changes will be formally incorporated into the revised reference (a).

Air Force limitations for upcoming elections

14th Flying Training Wing Judge Advocate

With the election season fast approaching, we should all keep in mind the limitations that are placed on our political activities by virtue of wearing the uniform. These rules have been carefully crafted in order to ensure that our democracy operates free from pressure or influence by the military. The first of this three part series will discuss the limitations placed on Active Duty members. Part two will discuss activities that military members can engage in, and part three will discuss the limitations placed on civilian employees.

Below is a selection of the strict prohibitions taken directly from AFI 51-902, Political Activities by Members of the US Air Force. It should be noted that violations of these prohibitions are punishable under the UCMJ.

Air Force Members may not:

Make campaign contributions to a partisan political candidate.

Solicit or receive a campaign contribution from another member of the Armed Forces or civilian employee for promoting a political objective or cause.

Sell tickets for, or otherwise actively promote, political dinners and other such fundraising

events.

Use official authority or influence to interfere with an election or to solicit political contributions from others.

Display a large political sign, banner, or poster on the top or side of a member's private vehicle (as distinguished from a political sticker).

Use contemptuous words against the Governor or legislature of any state, the President, Vice President, Congress, or any other civilian official in the chain of command.

Serve in any official capacity or be listed as a sponsor of a partisan political club.

Participate in partisan political activities (campaigns, speeches, radio or television appearances, opinion polls, fund-raising, etc.).

March or ride in a partisan political parade.

Attend, as an official representative of the Armed Forces, partisan political events, even without actively participating.

When used in this context, "partisan activities" relate to candidates or issues representing national or state political parties. Candidacy for national or state office is "partisan," even if the candidate is not affiliated with a national or state political party. Partisan activities are more restricted than nonpartisan activities.

For further information see DoDD 1344.10 and AFI 51-902.

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Acting SECAF Donley shares his perspective with Airmen

Ed White

Air Force Space Command
Public Affairs

PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo., — The U.S. Air Force Core Values of Integrity First, Service Before Self and Excellence in All We Do will remain in place, said Acting Secretary of the Air Force Michael B. Donley during his first visit to an Air Force base since being named to the position.

In a candid town-hall style meeting with members of Air Force Space Command, Mr. Donley directly addressed the position he finds himself in as the newly appointed Acting Secretary of the

Air Force, effective about two weeks ago.

"We are working through the issues confronting the Air Force," he said, referring to the nuclear enterprise issues and others that caused his predecessor to resign. "We need to build back inner confidence in our Air Force and we need to rebuild our credibility."

Mr. Donley outlined three perspectives he brings to this position based on his previous experience.

"The first thing you will get from me is 'jointness,'" he said. "The Air Force is one part of a big team."

He outlined some of the ways the Air Force contributes to the ongoing joint fight in Iraq, Afghanistan and the Global

War on Terror both in the United States and around the world.

"I know the Air Force is contributing lots of mission sets and capabilities, and it is an impressive array, I can tell you," said Mr. Donley.

A related theme is the support to the Global War on Terrorism.

"This is a priority for this Air Force," he said. "We have over thirty thousand Airmen deployed around the world engaged in the Global War on Terror in Iraq and Afghanistan."

One of his first acts upon appointment was to visit Walter Reed Hospital and speak with wounded Airmen. From this visit he gained an appreciation of their sacrifices and inspiration from them as well, as these warfighters all expressed their desire to heal quickly and get back in the fight. He also recognized those who stand behind and support the people on the pointed end of the spear.

His third theme is the welfare of Airmen. He explained that the Air Force is a technology-driven service, but it's most important asset is the knowledge, experience and commitment of the people who make it all work to support the warfighter.

"The welfare of our Airmen is very important to me, and I will try to strike the best balance in the Air Force budget between equipment needs and our people," said Mr. Donley.

After addressing his overall concerns, Mr. Donley spoke to the issue closest to AFSPC right now.

"The Air Force's credibility has been tarnished, and we need to rebuild it," he said. "The Air Force leadership needs to develop a roadmap for the nuclear enterprise to put us on the right track for stew-



U. S. Air Force photo by Duncan Wood
Acting Secretary of the Air Force Michael B. Donley (left) is greeted by Gen. C. Robert Kehler, commander of Air Force Space Command (right) and Gen. Gene Renuart, commander of U.S. Northern Command and the North American Aerospace Defense Command upon his arrival at Peterson Air Force Base, Colo. Mr. Donley visited four bases on July 1-2 to discuss his perspectives and address the issues facing the Air Force.

ardship of the nuclear mission that the defense establishment and the American people expect from us.

"There is no quicker route to recovery than the power of tens of thousands of Airmen and civilians rededicating themselves to the high standards of excellence that have always been the hallmark of the world's best Air Force," he said.



U.S. Air Force photo by Duncan Wood

Acting Secretary of the Air Force Michael B. Donley in his first visit to an Air Force base, held a town-hall style meeting with members of the Air Force Space Command here, July 1. He outlined three perspectives for the audience; jointness, support to the war on terror and the welfare of Airmen. He candidly addressed the challenges facing the Air Force, in particular the nuclear enterprise issue.

Pilot gets american fighter aces award

Senior Airman Shane Dunaway
Air Force Print News

SEYMOUR JOHNSON AIR FORCE BASE, N.C. - An F-15E Strike Eagle pilot from the 4th Fighter Wing here received the American Fighter Aces Association's Francis S. Gabreski Award June 27 at an awards ceremony in Austin, Texas.

Capt. Shannon Lippert, currently a member of the 336th Fighter Squadron, competed against pilots of all aircraft types Air Force-wide as the most outstanding performer of the year during a basic course in a formal training unit.

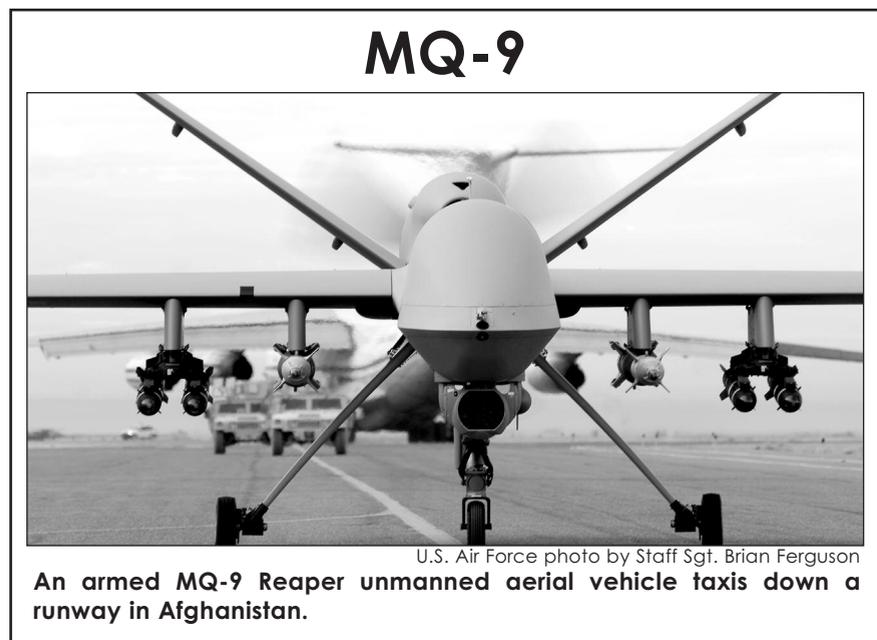
Before she arrived to Seymour Johnson AFB, Captain Lippert was an accomplished T-38 Talon pilot and instructor at Columbus AFB,

Miss. She received her F-15E pilot training as a member of the 333rd Fighter

Squadron. The Columbus, Ohio, native graduated the Basic Operational Training Course in February 2007 as the top air-to-air pilot and distinguished graduate for Class 06-CBE.

While in Austin to receive the award, Captain Lippert met 27 aces from previous eras in Air Force military history.

"Captain Lippert is the first female Gabreski Award winner, which is an amazing honor in itself," said Lt. Col. Neil Allen, the 336th FS commander. "She maintains the highest standards in all that she does, whether it is in the air, on duty at Seymour Johnson (Air Force Base), or around the Goldsboro community."



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Brian Ferguson

An armed MQ-9 Reaper unmanned aerial vehicle taxis down a runway in Afghanistan.

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The Pelican State's Base

Capt. Tony Wickman
USAFE Public Affairs

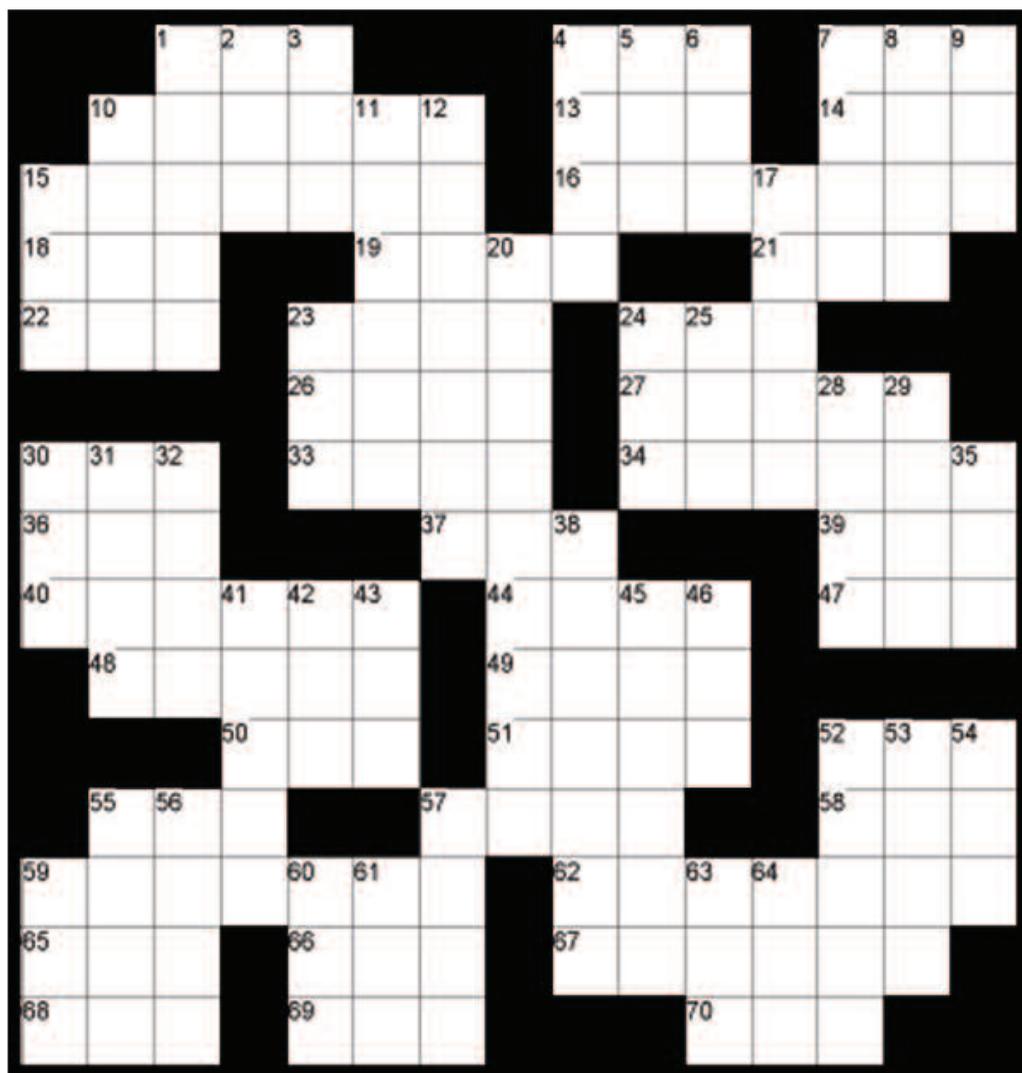
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1. Male offspring
4. Even
7. Pub order
10. Be sparing or frugal
13. Commotion
14. By way of
15. Col. Robert ____; Pelican State base host unit commander
16. City home to the Pelican State base
18. Long time
19. Cribbage point
21. Weird
22. Female sheep
23. Information
24. Spanish title for a man
26. Computer manufacturer
27. Deletes
30. Zodiac animal
33. Office furniture
34. Bomb wing at the Pelican State base
36. Actress Thurman
37. Kitchen meas.
39. ____ Grande
40. Numbered Air Force based at the Pelican State base
44. Liability
47. Choose
48. San ____
49. Away from the wind

50. Prod
51. Legal claim against property
52. USAF MAJCOM the Pelican State base is assigned
55. Cabin timber
57. Cult
58. Expert
59. Exotic
62. Warned
65. Circle part
66. True Lies actress Carrere
67. Space ____; Seattle landmark
68. Afternoon beverage in London
69. Droop
70. Set or place

DOWN

1. Setting or locale of a story
2. Mining goal
3. Zero
4. Short strips attached to an object to facilitate opening
5. Altar words
6. Goddess of the dawn
7. Enthusiastic; ardent; dedicated; keen
8. Fibbed
9. Corn holder
10. Exhibit; display
11. Dennis was one
12. Declaration of objection, disapproval, or dissent
15. Tiny
17. Boom made by jet aircraft
20. Lt. Eugene Hoy ____; namesake of the Pelican State base
23. Father
24. ____ Moines
25. Lyrical poem
28. Spanish bull
29. Trim
30. Lament
31. Between
32. One of the wise men from the East, according to the Bible
35. Part of a web address
38. Brown ____; Louisiana state bird
41. Row of bushes
42. Friday lead in?
43. Pig
45. Sacred Ancient Egyptian insect
46. X to Cicero
52. Fittingly
53. North American Indian people of Ontario and Manitoba
54. Food fish
55. Body of knowledge
56. Killer whale
57. Rough, sharp, or jagged protuberance
59. Obese
60. ____ A Wonderful Life
61. 1998 Jolie movie
63. Snakelike fish
64. Amount of an essential nutrient on a food label, in brief



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RANKS

To solve, place an enlisted rank into each box so that each row across, each column down, and each small 9-box square within the larger diagram will contain every enlisted rank. In other words, no rank E1 – E9 may appear more than once in any row, column, or smaller 9-box square. Working with the ranks already given as a guide, complete each diagram with the missing ranks that will lead to the correct solution.

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat/Sun
14	15 09-12 Pilot Partner Welcome 1800 @ Franklin Condominium's Club House	16 09-12 Commander's Luncheon 1100 @ Club	17 CGOC Meeting 1530 @ Club	18 Base-wide Exercise	19/20 Autocross @ SAC Ramp
Night Flying Week					
21 09-05 Track Select 1700 @ Club	22 Wing Quarterly Awards Luncheon 1130 @ Club Col. Watkins Community Reception 1900	23 14th OG Change of Command 1014 @ Hangar 6	24	25 08-12 Graduation Retired Brig. Gen. Cross, guest speaker	26/27 McGladrey Golf Tournament 0900 @ Whispering Pines Golf Course

Long Term Events

- July 30 - 19 AF Change of Command
- July 31 - Enlisted Promotions
- August 8 - Commander's Bowling Challenge
- August 11 - 09-06 Track Select

- August 12 - OSC Social
- August 15 - 08-13 Graduation Brig. Gen. Roser guest speaker
- August 18 - Club Family Fun Night
- August 22 - 08-14 Assignment Night & Crud

Squadrons merge to make provisional squadron

Maj. Paul Porter

14th Contracting and Comptroller Squadron
(Provisional) commander

“Contracting is the pebble in the shoe of progress.” I have heard this phrase more than once during my time in Air Force contracting coming from organizations and customers. Is it a fair assessment? At times, it could be. I have also heard the same about the Comptroller Squadron. The Contracting and Comptroller squadrons are responsible for assuring fiscal and contracting actions are done in accordance with many of regulations and laws. Some of the time, these regulations and laws don’t allow for the flexibility customers crave. However, one bureaucratic stumbling block was recently eliminated. These separate squadrons merged into one squadron June 24 — the 14th Contracting and Comptroller Squadron (Provisional).

Columbus AFB is the first base in the Air Force to stand up the new squadron. There are few other bases in the Air Force that will merge their Contracting and Comptroller Squadrons during the summer. This is a two-year test plan to understand the synergies and impediments of doing similar merging across the Air Force. This is being done as the financial and contracting worlds move towards regionalization. There are a lot of moving parts and this merger is the best way our senior leaders have seen to meet the mission needs with the reduced manpower that will remain at the bases.



The bureaucratic hurdle mentioned above is now gone. By the time Christmas arrives, a customer will be able to call one person in the new squadron and be able to talk to someone who understands the financial health of their unit—from budget and burn rates to contract obligations and modifications. Gone is the “toss it over the wall” mentality as the former squadrons passed things back and forth. The success of the squadron and its leadership will be measured on how well the enterprise-wide capability is executed. It brings new players to the table with more expertise and broader views on where the issues are.

How will this help? A good example occurred last year. Money arrived on the base for a certain project. The organization which needed the money worked the necessary contracting documents and got everything ready. Unfortunately, by the time everything was ready, there was not enough time to complete the contracting process. The base ended up going to an outside organization to provide the service and that cost additional money. Now, when money hits the base, the 14 CONS-CPTS (P) will know when the funds arrive and be able to work pre-contract actions that will allow the flexibility to buy what’s needed on a shorter timeline. We will avoid the missteps that cost the base money needlessly.

The Air Force Instructions, public law, and regulations are still there. It will now be our challenge to look for opportunities to improve processes and share information. A good example of process improvement is in how we do

construction progress tracking and payroll verification. The Department of Labor requires certain payroll checks are done on any federal construction contract. On top of that, we have to track contract progress and match that with the proposed schedule. If everything checks out, we are then allowed to pay the contractor a progress payment in accordance with the contract and clauses. This is a monotonous, tedious process that is repeated every two weeks for every construction contract.

The requirements that make us do those checks haven’t changed but the process we use to comply with those requirements can be improved. Neil Cole, the Operations Officer for the 14 CONS-CPTS (P), teamed with some programmers from the 14th Communications Squadron and brought a web based application to life that automates the checks and tracking which is currently being done manually. Not only does it accomplish this quickly, it does it with 100 percent accuracy. This will no longer be an Inspector General goldmine when they can’t find anything else to write up.

Mr. Cole and his team presented this application to Air Education and Training Command. They were so impressed that it was sent to the Air Force Functional Review Board—the Air Force board decides which software makes it for funding. The board was impressed and now they are validating it. We expect to hear a positive final decision late this year and see this used across the Air Force in the next few years. It is one of many examples where even though many rules are firm, there are opportunities to make things better.

The experience of a lifetime

Cadet Candice Dillitte
Ops AF Cadet

The second group of Air Force Reserved Officer Training Corps cadets arrived June 23 to begin their Operations Non-Commissioned Officer program at Columbus AFB. For the next three weeks, their goal will be to learn more about life as an enlisted member of the Air Force.



For the following weeks, we went through a series of briefings, tours and selective shadowing to become more acquainted with Columbus AFB and how the Air Force is run. We were able to experience the wing’s assumption of command ceremony, which was a first for many of us. More excitement was derived during the second week from the various incentive flights that were given in T-1, T-6 and T-38 aircraft. We raved for several days after our flights about the opportunity to ‘pull G’s’ and for some experience lunch in Louisiana. In addition, cadets appreciated the opportunity to learn more about the world of firemen and security forces officers. We were able to experience

the unrelenting force of the pressured hose that extinguishes many fires as well as learn several combat moves which protect officers in shifty situations. Being one of few cadets interested in the medical field, I had a lot of fun visiting the medical facilities and experiencing the excitement and chaos that coincides with that career field.

We made our weekends memorable by doing various activities ranging from golfing and canoeing to horseback riding and visiting Geyser Falls, a local water park in Philadelphia, Miss. Cadets also enjoyed “Fireworks on the Water” at the Columbus Lock and Dam in celebration of Independence Day.

Throughout my three weeks at CAFB, I have gained a greater sense of what it means to be a member of the United States Air Force. I learned that being a member includes being a part of a family and a team. I also discovered that with the help of your fellow wingman, family and friends, your job and career can prove to be very rewarding. I anticipate the day that I become a true member of such a great team.

Retreat: A time for reflection

Col. Roger Watkins
14th Flying Training Wing
commander

It is a shame we can take the time to enjoy a beautiful sunny afternoon, but many of us won't take the time to honor our nation's flag and the sacrifice it symbolizes.

Recently, while I was running on base, "Retreat" sounded. It amazed me when the National Anthem sounded, cars continued to drive pass me while I was standing at attention.

Over time things change in the Air Force, but one thing remains the same – military tradition, customs and courtesies.

When the first note of the national anthem is played, military members in uniform will stop, face the flag or music and render the appropriate salute until the last note is played.

If you're driving, pull over, stop and don't proceed until the music is over. It is also appropriate to correct anyone who fails to show respect to our nation's flag.

"Reveille" first originated in 1812 and was used to assemble units or conduct roll call. It was not originally intended as honors for the flag.

"Retreat" was first used by the French Army and dates back to the Crusades.

Since the Revolutionary War, the American Army has used this bugle call which always sounded at sunset. Its original purpose was to notify guards to start challenging until sunrise (meaning to "halt" and demand identification) and to tell the rank and file to go to their quarters and stay there.

Today, both ceremonies signify the beginning and ending of the official duty day and serve as ceremonies for paying respect to the flag and those who have served and continue to serve it.

"Reveille" and "Retreat" represent a dignified reverence to our national flag from its raising in the morning to its lowering in the evening. The melodies represent the sacrifices of our fallen comrades who will never hear the national anthem or render a salute again.

We have the opportunity to pay honor to those who paid the ultimate sacrifice. When we hear the bugle and drums, signaling the beginning of the national anthem we are given the opportunity to honor them by stopping and rendering the proper customs and courtesies. I ask each of you – military, civilian, dependent, or retiree, to not only join me in honoring our flag and the traditions of Reveille and Retreat, but to also spread the word to all those around you. It's the RIGHT thing to do!

Summer sleuths scour library for clues to reading fun

Jana Hall

14th Force Support Squadron

No more teachers, no more books... well, maybe just the "no more teachers" part because the school-age participants in this year's Summer Reading Program at the Columbus AFB Library are getting their fill of books.

"Our goal is to keep our children in touch with reading and honing their skills while they're out of school," said Library Manager Pat Jones. "We've been at it now for 20 years - since 1988 when I first came to work here."

This year's program, themed "Get a Clue @ Your Library," kicked off June 18 and will end July 30 with an awards presentation for those of the 48 registered first through sixth graders who turn in their reading log and meet the minimum reading requirements, Jones said.

First through third graders must read three books from the Caldecott Medal collection.

"These books may date back as far as the 1930s when the Caldecott Medal was first annually awarded to acknowledge literature containing outstanding illustrations," Jones said.

Also, the younger group is required to read two mystery books and ten others of their choice.

Fourth through six graders are required to read three books from the Newbery Award collection. "The Newbery



U.S. Air Force photo

Pat Jones, 14th Force Support Squadron and Library Manager, awards stickers to ambitious reader, Lucia Cuomo, 8, while fellow program participant, Racquel Hopkins, 7, peruses the stacks for her next book choice.

Medal began not long after the Caldecott Award," Jones said. "However, these books are recognized for the story."

In addition, this age group is required to read three mysteries and four other books of their choosing.

"Of course, we want to reward the children who go

above and beyond the reading requirements," Jones said. This year's "top" reader (the child who reads the most books and completes the program requirements) will have his or her choice of one of two bicycles or a remote-control Harley Davidson. The others who read more than the required books for their age group will be eligible for a drawing awarding the remaining prizes after the top reader has made his or her selection. All the readers who complete the required reading will receive a certificate for their participation.

In addition to at-home reading, some registrants meet Wednesday mornings at the library for an hour of activities and games consistent with the program theme. "Each week, a staff member will hide an object somewhere in the library," Jones said. "It is then the young detectives' job to find the object and, based on the clues, determine who hid it." Some of the weekly cases have been the "Mystery of the Lost Bookmark" and the "Case of the Missing Rocket."

Other Wednesday morning activities include group reading and playing board games. "The games we play come from the library's collection of educational board games. These games can be checked out and are good for improving children's reading skills and retention," Jones said.

For more information about the library and their programs and services, call 434-2935.

CAFB families have choices in recreational events

Wii Love Our Youth

The bowling center offers a chance to win a Wii game system for youth between of the ages of 5 and 18. Register to win the game by picking up a game card anytime before July 31 at the bowling center. For every game bowled have your card punched. Each game card requires 10 punches for a valid entry. The drawing will be held Aug. 1 and you do not have to present to win. For more information, call 434-2425.

Geyser Falls Water Park Trip

The information, ticket and travel office offers this trip July 23. Cost is \$20 per person for transportation and the park tickets can be purchased from ITT for \$21 each. Must have at least 20 people registered by July 16 to offer. Bus will leave at 8:30 a.m. and returning around 6 p.m. For more information, call 434-2505.

White Water Rafting Trip

The outdoor adventure program is offering another white water rafting trip Aug. 16 to Aug. 18. Cost is \$155 per person and includes transportation, two nights lodging and three meals. Register and pay a \$50 deposit by Aug. 1 at the outdoor recreation office. For more information, call 434-2505.

Child Development Center Registration

The child development center is accepting registrations for new children Aug. 4 to 8

in the half-day preschool and half day toddler programs. Stop by the child development center to register your child. Classes begin Aug. 11. For more information, call 434-2479.

Youth Trips

The youth center is offering a trip to the US Rocket and Space Center in Huntsville, Ala., July 17, the Tupelo Automobile Museum July 28. There are 15 slots available for each of these trips. There is a trip to the Alabama Adventure Amusement and Water Park July 31. There are 28 slots available for this trip. Cost for each trip is \$5 for transportation plus the cost of admission. For more information, call 434-2504.

Horseback Riding

The youth center offers a horseback riding trip for youth July 24. Cost is \$20 and there are only 15 slots available. For more information, call 434-2504.

Air Force Science Camp:

Register by July 15 for this camp scheduled for July 28 to Aug. 1. Cost is \$10 per child. Open to youth, ages 7 to 13. For more information, call the youth center at 434-2504.

Winter Bowling Leagues

The bowling center is registering teams now for the fall league. Leagues available are the Tuesday night mixed, the Thursday night intramural, the Saturday

morning youth and the Wednesday morning senior league. For more information, call 434-3577.

School Age Program Registration

The youth center offers registration for the school age program starting July 14 until school begins. Slots are limited and available on a first come, first served basis. Fees are based on total family income. For more information, call 434-2504.

Auto Hobby Shop Oil Change

The arts and crafts center offers this service for \$29.95 and includes five quarts oil and filter, wiper and transmission fluid check and tire pressure. They pick up and delivery. Call 434-7842 for an appointment.

Swim Programs

Independence Pool offers water aerobics Tuesday and Thursdays from 11:15 a.m. to noon. Cost is \$2 per class. Free lap swimming is available Monday through Friday from 6 to 7:30 a.m., 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m. Call 434-2491 for more information.

Casino Trips

The information, ticket and travel office offers a trip to the Silver Star

Casino the first Friday of every month. Cost is \$20 per person and includes transportation and \$25 in casino play. Groups of ten or more may book a trip anytime. For more information, call 434-2505.

Martial Arts For All Ages

The youth center offers these martial arts self defense training classes for both youth and adults. Classes are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Services complex. All classes are taught by Black Belt Hall of Fame instructors. Ask about their free introductory lessons and the December special which offers two for one martial arts classes children and adults. Cost is \$45 per month. For more information, call 434-2504 or 425-0334.

Blaze Lunch Bunch

at the Columbus Club
every Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
All plates come with one meat, two sides,
roll or cornbread, tea or water
\$5.75 for club members/\$6.75 for nonmembers

This week's menu:

Meat choices: Fried Chicken, Turkey Pot Pie and Fried Catfish Basket
Sides: Macaroni and Cheese, Cole Slaw, Rice and Gravy, Turnip Greens, Sautéed Cabbage and Lima Beans

Desserts are \$2.95 each
New York Cheesecake with Strawberry Topping,
Chocolate Chip Cookies with Vanilla Ice Cream and Carrot Cake

Fireworks on the Water 2008

Celebrating Independence Day with a flyover, fireworks, food and fun

Senior Airman Danielle Hill
14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Columbus AFB in conjunction with the Army Corps of Engineers and the City of Columbus hosted more than 10,000 people at the "Fireworks on the Water" event July 4 at the Stennis Lock and Dam in Columbus, Miss.

The singing of "The Star-Spangled Banner" and a T-1 flyover by the 48th Flying Training Squadron kicked off the event. Colonel Roger Watkins, 14th Flying Training Wing commander, also provided opening comments to the public.

Attendees were able to enjoy a variety of vendors that were selling everything from funnel cakes and snow cones to personal pan pizzas. Children were also able to join in the festivities with jumper castles, face painting and a dunking booth.

The night culminated with a 20 minute fireworks show that lit up the night sky with a plethora of vibrant colors and shapes.



A group of people gather alongside the dam and enjoy the festivities as they wait for the fireworks show later in the evening. More than 10,000 members of the community as well as those from other areas attended the event on the East and West banks of the lock and on the water. Police cleared the parking areas in 22 minutes after the fireworks show.

Colonel Roger Watkins, 14th Flying Training Wing commander, speaks with Verda Laws, wife of Columbus Wingman John Laws, at the Fireworks on the Water event. Colonel Watkins made the opening remarks to kick off the event after the singing of "The Star-Spangled Banner."



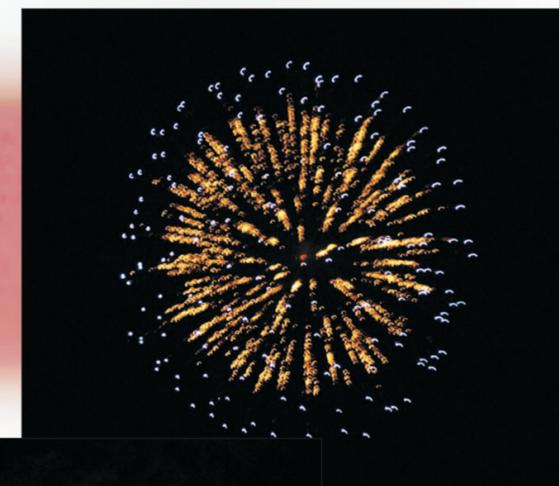
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Columbus AFB leadership, community leaders and their families line up for a meal in the distinguished visitor area of the event. The pork shoulders were cooked by Jimmy Estes and prepared by volunteers led by Dede Johnson.



Fireworks explode into dazzling patterns once the fireworks launched at the Lock and Dam. The firework show was performed shortly after 9 p.m.



U.S. Air Force photos by Airman Josh Harbin

Base News

9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act

Many post-9/11 veterans and service members will soon be eligible for a new comprehensive education benefits package that goes well beyond helping to pay for tuition. Many veterans who served after Sept. 11, 2001, will get full tuition and fees, a new monthly housing stipend, and a \$1,000 a year stipend for books and supplies. The new bill also gives Reserve and Guard members who have been activated for more than 90 days since 9/11 access to the same GI Bill benefits. NOTE: The new program will not be implemented immediately after the President signs the Bill. DoD and the Services must first establish policy and procedures, configure computers, design forms, etc. The projected implementation date is 1 Aug 2009. The Ed Office does not have specific information about how the program will work. Information will be forwarded base-wide by the Ed Office as more details become available.

CAFB Students

Elementary, Middle and High School Students who reside ON Columbus AFB, and who desire to attend a school within the Columbus Municipal School District, must file a written petition with the Superintendent of the Lowndes County School District AND the Superintendent of the Columbus Municipal School District, requesting that he/she be transferred to the Columbus Municipal School District. The Trustees of the two districts will act upon the petition NLT their next regular Board meeting. Questions, please contact the Wing School Liaison Officer, E J Griffis at 434-2792 or via email at e.griffis@columbus.af.mil.

JPPSO-SAT

The Joint Personal Property Shipping Office-San Antonio is experiencing a huge back log of shipments waiting to process. They have been experiencing severe Internet difficulties, which have directly impacted personal property booking capabilities. JPPSO has been manually loading shipment data into the system for booking with the carrier industry. This has proven to be a time-consuming and cumbersome process. Currently they are back on-line and booking shipments. While this news is good, the average booking time frame is three to five days from the requested pack/pickup date. Our Traffic Mgt Office is tracking local shipments and conducting follow-up actions to ensure your requested shipments are being booked. Please continue to have a positive outlook and we will all get

through this difficult time. If you have questions or are having problems with your move please contact us at the TMF office. Mr. Bailey 434-2684 or Mr. Robinson 434-2685

DRMO

Authorized personnel may retrieve property that is marked for DRMO Facilities only if they are still physically located in Base Supply. For more information, call 434-7233 to review the property or call Stock Control Section at 434-7179 or 434-7198. To check for authorization and Demand Processing Section, call 434-7178 to order the property. All other DRMO processing is done via the Web at www.drms.dla.mil

Supply Customer

If you are looking for that special piece of equipment or furniture for your office, your point of contact is the Inspection Section of Base Supply. Inspection maintains the Last Look Area, which has used equipment and furniture turned in from other organizations that no longer have a need for the items. All items in the Last Look Area are available without charge to your organization. For more information, you can contact the Inspection Section at 434-7233 or 434-7234.

Gas Mask Fit Test

Gas Mask Fit Testing will now be by appointment only. Appointments will be taken Wednesdays and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Exceptions to appointment times will be made for deployers only. For more information, call Bioenvironmental Engineering at 434-2286 or 434-2226.

Airman and Family Readiness Center

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

Pre-Deployment Brief

There is a mandatory briefing for active duty personnel who are deploying or going on a remote tour. The brief is held every work day at 9 a.m. Spouses are welcome to attend.

Preseparation Counseling

This mandatory briefing for personnel separating or retiring to be completed at least 90 days prior to separation is held daily at 8:30 a.m. May complete up to 12 months prior to separation or retirement. This briefing takes approximately 30 minutes. For more information, call 434-2839 or 434-2790.

Post-Deployment Brief

This mandatory briefing is for active duty personnel who are returning from deployment or a remote tour are held daily at 1:30 p.m. at the A&FRC. For more information, call 434-2790.

Hearts Apart Social Gathering

This program will be held July 17 at 5:30 p.m. and will be a water themed event. This social gathering is for families of deployed (over 30 days) or remote personnel. Information and refreshments will be offered. Advance registration is required. For more information, call 434-2790.

Smooth Move

This class will be held July 21 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at the A&FRC. This is a workshop for relocating. PCSing members/families will receive valuable moving information. Learn what to expect before you move from TMO, Housing, Finance, Legal, Billeting, Tri-Care, Medical Records and AFRC. For more information, call 434-2790.

Wing Newcomers

This brief will be held at the Airman and Family Readiness Center July 22 from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. This brief is for all AD and civilian personnel new to CAFB. Spouses are encouraged to attend. For more information, call 434-2790.

Bon Appétit

The Bon Appetit class will be held July 24 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Chapel Annex. This is a hands-on class to make meals that are quick, easy and budget-friendly. Class size is limited; to register call 434-2790.

Sponsorship Training

This training program is for Unit Intro Monitors and Sponsors and will be held July 29 at 9 a.m. at the AFRC. There is also a web-based training is offered thru

SOLUTION FOR LAST WEEK

(Current weeks puzzle on page 7)

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Air Force Portal under CAFB and thru the Public Folder. For more information, call 434-2790.

AFAS...Air Force People Helping Each Other

Sudden emergency and no cash? It can happen to anyone. Your Air Force Aid Society has assisted Air Force people for 66 years and is there to help you. Call 434-2855 for more information.

Telephone Directories

Local AT&T "The Real Yellow Pages"® are available at the Airman and Family Readiness Center. Stop by and pick up your free copy.

Chapel Schedule

Protestant

Sunday: 9 a.m. — Adult Sunday School
10:45 a.m. — Traditional
Worship Service (Children's Church)

All are invited to a fellowship luncheon following the 10:45 a.m. service the fourth Sunday of each month

Catholic

Monday through Thursday
7 a.m. — Mass

Thursday
5 p.m. — Choir Practice

Sunday:
4:30 p.m. — Confession
4:30 p.m. — Choir Practice
5:30 p.m. — Mass

First Communion, Confirmation and RCIA classes are held Wednesday in conjunction with Pioneer Club.

The Catholic Parish Fellowship Dinner is held on the first Sunday of each month following the 5:30 p.m. Mass.

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Reporting Sexual Assault



There are three different methods people can use to report sexual assault.
It's vital you know the difference!

1. Unrestricted

- ◆ Sexual Assault Response Coordinator is contacted and victim receives medical care
- ◆ Chain of Command, Office of Special Investigations and Law Enforcement **are notified** immediately
- ◆ Investigation initiated
- ◆ SARC Victim Advocate provides supportive services for victim
- ◆ Victim receives counseling
- ◆ No confidentiality. Commander will determine course of action in cases of bilateral misconduct after investigation

2. Restricted

- ◆ Sexual Assault Response Coordinator is contacted and victim receives medical care
- ◆ Chain of Command, Office of Special Investigations and Law Enforcement **are not notified**
- ◆ SARC Victim Advocate provides supportive services for victim
- ◆ Victim receives counseling
- ◆ Victim can make unrestricted reporting decisions afterward
- ◆ Victim has confidentiality even if there is bilateral misconduct on his or her part, such as underage drinking

3. Independent

- ◆ Third-party reporting is an inherent responsibility of all military personnel. If you tell anyone who subsequently notifies OSI or Law Enforcement, or if someone observes the assault and notifies Law Enforcement, an investigation may be launched. This can occur in conjunction with or regardless of restricted reporting.

If Law Enforcement is contacted, the report is automatically unrestricted.

*Call the Sexual Assault Response Coordinator at
Office: (662) 434-2875 or (662) 434-1130 Cell: (662) 386-0811
24/7 On-Call Hotline: (662) 364-0822*

14TH FLYING TRAINING WING

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TIME: 1700

WHEN: JULY 11

WHERE: COLUMBUS CLUB
FOLLOWING 08-12
ASSIGNMENT NIGHT

EMAIL CAPT. CAROLYN JENSEN AT
carolyn.jensen@columbus.af.mil
TO REGISTER OR FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Airport Road: Highway 791, or Airport Road, in Lowndes County will change from two lanes of traffic to four lanes. Construction crews will still be working for another two to three weeks. Please be aware of construction workers, flagmen and other motorists. New traffic signs will be in place. For more information, call 327-2844.

Magnolia Motor Speedway: There will be a street stock championship July 19 at the Magnolia Motor Speedway. The races begins at 7 p.m. There will be Rebel Challenge, Super Late Models, NeSmith Dirt Late Models, Open Wheel Modified and Late Model Stocks. For more infor-

mation, call 327-0376 or visit www.magnoliamotorspeedway.net.

Military Appreciation Night: The Birmingham Barons will be honoring those veterans who have served and soldiers who are presently active duty with a discounted \$3 general admission ticket price July 12 at 7:05 p.m. at Regions Park in Birmingham, Ala. For more information, call (205) 988-3200 or visit www.barons.com.

Women's Center for Entrepreneurship: The Mississippi University for Women will be hosting classes

this summer. The "Business Plan and Lender Proposal" class will be held July 17 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at the WCE Orr Annex Building. The "Financing your Business" class will be held July 24 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at the WCE Orr Annex Building. Classes are free, but space is limited. Pre-registration is recommended. For more information, call 241-6277.

For more information about local area events, e-mail AFRC@columbus.af.mil or call the Airman and Family Readiness Center at 434-2790.

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Andrews Airman participates in national golf tournament

Staff Sgt. Monique Randolph

Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

BETHESDA, Md. — When he was in high school, Senior Master Sgt. Kirk Kessler worked part-time at a golf course in Mobridge, S.D., to earn some cash and play the sport for free. As he mowed the fairways and greens, he didn't think much of the game.

"I played a little bit, but I didn't take the game seriously," he said. "I didn't really think it was a 'manly' sport."

He changed his mind nearly 10 years after joining the Air Force. In 1995, a friend at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla., who was an avid golfer reintroduced Sergeant Kessler to the game. Today, Sergeant Kessler has a 12 handicap and loves the game because "it's humbling and challenging, and there's always room for improvement."

Sporting a baseball cap and striped polo shirt with the Air Force symbol, Sergeant Kessler was the only military member to compete July 2 in the Earl Woods Memorial Pro-Am, part of the AT&T National Golf Tournament at the Congressional Country Club.

Originally, Sergeant Kessler was scheduled to play on a four-person team with the tournament's host, professional golfer Tiger Woods, whose late father, Earl, was a retired Soldier.

"When I first got the word, I was extremely excited... then nervous," Sergeant Kessler said. "After (I got over) that, I just felt honored and blessed to be selected, because it's the chance of the lifetime to play with the number one golfer in the world, and to represent the Air Force and Andrews Air Force Base; it's truly an honor."

After learning Woods would be out for the remainder of the season due to knee surgery following his June win in the U.S. Open, Sergeant Kessler said he was disappointed, but still felt privileged to play in the "best ball"-style tournament.

"I would never have had a chance to do this otherwise; to play at the Congressional (Country Club) with a pro. No matter how you slice it, it's still exciting," he said.

Sergeant Kessler was paired with PGA Tour pro John Rollins for the event, which pairs a professional and three amateur golfers on a team.

"(He) is a great guy," Sergeant Kessler said. "(Playing with a pro) was a little nerve wracking at first, but once I settled down, it was fun. This was my first pro-am; it was not as intense as I thought it would be. It was really laid back. I had a decent game. I just wanted to have fun and enjoy the moment."

He started his round with a par on the first hole and later birdied a par-4.

Sergeant Kessler said the tournament gave him an opportunity to speak about Air Force missions in Afghanistan and Iraq, and about his personal experiences with his teammates, who included

two civilian amateur players.

"I didn't know I was going to play with (Sergeant Kessler), but we had a good time and we just enjoyed the day," said Mr. Rollins, who has five top-20 finishes on the PGA Tour this year. "It was great to play with someone who has put in time and service for our country. He told me a little bit about what he does and what he's done."

Sergeant Kessler admitted the team struggled sometimes. After he hit into a sand trap on the fourth hole, his caddie and long-time friend Gerry Gloster jokingly told him to retrieve his own ball.

"It's tough love," Mr. Gloster said. "We're just having fun."

Sergeant Kessler said when the team struggled, at least one member stepped up and pulled them through with a good shot. When they ended their round, they were tied for the lead and ended up finishing fourth overall in the tournament with a net score of 11 under par 70.

Sergeant Kessler was nominated to play in the tournament by Michael Thomas, general manager of The Courses at Andrews AFB. He said the Tiger Woods Foundation was looking for an enlisted person who had deployed overseas and was a skilled golfer.



U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Steven R. Doty
Senior Master Sgt. Kirk Kessler lines up his shot during the 2nd Annual AT&T National Golf Tournament July 2 at the Congressional Country Club in Bethesda, Md. The Tiger Woods Foundation selected Sergeant Kessler to play in the tournament. Sergeant Kessler is assigned to the 316th Civil Engineer Squadron from Andrews Air Force Base, Md.

Intramural Softball Schedule

Date/Time	Field	Team	VS.	Team
No night games July 15-17				
July 22				
6 p.m.	1	OSS Team 1	VS.	MDG
6 p.m.	2	CES	VS.	41/37 FTS
7 p.m.	1	DynCorp	VS.	COMM
7 p.m.	2	SFS	VS.	48 FTS
July 23				
6 p.m.	1	49/50 FTS	VS.	COMM
6 p.m.	2	SFS	VS.	41/37 FTS
7 p.m.	1	CES	VS.	OSS Team 1
7 p.m.	2	DynCorp	VS.	MDG
July 24				
6 p.m.	1	48 FTS	VS.	COMM
6 p.m.	2	OSS Team 1	VS.	DynCorp
7 p.m.	1	SFS	VS.	CES
7 p.m.	2	49/50 FTS	VS.	MDG
July 29				
6 p.m.	1	48 FTS	VS.	MDG
6 p.m.	2	COMM	VS.	41/37 FTS
7 p.m.	1	49/50 FTS	VS.	DynCorp
7 p.m.	2	SFS	VS.	OSS Team 1

Softball Scores

July 8

CES 12 - DynCorp 11
37/41st FTS 11 - 49/50 FTS 6
48th FTS 6 - OSS 4
MDG 12 - SFS 9

Sports Shorts

Swim Lessons Available:

Dates and times to be determined. Call 434-2491 or stop by Independence Pool for more information.

McGladrey Team Championship:

Whispering Pines Golf Course is accepting registration of area golfers who may form a threesome to compete in a local qualifying event, July 26, which is the first leg of a journey to earn a berth in the 2008 PGA McGladrey Team Championship. Teams may register on line at www.PGA.com/teamchampionship or by calling the Golf Course at 434-7932. The registration deadline is July 18. The sec-

tion championship will be Aug. 18 at the Carter Plantation golf Course in Springfield, LA and the National Championship will be conducted Oct. 20-22 at the Pinehurst NC Resort. Amateur players will receive 50 percent of their course handicap allowance based on the tees being played.

Swim Instructors: Water aerobics and swim instructors are needed at the Base swimming pool. If interested, please call Maggie at 434-2491.

Golf 4 Kids: This event will take place July 14 to 18 from 9 to 10 a.m. each day at Whispering Pines Golf Course. It is open to youth ages 8 to 13. For more information, call the Golf Pro Shop at 434-7932.