

# SILVERWINGS

"Back to the basics"

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## Weather

|  |   |
|--|---|
|  <b>Today</b><br>High: 95, Low: 69<br>Partly cloudy  |  <b>Saturday</b><br>High: 93, Low: 71<br>Partly cloudy   |
|  <b>Sunday</b><br>High: 94, Low: 72<br>Partly cloudy |  <b>Monday</b><br>High: 94, Low: 73<br>Isolated T-storms |

## News Briefs

### Class 09-12 Assignment Night

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 09-12 will hold their Assignment Night July 10 at 5 p.m. at the Columbus Club.

### Schools/sports physicals

The base clinic will be giving school/sports physical July 30 starting at 2 p.m. Call (662) 434-CARE as soon as possible to reserve your spot! Please bring any immunization records with you.

### Class 10-05 Track Select

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 10-05 will hold their track select July 21 at 5 p.m.

## Inside



**Feature 10**  
 The Fireworks on the Water July 4th event is featured in this weeks Silver Wings.

## BLAZE Team, Columbus come out for Fireworks on the Water 2009



U.S. Air Force Photo/Senior Airman Jacob Corbin  
 Fireworks burst above a crowd of over 9,000 attendees July 4 at the Stennis Lock and Dam. Fireworks on the Water 2009 was a joint venture by Columbus Air Force Base, the City of Columbus and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

## General Padilla speaks to graduates, families at Class 09-11 graduation

**Senior Airman Jacob Corbin**  
 14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

The graduation speaker for Class 09-11's offered advice, wisdom and a few anec-

dotes to the assembled graduates and their families at the class's graduation July 2.

Maj. Gen. Frank Padilla, 10th Air Force commander, 10th Air Force, Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth, Texas, passed along to the Air Force's

newest pilots to "bloom where they are planted," avoid complacency and take care of their families and enlisted members.

"You think you're done being a student," he said, "but you'll always be a student." See PADILLA, Page 3

## 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 (10-05) | 5.15 days    | -0.41 days       | Jul. 21      | 48th (09-12) | -5.52 days   | -0.57 days       | Jul. 24    | 49th (09-IB) | 0.97 days    | 0.93 days        | Jul. 13    | T-6               | 710      | 622   | 24,184 |
| 41st (10-06) | 0.12 days    | -0.05 days       | Aug. 11      | 50th (09-12) | 1.13 days    | 4.14 days        | Jul. 24    |              |              |                  |            | T-1               | 300      | 257   | 9,145  |
|              |              |                  |              |              |              |                  |            |              |              |                  |            | T-38              | 201      | 159   | 6,823  |
|              |              |                  |              |              |              |                  |            |              |              |                  |            | IFF               | 65       | 44    | 2,366  |

**PADILLA**

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dent, you'll always be learning... don't forget your family, don't forget to have fun and don't forget strength and honor."

The general shared a motto he favors with the crowd, "behold the turtle." General Padilla said the turtle only makes progress when he sticks his neck out. Another mantra of the general that was shared was "embrace the suck." This seemingly-odd phrase comes from the general's time deployed to Iraq where he helped setup Balad Air Base.

He said one night a sleep-deprived Airman made his way into the reinforced bunker the group used to rest safely, and found nowhere to sleep. Faced with hot, smelly and cramped conditions and having gone without sleep for days, the Airman momentarily lost his cool and exclaimed "this sucks!" The general went on to describe how a "grizzled old master sergeant" stood up and said "embrace the suck."

The general has used the simple phrase as a motto ever since, he said.

"Wrap your arms around whatever 'sucks' and learn to love it," General Padilla said. "What you do is all in how you perceive it."

He then shared advice with the group given to him by his father early in his career. His father said to concentrate on the job at hand and try and be the best you can be, without worrying constantly over the future. He said others will see what you do and help you along.

General Padilla said that advice has a secondary meaning in the business of flying airplanes.

"When you're out there flying," he said, "avoid being complacent, treat every flight as if it were your first, never take anything for granted."

"I think you owe it to yourself, to your family and to the Air Force (to stay safe)."

The general said that those still in pilot training will encounter peaks and valleys, mainly in performance, and that they should enjoy the peaks, and push through the valleys. He said while he was in training, his wife and family was what got him through his valleys.



U.S. Air Force photo/Melissa Duncan  
**Maj. Gen. Frank Padilla, 10th Air Force commander, 10th Air Force, Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth, Texas, speaks to graduates of Class 09-11 and their guests at the class's graduation July 2.**

General Padilla commands the numbered air force in charge of all fighter, bomber, special operations, rescue, airborne warning and control, flying training, combat air operations battle staff, unoccupied aerial vehicle and space units in the Air Force Reserve Command. These units are gained by the Air Combat Command, Air Force Special Operations Command, Pacific Air Forces, Air Force Space Command and the Air Education and Training Command.

He is a command pilot with more than 7,500 military and 8,500 civilian flying hours.

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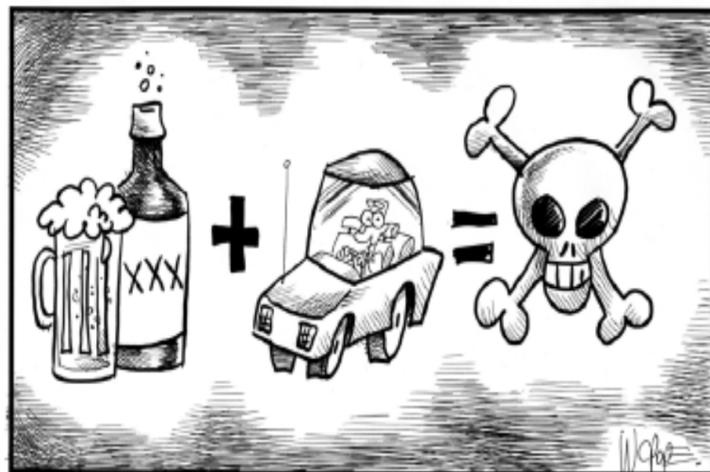
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**14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED**

As of press time, 45 BLAZE TEAM members are de-deployed worldwide. Remember to support the Airmen and their families while they are away.



**Intramural Softball Standings for July 7**

| Intramural Softball scores for July 7: |             |    |   | Field 2:                                |             |    |   |
|--|-------------|----|---|---|-------------|----|---|
| Field 1                                |             |    |   | Game 1:                                 | WSA         | 15 | W |
| Game 1:                                | 14th CES    | 16 | L |   | DYN         | 1  | L |
|  | 14th MDG    | 17 | W | Game 2:                                 | 14th CS     | 13 | W |
| Game 2:                                | 48th FTS    | 19 | W |   | 49/50th FTS | 5  | L |
|  | 37/41th FTS | 18 | L | Intramural Softball scores for June 30: |             |    |   |
| Game 3:                                | 14th SFS    | 24 | W | Field 1                                 |             |    |   |
|  | 49/50th FTS | 15 | L | Game 1:                                 | 48th FTS    | 5  | L |
|  |             |    |   |   | DYN         | 20 | W |
|  |             |    |   | Game 2:                                 | 50/49th FTS | 19 | W |
|  |             |    |   |   | WSA         | 9  | L |
|  |             |    |   | Game 3:                                 | 14th CS     | 26 | W |
|  |             |    |   |   | 37/41st FTS | 17 | W |

| Intramural Softball scores for July 1: |             |    |   | Field 2: |          |    |   |
|--|-------------|----|---|----------|----------|----|---|
| Field 1:                               |             |    |   | Game 1:  | 14thCES  | 18 | W |
| Game 1:                                | 14th CES    | 21 | W |          | 14th SFS | 0  | L |
|  | 48th FTS    | 5  | L | Game 2:  | 14th OSS | 3  | L |
| Game 2:                                | 14th SFS    | 22 | W |          | 14th MDG | 4  | W |
|  | 14th MDG    | 12 | L |          |          |    |   |
| Game 3:                                | 14th OSS    | 19 | W |          |          |    |   |
|  | 37/41st FTS | 8  | L |          |          |    |   |

| Mon               | Tue                                     | Wed                         | Thur                      | Fri                    | Sat/Sun |
|-------------------|---|-----------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|---------|
| 13                | 14                                      | 15                          | 16                        | 17                     | 18/19   |
| Night Flying Week |   | Lunch Bunch @ Club, 11 a.m. | Dorm Dinner, 5 p.m.       | 14th MDG Annual Picnic |         |
| 20                | 21                                      | 22                          | 23                        | 24                     | 25/26   |
|                   | Class 10-05 Track Select, 5 p.m.        | Lunch Bunch @ Club, 11 a.m. | Quarterly Awards Luncheon | Class 09-12 Graduation |         |
|                   | Class 10-11 Commander's Welcome, 4 p.m. |                             |                           |                        |         |

**Long Term Events**

- Jul. 30 - Enlisted Promotions
- Jul. 31 - Class 09-13 Assignment Night
- Aug. 2 - Basic Rider Course @ SAC
- Aug. 11 - IFF Graduation
- Aug. 11 - Class 10-06 Track Select
- Aug. 13 - Tops in Blue
- Aug. 14 - Class 09-13 Graduation

**Sports Shorts**

**Youth Golf Clinic:** There will be a Youth Golf Clinic July 13-16, 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. each day. The cost is \$75 per person. Register by July 1 at the pro shop. Call 434-7932 for more information.

**Adult Golf Clinic:** There will be an Adult Golf Clinic July 13 to 16 from 5 to 6 p.m. each day. Cost is \$99 per person. Register by July 1 at the pro shop. Call 434-7932 for more information.

**Superintendent's Revenge Golf Tournament:** The golf course will host a Superintendent's Revenge Golf Tournament July 25 at 8 a.m. It will be an 18-hole tournament with a shotgun start - the cost is \$20 per person plus greens fees. Price includes play, a shrimp boil and a frothy cold beverage of your choice.

**Family Cosmic Bowling:** Every Thursday in July from 6-9 p.m. \$1 bowling and \$1 shoe rental

**Lunch and Bowl:** Two free games of bowling with purchase of lunch combo - Monday - Friday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Strike It Big Parent/Child Bowling Tournament:** Every Sunday, 1-4 p.m., beginning July 12. Cost: \$5 per parent/child Team - Includes 3 Games No Tap & Shoe Rental. Combine Scores for Total Pin Count. Weekly Tournament Prizes Awarded to Top 3 Places (\$30 in Bowling Gift Certificates for 1st, \$20 for 2nd and \$30 for third) - Each Week Top 3 Teams Qualify for Grand Prize Tournament on August 2. Once You Qualify, You are No Longer Eligible for Weekly Tournaments. Weekly Tournament Prizes Awarded to Top 3 Places! Grand Prize Tournament Winners Receive \$125 in Pro Shop Gift Certificates for 1st Place, \$75 in Pro Shop Gift Certificates for 2nd Place and \$50 in Pro Shop Gift Certificates for 3rd Place!

**Senior Bowl:** Every Tuesday from 9-11 a.m. - Free cup of coffee to senior bowlers.

**Nature Trail**

Many people are unaware of the opportunity to walk, run, bike or horseback ride along Columbus AFB's Timberlane Nature Trail. Along the trail, various wetlands, trees and countless wildlife can be found. To reach the recreational area, follow Independence Ave. to the runway area. Signs found alongside the dirt road toward SAC Lake offer direction to the beginning of the trails. For more information, call 434-7958



## 14th CONS-CPTS Airman becomes U.S. citizen



U.S. Air Force photo/Melissa Duncan

**Maj. Brian Heaps, 14th Contracting-Comptroller Squadron commander, presents Airman 1st Class Oscar Samame, 14th CONS-CPTS, with a certificate and flag congratulating him on becoming a U.S. citizen. The 28-years-old Trujillo, Peru native joined the Air Force on Jan. 7, 2008, and has lived in the United States since 1998.**

## EPA Offers Tips to Save Energy

14th Civil Engineer Squadron

With summer and the high costs of cooling right around the corner, EPA is offering advice to help Americans reduce both energy bills and greenhouse gas emissions by one third through Energy Star. The energy used in an average home costs more than \$2,200 a year and contributes more greenhouse gas emissions than a typical car.

Here are some tips to save energy and help protect the environment at home and at work:

- Set your programmable thermostat to save while you are away or asleep. Using it properly can save up to \$180 per year in energy costs.

- Run ceiling fans in a clockwise direction to create a wind-chill effect that will make you "feel" cooler. Remember that ceiling fans cool people, not rooms — so turn them off when you leave the room.

- Inspect your duct system for obvious signs of leaks and disconnections (most houses leak 20 percent or more). Seal any leaks with foil tape or a special sealant called "duct mastic." Also consider insulating ducts in unconditioned areas (like the attic, basement or crawlspace).

- Seal air leaks around your home to keep the heat out and the cool air in. The biggest air leaks are usually found in the attic or basement, but also come in around doors, windows, vents, pipes and electrical outlets. Use caulk, spray foam or weather stripping to seal the leaks. And add more insulation to keep your home cooler this summer.

- Maintain your cooling system. Check your system's air filter every month at a minimum and change the filter every 3 months. Remove leaves, dirt and other debris from around the outdoor components to improve air flow and efficiency.

- Have a qualified professional tune-up your system with a pre-season maintenance checkup and, if it's time to replace your old system, look for models that have earned EPA's Energy Star.

- Turn off office lights and equipment when not in use so they don't generate unnecessary heat.

- Replace incandescent light bulbs in your desk lamp with Energy Star qualified compact fluorescent light bulbs which use two-thirds less energy and generate less heat than conventional bulbs.

More tips on to how to save energy at home: <http://www.energystar.gov>, more tips on how to save energy at work: <http://www.energystar.gov/bizcooling>, and more hot tips for a cool summer: <http://www.epa.gov/epahome/hi-summer.htm>.

For more information, please contact the base energy manager Craig Merkerson at [craig.merkerson@columbus.af.mil](mailto:craig.merkerson@columbus.af.mil) or by phone at 434-7141.

(Information from a May 12, 2009, EPA Press Release)

## CAP cadets to visit CAFB

**Capt. Eric Adcock**  
37th Flying Training Squadron

Civil Air Patrol cadets will be visiting CAFB for two weeks in July. The visit will consist of two separate groups of cadets visiting during the weeks of July 13 and July 20.

The cadets will be taking the Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Familiarization Course. The purpose of the course is to give CAP cadets an introduction to SUPT by

educating them in aerospace physiology, aircraft systems and memorization of emergency procedure actions.

They'll be also be interacting with current SUPT student pilots, operating simulators and flying in the T-1A Jayhawk.

Please support and welcome the SUPTFC cadets, Reserve Officers and civilian instructors during their visit to CAFB.

For more information on the SUPTFC program please visit [www.suptfc.com](http://www.suptfc.com).

# Black Knights Fly in Support of Deploying Ground Troops

**Capt Jeff Poplin**  
49th Fighter Training Squadron

The 49th Fighter Training Squadron not only trains future fighter pilots and Weapon System Officers at Columbus AFB, we also provide fighter training support of other military units in preparation for real world combat operations.

During the week of June 8-11, the 49th FTS participated in exercise Magnolia Warrior 2009.

Magnolia Warrior is the largest joint Close Air Support Field Training Exercise in the southeastern U.S. and is conducted by the 238th Air Support Operations Squadron, based at Key Field in Meridian, Miss. It consisted of CAS operations between airborne and ground personnel from multiple services and commands. Joint Publication 3-09.3 defines CAS as "air action by fixed- and rotary-wing aircraft against hostile targets that are in close proximity to friendly forces and which require detailed integration of each air mission with the fire and movement of those forces."

The 238th ASOS hosted this exercise at Camp Shelby just south of Hattiesburg, Miss. This years exercise included ground based Joint Terminal Attack Controllers who join ground troops to coordinate air strikes in support of ground forces and people acting as enemy insurgents or opposing forces. Airborne participants included T-38C IFF, A-10, F-15C, F-16, F-18, B-52, AH-64, UH-60, C-130, AC-130, E-8 J-STAR, KC-135, C-26, and MQ-1 Predator airframes. These units represent USAF active duty, Air National Guard, Army National Guard and USAF Reserve components.

The 49th FTS flew four missions daily from Columbus AFB and simulated F-5E Tiger II's with air-to-ground bombs and a 20mm cannon. We provided air cover during typical scenarios whereby opposing forces infiltrated one of the mock up Iraqi villages on Camp Shelby while two-man JTAC teams observed their movements from concealed locations and Army assault teams waited to identify high value targets to capture and interrogate. Once captured, the "good guys" would depart in a



U.S. Air Force photo

**Senior Airman Thomas Beyett, a Joint Terminal Air Controller with the 238th Air Support Operations Squadron based in Meridian, Miss., carries radio equipment to call in simulated air strikes from the 49th Fighter Training Squadron during simulated Troops in Contact and Raid Support scenarios during the June 2009 Magnolia Warrior exercise in southern Mississippi.**

convoy only to get ambushed by other opposing forces. These engagements were marked by assault rifle fire, smoke grenades, and flash-bang grenade simulators. With friendly troops pinned down, JTACs would coordinate with the 49th FTS Black Knights via radio to execute precise air strikes in "danger close" proximity to their positions. We would get a talk-on to the target area, visually identify friendly and hostile positions, and then execute two-ship attacks strafing or dropping simulated ordnance to neutralize hostile forces.

Exercises like Magnolia Warrior are utilized by the 238th ASOS as a spin up or currency training before their JTACs deploy to countries like Iraq and Afghanistan. This training increases inter-service operability by employing multiple airframes and ground forces in CAS scenarios. It also affords the 49th FTS Black Knight instructor pilots a unique opportunity to aid continuation training, train in a joint tactical environment, and better develop skill sets used in IFF student training.

The effectiveness of the 49th FTS's partici-

pation was best summed up by Lt. Col. John Parrett, deputy commander, 238th ASOS.

"The annual event of Magnolia Warrior is a culmination of each year's training events in order to evaluate the combat effectiveness of our mission organization as a whole," he said. "I would like to thank the members of the 49th for their continued support in putting bombs on target at Shelby Range. The 238th ASOS looks forward to continued mutual operations with the 49 FTS."

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## Homes

**FSBO:** 81 Azalea Trail, 3BR 2BA, just minutes to CAFB, features updated kitchen and baths, great open floor plan, large sunroom, beautiful laminate flooring, new landscaping, storm windows, FP with insert/blower, new roof and HVAC in 2007; asking \$131,000.00. FMI call 405-919-2753.  
**FSBO:** 374 Chan Mar Dr, Caledonia, 4BR, 3BA, office, bonus room, 2466 SF, 2.8 acres, wired shop. \$269,000. See on Yahoo Real Estate. Call 662-889-3974.

**FOR SALE:** 61 Cedar Dr. located in Sherwood Forest, 2107 sq. ft. 3 bedroom 2 bath with bonus room, just minutes from CAFB and downtown. Remolded kitchen with large granite top inland, updated bathrooms with granite tops. Beautiful landscaping, 12' by 24' wired and air conditioned workshop, 2 car garage. See pictures at Ahrn.com. Asking \$169,900 Call 662-549-9705 or 662-244-5901  
**FSBO:** 82 Cedar Dr, Beautiful home located in Sherwood Forest, 3BR, 2BA, 2156 SF, new tile/carpet, vaulted ceilings, enclosed sunroom, spacious kitchen, fenced in backyard w/ shed, 2 car garage. Reduced Price, \$172,000!! Call 662-549-7745/662-889-4264. See pictures at Ahrn.com.

## Transportation

**1994 Grand Plymouth Voyager,** Hunter Green, 6 cylinder, 3.3 engine,

one owner \$2,500 or best offer. FMI Call 574-9414.

**1974 Corvette Stingray,** Vintage Air A/C, recently rebuilt 350 "hot rod" engine, very hot 700R4 overdrive trans, great gas mileage, new custom paint, custom interior, lots of new parts, \$27,500 OBO; FMI Call 229-834-9909.

**For Sale:** 1995 Nissan Altima SE, runs good, A/C, sunroof, paint rough on top, \$2200 OBO FMI call (662) 386-6981.

## Miscellaneous

**For Sale:** 40 gal gas hot water heater in excellent condition, \$100; like new never used trash compactor, \$75.00; both for \$150; 6-drawer dresser (brown) \$150. Call 574-9414 for more info.

**For Sale:** 36 inch JVC TV asking \$200 obo call to see 662-796-1297

**For Sale:** Yerf Dog Go-Kart, runs good, new seat, asking \$325 OBO. Call 356-4177 after 5 PM.

**For Sale:** Archery bag target stand and bag, \$15; compound bow hard case, \$10; recurve bow soft case, \$15; dozen (6 new) 2117 aluminum arrows, \$25; nine new 2314 aluminum arrows, \$25; Amacker climbing tree stand, \$45. 328-4610

**For Sale:** Maytag washer & dryer pair, excellent condition, \$325 for set or \$175 ea; Kenmore washer, looks rough but works good, \$25; used built-in dishwasher, works, \$20; four 13" tires, some are 13x185R, some are 13x165R, \$5 ea; 18'x48" Quick Set Pool, everything included plus extra heavy duty ladder, \$200; Ford Ranger P/U aluminum plate bedcover includes hardware, \$100; call 244-8390 or 251-1413. Pro Form Cross Walk Treadmill \$200; sofa and love seat (blue and burgundy) \$350; OBO coffee table and end table made of glass, tile and brushed gold metal \$300, for both Call 327-2899.

**For Sale:** Samsonite luggage only \$10, like new; two old rotary black phones, still work, \$20 each; two pair of roller blades \$10 each; Bravetti confectionary oven only \$50; field jacket with liner \$30; medium Long pocket knife collection, will sell individually \$5 - \$20 price range; seven shot .357 Magnum Taurus stainless steel revolver

with holster \$400; Whirlpool microwave oven, white excellent condition-not used much \$35; Black and Decker toaster oven \$15 Call 328-4374.

**For Sale:** Hitachi 65 inch 1080 HD widescreen projection TV, great condition, functions perfectly; \$750 OBO. Call 352-3400.

**For Sale:** Macintosh Apple Emac All-In-One Desktop PC, 1.4ghz, CD/DVD ROM, 40gig hd, 17" monitor, internet ready, very good condition, includes small desk and chair, \$150 OBO (662) 386-6981.

## Pets

Shih Tzu puppies, born June 30, color black & white, parents are both pure-bred; available on 25 August, \$300. FMI call Lyn at 434-8784.

## Saturday Yard Sales

4-family sale at 7377A Augusta St. (Capitol Village); 7 a.m. - 12:00, Saturday, 11 Jul; children & adult clothing, furniture, numerous miscellaneous items; PCSing, stuff must go!!

# AROUND TOWN

## Train to become a CONTACT Helpline volunteer

Do you enjoy making others smile? Train to become a CONTACT Helpline Volunteer! Classes will be held on Saturday, July 11, 18, and 25 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. CONTACT Helpline is a volunteer driven, telephone listening helpline. Call 327-0807 to reserve a seat today!

## United Way Fish Fry Fundraiser

Catfish crackling in the fryer, the smell of country in the air, and the taste of down home cooking. You can get all that and more for just six bucks at the JC Penney United Way Catfish Fry Friday, July 10 from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Leigh Mall, JC Penney Back Receiving Doors. For six dollars, enjoy southern style catfish, baked beans, and coleslaw. For just a dollar more, taste a bit of heav-

en with our fresh, baked right at home desserts. Add fifty cents and wash it down with an ice cold drink. You can taste it now! Well, don't wait. Beat the long lines and place your orders in advance. Call 328-2093, ext. 380. Dining tables will be set up or get it to go. All proceeds benefit United Way of Lowndes County.

## Community Volunteer Opportunity of the Week

Volunteers will be needed at the United Way Fish Fry to set up/take down, prepare to go plates, and serve the lunches. To volunteer please call Meagan at 327-0807 today.

## Volunteer opportunities

Looking for something to do on Saturdays? Want to get off base from time to time? Sign up as a special events volunteer. Call Meagan at 327-0807 for more information.

## 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.

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

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

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

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(in case we need more information)

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

Are you happy with the Silver Wings? Yes  No

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

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

# Remember Our Troops

# Deployed BLAZE Airmen support global operations



(Right) Master Sgt. Joe Edgell and Staff Sgt. Chris Keeton, both 14th Medical Group Airmen currently deployed to the 332nd Contingency Aeromedical Staging Facility, Balad Air Base, Iraq, stand together for a photo at the rear of a C-130 Hercules. The sergeants work in a 50-bed treatment facility and are responsible for loading patients onto aircraft for transportation. (Left) The sun sets on Balad Air Base, Iraq.

U.S. Air Force photos

## July 4 airpower summary: Predators protect friendly units

**SOUTHWEST ASIA** — Coalition airpower integrated with coalition ground forces in Iraq and International Security Assistance Force troops in Afghanistan during operations July 4, according to Combined Air and Space Operations Center officials here.

In Afghanistan, an Air Force B-1B Lancer used guided bomb unit-31s to destroy several enemy ambush positions along an open road in the Kandahar region. The enemy positions were detected by an unmanned aircraft scouting the area.

In the vicinity of Orgun, an Air Force MQ-1B Predator used a GBU-12 to strike a group of enemy personnel. Hostile gunmen had fired on a friendly unit with rocket-propelled grenades and assault weapons before the unmanned aircraft identified and targeted them.

A Predator employed a Hellfire missile against

a group of anti-Afghan forces personnel who had engaged coalition ground troops with RPGs and a long-barreled firearm. The Predator operator coordinated extensively with ground forces to ensure no civilians were present in the area and to ensure enemy personnel were positively identified. A coalition aircraft and a Marine Corps AV-8B Harrier also supporting the engagement both performed shows of force to deter enemy attacks and restrict their movement as ground forces moved in.

Air Force A-10s flew several shows of force to stop an anti-Afghan forces mortar bombardment against friendly troops. The A-10s used strafing passes and a general purpose 500-pound bomb to destroy enemy fighting positions when hostile fire continued. The aircraft marked their targets with smoke prior to opening fire with live munitions, allowing coalition ground forces to confirm the enemy positions were properly identified.

Joint terminal attack controllers assigned to coalition units verified the success of these missions.

Twenty-four Air Force intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance aircraft flew missions as part of operations in Afghanistan. Additionally, a coalition aircraft provided tactical reconnaissance.

In total, 62 close-air-support missions were flown in support of ISAF and Afghan security forces, reconstruction activities and route patrols.

Eighteen Air Force and Navy ISR aircraft flew missions as part of operations in Iraq. In addition, two Air Force aircraft performed tactical reconnaissance.

Air Force C-130 Hercules aircraft and C-17 Globemaster IIIs provided intra-theater heavy airlift, helping to sustain operations throughout Afghanistan, Iraq and the Horn of Africa.

Approximately 100 airlift sorties were flown,

420 tons of cargo were delivered and about 2,300 passengers were transported. Airlift included about 152,400 pounds of aerial resupply cargo dropped over Afghanistan.

Coalition C-130 crews flew as part of operations in Afghanistan or Iraq.

On Jul 3, Air Force HH-60 Pave Hawk helicopters and "Guardian Angel" teams transported 11 patients to coalition field hospitals from locations in Afghanistan. Pararescue team members aboard the helicopters located, rescued and began treatment to stabilize patients in the battlefield. The Pave Hawk transported these patients to field hospitals in less time than it takes for a civilian patient to reach emergency care by ambulance in most major cities.

Air Force aerial refueling crews flew 36 sorties and off-loaded approximately 1.9 million pounds of fuel to 110 receiving aircraft.

# Directive re-emphasizes protecting Afghan civilians

**Jim Garamone**

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — A new tactical directive for coalition forces serving in Afghanistan re-emphasizes the importance of preventing civilian casualties.

Army Gen. Stanley A. McChrystal, commander of NATO's International Security Assistance Force and U.S. Forces Afghanistan, released the directive July 2. It builds on previous tactics and is much clearer about use of close-air support, searching Afghan houses and protecting Afghan cultural and religious sensitivities. All coalition forces in Afghanistan must follow the directive.

Taliban fighters use a tactic of engaging coalition forces from positions that expose Afghan civilians to danger. Close-air support of coalition and Afghan personnel engaged in a May 4 firefight with the Taliban in Afghanistan's Farah province killed numerous civilians. The Taliban cite such incidents to lead people to believe the NATO-led forces do not care for Afghan civilians.

McChrystal's tactical directive emphasizes that ISAF is in Afghanistan to protect the people from the insurgents.

"Like any insurgency, there is a struggle for support and will

of the population," he wrote. "Gaining and maintaining that support must be our overriding operational imperative, and the ultimate objective of every action we take."

Still, the directive does not prevent commanders from protecting the lives of their troops engaged in direct combat.

The directive is general because the nature of a counterinsurgency is complex and no one can foresee all eventualities, officials said. General McChrystal expects commanders at all levels to understand the directive and use it when planning and conducting operations.

"Following this intent requires a cultural shift within our forces, and complete understanding at every level," he wrote.

The tactical guidance takes the new strategy for Afghanistan as its base, recognizing that ISAF and Afghan forces may win tactical victories against the Taliban, but lose the war.

"We must avoid the trap of winning tactical victories, but suffering strategic defeats, by causing civilian casualties or excessive damage and thus alienating the people," General McChrystal wrote.

Specifically, the directive calls on commanders "to scrutinize and limit the use of force like close-air support against residential compounds and other locations likely to produce civil-

ian casualties."

Bombing residential compounds will be allowed only under very limited conditions, the directive says. For example, if a coalition force comes in contact with Taliban fighters and the enemy takes cover in a residential compound, the NATO force can break contact and wait out the enemy rather than calling for close-air support.

Another portion of the directive states that any search of Afghan homes will be done by Afghan security forces with the support of local authorities.

"No ISAF forces will enter or fire upon, or fire into a mosque or any religious or historical site except in self-defense," General McChrystal wrote in the directive. "All searches and entries for any other reason will be conducted by the Afghan National Security Forces."

The directive is not a departure from past practices, officials said, noting that killing civilians never has been an International Security Assistance Force tactic.

"Working together with our Afghan partners, we can overcome the enemy's influence and give the Afghan people what they deserve: a country at peace for the first time in three decades, foundations of good governance and economic development," General McChrystal said.

# AFPC officials accepting applications for Test Pilot School

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — Officers interested in applying for the next annual Air Force Test Pilot School Selection Board should submit their applications to the Air Force Personnel Center here by Aug. 14.

The selection board will convene Sept. 28 through Oct. 2 at AFPC for classes beginning in July 2010 and July 2011.

"The U.S. Air Force Test Pilot School is the world's preeminent fixed-wing test pilot school," said Howard Peterson, an AFPC special flying programs personnel technician.

"Graduates of TPS are in high demand in an era of increasing technology advancements on the battlefield. Graduates also have a profound influence on the designs of future combat capa-

bilities and ensure mission suitability for use in the field."

Test Pilot School officials train pilots, combat systems officers, and military and civilian engineers to develop, test and evaluate the newest aircraft and weapons systems. The selects will fill positions in the fighter, multi-engine, helicopter and/or unmanned aircraft vehicle categories. Rotary wing pilots and engineers will conduct testing on the latest rotary wing systems to include CV-22 Osprey and special operations assets.

Test Pilot School officials recently expanded the program to include a new unmanned aircraft system curriculum as part of the combat systems officer classification.

"In addition, the U.S. Air Force test pilot school conducts exchange programs with the U.S. Navy, United Kingdom, and French test pilot schools to train fixed and rotary wing pilots and flight test engineers," Mr. Peterson said.

New graduates of the Test Pilot School are awarded a master of science degree in flight test engineering by Air University, accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Eligible Air Force officers and civilians may also volunteer for a joint Air Force Institute of Technology and the Test Pilot School program leading to an additional master of science degree in aeronautical, electrical, and computer engineering.

Applicants from all aircraft types and backgrounds must have strong academic and technical experience and a desire to help develop the next generation of Air Force weapons systems. Applications received after the cut-off date will not be considered by the selection board.

For additional details on the Test Pilot School application process and requirements, visit the Test Pilot School Web site, at [www.edwards.af.mil/library/factsheets/factsheet.asp?id=6467](http://www.edwards.af.mil/library/factsheets/factsheet.asp?id=6467) or call the Total Force Service Center at 800-525-0102. You can also visit AFPC's "Ask" Web site and search for "test pilot."

## The Airman's Creed

*I am an American Airman.*

*My mission is to fly, fight,*

*And a legacy of valor.*

*shield,*

*Wingman, leader, warrior.*

*I am a warrior.*

*and win.*

*I am an American Airman,*

*Its sentry and avenger.*

*I will never leave an Airman*

*I have answered my nation's*

*I am faithful to a proud her-*

*Guardian of freedom and jus-*

*I defend my country with my*

*behind,*

*call.*

*itage,*

*tice,*

*life.*

*I will never falter,*

*I am an American Airman.*

*A tradition of honor,*

*My nation's sword and*

*I am an American Airman:*

*And I will not fail.*

# AETC call centers consolidate for efficiency

**Rebecca Meares-Jones**

Air Education and Training Command Systems Support Flight chief

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — Telephone operators of the 21st Century provide support far beyond giving out telephone numbers, and with upgraded telephone directories and consolidation efforts on the horizon, the quality support can only flourish.

The Consolidated Telephone Operator's call center, under the direction of the Air Education and Training Command's Computer Systems Squadron, moved into a new facility at Port San Antonio in March with upgraded equipment designed to provide telephone service for all AETC bases.

The CSS took control of the Lackland AFB and Wilford Hall Medical Center operators followed by Randolph AFB in 2008. This consolidation effort includes migration of the remaining AETC installations in a phased approach over the next several months, and will involve several milestones and new capabilities.

Telephone services will be provided 24/7, 365 days a year, based on a common level of service for the entire command.

After allowing time this spring for hardware and software integration and time for operators to get comfortable with the new processes, the team began migrating additional bases.

Altus AFB, Okla., was the first base completely migrated when operator calls were successfully transferred May 14. Laughlin AFB,

Texas, migrated May 28, with Keesler AFB, Miss., completing their transfer June 24 and Vance AFB July 7.

The schedule for remaining AETC base migrations is:

July — Goodfellow AFB, Texas, and Tyndall AFB, Fla.

August— Maxwell AFB, Ala., and Columbus AFB, Miss.

September— Sheppard AFB, Texas, and Luke AFB, Ariz.

In a ribbon cutting ceremony held May 22, Col. Curt Locke, AETC Communications deputy director, recognized the members of the call center saying, "We have accomplished another milestone in our continuing effort to maximize communications efficiencies by showcasing the CONUS' first and largest of its kind Consolidated Telephone Operators call center."

Colonel Locke emphasized the hard work of the team, especially the operators, noting that it is always difficult to maintain current operations while simultaneously adding additional capabilities.

Silvia Vargas, AETC/CSS Call Center director, acknowledged the work of the entire team throughout the lengthy transition process.

"It is a pleasure to be part of the migration and lead the AETC Consolidated Telephone Operators to a new era," she said. "Throughout the project many pieces, decisions, coordination and a lot of hard work has been accomplished to ensure the transformation was a success."

Ms. Vargas praised operators for going



U.S. Air Force photo  
Col. Curt Locke, Air Education and Training Command Communications deputy director, addresses attendees at the ribbon cutting ceremony held May 22 dedicating a new facility for the Computer Systems Squadron Consolidated Telephone Operator's call center at Port San Antonio. The squadron moved to the facility in March with upgraded equipment designed to provide telephone service for all AETC bases.

above and beyond their daily duties to include assisting family members of wounded warriors,

providing morale calls for deployed spouses and providing conference call capability through "Meet Me" numbers. The operators also assist customers in determining the best phone number to meet their needs, instructing callers on

how to fax documents and even fielding mission-related calls from the public.

Customers will continue to dial the same telephone operator numbers for each respective base. The only noticeable change is the pre-recorded greeting referring to the AETC CTO.

## 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

Thursday:  
5 p.m. — Choir Practice

Sunday:  
3:45 p.m. — Choir Practice  
4:30 p.m. — Confession  
5:00 p.m. — Mass

## Chaplain Corps accepting scholarship applications

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — The Air Force Chaplain Corps is now accepting applications for the Religious Professional Scholarship program through Sept. 1.

The program is designed to assist the Air Force with future faith group accessions. Scholarships are awarded to applicants who are qualified and meet Air Force faith group needs.

To qualify for the program, applicants must:

one year of completion

- Meet Air Force commissioning requirements
  - Receive written permission from a listed Department of Defense ecclesiastical endorser for the Chaplain Candidate program
  - Be younger than 39 years old upon completion of theological studies
  - Be a U.S. citizen, no dual citizenship.
- For more information, e-mail [chaplains@randolph.af.mil](mailto:chaplains@randolph.af.mil) or call 1-800-803-2452.



## Base News

### Yard Sale

There will be a base-wide yard sale held by the BLAZE 56 July 25 from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the OG parking lot across from the Base Exchange. Slots at the sale may be rented for \$10. For more information please contact Tech. Sgt. Tara White at 434-7032.

### Airmen's Attic

The Airmen's Attic offers gently used items donated by Airmen to be given free of charge to other Airmen. It is located in the Services Complex (bldg 520) directly across the street from the post office/BITS building. Please come visit us on the following days and times:

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|--|-------------------|
| Tuesdays                                 | 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.  |
| Thursdays                                | 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. |
| First and third Saturday's of each month | 10 a.m. to noon   |

The Airmen's attic is always in need of quality used items to include: kitchenware, clothing free of stains and tears, gently used toys, baby items and linens in good condition. If you have large appliances/furniture items to donate, please contact the Airmen's Attic or your first sergeant to get the item directly to an airman in need. Please drop off all other items during business hours or contact your first sergeant to set up a scheduled drop-off time. Donations are NOT ALLOWED to be left curb side.

### Library Story Time

The base library will hold Story Time on Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Story Time will continue to be held each week.

### Dorm Dinner/Pool Party

There will be an AFSA Sponsored Dorm Dinner/Pool Party at 4:30 p.m. at the base pool. There will be a BBQ with free food (burger, dogs, + Misc items ) along with no charge to swim. We will be doing door prizes (Gift Certificates and grand prize is \$139 IPOD).

### AAFES You Made the Grade Program

The Army & Air Force Exchange Service is moving military students who excel in the classroom to the head of the class with its "You Made the Grade" program. Now in its eighth year, the education rewards initiative recognizes students who maintain a "B" average or better with a booklet chock full of complimentary prizes for every qualifying report card. AAFES' "You Made the Grade" booklet includes coupons for a variety of free offers. In addition, each booklet also contains an entry form for a quarterly drawing in which three winners are randomly awarded savings bonds in \$2,000, \$3,000 or \$5,000 denomina-

tions. "You Made the Grade' is a great vehicle for recognizing military students who excel, oftentimes through adversities that the average student does not face such as a deployed parent or frequent moves," said AAFES public affairs officer Maj. Edwina Walton. To receive the AAFES "You Made the Grade" booklet, students must present a valid military ID card and proof of an overall "B" or better average to their local BX/PX. Students may receive one coupon package for every qualifying report card, but may enter the savings bond drawing only once per calendar year. Military families can contact their local AAFES main store manager or general manager for more information

### Columbus Idol II Auditions

The Auditions for Columbus Idol II were a huge success! But if you didn't get a chance to audition the first time around, you have one last chance. Final Auditions are July 13-14 at the Columbus Club from 2 - 4 p.m. Register before the Final Audition or at the door by contacting any of the POCs below. The final event will be held Sept. 11 with a first place prize of \$300 cash! Cash prizes will be awarded to second and third place. Contact Staff Sgt. Mia Hall at 434-2160 or Staff Sgt. Aneeya Fields at 434-2160 for registration forms. Electronic forms accepted.

### Education Counseling Hours

Education counseling (CCAF, Bachelor's/Master's programs, Tuition Assistance, etc.) is now available Mondays and Wednesdays from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. by appointment only. Please contact Edward Hodge at 434-2562 to schedule.

### 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](http://www.drms.dla.mil).

### Zero Overpricing Program-Incentive Awards

Overpricing is an issue everyone should be working. All personnel are encouraged to participate, and will be rewarded for any tangible savings resulting from their price challenge. Monetary awards will be given in accordance with AFI 38-401, The Air Force Innovative Development Employee Awareness Program. Advice and guidance are available by calling the Customer Service element of Base Supply, located in Building 158, at 434-7178.

### 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.

### Attention All Deployers

The 14th Communications Squadron has a new system which allows you to place "free" telephone calls back home from your deployed location via DSN. You can call every day or once a week; whichever you prefer (allotted time is 3.5 hours a week). Pin numbers are required and can be picked up along with instructions from the Telephone Systems office located in Building 900, Room 9. Please call 434-2020 for additional information.

## Military Personnel

### Leave

Leave begins and ends in the local area. The local area is the place where the member lives and from which he or she commutes to the duty station. Charge leave for duty days and non-duty days (for example, Friday through Monday) when members take leave on the day before and the day after non-duty days. This applies to leave taken in the local area. For example, if one takes leave on Friday and then again the following Monday, leave will be charged for the entire weekend. Contact the Base Leave Monitor at 434-2624 or 434-2626.

### Did You Know?

CONUS Assignment Exchange, Humanitarian/EFMP Reassignment/Deferment Application is done on-line at vMPF:

- Self-Service Actions
- Select appropriate action

### New Military IDs

In order to receive a new Military ID, one must have two forms of ID: previous/expiring ID/CAC card and a driver's license or social security card.

Customer Support, the office where Military ID/CAC cards are issued, is minimally manned from 1100 to 1300, so please try to schedule around this time. Call 434-2626 to schedule an appointment

### Unable to access LeaveWeb?

If you are unable to access LeaveWeb through the AF Portal, please try going to the actual website: <https://leave.columbus.af.mil/leaveweb/LeaveWeb.aspx>.

## 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](mailto:afrc@columbus.af.mil).)*

### Pre-separation counseling

Mandatory briefings for personnel separating or retiring need to be completed at least 90 days prior to separation. Members may complete up to 12 months prior to separation or retirement. Counseling held daily at 8:30 p.m. Takes approximately 30 minutes. Please call 434-2839 or 434-2790 for more information.

### Pre and post deployment tour brief

Mandatory briefings for active duty personnel who are either deploying or returning from deployment or a remote tour. Briefings are held daily at the AFRC. Pre-deployment at 9:30 a.m., and post-deployment at 1330. POC AFRC, 434-2790.

### Smooth Move Workshop

The AFRC will host a Smooth Move Workshop July 21 from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Those attending the workshop will learned what to expect/do with TMO, housing, military pay, legal, billeting, Tri-care, medical records and the AFRC during moving. Advance registration is required, please call 434-2790.

### Hearts Apart Social

There will be a Hearts Apart Social July 21 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Advance registration is required, please call 434-2790.

### Sponsorship Training

The AFRC will host Sponsorship Training July 28 from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. To register please call 434-2790.

### Wing Newcomers Orientation

The Wing Newcomers Orientation will be held July 14 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The orientation is for newly arrived AD and civilian personnel. Spouses are encouraged to attend. Held at the A&FRC.

### Bundles of Joy

Bundles of Joy will be held July 22 from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. The program is for military and/or spouses assigned to CAFB who are pregnant or have a child up to four months of age. Info speakers on finances, labor & delivery and infant care. An AFAS program that provides a gift package valued at more than \$65 for ADAF. Advance registration is required, call 434-2855.

# Air Force bids farewell to Chief McKinley, hails Chief Roy

**Tech. Sgt. Amaani Lyle**  
Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs Office

BOLLING AIR FORCE BASE, D.C. — After more than 30 years of service, the Air Force's top enlisted leader bade farewell to fellow Airmen in a June 30 ceremony here as a new Airman became the 16th chief master sergeant of the Air Force.

Along the manicured ceremonial lawn, hundreds of spectators cheered the service of Chief Master Sgt. Rodney J. McKinley, who retired as the 15th chief master sergeant of the Air Force, and welcomed the Air Force's new No. 1 enlisted Airman, Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James A. Roy.

Air Force Secretary Michael B. Donley gave introductory remarks and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz presented Chief McKinley with the Distinguished Service Medal for exceptionally meritorious service in a position of great responsibility.

"We'll miss your infectious drive and unwavering patriotism," Secretary Donley said to Chief McKinley. "Your legacy of leadership lives on in the thousands of men and women whose lives you've touched."

General Schwartz expressed his gratitude for Chief McKinley's distinctive brand of care and attention to Airmen, particularly wounded warriors.

"Chief McKinley was strengthened by his conviction and unconditional commitment to Airmen. Through it all, he's lent a sympathetic ear and compassionate heart," General Schwartz said.

The outgoing chief shared stories of a humble beginning as a "small-town boy" whose father drove him and two of his friends to the Military Entrance Processing Station in Cincinnati. His airplane flight to Basic Military Training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, would be his first.

"I didn't fully understand the significance of how my life was changing. The Vietnam War was winding down and it was still unpopular to wear a military uniform," Chief McKinley said.

The chief recalled that Airmen wore "1505" khakis and, for fitness, completed the 1.5-mile run in combat boots known as chukkas.

"It's amazing how some things never change," Chief McKinley said with a smile. "Uniforms are still a hot subject, and so are the boots!"

The chief's light-hearted remarks turned to solemn reflection, as he cited 42 Airmen killed

in action and 251 Airmen wounded during his three-year tenure as chief master sergeant of the Air Force.

Of fallen Airmen, he said, "I carry each one of their names with me, and always will. I also mourn their loss. They were my Airmen."

In pledging support for Airmen wounded warriors, Chief McKinley acknowledged and addressed Tech. Sgts. Israel Del Toro and Matt Slaydon, two severely-injured Airmen, who were in attendance.

"We are dedicated to taking care of you and your family," he said. "Your courage and dedication in spite of your injuries continues to inspire us all."

Chief McKinley left no doubt about what meant the most to him during his Air Force journey.

"It isn't the awards, the decorations, or the rank that means the most to me; it's the people ... the relationships I've experienced along the way," the chief said.

In a final show of thanks, the Air Force Band and Honor Guard demonstrated their drill proficiency and readiness with a pass and review. Although it is customary for the senior officer to receive the troop formation, General Schwartz deferred the honor to Chief McKinley in recognition of his faithful, dedicated service.

General Schwartz and Navy Adm. Timothy J. Keating, the chief's former commander at U.S. Pacific Command, presented Chief Roy with a new service dress coat and hat representing his formal appointment as chief master sergeant of the Air Force.

A Monroe, Mich., native, Chief Roy shared his enthusiasm about taking on the new challenges for which the position calls.

"As the voice of the enlisted, my priorities will reflect the Air Force's priorities," Chief Roy said. "I will take great personal responsibility in advising Air Force senior leadership on the readiness, proper utilization, welfare and progress of our stellar enlisted force. I look forward to traveling across the world to look every Airman in the eye to tell them how proud I am they have chosen the United States Air Force as a profession."

Chief Roy did not hesitate to acknowledge Chief McKinley's contributions to the service.

"I am truly humbled and honored to follow Chief McKinley as the chief master sergeant of the Air Force," Chief Roy said. "The Air Force is a better service for having had him as our top enlisted leader."



U.S. Air Force photo/Scott Ash

**Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz congratulates Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James A. Roy following his installment as the Air Force's top enlisted leader June 30 at Bolling Air Force Base, D.C. Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Rodney J. McKinley retired and Chief Roy was appointed as the Air Force's 16th top enlisted leader.**



U.S. Air Force photo/Master Sgt. Stan Parker

**Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James A. Roy gives a speech during the retirement ceremony for Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Rodney J. McKinley June 30 at Bolling Air Force Base, D.C. With Chief McKinley's retirement, Chief Roy was appointed the 16th chief master sergeant of the Air Force.**

# Commissary officials raising the bar on customer service

**Millie Slamir**  
DeCA Public Affairs Office

FORT LEE, Va. — Even with customer satisfaction at an all-time high, the Defense Commissary Agency's leaders are raising the bar and sending every one of their 18,000 employees to Dale Carnegie Training on World Class Customer Service.

"We are focused on building upon our strengths so we can provide the very best customer service to our patrons," said DeCA Director and CEO Philip E. Sakowitz Jr. "The first step in this process is to provide training for our employees - from those at our headquarters and region offices to every store associate, worldwide."

To some this may seem a lofty goal, but officials at DeCA and at Dale Carnegie Training already have put in motion plans to conduct this training, following the signing of a \$2.4 million contract June 26. DeCA's first-ever corporate training sessions begin Aug. 1 and continue until Sept. 30.

"We already have a schedule for all of our locations," said Richard Nuffer, DeCA's chief of leadership development. "There will be 30 people in each of the 648 single-day (eight-hour) sessions."

"Training will be conducted in either the stores or somewhere on the installations," he said. "If those facilities are not available, we'll have to look into holding the training at a commercial location."

As for new employees hired after Sept. 30, Mr. Nuffer said a follow-on training plan will be developed to address future training needs.

A few of DeCA's store associates were pleasantly surprised to hear that they will be attending the same training as their managers, directors and corporate leaders.

"Wow! I'm really impressed that I have the honor of going through the same training Mr. Sakowitz will be going through," said Josephine Craig, DeCA store associate for the commissary at Fort Lee, Va. "That really makes it personal and makes me feel a part of the team."

Ms. Craig, whose husband Donald is an Army chief warrant officer stationed at Fort Lee, said she has been employed on and off with DeCA for 12 years and received her customer service training by taking DeCA courses online.

"Customer service is always number one in my mind, so I'm hoping the Carnegie training will help me remember some of the things I've forgotten over the years," Ms. Craig said. "I'm really excited about this!"

Even the employees who have been with DeCA for only a few years, like Christopher Hawthorne, store associate at Fort Lee, say they welcome the opportunity to improve customer satisfaction through the upcoming World Class Customer Service training.

"I really love working at this store," he admitted. "There's great chemistry with everyone who works here, and the customers are really nice."

"But there are times when a customer will come in, someone who might not be having a good day, and I won't know what to do to make it better for them," Mr. Hawthorne said. "So, maybe with this training, I'll learn how to

handle customers like that, rather than having to go to get the manager or director."

Carnegie's World Class Customer Service training is expected to pay huge dividends to DeCA employees, customers and stakeholders by unifying best business practices that will exceed customer expectations and strengthen customer ties.

Fort Lee Store Manager Michael Pfister said he sees where customers worldwide will definitely benefit from having DeCA employees attend this training.

"This is a great concept," he said. "If you think about it, this training will help not only customer relationships; it will improve employee to employee relationships."

Being in a management position, Mr. Pfister said he is keenly aware of the importance of good customer service, but also admitted that it is something that always can be improved upon, even with DeCA's already outstanding customer satisfaction record.

"It's extremely important to be committed to customer service," he said. "It's also important for the military to know that we are all getting uniformly trained. That way, they will know that they will be getting the very same great customer service no matter what commissary they shop, either here or overseas."

The World Class Customer Service training will take DeCA employees through a four-phase training improvement cycle, which includes reinforcing a positive attitude, building a knowledge base, applying knowledge to real-world situations and developing skills.

"The need for having everyone go through this course is consistent with our goal to pro-



DeCA photo/Millie Slamir  
**Josephine "Jo" Craig, a Defense Commissary Agency store associate, stands by a fully stocked vegetable display at the commissary on Fort Lee, Va. Ms. Craig is just one of DeCA's 18,000 employees who will be taking the Dale Carnegie Training on World Class Customer Service.**

vide the very best customer service possible," Mr. Sakowitz said. "Once everyone is trained, our customers will see that their benefit is provided to them uniformly at each and every one of our stores."

# Air Force officials name 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — Air Force officials here July 2 selected the service's top enlisted members, naming the 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year for 2009.

An Air Force selection board at the Air Force Personnel Center here considered 33 nominees who represented major commands, direct reporting units, field operating agencies and Air Staff agencies to select the 12 based on superior leadership, job performance and personal achievements.

The nominees are authorized to wear the Outstanding Airman of the Year Ribbon, while the 12 winners will wear the bronze service star device on the ribbon. The winners will also wear the Outstanding Airman of the Year Badge for one year from the date of formal presentation.

The winners are:

- Staff Sgt. Johanna Aviles from Los Angeles Air Force Base, Calif.
- Senior Master Sgt. Mary Bechdel assigned to Royal Air

- Force Molesworth, England
- Master Sgt. Tyrone Bingham of Offutt AFB, Neb.
- Senior Airman Channel Bolton-Scholl from McChord AFB, Wash.
- Tech. Sgt. John Carter assigned to RAF Mildenhall, England
- Tech. Sgt. Manuel Herrera of Scott AFB, Ill.
- Tech. Sgt. Benjamin Horton from Hill AFB, Utah
- Tech. Sgt. Jennifer Laufer assigned to Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- Tech. Sgt. Marisol Lozada of Cannon AFB, N.M.
- Master Sgt. Christopher Pollock from Kadena Air Base, Japan
- Senior Airman Alexander Royal of Peterson AFB, Colo.
- Senior Master Sgt. Jeffery Steagall from Peterson AFB

Air Force Association officials will honor the 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year during its Air and Space



U.S. Air Force graphic  
**Air Force officials selected the service's top enlisted members, naming the 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year for 2009.**

Conference and Technology Exposition in September at Washington, D.C. The Airmen will also serve as members of the AFA's enlisted advisory council for the next year.

# Airmen train with Army to become JTACs

**Senior Airman Carolyn Viss**  
15th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

HICKAM AIR FORCE BASE, Hawaii — Rain and mud may not have been forecasted for radio operators, maintainers and drivers' training in the wilderness, but Airmen geared up anyway to practice combat lifesaver skills, convoys, air-assault egression, and improvised explosive device reaction with one goal in mind: to become combat mission-ready joint terminal attack controllers.

Tactical air control party members camped at Wheeler Army Airfield's East Range near Hickam AFB June 23-26 to sharpen proficiencies necessary for upgrade training.

When deployed, these young men who volunteered for the TACP career field are responsible for calling in close-air support and providing clearance for air assaults to ensure the right targets are reached. Stationed with Army combat units on the ground, they must be also pre-

pared to administer first aid and survive in a hostile environment. As combat Airmen, their jobs incorporate expertise above and beyond what's normally required of warriors in blue.

"Because they're training now, they'll have a better idea of what to expect when they get to Afghanistan with an Army unit," Staff Sgt. Mike Crabb said of the E-2s to E-4s in attendance. As an experienced JTAC, he was the 25th Air Support Operations Squadron non-commissioned officer in charge of the week's training. "It's very realistic. All the Army guys here have deployed several times and know what kinds of scenarios they'll face in the field."

After flying in on Army National Guard CH-47 Chinooks, ROMADs navigated their way through wet brush and uneven terrain to their designated camping area. Armed with M-4s and radio and global positioning system equipment, they were "ambushed" along the way by pseudo attackers, setting off pyrotech-

nics and dodging rocket-propelled grenades courtesy of the 15th Civil Engineer Squadron's explosive ordnance disposal flight.

"The chaos gives them an idea how they'll react under pressure," Sergeant Crabb said.

As one of the more experienced Airmen in the group, Senior Airman Robert Gaines, 25th ASOS TACP, is very close to having all of his combat mission-ready requirements completed for JTAC upgrade.

"Repetition through training allows us to apply what we know rapidly when we're in a strenuous situation, so doing this on a frequent basis is very useful," said the 21-year-old Knoxville, Tenn., native.

It's training like this that ensures safe and reliable wartime readiness and prepared Airman Gaines, who recently returned from a six-month deployment to Camp Taji, Iraq.

"In this [training] environment, we're working with actual Army personnel as we would in the field, and using all the operational equipment we use day-to-day downrange," he said. "It's good to get out here and get 'broken in' in a sense. We're able to not only use the equipment and communicate but also apply field skills we've been taught either in a classroom or shop environment."

Although learning to communicate between teams, react under pressure, and apply basic job skills was the main goal for the week, 20-year-old Airman Michael Ilizaliturri said being a TACP requires a wholly different level of physical and mental conditioning from any other career field in the Air Force.

"This week, we're not really carrying much gear, but we've done training before where we have to carry everything on a 12-mile ruck march," he said. Standing at five foot seven and weighing about 145 pounds, he's "one of the smallest TACPs" and has, at times, almost doubled his weight in gear. That kind of physical taxation, he said, pushes him to a whole new level of capability.

"It's all in your head," Airman Ilizaliturri said. He, like many other TACPs, wanted this specific Air Force Specialty Code because it constantly forces them into physically and mentally challenging situations.



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Carolyn Viss  
**Airman 1st Class Doug Fraites, 25th Air Support Operations Squadron ground radio maintenance, secures a perimeter for a landing zone at Wheeler Army Airfield's East Range near Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii, June 24. Training included combat lifesaver skills, convoys, air assault egression and improvised explosive device reaction and will give tactical air control party members a better idea of what to expect when they deploy to Afghanistan with an Army unit.**

Whether it's focusing on taking care of someone who's "bleeding" while taking small-arms fire, or forcing himself to keep walking when he runs out of water at mile eight, "I just tell myself I can do it, and I do," he said.

The trainers agreed 25th ASOS Airmen integrated well with the Army, took the instruction and applied it to the scenarios well, and returned with valuable lessons learned.

According to Army Staff Sgt. Andrew Wehr, 25th Infantry Division Headquarters, Headquarters Company 114th Infantry forward observer, "They did a great job out here, and I have no doubt when they integrate with the Army in the field they'll be mission capable."



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Carolyn Viss  
**Tech. Sgt. Alejandro Castillo indicates to Airman 1st Class Chris Tamblin, 25th Air Support Operations Squadron tactical air control party, to prepare to load a casualty on a CH-47 Chinook for aeromedical evacuation during field training June 24. Radio operators, maintainers and drivers camped out for four days to sharpen proficiencies necessary for upgrade training to become combat mission-ready joint terminal attack controllers. Because they're training now, they'll have a better idea of what to expect when they get to Afghanistan with an Army unit.**



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

**Unrestricted**  
Chain of Command, Office of Special Investigations and Law Enforcement are notified immediately.

**Restricted**  
Chain of Command, Office of Special Investigations and Law Enforcement are not notified.

**Independent**  
A third party tells OSI or law enforcement and an investigation is launched. Can occur with a restricted report.

Call the Sexual Assault Response Coordinator at Office: (662) 434-2875 or (662) 434-1130 Cell: (662) 366-0811 24/7 On-Call Hotline: (662) 364-0822.

# Raise Your Right Hand and Repeat After Me

**Maj. Brian J. Heaps**  
14th Comptroller and Contracting Squadron commander

An oath is often taken during our enlistment and promotion ceremonies. At times, I wonder if the words that are spoken are done so in passing or if the individuals, both the officiating and the honored, are truly reflecting on them.

Whether discussing the oath of enlistment or the oath of promotion, whether its officers, enlisted, or civilians, there are foundational beliefs and fundamental similarities that we should take to heart as we recite these words.

The oath of enlistment reads “I, state your

name, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic, that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same, and that I will obey the orders of President of the United States and the orders of the officers appointed over me, according to regulations and the uniform code of military justice—so help me God.”

First, we take an oath to the Constitution of the United States. The Constitution fulfills the Declaration of Independence, signed 234 years ago by a group of men who believed there was a better way.

Our oath is to defend what was then a novel

concept called democracy; a concept that has since caused nations and people to rethink their philosophy as well as having perpetuated actions that changed the course of world history, as with the collapse of the Soviet Union. Our oath is neither to one person nor one party; it's simply to uphold our way of life. It was unique then and it's still unique today.

Additionally, we each take this oath freely. It has almost been 37 years since the United States drafted its' last conscript. Since then, our nation has been involved in a number of military actions covering the spectrum from major operations, such as OIF and OEF, to crisis response and limited contingency opera-

tions. Despite the fact that we've been continuously at war for the past eight years, the Air Force has not had a major problem recruiting men and women to serve their nation. Quite frankly, I am awed by the men and women who not just freely and willfully, but eagerly state their oath to serve our nation.

So when next asked to “raise your right hand and repeat after me...” take a moment to reflect on your words. Know you are doing so to continue the fulfillment of a way of life unique to the world. Know you are doing so freely. Most importantly, reflect on the commitment and dedication that the oath involves.

## NCOs: Be the example

**Master Sgt. Terry Kelly**  
379th Air Expeditionary Wing

SOUTHWEST ASIA — I remember my first duty section as an airman basic at Shaw Air Force Base, S.C. We had 17 buck sergeants in the shop. These gentlemen were the heart and soul of the unit. I admired them for their wisdom and work ethic. They could answer all my questions and would take me out and show me how to perform the task. They inspired me to want to come to work and do my job to the best of my ability every day. Every time an NCO told me to do something, I was excited that I was being given a chance to excel.

I say this because some of our Airmen don't realize the significance of what they do each and every day and how it plays a critical role in fighting the current conflict. It doesn't matter if an Airman is a crew chief, gate guard or heavy-equipment operator; each Airman matters. If the Airmen running the dining facility grill think the job isn't important and serve an undercooked burger to an aircraft mechanic, then that mechanic can't prep jets for flight to put bombs on target and the terror network thrives. As NCOs, it is our duty to communicate this to our junior Airmen. It is our responsibility to

lead by example and show them we are in this fight with them.

At times, we get away from the basics of being strong NCOs. We supervise through e-mail and hope our team gets the message. Whatever happened to good old face-to-face communication? Sometimes Airmen need to see that fire in our eyes to understand the significance of what we are saying.

Another failure is when we don't follow up on tasks because we are too busy. We need to be knowing about Airmen's families and the goals of team members. It is not as easy to lead those you know very little about.

NCOs are the heart of the Air Force body. The units go as we go. The NCO corps drives mission accomplishment, morale and the overall environment of the unit. The NCO corps fosters loyalty, mentorship and empowerment. Give our people what they need to do the job and cultivate that long term buy-in for supporting mission accomplishment.

We do a lot to take care of the Air Force team, but this can sometimes be overlooked by someone on the team who thinks it's not enough. Airmen should understand respect is earned, not given. If it is determined they do not care, then as good NCOs it is our responsibility to take charge

of the situation. Once we determine they want to do the right thing, it's our duty to guide them, mentor them and ensure they have the tools to be successful Airmen. Always, reward them for doing an outstanding job.

Airman Leadership School and the NCO Academy lay the foundation for supervision but do not give us a definitive checklist of do's and don'ts of supervision. We learn this from watching and emulating successful leaders; for young Airmen, that's you and me. We learn this from each other as we share information about issues concerning our units. It is our duty to pass along our knowledge and traditions to the next generation.

We, as NCOs, have a responsibility to show our Airmen our core values aren't just a slogan but our way of life. We have to be the example and not the “do as I say, not as I do” NCO. Our rank does bring a certain clout and we must use this extra muscle to fight for our people. On the other hand, we shouldn't be afraid to say “no”, when needed, it still works.

Teach Airmen the right way to do business, and it will make life much easier for us all as we go about our mission of putting bombs on target and making the world a safer place for everyone.

## Why I do what I do

**Senior Master Sgt. Vinson Simmons**  
381st Intelligence Squadron

ELMENDORF AIR FORCE BASE, Alaska — When I entered the Air Force nearly 26 years ago, I needed a job and an education, and knew the Air Force could provide me those opportunities. I was going to do my four years and get out.

My circumstances changed. I stayed for the job security and benefits that it would provide my family. Somewhere along the way, I became committed to the Air Force, my leadership and my Airmen. I knew this is where I belonged. Circumstances have kept me here, dictated my career and provided me some awesome opportunities.

One of the greatest opportunities to show our Airmen our core values aren't just a slogan but our way of life. We have to be the example and not the “do as I say, not as I do” NCO. Our rank does bring a certain clout and we must use this extra muscle to fight for our people. On the other hand, we shouldn't be afraid to say “no”, when needed, it still works.

I learned a first sergeant was human when the shirt and I deployed to Desert Storm together, just the two of us. He took me under his wing and made sure I was taken care of and got me where I needed to be.

The first sergeant who stands

and was my inspiration in seeking out this opportunity is retired Senior Master Sgt. Marv Jackson. Sergeant Jackson put folks at ease and let you know he was there if you needed him. You also knew that he was there to take care of business.

I knew that this was what I wanted to do and headed directly to the command chief's office after being given the green light by my leadership.

After an interview, formal application, shadowing other first sergeants, and being interrogated by a panel of first sergeants, a commander and the command chief, I found myself thrust into the first sergeant's seat waiting for a school date.

I truly love my job. It is absolutely the best job in the Air Force. I get to interact with the young Airmen daily. I enjoy the opportunities I have to affect change and to help with everything from minor personnel issues to emergency situations. It's all because I know I'm making a difference in someone else's life.

I've been blessed with being selected to be a first sergeant and even more blessed that I have the opportunity to serve in this great Air Force. I only hope I can leave a lasting impression and have a positive impact on the Airmen entrusted to my care. After all, my job is people.

# Base families offered a variety of activities

## Summer camps & trips

The youth center is offering the following free camps:

Step Camp for ages 9 to 18 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. July 13 to 16. Skate Boarding for ages 9 to 18 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. July 22 to 24.

All trips are open to youth center members, ages 9 to 18. Register at the youth center. Parent/Child canoe trip, July 11 from 8 to 11 a.m. Cost is \$25.

Horseback riding, July 13 from 1:15 to 3:45 p.m. Cost is \$5 for transportation and \$20 admission.

Rocket and Space Center, July 15 from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Cost is \$5 for transportation and \$20 for admission.

Fishing tournament, July 18 from 8 to 11 a.m. Cost is \$15 per person.

McWane Science Center, July 22, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Cost is \$16 per person.

Tupelo Auto Museum and Buffalo Park, July 28 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Cost is \$5 for transportation and \$15.50 for admission.

For more information, call the youth center at 434-2504.

## Hawaiian Luau

The Columbus Club offers this special event from 5 to 10 p.m. July 25. Cost is \$10 for club members (ages 12 and older), free for children of club members, 11 and under. Non-members price is \$15 for adults and \$10 for children ages 5 to 11 and free for children 4 and under. The buffet will be served from 5 to 7:30 p.m. and includes a whole roasted suckling pig, sweet and sour chicken, steamed rice, Polynesian salad, stir fry veggies, fresh fruit kabobs, baked rolls, pineapple upside down cake. The evening's events include music, dancing, contests and games. Register by July 22 at the Columbus Club. The event is sponsored in part by the Landings at Columbus. Sign up for club membership that night and receive \$5 off the mem-

## New Orleans Saints football

The information, ticket and travel office is offering a trip Aug. 15 to 16 for the Saints vs Bengals preseason football game. Cost is \$110 per person based on double occupancy. Game ticket is free to the first 24 paid sign-ups. For more information, call 434-2507.

## Cruise in 2010

The information ticket and tour office has a great seven-day Halloween cruise special out of

ber price. Current members receive a \$5 coupon for any future club event, function or lunch. Limited to one coupon per club card. For more information, call 434-2490.

## White Water Rafting trip

The information ticket and travel office offers this trip Sept. 5 to 7. Cost is \$160 per person and includes transportation, chalet lodging, meals on Saturday (breakfast, lunch and dinner), rafting the middle river on the Ocoee River. Must have at least 16 registered by Aug. 15 to offer. A \$60 deposit is required when registering. For more information, call 434-2507.

## Back to School Pool Party

The Youth Center hosts this party from 7 to 10 p.m. July 31 at Independence Pool. Admission is a donation to the Lowndes County Humane Society. Open to all school age program and youth center members. For more information, call 434-2504.

## Youth and Adult crafts classes

The Arts and Crafts Center offers classes for youth and adult every Thursday at 10:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. All youth classes are \$5 each. Take Home Crafts kits are \$3 each. A display of the upcoming projects are in the lobby of the arts and crafts center. For more information, call 434-7836.

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# Air Force Communications Agency changes name

**Karen Pettif**  
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SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. — The Air Force Communications Agency was redesignated the Air Force Network Integration Center to more accurately reflect its role in cyberspace operations July 8 here.

The name change comes at a time when the Air Force continues to align its cyber forces under Air Force Space Command, located at Peterson Air Force Base, Colo., which has the lead for organizing, training and equipping its people to

perform the space and cyberspace mission.

The Air Force Network Integration Center is just one of several organizations that falls under the command, which is led by Gen. C. Robert “Bob” Kehler. The 24th Air Force functions as the warfighting arm of cyber operations and is scheduled to stand up later this summer in San Antonio.

General Kehler met with members of AFCA in May to discuss the way ahead and spoke about lessons learned from previous integration efforts in his career.

“This is significant ... because it means you have a major command advocate and authority figure to help you as we move

Mobile, Ala. Oct. 30, 2010. Visit the Grand Caymen Islands, Montego Bay and Cozumel on this cruise. Cost is \$875.70 for two people and that includes a \$100 shipboard credit. Cost for three people in a room is \$1123.54 and four people in a room is \$1371.38. These are inside-cabin rates. Outside cabin rates will be slightly higher. A \$25 deposit is required by Oct. 1 and \$250 is due by May 1 with final payment due Aug. 1, 2010. For more information, call 434-2507.

## Horseback riding lessons

Outdoor Recreation is offering riding lessons and special occasion rides. Cost is \$40 for four 30 minute lessons for youth 6 and under or \$80 for one hour lessons. Junior lessons for ages 7 to 17 are \$100 for four one hour lessons and adult lessons are \$120 for four one hour lessons. For more information, call 434-2505 or 434-7861.

## Youth Employment Skills (YES) Program

The YES Program is an on-base volunteer program for high school students that pays \$4 per hour through the AF Aid Society. YES allows high school students to “bank” \$4 in grant funding for every hour volunteered in an on-base function. Students may accumulate as much as 250 hours over all 4 years of high school. Teens must be dependents of active duty air force to be eligible and must be at least a freshmen in high school. For more information, contact Mr. Hamilton at 434-2504.

## Parents time out

The child development center offers a parents time out every Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for children, ages 1-3 years of age. Cost is \$20 for the day. For more information, call Martha Mann at 434- 2479.

## Tickets available

The information, ticket and travel office has discounted tickets for Disney World, Universal Studios, Dollywood, Sea World, Busch Gardens, Six Flags Over Georgia, the Memphis Zoo, Alabama Adventure, the Dixie Stampede, Geysers Falls, and more. Call 434-2507 for more information.

## Blaze Lunch Bunch at the Columbus Club

**Every Wednesday During Lunch**  
All plates come with one meat, two sides, roll or hushpuppies, tea or water  
\$6.25 for club members  
\$7.25 for nonmembers

### ***This week's menu:*** ***Meat choices:***

Fried Chicken, Grilled Pork Chop, Chicken Spaghetti

### ***Sides:***

Macaroni & Cheese, Candied Yams, Turnip Greens, and Side Salad with Ranch Dressing

**For More Information, Call Ext. 2490**

### ***Lunch Bunch Special - \$6.95***

Ham, Turkey, Roast Beef and Cheese in a Flour Tortilla Wrap Served with French Fries and a Pickle Spear

### ***Desserts:***

\$2.95 each

New York Cheesecake with Strawberry Topping  
Brownie Ala Mode  
Sugar Free Coconut Cream Pie

toward the one Air Force, one network goal,” he said. “We construct access, we operate the network, defend it, attack and exploit ... We're not just providing communications to aircraft crews. We're in a domain that is contested. When we log on to our computers now, we're in a combat zone. We're all defenders!”

The Air Force Network Integration Center serves as the Air Force's focal point for network integration through resourcing, assessments and validation, architectures and analysis and network engineering. They also build, test and sustain common network and communications systems.

# BLAZE Team, Columbus come out for Fireworks on the Water 2009



The 110' water-slide was a popular way to beat the afternoon heat at Fireworks on the Water July 4. The slide was one of three inflatable water slides available for use at the event.



First Lt. Kris Walker, with the 14th Medical Group, plays soccer with his 12-year-old daughter Brittany Walker at Fireworks on the Water 2009 July 4.



Members of the 14th Civil Engineer Squadron assemble the stage prior to Fireworks on the Water 2009 July 3. U.S. Air Force photo/Sonic Johnson



"Come on Go with Us," a local band featuring natives of Columbus, Miss., play for an assembled crowd at Fireworks on the Water 2009, July 4. The band was one of numerous entertaining activities event-goers had to choose from.



The assembled crowd at Fireworks on the Water 2009 watch the provided live entertainment while awaiting the evening fireworks display July 4.



Elizabeth Varnon and Dan King sit back to enjoy the band before the July 4th fireworks show at the Stennis Lock and Dam.



Boaters join their counterparts on land and watch the fireworks display at Fireworks on the Water 2009, July 4. Over 125 boats dotted Columbus Lake near the Stennis Lock and Dam East Bank to watch the show.

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