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Construction projects on Columbus AFB on track

Senior Airman Jacob Corbin 14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

All over Columbus AFB construction projects are in full-swing as the base continues to improve and expand.

With seven major construction projects and numerous smaller underway, work on the base continues almost nonstop.

Base Housing

As part of the bases housing privatization, 106 homes are being renovated in Capital Village and 145 new homes in State and Magnolia villages will be constructed. Currently, 93 percent of the construction effort on homes is completed, with 18 percent of the roadwork accompanying the homes done.

Magnolia Village shows the most progress, with all housing construction done and only landscaping requirements remaining. While in State Village, almost 80 percent of homes are completed.

The renovations in Capital Village continue, with 65 percent done.

Mission Support Group Complex

Phase two of the new 14th Mission Support Group

building, costing almost \$8 million and covering more than 25,000 square feet, is now over half done and scheduled to be completed in January 2010.

The new home for numerous base agencies, including the 14th Force Support Squadron, the 14th Comptroller-Contracting Squadron and the 14th Communications Squadron, is the second half of the two-part project that began in April 2007. Phase one of the project was completed in November 2008.

Child Development Center

The new Child Development Center, which broke ground in June, is currently 14 percent complete and on schedule for an October 2010 completion.

A \$6.5 million dollar Military Construction project, the new CDC will accommodate almost three times as many children as the current one does. The 24,400 square foot facility will replace the 1960's era child care facility.

South Gatehouse and Final Denial Barriers

The brand-new gatehouse at the South Gate is almost complete and the accompanying final denial barrier project is currently 40 percent complete.

Construction on the Main Gate gatehouse will

begin upon completion of the South Gate project.

Auxiliary Fire Station Renovation

As part of the American Recovery and Re-investment Act, the Auxiliary Fire Station in Shuqualak, Miss., is currently undergoing renovations to improve the HVAC, room layouts and the stations kitchen. This project is currently ongoing and ahead of schedule.

Underground Utilities

In addition to the renovations at Shuqualak, the act is also funding a project to transfer Columbus AFB utilities underground. This \$5 million project is currently on schedule, and work is slated to commence in October.

Other Projects

In addition to the numerous large projects ongoing at Columbus AFB, numerous smaller projects are underway to help improve daily life and work for BLAZE Team members.

These projects range from minor repairs and renovations, to cleaning and servicing the inside of one of Columbus AFB's water towers.



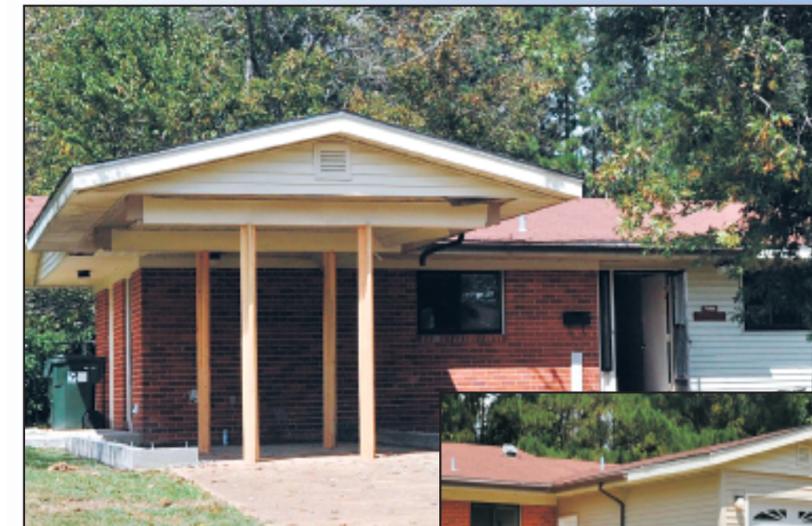
U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Jacob Corbin

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U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman Jacob Corbin
As part of the Capitol Village renovations, most homes are receiving the addition of a garage, shown under construction. Renovations in Capitol Village are currently 65 percent complete.



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Newly completed homes in State Village are shown above. Currently construction in Magnolia and State villages is 93 percent complete.



U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Jacob Corbin

Two construction workers work on the roads near new housing being finished in State Village.



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Work continues on the nearly completed South Gate gatehouse, which is scheduled to be completed by October. The gatehouse is a nearly \$1 million project.

Base families offered a variety of activities

Bowling Center Daily Specials

Monday – chicken marinara sandwich with choice of fries and medium drink - \$6; Tuesday – 2 dozen popcorn shrimp, choice of fries and medium drink for \$5.25; Wednesday – 4 chicken tenders smothered with cheese and gravy with a side of green beans and medium drink for \$5.25; Thursday – popcorn chicken, choice of fries and medium drink for \$5.25; Friday – pulled pork sandwich with red slaw, baked beans or fries and medium drink for \$5.75. Call 434-3526 to place an order to go.

New Orleans Football Trips

The ITT office offers a trip Oct. 17-18 to New Orleans for the Saints vs Giants game at noon Oct. 18. Price is \$160 per person and includes transportation, double occupancy at the Crown Plaza Hotel, game ticket and shuttle from the hotel to the game. The next game is Dec. 19-20 with the Saints versus Cowboys. The prices are the same. Limited seats are available. For more information, call 434-7858.

Casino tour

The next trip to Philadelphia, Miss., to the Silver Star and Golden Moon Casinos is October 2. Cost is \$20 and includes transportation and \$25 in game tokens. For more information, call 434-7858.

Disney World Trip

The ITT offers a last chance Disney Military Salute Tour to Disney World in Orlando, Fla. Dec. 19-23. Stay at the newly remodeled La Quinta Inn on International Drive. Cost for a family of four is \$995 for one active or retired ID card holder as one of the four. The price includes transportation, hotel which includes complimentary breakfast, Disney tickets for the entire stay, and shuttle service in our bus. Must have 20 people registered to offer this trip. A \$100 deposit is required per person and will be nonrefundable after Nov. 23. For more information, call 434-2505.

Whispering Pines Lunch time Burrito Bar

The burrito bar during lunch at the golf course is available Monday through Friday

from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Build your burrito or salad for just \$6.50 per person and includes your burrito or salad with chips, salsa and medium drink. For more information, call 434-7932.

Nickelodeon Worldwide Day of Play

Come enjoy track and field events from 4 to 5 p.m. Sept. 25 at the youth center. For more information, call 434-2504.

Horror Movie Night

The Columbus Club offers a Horror Movie Night every Tuesday in October from 6 to 10 p.m. Enjoy free popcorn, special bar menu and ghoulish drink specials. Come dressed as your favorite zombie and vote for the next horror movie night theme. For more information, call 434-2490.

Game nights

The Columbus Club is offering game nights from 5 to 10 p.m. Oct. 16 and Oct. 30. Invite your friends and join the club for some games and food and drink specials. For more information, call 434-2490.

Youth Center's Torch and Keystone Club Garage Sale

Rent a space for \$5 for this garage sale from 9 a.m. to noon Oct. 3. For more information, call 434-2490.

Family trip to Mississippi State Fair

The youth center offers this trip Oct. 17. Cost is \$10 per family and includes transportation only. Admission tickets may b purchased upon arrival. Register no later than Oct. 8 at the youth center.

Youth Center NFL family football trip

Watch the Saints play the Panthers in the New Orleans Super Dome Nov. 8. Register no later than Oct. 9 at the youth center. A child must be a part of your group. Cost for two people is \$220, three people is \$285 and four is \$350. Cost includes transportation, lodging and ticket to the game. For more information, call the youth center at 434-2504.

Commanders Paintball Challenge

Register at outdoor recreation for this competitive event between the squadron starting at 10 a.m. Oct. 3. Team entry is \$149 and includes paintball gun rental for the five team members and 2000 paintballs. Teams will be made up of one commander, one first sergeant and three other players of their choice. For more information, call 434-2507 or 434-2505.

Thanksgiving Canned Food Drive

The youth center is hosting this worth cause from until Oct. 16. Drop off your canned foods at the youth center. For more information, call Terry at 434-2504.

Full day care available for city school children

The Youth Center's school age program offers full care Sept. 28. Limited slots are available. For more information, call Terry at 434-2504.

Veterinary Clinic new hours of operation

Effective immediately, the new hours of the Vet Clinic will be open Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to noon. Clinics will be twice a month, please call for appointments. September clinics are September 1-2 and September 15-16. October clinics are Oct. 6-7 and Oct. 13-14. For more information, call 434-2281.

Commanders Cup Championship

Here's your chance to challenge your rival squadron to a competition on the golf course. Cost is \$15 plus greens fees for this four person, 9-hole scramble Sept. 25. A commander, vice commander or first sergeant should be a part of each team. There is not limit on the number of teams that a squadron may enter; however, the field is limited to the first 18 teams entered. Shotgun start at Noon. Register by noon Monday. For more information, call 434-7932.

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.

Cruise in 2010

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

Parent's 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, Geyser Falls, and more. Call 434-2507 for more information.

On Heritage

Lt Col Steve Ankerstar
50 FTS Commander

heritage n. – *Items or information passed down from a previous generation*

Today marks the 62nd birthday of the United States Air Force. On Sept. 18, 1947, the United States pass the National Security Act of 1947 creating a United States Department of Defense, which was composed of three branches, the Army, the Navy, and the newly created Air Force.

Specifically, the National Security Act of 1947 states: "In general the United States Air Force shall include aviation forces both combat and service not otherwise assigned. It shall be organized, trained, and equipped primarily for prompt and sustained offensive and defensive air operations. The Air Force shall be responsible for the preparation of the air forces necessary for the effective prosecution of war except as otherwise assigned and, in

accordance with integrated joint mobilization plans, for the expansion of the peacetime components of the Air Force to meet the needs of war."

Thus, the US Air Force as was born.

Honoring our heritage is why we celebrate our service's birthday every year with the Air Force Ball. The Air Force Ball allows each of us to take a couple hours out of our lives to get dressed in our formal attire to pay tribute to those that have gone before us. I remember my parents getting dressed up to attend Air Force Balls and it was very motivational as a child to see my parents all dressed up and going out, all the while wondering if I would get to do that someday. For the past 62 years, people just like us gathered once a year for this celebration.

Tonight we are honored to have two guest speakers to help us reflect on where we have been as an Air Force and where we are going. Our first speaker, Gen. Stephen Lorenz,

Commander, Air Education and Training Command, has 25 wings, multiple groups, schools, centers, and detachments, under his command. And yet, on the 62nd birthday of our Air Force, he will be here with us. I had the opportunity to meet him a few months ago and he personifies all of the topics he writes about in his Lorenz on Leadership articles. I look forward to hearing his words in person regarding our heritage.

The second speaker, Lt. Col. Gene Smith, USAF (ret), will be of special interest to me, since I currently command the same unit that he once commanded. While his mission was much different than mine, and his experiences far outweigh anything I have experienced, I do relish the fact he once wore the same patches as I do today. Our heritage room in the squadron is filled with memorabilia to remember our past and we have one hallway dedicated to our unit's previous Prisoners of War, such as Colonel Smith was when his F-105 was shot down over North Vietnam. It will be an absolute privilege to meet the man and hear what he chooses to share with all of us during his speech.

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In conclusion, traditions are continued one year to year or risk becoming lost. Valuing our heritage is one of many things that set us apart from the general public. Tonight we continue that proud heritage with our Air Force Ball. One of the many traditions that we will see tonight is the conducting of toasts. I would like to close with my favorite toast that we always use to close our roll calls in the 50th.

"Here's to those that have gone before us and paid the ultimate price. Here's to those who have given their lives in both peacetime and war protecting the freedoms that others take for granted. Let us never forget to toast those who can no longer toast with us."

See you at the Air Force Ball.

Attitude is everything

Maj. Joseph Schaefer
39th Comprollor Squadron commander

INCIRLIK AIR BASE, Turkey — This past week, I have followed a sport I never really paid attention to in the past. I sat and watched tennis during the U.S. Open not because of the sport itself, but because of the story unfolding on the screen.

Melanie Oudin, ranked 70th in the world, was beating opponents she was not supposed to beat. The competitors were ranked much higher and they played a much more aggressive style of tennis. All of the "expert" commentators had her beaten in each match by opponents with greater ability and motivation to win.

I had to ask, if she was supposed to lose then how was she winning?

It was famed football coach Lou Holtz who said, "Ability is what you're capable of doing. Motivation determines what you do. Attitude determines how well you do it."

Ms. Oudin, has the ability to play tennis well or she would not have been in the U.S. Open. However, you could say her opponents had greater ability; after all, they were ranked higher than her at 29, four and 13.

When asked what drove her to keep coming from behind she stated she believed she could play at this level and simply wanted to play the best tennis she could. She, like most other athletes, thrives off of the competition.

Again, you could argue her competitors are motivated by similar needs. Many of the competitors have sponsors they need to please as well which should cause additional motivation to succeed. If you're a believer in what Lou Holtz said, then this leaves attitude.

Ms. Oudin was guided to a place in the U.S. Open by her coach and family after many years of hard work. They told her again and again that she belonged at the U.S. Open and could play on this level. Their positive attitudes led her to have a positive attitude toward her matches and made her believe she could win. This positive attitude determined how well she played, and if you look at the statistics, her opponent's attitudes led them to error after error when their style of brash play didn't win them points quickly.

I tell you this tennis story today to remind everyone about the importance of attitude in our day-to-day lives. Each of us has the ability to carry out our responsibilities or our superiors would not give us the roles and responsibilities we have in the Air Force. We are motivated to be in the Air Force for our own personal reasons, and to stay in the Air Force we have to carry out the daily tasks assigned to each of us.

It is the intangible of attitude which drives our organizations to do well.

Have you ever walked into a shop and while the person helping you has the ability to do the job and may be motivated to help you, you still walk out feeling frustrated or upset

about the transaction that just took place simply because the person helping you didn't have a good attitude? I would argue this attitude problem is a reflection of leadership.

If you are a leader in our Air Force, your attitude will shape the attitudes of your subordinates and therefore the outcomes of the organization. This is drummed into each of us at every level of professional military education and, if you pay attention, is evident in the attitudes of every frontline Airman whether they are checking IDs at the gate, turning a wrench on an aircraft or talking to a customer from behind a counter. The more your people can see you with the appropriate attitude the more you will see this same attitude in your people.

While Ms. Oudin eventually lost in the quarterfinals, her positive attitude toward the game won over the tennis audience around the world and has opened many doors for her future. The same can be said for multiple organizations throughout our Air Force which have leaders with the appropriate attitude.

While we are not watched on the television when we carry out our jobs, we are periodically inspected. When those inspectors come, the first thing they will notice is the attitude of each one of us. Putting the right attitude forward goes along way with inspectors, and while it will not guarantee success, you still need to accomplish the task; it will point your organization toward success.

Visit Columbus.AF.Mil today for more information!

Air Force officials recognize 12 Outstanding Airmen of Year

Master Sgt. Ben Gonzales

Defense Media Activity-San Antonio

WASHINGTON — The 2009 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year were recognized in a special ceremony during the 2009 Air Force Association Air & Space Conference and Technology Exposition Sept. 14 at the National Harbor in Oxon Hill, Md.

Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James A. Roy hosted the evening's events that highlighted this year's 12 Airmen who represent more than 400,000 enlisted members of the Air Force active, Guard and Reserve Forces.

The 2009 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year are:

- Staff Sgt. Johanna S. Aviles, a network operations center technician assigned to the National Reconnaissance Office in Los Angeles.

- Senior Master Sgt. Mary A. Bechdel, the superintendent of operations for the 13th Intelligence Squadron from Beale Air Force Base, Calif.

- Master Sgt. Tyrone F. Bingham, a host aviation resource manager at the 170th Operations Support Squadron from Offutt AFB, Neb.

- Staff Sgt. Channel H. Bolton-Scholl, an aircraft maintenance technician assigned to the 446th Maintenance Squadron at McChord AFB, Wash.

- Master Sgt. John T. Carter, the NCO in charge of security forces resources for the 100th Security Forces Squadron at Royal Air Force Mildenhall, England.

- Tech. Sgt. Manuel J. Herrera, the NCO in charge of 375th Civil Engineer Squadron Explosive Ordnance Disposal Flight at Scott AFB, Ill.

- Tech. Sgt. Benjamin P. Horton, an EOD technician with the 775th Civil Engineer Squadron from Hill AFB, Utah.

- Tech. Sgt. Jennifer S. Laufer, a chaplain assistant assigned to the 42nd Air Base Wing from Maxwell AFB, Ala.

- Tech. Sgt. Marisol M. Lozada, the NCO in charge of the 27th Special Operations Medical Group Mental Health Flight and Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment Clinic at Cannon AFB, N.M.

- Master Sgt. Christopher W. Pollock, the chief of the horizontal section for the 18th Civil Engineer Squadron at Kadena Air Base, Japan.

- Senior Airman Alexander W. Royal, a tactical air control party member with the 13th Air Support Squadron at Fort Carson, Colo.

- Senior Master Sgt. Jeffery E. Steagall, the manager of communications and information systems inspections for the Air Force Space Command Office of the Inspector General at Peterson AFB, Colo.

"These Airmen represent all that is good about our United States Air Force," said Gen. Carrol H. "Howie" Chandler, the Air Force vice chief of staff. "This evening's reception gives us an opportunity to introduce them to Air Force leadership, and they will represent the men and women of the Air Force very well."

The Airmen were chosen from nominations made by all Air Force commands, separate operating agencies, direct reporting units, the Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard. The chief master sergeant of the Air Force, a general officer and



U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Desiree N. Palacios

Senior Master Sgt. Jeffery Steagall receives an award Sept. 14, 2009, from Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James A. Roy and AFA Chairman of the Board Joseph E. Sutter during the 2009 Outstanding Airmen of the Year dinner at the Gaylord National Hotel and Convention Center, National Harbor, Md. Sergeant Steagall is a communications and information systems inspections manager assigned to Peterson Air Force Base, Colo. Sergeant Steagall is one of the twelve Outstanding Airmen of the Year.

selected major command command chiefs made up the selection board to recognize the Outstanding Airmen of the Year, a program that began in 1956 by the Air Force Association.

The evening's events showcased the Airmen of the year, but said they believe the individual award represents all the people around them.

"I had a lot of support from my leadership," Sergeant Steagall said. "When I was deployed (for five months with the 332nd Air Communications Squadron at an air base in Southwest Asia) I had fantastic folks who worked with and for me, and I had a great commander over there. It made it enjoyable to go to work. When I got back from being deployed, my chief sat me down and said that I had done a great job over there and we want you to keep putting your best foot forward every day. I couldn't have asked for a better group of folks who funneled me along and supported me every step of the way."

But even with the support of co-workers and family, becoming one of the 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year was unfathomable to this year's group of Airmen.

"When I first came in 19 years ago, I would look at folks who won this award and it was something I never thought would be possible," Sergeant Steagall said. "It is something you want to aspire to. It can give you a focal point when you are going through your own career. To me, (the 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year) was always a source of inspiration and I hope I can do that for the folks who are coming behind me."

Chief Roy said these Airmen demonstrate the very best of enlisted Airmen, whether they are active duty, Air National

Guard or Air Force Reserve.

"These brave Airmen have kept the streets of Baghdad safe, captured terrorists, built airfields in Afghanistan, reported threats to coalition convoys, increased the (MQ-1) Predator's capability, controlled airpower to capture the enemy, evacuated Soldiers from a firefight, reinvigorated the nuclear inspection processes, spiritually cared for wounded servicemembers, ensured combat crews were ready to fight, and built better medical processes for our patients," the chief said. "Together they have completed dozens of credit hours toward college degrees. They are also good neighbors and great Americans who give their time and talents to the schools and community groups. These outstanding Airmen will continue to be great Air Force ambassadors around the world."

"Around the world, there is great respect for our nation's military and for our Air Force," General Chandler said. "Our ability to provide consistent global vigilance, reach and power helps underpin our nation's security. These key capabilities provide assurance to our allies and our partners, and deter potential aggressors. No matter how impressive our machines and our technology are, I believe our enlisted corps is the envy of militaries around the world. These 12 are American Airmen, they are warriors, and they have answered their nation's call. Whatever successes we achieved in our Air Force, we owe it to these Airmen and the men and women they represent; individuals who understood that they are part of something larger than themselves or the United States Air Force in all that they we do."

Base News

Pioneer Club

The CAFB Chapel has begun registration for the children's program Pioneer Club. The program will be held each Wednesday evening 6 p.m. to 7:30p.m. This program is open to children ages three years thru seventh grade. This is an ecumenical religious program geared to teach children about Christ in every aspect of life. A pot luck dinner will be served each week at 5 p.m. parents must join their children at dinner.

COSC Fashion Show

The next Columbus Officers' Spouses' Club function will be a "Tea Party & Fashion Show" on Tuesday, September 22, at 6:00 pm at the Columbus Club. Please come and see OSC Spouses modeling the latest trends in fashion and jewelry. The menu includes Green Salad with Raspberry Vinaigrette, Shepherd's Pie, Trifle Dessert and assorted English Teas. Price is \$12 Columbus Club members and \$14 for non-Columbus Club members. RSVP is required by noon on Thursday, Sept. 17 to coscrsvp@yahoo.com.

Wednesday Evening Adult Bible Study

The CAFB Chapel will be holding a variety of Adult Bible Studies from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. A Pot Luck dinner will be served at 5 p.m., please bring a side dish or dessert to share if you are able. Please call the Chapel at 434-2500 for a list of studies.

Donate dresses

This program is collecting prom dresses/balloons/formal gowns to give to girls in the area who are unable to afford a beautiful dress. Donations can be dropped off to her in person at the Rob Naugher State Farm Office on Hwy 45.

RefresHer

Time to get together with the girls for fun and fellowship at the CAFB Chapel! Join us once a month for a different kind of ladies ministry. We start at 6 p.m.

September 24 - It's a Back to School Theme with games galore, bring your own sack lunch and favorite board game, we'll provide the drinks and dessert.

October 22 - We'll watch Hope Floats, bring a favorite stew or soup, and for dessert we'll have Coke floats. A short Bible Study relating to the movie will end the evening.

November 12 - Time to dust off the cook books and cook up your favorite holiday recipe, don't forget to bring a few copies of the recipe to share. We'll fellowship, swap recipes and stories.

Library Story Time

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

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:

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.

Saint Leo U. Military Spouse Discount

Military spouses seeking a degree at Saint Leo U. can enroll in two classes and take a third class for FREE. Contact Dew White at 434-8844 or stop by the Saint Leo U. office in the Personnel Bldg., Room 120.

AETC Civilian Tuition Assistance is still available for FY09

To be eligible for Civ TA, the civilian employee must be an appropriated fund, permanent AETC employee or in a term position with more than one year before the "not to exceed" date. Temporary employees will be considered on a case-by-case basis. AETC civilians can use up to \$4500 per fiscal year. Civilians are restricted to ONE course per TERM, and the per semester hour tuition cap is \$250. Courses must be Air Force mission-related. Call the Education Center at 434-2562/2563 or send an email to edward.hodge@columbus.af.mil for more information.

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.

Attention All Deployers

The 14th Communications Squadron has a new system which allows you to place "free" telephone calls back home from your deployed loca-

tion 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.

DRMO as a source of supply

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 the Inspection Section at extension 434-7233 to review the property, Stock Control at 434-7198 to check for authorization and Customer Support at 434-7178 to order the property. All other DRMO processing is done via the Web at: www.drms.dla.mil.

Do you have a supply problem?

Do you need status on an item you ordered? Did you receive the wrong part? The Customer Support section is the single point of contact when requiring assistance on supply related matters. For assistance, you may contact Customer Support at 434-7178.

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 (IDEA) Program. Advice and guidance are available by calling the Customer Support section of Base Supply, located in Building 158, at 434-7178.

Attention 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 extension 7233 or 7234.

Military Personnel

Closure Notice

The Military Personnel Section, Customer Support, will be closed October 15-16 for RAPIDS hardware replacement. We will be unable to make any CAC or ID cards during this time. For questions or to make appointments please call 434-2624/2626.

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.)

Computer Outages at the AFRC

The center will have no computer access Sept. 14-30.

Hearts Apart

The next Hearts Apart Social will be Sept. 22 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Hearts Apart is a gathering for the families of deployed members or remotely stationed personnel. Advanced registration is required, please call 434-2790 for more information.

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.

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

Catholic Parish Picnic

The Columbus AFB Catholic Community will hold its annual parish picnic on Sunday, September 20 at 3 pm at Freedom Park. Fried and Grilled Chicken, potato salad and drinks will be served. Feel free to bring a side dish or dessert to share. Mass will follow at 5:00PM in the Chapel. For more information, contact Renae Fischer at 574-4890 or Cecelia Dobronski at 574-6079.

SecAF delivers 'State of the Air Force' speech at AFA

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

WASHINGTON — The Secretary of the Air Force outlined the service's priorities during a keynote address at the 2009 Air Force Association Air & Space Conference Sept. 14.

Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley said he credited Airmen for the service's significant milestone achievements, including the proliferation of the intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance capability, the reinvigoration of the nuclear enterprise and the activation of 24th Air Force, a component of the U.S. Cyber Command.

Secretary Donley said 9/11 forever altered the international security environment, and the Air Force's response to the event has brought new air, space and cyber capabilities to bear in concert with the joint and coalition team.

ISR, Secretary Donley said, is the linchpin of today's fight with a 250 percent increase in full-motion video capacity linked with other sensors over a broad battle space.

Secretary Donley discussed several of the Air Force's clear agendas that include completion of the F-22 Raptor program of record with planned upgrades, an F-35 Lightning II Joint Strike Fighter ramp up, an increase in unmanned aerial systems such as MQ-9s Reapers and RQ-4 Global Hawks, and what he described as the most important - success in the coming KC-X procurement.

The secretary put the criticality of cyber security into perspective with a noteworthy statistic.

"While it has been more than 55 years since the last American servicemember came under attack by enemy air-to-surface fires ... the last time an American servicemember came under cyber attack was the beginning of this sentence," he said. "The need for more ISR and other joint enablers is just as urgent and compelling."

Near the close of his speech, the secretary re-emphasized his commitment to the people behind the Air Force's new technology - Airmen and their families. As such, Secretary Donley and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz designated July 2009 to July 2010 as "Year of the Air Force Family," dedicated to the well-being of total force Airmen and civilians.

Secretary Donley explained the program's focus is to address the hardships and needs of Air Force families and building a greater sense of community across the force.

"Air Force families and communities backstop, they underwrite, and share the sacrifice in all that our Airmen do," Secretary Donley said. "Supporting families is not only the right thing to do for our Airmen; it is the smart thing to do for our Air Force."

"We must be bold and embrace change," Secretary Donley said. "It is one of our great strengths. Our Air Force is borne of innovation; our Airmen are innately adaptable. We have been challenged many times in our history; this is just another opportunity we will take on together."



U.S. Air Force photo/Scott M. Ash
Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley delivers a "State of the Force" address during the first day of the Air Force Association Conference and Technology Exposition Sept. 14, 2009, in Washington, D.C.

Air Force officials strengthen nuclear deterrence operations

Judith Snyderman
Defense Media Activity

WASHINGTON — New initiatives underway within the Air Force to consolidate commands, modernize systems and strengthen personnel emphasize nuclear security.

"Nuclear deterrence underpins all of our freedom of movement everywhere," Maj. Gen. Donald Alston, the service's assistant chief of staff for strategic deterrence and nuclear integration told bloggers and online journalists Sept. 10 during a DODLive Bloggers Roundtable.

More than a decade ago, the strategic focus of the Defense Department turned to conventional forces and, more recently, to expeditionary operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, General Alston said.

"I think we took active measures to reduce emphasis on nuclear because there was an opportunity that seemed to be present there in the early 90's, that you could take it off the front burner because the Cold War was over," he said.

However, the geopolitical situation has

become complicated in ways that were unforeseen in the 1990s, General Alston said.

"All the other countries in the world that have nuclear programs have active nuclear weapons development capacity and programs with one notable exception, and that would be the United States," he said.

The growth of the number of countries that have or are developing nuclear weapons has prompted changes, General Alston said, including, for the U.S., the creation of the Global Strike Command, which stood up at Barksdale Air Force Base, La., last month.

"This was principally (done) to put in one command, with one commander, responsibility for nuclear operational forces; for one commander to set conditions, expectations and impact a culture," he said.

Air Force officials also have revamped their education programs by reviewing and updating training courses. General Alston also is working on a personnel plan to increase expertise that will help sustain the nuclear security mission. Another initiative fortifies the inspection process, he said.

(Courtesy of American Forces Press Service)

Surgical residency receives full joint training platform accreditation

KEESLER AIR FORCE BASE, Miss. — The 81st Medical Group at Keesler AFB, which boasts the largest Air Force surgical training residency program, has received full Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education accreditation as a joint training platform.

The program was evaluated by the ACGME, the governing body for all United States physician medical training programs in April 2009.

The surgical residency received full accreditation from the ACGME to proceed with training four general surgeons each year for five years of general surgery residency.

"This marks one more major milestone in Keesler's post-Katrina recovery and return to pre-Katrina operations," said Brig. Gen. (Dr.) Dan Wyman, 81st MDG commander. "It also exemplifies the spirit of our Gulf Coast Joint Venture and cooperation between the services and the VA."

"This provides a unique and highly robust training platform with resident experiences in the three military services, the VA, a civilian institution, as well as an overseas location, where we care for our wound-

ed warriors.

"The program is unparalleled, and we believe it will serve as a major element in recruiting and producing the next generation of outstanding military surgeons."

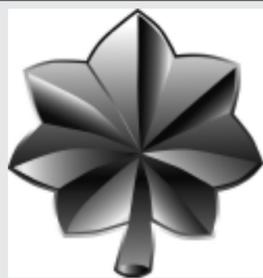
The surgical residents also perform specialty rotations at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson, Miss., Brooke Army Medical Center Burn Unit in San Antonio and Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany. Colonel Pruitt noted this training platform enforces and sets a clear understanding of the functioning of the joint service environment and reflects the current operational environment.

"The Keesler Medical Center general surgery residency brings an individual into the military and promotes the Air Force core values and expectations as an officer," Colonel Pruitt said. "Contrary to civilian surgical residency programs where the emphasis is on molding individuals into surgeons, the military residency program emphasis is on molding individuals into surgeons who work in a joint-service team environment to support the war fighter under any theater command."

Five Columbus AFB majors selected for promotion

Congratulations to the BLAZE Team's newest lieutenant colonel selects!

Maj. Brian Joseph, 14th Operations Support Squadron
Maj. Leo Lawson, 14th Communications Squadron commander
Maj. Joshua Lechowick (Has since PCS'd)
Maj. Stanton Shuttleworth, 14th OSS
Maj. Bryan Tash, 14th Operations Group



VA officials warn of telephone scam

WASHINGTON — Officials at the Department of Veterans Affairs are warning people not to give credit card numbers over the phone to callers claiming to be updating VA prescription information.

Kevin Secor, a Veterans Service Organizations liaison with the office of the secretary of Veterans Affairs, sent an e-mail recently that outlined the scam.

"I have received many reports that veterans are being contacted by 'Patient Care Group' representing that they are helping administer VA prescriptions and stating that the pharmacy billing procedures have changed and they are therefore

requesting veteran credit card numbers for prescription payments in advance of filling their prescriptions," Mr. Secor wrote. "This is false. VA does not call veterans asking to disclose personal financial information over the phone. VA has not changed its processes for dispensing prescription medicines."

Anyone who receives a call from someone claiming to work for the Patient Care Group who is seeking a credit card number should simply hang up.

Veterans with questions about VA services should contact the nearest VA medical center or call toll-free 877-222-8387.



Three more BLAZE Team NCOs selected for technical sergeant

Congratulations to the tech. sergeant supplemental selectees from the BLAZE Team!

Staff Sgt. Anedra Davis, 14th Communications Squadron
Staff Sgt. Timothy Hall, 14th Comptroller-Contracting Squadron
Staff Sgt. John Solis, 14th Security Forces Squadron

Commissary employees receive training



U.S. Air Force photo/2nd Lt. Edwin Miltenberger

Staff Sgt. David Palmer from the 14th Security Forces Squadron briefs commissary employees on how to identify fake ID cards as well as what real ID cards should look like. He also discussed the finer points of shoplifting prevention by explaining some of the habits of shoplifters and how they may be detected. Surprisingly, 1 out of every 11 Americans admits to shoplifting and on average a habitual shoplifter will steal 1.6 times every week.

Former Secretary of Defense Cohen to speak

The community will have an opportunity to get up close and personal with former U.S. Secretary of Defense William S. Cohen, who is set to speak at Mississippi University for Women's Welty Gala on Sept. 24. The event is slated for 7 p.m. in the Mary Ellen Weathersby Pope Banquet Room on campus. A book signing and question and answer session will follow the program. The Base Community Council has announced it will be underwriting a portion of the cost of tickets for active military personnel at Columbus Air Force Base. A limited number of tickets

will be made available to CAFB active military personnel at a reduced cost of \$50 per person. These reduced price tickets will be available on a first come first serve basis, and may be purchased by calling the MUW Office of Development at 329-7148.

Volunteer Opportunity of the Week

Go green with Councilman Gene Taylor this Saturday by participating in the Ward One Beautification Day. Roll up your sleeves, grab a trash bag, and help us clean up our neighborhoods. Grab your friends and be at Hank Aaron Park this Saturday at 8

a.m. You can find Hank Aaron Park at Eleventh Avenue South and Seventh Street South. For more information, call Meagan at 327-0807.

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.

Disney Animator Display at Columbus Library

An exhibit titled Josh Meador: Animator

and Artist of Disney's Golden Age will explore the life and work of artist Josh Meador (1911-1965). Meador worked for Walt Disney Productions from 1936 to 1965 and was considered one of its most talented special effects artists. He was born in Greenwood, but grew up in Columbus. The exhibit will highlight his work on such movies as Snow White, Fantasia, Bambi, Dumbo, Cinderella, Sleeping Beauty and many more. The exhibit will run through the month of October and will be free and open to the public.

BARGAIN LINE

The deadline for submitting ads is noon Monday before the desired publication date. Ads turned in after the deadline will run the following week. Ads can be mailed to or dropped off at the public affairs office in the 14th Flying Training Wing Headquarters building, e-mailed to silverwings@columbus.af.mil or faxed to 434-7009. Calling Ext. 7068 by noon Monday can extend the run date of ads already submitted. Silver Wings reserves the right to limit ads based on content, space and frequency of requests. Advertisements for private businesses or services providing a continuous source of income may not appear in the Bargain Line. They may, however, be purchased through the Commercial Dispatch, 328-2424.

Homes

For sale: 2002 Caledonia home only 12 minutes from base, Caledonia School district, quite neighborhood; 1800+ sq ft, 3 BR / 2BA, plus huge bonus room (4th BR), 2 car garage, fenced back yard, situated on 3/4 acre corner lot. Must sell soon. Best Deal In Caledonia! Asking \$155,000. FMI call 662-889-2958 or 2953.

For Sale: 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 \$128,500.00, FMI call 405-919-2753.

For sale or rent: 3406 John Hancock Dr.; great home 10 minutes from base! 1400 sq ft 3 BR 2BA located in Bluecutt Estates across from the post office on Bluecutt. See Pictures at militarybyowner.com or AHRN.com, asking \$115,000; \$900/month. FMI call 215-589-2911 or 662-434-2678.

Open house: Sunday, 20 Sep 1400-1600 at 82 Cedar Dr in Sherwood Forest Community. 3 BR/2BA 2,156 sq ft with vaulted ceilings, fireplace, French doors to back deck, enclosed sunroom, freshly painted and landscaped. Motivated Sellers! FMI call 662-549-7745.

FSBO: 42 Cedar Drive in family, friendly Sherwood Forest. 3 Bed/2 Bath plus bonus room. sunny, open kitchen/ living area, new roof; over 2050 sq ft; asking \$164,900. Call 662-425-6901 for your showing.

Transportation

For sale: 1994 Grand Plymouth Voyager, emerald green, 6 cylinder, 3.3 engine, one owner \$2,500 o.b.o. FMI call 574-9414.

For sale: 2004 Nissan Quest Minivan, V6 3.5 Liter, leather, sunroof, skylights, privacy glass, roof rack, rear A/C, ABS, dual front air bags, front side air bags, parking sensors, all power, remote dual side sliding and rear doors, multi c/d, premium sound system with Bose speakers; approx 64k miles; good condition throughout. \$12,500 o.b.o. FMI call (662) 240-0226.

For sale: 1997 Jeep Wrangler, 104k, 4 cycl, 5-spd, soft top, black exterior, new tires and clutch; runs great, \$5900 o.b.o. FMI call 662-497-2175.

For sale: (Motorcycle) 2007 Honda 230CRF, 15+ hours, very little use, excellent condition. - \$2500 o.b.o. 808-221-2005.

For sale: (Motorcycle) 2005 Honda 600RR, 6700mi, Devil exhaust, lots of extras - \$5750 o.b.o. 808-221-2005.

Miscellaneous

For sale: Small pool table, \$50; fireplace insert w/glass doors, \$75. Large capacity Maytag washer/dryer, less than two years old cream colored, \$650 OBO. Goose Hollow dining room set, less than a year old, table with leaf, four black chairs, \$1000 OBO. FMI call 574-9414.

For sale: Hitch for Honda Accord - \$50. Olympic queen pillow top mat-

ress set with frame. Good condition, sell for \$400. Trailer (Enclosed) for Sport bike \$2200. Call 660-238-3687.

Free: Chain link fence with gate for sale. Price: removal from back yard. Call 919-273-3810 or 662-655-4708.

Free: Green Loveseat and Blue Chair. Free! Call 253-592-3627

For Sale: Off- white couch (sleeper) & loveseat, great for students or just starting \$250.00 OBO. Microwave, Panasonic (large) \$30.00, contact FMI 662-364-0414.

For sale: Bassett bedroom suite, including queen headboard, 6-drawer dresser with mirror, door chest with 2 drawers, and 2 nightstands. Shows some wear, but is attractive, well-made furniture. \$600 o.b.o. (205) 695-0003.

For sale: Compound Bow, Kronik bow (made by Diamond) with mechanical release, carbon arrows, practice arrows, hard case, broadheads, string peep, 3 pin sight, whisker biscuit, complete package, shot 10 times, never hunted - \$400. Little Tykes backyard playhouse with doorbell - \$50 OBO. New in box "Purely Yours" breast pump with backpack, used once - \$125 OBO. Wood toddler bed with mattress and two sets of Disney Princess comforter sets - \$40. Kenmore microwave 1000 watts, excellent condition - \$25k. FMI call 662-889-0672.

For sale: Maytag dryer, works good,

\$100; Maytag washer, needs parts, \$20; Dishwasher, built-in, works, \$10; 18 foot quick set pool w/ladder; \$100; 244-8390 or 251-1413.

For sale: Dell Dimension 8400 desktop PC, Pentium 4-3.0Ghz, 1.2gb RAM, 80ghd, 1-DVDROM, 1-DVDRW, 1- floppy drive, 12-USB ports, wireless adapter installed, ethernet & 56K modem connection, upgraded 256k Geforce video card for gaming, Dell flat screen monitor with integrated stereo speaker system, will also include a Lexmark color printer; all in excellent condition, asking \$375.00. Also, RCA 100W Surround Sound system with remote & progressive scan DVD player in excellent condition, asking \$40. FMI call (662) 386-6981.

For sale: 52" JVC HDTV, 1080, HDMI, DLA projection TV, 2 years old, comes with all original packaging/manuals, and TV stand with DVD storage, \$800, works excellent! Can e-mail photos and can deliver, call 662-497-2175 FMI.

For sale: Baby items - Jeep jogging stroller w/built-in sound system, \$100; double stroller, side by side model, \$30; back carrier/stroller, folds in to stroller or back carrier, great for traveling, \$40; baby walker, \$20. Call 662-497-2175 FMI.

Email silverwings@columbus.af.mil or fax 434-7009 to place your item for sale in next week's Silverwings

Weather



Today

High: 80, Low: 68
Scattered T-storms



Saturday

High: 81, Low: 68
Scattered T-storms



Sunday

High: 81, Low: 67
Scattered T-storms



Monday

High: 81, Low: 65
Scattered T-storms

News Briefs

Indy's Closed

Indy's in the Club will be closed today for lunch due to preparations for the Air Force Ball.

Hispanic Heritage Food Tasting

There will be a free Hispanic Heritage Month Food Tasting event from 4 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. September 25 at the Columbus Club. Following the food tasting, there will be a showing of "Under the same moon," till 7 p.m.

OSC Social

The Office Spouses Club will hold a social September 22 at 6 p.m. at the Columbus Club.

Class 10-08 Track Select

Class 10-08 will hold their Track Select ceremony will be at 5 p.m. Sept 25 at the Columbus Club.

14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, 50 BLAZE TEAM members are de-ployed worldwide. Remember to support the Airmen and their families while they are away.

BLAZE Team members volunteer at Day to Care

2nd Lt. Susan Mongeon
14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

The United Way provided the Columbus community with the opportunity to volunteer in their annual "Day to Care" on September 10, 2009.

Event organizers said it was a day of service, to remember the spirit that arose from the aftermath of 9-11 to unite together in service of each other.

Columbus AFB airmen and civilian volunteers joined together with volunteers from TRONOX and the law firm Nichols, Crowell and Cooper to paint the YMCA cabins at Camp Henry Pratt. The cabins are used by Camp Rising Sun for children who are cancer patients. Camp Rising Sun is a free week-long camp where volunteer doctors and nurses provide care for the campers. Camp Henry Pratt is also used as a summer day-camp and for family reunions, youth retreats and company team-building seminars.

Perry Hendrix from the YMCA explained how the "Day to Care" volunteers greatly helped reduce costs for this non-profit organization. Remarking that because of all the volunteers, "a great amount of work was done in a short amount of time".

Groups of five to six split off to paint four different cabins. Columbus AFB volunteers mixed with community volunteers, sharing their 9/11 experiences while renewing the well-used buildings. The groups finished their cabins so quickly that they were able to go beyond the intended workload and all came together to paint a large multi-room cabin.

"The simple things, like a fresh coat of paint, helps to improve the experience of the kids that come here" said Mr. Hendrix.

Airman 1st Class Erin Leon, 14th Operations Support Squadron, in her second year as a "Day to Care" volunteer, was one of three Airmen from RAPCON to volunteer along with six transition lieutenants and five volunteers from the 14th Mission Support Group.

Columbus AFB also benefited from "Day to Care" when volunteers from the insurance company Humana came on base to work at the Youth Center. Eight volunteers from Humana, who may have never otherwise stepped onto an Air Force base, saved the youth center manpower by tearing down an old shed, cleaning the playground and clearing out storage.

Kayline Hamilton of the youth center said that while working, volunteers interacted with members of the youth center gaining a better perspective of CAFB and even exchanged contact informa-



US Air Force photo
Volunteers at the 2009 Day to Care paint a wall at Camp Henry Pratt. The cabins are used by Camp Rising Sun for children who are cancer patients. Camp Rising Sun is a free week-long camp where volunteer doctors and nurses provide care for the campers.

tion for future involvement.

"When you do something good for someone else it helps you grow, we came together as a company and a team," Sue McAdams from Humana said.

The United Way "Day to Care" included 37 volunteer agencies at 15 different sites and turned out to be so much more than just a day to get projects done. By having BLAZE Team volunteers go out into the community and community volunteers come on base, the day allowed people to interact and learn about other organizations. These volunteers were able to come together, expand their personal perspectives, and accomplish the mission; remembering 9/11 by making a positive impact on the community.

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 (10-09)	-2.36 days	-5.28 days	Oct. 21	48th (09-15)	-4.25 days	0.43 days	Oct. 2	49th (10-AB)	-3.68 days	-1.34 days	Oct. 15	T-6	1,592	1,386	30,913
41st (10-08)	3.70 days	-0.29 days	Sept. 25	50th (10-01)	4.55 days	3.04 days	Oct. 23					T-1	467	430	11,508
												T-38	546	492	8,745
												IFF	165	71	2,754

The graduation speaker is Maj. Gen. Maurice Forsyth, commander, Spatz Center for Education, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

Dorm Dinner



U.S. Air Force photo/2nd Lt. Edwin Miltenberger
Col. George Ross, 14th Flying Training Wing commander, talks to a group of enlisted dorm residents at the Dorm Dinner at the Base Chapel Sept. 15. The Dorm Dinner is held each month and offers young Airmen living in the dorms the chance to socialize and have a home-cooked meal.

Legal Assistance: The Homeowner Affordability and Stability Plan

14th Flying Training Wing Judge Advocate

For homeowners struggling to avoid foreclosure, the path out of debt can feel like a maze. Many are confused about how to rectify their current situation, and are unaware of the resources that are available to them. Homeowners who are struggling, but current on their payments can find relief with the Homeowners Affordability and Stability Plan (HASP). This year, The White House announced a plan to help 7-9 million families avoid foreclosure by restructuring or refinancing their mortgages. This plan consists of two separate parts, which may help ease your mortgage struggles.

The first plan, the "Home Affordable Refinance" program was designed to relieve the stress that has been put on "responsible homeowners," referring those that are current on their mortgage payments but cannot refinance to a lower rate because of

declining home values. You may benefit from the "Home Affordable Refinance" program if you have an adjustable rate loan and are looking for a more stable fixed rate loan. This plan will only apply to you if your mortgage is owned or guaranteed by Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac! You can determine this by calling the phone numbers below.

The second plan, the "Home Affordable Modification" program, was designed to prevent foreclosures for homeowners who are behind on or are struggling with their mortgage payments. The plan allows these "at-risk" homeowners to adjust their mortgage rate to no more than 31% of their gross monthly income for a period of five years. After those five years, their interest rate can be increased by 1% per year thereafter. The "Home Affordable Modification" plan includes a "performance success payment," which is a grant of up to \$1,000 per year for five years that goes directly towards the principle amount owed.

These plans are available to homeowners at their primary residence, so it is unlikely that a military member who PCS'd and could not sell their previous home will be eligible. If you are eligible, you will most likely be required to provide a signed affidavit of financial hardship, your most recent tax return, documentation of income, and recent pay statements.

These plans are extremely detailed and further information can be found at <http://www.financialstability.gov>. The Department of Treasury also recently released a new website, <http://making-homeaffordable.gov>, which contains a self-assessment tool for assistance in determining eligibility.

For Fannie Mae
1-800-7FANNIE (8am to 8pm EST).
www.fanniemae.com/loanlookup
Freddie Mac
1-800-FREDDIE (8am to 8pm EST)
www.freddiemac.com/mymortgage

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Base personnel, local community ignite 2009 BLAZE Race

Amber Hass
Fitness Center Fitness Specialist

The 2009 BLAZE Race was held Saturday morning at Columbus AFB. A 10K and a 5K race were hosted by the Columbus AFB Fitness Center.

Sixty participants, including individuals from the surrounding community, competed for the championship title.

Overall, the top individuals of the 10K race are as follows:

For the civilian category, the male winner was Mark Aylor with a time of 52:59. The female winner was Shannon Bailey with a time of 52:06.

For the military category, the male winner was Ben Payne, 41st Flying Training Squadron and 2009 Columbus AFB male athlete of the year, with a blazing time of 33:25. The female victor was Nicole Dronney, 14th Force Support Squadron, with a time of 53:53.

Additionally, the final results for the 5K race are as follows:

For the civilian category, the male winner was Ryan Young with a time of 20:16. The female winner was Katie Urbanas with a time of 19:51.

For the military category, the male leader was Kyle Jones, 14th Operational Support Squadron, with a time of 16:18. The female winner was Susan Mongeon, 14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs, with a time of 25:53.



U.S. Air Force photo/2nd Lt. Susan Mongeon
Ben Payne, 41st Flying Training Squadron and 2009 Columbus AFB male athlete of the year, accepts the first place award for the military category in the 10K BLAZE Race. Captain Payne won with a blazing time of 33:25.

A select few of base leadership participated in the race including Col. Roger Watkins, 14th Flying Training Wing commander, Col. Diane Fletcher, 14th Medical Group commander, Maj. Wilshelia Ezell, 14th FSS commander, Maj. Derrick Ossman, 14th Security Forces Squadron commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Richard Brackett, 14th FTW Command Chief Master Sergeant.

The next BLAZE Race is scheduled for September 11, 2010 and will be open to base personnel and the local Columbus community.

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat/Sun
21	22 Hearts Apart, 4:30 p.m. OSC Social, 6 p.m.	23	24	25 Fun Run, 7 a.m. Wing Commander's Cup Golf Challenge, 12 p.m. Hispanic Heritage Food Testing, 4:30 p.m. @ Chapel Annex 10-08 Track Select, 5 p.m.	26/27 Retiree Appreciation Day
28	29 Newcomers Briefing @ Phillips Auditorium Wing Commanders Call, 7:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 2 p.m. @ Kaye Aud.	30 Enlisted Promotions, 3:30 p.m. @ Club	1 International Spouses Lunch, @ Waverly Daedalians, 6 p.m.	2 09-15 Grad Ceremony, 10 a.m. @ Kaye Auditorium	3/4

Intramural Football Scores

Last Thursday:

49th/50th FTS 36 L	Tuesday
14th CS 43 W	Game 1:
Game 2:	14th CS 6 L
14thOSS Team #2 12 L	14th CES 20 W
14th SFS 13 W	Game 3:
Game 3:	Game 2:
41th FTS 7 W	14th SFS 12 L
48th FTS 0 L	14th MDG 26 W

Sports Shorts

Commanders Cup Championship: Here's your chance to challenge your rival squadron to a competition on the golf course. Cost is \$15 plus greens fees for this four person scramble Sept. 25. Shotgun start at 1 p.m. Register by noon Sept. 24. For more information, call 434-7932.

Youth fall soccer registration: Register by Sept. 25 for the fall soccer program for ages 3 to 18. Cost is \$35 per play for ages 5 to 18 and \$25 per play for ages 3-4. Coaches are needed. For more information, call Brittany at 434-2504.

Biker Night: The bowling center offers a free cheeseburger from 5 to 9 p.m. every Monday night during the months of September and October. Bring in your helmet and receive one free burger. For more information, call 434-3577.

Winter bowling leagues: Sign up now – leagues available for the Thursday night intramural league, the Tuesday night mixed league and the youth league on Saturday mornings. If you would like to start a league, contact the bowling center for more information. Call 434-3577.



Long Term Events

Oct. 8 - Business After Hours @ CAFB
Oct. 9 - Hispanic Heritage
Oct. 9 - Annual Princess Open Golf Tournament

Oct. 9 - 10-01 Assignment Night
Oct. 10 - 49th FTS Reunion Banquet
Oct. 12 - Columbus Day
Oct. 13 - OSC Social
Oct. 15 - 10-AB IFF Graduation
Oct. 16 - Fun Run