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Weather



Today

High: 85, Low: 70
Scattered T-storms



Saturday

High: 81, Low: 65
Scattered T-storms



Sunday

High: 84, Low: 65
Partly cloudy



Monday

High: 81, Low: 56
Partly cloudy

News Briefs

Retreat & Reveille

Reveille is played at 7 a.m. followed by "To the Colors". Retreat followed by the National Anthem is played at 5 p.m., and Taps will be played nightly at 9 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. If you're outside, face the flag or the direction of the music. Military in uniform should stand at parade rest during the playing of Reveille and "To the Colors." In addition, military in uniform should stand at parade rest during the sounding of Retreat then come to attention and salute during the national anthem. Others should stand at attention during the playing of To the Colors and the national anthem and place their right hand over their heart. If not in uniform, men should hold their hats over their hearts. Men without hats and women should hold their hands over their hearts. People driving must stop, and everyone in the vehicle should sit quietly until the music ends.

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 Chapel Annex. Following the food tasting, there will be a showing of "Under the same moon," till 7 p.m.

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The 2009 Air Force Ball is highlighted in this week's Silver Wings.

South Gate construction complete, Main Gate work set to begin

John Trumm
14th Civil Engineer Squadron

The new South Gate facility is nearing completion and is scheduled to open October 2. Soon after, construction on the Main Gate will begin and is scheduled to start on October 5.

These new entry control facilities will include covered inbound lanes, separate inspection booths for tandem processing, and state-of-the-art surveillance and alarm systems. All of these upgrades are being made to meet current Anti-Terrorism Force Protection and Security requirements while still maintaining the "Showplace of the South" architectural theme that Columbus Air Force Base is becoming known for. Ultimately, the safety of the base and on-duty gate guard personnel will be significantly enhanced because of these improvements.

Due to limited space and large scope of construction

at the Main Gate, the current gate will be completely closed off during construction and an alternate route (depicted above) will be provided for all vehicle traffic.

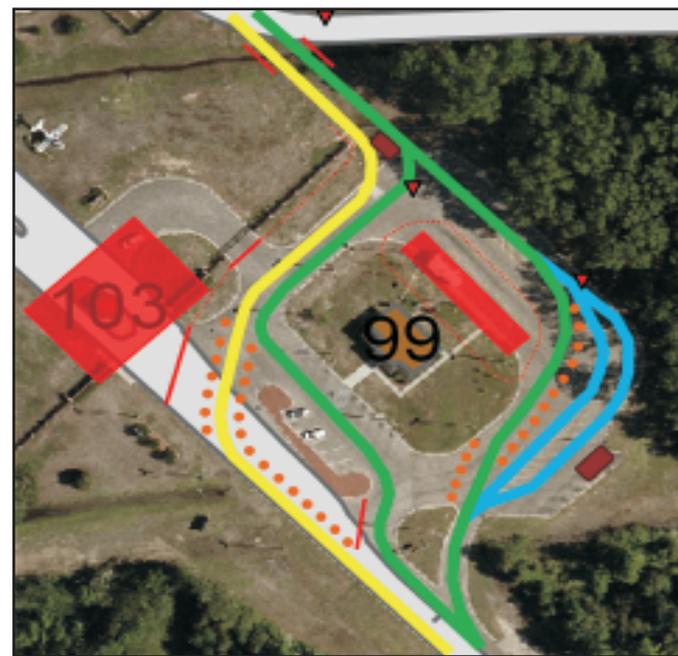
The main gate will be closed starting October 5 and remain closed until late April 2010.

The temporary route will still be open 24 hours a day.

BLAZE Team members should anticipate delays for both entering and exiting through the Main Gate area since all Main Gate operations for the Visitor Center and large vehicle inspection area along with corresponding traffic (visitor vehicles, commercial vehicles, etc.) will utilize the alternate route.

Please use the South Gate as much as possible during this construction period.

The alternate road will be a gravel road with a 10 MPH speed limit and will route through the Security Forces complex. Please exercise extreme caution as this route passes through several parking areas.



U.S. Air Force graphic
Construction on the Main Gate will begin soon and is scheduled to start on October 5 and last until April 2010. Due to limited space and large scope of construction at the Main Gate, the current gate will be completely closed off during construction and an alternate route (depicted above) will be provided for all vehicle traffic.

- Inbound Traffic
- Commercial Traffic
- Outbound Traffic
- Temp Guard Shacks
- Construction Zone
- Jersey Barrier
- - - Construction Fence
- Traffic Drum
- ▼ Yield Sign

COLUMBUS AFB TRAINING TIMELINE

PHASE II

Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Track Select
37th (10-09)	-2.71 days	-7.23 days	Oct. 21
41st (10-08)	2.70 days	-2.85 days	Sept. 25

PHASE III

Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation
48th (09-15)	-4.77 days	-1.07 days	Oct. 2
50th (10-01)	1.11 days	0.36 days	Oct. 23

IFF

Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation
49th (10-AB)	-3.95 days	-1.21 days	Oct. 15

WING SORTIE BOARD

Aircraft	Required	Flown	Annual
T-6	2,340	1,765	31,292
T-1	722	614	11,692
T-38	795	639	8,892
IFF	228	115	2,798

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

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BLAZE Team celebrates Air Force birthday at ball



Event goes at the 2009 Air Force Ball enjoy the evening September 18 at the Trotter Convention Center in downtown Columbus, Miss. U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Jacob Corbin



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

Members of the Columbus Air Force Base Honor Guard post the colors at the 2009 Air Force Ball September 18 at the Trotter Convention Center in downtown Columbus, Miss.

Senior Airman Jacob Corbin 14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

The Air Force celebrated its 62nd birthday September 18, and as part of that celebration the men and women of the 14th Flying Training Wing held the annual Air Force Ball.

Over 200 guests attended the evening, the theme of which was "Legacy of Heroes," and enjoyed what the ceremony had to offer.

The evening featured two guests speakers, the first was the honorary guest speaker, Retired Lt. Col. Richard "Gene" Smith, former Vietnam prisoner-of-war and commander of the 50th Flying Training Squadron.

"Having been one of those guys sitting in North Vietnam (as a POW), I don't consider myself a hero," Colonel Smith said, referencing the evening's theme. "Heroes are ordinary people doing something extraordinary during difficult times."

"The men and women fighting for their country today, they qualify as heroes."

Gen. Stephen Lorenz, Air Education and Training Command commander, spoke following the evening's meal as the distinguished speaker for the evening.

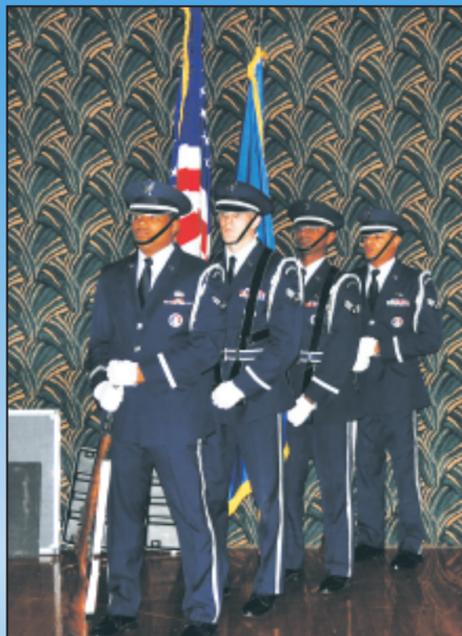
"Tonight is about heroes," the general said. "It's about those who selflessly serve this great country without any reservations. It's about men and women like Gene Smith."

"We stand on the shoulders of giants," General Lorenz continued. "Perhaps Winston Churchill said it best when he said, 'to every person, there comes in their lifetime that special moment when they are tapped on the shoulder and offered that chance to do a very special thing, unique to them and fitted to their talents. What a tragedy if that moment finds them unprepared and unqualified for the work that would be their finest hour.'"

"And he's right. Before we can stand on those broad shoulders, those who would be giants have to be ready for that moment. (To be ready for the) one particular point in time that ultimately will define them."

General Lorenz went on to tell the stories of men and women he considers to be heroes, including Gen. Bennie Schriever, the first Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Paul Airey, Senior Airman Antonio Antunez, Maj. Victoria Elliott and Chief John Gebhardt.

"The Airmen of all ranks I've highlighted here tonight are giants," General Lorenz continued. "For sixty-two years, the Air Force has been built on selfless actions just like these. But every day there are countless untold stories of actions across the Air Force; those who give of themselves to make us the greatest air, space and cyberspace force on this earth. And it's only possible thanks to the integrity, service and commitment by our great Airmen – the giants who make a difference every day."



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Jacob Corbin
Members of the Columbus AFB Honor Guard stand ready to post colors at the 2009 Air Force Ball September 18.



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Jacob Corbin
The most junior and most senior Air Force members at the 2009 Air Force Ball, Airman Basic Daniel Waldrop, 14th Operations Support Squadron, and Gen. Stephen Lorenz, AETC commander, cut the cake September 18 at the Trotter Convention Center in downtown Columbus, Miss. Airman Waldrop had in-processed to the base only 48 hours prior to the ball.



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Jacob Corbin
Col. Roger Watkins, 14th Flying Training Wing commander, and his wife Leslie enter the 2009 Air Force Ball through a saber arch September 18.



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Jacob Corbin
(Right) Gen. Stephen Lorenz, AETC commander, and Col. Roger Watkins, 14th FTW commander, greet ball attendees at the 2009 Air Force Ball September 18.



U.S. Air Force photo/Sonic Johnson
Retired Lt. Col. Richard "Gene" Smith, former Vietnam prisoner-of-war and commander of the 50th Flying Training Squadron, listens to the distinguished speaker, Gen. Stephen Lorenz, Air Education and Training Command commander, September 18 at the Air Force Ball. Colonel Smith was also the honorary guest speaker for the evening.



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Jacob Corbin
Airman 1st Class Keundra Gibson, 14th Flying Training Wing Honor Guard, performs the POW/MIA ceremony at the 2009 Air Force Ball at the Trotter Convention Center September 18.

Timely first impressions

Col. George Ross
14th Flying Training Wing vice commander

After talking to people and shaking hundreds of hands over the last few weeks during my immersion visits with 14th FTW units, my first impression was definitely confirmed. Columbus AFB is the showcase of the South and Southern hospitality shines throughout the wing. Friendly smiles, a committed work force and can do attitudes prevail.

First impressions matter. Gen. Stephen Lorenz, commander of Air Education and Training Command, took 24 hours out of his busy schedule to visit Columbus AFB last Friday afternoon to be the keynote speaker at our evening celebration ball of the 62nd anniversary of the Air Force. After the POW/MIA retreat ceremony, General Lorenz said “the base looks great.”

This was definitely true of the 49th Fighter Training Squadron’s brand new training facility. Just a few hours before General Lorenz’ visit, the Knights cooked all night in order to host an open house BBQ lunch to show their appreciation for everyone who helped with the move

from their temporary trailers. Unfortunately timing caused the General to miss out on the great BBQ.

Lt. Col. Tor Dietrichs, 49th FTS commander, told me the squadron’s move went smoothly because the C’s stepped up and kept the building’s furniture and out fitting on time for the general’s visit. Those C’s are Contracting/Comptroller, CE and COMM squadrons. Their efforts mean the future fighter pilots training at Columbus AFB now have state-of-the art facilities to learn the fundamentals of fighter employment in the T-38C before they transition to their follow-on fighters. Everyone involved with the 49th FTS building needs to visit the squadron and see firsthand the time-honored heritage hung on the walls throughout the new building.

Having the newest building did not stand out during my immersion with the Wing’s units. I enjoyed my time visiting the Child Development Center. The women and men that care for the youngest children of base personnel are enthusiastic, engaged and committed to providing an enriching environment. When I peaked into her cramped, small kitchen, Mrs. Natasha Sykes, who cooks the meals for the

children, said with a big smile, “I love cooking for the little ones.” I had the pleasure of sitting in the front row to see Natasha win the Columbus AFB Idol Competition...if her cooking is half as good as she can sing, then that too is a real treat. I look forward to the time our new CDC opens next fall because our children and parents deserve it.

During his Air Force Ball address General Lorenz said “leaders must learn the art of balancing shortfalls, because we never have enough money, manpower or time.” For me TIME is an acronym for Teamwork, Integrity, Mission and Enthusiasm.

Teamwork – English clergyman John Donne wrote, “No man is an Island, entire of (him)self.” Columbus AFB is all about teamwork. When student pilots fly their first solo sortie, the whole BLAZE Team supported the flight and the Wing’s mission to produce the world’s best pilots. Teamwork makes all of us successful.

Integrity - our number one, foundational Core Value. Without integrity, the other Air Force values of excellence and service will falter. The smallest crack in an aircraft wing can eventually lead to the wing’s catastrophic failure. That is why we routinely inspect our aircraft.

DynCorp’s nondestruction inspection lab team lead, Mr. Paul David took pride in showing me how he X-rays and inspects aircraft parts for

cracks to ensure the aircraft’s structural integrity. One should never have to inspect their own integrity. Do what is right, the first time, and your integrity will remain solid.

Mission – The mission of the Air Force is to fly, fight and win . . . in air, space and cyberspace. Our Core Values of service before self and excellence in all we do directly support mission accomplishment. Deployment is a best example when the Air Force calls on us to ensure the mission comes first . . . before your unit, yourself and your family. Balance time spent with your family and friends so when a deployment comes, your family is equipped to handle the time apart. The Wing’s mission for all our deployed Airmen is to take care of the family members left behind so you are not distracted from ensuring we can fly, fight and win.

Enthusiasm – The common attribute of any effective organization is enthusiasm. With many first term Airmen and student pilots, Columbus is known for its youth, vigor and enthusiasm. Enthusiasm applies to the whole BLAZE Team. Very late on a Thursday evening, when I drove onto Columbus AFB for the first time, at the front gate Mr. Rexford Johnson greeted me with a big, enthusiastic smile.

Keep smiling Columbus AFB . . . “the base looks great.”

On E-mail

Lt Col Steve Ankerstar
50 FTS Commander

e-mail v. – *To write or send by electronic mail.*

E-mail is a part of daily life. Yet it appears there is a need for some rules of etiquette regarding its use. I do not know of an official guide that outlines specific rules, but I would like to offer a few helpful hints to guide your drafting and sending of e-mails to enable better results through increased efficiency and effectiveness.

Brevity is key. If your point takes more than about four sentences, then it’s time to pick up the phone and make a call the old-fashioned way. I chuckle every time a read (if I actually read all of it) a lengthy email that could have been easily discussed over the phone or in person. This also allows for discussion on the topic to clarify intent and leads to actual communication, which after all, is the point. If you must write a page-long e-mail, always include the BLUF (bottom line up front). If you would like me to take action on an issue, then it must be stated up front and not buried in paragraph six.

To: means action, CC: means information. It is important to address your e-mails properly. Again, if your intent is to get me to take action, then the e-mail should be “to”

me. If your intent is to keep me informed of an issue, then a courtesy copy (CC:) is appropriate. Also, abbreviations like FYI (for your information), FYA (for your action), and FYC (for your coordination) are very useful as well.

BCC: is for sneaky people. I immediately suspect that anyone using BCC: (blind courtesy copy) is attempting to hide something or go behind someone’s back. I do not recommend its use...ever.

E-mail groups are for leadership. Every so often, someone will take the liberty to blast their own personal agenda out to the wing. There are only a handful of people (commanders, Chiefs, First Sergeants, executive officers, etc) that should use these groups. So, before you hit send to an entire organization, someone listed above should have approved it.

Reply to all means reply to all. So ask yourself, do you really want to reply to all on this issue? It may be easier than sorting through a whole list of names and figuring out who exactly it needs to go to, but take the time to sort through it. This is often abused when someone e-mails a group and then someone replies to all with their own (sometimes ridiculous) question or comment.

Don’t click angry. I consider each e-mail I send to be an official statement, policy, order, or request from me. That’s why I include my official signature block at the bottom of each e-mail. I recommend you apply the same rule, because it will help remind you that what you send over e-mail is for official government use. E-mail is not for venting about an issue. If you must type out your angry

response, I ask that you do this only for the therapeutic benefits. But, at the end of the day, the only click should be that of delete and not send. An angry response over e-mail can exist forever and can also propagate throughout the Air Force very quickly.

Shorten your signature block. Name, position, and your primary phone number is all that is useful. I do not need your additional duty titles, fax number, twelve phone numbers, or your street address. If I need any of those things, I will ask you. Many of us print out e-mails to take to meetings and an e-mail can end up being several pages with multiple renditions of your nine-line signature block. And, as a reminder, your favorite motivational quote, no matter how good, is not allowed by AFI.

Don’t send me a 2 megabyte file every day. If your job requires sending large files of information on a daily basis to a large number of people, then you must find an alternative. Large files (think staff meeting slides, wing schedules, etc) can be placed on SharePoint or the Air Force Portal and then accessed through a link. This step alone will prevent the dreaded “Your mailbox is over the limit” message which now prevents me from sending anything until I can weed out the multi-megabyte files.

These few helpful hints only scratch the surface on proper e-mail etiquette. While many people claim to “hate” e-mail, it is actually an extremely useful and efficient communication tool when used properly. So, please think before you click send. Your leadership, peers and subordinates will all appreciate it.

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 October 17-18 to New Orleans for the Saints vs Giants game at noon October 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.

Game nights

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

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. December 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 November 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.

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. October 16 and October 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 October 3. For more information, call 434-2490.

Family trip to Mississippi State Fair

The youth center offers this trip October 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 November 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 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.

Paintball

Thanksgiving Canned Food Drive

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

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 Sept. 1-2 and Sept. 15-16. October clinics are 6-7 and 13-14. For more information, call 434-2281.

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. Displays 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. October 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 are \$1371.38. These are inside-cabin rates. Outside cabin rates will be slightly higher. A \$25 deposit is required by October 1 and \$250 is due by May 1 with final payment due August 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 freshman 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, one to three 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.

Make a difference in someone’s life today. **Volunteer!**

Basic Military Training construction project begins this fall

LACKLAND AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — Change is coming to the Lackland Air Force Base skyline this fall as work begins in October on the first of 13 new Basic Military Training facilities.

With a price tag of nearly \$900 million, the eight Airmen training complexes and four associated dining-classroom facilities will be located on two campuses.

The campuses replace existing 1,000-man recruit housing and training buildings currently scattered around the base. The recruit housing and training buildings were built in the late 1960s and early 1970s to replace the World War II-era military open-bay barracks.

Each Airmen training complex is projected to cost \$75 million and accommodate about 1,200 basic trainees. The dining-classroom facilities are estimated to cost \$32 million each. Each Airmen training complex will have its own running track, drill pad, a war skills area and utility infrastructure.

The renovation of existing facilities to relocate offices out of the construction area is nearly complete, said Howard Steck, assigned to the 37th Civil Engineer Squadron.

“It’s one monster project. It will be one of the biggest (military construction projects) we’ve seen on base in many years,” said Camilo Morales, a 37th CES project manager.

Construction of the two new campuses will be phased over a nine-year period. Building on the east campus begins first. The west campus construction is scheduled to begin in February 2013.

Only one military open bay dormitory remains on base, located in the upcoming construction zone. The History and Traditions Museum has procured the building and it will be moved behind the museum in September.

In addition to the campuses, a new \$20 million BMT processing and information center is on the drawing board for the southeast corner of Truemper and Carswell, directly across from

the west campus.

Mr. Steck said the contractor will begin erecting construction fences for the east campus sometime in mid-October. Work on the Airmen training complex begins in November with a projected October or November 2011 completion date.

An adjacent dining-classroom facility will serve two Airmen training complexes; work is slated to start in February 2010 and should be completed at the same time as the first Airmen training complex.

By staggering construction, Mr. Steck said work on a new Airmen training complex building should begin every 12 months. According to the Army Corps of Engineers, 18 months into the project, an estimated 500 to 750 construction workers will be on the east campus daily.

“It’s going to be incredible, how many people we’re going to have out there,” Mr. Morales said.



U.S. Air Force photo illustration
Thirteen new Basic Military Training facilities with a price tag of nearly \$900 million will start to be constructed in October at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. The eight Airmen training complexes and four associated dining-classroom facilities will be located on two campuses. The campuses replace existing 1,000-man recruit housing and training buildings currently scattered around the base.

Bringing bees in to produce honey, pollinate Panjshir

Capt. John T. Stamm

Panjshir Provincial Reconstruction Team Public Affairs

BAGRAM AIRFIELD, Afghanistan — In an effort to increase agricultural productivity and boost economic capacity, 450 deserving families throughout Panjshir province were supplied with training and materials to operate and manage their own honey production businesses.

The Panjshir Ministry of Agriculture-sponsored program began in July 2008 with the delivery of 900 bee boxes (two per family) called “lower deep supers” or “brood chambers,” complete with a queen bee and a starter colony.

Initially, “starter” colonies produce only enough honey to survive, but as the colonies continue to grow, they will produce excess honey that can be harvested. This natural progression requires an “excluder” for the queen, “deep upper supers” or “food chambers” for the bees, and additional training for the beekeepers.

“The deep uppers are where the bees store the excess honey that will be harvested and will allow the queen growing room for the colony to keep them from swarming to another location,” said Mr. Greg Schlenz, United States Department of Agriculture representative to the Panjshir Provincial Reconstruction Team. “The training is necessary to ensure understanding in bee colony development and use of received materials.”

Local sources that were interviewed had no recollection of a substantial honey-bee population ever existing in the Panjshir province. 42-year-old Abdulla Shah, a life-long resident of the valley and Mujahideen guard, stated the Dara district had some honey-bee hives prior to the PRT arrival, but does not know what happened to them.

“I remember seeing the hives and the farmers selling honey in



U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Mike Keller
A local beekeeper in the Dara district of Panjshir province, Afghanistan, attends to one of his hives Sept. 7, 2009. The original two colonies given to him in 2008 have grown into 10.

Dara about five years ago,” Mr. Abdulla said. “But, I don’t remember them anywhere else in Panjshir, not even as a child.”

According to the USDA, bees are a vital component in pollination, a process by which the male cells of a plant are carried to the female cells that enables fertilization. This process is necessary in agriculture because 80 percent of plant fertilization occurs by animal interaction. Without pollination, plants cannot bear fruit or reproduce.

“Pollination was the number one reason for bringing bees into the province,” Mr. Schlenz said. “The secondary reason was the honey production.”

A single bee hive can pollinate a three-mile radius and produce three harvestable kilograms of honey a year. Currently in Panjshir the price of honey is between 300 and 1,000 Afghanis a kilogram, or about six dollars a pound. This translates into an average of 2,100 Afghanis, or \$42, per hive per year. This is a substantial supplement to the farmer’s income, which averages 20,000 Afghanis, or \$400 a year.

A farmer in the Khenj district of Panjshir, who identified himself as “Abdullah,” is a participant in the bee-keeping project. His farm has grown from two to five hives in just one season. He recently harvested eight kilograms of honey.

“This has been very good for my family,” said Mr. Abdullah. “I have the honey for my family and the bees have increased the pollination in my fields.”

The beneficiaries of the starter bee-farms were hand-picked by the Panjshir Director of Agriculture through consult with community shuras. The recipients had to meet stringent criteria and attend four weeks of training, which included biology, species, identification, raising and caring techniques, maintenance, pollination, production and harvesting, and basic business and marketing skills.

The project not only benefits the ecosystem, it also builds capacity through cooperation. Currently, there are only two honey extractors within each of Panjshir’s seven districts; with beekeepers having to share the equipment. Through this process, beekeepers share experience, knowledge and information.

“It’s a win-win project where, agriculturally, we are seeing an increase in fruit, vegetables, wild flowers, clovers, alfalfas and other plants,” Mr. Schlenz said. “Secondly, the farmers are earning an extra income they probably never thought would occur from bees.”

Lorenz on Leadership — A tale of two instructors

Gen. Stephen R. Lorenz
Commander, Air Education and Training Command

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — Air Education and Training Command is primarily made up of students and instructors. On the surface, the instructors simply teach certain skills so that students are ready for new challenges. In reality, they contribute so much more. Instructors make us better Airmen and continually raise our level of performance by enforcing the standards. They make a difference by tailoring their message and connecting with each and every student. I cannot tell you the number of times senior officers and NCOs have told me stories about an instructor who made a difference in their lives — I know you can think of instructors who had a positive impact in your life. I am no different. Let me tell you about two instructors that helped shape who I am today.

The first instructor who made a difference in my life was Capt. Leonard J. “Chicken” Funderburk. He flew OV-10s in Vietnam and was awarded the Air Force Cross for heroism. He flew hard, played hard and, at six foot five with a black belt in Karate, was larger than life. Numerous stories about his heroic feats in Vietnam and phenomenal instruction in the T-37 Tweet were passed down from class to class. Even before my class left academics to start flying the T-37, we were awed by Chicken’s reputation.

After graduation from academics, I was assigned to D Flight in the 43rd Flying Training Squadron at Craig Air Force Base, Ala. Along with two other classmates, I sat at a table right next to Chicken’s. Every day, I had a front row seat to Chicken’s post-flight debriefings — it was a sight to behold. Chicken dissected each and every element of the training sortie and demanded that each of his students were well prepared and flew their best. His students always started the debrief sitting straight up in their chairs, nervous smiles trying to feign confidence. This posture never lasted long. After two hours of continuous critique, smiles quickly vanished and bodies eventually melted toward the floor. I was so thankful Chicken was not my instructor.

I flew training sorties with my assigned instructor and had some good days and others I’d rather forget. Unfortunately, one of those not-so-good days was my “pre-solo”

Take the time to make a positive impact in each of your student’s lives — regardless of whether those “students” are found at work or in the community. It’s what I strive to do each and every day and it’s the only way that our Air Force will remain the best in the world.

sortie. I “busted” the ride and wasn’t cleared to solo like my other classmates. I was absolutely crushed. My flight commander decided that I needed a change and called me into his office. He told me he was shifting me to a new instructor. I’m sure he watched the color leave my face when he told me my new instructor would be Chicken.

I begged him not to do it — especially after just having busted a ride. I started to doubt that I would make it through the program. The next day I sat across from Chicken, mortified. I knew he could see right through my feigned smile. I tried to focus on my sortie as his deep voice stepped through the elements of the upcoming pre-solo mission. He told me one thing over and over again, “Always be hot and be high; never be low and be slow!” He must have said it 10 times. He took me out to the flight line and had me climb into the T-37. Since I had busted the previous pre-solo ride, I knew this sortie really counted.

We took off and he set me up first for a straight-in approach, followed by a single engine and then no-flap landing. As I look back, each one of these approaches was average to slightly below average. After the last planned approach, Chicken turned to me and yelled, “Lorenz you are going to kill me, put her on the deck!” With those words, I knew I was finished and probably going to wash out of pilot training. I landed . . . and then he told me to shut down the number two engine. All of a sudden I realized he was going to let me solo. I was elated. As Chicken stepped from the aircraft he once again said, “Always be hot and be high; never be low and be slow.”

I took off and had a very uneventful solo

sortie. Chicken realized that I lacked a little confidence and just needed the right kind of instruction and motivation to succeed. Over the next few months, Chicken’s demanding teaching style gave me the confidence to not only complete pilot training, but to face subsequent challenges in both my professional and private lives. I have never forgotten him or how he made a difference in my life.

I encountered the second instructor whom made a difference in my life much later in my career. In 1986, I was stationed at Castle Air Force Base, Calif., and was selected to upgrade to instructor pilot in the KC-135. In order to upgrade, everyone had to complete a six week program called, Central Flight Instructor Course. It was a very demanding course which trained upgrading instructors about how to teach aircraft systems and flight procedures. It emphasized the many ways students could unintentionally back into harrowing situations and helped instructors to correct the errors before everyone onboard became another safety statistic. I didn’t bat an eye when Capt. Rusty Findley (now Lt. Gen. Rusty Findley, Air Mobility Command vice commander) and I were teamed with the most famous KC-135 CFIC instructor in the fleet at the time, Lt. Col. Earl Orbin.

Colonel Orbin was famous for being straight forward, thorough, relentless and demanding. We had both heard horror stories about how challenging his level of instruction was. Now, Rusty and I had been flying the KC-135 for years. We were long on experience and confidence, and looked forward to the course. After all, we knew the KC-135 and its systems inside and out. For us, the instructor course was going to be a breeze.

Through a series of Colonel Orbin’s challenging training sorties, including grueling pre-briefs and debriefs, one thing became clear: I was too overconfident in my existing abilities and systems knowledge. My overconfidence had led me to become complacent. During flight operations, much like other career fields, complacency can kill. It can lead one to overestimate their own abilities while not paying enough attention to the student’s lack of ability.

I quickly changed my approach, increased my level of preparation and arrived each day on top of my game. I left the course with the instructional skills I would need during each upcoming mission.



General Stephen R. Lorenz is the Air Education and Training Command commander.

Colonel Orbin was fair, firm and demanding. He pushed Rusty and me — forced us both to grow as aviators and instructors. He reminded us that flying is an unforgiving business where everyone’s limits vary from day to day, sortie to sortie. We needed to balance our own limits with those of the student. Since then I have learned to apply this lesson in other areas of my life as well. I think it has made me a better aviator, officer, husband, father and friend.

Instructors, like Captain “Chicken” Funderburk and Colonel Orbin, make a difference each and every day and are the backbone of our Air Force’s excellence.

Although my instructors employed different techniques, they looked at me through a clear lens, saw where I needed improvement and tailored their instruction specifically for me. When you have the opportunity, follow the lead of Chicken, Colonel Orbin, and all the instructors who made a difference in your life. Take the time to make a positive impact in each of your student’s lives — regardless of whether those “students” are found at work or in the community. It’s what I strive to do each and every day and it’s the only way that our Air Force will remain the best in the world.

Changes ahead for Air Force acquisition

Derek Kaufman

88th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio — More than 275 Air Force and defense industry leaders met here Sept. 3 to discuss military technology acquisition challenges and opportunities facing the nation.

The Air Force Association Technology Symposium was timed to immediately follow the semi-annual Air Force Materiel Command Senior Leaders Conference held Sept. 1 and 2.

Gen. Donald J. Hoffman, the AFMC commander, called the symposium's timing, mix of senior leader presentations and focused breakout sessions "a good nexus of events" to help enhance the government-industry partnership and the team's ability to more quickly develop and field new capabilities.

He used the analogy of nurturing a garden, noting that when resources compete or are limited, not every seed planted in support of a new technology or system will bear fruit right away. Acquisition, research and development and sustainment experts — from both government and industry — need to be patient, he added.

"I think we all share the same frustration: that there are a lot of noble ideas that don't get all the way to the finish line," General Hoffman said. "Whether we're fighting today's fight or preparing for tomorrow's, technology will be a part of the solution. It's in our culture as a nation and certainly in our culture as an Air Force."

Commanders and executive directors from across AFMC listened to presentations on topics ranging from "going green" with environmentally friendly technologies to strategies enabling small businesses to successfully garner government contracts.

Lt. Gen. Thomas J. Owen, the Aeronautical Systems Center commander, said it's "imperative" for everyone involved in new technology development and acquisition to adopt a "systems engineering, enterprise-wide mindset." Only then will America be able to stay ahead of adversaries who can easily adapt. He emphasized the need to keep costs and schedules under control.

"We absolutely have to think systems engineering — think the entire system — not some point solution to an individual problem that benefits one aspect of one program, or one aspect of one company," General Owen said.

He explained that this requires an understanding of the entire environment: stakeholders; Department of Defense officials' planning, programming and budgeting and joint capabilities integration processes; and much more. Breaking down stovepipes and silver-bullet platform thinking and replacing them with common, consistent, analytical approaches are vital.

Changes within the last year to DOD Instruction 5000.02, which governs defense acquisition, build in some of this thinking by requiring more risk assessments, analysis and detailed reporting up front, before major program milestone decisions, General Owen said.

General Owen, the program executive officer for aircraft procurement and modernization, reminded everyone in attendance that all Air Force capabilities ultimately come from



U.S. Air Force photo/William Pugh
Gen. Donald J. Hoffman addresses Air Force Materiel Command and defense industry leaders at an Air Force Association Technology Symposium Sept. 3, 2009, at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. General Hoffman is the AFMC commander.

industry.

"This is a team sport," General Owen said, adding that industry must be an essential partner throughout the entire process and they may be asked to assume more of the risk as the Air Force moves away from 'cost plus fixed fee' and 'cost plus award fee' contracts. "Profit should be closely related to risk."

The Air Force needs better definitions of realistic requirements up front, simplified source selections, more robust systems engineering, increased efforts at technology risk reduction and competitive prototyping, General Owen said. Additional program documentation requirements for both industry and government and more scrutiny in the form of independent subject matter expert reviews are things everyone needs to get used to.

View from Washington

Amplifying on those comments, Lt. Gen. Mark D. "Shack" Shackelford, the military deputy to the assistant secretary of the Air Force for acquisition, offered his Washington perspective on technology challenges and what can be done to make acquisition more predictable. He highlighted some recent process and organizational changes, and hinted more would be revealed soon.

Secretary of the Air Force Michael B. Donley and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz have shepherded a "shift in the landscape" and engaged on a number of areas to

raise the level of visibility for acquisition across the Air Force, General Shackelford said.

The acquisition improvement plan, now in execution, includes a number of initiatives, he said. No. 1 is to revitalize the workforce. The cumulative effect of many iterations of acquisition transformation over the last 10 to 15 years resulted in a 23 percent decrease in the size of the acquisition workforce, even as workload increased some 50 percent. Loss of skilled groups like cost estimators, cost analysts and contracting people has been particularly hard-felt. Deployment requirements have also been challenging for both officer and enlisted contracting professionals, with 70 percent of all contracting jobs in Southwest Asia being filled by Airmen, who rotate on six-month intervals in and out of theater with a one-to-one deployment to dwell ratio.

"We put a lot of pressure on our people and some of them are choosing to do other things," General Shackelford said.

The Air Force is aggressively working to fill vacant positions, and also garnered about 2000 new authorizations between fiscal 2010 and 2013, mostly civilian positions. In April, Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates announced a multi-year plan to beef-up DOD's in-house acquisition workforce by 20,000. That number includes an allocation of more than 4,800 positions for the Air Force, including 3,400 positions to come from contractor-to-civilian conversions, General Shackelford said. The mix includes program managers, systems engineers, contracting specialists, cost estimators and other disciplines, including a small number of attorneys.

He said the effort encourages development of a balanced workforce with both experienced professionals and highly-educated young people with no government experience who bring their fresh ideas. Training and education are important components of the workforce development plan with focus on more slots and money for Defense Acquisition University and Air Force Institute of Technology course attendance.

Other efforts to instill discipline to prevent requirements creep and stay within the funded budget target must balance "the never-ending demand for the latest, coolest thing," General Shackelford said.

"Funding is not ours to control," General Shackelford acknowledged, adding that seeking better fidelity in cost estimations to ensure the proper level of funding in the Acquisition Decision Memorandum document that steers every program is vital. "There's a balance between overfunding a program and constraining the use of funds," he said, adding he foresees "some slash and burn" ahead as the Air Force re-prioritizes to reflect budget realities. He noted "lots of budget churn" and a negative slope for research, development, test & evaluation funding is likely, especially, when Air Force funding for the F-35 Lightning program is removed from the equation.

On the topic of source selections, General Shackelford underscored the value of additional internal and external reviews that are now required.

"The goal here is not to avoid a protest," he said. The goal is to have our act together, so if we do get a protest, (government's) odds of winning that protest are much greater."

Officials announce 2009 AFA outstanding Air Force civilians

Paige Hughes

Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — Four Air Force members were recognized as the 2009 Air Force Association Outstanding Air Force Civilian Employees of the Year during the AFA's Air & Space Conference and Technology Exposition Sept. 16 at the National Harbor in Oxon Hill, Md.

Each year, Air Force Association officials recognize four Air Force civilian employees for outstanding achievement in any career field.

This year's recipients included:

— Civilian Wage Employee Award to Brigido G. Serrano of the 355th Logistics Readiness Squadron from Davis Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz.

— Civilian Program Specialist Award to Gary J.

Parker of the 45th Medical Support Squadron at Patrick AFB, Fla.

— Civilian Program Manager Award to Kenneth E. Bandy of the 77th Aeronautical Systems Wing from Eglin AFB, Fla.

— Civilian Senior Program Manager Award to Jeffrey J. Braun of the 308th Armament Systems Wing at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.

Award recipients are authorized to wear the Air Force Recognition Ribbon lapel pin.

Civilian recognition program details can be found in Air Force Instruction 36-1004, Managing the Civilian Recognition Program. For information on nomination packages for this program, visit www.afpc.randolph.af.mil and type "AFA Outstanding AF Civilian Employee" into the search engine or call the 24-hour Total Force Contact Center at 800-525-0102.

VPP coming to Columbus AFB

2nd Lt. Edwin Miltenberger

14th Flying Training Wing
Public Affairs

During the Commanders call on the 29th of September Colonel Roger Watkins 14th Flying Training Wing commander and a representative of Mr. Earl McDuffie 14 OSS/OSAD will be signing the management commitment for the Voluntary Protection Program (VPP).

The VPP promotes effective worksite-based safety and

health. Approval into it is an official recognition of outstanding efforts on behalf of employers and employees who have achieved exemplary occupational safety and health.

The average VPP worksite has a Days Away Restricted or Transferred case rate of 52 percent below the average for its industry. In signing this management commitment Columbus Air Force Base hopes to reduce the number and severity of accidents by applying the VPP strategy.

Child development centers strive to meet revised national accreditation standards

Maj. Beth Kelley Horine

Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

SAN ANTONIO — Air Force services leaders implemented a five-year plan to gradually phase Air Force child development centers through the new, re-accreditation system and assist them in meeting the strict accreditation requirements and 64 CDCs have already met the new standards.

The five-year plan was in response to the 2006 announcement from the National Association for the Education of Young Children as they made sweeping changes to the standards, included 412 criteria with which to evaluate programs in including curriculum, assessment, health, relationship and leadership and management.

"The National Association for the Education of Young Children has sponsored a national accreditation system since 1985, designed to establish professional standards for early childhood education programs and to help families identify high-quality programs," said Candace Bird, the child and youth programs deputy chief for Headquarters Manpower, Personnel and Services.

The Air Force plan developed at the Air Staff including training, consultant visits, process standardization, and Air Force-wide solution development to provide consistency in programs.

"Additionally, the phases allowed for more individ-

ualized support to bases and provided bases in subsequent phases the opportunity to take advantage of lessons learned by bases in earlier phases," Ms. Bird added.

There are four steps a child development program must complete in the new accreditation process: application, self-study, candidacy and the on-site visit.

"We have approximately 60 additional Air Force programs in one of the various accreditation steps or stages," Ms. Bird said. She also noted that a single Air Force base may have multiple child development programs, depending on the number of children served and number of faculty members required by the NAEYC.

At Ramstein Air Base, Germany, Janna Keller, the CDC and Family Child Care director, initially faced some challenges bringing the Ramstein AB programs in line with the new accreditation standards, but now feels the changes have brought great improvements to the care and family interaction in their overseas child development programs.

"Familiarizing ourselves and the classroom teachers with a little over 400 new criteria for the NAEYC accreditation was our greatest challenge," Ms. Keller said. She also added that being overseas, the CDCs encounter constant staff turnover because family members comprise a large majority of the work force and those who are hired stay only as long as their sponsor's assignment allows.

"This adds additional challenges because we were always training new staff on quality child care and

NAEYC criteria," she said.

However, the new NAEYC criteria allowed the Ramstein AB CDC to better share the program's story and to become better communicators with the parents enrolled in the program, Ms. Keller added.

"We have built community relationships that were not present in the past," she said, "and the parents that took on an active role through evaluating our policies and procedures, being advocates for our program, and giving us suggestions for improvements have become stronger leaders within the programs. It has made us a closer CDC community."

Ms. Keller also said the Air Force greatly helped by providing initial training and preparation for the new NAEYC accreditation standards.

"Programs were allowed the time they needed to adequately prepare. By connecting bases through small group training, resources and ideas were shared. I believe this has attributed to the Air Force's successful accreditation rates," she said.

"Historically, Air Force child development programs have led the other services with the highest number of accredited CDCs — 99 percent — attaining this hallmark of quality," Ms. Bird said.

For information about Air Force child development centers, visit the Air Force services child development programs Web site at <http://public.afsv.net/FMP/ChildProgramsDotCom/CD C.htm>.

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.

Airman's Activity Council Meeting

The Airman's Advisory Council will be holding a meeting on Thursday, Oct. 8 at 4 p.m. located at the Services Complex Building. All airmen grades E-1 to E-4 are encouraged to attend.

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.

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 Thursday from 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Story Time will continue to be held each week.

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 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.

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.

School Liaison Officer

The Columbus Air Force Base School Liaison Officer works with local school districts, schools, parents and students on issues related to elementary and secondary education for the children of ALL personnel (civilian, military and contractor) assigned to the installation. As parents of school age children are aware, there are many unique issues our children face as they transition to new schools. The role of the School Liaison Officer is to assist families ensure their children receive the best possible education regardless of where they attend school. For assistance, please contact the School Liaison Officer at 434-2792 or via email at slo@columbus.af.mil.

CAC Card Replacement

Members can replace their Common Access Card within 60 days of it expiring. All personnel will need to provide the following at the time of replacement: two forms of identification, government ("dot" mil or gov) email address, a six to eight digit personal identification number and an application for a CAC, the appropriate

application will be provided to appointment is made. Call 434-2626 or 434-2624 to schedule an appointment.

Testing Hours

The Education Office conducts CLEP/DANTES, CDC, PME, etc. testing on Tuesdays and Thursdays promptly at 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. Students arriving late will be rescheduled. Testing will be conducted outside of this schedule only when verifiable extreme circumstances exist. Please call 434-2562 or 434-2561 to schedule an exam.

Legal Hours

The legal office offers legal assistance on Tuesdays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. by appointment only. Notary and/or power-of-attorney are done as a walk-in during normal business days from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., arriving no later than 3:45p.m. Participants must be eligible for assistance to receive service. For more information, call the base legal office at 434-7030.

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.

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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

Rates increase to meet AF Standards

2nd Lt. Edwin Miltenberger
14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

The rates at Columbus AFB Magnolia Inn will be increasing on the first of next month to match the Air Force mandated lodging price for Visiting Quarters.

The price for VQ's will be raised from \$27 to a mandated \$39 as AETC's pricing waiver comes to an end on October 1.

The price for all rooms is established by Air Force Services HQ in San Antonio who has set a standardized rate on the various living facilities offered by lodging across the United States. The Magnolia Inn until recently had operated under an AETC waiver which held the cost at \$27, but this waiver runs out the beginning of October.

The General Manager of the Magnolia Inn, Mr. Ron Jones, a Certified Hotel Administrator, says that it is no fault

or decision on the part of Lodging that the price has increased.

"We keep reinvesting in our facilities in order that our guests can enjoy their stay", he explained but that the price to stay isn't his decision.

All money raised here goes into the Air Force Lodging Fund. These funds are used to renovate, pay for supplies and upgrades, as well as pay Lodging employees.

Money raised is also sent to various bases in order to pay for major reconstruction which they cannot fund on their own. As in the case of reconstructing Kessler AFB Lodging after it was damaged in the wake of Hurricane Katrina.

Funds also make their way back to Columbus AFB and this year the Magnolia Inn received \$900,000 dollars to renovate all of the Temporary Living Quarters and some VQ's which was recently completed. Next year Columbus AFB Lodging will be replacing all of the carpets, mattresses, and

other room furnishings with money from the Lodging Fund as well.

Mr. Jones and his staff are increasing the quality of the services they provides here on base with the resources they have available. Mr. Jones says that their motto at the Magnolia Inn is, "make it right the first time," and that they will be installing high-speed wireless internet this February to live to that motto.

The PCS season is over which is the Inn's busiest time when almost all new BLAZE members are arriving at Columbus. Mr. Jones was excited and thankful about the many comments left by guests and says it is one of the main ways he knows what is working well and what needs improvement. He said that guests comments are essential to making the next persons experience even better and reminds that if anyone has guests coming for the holidays, reservations can be made up to 120 days in advance.

Housing office changes to housing asset management office

Tina Durrah

14th Flying Training Wing Housing Office

The Air Force has sealed a 50-year deal with private corporations so as to no longer manage, control or fund housing. Even so, there will still be a base housing office to help with certain issues/events.

If you need the following, come to the Housing Office (HAMO):

You are new to Columbus AFB and need your BAH verified/started at Columbus rate.

You need help finding a place to live.

You live off base and want to move on base.

You live on base and need someone to talk to about issues you are having with the present Management.

You live off base and need someone to talk to about issues you are having with your management.

You are PCSing and want to apply for housing at your gaining base.

You want to sell your home by owner (not

through a realtor).

You are moving into housing within the confines of the base and all your household goods will not fit in your new house.

Although our name has been changed from HO to HAMO, we still perform services to assist military members and their families. We still deal with BAH's, drayage orders, referrals, inspection of rentals in the local community, allotments, rental partnership program (no background checks, application fees, or security deposit for those participating in the program) and mediation while maintaining a watch over the privatization deal.

This includes watching their finances to assure they are remaining within the budget they agreed to maintain, surveying maintenance work orders to assure the military members are properly serviced, monitoring files, grounds, inspections, etc. The HAMO still assists with annual BAH surveys, newcomer briefings, smooth moves, town hall meetings and actively participates in partnership meetings with the privatization community.

**Need more information?
Please log on to
www.Columbus.AF.Mil!**

Volunteer Opportunity of the Week

Did you know that tutoring can make the difference between becoming a high school graduate or becoming a high school drop out? Volunteer today as a tutor by calling the Community Volunteer Center at 327-0807.

Cinderella Project Fundraiser

The Cinderella Project of Lowndes County is in full swing and we have over 100 gowns donated to date! I am so excited to report that Taggart's Auctions here in Columbus sold a wholesale lot of over 1,500 dresses to Hudson Salvage LLC. Hudson's picked the dresses up 30 minutes before The Cinderella Project was able to submit a bid. Fortunately, Hudson Salvage is an extraordinary company and is allowing a shopping committee from the proj-

ect to "shop the warehouse" before the dresses are distributed to the stores. We have partnered with Papa John's in Columbus. They have provided us with Community Fundraiser Cards to raise as much money as we can before Oct 2! \$10 "Gowns a Gal" and gets you 20 FREE pizzas! We have a goal of 100 new dresses! Help us meet our goal! Your contribution goes straight to our community! No money? No Problem! Donate your dress. Donations can be made and dropped off at Rob Naugher State Farm Agency at 202 Hospital Drive, Columbus, Ms 39705. (662) 327-1671.

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.

Columbus Day Celebration - SPECIAL EVENT!

Celebrate Columbus Day Mississippi style and volunteer during the Columbus Day Celebration set for October 10! Have a knack for something sweet? Hand out Columbus Day cupcakes and refreshments. Are you strong and active? Set up chairs and tables for the event. Are you Earth-friendly? Help clean up when the event is over. Do you love animals?

Assist with the Pet Parade and show off adoptable dogs. Call Meagan at 327.0807 to sign up today!

- Three volunteers to set up for the event from 8:45 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.
- Two volunteers to hand out Columbus Day Cupcakes from 10 to 11 a.m.
- One volunteer to provide drinks and refreshments from 10 to 11 a.m.
- Three volunteers to clean up after the event from 10:45 to 11:45 a.m.
- Five volunteers to help contain and direct the Pet Parade from 9:30 to 10 a.m.
- Four volunteers to handle the Pet Parade Registration from 8:45 to 9:30 a.m.
- Twenty volunteers to walk the "adoptable" dogs from the Humane Society.

The set up and clean up will be a very simple with chairs, tables, a tent and garbage.

BARGAIN LINE

Transportation

For sale: 2001 Lincoln Town Car Executive: Blue exterior, tan leather seats, new battery, 6 disk CD changer and front headlights. 4.6L V8 Auto, smooth ride, excellent working condition. Make an offer. 662-425-4953 or 337-274-5479.

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: 18ft' Express aluminum bass boat; 100% welded, Mercury o/b, less than 50 hrs on motor, like new; sacrifice \$7500 o.b.o. FMI call 662-275-7179.

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 compact disc, premium sound system with Bose speakers, approx 64k miles, Good condition throughout, \$12,500 o.b.o. FMI call (662) 240-0226.

Miscellaneous

For sale: 2-man bass boat, with pull trailer, and 2 trolling motors. \$350; FMI call 662-242-0776

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

For sale: (Motorcycle) 2005 Honda 600RR, 6700mi, Devil exhaust, lots of extras - \$5450 o.b.o. FMI call 808-221-2005.

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: Hitch for Honda Accord, \$50; Olympic queen pillow top mattress set with frame, good condition, sell for \$375; enclosed sports bike trailer, \$2200. FMI call 660-238-3687.

For sale: Chest Freezer \$100, desk \$40.00, Hammond organ \$500, baby crib \$35., tables/chairs \$75.00, piano bench \$25, couch \$35 FMI call 364-0826.

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, \$750, works excellent! Can e-mail photos and can deliver, call 662-497-2175 FMI. Baby items: Jeep jogging stroller w/built-in sound system, \$80; Double stroller, side by side model, \$30; Back carrier/stroller, folds in to stroller or back carrier, great for traveling, \$40; Stand and push walking trainer, \$20. FMI call 662-497-2175.

For sale: Dell Dimension 8400 desktop PC, Pent 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 \$350. FMI call (662) 386-6981.

For sale: Lexmark X7675 Professional Series Wireless Multifunction all-in-one inkjet printer with print, copy, fax and scan. Two-sided print and only 5 months old; \$150 o.b.o. call 662-425-2747, ask for Alisha.

For sale: Black leather chair, new condition: \$150; Bassett furniture custom designed Estate XL sofa with down feather cushions and accent pillows, new condition and lifetime frame warranty: \$500 o.b.o. munire light colored baby girls bedroom suite, can be full size bed or crib (with crib mattress) and large dresser with hutch, new condition: \$650; FMI or for pictures call 356-0642 or 352-6089.

For sale: Small pool table, \$50; fireplace gas log insert w/glass doors, \$75. Goose Hollow dining room set, less than a year old, table with leaf, four black chairs, \$1000 OBO. FMI call 574-9414.

For sale: TSL Super Swamper Tires, 33/12.50/18, less than 4000 miles on set, asking \$400.00. Call 662-328-4799.

Saturday Yard Sales

243 Winchester Drive (Off Ridge/Spivey & Jolly Roads); Saturday, 8 - 12:00: furniture items and lots of other stuff.

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



ASA officials assign crew for final scheduled Space Shuttle mission

WASHINGTON — NASA officials have assigned the crew for the last scheduled space shuttle mission, targeted to launch in September 2010. The flight to the International Space Station will carry a pressurized logistics module to the station.

Veteran shuttle commander and retired Air Force Col. Steven W. Lindsey will command the eight-day mission, designated STS-133. Air Force Col. Eric A. Boe will serve as the pilot; it will be his second flight as a shuttle pilot. Mission Specialists are shuttle mission veteran Air Force Col. Benjamin Alvin Drew, Jr., and long-duration spaceflight veterans Michael R. Barratt, Army Col. Timothy L. Kopra and Nicole P. Stott.

Colonel Lindsey will be making his fifth shuttle flight. He served as the pilot of STS-87 in 1997 and STS-95 in 1998, and commanded STS-104 in 2001 and STS-121 in 2006. Colonel Lindsey was born in Arcadia, Calif., and considers Temple City, Calif., to be his hometown. He has a bachelor's degree from the U.S. Air Force Academy and a master's degree from the Air Force Institute of Technology.

Colonel Lindsey currently is chief of the astronaut office. Long-duration spaceflight veteran and former space station commander Peggy A. Whitson has been named his successor when he transitions in October to training for his spaceflight. Ms. Whitson was a flight engineer aboard the station during Expedition 5 in 2002 and the commander of Expedition 16 in 2007 to 2008.

Colonel Boe will be making his second shuttle flight. He was the pilot of STS-126 in 2008. He was born in Miami and grew up in Atlanta. He has a bachelor's degree from the U.S. Air Force Academy and a master's degree from the Georgia Institute of Technology.

Colonel Drew flew as a mission specialist on STS-118 in 2007 and is currently the director of operations at the Gagarin Cosmonaut Training Center in Star City, Russia. He was born in Washington, D.C. Colonel Drew has two bachelor's degrees and a master's degree from the U.S. Air Force Academy and a



Space Shuttle Discovery, mission STS-128, sits on the launch pad Aug. 24, 2009, prior to liftoff. NASA officials have announced the crew for the final Shuttle mission, STS-133, which is targeted for launch in September 2010. The crew will include three Air Force astronauts.

master's degree from Embry Riddle University.

Doctor Barratt, a medical doctor, currently is on his first mission, aboard the space station as a flight engineer for Expeditions 19 and 20. He launched to the station on a Russian Soyuz spacecraft March 26 and is due to return to Earth on the same Soyuz Oct. 11. He was born in Vancouver, Wash., and considers Camas, Wash., his hometown. He has a bachelor's degree from the University of Washington, a master's degree from Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio, and a doctorate of medicine from Northwestern University.

Colonel Kopra just completed his first spaceflight, as a flight engineer aboard the space station for Expedition 20. He launched July 15 on shuttle mission STS-127 and landed

aboard shuttle mission STS-128 on Sept. 11. He was born in Austin, Texas. He has a bachelor's degree from the U.S. Military Academy, and master's degrees from the Georgia Institute of Technology and the U.S. Army War College.

Ms. Stott is in the midst of her first mission as a flight engineer aboard the station with Doctor Barratt for Expeditions 20 and 21. She launched aboard STS-128 on Aug. 28 and is due to return at the end of STS-129, targeted for launch Nov. 12. She was born in Albany, N.Y., and considers Clearwater, Fla., her hometown. She has a bachelor's degree from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and a master's degree from the University of Central Florida.

(Courtesy of NASA News Service)

BRIEFS

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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.

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.

Budgeting Basics

This event is held every Wednesday from 11 a.m. to noon at Airman & Family Readiness Center. Learn practical ways to tell

your money where to go rather than wonder where it went. For more information, call 434-2790.

AFAS...Air Force People Helping Each Other

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

Employment Workshop

There is an employment workshop every Wednesday at 1 p.m. Airman and Family Readiness Center. Participants will learn about local and base employment opportunities. For more information, call 434-2790.

Spouse Welcome

A special welcome for new personnel assigned to Columbus AFB is held each Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m. in the Magnolia Inn Lobby. For more information, call 434-2790.

AFRC Calendar

Would you like to receive e-mails in your home of up-to-date information on events being held at the Airman and Family Readiness Center? Sign up for Airman and Family Readiness Center electronic calendar. To sign up, send an e-mail to AFRC@columbus.af.mil and ask to be added to the list. This calendar provides great information on things happening at your Airman & Family Readiness Center. For more information, call 434-2631.

CAFB Fetal Protection Program

Senior Airman Jennifer Callahan & 1st Lt. Basil Aboul-Enein
14th Medical Operations Squadron

Supervisors have a responsibility to ensure all females within their duty section receive appropriate health care as soon as possible when they suspect they are pregnant. If you have female workers, periodically discuss with them the information on pregnancy testing and workplace evaluations for pregnant women.

There are a large number of chemical and physical agents which are known or suspected to cause reproductive damage to both men and women, such as solvents, carbon disulfide, lead, radiation, vibration, and physical strain. Many of these may be present in your workplace here at CAFB.

Some of the same chemical and physical agents may be particularly dangerous to the health of pregnant workers and their unborn child. The most sensitive time period for these agents to affect the fetus is during the first three to 10 weeks of pregnancy. It is of great importance that the pregnancy be confirmed as soon as possible so necessary work restrictions can be applied.

Once pregnancy is suspected, military personnel should make an appointment with the clinic to confirm the pregnancy. Pregnancy is usually confirmed by lab test and without the individual undergoing a physical exam. Civilian employees may be referred to their personal physicians for confirmation of pregnancy. The worker will be interviewed by Public

Health to determine hazards associated with the workplace environment. Temporary restrictions may be employed at this time, if necessary. Pregnant workers will be educated on general and specific reproductive hazards, occupational hazards, and non-occupational hazards.

Proper personal protective equipment and personal hygiene is essential for healthy work environments especially in relation to pregnancy. If any changes in the workplace occur, contact Public Health immediately so a thorough review of the workers profile can be accomplished.

An increased number of women in the workplace have resulted in an increased probability of children being born with birth defects.

If you use chemicals at work or home, you should find out what they are and if your exposure to them might harm you or your baby. Occasional exposures to small amounts of some chemicals such as paint fumes are not likely to harm your fetus.

The supervisor plays an important role in protecting the health and well being of the mother and the unborn child. Ensure all females in the duty section who become pregnant report to Public Health, so their work centers can be evaluated for potential hazards. If you or any members of your office have questions concerning this important program, refer to AFI 44-102 and GI 48-111, or contact the Occupational Health office at 434-2144.

FTAC graduates newest class of Airmen



Congratulations to the BLAZE Team's newest First Term Airman Center graduates: (front row, left to right) Airman Basic Devonta McGee, 14th Comptroller-Contracting Squadron; Airman 1st Class Heather Godon, 14th Medical Operations Squadron; Airman 1st Class Shondelle Ah Kuoi, 14th MDOS; Airman Ashley Chatman, 14th Operations Support Squadron; (middle row, left to right) Airman 1st Class Morgan Good, 14th MDOS; Airman 1st Class Kyle Malczewski, 14th OSS; Airman 1st Class Michael Gray, 14th OSS; Airman 1st Class Michael Sober, 14th OSS; Airman Basic Daniel Waldrop, 14th OSS; (back row, left to right) Airman 1st Class Marc Bernier, 14th OSS; Airman 1st Class James Otis, 14th OSS; Airman 1st Class Morris Worship, 14th Communications Squadron; Airman 1st Class Matthew Price, 14th Security Forces Squadron; and Airman 1st class Arne Belardo, 14th OSS. Also show is Master Sgt. Brian Bailey, 14th Flying Training Wing career assistance advisor.

U.S. Air Force photo

BLAZE Team honors prisoners-of-war, missing-in-action at ceremony



U.S. Air Force photo/Sonic Johnson
First Lt. James Schmidt, 50th Flying Training Squadron, plays Taps at the POW/MIA Recognition Ceremony and Retreat September 18 in Smith Plaza.



14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

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Football: Falcons feast on turnovers, down New Mexico 37-13

John Van Winkle
U.S. Air Force Academy Public Affairs

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — The U.S. Air Force Academy defense forced four turnovers and capitalized on New Mexico's offensive miscues to down the Lobos 37-13 here Sept. 19 in NCAA football action.

Air Force took control of the game from the first series, when the defense held firm on the Lobo's first drive, limiting their progress to a field goal attempt, and the kick was blocked by Falcon defensive lineman Ben Garland and recovered by defensive back Anthony Wright at the Air Force 37 yard line.

The Falcons marched the ball down the field in 12 plays, and capped

the drive when wide receiver Jonathan Warzeka ran it in from 9 yards out to put the first points on the board and begin the Falcons' first-half scoring spree.

The Falcons defense continued its domination of New Mexico, ending the next drive in two plays when defensive back Anthony Wright popped the ball loose of Lobo running back Desmond Dennis' hands. Falcon defensive back Phil Ofili recovered the fumble at the Falcons 38.

This gave the Falcon fans plenty to get loud about, but they fell silent three plays later when starting quarterback Tim Jefferson went down and stayed down after completing a 19-yard pass to Warzeka. Trainers tended to the quarterback and after encouraging words from head coach Troy Calhoun,

Jefferson came off the field.

Jefferson sat out the rest of the game with a sprained right ankle. While the trainers said he could have returned to the game if needed, they chose the conservative course of action and the quarterback's night was done.

But the Falcons' offensive continued firing on all cylinders with sophomore quarterback Connor Dietz at the helm. Dietz drove the Falcons into the Lobos' red zone, which led to a chip-shot field goal by Eric Soderberg, putting the Falcons up 10-0.

The Falcons defense continued to cause havoc for the Lobos.

"I thought it really started with the pass rush," Coach Calhoun said. "Without needing to bring a whole lot of five-man pressure, we won some one-on-ones, and when you do that,

then it gives you a chance to play with your eyes."

Falcons defensive back Jonathan Davis showed that vision on the next series. With little time in the pocket for their quarterback to avoid getting mauled, the Lobos called a quick two-step toss on third and 10 to wide receiver on the formation's left end, hoping the rapid strike would allow the receiver to make a play on the defender and get to the second level. But Davis saw the play unfolding and cut inside for the interception. Davis' steal started a bluesuiter stampede to the end zone, ending in a scrum at the goal line with Davis on the bottom of the pile for the score.

Later, the Falcons' run-heavy option offense drove down the field to the New Mexico 6 yard line. The second effort of running back Savier Stephens led to a touchdown as he stretched the ball out over the goal line, after a Lobo hit him but failed to wrap Stephens up. Soderberg's extra point was good, putting Air Force up 24-0.

New Mexico came back to finally end their scoring drought after two long-distance passes burned the Falcons secondary for a 43-yard touchdown. Failing to connect on a two-point conversion, the Lobos only cut their deficit to 24-6 with a little more than three minutes left in the half.

The Falcons started at their 42 yard line. They quickly drove down to the Lobos' 9 yard line, until a holding penalty moved the ball back 10 yards from the previous line of scrimmage, back to the 37. With more than a

minute left in the half, the Falcons offense lost all steam and turned ultra-conservative on their play-calling, aiming to only get into a better position for a field goal.

When the Falcons tried for that field goal with three seconds left in the half, Lobos linebacker Kendall Briscoe blocked the kick. The block gave New Mexico a boost going into the locker room at halftime, even though they were still down 24-6.

Coming out in the second half, the Falcons special teams led off with a 60-yard return from cornerback/return specialist Reggie Rembert. Despite starting the ball deep in Lobos territory on the next pair of possessions, the offense failed to capitalize on their field position and settled for field goals.

Even with the misfires, the Falcons dusted off a few passing plays and scored on a Conner Dietz 28-yard toss to wide receiver Kevin Fogler. With Soderberg's extra point, the Falcons went up 37-6.

Coach Calhoun also cycled in a number of second-and third stringers in the second half, giving as many Falcons playing time to speed up that learning curve and increase the capability of his team's depth.

The Lobos worked to keep the game interesting, showing their true character by never giving up. On their final drive, the Lobos scored a touchdown.

The win boosted the Air Force's record to 2-1, and 1-0 in the Mountain West Conference. The Academy returns home for its next game, Sept. 26 against San Diego State.

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat/Sun
28	29 Newcomers Briefing @ Phillips Auditorium Wing Commanders Call, 7:30 am, 10:30 am, 2 pm. @ Kaye Aud. Civilian Call, 9 am. @ 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
5	6	7	8	9 Hispanic Heritage Luncheon, 11:30 am. @ Club Annual Princess Open Golf Tournament, 1 pm. @ Whispering Pines 1001 Assignment Night	10/11 49th FTS Reunion Banquet

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Oct. 12 - Columbus Day
Oct. 13 - Hearts Apart-Coalson Pumpkin Patch
Oct. 13 - OSC Social
Oct. 15 - 10-AB IFF Graduation

Oct. 16 - Fun Run
Oct. 19 - Bench Press Competition
Oct. 20 - Base Newcomers
Oct. 20 - OSC Social
Oct. 21 - 10-09 Track Select
Oct. 23 - Grad Ceremony

Sports Shorts

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.