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Weather



Today

High: 87, Low: 62
Chance of T-storms



Saturday

High: 68, Low: 56
Chance of T-storms



Sunday

High: 70, Low: 55
Partly Cloudy



Monday

High: 72, Low: 43
Partly Cloudy

News Briefs

Class 10-01 Assignment Night

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 10-01 will hold their assignment night tonight at 5 p.m. at the Columbus Club.

Commissary Closure

The Columbus AFB Commissary will be closed for the Columbus Day holiday on Tuesday, October 13, 2009.

BX Columbus Day Hours

The Columbus AFB AAFES Exchange Columbus Day hours will be from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, October 12.

ID Card Section Closure

The Military Personnel ID Card section will be closed Oct 15-16 for equipment upgrades. No ID or CAC cards can be made during this time. Call 434-2624/2626 to make appointments after Oct 16.

OSC Social

The Officers Spouses Club will host a Bunko night on October 20 at 6 p.m. at the Columbus Club. RSVP by Oct 15 to coscrsvp@yahoo.com.

Inside



Feature 10

The 49th FTS is highlighted in this week's feature.



U.S. Air Force photo

Major General Maurice H. Forsyth, commander, AETC Spatz Center and commandant Air War College, receives a signed class memento from Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training class 09-15's senior ranking officer Captain David Nolan last Friday during graduation ceremonies in the Columbus AFB Kaye Auditorium. Gen Forsyth was the featured graduation speaker.

General Forsyth speaks at Class 09-15 graduation

Senior Airman Jacob Corbin
14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

The general in charge of the Spatz Center for Education, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama, offered words of wisdom to the graduates of Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 09-15.

Maj. Gen. Maurice Forsyth spoke to the graduates, their friends and family, and

other guests at the graduation October 2 during the class's graduation ceremony.

"From now on graduates, your lives will be changed forever," General Forsyth said. "Not just for what you have accomplished, but for what you will accomplish.

"The wings you wear mark you as someone who has mastered a level of flying that few will attain. You will become the heart and soul of the greatest air force the world has ever known."

The general said that flying has changed greatly since the first two military pilots soloed one hundred years ago this October and became the first U.S. military aviators. He also said the world and the Air Force would continue to change as they made the journey through their career.

"Before I joined the Air Force (in 1978) we asked how many planes it would

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COLUMBUS AFB TRAINING TIMELINE

PHASE II				PHASE III				IFF				WING SORTIE BOARD			
Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Track Select	Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation	Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation	Aircraft	Required	Flown	Annual
37th (10-09)	0.13 days	-6.93 days	Oct. 21	48th (10-01)	3.44 days	0.55 days	Oct. 21	49th (10-AB)	-4.00 days	-1.37 days	Oct. 15	T-6	773	665	665
41st (10-10)	-0.59 days	-2.41 days	Nov. 17	50th (10-01)	-1.81 days	-0.24 days	Oct. 21					T-1	232	239	239
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The graduation speaker is Col. George H. Ross III, 14th Flying Training Wing Vice Commander.

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What is leadership?

Lt. Col. Matt Joganich
28th Civil Engineer
Squadron

the ones that seem to stand out and hopefully provide you something to reflect on as well.

Ironically, one of traits that stood out the most was followership. Intuitively, leadership, when broken down to the most fundamental definition, implies being out in front of others and that the “leader” is typically the senior ranking person; however, some of the best leaders are those that lead by being led.

One of my previous bosses operated by the philosophy that he would “point the boat in the direction it needed to go” and then let his action officers “make the boat go.” He would listen to their suggestions and recommendations; if they made sense, he’d let them press on. If the suggestions or recommendations didn’t quite make sense, he would simply redirect with simple suggestions or subtle hints, and then let them proceed as if the ideas were their own. In either scenario, he’d follow along, providing support where and when needed and ensure the action officers received the recognition.

Another significant trait that follows suit with “leading from behind” is the lack of ego. Don’t get me wrong; having an ego is important. It’s what makes us competitive and pushes us to higher levels of performance. Unfortunately, sometimes people forget to keep their ego in check and take on an air of artificial importance. That doesn’t make them bad leaders per se, just more difficult to follow since people like that tend to stifle creativity and organizational self-worth.

I’d be willing to bet most of you reading this have worked with people like that. I have. One boss in particular was what I consider extremely intelligent. The problem was, he thought so too, and he’d tell you as much. He was a forward thinker and accomplished a lot of great things, but in doing so, he stepped on a lot of other intelligent people. It makes me wonder how much better we would have been with a simple “ego check.”

In his book “My American

Journey,” former Secretary of State and retired Army Gen. Colin Powell discusses ego and the importance of not confusing confidence and arrogance. He highlights the point with a story about President Lincoln during the Civil War. It seems that one day a telegraph operator at the War Department informed President Lincoln the Confederates had captured numerous horses and a Union brigadier general, but the operator was surprised when the president showed more concern for the horses. Apparently President Lincoln explained his concern with the comment that, “I can make a brigadier general in five minutes. But it’s not so easy to replace 100 horses.”

Talk about relative importance. Dovetailing into this, remember the second piece of advice I mentioned? In the same breath my uncle told me to “... not let my rank go to my head because I’ll need my people more than they need me.” Again, something I’ve never forgotten.

Of all the traits and qualities that comprise leadership, the one I think gamers the most “capital” with subordinates is humility. While the notion is intertwined with the lack of ego, it’s difficult to discuss one without the other. It seems the most effective leaders also maintained an unassuming nature about them.

Looking back, two distinct episodes stand out and exemplify different levels of humility. The first occurred during a change of command where the incoming commander called his new unit by the wrong designation. What I find interesting is that the unit’s three chiefs discretely pulled the new commander aside during the reception and informed him of the unintentional mistake, but yet he refused to admit he was wrong. In fact, he even went as far as telling the chiefs (and the other 200 plus unit members) they were wrong and he couldn’t have made a mistake since his notes had the correct unit designation.

How effective do you think he was after that episode? A dose of humility and perhaps a little self-deprecation would have made a world of difference for his next two years in command.

The second episode is a little more vivid and involved a group commander I worked for when I was a brand new captain. During a tour of our construction projects, he became incensed because he didn’t understand why one project was under way and another one was on hold. Within seconds, the chief and I were standing at attention, and the colonel was yelling and cursing at us at the top of his voice while slapping the eagles on his collar. An hour or so after my significant emotional event, the colonel appeared in the doorway of my office, and apologized profusely, not only for his behavior, but also for the fact that he was wrong and I was right. My respect for him grew exponentially, and do you know what? At that point in time I would have followed him just about anywhere just because he was “big enough” to admit he was wrong and took the time to come apologize in person.

As I mentioned earlier, these are only a few leadership qualities that stand out from my career. There are so many more, but what makes up leadership is different for every person.

Regardless of your rank or position, you are a leader; whether you think so or not. What I challenge you to do now is to spend some time reflecting on what you think a good leader is, and then work to make those traits yours.

In closing, I want to leave you with a quote I came across during my recent deployment. It’s pretty simple really, but the words speak volumes.

“The day Soldiers stop bringing you their problems is the day you have stopped leading them. They have either lost confidence that you can help them or concluded that you do not care. Either case is a failure of leadership,” Secretary Powell said.

AFROTC instructor positions available to ARC officers

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas – Additional Air Force Reserve Officers’ Training Corps instructor positions have been made available to Air Reserve Component personnel under the AFROTC Limited Period Recall Program.

AFROTC instructor positions are available for ARC captains, majors and lieutenant colonels only. Information on detachments available under the AFROTC LPRP program as well as application procedures can be found at <http://ask.afpc.randolph.af.mil> by clicking on “Voluntary Officer Return to Active Duty” under the Military Quick Links section and selecting the “AFROTC LPRP Detachments” link and the “AFROTC Limited Period Recall Program” link.

Captains and majors can apply for any detachment instructor position listed. Lieutenant colonels may only apply for the detachments below where the detachment commander is a colonel.

028* - Embry Riddle Aero University-Prescott
090 - Colorado State University
105* - University of Colorado-Boulder
220* - Purdue University
720* - Penn State University
765 - The Citadel
875 - Virginia Polytechnic Institute

(Note: An asterisk indicates that a master’s degree is required to fill the position.)

ARC personnel must not have more than 14 years, six months of total active federal military service from their recall effective dates. This requirement will not be waived. Completed AFROTC LPRP applications must be mailed to HQ AETC/A1KODD, 1850 First Street West Suite 1, Randolph AFB, Texas 78150-4380 to be considered for an instructor position.

Base families offered a variety of activities

Holiday hours

The following FSS activities will be open Monday: the bowling center from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., the fitness center from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and the golf course from 7 a.m. to dusk. All other activities will be closed. For more information, call Ext. 2337.

Parents day out

The Child Development Center and Youth Center offer this monthly program from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 17. Register by Wednesday at the respective activities.

Mississippi State Fair Trip

The Youth center offers this trip Oct. 17 for a fun filled day at the state fair in Jackson, MS. Lots of rides, exhibits, exotic animals, food and much more available at the state fair. A parent or guardian must accompany all children under the age of 13. The bus will depart at 7 a.m. and return at approximately 6 p.m. A \$5 transportation fee per person is charged. Individuals must purchase fair tickets upon arrival. Register no later than Tuesday at the youth center. For more information, call Ext. 2504.

Game nights

The Columbus Club offering a 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 Ext. 2490.

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 creature and vote for the next horror movie night theme. For more information, call Ext. 2490.

Monster March

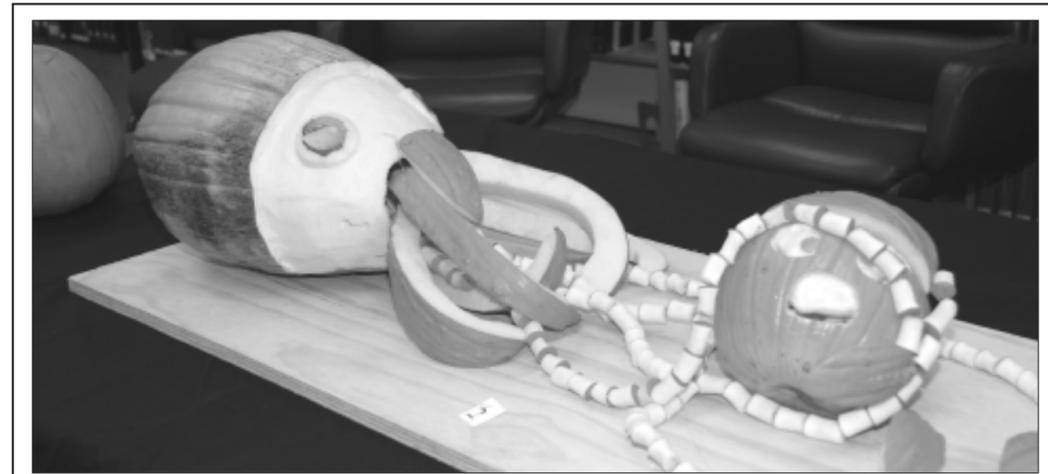
The Fitness Center and Outdoor Recreation are co-hosting this second annual event starting at 10 a.m. Oct. 31. Register from 9 to 10 a.m. at Freedom Park. Costumes are encouraged but not required. Open to all ages. Complete fun obstacles at outdoor recreation, golf course and at Freedom Park. Enjoy burgers, hot dogs and chips after the march. For more information, call Ext. 2772.

Pumpkin Carving Contest

The 20th annual pumpkin carving contest judging is at 2 p.m. Oct. 29 at the Base Library. There are two groups of competition: family/individual and squadron/group. One entry per category. Prizes awarded to the top 3 in each group. Entries must have some form of carving. Sign up at the Library starting Oct. 23. Free pumpkins will be available for pick-up Oct. 28 for entry into the contest or you may use your own pumpkin. All entries are due at 1 p.m. the day of judging. For more information, call Ext. 2934.

Halloween Bash

The Columbus Club is offering an adults only Halloween Party from 6 p.m. to closing Oct. 31. Free admission. Enjoy music, dancing and contests in best costume, apple bobbing and mummy wrapping. Special bar menu and drink specials. For more information, call Ext. 2490.



14th Force Support Squadron, was one of last year’s winners in the Base Library’s pumpkin carving contest with its undersea creation. This year’s pumpkin carving contest judging begins at 2 p.m. Oct. 29 at the Base Library. There are two groups of competition: family/individual and squadron/group. Sign up at the Base Library starting Oct. 23. Free pumpkins will be available for pick-up Oct. 28 for entry into the contest or you may use your own pumpkin.

USAF Photo/Pam Wickham

Fright night no tap bowling tournament

The Bowling Center offers this fun event starting at 7 p.m. Oct. 31. Cost is \$10 per person and includes three games and shoe rental. Prizes awarded for best costumes. Register no later than 6:30 p.m. the day of the event. For more information, call Ext. 3426.

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 Ext. 3526 to place an order to go.

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 Ext. 7932.

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 Ext. 2504.

Youth and Adult crafts classes

The Arts and Crafts Center offers classes for youth and adult every Thursday at 10:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. All youth

classes are \$5 each. Take Home Crafts kits are \$3 each. A display of the upcoming projects are in the lobby of the arts and crafts center. For more information, call Ext. 7836.

Horseback riding lessons

Outdoor Recreation is offering riding lessons and special occasion rides. For more information, call Ext. 2505 or 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 Ext 2504.

Parents time out

The child development center offers a parents time out every Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for children, ages 1-3 years of age. Cost is \$20 for the day. For more information, call Martha Mann at Ext. 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 Ext. 2507 for more information.

Happy Irby Street Dedication

By **Sonic Johnson**
14th Flying training Wing Chief of Public Affairs

27 falling on a Saturday next year, Friday, March 26 was selected for the dedication.

Following the mid-morning dedication, the Annual Happy Irby Golf tournament will be hosted at Whispering Pines Golf Course. Proceeds from the tournament go to the Happy Irby Christmas Fund.

The Happy Irby Christmas Fund is a thriving private organization that has benefited thousands of adults and children alike. Last year, the fund was able to provide clothing and supplies to over 400 children in the local schools and community. In addition, the Happy Fund has delivered over 150 fruit baskets to shut-ins and elderly who would otherwise be alone. In 1996, the Happy Fund became part of the Combined Federal Campaign with 100% of donations used to provide gifts.

Columbus Air Force Base officials in coordination with the Lowndes County Board of Supervisors and the Mississippi Legislature have set aside March 26, 2010, to rename Mississippi Highway 786 to George "Happy" Irby Memorial Parkway.

Highway 786, also known as Main Gate road, provides access from U.S. Highway 45 and the Columbus Air Force Base main gate.

A 51 year employee of Columbus AFB, George "Happy" Irby, Sr., passed away March 27 this year, on his 94th birthday. The street naming date was set to continue to commemorate his birthday. With March



George "Happy" Irby poses at his birthday party in 2008 at the Columbus Club. The Main Gate road will be renamed on his birthday on March 26, 2010 with a golf tournament to follow.

USAF file photo

Weapons Training



U.S. Air Force Photo

Cutline information. 14th Security Forces Combat Arms instructor SSgt Mernetta McCook provides weapons training to SrA Zachery Patton on the M-4 with a 203 Grenade launcher September 18 at Camp Shelby, Miss. Ten 14 SFS members traveled to the Hattiesburg area facility for qualification firing on the M240B, M249 and the M203 in preparation for their upcoming deployments.

Chapel Schedule

Chapel News

The base chapel will be having a Hallelujah Party Wednesday, October 28 from 5-7 p.m. There will be games, food, prizes and a bouncy castle. There will also be a special visit from some of the cast of Star Wars.

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

Black Knights Finally Move Into "New" Building

By **Lt Col Tor Dietrichs**
Commander, 49th Fighter Training Squadron

Picture this: After working with an architect for over a year, you watch over the course of an additional year as your new dream home is built and certified. You are excited as moving day approaches since as an added bonus, the home is to be completely filled with brand new furniture. Moving day finally arrives but there is a problem. The movers do not arrive. A week goes by. Then a month. Then six months. Still no movers.

Sound possible? Unfortunately, it is not only possible; it actually happened to the Black Knights of the 49th Fighter Training Squadron. We accepted our brand new opera-

tions building last December only to wait month after month while a (non-Air Force) government agency repeatedly made promises they failed to deliver on (pun intended). During this period we had grown increasingly tired of our temporary building. Tired of paper-thin walls and creaky floors. Tired of outside bugs on the inside. Tired of skunks who roamed under the floor boards. Tired of ceiling-dwelling mice (and the pitter patter of tiny mice feet dancing above on the ceiling tiles by day, and the eating of ketchup packets out of your desk drawer by night). We were mostly just plain tired of not moving.

So late this spring we found a new team



who could get the job done—TeamBLAZE. We started by firing the non-delivering government agency and asking for help from the 14th Comptroller-Contracting Squadron. Eagerly accepting the challenge, they proceeded on their own initiative and worked aggressively with several on- and off-base agencies. Starting from scratch, they successfully executed a quarter-million-dollar furniture contract—accomplishing in just over two months what others could not do in more than six.

In fact, they delivered so quickly on their promise that we then had to turn to the 14th Communications Squadron and the 14th Civil

Engineer Squadron to rapidly solve a myriad of planned and unplanned "moving-in" problems. Thanks to this team effort we completed a successful move from old building to new and had our jets back in the air in only four duty days. The final touch was then completed with the help of an intensive effort by the Multimedia Center. They helped us build a permanent display throughout our building which serves as an outstanding tribute to the rich history of our squadron, dating back to WWII.

Thanks from the Black Knights to everyone on the BLAZE Team. Your collective daily efforts make the entire wing excel and our mission here at the 49 FTS possible.

Columbus Honors Oscar Winning Disney Animator

By **Sonic Johnson**
14th Flying training wing Public Affairs

The Columbus community is highlighting native son Josh Meador for his success and artistry as animator for Walt Disney studios on October 16 and 17. He was an important animator and special effects artist for Walt Disney Studios 1936-1965. He had a major hand in almost every Disney production from Snow White to Sleeping Beauty. The Disney movie "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea" which he was co-special effects supervisor for, won the 1954 Oscar for special effects. In 2007, four movies in which he was credited with animation or effects were listed by the Visual Effects Society as among the 50 most influential visual effects movies of all time. He was also a noted landscape artist. Walt Disney had over 50 of his oil paintings.

A presentation by Phil Meador, Josh Meador's son, discussing his father's art and work on such classics as Snow White, Bambi, Fantasia, Cinderella, 101 Dalmatians, 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea, Sleeping Beauty, and The Forbidden Planet will be held Friday, October 16 at 7 p.m. at the Nissan Auditorium on the MUW campus. Phil Meador followed his father into the visual and special effects field; his credits include Splash, Something Wicked This Way Comes, The Black Cauldron, My Science Project, and Return to Oz. The presentation is free and open to the public.

An Exhibition Opening, Josh Meador: Animator and Artist of Disney's Golden Age will be held Saturday, October 17 at the Columbus-Lowndes Public Library at 10 a.m.. The exhibit will highlight both Meador's personal artwork and his work at Disney Studios. Included in the exhibit will be an array of original sketches, paintings, photographs, Disney animation cells, and video clips exploring the life and creativity of Josh Meador. Also to be seen are Meador's artists tools and paint stand which



Photo courtesy of Rufus Ward

Celluloid from the Walt Disney movie "Victory Through Airpower" was donated to the grandfather of Base Community Council member and treasurer Rufus Ward by Josh Meador. Ward's grandfather, Mr. T.C. Billups, had an informal serviceman's hangout called the "Drop in Hangar" in his basement of his house in downtown Columbus that was frequented by the Columbus AAF aviation cadets.

he used in the Disney production 4 Artists Paint 1 Tree. The exhibit will include a painting once owned by Walt Disney and which is of Disney's Smoke Tree Ranch. The Columbus-Lowndes Public Library is located at 314 N. 7th street and the exhibit is free and open to the public.

"Josh Meador's artwork, both personal and for Disney Studios, represents his innovation and expertise in bringing images to life," notes Mona Vance, archivist for the Columbus-Lowndes Public Library. "We all grew up watching Disney

movies as children and now we get to meet one of the masters behind the magic."

Josh Meador was born in Greenwood, Miss. in 1911 and moved to Columbus around 1918. In 1936, he moved to California where he died in 1965. He is buried in Friendship Cemetery.

While living in California, Meador frequently visited the Columbus area.

The accompanying picture is cell from Disney's 1943 movie "Victory through Air Power" was donated to Mr. T. C. Billups, by Josh Meador and autographed by Walt Disney. There was an informal serviceman's hang out called the "Drop in Hangar" in the basement of his home, Whitehall, during WWII. The cartoon image is of the delivery of the first airplane purchased by the Army Air Corps in 1908. It is autographed; "Happy Landings at Whitehall - Walt Disney". A sticker on it says "For the Hangar, Josh Meador - Chief Animator, Walt Disney Productions."

A celluloid, or cell for short, is an original painting on celluloid used in animation. For each movement in the action of a character in an animated picture, a cell painting is made and then photographed in succession to depict the motion. Depending on the speed of the character, each cell represents approximately 1/25 of a second of the movie. An animated movie required thousands of cells.

Events honoring Josh Meador were made possible by the Billups-Garth Foundation, Columbus Convention and Visitors Bureau, Mississippi University for Women, Columbus -Lowndes Public Library, and Columbus Arts Council.

This is a legacy of creativity, talent, and the retention of personal and family values during the golden age of Disney animated features.

AMC officials blend Guard, Reserve, active-duty units

Master Sgt. Angie Sarchet
Air Mobility Command Public Affairs

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. — Air Mobility Command officials here continued their total force integration efforts Oct. 1 with the stand up of three active associate units that now combine active-duty units and Airmen who accomplish the KC-135 Stratotanker air refueling mission with their Reserve and Guard counterparts.

The three units that stood up are at Scott Air Force Base, Pease Air National Guard Base, N.H., and Birmingham ANGB, Ala.

Total force integration, an effort initiated by AMC officials several years ago, maximizes resources while increasing operational effectiveness in support of warfighters.

Simply defined, an associate unit is where active duty, Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard members combine forces and missions using total force integration. Normally, people think of an associate unit when the active duty owns the aircraft and the Reserve or Air National Guard co-locate with

them providing only manpower.

On Oct. 1; however, that relationship has evolved with great success as AMC broke that old paradigm. In the past, active duty units were not placed at Reserve or Guard “unit equipped” locations. To take advantage of the synergies and aircraft, active duty units are now being stood up at these locations. This enables the Air Force to be more productive in meeting the global demands for mobility air forces.

Recent active associate success stories can be found for the C-40 mission at Scott AFB, for the C-130 mission at Cheyenne Municipal Airport, Wyo., and for the KC-135 mission at Seymour-Johnson AFB, N.C. AMC officials will continue to capitalize on the success of these units and apply lessons learned to the new units the command brings on line.

“Having the KC-135 active association unit stand up at Scott AFB is another testimony of how we enable combat power,” said Col. Gary Goldstone, the newly-established 375th Air Mobility Wing commander. “As part of the total force integration, this transition allows better use of resources and manpower to ensure

we better accomplish the mission both at home and during contingency deployments.”

Active associations are a win-win for AMC, officials said. The total force integration concept builds on state and regional capabilities, increasing economic efficiencies and enhancing the Air Force’s ability to defend the homeland against emerging threats, respond to natural disasters, and meet the requirements for contingency operations.

As the Air Force realigns and consolidates, the use of total force integration has helped enhance unit operations and optimize mobility partnerships, particularly in AMC. While some units are moving, deactivating and reactivating due to the last round of Base Realignment and Closure Commission actions, this creates unique partnerships not normally seen in the Total Force community.

At Scott AFB, Air National Guard leaders agreed with the capability of building associate units.

“The Illinois Air National Guard’s 126th Air Refueling Wing is an outstanding unit with a great history,” said Maj. Gen. William Enyart,



U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Scott T. Sturkol
A KC-135 Stratotanker is parked Aug. 4, 2009, at Scott Air Force Base, Ill. The KC-135 belongs to the 126th Air Refueling Wing, which through a total force integration initiative now falls operationally under the 375th Air Mobility Wing at Scott AFB as an active associate unit. The new operational construct took place Oct. 1, 2009.

the Illinois National Guard adjutant general. “Our Illinois Airmen have an incredible wealth of knowledge and experience that makes the 126th Air Refueling Wing ideal to be an associate unit with the Air Force.”

UAS career field decisions, ISR organization discussed at summit

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

WASHINGTON — Air Force leaders met at an intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance summit here Sept. 29 to discuss ISR organizational plans and further refine a blueprint for unmanned aircraft systems career fields.

Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz and senior service officials came together to make decisions affecting officer and enlisted Airmen in UAS career fields. The expanding contributions of UAS operations to Air Force and joint service world-wide missions have increased UAS requirements and led Air Force officials to actively pursue new methods for developing an enduring cadre of UAS professionals.

For officers, senior leaders gave the nod for creation of an 18X Air Force Specialty Code. The 18X career field will be considered “rated,” carry a six-year active-duty service commitment, and will qualify for aircrew incentive pay.

Future 18X pilots will earn the wings awarded Sept. 25 to the graduates of the first Beta-test class. Exactly what the 18X career field will be called is still under consideration as service officials look to better articulate what this newest mission area entails.

There has been some growing discontent with the UAS label which seems to emphasize “unmanned” when the reality is, according to General Schwartz, “They are anything but that.” The term “remote” was proposed, but the group wanted to review a wider suggestion list before deciding. They will readdress the issue at a later date.



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Larry Reid
Air Force officials met Sept. 29, 2009, to discuss intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance organizational plans and further refine a blueprint for unmanned aircraft systems career fields. An MQ-1 Predator unmanned aircraft system taxis down a runway at Creech Air Force Base, Nev. The Predator recently passed 600,000 flight hours during missions over Iraq and Afghanistan.

For enlisted, it was decided the previously created 1UOX sensor operator career field will be a subcategory under Career Enlisted Aviators. The sensor operators eventually will be compensated similarly with their CEA counterparts and will carry a three-year ADSC.

A new set of sensor operator wings were approved. The wings

are similar in appearance to standard enlisted aviator wings but with a different shield.

For example, compensating sensor operators like CEAs ensures no Airman loses money in the transition from Selective Reenlistment Bonuses to a Career Enlisted Flyer Incentive Pay-like compensation package.

“These incentives and career field development decisions are a step in the right direction as we continue to grow the UAS mission,” said Maj. Gen. Marke Gibson, Headquarters Air Force director of operations.

In addition to UAS officer and enlisted career field decisions, senior leaders discussed whether the current Air Force ISR force structure — an agency directly reporting to the Air Staff — is best suited for how Air Force officials conduct this growing mission. The group decided to maintain current arrangements instead of pursuing a separate ISR major command or ISR numbered air force.

Ultimately that decision was made from looking at organizational changes still being implemented both within the Air Force — with the standup of 24th Air Force and Air Force Global Strike Command — and outside the Air Force, with the establishment of U.S. Cyber Command in October.

In the meanwhile, “We need to let 24th Air Force develop and mature inside Air Force Space Command and in its relationship with the Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Agency,” Secretary Donley said. “Then we will be better able to assess what the next step might be.”

The group plans to continue to further develop ideas for future potential organizational constructs for later consideration.

McChord Airmen fly response team to American Samoa

Senior Airman Kirsten Wicker
62nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs

MCCHORD AIR FORCE BASE, Wash. — McChord Airmen deployed a U.S.-based Federal Emergency Management Agency team to American Samoa at 2 p.m. Oct. 1 aboard a C-17 Globemaster III in the wake of a 7.6 magnitude undersea earthquake that caused a devastating tsunami to strike the region Sept. 29.

Airmen transported a nine-person FEMA team and their telecommunications and logistics equipment to the region.

The FEMA personnel are part of the Seattle-based FEMA Global Emergency Response Support team.

“We could not do this without the U.S. Air Force at McChord providing the air frame to the get

this emergency response equipment and team to the people in Samoa in need of aid,” said Lee Champagne, the Global Emergency Response Support director. “We are re-establishing communications that had been wiped out. The Air Force is transporting our computers, video equipment, telecommunications equipment and logistical equipment so we can set up to conduct a response and recover.”

“Easing suffering is an extremely gratifying mission,” said Col. Kevin Kilb, the 62nd Airlift Wing commander. “This is the most capable airlifter in the world for this and many other missions, and humanitarian relief is one of the most satisfying missions we fly.”

Multiple McChord AFB Airmen and C-17s remain positioned for additional relief taskings.



U.S. Air Force photo/Abner Guzman

Airman 1st Class Ruben Rojas marshals a C-17 Globemaster III on the flightline Oct 1, 2009, at McChord Air Force Base, Wash. In the wake of a 7.6 magnitude undersea earthquake that caused a devastating tsunami to strike American Samoa, McChord AFB Airmen deployed a U.S.-based Federal Emergency Management Agency team to the region.

Task force takes up effort to prevent suicides

Samantha L. Quigley
American Forces Press Service

BETHESDA, Md. — Bonnie Carroll, co-chair of the congressionally mandated Suicide Prevention Task Force, aims to remove the stigma within the military of seeking mental health care.

Ms. Carroll is the founder and executive director of the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors. The group represents all military families who have experienced the loss of a servicemember.

Ms. Carroll and co-chair Army Maj. Gen. Philip Volpe conducted the task force's first meeting here Oct. 1.

She said the task force represents a great change in attitude. “This task force is a tremendous step forward on the part of the Department of Defense to look at suicide today and make a difference, to remove, once and for all, the stigma that kills,” she said. “Removing stigma is a key message. If they had a broken leg, no one would question their going to seek medical attention.

“If they're struggling emotionally, mentally, psychologically, it is imperative that they get healthy psychologically and seek that care,” she added. “We need (servicemembers) healthy and strong in every way.”

Ms. Carroll said she's excited that the families' voices will be heard throughout this process. They often can provide hints about why the servicemember chose suicide, hints that wouldn't be obvious from a fitness report or medical file. Their feedback could include a trauma from the past that had a lasting effect, she added.

“We're working so hard to incorporate the voice of those families so the lessons they have learned can speak to those still living,” she said.

General Volpe is the deputy commander of Joint Task Force, National Capital Region Medical, based at Bethesda Naval Base, Md.

The suicide prevention task force numbers 14 and includes military, both enlisted and officer; civilians, including representatives of each service; a chaplain; family members; academics; and researchers. The group will produce a report containing their findings and recommendations to the defense secretary for improving the Defense Department's suicide prevention program for all servicemembers.

After just the morning session, General Volpe said he's impressed with the gravity being given to the topic by senior service leaders.

“I'm very impressed with a couple of things that we noticed right away in our first meeting,” the general said. “First off, this

has high visibility and it's at the upper levels of each military service. It also came across clearly that all of the services are doing a number of programs in communities, on installations, training programs, education programs, some that are online, some that are in person.”

The services are offering a wide variety and scope of programs, he added.

“What we are trying to do is figure out what are the best practices out there that could be shared amongst all the services,” he said. “I wouldn't say we're trying to standardize. We're trying to assess what the services are doing, see how well their programs are working ... and then certain things could be shared and standardized.”

Certain practices would remain specific to a service, however, because of differing cultures and organization, he added.

The task force members understand the importance of the job ahead of them and that the result will be important to the nation which, General Volpe said, owes it to servicemembers to do “whatever we can to support” the men and women defending the country's freedom and values.

“There's enough external enemies of the United States,” he said. “They don't need these internal enemies, too.”

The task force is expected to present its findings in about a year.

Base News

MPF ID Card Office Closed

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.

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 7:30 p.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.

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.

Columbus Officers Spouses Club Bunko

The Columbus Officers' Spouses' Club (COSC) will host a Bunko evening on Tuesday, October 20 at 6:00 p.m. at the Columbus Club. The theme for the evening is from the show Wicked. Which witch is which? Dress up as the bad witch or the good witch or wizard to enter the best costume contest. Heavy Hors d'oeuvres will be served. \$12 Columbus Club members and \$14 for non-Columbus Club members. Must be COSC member to be eligible to win Bunko prizes. RSVP is required by noon on Thursday, Oct 15th to coscrsvp@yahoo.com.

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.

Airman and Family Readiness Center

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

Pre-Separation Counseling (DD Form-2648)

Mandatory briefing for personnel separating or retiring. Briefing should be completed at least 90 days prior to separation and may be completed up to 12 months prior to separation or retirement. Counseling held daily at 8:30 a.m. and takes approximately 30 minutes.

Pre and Post Deployment Tour Brief

Mandatory briefings for active duty personnel who are 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 1:30 p.m.

Hearts Apart Social

The next Hearts apart social is Oct 13 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Hearts Apart social gathering is for families of deployed (over 30 days) or remote personnel. Advance registration required, call 434-2790.

Medical Coding

Medical Coding class starts Oct 19 from 6-9 p.m. Active Duty, Family Members, Retirees, NAF, Civil Service or Contractors are welcome. Learn medical coding for employment opportunities in the medical field. Student text books cost approximately \$75. Must have eight registered to hold the course. Registration deadline is Oct 16. Meets on Mondays, 6-9 p.m. for eight weeks (Oct 19-Dec 7). To register, call 434-2790.

MS Power Point 2007

Class starts Oct 19, 2-4 p.m. Workshop meets Mon, Tue and Wed for two weeks. Learn how to build Power Point presentations. No cost but is limited to 11 seats. For more information or to register call 434-2790.

MS Publisher 2007

Class starts 19 Oct, 4:15-6:15 p.m. Workshop meets Mon, Tue and Wed for two weeks at the AFRC. No cost, but is limited to 11 seats. For more information or to register call 434-2790.

Wing Newcomers Orientation

Newcomers Orientation is scheduled for Oct 20 from 8:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m. for newly arrived Active Duty and civilian personnel at the AFRC. Spouses are encouraged to attend.

Smooth Move Workshop

The next smooth move workshop will be held on Oct 22, 2:00-3:30 p.m. Valuable information for relocating. Learn what to expect from TMO, Housing, Military Pay, Billeting, Tri-Care, and Medical Records during your move. Advance registration required NLT 10:00 a.m. the day of the workshop. Call 434-2790 to register.

Sponsorship Training

Next class will be on Oct 27 from 9-10 a.m. for all Unit Intro Monitors and Sponsors. Training focuses on the importance of a good, effective sponsorship program and resources available for both Unit Intro Monitor and Sponsor. In addition, web-based training is offered thru the AF Portal, under Bases-Organizational Area TAB, select My Base and look under Training.



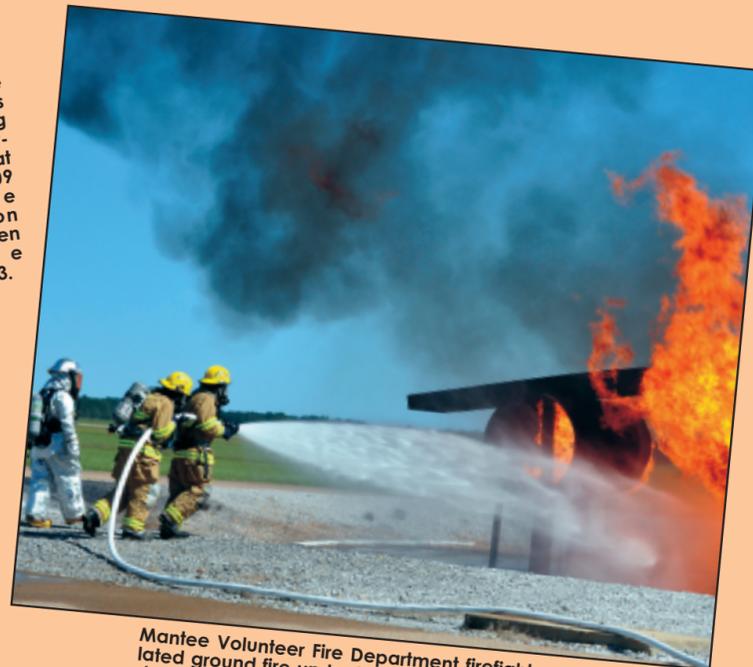
Columbus Air Force Base firefighters demonstrate the procedures for putting out an aircraft fire at the 2009 Fire Prevention Week Open House October 3.



During a car extrication demonstration October 3, members of the 14th CES Fire Emergency Services pull out a simulated victim.



All photos by Senior Airman Jacob Corbin.



Mantee Volunteer Fire Department firefighters put out a simulated ground fire under the guidance of a 14th CES firefighters simulator.



Over eighty event goes at the 2009 Fire Prevention Week Open House view fire and rescue demonstrations in life flight helicopter display on October 3.



CAFB kicks off Fire Prevention Week with open house



Katelyn and Jack Hume, children of Maj. Robert Hume, 14th Flying Training Wing Judge Advocate General, check out the inside of a fire engine at the Fire Prevention Week Open House October 3.

Senior Airman Jacob Corbin
14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Columbus Air Force Base's Fire Emergency Services kicked off Fire Prevention Week with an open house last weekend.

The event was held Saturday and featured a variety of events, games and displays for the public to learn about fire prevention and safety.

Activities for the day started out with a parade, followed by the open house and lunch for attendees.

Events like fire hose bowling and a bounce house were there for fun, but activities such as the fire prevention trailer and a car extrication demonstration gave attendees a firsthand look at why safety is important.

"We were very happy with the success of the event," said Senior Master Sgt. Russell Eidenschink, assistant fire chief with the 14th Civil

Engine Squadron. "The biggest thing though is that the kids had fun and learned fire safety during it."

The event doubled in size and attendance since last year, the sergeant said.

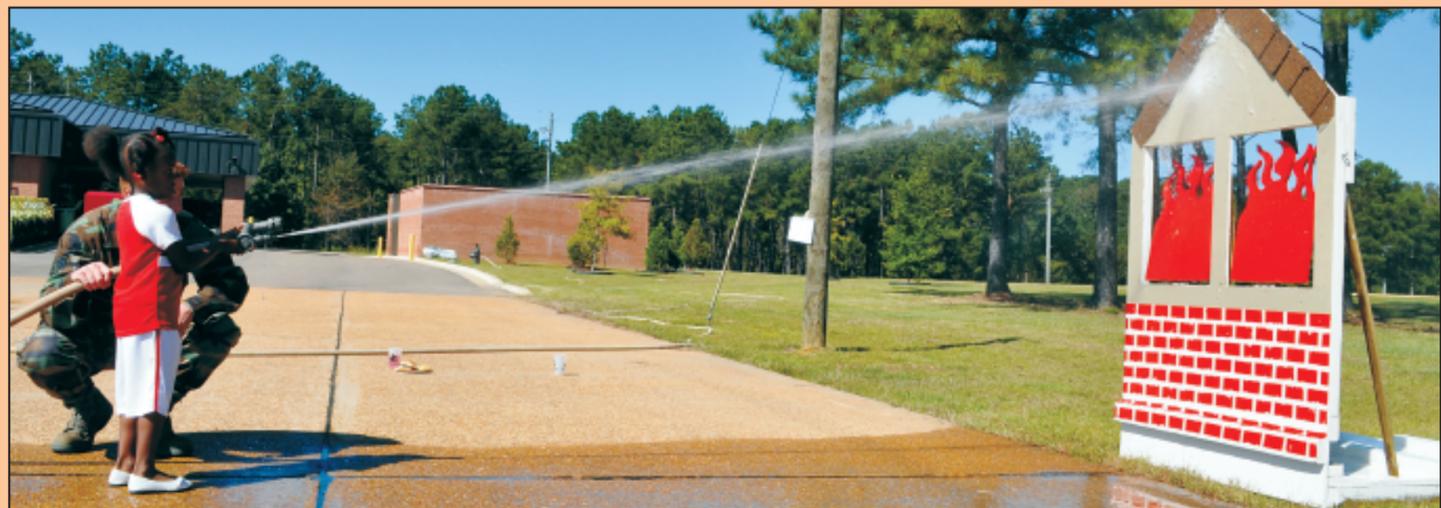
National Fire Prevention Week was conceptualized when President Calvin Coolidge recognized a need for change in 1925 when some 15,000 lives were lost the previous year due to fire. He consequently set aside the first Sunday in October as the start of National Fire Prevention Week to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire of 1871.

Present day statistics from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention show one fire related death occurs every 163 minutes along with injuries occurring every 32 minutes. Fire Prevention Week aims to help reduce those numbers.

(Information from a story by Senior Airman Nathan Milan was used in the writing this article).



Richard Ward, a fire emergency services specialist with the 14th Civil Engineer Squadron, helps Carson Lewis, son of John Lewis, 14th CES; and Jacalyn Caisse dress up in fire protection gear October 3.



Lakenzia Ham, daughter of Lakezia Ham, 14th Operations Group, plays a fire hose game at the Fire Prevention Week Open House October 3 at the base fire department. Other games for children included a "bounce house" and an electronic fire extinguisher simulator. All photos by Sr. Airman Jacob Corbin.

New era in food service coming to Air Force bases

April Rowden
Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — Air Force food services representatives have been meeting the dining needs of Airmen and their families for more than 60 years through dining facilities, clubs and snack bars. To reflect changing times, a new look and feel is coming to the Air Force dining experience at select bases, mirroring a college "community commons."

The Manpower, Personnel and Services community identified the transformation of food operations as the highest priority initiative to serve the Air Force community better and improve Airmen's quality of life.

By integrating dining facilities and nonappropriated fund food operations, the Air Force Food Transformation Initiative

will offer Airmen several advantages such as enhanced food quality, variety and availability, including additional healthy choices that support the Air Force's continuous emphasis on fitness and overall well being; convenient locations with hours of operation aligned with customer needs; an improved community-oriented atmosphere; and a continued focus on home base and war fighting feeding capabilities.

In addition to the benefits for Airmen, officials implementing the Initiative hope to improve workforce morale and productivity, restore a sense of community, and improve efficiency.

Currently, Air Force food services specialists operate more than 270 dining facilities and flight kitchens and more than 300 nonappropriated fund food and beverage operations, such as golf course and bowling center snack bars and clubs. During fiscal 2008, more than 91 million meals moved through the dining facilities and flight kitchens, and NAF food and beverage

operations generated more than \$193 million in sales.

"As with any Air Force program," Mr. Milam said, "we constantly look to see where we need to focus our attention and to make certain that we give the best service with our available resources. We can do that by giving the best product to our Airmen, providing more diverse training to our fighting force and supporting the Air Force community."

People at six bases will begin seeing changes associated with the food transformation initiative in fiscal 2010: Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska; Patrick AFB, Fla.; MacDill AFB, Fla.; Fairchild AFB, Wash.; Little Rock AFB, Ark.; and Travis AFB, Calif. Depending on each base's site survey results, Airmen may see projects ranging from significant expansion of food offerings to minor face lifts.

Future implementation at additional bases will be considered based on the results at the pilot bases.

AROUND TOWN

Volunteer to be a tutor

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 project 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 21 \$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.

Caledonia Day

6th Annual Caledonia Day festival , Saturday, October 17 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in downtown Caledonia. Pet Parade starts at 8 a.m. with food, arts and crafts vendors and entertainment until 5 p.m. Call 356-4117 or e-mail townhall@cableone.net for more information

Visit www.Columbus.AFMil.com today!

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Transportation

For sale: 1989 Ford Escort, new tires, battery, paint, windshield and a/c; good running order, \$900. FMI call 662-245-1698.

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.

Miscellaneous

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: Large oak roll top desk, used very little \$500; American Touristor luggage \$10; like new Two old rotary black phones, (2) still work \$20 each; two pair of roller blades \$10; pocket knife collection, will sell individually \$5 to \$20 price range; seven shot .357 Mag. Taurus stainless steel revolver with holster \$400; Black and Decker toaster oven \$15; large stereo cabinet has two

glass doors \$20; Dell PC monitor 16" \$20; Accent amplified speaker system for PC, still in box, \$12. FMI Call 328-4374.

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 pictures call 356-0642 or 352-6089.

Moving sale: Dining room table, excellent condition Ashley Furniture cherry stained and black butterfly table with extension, eight barstool chairs included, retails for \$700; asking \$450 o.b.o.

Light oak colored queen sized panel bed, headboard, footboard, frame, box spring, mattress included; \$200 o.b.o. 1.5" queen sized Memory Foam mattress topper; \$50 o.b.o. Professional quality 10-seat poker table with built-in cup holders; \$200 o.b.o. Motivated Sellers! Contact 662-549-7745 or 662-889-4264.

Saturday Yard Sales

180 Justin Circle (Ridgeland subdivision, Columbus); October 9, 6:30 a.m. to 12, noon: clothes, boys 0-6 mo, girls 4-6 yrs, maternity and scrubs; toys, baby, Hanna Montana, stuffed animals; Barbie motor home/cruise ship; girls shoes, VHS movies, misc. items.

International Spouses Luncheon



Over 60 guests joined hosts Leslie Watkins, Columbus Air Force Base and LL Gates, East Mississippi Community College at luncheon to honor the international spouses associated with Columbus AFB last Thursday at Old Waverly. USAF photo/Diane Clardy

AFSO21: What is it?

Maj. Ervin Powers
14th Flying Training Wing
AFSO21 Office

Hopefully most of you have heard the term AFSO21. For those that have not, here is your explanation. AFSO21 stands for Air Force Smart Operations for the 21st Century. The Air Force defines AFSO21 as a way of thinking that encourages Airmen to maximize value while minimizing waste. In laymen's terms, we find ways to work smarter, not harder.

AFSO21 deals with process improvement. We simply look at what work you are doing and find ways to make it more efficient and cost effective. This can mean something as simple as rearranging office space to rewriting an Air Force Regulation. All commanders in the Air Force chain-of-command have endorsed any effort to improve our efficiency. Resources have been allocated to implement AFSO21 initiatives. All you have to do is let us know where a problem exists.

Here at Columbus AFB, a wing AFSO21 office was created to help identify problem areas and have them fixed. We can't guarantee we can get you more money or more people, but we can certainly find ways to help improve the work environment and processes that you use. Our philosophy is that we are a team and when one area begins to suffer, it affects us all. Each group has an AFSO21 representative that is qualified in helping you review any process:

- 14th Medical Group:
Master Sgt. Scott Ely
- 14th Mission Support Group:
Mr. Danny Adams
- 14th Operations Group:
Maj. Jayant Mahajan or
Ms. Sherri McCrary

You can also contact me via phone at 434-3406 or by e-mail at ervin.powers@columbus.af.mil.

As Albert Einstein once said, "The definition of insanity is doing something the same way....while expecting a different result."

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Are your children ready for one of the most academically challenging high schools in the state of Mississippi? If so, the Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science may be for them! MSMS is accepting applications for the Class of 2012. MSMS was created by the Mississippi legislature in 1987 and each year since, a new group of academically-tal-

ented young people arrives for a unique two-year experience that includes rigorous academic coursework, counseling services, and student activities in a residential setting on the campus of Mississippi University for Women. MSMS graduates attend outstanding universities throughout the country and are involved in interesting, rewarding work throughout the world.

Mississippi was the fourth state in the nation to provide its academically-talented students with this level of quality public education. Applications, to include ACT score, are due no later than February 19, 2010. For additional information, go to: <http://www.msms.k12.ms.us/index.php> or contact the Columbus AFB School Liaison at 434-2792.

Enlisted Promotions



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14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, 49 BLAZE TEAM members are deployed worldwide. Remember to support the Airmen and their families while they are away.



SPEAKER

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take to destroy a target," General Forsyth said. "Today we ask how many targets a plane can destroy."

He said the way we fight and the way we train will continue to change and evolve further.

The general said that won't be an issue though, because pilots adapt to change extremely well.

"It takes that to be a great pilot," he said. General Forsyth offered one final piece of wisdom to the graduates before they left.

"You will control and own the skies," he said. "Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Airmen will depend on you. Your character will be tested again and again."

General Forsyth is commander, Spaatz Center for Officer Education, and Commandant, Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. The Spaatz Center directs, integrates, synchronizes and supports a continuum of officer professional education, research and outreach that produces leaders for joint and multinational environments.

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Football: Falcons fall to Midshipmen in overtime

Airman 1st Class Katherine Windish
11th Wing Public Affairs

BOLLING AIR FORCE BASE, D.C. — U.S. Air Force Academy running back Savier Stephens rushed for 81 yards, but the Falcons football team came up short in a 16-13 overtime loss to the Naval Academy Oct. 3 at the Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium in Annapolis, Md.

Stephens helped set up for two field goals scored by Falcons kicker Erik Soderberg, and the Academy's sole touchdown came by Anthony Wright's interception in the second quarter of the game.

"We didn't score enough points. Period," said Troy Calhoun, the Falcons head coach. "If you don't win the game, there's plenty of work to do. There's always plenty of work to do anyway. I like what we were doing on defense. We've got a lot of really capable guys on that

side." Both teams played a tough game that went into overtime, thanks to a Falcons field goal with no time left in regulation. In overtime, the Midshipmen kicked a 38-yard field goal to put the Navy up by three, but the Air Force's 31-yard field goal by Soderberg sailed wide left ending the game.

With two of the nation's top rushing teams, their clash made an exciting game for the packed stadium with the Air Force gaining a total of 194 yards rushing and the Navy gaining 182.

The Falcons defense kept the Midshipmen at bay and were able to keep Midshipmen points off the scoreboard, allowing only one touchdown and three field goals.

The Air Force dominated in offensive yardage, but were unable to capitalize, forcing Brandon Geyer to punt five times. Two turnovers coming from each element of

the offense kept the Falcons from taking the lead at any point in the game.

"It's unbelievably tough," said John Falgout, an Academy senior football player. "This was one of those games where you give your blood and your sweat and sometimes, in the end, even your tears."

"By and large, physically it was an extraordinary football game," Coach Calhoun said.

Though the Navy has won seven straight games in the series, making this streak the second-longest in the rivalry, the Falcons still lead the overall series 25-17.

"It's a heartbreaker," said Academy senior Ben Garland. "But we've just got to put this behind us and get ready for the Mountain West (conference game) next week."

Next week the Air Force will play at Falcon Stadium against the Texas Christian University's Horned Frogs.

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat/Sun
12 Columbus Day Federal Holiday	13 Hearts Apart, Colson Pumpkin Patch @ 4:30 p.m.	14	15 10-AB IFF Graduation, 4:45 p.m. @ 49 FTS Heritage Room 11-01 Pilot Partner Welcome, @ 5:30 p.m. AFRC	16 National Boss Day	17/18 Fun Run, 7 a.m. Caledonia Day, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Downtown Caledonia
19 Bench Press Competition, 4:30 p.m. @ Fitness Center	20 Base Newcomers, @ AFRC OSC Social, 6 p.m.	21 10-15 Commander's Welcome, 4:00 p.m. @ Club	22 Quarterly Award Luncheon, 11:30 a.m.	23 10-01 Graduation Ceremony, 10:00 a.m.	24/25

Long Term Events	Oct. 31 - Monster March
Oct. 26 - Night Flying Week	Nov. 1-7 - Air Force Family Week
Oct. 27 - BCC Luncheon	Nov. 1 - Daylight Savings Ends (fall back 1 hr.)
Oct. 29 - Pumpkin Carving Contest	Nov. 3 - Election Day
Oct. 29 - Youth Center Fall Festival	Nov. 5 - SNCO Induction Ceremony
Oct. 30 - Amazing Race Award Ceremony	Nov. 6 - 10-02 Assignment Night
Oct. 30 - Enlisted Promotions	Nov. 7 - OG Career Day
Oct. 31 - Halloween	Nov. 7 - Columbus Veterans Day Parade

Thursday
Intramural
Football Scores

Game 1: 49th/50th FTS L Forfeit 14th SFS W

Game 2: 37th/41st FTS 12 L 14th MDG 14 W

Don't Drink and Drive

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.

49th Fighter Training Squadron Spotlight



SrA Jacob Corbin/U.S. Air Force Photo
Capt. Mariano Triulzi, an instructor pilot from Argentina on an exchange program, gives a pre-flight brief to three Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals students October 1 at the 49th Fighter Training Squadron.



SrA Jacob Corbin/U.S. Air Force Photo
Shown above is the brand new 49th FTS building October 1. Sitting outside of the building is an inert Mark 82 Snake Eye bomb on loan from the Air Force Museum.

Senior Airman Jacob Corbin
14th Flying Training Wing
Public Affairs

Unit mission:
“To produce the world’s best fighter pilot wingmen and weapon systems operators”

Vision: “To embody in word, though and deed, the spirit of the American fighter pilot – committed to excellence in the execution of our mission and in the support of our fellow Black Knights and families.”

Key Leaders:
Commander
Lt. Col. Tor Dietrichs
1st Sergeant
Master Sgt. Steven Dunaway

Personnel numbers:
Military: 25;
Contracted: Zero
Civil service: One
Buildings: One

Squadron functions:
The 49th Fighter Training Squadron manages the Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals course, which prepares rated officers to become fighter pilots or WSOs. “We don’t train people how to fly, we train them how to fight,” Colonel Dietrichs said. The 49th FTS manages 20 T-38C IFF Talons.

Slogan/unit name:
The Black Knights

Upcoming Challenges:
According to Colonel Dietrichs, the greatest challenge the 49th FTS will be facing in the future is continued reduced instructor pilot manning in an already small squadron.

How the unit plays a part in SUPT:

The 49th FTS is unique on Columbus AFB, as it doesn’t actually support Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training. It is in fact a graduate program for rated officers who have completed SUPT. For a number of Columbus AFB’s graduates, it is the next step prior to airframe specific training.

“We are the direct customers of the T-38 trainers across the street,” Colonel Dietrichs said.

What has changed recently in the squadron:

Recently, the 49th FTS moved into their brand-new building across from the 48th Flying Training Squadron.

Unique aspects of the unit :

The 49th FTS is the bases only fighter training squadron, and the leadership of the 49th FTS tries to mimic the actual layout and functions of a typical fighter squadron to help better train its pilots.

“We are not doing pilot training,” Colonel Dietrichs said. “We are doing fighter training. That fact goes through the whole mentality of the squadron. It’s all about how to shoot down enemy aircraft and to achieve decisive weapons effects on the ground.”

Senior leader comments:
“We are very serious about playing an active role as an engaged members of the BLAZE Team,” Colonel Dietrichs said.

The colonel also said his squadron is deeply committed to its heritage and helping to tell not only the 49th FTS story, but the Air Force story as well.



The 49th Fighter Squadron Association holds its annual reunion this weekend at Columbus AFB for the first time in 15 years. Hosted by the 49th Fighter Training Squadron, today’s events include tours of many base facilities a, simulators, and for a few members, a flight in a T-38C IFF. The capstone event is a reunion banquet at the Columbus Club tomorrow night, with the famed aviation artist Mr. Keith Ferris serving as the guest speaker. Born as a Fighter Squadron (FS) in 1941, it served in WWII in the European theater flying P-38s where the warriors of the 49th referred to themselves as the Hangmen. The 49 FS became a Fighter-Interceptor Squadron (FIS) in the 1950s and held that name until the 1980s. Over its history the 49th has flown the P-38, P-47, F-84, T-33, F-86, F-101, F-106, AT-38, and T-38C IFF. The 49 FS Association boasts a membership of over 250. It adopted and uses the 49 FIS patch (shown) as its official patch.



SrA Jacob Corbin/U.S. Air Force Photo
An IFF student prepares for a flight in a T-38C Talon September 30. Students in IFF are taught how to employ their weapon systems in combat.



SrA Jacob Corbin/U.S. Air Force Photo
Capt. James Murphy, 49th FTS, suits up prior to a flight September 30. Students in the IFF course are taught by instructor pilots, like Captain Murphy, who have a minimum of one tour flying fighter aircraft.



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An important part of any squadron is its heritage, and the 49th FTS takes theirs very seriously. On display at the squadron are “war diaries” and other artifacts from as far back as WWII, along with numerous photos and models chronicling the squadrons past.