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Weather



Today

High: 71, Low: 41
Sunny



Saturday

High: 74, Low: 46
Partly Cloudy



Sunday

High: 72, Low: 49
Partly Cloudy



Monday

High: 67, Low: 48
Partly Cloudy

News Briefs

Class 10-10 Track Select

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 10-10 will hold their track select ceremony at 5 p.m. Nov. 17 at the Columbus Club.

Dormsgiving

The Dormsgiving Thanksgiving celebration for enlisted Airmen living in the dorms will be at 5 p.m. Nov. 19 at the Chapel Annex.

Commissary Holiday Hours

The store will also be OPEN on Monday, November 23rd 10:00 a.m.-6 p.m. for Thanksgiving shopping. The Commissary will be closed for Thanksgiving Wednesday, Nov. 26, and Friday Nov. 27, 2009. The store will resume normal operating hours on Saturday, Nov. 28 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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Feature 10

The Veterans Day Parade and Ceremony is highlighted in this week's feature.



U.S. Air Force photo/Elizabeth Owens
Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James McCoy, the sixth to hold that position, speaks with newly inducted senior non-commissioned officers at the SNCO Induction Ceremony Nov. 5 at the Columbus Club. Chief McCoy was the keynote speaker. The ceremony culminated four-day professional enhancement course. See story on page 5.

BLAZE Team welcomes LCAP inspection team

Ken Phillips

14th Flying Training Wing
Maintenance Authority

Columbus Air Force Base welcomes the Logistics Compliance Assessment Program Team tomorrow for our bi-annual inspection.

The 32-person team from Air Education and Training Command is headed by Lt. Col. James Humes will begin the Logistics Compliance Assessment Program inspection, also known as LCAP, at 5 a.m. Monday. The inspection team will be on a 24-hour surveillance schedule until Thursday,

November 19 with the official out brief occurring before they leave.

Their purpose is to assess a unit's ability to perform key logistics processes in a safe, standardized, repeatable, and technically compliant manner in accordance with Air Force, major command, and

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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 (10-11)	-2.98 days	-5.87 days	Dec. 11	48th (10-02)	1.24 days	-1.13 days	Nov. 17	49th (10-BB)	-5.15 days	-3.54 days	Nov. 17	T-6	1,018	1059	3,760
41st (10-10)	0.86 days	-4.06 days	Nov. 17	50th (10-03)	-0.03 days	-2.55 days	Dec. 11					T-1	322	334	1,276
												T-38	343	296	1,110
												IFF	66	65	369

The graduation speaker is Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Jack Catton Jr., former Director of Requirements, Headquarters, Air Combat Command, Langley AFB, Virginia.



Columbus Air Force Base, City salutes Veterans



U.S. Air Force photos by/Sonic Johnson

Local veterans led the 2009 City of Columbus Veterans Day Parade on November 7. They also stood in formation next to the CAFB formation of Airmen during the Veterans Day Ceremony.



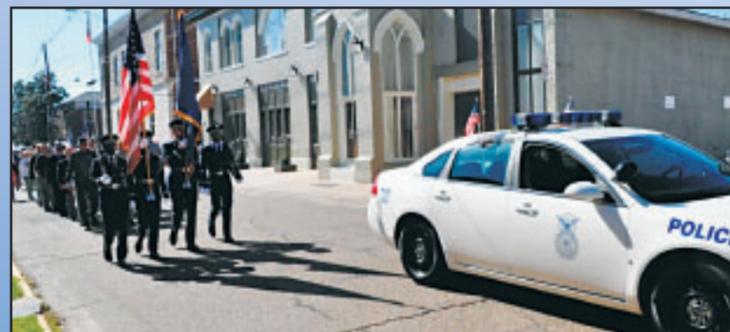
U.S. Air Force photos by/Sonic Johnson

The distinctive roar of a P-51 Mustang punctuated the moment of silence at 11 minutes after the 11th hour at the Columbus Veterans Day Ceremony.



U.S. Air Force photos by/Sonic Johnson

Airman First Class Benjamin Mitchell, 14th Flying Training Wing, sings The National Anthem as the Columbus Air Force Base Honor Guard presents the American flag during the City of Columbus Veterans Day Ceremony on Saturday, November 7 in front of the Lowndes County Courthouse.



U.S. Air Force photos by/Sonic Johnson

14th Security Forces Squadron patrol car paces the 14th FTW Honor Guard in the annual Veteran's Day Parade in downtown Columbus November 7.



U.S. Air Force photos by/Sonic Johnson

The lone bugler performs "Taps" after Col. Roger Watkins 14th Flying Training Wing commander, Mr. Lon Clemmons, WW II Veteran and Mayor Robert Smith, city of Columbus, laid a wreath at the Lowndes County Veterans Memorial during the Columbus Veterans Day Ceremony on November 7.



U.S. Air Force photos by/Sonic Johnson

Col. Ken Bryson, 14th Mission Support Group commander, salutes during the singing of the National Anthem at the Veteran's Day ceremony November 7. Col. Bryson led the Columbus AFB formation of Airmen as they marched in the Veterans Day Parade that ended at the Lowndes County Courthouse.



U.S. Air Force photos by/Sonic Johnson

Col. Roger Watkins, 14th Flying Training Wing commander, and his wife Leslie, were joined by Command Chief Master Sgt. Richard Brackett, and his wife Debbie in the city of Columbus' Veteran's Day Parade November 7.



U.S. Air Force photos by/Sonic Johnson

The VFW Post No. 4272 and American Legion Post 69 provided a wreath at the Lowndes County Veterans Memorial for the Veterans Day ceremony Nov. 7.



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Every night: Turn off printers, turn off monitors

Base families offered a variety of activities

All you can eat pizza buffet

The Columbus Club offers this family night with pizza and games from 5-8 p.m. tonight. Costs are \$10.95 for members and club member's children 11 and under eat free. Non-member prices are \$12.95 for adults, \$6.95 for children 5-11 and free for children 4 and younger. Take the "NAPOC" challenge! If you're not up to the challenge, then come cheer for your "NAPOC" contender. For more information, call 434-2490.

NAF Sale

There will be a sale Wednesday from 9 a.m. to noon at Outdoor Recreation of excess non-appropriated property such as queen and twin size mattresses with frames, sofas, sofa chairs, armoires, video cameras and other electronics. Customer may preview equipment Monday and Tuesday during normal operating hours but may not purchase prior to the sale. Only persons with base ID cards will be allowed into the sale area for purchasing. The card holder may bring as many people he/she needs to load purchases. For more information, call 434-2507.

Bowling Center closure

The bowling lanes, not the snack bar, will be closed Dec. 2 to Dec. 19 for installation of new pinsetters and lanes. For more information, call 434-3426.

Mall Hopping Shopping

The information, ticket and travel office offers this trip to the Birmingham, Ala. Dec. 5. Cost is \$20 per person and includes transportation only. The bus will leave at 7 a.m. and return in the late afternoon. Minimum of ten needed for this trip. For more information, call 434-2507.

Breakfast with Santa

The Youth Center is offering this program from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Dec. 5. Cost is \$5 per person if you register by Dec. 2 or \$10 per person after that date. Cost includes breakfast and a kid's picture with Santa. There will be demonstrations, crafts and carnival games. For more information, call 434-2504.

Youth Christmas Shopping Trip

The youth center offers this free trip for ages 13 and older to Tupelo, MS to the Barnes Crossing Mall. Younger children must be accompanied by a parent. Register by Dec. 1 at the youth center. There is another trip Dec. 19 to the Mall of Memphis. Register for that trip

by Dec. 15. For more information, call 434-2504.

Annual Holiday Cookie Baking Contest

The Library is offering this annual contest Dec. 17. All interested persons may sign up Dec. 1 to Dec. 16. Entries should be brought to the Library by 1:30 p.m. Dec. 17. Judging is at 2 p.m. A maximum of two entries per person with at least six cookies in each entry. No tarts and no candy entries accepted. Entries must be cookies. For more information, call 434-2934.

Crafts Classes

The Arts and Crafts Center offers a different craft every Thursday at 10:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. All youth classes are \$5 each. Adult crafts classes costs are based on the project. Class Dec. 3 is the stocking door hanging for the youth and the snowman candle holder for the adult. This adult class is \$8. Register at least one day in advance. For more information, call 434-7836.

Christmas time child care

If squadrons are in need of child care for Christmas parties, contact the Child Development Center as soon as possible to set up dates and receive information. Contact Martha Mann at 434-2479 for more information.

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.

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.

Horseback riding lessons

Outdoor Recreation is offering riding lessons and special occasion rides. For more information, call 434-2505 or 7861.

14th SFS/CC takes on the "Bryson"



U.S. Air Force photo/Jana Hall
Maj. Derrick Ossmann, 14th Security Forces Squadron commander takes a bite out of "The Bryson" sandwich with his wife, Monica, at Indy's. Indy's is open for lunch Monday thru Friday, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Daily specials available, call 434-2490.

Youth Employment Skills (YES) Program

The YES Program is an on-base volunteer program for high school students that pay \$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 parent's time out every Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for children, ages 1-3 years of age. Cost is \$20 for the day. For more information, call Martha Mann at 434-2479.

Tickets available

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

Prescription meds: Proceed with caution

Airman 1st Class Abigail Klein
28th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

approximately 2,700 per year.

Among these numbers, first term enlisted Airmen and lieutenants are tested more frequently. This is done because first term Airmen and lieutenants usually fall into the highest risk age group for drug abuse, 20 to 28 years old.

Airmen who test positive for expired or borrowed prescriptions are subject to legal proceedings under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, and incur punishments similar to those who test positive for illegal narcotics.

“Wrongful use of prescription drugs is a violation of Article 112a of the Uniform Code of Military Justice,” said Capt. Heather Rowison, 28th Bomb Wing assistant staff judge advocate. “Violations of this article can be punished at court martial, with a maximum punishment of dishonorable discharge and a confinement of up to 15 years.”

Giving medication to other Airmen to help with temporary pain or due to self-diagnosis, is also another pitfall for Airmen.

“I was having trouble sleeping at nights due to a recent family tragedy,” said an Ellsworth Airman, who asked not to be identified. “My co-worker gave me one of her prescribed (sleeping pills) the next day and I took it without even thinking about it.”

In addition to potential damage to Airmen’s

careers, prescription drugs have possible physical side effects as well.

“Medicine and drugs prescribed for one individual can seriously play havoc with your body, metabolism and allergies,” Mr. Franklin said. “Only your doctor knows best.”

Side effects of painkillers and anti-depressants include a general lack of interest, light-headedness, slowed and shallow breathing, liver and pancreas damage and overdoses which can lead to death.

Fortunately, incidents like these can be avoided if Airmen simply follow their doctor or primary care manager’s instructions, said Mr. Franklin.

- If a medical problem persists, see doctor or PCM to extend or renew prescriptions
- Dispose of expired or left over medications by mixing them with undesirable materials such as kitty litter
- Keep medication lists updated and accurate

• Provide healthcare providers with the most complete and up-to-date record of prescriptions to assist in prescribing the safest and most effective medication

By practicing these steps Airmen can avoid the possible legal repercussions or health hazards of misusing prescription drugs.



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Adam Grant Staff Sgt. Sonyea Woolfork, 28th Medical Support Squadron pharmacy technician at Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D., pours old and expired pills into a waste jar Oct 27. The pharmacy there fills an average of 130,000 prescriptions a year.

Policy opens federal job opportunities for qualifying military spouses

April Rowden

Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — A new executive policy has pushed open the door for qualifying military spouses to enter the federal workforce, enabling them to apply for more jobs advertised on USAJOBS.

Executive Order 13473, which went into effect Sept. 11, 2009, identified three groups of qualifying spouses now eligible to apply for temporary, term and permanent employment in all pay grades:

The groups are:

— The spouse of an Airman who has been issued orders for a permanent change of station that requires relocating.

— The spouse of an Airman who retired with a disability rating at the time of retirement of 100 percent; or retired or separated from the Air Force and has a disability rating of 100 percent from the Department of Veterans Affairs.

— The un-remarried widow or widower of an Airman killed while in active-duty status.

Department of the Air Force positions being advertised on USAJOBS using this authority will list the authority on the “Qualifications and Evaluations” tab. With the specific job announcement open, select the “Qualifications and

Evaluations” tab, and under the “Qualifications Required” heading, look for “Appointment of Certain Military Spouses.” This indicates that the position is open to spouses meeting the qualifications listed above.

The timing of the executive order coincides with the Year of the Air Force Family.

Once a spouse becomes eligible, they have a two-year window to use this benefit.

For spouses who relocate through a PCS, the eligibility period starts the date the orders are issued.

“If an Airman received their PCS orders with an issue date in March 2008, and the spouse meets all the qualifications, including moving with the Airman and being married to the Airman on or before the date of the orders, they are eligible until March 2010 to apply for federal jobs using the military spouse appointment authority,” Ms. Keating explained.

The eligibility phase for spouses of Airmen with a service-connected disability of 100 percent is based on the date of the documentation verifying the 100 percent disability.

Un-remarried widows or widowers have two years from the date of the documentation verifying the member was killed while in active-duty status. Ms. Keating emphasized the date of documentation starts the clock, not the date of death.

Similar to other status candidates, such as veterans, non-

Department of Defense transfers or prior federal employee reinstatements, the hiring official within each office has the discretion to use this hiring authority. To ensure the new spouse benefit is included with positions announced for “status candidates,” applicants should review the job announcement carefully.

With contractor-to-civilian conversions, new organizations standing up and overall increases in positions, the Air Force is hiring more than 9,000 new positions in fiscal year 2010. The Air Force is projecting an even larger hiring surge in fiscal year 2011 with an estimated 25,000 new positions by fiscal year 2013. Positions are already appearing on USAJOBS.

“This is the perfect time for spouses to visit their local Airman and Family Readiness Center to get professional assistance with creating resumes for vacancies listed on USAJOBS,” Ms. Liston said. “If our professionals find that the spouse is missing critical skill sets in the desired career field, we can help the spouse build those skills by guiding them to the proper education or volunteer channels.”

For specific details on the noncompetitive appointment of certain military spouses, go to <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/ft/> and Quick Search “RIN 3206-AL73”.

For more information on the noncompetitive appointment of certain military spouses, call the Total Force Service Center at 800-525-0102.

Thank our veterans: Those serving and those who served

Mark L. Stephensen II
National League of Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Families chairman

MOUNTAIN HOME AIR FORCE BASE, Idaho — This Veterans Day, what’s important is the recognition and remembrance of the sacrifices made by military members who have served our nation and worn its uniform.

But there are 1,728 unreturned veterans from the Vietnam War. What about them?

In 1970, family members — mostly wives — of the thousands of prisoners of war and those missing in action formed an organization to come together and compel our government to be more proactive and effective in dealing with them and the POW/MIA issue. This organization was formed as the National League of Families of Prisoners of War and Missing in Action in Southeast Asia, Inc., commonly known as the National League POW/MIA Families.

Yet on this Veterans Day, more than 40 years later, the organization still finds itself struggling to fulfill its mission of the fullest possible accounting, including the return of live POWs and repatriation of remains. The POW/MIA issue is long and complex, but one thing we should remember is when men and women answer the call to duty of this nation, they deserve any and all respect, honor and remembrance. Likewise, if something goes wrong, our nation is duty-bound to provide the fullest possible accounting to their families. Devotion cuts both ways.

Mountain Home Air Force Base has its share of unreturned veterans. Some have come home, some still remain unaccounted for.

My family was lucky. My father, Col. Mark L. Stephensen, was MIA and killed in action. He was stationed here just before he began his second tour of Vietnam. He was declared missing in action April 29, 1967. His remains were returned in April 1988 and received a proper burial with full military honors just as he was promised. Our nation kept its promise, and my family and I are grateful. But many thousands of families still wait and wonder if they have been forgotten.

The National League of POW/MIA Families remains committed to the mission of compelling our government to seek the fullest possible accounting. Our mission is as important today as it was 40 years ago. Army Pfc. Bowe Bergdahl, a native of Ketchum, Idaho, is still being held against his will in Afghanistan. We trust that our government is doing everything it can to bring him home safe. We hold his family in our thoughts and prayers.

Veterans Day means different things to different people, but we all must remember. We must never break faith with our POW/MIAs and we must all thank our veterans, both those currently serving and those who have served in the past. We must never forget. We must remember that we owe them and their families our liberty, our thanks and our love.



Changing how we do business

Lt. Col. Alexander Koven
7th Expeditionary Air Command and Control Squadron Commander

SOUTHWEST ASIA — Change has always been a part of the Air Force. You see it every day here with the way Airmen support the fight. The B-1B Lancer, designed to penetrate into enemy territory, is now using a targeting pod and global positioning satellite-aided weapons to conduct close-air support. In previous conflicts, air control squadrons needed to be within line-of-sight of the aircraft being controlled. Now Airmen control the fight from thousands of miles away.

For my own platform, engineers designed the Joint Surveillance Target Attack System to detect Warsaw Pact-era tank columns crossing the Fulda Gap in Germany. In today’s battlefield, JSTARS is producing actionable information for the counter-insurgency fight while supporting real-time operations through an upgraded communications suite. Our concept of war fighting has transformed.

Change also impacts an Airman’s quality of life. As a lieutenant who deployed frequently to this part of the world, the rules limited me to two 15-minute phone calls a week back home. Squadrons had more typewriters than computers and I broke out the air tasking order with a

pencil and a photocopier.

At my home squadron, 60 people shared a single laser printer. E-mail was a new concept and few people had access to the Web. Most amazingly, Air Force operators were able to launch sorties without the use of Power Point. Overhead projectors, wax pencils and acetates worked fine. Our concept of using technology has transformed.

Today’s Airmen enter an Air Force that is network-centric. Information travels instantly with the press of a button. Air Force Instructions and forms are available online. Airmen huddle around Wi-Fi hot spots to keep in contact with loved ones, work on their education or network with others on a global scale. It used to take the power of a mighty nation to reach around the globe. Now an individual is

capable of doing the same. Our concept of using information has transformed.

The mission the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing will continue to change. From our position here in Southwest Asia, our wing helps bring stability to this region. Our mission will ensure that critical natural resources are available for the world economy, while building lasting relationships with our friends and allies. Airpower, with its unique attributes, provides critical capabilities required for operations in this region. These capabilities span from logistics, to intelligence, to surveillance and reconnaissance to kinetic and non-kinetic effects.

The bottom line is that the wing will continue its transformation to meet today’s and the future’s challenges.

Chief of Staff addresses key mobility, Air Force issues at conference

Mark T. Voorhis

Air Mobility Command Public Affairs

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Gen. Norton Schwartz, the Air Force chief of staff, recently attended the 41st Airlift Tanker Association conference where he addressed a gathering of more than 4,000 active duty, Guard, Reserve and civilian Airmen.

In his comments, General Schwartz emphasized the importance of every Airman and every job in the Air Force.

"We all count, whatever we do," General Schwartz said. "This is family business. Our part, however we play it, on the ground or in the air, in the United States or forward, it all counts."

Air Mobility's Vital Contributions

The general acknowledged how vital mobility contributions are to the joint fight in Afghanistan.

"Afghanistan is a very unique place," he said. "It doesn't enjoy access to major waterways, it's landlocked. And it also provides a crucible where we in our Air Force have contributed in very significant ways."

One of those ways was demonstrated by Senior Master Sgt. Richard Larson, from the 615th Contingency Response Group at Travis Air Force Base, Calif. Sergeant Larson and his team deployed to a small remote outpost in Afghanistan. Their mission was to help increase cargo velocity and visibility.

Sergeant Larson and his team expanded the mission to 24-hour coverage and established a capability that increased C-17 Globemaster III sorties from one or two a day to more than a dozen per day. They eventually moved more than 7,000 passengers and 17.5 million pounds of cargo.

The team also facilitated a ramp expansion program by supporting the delivery of nearly 2 million square feet of AM-2 aluminum matting, the largest temporary aircraft parking area ever constructed anywhere in the world.

"And you know who got that (matting) there?" General Schwartz asked. "You all did that," he said, pointing to his audience. "You should be very proud of the work you've done."

Air Force Priorities

The general continued by emphasizing Air Force priorities. He spoke first of reinvigorating the Air Force nuclear enterprise.

"We had a rocky time in the nuclear business," he said. "But one of the organizations that led the way was the 62nd Airlift Wing, who in the last year has had two nuclear operational readiness inspections. And let me tell you,

nuclear inspections are tough. Both of the wing's inspections garnered the highest possible grade."

General Schwartz said when Airmen partner with the joint and coalition team to win today's fight, "we're all in."

"It doesn't matter what we do," he said, "we're contributing in very substantial ways to today's fight. And to the families and spouses who are here, particularly in a time of war, this is a team sport. So to all of you, thank you, too, for your service in making this possible."

General Schwartz shared some figures on the deployment contributions of Air Force personnel.

"We've got about 40,000 people on the road in the (Central Command area of operations), but guess what? There are about 150,000 who are not forward deployed who are doing incredible work, and we value both!"

The general also spoke about developing and caring for Airmen and their families and said, "This is about the people who make the mission happen."

The Air Force family support must continue to keep pace with our current operations tempo, he said.

Modernizing our aging air and space inventories is critical, the general continued.

"KC-X clearly is the number one priority for our Air Force," he said. "And we must consider the F-35 (Lightning II joint strike fighter) the future for the combat air forces."

The general also discussed recapturing acquisition excellence.

"Look, when you're in the World Series, and you're 0 and 2, you have to dig deep," he said. "And we're 0 and 2 in the tanker business. This is the World Series now. This is not only important for the Air Force to bring KC-X home, this is vitally important to the reputation of defense acquisition generally, and, I would argue, even the reputation of our industry partners."

Our Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Capability Is Critical

The general spoke of the tremendous number of hours accumulated flying unmanned missions.

"We have rapidly expanded our capabilities," the general said. "Why is this important? Because lives depend on this mission. The best shooters we have in the Department of Defense will not go around a corner or through a door or window unless they have the situational awareness the United States Air Force provides."

The Direct Support Mission Is Our Mission

General Schwartz spoke next of the Air

Force's direct support mission, and how it's different from what he calls the 'general support mission.'

"We are very good at doing what I call general support," he said. "Simply stated, this is 'how efficiently can I run an airline.' Direct support, on the other hand, is not designed to attain efficiency, but to satisfy the customer's demand completely."

The direct support mission is to put time-sensitive, mission-critical cargo where it needs to be, he said. Air Force officials will field 38 C-27J Joint Cargo Aircraft to provide that support.

"We will adapt ourselves to ensure that our machines, our capability and our people contribute in the best possible way to the missions that our joint team faces," he said. "That's direct support."

Year of the Air Force Family

General Schwartz acknowledged these are demanding times.

"For all of the leadership in this room, one of the things that we must do as an institution is to sustain and maybe in some ways rekindle the sense of community that our Air Force has always shared," he said.

That sense of community gives a person strength, the general said.

"It is important that we connect, that we reach out and make sure the entire family understands that we are paying attention to their needs," he said. "If we take care of our families, the rest will take care of itself."

There are four pillars the Air Force is concentrating on when it comes to family: health and wellness; Airman and family support; education, development and employment; and Airman and family housing.

"I ask that you devote this year to improving the lives of Air Force families," the general said.

The Modernization Challenge

"These are demanding times," General Schwartz said. "Equipment is expensive and money is tight."

He equated the age of the fleet and improvements to that fleet to "putting an MP3 into a 1984 vintage vehicle, improving it somewhat," but there are still other areas that will need improvement.

"The dilemma the Air Force faces is we can fix and improve some of the existing equipment, or we can procure new," he said. "Because defense dollars peaked in 2008, we've been able, in large measure, to do both at the same time. That, however, will become more difficult."

The general said that this year about 40 percent of Air Force procurement funding will

modify legacy systems. These modifications will be largely limited to safety of flight and airspace access requirements.

Keys to Future Capability

General Schwartz shared the top acquisition efforts. He said that last year tankers offloaded almost 200 million pounds of fuel. That equates to a full tank of gas with average use for six and a half years for (the nearly 4,000 people) in this room.

"We need an airplane that isn't the vintage of black and white television," he said. "The KC-X is the Air Force's number one acquisition and recapitalization priority."

Second is the F-35 Lightning II.

"Our fighter force is aging," he said. "This is a serious issue for our capacity to conduct tactical air operations. The F-35 is the platform that we are relying on to recapitalize our aging fighter fleet."

General Schwartz said there is nothing in the current quadrennial defense review and the nuclear posture review more important to the Air Force than long range strike.

"I think that our Air Force needs to be able to persist in denied airspace," he said. "I think the United States of America needs something more than fire and forget."

The general added that space assets, especially military satellite communications, are vital to the Air Force mission. He acknowledged Air Force officials could not be running the UAS units from various locations around the world if it were not for satellite communications.

"It is an obligation for us as a team to provide that capacity," he said.

Cyber, which the general identified earlier as one of the key forces driving change in the Air Force, has similar mission impacts.

Keeping the Promise

General Schwartz concluded his presentation by saying, "In the end, this is about trust between you and me, between our Air Force and our teammates and it is about trust with our customer, the American people."

"Reputations are hard to earn and easy to lose," he continued. "So every day, we, individually and collectively, must strive to sustain that reputation, which is that we are a trustworthy and reliable partner on the battlefield, that we will do what is needed."

"And so, ladies and gentlemen, from whatever discipline you are in, whatever command you are in, whatever your background, this is our Air Force. This is our family."

Air Force leaders issue joint Veterans Day message

Janie Santos

Defense Media Activity-San Antonio

SAN ANTONIO — The Air Force's top leaders remind the entire Air Force family that this holiday has a meaning beyond a "day off" from work in a Veterans Day message.

Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz issued the following message:

Bound by common purpose and driven by singular valor, our nation's service men and women exemplify the very best of our patriotic tradition. From "the shot heard 'round the world," in Lexington on April 19, 1775, to their exceptional deeds in Iraq, Afghanistan, and elsewhere today, our veterans - past and present - have served nobly, and deserve our sincere gratitude and abiding respect.

Some of our veterans have made the ultimate sacrifice - to whom, our debt can ever be repaid. Others have suffered physical wounds, but remain spiritually steadfast, inspiring us with their strength of character and enduring contributions. Some still wear the uniform-

whom we salute for their continued uncommon sacrifice -- while others are now our schoolteachers, coaches, entrepreneurs, and community leaders, still lending us their considerable talents, and benefitting us with their abundant generosity.

Whether in military or civilian life, all of our veterans, especially our wounded warriors, deserve nothing short of our best praise and support. We are ever faithful to our solemn promise to care for them, and to afford the full array of quality lifetime programs to our injured service members.

On this Veterans Day, we fittingly honor all those who have donned the uniform of the United States, and hazarded their own profound joys of life, to stand firmly for our nation's timeless devotion to liberty, equality, fairness, and self-determination; and, we thank those who continue in humble and distinctive service, ensuring not only that our nation remains blessed with limitless possibilities, but also that the memory of those veterans who have gone before us remains eternal.



U.S. Air Force graphic

Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley and Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz issued a Veterans Day message that expresses gratitude for all veterans, past and present.

Air Force leaders send birthday message to Marine Corps

WASHINGTON — The secretary and chief of staff of the Air Force salute the Marine Corps on its 234th birthday Nov. 10.

Originally founded on Nov. 10, 1775, the Marine Corps was composed mainly of infantrymen serving aboard Navy ships.

They were responsible primarily for the security of the ship and provided offensive and defensive boarding parties. They also helped protect the ship's officers from mutiny. In 1921, Marine Gen. John A. Lejeune issued Marine Corps Order No. 47, Series 1921, that directed the history, traditions and mission of the Marine Corps to be read to all Marines on Nov. 10 to honor the service's creation. And in 1925, the first formal Marine Corps Birthday Ball was held in Philadelphia.

Today, the Marines Corps is

an amphibious expeditionary force that also supports missions from the White House and the State Department.

Secretary Michael B. Donley wrote a letter to the secretary of the Navy stating:

"Congratulations as you celebrate the 234th birthday of the United States Marine Corps. The men and women of the United States Marines embody a tradition of honor and selfless service dating back to the establishment of the Continental Marines in 1775. Today, they and the thousands who have earned the right to be called a Marine continue to uphold these most hallowed traditions by serving proudly around the globe.

"The men and women of the U.S. Air Force are honored to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with the U.S. Marines, as we provide our country unparalleled mili-

tary capability. America's Airmen salute you and wish you the best on your birthday.

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz wrote:

"Congratulations to the U.S. Marine Corps on 234 years of service to our great nation. We celebrate the culture that the 'leathernecks' embody -- honor, courage and commitment. Your current active duty and Reserve warriors, along with those who have formerly worn the Marine Corps uniform with pride, have all truly lived up to the Corps' sacred motto: 'Semper Fidelis.'

"The men and women of the U.S. Air Force are proud to serve with the U.S. Marine Corps, as together, we defend our Nation's freedoms and protect our precious way of life. We extend to you and each Marine a very Happy Birthday.



U.S. Air Force graphic

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Base News

BCC NEWS

Base Community Council members are invited to graduation activities for SUPT Class 10-02 on Friday, November 20th. Keynote speaker will be former 14th FTW commander Maj. Gen. (Ret) Jack Catton. Graduation Breakfast starts at 8:15 a.m. at the Columbus Club. Price is \$10.00 at the door, Graduation Ceremony starts at 10 a.m. at Kaye Auditorium **MUST RSVP by Tuesday, Nov. 17 to 434-7395 or 7864**

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.

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.

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.

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., 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.

Chapel Schedule

Pioneer Club Coordinator

The position for the Pioneer Club Coordinator is now available for bid at the Columbus AFB Chapel. Applicant must show a proven familiarity with the requirements of the whole spectrum of religious education and comply with the Statement of Work. A Statement of Work is available for your review and may be picked up from Tech Sgt. Recto in the Chapel office Monday thru Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Resumes and bid sheets must be submitted to the Chapel office by noon Nov. 16. Interviews will be conducted Nov 17-18, during normal business hours. The contract will be awarded on the basis of best value to the government. A public opening of bids will be conducted on Thursday, Nov. 19 at the Chapel. Contractor will be required to have a background check. For more information, please call TSgt Recto at 434-2500.

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.

RefreshHer

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.

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.

Protestant Worship Service

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 Services

Thursday
5 p.m. — Choir Practice

Sunday:
3:45 p.m. — Choir Practice
4:30 p.m. — Confession
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BLAZE Team member donates piece of Berlin Wall to wing



U.S. Air Force photo/Sonic Johnson
Mr. Klaus Bauer, 14th Services division, present Col. Roger Watkins, 14th Flying Training Wing commander a piece of the Berlin Wall to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall on Nov 9. Bauer defected from then East Germany in the early 50's after he competed in a tennis match. Bauer presented the memento to all the men and women of Columbus AFB in honor of the historic event 20 years ago.

Eleven inducted into SNCO ranks

Senior Airman Jacob Corbin
14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Eleven BLAZE Team NCOs took the next step in their careers when they were welcomed into the ranks of the SNCO corps Nov. 5.

Five master sergeants and six technical sergeants (master sergeant selects), their family, friends and coworkers watched as they were ushered into the next stage of their AF careers. The guest speaker, sixth Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James McCoy, offered his congratulations and advice to the inductees. "Your biggest challenge you now have is to take these young NCOs and make sure they take care of their young Airmen," Chief McCoy said. "Set the example." Chief McCoy said the Airmen being inducted would not

have gotten where they were if their families had not supported them. He also said it is up to them and the Air Force to make sure they are taken care of in return. "The AF has always been up front and ready to take care of families," he said. Col. Roger Watkins, 14th FTW commander, also offered advice and charged his newest SNCOs with an important mission. "There are some 250 young Airmen on this base that need and want your leadership," he said. "If you don't give it to them, they will seek it somewhere else, and that will prevent our wing from doing what it does. "Step up the plate, grab the moment and show those young Airmen leadership," Colonel Watkins continued saying.

14th CES receives five AETC Annual CE Awards

Senior Airman Jacob Corbin
14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Air Education and Training Command recently announced the winners of the 2009 AETC Civil Engineer Awards, including five awards from Columbus Air Force Base. The 14th Civil Engineer Squadron received the following unit awards:
Col. Fredrick Riemer Award (Readiness Flt)
Maj. Gen. Del R. Eulberg Award (Asset Management Flt)
Gen. Thomas D. White Natural Resources Conservation Small Base Award
Gen. Thomas D. White Environmental Quality Award, Non-Industrial
In addition, Frank Lockhart, 14th CES, was awarded the Gen. Thomas D. White Natural Resources Conservation Individual Award.
All winners will continue on to the Air Force level to compete.

Did You Know? Little Known Facts about American Indians

Senior Airman Ntzaki Potter
14th Operations Support Squadron

Maria Tallchief – An Osage Indian with Scots-Irish lineage, was the first American Prima Ballerina.
Charles Curtis – Grew up on the Kaw reservation in Kansas, and became Vice President of the United States of America. He served in office with President Herbert Hoover from 1929-1933.
Jim Thorpe – He was raised in the Sac and Fox Nation in Oklahoma. He won the Olympic Gold Medals in the 1912 pentathlon and decathlon. He also played college and pro football as well as, baseball and basketball.
As of 2005, there was 24,000 American Indians serving the Armed Forces.
As of 2003, there are roughly 562 American Indian tribes who were federally recognized.
As of July 2007, there are approximately 4.5 million American Indians and Alaskan Natives.
There are five American Indians in the 20th century that have received the Medal of Honor. These individuals include; Jack C. Montgomery, a Cherokee from Oklahoma, Ernest Childers, a Creek also from Oklahoma, Van Barfoot, a Choctaw from Mississippi, Mitchell Red Cloud Jr., a Winnebago from Wisconsin, and Charles George, a Cherokee from North Carolina.
In celebration of National American Indian Heritage Month, we are holding a Food Tasting/Cooking Contest in the annex at the base chapel. The event will be held on Monday, November 24th at 1600. All are welcome. Bring the kids and spouses! For additional information please contact SrA Ntzaki Potter of the 14th OSS at 434-3398.

Former 14th FTW/CC to speak at SUPT Class 10-02 graduation
14th Flying Training Wing
Public Affairs

A former commander of Columbus Air Force Base and retired major general will be the guest speaker at the next Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training graduation.

Retired Maj. Gen. Jack J. Catton Jr., former Director of Requirements, Headquarters Air Combat Command, Langley Air Force Base, Va., will be the guest speaker at Class 10-02's graduation.

General Catton retired from the Air Force in January 2008, and was wing commander here from July 1997 to July 1998.

General Catton was born in Spokane, Wash., and graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1976. A graduate of the F-15 Fighter Weapons School, he has served operationally as an instructor pilot, wing weapons and tactics officer, operations officer, squadron commander and operations group commander. General Catton commanded the 53rd Wing at Eglin AFB, Fla., where he was responsible for 1,800 military and civilian personnel at 18 U.S. locations, conducting operational testing and evaluation of all U.S. Air Force combat aircraft, tactics development, and evaluation of electronic combat, armament, avionics and aircrew training devices.

General Catton's staff tours include an Air Staff tour as the Director of Operations advocate for the advanced tactical fighter; a NATO staff tour as Chief of Contingency Operations at NATO's Interim Deployable Combined Air Operations Center at Ramstein Air Base, Germany; and a major command staff tour as the Inspector General for Headquarters Pacific Air Forces at Hickam AFB, Hawaii.

Prior to the Director of Requirements, he served on the Joint Staff as Deputy Director for Information Operations, and then as Director, Operational Plans and Joint Force Development, where he was responsible to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff for all matters pertaining to transforming joint operational concepts, education, training, exercises and war plans.

Student pilots get first-hand look at aircraft



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Jacob Corbin
Second Lt. Matt Clark, a student in specialized undergraduate pilot training, talks to Capt. Pete Hefty and Maj. Jason Smith, F-16 pilots with the 457th Fighter Squadron, Carswell Air Reserve Base, Texas. The F-16 and its crew were one of many at Career Day, a twice-a-year event that lets student pilots speak to aircraft crews and see the planes they may one day fly.

**Celebrate America Recycles Day—
Recycle and Purchase “Green” Products**

Mr. Mike Blythe
14th Civil Engineer Squadron
Natural Resources Management

November 15 is designated as “America Recycles Day.” The purpose of America Recycles Day is to continue to promote the social, environmental and economic benefits of recycling and encourage more people to join the movement toward creating a better natural environment. Celebrating its 12th year, it has grown to include millions of Americans pledging to increase their recycling habits at home and work and to buy products made with recycled materials.

It is estimated that the average American discards 4.6 pounds of garbage every day, including recyclable materials such as aluminum, cardboard, plastic, and glass bottles. In 2001, Columbus AFB implemented a mandatory recycling policy. To date, we have successfully recycled over 18,500 tons of mixed paper (white, colored, phone books, magazines, and note pads), steel/aluminum cans, glass, plastic bottles, cardboard, toner cartridges, batteries, fluorescent light bulbs, and yard waste. That's 18,500 tons of material diverted from local landfills!

It's not only about recycling, buying products made from recycled materials is a key step in supporting recycling programs and resource conservation. Resources are saved only when recycled products are purchased. This is a referred to as “closing the loop.” Federal agencies are directed by laws, regulations and executive orders to make purchasing decisions with the environment in mind. In 1993, the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency created the Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Program to help federal officials meet these requirements. Environmentally preferable means “products or servic-



U.S. Air Force photo/Sonic Johnson
Columbus AFB provides a self-service recycling trailer in the Shoppette parking lot for 24-7 recycling for Columbus AFB residents and employees.

es that have a lesser or reduced effect on human health and the environment when compared with competing products or services that serve the same purpose. The Air Force describes this as “Green Procurement” and Columbus AFB leads the way in purchasing green products. In 2007, the base service store, One Store Solutions, was renovated with recycled-content carpet, recycled furnishings and low volatile paint and stocks over 100 different recycled-content products for purchase with the Government Purchase Card.

To celebrate America Recycles Day, the 14th Civil Engineer Squadron Natural Resources Management and the Base Fitness Center will be giving away free water bottles and t-shirts during the base Fun Run on Friday, Nov. 13. Feel free to join us between 6 a.m. to 10 a.m., even if you are not participating in the Fun Run, or stop by One Store Solutions for a first-hand look at the recycled content products. For more information, contact Mike Blythe at 434-7353.

Gown a Gal

The Cinderella Project of Lowndes County is seeking volunteers on Saturday, Nov. 14 to sort dresses donated to the program. These dresses will be distributed to under privileged teens for their Prom free of charge. Volunteers are needed from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 202 Hospital Dr. Columbus, Ms 39705. Volunteers are asked to sign up for two hour shifts. This is a very rewarding opportunity to contribute to the youth of our community. Call Meagan or Janie at 327-0807 to volunteer.

A Christmas Carol

“A Christmas Carol” will be presented November 20 & 21 at Joe Cook Auditorium. The play will start at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$7.00 in advance and \$8.00 at the door. The tickets are available at any YMCA location. The phone number is 328-7696.

“This play is a joy to behold. This version has music...jolly, touching, and festive music you're happy to leave the theatre humming. This play provides family entertainment of infectious joyousness!”

Thanks for giving!

Join the City of Columbus in an effort to make Thanksgiving special to area residents. Volunteer just a couple of hours on Thanksgiving Day preparing meals for elderly persons and shut-ins around town. The day starts with breakfast for all volunteers at 7 a.m. At 8 a.m., volunteers will begin preparing meals and then delivering meals to local residents at 311 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive. The morning will end in plenty of time to prepare for your own Thanksgiving. What a rewarding volun-

teer opportunity! To volunteer, call Meagan at 327-0807.

Holiday Arts and Crafts Show 2009

The Lake Lowndes Sate Park's Annual Indoor Holiday Arts and Crafts Show will be held Dec. 5 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Multi-sports center. Vendor fee is \$35, and vendor set up will be from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Handmade items only please. For more information please call 328-2110.



BARGAIN LINE

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

Homes

For sale or lease: 44 Nottingham Lane, Sherwood Forest; 2400 Sq ft, 3 BR, 3 BA, privacy fence, 2-car garage; separate dining room; eat-in kitchen; 4th bonus room/bedroom upstairs; carpeted & hardwood throughout, new

tile/countertops, fresh paint; landscaped; extra wide driveway for boat/motor home; 10 minute from CAFB; \$179,000 o.b.o \$1,200/mo. Move-in ready 334-224-3143.
For sale: 81 Azalea Trail, 3BR 2BA, just minutes to CAFB, features updated kitchen and baths, a great open floor plan, large sunroom, beautiful laminate flooring, new landscaping, storm windows, FP with insert/blower, new roof and HVAC in 2007. Asking \$126,500. FMI call 405- 919-2753.
LAND FOR SALE – 2.1 acres on Wood Road in Caledonia. Ready to build! Call 356-6844 after 6 pm.

Transportation

For sale: 2007 Keystone Hornet travel trailer (27 foot). Includes bunk beds, built-in stereo/CD/DVD system; will add hitch, anti-sway bar, extras worth over \$1,500. \$12,500 (Reduced). FMI call 497-2443 anytime.

For sale: 1964 Plymouth Valiant, slant 6 engine, 4-dr, very good condition, runs, \$1200. 1999 Toyota 4-Runner, 4x4, red, 4-dr, heat/ac, excellent con-

dition, \$4000 o.b.o. FMIL call 662-549-4175 or 662-574-0538.
For sale: 2006 Kawasaki Motorcycle ZX-14 Ninja, many extras, excellent condition - \$6800, Enclosed sportbike motorcycle trailer - \$2200, will combine for \$8500. Please call 660-238-3687.
For sale: 1997 GMC 1500 SLE Vortec V-8 Pick up 4WD, Z-71, leather, cruise, bed liner, towing package, multi-CD, fair outside, but solid mechanically w/ all records, 215K miles. Great hunting truck, \$3800. Call 229-460-8497 or 662 889-7796.

For sale: 2005 Honda CBR600RR, (Motorcycle) 6,900 mi, Devil exhaust, K&N, Integrated Turn Signals, Lots of extras! \$5449 o.b.o. 2007 Honda CRF230, (Motorcycle) Great dirt bike, low miles, excellent condition! \$2450 o.b.o. 808-221-2005.

Miscellaneous

For sale: HP Pavilion a6403w desktop computer, 1.8 GHZ processor, 2 GB memory, 500 GB hard drive, and Windows Vista Premium; new in box,

never used and includes keyboard, mouse, and speakers — \$250 o.b.o. Ashley oak entertainment center, includes 2 bookcase-type ends with lighted bridge and TV stand centerpiece, glass doors and tons of storage, good condition-\$250 o.b.o.; Ashley cherry bunk beds, new, includes mattresses and matching two-drawer nightstands, paid \$1500 and has never been used- \$1000 for all o.b.o. Everything negotiable! FMI call 662-549-9970 or to see items.

For sale: IBM Thinkpad laptop, 1.7ghz/512m/60ghd/CDRW-DVD/WiFi/Win XP/Microsoft Office Word Pro Suite & carrying case, excellent condition; asking \$285. FMI call 662-386-6981.

For sale: Simmons Beauty Rest Olympic queen mattress set with frame, \$350; riding lawn mower, \$450; FMI call 660-238-3687

Saturday Yard Sales

5087 Columbus Circle in Magnolia, Saturday, 14 Nov, 7:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. multifamily; items include: futon,

small computer desk, kitchenware, toys and more.

5202 B Lowndes Ave; two family garage sale, 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. baby boy and girl clothes and accessories; men's and women's clothing and household items; double stroller and car seats! No early birds, please.

235 Justin Circle (near Ridge Rd and Jess Lyons), Saturday, 21 Nov, 7:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. 3-Family Yard Sale: Furniture, toddler clothes, toys, household items, etc. Name your own price! All proceeds benefits children at St Jude Children's Hospital and Children's International.

8211 Wolfe Road, Saturday 7:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. lots of adult clothing, home decorations, lots of miscellaneous garage items.

Pets

Free to a good home, purebred boxer and miniature dachshund, one and ? years each. FMI call 662-889-7617.

Sell your item in Silverwings today!

*For more local information please visit
www.Columbus.AF.Mil today!*

Historic foundation honors Columbus AFB for support



Nancy Carpenter, Project Manager with the Columbus Cultural Heritage Foundation, presents Col. George Ross, 14th Flying Training Wing vice commander, with the 1st Annual Service Award. The award was given to Columbus AFB during the recent Arts and Antiques Gala November 5 for the bases contributions, volunteering and service at local community events including: Spring Pilgrimage, Ghosts and Legends Tour, and Fall Historic Home Tour.

U.S. Air Force photo/Sonic Johnson

Asbestos Removal Prior to Demolition in Capital Village

14 Civil Engineer Squadron
Natural Resources Management

The second phase of Privatized Housing at Columbus AFB is scheduled to begin this month with the demolition of 200+ homes in Capitol Village. Houses in Capitol Village were constructed during the 1950-1960 period and renovated numerous times since construction. Through the 1970s, asbestos was commonly used to fireproof roofing and flooring and for heat insulation. Federal regulations allow asbestos to stay in place as long as it does not pose a threat to human health. As you may expect, some of the houses in Capitol Village do indeed have asbestos. Most of the asbestos-containing material is located on the exterior of the houses--in the siding and gables, while some houses still have asbestos-containing floor tiles. Columbus AFB Natural Resources Management personnel have characterized, cataloged, monitored and maintained all areas containing asbestos, to include residential areas. Thanks to diligent efforts by Columbus AFB personnel, there have not been any health related incidents due to asbestos exposure in housing at Columbus AFB.

Prior to demolition activities, the contractor must remove all asbestos from the housing units. The contractor will take all appropriate measures to ensure workers and residents are not exposed to asbestos during the abatement. They will post temporary fencing and/or signs which are off-limits and will securely bag, transport and dispose of all waste containing asbestos in accordance with state and federal regulatory requirements. As always, please do not wander into any demolition or construction areas as they pose more than just potential asbestos hazards. If you have any questions or environmental concerns please contact Ms. Renae Fischer, Civil Engineer Squadron Natural Resources Element chief, at 434-7974.

19th AF inspection team to arrive next week

Capt. Ryan Lowe
14th Operation Group
Standardization and Evaluation

Headquarters 19th Air Force is sending 11 members to Columbus Air Force Base on Nov. 16 to conduct a Staff Assistance Visit. This visit will last through Nov. 20 and help the 14th Operations Group prepare for the next Unit Compliance Inspection.

Subordinate to Headquarters Air Education and Training Command, the mission of 19th AF is to "Train World-Class Aircrews

and Air Battle Managers to sustain the Combat Capability of the United States Air Force, Other Services, and Allies." 19th AF is responsible for all flight training in AETC.

The SAV formally begins Monday morning with an in-brief with Col. David Reth, 14th OG commander, and will conclude with an out-brief on Friday morning. During the week, the team will interview officers and enlisted personnel in each flying squadron.

The focus of this visit will be on squadron training programs and standardization and evaluations programs. The SAV team will provide the 14th OG a formal report with the results shortly after the visit.

Year of the Air Force Family **Spouses Call** Year of the Air Force Family



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Jacob Corbin
Leslie Watkins, wife of 14th Flying Training Wing Commander Col. Roger Watkins, speaks at the Spouse's Call Nov. 7. The call was held by Mrs. Watkins and Debbie Brackett, wife of 14th Flying Training Wing Command Chief Master Sgt. Richard Brackett to provide key information to CAFB spouses and to address their questions and concerns.

14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, 72 BLAZE TEAM members are de-deployed worldwide. Remember to support the Airmen and their families while they are away.

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local policies and directives. It is a graded event and a final score for all the logistics related areas on Columbus Air Force Base will be published by AETC.

The areas that will be inspected are Aircraft Maintenance, Fuels management, Material Management, and Readiness. The 14th FTW Maintenance Authority and Quality Assurance Evaluation sections throughout Logistics that provide oversight of these areas will also be inspected on their ability to ensure contract compliance.

Those under inspection are reminded to use a documentation required in their job, such as technical orders and to use basic maintenance and material management practices. Be professional at all times and don't be afraid to talk to an inspector.

When it comes to programs and processes, know them inside and out. If you have problems, then have fixes in place prior to the inspection and inform the inspector; but most importantly, don't panic.

For the rest of the BLAZE Team, when you see the team around base, give them the BLAZE-standard: Showplace of the South and Southern hospitality!

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2009 Amazing Race ends with over 6,000 miles ran

Tech. Sgt. Ryan Caviness
14th Medical Operations Squadron

The Columbus Air Force Base Amazing Race ended Oct. 3 after three months of multiple teams racing for the goal of 626 miles.

The event marked the end of a long and often challenging journey for the seventeen teams which participated. The four-member teams raced 626 miles from Columbus AFB to Wright-Patterson AFB in the annual competition. Combined, the teams logged an astounding 6,440 miles from July 13 to Oct. 3.

"Stacked" took home the first place prize. Team members included: 2nd Lt. Sean Ketterick, 2nd Lt. Adam Irvin, Master Sgt. Scott Ely, and Master Sgt. Kyle Scafidi (team captain). The team finished on August 21 with 626.35 miles.

Col. George Ross, 14th Flying Training Wing vice commander, presented certificates to each team that completed the race. Prizes included T-shirts, gym bags, and sweatshirts courtesy of the Fitness Center. The first place team also took home MP3 players.

"Firebirds Team C" took the second place prize. Team members included: Lt. Col. Mark DeGrange, Maj. Michael Kendrick (team captain), Maj. Timothy Chapman, and Ms. Shantel Gibson. The team finished on Sept. 1 with 629.45 miles.

"The MDG Express" earned the third place prize. Team members included: Col. Diane Fletcher, Chief Master Sgt. Barbara Steffen, Master Sgt. William Herring, and Mr. Brian Kelly (team captain). The team finished on Sept. 3 with 629.72 miles.

Congratulations to our winners, and thanks to all teams who participated.



U.S. Air Force photo
Amazing Race winning team "Stacked" accepts their certificates from Col. George Ross, 14th Flying Training Wing vice commander. Shown are (from right to left) Colonel Ross, 2nd Lt. Sean Ketterick, Master Sgt. Scott Ely and 2nd Lt. Adam Irvin. Not shown is team captain and additional winner Master Sgt. Kyle Scafidi.

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat/Sun
16 Wing Staff Mtg Canceled Class 11-02 Pilot Partner welcome, @ CJ's Pizza IFF Graduation, 4:49 p.m. @ 49th FTS	17 Class 10-10 Track Select, 5 p.m. @ Columbus Club	18 FTAC	19 Dormsgiving, 5 p.m. @ Chapel Annex Daedalian Dinner, 6 p.m. @ Columbus Club	20 10-02 Graduation Breakfast, 8:15 a.m. @ Columbus Club 10-02 Graduation, 10 a.m. @ Kaye Auditorium	21/22 SCCA Autocross @ SAC Alert
23	24 Mandatory Holiday Safety Briefs	25	26 Thanksgiving Holiday	27 AETC Family Day Eid al Adha	28/29

Long Range Events

Nov. 30 - Enlisted Promotions
Dec. 2 - Wing Holiday Tree Lighting
Dec. 3 - Class 10-03 Assignment Night
Dec. 4 - Fun Run
Dec. 5 - Basic Motorcycle Rider Safety Course

Dec. 7 - Base Holiday Cookie Drive
Dec. 7 - City of Columbus Christmas Parade
Dec. 10 - 10-11 Track Select
Dec. 11 - Happy Fund Shop and Wrap
Dec. 14-18 - FTAC
Dec. 18 - 10-03 Graduation

Football Scores

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RAPCON is the 2009
Intramural
Flag Football Champions!

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.

Bowling Center closure: The bowling lanes, not the snack bar, will be closed Dec. 2 to Dec. 19 for installation of new pinsetters and lanes. For more information, call 434-3426.