

# SILVERWINGS

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## Weather



**Today**

High: 47, Low: 31  
Rain/thunder



**Saturday**

High: 41, Low: 21  
Mostly Cloudy



**Sunday**

High: 47, Low: 25  
Sunny



**Monday**

High: 54, Low: 36  
Partly Cloudy

## News Briefs

### Sports Banquet

Come join the BLAZE Team at the Annual Sports Banquet at 6 p.m. Feb. 8 at the Columbus Club. Dan Mullen, MSU head football coach will be the guest speaker. Cost is \$15 per person. Contact the fitness center for more information.

### Tax Center Open

The Columbus AFB Tax Center opens today and will prepare tax returns through April 15. The Tax Center is located on the first floor in the Personnel Center, Bldg. #926, room #105. Open 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Walk-ins welcome, but appointments recommended. For more information, or to make an appointment, please call 434-7613.

### Phone books available

The Real Yellow Pages telephone directory, by AT&T, is available in the main entrance of the Post Office (Bldg 530) for pickup by CAFB members.

## Inside



Feature 8

The 2009 Annual Award winners are highlighted in this week's feature.



U.S. Air Force photo/Elizabeth Owens  
Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James Roy greets Airmen from the Columbus AFB Fire Department Jan. 26 during his visit to the base. While here, the chief addressed key issues and challenges the Air Force is facing, as well as offering advice and mentorship to Airman of all ranks.

## CMSAF Roy visits CAFB, offers advice to Airman

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

The chief master sergeant of the Air Force visited here Jan. 25-26, speaking to Airman and answering questions while touring the base.

Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James Roy, the 16th to hold that position,

arrived at Columbus AFB Jan. 25 alongside his wife Paula.

While here, the chief addressed key issues and challenges the Air Force is facing, as well as offering advice and mentorship to Airman of all ranks.

One issue the chief said he's currently addressing is how the Air Force develops its enlisted force. He said they're looking at a process called "Deliberate deliberate

Developmentdevelopment" to address this.

"We need to take the combat experience our Airman are receiving and the assignments they are getting today and couple that with education and training," the chief said. "We need to couple those things together. That is how we are going to develop the Airman of the future."

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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 (10-13)	2.79 days	-1.42 days	Feb. 24	48th (10-05)	1.39 days	-1.05 days	Feb. 19	49th (10-DB)	4.60 days	3.52 days	Feb. 3	T-6	2,193	2,740	10,509
41st (10-14)	-0.97 days	-3.40 days	Mar. 10	50th (10-05)	2.57 days	0.47 days	Feb. 19					T-1	739	704	3,251
												T-38	750	729	3,044
												IFF	145	178	681

Brig. Gen. Anthony Rock, Commandant, Air Command and Staff College, and Vice Commander, Spatz Center for Officer Education, Air University, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. will be the graduation speaker.

## Dorm Dinner



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

Marti Ross, wife of 14th Flying Training Wing Vice Commander Col. George Ross, speaks to Airman 1st Class Sam Nabakowski and Airman 1st Class Benjamin Mitchell at this month's Dorm Dinner Jan. 21. Each month the base chapel sponsors a dorm dinner, giving Airmen a home-made dinner and a chance to interface with base leadership.

## 14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, 71 BLAZE TEAM members are deployed worldwide. Remember to support the Airmen and their families while they are away.



## CMSAF

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In addition, the chief said the Air Force is looking at how it trains its Airman prior to deployments.

"The fact of the matter is we are a nation at war, and it requires us to train those Airmen before they get into combat," Chief Roy said. The chief added that we need the Air Force needs to focus on reintegrating those Airmen when they return home from deployments.

Columbus AFB is a specialized undergraduate pilot training base, and, as such, features a higher ratio of officers to enlisted members than the typical Air Force installation. The chief offered some advice to the small enlisted force here.

"The enlisted force at Columbus Air Force Base is very, very important to the mission here – growing the future pilots of our United States Air Force," the chief said. "Our enlisted Airmen here have a dynamic piece of that because they have the chance to meet these young Airman/Airmen, these young pilots, very early in their career. They can have a huge impact on these young aviators of the

future."

The chief also advised today's Airman to get involved in professional organizations, help develop themselves and take advantage of the numerous educational opportunities afforded to them. But the chief's biggest piece of advice was a very simple one.

"Be the best Airman that you can be," he said. "If you are a technician out on the airfield, be the absolute best technician on the airfield, i. If you are working in the comptroller flight, be the absolute best comptroller. That is what you need to do; focus on being the best Airman that you can be."

Chief Roy was command chief master sergeant at Columbus AFB from 2000-2002, and said the base has changed a great deal since he was last here, but one thing hasn't changed.

"The community here is one that is absolutely one of the best I've seen," Chief Roy said. "The community leader's support the military, the community in general earnestly likes having the military here, they like being associated with them."

"This is one of the warmest places you can come; the community absolutely appreciates the military."

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# Exercise Safety

Tech Sgt. Ryan Caviness  
14th Medical Group HAWC

January is Air Force Healthy Weight Month. Health and wellness is the focus of many New Year's resolutions. If you are just starting out or haven't been exercising for a while, here are some things to consider. Safety is key when exercising. The Physical Activity Readiness Questionnaire is the standard form used by most doctors and trainers to assess exercise risk factors. Below are a few questions derived from that form. Before you start a new routine, it is important to ask yourself these questions.

Have you ever been diagnosed with a heart condition and told to only do activity recommended by a doctor?

Do you feel pain in your chest during physical activity?

Do you feel pain in your chest when you are not performing physical activity?

Do you ever experience fainting spells, or severe dizziness?

Do you have a bone or joint problem that would be aggravated by exercise?

Is your doctor currently prescribing you medication for high blood pressure or a heart condition?

Do you know of any other reason why you should not perform physical activity?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, you should talk to your doctor before starting a new exercise routine. Likewise, if you have any other chronic medical condition (such as diabetes, obesity, or arthritis) you should talk to your doctor before starting a routine. Also, know your limits and stop if you notice any warning signs during exercise (such as chest or arm pain, shortness of breath, dizziness, cramps, sharp pains, or irregular heart beat). For more tips on how to exercise safely, contact the HAWC at 434-2477.



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Alex Martinez

Safety is key when exercising. It can sometimes be wise to consult your primary care physician prior to starting a new exercise routine.

## Sports Shorts

**Glo Ball Tournament:** This fun tournament is scheduled for Feb. 19 starting at 6 p.m. Cost is \$10 plus greens fees and cart and includes 9 holes of glo ball and a shrimp boil following. Register by Feb. 16 at the golf pro shop. There will be a bonfire during the tournament and afterwards along with karaoke by "Lyrics". Sign up for this fun night of golf and music. Call 434-7932.

**Lovers Lane Bowling Special:** Purchase a ticket for unlimited bowling all day Feb. 15. Cost is \$10 per couple. For more information, stop by the bowling center pro shop.

**Year of the Air Force Family No Tap Bowling Tournament:** This family tournament starts at 7 p.m. Feb. 26. Cost is \$10 per person and includes three games, shoes and prizes. For more information, call 434-3426.

**Chocolate and Roses Couples Paintball Tournament:** Register by Feb. 17 for this tournament scheduled for 10 a.m. Feb. 20. Cost is \$29 per couple and includes your rentals. Winning couple wins a dozen roses. For more information, call 434-2507.

## January 26 Basketball Scores

Game 1: 14th CS 45 L 14th MDG 68 W  
Game 2: 14th OSS 51 L 48th FTS 59 W

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat/Sun
1	2	3	4	5	6/7
Feb. 1-5: Night Flying Week		10-DB IFF Graduation		Class 10-05 Assignment Night, 5 p.m., @ Club	
Class 11-04 Pilot Partner Welcome					
8	9	10	11	12	13/14
Annual Sports Banquet, 6 p.m., @ Club	OSC Wine Tasting, 6 p.m., @ Club		Newcomers Briefing	Fun Run	Valentine Gourmet Night, 6 p.m., @ Club

### Long Range Events

Feb. 15: President's Day Holiday  
Feb. 17: Class 10-13 Track Select  
Feb. 18: Daedalian's Sweetheart Dinner

Feb. 19: Class 10-05 Graduation  
Feb. 20: Fly Day (tentative)  
Feb. 20: 41st FTS Dining In  
Feb. 26: Enlisted Promotions  
Feb. 26: Class 10-06 Assignment Night

## Water Fluoridation: what it's all about

**Staff Sgt. Demetress L. Wright**  
14th Medical Group Dental Clinic

Dental cavities remain a major public health concern in most industrialized countries, affecting 60–90 percent of school children and the vast majority of adults. Water fluoridation is the controlled addition of fluoride to a public water supply to reduce tooth decay. Fluoridated water has fluoride levels that are effective for preventing cavities; optimal levels can be achieved by natural occurrence or by adding fluoride. Water fluoridation aids in the prevention of cavities in both children and adults.

The CDC website has published the following counties as having adjusted the natural fluoride concentration to the optimal level for the prevention of dental caries: East Lowndes W/number 3-Old Yorkville; City of Columbus; E Lowndes number 1-Lee Stokes; East Lowndes W/A number 2 Huckleberry. The following counties have fluoride levels that are below the optimal concentration level: Caledonia and South Lowndes Counties. For those of you who live in areas where the fluoride concentration is below the optimal levels, dietary fluoride supplements (tablets, drops or lozenges) are available by prescription and are intended for use by children ages 6 months to 16 years. Your dentist can prescribe the recommended dosage if you live in an area with below optimal fluoride levels in the water.

Prescriptions are based on the natural fluoride concentration of the child's drinking water and the age of the child for optimum benefits. It is important to note that because fluoridated water may be consumed from sources other than your home water supply, dietary fluoride supplements are not recommended for children residing in a fluoridated community. For more information please visit the American Dental Association and CDC websites. Please contact the dental clinic at 434-2250 if you have any questions.

# The H1N1 Weekly Post

## 14th Medical Group Public Health

*The following is a story from the Lin Family found on: [www.familiesfightingflu.org](http://www.familiesfightingflu.org).*

On the evening of October 30, 2009, previously healthy 7-year-old Trevor Ron Lin developed a cough. A day earlier, his 11-year-old sister, Ashley, had complained about shortness of breath that had stopped her while walking to the bus after school.

Both children's coughs remained mild that night and improved the next evening while trick-or-treating. Then on that third day, during the early hours of November 1, Trevor developed a seal-like barking cough, along with shortness of breath and fever. His father, a general surgeon, brought him to the bathroom and turned on the shower to allow the steam to resolve his symptoms. But these coughing episodes recurred every hour for the next three hours. On his third recurrent episode, his father, with concern for croup, urgently drove Trevor and his other two children together to the emergency room at the region's premier hospital.

The ER physicians agreed with the presumptive diagnosis of croup and treated Trevor accordingly with a nebulizer and one dose of intravenous steroids. The diagnosis of novel H1N1 influenza virus, or swine flu, was entertained but the ER physicians interpreted the guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to mean that only high risk patients (children with co-morbidities or pregnant women) were eligible for anti-viral therapy such as oseltamivir (Tamiflu). During the ER visit, Trevor developed another episode of shortness of breath and had a fever of 103.7 degrees, with his heart rate increasing to an abnormal rate of more than 120 beats per minute. But his blood

oxygen saturation levels remained normal at 97 percent. No chest x-ray or lab tests were performed.

Later during the ER visit, Trevor felt and looked better and wanted to go home along with his sister, Ashley, who had also been evaluated in the ER, but was feeling much better. Their middle brother, Ryan, had no symptoms.

The children went home and Trevor's symptoms improved. The next morning, he coughed only rarely, and had no problem breathing. However, the next afternoon on November 2, Ashley observed Trevor walking unsteadily at home and fell. Ashley ran over to find his lips and fingers blue. Despite resuscitation efforts and ambulance transportation to the nearest ER, Trevor was pronounced dead within two hours after his collapse.

His father discussed the case with a CDC physician who agreed that Trevor had a swine flu-related death. Trevor had not been vaccinated against H1N1 influenza because at the time the vaccine was not available in his community.

... Now, imagine an even more tragic story that can happen - a story of a child dying from H1N1 flu even though H1N1 vaccine is readily available to everyone in the community. Vaccination is the key to flu prevention. Don't wait until it's too late. The Immunizations Clinic at the 14th Medical Group has plenty of vaccine on hand for both children (aged 6 months and older) and adults. The Immunizations Clinic is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; and Thursday 7:30 a.m. to noon. Please contact the Public Health office at (662) 434-2143 for any questions regarding the vaccine. For reliable information on seasonal flu, please visit the CDC website at: <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/>.

## Military sexual assault prevention undergoing major renovations

**Capt. Nicole Droney**  
14th Flying Training Wing Equal  
Opportunity chief

Am I a bystander? A bystander is someone who 'stands by' and does nothing when they notice a problematic situation or behavior. This is the question we'll be told to ask ourselves in future Sexual Assault Prevention and Response training. Bystanders often stand back and ignore the situation or behavior for many reasons; including fear of embarrassment, assuming someone else will do something about it, fear of retaliation, assuming it isn't a problem because no one else is doing something about it, etc.

The Department of Defense wants to change that mindset, and has initiated a new approach to sexual assault prevention called

Bystander Intervention. This new methodology shifts the focus from what individuals can do to prevent sexual assault from happening to themselves, to what we can do as a culture of wingmen to prevent sexual assault from happening to our fellow Airmen. Airmen will become 'Active Bystanders' as a measure of early intervention before a crime occurs; who take the initiative to help someone who may be targeted for assault by a predator and or help friends who aren't thinking clearly from becoming perpetrators of crime.

"What the heck does that mean?" you ask? It can be as simple as talking to a friend to make sure they are okay if a situation looks a little questionable, making up an excuse to help the friend get away from someone, calling the police, recommending to a bartender or

party host that someone has had too much to drink, pointing out someone's disrespectful behaviour in a safe and respectful manner that tends to de-escalate the situation, or removing a friend from a risky situation quickly. In other words, do you what you feel is the right thing to do. Ask yourself what you'd want someone to do for you if you were in the same situation.

You can also be an Active Bystander when sexual assault does happen. According to the Active Bystander page on MyDuty.mil, here are the ABCs of being an Active Bystander when a sexual assault has occurred:

**A – Assess for safety.** Ensure all parties are safe, and assess whether the situation requires calling authorities (ex: police, first sergeants, etc.). **NOTE -** When deciding to intervene, your personal safety should be the #1 priority.

When in doubt, call for help.

**B – Be with others.** If you feel it's safe to intervene, you are likely to have a greater influence on the parties involved when you work together with someone or several people. Your safety is increased when you stay with a group of friends you know well.

**C – Care for the victim.** Ask if they are okay and if they need medical care or want to talk to a Sexual Assault Response Coordinator to report the matter. Figure out a way to get them safely to where they need to go to get help.

Bystander Intervention training will be coming to Columbus Air Force Base in the near future and will be required for all Air Force personnel. Be a good wingman and take care of one another!

# AETC Symposium Article was a major success

**Maj. Keith Yester**  
14th Operations Support Squadron

On Jan. 13, 70 airmen & civilians from Columbus Air Force Base departed in a C-130J to participate in the 2010 AETC Symposium. The AETC Symposium was a two-day conference in the San Antonio, Texas on the Riverwalk, hosted by the Air Education and Training Command and the Air University. General officers, command chiefs, and other intellectual leaders spoke about the many opportunities and challenges the USAF faces today and in the coming years. The conference truly was a spectacular display of our MAJCOM's efforts to keep the United States Air Force the best trained, educated, and equipped force in the world.

The 14th FTW sent a broad cross-section of personnel, including individuals from every unit on base: active-duty members, civilians and reservists. Attendance topped 3450 this year. There are not many convention centers in the US that could have supported this assembly of airmen. However, the always exciting San Antonio Riverwalk and the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, with its 1.3 million square feet, were ideal to support a function of this size.

The symposium began with opening remarks from General Lorenz, AETC Commander, and the presentation of AETC's annual award winners. General Lorenz spoke on the goal to "intellectually explore" many aspects of our Air Force and Air Force doctrine. The theme of this year's symposium was "Developing America's Airmen today, for tomorrow. Connect...Discover...Experience" In addition to the key speakers, Air University provided over 90 seminars to choose from, with topics ranging from "Dealing with a nuclear Iran," "Developing cyber warriors," to "The future of flight training" and "Innovations in enlisted education".

The seminars were perhaps the most interesting and engaging portion of the symposium. With an immense variety, each person could easily find topics that he or she found interesting. It also allowed a forum to question speakers on their topic which provided for much discussion.

Many other spectacular events contributed to the success of this year's symposium. During the two lunches, keynote speakers educated the crowd, while 3,000 plus meals were served simultaneously. Gen. Raymond E. Johns, Jr., commander, Air Mobility Command,, and Gen. Victor E. Renuart, Jr., Commander, American Aerospace Defense Command and U.S. Northern Command, spoke authoritatively, and many times humorously, of the challenges to the Air Force in each of their respective commands. Throughout the two days, an exhibition hall was set up displaying booths from many of the leading aerospace-industry companies and Air Force groups. Attendees could operate an F-35 simulator; learn about satellite technology and the Air Force, see the Air Force custom made motorcycle, and much more.

Lastly, the general officer panel and closing remarks provided senior leader perspective on tough questions asked by personnel throughout AETC.

Finally, the symposium was capped off with a spectacular ball. An incredible meal preceded the Silver Eagles varsity drill team of John Jay High School in San Antonio Texas. Additionally, the ball was graced with the serene sounds of the Air Force Strolling Strings.

General Norton A. Schwartz, Chief of Staff of the Air Force, spoke to the eager crowd about AF level challenges. General (retired) Lloyd "Fig" Newton, former AETC Commander, emceed the entire two day event. He often interjected his incredible personal experiences into his entertaining addresses.



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Jacob Corbin  
**Senior Airman Nathan Malan, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron, speaks to a vendor at the Air Force Association Expo Jan. 14.**

In addition to the extraordinary planning that went into the scheduled events, I personally found discussions with fellow airmen and meeting many new people, the most enjoyable part of the TDY. It was a great time of camaraderie. You couldn't walk the length of the hallway without finding several friends with which you had been previously stationed. Between the travel to and from, the many incredible meals, and the symposium events there were many opportunities to meet AF professionals.

The main idea of this event was to learn something. I learned that no matter what rank you are or position you hold education is the "change" which has driven us to learn

more and do more with resources and personnel. I only hope we continue the AETC Symposium for future Air Force members to get an understanding of why the Air Force must be a constant and ever changing military force.

I was, and continue to be, impressed with the abilities and skills of each Air Force warrior I meet. It is important that we continue to eagerly seek education and training and to put these skills to use, in order to keep the USAF strong and to keep America safe in this unpredictable world. The 2010 AETC Symposium was definitely a world class event aimed at this goal.

## AROUND TOWN

### Community Volunteer Opportunity of the Week

Are you a golf fanatic? Do you enjoy coordinating events? Would you like to help the United Way? The United Way of Lowndes County seeks a detailed oriented, super organized volunteer to coordinate their annual golf tournament taking place in September. Contact Meagan Coughlin at 327-0807 or volunteercenter@cableone.net for more information.

### Pre-Super Bowl Madden Tournament

The Columbus-Lowndes Public library will host a Xbox360 Pre-Super Bowl Madden Tournament Feb. 6 from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The event will be held in the libraries teen lounge. For more information, please contact Erin Stringer or David Brasher at 662-329-5300.

### Career Booster

East Miss Community College is conducting a Career Booster event on the morning of Thursday, Feb 11. Volunteers will review student resumes and conduct "mock" interviews. If you can volunteer, let MS LL Gates at EMCC (243-1978) know and she will follow up with more details.

## This week's puzzle:

- Across**
- Street was named after a 1971 UPT graduate from Columbus. He died in 1972 during a B-52 mission in Vietnam when his aircraft was hit by a surface-to-air missile. He was MIA until August 1989 when his remains were identified and repatriated.
  - Street was named to remember a Colonel who flew a B-17 in World War II and was a POW in Barth, Germany. As a Columbus resident, he served as a member of the Mississippi State Legislature and House of Representatives from 1972-1980.
  - Street was named to recognize a Colonel and Mississippi native. He joined the US Army Reserve and received his pilot rating in May 1941. He was commander of the 2nd Fighter Squadron, when he was shot down in an F-6D over Burma and held as a POW for two months. He was credited with five kills and three probables.
- Down**
- Airmen Drive was named to honor the first African Americans to be trained as World War II military pilots in the Army Air Corps.
  - Boulevard runs perpendicular to the front of the wing headquarters building. It is named after a Major General who was the wing commander from July 1978 to July 1980. He was killed in an F-16 accident near Madrid, Spain, in 1988.
  - Boulevard was named for the former commander of Air Training Command from August 1970 until his death in September 1972 when he was killed in a T-38 jet trainer mishap at Randolph AFB, Texas.
  - Street was named in honor of a Major who graduated from Columbus in Class 89-07. During his career, he flew the B-52, C-130, MC-130, and OV-10. He served in Operations DESERT STORM, DESERT SHIELD, ENDURING FREEDOM and IRAQI FREEDOM. He was assisting the newly established Iraqi Air Force, when his aircraft went down near the Iranian border on Memorial Day, 2005.

- Alva \_\_\_\_\_ Road was named to honor a Lieutenant Colonel born in Alabama, who lived in Columbus from 1962 until his death in 2004. He joined the Army Air Corps and completed pilot training at Tuskegee Army Air Field in Alabama. He graduated in Class 43-G and was commissioned as a second lieutenant. He was one of the first African-Americans to train as a military pilot. He flew 120 combat missions over Italy, Southern Europe, Southern France and the Balkans.
- \_\_\_\_\_ was named in honor of a former OV-10, F-111A and EF-111 pilot. He posthumously received the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Purple Heart for combat actions during Operation DESERT STORM.
- Street was named to honor a Staff Sergeant who grew up in Columbus as a small child. He enlisted in the US Army Air Corps and became a B-17 tail gunner with the 8th Air Force. He was shot down over Germany on his sixth mission, captured and held as a prisoner of war. After he was liberated, he returned to Columbus.
- Street was named after a Mississippi native who became the principal owner and editor-in-chief of the Commercial Dispatch after the owner's death. In 1940 he became the Chairman of the Columbus Air Base Commission, working to secure land for a pilot training field. After the base was placed on inactive status after World War II, he worked with US Senate and Congressional delegations to reopen the base permanently in the 1950s.

## BARGAIN LINE

### Miscellaneous

**For sale:** NASCAR tickets – 4 sets of tickets to the March 19-21 race weekend at Bristol Motor Speedway. Includes 4 tickets each; Pole day, Nationwide race, Sprint Cup race. Seats are located in Earnhardt Terrace; will sell in sets of 2 if necessary. FMI call 356-6844.

**For sale:** Piano, great condition, has three pedals, \$425 o.b.o. two pair of roller blades-5.00 each; Dell PC monitor 16", \$20; Accent amplified speaker system for PC \$10; matching antique bright brass table lamps,\$25 each, 357-magnum with holster \$450 o.b.o. component stereo w/cabinet, \$65, FMI call 328-4374.

**For sale:** Large wind chimes, rugs, curtains, pictures, kitchen fairies, pottery, throw pillow, clocks, wall art, bar stools, and much more. FMI call 549-1381.

**For sale:** Winchester model 67A 22 cal single-shot rifle, \$150; High Standard Sport King SK-100 22 cal semi-auto pistol w/holster, \$220; H&R 922 9-shot 22 cal revolver, \$70. FMI call 328-4610.

**For sale:** Emerson 1000W microwave \$50; Epson RX600 photo printer and scanner with extra ink, \$50; bike trailer and stroller, holds 2 kids, \$25; Sears sport roof cargo carrier, 20 cu ft capacity, \$100; Honda Accord trailer hitch \$50; FMI call 660-238-3687.

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adults, solid oak, in-bench storage \$200; sleigh twin bed w/trundle (as is-no mattress) \$100; Evenflo exersaucer \$30; FMI call 662-889-3583.

**For sale:** Hot Spring hot tub, perfect condition (Rated Best Buy by Consumer Report), seats 4-5, new cost \$7100; firm selling price \$3,500. FMI call 329-1843.

### Free

**Firewood:** Call 662-570-1856 if interested.

### Wanted

**410 Gauge shotgun,** 38 caliber revolver, & 9 mm pistol, refrigerator, in good condition. Call 662-329-1843/662-329-1843.

### Found

**Air Force ring,** found at Stateline Country Store, 1200 Hwy 18, Sulligent, AL; believed lost between 21 and 24 January 2010. Call Denise at 662-434-7310 with identity verification of the ring to claim it.

## Base News

## AAC Meeting

The Airman's Activity Council will be having a meeting on Feb. 11 at 4 p.m. in the Services Complex. All airmen grades E-1 to E-4 are encouraged to attend

## COSC Wine Tasting

The next Columbus Officers Spouses Club social will be the annual Wine Tasting on Tuesday, Feb. 9 at 6:00 pm, Columbus Club. Wines from different regions will be featured and paired with heavy hors d'oeuvres. More information will follow. RSVP is by Feb. 4 to coscrsvp@yahoo.com.

## Columbus Officers' Spouses' Club 2009-2010 Scholastic Achievement Awards

The COSC is offering scholarships to graduating high school seniors and continuing education students. Each applicant must be a dependent of an active duty, retired, MIA, active duty reservists, or deceased military member associated with Columbus AFB. Applications can be obtained at the Columbus Air Force Base Education Center, Columbus Air Force Base Family Support Center, financial aid/scholarship offices, or high school guidance offices. For more information contact: Brooke Williams, Scholarship Chair, 662-570-4517 or Bridget Peterson, Scholarship Co-Chair, 707-386-7811 or OSC.CAFB@gmail.com. Application Deadline Monday, March 1.

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

## Personnel Office Information

The Military Personnel Section (MPS) has gone to a single-point of entry for all customer service actions. Please sign-in at the Customer

Support counter located in room 106. Additionally, for Common Access Card (CAC)/ID Card renewals, we request one make an appointment with Customer Support at 434-2624 or 434-2626

## POCs and Volunteers needed for special observances

March – Women's History Month (Writing Women Back into History)

If you are interested, please contact the EO office at 434-2546 or email 14ftweo@columbus.af.mil

## 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 afr@columbus.af.mil.)*

## Federal Resume and Application Workshop

The AFRC will host a Federal Resume and Application Workshop Jan. 27 from 9-11 a.m., Feb. 9 from 2-4 p.m. and Feb. 18 from 9-11 a.m. For more information or to register please call 434-3790.

## 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.

## Introduction to American Sign Language Course

The AFRC will conduct an Introduction class at the AFRC Feb. 1, 3 and 5. Each session will be 2 hours long starting at 4 p.m. each day, and going for three days for a total of 6 Hours. If there is more interest they will schedule more advance class at a later date. Please call 434-290 to sign up.

## 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.

## Chapel Schedule

## 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.

## RefresHer

Please join us at the Base Chapel for RefresHer at 6 p.m.:

Feb. 25 – Game Night/ Bring a Finger Food to Share

March 25 – Movie Night Casablanca/Bring a side dish or dessert to share

April 29 – TBA

## 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

Ash Wednesday Mass – 11:45 a.m.

Tuesday

6:30 p.m. — Choir Practice

Sunday:

3:30 p.m. — Religious Education, grades K-9

3:45 p.m. — Choir Practice

4:30 p.m. — Confession

5:00 p.m. — Mass

6:00 p.m. — RCIA

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## Catholic

Thursday:

5 p.m. — Choir Practice

Sunday:

3:45 p.m. — Choir Practice

4:30 p.m. — Confession

5:00 p.m. — Mass

## Charleston officials keep supplies moving to Haiti

Master Sgt. Sean P. Houlihan  
628th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

CHARLESTON AIR FORCE BASE, S.C. — Officials from the 437th Airlift Wing here established a C-17 Globemaster III stage here to manage aircrews supporting Operation Unified Response following the Jan. 12 earthquake that devastated Haiti.

Charleston Air Force Base is now the air hub for C-17s providing relief supplies to Haiti.

"As support for Operation Unified Response became a large operation, it became beneficial to establish the stage to meet the large number of aircrews to run a smooth and efficient operation," said Lt. Col. Johnny Johnson, the 437th AW stage manager and 15th Airlift Squadron assistant director of operations.

Normally the base command post staff would track alert status, crew rest, maximum flying hours per week restrictions and other information, but with the addition of 30 additional aircrews to the flying operation, the stage was imperative to the mission, Colonel Johnson said. The stage wasn't established because the command post couldn't handle the extra work load, but is there to assist the command post with the additional work load as the two groups work hand in hand to get aircrews and aircraft off station and to Haiti.



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Katie Gieratz  
Several C-17 Globemaster IIIs sit on the flightline Jan. 21, 2010, at Charleston Air Force Base, S.C. The planes are being used to support the humanitarian relief effort in Haiti.

## E-4 commemorates 35 years on alert

Ryan Hansen  
55th Wing Public Affairs

OFFUTT AIR FORCE BASE, Neb. — To say there have been a lot of changes in the past 35 years would be a bit of an understatement.

To give a frame of reference, gas was roughly 50 cents a gallon, the Pittsburgh Steelers, who currently own six Super Bowl trophies, had yet to win their first, and the Cold War between the Soviet Union and the United States was in full swing.

However, there is one thing that has not changed and that's the E-4 sitting on continuous alert, ready to respond to any crisis at a moment's notice.

The E-4 is a militarized version of the Boeing 747-200 and serves as the National Airborne Operations Center for the president, secretary of defense and chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. It was delivered to the Air Force for operational use in December 1974 and assumed alert status from the EC-135J 35 years ago this month. Since then, the aircraft and her Nightwatch team have been continuously ready, serving "hot" alert 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

"The E-4B is the most technologically

advanced airborne system in the world," said Lt. Col. David Gaskill, 1st Airborne Command Control Squadron commander, who oversees the day-to-day operations of the aircraft. "From the front to (the) back of the jet, we've got some of the brightest and most professional Airmen in the Air Force."

Originally known as the National Emergency Airborne Command Post, the E-4's mission during the late 1970s and 1980s was to provide the president a safe location to conduct wartime operations in the event of a nuclear attack, earning the jet the dubious moniker, "the doomsday plane."

As the Cold War came to a close in the 1990s, the E-4 remained on alert status, but saw its mission expand and name change to the NAOC in 1994.

"The mission focus expanded to satisfy national leadership, worldwide command, control and communications requirements across the entire threat spectrum, not only nuclear," said Col. Martin Doebel, NAOC commander, who has served as part of the E-4 mission for more than 17 years.

Through the years the E-4's responsibilities have continued to grow and now include not only national leadership, but also support to

civil authorities in response to natural disasters and other non-wartime crises.

"The NAOC mission is unquestionably important, but I'm honestly more impressed by the quality of our Airmen charged with its execution," Colonel Doebel said.

A standard E-4 alert crew consists of roughly 60 people. This includes 40 from the 55th Wing's operations, maintenance and mission support groups along with 20 from NAOC, who are assigned to U.S. Strategic Command.

Of the 55th Wg's alert personnel, 15 different specialties are represented including pilots, navigators, flight engineers, aircraft maintainers, flight attendants, communication officers, data and radio operators, security forces and technical controllers.

"I really enjoy being a part of the E-4 mission," said Staff Sgt. Krystal Lerohl, a flight attendant with the 1st ACCS. "Every time we fly I know we are part of a very important mission so it's an honor to be onboard."

"The best part of serving on the E-4 is twofold," said Airman 1st Class Andrew Branch, a 1st ACCS data operator. "It's a unique mission to support the president and the SecDef while being in an environment where you can always expand your knowledge on the equipment you work with."



U.S. Air Force photo/Lance Cheung  
The E-4B is the National Airborne Operations Center, based at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb., supports the president, secretary of defense and chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The alert crew comprises 21 joint-service battle staff members along with an Air Force aircrew, maintenance, security and communications personnel. The aircraft passed a significant milestone this month by sitting alert constantly for more than 35 years.

# General Kane speaks to SUPT Class 10-04

Senior Airman Jacob Corbin  
14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

The graduation speaker for Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 10-04 offered the class and their guests words of wisdom and advice during their ceremony.

Maj. Gen. Robert Kane, was previously commanding general, Coalition Air Force Transition Team, Baghdad, Iraq; and currently selected for assignment as commander, Spaatz Center for Officer Education, and Commandant, Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

General Kane attended pilot training at Columbus Air Force Base in February 1980, and continued to serve here as a first assignment instructor pilot in the T-37 Tweet until May 1983.

"Today, let's all revel in your and your supporters' success in

graduating from one of the most challenging training programs in the world—United States Air Force pilot training," General Kane said. "Enjoy the moment, be proud of what you've accomplished and know that you will now be recognized around the world as part of the fraternity of the best pilots in the world—you are now United States Air Force pilots, but more importantly, soon you will also be leaders of the United States Air Force."

The general shared with the audience two tales of captains who served under him during his time in Iraq, as well as a tale from his time at Columbus AFB.

General Kane said during his time at Columbus AFB he mentioned he would like to one day lead a pilot training wing. According to the general, he got that opportunity, just not in the way he expected.

He was tasked with helping train the Iraqi air force, while at the same time actively engaged in combat support and counter insurgency operations.

The general also offered advice to the Air Force's newest pilots.

"For the next several years, more like a couple, I need you to focus on becoming the most professional aviators you can," General Kane said. "Learning everything you can about aircraft, about airspace, about battlespace, about instructing and executing with precision and skill, not just being qualified and current in your aircraft, but also proficient and in the end being technically competent as Air Force aviators."

General Kane closed by offering his congratulations and his hope that the new pilots careers would be as rewarding to them, as his was.

"Hopefully like me, and Katy (his wife), you will find that pinning on these silver wings is just the start of a very challenging and rewarding adventure," General Kane said.

# Air Force returns enlisted high year of tenure to standards

WASHINGTON — Air Force manpower and personnel officials here announced Jan. 27 a return of enlisted high year of tenure limits to their pre-2003 levels.

"We've considered returning HYT limits to their normal levels for several years. Now that our Air Force end strength is stabilizing, it is an appropriate time to return back to the pre-2003 levels," said Tom Voegtle, chief of the retirements and separations policy branch at the Pentagon.

High year of tenure is the maximum years of service a member may remain on active duty in relation to his or her enlisted grade.

The HYT for senior master sergeant, master sergeant, technical sergeant and senior airman will return to 26, 24, 22 and 10 years, respectively. The HYT limits for both chief master sergeant (30 years) and staff sergeant (20 years) will remain the same since they were not raised in 2003, Mr. Voegtle said.

The change will initially affect approximately 2,500 Airmen; 500 senior airmen, 400 technical sergeants, 1,200 master sergeants and 400 senior master sergeants.

The new HYT effective date for master sergeant is April 1, 2011; for technical sergeant is Aug. 1, 2011; and, for senior airman is Sept. 1, 2011. The effective date for senior master sergeant is Jan. 1, 2012. This timeline provides Airmen additional opportunities to compete for promotion or plan for separation or retirement from active duty.

All Airmen who separate due to HYT will receive involuntary separation pay. Technical, master and senior sergeants may apply for full retirement if leaving active duty due to reaching their HYT just as they would under

existing policy.

While the new HYT is applicable now, Airmen who will be "over" their HYT as the policy is normalized will be allowed to remain on active duty until no later than the effective date for their corresponding grades.

An Airman's total active federal military service date will determine whether he or she is under the old or new HYT limit. For example, a senior airman whose TAFMSD is Aug. 31, 2001, or earlier would separate under his or her original HYT date or Sept. 1, 2011, whichever comes first. If the senior airman's TAFMSD date is after Aug. 31, 2001, that Airman's date would be adjusted to the new 10-year limit. In other words, the Airman will now be required to separate at the 10-year point rather than the 12-year point if he or she is not promoted to staff sergeant.

Airmen overseas who will reach HYT before they are scheduled to return will receive new dates in accordance with the revised policy, Mr. Voegtle said. Also, deployed Airmen and those soon to deploy who are affected by the policy change will return no later than 30 days prior to their new HYT date.

The new HYT requirements will not affect the Post-9/11 G.I. Bill. Airmen opting to transfer their Post-9/11 G.I. Bill benefits to family members will still be able to transfer these benefits even if their new HYT dates prevent them from completing the required active-duty service commitments.

Extensions of HYT are still applicable under existing guidelines. These include reasons such as extreme hardship or when an extension is clearly in the best interest of the Air Force, Mr. Voegtle said.



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U.S. Air Force graphic

This change to policy will not affect Air Force Reserve or Air National Guard members.

The Air Force has a longstanding tradition of taking care of its people, and will continue this tradition through this process and beyond, Mr. Voegtle said.

"There will be no change in retirement or

separation pay benefits, and the Air Force is committed to providing our Airmen and their families with an open and transparent process," he added.

Individuals who have questions regarding this policy change or any personnel issue can contact the 24/7 Total Force Service Center toll-free at 800-525-0102.

# Base families offered a variety of activities

## Lifeguards/Instructors needed

Outdoor Recreation is looking for swim instructors and lifeguards for the coming summer season. For more information, call Steve Bocek at 434-2507.

## Year of the Family Essay Contest

The Air Force is a great place to live, work and play! Show the world through your story, just what living the Air Force life means to you, your family and your friends. Compete for a chance to win a Grand Prize computer package valued at \$2,000 and have your story featured in Military Spouse magazine! There are two categories of competition: youth: ages 12 to 12; adult: ages 18 and up. Additional information on this and other Year of the Air Force family initiatives at: [www.myaairforcelife.com](http://www.myaairforcelife.com).

## Fit Family lunches Jan. 30

Air Force Services family fitness and wellness initiative, FitFamily begins its inaugural year via a worldwide party Jan 30, 2010 as an integral component of the Year of the Air Force Family. FitFamily encourages the ABC's of wellness:

- A is to plan activities that include all family members
- B is to Build healthy habits that will last a lifetime
- C is to Count progress; small steps each day make a huge difference
- D is to schedule Day trips, game nights and fun time to foster togetherness
- E is to Encourage healthy Eating and cooking as a family
- F is to have Fun as a Family while creating healthy habits.

Families can register as a team at [www.USAFfitFamily.com](http://www.USAFfitFamily.com) when the site goes live on Jan. 30 to earn points and achieve levels for participation in Family Fun activities, family sports and fitness and family nutrition. Recognition is provided at each level to encourage families to continue on the path of wellness. The FitFamily program encourages Air Force families to make healthy lifestyle choices and provides resources and tips in an effort to promote overall family fitness. For more information, contact the Youth Center at 434-2504.

## Space A lodging

The Magnolia Inn usually has openings for Space A family and single units. Contact the lodging desk at 434-2548.

## New Year Family Reading Program

The Child development Center invites children and families to share books brought home each week by the child until Feb. 19. The titles of the books are annotated on book jackets and placed in the hall for everyone to enjoy. On the last day, the children will receive recognition for participation in the program and parents will be recognized for their part as well. For more information, call 434-2479.

## Paintball familiarization class

Outdoor recreation offers this class at 10 a.m. Jan. 30. Cost is \$7 per person. Register by Jan. 28 at outdoor recreation. For more information, call 434-2507.

## Mardi Gras Brunch

The Columbus Club is offering this special brunch from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Feb. 7. Reservations required by Feb. 1. Cost is \$17.95 for club members members and \$6.95 for their children, ages 5 to 11. Nonmembers are \$19.95 and \$8.95 for their children, ages 5 to 11. Children 4 and younger free. Featuring seafood station with steamed crawfish, crab legs, Cajun shrimp, lunch bar with crawfish etoufee, spicy fried chicken, dirty rice, gumbo, candied yams and some children's favorites; breakfast bar, salad bar, dessert station with King Cake, specialty drinks include hurricanes, mimosas, bloody Mary and screwdrivers. For more information, call 434-2489.

## Teen Aviation Camp

Air Force Services in conjunction with the US Air Force Academy invite teens to experience the Air Force Academy firsthand during the 11th Annual Teen Aviation Camp. Camp is held in Colorado Springs, CO, from June 5 to 10. The camp is for high school students entering their sophomore or junior year in the fall of 2010. Eligible applicants include teen dependents of active duty military assigned to or living on an Air Force Base, AF retired military, AF civilian employees, or activated Air National Guard or AF Reserve. Teens who participated in the 2009 camp are not eligible to apply this year. Attendees are selected based upon information included in their application. Contact the youth center for more information. Deadline for application is March 15. For more information, call 434-2504, or visit [www.afyouthprograms.com](http://www.afyouthprograms.com).

## Valentine Gourmet Dinner

This five-course, five-star meal is prepared by Chef Carla at the Columbus Club from 5 to 8 p.m. Feb. 13. Cost is \$45 per person for members and \$50 per person for nonmembers. Reservations required by Feb. 10. Menu includes assorted canapés, crab cakes on spring greens with sun ripened tomatoes drizzled with balsamic vinaigrette, lemon sorbet, filet mignon stuffed with sautéed spinach and provolone cheese in port wine mustard sauce, chocolate treasures in a pool of ganache. For more information, call 434-2489.

## Tickets available

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

## Youth Center sponsorship program

Moving is hard, but it is also a time to meet new friends, find new hangout spots, get involved in fun and different things and go on trips to interesting places. The Youth Sponsorship Program at Columbus was created by and just for youth. To help make your transition from your old base on to your new base, contact the Youth Center and join in the fun of the youth sponsorship program. For more information, call 434-2504.

## Casino trip

Register at outdoor recreation for this monthly trip the first Friday of every month to the Silver Star and Golden Moon casinos. Cost is \$20 and includes transportation and \$25 in player money. For more information, call 434-2507.

## One Page at a Time

This program is open to youth, ages 3-13. The desired outcome of this program is to offer literacy enrichment opportunities for youth and to create a passion for reading. It is a motivational program where children read books, document their literary accomplishments and earn incentives for each level of their literary successes. Participants select books from required readings lists at school, the library, selected by their family members or from a list of 15,000 suggested titles located on the [www.afyouthpro](http://www.afyouthpro)

grams.com website. Parents of children, ages 3-5 years, who read a minimum of five books to their child's class in the child development center will earn a book at the conclusion of the program. The program concludes March 19. For more information, call the Youth Center at 434-2504.

## Glo Ball Tournament

This fun tournament is scheduled for Feb. 19 starting at 6 p.m. Cost is \$10 plus greens fees and cart and includes 9 holes of glo ball and a shrimp boil following. Register by Feb. 16 at the golf pro shop. There will be a bonfire during the tournament and afterwards along with karaoke by "Lyrics". Sign up for this fun night of golf and music. Call 434-7932.

## Lovers Lane Bowling Special

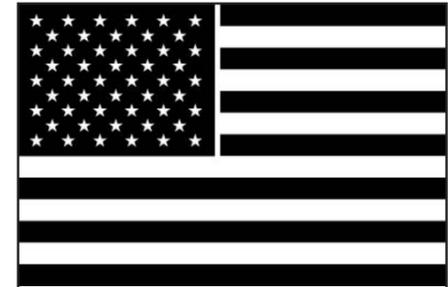
Purchase a ticket for unlimited bowling all day Feb. 15. Cost is \$10 per couple. For more information, stop by the bowling center pro shop.

## Year of the Air Force Family No Tap Bowling Tournament

This family tournament starts at 7 p.m. Feb. 26. Cost is \$10 per person and includes three games, shoes and prizes. For more information, call 434-3426.

## Chocolate and Roses Couples Paintball Tournament

Register by Feb. 17 for this tournament scheduled for 10 a.m. Feb. 20. Cost is \$29 per couple and includes your rentals. Winning couple wins a dozen roses. For more information, call 434-2507.



Visit Silverwings online for more information, previous issues, and much more!  
[www.columbus.af.mil](http://www.columbus.af.mil)

# Farewell from the command chief

## Chief Master Sgt. Rich Brackett 14th Flying Training Wing command chief

BLAZE team, it seems like just yesterday I arrived here at Columbus Air Force Base to be your command chief. It has been an incredible journey, and I feel extremely lucky and blessed to have served with each and every one of you. From the moment Debbie and I first drove onto Columbus AFB, you made us feel a part of the BLAZE team family. As we prepare to depart for our next assignment at Andrews AFB, Md., I wanted to leave you with my personal recipe for success.

First of all set goals for yourself. Abraham Lincoln said, "a goal properly set is halfway achieved."

You should have short-term and long-term goals set for your life. Your short-term goals

should lead you down the path to accomplishment of your long-term goals. The goals you set should be realistic and achievable. Review them regularly to ensure they are leading you down the path to success.

Secondly, you need to find a mentor. We all need someone we can count on to lead and guide us through good times and bad times. A good mentor shares their knowledge and life experiences to help nurture you down the path of success. They tell you what you "need" to know, not what you "want" to hear. I engage in open discussions with my mentors at least every other week.

Finally you need to maintain a positive attitude. I am a firm believer in "your attitude will determine your altitude." We all want to be around people with a pleasant disposition and go out of our way to help those who continue to try despite challenges in their path.



U.S. Air Force photo/  
Command Chief Master Sgt. Richard Brackett, 14th Flying Training Wing.

# For Airmen, extraordinary things happen every day

## Maj. Scott M. Finch

55th Contracting Squadron commander

OFFUTT AIR FORCE BASE, Neb. — As military members, most of us understand we're a part of something special. I'm not sure I realized the full reality of just how unique our profession is until I stepped away from it. I didn't stay away long, but when I returned, it was with a new sense of appreciation.

I served almost 10 years on active duty, but currently enjoy the privilege of serving part-time in the Air Force Reserve as an individual mobilization augmentee. My full-time career is in the private sector working for a large financial management corporation. Experiencing both careers side-by-side has allowed me to view my military experience in a new light and deepened my gratitude for the time I spend on active duty.

While I thoroughly enjoy my civilian job and have enormous respect for my co-workers, I'm convinced the business world falls far short when it comes to leadership and taking care of people. I say this not to disparage.

Clearly what we do in the military is unique and to expect as much from a nonmilitary organization is setting a very high standard. Each of us is taught a culture of "service before self" from our earliest days in basic training, and this is something very hard to translate into the business world.

Here are just a few examples of the uniqueness of our profession I've witnessed:

- While serving in support of Operation Joint Guardian in the mid-90s, the vice chairman of the joint chiefs came to visit us during the holidays. The general learned that one of my team members recently lost a family member, but was unable to get home. The general quietly sought out the bereaved service-

member and ensured he was on his personal helicopter and plane to the states. It was a small thing for the general to do, but it had a big impact on the servicemember and to those of us who witnessed it.

- A few years ago, I was planning to attend a conference at Langley Air Force Base, Va. My physical training test was due, and since I was going to be on orders, it was a good time to take the test. I notified the senior individual mobilization augmentee, a colonel, in Air Combat Command contracting, that I'd be testing at Langley AFB. When I showed up to test, I was surprised to see the colonel there in PT gear. He wasn't due to test, he simply felt it was his duty to personally provide me a wingman to run with. It was a small thing, but I still appreciate the leadership he showed.

- Recently, my first sergeant told me of the status on his efforts to prepare a squadron member for career development testing. He quizzed the Airman on possible test questions and as a result of their joint efforts, the young man is not only prepared to pass the test, but is also in a position to excel.

We take this type of thing for granted in the military, but I'm compelled to celebrate it as special when you compare it to other professions. The dedication military members feel to ensure subordinates are mentored and prepared for career advancement is a small thing to many, but I'm convinced it's a treasure of our profession.

- The sounding of retreat and the playing of the national anthem on base at the end of the duty day is something I tell my friends and civilian co-workers at home about. I'm not sure they understand, but I look forward to that loud-speaker. It reminds me of where I am and how good it is to be here. It's one more small thing I miss when I return home to my civilian career.

Whether it's a simple order from a general to make room for a grieving servicemember, the first sergeant showing concern for his Airmen or the simple daily routine of playing the national anthem, once you've left the Air Force for your next chapter in life, you will one day look back and find what was once a routine experience is now viewed as an extraordinary occurrence. These small things are what make the profession we chose so very special.



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Alexandre Montes  
The Air Force Honor Guard Drill Team performs as part of the team's Summer Drill Series July 11, 2008 at the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. Moments like these, where the professionalism of America's Airmen is on display, is what Maj. Scott M. Finch, the 55th Contracting Squadron commander, misses most when he's not on active duty.

# 14th FTW announces 2009 Annual Award winners

**First Sergeant of the Year**



**Master Sgt. Jason Baty**

**FGO of the Year**



**Chaplain (Maj.) A.C. Chouest**

**Volunteer of the Year**



**Patricia Ely**

**Civilian Category III of the Year**



**Nicholas Roos**

**Civilian Category I of the Year**



**Tharwin Carr**

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

The 14th Flying Training Wing awarded the 2009 Annual Awards to its selected winners at the Annual Awards Banquet Jan. 25.

Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James Roy was the guest speaker for the evenings events, and 14th FTW Commander Col. Roger Watkins returned for the evening from his professional military education in Norfolk, Va., to help congratulate the award winners.

"It's great to see so many people out to support our BLAZE Team members," The commander said. Colonel Watkins said that the entire BLAZE Team has achieved a

high level of excellence over the last year.

The 2009 Annual Award winners are as follows:  
Airman of the Year: Senior Airman Marcus Skinner, 14th Mission Support Group  
NCO of the Year: Staff Sgt. Brian Hayes, 14th Medical Group  
SNCO of the Year: Senior Master Sgt. Joel Obman. (Sergeant Obman was not available for a photo).  
Honor Guard Member of the Year: Senior Airman Matthew D'Arcangelo (Airman D'Arcangelo was not available for a photo).  
First Sergeant of the Year: Master Sgt. Jason Baty, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron

CGO of the Year: Capt. David Curry, 14th Operations Group  
FGO of the Year: Chaplain (Maj.) A.C. Chouest, 14th Wing Staff Agencies  
Instructor Pilot of the Year: Maj. John Grady, 48th Flying Training Squadron. (Major Grady was not available for a photo).  
Flight Commander of the Year: Capt. Gloria Walski, 14th MDG  
Category I Civilian of the Year: Tharwin Carr, 14th MDG  
Category II Civilian of the Year: John Lewis, 14th MSG  
Category III Civilian of the Year: Nic Roos, 14th MSG  
Volunteer of the Year: Patricia Ely, 14th WSA

**CGO of the Year**



**Capt. Dave Curry**

**NCO of the Year**



**Staff Sgt. Brian Hayes**

**Civilian Category II of the Year**



**John Lewis**

**Flight Commander of the Year**



**Capt. Gloria Walski**

**Airman of the Year**



**Senior Airman Marqius Skinner**