

SILVERWINGS

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Weather



Today

High: 49, Low: 33
Cloudy



Saturday

High: 50, Low: 40
Showers



Sunday

High: 58, Low: 47
Few Showers



Monday

High: 66, Low: 50
Showers

News Briefs

Class 11-03 PPW

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 11-03 will hold their Pilot Partner Welcome at 6 p.m. Dec. 15 at Hanks BBQ.

Class 10-03 Graduation

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 10-03 will graduate from pilot training in a ceremony at 10 a.m. Dec. 18 at the Kaye Auditorium.

Holiday information

Most Columbus Air Force Base services will be closed for federal holidays on Dec. 25 and Jan. 1, and for Air Education and Training Command Family Days on Dec. 28, Dec. 31 and Jan. 4.

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Holiday safety is highlighted in this week's feature.

14th FTW receives AF Outstanding Unit Award



Senior Airman Jacob Corbin
14th Flying Training Wing
Public Affairs

The men and women of the BLAZE Team were recognized for their excellence and hard work Nov. 25 when Air Education and Training Command announced they were the recipient of the AF Outstanding Unit Award.

Those permanently assigned to the 14th Flying Training Wing during the time period between July 1, 2007 and June 30, 2009, are eligible for the award. This includes reservists, guard members and those on TDY orders assigned or attached to the 14th FTW, but not those attending training or in student status.

"(This award) is a testament to how hard everyone has worked over the last two years," said Col. Roger Watkins, 14th FTW commander.

Colonel Watkins added it is also an achievement that shows the wings excel-

lence is recognized both at the Air Education and Training Command and Air Force levels.

From July 2007 to the end of June 2009, the 14th Flying Training Wing produced 649 Air Force and 32 international military pilots, including the first-ever US-trained Iraqi pilot, while flying over 171,000 hours and 123,000 sorties as the Air Force's second busiest airfield.

The AFOUA is the culmination of a series of awards and accolades received by the wing over the last two years. These include five Air Force Best Practices, the Air Force's Civil Engineer Commander-in-Chief's Installation Excellence Award, Air Education and Training Command's Air Force Verne Orr Award and the command's Commander-in-Chief's Installation Excellence Award runner-up, as well as over 60 Air Education and Training Command, 16 Air Force and two Department of Defense unit and individual awards.

During the last two years the wing has been a leader in change and innovation, spearheading the way with the first prototype wing in the Air Force's Force Support Squadron transition. The transition combined the bases Services Division and Mission Support Squadron into one unit, the 14th Force Support Squadron, focused on taking care of the BLAZE Team.

Also, the wing was the first in AETC to merge its comptroller and contracting squadrons.

The unit has seen further changes in the retirement of the venerable T-37 Tweet and the transfer of an Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals mission to the base.

The base also engaged state officials and local education officials to launch its school of choice program, allowing greater education options to BLAZE Team parents with children in kindergarten through twelfth grade that live on base.

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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)	0.00 days	-8.36 days	Dec. 10	48th (10-03)	-0.55 days	-0.18 days	Dec. 9	49th (10-CB)	1.46 days	1.38 days	Dec. 21	T-6	959	821	6,434
41st (10-12)	4.76 days	-3.37 days	Jan. 10	50th (10-03)	-4.28 days	-2.42 days	Dec. 18					T-1	322	326	2,114
												T-38	322	250	1,806
												IFF	64	56	413

The graduation speaker is Maj. Gen. Charles Davis, commander Air Armament Center.

Three medical lieutenant colonels selected for promotion

Congratulations to Lt. Col. Deborah Marcus, Lt. Col. Michael Rappa and Lt. Col. Nicola Choate, all from the 14th Medical Group, on their selection to be promoted to colonel.



BLAZE Team takes part in downtown holiday parade



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Jacob Corbin
Columbus AFB Carolers ride on a float in the City of Columbus's Annual Christmas Parade Dec. 7. In addition to the carolers, Col. Roger Watkins, 14th Flying Training Wing commander; his wife Leslie; Command Chief Master Sgt. Richard Brackett; his wife Debbie; representatives of the 50th Flying Training Squadron; the base fire department; and members of the CAFB Youth Center also took part in the event.

14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, 68 BLAZE TEAM members are de-deployed worldwide. Remember to support the Airmen and their families while they are away.



AFOUA

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While improving quality of life for its members and accomplishing its mission, the 14th FTW also helped care for its local community and others. The wing provided refuge to 145 Hurricane Gustav refugees; and emergency response and volunteer clean-up to a local school devastated by a tornado.
This is the eighth time the unit has received the AFOUA since the wing was redesignated the 14th FTW at Columbus AFB in 1972

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Wing lights holiday tree at ceremony



U.S. Air Force photo/Melissa Duncan
(Right) Col. Roger Watkins, 14th Flying Training Wing commander, and the family of Maj. Brian Heaps, 14th Comptroller-Contracting Squadron commander, currently deployed, light the wing holiday tree at a ceremony Dec. 2 outside the headquarters building. On the left, carolers who sang at the event also watch as the tree is lit.

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat/Sun
14	15	16	17	18	19/20
	FTAC		Daedalians	Class 11-03 Pilot Partner Welcome, 6 p.m., @ Hanks BBQ Newcomers @ SVS Complex	Class 10-03 Graduation, 10 a.m., @ Kaye IFF Grad, 5 p.m. @ 49th FTS Heritage Room
21	22	23	24	25	26/27
IFF 10-CB Grad				Holiday	

Sports Shorts

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.

Long Range Events

Dec. 28: AETC Family Day	Jan. 8: Fun Run
Jan. 1: New Years Day	Jan. 8: Class 10-04 Assignment Night
Jan. 4: AETC Family Day	Jan. 12: Hearts Apart
Jan. 6: Enlisted Promotions	Jan. 14-15: AETC Symposium
	Jan. 14: Key Spouse Training

Important holiday postal information

Domestic Mail Class/Product	Cut Off Date
First Class Mail	Dec-21
Priority Mail	Dec-21
Express Mail*	Dec-23
Parcel Post	Dec-16
DBMC Drop Ship	Dec-19
DDU Drop Ship	Dec-23
International Mail**	
Express Mail Military APO/FPO**	

Through Dec. 23 Military members in uniform will have priority to mail packages at the Bluecutt Post Office Noon to 2 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesday and Thursdays. These are the mail cutoff delivery dates:

* Some Express Mail destinations may have extended service commitments

** See additional information

Military Mail Addressed To	Express Mail® Military Service (EMMS)1/	First-Class Mail® Letters and Cards	Priority Mail®	Parcel Airlift Mail (PAL) 2/	Space Available Mail (SAM)3/	Parcel Post®
APO/FPO AE ZIPs 090-092	Dec-18	Dec-11	Dec-11	Dec-4	Nov-28	Nov-13
APO/FPO AE ZIP 093	N/A	Dec-4	Dec-4	Dec-1	Nov-21	Nov-13
APO/FPO AE ZIPs 094-098	Dec-18	Dec-11	Dec-11	Dec-4	Nov-28	Nov-13
APO/FPO AA ZIP 340	Dec-18	Dec-11	Dec-11	Dec-4	Nov-28	Nov-13
APO/FPO AP ZIPs 962-966	Dec-18	Dec-11	Dec-11	Dec-4	Nov-28	Nov-13

International Mail Addressed To	Global Express Guaranteed® (GXG)4***	Express Mail® International (EMS)5*	Priority Mail® International (PMI)6*	First-Class Mail®
Africa	Dec-18	Dec-12	Dec-4	Dec-4
Asia/Pacific Rim	Dec-18	Dec-17	Dec-11	Dec-11
Australia/New Zealand	Dec-18	Dec-17	Dec-11	Dec-11
Canada	Dec-22	Dec-18	Dec-14	Dec-11
Caribbean	Dec-21	Dec-17	Dec-14	Dec-11
Central & South America	Dec-21	Dec-12	Dec-4	Dec-4
Mexico	Dec-22	Dec-17	Dec-11	Dec-11
Europe	Dec-21	Dec-17	Dec-14	Dec-11
Middle East	Dec-18	Dec-17	Dec-14	Dec-11

***GXG Notes: 1) Cutoff date does not take into account time needed for customs clearance. 2) Should allocate extra transit day(s) for delivery outside major cities. 3) Last day to ship to Afghanistan and Iraq is Dec 18.

2009 Holiday Season Import Dates*				
SURFACE		AIR		EMS
LC/AO	CP	LC/AO	CP	
Dec-11	Dec-4	Dec-17	Dec-15	Dec-21

*Provides mailing guidelines for foreign postal partners in order to meet December 25 delivery.

1/ EMMS: is available to selected military post offices. Check with your local Post Office to determine if this service is available to an APO/FPO address.

2/ PAL: is a service that provides air transportation for parcels on a space-available basis. It is available for Parcel Post items not exceeding 30 pounds in weight or 60 inches in length and girth combined. The applicable PAL fee must be paid in

addition to the regular surface rate of postage for each addressed piece sent by PAL service.

3/ SAM: parcels are paid at Parcel Post postage rate of postage with maximum weight and size limits of 15 pounds and 60 inches in length and girth combined. SAM parcels are first transported domestically by surface and then to overseas destinations by air on a space-available basis.

2009 Holiday Important Dates

Dec. 4: Last day to send parcel post packages via surface transportation

Dec. 11: Last day to send letters, flats and small packages via surface transportation

Dec. 15: Last day to send parcel post packages via air transportation

Dec. 17: Last day to send letters, flats and small packages via air transportation

Dec. 21: Last day to send Express Mail Service items (any shape)

Mail class by code:

LC = Letters, aerogramme's (USPS no longer offers outbound aerogramme's), cards and letter package

AO = Newspapers, magazines, matter for the blind, printed matter, small package

CP = Priority parcels

Moody community pay respect to fallen warrior

Senior Airman Frances Locquiao
23rd Wing Public Affairs

MOODY AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. — Members of Moody Air Force Base came together Dec. 3 to pay their respects to a fallen Army Soldier during a fallen warrior ceremony as he was transferred from the base to Harrington Funeral Home located in Valdosta, Ga.

Army Staff Sgt. Briand Williams, originally from Sparks, Ga., which is located 23 miles north of Moody AFB, died Nov. 22 in Iraq from wounds sustained when insurgents attacked his unit using small-arms fire.

He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 10th Field Artillery Regiment, 3rd Brigade Heavy Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division at Fort Benning, Ga.

“When I got the notification that my son died, I thought it was a dream,” said Fred Williams Jr., father of Sergeant Williams. “I still think it’s a dream, but I know that he died serving his country.”

The fallen Soldier, who recently was promoted to the rank of staff sergeant, enlisted in the Army in June 2002 and was a combat veteran with a total of three deployments under his belt.

“Briand loved being in the Army and planned to make a career out of it,” Mr. Williams said. “He was a good son and loving father. I feel lost knowing that he is no longer with us.”

Mr. Williams, along with his wife, was joined by Col. William DeMaso, the 23rd Wing vice commander, as they waited for Fort Benning’s honor guard members to provide the dignified transfer of the casket from the plane to the hearse.

“Sadly Sergeant Williams’ life was cut short by a sniper as he dismounted his vehicle near an Army forward operating base in Iraq, and his return to the United States is yet another reminder of the grim sacrifices we make in service to our great nation,” Colonel DeMaso said.

After the dignified transfer on the base flightline, members of Moody AFB lined the streets side-by-side to render a salute as a procession of vehicles escorted the remains of Sergeants Williams to the funeral home.

The Patriot Guard Riders, a motorcycle group dedicated to paying their respect to fallen servicemembers, escorted the fallen Soldier to the funeral home in Valdosta.

“We are here to escort and stand in honor for veterans of all wars,” said Willie Black, a Patriot Guard Riders member. “Our group holds the utmost respect for our servicemembers and we just want to show support to the fallen heroes who have paid the ultimate sacrifice defending this country.”

On Dec. 5, the Adel Police Department escorted Sergeant Williams to Holy Community Church in Adel, Ga., for his final funeral service. He was buried at Woodlawn Cemetery in Adel, Ga.



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Joshua Green
Airmen from the 824th Security Forces Squadron await the order of attention during a dignified transfer for Army Staff Sgt Briand T. Williams, a fallen Soldier from Fort Benning, Ga., Dec. 3, 2009, at Moody Air Force Base, Ga. Sergeant Williams was killed in action when his unit was attacked by insurgents while deployed in Southwest Asia.

Air Force officials reinforce tattoo, body alteration policy

WASHINGTON — Air Force senior leaders here have taken steps to ensure Air Force dress and personal appearance standards are applied consistently across the service.

“It’s about enforcing and maintaining Air Force standards,” said Lt. Gen. Richard Y. Newton III, the deputy chief of staff for manpower and personnel. “Our focus is to ensure our Airmen uphold a professional military image no matter the environment; whether at their home-base, Basic Military Training, or in a joint deployed environment.”

Air Force officials recently identified inconsistent application of the tattoo screening process following a review of more than 6,000 trainees at Basic Military Training. The review revealed more than 80 individuals did not comply with the Air Force’s tattoo policy standards.

“The Air Force tattoo policy remains unchanged since March 1998,” General Newton said. “Air Force instructions spell out our professional standards and responsibilities.

They outline the excellence that defines us as Airmen.

Air Force Instruction 36-2903, Dress and Personal Appearance, states “Excessive tattoos and brands will not be exposed or visible while in uniform.” Excessive is defined as any tattoo/brands exceeding one-quarter of the exposed body part and those above the collarbone when wearing an open collar uniform. The AFI also outlines the current provisions and prohibitions to include standards governing piercings and body alterations.

Failure of Airmen to observe the standards outlined in the AFI is a violation of Article 92 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

“Adherence to Air Force instructions is the responsibility of each Airman and an important element of the Air Force core values: integrity first, service before self, and excellence in all we do,” General Newton said. “These core values are essential to the profession of arms and form the basis for Air Force policies and guidance.”

For the complete AFI, visit the Air Force Portal.



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National Military Family Association officials accepting scholarship applications from military spouses

Maj. Belinda Petersen
Air Force Personnel Center
Public Affairs

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — National Military Family Association officials are accepting scholarship applications from military spouses, and the deadline is Jan. 31, 2010.

The Joanne Holbrook Patton Military Spouse Scholarship program awards up to \$1,000 to military spouses to obtain profession-

al certification or to attend post secondary or graduate school.

The program consists of a general scholarship, a scholarship for spouses of the wounded, and a scholarship for spouses of the fallen.

“The National Military Family Association recognizes that unique challenges like frequent moves and deployments can interfere with military spouses’ ability to complete their education. In order to help spouses reach their career and educational goals, we offer scholarship opportunities, as well as a web portal stocked

with military spouse education resources and information,” said Joyce Raezer, the executive director of the National Military Family Association.

Applications will only be accepted online at <http://www.militaryfamily.org/> scholarships. Spouses of uniformed service members (active duty, National Guard and Reserve, retirees and survivors) of any branch or rank are eligible to apply. The scholarship funds may be used to assist with tuition, fees, and school room and board.

Award notifications will be made in March and scholarship checks will be mailed by June. If selected for a scholarship award, applicants must be able to enroll in a school or vocational program and show proof of eligibility by April 1, 2010.

For more details about this scholarship program, including how to apply, visit <http://www.militaryfamily.org/our-programs/military-spouse-scholarships/scholarship-instructions.html>.

BARGAIN LINE

Transportation

For sale: 1995 Chevy Blazer, 2-door, 114k miles, black, power windows, power door locks, cruise control; runs well with motivated seller, \$1500 o.b.o.; FMI call 662-549-7745.

For sale: Motorcycle, Suzuki Intruder, 800cc; 14,000 miles; lots of chrome; great condition, FMI call 859-248-1428; digital pics available.

For sale: 2005 Honda CBR600RR, (Motorcycle) 6,900 mi, Devil exhaust, K&N, Integrated Turn Signals, Lots of extras! \$5449 o.b.o.

For sale: 2004 Chrysler Pacifica AWD 64,800 mi, black, pwr seats with memory set, great condition. \$9000 obo; FMI call 386-2025

For sale: Run Master 150cc go kart, dune buggy style with coil suspension, hydraulic disc brakes, bucket seats, roll cage and lights. Has forward and reverse. Purchased new in 2007. Nice machine. \$900.00. Located in Caledonia. 855-0386

Homes

For sale: 2006 Clayton mobile home, 14 X 56; 2 bedrooms; 1 bath; all electric. \$18,000 or \$1,000 note take up payments. Call 662-251-5990.

For sale: 516 Holly Hills Road, 4br split bedrooms, large master bedroom, 2.5 bath; kitchen w/breakfast area, formal dining room; fireplace 3 car garage, situated on 3 open acres, 2366 Sq Ft; 7-minute drive to CAFB \$195,900 o.b.o. FMI call 662-328-3644.

Miscellaneous

For sale: 8 GB iPod Nano, new condition, black; \$80. FMI call (210) 473-9902.

For sale: Expedition LX jogging

stroller, barely used \$30. Call (662) 364-0081 for more information.
For sale: Walnut corner entertainment center \$20, 27in Panasonic TV \$30, 13in TV/VCR combo \$5, GE VCR \$5, Twin size mattress (excellent condition) \$20, swing set \$15, FMI call 662-497-2415.

For sale: 20-inch Insignia TV/DVD combo, \$60; 25-inch Sharp TV, \$50. FMI call 328-4610.

For sale: huge lot of baby boy clothes ranging from newborn to 6-9 months, \$60; email pics available. Baby Trend sit-and-stand stroller and car seat in Galaxy, used 6 months, \$100. Twin mattress only used 4 times; still in plastic, \$50. FMI call 662-364-6005.

For sale: Kenmore washer and dryer, \$300; complete patio set (sofa, 2chairs, table and rug) \$150; chocolate microfiber chaise lounge \$50; Kenmore portable 18” dishwasher \$100; will email pics: alanna74@gmail.com. FMI call 352-6533.

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. Pro Form walking treadmill in excellent condition, new \$599; firm sale price \$175. FMI call 329-1843.

For sale: Piano- Great condition, made by Henry F. Miller, three pedals

\$400, two pair of roller blades, \$5 each; Dell PC monitor 16 inch \$20; Accent amplified speaker system for PC \$10; matching antique bright brass table lamps \$25 each; car battery charger 6 or 12 volts \$15. Must see. FMI call 328-4374.

For sale: Brand new, in the sealed box, Apple Ipad ITouch 3rd generation, 8Gig, Integrated Wi-Fi, multimedia player, asking \$215. FMI call (662) 386-6981.

For sale: North Face Denali pull over, mocha brown, women’s XL, new with tags \$50. Women’s XS North Face jacket women’s XS used but in excellent condition \$50. FMI call 574-5675 or 356-0792.

For sale: Work out bench, weight plates (25 lbs, 10 lbs, 5 lbs, 2.5 lbs), long bar, curl bar, triceps bar, and dumbbell bars; \$75. Black metal framed Futon with cushion; \$75. JVC surround sound system (Receiver, 5 speakers, and subwoofer); \$50. Pair of large front speakers (15” subwoofers, mid range and high range horns); \$55. 2 Cordless phones with digital answering machine; \$10. Hitachi DVD Camcorder (model DZ-MV350A); \$45. Gateway 14” laptop with Vista and wireless router \$70 (multiple other computer accessories available). FMI call 662-434-8776.

For sale: Complete bow hunting outfit, High Country Supreme, 60-70 lb pull, 28” draw, quiver, sights, Whisker Biscuit arrow rest, stabilizer, silencers, carrying strap, 2 wrist releases, bow case, aluminum arrows w/ new broadheads; excellent condition, \$275. FMI call 328-0914.

Free: One Live cedar Christmas tree, I’ll cut when you pick up. Call 328-4374

Missing

Missing: Brown/black with a little gray, long-haired dachshund, male. Missing since Saturday, please call (407) 301-5681 if found.

Pets

Free to good home: Pointer named Lily, pretty, 1 y/o, crate trained, good with kids and other dogs, heartworm neg, UTD on shots/flea/tick/worm prevention, spayed, microchipped and started on obedience lessons. Excellent dog, but doesn’t get along w/ our cats. Crate and extras available for low cost. FMI call: 607-427-5888.

To find out more visit www.Columbus.AFMil.com today!

Base News

Air Force Academy Briefing

Maj. Cara Shuttleworth, Air Force Academy Liaison, will be briefing the AF Academy's Leaders Encouraging Airman Development (LEAD) Program on Dec. 15 at 10 a.m. in the Education Services Center (Bldg 916), Room 3. Active duty personnel interested in earning a commission through the Air Force Academy are invited. Please send an email to edcenter@columbus.af.mil if you would like to attend the briefing. Call Major Shuttleworth at 795-4744 if you have any questions.

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.

COSC January Casino Night

The next COSC Social will be a Casino Night on Tuesday, Jan. 12 at 6:00 pm, Columbus Club featuring Casino Style games, poker and more. The menu is marinated chicken, mashed potatoes, vegetables and salad. \$12 for Columbus Club-Members, \$14 for Non-Columbus Club Members. Please RSVP by Jan. 7 to coscrsvp@yahoo.com.

Testing Office Holiday Schedule

The Education Office will NOT conduct testing on Dec. 22, 24, and 31. Testing will be conducted as usual on Dec. 29 at 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. Please plan accordingly.

Annual Awards Golf Tournament

The Annual Awards Golf Tournament will be Dec. 13 at 9:30 a.m., registration begins at 8:30 a.m. at the Green Oaks Golf Course. Cost is \$40 per person (covers greens fees and chili/corn bread). The tournament will be a four-person scramble format, shotgun start at 9:30 a.m. Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place and also nearest to pin, closest to centerline and longest drive. For more information or to sign up, contact Joe Edgell at 889-0724 or George Evans at 434-8652; email sledgce@yahoo.com. Tournament will be

capped at 20 teams. The money raised will support the January CAFB Annual Awards banquet.

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.

COSC December Holiday Social

The COSC will have a special Holiday Social on Tuesday, Dec. 8 at 6:00 pm, Columbus Club. Please come and enjoy the spirit of the season with Holiday entertainment and a special reading of the "The Night Before Christmas". The menu will be slow roasted rosemary chicken, penne pasta, seasonal sweets and panettone. Price is \$12 for Columbus Club-Members, \$14 for Non-Columbus Club Members. Festive Holiday attire. Please bring an ornament for the ornament exchange.

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.)

MFLC
Holiday
Presentations

The AFRC will hold MFLC Holiday Presentations from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., Dec. 7-11. The following presentations will be available:

Friday, Dec. 11: "Did I just do that," a presentation focusing on making effective decisions.

Sponsorship Training

Sponsorship training will be held from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Dec. 17 for all Unit Intro Monitors and Sponsors. Info on the importance of a good, effective sponsorship program and resources available for both Unit Intro Monitor and Sponsor. To register call 434-2790. In addition, web-based training is offered thru the AF Portal, under Bases-Organizational Area TAB, select My Base and look under Training.

Newcomers briefing

The scheduled Newcomers Briefing on Dec. 15 to be held in the Phillips Auditorium will

instead be held at the Services Complex. Call 434-2790 for more information.

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.

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.

Protestant

Sunday: 9 a.m. — Adult Sunday School
10:45 a.m. — Traditional
Worship Service (Children's Church)

All are invited to a fellowship luncheon following the 10:45 a.m. service the fourth Sunday of each month

Catholic

Thursday:
5 p.m. — Choir Practice

Sunday:
3:45 p.m. — Choir Practice
4:30 p.m. — Confession
5:00 p.m. — Mass

Air Force officials launch satellite to enhance military communications

CAPE CANAVERAL AIR FORCE STATION, Fla. — Air Force officials successfully launched a new-generation military communications satellite from here at 8:47 p.m. EST Dec. 5 when a Delta IV rocket carried a Wideband Global SATCOM into space.

WGS satellites are designed to provide high-capacity communications to U.S. military forces and the satellites will augment and eventually replace the Defense Satellite Communication System that has been the Department of Defense's backbone for satellite communications over the last two decades.

Secretary of the Air Force Michael B. Donley, who had planned to witness the launch from the Morrell Operations Center at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station prior to a 24-hour weather delay, said he and the entire nation depend on the 45th Space Wing and other space associated programs.

"The WGS provides a giant leap in communications bandwidth and technology," Secretary Donley said. "The launch of this satellite is another example of the Air Force bringing important and vital capabilities to our nation's military around the world."

This mission marked the third flight of a Delta IV rocket this year from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, a record for one year. It also was the second launch of a WGS this year from here. WGS-2 launched atop an Atlas V rocket here April 3.

"I am extremely proud to be a part of a team of space professionals that launched the third Wideband Global SATCOM satellite to complete the first phase of the WGS constellation," said Brig. Gen. Edward L. "Ed" Bolton Jr., the 45th Space Wing commander. "I am also pleased this marked our 20th launch of the year."

First launched in 2007, WGS will be a constellation of five satellites that will supply service for military leaders to command and control their tactical forces.

BLAZE Team makes stellar showing at cookie drive



U.S. Air Force photo/Mary Crump
Volunteers Mary Beth Dilda, wife of 14th Mission Support Group Deputy Commander Lt. Col. Mike Dilda, an unidentified volunteer, and Capt. Nicole Droney, Military Equal Opportunity chief, help package donated cookies at the annual Base Cookie Drive Dec. 7. Over 9,600 cookies, or around 800 dozen, were donated to help brighten the holiday season for single officers and enlisted members at Columbus AFB.

Top leaders spell out president's strategy

Fred W. Baker III
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Top U.S. government and military officials here spelled out President Barack Obama's new war strategy Dec. 6, even as hundreds of Marines launched a new offensive in southern Afghanistan.

Both Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates and Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton appeared on three major networks and fielded questions on the newly announced war strategy ranging from funding to al-Qaida in Pakistan to how the U.S. will measure its success on the ground.

Central to the questioning was the July 2011 date set by the president in the strategy to begin withdrawing troops.

Secretary Gates was quick to clear up

debate centered on the notion that setting a date to begin withdrawal allows the Taliban simply to wait out U.S. efforts there.

"I don't consider this an exit strategy," Secretary Gates said. "I try to avoid using that term. This is a transition that's going to take place."

Secretary Gates said the transition will be gradual and will be based on how quickly Afghan security forces can take over control of security in the country.

Both Secretary Gates and Secretary Clinton reinforced the president's position that the U.S. would not abandon Afghanistan, but that the commitment to provide security for the country is not an open-ended agreement.

But at the same time, Secretary Clinton said a strong message had to be sent to the Afghan government that it needed to step

up and realize that the relationship will change in July 2011.

Secretary Clinton promised an ongoing civilian commitment long after combat troops have left the country.

"We will have an enduring commitment to Afghanistan," she said. "We don't have an open-ended combat commitment, but we're not going to be walking away from Afghanistan again. We will stay involved we will stay supportive."

The president's commitment of 30,000 additional U.S. troops, along with NATO's new pledge of 7,000 troops, will help to reverse the momentum the Taliban have gained in recent years, and give the Afghan government the space it needs to grow and train its own security forces, both Secretary Gates and Secretary Clinton said.

Base families offered a variety of activities

Worry Free Christmas Tree Service

Register at Outdoor Recreation for this program scheduled for Dec. 12. Cost is \$20 and includes transportation to the Swedenberg Christmas Tree Farm, you pick out a tree (and pay for it at the farm) and outdoor recreation cuts it down and delivers to your house. After the holidays, outdoor recreation will pick up and dispose of it. Register at outdoor recreation or call 434-2507 for more information.

Bowling Center closure

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

Annual Holiday Cookie Baking Contest

The Library is offering this annual contest Tuesday. All interested persons may sign up by Monday. Entries should be brought to the Library by 1:30 p.m. Tuesday. Judging is at 2 p.m. A maximum of two entries per person with at least twelve cookies in each entry. No tarts, and no candy entries accepted. Entries must be cookies. Grand prize is a \$25 AAFES gift card. For more information, call 434-2934.

Family New Years Eve Party

The bowling center is offering this special

program from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Cost is \$50 per couple or \$25 for single. Children are free with paid adult. Price includes all night cosmic bowling, free shoe rental, heavy hors d'oeuvres and door prizes. Must register by Dec. 27 at bowling center. For more information, call 434-3577.

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. Classes Dec. 10 are making a gift for Mom for \$5 for the kids and making a large Father Christmas for \$20 for the adults. The classes for Thursday are making a gift for Dad for \$5 for the kids and making a candy cane wall hanging for \$10 for the adults. Register at least one day in advance. Coming in January is a home décor class making a child's upholstered chair at 10 a.m. Jan. 23. Cost is \$25 plus fabric. Register at least one week in advance. For more information, call 434-7836.

Two for One prime rib night

The Columbus Club is offering this members-only special Jan. 15 from 5 to 8 p.m. Cost is \$19.95 and includes 8 ounce prime rib with au jus for two, baked potato, chef's vegetables and garden salad. Also offering a grilled chicken breast with mushroom sauce, baked potato, chef's vegetables and garden salad for \$14.95.

Please reserve your table by Jan. 8. Wine list, dessert tray, appetizer menu and children's menu available. For more information, call 434-2790.

Family Fun Night

Mark your calendars for Jan. 20 from 5 to 8 p.m. Soft and hard shelled tacos, chicken enchiladas, Mexican rice, rancho beans, chips and salsa, churros, ice tea and punch are on the menu. Cost is \$10.95 for adult members, children of members, 11 and younger are free. Nonmember prices are \$12.95 for adults and \$5.95 for children, ages 5 to 11. For more information, call 434-2790.

Space A lodging

The Magnolia Inn has some openings for Space A family and single units anytime during December and January. Contact the lodging desk at 434-2548.

Youth of the Year competition

Deadline for submitting an application is Jan. 15 at the Youth Center. Open to ages 13-18. Judging is at 4:30 p.m. Jan. 28. For more information, call 434-2504.

New Year Family Reading Program

The Child development Center invites children and families to share books brought home

each week by the child from Jan. 11 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.

Parents day out

The youth center and child development center offer a parents day out Jan. 9 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Register by Jan. 6 at the respective activities.

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.

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.

AROUND TOWN

Happy Fund Shop & Wrap Volunteers Needed

The Happy Irby Christmas Fund will do its annual shopping for local needy school children and then wrap the gifts on Saturday, Dec. 12. The shopping will begin at 6 a.m. at Wal-Mart and the gifts will be wrapped at the Columbus Club. Call Linda Dodson at 434-2314 for more information or to sign up.

Community Volunteer Opportunity of the Week

Get backstage with a REAL radio show on Saturday, December 12. Volunteer as an usher, ticket taker, VIP assistant, and backstage crew with the Whad'Ya Know Show with Michael Feldman! Volunteers are needed throughout the day from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. So, whad'ya know! Find out Saturday by volunteering backstage. To help, call Meagan at the volunteer center at 327-0807.

'This isn't my Air Force anymore'

Lt. Col. Chris Stricklin and
14th Flying Training Wing
Chief of Safety

Chief Master Sgt. Zefrem Smith
14th Operations Group
Superintendent

Recently, in our Commissary, two retired Airmen approached a member of the BLAZE team. Both were very polite, but had several questions and concerns about our 'current' Air Force. One asked if we were still required to wear hats outside and salute officers.

Multiple Airmen had been seen wearing their uniforms improperly and not rendering the proper customs and courtesies. The second asked if we were still required to stop during the National Anthem, face the flag, and salute. This question was driven by their observation of Airmen continuing to walk or making a mad dash inside when the first note of retreat is sounded. You could see the disappointment in their eyes as they voiced their feeling the Air Force has allowed standards to slip and seems to be getting too lax in daily operations. The last thing they offered was 'This isn't my Air Force anymore.'

A complaint is one thing, but the last statement left a mark to ponder. Have we truly failed those who paved the way before us? Those on whose shoulders we now squarely stand? Have we allowed a loosening of the discipline and standards from 'their' Air Force in 'our' Air Force? Is this how they view us? This editorial is not intended to be a critique of Columbus, but

a glimpse of an observation across the service. What is the status of our dedication to sound military traditions? Have we allowed the 'small things,' like saluting and rendering appropriate customs and courtesies to be overlooked so long it is now a 'big' problem? Do we consider ourselves too busy to have time for these 'small things'? What does this mean to, and for, our future?

First, referring to the items above as 'small' things is a problem in itself. Failure to salute, not wearing a hat, and ducking the anthem during retreat are not 'small.' They demonstrate a lack of discipline, attention to detail and abandonment of our Air Force Core Values. They are a departure from the required, and expected, norm. Referring to these items as 'small' marks the beginnings of an excuse that these things do not matter or assist in accomplishing the mission. Please allow us to show you how this mentality is the beginning of the end.

The obvious path of correction to this perceived deficiency is to cite the many regulations directing our adherence to standards for personal appearance (AFI 36-2903) or the Professional Development Guide (Air Force Pamphlet 36-2241), which sets a basic knowledge for customs and courtesies. Truth is, we thoroughly know these requirements. The Training Instructors at Basic Military Training and our officer accession programs were nice enough to ensure a basic working knowledge of these rules and standards when we entered the Service. With this, pointing out the regulations does not seem like the obvious answer anymore.

Plus, reciting Dress and Personal

Appearance requirements would make for a boring editorial which you would probably stop reading. In reality, we all know the rules and have allowed some of these requirements to slide, albeit unintentional. We do not want to be known as the one who corrects other Airmen. We do not want to be perceived as the 'Hammer' who corrects their peers. In reality, adherence to military customs and courtesies make us who we are...customs and courtesies are the essence of our military culture; they set us apart as a profession of arms; they establish our profession as clearly different than our civilian friends and neighbors; they remind us.

A strong and mature Airman should be grateful when you take the time to point out a deficiency in protocol or an overlooked discrepancy in the wear of a uniform. This is one item for which 'our' Air Force needs to practice more often.

When professionalism is discussed, the Air Force Core Values must always be referenced. This discussion is no different, and there exists no single document which more clearly establishes the importance of the attention to detail we need to reestablish. As we thumb through "The Little Blue Book," it clearly addresses the deficiencies this editorial is examining. Integrity First is defined as the "willingness to do what is right even when no one is looking." The behaviors listed under Service Before Self include rule following, respect for others and discipline. Finally, Excellence in All We Do "directs us to develop a sustained passion for continuous improvement." If we ensure adherence to these principles, the issues addressed in

this article will cease to exist.

AFPAM 36-2241 reminds us "all who pride themselves as a member of the world's greatest air and space team need to tell others about what it means to be an Air Force member." Customs and courtesies demonstrate politeness and much more. They promote morale, esprit de corps, discipline, and mission effectiveness. They lay a foundation, ensuring respect for the chain of command, for those who have gone before and those who will follow. They lay the foundation for self-discipline. Each salute you render says you are a proud member of the Air Force, pays respect to those of higher and lower rank, reaffirms your adherence to the rules, and is not a haphazard exception to the rule. Each time you put your uniform on, you are reaffirming your oath and dedication to the profession of arms. Each time you salute the flag, you are telling those around you 'our' Air Force will protect this great nation at whatever the cost. When we grow older and refer to 'our' Air Force, let's ensure it is one in which we are proud of and one in which we made better.

Our Wing Commander recently spoke to us about being a Wingman. His expectation is for us to maintain our "moral compass" with integrity and take care of each other. We can begin fulfilling this expectation with adherence to details and standards. Does rendering a salute ensure our Nation remains free? If we allow courtesy to falter, discipline will fail. If discipline ceases to function, the accomplishment of our mission is impossible. So, the answer is a resounding "Yes!" The salute is actually that important. And to the retirees who voiced their concern in the commissary, the Air Force member you spoke to in the Commissary felt you wanted to be heard...message received.

AFMC commander reports on state of command

Gen. Donald J. Hoffman
Commander of Air Force Materiel Command

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio — Shortly after I assumed command one year ago, we set out to define our fiscal 2009 priorities for the men and women of Air Force Materiel Command. Through our corporate process we instituted the five Air Force priorities. This past year we made significant progress, and I would like to quickly highlight some of your accomplishments.

Reinvigorate AFMC's role in the nuclear enterprise

This continues to be our No. 1 priority as a command. We worked hard to create clear lines of authority and responsibility within AFMC's nuclear sustainment enterprise by consolidating all major nuclear sustainment and future system development activities into a single organization: the Air Force Nuclear Weapons Center.

Implement effective and efficient integrated life cycle management

We are currently working hard to rebuild and reshape the acquisition workforce. This will provide a greater number of experienced senior leaders to oversee the execution of our acquisition programs and address span of control issues.

Recruit, train and retain a high performing workforce

Over the last year we put our primary focus on the nuclear and acquisition workforce. We secured 518 new authorizations for AFMC's nuclear enterprise as a result of the Air Force Comprehensive Assessment of Nuclear Sustainment I.

Nurture and protect our people and families

Over the last year, we continued our civilian health promotion services by providing numerous benefits to our civilian workforce to promote healthy lifestyles including cholesterol checks, blood pressure checks, and a wide range of counseling

and educational classes and events. We also piloted the only Air Force smoking cessation program expanded to support civilians.

Be good stewards of government resources

I challenged each of you to use and conserve our resources as if they were your own. This past year, AFMC officials directly supported the president's 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act by securing \$260 million (23 percent of all ARRA funds for the Air Force) in appropriations for 551 facility projects across the command.

Each of our accomplishments and successes can be attributed to the great people of this command. Your continued efforts to improve our ability to execute the mission through innovative initiatives are impressive. The job is not over. Many challenges remain, but I look forward to another great year delivering war-winning expeditionary capabilities to the warfighter! Thank you for what you do every day.

CV-22s return from first-ever combat deployment



A U.S. Air Force crew chief from the 8th Aircraft Maintenance Unit marshals a CV-22 Osprey Nov. 12, Hurlburt Field, Fla. Six Ospreys returned from a three-month deployment to Southwest Asia and were welcomed home by their family, friends and co-workers.

U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Julianne Showalter



14th FTW urges safety during holiday season


THE SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE
CHIEF OF STAFF, UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
 WASHINGTON DC
 

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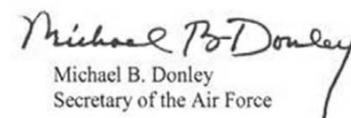
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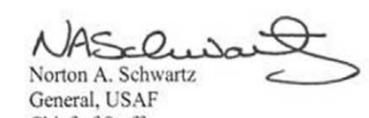
SUBJECT: Holiday Safety

Happy Holidays! Whether you are deployed, stationed overseas or living in the U.S., each of you should enjoy the season and celebrate in your own special way. However, we encourage you to celebrate responsibly. The Air Force needs you back at work, but more importantly, your friends and family need you in their lives. As the Air Force observes the Year of the Air Force Family, we ask you to consider how the results of your personal risk-related decisions and actions might affect your family and friends. What better gift can you give than to arrive home safely for the holidays?

The Air Force typically loses seven Airmen to personal motor vehicle mishaps during the months of November and December. Last fiscal year, we lost 47 Airmen to personal motor vehicle mishaps with 68 percent of those fatalities involving reckless behavior (not wearing a seatbelt, drinking and driving, or speeding). Many of you will travel during the holidays. Evaluate the hazards in your travel plans (fatigue, weather, pressing to get to your destination), then use sound risk management principles and discuss mitigation strategies with your commander or supervisor. Be responsible and remember the goal is ZERO preventable mishaps.

Enjoy the holidays and thank you for your service and your commitment to the Air Force!

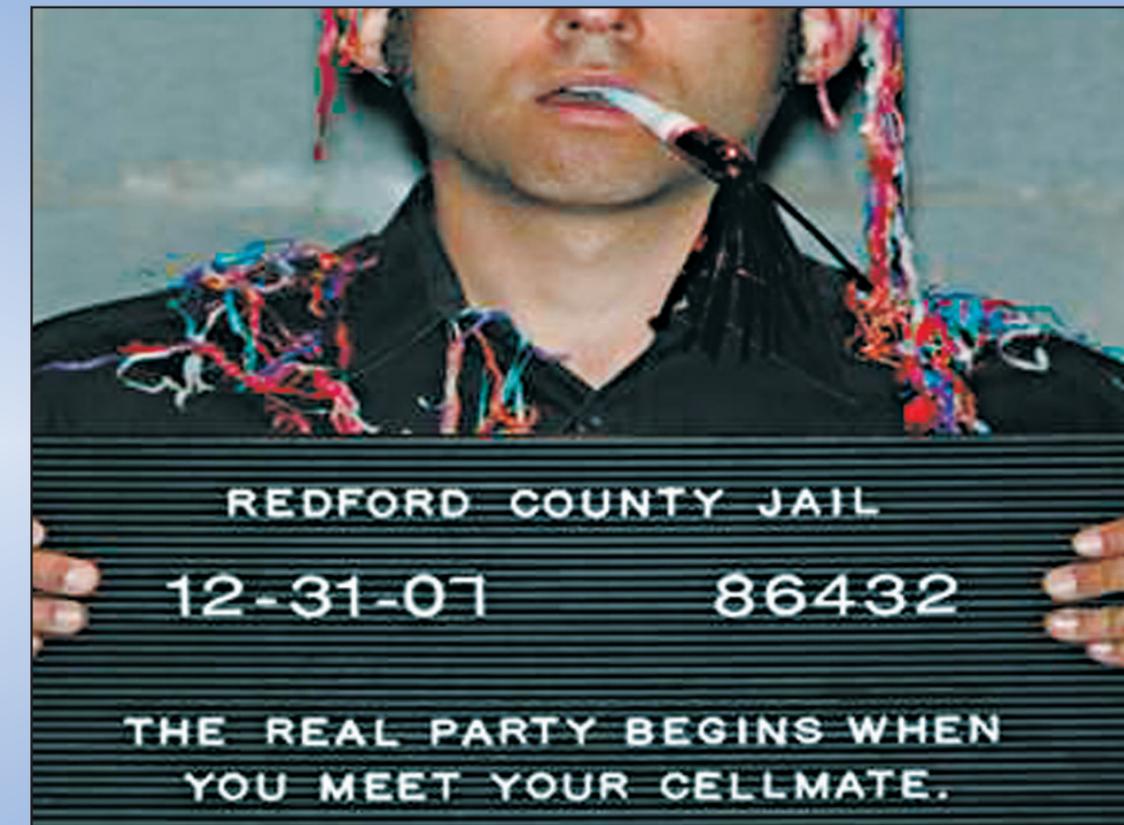

 Michael B. Donley
 Secretary of the Air Force


 Norton A. Schwartz
 General, USAF
 Chief of Staff

When You Arrive

When you arrive at Grandma's or Aunt Jane's you are in a new environment. The kids will be curious and will explore. You need to be one step ahead of them. Survey the surroundings. It is very likely the homestead could hold dangers such as household chemicals, tools, weapons or medications. A few minutes of child proofing can go a long way towards a safe holiday for you and your children.

Cost of being over the limit:



\$10,123 plus photo and possibly your career!

First, don't be this guy and second watch out for him and his partying pals. If you are going to drink, have a plan. I repeat HAVE A PLAN. A drunk with a BAC of .08 driving a drunk with a .16 is not a plan.

After your night of fun don't fall into the trap of trying to get started too early. It takes time for alcohol to leave your system and your BAC to return to normal. Can you picture it, early the next day you and your fellow partiers are on your way to pickup your cars and a much needed cup of coffee when you are pulled over and tagged with a DUI. Give yourself plenty of time to recover.

Holiday/Winter Travel Planning

Plan ahead, give yourself plenty of time, have a primary and alternate route, check your vehicle, check weather before travel, advise someone of your plan and carry a fully charged cell phone and an emergency bag.

The Travel Risk Planning System is an exceptional aid in travel planning. It provides a risk assessment, recommendations to reduce risk and provides maps with detailed directions. <https://craapps2.crc.army.mil/TRiPS/af/login.aspx>

MAP & GO

SUBMIT ASSESSMENT

CANCEL

CLICK HERE FOR WEATHER AND ROAD CONDITIONS



Basic Driving Directions

Head	In	Tail	On	For (Miles)	Est. Time (Minutes)
West	MS		MS-162	0.9	1
Left	MS		Ramp	0.1	0
South	MS		US-45	2.9	3
West	MS		US-62	12.6	11
West	MS		Ref split onto US-82	5.9	5



While Traveling

Take Appropriate Breaks, 15 minutes for every two hours of driving. Driving while fatigued can be just as fatal as drinking and driving. It is cold and flu season and the medications used to combat the symptoms can also cause drowsiness. Use caution, read the label or consult your doctor. Seatbelts are a must. No excuse. They don't come off to care for the kids or to take a nap. When the vehicle stops the seatbelts can come off.