

# SILVERWINGS

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## Weather



### Today

High: 62, Low: 40  
Sunny



### Saturday

High: 73, Low: 54  
Sunny AM, rain PM



### Sunday

High: 68, Low: 46  
Mostly cloudy/rain



### Monday

High: 64, Low: 43  
Mostly sunny

## News Briefs

### Enlisted Promotions

There will be an enlisted promotions ceremony on Thursday, March 31 at the club. Please come out and show your support.

### CE Assumption of Command

The 14th Civil Engineer Squadron will be having their assumption of command ceremony on Thursday, April 1 at the fire department.

### Class 10-15 Track Select

Special Under Graduate Pilot Training class 10-15 will have their track select Thursday, April 1 at 5 p.m. at the Columbus Club.

### Class 10-07 Graduation

Special Under Graduate Pilot Training class 10-07 will be graduating Friday, April 2 in the Kaye Auditorium.

## Inside



### Feature 10

Outdoor recreation is highlighted in this week's feature.



Over 50 members of the BLAZE team attended a wine tasting, food, and fashion show on Tuesday March 23 at the Columbus club. The event featured a variety of wines and a fashion show that focused on women's fashions throughout history. The event ended with a women's history quiz and raffle.

Air Force Photo/Major Nathan Smith

## Women's History Month Wine Tasting

**1st Lt Kristin Hollrith**  
37th Fighter Training Squadron

On Tuesday, March 23rd, Columbus Air Force Base had its Women's History Month Wine Tasting and Fashion Show. The event began at 6:00 p.m. at the Columbus Club, where people were met by Senior Airman Brianna Berstrand, for the informal reception. The main event began

at 6:30 p.m., with a short overview of women's history here at Columbus. The wine tasting began immediately following the initial introduction, guests were met by Lieutenants Mazzarelli, Masters and Teague who served the wine and offered a synopsis of what was being sampled and what flavors they should be tasting. The Columbus Club did a phenomenal job of picking excellent wines for the event. The

wines we sampled were Secco-Bertani Valpolicella, Barefoot Moscato White, Madria Sangria Tradicional, Gazela Vinhe Verde, Château St Michèle-Cabernet Sauvignon, Jakob Demmer Spatlese, Gallo Pinot Noir, and Wolf Blass Yellow Label Shiraz. All of the featured wines can be purchased from the class six on base.

After everyone had their food and

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## COLUMBUS AFB TRAINING TIMELINE

### PHASE II

Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Track Select
37th (10-15)	3.46 days	0.40 days	Apr. 1
41st (11-01)	0.65 days	-1.78 days	Apr. 23

### PHASE III

Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation
48th (10-07)	3.28 days	0.35 days	Apr. 2
50th (10-07)	0.99 days	-0.15 days	Apr. 2

### IFF

Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation
49th (10-FB)	3.95 days	3.29 days	Apr. 9

### WING SORTIE BOARD

Aircraft	Required	Flown	Annual
T-6	2,664	2,290	16,062
T-1	863	842	5,123
T-38	898	827	4,847
IFF	174	156	1,025

The graduation speaker is Colonel Roger Watkins, 14th Flying Training Wing Commander.

**Pam Wickham**  
Marketing Director  
14th Force Support Squadron

# Columbus AFB recreation opportunities abound



Outdoor Recreation has buses for group tours or your large private functions. Four hour minimal rental with driver provided.

## RECREATION

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Geyser Falls Water Park in Philadelphia, Miss. will be closed for renovations during the 2010 season but ITT has tickets to the Alabama Adventures Water Park in Birmingham, Ala.

Upcoming trips includes a Deep Sea Fishing Trip at Biloxi, Miss., June 11 to 13; a Disney trip June 14 to 19; a White Water rafting trip on the Ocoee River in Tennessee, July 10 to 12 and there are several ocean view cabins still available for the cruise Sept. 6 to 11 on Carnival Cruise Lines. Watch for more group cruises thru the ITT program.

With the summer months fast approaching, our boats and campers are booking fast. Those who would like to check out a boat must have a boater safety license and can apply on-line at [www.boat-ed.com](http://www.boat-ed.com). Print out the certification and bring it with you when renting a boat.

Book seven-night stays at resorts starting at \$369 through the Armed Forces Vacation Club (AFVC) offered exclusively to authorized MWR patrons and their families. This club offers terrific discounts for getaways at Lake Tahoe, Myrtle Beach, Reno, Virginia Beach, Puerto Vallarta and many other resort locations worldwide. Unbelievable rates are available to all active duty retired, National Guard, reserve and DoD civilian personnel. For more information on a fabulous resort getaway, see ITT or visit the AFVC website at [www.afvclub.com](http://www.afvclub.com). The code for Columbus AFB is 120 and allows the Armed Force Vacation Program to track where most of their customers are from and also gives your base credit for the booking.

Other programs available under the outdoor recreation umbrella are the Rod and Gun club and the Magnolia Riding Stables. Both of these programs are operated by their dues-paying members so in order to participate in these programs, you must belong to their association.

For more information about outdoor recreation and their many programs and services, visit our website at [www.cafb-services.com](http://www.cafb-services.com), stop by for a visit or call 434-7861 or 2507.



Outdoor Recreation rents numerous travel trailers of different sizes. Rent for the weekend or longer. Within a reasonable distance, if you're unable, outdoor recreation will tow for you, help you set up and take down when you're done.



If a day on lake is what you're looking for, Outdoor Recreation has two pontoon boats. You can rent for the day or for the weekend and must have a Mississippi boater license. If you don't have a vehicle to tow, Outdoor Recreation will tow to the Columbus Marina for you.

**RIGHT:** From birthday to private parties, outdoor recreation has numerous inflatable activities for rent, for the day or for the weekend. As with most items for rent, they will deliver set up and take down if needed.



**LEFT:** For squadron functions, large get togethers, or private parties, you can rent this BBQ grill for the day or longer. Reservations are encouraged and propane bottle must be returned full.



**ABOVE:** For the camper who may be short on camping equipment, Outdoor Recreation has any all the equipment you need. From tents, sleeping bags, stoves, axes, and more.

**LEFT:** For your PCS, Dity, or private moves, Outdoor Recreation has a scale. Open during business hours or after hours by appointment by calling 434-2507.



**LEFT:** If canoeing is your thing, an outdoor recreation has them too. They offer canoeing tours, adventure trips, or individual use. Rent for the day or for weekend. If you just need to haul something they have four various size open and fully enclosed cargo trailers for rent.



For the fisherman, Outdoor Recreation has two bass boats and a numerous John boats for rent. Rent for the day or for the weekend

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# Purpose

**Maj Wilshelia Ezell**

14th Force Support Squadron, Commander

This Present Darkness by Frank Peretti is an amazing book. This fantasy fiction novel is the single book that changed my life. It is a book about the struggle between good and evil and was fought in natural and supernatural spheres. The most impressive aspect of the book is the messages it drives home. One message is that an individual (in particular the hero Hank Bushe) can win a city, a country, and the world if he understands his or her purpose.

Why are you here? What gifts, talents, and abilities do you bring to the fight? What is it that is within you that the Air Force needs in order to make the organization better? To answer any of these questions, one must understand the purpose for his or her life. Understanding and knowing your purpose, one of the three Ps Col Ross spoke about at our last promotion ceremony, is essential to understanding where we fit in

this team called the Air Force. The following is a brief note about purpose and how purpose impacts so many aspects of our lives.

Purpose promotes perseverance. Most would agree that Dr. Martin Luther King lived a life of purpose. We can conclude from his life that there must have been something that motivated him to withstand the harsh persecutions he faced. Perhaps, because he knew his purpose (that thing on earth he was created to do) he could persevere the trials he faced. Because Dr. King knew the purpose he faced extreme hardship and even death without fear. An individual who knows their purpose can persevere through extraordinary obstacles to reach the end goal.

Purpose sets priorities. In the midst of this fast-paced, extremely busy world, there are so many things to do. However, time is limited. Money is scarce. An individual with purpose knows and understands his purpose allocates his most scarce resource in fulfilling his purpose rather than wasting them meaninglessly.

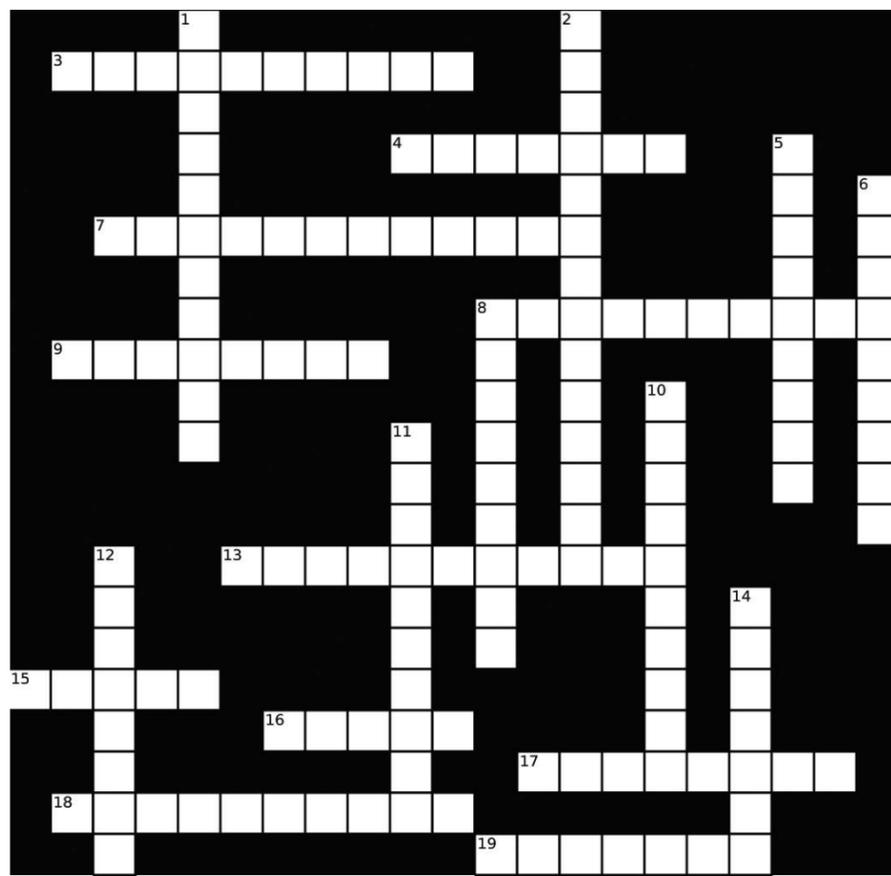
Purpose clarifies perspective. We can meet the ups and downs of life head on when we can focus outside ourselves and see the larger picture. What is my part in this? Where can I contribute to make things better. He or she needs not be afraid

to be unique and invest their talents, gifts and abilities into a larger organization. An individual who knows and understand their purpose can see the big picture clearly.

Purpose follows preparation. Mr. Paul Beck, a gruff, retired Sergeant Major turned training manager at my first unit, was a substantial influence in my life. He took the time to take me under his wing as a young "butter bar" and shared with me alternative ways to look at leading. He told me once that sometimes we rush ahead to take the hill without taking enough time to prepare. It is so easy to become impatient to get things done, while enough time has not been set aside for preparation. Nothing great can ever be accomplished without planning properly and preparing. An individual should be prepared to fulfill the purpose if he or she hopes to succeed.

Finally, purpose brings peace. It is amazing the tranquility that knowing your purpose brings. I have no idea whether you are embracing the best times in your life or you have been given a burden it seems impossible to bear. All I know is that you were created for a purpose. It may be that the only way you find peace is to know, understand, and walk in your purpose. I encourage you as I encourage myself, know and understand your purpose. An Airman who knows his or her purpose is destined to do great things.

## CROSSWORD: Military Operations



- Across**
- 3 Return of US Prisoners of War From Vietnam, 1973
  - 4 US Part of Berlin Airlift, 1948
  - 7 Largest Airborne Operation in History, 1944 (2 words)
  - 8 Allied Invasion of Iwo Jima, 1945
  - 9 UN Invasion of Korea at Inchon, 1950
  - 13 NATO Bombing of Yugoslavia, 1999 (2 words)
  - 15 Allied Invasion of North Africa, 1942
  - 16 Allied Invasion of Sicily, 1943
  - 17 Allied Invasion Plan for Japan During WWII
  - 18 US Invasion of Grenada, 1983 (2 words)
  - 19 Capture of Saddam Hussein (2 words)
- Down**
- 1 Humanitarian Intervention in Somalia, 1992 (2 words)
  - 2 Bombing of North Vietnam, 1967-68 (2 words)
  - 5 Attempted Rescue of American Hostages Held in Tehran, 1980 (2 words)
  - 6 US Invasion of Panama, 1989 (2 words)
  - 8 1998 Bombing Campaign of Iraqi Targets (2 words)
  - 10 Establishment of B-29 Bases in Asia for Strategic Bombing of Japan, 1944
  - 11 Strategic Bombing of Hanoi and Haiphong, 1972
  - 12 Allied Invasion of Europe, 1944
  - 14 New Name of Iraq War Beginning September 2010 (2 words)

## DAEDALIANS Golf Tournament 2010

4-Person Scramble (18-Holes)  
Saturday, April 24th  
• 7:30a.m. Registration  
• 8:30am Shotgun Start  
Whispering Pines Golf Course  
Columbus AFB, Mississippi

Entry:  
\$35 per player  
Includes prize fund, cart, and green fee  
Also includes burger, chips and soda

Longest Drive Contest  
Closest to the Pin Contest  
Mulligans, String, Etc available for purchase at registration

Please call Matt Battle (662-434-2859) or email Matthew.Battle@columbus.af.mil to register by COB 16 April  
All Benefits Go to the Daedalians Scholarship Fund

# Base families offered a variety of activities

## Backwards 4-Person Golf Scramble

The Whispering Pines Golf Course offers this fun tournament at 2 p.m. April 3. Register by April 1 at the pro shop. Cost is \$15 plus greens fees and includes a burger burn following play. For more information, call Ext. 7932.

## Youth Summer Day Camp Registration

The youth center is opening up registration for the summer day camp program April 5. Registration will remain open until all slots are filled. A \$10 nonrefundable deposit is required for each week to hold a space. Cost is based on total family income. All meals, educational entrance fees, supply costs, etc. are included in cost. For more information, call Ext. 2504.

## Outdoor Family Adventure

Join the outdoor recreation center staff as they canoe down the Buttahatchie River. This is a good trip for families with children. Cost is \$19 and departs from Outdoor Rec at 8 a.m. and departs from the river at 3 p.m. Register by April 2 at Outdoor Recreation. For more information, call Ext. 2507.

## Ladies golf clinics

Whispering Pines Golf Course is offering a free golf clinic for women every Monday in April starting at 4:30 p.m. with a golf scramble immediately following the clinic. Greens fees and cart fees still apply for the scramble. For more information, call Ext. 7932.

## My Air Force Life Video Competition

The Air Force Services Agency is hosting this competition with a deadline of April 4: There are 2 categories of competition: Youth: ages 12 to 17 and Adult: ages 18 and up. Grand prize winners will receive an Apple MacBook with iWorks 09 pre-loaded and a Panasonic HDC-HS250K Digital Video Camera – a prize valued at \$2,000. The adult winning entry will have their video aired on The Pentagon Channel and AAFES Exchange TV. It will also be released to various online video distribution points including, but not limited to, YouTube, Tubemogul and more. For more information, visit www.myairforcelifelife.com.

## Family child care homes needed

Ever dreamed of owning your own business? Are you willing to work out of your on base home? Do you enjoy working with children? Then family child care might be for you. Please contact Kat Savage, Airman and Family Services at 434-3602 for more information.

## DePLAyment Tag Passes

At the Airman and Family Readiness Center

until the program's end in July 2010. Air Force active duty members with children and/or spouse are eligible for the tag pass who have been deployed in support of an active operation anytime after July 2009. Deployment is described as TDY for 30 days or more; or 365-PCS in support of an active Operation and documented on official orders. Family members must bring in a copy of their sponsor's orders and register for their tag passes for such items as free instruction classes, youth sports, youth events or hourly child care.

## T-ball, baseball and girls softball registration

The youth center begins registration for these programs starting until April 9. Cost is \$35 for ages 5 to 18 and \$25 for ages 3-4 in the start smart program. Physicals are required. For more information, call the Ext. 2504.

## Easter Brunch

The Columbus Club offers a brunch Easter Sunday, from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 4. Cost is \$14.95 for members and \$16.95 for nonmembers. Children, ages 5 to 11 are \$6.95 for members and \$8.95 for nonmembers. Children 4 and under eat free with adult meal. Menu includes scrambled eggs, hash brown rounds, mini-queiche, French toast sticks with syrup, bacon, sausage, biscuits and gravy, chef's vegetables, garden blend wild rice, mashed potatoes and gravy, London broil with au jus, slow roasted marinated chicken, ham carving station with deviled eggs, potato salad and rolls, omelet bar, waffle station, stir fry station, deluxe salad bar, fresh fruit display, cheese platter and dessert bar. Deadline for reservations is today. For more information, call Ext. 2490.

## Karaoke's Best

The Columbus Club is hosting this ten-week contest starting April 8 from 7 to 11 p.m. each Thursday. Contestants will be judged by audience response and guest judges. First second and third place winners will be decided each night. Winners will receive \$25, \$20 and \$5 plus a \$5 Indy's coupon, respectively. First place winners each week will automatically compete in the finale June 25th. Second and third place winners may continue to compete throughout the ten-week run. Grand prize for first place winner at the finale will be \$300, second place is \$100 and third place is \$50. For more information, call Ext. 2490.

## Youth Center "I Got Talent"

The Family and Teen Talent Competition is April 14 at 7 p.m. in Kaye Auditorium. Register by March 31 at the Youth Center. For more information, call Ext. 2504.

## King and Queen of the Hill No Tap Bowling Tournament

This fun tournament is from 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday. Cost is \$10 per person and includes 3 games of bowling and prize fund. For more information, call Ext. 3426.

## Zumba fitness classes

The fitness center now offers these classes Sundays from 3 to 4 p.m. Cost is \$3 per person per class but the first class is free. For more information, call Ext. 2772.

## Lunch and Bowl

The Bowling Center offers two free games of bowling with the purchase of an adult lunch combo, Monday thru Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and all day Sunday. For more information, call Ext. 3426.

## Cosmic Bowling Special

Every Wednesday from 6 to 9 p.m. - \$5 per person unlimited bowling and that includes shoe rental. For more information, call Ext. 3426.

## Mommie and me crafts classes

Stop by the Arts and Crafts Center to check out the display of upcoming projects during March for both youth and adult. Classes are held Thursdays at 10:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. For more information, call Ext. 7836.

## Air Force Space Camp

Teens, ages 12 to 18, may apply to the Space Camp in Huntsville, Ala. Applications may be picked up at the Youth Center but must be returned by April 8. This year's Space Camp is open to dependents of active duty, Air Force retired military, Air Force civilian employees and activated Air National Guard or Air Force Reserve. The camp will be divided into two age divisions: ages 12 to 14 and 15 to 18. Interested youth must have a 2.8 GPA. Lodging, meals and activity fees are paid by the Air Force. Transportation to the Space Center will be the individual's responsibility. For more information, call Ext. 2503.

## British Soccer Registration

Register online at www.challengersports.com for this annual soccer camp for children ages 3 to 18. The camp dates are June 7 to 11. Free jersey if registered by April 23. Late fee of \$10 accessed after May 28. Call the youth center at 434-2504 for details.

## Squadron DUI-Free Bowling Party

The bowling center is offering a free squadron bowling party from 1 to 4 p.m. Monday thru Friday for those squadrons who have been without a DUI

for three months. Shoe rental, food and beverage charges still apply. For more information or to reserve the center, call the Bowling Center at Ext. 3426.

## Lifeguards/Instructors needed

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

## Join FitFamily!

Air Force Services family fitness and wellness initiative, FitFamily is an integral component of the Year of the Air Force Family. Families can register as a team at www.USAFFitFamily.com 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 Ext. 2504.

## Space A lodging

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

## 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 Ext. 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 Ext. 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 \$25 and includes transportation and \$25 in player money. Bus leaves at 5:30 p.m. from the BX parking lot and returns at 1 a.m. For more information, call Ext. 2507.

## Base News

**COSC Scholarship Awards Banquet**

Make it Bake it Take it – Silent Auction

The Columbus Officers Spouses Club is proud to host our annual Scholarship Awards Banquet on Tuesday, 13 April 2010 at 6:00 pm, Columbus Club. Several scholarships will be awarded to Military High School Seniors and to Spouses of Military Members associated with CAFB. The event includes a Make it Bake it Take it – Silent Auction. A special Thank you goes to all who are donating baskets. Meal costs are \$15 Columbus Club members and \$17 non-Club members. Please RSVP by noon on April 8th to coscrsvp@yahoo.com.

**DeDeployment Tag Pass Pack**

Families of deployed members are eligible for our special DeDeployment Tag Pass Pack. Provide a copy of deployment orders, and simply pick up your Deployment Tag Pass Pack at the Air Force Family Readiness Center, then log onto the [www.myairforcelife.com](http://www.myairforcelife.com) website to register. Once registered, you may use your tag-pass for discounts and free programs identified by the installation. For more information on benefits and how to use contact AFRC 434-2790

**Florida Voters**

On Tuesday, April 13, 2010 Florida will hold a special general election to fill the congressional vacancy left by the resignation of Congressman Robert Wexler. The 19th Congressional District includes parts of Broward and Palm Beach Counties.

The candidates in this election are:

- Democratic: Ted Deutch
- Republican: Ed Lynch
- No Party Affiliation: Jim McCormick
- Write-in: Josue Larose

Request Your Ballot. If you do not have one on file, you need to fill out an absentee ballot request as soon as possible. The Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) ballot application and instructions are available at [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov).

**North Carolina and Indiana Voters**

North Carolina and Indiana Military and Overseas Voters, Submit your Ballot Request for the May 4, 2010 State Primary!

North Carolina will hold its State primary election on Tuesday, May 4, 2010.

If you are eligible to vote in this election, and requested and received a ballot for the November 4, 2008 presidential election, you will automatically receive an absentee ballot, and need not take any further action unless your mailing address has changed.

Registration is required for all Uniformed Service members, eligible dependents, and overseas citizens. You will be registered if your Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) is received by the

local election office by May 3, 2010.

If you do not have one on file, you need to fill out an absentee ballot request as soon as possible. The Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) ballot application and instructions are available at [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov).

**New legal appointment opportunities**

Legal Assistance Appointments now available on Tuesday AND Wednesday call the Legal Office at (662) 434-7030. Also, new website allows you to enter your info ahead of time for a will or POA [www.aflegalassistance.com](http://www.aflegalassistance.com).

**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](mailto:slo@columbus.af.mil).

**Retiree Activities Office**

The 14th Flying Training Wing Commander is soliciting applicants to lead the Retiree Activities Office on Columbus Air Force Base. The Retiree Activities Office Director supports the commander and is the liaison with our retiree community to include retirees, spouses, widows and widowers. The Director publishes local retiree newsletters, coordinates staff for volunteer efforts, maintains pertinent information for our retiree community, and works with the Wing to plan and execute an annual retiree appreciation day. If you are interested in applying to be the Retiree Activities Office Director, please contact Capt Terry Wagner at 434-2616 for additional information.

**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](mailto:14ftweo@columbus.af.mil)

**The Airman's Activity Council**

There will be a meeting April 8 at 4:00 p.m. in the Services Complex. All airmen grades E-1 to E-4 are encouraged to attend.

**Story Reading at Library**

Children's book readings on Women's History once a week at CDC.

**U Got Talent (Formerly the Family & Talent Competition)**

U Got Talent (Formerly the Family & Talent Competition) will be held 14 Apr at 1900 in the Kaye Auditorium. There are categories for children ages 6-18 and for the entire family. Winning acts will be videotaped for submission to MAJCOM for the next level of competition. Register at the Youth Center by 31 Mar 2010 or for more information call 434-2504

**Tee Ball, Baseball and Softball Registration**

The Youth Center will be conducting t-ball, baseball, and girl's softball registration 15 Mar through 9 Apr 2010. Ages 3-18 may register at the Youth Center. The cost for Start Smart T-ball is \$25 and for ages 5 and up is \$35 per season. A current sports physical is required at the time of registration. For more information contact the Youth Center at 434-2504. VOLUNTEER COACHES NEEDED!

**Spring Fling and Egg Hunt**

The 2010 Spring Fling and Egg Hunt will be held at Freedom Park behind the Fitness Center on 27 Mar from 0900-1200. Registration will be from 0900-0930 with the first egg hunt at 0935. There will be demonstrations, displays, family events, and carnival games, food for sale, crafts, music, and prizes. Below are times for each age group egg hunt.

- Ages 0-2.....9:35 a.m.
- Ages 3-4.....9:35 a.m.
- Ages 5-7.....10:00 a.m.
- Demos.....10:15-10:45 a.m.
- Ages 8-10.....10:45 a.m.
- Ages 11 and up.....11:00 a.m.

For more information, call the Youth Center at 434-2504

**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](http://www.drms.dla.mil).

**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](mailto:afrc@columbus.af.mil).)*

**Newcomers Orientation**

March 30, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., for newly arrived AD and civilian personnel. Spouses are encouraged to attend. Held at the AFRC.

**Starting your own Business**

March 31, 9-11 a.m., Information on starting Your Own Business, taught by MUW.

**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.

**Columbus Pilgrimage April 5-17, 2010: Volunteer Hostesses for Antebellum Homes needed**

The Columbus Spring Pilgrimage has earned the reputation as one of the best and most authentic historic home tours in the South. Most of the Antebellum homes in town can only be seen during Pilgrimage. About 70 volunteer hostesses from Columbus AFB signed up last year to help the Antebellum home owners greet the many visitors for the Tours. Tour schedules and homes can be viewed under. Pilgrimage dresses and hoops skirts are provided. Please contact Crystal or Angie at CAFBpilgrimage@gmail.com if you would like to be a hostess or have questions.

**COLUMBUS ARTS COUNCIL TO HOST SECOND ANNUAL DINING FOR ART**

The Columbus Arts Council will host their annual auction and gala Dining for Art, on Saturday, March 27th, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. A live and silent auction featuring original art, as well as items and services from local and regional busi-

nesses will start the night off, followed by an evening of entertainment by the band, Class of 65. Heavy hors d'oeuvres and libations will be served. Tickets are \$50. Ticket price includes admission to the auction and one of many parties hosted around the Golden Triangle. These parties will take place in the two weeks prior to the Dining for Art Auction, and range from fun theme parties to gourmet dinners. Space is limited- to reserve tickets, please contact the Columbus Arts Council at 662-328-ARTS. Dining for Art is the number one source of private donations to the Columbus Arts Council and is the yearly fundraising effort by the Board of Directors and volunteers. In conjunction with Dining for Art, four area restaurants will participate in Dine OUT for Art during the month of March. Dine at the following restaurants on their designated Thursday and they will donate 10% of their sales for the day to the Columbus Arts Council. Thursday, March 4th- The Green Olive; Thursday, March 11th- Huck's Place; Thursday, March 18th- J. Broussard's; and Thursday, March 25th- Harvey's. For more infor-

mation about these events please contact the Columbus Arts Council at 662. 328.2787 or visit the Rosenzweig Art Center at 501 Main Street in downtown Columbus.

**5K run in West Point**

Sally Kate Winters Family Services is a non-profit organization that is having a 5K Run to promote Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention.

They are having a 5K Run and a Family Fun Night in neighboring West Point on the evening of April 10. For more information please contact Paige Lamkin Sally Kate Winters Family Services 662-494-4867 <http://www.sallykatewinters.org/>

**Possum Town Mile-A-Day Marathon**

The Commercial Dispatch and the YMCA will sponsor the Possum Town Mile-A-Day Marathon during the month of April 2010. The goal is for participants to log 26.2 miles of walking or running throughout the month. This is a non-competitive effort to jumpstart healthier lifestyles for our Lowndes County residents.

Family, friends and neighbors are invited to the Riverwalk to register between 4:30 and 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 1, 2010. A kick-off walk/run will begin at 5:30. The mayor and representatives from the YMCA and The Commercial Dispatch will lead the walk. At the kick-off, participants will receive a log-in sheet for tracking their daily mileage and a conversion chart that can be used to convert number of steps to mileage. Additionally, information on Lowndes county walking/running trails will be provided. Registration will also be available at any of the Lowndes County YMCA branches between March 29 and April 1 for those unable to attend the afternoon registration on April 1st. A \$10 entry fee will help defray the cost of the program and provide an event T-shirt. For more information, please contact the downtown YMCA at 328-7696. The YMCA and the Commercial Dispatch will sponsor the Possum Town Mile-A-Day Marathon during the month of April 2010. Join Us!!

**Gates notes contributions of military women**

**Elaine Wilson**  
American Forces Press Service

The nation depends upon women, both military and civilian, at all levels of the Defense Department, from the front lines in Iraq and Afghanistan to the upper echelons of military command, Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates said here March 19.

Secretary Gates traced the evolving role of women in the Defense Department, from the Revolutionary War through today, during remarks at the Pentagon's Women's History Month observance.

"For over 230 years, American women have served with distinction on the battlefield," he said, "even when they have had to do so in secret."

Secretary Gates cited the example of Deborah Sampson, who disguised herself as a man to enlist in the Revolutionary War and was wounded twice during battles with British forces. After the war, Miss Sampson was given a \$4 annual pension, he said, noting that "a dollar went further in those days."

In World War II, more than 300,000 women volunteered for service, and about 1,000 Women Airforce Service Pilots, known as WASP, flew more than 60 million miles in nearly every type of aircraft and role, he said. These women, however, were denied benefits until 1977.

Earlier this month, the WASP were awarded the Congressional Gold Medal for their wartime service, a "belated recognition

of the debt that we owe these and many other patriotic women," Secretary Gates said.

Moving to the present, Secretary Gates noted the importance of women to the nation's current conflicts.

"Since 9/11, women have served everywhere and are critical to our war effort," he said.

Secretary Gates described the heroism of Army Spc. Monica Lin Brown. In 2007, Specialist Brown was serving as a medic in Afghanistan's Paktia province when her convoy was ambushed by insurgents. She braved mortar and small-arms fire to aid soldiers wounded by a homemade bomb. She is credited with saving the lives of five soldiers, he said, and was awarded the Silver Star for her selfless actions.

Secretary Gates also noted the contributions of women at the highest levels of military command.

"They are quietly leading large, diverse institutions with honor, integrity and skill," he said.

Secretary Gates said he had the privilege of promoting the U.S. military's first female four-star general, Army Gen. Ann E. Dunwoody, two years ago.

"General Dunwoody now leads the 66,000 men and women of Army Materiel Command, providing critical supplies and support to our military forces around the world," he said.

Secretary Gates praised the nation's civil-

ian leaders as well. He noted that Michele Flournoy serves as undersecretary of defense for policy, and that Christine Fox is director of the Pentagon's cost assessment and program evaluation office.

"All of these women, and many here in this audience, have volunteered to serve our nation during times of great peril both past and present," the secretary said. "Their example teaches us to persevere in the face of adversity and also to realize that all Americans willing to serve can make magnificent contributions."

Following the secretary's remarks, Lt. Col. Nicole Malachowski, the first female member of the Air Force Thunderbirds, expressed her admiration for her predecessors in military aviation. She credits the WASP as the inspiration for her own career.

"These World War II vanguards moved everybody forward, unknowingly shaping the environment that I would inherit and generations of other women military aviators," she said.

"Countless military women like me are part of this vanguard, advancing, changing and shaping our environment," she continued. "We are the greatest military in the world because we combine our unique gifts, women and men alike."

She thanked her predecessors for teaching modern military women the valuable lesson that "women can love their country too and that many of us choose to show it by wearing our nation's uniform."

**Military gears up for 2010 Census**

**Jordan Reimer**  
American Forces Press Service

Defense Department officials are working with the U.S. Census Bureau to ensure that all military personnel are accounted for in the 2010 Census, a defense official said March 19.

All servicemembers and their families, whether stationed domestically or overseas, must be counted and attributed to their proper place of residence, said Mary Dixon, director of the Defense Manpower Data Center.

"The important thing is making sure that the states and the federal government are allocating funds to those communities where our bases are located, so they can properly support our military members," she said.

The constitution mandates that the government take a census of United States residents every 10 years. All residents, regardless of citizenship or legal status, are legally required to take part in the census.

Census information primarily is used to reapportion the number of seats allotted to each state in the House of Representatives. The government also draws on the data to distribute about \$400 billion in aid for programs such as Medicaid. State officials use the records to determine how to allocate funds to cities and neighborhoods for critical projects such as infrastructure, hospitals and schools.

Officials from DOD and the Census Bureau established a joint working group in 2004 to coordinate the process of counting military members and their families. All four military services and the Coast Guard are included. The Defense Manpower Data Center — whose staff collects, archives, and maintains manpower and personnel data — represents the Defense Department on the committee.

All servicemembers who receive a census form are required to fill it out and mail it back to the Census Bureau. The data of military members stationed overseas — who will not receive any forms — will be processed administratively. Servicemembers who live in group quarters will be required to fill out a "military census report" that will be distributed and collected by their installation's service representative and submitted on their behalf to the bureau.

**BARGAIN LINE**

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**Homes**

**FSBO:** Must see! 3 Br, 2 BA, one-owner brick home on 1 + ac in Caledonia SD, great neighborhood; 1850 + sq ft CH/A, walk-in closets, French door, 2-car garage, covered patio, fenced back yard; some hardwood & tile; several outdoor storage bldgs: \$139,900 negotiable. FMI call 356-6543, after 5 p.m. for apt.  
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rooms to include 3 spacious bedrooms, bonus room, living room, office, huge den/ in laws quarters, 2 ? bathrooms, whirlpool tub, hardwood, carpet and ceramic tile flooring, crown molding, plenty of storage space. Approx one acre fenced yard with large wired shop; many custom extra's plus one year home warranty, \$289,900. (662) 240-0226 FMI.  
**For sale:** 135 Scarlet Dr., Sherwood Forest: 4 br, 2.5 bath w/new kitchen, all new stainless steel appliances; formal dining room, living room, sun room w/hot tub and bonus room (2714 sq ft). 2 car garage, with a large back yard/6 ft privacy fence completely enclosed; 10 minute drive from CAFB. \$189,900. FMI call 662-242-0776.  
**For sale/lease:** Oakdale Park – All Pets Allowed; 3 bed/2bath/carport. All new appliances! New washer and dryer, updated bathrooms, fenced in backyard, all white wooden blinds, high ceilings, alarm system included (if renter chooses), open floor plan, located on a cul-de-sac, master bathroom has a walk-in closet, storage closet under the carport, \$129,500 or one year lease at \$950.00/month plus utilities and cable/internet; FMI call (727)457-9443 or (330)690-3175 for more information/pictures.

**Transportation**

**For sale:** 2000 Toyota Corolla LE, power windows and locks, sunroof, front dual airbags, cruise control and upgraded CD stereo. \$4,000 obo call (404)226-9296.  
**For sale:** 05 CBR600RR, 7k miles, excellent condition, lots of extras, devil exhaust, integrated/flush turn signals, k&n oil and air filter, new tires - price lowered - \$4950 obo. 808-221-2005  
**For sale:** 08 DUCATI 1098, Prestine condition, 4500mi, 70mm Full Termi exhaust + chip, custom Desmo paint, Lots of carbon fiber, over \$25k invested! \$13,500 obo. 808-221-2005  
**For sale:** 07 KTM 450 EXC, street legal enduro bike. Only 20hrs, 650miles! Excellent condition. \$5450 obo. 808-221-2005  
**For Sale:** 09 Dodge Ram TRX Edition. Two tone red and grey. DVD player Sirius radio, sun roof, auto start, and more. \$38,000. 360-271-7406

**Miscellaneous**

**For sale:** Baby items; Bumbo Chair (Blue) \$20, Baby Trend Infant Car

Seat (Grey/Red) w/ 2 Bases & Snap n' Go Stroller \$50, baby walker \$15, bottle warmer \$5, shopping cart cover \$8, Kolcraft Stroller (Red) \$20. E-Mail for photos, andrade.harrison@yahoo.com . 662-889-1360.  
**For sale:** New Brompton S1E-X titanium folding bicycle; European made 20 pound bike that folds into a 2x2 square; comes with spare tires and tubes, \$1200 o.b.o. Call (404) 226-9296.  
**For sale:** Large brown Ashley Furniture sectional \$600.00, 2 black TV stands \$20.00 each, tall wooden dresser \$50.00, black futon \$100.00, black grill \$50.00, dark blue leather chair \$75.00, 2 27" TV's for \$50.00 each, kitchen TV/radio (hooks up under your countertops) \$100.00, acoustic electric Indiana guitar \$100.00, black kitchen table (seats 4) \$100.00, and a large dog cage \$50.00. (727) 457-9443 and (330) 690-3175.  
**For sale:** Futon with metal frame \$75; queen mattress and box spring like new \$150; new Hamilton Beach electric grill \$25; 25" TV \$50. Rival crockpot \$20. Call 434-8358.  
**For sale:** California King bedroom set king mattress and box springs, sleigh bed, two night tables, six drawer dresser, six drawer upright dresser, TV cabi-

net; all in cherry finish; entire set \$500 or will sell in pieces; 47" tube TV, \$100 o.b.o. FMI call 940-224-1049 or [pawsinheaven@aol.com](mailto:pawsinheaven@aol.com) for more info or to see in person.  
**For sale:** Antique table with 4 extra leafs and six chairs, \$250.00; approximately 400 Beannie Babies, Six Seymour Mann Connoisseur dolls and six collectible Barbie Christmas dolls; FMI please call 327-9623.

**Free**

**Free:** 18 month old German Shepard mix, neutered, has first set of shots. Great with kids and other dogs/cats, completely house broken, and walks on leash. Expecting another baby and can't give him the attention and time he deserves. Please call 662-889-7656.  
**Free:** Beautiful all black 2 yr old female Great Dane; she is a rescued dog and as sweet as can be! We just want her to have a good home, and we would prefer if she was with other dogs. Call (727)457-9443 for more information.

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U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Larry E. Reid Jr.  
**An MQ-1 Predator remotely piloted aircraft takes off from Creech Air Force Base, Nev., for a training mission.**

nator into a single sensor package.  
The unarmed version of the Predator, designated the RQ-1, recently flew missions over Haiti, successfully providing relief officials key intelligence to help direct resources to earthquake victims who needed it most.

# The Weekly Flu Post

**Lt Col (Dr.) Michael Rappa**  
Public Health Emergency Officer

**Dr. Misty Looney**  
Public Health Element Chief

**1Lt Basil Aboul-Enein**  
Public Health Officer

The United States armed forces, in particular, the United States Air Force, focuses a great deal of attention on preventative measures. Whether it is our missile defense network, Mission Oriented Protection Posture (MOPP) equipment, or the recent addition of Air Force Global Strike Command (AFGSC), the effort to prevent situations that are detrimental to our mission play a very important role in our day-to-day operations. The focus at Columbus Air Force Base is no different.

The 14th Flying Training Wing is tasked with the responsibility of producing the best pilots in the world. Training is accomplished through a highly structured program and is dependent on the supporting role of many base operations. A lack of productivity from any one organization at CAFB can greatly impact the overall success of our AF mission. The health of a single Airman can have an effect on many other personnel.

It becomes important that Airmen take preventative measures to ensure that their health impacts the mission in a positive way. Vaccinations are one of the most effective ways to protect against illness, and the United States Air Force spares no expense to make sure they are available to its members. Most recently, the fight against influenza has become paramount. This is especially important with the recent outbreak of Swine Flu (H1N1). The flu season may begin as early as October and continue until as late as May, and the best time to be vaccinated for the flu is in October and November. The earlier personnel are vaccinated the better. It is never too late to take preventative measures against the flu.

The Immunizations Clinic is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; and Thursday 7:30-noon with limited services until 4 p.m.. Please contact the Public Health office at 434-2143 for any questions regarding the vaccine. For reliable information on seasonal flu and H1N1, please visit the CDC website at: <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/>.

## KEYS TO NATURAL GAS SAFETY: WHAT TO DO IN CASE OF A NATURAL GAS LEAK

**Kenneth Yearby**

14th Civil Engineer Squadron  
Utilities Shop.

Leaking natural gas is dangerous. It can be deadly to breathe. Also it can cause a fire or Explosion. A natural gas leak is indicated by the strong smell of rotten eggs (the chemical ethyl mercaptan, which is added to natural gas). Here are safety rules to follow if you smell the strong odor of ethyl mercaptan.

**DON'T**

- Operate anything electrical or light a flame.
- Turn on the lights.
- Use the telephone.
- Turn on the television or radio.
- Turn on a flashlight.
- Turn on the gas range or other gas appliance.
- Strike a match.
- Open an automatic garage door.

**DO**

- Exit the building immediately.
- Leave the door open on the way out.
- Leave the area immediately.
- Go to another place and call 911 to report the leak.
- Stay away until someone from the fire department, gas company or emergency agency says it's safe to return.

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lights and computer  
monitors when you  
are done for the day!**



# 2009-2010 Deer Hunting Season Closes

**Frank Lockhart**  
14 Civil Engineer Squadron

The Mississippi hunting season officially closed on Jan. 31, 2010. Twenty-eight hunters from Columbus AFB participated in the 42-day hunting season. 6 deer were harvested on Columbus AFB: (2)- nine point (1) – six point, (1) – 4 points, and (2) does. One deer was harvested on Shuqualak Auxillary Airfield: (1) doe. Hunters aren't the only ones who benefited from this year's harvest. Controlling the deer population on-base significantly reduced the probability of deer entering the airfield area where they could endanger our pilots and aircraft. Don't worry if you missed the hunting season this year! The latest deer survey by the USDA biologists indicated between 25 and 30 deer remain on-base and continually enter from off-base property. The 2010-2011 hunting season will open on Oct. 1, 2010.



Contributed  
150 pound, 9 point killed by TSgt Mark Shelton 14th Communications Squadron December 12, 2009 in area A.

## 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.

**Catholic Services**  
**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

**RefresHer**  
Please join us at the Base Chapel for RefresHer at 6 p.m.:  
April 29 – TBA

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

**Worship**  
Sunday, March 28, 5 p.m., Passion Play will be performed during the Homily  
**Holy Thursday**, April 1, Mass and foot washing, 5 p.m.  
**Good Friday**, April 2, Mass, 5 p.m.  
**Easter Sunday**, April 4, Kids party- 3:30 p.m., Mass and RCIA ceremony 5 p.m., Social 6 p.m.

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

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat/Sun
29	30	31	1	2	3/4
		Enlisted Promotions @ 3:30p.m. club	CE Assumption of Command, 10:00a.m. @ Fire Dept.  Class 10-15 track select, 5p.m. @ club	10-07 Graduation  Good Friday	April 4: Easter Sunday
5	6	7	8	9	10/11
Night Flying Week			Congressional Staffers visit		

**Long Range Events**  
April 13: Hearts Apart Social(4:30p.m.)  
April 13: Wing Annual prayer Breakfast  
April 13: 10-08 Assignment night  
April 16: Fitness Center fun run 7a.m.; Class 10-08 assignment night  
April 22: Earth Day, Quarterly awards lunch  
April 23: Class 11-01 track select

# The Red Coats are Coming...to Arms!

**Lt. Col. DEAN STEPHENS**  
14th Flying Training Wing Inspector General

Actually, the Black Hats are coming...to pens! The quaint three letter acronym, UCI (Unit Compliance Inspection) is 351 days from this Silver Wings edition. You might conjure up images of once a month wing exercises, recalls, commander in your chili, and other nefarious memories. Good! You should pass along UCI experiences and here is some news:  
In January 2009, then Air Education and Training Command Inspector General, Col Monty Brock, eliminated the Field Exercise portion of our inspections. He said, "This action transforms our Operational Readiness Inspections (ORIs) into UCIs...and will allow my team to execute a deeper and broader compliance examination of all readiness functions."  
UCI's no longer entertain a field exercise that processes a few wing personnel through a deployment line, observes and grades their performance (SABC, weapons, cammo-up, etc) at a mock deployment site, and applies a score in the inspection report. However, the actual impact will probably be more folks graded overall. Can you spell tourniquet? Even here in AETC, USAF warriors are required to remain vigilant with warrior skill sets and they will be measured.

The mass of UCI measuring, however, comes in the form of an inspector in your duty section grading your processes against the governing publications. The best way to prepare for a UCI is to ensure you meet the intent (if not the actual letter of the law) of the publication AND document your processes. AETC Functional checklists are a starting point, but few MAJCOM checklists include Wing and below publications. Commonly it is a CAFB Sup to something that will drop through the gap as we tie our hands locally.  
This wing's accolades will get appropriately showcased to the inspectors, but they are here to measure your compliance with the publications. The new AETC/IG, Col Francis Brown, summed it up with, "the key to success on any CI [compliance Inspection] is a compliance based culture and a robust, top-down driven, vertical and horizontal self-inspection program...CIs are NOT snapshots and without a continual focus on programs across the wing you can expect things to atrophy over time."  
The 14 FTW has a robust self inspection program. We just finished one of our bi-annual assessments (15 Feb – 15 Mar) and our next one is in August. "Robust" programs rely on everyone taking an honest measure of compliance and not checking "in the green" because you think that is what the commander wants to see. No, now is the time to focus on those areas that might need the commander's attention/resources to finally get them "greened up."  
As we go "green" the goal is 100% compliance. The countdown to the March 6 to 15, 2011 UCI has started. Now is the time to make sure you are prepared.

# Prayer Breakfast to Celebrate Religious Diversity

**Chaplain (Captain) Rick Montoya**  
Senior Protestant Chaplain,  
14th Flying Training Wing

Dealing with religious diversity is an important aspect of chaplains and chaplain assistants, commanders and first sergeants, supervisors and subordinates. No one can escape the discussion of religious diversity.  
Understanding the religious diversity of our base populace helps accommodate religious needs and balance it with mission accomplishment. In addition, it prepares all of us to understand some of the unique characteristics of differing faiths. With such knowledge, it will keep one from making a mistake in not being accommodating and sensitive to the spiritual needs of others.  
Prior to deploying, personnel are briefed on the deployed location's cultural aspects. It gives members' an idea what to expect and how to interact with the host nation. No one intends to make a mistake by not knowing the cultural/religious differences and social mores between our society and the deployed nation.  
One way to begin an understanding of religious diversity is to attend and celebrate the 14th Flying Training Wing's National Prayer Breakfast at the Columbus Club on April 13 2010 at 7:30 a.m.. Chaplain, Colonel Bobby Page, Command Chaplain, Headquarters Air Education and Training Command, is the guest speaker. Tickets are available for \$3.00 from unit First Sergeants and the Base Chapel.



Airmen at the 2009 prayer breakfast. U.S. Air Force photo

# March Mission: Building a Healthier You (Week 4)

**TSgt Ryan Caviness**  
**Trudy Glusenkamp, RD**  
14th Medical Operations Squadron

A nutritious diet is an important part of a healthy lifestyle, but most people have trouble getting there. During National Nutrition Month®, the American Dietetic Association reminds us that an easy way to focus on eating better is to start with the basics by building your nutritional health from the ground up.  
By starting slowly and giving yourself a good foundation, you can work towards a healthier life without feeling overwhelmed. Change doesn't have to be dramatic to make a difference. Throughout this month we are offering a simple four-part recipe series to assist you in building a healthier diet. This week's featured recipe is a healthier desert.

**Chocolate Chunk Cherry Cookies**  
Makes 28 servings (1 cookie each)  
• 1/4 c. tub-style vegetable oil spread  
• 1/3 c. packed brown sugar or Sweet'N Low Brown sugar  
• 1/3 c. granulated sugar or Splenda-sugar mix  
• 1/2 tsp. baking soda  
• 1/4 c. refrigerated egg product or 1 egg  
• 2 Tbsp. unsweetened cocoa powder  
• 1 tsp. vanilla  
• 2/3 c. flour  
• 1 c. rolled oats  
• 4 oz. dark chocolate, chopped  
• 2 oz. white baking chocolate, chopped  
• 1 c. dried tart cherries, coarsely chopped

1. Preheat oven to 350° F. In a large bowl, beat vegetable oil spread with an electric mixer on medium to high speed for 30 seconds. Add brown sugar, granulated sugar, baking soda, and 1/8 tsp. salt. Beat until well mixed, scraping sides of bowl occasionally. Beat in egg, cocoa powder, and vanilla until combined. Beat in flour. Using a spoon, stir in rolled oats. Stir in 3 ounces of the dark chocolate, 2 tablespoons of the white chocolate, and 1/3 c. of the cherries.  
2. Drop dough by rounded teaspoons 2 inches apart onto ungreased non-stick cookie sheets. Top with remaining dark chocolate, white chocolate and cherries. Bake 8-10 minutes or until edges are set. Let cookies cool for 1 minute before transferring them to wire racks.  
Per serving: 84 calories, 4 g fat, 14 g carbs, 1 g fiber, 1 g protein  
If you would like more information on building a healthier diet or a recipe from a previous week, contact the Health and Wellness Center at 434-2477.

## Wednesday Intramural Basketball Scores

Game 1: MDG 64 W CS 47 L  
Game 2: OSS 42 L DYN 47 W

**Don't Drink and Drive**

## Dorm Dinner



Air Force Photo/Staff Sergeant William Powell

Dorm residents enjoyed home cooked food at the quarterly dorm dinner on Thursday March 18 at the chapel Annex. Private organizations from around the base rotate to sponsor the event. This quarter was sponsored by the BLAZE 5/6 with a Mexican theme as the main course along with door prizes. The dorm dinner is a way to bring the single Airmen together and let them know that even though they may be far away from family, they are not alone.

## 14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, 76 BLAZE TEAM members are de-ployed worldwide. Remember to support the Airmen and their families while they are away.



## TASTING

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wine we moved on to the fashion show. Various BLAZE team members and spouses showcased the proper attire to wear to military functions. Airman First Class Angel Blum, her husband Michael and Lieutenant Amanda Beck walked the catwalk in casual attire, Major Michael Sheppard, Lieutenant Deborah Gaddis and Mrs. Whitney Russell strut their stuff in business casual, Captain Paul Hollrith and Captain Camber Governski owned the room in semi formal, and Lieutenant Amanda Hobbs, Lieutenant Ross Hobbs and Lieutenant Andrea Berger wowed the room in formal attire. Pictures were taken to be used to show those new to the military community what is acceptable when they are attending military functions. Also, throughout the night a small presentation of women's fashions through history was running for everyone's enjoyment.

The evening was wrapped up with a women's history quiz and raffle. For the quiz,

those who answered questions correctly won free appetizers at local establishments in Columbus. Some of the questions asked included: the first and only woman to receive the Medal of Honor (Doctor Mary Edwards Walker), the first and only Wing Commander at Columbus AFB (General Teresa M. Peterson), and how many WASP fliers lost their lives in service to their country during World War II (38). The raffle consisted of gift certificates as well as shirts, barbeque sauce and rub all donated by local businesses for the event. Every person who was present at the wine tasting at the time of the raffle won at least one prize.

The event was a complete success, mostly due to those who helped with the event and the impressive participation of the audience. "My wife and I thoroughly enjoyed the wine tasting and fashion show. It was the top special observance event we have attended" Said Major Nathan Smith 14th Flying training Wing Commanders Actions Group.

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