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## Weather



### Today

High: 69, Low: 42  
Sunny



### Saturday

High: 74, Low: 44  
Sunny



### Sunday

High: 78, Low: 47  
Sunny



### Monday

High: 78, Low: 51  
Sunny

## News Briefs

### Wing Prayer Breakfast

The Annual Wing Prayer Breakfast will be at 7:30 a.m. April 13 at the Columbus Club, see your first sergeant to purchase tickets.

### Wing Commander's Call

There will be a wing commander's call April 14 at 7:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the Kaye Auditorium. Attending one of the times is mandatory for all military members.

### Class 10-08 Assignment Night

SUPT Class 10-08 will have their assignment night April 16 at 5 p.m. at the Columbus Club.

## Inside



### Feature 10

Holocaust Remembrance Day is this week's feature.



U.S. Air Force photo/Melissa Duncan  
Col. Roger Watkins, 14th Flying Training Wing commander, speaks to members of Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 10-08 and their friends, family and guests, at the classes graduation April 2 at the Kaye Auditorium.

# 14th FTW/CC speaks at Class 10-07 graduation

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

congratulations to the members of Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 10-07 at their graduation April 2 in the Kaye Auditorium.

The commander of the 14th Flying Training Wing offered words of advice and

Col. Roger Watkins, 14th FTW commander, summarized his speech with three

“p’s” – pioneers, perseverence and the pursuit of excellence.

The colonel started out by telling the story of the Wright brothers first flights and posing a question to the audience.

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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 (11-02)	0.02 days	0.86 days	May. 13	48th (10-08)	-0.13 days	-0.91 days	Apr. 30	49th (10-FB)	2.00 days	2.66 days	Apr. 9	T-6	596	690	17,485
41st (11-01)	2.32 days	0.13 days	Apr. 23	50th (10-09)	4.96 days	0.94 days	May 21					T-1	232	231	5,558
												T-38	244	267	5,370
												IFF	48	64	1,147

The graduation speaker is Maj. Gen. Robert Kane, commandant, Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

# Holocaust Remembrance – Why we must never forget

**David A. Palmer**  
14th Security Forces Squadron

When you think of the word “Holocaust”, what emotion immediately comes to mind? Some would say outrage, others might say fear. Believe it or not, many Americans are only vaguely aware of how it came to be, what the Holocaust truly was and the impact it had on the world for those who lived during that time.

It is the sincere hope of all who endured the atrocities at the hands of Nazi Germans during the Holocaust that all people of the world will be educated and use the knowledge to prevent another occurrence of such an evil enterprise. For this reason, the United States Congress established the Days of Remembrance as our nation’s annual commemoration of the Holocaust and created the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum (in 1993) as a permanent living memorial to the victims. This year’s Holocaust Remembrance Day is April 11. Leading up to this day, the Columbus AFB library will have books and reference materials set up for those interested in learning more.

Before the World War II, anti-Semitism and the persecution of Jews represented a central tenet of Nazi ideology. In their 25-point party program published in 1920, Nazi party members publicly declared their intention to segregate Jews from “Aryan” society and to abrogate Jews’ political, legal, and civil rights. At first, this was accomplished through slowly eliminating Jews to have access to public life in Germany. This was done through legislation developed to eliminate Jewish people from being in clubs, organizations, professions, and even limiting their access to education.

However, in the weeks before and during the 1936 Winter and Summer Olympic Games held in Garmisch-Partenkirchen and Berlin, respectively, the Nazi regime toned down much of its public anti-Jewish rhetoric and activities. The regime even removed some of the signs saying “Jews Unwelcome” from public places. Hitler did not want international criticism of his government to result in the transfer of the Games to another country. Likewise, Nazi leaders did not want to discourage international tourism and the revenue that it would bring during the Olympics year.

Following the Olympics, it was back to persecution, segregation, and elimination for the Jews at the hands of the Nazis as Germany prepared for continued conquest of Europe.

The word holocaust is defined by Merriam-Webster Dictionary as “a sacrifice consumed by fire”, as well as “a thorough destruction involving extensive loss of life especially through fire.” According to the US Holocaust Memorial Museum, the word holocaust comes from the ancient Greek, olos meaning “whole” and kaustos or kautos meaning “burnt.” Appearing as early as the fifth century B.C., the term can mean a sacrifice wholly consumed by fire or a great destruction of life, especially by fire. The usual German term for the extermination of the Jews during the Nazi period was the phrase Endlösung der

Judenfrage (the “Final Solution of the Jewish Question”). In both English and German, “final solution” is widely used as an alternative to “Holocaust”. This persecution and genocide were carried out in stages. As previously mentioned, legislation to remove the Jews from civil society was enacted years before the outbreak of World War II.

Concentration camps were established in which inmates were used as slave labor until they died of exhaustion or disease. Where the Third Reich conquered new territory in Eastern Europe, specialized units called Einsatzgruppen murdered Jews and political opponents in mass shootings. Jews were confined in overcrowded ghettos before being transported by freight train to extermination camps where, if they survived the journey, the majority of them were systematically killed in gas chambers. Every arm of Nazi Germany’s bureaucracy was involved in the logistics of the mass murder, turning the country into what one Holocaust scholar has called “a genocidal state”.

The impact of the Holocaust was felt world-wide, and the effect on those who survived is still felt to this day. All told, approximately 5.1 to 6 million Jews were murdered during this period. This amounted to about two out of every three Jewish persons living in Europe at that time being murdered. Overall, Poland endured the worst Jewish population loss, with over 3 million Polish Jews murdered. Although Jews, whom the Nazis deemed a priority danger to Germany, were the primary victims of Nazi hatred, other victims included some 200,000 Roma (Gypsies). At least 200,000 mentally or physically disabled patients, mainly Germans, living in institutional settings, were murdered in the so-called Euthanasia Program. Exact numbers and records are unavailable due to accountability documents being lost, stolen, or destroyed, as well as large numbers of victims having never been registered. Many families still do not know what happened to loved ones, and they may never be able to find out. Many children were forcibly taken from parents, and never reunited. Many families were completely destroyed by the Holocaust, and are mourned to this day.

In Israel, on the morning of Yom HaShoah (translated as Holocaust Day), a two-minute siren sounds throughout the country, during which citizens (including those driving) immediately cease whatever they are doing and stand at silent attention in memory of the victims of the Holocaust.

On Columbus AFB, we ask that you take some time during your busy day, reflect on those who perished in the Holocaust, and perhaps give a moment or two of silent contemplation to remember them. Let us remember that hatred and murder can and do occur, even in today’s “enlightened” society, and let us resolve to do whatever is within our power to eliminate such hatred for generations yet to come. Take some time to educate yourself, either by reading books, watching documentaries, checking out applicable websites, or by visiting the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washing, D.C. Education is our best weapon to combat hatred and learn more about this important and life changing time in the history of the world.



Courtesy photo/U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum  
**Inmates waving a homemade American flag greet 7th Army troops upon their arrival at the Allach concentration camp, a subcamp of Dachau, on April 30, 1945.**



Courtesy photo/U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum  
**Survivors of the Mauthausen concentration camp cheer the soldiers of the 11th Armored Division of the 3rd Army one day after liberation in Mauthausen, Austria, May 1945.**



Courtesy photo/U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum  
**Recently liberated survivors in the Wöbbelin concentration camp support and help each other, May 4, 1945.**



Courtesy photo/U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum  
**American chaplain Rabbi Herschel Schacter conducts a religious service for Jewish survivors of the Buchenwald concentration camp shortly after liberation in Buchenwald, Germany, May 18, 1945.**



Courtesy photo/U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum  
**Women and children in the Mauthausen concentration camp speak through the barbed wire to an American soldier in Mauthausen, Austria, May 1945.**

# AETC first to influence Airmen

**Maj. Gen. Anthony Przybyslawski**  
Air Education and Training Command

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — To the men and women of the First Command, I leave Air Education and Training Command after spending the past 20 months honored to be your vice commander. Boy, have you taught me a lot! Thank You. Thank you for your tremendous devotion, service and professionalism.

We call ourselves the First Command because of what you do every day. Recruiters bring in the quality; military training instructors begin the process of shaping the “rainbows,” recruits in the first week of training; military training leaders polish and prepare the Airmen for their first duty; and instructor pilots create the world’s greatest aviators. Let’s not forget the intellectual and leadership center of the Air Force, Air University. And all your efforts are for one thing, and one thing only ... preparing the world’s greatest Airmen for combat!

I stood on the Lake Michigan beach in Chicago and administered the oath to 60 new recruits about to enter the Air Force. I watched as the recruiters there already started molding these young men and women as they marched these recruits in unison in front of the 1.2 million people there for the air show! The ceremony was being broadcast on the radio and as we ended with the, “... so help me God,” the roar of all those people along 10 miles of beach sent chills down my spine and literally watered my eyes. Those people realized these new recruits were about to join the Air Force for the good of the nation and to protect their way of life. That’s what you do!

I spent time at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, during the in-processing of these new Airmen. I was fascinated by the rainbow appearance and attitude of these individuals as they got off the bus and got their first introduction to our way of life. “Pull those pants up!” themilitary training instructor firmly stated. “Move it!” “Quit gazing; you a tourist?” I broke into a chilling, cold sweat as I immediately was thrust back to Feb. 22, 1971, my first

day at basic military training and the raspy voice of Staff Sgt. Savoy, my first MTI. He got my attention immediately! That’s what you do!

That all changes in eight-and-a-half weeks.

When’s the last time you attended a BMT graduation? Looking for a re-bluing event, look no further! Every Friday we produce 600-800 brand new Airmen ready to move on and get their career going.

I was having lunch one day with a couple basic trainees set to graduate in a week and asked one of them what was the hardest thing about BMT. Her response floored me.

She said, “Before coming into the Air Force if I didn’t like someone, I would ignore them. But you taught me that if I didn’t get along with someone I would not be successful.”

And that’s when it hit me ... we aren’t just making Airmen, we’re making better Americans! Warriors ready to make the ultimate sacrifice. Whether they stay in for four years or 40, they will find a way to make things better because you taught them they have something to contribute and can make a difference. That’s powerful! That’s what you do!

I saw our military training leaders at our technical training wings take those “airmen” from BMT and make them into “Airmen.” They build on what they learned at Lackland AFB and provide the elbow grease to polish the skills of the career field. I learned how to take out a gall bladder, set up a remote, world-class communications facility, and fire a sniper rifle well enough to plug the wing command chief’s coin.

Walk the halls of the Intrepid Center or Wilford Hall Medical Center and see the care and healing of our wounded warriors. Someone trained those skilled technicians and medical staff. These instructors know that every airman they touch could find themselves quickly “outside the wire” in a combat situation regardless of the career field. The list goes on and on. You provide world-class training while instilling the American warrior ethos! That’s what you do!

I’m from the bomber “tribe” so I wasn’t sure about these

“white jet” aviators. That changed quickly. I’ve flown with superb instructors in our T-1, T-6, T-38 and C-17 maintained by true professionals. I was in the C-17 jump seat for a night landing at Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan, with the pilots on night vision goggles. I never saw the runway. Where did they learn how to do that? Our IPs do that for every aircraft in our inventory, even the crew of the Predator and Reaper. That’s what you do!

The last time I attended a course at Maxwell AFB, Ala., was at Squadron Officer School in 1982. That was a long time ago, and I had a couple of opinions about that place. Boy, was I wrong.

Everything is relevant for today’s world ... support to the warfighter. Just think about what goes on there ... earn a master’s degree while deployed anywhere in the world, new officers develop combat leadership skills at Air and Space Basic Course, officers and enlisted share curriculum during the resident military education programs, senior leaders hone combatant command skills in the flag officer courses, the list is endless. I’ve never been what one would call a “strong” student. But I can unequivocally say our Air University faculty is academic giants who push, stretch and challenge each and every student ... to the fullest! That’s what you do!

This past week I had the thrill of welcoming the AETC Outstanding Airmen of the Year for their visit to AETC. At the first reception on Monday night we were honored by having three former Chief Master Sergeants of the Air Force Robert Gaylor, Frederick Finch and Eric Benken. Seeing them mingle with the truly outstanding Airmen I had another powerful realization. What we do is built on what those before us did for us. Here I was, in the presence of past great leaders, and the next generation of great leaders, who will take the Air Force to the next level.

So, we are the First Command for the Air Force. We take rainbows from across America, make them into Airmen and responsible citizens, and then continue to polish and refine for as long as they stay with us. It’s because we will not let down those who came before us and built today’s Air Force ... an Air Force we will make better for tomorrow ... to answer our nation’s call! It’s what we do!

I am so proud to be a part of this great command.

her life, we found out that she was raped and molested repeatedly. And the painful irony of it was she had never said anything about her horrid experience because she wanted to protect me. She feared that if she told anyone, I would be next.

As she grew older, the “mere childish rebellion” escalated into dangerous behavior. She became severely depressed. To deal with the depression she experimented with drugs. She even attempted suicide.

She must have felt so alone. I can’t fathom the pain she carried. If we had paid more attention, we would have realized that there was something truly troubling my brave little sister.

She has never fully forgiven us for missing those small but crucial details, and I don’t blame her. I thank her for being hard on me

because I needed to learn how to be more attentive. I needed to notice when someone is not OK.

I thank my sister for helping me to be a more conscientious person, and in turn, a good wingman. I make it a point to take action when I see that one of my wingmen is having a rough time.

I thank my sister for teaching me not to judge so quickly when you’re looking from the outside in. People should ask what’s wrong and try to help.

I will never forgive myself for letting my sister go through that horrible ordeal without my compassion and understanding.

I learned the hard way to be more aware, and in the future I’ll be more aware and always take a closer look at those around me. To be a good wingman, you should too.

# Base families offered a variety of activities

## Karaoke’s Best

The Columbus Club is hosting this ten-week contest every Thursday from 7 to 11 p.m. until June 10th. 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 25. 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 434-2490.

## Mongolian barbecue

The Columbus Club offers this special dinner from 5 to 8 p.m. April 15. Cost is 60 cents per ounce. Members receive \$3 off the cost of each meal and club members’ children ages 6 and under eat free. For more information, call 434-2490.

## Outdoor Family hiking and camping trip

A fun adventure at the Rocky Springs on the Natchez Trace, south of Jackson April 24-25. A good trip for families. Cost is \$49 and departs from outdoor recreation at 6:30 a.m. April 24 and leaves at 3 p.m. April 25 from Rocky Springs. Register at outdoor recreation by April 16. For more information, call 434-2507.

## Youth Center Lock-In

The youth center will host a lock in April 24-25 from 9 a.m. to 7 a.m. The sleep over will start Saturday night and end early Sunday morning. Cost is \$10 per person. Must have 15 registered by April 20 to offer. Volunteers needed to work various shifts. Lots of food, games and prizes throughout the night. For more information, call 434-2504.

## Youth Center mini-seminars

There will be several mini education seminars to educate our youth. Children under the age of 9 must be supervised by an adult, if attending. Seminars are: Health Rocks; April 13 at 4:30 p.m. - Coping with Deployment - April 15 at 4:30 p.m. - Eating Healthy; April 21 at 2:30 p.m. - 4-H Nutrition Class; April 27 at 4:30 p.m. - Job Ready Seminar and April 29 at 3:45 p.m. - Coping with Stress. For more information, call the Youth Center at 434-2504.

## Parents day out

The child development center and youth center offer this program from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. April

17. Cost is \$4 per hour per child. Register by Wednesday at the respective activity. A \$5 non-refundable deposit is required when registering.

## Volleyball tournament

The fitness center is offering this tournament at 8 a.m. April 17. Registration is \$50 for 4 to 8 man teams. Register by Monday at the fitness center. For more information, call 434-2772.

## Masters Pick a Pro Golf Tournament

Whispering Pines Golf Course offers this tournament Saturday and Sunday but pros must be selected by 9 a.m. Saturday. Pick a Pro from the PGA tour playing in the Masters and combine your score with his for a total score for the two-day tournament. Low net wins. Entry is \$10 plus greens fees. For more information, call 434-7932.

## Bench Press Competition

The Fitness Center is offering this competition from 5 to 9 p.m. April 19. There are male and female divisions in two events: max reps and one rep. Free t-shirts to all participants. Commanders trophy points will be awarded. For more information, call 434-2772.

## Spring Challenge Perimeter Run

April 23 – free to all base personnel – this 10 plus mile run around Perimeter Road involves individual and team relay competition. For more information, contact the Fitness Center at 434-2772.

## Month of the Military Child bowling special

The bowling center offers a free game to youth who bowl with a paying adult from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. April 23. For more information, call 434-3426.

## No tap bowling tournament

This fun tournament is at 7 p.m. April 30. Entry is \$10 per person and includes 3 games of bowling and prize fund. Register by 6:30 p.m. the day of the event. For more information, call 434-3426.

## Youth Summer Day Camp Registration

The youth center is accepted registrations for the summer day camp program 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 434-2504.

## 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 434-7932.

## Family child care homes needed

Ever dreamed of owning your own business? Are you willing to work out of your own 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

Passes are 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 434-2504.

## 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 434-2772.

## 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 434-3426.

## 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 434-3426.

## 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 434-7836.

## 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 434-3426.

## Lifeguards/Instructors needed

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

## 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.USAFitFamily.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 434-2504.

## Space A lodging

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

## 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.

# Small but crucial details

**Airman 1st Class Valerie Hosea**  
82nd Training Wing Public Affairs

SHEPPARD AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — “I didn’t know it was happening. I’m sorry I couldn’t protect you. Please, tell me how I can fix this. I feel terrible.”

These are all things we say when someone we love is recovering from something that could have been prevented or stopped, if only we had just paid more attention.

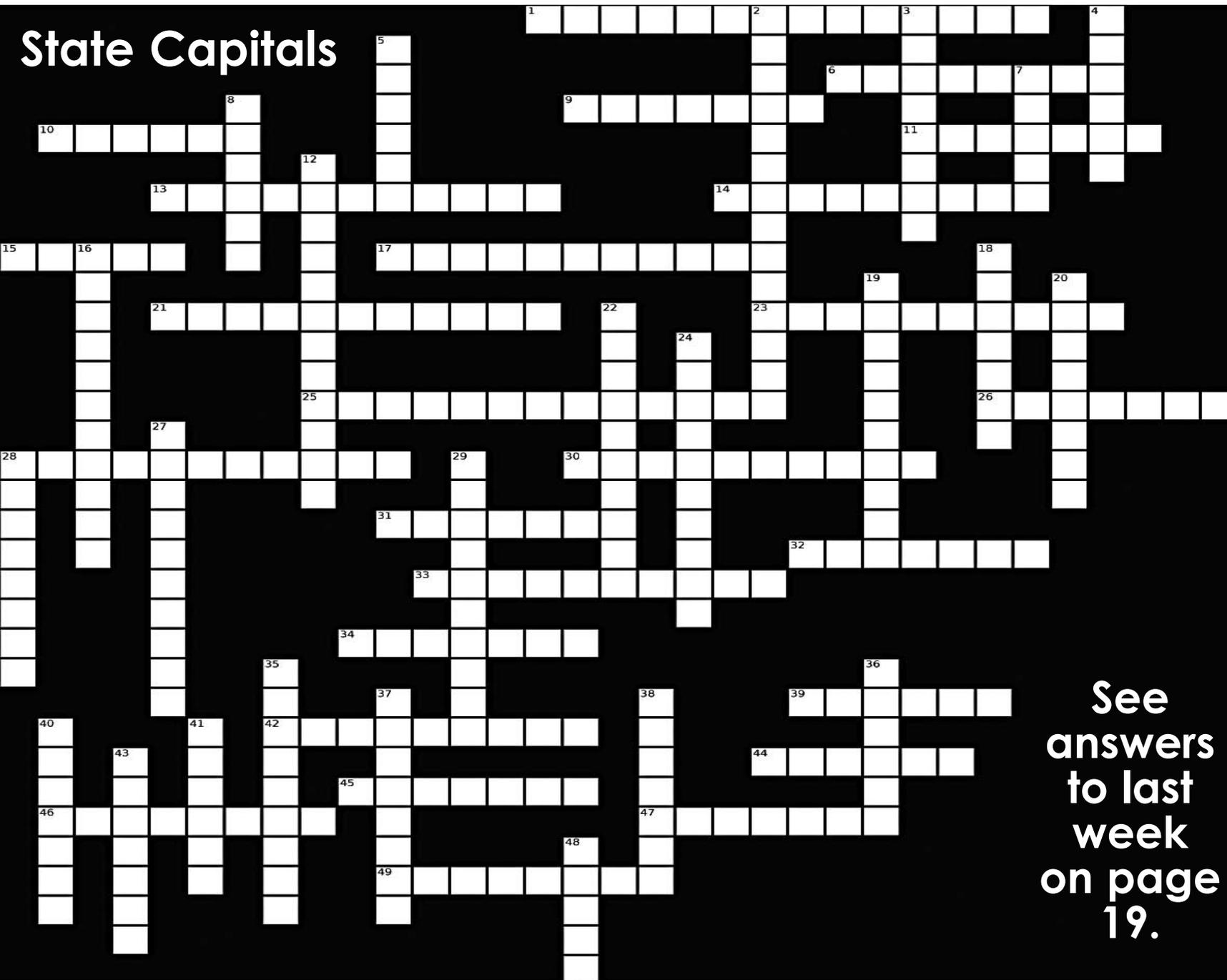
When I was 13 years old, my little sister was my world and I was hers. I would have given my life for her. She was just 11 at the time and experienced things that no little girl should

ever have to go through.

From the age of 11 to 12, my sister acted out in school, and her grades dropped. She would throw temper tantrums. She became very antisocial and would sit alone in her room for hours at a time. She became very afraid of the dark. Finally, she began locking her bedroom door at night.

“Why does an 11 year old need to lock her door?” we thought. Instead of taking a deeper look at what was causing this behavior, we made the mistake of simply brushing it off. We treated the behavior as mere childish rebellion.

Five years later, after a downward spiral of



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  - 6 Ohio
  - 9 Maine
  - 10 Alaska
  - 11 Wisconsin
  - 13 Louisiana
  - 14 Tennessee
  - 15 Oregon
  - 17 Florida
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  - 23 West Virginia
  - 25 Oklahoma
  - 26 North Carolina
  - 28 Nevada
  - 30 Vermont
  - 31 Mississippi
  - 32 New Jersey
  - 33 Pennsylvania
  - 34 Arizona
  - 39 South Dakota
  - 42 Maryland
  - 44 Kansas
  - 45 Georgia
  - 46 New Mexico
  - 47 Washington
  - 49 Virginia

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- 2 Utah
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  - 7 Idaho
  - 8 Texas
  - 12 Indiana
  - 16 Arkansas
  - 18 North Dakota
  - 19 Rhode Island
  - 20 Hawaii
  - 22 Iowa
  - 24 Minnesota
  - 27 Alabama
  - 28 Wyoming
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  - 37 Connecticut
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  - 40 Michigan
  - 41 New York
  - 43 Nebraska
  - 48 Delaware

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Remember to turn off lights and your computer monitor  
when you are done for the day!

# Air Force, Army officials partner to improve interoperability

**Army Spc. Jason Mayes**

I-Corps Air and Missile Defense Detachment

JOINT BASE LEWIS-MCCHORD, Wash. — Officials from the Army's I-Corps Air and Missile Defense Detachment moved into 5th Air Support Operations Squadron facilities here in late March and now Soldiers and Airmen will work side-by-side strengthening the joint teamwork that will be critical in combat.

This is the first time a Corps-level air and missile defense detachment has been fully integrated with an air support operations squadron in garrison, according to base officials.

The merger is the outgrowth of the units' numerous joint accomplishments while deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and will build upon the close relationships forged during the yearlong combat deployment.

"It was critical that we joined forces to better train and prepare our deploying tactical air control parties and brigade combat teams, leveraging the experience these Soldiers and Airmen gained while working together in Iraq," said Col. Rob Evans, the I-Corps air liaison officer and 1st Air Support Operations Group commander. "This merger only made sense and was the right thing to do."

Members of the 1st ASOG and I-Corps Air Missile Defense Detachment worked together at Camp Victory, Iraq, achieving the first single integrated air picture for Iraq in six years, officials said. This SIAP was critical to improving close-air-support



U.S. Army photo  
**Col. Rob Evans welcomes Brig. Gen. Heidi Brown during her visit to the 1st Air Support Operations Group and the 5th Air Support Operations Squadron March 30, 2010, at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash. Colonel Evans is the I-Corps air liaison officer and the 1st ASOG commander. General Brown is the I-Corps deputy commanding general for sustainment and the senior air defense officer.**

allocation and airspace deconfliction, which gave Air Force joint terminal attack controllers high and low-level situational awareness of the battlefield.

Brig. Gen. Heidi Brown, the I-Corps deputy commanding general for sustainment and the senior air defense officer, visited the 1st ASOG and the 5th ASOS and said she was thrilled with the joint integration and team work.

"I am excited about the unlimited potential and possibilities that this joint teaming will bring to the theater," General Brown said. "The day-to-day integration now taking place at Joint Base Lewis-McChord will be a model for other Air Force units and Corps AMDs across the country and overseas to mirror."

Colonel Evans gave a detailed mission brief and explained some of the complexities and challenges that this new arrangement will help address. For example, the Army datalink systems will provide new opportunities for the group's JTACs to train in digitally-aided, close-air-support techniques.

Lt. Col. Bruce Beyerly, the 5th ASOS commander, showed General Brown the training and support facility and emphasized how the newly integrated team will bring great capabilities not only to the Army and Air Force but also for sister services as well.

The 1st ASOG staff already trains routinely with Navy and Marine aircraft and controllers and the capabilities provided by this new joint team will enable the next level of training, linking digital systems from each of the services.

"Integrated training like this, in the highly complex digital battlespace, is crucial for success in joint warfare," Colonel Evans said.

## Marine squadron stands up at Eglin

**Samuel King Jr.**

96th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. — The first-ever Marine Corps F-35B Lightning II joint strike fighter training squadron, the Marine Fighter Attack Training Squadron 501, stood up April 2 here.

The significance of the occasion was not just for the new F-35 unit, but also it marked the first time a Marine Corps squadron was embedded in an Air Force wing.

"And they couldn't have picked a better place to start," said Lt. Col. James Wellon, the VMFAT-501 commander, referring to the 33rd Fighter Wing at Eglin Air Force Base.

The squadron was redesignated from the VMFAT-451, a 13-year retired squadron that was reactivated April 1 for the ceremony.

"This is truly a historic event," said Maj. Gen. James F. Flock, the 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing commander. "It has taken a lot of hard work to move toward joint-bas-

ing. It's been a genuine grassroots effort here at Eglin (AFB) to make joint-basing a possibility."

This is the next chapter in the future of Marine aviation toward the "direction of an all-short take off and vertical landing force," the general said.

The ceremony took place with the three current Marine aircraft, the AV-8B Harrier, F/A-18 Hornet and the EA-6B Prowler in the distance.

The Marine F-35 variant will be equipped with the STOVL ability. Just two weeks prior to the stand up, the first vertical landing of the F-35B STOVL took place March 18.

The joint strike force mission rested on the shoulders of the 37 "hard-charging" Marines currently assigned to the unit who are tasked with training the future pilots and maintainers, the general said.

According to Marine officials, the VMFAT-501 is scheduled to receive its first F-35B in the winter of 2010. Training of instructor pilots will follow. The Marines hope to have eight initial cadre and two operational test pilots trained within a year.



U.S. Air Force photo/Samuel King Jr.  
**Marine Lt. Col. James Wellons and Marine Sgt. Maj. Bonnie Skinner unfurl the new flag officially redesignating the squadron April 2 at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla. The Marine Fighter Attack Training Squadron 501 is the first Marine JSF squadron and also the first Marine squadron embedded into an Air Force wing. Colonel Wellons is the VMFAT-501 commander and Sergeant Skinner is the VMFAT-501 sergeant major.**

## Academy language programs form 'on-ramp' for cross-culturally competent leaders

**Kathryn Gustafson**  
Air Force Directorate of Manpower and Personnel

WASHINGTON — The future of the Air Force's culture and language initiatives looks much like a classroom of energized cadets fully engaged in a Chinese language course at the U.S. Air Force Academy, participating and responding to Haning Hughes' high energy, expressive body language and animated facial expressions.

"When (Ms. Hughes) leaves the classroom, a swarm of eager students follows her to continue asking questions," said retired Brig. Gen. Gunther Mueller, the foreign language adviser to the Air Force Culture and Language Center. "It's every teacher's dream."

Ms. Hughes began teaching at the Air Force Academy in 1995. Active engagement, learner-centered teaching and production at all levels of language and culture education are the centerpieces of her classroom and the language program's cornerstones.

Air Force officials codified their strategy to develop future Air Force officers who are trained and equipped with the language and cultural knowledge to influence policies and operations across the globe in the Culture, Region and Language Flight Plan, which was developed in May 2009 and is being implemented Air Force-wide.

They expanded the opportunities for cadets to become cross-culturally competent in 2005. Every cadet now receives exposure to at least two semesters of required foreign language coursework. This exposes cadets to college-level language courses and identifies cadets with an interest in and aptitude for continued language study, said Col. Dan Uribe,

permanent professor and head of the Department of Foreign Languages.

Not all cadets will be language-qualified or proficient, but those who have a genuine interest will continue to develop these skills. Mr. Mueller said the way ahead is to encourage and support Airmen who are motivated to learn and maintain language proficiency.

Languages taught at the Academy include French, German, Spanish, Russian, Chinese, Arabic, Japanese and Portuguese. Portuguese recently was introduced to the curriculum in recognition of Brazil's status as a major Western Hemisphere power in the 2010 Quadrennial Defense Review.

Academy officials have continued to grow the number of foreign language minors, especially those studying "strategic" or "investment" languages, since 2005, Colonel Uribe said. Overall foreign language enrollments almost doubled between Fall 2005 and Fall 2009, with an increase from 1,226 to 2,364 enrollments.

With the language coursework growth have come expanded opportunities for cadets to study and travel abroad. In a typical year, cadets may travel to one of more than 20 countries for periods ranging from 10 days to six weeks.

According to a 2005 report published by the Commission on the Abraham Lincoln Study Abroad Fellowship Program, "Study abroad is one of the major means of producing foreign language speakers and enhancing foreign language learning. In today's world, study abroad is simply essential to the nation's security."

Language and culture immersion and study-abroad programs at the Academy include the Cadet Summer Language

Immersion Program, the Olmsted Cultural Immersion Program, the Cadet Semester Study Abroad Program and the Foreign Academy Exchange Program.

As the number of participants increases, the faculty continues to promote the available opportunities to all cadets, including those less likely to pursue such programs, said Col. Dave Larivee, director of the International Programs Office. Instructors work to target cadets who have not expressed interest in such opportunities or whose demanding curricula otherwise preclude participation.

The Academy's language programs are a primary "on-ramp" for the Air Force Culture and Language Center's recently established Language Enabled Airman Program, or LEAP, said Jay Warwick, director of the Air Force Culture and Language Center's Language Department. LEAP will focus on those early-career Airmen most likely to take full advantage of career-long, postgraduate training and immersion opportunities.

"The Air Force has never fully capitalized on the language abilities that cadets have gained through their classroom and in-country experiences once they enter into active duty," Mr. Warwick said. "With LEAP, we hope to drastically change this situation."

Cadet 2nd Class Brandon Odum said language and culture immersions help bridge the gap in culturally complex environments, and Cadet 1st Class Derrick Kline observed that the combined efforts of the Air Force Academy and Air Force Culture and Language Center are already taking hold.

"Things are changing," he said. "The Air Force is moving in a direction where language is useful and where Airmen can work in foreign operating environments."

## Official offers tax guidance as deadline looms

**John J. Kruzal**  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — A defense official here offered guidance April 8 on how troops can file their returns, and reminded servicemembers to submit their forms on time with the April 15 tax deadline around the corner.

Servicemembers have two options for filing: they either can seek advice from a legal assistance office on their base, where Internal Revenue Service-trained specialists can help them complete their forms, or they can do it online, said Army Maj. John Johnson, the executive director of the Armed Forces Tax Council.

Major Johnson steered troops toward the online option, which features an application created by the Defense Department and H&R Block, the commercial tax preparation company.

"I would personally be more comfortable

using it, because I know that lots of military people use it," he said of the online option available at the Military OneSource Web site. "It's supported by the military, and it's less likely to have errors or problems."

"They also have a toll-free number that military folks can call and get help if they're going through their tax form and there's a question or problem," he said.

By virtue of receiving input from military experts, the H&R Block program is tailored to servicemembers' needs, Major Johnson said. "It's free online tax filing and (DOD) personnel review (the application) to make sure that it works correctly. And if problems come up, we try to fix them."

Major Johnson recommended seeking help through military bases' legal assistance office in cases where troops are confused by complex returns, or if their preference is to have their forms completed by experts.

"The easiest way to do it is online," he

said. "But if you have complicated issues or you're just not comfortable doing your own taxes, then it's best to just go into the legal assistance office on base and have them do your taxes for you."

Tax experts on base are IRS-trained personnel who work under the Volunteer Tax Assistance program, he said.

While the April 15 deadline applies to most troops stationed in the United States, servicemembers deployed to a combat zone or a "contingency operation," as defined by DOD officials, qualify for a 180-day extension upon their return.

"They're eligible for it if they're serving in a contingency operation which would be a combat zone or something else that's designated as a contingency operation. Haiti, for instance is designated," he said. "So you're entitled to wait until you return from the operation and then you have up to 180 days to file your taxes - no penalties, no interest for that delay."

Major Johnson recommended that troops currently or soon to deploy to a combat zone

or contingency plan area e-mail the IRS their projected deployment plan. Troops should include their name, Social Security number, the location of their deployment, and to include that their area of operation makes them eligible for the extension.

"The IRS does recommend that you notify them, and it's a good idea," he said. "That way, they know what's going on and they won't send a nasty letter to your spouse back at home. E-mails to the IRS from deployed troops should be addressed to Combatzone@irs.gov."

Troops who spent time in combat zones in 2009 should make sure they are taking advantage of the combat zone exemption, which allows them to withhold income earned during a combat tour from being taxed, he said.

"Of course, like anything else, you should double-check that," he said. "Look at your W-2 form and make sure that it hasn't reported income that you earned in a combat zone."

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2.) DD Form 2056s (red stickers) must be on all Govt. Telephones/Fax Machines.

The AF Notice and Consent program is covered in AFI 33-219. For questions/concerns please contact your Unit's IAO or Wing Information Assurance (IA) Office at 434-3194.

COSC Scholarship Awards Banquet

The Columbus Officers Spouses Club is proud to host our annual Scholarship Awards Banquet on April 13 at 6 p.m., 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 8 to coscrsvp@yahoo.com.

DePlayment Tag Pass Pack

Families of deployed members are eligible for our special DePlayment 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 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.

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.

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.

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

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 through April 9. 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!

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.

Attention Supply Customer

If you are looking for that special piece of equipment or furniture for your office, your point of contact is the Inspection Section of Base Supply. Inspection maintains the Last Look Area, which has used equipment and furniture turned in from other organizations that no longer have a need for the items. All items in the Last Look Area are available without charge to your organization. For more information, you can contact the Inspection Section at extension 7233 or 7234.

Airman and Family Readiness Center

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

Resume and Cover Letters

April 14, 10-11 a.m., workshop on writing Resumes and Cover Letters for employment. A Resume without a Cover Letter is trash.

Smooth Move

April 14, 2-3:30 p.m. Valuable information for relocating. Learn what to expect from TMO, Housing, Military Pay, Billeting, Tri-Care, Medical Records, and A&FRC during your move. Advance registration required. Must register NLT 10 a.m. the day of the workshop. To register call 434-2790.

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.

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Congratulations to March enlisted promotees



U.S. Air Force photo/Melissa Duncan  
This month's enlisted promotees are: Senior Airman Christopher Farwick, 14th Operations Support Squadron; Airman 1st Class Ashley Chatman, 49th Fighter Training Squadron; Senior Airman Frank Maxwell Brent, 14th OSS; Tech Sgt. Amy Pringle, 49th FTS; and Senior Airman Charles McConnille, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron Fire Protection Flight.

Deployed Defender



U.S. Air Force photo  
Senior Airman Zachery Patton pauses for a photo while deployed to Iraq from the 14th Security Forces Squadron. Airman Patton is currently acting as a security advisor to the Iraqi government.

VA health information technology improves quality of health care while reducing costs

WASHINGTON — The Department of Veterans Affairs has shown that health information technology provides improved quality of health care and substantial cost savings, according to a study in the public health journal Health Affairs.

The use of technology lowered costs while producing improvements in quality, safety and patient satisfaction.

"VA has seen its investment in health information technology pay off for veterans and taxpayers for many years, and this study provides positive evidence for this correlation," said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki. "The benefits have exceeded costs, proving that the implementation of secure, efficient systems of electronic records is a good idea for all our citizens."

The study, which covered a 10-year period between 1997 and 2007, found that VA's health IT investment during the period was \$4 billion, while savings were more than \$7 billion. The authors noted that most of the savings are in areas that also

improve quality, safety and patient satisfaction.

More than 86 percent of the savings were due to eliminating duplicated tests and reducing medical errors. The rest of the savings came from lower operating expenses and reduced workload. The authors further noted that these were conservative estimates of net value, based on available literature and published studies.

VA has also begun piloting health record exchanges with the Department of Defense and private-sector providers. These programs are paving the way for the seamless, lifetime exchange of the health care records of Veterans, regardless of where they live.

VA has been using health IT systems for more than 20 years to improve medical outcomes and efficiency in delivering care. The use has grown to support the full range of patient care, including computerized patient records, bar-coded medications, radiological imaging, and laboratory and medication ordering.

The study looked at the success in meeting clinical guide-

lines through the use of electronic health records and computerized physician alerts.

Chronic illnesses such as diabetes, which impacts about 25 percent of VA patients, was a focus of the study. VA patients with diabetes had better glucose testing compliance and control, more controlled cholesterol, and more timely retinal exams compared to Medicare's private-sector benchmark. Retinal damage can be caused by diabetes. VA averaged about 15 percentage points higher than the private sector on preventive care for patients with diabetes.

The study authors are associated with the Center for Information Technology Leadership, a research organization in Charlestown, Mass., which is focused on guiding the health care community in making informed strategic IT investment decisions.

The study is available on the Internet at <http://content.healthaffairs.org/cgi/content/full/29/4/629>.

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## Leverette Award

Capt. John D. Gattone

# 10-15

## Chapel Schedule

### Pioneer Club

The CAFB Chapel has begun registration for the children's program Pioneer Club. The program will be held each Wednesday evening 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. This program is open to children ages three years thru seventh grade. This is an ecumenical religious program geared to teach children about Christ in every aspect of life. A pot luck dinner will be served each week at 5 p.m. parents must join their children at dinner.

### Wednesday Evening Adult Bible Study

The CAFB Chapel will be holding a variety of Adult Bible Studies from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. A Pot Luck dinner will be served at 5 p.m., please bring a side dish or dessert to share if you are able. Please call the Chapel at 434-2500 for a list of studies.

### RefresHer

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

### Protestant Worship Service

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

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

### Catholic Services

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

# Privately owned weapons and you

**Staff Sgt. Jason C. O'Hara**  
14th Security Forces Squadron  
Combat Arms'

Recent events at Fort Hood and other military installations across the Air Force have drawn significant interest and inquiry to the storage and registration of Privately Owned Weapons (POW) on Air Force installations including here at Columbus AFB.

Many may actually be unaware of the requirements when it comes to having a privately owned weapon on base. As a Security Forces member and Combat Arms instructor, your safety as well as everyone else's on base is our unit's top priority.

Here are some very important guidelines which must be followed when dealing with POWs:

- \* No loaded POW's will be transported on CAFB
- \* When transporting, the POW should not be within reach of any occupant within the vehicle
- \* No POW will be stored in unattended vehicles
- \* No POW's are allowed in lodging or dormitories
- \* Personnel staying in lodging/dormitories will store their POW in the SF Armory located in bldg 208, near the base main entrance, upon arrival to Columbus Air Force Base. The SF Armory is accessible 24 hours a day by contacting the SF Law Enforcement Desk at 434-7128/7129. Personnel choosing this option will issue their POWs to the armory via AF IMT 1297, Temporary Issue Receipt. The weapon owner then has 72 hours to register their weapons via the Air Force IMT 1314 Firearms Registration and DD Form 2760, Qualification to Possess Firearms or Ammunition.

\* Personnel staying in base housing or privatized base housing have 10 calendar days to register their weapons via the Air Force IMT 1314, Firearms Registration, and DD Form 2760, Qualification to Possess Firearms or Ammunition.

These guidelines are put in place for everyone's safety and disregarding them can have serious consequences.

If you're not sure about the requirements or need to register a POW with base Security Forces, access the AF electronic forms sight for IMT 1314 or simply contact Combat Arms at 434-7134 for assistance. You can also reference AFI 31-101 (8.4.2.4), AFI 31-101 AETC SUP (8.12.2.1 - 8.12.2.2.3), CAFBI 31-101 (10.22 - 10.34.9).

### Columbus Pilgrimage April 5-17 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.

### The MUW Department of Continuing Education is announcing the Community Life Enrichment Program!

Courses taught by volunteer professionals who will

share their knowledge and experience via workshops, lectures, tours and field trips. Course selection includes:

- Bridge: Playing and Strategy - taught by Frank Stewart
- Putting it on Paper: How to get started with your novel - taught by Deborah Schumaker
- Spanish for Beginners - taught by Kathy Vance
- Scrapbooking, Photo Management and Photography - taught by Pam Bromley
- Social Communication Media Update - taught by Peter Imes
- Personal Computer: Update-Utilization Intro-History - taught by Claude Simpson
- Birds, Bees, Toothache Trees: Natural History of Plymouth Bluff - organized by Dr. Harry Sherman with multiple lecturers including Birney Imes, Jim & Diane Patterson, Jessica Tegt, Harold Alexander and George Phillips
- Easy Entertaining 101 - taught by Anne Segrest Freeze

- The Use of 19th Century Records in Research and Genealogy - taught by Rufus Ward
  - Planning My Future - taught by Dr. Robert Gilbert
  - The Practice of Poetry - taught by Elizabeth Simpson
  - The Criminal Justice System: How does it work? Is it broken? - taught by Elizabeth Unger Carlyle
- Spring semester begins April 30. The cost is \$35 and permits attendance to as many courses in a given semester. Membership is open to the public. For more information, contact Dr. Barbara Moore at (662) 329-7150 or email bmoore@edhs@muw.edu.

### 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!!

## BARGAIN LINE

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

### Homes

**FSBO:** 3/2 home outside Caledonia on three acres. Gas fireplace, two-car carport with attached workshop and large covered patio. For photo or more information visit fsbo.com, listing number 138068.

**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.  
**FSBO:** Beautiful Home situated on 3.8 acres in a very desirable New Hope neighborhood. Approx 2,800 sft, 13 rooms to include 3 spacious bedrooms, bonus room, living room, office, huge den/ in laws quarters, 2 and one half bathrooms, whirlpool tub. Hardwood, carpet and ceramic tile flooring, crown molding, plenty of storage space, approximately one acre of fenced yard with large wired shop, many custom extras, plus one year home warranty. Serious enquiries only: \$289,900. FMI call (662) 240-0226.

**For sale:** 135 Scarlet Dr., Sherwood Forest: 4 bath, 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. \$187,900. FMI call 662-242-0776.

**For sale:** Completely remodeled, affordable home in Oakdale: 2 bed, 2 bath, 2 car garage offers new flooring throughout (tile and carpet), tumbled marble countertops and backsplashes in kitchen and bath, new lighting fixtures, sinks, faucets, toilets, etc., 2.2 mi from CAFB, 155 Green Hollow Cir, \$122.5k, FMI call 254-715-1498.

**FSBO:** 3 bdrm, 2 bath, 1844 square foot brick home in Caledonia, \$175,000. Vaulted ceilings, huge master suite, ceramic tile and appliances included. Call 574-9764 or 574-9763 for more information.

### Transportation

**For sale:** 2003 HUMMER H2-Orig owner, low miles, all service records, many extras, heavy duty brush guard, lights, 12,000lb winch (never used). Currently on the resale lot with original window sticker & long list of extras. Priced for quick sale, \$19900 o.b.o. FMI 618-558-0789.

**For sale:** 2007 Harley Davidson Heritage Softail Classic FLSTC, black cherry/pewter, 7700 mi, Screaming Eagle exhaust, factory security system, profile laced wheels, many other extras, excellent condition; \$14,900. FMI call 662-245-0493.

**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

### Miscellaneous

**For sale:** Black metal framed Futon, with cushion cover and 2 throw pillows; \$75. work out bench; \$15. 18'X20' outdoor canopy, great for backyard parties; \$35. FMI call 434-8776.

**For sale:** Antique, full size Singer sewing machine w/wrought iron base; purchased new in 1949; has several accessories; w/original receipt & catalog, \$150.00 o.b.o. antique mahogany sofa/hall table 28"h x 28"w x 43"L. \$450.00 o.b.o. Resqladder, emergency fire escape ladder, 15', 1000 lb. tested. \$30 o.b.o. electric organ with bench, Troubador II, has accompanying flute, trombone, clarinet, violin, mandolin and banjo, automatic accompanying, excellent condition, \$295 o.b.o FMI call 327-1205.

**For sale:** 30 gallon fish tank with storage \$50. Call 253-592-3627.

**For sale:** Swarovski crystal collection -- over 20 large pieces including several rare and discontinued. Most are Members Only Pieces of the Year. Sold as a group or individually. Call 574-3218 for more info and a listing of pieces.

**For sale:** Hot Spring hot tub, perfect

condition (Rated Best Buy by Consumer Report), seats 4-5, new cost \$7100; firm selling price \$3,500. FMI call 329-1843.

### Wanted

**Wanted:** Moving Boxes Needed! Please call 574-9763 if you have any boxes you don't want.

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

### Free

**Free:** Two-year-old Ball Python. Call 253-592-3627.

### Saturday Yard Sales

**Yard sale:** 5206B Lowndes Ave. April 10, 7:30-11:00 a.m. Several new baby boy and girl clothes, men and women clothes, baby bedding set, new infant high chair, yard decorations, baby toys, movies, video games, kitchen appliances, numerous miscellaneous items.  
**Garage Sale:** Junior and Ladies Fashion! Clothes, accessories, handbags and shoes! Great brands, great deals! April 10 starting at 9 a.m. 4529 Alabama Ave, CAFB. FMI please call 434-6360.

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## National Library Week Celebration focuses on benefits to the customer

**Pam Wickham**

14th Force Support Squadron

Been to the library lately? Libraries are doorways to new worlds, allowing people access to information and literature. National Library Week is the celebration of the contributions libraries and librarians have made to American society.

Libraries stimulate the mind, encourage people to read, teach young children that books are exciting, and provide an endless source of information. National Library Week celebrates the contributions of libraries by encouraging people to take time to acknowledge the benefits of supporting their library.

"This would be a good time to visit your base library and help us to celebrate National Library Week," said Bernadette Roche. "Events planned for the occasion start Monday when patrons can pick up a 'Picture This' photo scavenger hunt list to try to identify a number of photos taken throughout the

base and have the participants name entered into a drawing for a prize. The scavenger hunt lists will be available every day this week. Tuesday is the big day with an open house and light refreshments for patrons from 9:30 to noon, at noon a brown bag seminar on how the library can save you money and at 6 p.m. a story time at night complete with fire pit and roasted marshmallows in the front yard of the library. The brown bag seminar will be repeated again on Thursday at noon. Wednesday a special guest reader will provide the story time starting at 10 a.m. and at 3:30 p.m. join us for an internet tour to learn how to access a world of information on the internet free. Presentations include "First Search" – free databases and library union catalogs available nationwide. "

"Libraries are the heart of every community and people of all backgrounds can obtain print and electronic resources to do research in a wide range of subjects, to find a job or plan a career, to check out popular books and movies

and to find homework help using the new 'Trutor.com' program. This new 24/7 online homework help tutoring program is sponsored by the Department of Defense," according to Roche.

Tutor.com accounts are available free from the base library for eligible individuals who include active duty military service members, military reservists, National Guard personnel on active duty in a deployed status, DoD civilians in a deployed status and dependents of those who are eligible. In order to access Tutor.com, eligible users must first contact the library to obtain an account with a username and password from the library, which can be used for an individual or for an entire family. K-12 students, college students and adults have access to help 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, from a live, certified, subject matter expert tutor. There are no limits to the number of times a user can connect to a tutor. All sessions take place in Tutor.com's proprietary online classroom and are anonymous and are

reviewed for quality control. All subjects of math, science, English and social studies are available. There are even special writing tutors that will proofread a piece of writing in real time. College students and adults have access to subject matter help, as well as resume writing help from qualified resume expert tutors, GED prep help, and citizenship test prep help. Patrons access Tutor.com online at [www.tutor.com/airforce](http://www.tutor.com/airforce). Other programs available are the Rosetta Stone Online Language Program, overdrive audio books, online databases and children's programming. Other resources available are the 1,500 DVD movies available for checkout at no charge as well as music CDs and book on cassette as well as CDs.

"The Library is a virtual warehouse of resources all at your disposal at no charge," added Ms. Roche.

In an effort to increase patrons' use of the library, the library is extending their hours of operation to include Saturdays starting April 17. Their hours of operation are Monday to Thursday from 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and closed all federal holidays.

For more information about the library and its programs and services, call 434-2934.

### 14th Flying Training Wing selects Senior Airman Below-the-Zone recipients

Congratulations to the 14th FTW's most recent Senior Airman Below-the-Zone recipients.

- Senior Airman Josephine Suarez, 50th Flying Training Squadron
- Senior Airman Christopher Keith, 14th Security Forces Squadron

## IFF Class 10-FB Graduates Three

**Capt. Brian Walski**

49th Fighter Training Squadron

The 49th Fighter Training Squadron hosted a graduation on April 7 in the squadron heritage room. Three members graduated this phase of training on their way to becoming fighter pilots and fighter Weapons System Officers (WSOs) in various aircraft for the Combat Air Forces.

The 49th FTS is responsible for Active Duty,

Guard, Reserve, and International flying training in the T-38C aircraft. The 49th FTS provides training to fighter pilots and WSOs entering Air Force major fighter weapons systems, which include the F-16, F-15C, F-15E, and A-10.

The eight-week course begins with tactical formation flights and then introduces pilots and WSOs to basic fighter maneuvers (BFM) and air-to-air employment in offensive, defensive, high aspect, and Air Combat Maneuvering (ACM)

fight scenarios. Students bound for aircraft with an air-to-ground attack capability then move on to surface attack, low-altitude tactical navigation, and Surface Attack Tactics phases learning to employ ordnance against ground targets. The skills learned during IFF directly translate to the fighters these students will soon fly in their follow-on training and one day employ in combat.

Congratulations to the following fighter candidates!



1st Lt. Tyler Christensen F-15E WSO



1st Lt. Ian Osterreicher A-10 A/A Top Gun



1st Lt. Travis Slack F-15E WSO A/A Top WSO

# Harner takes command of 14th CES



Col. Ken Bryson, 14th Mission Support Group commander, presents the guidon to incoming 14th Civil Engineer Squadron Commander Lt. Col. Mike Harner at an assumption of command ceremony April 1.

U.S. Air Force photo/Melissa Duncan

## 14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

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



### SPEAKER

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"What motivated them to think they could fly," Colonel Watkins asked. "Then, what drove them to continue when they failed again, and again?"

He then went on to describe the exploits of other pioneers of aviation, including Maj. Gen. William "Billy" Mitchel, Maj. Gen. Chuck Yeager and Gen. Curtis LeMay.

Colonel Watkins said these were some of the pioneers who had perseverance in the pursuit of excellence. "Today, when we pin on your sil-

ver wings, you are going to join a very small group of Air Force pilots," Colonel Watkins said. "We are going to ask some incredible things of you in the coming months and years. Continue the pioneering spirit and the perseverance that got you here."

"We are all standing on the shoulders of giants. Starting with Orville and Wilbur Wright and going through the years. I don't know what you're going to discover, or what accomplishments you're going to make, but I know you're going to do both."

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## DynCorp triumphs over 14th OSS at basketball championships



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Team members from DynCorp and the 14th Operations Support Squadron basketball teams square-off at the Intramural Basketball Championships April 1. DynCorp emerged victorious, taking home the championship trophy.

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat/Sun
12	13	14	15	16	17/18
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wing Annual prayer Breakfast, 7:30 a.m. @ Club</li> <li>Library Open House, 9:30 a.m.</li> <li>Hearts Apart Social @ 4:30 p.m.</li> <li>OSC Social, 6 p.m. @ Club</li> </ul>	Wing Commanders Call. 7:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. @ Kaye	Taxes due	Fun Run, 7 a.m.  Class 10-08 Assignment Night, 5 p.m. @ club	
19	20	21	22	23	24/25
	Newcomers Briefing, AFRC		Earth Day  Quarterly Awards Luncheon	Class 11-01 Track Select	Daedalians Golf Tournament

# Columbus AFB Biggest Losers 2010

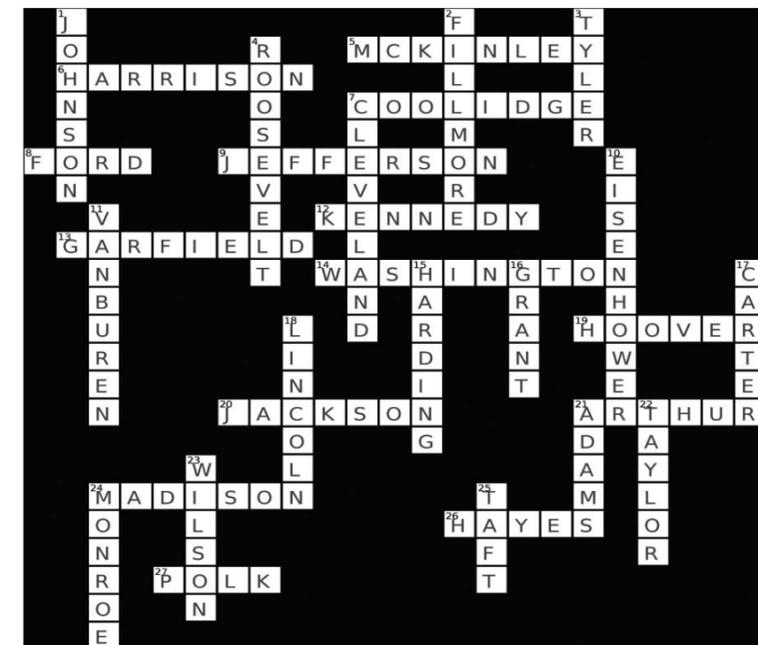
Tech Sgt. Ryan Caviness  
14th Medical Operations Squadron

Do you have a few pounds you would like to shed? Don't exactly know where to start? Do you just need a little motivation? Do you want to be a part of Columbus Air Force Base's biggest competition? If you answered yes, mark your calendars. Get your team together, come join the fun, and see if your team can become Columbus' Biggest Losers!

Teams of four people compete in a comprehensive weight loss program that begins April 12 and concludes 25 June. Weigh-ins will be held monthly to track progress. Members can also attend classes that teach proper nutrition, exercise techniques, and how to succeed in making healthy lifestyle changes. Prizes will be awarded to the top three teams with the highest percentage of body fat loss, the top team with the highest participation points, and the individual who has lost the highest percentage of body weight.

Participation points will be awarded based on the number of classes attended, and monthly exercise activities completed. A Team Captain meeting will take place on April 5 at 11 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. in the Health and Wellness Center. To sign up your team, please stop by the HAWC before April 5. For more information, call 434-2477 or 434-2236.

## Last week's answer: U.S. Presidents



### Long Range Events

April 29: Enlisted Promotions  
April 30: Class 10-08 Graduation  
May 1/2: Autocross

May 1: Market Street Festival  
May 3-8: Night Flying Week  
May 7: Class 10-09 Assignment Night