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Weather



Today

High: 67, Low: 43
Chance of showers



Saturday

High: 56, Low: 38
Chance of rain

News Briefs

Air Force PT uniform guidance

Proper military customs and courtesies honoring the flag during reveille/retreat will apply (this means coming to full attention and rendering the proper military salute when outdoors). Saluting due to rank recognition is not required when wearing the ptu and short-sleeved ptu/iptu shirt; the iptu shirt will be tucked into shorts or running pants at all times.

Daylight Savings

Don't forget to set your clocks back an hour on Sunday March 14.

Dorm Dinner

There will be a dorm dinner Thursday March 18 at 5:00 p.m. BLAZE 5/6 is hosting it with a Mexican Food theme; MSG will be providing side dishes. All dishes can be dropped off at the base chapel annex @ 4:30 p.m. on the day of the event. Thanks in advance for your support!

Change of Command

Lt. Col. Kelly Menozzi, Commander, 48 Flying Training Squadron, will relinquish command to Lt. Col. Michael OConnor at a change of command ceremony Friday, March 19 @ 10:30 a.m. in Hangar 6.

Inside



Feature 10

SUPT Class 10-06 graduates today at 10 a.m. at the Kaye Auditorium.



Major General Teresa Peterson was the first female commander of an Air Force flying squadron. She was also the first and only female wing commander at Columbus Air Force Base.

Air Force File Photo

Writing Women Back into Columbus Air Force Base History

First Lieutenant Kristin Hollrith 37th Flying Training Squadron

Columbus has a rich history of women contributing to the mission. From the first women arriving on this base to deliver aircraft to Colonel Diane Fletcher,

Lieutenant Colonel Kelly Menozzi, and Major Wilshelia Ezell in command positions today, women have been making history here for over sixty years. On November 13, 1942 Florence Miller and Mary Helen Clark landed at Columbus Army Air Field to deliver two training air-

craft. These two women along with twenty others were part of the original Ferry Command, which flew planes to Army flying fields. In addition, Columbus housed eight women as part of the Women Airforce Service Pilots, or WASP.

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COLUMBUS AFB TRAINING TIMELINE

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Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Track Select	Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation	Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation	Aircraft	Required	Flown	Annual
37th (10-15)	4.85 days	0.67 days	Apr. 1	48th (10-06)	0.00 days	-0.05 days	Mar. 12	49th (10-FB)	1.87 days	-2.63 days	Apr. 9	T-6	1,152	915	14,687
41st (11-01)	-4.42 days	-2.52 days	Apr. 23	50th (10-07)	0.96 days	-0.54 days	Apr. 2					T-1	383	356	4,637
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The graduation speaker is Major General Burton M. Field, Senior Military Adviser to the U.S. Special Representative for Afghanistan/Pakistan.



T-1A Jayhawk



T-6 Texan

SUPT Class 10-06 earns silver wings



2nd Lt. Robert Brown
Raleigh, N.C.
RC-135, Offutt AFB Neb.



2nd Lt. David Field
Las Vegas, Nev.
C-130 E/H, Dyess AFB Texas



2nd Lt. Joseph Pierce
Danville, Ill.
KC-135, MacDill AFB, Fla.



2nd Lt. Daniel Pool
Duncanville, Texas
C-17, Charleston AFB, S.C.



2nd Lt. Teycee Werner
Walla Walla, Wash.
C-17, McChord AFB, Wash.

Ten officers have prevailed during a year of training, earning the right to be an Air Force pilot.

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 10-06 graduates at 10 a.m. today during a ceremony at the Kaye Auditorium.

The graduation speaker for the class will be Major General Burton Field Senior Military Adviser to the U.S.

Special Representative for Afghanistan/Pakistan, the Pentagon. Graduates go on to provide significant contributions in developing, employing, sustaining and commanding air, space and cyberspace power in joint and combined operations throughout the world.

Students receive their silver pilot's wings at the ceremony, and students who excelled in their respective training tracks are recognized.

2nd Lt. Philip Persechini, received the Air Education and Training Command Commander's Trophy for being the most outstanding students overall in their classes.

The Air Force Association Award was presented to 2nd Lt. Justin Snyder. The award is presented to a graduate in each flight who excelled in training and typified the tenets of the association — promoting aerospace power and a strong national defense. 2nd Lt. Philip Persechini was named the distinguished graduate of Class 10-06.

The 52-week pilot training program begins with a six-week preflight phase of aca-

demics and physiological training to prepare students for flight. The second phase, primary training, is conducted in the single-engine, turboprop T-6A Texan II at Columbus AFB, Miss. Students learn aircraft flight characteristics, emergency procedures, takeoff and landing procedures, aerobatics and formation flying. Students also practice night, instrument and cross country navigation flying.

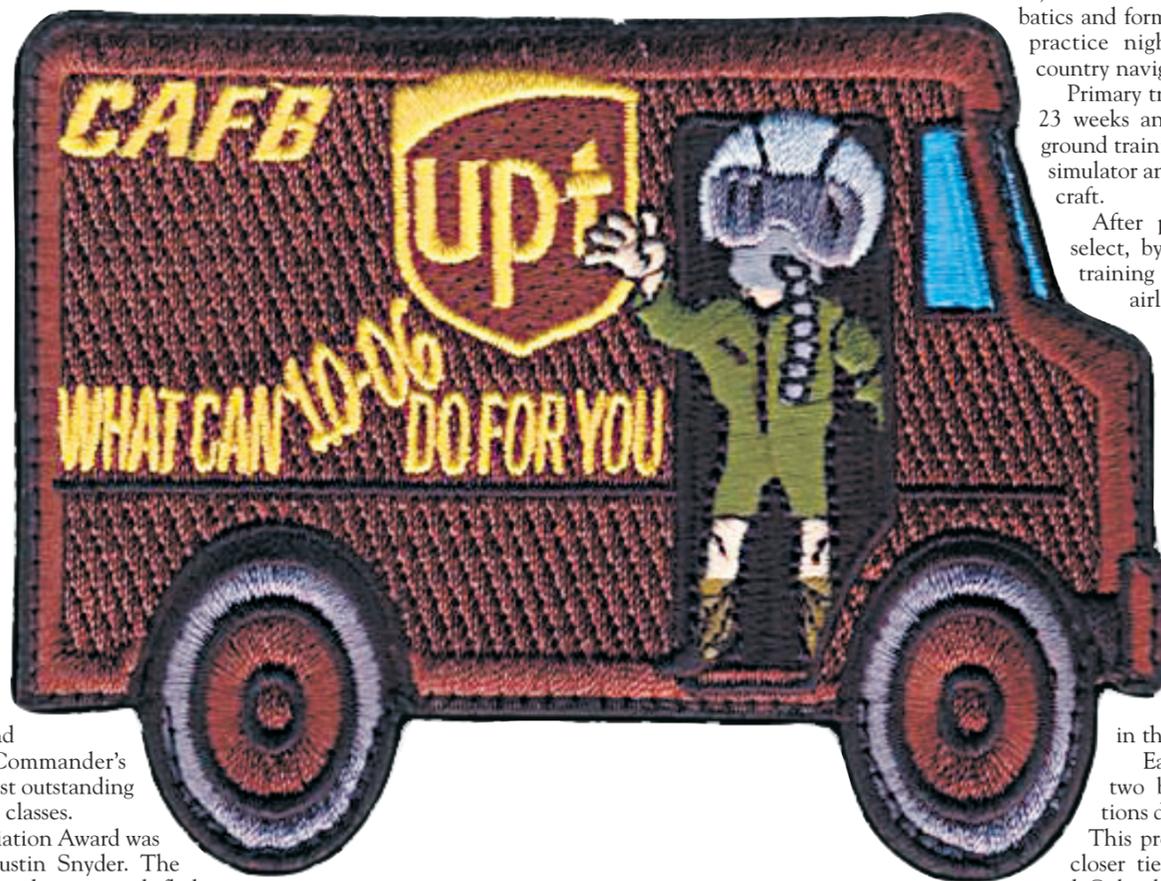
Primary training takes approximately 23 weeks and includes 254.4 hours of ground training, 27.3 hours in the flight simulator and 89 hours in the T-6A aircraft.

After primary training, students select, by order of merit, advanced training in the fighter-bomber or airlift-tanker track.

The airlift-tanker track uses the T-1A Jayhawk, the military version of a multi-place Beech Jet 400 business jet. Instruction centers on crew coordination and management, instrument training, cross-country flying and simulated refueling and airdrop missions. Training takes about 26 weeks and includes 185 hours of ground training, 43 hours in the flight simulator and 104 hours in the T-1A.

Each class is partnered with two business or civic organizations during their year of training. This program is designed to foster closer ties between the community and Columbus Air Force Base. Today, each student will be given a set of pilot wings with their names engraved on the back as a token of good luck from their partners.

Class 10-06 pilot partners are Mrs. Marleen Hansen, Cartney-Hunt Bed and Breakfast, and Mr. Bart Wise, Trustmark National Bank.



Beale Airmen 'Read Across America'

Tech. Sgt. Luke Johnson
9th Reconnaissance Wing Public Affairs

BEALE AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. — Airmen from the 9th Communications Squadron here joined in the nation's largest reading celebration March 2, at Aroba Elementary School, here.

The Airmen interacted with schoolchildren as they read their favorite books during the National Education Association's Read across America week.

The reading celebration takes place each year on or around March 2, the birthday of children's author Dr. Seuss.

"They're all so eager to read, not just to be read to, but to read themselves," said Staff Sgt. Rebecca Brown, the 9th CS NCOIC of network administration. "I kind of remember when I was in third grade, and I was in a reading group of my little peers, and we took the time during the day to sit and read with each other or by ourselves. You kind of forget how much fun reading was back then."

The children are excited to have an Airman in uniform read to them and explain what they do in the Air Force, said Eric Preston, the school's principal.

"The kids really look up to the Airmen," Mr. Preston said. "When they see somebody who comes in from the outside and is interested in them; it really benefits them. It also allows the teachers to talk to the kids and tell them that if you finish school you can go out and do this kind of thing."

Airman 1st Class Ronald Press, from 9th CS transmission systems, said the moment he walked into the classroom, all of the children jumped up with excitement.

"We have been here once before, and the kids remember us," Airman Press said. "I definitely have a group of kids who have kind of claimed me because every time we go to read books, they pick partners to read books and they're always pulling me every which way. I have to give each one an equal opportunity."

Visiting the school definitely had a positive impact on the children, Airman Press said.

"They are all trying to get a piece of your attention," Airman Press said. "They say, 'I want to sit next to the military guy, I want him to read,' and it's really fun and a great experience."



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Kevin Iinuma

Airman 1st Class Christopher McDowell reads a book as children listen attentively March 2, 2010, at Arboga Elementary School, Beale Air Force Base, Calif. Airman McDowell is from the 9th Communication Squadron.

Fun Run



U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Will Powell

The Columbus Air Force Base Fitness Center hosted its monthly Fun Run on Friday, March 5. There were 105 participants for the 1.5 mile/5k event. The fastest time for the 5k by a female was 27:15 posted by 2nd Lt. Jessica Soto. The best time for the male category was an 18:05 posted by 2nd Lt Kyle Jones. The next Fun Run is scheduled for April 16 at 6:00 a.m., 7:00 a.m., and 5:00 p.m. All military and civilians are encouraged to participate and Commander's Trophy points are awarded.

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat/Sun
15	16	17	18	19	20/21
Night Flying Week		St. Patrick's Day	Dorm Dinner @ Chapel Annex, 5 p.m.	Class 10-07 Assignment Night @ 5 p.m., 48 FTS Change of Command @ 10:48 a.m.; Hangar 6	20: Autocross @ SAC Alert
22	23	24	25	26	27/28
			ALS Graduation @ Columbus Club; 6 p.m.	Happy Irby Street Dedication, @ 10:30 a.m. Main Gate Road	Spring Fling @ 9 a.m., Freedom Park

Long Range Events

March 31: Enlisted Promotions 3:30 p.m.
April 1: CE Assumption of Command

April 2: 10-07 Graduation

April 4: Easter Sunday

April 13: Hearts Apart Social (4:30p.m.)

Base families offered a variety of activities

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.myairforcelife.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

They 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 Monday 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.

March veterinary clinics

Plan ahead – March clinics are March 22 to March 26. Call Ext. 2281 for appointment.

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-pancakes, 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. Reservations required by March 26. 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.

Rueben sandwich special

The bowling center offers a St. Patrick's Day special all day Wednesday. Order a Rueben Sandwich for \$3.95 or get the combo for \$5.95. To place an order to go, call Ext. 3426.

King and Queen of the Hill No Tap Bowling Tournament

This fun tournament is from 2 to 5 p.m. March 27. 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.

Spring Break Kids Golf Clinic

Today is the last day to register for this clinic for ages 9 to 16 and will be offered from 9 to 10 a.m. Tuesday through March 19 with a mini tournament on Friday. Cost is \$40 per person. For more information, call Ext. 7932.

Teen Aviation Camp

Air Force Services in conjunction with the US Air Force Academy invite teens to experience the Air Force Academy firsthand during the 11th Annual Teen Aviation Camp. Camp is held in Colorado Springs, CO, from June 5 to

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Lowndes County home repair

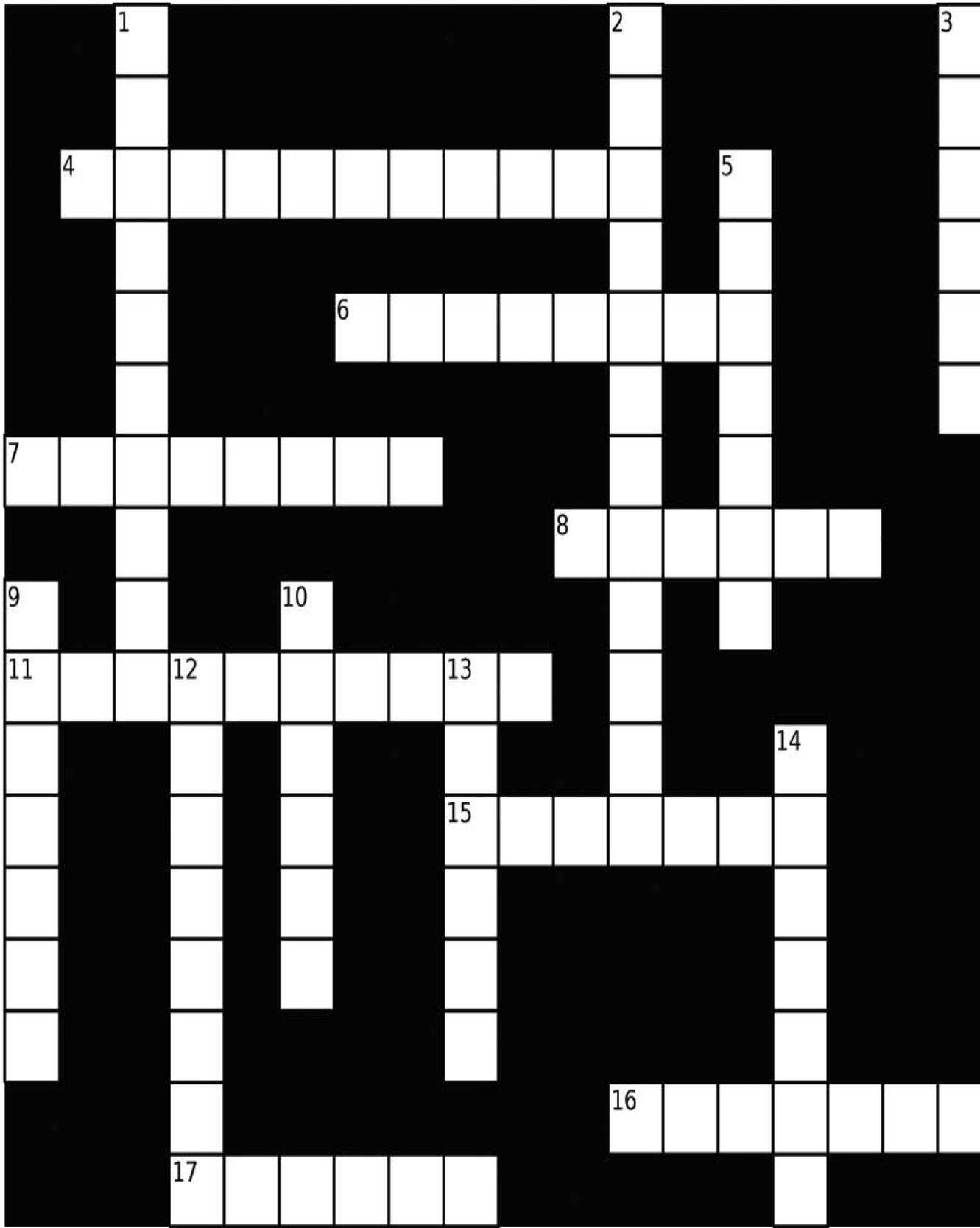


Courtesy Photo

Airman First Class Amanda Pribble, Airman First Class Greg Strausz, Master Sergeant Georgina Francis, Staff Sergeant Michael Rowe, and Airman First Class Viktor Nevsky, all from the 14th Medical Operations Squadron, Aerospace and Operational Physiology flight generously donated their time to make repairs to a local resident's roof through the Lowndes County Repair Initiative. Over the past several weekends, volunteers from Columbus Air Force Base worked with the Community Volunteer center on the project. In addition to those pictured, John Enyart, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron, Master Sergeant Mabeline Morgan, 14th Medical Group, Technical Sergeant Ryan Caviness, 14th MDOS Health and Wellness Center, Staff Sergeant Kareema Palmer, 14th MDOS Optometry clinic, and Airman First Class Jacob Elwell, 14th MDOS Public Health assisted on the weekend project. The Lowndes County Home Repair Initiative is organized by the Community Volunteer Center and the Columbus AFB point of contact is John Enyart.

10-06 Grads: Test your knowledge of our cover-class!

Refer to center spread for hints...



- Across
- 4 Both Werner and Pool will fly the _____
 - 6 The MQ-1 RPA is known as the _____
 - 7 Lt Field will fly the C-130 _____
 - 8 _____ Only RPA assignment in class is at this NM base
 - 11 South Carolina AFB that flies C-17's _____
 - 15 MacDill AFB is located in what state?
 - 16 3 graduates went to OTS at this Alabama AFB _____
 - 17 This grad will fly a modified Lear Jet 35A, the C-21 _____

- Down
- 1 Travis AFB is located in this state _____
 - 2 KC-135 is also known as the _____
 - 3 Lt Persechini's new plane goes by this name _____
 - 5 Ramstein AB is located in this country _____
 - 9 Majority of 10-06 commissioned through the USAF _____
 - 10 C-17's at McChord AFB, whose assignment is this? _____
 - 12 This lucky LT gets to stay at CAFB to instruct! _____
 - 13 Our RC-135 graduate is going to this Nebraska base _____
 - 14 All of 10-06 flew the T-1 _____

See answer to last week's puzzle on page 14.

14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

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



Answer to last week's puzzle U.S. Air Force Bases



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10. The camp is for high school students entering their sophomore or junior year in the fall of 2010. Eligible applicants include teen dependents of active duty military assigned to or living on an Air Force Base, AF retired military, AF civilian employees, or activated Air National Guard or AF Reserve. Teens who participated in the 2009 camp are not eligible to apply this year. Attendees are selected based upon information included in their application. Contact the youth center for more information. Deadline for application is Monday. For more information, call Ext. 2504, or visit www.afyouthprograms.com.

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.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 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, Geyser 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 \$20 and includes transportation and \$25 in player money. For more information, call Ext. 2507.

What's the "Best Job in the Air Force?"

Lt. Col. Larry Gunnin
14th Flying Training Wing
Chief of Plans and Programs

Think about that for a minute. It's a subjective question and the answer will vary based on experience, expectations, values, etc... There is no right or wrong answer, but I'm willing to bet that whatever job you named, you could find someone doing it that would pick something else.

With the benefit of twenty-two years of experience, I think that I have the best job in the Air Force. Actually I think of it as three

jobs: Airman, Pilot, and Staff Officer.

As Airmen, officers and enlisted, we all can take pride as members of the best Air Force in the world—akin to being a world championship sports team every year; we are well compensated relative to our civilian counterparts; belong to units with important missions and purposes; work for and alongside other professionals; have numerous opportunities to develop our talents; are trusted with responsibilities for modern facilities, expensive equipment and important programs; and lead the cream of our nation's youth--all while enjoy-

ing the respect of our fellow citizens as among the nation's most trusted professionals.

Space limitations prevent a full accounting of why I love begin a pilot. A short list includes the invaluable flight training I've received, the 60+ countries I've seen, plus the sheer joy of flying. And as an Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training instructor, there is nothing like the daily job satisfaction of seeing your student progress from "unable" to able to perform maneuvers within the span of a 1.3 hour sortie.

Finally, working on the wing staff allows me

to contribute in different ways and reinforces my appreciation for the breadth of the base's supporting missions and the talented people who make them happen. You really can't get a good prospective on something, in this case flying sorties, until you've viewed it from outside.

So take stock of what's important to you; periodically reassess you goals; and pursue the job that you think is the "Best in the Air Force" for you. Every job has challenges, but there is no substitute for getting up every day and doin' what you love.

Track Select

2nd Lt. Drew P. Bateman
2nd Lt. Michael T. Bowen
2nd Lt. Neal S. Brinkworth
2nd Lt. Corey A. Brown
Capt. Eric J. Carlo
2nd Lt. Kyle R. Dowd
2nd Lt. Bradley P. Field
2nd Lt. Jon R. Fisher
2nd Lt. Abraham N. Freedman
2nd Lt. Daniel K. Germaine
2nd Lt. Jonathan Gyory
2nd Lt. Jason R. Harper
2nd Lt. Brian J. Hladik
2nd Lt. Scott D. Lechner
2nd Lt. Michael G. Medrano
2nd Lt. David A. Newman
2nd Lt. Yuya Nishimi
2nd Lt. Vishal K. Patel
2nd Lt. Rafael N. Porras
2nd Lt. Kaichiro Sasaki
2nd Lt. Gregory C. Sauder
Capt. Aaron D. Sherman,
2nd Lt. Paul T. Stueve
2nd Lt. David J. Terry
Capt. Michael M. Trimble
2nd Lt. John T. Wells
Capt. Trevor L. Williams
2nd Lt. David E. Winslow

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Top Guns

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2nd Lt. Kyle R. Dowd

Instrument:

Capt. Trevor L. Williams

Formation:

Capt. Aaron D. Sherman

Dubisher Award

Capt. Eric J. Carlo

10-14



Dean reflects on history of Cadet Wing women

2nd Lt. Meredith Kirchoff
U.S. Air Force Academy
Public Affairs

U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. — In 1979, the dean of the faculty never fathomed she would one day return to the U.S. Air Force Academy in that role.

"I absolutely can honestly say I never thought about being the dean of the faculty," said Brig. Gen. Dana H. Born. "I was really just trying to do the best with each day and hope that I had the opportunity to become an officer in the United States Air Force."

General Born did just that when she graduated from the Academy in 1983 as a member of the fourth class to graduate women.

While working as an exchange officer in Australia and approaching the end of her five-year service commitment, the then-Capt. Born made the decision to make the Air Force a career.

"It was evident to me that I wanted to stay with the United States Air Force because of the mission we have and the people we get to complete that mission with," the general said.

As a second lieutenant, General Born met Brig. Gen. Wilma Vaught, the first female comptroller to attain the general officer rank.

"I'd never seen a female general officer before," she recalled, noting that meeting and staying in contact with General Vaught profoundly affected her career aspirations.

Today's cadets and young officers have a far greater selection of general officers to look to as role models. General Born herself is among the pioneers of female Academy graduates as she is one of only 14 to rise to the general officer ranks.

General Born returned to the Academy from June 1989 to August 1991 as an assistant professor for the department of behavioral sciences and leadership and again in October 2004 as the first female dean of the faculty. Her history at the Academy gives her a unique perspective of the progress female cadets have made in three decades.



U.S. Air Force photo/Mike Kaplan
Brig. Gen. Dana H. Born speaks to a group of cadets during a visit to the U.S. Air Force Academy's unmanned aircraft system-remotely piloted aircraft training program July 23, 2009, at Fort Carson, Colo. General Born is a 1983 graduate of the Academy and the first female dean of the faculty.

"When I was a cadet in 1979, there were women in each of the four classes," she said. "At that time, we had maybe one or two women per squadron and there was kind of a tokenism feel where we were, in a sense, competitors."

While cadets will always be competitive, the dean said she saw more camaraderie among women in the Cadet Wing as an instructor.

"I saw a different culture," she said. "I saw an evolution of women who were spending time together and had assimilated, as women, into a very male culture."

What was once a competition between individuals, has transformed into a competition within the individual.

General Born said she believes women today are challenging themselves to be the best cadet, or best officer, they can be, rather than trying to be better than those around them.

It's that confidence and self determination the dean said she hopes a new era of women will carry with them when they leave the Academy and begin their careers.

The mindset General Born had hoped future cadets would adopt when she graduated in 1983 is becoming a reality in today's female cadets.

"I don't think being a woman in the military is anything different than being a man in the military," said Cadet 1st Class Megan Moulton from Cadet Squadron 15. "Women need to make sure they stand out for their own achievements."

Cadet Moulton said she would like to see more women in space as women progress in the military.

Cadet 1st Class Tamiko Toyama of CS 23 articulated a similar perspective.

"I hope that women simply continue on the path that they have already begun, to serve alongside our male counterparts in completing the mission, without any mental reservations along the way about differences in gender," she said.

Ultimately, General Born said she sees the posture that women have taken to advance in the military as one that can be applied across lines of gender, racial, ethnic, socioeconomic and religious backgrounds.

"It's about how you can bring the talents that you have and the strengths that you have to something that's bigger than yourself," she said. "That's really what unifies all of us; that we are contributing to something much bigger than ourselves. And, there aren't limitations based upon anything other than how well you are contributing to that mission."

General Born's message for young officers and Airmen is to invest in developing personally as well as passionately developing those around you.

When every cadet and graduate adopts that attitude, she said, "It advances our Air Force Academy, it advances our Air Force, it advances our nation, and if you take that further, it advances our world."

ceptable for the taxpayers of the U.S. and for the other eight nations," he said. "The schedule slip was estimated at 30 months in the development program. The cost of the airplanes had grown since 2002 and that for a variety of reasons the (joint strike fighter) program would breach the Nunn-McCurdy threshold."

The Nunn-McCurdy law requires that Congress be notified of a cost growth of more than 15 percent in a program. It also calls for cancellation of programs for which total cost grew by more than 25 percent more than the original estimate.

The defense secretary did not believe it was reasonable for the customers to bear all the costs of those actions, and decided DOD officials would withhold \$614 million of the award fee from the contract, Mr. Carter said.

ment to specific milestones will continue," he said.

Mr. Carter emphasized that the review turned up no fundamental technological or manufacturing problems with the joint strike fighter program and no failure to make military capabilities. He reiterated that the joint strike fighter will be the backbone of collective air superiority for the next generation.

The report showed the joint strike fighter program was taking longer and costing more than either the government development office or the contractor had predicted, Mr. Carter said.

"This schedule and cost trend was unac-

Lockheed to speed development of F-35

Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Defense Department leaders and Lockheed Martin executives explained to international partners changes that have been made in the joint strike fighter program.

Ashton B. Carter, the department's undersecretary for acquisition, technology and logistics, and Robert Stevens, the chief operating officer for Lockheed Martin, and the prime contractor for the program, explained what measures Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates has taken to right the program.

A department study of the program completed in October found the development phase of the revolutionary aircraft had slipped by 30 months. Secretary Gates has made changes that will reduce the slippage to 13 months, Mr. Carter said.

Mr. Carter was able to report to the partners that the joint strike fighter program now has a realistic plan and "not a blindly optimistic one" or a "fatalistic one."

The undersecretary also said the study identified management measures to improve performance over the coming years.

"I want to emphasize that this process of independent review and aggressive manage-

Base News

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 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

COSC Scholarships for High School Seniors and Spouses of Military Members (extended)

Previous scholarship articles which have a March 1st deadline are obsolete since we extended the deadline.

Scholarships for High School Seniors and Spouses of Military Members. Application Deadline is extended to postmarked Monday, March 8, 2010. The Columbus Officers Spouses Club is offering scholarships to graduating high school seniors and continuing education students. Each applicant must be a dependent of an active duty, retired, MIA, active duty reservists, or deceased military member associated with Columbus AFB. Applications can be obtained at the Columbus Air Force Base Education Center, Columbus Air Force Base Family Support Center, financial aid/scholarship offices, high school guidance offices, or from the COSC website: www.ColumbusOSC.com.

For more information contact Brooke Williams, Scholarship Chair, 662-570-4517 or Bridget Peterson, Scholarship Co-Chair, 707-386-7811 or email to OSC.CAFB@gmail.com.

COSC March Bingo

The next Columbus Officers Spouses Club social will be a Bingo evening on Tuesday, 9 March 2010 at 6:00 pm, Columbus Club. Wear something green for the St. Patrick's Day theme. Must be OSC member to be eligible to win a bingo prize. \$14 Columbus Club members and \$16 non-Club members. Please RSVP by noon on March 4th to coscrsvp@yahoo.com.

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

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.

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.

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

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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

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

Women's History Wine tasting

Wine Tasting and Fashion Show scheduled for March 23, 2010 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the Columbus Club, tickets \$10.00 per person. All Columbus AFB employees and their families invited.

Story Reading at Library

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

Fun Run

Women's Health and Fun Run at fitness center track on 19 March 2010 at 0700.

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.

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Airmen Leadership School



U.S. Air Force Photo/2nd Lieutenant David Maley

Fifteen members of Airmen Leadership School Class 10-03 followed Class leader SSGt. Aaron Huddle, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron during their Retreat ceremony Thursday, March 4 in Smith Plaza. The Ceremony is part of the ALS curriculum and was open to all base personnel. BLAZE members from all squadrons came and showed their respect and support for the class.

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.

RefreshHer

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

March 25 – Movie Night
Casablanca/Bring a side dish or dessert to share
April 29 – TBA

Protestant Worship Service

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

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

Catholic Services

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

BRIEFS

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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.

Legal Hours

The legal office offers legal assistance on Tuesdays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. by appointment only. Notary and/or power-of-attorney are done as a walk-in during normal business days from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., arriving no later than 3:45 p.m. Participants must be eligible for assistance to receive service. For more information, call the base legal office at 434-7030.

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.

Airman and Family Readiness Center

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

Pre-Separation Counseling (DD Form-2648)

Mandatory briefing for personnel separating or retiring. Briefing should be completed at least 90 days prior to separation and may be completed up to 12 months prior to separation or retirement. Counseling held daily at 8:30 a.m. and takes approximately 30 minutes.

Pre and Post Deployment Tour Brief

Mandatory briefings for active duty personnel who are deploying or returning from deployment or a remote tour. Briefings are held daily at the AFRC; Pre-deployment at 9:30 a.m. and post-deployment at 1:30 p.m., 434-2790.

Education Grant

The application deadline for the 2010-2011 General Henry H. Arnold Education Grant Program is March 12. You can get the application from the Air Force Aid Society's web site at www.afas.org. Just look under Education and Arnold Grant. Fill out the application, print it, attach required documents, and put it in the mail today. Don't pass up this chance to help pay for your family's education with a \$2,000 grant.

Columbus EO Officer Departs

Sonic Johnson
14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

The 14th Flying Training Wing equal Opportunity Officer and Acting Sexual Assault Coordinator, or SARC, is departing today for Little Rock AFB, Ark. Captain Nicole Droney, who has been at Columbus for almost two years, will join the 19th Force Support Squadron as their Chief of Food Operations at Little Rock. While Technical Sergeant Jennifer O'Quinn will still be the

staunch anchor in the Wing EO Office, Captain Terry Wagner will be the interim Wing Director of Equal Opportunity. Captain Wagner may be contacted at (662) 434-2546.

Until the arrival of our new SARC, Mrs. Brenda Brown, Captain Judy Kelly, 14th Medical Operations Squadron, will be the temporary SARC and can be contacted at (662) 434-2239 or via the 24/7 sexual assault hotline (662) 364-0822.

"Despite the upcoming personnel changes, Columbus is committed to helping our Airmen in times of need" remarked

Capt. Droney. "The 14 FTW has selected an interim Director of Equal Opportunity and interim Sexual Assault Response Coordinator to ensure that our zero-tolerance policy toward unlawful discrimination and sexual harassment is strictly enforced, and that survivors of sexual assault receive essential services and support" she added. "It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve the men and women of the 14th Flying Training Wing and I will carry with me what I have learned here throughout the rest of my Air Force career."

C-130 low-cost, low-altitude combat airdrops now operational

Tech. Sgt. Joseph Kapinos
U.S. Air Force Central combat camera team

SOUTHWEST ASIA — A C-130 Hercules aircrew conducted a new method of airdrop that makes deliveries more accurate and flexible for resupply of small, mobile forces Feb. 6, in Afghanistan.

The C-130 aircrew from Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan, performed the first-ever low-cost, low-altitude combat airdrop to re-supply soldiers at a forward operating base in Afghanistan. The airdrop concept became operational March 1.

A C-130 low-cost, low-altitude combat airdrop is accomplished by dropping bundles weighing 80 to 500 pounds, with pre-packed expendable parachutes, in groups of up to four bundles per pass.

The drops are termed "low-cost" to reflect the relative expense of the expendable parachutes compared to their more durable, but pricier, nylon counterparts. "Low-altitude" alludes to the relative height from which bundles are released from the aircraft.

"Our goal for this mission is to fly to a small forward-operating base and drop some of the smaller bundles to them," said Lt. Col. Darryl Sassaman, the 774th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron assistant director of operations who flew on the first LCLA combat mission.

They're different from the usual, larger bundles, which we normally drop. Depending on the group we're dropping for, they may not need the mass amount of supplies and equipment, but still need re-supply. Utilizing these smaller bundles accomplishes that mission, giving (ground forces) the ability to quickly pick up the supplies and keep moving forward."

The new airdrop method is another tool



U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Angelita Lawrence
Tech. Sgt. Brian Miliefsky watches as other loadmasters prepare for take-off on a C-130 Hercules Feb. 6, 2010, in Afghanistan. Sergeant Miliefsky is a loadmaster with the 774th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan.

airlifters in Afghanistan use to keep ground troops supplied with what they need. In many parts of Afghanistan, rugged terrain and the lack of roads for vehicle convoys make airdrop the only way ground forces get what they need to continue combat operations.

Low-cost, low-altitude combat airdrops will be a niche augmentation to its cousin, container delivery system airdrops, said Col. Keith Boone, the director of the Air Mobility Division at the Combined Air and Space Operations Center here.

"Our main method of supply will continue to be through air-land missions, landing at airfields and offloading supplies," he said. "Where that isn't possible, we will deliver sustainment requirements through larger scale CDS, everything from ammunition to meals.

"The LCLA drops will meet the needs of a smaller subset of the units," Colonel Boone said. "This is a significant step forward in our ability to sustain those engaged in counterinsurgency operations throughout Afghanistan."

The low-altitude delivery is also more accurate than traditional, higher-altitude airdrop methods and cuts down on "stray bundles" that can land away from the drop zone.

The importance of avoiding those stray bundles was emphasized by Gen. Raymond Johns, Jr., the commander of Air Mobility Command, as part of the briefing prior to the first combat LCLA mission.

"This type of mission has given military members, the ones working in these villages, one day, one yard at a time, another opportunity to be successful," General Johns said. "A

random bundle destroying someone's property or even worse, hurting someone, can undo all the progress our folks are making within a village."

In addition to increased accuracy, LCLA drops require no specialized training for parachute riggers and can be dropped from a variety of aircraft.

Because Air Force officials have quickly developed this capability, only three aircrews were qualified and flew during the proof-of-principle phase. Additional crews will be trained as the requirement develops.

"It's pretty amazing to be a part of this particular mission," he said. "We are here on the frontlines, doing the mission. A lot of people think we only re-supply people here with mail and food. They tend to forget that our primary customers are the guys on the ground. This type of airdrop will directly impact and support them in their fight against terrorism."

The aircrew planned extensively and trained locally before they could fly the mission. Along with ground training, the crews held mission-planning exercises, trained onboard the aircraft and flew practice runs at high and low altitudes.

For one young loadmaster, the training, as well as the mission, offered the chance of a lifetime.

"This mission is pretty cool," said Airman 1st Class Kameron Trout, a 774th EAS loadmaster. "I have only been in the Air Force for two years and I was selected to do something most people only dream about. From now on, I will be known as one of the first people to do this in combat. When I look back on my Air Force career, this is something for which I can be truly proud."

CONTACT Helpline Listening with Our Hearts.

Train to become CONTACT Volunteer. Saturdays- February 27- March 6 & 13, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. This will be a comprehensive training class with emphasis on marriage and family conflicts, loneliness and grief, depression and suicide, substance abuse, sexuality. Three of the Saturdays will provide you with 24 classroom hours, 12 hours of apprenticeship, totaling 36 hours of training. Please call 327-2968 to reserve a seat and for more information

Clean Sweep Columbus, a Great American Cleanup Event

Searching for volunteers to help us clean the Friendly City. LINK'd Young Professionals and Keep America Beautiful are teaming up with area businesses and organizations for an all-day clean-up of Columbus and

Lowndes County. As we walk through neighborhoods picking up litter, leaves, and limb, our goal is to make Columbus shine!

The event will kick off March 20th at 9 AM at the Farmer's Market, in downtown Columbus. Volunteers from every community and walk of life are needed to make Clean Sweep Columbus a success. We encourage everyone to sign-up as early as possible so we will be able to map out routes for volunteers. If there is an area you would like us to help

clean, just let us know and we will do our best to get there. Please be as descriptive as possible when naming locations. LINK'd Young Professionals will contact you a few days before the clean up to confirm your registration, assign your clean up location and arrange for you to pick up your supplies. For more information please contact Shasta Nance at the Columbus-Lowndes Development LINK at 662-328-8369 or snance@clldlink.org.

St. Patrick's Day Run

Lowndes county State Park will be having a 5K run on Saturday March 13 at 9 a.m. For more information please call Penny at 662-328-2110.

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 businesses 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 information 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.

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 March 22 - 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.

BARGAIN LINE

Transportation

For sale: 2005 Honda CBR600RR, 7000miles, exhaust, K&N, Lots of extras. Price reduced from \$6250 to \$5250 for quick sale. FMI call 808-221-2005.

For sale: 2002 Honda Accord Ex, White, Mint condition in and out 126k mi, leather, sunroof, loaded with extras, \$8,000 obo. Serious Inquiries Only FMI 662-295-6634.

For sale: 2000 Triton Tr-20 boat, Mercury 200 EFI. \$14,000; FMI 662-889-3974

For sale: 2009 Dodge Ram TRX, Fully loaded. DVD, SIRUS radio, Sun roof, to much to list! 3885 miles, two tone color. \$38K or take over payments. 360-271-7406

For Sale: 2009 Calico Two Horse Slant load bumper pull trailer Swing wall in dressing room, escape door. Must see! \$4600.00. 360-271-7406

Sell your item in Silverwings today!

Miscellaneous

For sale: Queen Size bedroom set (Very Nice), bed, dresser, mirror, chest \$550 o.b.o. queen pillow top Seally mattress set \$450 serious Inquiries FMI call -662-295-6634.

For sale: La-Z-Boy recliner (blue) \$150; coffee table and end table, glass and marble \$200 o.b.o.; Men's 10-speed bike (and helmet) \$100. 327-2899.

For sale: Largo Furniture Bordeaux wood daybed with mattress, dresser, mirror and chest. Brown cherry, great shape, \$350. Call 662-889-3974.

For sale: New PSP Ultimate Travel Kit, \$10. Hamilton Beach prep star food processor, \$30; baby bedding set, includes comforter, bumper, fitted sheet, bed skirt and 2 pillows, \$25. New in Box Nature Purest High Chair, \$70. Please call 662-425-4953 or 337-274-5479.

For sale: Cream microfiber chaise lounge; comfortable, less than a yr old, in perfect condition, \$275; I.O. Metro bamboo table & 2 Chairs. Great for 2-person kitchen table, \$200 FMI call (479) 381-4788.

For sale:

Electric organ with bench. Troubador II, has accompanying flute, trombone, clarinet, violin, mandolin and banjo, plus plays automatically; excellent condition, \$295 o.b.o. wingback chair with ottoman in like new condition. beautiful fabric, \$150 o.b.o. matching sofa and loveseat, royal blue, beige and wine colored fabric, with 6 matching throw pillows, excellent condition \$450 o.b.o. FMI call 327-1205.

For sale: 26" 18-speed men's Huffy "Stone Mountain" Mountain Bike - \$70; Viewsonic VX900 19" Flat Panel Monitor - \$75; Sprint car charger for Sanyo phone (min-USB) - \$15; Call (662) 356-6356 or (662) 425-9223.

Free: Cat to a Good Home: 7 year old, male munchkin cat, neutered and declawed, shots are current. Please call 662-425-4953 or 337-274-5479.

LOST DOG?? A light brown Chihuahua was found on the street in front of the enlisted dorms on Wednesday March 10 at around 7:30 in the morning. Please contact Sra Sunny at (203)482-5870 or A1C Robinson at (731)363-7119

Medical Group closure

Due to a required water outage, the 14th Medical Group will be closed from 12 noon on Thursday, March 25 through Sunday, March 28, 2010. During this time, all areas of the main clinic, Bldg 1100, will be closed to include the Pharmacy, Laboratory, Radiology and Physical Therapy. If you have an emergency, you are asked to call 911 or go to the nearest emergency room.

If you have an acute/urgent need, please call 434-CARE (2273). Our nursing staff and on-call providers will assist you with referrals or medical advice as needed. The clinic is scheduled to reopen at 7:00 a.m. on Monday, March 29, 2010.

IFF Class 10-EB Graduates Five

The 49th Fighter Training Squadron hosted a graduation on March 9th in the squadron heritage room. Five 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 49 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 and air-to-air employment in offensive, defensive, high aspect, and Air Combat Maneuvering 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.

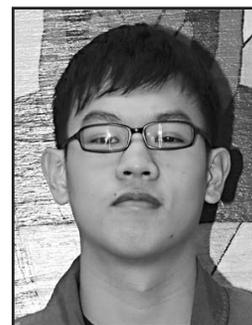
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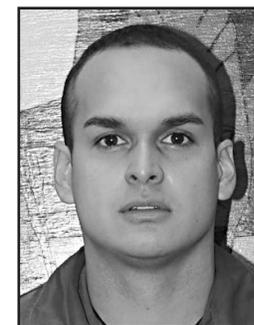
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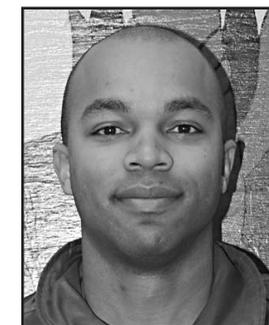
Lt Dinesh George-John
F-16 (Singapore)



Lt Aaron Koh
F-16 (Singapore)
Air-to-Ground Top Gun



Lt Ruskin Herrera
F-15E WSO
Air-to-Air Top WSO



Lt Derek Hopkins
F-15E WSO

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

Estimating the number of individual flu cases in the United States is very challenging. Many people with the flu don't seek medical care and only a small number of those that do seek care are tested. People who are hospitalized or die of flu-related causes are tested and reported, but under-reporting of hospitalizations and deaths occurs throughout the healthcare system.

When the 2009 H1N1 flu outbreak began in April 2009, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) began tracking and reporting the number of laboratory-confirmed 2009 H1N1 cases, hospitalizations and deaths. Below are some of the CDC's findings:

CDC estimates that between 41 million and 84 million cases of 2009 H1N1 occurred between April 2009 and January 16, 2010. There were an estimated, 183,000 to 378,000 H1N1-related hospitalizations resulting in about 8,330 and 17,160 H1N1-related deaths.

The Immunizations Clinic is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; and Thursday 7:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. with limited services until 4:30 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/>.

March Mission: Building a Healthier You (Week 2)

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 healthy salad.

Oriental Salad
Makes 4 servings

- 1-1/4 cup skim buttermilk
- 1/4 cup finely chopped scallions
- 2 tsp. white wine vinegar
- 1 tsp. low-sodium soy sauce
- 1/2 tsp. granulated sugar
- 1/4 tsp. freshly ground black pepper
- 2 c. torn Boston lettuce leaves
- 1-1/4 c. water chestnuts
- 1 c. blanched trimmed snow peas
- 1 c. shredded carrots

1. To prepare dressing, in small bowl, combine buttermilk, scallions, vinegar, soy sauce, sugar, and pepper; set aside.

2. In a medium salad bowl, combine lettuce, water chestnuts, snow peas, and carrots. Add buttermilk dressing; toss to coat. Makes 4 servings

Per serving: 53 calories, .5 g fat, 7 g carbs, 2 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.



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Frank Lockhart 14th Civil Engineer Squadron Environmental Flight, David Hester and Frank Coleman U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resource Conservation Service, Conny Boyd and John Pilesky, 14th CES Operations Flight, inspect a spill gate project Friday, March 5, off of perimeter road by SAC Lake. During heavy rains, run off from the airfield floods the ditches and eventually backs up into the SAC lake. These elevated water levels attract ducks which increases the potential for bird strikes as aircraft arrive and depart. The spill gate will help to prevent this by directing the water off-base into the Bartahachie River. The project was designed in cooperation with the Natural Resource Conservation Service and constructed by in-house CE personnel and took approximately six weeks to complete.

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These schools trained women as ferry and service pilots from 1942 until 1944. Their training included many of the basic and advanced flight training programs we currently use at Columbus today. The Columbus unit was terminated on December 20, 1944 after flying the majority of the test flights for Columbus aircraft. On June 14, 1943 the 802nd Post Headquarters Company was activated at Columbus. In 1944, the 802nd was commended by the Eastern Flying Training Command as being one of the finest WAC installations in the command. The women of the 802nd, commanded by Lieutenant Hazel F. Dale, filled noncombat jobs to include airplane mechanic, radio operator, photo interpreter and control tower operator. In February of 1945 the Columbus WAC unit was deactivated and personnel transferred to other stations in the command.

In December of 1990, Major General Teresa M. Peterson made history not only at Columbus, but across the Air Force by becom-

ing the first Air Force female commander of a flying squadron. From December 1990 until July 1992 she commanded the 42nd Flying Training Squadron, flying T-37s and T-38s. Major General Peterson went on to become the Chief, Mobility Control Center at Scott AFB, Illinois, until 1995. Major General Peterson proceeded to Ramstein AB, Germany to command the 86th Support Group before returning once again to Columbus. Major General Peterson returned as the Vice Wing Commander at Columbus from October 1997 to July 1998. In July of 1998 she took command of the 14th Flying Training Wing, making her the first and only female Wing Commander at Columbus AFB.

Today, women are making their mark at Columbus AFB as influential members of the BLAZE team. They are air traffic controllers, pilots, student pilots, nurses, maintainers, security forces and much more. Without the women of the past BLAZEing the way, the Columbus we know today would not be possible. This week we remember those who came before us, as well as, recognize those currently making history here at Columbus Air Force Base.

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