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Weather



Today

High: 86, Low: 65
Isolated T-storms



Saturday

High: 83, Low: 65
Isolated T-storms



Sunday

High: 84, Low: 65
Isolated T-storms



Monday

High: 88, Low: 67
Partly cloudy

News Briefs

Memorial Day Holiday

Most Columbus AFB offices and services will be closed in honor of Memorial Day Monday, May 31.

Commissary Closed

The commissary will be closed Tuesday, June 1 for the holiday.

Class 11-03 Track Select

SUPT Class 11-03 will hold their Track Select at 5 p.m. June 8 at the Columbus Club.

Class 10-10 Graduation

SUPT Class 10-10 will graduate in a ceremony 10 a.m., June 11 at the Kaye Auditorium.

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Feature 10

Summer safety is highlighted in this week's feature.



U.S. Air Force photo/Melissa Duncan
Maj. Gen. Jay Lindell, Director, Global Power Programs, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C., speaks at the graduation of Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 10-09 May 21 at the Kaye Auditorium.

Major General Lindell speaks at SUPT Class 10-09 graduation

Senior Airman Jacob Corbin
14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

The graduation speaker for Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 10-09 offered the graduates and their guests words of wisdom and advice at their cere-

mony May 21.

Maj. Gen. Jay Lindell, Director, Global Power Programs, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C., spoke at the graduation of his nephew, 2nd Lt. Justin Herris.

"What a milestone event, an incredible

day the class for the rest of their lives," General Lindell said of the event.

To the graduates, the general said, "You have earned the privilege to wear the U.S. Air Force silver pilot wings. Congratulations on your accomplishment."

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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 (11-04)	3.19 days	-0.37 days	June 30	48th (10-10)	1.52 days	-0.01 days	June 11	49th (10-HB)	0.96 days	1.43 days	June 11	T-6	2,697	1,834	22,137
41st (11-03)	3.26 days	-3.30 days	June 8	50th (10-11)	0.17 days	0.21 days	July 1					T-1	862	876	7,339
Graduation speaker: Maj. Gen. Jack Ramsaur, reserve advisor to the AETC commander.															
												IFF	176	189	1,529

Dorm Dinner



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

Maj. A.C. Chouest, 14th Flying Training Wing Chaplain, serves Airman 1st Class Morgan Good, 14th Medical Operations Squadron, at this month's Asian-Pacific themed Dorm Dinner May 20.

14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, 78 BLAZE TEAM members are deployed worldwide.

Remember to support the Airmen and their families while they are away.



LINDELL

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In addition to the Air Force graduates in Class 10-09, this class had two international officers, from Ghana and Saudi Arabia. The general also had a message for those two newly christened pilots.

"You will play a special part in cementing a partnership and alliance between your home nations and the United States," General Lidnell said.

General Lidnell said after thirty years of Air Force service, and the first 20 of those

actively flying, he is jealous of the experiences the graduates are going to have.

"The knowledge, skills and discipline you have learned in your training will be put to the test," he said.

The general also had some advice for those student pilots still in training or about to start their time at Columbus Air Force Base.

"Work hard every day, give it 100 percent, study hard and do your best," General Lidnell said. "It may not seem like it's paying off now, but one day soon it will."



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Blaze Soccer Team Selected to Compete in U.S Soccer National Cup

Capt. Eric Peterson
BLAZE Soccer Team captain

Beginning tonight, the Columbus BLAZE Varsity Soccer Team will travel to compete in this year's U.S. National Cup being hosted in Tuscaloosa, Ala., held this year at the University of Alabama's Student Recreation Center.

This prestigious adult soccer tournament is played every year, and each team must earn a coveted spot into the tournament. Only one team from every state in the U.S. gets to play in the tournament.

This year, the Columbus BLAZE earned the right to represent Mississippi in the cup. The BLAZE begin their journey to the finals this

weekend where they will play the eight best teams in the Southeast region of the U.S. and attempt to come out on top. If they do win, they will travel to Oakford, Penn., and compete to be the best adult soccer team in the U.S.

The Columbus BLAZE Soccer Team said they would love any fan support that they can get this weekend and if anyone is interested in watching the competition in the regional qualifiers, please call 434-2772 for information on their tournament schedule.

The team is coached by Capt. Eric Peterson, 48th Flying Training Squadron, and he said he is always looking for more interested players. Previous playing experience is not required to play in the Columbus Soccer League.



U.S. Air Force photo/1st Lt. Scott Branco

Members of the BLAZE Soccer Team pose for a photo. Shown are (top row) 2nd Lt. Sultan Althubaiti, 2nd Lt. Adam Teach, 1st Lt. Chris Brown, Luc Vallone, 2nd Lt. Goeffrey Hanson, 2nd Lt. Jon Kay, (middle) Treena Ferguson, 1st Lt. Patrick Weekly, Staff Sgt. Juan Garcia, Steven Herbert, 2nd Lt. John Fugate, 2nd Lt. Daniel Trueblood, (bottom row) Kate Wells, Capt. Justin Reynolds, Kyle Cockrell, Capt. Eric Peterson and 2nd Lt. Richard Nova. Not Pictured and playing in the National Cup are: 2nd Lt. Matthew Downing, Ian Flowers, Airman Steven Ferrell, Alexandro Jauregui, Guilherme Cury and Capt. Richard Robichaud.

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat/Sun
31 Memorial Day Holiday, most CAFB offices closed.	1 Civilian Call, 3p.m. @ Kaye Commissary closed.	2 Newcomers, 8 a.m. @ AFRC	3 Pilgrimage participant thank you dinner, 6 p.m. @ Grahams Camp	4 Commander's Bowling Challenge, 3 p.m. @ Bowling Alley	5/6 CAFB Triathlon
7 Night Flying Week (7th-12th)	8 Class 11-03 Track Select, 5 p.m. @ Club	9	10 14th CPTS Change of Command, 10 a.m. @ Club	11 Class 10-10 Graduation, 10 a.m. @ Kaye	12/13 Super Sonic Golf Tournament

Long Range Events
June 15: Class 11-01 PPW June 15: Hearts Apart June 17: Wing active shooter exercise June 18: 49th FTS Change of Command June 18: Class 10-11 Assignment Night June 19: Daedalian's Golf Tournament June 21-26: Night Flying Week June 22: Newcomers

Intramural Volleyball Championships

14th Force Support Squadron

The 14th Civil Engineer Squadron/Security Forces Squadron defeated the 14th Operation Support Squadron Team Number Two May 20, to take home the Intramural Volleyball Championship. The game scores were as follows:

Game 1: 14th CES/SFS: 15 14th OSS Number Two: 5
Game 2: 14th CES/SFS: 15 14th OSS Number Two: 4

2010 Columbus' Biggest Loser Competition

Tech. Sgt. Ryian Caviness

14th Medical Operations Squadron

The Biggest Loser Competition is a comprehensive weight-loss program that promotes healthy lifestyles through good nutrition and exercise habits. Participation points are awarded based on the number of classes attended, food logs submitted, and monthly exercise activities completed. There are 18 teams vying for the title of "Columbus' Biggest Loser." Here are the point standings as of last Monday:

1. PHAT-A-Licious 4	6. Muffins B Gone
2. Southsiders	7. Too Hungry To Be Happy
3. Fit To Be Fine	8. Chunky Monkey
4. The Waist Watchers	9. El Gorda No More Da
T5. The Most Known Unknowns	T10. I Pity the Food
T5. The Perfect Strangers	T10. Dental Spartans



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 14TH FLYING TRAINING WING
COLUMBUS AIR FORCE BASE MISSISSIPPI

18 May 2010

MEMORANDUM FOR MAGNOLIA VILLAGE RESIDENTS

FROM: 14 FTW/CC
495 Harpe Blvd Suite 240
Columbus AFB MS 39710-5001

SUBJECT: Environmental Soil Testing in Magnolia Village

- During the week of 7 June 2010, personnel from the 14th Civil Engineer Squadron and their contractors will conduct soil sample testing in the Magnolia Village housing area. The personnel will sample areas that were recently identified as a shotgun skeet and small arms firing range during and shortly after World War II.
- These ranges have not been operational since the early 1950s. The preliminary assessment did not detect the presence of munitions; therefore, we have no explosive concerns. The main environmental concern from these activities is the potential presence of hydrocarbons from skeet targets and lead from expended bullets and shot used at the range.
- The contractors will take at least one sample from every residential yard and multiple samples from common areas, such as playgrounds. The engineers will analyze the samples for lead and hydrocarbons. Sampling activities will be conducted during normal business hours (0730-1730) with minimal impact to residents.
- The fieldwork should be complete by 12 June 2010, unless delayed by weather. Results of this sampling should be available by September 2010. A public meeting will be scheduled soon thereafter to discuss the findings of this study and any additional actions necessary.
- Columbus Air Force Base is committed to its stewardship of the environment. Be assured my number one priority is always the health and well-being of our Airman and their families. If you have any questions or concerns during the sampling, please call Mr. Shane Reed 14 CES/CEAN at 662-434-7973.


 ROGER H. WATKINS, Colonel, USAF
 Commander

Cc: Pinnacle Hunt Corporation



U.S. Air Force Photo/Mary Crump

A MC-12 Liberty aircraft is shown on display at Columbus Air Force Base, Miss., May 21. The Air Force is procuring 37 MC-12s to provide tactical Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance directly to ground forces.

MC-12 Aircraft, crew visits Columbus AFB

Sonic Johnson
Chief, 14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

A rare sight on transient aircraft flight lines occurred Friday when an unusual aircraft landed here.

An U.S. Air Force MC-12 Liberty aircraft and crew members arrived Friday from Meridian, Miss., to participate in graduation activities for Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 10-09 and to provide MC-12 mission briefings.

"This is the first time Air Combat Command has allowed a static display of the newly arrived MC-12," remarked Lt. Col Rich Gaddis, MC-12 Instructor Pilot. Columbus Air Force Base students and instructor pilots were afforded the opportunity to view the exterior of the new MC-12 aircraft with deploying crew members present to answer aircraft-related questions.

While here at Columbus AFB, Lt. Col. Richard Berryhill, director of operations for MC-12 Mission Qualification Training, gave three briefings to SUPT students and wing instructor pilots on the MC-12 mission, with about 45 airmen attending each briefing. Colonel Berryhill also gave a one-on-one briefing to 14th Flying Training Wing Commander Col. Roger Watkins.

The MC-12 provides tactical Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance, called ISR, directly to ground forces and is deployed around the world. While most operational missions are classified, Colonel Gaddis remarked they are

dynamic and often change in-flight. Usual crew compliment is two pilots, a sensor operator and a cryptologic operator with sortie duration varying based on mission requirements.

MC-12 ground and simulator training is contracted to Flight Safety International and is conducted in Wichita, Kan. or Atlanta, Ga. The mission qualification training is done at Key Field, Meridian, Miss. and takes approximately four weeks. The MQT unit leases two Hawker Beech Super King Air 350s to accomplish some of the flying training. As production aircraft are delivered from USAF modification facilities to Meridian, students will often get an opportunity to "break in" a new MC-12 aircraft.

The Air Force has ordered 37 MC-12s and they are still being delivered.

The MQT unit is supported by the 186th Air Refueling Wing, Mississippi Air National Guard at Meridian. The unit is currently looking for previously qualified instructor pilots to join their cadre. Columbus AFB has nearly 30 members supporting MC-12 operations worldwide from pilots and instructor pilots to several life support technicians.

"The 14th Flying Training Wing has really stepped up to the plate to support deployed operations. Columbus truly comprehends the contributions the manned ISR mission is making to the warfight," brags Colonel Berryhill. "We are proud of the partnership we have with our neighbors at Columbus."

Keeping our waters safe

Kimberly Davis
14th Civil Engineer Squadron Environmental

Did you know that car washing is a major source of water pollution? Outdoor car washing and equipment cleaning in parking lots, streets and residential areas allows untreated wash water and pollutants to be transported directly into storm drains and then nearby creeks, streams and rivers. One study showed that five weekend car wash events led to 190 gallons of oil, 400 pounds of phosphorus and nitrogen, 60 pounds of ammonia, 2,200 pounds of detergents and 30,000 pounds of solid waste entering the storm water drainage system.

You may ask, "how does this impact Columbus Air Force Base?" Each year, particularly during spring and summer months, base organizations host fundraising car wash events. Also, residents will more likely wash their cars during these seasons. This means an increased potential for pollutants to enter the storm drainage system. Currently, all industrial discharges to storm drains on Columbus AFB are regulated under a General National Pollution Discharge Elimination System per-

mit. Any activities and pollutants not authorized to be discharged may subject Columbus AFB to fines or penalties up to \$25,000 per day.

So what can you do to help keep Columbus AFB and Mississippi waters clean? Easy, if your organization plans to host a fundraising car wash event, please notify base Environmental Office at 434-7995 prior to the car wash event. The Environmental Office will advise on potential locations and provide ideas for eco-friendly car washing.

If you are a resident, following these simple tips can also greatly help reduce storm water pollution:

- Use a commercial car wash when possible
- Only wash your car on gravel or grassy surfaces
- Use only biodegradable, phosphate-free soaps
- Use hoses with nozzles that automatically turnoff when left unattended

So, when hosting a fundraising car wash event or just wanting to get the car ready for some summertime fun remember the importance of keeping Columbus AFB environmentally friendly and Mississippi waters clean. Think environmental!



Motorcycle safety



From a driver's perspective

2nd Lt. Nick Jacks
14th Flying Training Wing Safety

I'm sure by now that most people are aware of the new BLAZE Safety sticker campaign. I'll bet you even have a safety sticker located "Top Dead Center" on your computer screens. As warm weather rolls in and summer approaches, the message on that sticker becomes increasingly important.

May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month on Columbus Air Force Base. Many people may think that this is a campaign that applies only to those who ride. However, motorcycle safety is something that applies to all vehicles on the road, not just motorcycles. Both motorcyclists and automobile drivers have a responsibility to ensure safety for themselves and for others.

Automobile drivers first need to realize that motorcyclists are out there. The majority of motorcycle accidents occur because the driver of the automobile failed to see the motorcyclist. Simply being aware of the fact that motorcyclists are out there will make the road a safer place for all vehicles. "I never saw him" is an unacceptable excuse. Here are some things to remember about motorcycles that will help automobile drivers be safer on the roads.

Motorcyclists often slow by downshifting or merely rolling off the throttle, thus not activating the brake light.

Because of its small size, a motorcycle can be easily hidden in a car's blind spots (door/roof pillars) or masked by objects or backgrounds outside a car (bushes, fences, bridges, etc). Take an extra moment to thoroughly check traffic, whether you're changing lanes or turning at intersections.

Because of its small size, a motorcycle may look farther away than it is. It may also be difficult to judge a motorcycle's speed. When checking traffic to turn at an intersection or into (or out of) a driveway, assume a motorcycle is closer than it looks.

Please keep in mind that motorcyclists are out there. Take the time to double check your blind spots to make sure they are clear. It's not just a motorcycle you are looking out for. It's a person with a family that is trying to get home safe. You can help make that happen.

From a rider's perspective

Maj. Rico Dy
14th Flying Training Wing Safety

May is Motorcycle Awareness month. Why does the Department of Transportation and National Motorcycle Safety Foundation choose May as the month to promote motorcycle awareness? It's simple – it's that time of year when the birds, bees, and motorcycles hit the streets.

For the second year in a row our Wing Safety Office has implemented the "BLAZE Riders" campaign, highlighting motorcyclists around the base. The program is designed to show the base community a variety of people who are avid motorcyclists. The riders of the BLAZE community are fathers, mothers, daughters, brothers, crew chiefs, pilots, civilians and AIRMAN. These motorcyclists work beside you everyday to accomplish the mission. It's hard to tell who's under the motorcycle helmet but hopefully the BLAZE Riders program will make you think and look twice for motorcyclists.

Some may wonder why motorcycles are so loud. Did you hear and see them coming? If you answered "yes", then the pipes did its job. Please start seeing motorcycles! Check your blind spots and signal before turning. Although a motorcycle will accelerate faster, they can't necessarily stop quicker. Please be considerate since we are on two wheels and you are on four. You have seatbelts and airbags, while we have helmets and PPE (personal protective equipment). Don't assume you have room to pull out in front of a motorcycle because of our size.

Just because motorcycles are smaller than cars, it doesn't mean we are more maneuverable.

For riders, here are some friendly reminders:

- Ride predictable! Make room for drivers to see you by moving into a lane position where you can be seen.
- Invest in good riding gear — its insurance for your body.
- Attend formal training thru the MSF, track school, or riding club at least once a year — it will help improve your riding skills.
- Save the aggressive riding for a race track where you can push your limits in a controlled environment. Barbers Motorsports Park

is just two hours away, they have a world class track and motorcycle museum. Remember, anyone can go strait and fast...it takes a skilled rider to carve corners!

- Use the ORM risk ladder. If you keep adding steps to your ladder — ie. rain, stress, fatigue, night, etc. — you might want to get off the ladder. Enjoy the ride but know your limits!



Columbus Arts Council Exhibit Opening

The Columbus Arts Council will host a gallery opening and reception at the Rosenzweig Arts Center on Thursday from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The gallery will feature jewelry of the Mississippi Craftsmen's Guild and photography from local area artists. Food and refreshments will be provided. Admission is free, open to the public and will run through the month of June. The Columbus Arts Council may be contacted at 328-2787.

Actors and Technicians Needed

Columbus Arts Council is looking for actors and technicians for the September 8 to 11 run a production of Tennessee Williams' Sweet Bird of Youth. If interested, contact Brook Hanemann at 662-889-5746.

United Way Luau Benefit

There will be a luau to benefit the United Way of Lowndes County today from noon to 2:00 p.m. in the back parking lot Leigh Mall's JC Penny. Pulled pork sandwich plates with chips, coleslaw, and tea will be available for \$5.00.

Orders may be placed in advance by calling 328-2093, extension 380.

Columbus-Lowndes Humane Society seeking volunteers

The Columbus-Lowndes Humane Society is seeking volunteers and foster homes. We are a non-profit and we depend on donations to operate. If you would like to help volunteer, foster, or donate; please call 662-327-3107.

WCBI and United Way Blood Drive

A blood drive hosted by WCBI and United

Way will be held on June 8 from noon to 7 p.m. at the lower level of the Trotter Center. All donors will receive a free lunch and t-shirt. Donors are asked to bring a photo ID and a donor card.

Hitching Lot Farmer's Market

May to October
Open Tuesday and Thursdays from 6:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m.
Open Saturdays from 7:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m.

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.

747 Hillcrest Road, West Point. FMI call 662-295-7613.

For rent: House for RENT, "Oakdale Park subdivision" just 3 miles from main gate. home has 3 bedroom/2 full bath, Master suite has walk-in plus 2nd closet, vaulted ceilings. Vaulted ceilings in living/great room, new French doors lead from the dining area onto the new screen room. Kitchen has separate pantry and lots of cabinets, all appliances stay. Separate laundry/mud room entry from kitchen and garage. Two car attached garage with extra storage room with built in shelving. Fenced back yard with block fire pit that stays, Front yard has a white picket fence to welcome you onto the covered porch. Caledonia school district. We are pcs-ing and are not interested in selling our home we are just looking to rent it. Feel free to make it your home for the duration of your stay at CAFB. We do allow pets. \$1200 rent, Available August 1. Please call Scott Ely at 570-1767 or email at psely7@gmail.com. Photos available.

Homes

For sale: Great 3/2 brick home just outside of Caledonia city limits. Open floor plan w/10 ft. ceilings throughout, wood laminate and ceramic tile flooring, gas fireplace, wood blinds, laundry room, pantry, large covered patio w/ceiling fans, 2-car carport w/attached workshop, on circle drive. Must sell due to military move. For photos and contact information, visit www.fsbo.com, listing #138068.

For sale: Three BR, 2 BA Ranch home 8.5 miles east of Base. Easy commute to CAFB! 1884 sq. ft. on one acre of land. Many upgrades done to a 1995 house to include: brand new stove, dishwasher, refrigerator. All included. New carpet. Snapper Lawnmower also included. Privacy fence, playground, patio cover, outdoor speakers. Living room is Surround Sound ready! Price: \$159,900. Call 356-6356.

For sale: Beautiful Home situated on 3.8 acres in a very desirable New Hope neighborhood. Approx 2,800 sqft, 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. Approx one acre of fenced yard with large wired shop. Many custom extra's and one year home warranty. Serious enquiries only: \$289,900. Please call (662) 240-0226.

For sale: Beautiful Oakdale Park Home 3 Bedrooms, 2 Bath approx 1500 sq. ft., New Carpet, New countertops, Outside bar area (must see!) with Hot Tub. All appliances stay, wired shed. 38 Shadow Canyon CV. \$ 143,900 call Kelly at 662-386-5501.

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, \$19,900 OBO. FMI 618-558-0789.

For sale: 2000 Chrysler Town and Country LXi Minivan, loaded, leather seats, power seats and power windows. Seven passenger, regular maintenance with receipts and dates of service, extra nice condition. Gold with tan interior. Price is \$6,000, is negotiable. Call 356-4292.

For sale: 2006 Honda Shadow 600 VLX Motorcycle. Less than 3,500 miles, Garage kept. Ad-ons include Cobra pipes, saddle bags, windshield, luggage rack, includes cover, helmets and more. Candy Apple Red, Mint Condition. \$6,000. FMI call 251-1727 or 251-1728.

For sale: 2006 Victory Hammer

motorcycle with less than 5k miles on it. Performance exhaust, side mounted license plate, 300mm rear tire, 1624 cc engine with a 6 speed transmission. Many other extras, excellent condition. Performs like a street bike, cruises like a Harley. 719-330-3758.

For sale: New Blue Scooter, never ridden, Model RM50, 4-stroke motor, 60+ +MPG, street licensable, LIST Price \$1,300 +, Has 2 year parts and labor warranty. Is one of the Bud Light Scooters won in a local store. \$850.00. bkmiles@bellsouth.net 662-549-3816.

For sale: 2008 Harley Davidson, 883 Sportster Low Rider, only 72 miles, 2.5 Year Extended Service Plan, Midnight Pearl Blue, accessories included, \$8,000 please call (662)889-0113.

For sale: 2007 Yamaha FZ6. Only 350 mile and in excellent condition. \$4,000 OBO, Helmet and Jacket included. Call 434-8697.

For sale: 2007 Harley Davidson Heritage Softail Classic FLSTC, Blk cherry/pewter, 7,700 mi, Screaming Eagle exhaust, Factory Security System, Profile laced wheels, Many other extras, excellent condition, \$13,900. 662-245-0493.

Wanted: Walker in good shape that you can also sit down on. Call 251-1715.

Miscellaneous

For sale: Large three person couch, great condition, beige, comes with five back cushion pillows, \$150 OBO; TV stand with two drawers, \$25. Contact: 662-352-1196.

Wanted: Moving boxes in good and sturdy condition for a DITY move. Will pick up boxes the day you call me.

Need a lot of them. Call 570-1767.

For sale: Vizio 50" Plasma HDTV. 1080i , 2 HDMI inputs. Excellent condition! \$800, swivel-arm wall mount included. Call (813) 892-9726.

For sale: 80' chain link fence - \$50; 4 20' fence poles - \$15/each: 662-574-6254.

For sale: Craftsman LT3000 Riding Lawnmower w/ 42" Deck and 3-Bin Soft Bagger Attachment, Excellent Condition, \$500. Call 662-356-4081, PCSing soon!

For sale: Sanyo 25" TV, never used, still in box, \$60. Futon, black with grey metal frame, \$75. Please call 434-8358.

For sale: Marlin Lucas Valley Hybrid 27 Speed Men's Bicycle (excellent condition). Purchased December 2009 for \$ 850. Sale price \$ 684. Includes owners manual, new spare tire, water bottle and electronic bicycle computer. Call 662-364-1157 or 662-328-0862.

Pets

For sale: Great Dane puppies for sale. CKC registered with first shots and dewormed. Puppies will be ready to go home June 23 so call now to make your pick of the litter. Call 731-513-2727 or email depriest44@yahoo.com for more information.

For sale: Border Collie Puppies for sale, ABCA, very smart/family dogs, black/white and merles, \$550, 434-8556.

Saturday Yard Sales

Yard sale: 517 Cherry Lane, Columbus, from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. Baby toys, furniture, books, electronics, kitchen items, and more.

Base News

IDEA Program

The Air Force Innovative Development through Employee Awareness is looking for submissions of individual, group, or team ideas about how the Air Force can accomplish something more efficiently. Cash rewards for ideas are possible. Visit <https://ipds.randolph.af.mil> or call Tech. Sgt. Angela Coleman at 434-2388.

Commissary Closed

The commissary will be closed Tuesday, June 1 for the holiday.

AETC Civilian Tuition Assistance

To be eligible for Civilian TA, the civilian employee must be an appropriated fund, permanent AETC employee or in a term position with more than one year before the "not to exceed" date. Temporary employees will be considered on a case-by-case basis. AETC civilians can use up to \$4500 per fiscal year. Civilians are restricted to ONE course per term, and the per semester hour tuition cap is \$250. Courses must be Air Force mission-related. Call the Education Center at 434-2562/2563 or send an email to edward.hodge@columbus.af.mil for more information.

Military personnel

Whenever you move your residence (including from one base residence to another), it is important to update your new address as well as your Virtual Record of Emergency Data (vRED) in Virtual Military Personnel Flight (vMPF). It is vital that your dependent's emergency contact information always remain current in vRED.

vMPF may be accessed via the Air Force Portal or the AFPC Secure Applications website. To update one's address in vMPF, select Self-Service Actions, Personal Data, Record Review/Update, Individual, and then click on the blue links to update your data. To update one's vRED, there is a link at the bottom left of the vMPF main page. If you have any questions, please contact the AFPC Total Force Center at DSN 665-5000.

MPS Training dates require appointments

The Military Personnel Section(MPS) in building 730 will hold in-house training on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons during Night Flying Weeks. They will utilize appointments-only on these days to accommodate this necessary training. If you have any questions, contact the MPS Supt, Master Sgt. Heng, at 434-2611.

Notice and Consent General Notice:

The Air Force uses information technology such as telephones, cellular phones, radios, facsimile, information systems, networks, and other wired or wireless electronic devices to conduct day-to-day official business. All DoD telecommu-

nications systems and information systems are subject to monitoring for authorized purposes as prescribed by DoDI 8560.01. The Air Force, as mandated by DoD policy, must provide authorized users of telecommunications systems and devices general notice that monitoring is conducted and that use of the system or device constitutes consent to monitoring.

1.) Notice and Consent Banners must be displayed (at Login) on all Govt. Network Computer Systems, including Stand-Alone computers.

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.

Base Thrift Shop

The Base Thrift Shop is open on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Consignments till 12 p.m. Please visit the Thrift Shop for more information on consignments. Donations are accepted and very much appreciated. They can be dropped off anytime in the donation shed. The Thrift Shop is non-profit and all proceeds benefit CAFB Community. It is located in Bldg/ 345, Imes Street (next to Youth Center), Phone: 434-2954.

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.

Education Counseling Hours

Education counseling (CCAF, Bachelor's/Master's programs, Tuition Assistance, etc.) is now available Mondays and Wednesdays from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. by appointment only. Please contact Edward Hodge at 434-2562 to schedule.

Attention All Deployers

The 14th Communications Squadron has a new system which allows you to place "free" telephone calls back home from your deployed location via DSN. You can call every day or once a week; whichever you prefer (allotted time is 3.5 hours a week). Pin numbers are required and can be picked up along with instructions from the Telephone Systems office located in Building 900, Room 9. Please call 434-2020 for additional information.

DRMO as a source of supply

Authorized personnel may retrieve property that is marked for DRMO Facilities only if they are still physically located in Base Supply. For more information, call the Inspection Section at extension 434-7233 to review the property, Stock Control at 434-7198 to check for authorization and Customer Support at 434-7178 to order the property. All other DRMO processing is done via the Web at: www.drms.dla.mil.

Do you have a supply problem?

Do you need status on an item you ordered? Did you receive the wrong part? The Customer Support section is the single point of contact when requiring assistance on supply related matters. For assistance, you may contact Customer Support at 434-7178.

Zero overpricing program-incentive awards

Overpricing is an issue everyone should be working. All personnel are encouraged to participate, and will be rewarded for any tangible savings resulting from their price challenge. Monetary awards will be given in accordance with AFI 38-401, The Air Force Innovative Development Employee Awareness (IDEA) Program. Advice and guidance are available by calling the Customer Support section of Base Supply, located in Building 158, at 434-7178.

Airman and Family Readiness Center

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

DePLAYment Tag Pass Pack

Families of deployed members are eligible for a special DePLAYment Tag Pass Pack. Provide a copy of deployment orders, and pick up your DePLAYment Tag Pass Pack at the ARFC, then log onto the www.myairforcelife.com website to

register. Once registered, you may use your tagpass for discounts and free programs identified by the installation. For more information on benefits and how to use contact ARFC 434-2790.

Newcomers Orientation

The next Newcomer's Orientation will be June 22 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the AFRC.

Pre-Separation Counseling (DD Form-2648)

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

Pre and Post Deployment Tour Brief

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

Chapel Schedule

Vacation Bible School

Come join us on the High Seas for Columbus Air Force Base Chapel Vacation Bible School. June 7 to 11 from 9 a.m. to noon, for ages 5 to 12 years old. Register your kids now at the Base Chapel! There will be crafts, games, snacks and good clean fun. Crew Leaders are needed and the ages are: 18 yrs. and up for crew leaders and 12 yrs. and up for assistant leaders. Nursery care will be provided for crew leaders. For more information call 434-2500. Military members are eligible for PTDY, ask your supervisor for details (AFI 36-3003 Section 12 Table 7 Rule 29).

Wednesday Evening Adult Bible Study

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

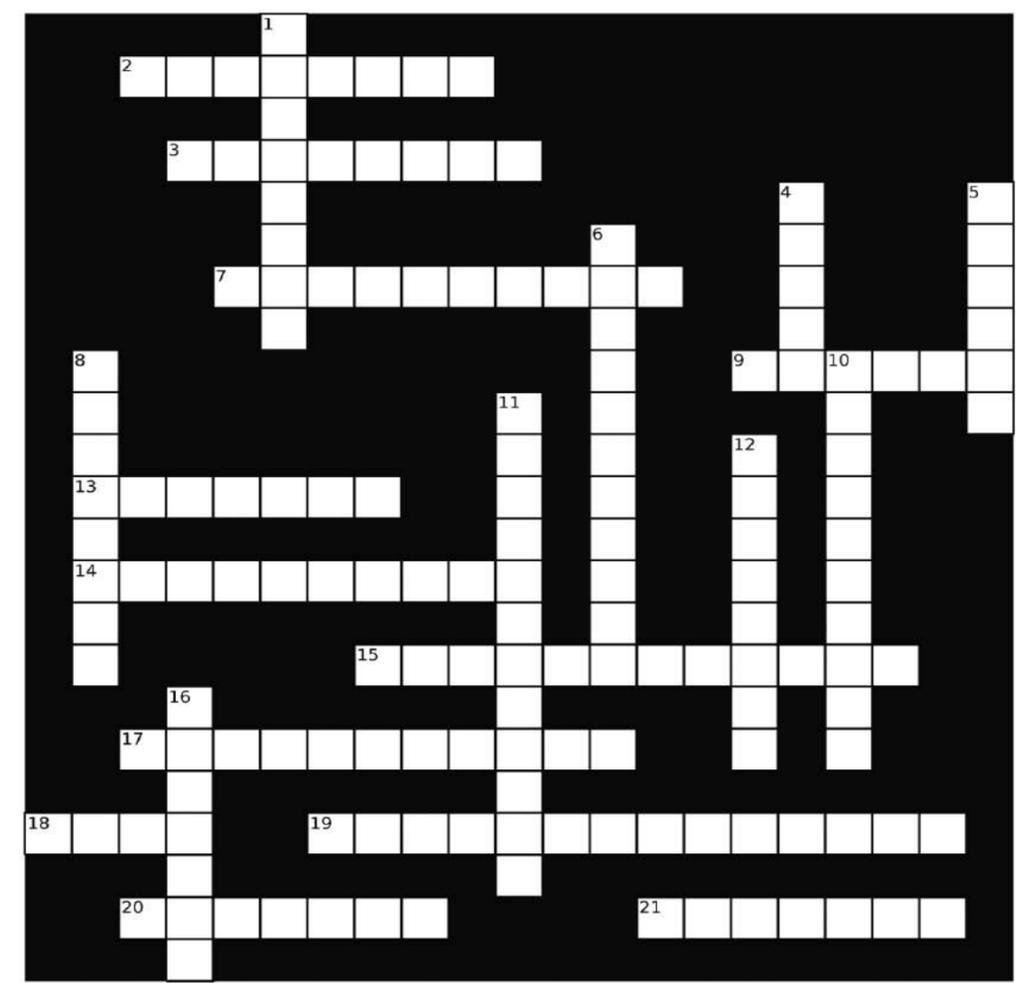
Protestant

Sunday: 9 a.m. — Adult Sunday School
10:45 a.m. — Traditional
Worship Service (Children's Church)
All are invited to a fellowship luncheon following the 10:45 a.m. service the fourth Sunday of each month

Catholic

Tuesday:
6:30 p.m. — Choir Practice
Sunday:
3:30 p.m. — Choir Practice
4:30 p.m. — Confession
5:00 p.m. — Mass
6:00 p.m. — RCIA

This week's puzzle: Central and South American Capitals



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| 2 | Across | 1 | Down |
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| 7 | Costa Rica | 5 | Ecuador |
| 9 | Uruguay | 6 | Bolivia |
| 13 | Columbia | 8 | Honduras |
| 14 | Nicaragua | 10 | Beliza |
| 15 | Suriname | 11 | Guyana |
| 17 | El Salvador | 12 | Argentina |
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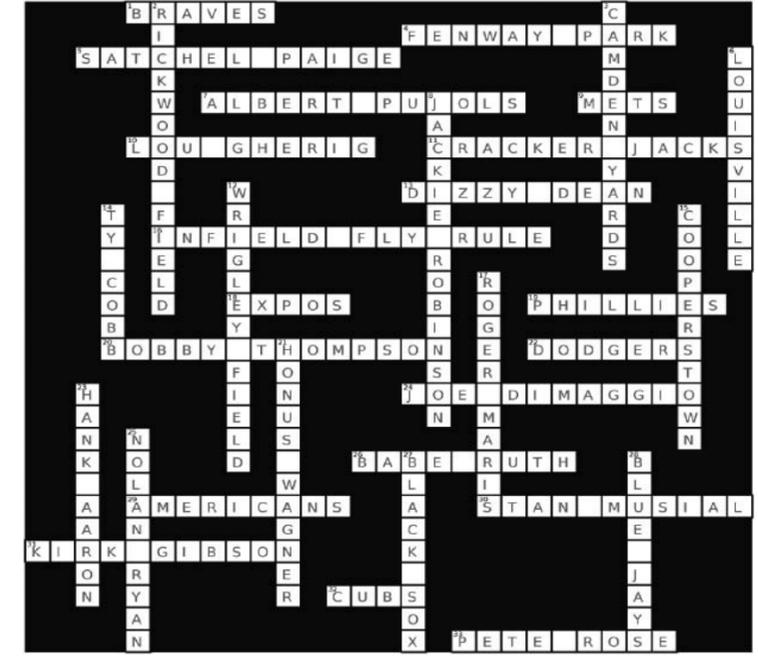
Eight BLAZE Team members selected for promotion to master sergeant

Eight BLAZE Team members were selected Thursday for promotion to E-7. Those to be promoted to master sergeant are:

- Tech. Sgt. Naressa Allen, 14th Medical Support Squadron
- Tech. Sgt. Jennifer Baty, 14th Medical Operations Squadron
- Tech. Sgt. Martin Hardin, 14th Flying Training Wing Maintenance Quality Assurance
- Tech. Sgt. Homer Horn II, 14th Operations Support Squadron
- Tech. Sgt. Peter Knapp, 14th Force Support Squadron
- Tech. Sgt. Jennifer O'Quinn, 14th Flying Training Wing Equal Opportunity
- Tech. Sgt. Mary Russell, 14th Medical Operations Squadron
- Tech. Sgt. Mark Shelton, 14th Communications Squadron

Congratulations to our newest master sergeant selects.

Answer to last week's puzzle



Cancer survivor is once again ready to fly, ready to ride

Capt. Joseph Knable

19th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

LITTLE ROCK AFB, Ark. — One year ago, Senior Amn. Brian Petras was flying C-130 Hercules missions around the world. In less than a year, the flight engineer was diagnosed with cancer, underwent extensive surgery, recuperated, returned to all duties except actually flying in the plane and passed his physical fitness test with no score adjustments.

And he passed with just one foot.

At just 24 years old, Airman Petras is a Bloomsbury, N.J., native with 700 deployed flying hours from two deployments, and he's a cancer survivor.

Last summer, after icing his sore foot for a month and seeing no improvement, he went to the doctor.

"It started out as kind of like a lump on my foot," he said, "like a swelling and I just thought it was sprained muscle or something."

After a month and a half of tests and treatments, "the doctors, they told me 'this is a malignant tumor and we're going to have to amputate your foot,'" Airman Petras said.

"I was shocked," he continued, "But since I found out about it and I knew it was definitely going to happen, I just decided I could either stay positive or feel sorry for myself. I've just been trying to go on as normal as possible."

Before his surgery, Airman Petras was an active 23-year-old who enjoyed biking, running and snowboarding. Now, after his surgery, he enjoys all of the same things he did before and is even more active.

He recently rode his bicycle 350 miles across Texas in six days, and later this month he will begin a two-month, 4,000-mile coast-to-coast bike ride from San Francisco to Virginia. The trip, organized by World Team Sports, is called "The Face of America: Sea to Shining Sea Ride." Airman Petras will join about five to six injured service members from each of the military branches, along with a few civilians, to raise money for charities.

Returning to flying was a major factor that motivated Airman Petras to recover and return to work so quickly.

"I just enjoy flying," he said, "I can't stand sitting around. I like traveling. I like just being on the flight and I like the challenge of it."

"As of right now, I'm 95 percent back to normal; there's really not much holding me back," Airman Petras said. "I can run, snowboard, ride a bike, pretty much do anything. I can do everything I could before. I feel 100 percent confident I can go back and do my



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Steele C. G. Britton
Senior Airman Brian Petras sits in the cockpit of a C-130 Hercules, May 11, 2010, on the flightline at Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark. Airman Petras, diagnosed with cancer in 2009, returned to duty less than a year after a surgery to remove part of his right leg. He is a flight engineer with the 50th Airlift Squadron.

job, without any problem."

Despite his unshakable positive attitude, the road to recovery hasn't been easy. "The first couple of months were pretty rough," Airman Petras explained. After the amputation Aug. 24, they gave him six weeks to heal before he got a prosthetic leg. In the middle of September, he started his first of four rounds of chemotherapy, which spanned three months.

"It was one week on, then three weeks off to recover," he explained.

He got his prosthetic leg shortly after his first round and began rehabilitation between subsequent rounds.

"That was pretty rough. The chemo pretty much knocked me out. I had almost no ener-

gy. I felt sick. I really couldn't do much. I could barely take care of myself. Luckily, I was able to get a prosthetic and walk around without crutches and still do certain things, but I was still really tired."

Airman Petras went home for Christmas after his final chemotherapy session and in January went to The Center for the Intrepid at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio.

"It specializes in care for amputees and burn victims," he said, "It's mostly guys coming from Iraq and Afghanistan that are there. But they do a really good job."

"That place kind of helped put things in perspective because here's me with a below-

"I don't like to consider myself handicapped ... I feel normal," Airman Petras emphasized.

the-knee amputation, rehabbing and getting done in three months, and there are guys who've been there for years. They're missing both of their legs, they're missing (legs) above the knee, they're missing arms and hands, or 90 percent of their body is burned, and me coming in there is like a scratch; it's not a big deal at all.

"Those guys are very inspiring. Some of the guys, with the stuff they're going through, have just as good an attitude as I have, so we all kind of helped each other. To (the other patients), you're no different; you don't get treated any different."

Airman Petras was very pleased with the care he received at the center: "The people who worked at the CFI, they're just really good at their jobs, from the physical therapists, to the occupational therapist to the psychologist there. Everybody cared about us and made sure we got the best training possible or the best rehabilitation possible. They did a really good job."

Airman Petras is especially grateful for the care he received from John Wood, his recover care coordinator, and Lauren Palmer, his medical case manager. They "were two people who helped me out immensely. Not even just medical stuff, but anything," he said.

"I don't like to consider myself handicapped ... I feel normal," Airman Petras emphasized.

As for looking to the future. "The biggest thing I want to convey is that I don't see it as a serious problem right now; I see it as a minor inconvenience and I want other people to treat me like that. I think of this thing as a pair of glasses. For me, it's something that takes me five extra minutes to get out of bed in the morning ... The biggest challenge for me is taking a shower standing on one leg ... Some people have injuries that are not as visible as mine, yet they're not even as mobile as me. I don't limp, I can run, I can do whatever."

"I don't want my accomplishments to be thought of as 'Brian the amputee' did something. I don't like that. I want it to just be 'Brian' did something. I want to be treated like it's not that big of a deal. I don't feel handicapped ... As far as I'm concerned, I was ready to (return to flying) in January."

Hiring surge to employ thousands

April Rowden

Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs Office

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — With contractor-to-civilian conversions, new organizations standing up and overall increases in civilian positions, the Air Force civil service continues to grow as officials look to employ thousands of U.S. citizens.

Air Force Personnel Center officials have filled more than 3,000 new positions since the surge began earlier this year and is expected to advertise more than 17,000 additional new positions by the end of 2011 on USAJOBS.

USAJOBS is an online repository used by multiple federal agencies to announce job vacancies around the world.

“These career opportunities cover a broad spectrum of skill sets necessary to support national defense and Air Force objectives, from information technology specialists and aircraft simulator instructors to housing management assistants and biological scientists,” said Michelle LoweSolis, the civilian force integration director at AFPC. “The importance of our civilian workforce cannot be overstated, nor our desire to get the best qual-

ified people into these positions.”

To guide individuals through the Air Force application process, the AFPC Civilian Employment website contains various resources to include tutorials, salary information, eligibility criteria, and the hiring authorities for special populations, such as military spouses, people with disabilities, students and veterans.

In November 2009, President Barack Obama announced the Veterans Employment Initiative, an initiative that “underscores to federal agencies the importance of recruiting and training veterans” who have valuable knowledge and technical skills.

The combination of the employment initiative and the hiring surge gives transitioning Airmen impacted by force management an opportunity to be considered for federal employment.

When applying for federal jobs, veterans have three hiring authorities for which they may be eligible: Veterans’ Employment Opportunity Act of 1998, Veterans Recruitment Appointment and 30 percent or more disabled.

An individual who is eligible for veterans preference; or who separates after three or more years of continuous active service per-

formed under honorable conditions is generally eligible for consideration under VEOA.

Any disabled veteran; a veteran who served on active duty in the Armed Forces during a war declared by Congress, or in a campaign or expedition for which a campaign badge has been authorized; a veteran who, while serving on active duty in the Armed Forces, participated in a military operation for which the Armed Forces Service Medal was awarded; or a veteran separated from active duty within the last three years may be eligible for consideration under the VRA.

Veterans retired from active-military service with a disability rating of 30 percent or more; or veterans who have been rated by the Department of Veterans Affairs since 1991 or later, to include disability determinations from a branch of the Armed Forces at any time, as having a compensable service-connected disability of 30 percent or more may be eligible for consideration under a special appointing authority for 30 percent or more disabled veterans.

“My veteran status didn’t guarantee me a job with the Air Force,” said Tony Garton, a program analyst at AFPC, was hired in 2002 under VEOA. “But it did help put my resume in the hands of the hiring official, so at least I

had the opportunity to be considered for a federal job.”

Family members may also be eligible for certain hiring authorities, including:

- A spouse of a servicemember who has received permanent change of orders to relocate
- A spouse of servicemembers who retired with a disability rating at the time of retirement of 100 percent, or retired/separated from the Air Force and has a disability rating of 100 percent from the Department of Veterans Affairs
- Un-remarried widows or widowers of servicemembers killed while in active-duty status
- Certain family members returning to the U.S. from an overseas assignment in which they were a dependent
- Local Airman and Family Readiness Center officials can provide family members and Airmen transitioning out of active-duty service with additional assistance on using USAJOBS, writing resumes and locating career fairs

For more information on hiring authorities, visit AFPC’s Civilian Employment website. Air Force employees may also call the 24-hour Total Force Service Center at 800-525-0102.

Air Force transitions from NSPS to GS

Master Sgt. Russell P. Petcoff

Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — Most Air Force civilians under the National Security Personnel System will convert to the General Schedule by the end of this fiscal year in support of the Department of Defense goal to convert out as quickly as possible. This conversion out of NSPS was mandated by the Fiscal 2010 National Defense Authorization Act.

With few exceptions, Air Force NSPS employees will transition between July 4 and Sept. 12, according to Headquarters Air Force Directorate of Force Management Policy officials. The remainder are in positions covered by statutory and DOD exemptions and will transition in 2011.

Civilian employees transitioning to GS will have their positions classified and grade assigned according to GS classification rules. The grade and classification will be based upon responsibilities assigned by the supervisor and performed by the employee. Employees will be notified of their GS position classification prior to transition out of NSPS.

To assist civilian employees in understanding the GS personnel and position classification system, the following Web-based training modules are available at

<https://www.my.af.mil/afknprod/nsps-gs-trng>: GS-101 and Classifying Positions under GS and Performance Management: A Tool to Achieve Results.

GS-101 gives an overview of the GS system, including its classification and pay structure. The DOD NSPS Transition Office website also contains helpful information regarding the transition from NSPS to GS at <http://www.cpms.osd.mil/nsps/transition>.

Employees will not lose pay upon conversion. These general guidelines will be followed when determining an employee’s pay.

If the employee’s current pay:

- Fits within the rate range of the appropriate grade to which the employee is assigned, then the employee will be placed at a step that equals or exceeds his or her existing pay.
- Is below the rate range for the appropriate GS grade to which the employee is assigned, then the employee will be placed on the first step of the GS grade upon conversion out.
- Is above the rate range for the appropriate GS grade to which the employee is assigned, then the employee will be placed on pay retention to ensure he or she does not suffer any decrease in or loss of pay upon conversion.



U.S. Air Force graphic

Upon transition, employees must be placed in GS performance plans within 30 days of transition with an appraisal close-out of March 31, 2011. As with NSPS, supervisors must ensure employees understand their job requirements and how their work aligns with and supports the Air Force mission.

Air Force officials are working to ensure that the transition continues smoothly while maintaining the Air Force mission with minimal disruption to the force. The consistent and equitable treatment of employees and transparency throughout this process is a high priority for the Air Force, they said.

Hold the line on timeless standards

Chief Master Sgt. Eric Jaren
Command Chief, Air Force
Materiel Command

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio — A couple of months ago I attended an Air Force Sergeants Association banquet and awards ceremony here where retired Tech. Sgt. Matt Slaydon was the guest speaker. Matt is an explosive ordnance disposal technician who suffered critical injuries when an IED blew up two feet away from him during his deployment to Iraq in 2007.

Matt spoke of the war against Islamic extremists and his journey of faith and self discovery.

After reading more about Matt, I discovered an article by Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz, who attended his retirement ceremony. General Schwartz said Matt closed out his career saying, "Hold the line ... hold the line."

I believe Matt's message to hold the line was about standards, but not just minimum standards.

Retired Chief Master Sgt. Ralph Schell, one of the original 625 chief master sergeants when that rank was created during the 1950s, was at the AFSA banquet, too.

Like Matt, Chief Schell talked about standards and how they have relaxed over the years. Now in his 90s, but still mentally sharp, he said basic military functions are the cornerstone of discipline and military bearing. Activities such as assembly, formation and inspection are necessary to establish and maintain standards, discipline and attention to detail.

Instructors at Basic Military Training School teach Airmen those very standards. Trainees learn fundamentals like military drill, ceremony and inspection to establish military image and bearing. The Airmen coming out of basic training are the best ever. They graduate fit to fight, disciplined, motivated and "Ready!"

And then we send them to our bases.

Airmen speak of their disappoint-



Airman from the 380th Air Expeditionary Wing retire the flag during a retreat ceremony at an air base in Southwest Asia. Basic functions, like retreat ceremonies, roll calls and inspections, teach attention to detail and stress adherence to standards.

U.S. Air Force Photo/Master Sgt. Scott T. Sturkol

ment when they arrive at their first assignment to discover the basic lessons are not applied.

Throughout their careers, enlisted Airmen attend professional military education, where they are taught the latest supervisory and management tools appropriate for their rank. They also rehearse military ceremonies, traditions and rituals, and embrace our heritage. I often hear PME graduates saying they were "reblued."

And then we send them back to our bases.

Airmen are "blued" in basic training and "reblued" in PME, but they become de-motivated once they return to their units.

Air Force leaders remind us along the way about the importance of standards. General Schwartz speaks about getting "back-to-basics" in the nuclear enterprise and other areas where we had lost focus. Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James

A. Roy says we need to "do the basics" in regard to compliance and acceptance of responsibility.

Unfortunately, I discovered relaxed standards right on my base.

At interviews for a new command chief executive assistant and for a noncommissioned officer in charge of the First Term Airman Center, candidates were directed to report in service dress for an interview. I wanted to give them a chance to shine.

After being seated, one of the candidates slid down in the seat and slouched to one side.

I decided to give him a clue. Also wearing my service dress, I rocked slightly from side to side to straighten my posture. I thought it worked because the candidate straightened up, only to slide back down the opposite way a moment later. This was a complete lapse in military bearing, image, customs and tradition, during his job interview no

less!

He wanted to work in the wing command section, a revered position for a staff sergeant. He agreed to put on his service dress, meet in the conference room and participate in an interview. I concluded this display was simply an Airman doing the best he knew how. This wasn't his fault; this was my fault. Senior leaders, this is our fault. We have allowed standards to slip this far.

A couple of weeks later, while doing a Senior Airman below-the-zone board, I realized there wasn't a single line in the records pertaining to status of training or career development. The board was judging merit for early promotion based on 15 bullet lines crafted by the most gifted writer in the squadron. The Airman's military bearing, military image and communication ability were unknown, too. These were actually important elements of the grade when I was vying for BTZ.

Now they are not even considered.

Later, I was discussing my observations during a perspective panel for the Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Seminar. It struck me to poll the NCOs to see how many of them had stood in front of a face-to-face board. The answer: none! Even among the senior noncommissioned officers, only half had ever met a board.

It was time for action.

We formed a team to work on getting back to basics. We changed the BTZ instruction to require Airmen to meet a board. But if no NCOs and only half of SNCOs knew how to meet a board, who would teach the Airmen?

We were beginning to build an "Old School" course when retired Master Sgt. Jaye Tyrrel knocked on my door. Jaye, who is in his 80s, handed me a document he had kept for more than 60 years. "The Guide to the NCO, 23 Jun 1948" captures the spirit of the basic military functions that Chief Schell talked about. Since then I have copied and bound the document into the Little Green Book and had the original placed in the Enlisted Heritage Research Institute. And we've gotten back to work on our "Old School" course.

Leaders, it is time to hold the line!

We need to do reveille. We need to do retreat. We need to do roll calls, every day. I hear people say we don't have time. If we are that busy, then I believe we need roll calls more than ever. And yes, we need to do uniform inspections, in formation, weekly!

These basic functions teach attention to detail and stress adherence to standards. Sometimes you have to take one step back to take two steps forward. This is that time!

General Schwartz tells us to get "back-to-basics." Chief Roy encourages "doing the basics." Jaye Tyrrell gave back the "guide to the basics." Chief Schell says 'basics are the cornerstone.' Matt Slaydon 'held the line.'

Leaders, tell me: will you hold the line?

AF safety officials launch Critical Days of Summer campaign

Maj. Heidi Nelson

Air Force Safety Center Ground Safety Division

KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE, N.M. — S is for Summer ... and Safety too!

It's that time of year again! Spring is here in full force, summer is right around the corner and that can only mean one thing: time for Air Force safety officials to kick off the Critical Days of Summer safety campaign, May 28 through September 7.

As much as you would like to think that nothing could happen to you, the fact is, the real statistics are pretty grim...

Some risks are constant, but summer brings increased activity which brings increased risk.

Twenty eight Airmen already have died in off-duty mishaps so far this year, and typically the Air Force loses about 19 over the summer. Many others sadly take their own lives.

Now, does any of this mean Air Force leaders expect you to cower under your dining room table all summer? Of course not! Everyone knows that life itself comes with inherent risks.

Some of you may even be thinking, "This is a small number out of more than 330,000 Airmen ... that's not too bad!" But how many of you would volunteer your best friend, or even yourself, as one of that "small number?"

The answer then is very simple: Every Airman must set a personal goal of ZERO pre-

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ventable mishaps for him or herself and everyone around him or her. To achieve this goal, every commander must provide guidance, policy and resources. Every safety professional, from the Air Force Safety Center down to your unit safety representative, will work tirelessly to keep you educated and prepared to safely enjoy your off-duty time this summer.

But here's the rub: We can only do so much educating. Nobody but you will be there to make the right decisions when the critical moments occur.

Your commander won't be sitting in the passenger seat when you've had a few too many to drink and are about to drive home.

The Air Force surgeon general won't be at your dorm to read the signs that one of your peers is feeling suicidal.

The director of the Safety Center won't be at the boat launch handing out life vests to you and your kids.

The only one who can make the decisions



U.S. Air Force graphic

The Critical Days of Summer safety campaign will begin May 28 and run through Sept. 7.

critical to your survival is you.

Fortunately, the steps required to keep you and everyone around you safe are very simple:

Think about the worst-case scenario and then decide whether you've done everything you could to eliminate or at least minimize the risk. If you do that and decide you can't live

with the consequences, chances are it's time for a new plan.

Everyone at the Safety Center wants each and every one of you around at the end of the 2010 Critical Days of Summer. The choice is yours!

Base families offered a variety of activities

Golden Tri

The fitness center is taking reservations for this 750 meter swim, 20 kilometer bike and 3.1 mile run scheduled for June 5. Check in for the race from 7 to 7:45 a.m. with the first heat of race starting at 8 a.m. Race will be held rain or shine. All events start and stop at the Columbus Club. Registration is \$50 for single athlete and \$75 for team entry. Heats are in 11 age groups. Awards given immediately following completion of final heat and will be awarded to top male and female per age group, top three male/female overall; top male/female military member and top team. Entry fees may be paid by cash, check or money order only. Make checks payable to Columbus AFB Services. For more information, call the fitness center at 434-2772.

Deep Sea Fishing Trip

Outdoor Recreation offers a trip to Biloxi MS June 11 to 13 for deep sea fishing. Cost is \$249 per person and includes transportation, lodging and deep sea fishing. Register no later than May 28 at outdoor recreation. Departing Columbus AFB at 3 p.m. June 11 and returning Sunday afternoon. For more information, call 434-2507.

Parents Night Out

The child development center and youth center offer this night out from 5 to 11 p.m. June 12. Register at the respective facility by Wednesday, June 9. Cost is \$4 per hour per child. A \$5 non-refundable deposit is required to hold a space.

Operation Orlando

The information, ticket and travel office is offering a trip to Orlando starting June 14. Accommodations are one price of \$325 for up to six people in the same room. Bus transportation is \$180 per person. For more information, call ITT at 434-2505 or 2507.

First annual men's invitational golf tournament

This individual stroke play tournament is June 5 to 6 starting at 1 p.m. Tournament will be flighted after the first day of play. Entry is \$60 per person and includes greens fees, cart, prize fund and lunch each day. Register by June 2 at the pro shop. For more information, call 434-7932.

Super Scramble

The 8th annual super scramble sponsored in part by Sonic Drive In is June 12 starting at 8 a.m. Tournament format is an 18-hole four-person scramble. Entry is \$50 per person and includes greens fees, cart, prize fund, mulligan, door prizes, goody bag, breakfast and lunch. Field is limited to the first 18 teams. Deadline for entering is June 10. For more information, call 434-7932.

Youth center trips

The youth center is offering a trip to the Tupelo antique car museum and buffalo park June 10. Cost is \$17 for both. Transportation is free. Deadline to register is June 7. Open to ages 9 to 18. Children, ages 9 and younger, must be accompanied by an adult.

A trip to the Alabama Adventure Amusement and Water Park is June 15. Register

by June 9th at the youth center for this trip. Cost is \$40 and includes tickets and transportation. For more information, contact the youth center at 434-2504.

Cruise in 2011

The Information, Ticket and Travel Office has book two group cruises in 2011. Register by Aug. 1 for the five-day cruise starting Feb. 12 to Cozumel and Progresso. Register by Sept. 1 for the four-day cruise starting Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 24 and going to Cozumel. Cost for two people for the February trip is as low as \$682 with a \$75 shipboard credit. Cost for two people for the November trip is as low as \$816 with a \$50 ship board credit. For more information, call 434-2507 or 7861.

New Orleans Saints

The ITT office has tickets for the Saints home games and pre-season games. For more information about the tickets and group trips, call 434-7861. Limited seating/tickets available.

Tops in Blue

Tour positions are available with this special group with auditions open now for trumpet, bass, video technicians and technician support staff. The deadline for audition packages for the 2011 worldwide talent search is Nov. 5, 2010. The competition will be held December 5 to 13 at Lackland AFB. Go to www.topsinblue.com to begin the application process.

Karaoke's Best

The Columbus Club is hosting this ten-week contest every Thursday from 7 to 11 p.m. until June 10. 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. Finale date will be announced later. 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.

Vegan menu available

The bowling center now offers a vegan menu. To place an order, call 434-3426.

Club scholarship program

Write a 500-word or less essay on "What does it mean to be part of the Air Force Family? Open to current Air Force club members and their family members. Entries are due by July 1 to the FSS commander. Twenty-five \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded throughout the Air Force. For more information, go to www.afclubs.net.

End of Club membership drive block party

Mark your calendars for 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday for this fun night of jumpers, games, live music, prizes and loads of fun. Cost is \$2 per plate for members and \$5 for non-members. Members kids is \$1 per plate. Non-members children is \$4 per plate. Menu includes hamburgers, hot dogs, brats, potato salad, potato chips, corn on the cob, cookies and punch. Current members receive 3 months free dues for signing up a friend. For more information, call 434-2490.

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.

Family child care homes needed

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

DePLAYment Tag 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.

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.



Critical Days of Summer begins Memorial Day



Think Safety

Safety first... safe attitudes... safe decisions. You have heard these terms repeated over and over in the past several weeks. People complain these briefings are always the same every year. The reason for this, from a safety vantage point, is because every summer we see the same kind of mishaps. When people stop making careless decisions, we will no longer have to endure the same old messages. Here are a few reminders to ensure a fun and safe summer.

- Situational awareness! Know what is going on around you.
- Hydrate! Hydrate! Remember: Alcohol + Hot sun = RAPID DEHYDRATION!
- Sunscreen! For you AND the kids!
- Bug repellent, especially here in the south!
- Have a plan before you drink!
- Safety is just common sense! Think before you act!



First Aid

For practicality and peace of mind, have ease of access to a simple first-aid kit like this one wherever you go.

Sample First-aid Kit Contents

- One absorbent compress, 4x8 inches
- Sixteen adhesive bandages, 1x3 inches
- One adhesive tape, five yards long
- Ten antiseptic single-use packages, .5 gram application
- Six burn treatment single-use packages, .5 gram application
- One eye covering for two eyes
- One eye wash, one fluid ounce
- Four sterile pads, 3x3 inches
- Two pair of medical exam gloves*
- One triangular bandage, 39x39x55 inches

* WARNING: Always use gloves when exposed to blood or other bodily fluids to help prevent the spread of blood borne pathogens.




Critical days: Memorial Day through Labor Day

The Critical Days of Summer span Memorial Day through Labor Day. This period is approximately 28 percent of the year but routinely yields 40 percent of the Air Force fatalities each year. To put it into figures, the Air Force lost 58 members of our team during the Critical Days of Summer over the past three summers combined. These numbers must be reduced. This year, we are targeting four areas for mishap reduction: motorcycle, automobile, sports and recreation (water related) and physical fitness related fatalities/mishaps. By far, highways are the biggest threat. Eighty-two percent of the fatalities for the 2009 Critical Days of Summer were motorcycle or auto mishaps. Major factors in these mishaps were continually speed, alcohol, and failure to buckle up. For Fiscal Year 2009, 70 percent of vehicle fatalities involved reckless behavior. Yes, another safety article with endless figures. The figures have one goal though, prevention.

As most people have been told, "those that do not learn from the past are doomed to repeat it."

