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Weather

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Sunday High: 97, Low: 74 Partly cloudy	Monday High: 93, Low: 72 Partly cloudy

News Briefs

Active Shooter Exercise
The 14th Flying Training Wing will be conducting a major exercise on June 17, which will have installation wide impact. BLAZE Team members and base visitors should expect some minor disruptions to normal facility operations and customer service, specifically between the hours of 9 a.m. to noon, though no facilities will specifically be closed. Please be patient during the exercise process and cooperate and obey all directives from installation authorities.

South Gate Closure
The 14th Civil Engineer Squadron will close the South Gate June 17 from the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. for the installation of new street lighting. The alternate south gate will be open during these hours. In the event of inclement weather the closure will be rescheduled for June 22.

Airman's Day Out
"Airman's Day Out" is scheduled for June 18, from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the base pool. A choice of a burger or bratwurst, chips, a drink, and a raffle ticket will be available for \$5. The raffle prizes will be a \$100 gift card for females and another for males. Additional raffle tickets may be purchased for \$1.



A modified UH-72 Lakota is loaded onto a C-17 Globemaster III June 4 at Columbus Air Force Base. The Lakota's were modified for use in inter-island transport and other unique aspects of the mission at U.S. Army Kawjalein Atoll/Reagan Test Site.

Unique helicopters loaded for transport

Airman 1st Class Chase Hedrick
14 Flying Training Wing
Public Affairs

COLUMBUS AIR FORCE BASE, Miss. — The Army filled a Mississippi Air National Guard C-17 Globemaster III with a special cargo of three specially modified UH-72 Lakotas here on June 4. The Lakota helicopters are being taken to the U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll in the Republic of the Marshall Islands, where they will be used for general support operations such as inter-island transport. These unique helicopters were built as part of an order of 345 helicopters from a factory in Columbus, Miss., said Army Lt. Col. Dave Bristol, the light utility product manager at Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Ala. Colonel Bristol described the aircraft as a diverse multirole helicopter. "The aircraft's very well suited based upon the needs of the mission" he said. The UH-72 can be used for many functions; homeland security, medical evacuation, search and rescue and VIP purposes said Colonel Bristol. All of the helicopters have been made

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37th (11-04)	5.19 days	-0.32 days	Jun. 30	48th (10-10)	0.00 days	-0.54 days	Jun. 11	49th (10-HB)	-0.20 days	-0.15 days	Jun. 11	T-6	1,125	824	23,294
41st (11-05)	-6.72 days	-4.50 days	Jul. 22	50th (10-11)	-1.70 days	-2.02 days	Jul. 1					T-1	326	368	7,806
												T-38	388	336	7,676
												IFF	70	62	1,611

Graduation speaker: Maj. Gen. Jack Ramsaur, mobilization assistant to the Commander, Headquarters Air Education and Training Command, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas.

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14th CS member re-enlists while deployed



U.S. Air Force photo
BLAZE Team member Senior Airman Blake Sherrill re-enlists on his birthday, May 12, at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan. Airman Sherrill is a member of the 14th Communications Squadron and is currently deployed.

TRANSPORT

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and modified with safety in mind.
"We fly 99 percent of the time over water" said Army Lt. Col. Jay Curry, the deputy commander of the U.S. Army Kawjalein Atoll/Reagan Test Site as well as the director of the Kwajalein Support Directorate. The aircraft have been painted orange for better visibility, floats and lifeboats have been added, and the doors may be jettisoned in case of an emergency said Colonel Bristol.
Some other special modifications have been added as well. The helicopters have been treated with an acid resistant coating for the corrosive saltwater environment said Colonel Curry. Some of the helicopters has been fitted with a hoist, and another has been modified for medical evacuation capabilities.
This is the second time the Army has moved Lakota helicopters through Columbus Air Force Base. The move has been good so far said Colonel Bristol. He also beamed that the support received from Columbus AFB had been top notch and very professional.

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Long Range Events

June 29: Enlisted Promotions
June 30: Class 11-04 Track Select
July 1: Class 10-11 Graduation
July 2: AETC Family Day
July 4: Independence Day Holiday
July 7: 14th CS Change of command
July 9: 41st FTS Change of command
July 9: Assignment Night

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat/Sun
14	15 Class 11-01 PPW, 6 p.m. @ Club Hearts Apart, 4:30 p.m. @ AFRC	16	17 Active Shooter Exercise	18 Airman's Day Out, 3 p.m. - 7 p.m., @ Base Pool 49th FTS Change of Command, 8:40 a.m., BLAZE Hanger Class 10-11 Assignment Night, 5 p.m. @ Club	19/20 June 19: Daedalian's Golf Tournament
21 June 21-26: Night Flying Week	22 Newcomers Briefing, AFRC, 8 a.m. MSU Teacher's Tour	23	24	25	26/27

This week's puzzle:

SEC Football

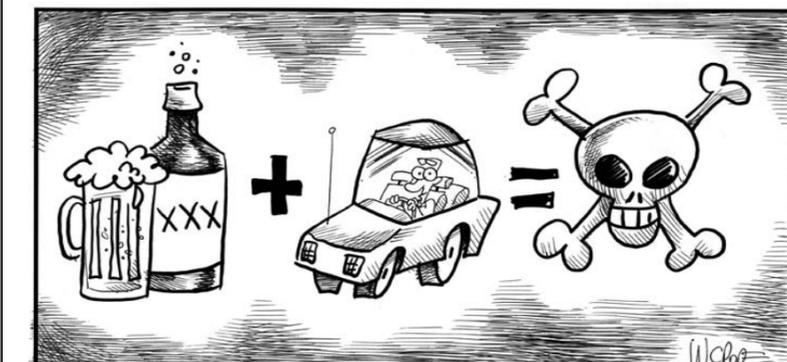
- Across
- This mascot for the University of Arkansas is one of the most unique in college football.
 - LSU beat Kentucky on a last second Hail Mary pass that became known as the Miracle.
 - This school's stadium became a "second home" to the Alabama Crimson Tide who did not lose a game there from 1971-2000.
 - The fight song for this school is set to the tune of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic."
 - This team plays Georgia in a game called "The World's Largest Outdoor Cocktail Party."
 - Mississippi State hired this coach as the first African-American head coach ever in the SEC.
 - This is the only school where John Heisman coached that has players who have been awarded the Heisman Trophy.
 - Homespun nickname for the LSU Tigers.
 - This team's mascot is the tigers yet their victory cheer is "War Eagle!" They also have a live golden eagle mascot nicknamed "Tiger" until 2006.
 - After the 1966 Super Bowl, Vince Lombardi was asked how it felt to be the coach of the greatest football team in the world. He responded with "I don't know, we haven't played _____ yet."
 - This team plays LSU every year for a trophy known as "The Golden Boot."
 - This school boasts the newest stadium in the SEC.
 - The only quarterback from the Univeristy of Alabama to have beaten Notre Dame.
 - The name of South Carolina's mascot.
 - This South Carolina team enters their stadium to the theme from "2001: A Space Odyssey."
 - Paul "Bear" Bryant began his SEC head coaching career at this school.
 - Ole Miss plays Mississippi State in an annual rival game known as the _____.
- Down
- This Tennessee head coach who was also and ROTC instructor. Two of his assistants, also ROTC instructors, outranked him.
 - Recently students voted Admiral Akbar from Star Wars to replace Colonel Reb as the mascot for this team.
 - Mississippi State shares this mascot name with Georgia.
 - This player from the University of Florida became the first sophmore to win the Heisman Trophy.
 - This team was the first college football team to ever fly to a game.
 - Georgia has a live bulldog mascot that is affectionally called _____.
 - This school's football field is said to lie "between the hedges."
 - The movie "Blindside" is based on the story of the Ole Miss player.
 - This coach led Arkansas to claim its only national championship in 1964.
 - This team has won more games than any other college football team in Division I over the last 20 years.
 - This prgram boasts two Heisman Trophy winners: Pat Sullivan and Bo Jackson.
 - This storied football program boasts 13 national championships.
 - When ESPN gameday visited this school for the first time in 2008, a fan summed up the game with a sign behind the set that proclaimed "The Geeks Shall Inherit the Turf!"
 - In 1988 this team upset the Auburn Tigers in a game where the cheers were so loud that they registered on a seismograph in the Geoscience complex on campus.
 - This school has not ever won an SEC championship.
 - This fight song for the University of Tennessee is often played by opposing teams during practices leading up the game against Tennessee.
 - This school lost to Air Force in the 1982 Hall of Fame Bowl.
 - South Carolina's Williams-Brice stadium is sometimes called The _____ in a reference to the team's mascot.
 - The University of Tennesse's mascot, a bluetick hound, has this name that reflects the mountains where the university is located.

2010 Columbus' Biggest Loser Competition

Tech. Sgt. Ryan 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 June 7:

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2. Southsiders	5. Muffins B Gone
3. Fit To Be Fine	T6. The Most Known Unknowns
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	7. Too Hungry To Be Happy
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 (June - August) 5:00 pm: Summer Blast for Children (Ages 3 yr. old - 5th Grade)
 (June - August) 5:00 pm: Youth Discipleship Training
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IFF 10-HB Graduates Seven

49th Fighter Training Squadron

The 49th Fighter Training Squadron will host graduation today in the squadron heritage room at 1130 for Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals, Class 10-HB. Seven members will graduate this phase of their training on their way to becoming fighter pilots and fighter weapons system operators 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/IFF aircraft. The 49th FTS provides training to fighter pilots and weapon system officers entering Air Force major fighter weapons systems, which include the F16, F15C, F15E, and A-10.

The nine-week course begins with tactical formation flights and then introduces pilots to basic fighter maneuvers (BFM) and air-to-air employment in offensive, defensive, and high aspect flight scenarios. Students bound for aircraft with an air-to-ground attack capability then move on to surface attack and low-altitude tactical navigation 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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Capt. Joshua Higgins F-15E



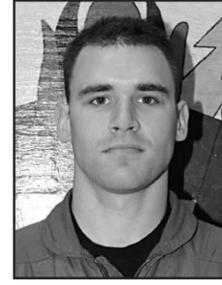
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First Lt Daniel Dlugiewicz F-15E WSO

BLAZE Team members attend thank you dinner

Senior Airman Jacob Corbin
 14th Flying Training Wing
 Public Affairs

Men and women from the BLAZE Team and local community came together June 3 at a dinner held to say thank you for their support during this year's Columbus Pilgrimage.

Over 160 volunteers from Columbus AFB took part in the 70th Annual Columbus Pilgrimage this year, which featured tours of the cities many antebellum homes by individuals in period clothing.

Leslie Watkins, wife of 14th Flying Training Wing Commander Col. Roger Watkins, thanked the men and women from the base who supported the event, and then thanked the community for all they do for the base.

"This community started out being a pillar of strength for military families during the Civil War," Mrs. Watkins said. "You have preserved your support for the military. We can come in and do amazing things (at the base) but not without the community's support."

According to event officials, this year's pilgrimage had more guests attend than any of the Pilgrimage events in the last 25 years.

Nancy Carpenter, Columbus Historic Foundation, said that without the help of the base personnel the annual event could not have been done.



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Jacob Corbin
 Col. Roger Watkins and his wife Leslie speak to Carla Knab and her husband Capt. Jason Knab at the Pilgrimage. Thank You Dinner June 3. Colonel Watkins is the commander of the 14th Flying Training Wing and Captain Knab is a T-1 instructor pilot with the 48th Flying Training Squadron.

Black Knights Support the Joint Fight in Yemen

Lt. Col. Tor Dietrichs
49th Fighter Training Squadron
commander

As most members of the BLAZE Team know, the mission of the 49th Fighter Training Squadron's Black Knights is to train new pilots and Weapon Systems Operators how to fight in air-to-air and air-to-ground roles in the T-38C before they head off for flying assignments in fighter aircraft. Less well known are the core competencies our instructor pilots rely on to execute this mission. One of these competencies is Close Air Support (CAS), defined as action by aircraft against hostile targets that are in close proximity to friendly forces, and which requires detailed integration of each air mission with fire and movement of these forces. Over the past 18 months the Black Knights leveraged their CAS expertise to directly support the commander of United States Central Command, in the goal of enhancing the capability of the Yemeni Air Force.

Starting in late 2008, the 49th FTS worked with individuals assigned to the Deputy Under Secretary of the Air Force, International Affairs, Pentagon, and U.S. Air Forces Central, headquartered at Shaw AFB, S.C., to identify an emerging requirement for USAF to provide CAS expertise to the Yemeni Air Force. These efforts resulted in a group of Yemeni F-5 Tiger II pilots travelling to Columbus AFB last July. The 49th FTS provided CAS orientation in the form academic briefings, simulators and rear cockpit flights in the T-38C. During these orientation sorties, Joint Terminal Attack Controllers located on the ground in the forests of Alabama communicated via radio with Black Knight instructor pilots and the Yemeni pilots flying overhead. Working as a team, we successfully demonstrated CAS to the Yemeni pilots – establishing radio contact, identifying simulated enemy targets and friendly locations, and conducting bombing attacks – the very same coordination and attack procedures currently being used in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Throughout last fall we continued working with AFCENT personnel towards a mutual goal of deploying a squadron instructor pilot to Yemen to demonstrate CAS and other tactical operations up close—directly from the front seat of a Yemeni air force F-5 Tiger II. While the hurdles were significant, we did eventually succeed. Maj. Jay Mahajan deployed to Yemen earlier this spring. While he recently returned from this deployment, another Black Knight will soon deploy to take his place and fly with the Yemeni Air Force in the F-5.

In a statement before the Senate Armed Forces Services Committee this past March, the Commander, U.S. Central Command, Army Gen. David H. Petraeus, commented on the growing threat posed by extremist elements in Yemen.

"In view of these developments, we are working toward expanded, sustained, and predictable efforts to help Yemen's security, counterinsurgency, and counterterrorist capabilities, and we seek to nearly double U.S. security assistance to the country in the coming year," General Petraeus said.

The 49th FTS has been directly engaged for over a year, and we will continue this fall on the ground and in the air in Yemen, helping the joint effort to accomplish this goal.



U.S. Air Force photo
Last July three Yemeni Air Force F-5 Tiger II pilots visited Columbus AFB to receive Close Air Support Orientation briefings and sorties in the 49th Fighter Training Squadron. Pictured above are the Yemeni F-5 pilots, the team lead and Joint Terminal Attack Controllers and from US Central Air Forces staff and members of the 49 FTS.



U.S. Air Force photo
Earlier this year Maj. Jay Mahajan, a 49th FTS instructor pilot, deployed to Yemen to fly and instruct in the Yemeni Air Force F-5 Tiger II. While the design of the F-5 is very similar to a T-38, notable differences include the gun barrels on the nose and the bomb racks on the wings.

Actors and Technicians Needed

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Columbus-Lowndes Humane Society seeking volunteers

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Officials announce plans for third DOS rollback

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — Air Force officials announced June 8 plans for a third enlisted date of separation rollback with a mandatory DOS of Aug. 31, 2010. This program is part of an overall effort by the Air Force to maintain a quality enlisted force and meet the congressionally mandated end strength.

Under the third DOS rollback, Airmen with fewer than 14, or more than 20 years of service must separate no later than Aug. 31, or retire no later than Sept. 1 if they possess a code preventing their re-enlistment.

Airmen separated or retired under the DOS rollback are authorized transition assistance benefits that include 180 days of extended medical care for themselves and their families, and an ID card permitting base commissary and exchange privileges for two years.

Those separated with more than six years, but less than 20 years total active service are eligible for one-half the amount of separation pay, but they must sign an Individual Ready Reserve agreement to serve for a minimum three years. Those declining to serve in the IRR will be ineligible

for separation pay. Air Force officials will not recoup unearned portions of education assistance funds, special pay, bonuses or other monetary incentives under the DOS Rollback Program.

Additionally, most Post 9/11 GI Bill benefits will not be impacted; however, the transferability of benefits to dependents may be affected. Airmen should consult their local education centers or the VA concerning transferability.

Airmen with more than 20 years of service who are affected by the DOS rollback must request a retirement date via the Virtual Military Personnel Flight.

Air Force officials said the third enlisted DOS rollback will allow leaders to manage the force and strategically balance skills and abilities in the midst of a 15-year high for retention.

For more information, visit the Air Force Personnel Center personnel services website and enter "DOS rollback" in the search engine or call the Total Force Service Center at 800-525-0102.

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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: 2005 Chevrolet Uplander Van, loaded, leather, power seats, heated seats, power sliding doors, etc. Ex. Condition, 93,000 miles. Well below Retail - \$8,500. 549-5016.

Miscellaneous

For sale: ABEKA Home-School Books. Teacher Editions of the Following: Arithmetic 2, Language 2 (third edition), Letters and Sounds 2 (third edition), Spelling & Poetry

(third edition)-\$5 each, Spelling 1 (fourth edition), Letters and Sounds 1, Language 1, and Arithmetic 1- \$5 each. Tests: Key-Letters & Sounds 1, Letters & Sounds 2 -\$3 each, Tests and Speed Drills: Arithmetic 1, Arithmetic 2-\$3 each. Please call Hannah at 434-6973.

For sale: Girl's 20" bike w/ white tires, purple seat and purple and hot pink trim - \$25 or best offer and 20" boy's trick bike (Mongoose brand) gold - \$40 or best offer. Five kitchen chairs (white backs and legs, oak seat) - \$20 each or \$75 for all. Two bars stools (white legs and oak seat) 23" tall - \$15 each or \$25 for both.

For sale: Two Concrete flower pots \$10 each. Southern living double duty pot rack and shelf \$80. Southern living at home decorative wall art \$45. Call 549-1381.

For sale: Tan leather couch and loveseat in great condition; \$700 for pair OBO Will sell individually. FMI call 803-468-3041.

Saturday Yard Sales

Yard sale: 16 Roanoke Circle, 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Furniture, clothing and misc.

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

Homes

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 rent: Beautiful 2-yr old ranch home in Caledonia (1.5 miles south of Caledonia schools), 2150 sq ft, 4 bed, 3 bath, vaulted ceilings, granite countertops, stainless appliances, hardwood floors, security system, etc. Looking for 2-3 year lease with move in ASAP. \$1,500 month, call 440-623-0500.

For sale: Three BR, two 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 rent: Oakdale Park Home 3 Bedrooms, 2 Bath approx 1,500 sq. ft., New Carpet, New countertops, Outside bar area, with Hot Tub. All appliances stay, wired shed. 38 Shadow Canyon CV. \$ 1,200/monthly available on July 15. Call Ben at 425-6890

For sale: 15 Watling Way - Spacious 3 bedroom, 2 bath home on a corner lot

in Sherwood Forest subdivision. Centrally located b/w CAFB and downtown. 2125 sq. ft. Many updates inside and out! Walk-in closets in every bedroom, eat-in kitchen, formal dining room, large family room w/ vaulted ceiling and fireplace. Heated & cooled sunroom. Hardwood floors, ceramic tile, and carpet. Crown molding and wood blinds in all rooms. Plenty of storage space. Fully fenced backyard with secured boat/camper parking. New exterior paint and brand new architectural roof to be installed. \$185,000. Open House June 13 from 2 to 4 p.m. FMI and access to virtual tour, call 798-4413.

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.

Museum of Aviation wins Air Force award for Thunderbirds F-16 aircraft exhibit

WARNER-ROBINS, Ga. — The Museum of Aviation has won the 2010 Air Force Heritage Award for its Ambassadors in Blue - U. S. Air Force Thunderbirds exhibit. The 2,286-square-foot exhibit sponsored by the Carl Vinson Memorial chapter of the Air Force Association opened in May 2009 and displays an F-16A Fighting Falcon that was a part of the famous flying team from 1982 to 1991.

The award was presented by C.R. Anderegg, the director of Air Force History and Museums Programs and Policies, who recognized "the hard work, dedication and commitment to excellence" shown by the exhibits team at the Museum of Aviation.

Museum officials gained the aircraft in February 2008 from Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, where it had been used as a maintenance trainer after being retired from the Thunderbirds team to bring on a newer model of the F-16. Using the aircraft paint facilities at Robins AFB and the technical data supplied by the Thunderbirds members, museum officials repainted the aircraft to its original red-white-and-blue Thunderbirds markings. Air Force Association officials donated more than \$17,700 for the supplies and paint to put the Thunderbirds paint scheme on the aircraft, which is an earlier version of the F-16s used by the team today.

"This is the second year in a row we have won this Air Force award," said Ken Emery, the museum director. "Last year we won it for

the 507th PIR/Down to Earth WWII exhibit in the new World War II Hangar. That exhibit and the Thunderbirds exhibit are now two of our most popular exhibits."

Besides the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force in Dayton, Ohio, the Museum of Aviation is now the only other Air Force museum in the country to have a former Thunderbirds F-16 on display. The exhibit is open free to the public. For information, visit www.museumofaviation.org or call 478-923-6600.



Courtesy photo
A former Thunderbirds F-16 is displayed at the Museum of Aviation in Warner-Robins, Ga.



Answers to last week's puzzle

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finances, labor & delivery, and infant care, this is an Air Force Aid Society program.

Hearts Apart with Cook It Up

Hearts Apart social gathering with information, refreshments, and prizes for families of deployed (over 30 days) or remote personnel. June 15, 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Advance registration required, call 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 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 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

How the Air Force Uniform Board works

Brad Jessmer
Air Force Uniform Office

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio — Throughout the years, Air Force uniforms have evolved to meet modern day operational requirements, but few Airmen know the process involved or who is responsible for these changes.

The biggest misconceptions seem to center around the uniform board. Contrary to what some believe, the board is not the source for uniform change ideas. In actuality, the board only convenes to sort through ideas and recommendations submitted through the Air Force's IDEA Program Web page. These recommendations are by Airmen for Airmen, which includes all ranks throughout the Air Force. The uniform board does not create ideas.

In early 2008, the Virtual Uniform Board was created by a collaborative effort between officials in the Air Force Manpower Agency, Air Force Uniform Policies and Programs Office and the Air Force's Plans and Integration Directorate. The VUB automates what was once established as a face-to-face Air Force Uniform Board. Instead of convening a physical board at one location, the VUB capitalizes on technology and saves temporary-duty expenses by providing board members access to board information at their home duty station.

Uniform boards typically convene every two to three years at the direction of the Air Force chief of staff.

"The process for implementing changes to our uniforms and equipment has evolved tremendously," said Lt Gen. Richard Y. Newton III, AF/A1, or deputy chief of staff for manpower and personnel at the Pentagon. "Every Airman, regardless of rank or position, has an opportunity to be heard through the IDEA program to let us know how we may better equip our folks to perform the Air Force mission."

The VUB process begins when Airmen submit their ideas with a "uniform change request" through the Air Force IDEA program, which may be found on the Air Force Portal. When submitting a request, it must have a recommended change that includes rationale for the change.

Once a recommendation has been submitted, staff members in the IDEA office review it along with all other recommendations and eliminate exact duplications. In the event an exact duplication of an idea is received, only the first one to be submitted is forwarded to the VUB. When this process of elimination is complete, all remaining ideas are sent to the office at Headquarters Air Force responsible for ensuring items have not been submitted recently or are already being addressed or

processed.

Once the policy review has been completed, the remaining recommendations are forwarded to a group of board advisors. Representatives of functional communities and members of the Uniform Enterprise Working Group make up the board's advisory panel.

The UEWG is made up of representatives from the Air Force Uniforms and Recognition Branch, or AF/A1SO); the Defense Supply Center Philadelphia; Air Force Materials Support Division, or AF/A4LE; the Army Air Force Exchange Service; and the 648th Aeronautical Engineering Support Squadron here. These advisors are responsible for determining if there is a capability to support a recommendation or to make it a reality over time.

After the VUB advisors have reviewed the original actionable items and included their comments, an AF/ A1SO representative forwards the ideas to officials at the major commands, direct reporting units and forward operating agencies.

The process for MAJCOM, DRU and FOA reviewers has changed significantly with the advent of the VUB. Instead of only being able to review recommendations from within their respective command, they now receive all recommendations from across the Air Force. For example, a recommendation submitted by Air Combat Command is now also reviewed by representatives at the Air National Guard, Air Mobility Command, and so on.

After reviewers at the MAJCOMs, DRUs and FOAs have staffed all ideas through their own leadership, their POC provides the MAJCOM, DRU and/or FOA position back to AF/A1SO. Only recommendations with unanimous disapproval by all MAJCOM, DRU and FOA officials are rejected. All it takes is one to recommend an item to meet the board, and it is forwarded to the VUB for consideration.

The VUB is chaired by AF/A1 and co-chaired by the chief master sergeant of the Air Force. Voting members consist of representatives from functional communities on the Air Staff and Secretariat level, as well as representatives from MAJCOMs, DRUs and FOAs. The board composition is made up of representatives from the ranks of staff sergeant to lieutenant general. These members will recommend approval, disapproval or deferral for each uniform board entry.

After the VUB members have cast their votes and included their recommendations, the CMSAF reviews each idea and provides recommendations and comments. The CMSAF then forwards all recommendations to AF/A1 for review.

The AF/A1 reviews each recommendation and provides



U.S. Air Force graphic
Few Airmen know the process behind uniform changes or who is responsible for those changes.

further recommendation and comments. Once the recommendations package leaves the AF/A1's desk, all voting is considered final and the board package is then forwarded to the CSAF.

The CSAF will review all recommendations and make the final determination on what's approved, disapproved or deferred for further research. Each approval, disapproval and referral is sent to the appropriate agency for action. Approvals from the CSAF automatically become requirements, and the process begins to research and develop these items.

Another type of decision process is called the "Out-of-Cycle Request," which is considered outside the uniform board process. These requests come from the commander of a MAJCOM, DRU or FOA, or a functional lead on the Air Staff or Secretariat.

An Out-of-Cycle Request is received by a staff member in the uniforms and recognition branch, which completes a policy, capability and feasibility review. Once this review is completed, each is forwarded to AF/A1SO with a recommendation.

If the change is a minor uniform change or deals with wear policy, the AF/A1 may approve initiating a requirement for that item. If the request is a major uniform change, to include introducing a new uniform item, the CSAF would be the one to approve initiating the requirement. These approved requirements are then researched and developed for implementation.

To submit suggestions for consideration by the Air Force Uniform Board, please visit the AF IDEA Program Web page on the AF Portal.



14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, 75 BLAZE TEAM members are de-ployed worldwide. Remember to support the Airmen and their families while they are away.



Columbus AFB holds triathlon

Senior Airman Jacob Corbin
14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Men and women from the BLAZE Team and the community came out June 5 to test their strength, speed and stamina at a triathlon hosted by the base fitness center.

Winners for the events were as follows:

Overall Male
2nd Lt. Michael Slotten - 1:00:09

Overall Female
Lindsey Stimets - 1:22:28

Top Team
1:11:51
2nd Lt. Michael Medrano
Capt. Aaron Sherman
2nd Lt. David Terry

Top Military Male
2nd Lt. Michael Slotten- 1:00:09

Top Military Female
2nd Lt. Rachael DeRoche - 1:24:05

The winning team received an additional prize – the chance to use the wing vice commanders, Col. George Ross, reserved parking spots around base for one week.

The fitness center hopes to hold another triathlon prior to the end of the summer.



U.S. Air Force photo/Col. Ken Bryson

Lt. Col. Chris Stricklin crosses the finish line after running in the triathlon June 5. Colonel Stricklin is a T-38 instructor pilot with the 49th Fighter Training Squadron.



U.S. Air Force photo/Col. Ken Bryson

Swimmers start their first lap at last weekend's triathlon held at the base pool June 5. Participants came from not only Columbus Air Force Base, but the surrounding community as well.



U.S. Air Force photo/Col. Ken Bryson

A participant in Saturday's triathlon rides down the bases runway June 5. Those competing in the event took part in swimming, biking and running to test their skills.

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.

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.

Ten great dates

Family Advocacy is hosting "Ten Great Dates." The program features memory-making dates built on key, marriage-enriching themes such as: communication, conflict, encouragement, creative love life, and balancing the roles of parent and partner. After a short video that sets the stage for discussion, couples are sent out for their own private dates. The program will run one Saturday per month. The first date in the new series is scheduled for Saturday, June 12 at 6:00 p.m. at the Services Complex. To register, contact Traci Aldridge or LaChunda Sparks with the Family Advocacy Program at 434-2197 or by emailing lachunda.sparks@columbus.af.mil.

La Leche League meeting

La Leche League of Starkville/Columbus will meet on June 17 at 10 a.m. in the Services Complex. LLL provides breastfeeding information and support. For more information, call Juli (434-6866) or Christina (425-4322).

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 \$4,500 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 telecommunications 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.)

Smooth Move

Learn what to expect from TMO, Housing, Military Pay, Billeting, Tri-Care, Medical Records, and the Airman and Family Readiness Center during your move. June 16, 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Advance registration required. Must register no later than 10:00 a.m. the day of the workshop. To register call 434-2790.

Bundles of Joy day change

Bundles of Joy will now be held June 22 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the AFRC. It is for active duty military and/or spouses assigned to Columbus AFB who are pregnant or have a child up to 4 months of age. Info speakers on

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Base families offered a variety of activities

Super Scramble

The eight 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.

Home Décor Project

Make a garden bench for \$30 in this Arts and Crafts center workshop from 5:30 to 7 p.m. June 18. Register by Saturday at the arts and crafts center. Call 434-7836 for more information.

MSU Career Day

The Youth center is taking a bus to Mississippi State University for a career date for children ages 9 to 18. Register by June 16 at the youth center. Bus leaves at 9 a.m. and returns around 1 p.m. Call 434-2504 for more information.

Youth fishing tournament

The youth center is hosting this tournament starting at 8 a.m. June 24 at the east bank of the Lock and Dam. Open to ages 6 to 18. Ages 13 and younger must be accompanied by an adult. Cost is \$10 per person and transportation is available. Prizes awarded. Must have a minimum of 8 registered to offer. Register by June 18. For more information, call 434-2504.

Bike and hike trip

Outdoor Recreation is offering this trip to the Tishomingo State Park June 26. Join us as we head north and hike the Bear Creek Outcrop Trail and then bike through the rest of Tishomingo State Park. Cost is \$29 per person. Register by June 18. Limited space available. Depart from outdoor recreation at 6:30 a.m. and depart park at 3 p.m. For more information, call 434-2507.

Americas Kids Day

The bowling center is offering a special for children ages 17 and younger June 27 – children bowl one game free with paid adult. Free balloons while supplies last. For more information, call 434-3577.

Skateboard camp

The youth center offers this camp July 7-9 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. each day. Open to ages 6 to adult. Cost is \$10 per person. Maximum of 15

in the camp. Must register no later than July 1. For more information, call 434-2504.

Invitational Softball Tournament

Register at the fitness center for this double elimination tournament July 10 to July 11. Entry is \$150 per team. Limited to the first 20 teams registered. For more information, call 434-2772.

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.

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 available. Prizes awarded. Must have a minimum of 8 registered to offer. Register by June 18. For more information, call 434-2507.

Blaze “N” Wheels car, truck and motorcycle show & flea market

Mark your calendars for June 19 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. for this fun day of fun, food and entertainment in Freedom Park. Register for the car show from 8 to 10 a.m. Showtime is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Entries must be ready to judge by 10:30 a.m. Classes include: classic (1950-85), late model (1986 to present), antique (pre-1950) , trucks (all years), and motorcycles. Entry fee is \$15 per vehicle if paid by June 5 or \$20 per vehicle after June 5. Guaranteed \$500 cash prize for “Best of Show” in all categories. First and second place trophies awarded for all classes. Entry forms may be downloaded at www.cafbservices.com. For more information, call 434-2772 and ask for Tim Dill or 434-2314 and ask for Linda Dodson.

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

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

Inventory Reduction Sale extended

The Arts and Crafts Center is offering up to 90-percent off their existing stock of frames, T-shirts, plaques, etc. during the month of June. For more information, call 434-7836.

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.

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

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.

Cosmic Bowling Special

Every Wednesday from 6 to 9 p.m. - \$5 per person unlimited bowling and that includes shoe rental. For more information, call 434-3426.

Mommie and me crafts classes

Stop by the Arts and Crafts Center to check out the display of upcoming projects during March for both youth and adult. Classes are held Thursdays at 10:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. For more information, call 434-7836.

Squadron DUI-Free Bowling Party

The bowling center is offering a free squadron bowling party from 1 to 4 p.m. Monday thru Friday for those squadrons who have been without a DUI for three months. Shoe rental, food and beverage charges still apply. For more information or to reserve the center, call the Bowling Center at 434-3426.

Join FitFamily

Air Force Services family fitness and wellness initiative, FitFamily is an integral component of the Year of the Air Force Family. Families can register as a team at www.USAFFitFamily.com to earn points and achieve levels for participation in Family Fun activities, family sports and fitness and family nutrition. Recognition is provided at each level to encourage families to continue on the path of wellness. The FitFamily program encourages Air Force families to make healthy lifestyle choices and provides resources and tips in an effort to promote overall family fitness. For more information, contact the Youth Center at 434-2504.

Feeding camels is tiresome, yet important task

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RAF MILDENHALL, England —When my 3-year-old asked me why I was going to the desert in 2004, I said, “Daddy has to go feed the camels,” and that was enough to sustain his curiosity.

My 7- and 8-year-olds didn’t buy it. Despite their doubt and his bewilderment, I went forth and tried my best to help by supporting ground and air operations in Iraq in an expeditionary maintenance squadron. This was my first deployment, and though it seemed difficult at the time, it was perhaps the easiest mission I’ll ever endure.

After a mere 100 days in the theater, I returned to my assignment in Okinawa, Japan, as a changed man. While others went about their daily grinds, I had gone to a foreign land to serve something greater than myself.

After a few years, and a forced retrain, I found myself working in the public affairs office at Dover Air Force Base, Del. The 436th Airlift Wing is responsible for port mortuary operations, and I got more than an ample opportunity to be a part of the well-oiled machine that returns America’s heroes with dignity, honor and respect.

Some days at Dover AFB were harder than others. Still, our mission was an important one, and I was just glad I got to come home to my family every night.

My 3-year-old was then a 6-year-old and had no idea what Daddy did at work. He’d practically forgotten that I’d ever left a few years prior.

Then another set of orders came. Daddy was off to Afghanistan to serve an in-lieu-of tasking with the 101st Airborne Division.

When I explained that, once again, I had to go feed the camels, his reply was much different.

“Why do you have to go feed the camels, Daddy?” he asked. “Why can’t other people feed them?”

I explained that many fine Soldiers from Fort Campbell, Ky., were already in Afghanistan, but they were getting tired. That’s why they asked the Air Force for some help and Daddy had to go help them, so some of them could go back to their children.

He stared me straight in the eye with a piercing gaze of disbelief. I could see that he questioned why these camels were more important to me than he was.

My heart skipped a beat, but I stuck to my story. What he imagined was not the case at all, and I knew with time he’d understand.

So, off I went to serve 214 days with the Combined Joint Task Force-101 in the eastern provinces of Afghanistan. I got well-acquainted with a lifestyle and mission that few Airmen ever experience.

In fact, aside from Airmen in the tactical air control party, pararescue, combat control, special operations weather, psychological operations and public affairs career fields, you’ll rarely ever find an Airman embedded with an infantry unit well outside the perimeter of a base.

In that mountainous terrain, I experienced emotions and saw things that will resonate with me for the rest of my life.

How do you explain that to a 6-year-old?

It’s easy — you don’t.

You simply say you are off to feed the camels.

In reality, however, I knew I was going to face a brutal enemy on his terms and in his terrain. By providing food, shelter and education to generations of Afghans, we hoped to remove hunger and oppression, to feed the future of a country in need.

For 234 years, America’s security has rested on the shoulders of those who were willing to answer the call when and where it came. For that same amount of time, I imagine parents have tried to find ways to explain this to their children. For me -- well, I simply say I’m off to feed the camels.

I continued to serve at Dover AFB until I got orders to Royal Air Force Mildenhall, England.

We’ve been here about seven months and have enjoyed the country so far. But, being in a highly-deployable career field, I knew I would get the call again eventually. Last week, a message came saying it’s my time to go to again.

Now my 3-year-old is nearly 9, and my 7- and 8-year olds are 12 and 13.

How do I muster a proper explanation to them? Should I simply say that Daddy must, once again, go feed the camels?

They won’t buy it.

Still, this past weekend I told them that very thing, and no, they didn’t buy it. Nonetheless, I’m compelled to go forward and do whatever I can to help.

Naysayers will tell you that we’ve been in this war for nine years. Those same naysayers may tell you that we can never win this war.

I disagree.

I wonder if they’ve ever gazed into the eyes of child who has just been used as a human shield, or mustered the strength not to make eye contact while looking into a room full of abused women, so they could have the willpower to photograph those women’s plight. Perhaps then they’d have my same outlook.

I wonder if those same naysayers have ever walked a foot patrol and watched a small girl jump from rock to rock, swiftly navigating across her back yard — that field of land mines where she was just playing — to simply ask for a chocolate bar. If they had, maybe they would finally stop questioning whether or not we should be involved in a war half a world away. Maybe that would be enough for them to personally start chipping in.

The bottom line is that these people need us.

I don’t know if my children will ever understand the choices I live by, or have forced them to live with. I don’t know if they’ll ever agree with the sacrifices I continue to make in a dream that someday I can help quench that seemingly endless thirst for water and hunger for food in Afghanistan. I guess in the foreseeable future, I’ll never know.

What I do know is there are people waiting for me. So, this autumn I’ll answer their call.

We are making sacrifices today for a better tomorrow. We must continue to believe that.

After all, if we don’t help now, it’ll be our children telling their children in the future that they’re off to feed the camels.

Medal of Honor recipients promote mental-health support

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WASHINGTON — Twenty-eight Medal of Honor recipients recently launched the “Medal of Honor - Speak Out” campaign to encourage servicemembers struggling with post-traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injuries and other health problems to take advantage of services to help them.

The Air Force, Army, Navy and Marine Corps Medal of Honor recipients dating back to World War II echo a common theme in video messages for today’s returning combat veterans: Take advantage of the resources now

available to treat the unseen scars of war.

“Make use of them,” they encourage today’s servicemembers. “Stay strong, and don’t let the enemy defeat you at home.”

The Medal of Honor recipients, many of whom have endured harrowing wartime experiences, acknowledge in individual videos the emotional challenges many returning combat veterans experience.

“I know firsthand the challenges of war,” said former Army Staff Sgt. Drew Dix, who received the Medal of Honor for his actions as a special forces adviser in Vietnam. “Your experiences in combat are so powerful that very few will or can understand what you went

through.”

Retired Army Maj. Gen. Pat Brady, a helicopter ambulance pilot who received the Medal of Honor for his actions in Vietnam, said he and his crewmembers treated the physical wounds of the warriors they rescued, but recognized that their unseen scars of combat ran deeper.

“There were other wounds -- wounds that went beyond flesh and blood, wounds that could not be rescued by helicopters,” Major Brady said. “Those enemy scars followed our troops home.”

George E. “Bud” Day, an Air Force forward air controller in Vietnam, encouraged today’s

servicemembers to seek help that wasn’t available when he returned from combat.

“Back in those days, they didn’t have the services, resources and tools that are available today to help servicemembers and their families deal with the challenges of adjusting after deployment,” Mr. Day said. “The tools and resources are there now. Please make use of them.”

The Medal of Honor recipients expressed pride in today’s servicemembers who are following in their footsteps.

“Thank you for your service to our country,” said Hershel “Woody” Williams, a former Marine who received a Medal of Honor for his actions during World War II. “We are so proud of you.”

SUPT Class 10-10 earns silver wings



T-1A Jayhawk



T-6 Texan



First Lt. David Franck
Denison, Iowa
C-5, Travis AFB, Calif.



First Lt. Sergio Navarro
Arequipa, Peru
MiG 29 or Mirage 2000

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

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

The graduation speaker for the class is Maj. Gen. Jack Ramsaur, mobilization assistant to the Commander, Headquarters Air Education and Training Command, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas.

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

Second Lt. Christopher Higginbotham, T-1, 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. Tanner Go, T-1.

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.

Lieutenant Higginbotham and 2nd Lt. Joshua Jowiski, were named the distinguished graduates of Class 10-10.

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

Both tracks are designed to best train pilots for successful transition to their follow-on aircraft and mission.

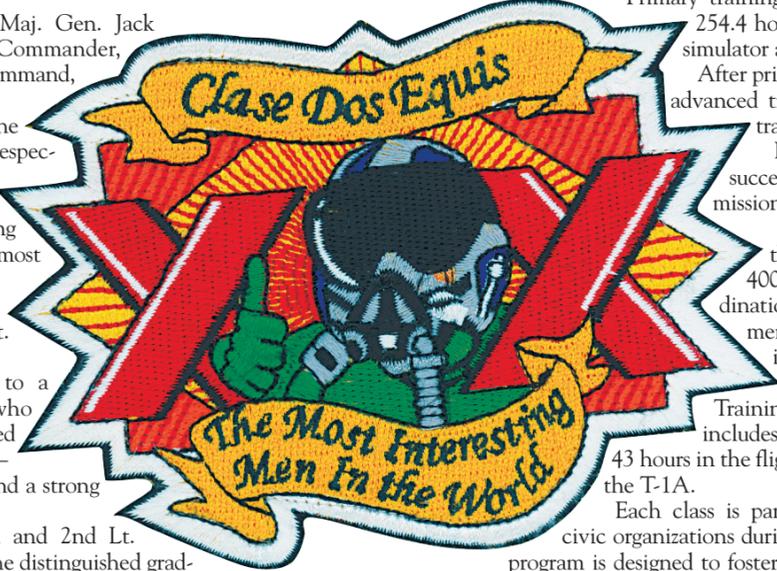
The airlift-tanker track uses the T-1A Jayhawk, the military version of a multi-place Beech Jet 400 business jet. Instruction centers on crew coordination and management, instrument training, cross-country flying and simulated refueling and airdrop missions.

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 10-10's pilot partner is Alma Salazar, representing the Eat with Us Group.



Second Lt. Britton Bates
Mesa, Ariz.
KC-135, Rickenbacker ANG Base, Ohio



Second Lt. Luis Flores
Houston, Texas
C-26, Ellington Field, Texas



Second Lt. Nicholas Frank
Owensboro, Ken.
C-17, Charleston AFB, S.C.



Second Lt. Jacob Hoppen
Buena Vista, Colo.
C-5, Dover AFB, Del.



Second Lt. Joshua Jowiski
Vermilion, Ohio
C-17, McChord AFB, Wash.



Second Lt. Andrew Kohlbecker
Little Silver, N.J.
KC-135, McGuire AFB, N.J.



Second Lt. Michael Paquette
Whitesboro, N.Y.
RPA, Cannon AFB, N.M.



Second Lt. Jacob Piranio
Houston, Texas
KC-135, Mildenhall Air Base, England



Second Lt. Rube Quinones
Ewing, N.J.
C-17, McGuire AFB, N.J.



Second Lt. William Staley
Orlando, Fla.
T-1, Columbus AFB, Miss.



Second Lt. Mo Al Shawabkeh
Madaba, Jordan
F-16, H-5



Second Lt. Marc Balaban
Olean, N.Y.
RPA, Creech AFB, Nev.



Second Lt. Tanner Go
Honolulu, Hawaii
C-17, Travis AFB, Calif.



Second Lt. Derek Gottlieb
Scottsdale, Ariz.
KC-135, Fairchild AFB, Wash.



Second Lt. Christopher Higginbotham
Chattanooga, Tenn.
KC-10, McGuire AFB, N.J.