

SILVERWINGS

"Year of the Air Force Family"

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Weather



Today

High: 97, Low: 74
Partly Cloudy



Saturday

High: 100, Low: 75
Isolated T-storms



Sunday

High: 99, Low: 74
Partly Cloudy



Monday

High: 98, Low: 75
Partly Cloudy

News Briefs

Sales Tax Holidays

Mississippi sales tax holidays, directly targeting back-to-school activities begins at 12:01a.m., Friday, July 30, 2010, and ending at midnight Saturday, July 31, 2010. For additional information regarding specific items and limitations, refer to the appropriate state's tax collection website. As a reminder, the BX is tax free year round.

Officer's Calls

There will be an Officer's Call at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. August 3 at the Kaye Auditorium.

14th MDOS CoC

The 14th Medical Operations Squadron will hold their change of command ceremony August 2 at 3 p.m. in the Columbus Club.

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Feature 8

All you need to know about the 2010-2011 school year is this week's feature.

Seguin takes reins of 14th FTW



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Chase Hedrick
Col. Barre Seguin, the new 14th Flying Training Wing commander, receives the 14th FTW guidon from Maj. Gen. Gregory Feest, 19th Air Force commander, during the wing change of command ceremony July 28. The passing of the guidon symbolizes the transfer of command from one individual to another.

Staff Sgt. Jacob Corbin
14th Flying Training Wing
Public Affairs

The new leader of the 14th Flying Training Wing took command of the wing in a formal ceremony July 28.

Col. Barre Seguin was given command of the men and women of the BLAZE Team by 19th Air Force Commander Maj. Gen. Gregory Feest, only moments after the outgoing commander, Col. Roger Watkins, relinquished command in the military tradition.

"To the men and women of Team BLAZE, I want to say I am proud, honored and humbled to stand before you for the first time as BLAZE 01," Colonel Seguin said during his remarks. "It is a great thrill to be here."

The men and women of the BLAZE Team were in full-force at the event, with Airmen, civilians and contractors taking part in the ceremony in formation.

Colonel Seguin was previously Commander, 8th Operations Group, 8th Fighter Wing, Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea.

"My vision for the base is to remain a premiere training

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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 (11-06)	5.16 days	0.06 days	Aug. 12	48th (10-13)	4.09 days	0.33 days	Aug. 12	49th (10-JB)	4.98 days	4.60 days	Aug. 11	T-6	2,753	2,753	28,328
41st (11-07)	-4.18 days	-2.18 days	Sep. 3	50th (10-13)	2.17 days	-1.52 days	Aug. 12					T-1	872	955	9,564
												T-38	974	883	9,333
												IFF	175	205	1,976

The graduation speaker is Maj. Gen. Floyd Carpenter, 8th Air Force commander.

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SEGUIN

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environment, embraced by the community and focused on families," Colonel Seguin said. "My plan here is to accomplish the mission by focusing on families, by serving our Airmen and by giving Airmen what they need to accomplish the mission."

The colonel said before coming here, he had already heard many things about the men and women he would soon lead.

"Your hospitality is legendary Air Force wide," he said. Colonel Seguin noted he had heard great things about the bases

relationship with local community, and that he hopes to maintain both reputations.

In addition, the new 14th FTW commander took a moment to thank his wife, Nancy, and their three children for all the sacrifices they have made during his Air Force career. The latest being a 15 month separation from them while he was stationed in Korea.

"It's a great pleasure to reunited with my family," he said.

Colonel Seguin was commissioned in 1988 as a distinguished graduate of the Reserve Officer Training Corps.

14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, 67 B L A Z E TEAM members are deployed worldwide. Remember to support the Airmen and their families while they are away.



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat/Sun
2 14th MDOS Change of command, 3 p.m., Columbus Club	3 Officers Calls, 1 p.m. and 4 p.m., Kaye Auditorium	4 Columbus City Schools first day	5	6 Aug. 6-8: Alabama Sales Tax Holiday Lowndes County Schools first day Base Community Council Luncheon, 11:30 a.m., Columbus Club	7/8
9	10 Newcomers	11 IFF Graduation, 4:49 p.m. @ 49th FTS	12 ALS begins Class 11-6 Track Select	13 Class 10-13 Graduation, 10 a.m. @ Kaye	14/15

Long Range Events

Aug 16: Enlisted Calls
Aug 19: Class 11-13 Pilot Partner Welcome
Aug 24: Hearts Apart
Aug 25: ALS Reveille
Aug 26: ALS Retreat
Aug 27: Wing CC Annual Golf Challenge
Aug 27: Class 10-14 Assignment Night
Aug 28: Triathlon
Aug 31: Newcomers
Aug 31: Enlisted Promotions

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Defenders receive ATV training course



U.S. Air Force photo Senior Airman Damien Smith, 14th SFS Patrolman, performs a left swerve during the ATV Safety Institute, Instructor Training Course. A certified ATV instructor came and taught a 5-day class.



U.S. Air Force photo Staff Sgt. Stephen Strouse, 14th SFS Vehicle Control NCO performs a maneuver during the ATV Safety Institute, Instructor Training Course held on base July 20.



U.S. Air Force photo Tech. Sgt. Jason Pringle, 14th Security Forces Training NCO performs a left turn during the ATV Safety Institute Instructor Training Course held on base July 20. A certified ATV instructor came and taught a 5-day class.

PACAF Commander gives graduation speech, pins son's wings

Airman 1st Class Chase Hedrick
14th FTW Public Affairs

Gen. Gary North, Commander of the Pacific Air Forces spoke during the graduation ceremony for Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 10-12 at the Kaye Auditorium on Columbus Air Force Base July 23.

Twenty one of the Air Force's newest pilots received their wings during the graduation, including General North's own son, 2nd Lt. Kent North, who will be a first assignment instructor pilot at Columbus AFB.

During the speech General North reminded the graduates of how selective the Air Force is in choosing pilots. He informed them that the 12,000 plus U.S. Air Force aviators in the world is less than six tenths of a thousandth of a percent of the U.S. population.

"That is how select each one of you is in our business, and so that is very important, as you step off the stage today with your wings on that you remember where you came from and how you got here," General North said.

General North spoke about the hard work Class 10-12 had done to reach this achievement and gain the honor of wearing silver wings.

"You have, in the words of our Air Force Creed, accepted our nations calling, and you are here to ensure freedom and that freedom does not come without a cost," said General North. "We have scores of aviators who have performed marvelously in our business. Some of them have given some, some of them have given all. It is very important to remember that we are the most professional and the safest air force in the



U.S. Air Force photo Gen. Gary North, Commander of the Pacific Air Forces stands with his son 2nd Lt. Kent North after pinning on his son's pilot wings at Columbus Air Force Base, Miss. on July 23. Lieutenant North will be staying at Columbus AFB as an instructor pilot.

world, but it is a dangerous business that we do, and you must be on your game at all times."

General North also mentioned the professionalism and skill brought by the Columbus AFB BLAZE Team to bring lieutenants across the finish line, and how that relates to the rest of the Air Force.

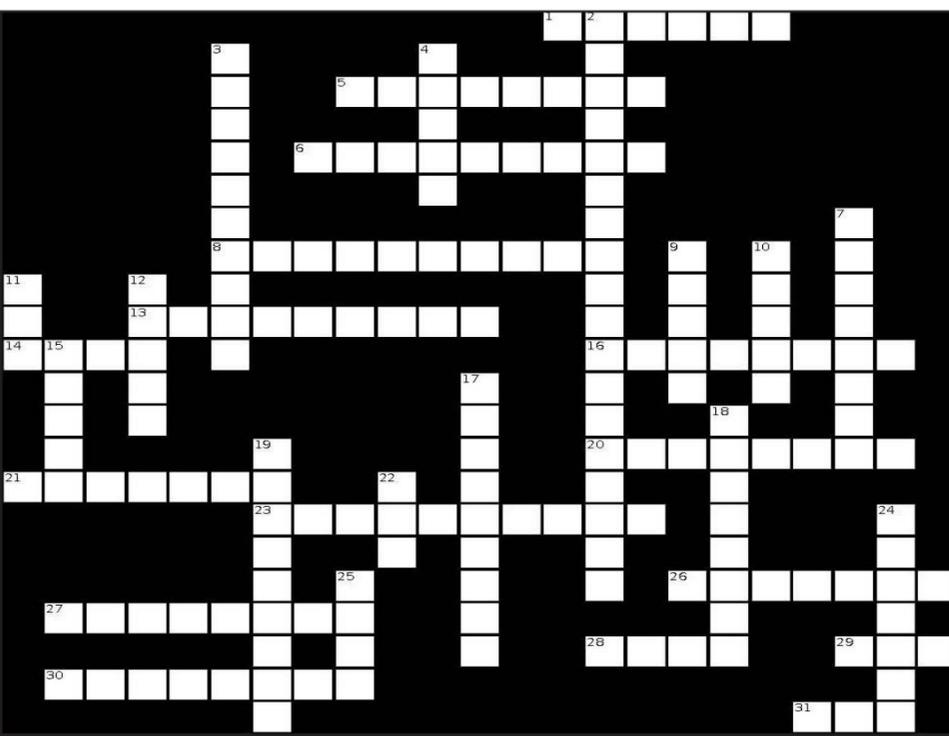
"Remember that as you step to your aircraft, thousands of people are behind you and never forget to learn about each one

of them and their mission, and certainly never forget to thank for them what they do to get you airborne," General North said. He later told the class to "remember you're an Airman first, you're an officer second, you're a pilot third, and you are always a joint warrior."

General North went on to impart some advice on Class 10-12 as they begin their journey. First he said to make sure to receive clear commands, guidance and intent from their commanders and to understand how to execute it. Second he told them never to confuse enthusiasm with capability because their lives depend on it. He went on to tell the class to make sure that those who walk and fly with them are accountable, because a pilot is only as good as his formation. His final pieces of advice for Class 10-12 were to go after what happened today and learn how to do it better tomorrow, as well as focusing on teamwork and taking care of people.

General North also had advice for Class 11-12 as they prepare to begin their training: "This year will set the rest of your Air Force career, the platforms you fly, the relationships that you form because when you step out as 10-12 steps out today you will never have another opportunity to do nothing but study and learn about how to do our business with 100 percent total intensity."

After the speech, awards were given, and silver wings were received. Lieutenant North had his father's wings pinned onto his uniform by General North and his mother Shelley North. General North said he comes from a long military family and that he could not be prouder that his son has elected to serve this country.



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14th MDG receives 'Excellent' in dual inspections

Staff Sgt. Jacob Corbin
14th Flying Training Wing
Public Affairs

After a week of intense inspections, the 14th Medical Group was given an overall rating of "Excellent" by the Headquarters AF Inspection Agency, Directorate of Medical Operations inspection team.

In addition, the 14th MDG was also inspected by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care, a civilian accreditation agency. While their results will not be available for 30-45 days, 14th MDG leadership was briefed that only minor issues were found.

Col. Diane Fletcher, 14th MDG commander, said it was a team effort that led to the success during the week-long inspections.

"I am extremely proud of each and every one of the members of the Medical Group nation," she said. "This score could not have been achieved without a lot of hard work and dedication to the mission by civilians, contractors, active duty and reservist personnel. This inspection team looked at

all the data since the last inspection – so the outstanding performance had to be sustained for the past three years in order to earn the 'Excellent' rating."

The inspection team's results narrative said the 14th MDG "is fulfilling the health care needs of their beneficiary population in an excellent manner while actively supporting the Department of Defense, Air Education Training Command and the 14th FTW. The "BLAZE" medics achieved a number one ranking in AETC in 5 of 6 Service Delivery Assessment criteria."

In addition, the narrative made special note of the leadership of the 14th MDG, saying "Colonel Fletcher and her executive leadership team are a dynamic and cohesive group actively engaged in the delivery of safe and efficient health care."

Overall, Colonel Fletcher said, it was the outstanding performance by each and every member of the 14th MDG team that led to the excellent rating.

Colonel Fletcher also remarked that for the patients of the 14th MDG, these results are an assurance that they are receiving the best health care possible.



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Softball scores for July 27, 2010

Game 1	14th CES 15	49th/50th FTS 16	Winner
Game 2	48th FTS 14	14th CS 6	Winner
Game 3	14th SFS 8	14th MDG 11	Winner
Game 4	37th/41st FTS 15	DynCorp 27	Winner
Game 5	14th FSS 5	14th OSS 28	Winner

Golf Intramurals Standings

Team	W	L	T	Points
14th LGR	8	2		16
14th MDG	8	2		16
14th OSS	7	2	1	14
14th FSS	7	3		14
14th CES	7	3		14
14th SFS	6	4		10
14 CPTS	4	6		8
14th CS	2	7	1	4
DynCorp	2	8		4
14th WSA	1	7	2	2
37th FTS	1	9		2

Congrats to newest FTAC graduates



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Hedrick
Master Sgt. Brian Bailey, career management advisor with the 14th Force Support Squadron stands with the members of the latest First Term Airman Center class. From left to right: Airman 1st Class Tevin Moore, 14th Operations Support Squadron, Airman 1st Class Grace Faataitai, 14th Security Forces Squadron, Airman 1st Class Jason Ashmore, 14th SFS. Airman 1st Class Michael Cappelletti 14th Communications Squadron, Airman 1st Class Lidarion Bradford, 14th SFS, Airman 1st Class Thomas Molder, 14th SFS.

PACAF command chief visits CAFB

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

Command Chief Master Sgt. Brooke McLean, Command Chief Master Sergeant for the Pacific Air Forces, met with some of Columbus Air Force Base's enlisted force to share lunch and his views on matters affecting his major command.

Chief McLean ate pizza with BLAZE Team Airmen and discussed some of the exotic bases in PACAF, as well his views on topics affecting the Air Force as a whole.

Air Force bases in South Korea, Japan, Guam, Hawaii and Alaska were discussed. Topics about the bases ranging from living conditions to possible improvements were talked about dur-

ing the lunch.

"In many places it's exotic, Guam, Japan, South Korea, places people wait their entire lives to go to," Chief McLean said.

Chief McLean then moved on to more serious topics such as suicide. Chief McLean said that there have been 32 suicides so far this year, compared to a total of 23 last year.

"It's something we have to talk about and put thought into," Chief McLean said. "We're going to continue to talk about it and let people know the resources are there."

PACAF was one of the test beds for the new fitness test, so Chief McLean is experienced with the new standards. He said the new testing standards are a good thing, but that he doesn't want people to miss the point of being a fit

fighting force and get overly legalistic on pushups and sit-ups.

Chief McLean also discussed his views on social media sites. He said they are a very useful tool, but to exercise caution. Not letting them become a distraction from the mission, not compromising the platform, and using them effectively for communication were the main subjects of the topic.

Chief McLean also gave some advice to new NCOs. He said his suggestion came from something he learned as an NCO when an Airman asked him what she had to do to improve her Enlisted Performance Report to a 5. He suggested NCOs provide specific expectations of those under them, and make sure those expectations are communicated effectively to the individual.

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.

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.

Hitching Lot Farmer's Market

Located at 2nd Avenue and 2nd Street North.

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.

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photos and contact information, visit www.fsbo.com, listing #138068.

Transportation

For sale: 2004 Lincoln Towncar Ultimate, 4.6L V8 engine. Fully loaded. 74,000 miles. Ivory with tan interior. Has two and a half years dealer's warranty. Call (662) 425-4953 or (337) 274-5479 for more information.
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 Toyota Tacoma 4.0 liter V6 with 58,000 miles. Silver with the TRD Off-Road package. 4x4 Double cab. Bumper to Bumper warranty for four years or another 57,000 miles. \$21,000. Call (504) 491-4857.
For sale: 2000 BMW R1200C, cruiser, black w/ pinstripes. 11,500 miles. Recently serviced. Excellent Condition. \$6,450 or best offer. Call (808) 221-2005.
For sale: 2005 Triumph Rocket III, Black w/ lots of extras! 6,800 miles. Excellent condition. \$9,250 or best offer. Call (808) 221-2005.
For sale: 1994 Ford ranger 203,715 miles. 5speed. \$700.00 or best offer. Call (443) 398-6556

Homes

For sale: Beautiful home situated on 3.8 acres in New Hope. Approximately 2,800 sft, 13 rooms to include 3 bedrooms, bonus room, living room, office, huge den/ in laws quarters, 2 and 1 half bathrooms, whirlpool tub. Approximately one acre of fenced yard with large wired shop. One year home warranty. \$289,900. Call 240-0226.
For sale: Great 3/2 brick home just outside of Caledonia city limits. Open floor plan with 10 ft. ceilings throughout, wood laminate and ceramic tile flooring, gas fireplace, wood blinds, laundry room, pantry, large covered patio w/ceiling fans, two-car carport w/attached workshop, on circle drive. Must sell due to military move. For

Miscellaneous

For sale: All prices negotiable. Nice three person couch \$250. Matching

The Airman's Creed

*I am an American Airman.
 I am a warrior.
 I have answered my nation's call.
 I am an American Airman.*

*Guardian of freedom and justice,
 My nation's sword and shield,
 Its sentry and avenger.
 I defend my country with my life.*

*My mission is to fly, fight, and win.
 I am faithful to a proud heritage,
 A tradition of honor,
 And a legacy of valor.*

*I am an American Airman:
 Wingman, leader, warrior.
 I will never leave an Airman behind,
 I will never falter,
 And I will not fail.*

I am an American Airman,

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recliner \$100. Large computer desk \$30. Everything in very good condition. Call (302) 359-1754.

For sale: Scuba Gear-BC, tank, fins, dive knife, regulators, dive weights. Items were purchased in 2004-2005, but have not been used lately. \$2000 but willing to negotiate. Call 724-255-3054.

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For sale: New Nature Purest High Chair, \$60. New PSP Ultimate Travel Kit, \$8. New PSP Final Fantasy video game, \$15. New Black and Decker Coffee Maker, \$20. New Bright Starts Dream Along Mobile, \$20. Hamilton Beach Prep Star Food Processor, \$20. Baby bedding set, includes comforter, bumper, fitted sheet, bed skirt and 2 pillows, \$20. Box of beanie babies, \$25. Leaf dining room table with four chairs, \$30. Please call (662) 425-4953 or (337) 274-5479.

For sale: Admiral whirlpool washer and dryer \$75 for both, or best offer. Emerson stainless steel microwave \$40

or best offer. Chain link fence, 150 feet, 2 gates, all hardware, paid \$700, will take \$350 or best offer. Oak top dinette with four chairs, \$25 or best offer. Glider rocking chair \$25 or best offer. Mauve lazy boy recliner \$15 or best offer. Baby trend car carrier with extra base \$50 or best offer. Instep bike trailer \$50 or best offer. Please call 640-4282.

For sale: Swing set for free in Columbus. You load and haul. Great condition. Two swings, two gliders and slide. Call 329-1064 or 251-2815 to schedule pickup.

For sale: 2009 eMachines flatscreen desktop computer, brand new condition, black \$500. Computer desk, cherry wood, two shelves, sliding keyboard area, like new condition, \$75. Call 662-497-0448.

For sale: Coleman gas lantern with case. \$25.00 or best offer. Coleman road trip propane grill with stand. \$99.00 or best offer. Two RayOLite emergency roadside warning signs. \$15.00 each or best offer. Sharp Carousel II microwave \$30.00 or best offer. Used six inch clip on fan. \$10.00 or best offer. New six inch Galaxy clip on fan. \$15.00 or best offer. Small fold up SportFisher fishing rod and 350 ZR reel with lures \$35.00 or best offer. American Camper back pack. \$20.00 or best offer. Small one man tent in bag. \$15.00 or best offer. Small fold up vinyl table. \$10.00 or best offer. Three Way Bissell vacuum cleaner. \$20.00 or best offer. Please call 327-1205.

For sale: Sidi Sport Bike riding boots, size 45. \$100 or best offer. Call (808) 221-2005.

For sale: 20" Boss wheels and tires! Black wheels with red pin stripe tires are 225/30/30. Brand new rims and tires \$1,200 or best offer. Dryer also for sale \$75.00. Call (443) 398-6556.

For sale: 12ft L x 5ft W x 6ft tall chain link dog kennel, \$100. Large ASPCA Dog crate, \$40. Call 662-364-0081.

Wanted

Wanted: Swing set in good shape, small above ground pool, patio furniture as well as an outdoor rug. Call (662) 570-1856.

Free

Free: Washer needs new agitator (443) 398-6556.

Pets

For sale: Regular English bulldog unaltered female, three years in age. Call (360) 271-7875 for questions.

Saturday Yard Sales

Garage sale: 5115 B Columbus Circle Friday July 30 and Saturday July 31. Baby clothes, electronics, and kids escalate. Zunes and iPod in box still.
Yard sale: 5206B Lowndes Ave Saturday, July 31 from 0730-1100 hrs. Baby toys, clothes, and bedding sets, men's and women's clothing, brand new high chair, books, dining room table and chairs, kitchen items, curtains, and more.

Base News

Airman's Activity Council Meeting

The Airman's Activity Council will be meeting on August 10 in the services complex at 4:00 p.m. The council will be going over a variety of matter including selection of a logo for the organization.

Columbus Retiree Affairs Office

The Columbus Retiree Affairs Office is in need of a leader. For more information contact Major Bland at 434-2802.

Air Force Retiree Council

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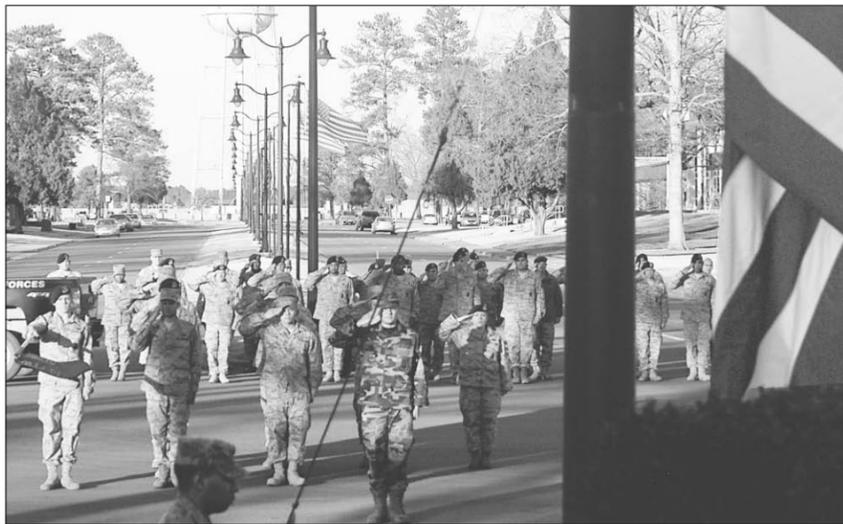
MPS Training dates require appointments

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.

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Next ALS class begins August 12



U.S. Air Force photo/2nd Lt. David Maley
Members of Airman Leadership School Class 10-03 salute as the flag is lowered at sunset during a formal retreat ceremony March 3. The next ALS class at Columbus AFB begins August 12. The class will take part in a formal reveille ceremony August 25 and a formal retreat ceremony August 26.

toring is conducted and that use of the system or device constitutes consent to monitoring.

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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.

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.

Base Thrift Shop

The Base Thrift Shop is open on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 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.

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Missoula Children's Theater Performanc

After a week of practicing, the Missoula Children's Theater performance of King Arthur's Quest will be this Saturday at 3 p.m. in the Kaye Auditorium.

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 afrcc@columbus.af.mil.)

Pre-Separation Counseling (DD Form-2648)

Mandatory briefing for personnel separating or retiring. Briefing should be completed at least 90 days prior to separation and may 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.

Spouse welcome

For new personnel assigned to CAFB held every Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the Magnolia Inn lobby. Local information is presented.

Chapel Schedule

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

Newer F-15s enhance maintenance training

Tech. Sgt. Vernon Cunningham
82nd Training Wing Public Affairs

SHEPPARD AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — Months of coordination, several temporary deployments, and a large parking space define only a few of the factors that fell into place to bring 13 newer-model F-15 Eagles to update the F-15 aircraft maintenance course here.

The course currently utilizes A and B model aircraft to train today's F-15 aircraft maintenance students on how to properly maintain mission capability for C and D models, currently used on operational flightlines.

Recently, Sheppard AFB officials submitted a package to Air Education and Training Command, requesting replacements for the F-15A and F-15B. The newer F-15C and F-15D models were acquired from Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla., and then altered for use as trainer aircraft.

Before they could place them into use as trainers, the aircraft had to have all explosives removed to make them safe, said Ed Crenshaw, a 982nd Maintenance Squadron logistics program manager.

"We negotiated with Tyndall (AFB) to send egress, electro-environmental, aircrew flight equipment and weapons technicians TDY (here) to remove the explosive components," he said. "We worked out a series of three TDYs to accomplish this effort, which ran from April through June."

The explosives removed from the newer F-15s included various incendiary lines and components, squibs used to activate the engine fire bottles, incendiaries in the personal parachutes, survival kits and explosive cartridges used to eject external pylons, Mr. Crenshaw said.

The newer model F-15 trainers were a wel-

come addition for Sheppard's F-15 aircraft maintenance course, an instructor said.

The F-15C and F-15D trainers will help instructors give the students the type of training they actually need when they get to a flightline, said Tech. Sgt. Gerry Sasser, a 362nd Training Squadron F-15 aircraft maintenance instructor.

He said instructors currently train students on the F-15B models and then explain the differences between what they are working on and what's in the field.

Sergeant Sasser said a lot of things are similar, but there are also many differences.

"The older models don't have all the pieces and parts that the newer models have in them," he said. "For example, the F-15C and F-15D have a multiple purpose color display in the cockpit that is not on the F-15B. Some of the controls are in different spots. Also, the launchers on the side are different from the new launchers. They will never see F-15B launchers again in their career. The launchers on the newer F-15 models are what they will actually see on a flightline."

In addition, having newer F-15 trainers will benefit the students when they graduate and become active duty F-15 aircraft maintainers, he said.

"When working on (F-15A) models, it's really hard to teach these guys skills that they will remember when they get to their next duty station," Sergeant Sasser said. "Whenever they get to their (F-15C) and (F-15D) models, it's hard for them to remember what they were told, because we didn't show it to them."

The 362nd TRS will receive eight F-15 trainers to train crew chiefs. The 363rd TRS will receive two trainers to teach armament students. The 365th TRS will receive three trainers for avionics training.



U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Vernon Cunningham
F-15C Eagles are parked on a ramp July 23, 2010, on Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, after being altered to serve as a trainer for the 82nd Training Group and 782nd TRG F-15 courses.

Relieving the flag



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Hedrick
Members of the 14th Flying Training Wing salute during a retreat ceremony held at the Smith Plaza on Monday, July 26. The ceremony signifies the end of the duty say as well a form of paying respect to the American flag.

Base families offered a variety of activities

Casino Trip

Register at Outdoor Recreation for this trip Aug. 6 to Philadelphia, Miss. The bus leaves at 5:30 p.m. from the BX parking lot and returns around 1 a.m. Cost is \$25 and includes transportation and \$25 in player money. Register by noon Aug. 5. For more information, call 434-2507.

Karaoke's Best Finale

The Columbus Club is hosting the finale starting at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 6. Join us for dinner, drinks and music as we watch the contest winners from the last few months compete for the title of Karaoke's Best and a grand prize of \$300. Reserve a table by Aug. 4 for your family and friends and enjoy a casual dining experience with a dinner theater atmosphere. Call 434-2489 for more information.

Family game night

Stop by the base library starting at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 9 and enjoy an hour of family games. For more information, call 434-2934.

Music on the patio

The Whispering Pines Golf Course is offering a night of music, food and beverages specials Aug. 13 starting at 5 p.m.

Parents day out

The youth center and child development center offer this program from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 14. Reservations required by Aug. 11. For more information, call 434-2504 or 434-2479.

Back to School Blast Party

The free event for members features all you can eat hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, watermelon, macaroni salad and cookies starting at 4 p.m. Aug. 20. Its free for members and \$5 for nonmembers and \$3 for nonmembers children. There will be ponies, dunking tank, jumpers, races, contests, a DJ and prizes.

Trip to Tannehill State Park

Outdoor Recreation offers this trip Aug. 21. The bus will depart from Outdoor Rec at 7 a.m. and return around 5 p.m. Cost is \$20 per person. Must have at least 10 registered by Aug. 13.

Family trip to Alabama Adventure

Register at the youth center for this trip Aug. 22. The bus will be leaving at 7:30 a.m. and returning around 7 p.m. Cost is \$40 per person. Must have 10 registered by Aug. 18 to offer this trip. For more information, call 434-2504.

14th FTW holds Year of the Air Force Family Picnic



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Chase Hedrick
Children at the 14th FTW Year of the Air Force Family Picnic play on the inflatable playground named the Wrecking Ball. The rain that had come right at the start of the picnic didn't seem to dampen the mood as attendees enjoyed food, games and conversations at the event.

Family Reading Night

The Base Library offers this program starting at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 23. For more information, call 434-2934.

BOGO bowling

Buy one game, get the second game free all day Aug. 2. For more information, call the bowling center at 434-3426.

Family fun run/walk

The youth center is hosting this FitFactor event at 8:30 a.m. Aug. 14 starting in the Youth Center parking lot. Register by Aug. 9 at the youth Center.

Back to School Paintball open play

Outdoor Recreation is offering this open

play from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 14. All are welcome. Cost is \$49 and includes 2,000 paintballs, free field fee and free unlimited air. For more information, call 434-2507.

Back to School stay out late and bowl

The bowling center will extend their hours and close at 1 a.m. Friday, Aug. 27. For more information, call 434-3426.

Tips for smooth transition into a new school year

E.J. Griffis

14th Flying Training Wing
School Liaison Officer

Another hot August approaches here in Mississippi and you know what that means... school is about to start! Provided below are a few nuggets to make the transition as smooth as possible for students and parents alike:

Bus – Be aware of buses as they travel through the neighborhoods. Do not obstruct the bus stops and consider escorting your children to/from the bus stop for the first day or two. Expect buses to run a bit irregular for the first week or so, as they work out the kinks in the bus routes. Always have a backup plan in the event your student misses the bus. Discuss proper bus etiquette with your student.

Remember... bus ridership is a privilege!

Loot – Save \$\$\$ by making purchases during the sales tax free holidays. For Mississippi, the holiday is 30 – 31 July; and in Alabama it is scheduled for 6-8 August. Each state has unique rules – check out the details on the web or contact the School Liaison Officer. In addition, for those seniors... this is the time to prepare to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and to aggressively begin the scholarship hunt!

Assistance – The School Liaison Officer (SLO) serves as the liaison between the wing commander, wing military/civilian personnel and schools by providing assistance in matters pertaining to K-12 student education. Contact the SLO

at: 434-2792 or via email at slo@columbus.af.mil on any issue! Keep better informed by following the Columbus SLO on Facebook or Twitter [simply search on Columbus SLO]. And remember, the SLO website contains a great many useful tools at: www.griffisweb.net.

Zone – Help your student get “in the zone” by employing various tools made available for your use. For example:

1. www.tutor.com/airforce : Professional tutors are available to help with all math, science, social studies, and English --- from elementary to advanced levels.

2. www.soarathome.org: SOAR is an internet-based program for students in grades 3-12. It assists families to manage their children's education with cutting edge technology --- with a focus on math,

reading and the language arts.

3. ACT and/or SAT: Consider ACT/SAT testing. Periodic tests are conducted in the local area. For info, go to www.act.org or www.collegeboard.com. Study materials are available free of charge, contact the SLO for details.

4. Check out potential colleges virtually. Check out sites like www.youniversitytv.com or www.campustours.com

Education - DO attend any Open House your school has scheduled; it's the perfect opportunity to meet staff and faculty and answer any questions and address concerns. Keep abreast of Mississippi Department of Education policy and guidance by reviewing their website at: www.mde.k12.ms.us/

I'll call him "Rick"

Chaplain (Maj.) Jonathan Wade

332nd Air Expeditionary Wing

JOINT BASE BALAD, Iraq — I'll call him “Rick.”

In the words of his military friends and co-workers, Rick was one of the greatest guys you'd ever want to meet: A hard working NCO in a high operations tempo unit, a family man, a compassionate friend always seeking opportunities to help others in his unit succeed.

Rick was humble, they said. He would never take credit for his talents, instead calling it a “team effort.”

His supervisors noticed, at times, that Rick was unusually hard on himself and seemed depressed about his job abilities, despite the opinion to the contrary of the entire supervisory chain. Then, quite suddenly, Rick's attitude perked up. He seemed to enjoy his job. Gone were the self-criticisms that had plagued him in the past. His friends noticed, and remarked about the positive change.

Within a week or two, Rick requested leave so he could take his family on a dream vacation. Word was that it was the best vacation he and his family had ever enjoyed together.

Upon his return from leave, Rick quietly slipped out of his home and into his office in the pre-dawn hours, telling his wife there was unfinished business he had to complete. She thought nothing of it, as Rick often gave up his free time for work needs. Rick carefully stacked project binders

and folders on his desk with notes to co-workers of what was unfinished and how to complete each project. Then Rick drove out to a remote part of the base, put a gun to his head and ended his life.

It's been many years since I cared for Rick's devastated wife, his grieving children, and his friends and co-workers. Despite the time, I have never forgotten Rick or the serious damage that suicide leaves in its wake.

Suicide is about more than just an abrupt, untimely end to a human life. It is about unanswered questions, unfulfilled dreams, possibilities that will never be, a struggle for closure that may never come.

As one child (now an adult) said of his mother's suicide, “For years, I thought that one of the reasons she killed herself was because she couldn't get us to brush our teeth or other things we were supposed to do.”

He'll never really know the answer, and will struggle to find one, just as Rick's circle of relationships struggles to this day to understand.

Is there good news? Absolutely. Rick's death taught me early in my career that there is a simple but powerful tool to prevent suicide from taking another life and leaving behind its human wreckage. That tool is you!

As servicemembers, we would fight to the death to save our wingman from death at the hands of the enemy. When we fight, we fight for each other. Whether the firefight is with an external foe or an internal battle against an emotionally crushing problem, we are the instrument of help that can rescue our friend and all those who love and care for him or her. How? By simply remembering and implementing the ACE plan.

A — Ask your friend how he is doing. Most people will typically respond “okay,” because we use the “how ya doin'?” question as a common greeting. Take the time to ask him how he is really doing.

Sometimes all a person needs is someone to listen to them. So, talk less, listen more and let your friend share his story with you.

If you suspect he may be self-destructive, ask him directly if he is thinking of killing himself. Is that uncomfortable? Yes, but it can be the most important question you ever ask. Get over the discomfort and ask him.

What if the answer to the question is “yes?”

C — Care for your friend. Don't leave him alone. Calmly control the situation by continuing to listen without judging him. Your job now is to care for your friend until you can get him to competent emergency care. Let him know that there is help available to navigate him through his troubles to a place of hope and peace.

E — Escort your friend to the emergency room. His emotional wound is as life-threatening as a shrapnel wound to the heart. Don't leave your friend alone until you find the expertise to help him. He may give you many reasons he doesn't want to seek help, and you will have to be persistent and truthful. He may ask about how this affects his career and family. You can't tell him what you don't know. Let the experts handle that. What he needs now is someone to help him.

Remember, you are the best tool for helping a suicidal friend or co-worker. Remember ACE. There is help, there is hope, and there is an answer.

LOWNDES COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
2010-2011 ACADEMIC CALENDAR (187 DAYS)

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AUG 2010	2	3	4	5	6
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Preparing for success:
2010-2011
school year begins

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

To the dismay of some, and the joy of others it's almost time to go back to school. As some will say preparation can go a long ways towards success, and Columbus Air Force Base is preparing to help others reach for that success.

E.J. Griffis, the 14th FTW School Liaison Officer, has been working with parents and schools to prepare children from kindergarten through 12th grade to return to school. Mr. Griffis does suggest that parents get involved with their children's school and help out with activities such as sports and other programs offered by the school.

"Be involved in all aspects of their education, parental involvement is great for a child's success" Mr. Griffis said.

The base's Youth Center will be hosting a back to school party on August 6 that with activities that center on going back to school. The party is free for Youth Center members, and membership has no cost.

Throughout the school year the Youth Center runs an after school program called the Power Hour. The Power Hour is designed to help kindergartners to those in high school complete homework for points and at the end of every month if they have enough points they can attend a Power Hour party. The Power Hour runs Monday through Thursday and those working on homework can stay as late as 8:00 p.m.

The Youth Center can be contacted for more information about either program at (662) 434-2503.

Wing Safety is also working to prepare for the school year. They want to remind drivers to go slow in neighborhoods, watch for kids and to stop for school buses. Wing Safety will also be putting up signs by bus stops in Columbus AFB neighborhoods letting drivers know that school is starting and to be aware of the activities that come with it.

- Statewide Test Dates
- Teacher Work Day (student holidays)
- School Holiday

Columbus Municipal School District
2010-2011 Traditional Calendar - 181 School Days

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Local students take part in Earth Day 2010 activities at Columbus AFB. The 2010-2011 school year is set to begin next week.

U.S. Air Force photo

- > Teacher Work Days
- > Regular School Days
- > School holidays
- > Parent-Teacher Conference Days - Student Holidays
- > Teacher Work Day
- > Regular School Day
- > Holiday - No School
- > Parent-Teacher Conf Day - teacher work day
- > Success Academy

Columbus Municipal School District
2010-11 SUCCESS CALENDAR

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A Lowndes County School Bus enters the Magnolia area of base housing the morning of August 6, 2009. It was the first day of classes for Lowndes County Schools in 2009.

U.S. Air Force photo/SSGT Jacob Corbin

School of Choice

The Interlocal Agreement between the Lowndes County School District and the Columbus Municipal School District which allows for school choice for ON-BASE residents requires parents who reside in on-base housing who choose to send their children to Columbus Municipal Schools, to make a formal written request. Please contact the School Liaison at 434-2792 for details on how to complete this action.

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