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Weather



Today

High: 93, Low: 61
Isolated T-storms



Saturday

High: 85, Low: 57
Sunny



Sunday

High: 88, Low: 59
Sunny



Monday

High: 91, Low: 63
Sunny

News Briefs

Air Force Ball

Tickets are on sale for the 2010 Air Force Ball. Tickets are \$20 for E-5 and below and \$30 for all others. Contact your squadron POC for more information. (Editor's note: the cost of tickets for E-5 and below is in thanks to support from the Top-3 and BLAZE 5/6).

14th OG Change of Command

The 14th Operations Group will hold a change of command ceremony Sept. 8 at 9:14 a.m. in the BLAZE Hangar.

POW/MIA Ceremony

The 14th Flying Training Wing will host a POW/MIA Day Ceremony and Retreat Sept. 17 at 4 p.m. in Smith Plaza.

Inside



Feature **8**

The 48th Flying Training Squadron is featured this week.



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Chase Hedrick

Second Lt. Brendon Sullivan, 14th Operations Support Squadron, and Jill Hubert, wife of 37th Flying Training Squadron Commander Lt. Col. Lars Hubert, the top competitors for the male and female individual divisions of the Sunrise Sprint Triathlon, are presented their awards by Col. George Ross, 14th Flying Training Wing vice commander.

Sunrise Sprint Triathlon a success

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

Forty-four Team BLAZE members competed in the Sunrise Sprint Triathlon here at Columbus Air Force Base, Aug. 28.

The Sunrise Sprint Triathlon allowed Airmen to compete individually, or in teams of three, with swimming, cycling,

and running portions of the competition.

The winners were:

Top male

2nd. Lt. Brendon Sullivan - 1:03:18

Top female

Jill Hubert - 1:25:35

Top team

Team 6 - 1:02:12

Paul Fulkerson

1st. Lt. Zach Krueger

Alysia Krueger

The three members of the top-team will also be granted the use of the vice commander's parking spots across base for two weeks each.

The course consisted of a 750 meter swim at the base pool, followed by 20 kilometers of cycling, primarily on the airfield, and 5 kilometers of running.

Capt. Dan Hoak, a first-time triathlon competitor said he felt that the course was

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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 (11-08)	0.66 days	-1.43 days	Sep. 28	48th (10-14)	-0.41 days	-1.06 days	Sep. 9	49th (10-KB)	1.56 days	1.80 days	Sep. 13	T-6	157	138	32,076
41st (11-07)	2.00 days	-1.42 days	Sep. 3	50th (10-14)	-0.99 days	0.21 days	Sep. 9					T-1	50	39	10,777
												T-38	45	45	10,605
												IFF	11	11	2,240

The graduation speaker is Col. Barre Seguin, 14th Flying Training Wing commander.

Tips for saving energy, today

- Install a programmable thermostat to keep your house comfortably warm in the winter and comfortably cool in the summer.
- Use compact fluorescent light bulbs with the ENERGY STAR® label.
- Air dry dishes instead of using your dishwasher's drying cycle.
- Turn off your computer and monitor when not in use.
- Plug home electronics, such as TVs and DVD players, into power strips; turn the power strips off when the equipment is not in use (TVs and DVDs in standby mode still use several watts of power).
- Lower the thermostat on your hot water heater to 120°F.
- Take short showers instead of baths.
- Wash only full loads of dishes and clothes.
- Drive sensibly; aggressive driving (speeding, rapid acceleration and braking) wastes gasoline.
- Look for the ENERGY STAR label on home appliances and products. ENERGY STAR products meet strict efficiency guidelines set by the U.S. Department of Energy and the Environmental Protection Agency.
- Visit www.energysavers.gov for more energy-saving ideas.

TRI

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a good distance and overall great for a beginner.

"It's a very safe course, and it was good to not have to worry about cars or anything," he said.

Lieutenant Sullivan, the top male competitor in the triathlon who has competed in 15 other triathlons, agreed it was a good course for beginners because the course is mostly flat and well paved.

The event's attendees, friends and family of competitors, volunteers, and event staff cheered the Airmen on alongside their competitors.

"Everybody heard the cheering. The camaraderie was good, and it was great racing against each other," said

Lieutenant Sullivan.

The Sunrise Sprint Triathlon also had a side competition going alongside the race. Col. George Ross, 14th Flying Training Wing vice commander, challenged each squadron to bring the most competitors to the triathlon. The 14th Operations Support Squadron brought seven competitors to the event.

Carmine Muscarella, then the Columbus AFB fitness director took time after the competition to encourage the event's attendees to spread the word and raise interest in events such as the triathlon.

"A lot of these events we don't have to do, like triathlons, are driven by demand. I saw a lot of competitive people here, and a lot of people who just had fun. So get out there and tell more people who may be interested," he said.

14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, 61 BLAZE TEAM members are de-ployed worldwide. Remember to support the Airmen and their families while they are away.



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat/Sun
6 Labor Day Holiday	7 Colonel Reth farewell, 6:30 p.m., @ Tampico Bay	8 Newcomers, 8 a.m., @ AFRC 14th OG CoC, 9:14 a.m., @ BLAZE Hangar Daedalian's, 6 p.m., @ Club	9 Class 10-14 Graduation, 10 a.m., @ Kaye United Way Day to Care	10 AF Ball, 6 p.m., @ Trotter Convention Center	11/12 Sept 11/12: Patriot Day
13 IFF Grad, 4:50 p.m., 49th FTS	14 CES Sports day, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Class 11-14 Pilot Partner Welcome, 6 p.m., @ The Grill	15 ALS Graduation, 6 p.m., @ Club	16 Dorm Dinner, 5 p.m., @ Chapel Annex	17 POW/MIA Day Retreat, 4 p.m., @ Smith Plaza Class 10-15 Assignment Night, 5 p.m., @ Club	18/19

Long Range Events

- Sept 21: Hearts Apart
- Sept 21: CSC Dinner Social
- Sept 22: Newcomers
- Sept 25: Retiree Appreciation Day
- Sept 28: Class 11-08 Track Select
- Sept 30: Enlisted Promotions
- Oct 1: Class 10-15 Graduation
- Oct 2: Daedalian's Fall Scholarship Golf Tournament
- Oct 9/10: Autocross
- Oct 18: Wing Retreat
- Oct 19: CSC Social
- Oct 19: Hearts Apart
- Oct 20: Newcomers

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ALS class holds formal retreat ceremony



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Chase Hedrick
Airmen in the Airman Leadership School at Columbus Air Force Base perform retreat at the Lt. Col. Richard "Gene" Smith Plaza on Aug. 26. Team BLAZE members were on hand to participate in the ceremony and congratulate the ALS students.

CAFB to host Retiree Appreciation Day

Second Lt. Travis Manter
Retiree Appreciation Day POC

Columbus Air Force Base cordially invites military retirees, spouses, and their families to Retiree Appreciation Day on Sept. 25. The event starts at the Columbus Club at 9 a.m. with complementary activities, information booths and a base tour.

Lunch will be served at 11 a.m. and will feature base leadership as speakers.

Cost for the lunch is \$12 for members, \$14 for non-members, payable to the Columbus Club. At 1 p.m., retiree shopping specials at the AAFES Base Exchange and Commissary will commence.

If planning to attend, please RSVP to 2nd Lt. Travis Manter by 4:30 p.m. Sept. 16 at 434-2854 or stop by the 14th Force Support Squadron Customer Support Desk in the new Mission Support Building.

AFMC/CC to speak at 2010 AF Ball

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

The commander of Air Force Materiel Command will be at Columbus Air Force Base Sept. 10 to speak at the 2010 Air Force Ball.

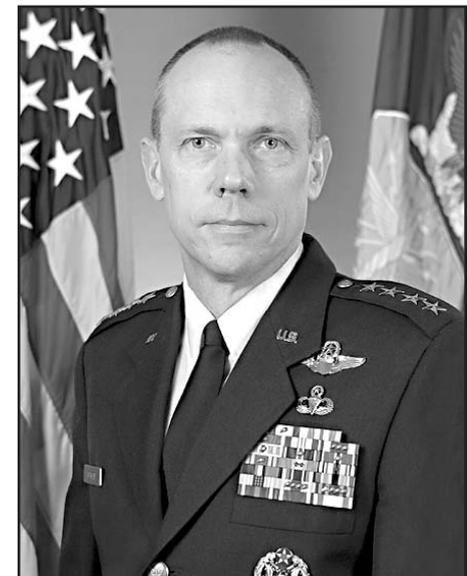
Gen. Donald J. Hoffman serves as Commander, Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. The command's 75,000 people manage \$59 billion annually in research, development, test and evaluation while providing the acquisition management services and logistics support required to develop, procure and sustain Air Force weapon systems.

General Hoffman is a graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy.

He was commissioned in 1974 and has served in various operational and staff assignments in Europe, the Middle East and United States. He has commanded at the flight, squadron, group and wing levels, and has served on the staffs of U.S. Central Command, U.S. European Command, Air Education and Training Command, Air Combat Command and Headquarters U.S. Air Force.

General Hoffman is a command pilot with more than 3,400 flying hours in fighter, trainer and transport aircraft.

The 2010 Air Force Ball will be held at 7 p.m. Sept. 10 at the Trotter Convention Center in downtown Columbus, Miss. Social hour begins at 6 p.m., attire is mess dress/semi-formal for military members and formal wear for civilians.



Gen. Donald Hoffman, Air Force Materiel Command commander.

Four Team BLAZE Airmen selected for promotion to lieutenant colonel

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

Air Force officials announced Aug. 26 that four Team BLAZE majors were selected for promotion to the next grade.

Congratulations to the following lieutenant colonel selects:

Wilshelia Ezell, 14th Force Support Squadron commander; Timothy Lawrence, 14th Operations Group; Shannan Starling, Missile Defense Agency; and Frederick Portis, MDA.

"This is a significant accomplishment for our promotees, their families and our Team," said Col. Barre Seguin, 14th Flying Training Wing commander in a congratulatory e-mail. "Well done."

The Air Force selected 1,036 from 1,406 considered for 73.7 percent select rate for in-the-zone promotions; selected 41 from 1,571 considered for 2.6 percent select rate for above-the-zone; and selected 119 from 3,101 considered for 3.8 percent select rate for below-the-zone promotion.

Commander shares vision with BLAZE civilians

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

The commander of the 14th Flying Training Wing held a commander's call for Team BLAZE civilians at the Kaye Auditorium on Aug. 31. Col. Barre Seguin's civilian call covered topics concerning the civilian population of the base, including changes to civilian personnel services, information on non-appropriated fund jobs and any questions attendees had for the wing commander.

Colonel Seguin started off the call by recognizing several individuals for their years of service. Two individuals were named for the 40 years of dedication. Danny Davis, logistics readiness, and William "Bill" Wesley, electric systems, were each presented a pin by Colonel Seguin. Two 20 year service awards and three 10 year service awards were also recognized.

Colonel Seguin shared his background with the attendees, as well as his guidance and vision for Columbus Air Force Base. He also urged civilian members to empower leaders at all levels, preserve mission assets, and to cultivate community relations.

Colonel Seguin also put aside a portion of the call to answer questions for attendees. He told attendees that if he could not answer their question during the session that he would contact the person inquiring and have an answer for them by the next commanders call sooner.

Benny Brock, civilian personnel officer, spoke to attendees during the call about the new electronic from counter for civilian personnel services at www.afciviliancareers.com. Mr. Brock talked about expected updates to the site, as well as a new feature that allows personnel who have separated to access the system up to 60 days after their separation date to help retirees.

Al Cardenas, part of the non-appropriated funds human resources office, also took the stage to raise awareness of a new NAF jobs website www.nafjobs.org. He also talked about NAF jobs to make attendees more aware of what they are and how they work.

Dollars and \$ense:

Understand Your Finances Prior to Retiring/Separating

For those military members who are retiring/separating from the Air Force within the next 6 months, please be sure to schedule an appointment with 14th Comptroller Squadron Financial Customer Service (434-2705/2095) to review your retirement/separation paperwork. When you retire/separate from military service, there will be a 2-4 week delay prior to you receiving your final pay, so you'll need time to plan and ensure you're financially stable to manage your family's personal finances (mortgage, car payments, utilities, etc.). It is very important that you understand final pay timelines, leave sellback, and debt payback processes and procedures, if applicable.

14th CPTS Finance Customer Service:

Bldg 730, first floor lobby.

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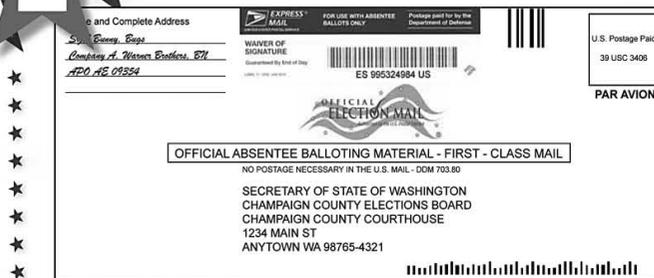
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Mississippi Symphony Orchestra

The Mississippi Symphony Orchestra will perform at MUW's Rent Auditorium Sept. 18 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for senior citizens and students. Call 328-2787 for more information.

Actors and Technicians Needed

Columbus Arts Council is looking for technicians for the Sept. 8 to 11 run, a production of Tennessee Williams' Sweet Bird

of Youth. If interested, contact Brook Hanemann at 662-889-5746.

Friends of the Library

Friends of the Library opens its fall Table Talk series Sept. 1 with director Rus Blackwell. Blackwell will present a scene from the play "Sweet Bird of Youth" for the Tennessee Williams Tribute and discuss the challenges of bringing a theatrical work to life on stage. Table Talk runs from 11:30

a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Columbus-Lowndes Public Library, 314 Seventh Street North. Bring your lunch at 11:30 a.m. and the Friends of the Library will provide the iced tea or come later and join friends from noon to 1 p.m. for the Table Talk program.

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 until 10 a.m.

Open Saturdays from 7 until 10 a.m.

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Transportation

three bedrooms, one and one half baths situated on two acres in Hamilton. The main bath has a hot-tub, shower, two large vanities and a walk in closet located in the hall. Open type den and dining room, kitchen and large family room. Swimming pool with pool house. Behind the pool is a large area to ride bikes, four wheelers or have a garden. \$1,000 a month. Call 256-3444 or 315-9497 after 5 pm.

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 \$4,500 or reasonable offer. Call 356-4292.

For sale: 2008 Harley Davidson, 883 Sportster Low Rider, Under 150 miles, 2.5 Year Extended Service Plan, Midnight Pearl Blue, accessories included. \$6,500. Call 889-0113.

For sale: 2005 Toyota RAV4. Silver, manual transmission 68,000 miles. Maintenance records provided. Toyota Platinum warranty up to 100,000 included. Great condition. \$11,499. Call 655-4769.

For sale: 2008 Toyota Prius Hybrid Touring package totally loaded with everything! Leather, 32,000 miles, new tires, 48 MPG. Paid \$34,000 asking \$23,000 or best offer (pay-off). Must sell as soon as possible. Please call 574-9556. **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 425-4953 or (337) 274-

5479 for more information. **For sale:** 2005 Triumph Rocket III, Black with lots of extras! 6,800 miles. Excellent condition. \$9,250 or best offer. Call (808) 221-2005. **For sale:** 2000 BMW R1200C, cruiser, black with pinstripes. 11,500 miles. Recently serviced. Excellent condition. \$6,450 or best offer. Call (808) 221-2005.

For sale: 2008 Honda CBR1000RR, only 850 miles, full exhaust, over \$5,000 in extras! \$8,950 or best offer. Contact (808) 221-2005.

Miscellaneous

For sale: Bass Pro Shop Bass Boat two seats with electric motor \$1,000. Paddle Boat four seat \$150. Oak dining table with eight chairs and four leaves \$500. Antique Chinese cabinet \$200. Oak computer armoire with chair \$500. Sectional sofa with recliner \$150. Wood futon bunks with drawers \$60. Antique butterfly tall cabinet \$200. Farmhouse dining table with 4 chairs \$200, Glass top kit or computer table \$75. Gas grill \$75. Norwalk distressed leather sofa and recliner \$800, Huge custom oak entertainment center with 37" Sony TV \$950, TV 24" APEX \$30, Freezer \$200, Huge dollhouse \$75. Call for pictures and more details 574-9556.

For sale: Mauve Lazy Boy Recliner \$15. Following items as listed or best offer: Baby Trend infant carrier with base \$35. Large bag of girls clothes for 6 to 9 months, bibs and burp rags \$40. Pink baby bouncy chair \$15. Bag of bottles and binkies \$10. Baby bathtub \$5. Sixteen piece dish set, white with blue and green stripes with two serving bowls \$15. Set of pots and pans \$10. BF

Goodrich Mud Terrain Tire with Rim, 315/75/R16, brand new, paid \$375, selling for \$175. Medella breast pump, only used a few times, paid \$350, \$200. Large bag of maternity clothes medium and large sizes \$60. Evenflo Baby Swing \$15. Please call 640-4282.

For sale: Honda Accord Trailer Hitch \$50. Spring Horse \$25. Call 640-4170.

For sale: Compaq Presario Notebook, 160 GB hard drive, Windows Vista Premium operating system, DVD/R/RW, Intel Dual Core processor. Built in Wi-Fi and many extras. \$295 or best offer. HP Pavilion Slimline Desktop Computer with Windows Vista Premium, 1 GB Intel Pentium Dual Core processor, 160GB hard drive, DVD+/R/RW. Loaded with additional software i.e. photo package, norton.22 inch LCD monitor. Internet ready. \$495 or best offer. Please call 327-1205.

For sale: Highboy chest of drawers. Sold new for \$2,000, sale price of \$500. Call 328-3977.

For sale: Thomasville Fisher House formal dining table with 8 chairs, huge lighted hutch and buffet that does not match the set but is Thomasville. Originally cost \$9,000 will sell for \$2,500. Beautiful vintage sewing machine and oak case for \$75. Please call Steve at 889-8340.

For sale: Comfy Lazyboy dark green leather couch. In good condition. \$100 or best offer. Call (253) 320-9033.

For sale: 2009 Gateway eMachines desktop computer, black. Has 16 in. flat screen, two speakers, built in memory card slots, pre-installed with Windows Vista and a 60 day trial of Norton's anti-virus. 64 X Dual Core Processor 4400+, 3.00 GB RAM. Like new condition, \$500 or best offer. Computer desk, cherry wood with two shelves, small cabinet,

and sliding keyboard shelf. Like new, \$60 or best offer. Vinyl floor mat for underneath computer chair. Clear 36in. x 42in \$10. GTXpress deluxe cooker, black and silver, like new \$10. Black n Decker rice cooker. Black and white, like new \$10. Broken blender for parts free. Call 497-0448.

For sale: New Nature Purest High Chair, \$60. Sony DVD Camcorder with accessories, \$200. Hamilton Beach Prep Star food processor, \$20. New PSP Ultimate Travel Kit, \$8. New PSP Final Fantasy video game, \$15. New Black and Decker coffee maker \$20. New box of plates cups, etc, \$25. New Bright Starts Dream Along Mobile, \$18. New Bright Starts Dream Along Mobile, \$18. New Leap Frog Click Start Learning System, \$30. Vtech V-Smile Learning System, \$30. Baby bedding set, includes comforter, bumper, fitted sheet, bed skirt and two pillows, \$20. Box of beanie babies, \$20. Tall Christmas tree, \$20. Please call (337) 274-5479.

Pets

For sale: AKC Miniature German Schnauzers puppies, \$600, call 570-9560 or (850) 368-0861.

Yard Sales

Yard sale: Saturday Sept. 4 at 5480 Hamilton Ave. Magnolia Village. Multiple families selling furniture, appliances, and children's items.

Yard sale: Saturday Sept. 4 and Labor Day starting at 10 a.m. at 5202A Lowndes Ave. Baby stuff, furniture, name brand clothing and other household goods.

Local university, community come together to thank WWII vets

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

A local university and members of the community came together recently to honor veterans of WWII for their service, Aug. 28

Mississippi State University along with various local civic groups held a recognition ceremony and celebration honoring Starkville and Oktibbeha County veterans of WWII at the Colvard Student Union on MSU's campus. Around 30 WWII veterans representing all U.S. armed forces were in attendance.

"It is humbling to stand before you, the men and women of a generation that changed the world," said Amy Tuck, former lieutenant governor of Mississippi and the mistress of ceremonies for the event. "We thank you for your service. Because of your service to our country, we have unprecedented freedom. Today we celebrate you, the great patriots."

Also in attendance were Mississippi Senator Thad Cochran; Dr. Mark Keenum, president of MSU; Army Maj. Gen. William Freeman, adjutant general for the Mississippi National Guard; Col. Barre Seguin, 14th Flying Training Wing commander and his wife Nancy; and members of civic organizations such as the Boy Scouts of America and



U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Jacob Corbin
Keith Gilmore, a WWII veteran and former Navy Petty Officer Third Class, speaks with Col. Barre Seguin, 14th Flying Training Wing commander, and his wife Nancy at a recognition ceremony and celebration honoring Starkville and Oktibbeha County veterans of WWII at the Colvard Student Union on MSU's campus Aug. 28.

Girl Scouts of America.

Each veteran was given a steel medallion in thanks for their service, handed out by local boy scouts and crafted by Gulf States

Manufacturers Inc.

"Thank you for all you have done to ensure the safety of our country," Senator Cochran said.

Team BLAZE leaderships learns about "Servant Leadership"



U.S. Air Force photo/
Elizabeth Owens
James Hunter, author and speaker on servant leadership, speaks to commanders and directors of the 14th Flying Training Wing at an on-site Sept. 1.

Enjoy a safe Labor Day weekend

14th Flying Training Wing
Ground Safety

This summer, the Team BLAZE has worked hard, played hard and received our fair share of sprains and strains. We have had a couple of very close calls but they turned out as inconveniences when they could have very easily been tragedies.

One was a runaway jet ski with a faulty kill switch. After the operator fell off the jet ski, it turned around and struck the operator. The other was two of our motorcycle riders passing a slowing vehicle only to broadside a car turning left in front of them. History has shown that as we approach the end of the Critical Days of Summer (CDS), we need to exercise a higher level of caution and awareness.

Over the last several years we have seen a marked increase in the number of fatalities Air Force wide as we closed out our CDS campaigns. During the last weeks of the 2009 campaign, there were 10 fatalities, almost one half of the fatalities experienced during the entire campaign. During the last three weeks of the 2008 CDS campaign, there were seven fatalities. This year the Air Force is following the same pattern. We have already experienced six fatalities during the month of August, and there are still three days left in the CDS campaign.

Team BLAZE and Air Education and Training Command have worked hard and have successfully made it through the campaign to this point without a fatality. A fatality-free Labor Day weekend would mean the first ever fatality-free CDS in the history of AETC.

So how do we accomplish this monumental task? Use risk management, think before you act, take a deep breath, run your plan past your peers and elders, add a good dose of common sense and be a good Wingman. A good Wingman intervenes when needed, owns up to his or her shortcomings and doesn't put their fellow Wingmen at risk. Airmen don't let their fellow Airmen or loved ones make bad choices! Play it smart and have a great Labor Day weekend.

Airmen defeat NCOs 13-10 No loss for either side

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

The Airman team won the most recent Airman vs. NCO sports event with a score of 13-10 in a game of kickball on Aug. 27 at a baseball field near Freedom Park here.

The event, sponsored by the Airman's Activity Council and BLAZE 5/6, is part of a series of games pitting junior enlisted Airmen versus NCOs.

"I feel great about winning. The last tournament we played we (the Airmen) lost and it was great to turn it around," said Airman 1st Class Ashley Chatman, a captain on the Airmen team.

"We had so much fun it didn't matter. Win or lose we worked as a team," said Tech. Sgt. Jennifer O'Quinn, captain of the NCO team.

Sergeant O'Quinn said the NCOs looked to treat the event as a mentoring opportunity. She said her team's players looked to not only compete, but also reinforce that they're approachable leadership. Taking time to learn more about their Airmen in a relaxed environment was also part of the event for the NCOs.

"It's like a timeout, the rank structure is important but when we're on the field nobody holds back and we're all out there to have fun," said Airman Chatman.

Airman Chatman said she expects some difficulty for the Airman team in future games with technical matters such as keeping track of the finer rules, but she feels confident that the Airman team holds the upper hand in pure physical ability.

"We look forward to competing against the BLAZE 5/6 in more sports and beating them in every one that we do," Airman Chatman said.



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Chase Hedrick
Staff Sgt. Stephen Toussaint, 14th Force Support Squadron, watches as a ball he pitched is kicked back towards him during the Airmen vs. NCO kickball game Aug. 27. The Airmen won 13-10.

Sports Shorts

Youth Soccer

Register by Sept. 10 at the youth center for this program open to ages 3 to 18. Cost is \$35 for ages 5-18 and \$25 for ages 3-4. Volunteer coaches are needed. Visit www.cafbservices.com for coaching applications. For more information, call 434-2504.

Cosmic Storm Bowling in September

Bowling Friday and Saturday nights from 7 to 11 p.m. is \$12 per person and includes shoe rental. For more information, call 434-3426.

Wingman Bowling Special

One customer pays for three games of bowling and a second person bowls those three games of bowling free anytime during open bowling in September. For more information, call 434-3426.

September Golf Special

Throughout September, purchase a green fee before noon, Monday through Friday, and receive a second

green fee free. Cart fees not included. For more information, call 434-7932.

Fall Golf League

Join the fall golf league starting Sept. 13. Get four people together for your team to play two 2-man matches. Cost is \$3 for golf course members and \$10 for nonmembers each week. Each week, the \$3 goes into a prize fund. Number of weeks of play is determined by number of teams registered. Format includes a scramble, alternate shot and 4-ball on selected holes each week. Register NLT Sept. 10 at the pro shop. For more information, call 434-7932.

POW/MIA Remembrance Run

Join the Fitness Center in this special run at 6 a.m. and 7 a.m. Sept. 17. For more information, call 434-2772.

Paintball Tourney

Enter this tournament by calling Lt. Haggard at 434-2500. Your challenge: Capture the flag; Entry fee is \$55 per team which includes 2000 paintballs per 5 to 6 man teams. Entry does not include the \$10 range fee or equipment rental. Play begins at 8:30 a.m. Sept. 25.

Base News

Commissary Closed

The Commissary will be closed on Tuesday, Sept. 7.

Housing Asset Management Office Co-location

The Housing Asset Management Office in-processing and relocations services have co-located to 256 State Loop (Landings at Columbus). The Relocations Services telephone number is 434-8402

Compulsory School Attendance: Home School

Parents who are teaching their children at home (home school) are required to complete a certificate of enrollment card each school year. You can complete this card at the Columbus Air Force Base School Liaison Office, located in Building 730, Suite 174A. Mississippi law requires this card to be completed prior to Sept. 15. Please contact the School Liaison Officer at 434-2792 or via email at: slo@columbus.af.mil for an appointment to complete your registration.

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.

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 434-7233 or 434-7234.

School Liaison Officer

The Columbus Air Force Base School Liaison Officer (SLO) works with local school districts, schools, parents and students on issues

CAFB to host Retiree Appreciation Day



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Volunteers and retirees prepare invitations to this year's Retiree Appreciation Day. The event starts at the Columbus Club at 9 a.m. Sept. 25 with complementary activities, information booths and a base tour. If planning to attend, please RSVP to 2nd Lt. Travis Manter by 4:30 p.m. Sept. 16 at 434-2854 or stop by the 14th Force Support Squadron Customer Support Desk in the new Mission Support Building.

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.)

Self-paced Tutorials

Available on MS Office 2007 Suites; Access, Excel, Outlook, PowerPoint, Word and Windows Vista. Set your own learning pace at your AFRC.

Relocation assistance

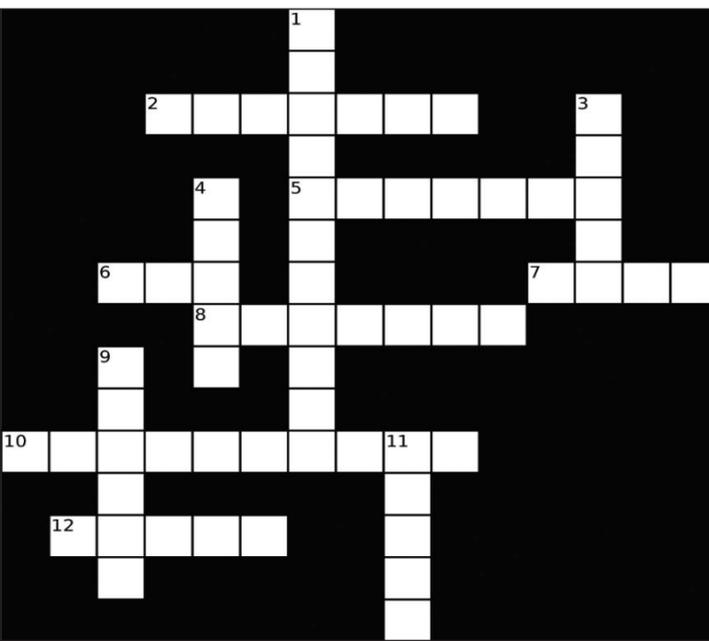
Weekly workshop on programs, services and resources available through the Airman & Family Readiness Center held every Wednesday from 9 to 10 a.m. at the AFRC. Topics of discussion include preparing for a move, environment/cultural issues or needs, adaptation and community awareness.

Pre-Separation Counseling (DD Form-2648)

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

Pre and Post Deployment Tour Briefing

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.



48th FTS Crossword

Down

- 1 Director of Operations for the 48th FTS.
- 3 The squadron has _____ enlisted personnel.
- 4 Before joining the 48th FTS and flying the T-1, students fly the T-6 _____ II.
- 9 The squadron's patch was designed by Walt _____.
- 11 The squadron's vision is _____ Class Training.

Across

- 2 Students in the 48th FTS fly the T-1A _____.
- 5 Commander of the 48th FTS.
- 6 T-1 students fly for _____ months.
- 7 The squadron began as the 48th _____ Squadron in 1917.
- 8 Most 48th FTS graduates will fly either _____ or tanker aircraft.
- 10 The squadron is also known as the _____ Alleycats.
- 12 First home of the 48th FTS in 1917 was _____ Field.

See last week's answer on page 10.

Chapel Schedule

2010-2011 Pioneer Clubs Program

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

Wednesday Evening Adult Bible Study

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

Protestant Worship Service

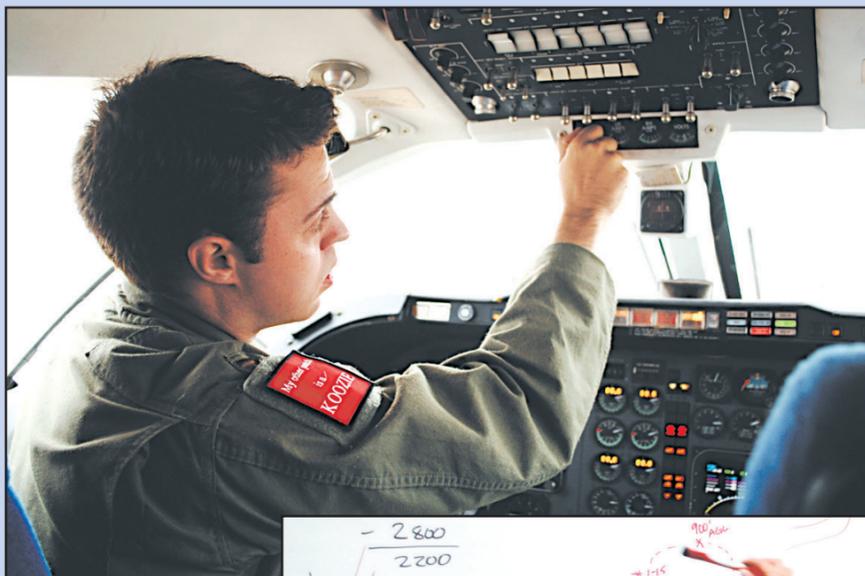
Sunday:
9 a.m. — Adult Sunday School
10:45 a.m. — Traditional Worship Service (Children's Church)
All are invited to a fellowship luncheon following the 10:45 a.m. service the fourth Sunday of each month.

Catholic Services

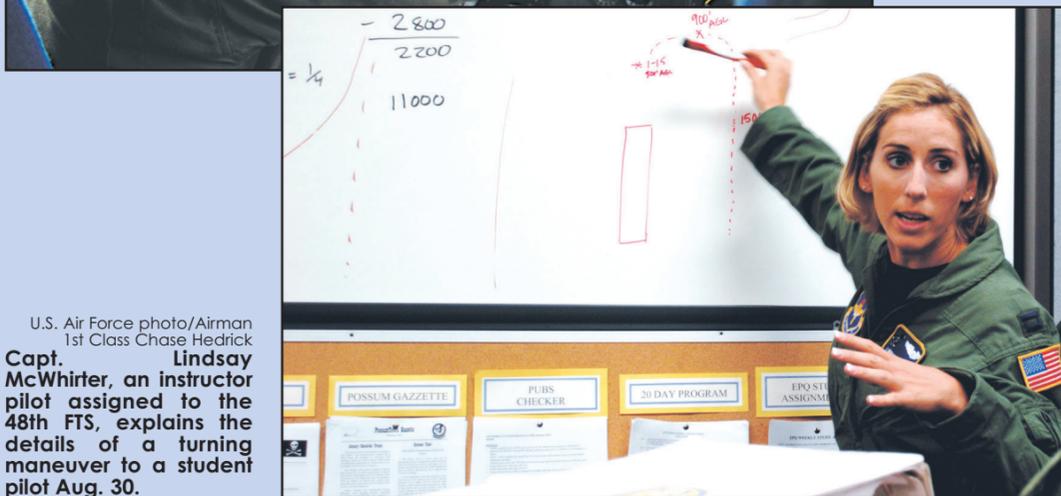
Tuesday
6:30 p.m. — Choir Practice
Sunday:
3:30 p.m. — Religious Education, grades K-9
3:45 p.m. — Choir Practice
4 p.m. — Confession
5 p.m. — Mass
6 p.m. — RCIA



T-1 Jayhawks assigned to the 48th FTS rest on the flightline prepared for training missions. The 48th FTS has forty-eight T-1 aircraft.



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Chase Hedrick
Class Chase Hedrick
Second Lt. Sam Bexten, a student pilot assigned to the 48th FTS, performs a safety check on a T-1 Jayhawk's controls and instruments Aug. 30.



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Chase Hedrick
Capt. Lindsay McWhirter, an instructor pilot assigned to the 48th FTS, explains the details of a turning maneuver to a student pilot Aug. 30.

48th Flying Training Squadron: The Possumtown Alleycats

Unit Description

The 48th Flying Training Squadron's vision is simple: World Class Training. The squadron gears all its activities towards producing some of the world's best-trained pilots, well-prepared to circumnavigate the globe in support of a variety of operations. As one of the base's two squadrons conducting Phase III of Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training (SUPT), the 48th flies the T-1A Jayhawk, a twin-engine variant of a popular civilian jet heavily modified for military use. Its students enter the program after successful completion of six months flying the T-6A Texan II. At the end of six more months in the T-1, these students graduate with their coveted silver wings, and they go on to fly a wide variety of Air Force aircraft to include airlift, tanker, reconnaissance, special operations and unmanned systems.

The squadron flies over 24,000 hours and 10,000 sorties annually. Its 104 dedicated instructor pilots, including 20 reservists, make the 48th the largest flying training squadron in the wing. It correspondingly trains more students than any other squadron, graduating upwards of 220 per year. In addition, the 48th FTS trains several student pilots from partner nations each year, helping to strengthen ties with America's allies.

Squadron Personnel

The 48th FTS is commanded by Lt. Col. Michael O'Connor, and Lt. Col. Sean Schoolcraft is the director of operations.

Instructor pilots: 104
Enlisted Personnel: Three
Contracted civilians: Two
SUPT students: 220

Squadron Heritage

The original 48th Aero Squadron was first organized at Kelly Field, Texas on Aug. 4, 1917. The unit went on to participate in both world wars, constructing allied aerodromes in France during World War I and flying support for the invasions of North Africa and Italy during World War II. After the Second World War, the squadron filled an air defense role for the Northeast United States for nearly four decades until its deactivation in 1991.

During its history, the 48th FTS has existed under a number of monikers, including the 48th School Squadron, Pursuit Squadron, Fighter

Squadron and Fighter Interceptor Squadron, and it has been stationed at numerous locations including California, England, Algeria, Italy, Maine and Virginia. Previous Airmen of the 48th have flown a wide variety of aircraft, notably the P-40, P-38, F-84, F-106 and F-15. The squadron patch, depicting an alley cat chasing a Japanese dragonfly, was designed by Walt Disney himself when the unit was based in California in 1942.

Activation of the 48th Flying Training Squadron on July 1, 1996 completed the reunification of the World War II-era 14th Fighter Group squadrons, which included the 37th, 48th, 49th and 50th squadrons, together under the umbrella of the 14th Flying Training Wing.

Today, the 48th FTS's instructor pilots conduct their vital mission of training America's next generation of aviators and leaders with an appreciation for the heritage of which they are now part. Current instructors maintain close ties with former squadron members from as far back as World War II. For several years, the 48th Flying Training Squadron has participated in the 48th Squadron Association's annual reunion.

This sense of legacy imbues 48th Flying Training Squadron members in everything they do. From the Airman trusted with tracking the execution of over 50 flights per day to the commander overseeing more than \$200 million worth of Air Force assets, members of the 48th FTS each understand the significance of the torch they now bear. This responsibility accounts for the tremendous success the 48th has achieved in recent years, winning recognition as the wing's top flying squadron for three of the past five years and producing an incredible streak of three consecutive 19th Air Force T-1 Instructor Pilot of the Year award winners. All this recognition proves what 48th FTS instructors, graduates and students already know: the squadron accomplishes World Class Training every day.

Training Description

The 48th FTS conducts advanced flight training for students preparing to fly air mobility assets. Students receive the majority of their 150 hours of academic instruction prior to their first flight in the T-1, focusing on complex aircraft systems, cross-country navigation procedures, aerodynamics, physiology and both normal and emergency aircraft operations. Their training is supplemented

with 40 hours of simulator time, familiarizing the students on the T-1's cockpit layout as well as normal and emergency procedures. The flying portion of the program features approximately 90 hours of training conducted over the course of 48 aircraft sorties. In addition, students spend a minimum of 35 hours observing their classmates' instruction from an added "jump" seat in the aircraft.

The initial phase of flight training in the T-1, called the transition phase, consists of 12 flights spent practicing basic maneuvers as well as various types of instrument approaches and visual patterns and landings. Typical transition sorties last over 3 hours, with a student and instructor flying for half of the time before a second student "seat swaps" in. Because of Columbus AFB's busy airspace and the T-1's large fuel capacity, transition sorties depart to locations such as Memphis, Tenn.; Jackson, Miss.; Montgomery and Huntsville, Ala., to accomplish their practice. After transition phase, students progress to the navigation phase, consisting of 16 flights learning the nuances of advanced navigation procedures. During the phase, flights are normally flown out and back, with one student flying a 2-hour sortie to completion at one of many military airfields or civilian airports in the Southeastern U.S., while another student flies a 2-hour sortie back home. Navigation sorties include practice on en route navigation within the national airspace system, as well as complex instrument approaches and low level navigation procedures.

Following the navigation phase, students enter the final T-1 phase of training: introduction to mobility fundamentals. During this phase, T-1 students practice maneuvers and procedures that will become commonplace in their follow-on operational airframes. They begin with basic instruction on formation maneuvering in the T-1, followed by more complex missions coordinating rendezvous for simulated air refueling and conducting low-level, simulated air drops in formation. Before students can progress from one phase to the next, a comprehensive check ride tests their adherence to stringent course training standards. Intermixed between all the phases are a series of co-pilot sorties, designed to impart principles of crew resource management by allowing the student to perform the types of pilot-monitoring duties he or she will execute after graduating.



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Chase Hedrick
T-1 Jayhawk specialized undergraduate student pilots get their morning pre-flight briefing at the 48th Flying Training Squadron on Aug. 30. The briefing gives students and instructor pilots the opportunity to discuss training mission techniques and ideas before they are in the air.



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Chase Hedrick
First Lt. Will Brown (center), a T-1 instructor pilot with the 48th FTS, checks the aircraft manual records during the pre-flight checks with his student pilots 2nd Lt. Sam Bexten and 2nd Lt. Simon Brackett Aug. 30.

