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## Weather



### Today

High: 85, Low: 48  
Mostly Sunny



### Saturday

High: 85, Low: 54  
Partly Cloudy



### Sunday

High: 84, Low: 57  
Partly Cloudy



### Monday

High: 84, Low: 60  
Scattered T-storms

## News Briefs

### Quarterly Awards Ceremony at Kaye Auditorium

The Quarterly Awards Ceremony will be held at 3:30 p.m. Oct. 27 at the Kaye Auditorium.

### Chapel Harvest Fest

This year's Base Chapel Harvest Festival is held on Wednesday Oct. 27, beginning at 5 p.m. in the chapel annex. This fun event features family-friendly Halloween alternative events including: free food, games and lots of prizes. Please contact the Base Chapel at 434-2500 for more information. Children are encouraged to wear non-scary costumes.

### Tops in Blue

Air force entertainment presents “Tops In Blue” Nov. 5 at the Mississippi University for Women, the show starts 6:30 p.m. and the college is located at 1100 College Street. Doors open for ID cardholders at 5:45 p.m. and for the general public at 6:10 p.m.

## Inside



### Feature 8

SUPT Class 11-01 graduates today at 10 a.m. at the Kaye Auditorium.



U.S. Air Force photo/Elizabeth Owens  
Dr. Rosa Vozzo, instructor in the Department of Foreign Languages at Mississippi State University, and a naturalized United States citizen originally from the Dominican Republic, speaks at this year's Hispanic Heritage Month Luncheon Oct. 14 at the Columbus Club. Doctor Vozzo talked about some of the cultural aspects of Hispanic society, how those aspects relate to the American culture, and how Hispanic culture has been embraced by America's multicultural community.

## Hispanic Heritage Month ends with cultural lesson at lunch

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

The 2010 Hispanic Heritage Month was recognized Oct. 14 with a luncheon held at the Columbus Club.

The guest speaker for the luncheon was Dr. Rosa Vozzo, instructor in the Department of Foreign Languages at Mississippi State University, and a naturalized United States citizen originally from the Dominican Republic.

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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 (11-10)	4.54 days	2.52 days	Nov. 17	48th (11-01)	1.00 days	1.61 days	Oct. 22	49th (10-BB)	7.74 days	4.52 days	Nov. 17	T-6	2,037	1,944	1,944
41st (11-09)	1.00 days	1.56 days	Oct. 21	50th (11-01)	1.00 days	3.74 days	Oct. 22					T-1	620	621	621
												T-38	733	598	598
												IFF	169	154	154

The graduation speaker is Retired Lt. Gen. Walter Buchanan.

## IFF 11-ABC Graduates

**Capt. Steve Thomas**  
49th Fighter Training Squadron

The 49th Fighter Training Squadron graduated Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals, Class 11-ABC last Friday, Oct. 15.

Second Lt. Skyler Collins (the only member of 11-ABC) will proceed to Seymour-Johnson AFB, N.C., where he will continue his training to become an F-15E fighter pilot.

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 A10C.

The nine-week course begins with tactical formation flights and then introduces pilots to basic fighter maneuvers and air-to-air employment in offensive, defensive, and high aspect fight 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.



**2nd Lt. Skyler Collins**  
F-15E

## HERITAGE

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munity and we should embrace that because it makes us stronger," said Col. George Ross, vice commander of the 14th Flying Training Wing.

Doctor Vozzo started her speech by noting that Hispanics differ greatly by birth country, skills, family history, and immigration status.

However there are many commonalities that Hispanics share Doctor Vozzo said. Personal trust and relationships are often considered more important than the institutional equivalents. She also said that collaboration is much more common than competition in Hispanic culture, which can provide a different perspective of capitalism.

How Hispanics communicate can be different in more ways than verbally. Doctor Vozzo said that personal contact is very important in Hispanic cultures, and remem-

bering to keep one's hands to themselves can difficult sometimes. Use of titles is an important aspect of communication, with an emphasis on respecting elders.

Family life for Hispanics is different from most American families in several ways. Doctor Vozzo said that families are usually very large and it is not uncommon to have cousins living in the same house. She also said that the mother usually makes the home, in a sense that home is where the mother is, while the father's role is to be the head of the family.

Doctor Vozzo said that she is seeing changes in communities that help support Hispanics anywhere from youth to professionally to old age. Citing some specific examples she suggested Hispanic student associations, diversity centers, and scholarship support.

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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat/Sun
25 Mental Health Office Open House, 2 p.m., @ Clinic	26	27 Quarterly Awards Ceremony, 3:30 p.m., @ Kaye  Chapel Harvest Fest, 5p.m.	28 Golden Triangle Employment Expo, @ EMCC	29 Enlisted Promotions, 3:30 p.m., @ Club	30/31 Oct. 30: Halloween on-base , 6:30-8:30 p.m.
1 Night Flying Week	2 Election Day  Nov. 2-4: Saudi Senior Officers visit	3	4	5 Tops in Blue, 7 p.m., @ MUW  Class 11-02 Assignment Night, 5 p.m., @ Club	6/7 Nov. 6: Columbus Veteran's Day Parade, 9:30 a.m., downtown  Nov. 7: Daylight Savings Time

Long Range Events
Nov. 8: CDC Ribbon Cutting
Nov. 8: SNCO Induction Banquet
Nov. 10: NARFE Luncheon
Nov. 11: Veteran's Day
Nov. 12: BCC Luncheon
Nov. 13: OG Career Day/ Civilian Fly-In
Nov. 16: Native American Heritage Month Luncheon
Nov. 16: CSC Social
Nov. 16: Hearts Apart Social
Nov. 17: IFF Grad
Nov. 17: Class 11-01 Track Select
Nov. 18: Dormsgiving
Nov. 19: Class 11-02 Graduation

# Columbus AFB energy saving success

14th Civil Engineer Squadron

Columbus AFB, Miss. is working hard to conserve energy. Recently, the 14th Civil Engineer Squadron worked diligently to give multiple buildings heating ventilating and cooling (HVAC) tune-ups. Certain buildings had spaces that were being over cooled during the hot summer months causing excess energy to be wasted.

Using the Energy Management Control System (EMCS), the air flow minimums were reduced in five buildings. This reduces fan energy consumption while maintaining occupancy comfort. This will save each building an average of 20 percent energy consumption during the summer months. This amounts to a total savings of at least \$14,000 per summer.

The HVAC tune-up done on these buildings also has potential to save energy during the winter months which means additional cost savings. These savings are a step in the direction towards Columbus AFB's energy reduction goals.

# Electronic options for voting

**Second Lt. Adam McClish**  
Assistant Installation Voting Assistance Officer

Voting for military members, their families and overseas citizens is easier now than ever before. More than half the States post absentee ballots online for military and overseas voters. Additionally, voters from all 55 states and territories can use the FVAP online Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot automated assistant to vote for at least all federal candidates. For specifics of what each of these states has available including links to the state specific sites, visit [www.fvap.org](http://www.fvap.org) or contact your Voting Assistance Officer.

In 2009, President Obama signed the Military and Overseas Voters Empowerment Act (MOVE Act) into law. MOVE Act requires all states to provide blank absentee ballots in at least one electronic format – email, an online ballot delivery system or fax – at least 45 days before an election.

To jump-start the electronic voting support process for military and overseas voters, FVAP offered the federally funded Electronic Voting Support Wizard (EVSUW). This system develops State-designed and operated absentee ballot delivery websites, accessible through [FVAP.gov](http://FVAP.gov), that allow voters to mark their precinct-specific absentee bal-

lots, and then print, sign and submit by the methods allowed (mail, email, fax or online delivery system). In addition to EVSW, other States produced their own online ballot marking systems. Check your state's website for more specifics.

Finally, FVAP produced the online Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot automated assistant which allows voters to access and mark an online ballot for federal elections. This is a back-up ballot if the voter does not get their regular State absentee ballot, where the voter can select their candidates online, print the ballot with the choices printed out on the ballot, sign the oath and return the ballot package by whatever means is allowed by the state (mail, email, fax or online system). The automated assistant provides voters a complete federal ballot specific by Congressional district with all instructions necessary to return the ballot to the election office.

In the end, the voter gets more time to review, mark, and return their ballot by the State deadlines. Being stationed or living away from home means it takes longer for ballots to get to and from voters. Past research shows late delivery of ballots is a top reason why absentee ballots from military and overseas voters are not counted. The combination of these systems and early ballot availability means that voters can have their ballot in hand to vote and return 45 days or longer before an election.

## Last week's crossword answer



## Base holds quarterly retreat ceremony



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Chase Hedrick  
Base Honor Guard members Airman 1st Class Shayne Allen, 14th Medical Operations Squadron, and Senior Airman Gregory Ramirez, 14th Civil Engineering Squadron, fold the U.S. flag during the wing retreat ceremony held Oct. 18 at Smith Plaza.

# Runners blaze ahead and Team BLAZE Race



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

Participants in the BLAZE Race take off from the starting line Oct. 16 near the base gym. The winners for the 10k portion of the race were Lt. Col. Brian Joseph, 49th Fighter Training Squadron, and Tech Sgt. Angela Coleman, 14th Force Support Squadron; and the winners for the 5k portion were William Yingst and Alison Elemore.

## Making your charitable contributions work for you

Jana Hall  
14th Force Support Squadron

Our nation's current economic situation has put nonprofit organizations and charities nationwide in financial crises. Even nonprofit service providers here at Columbus AFB are feeling the crunch.

"Our main funding sources have been drastically cut due to the current national economic situation," said Kayline Hamilton, Director of Youth Programs. "Much of our programming here depends solely on charitable funding."

CAFB Youth Programs is a nonprofit organization and receives funding from the Combined Federal Campaign, the United Way and the Boys and Girls Clubs of America. Due to these affiliations, contributors to the CFC's current annual fundraising efforts can direct their contributions either in part or wholly to the Youth Center by entering charity code 22463 on their contribution form, Hamilton said.

"We strive to provide great family support to all base personnel and their families at little or no cost, especially on the open recreation side of the house," Hamilton said. Donated monies go to purchase supplies and materials, fund staff training and offset field expenses such as fuel.

"Your contribution means more to our base program than you can imagine," Mr. Hamilton said, "especially during these lean times."

As the old saying goes - charity begins at home and mostly ends where it begins. The base youth programs are depending heavily on the generosity of on-base contributors to the CFC, United Way and Boys and Girls Clubs of America this year to maintain the affordable, quality services currently available to CAFB youth and their families.



U.S. Air Force photo

An aspiring archer takes aim at the Youth Center's 2010 Archery Camp at Columbus Air Force Base June 20.

## AROUND TOWN

### Friends of the Library

Dr. Tom Richardson, MUW's Dean of Arts and Sciences, wraps up the Friends of the Library's September series with a look at the upcoming Oct. 21 to 23 "Eudora Welty Writers' Symposium." He will preview the line-up of 12 visiting southern writers. Bring your lunch at 11:30; iced tea provided. Or join friends from noon to 1:00 p.m. for the program at the Columbus-Lowndes Public Library at 314 Seventh Street North. For more information contact the library at 329-5300.

### Foster and Adoption Opportunities

The Mississippi Department of Human Service is in need of foster and adoptive families in Lowndes Clay County. If you would like to open your heart and home to a child please contact Penny Peralto in Lowndes County at 329-1101. For adoption contact Karen Ward in Clay County at 494-8987.

### 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 327-3107.

## BARGAIN LINE

### 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.*

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

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

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.

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 photos and contact information, visit www.fsbo.com, listing #138068. For sale: 2005 Clayton mobile home, 14 X 56, two bedrooms, one bath, all electric. \$17,000, call 251-5990.

### 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. Moving and need to sell as soon as possible. Selling to best offer. Call 425-4953 or (337) 274-5479 for more information. For sale: 2008 Harley Davidson, 883 Sportster low rider, under 150 miles, 2.5 year extended service plan, midnight pearl blue, accessories included. \$5,875. Call 889-0113.

### Homes

For sale: 2000 BMW R1200C, cruiser, black with pinstripes. 11,700 miles. Recently serviced. Excellent condition. \$6,450 or best offer. (808) 221-2005. For sale: 2005 Triumph Rocket III, black with lots of extras! 7,400 miles. Excellent condition. \$8,950 or best offer! (808) 221-2005. For sale: 2008 Honda CBR1000RR, Full LEO system, Ohlins Suspension, with lots of extras! Silver black. \$10,500 firm. (808) 221-2005. For sale: 2004 Ford Explorer XLT, black, 105,000 miles, for \$8,000 or best offer. Call 315-1710.

### Miscellaneous

For sale: Murray riding lawn mower 18.5 hp, 42" cutting deck, six speed and reverse, new blades, air fuel filter, spark plug, and battery. \$200 or best offer. Please call 570-9977 if interested. For sale: Sidi Motorcycle Vertigo

Riding Boots size 45 and Alpine Stars Racing gloves. Great condition. \$100 for both. (808) 221-2005. For sale: Hamilton Beach Prep Star food processor \$15. New Bright Starts Dream Along Mobile \$15. New digital picture frame \$25. Conair whirlpool massaging foot spa \$20. Dirt Devil spot scrubber \$15. Conair Pet grooming kit \$15. Schwinn jogging stroller \$75. Black entertainment center \$10. Tall Christmas tree \$15. Please call (337) 274-5479.

For sale: Scentsy Jack O'Lantern large warmer \$30. Southern living at home door hanger \$10. flower market door bucket \$30. Call 549-1381. For sale: Samsung DVD/VHS player \$25. Call 549-6646. For sale: 3x6 whirlpool tub with matching shower that has sliding door, over head light and optional steam bath \$800. Window unit A/C with heat pump \$175. Old black rotary phone, still works \$20. Amplified speaker system for PC \$10. Three piece luggage \$20. Call 328-4374.

For sale: Lane, Queen Anne style recliner, navy blue diamond pattern. \$75 or best offer. Call 570-9977. For sale: High Boy cherry chest of drawers bought new for \$2,000, will sell for \$500. Queen size dresser with mirror, night stand, and headboard \$400. Microwave stand \$10. Child school desk with chair \$8. Free dresser with mirror. Call 328-3977. For sale: Cherry wood solid wood round coffee table, less than a year old, \$50. Nikon Coolpix 5200 digital camera, includes additional car charger and European outlet charger, does not include SD card, \$50. Beautiful red brand new queen size quilt for \$15. All prices negotiable. Call (302) 359-1754.

### Pets

Free: Six small very cute mixed puppies. One male and five females. Call (205) 273-4118.

### COLUMBUS AFB HALLOWEEN

October 30, 2010

Trick or Treating  
is from 6:00pm  
to 8:30pm

Pinnacle will be handing  
out Glow Necklaces for  
Safety

\*All Areas of Housing are Open\*



Appearance by  
McGruff at the  
Pinnacle  
Community Center  
from 7-7:30pm



Base News

The Landings at Columbus

The Landings at Columbus have added an additional Early Bird Drawing! Until close of business on Oct. 22, you may return your completed and sealed survey to the Pinnacle office and be entered into the second drawing for the \$100 gift card. Winners will be announced in the Silverwings on Oct. 29th. All residents who return a completed will be entered into the main drawing to possibly win one of the following: A 50" big screen TV, \$500, \$200 or \$100 gift card.

SNCO Officer Induction Ceremony

The Senior Non-Commissioned induction ceremony will occur Nov. 8 with a social beginning at 6 p.m. and the event at 7 p.m. The fifth Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Robert Gaylor will be the evening's guest speaker. Dress for military attendees will be mess dress or semi-formal and business attire for civilians. Ticket prices for E1-E5 is \$15 for members and \$17 for non-members. Ticket prices for E-6 and above, civilians, and officers will be \$24 for members and \$26 for non-members. Meal choices are sliced london broil, honey glazed chicken breast or vegetarian. Ticket point of contacts are Master Sgt. Swanner for the 14th Operations Group, Master Sgt. Baty for the Mission Support Group, Master Sgt. Chism for the 14th Medical Group, and Master Sgt. Grolla for the 14th Flying Training Wing Staff Agencies.

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.

Adjunct Instructors Needed

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University needs instructors for their Master of Aeronautical Science and Master of Science in Management degree programs at Columbus AFB. Email resumes to the ERAU's Director of Academics at reginald.boring@erau.edu.

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

The ERAU office is located in building 926, room 124 and is open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. ERAU offers Master of Aeronautical Science and Master of Science in Management degrees on base.

ERAU awards advanced standing credit towards the Master of Aeronautical Science degree for certain military training including but not limited to: Squadron Officer School (In-Residence only), Air Command and Staff College, EURO-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Instructor Training T-38, Pilot Instructor Training T-38, Pilot Instructor Training T-6 TRIM. For more information, contact Jessica Leese at 434-8262 (dial 99 on base) or the ERAU Memphis Center at Memphis.center@erau.edu.

AFRC Closed for training

The Airman and Family Readiness Center will be closed at 2:30 p.m. every Thursday for training. Call 434-2790 for more information.

Dependent ID Cards

The Military Personnel Section wishes to remind its customers that a dependent's sponsor must be present for issuance of a dependent ID card. Alternatively the sponsor can sign a DD Form 1172 in advance and file it with Customer Support, allowing the dependent to come in at a later date to get the ID card without the sponsor. Without the sponsor or the DD Form 1172 the dependent can obtain a temporary ID card that will expire in 30 days. For all of the above options the dependent must bring a current or expired dependent ID card as well as a second photo ID.

Military Leave

In accordance with AFI 36-3003, all leave must start and stop in the local area, meaning the place where the member lives and from which he or she commutes to the duty station. When inputting the leave address in LeaveWeb or on a hard-copy AF Form 988, ensure to include a complete mailing address and telephone number with an area code through which the unit may contact the member if necessary. Please be aware that in accordance with AFMAN 65-116V2, leave requests cannot be processed more than two weeks in advance of the start date. If a member submits a leave request more than two weeks out, a leave number will not be issued to it until two weeks prior to the effective start date. If you have any questions, please contact Military Personnel Customer Support at 434-2601 or 434-2626.

JPPSO-SAT Relocation

JPPSO-SAT has relocated to Port San Antonio, Texas and will be minimally manned the month of October. JPPSO recommends that all service members relocating in the month of October visit their local PPPO (TMO) no later than 30 days prior to their pickup date to ensure a smooth personal property move.

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.

Budgeting Basics

Every Wednesday from 11 a.m. to noon. Learn practical ways to tell your money where to go rather than wonder where it went.

Pre-Separation Counseling (DD Form-2648)

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

Pre and Post Deployment Tour Brief

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

Chapel Schedule

2010-2011 Pioneer Clubs Program

Pioneer Clubs meets every Wednesday evening 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. This program is open to children ages three years through seventh grade. All are invited to attend. 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. For more information, contact Ms. Ida Hall, 434-2500.

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.

RefresHer at Chapel

The Base Chapel is hosting a ministry called "RefresHer", where ladies are offered the opportunity to be refreshed with fellowship, dinner, a movie, games and prizes. The theme for this RefresHer event is Wedding, where ladies will watch and discuss is "My Big Fat Greek Wedding", while enjoying an appropriate entree for the night: Wedding Soup!. Please bring your favorite wedding-style finger food as a side dish to share with others. This fun-packed evening occurs on Thursday Oct. 28, at the Chapel Annex, beginning at 6 p.m.

Special Worship Service

You are invited to attend a very special worship service on Sunday, Oct. 31 at 10:45 a.m. We are honored to have the 17-member Columbus Girls' Choir who will be offering sacred music and anthems as part of our Traditional Protestant worship service. After the worship service, you are invited to attend lunch in the Chapel Annex.

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

Thursday  
6 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

Baptisms every 3rd Sunday of the month except Lent and Advent. Call (808) 271-4882 for more information.

Hearts Apart helps spouses deal with deployments



U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Jacob Corbin  
Adam Hardin, son of Kelli Hardin, 14th Contracting Squadron, and Tech. Sgt. Martin Hardin, crawls through a hay maze at a local pumpkin patch Oct. 19 during Hearts Apart. Hearts Apart helps spouses of deployed members deal with separation. Sergeant Hardin is currently serving a year-long overseas tour.

Airman of the Week

Name/unit:  
1st Lt. Jason Parcus  
14th Flying Training Wing

Job title: Executive Assistant to the vice wing commander

Time at Columbus AFB: Two yrs, three months.

Time in Service: Two years, five months.

Hometown: Huntsville, Ala.

Career goals: To bloom wherever I'm planted, and glorify God through my work and my relationships with those around me.

Family members: Not yet.

Favorite musician: Journey

Favorite movie: When Harry Met Sally (Just kidding).

Biggest pet peeve: People who are presented with a situation, know what is required to do the job right, and make the choice not to put in the effort required.

Favorite book: "1776" by David McCullough.

Inspirations: My grandpa. He never made it past the sixth grade, retired as a janitor from Goodyear Tires, yet he had hundreds of people at his funeral and over a dozen police escorts. How? He was a tough man, but he truly loved people and acted as a father to many, many more people than those in his own family. His sphere of influence was truly incredible.

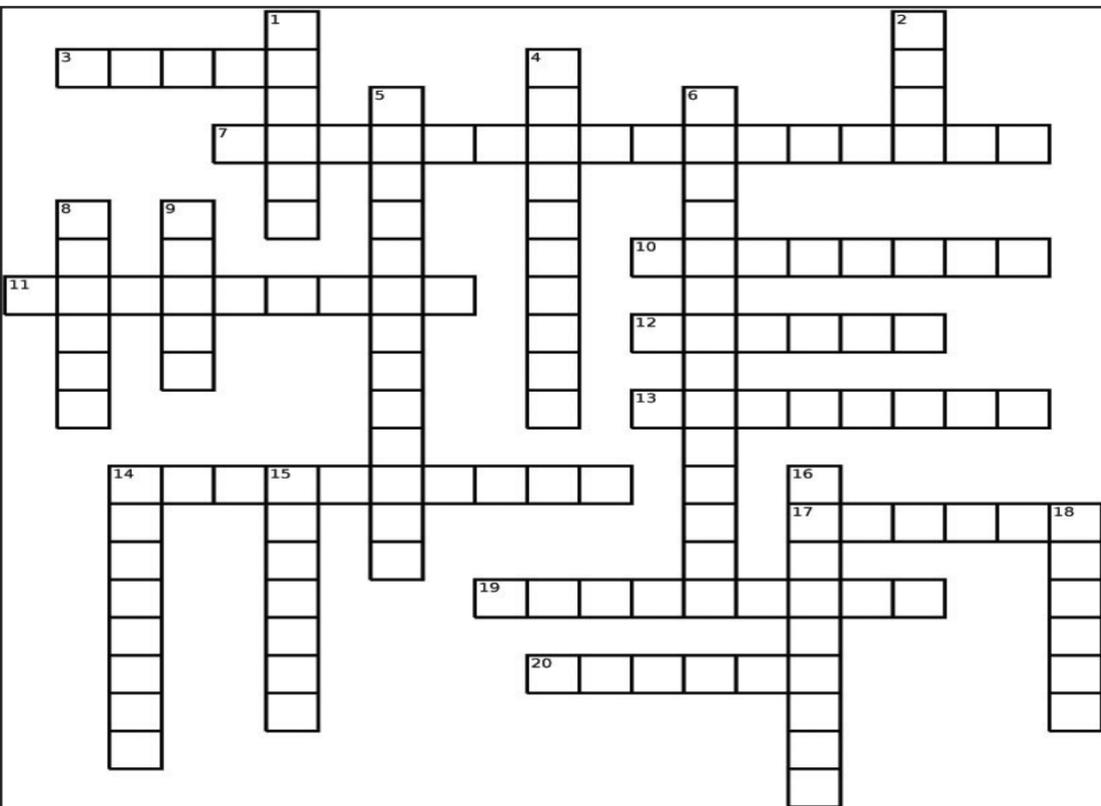
Personal motto: I don't feel that I'm important enough to have my own motto; I just try to do my best every time.



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# Meet Class 11-01

**Across**

- 3 Jared Leese of Boiling Springs, PA will fly the C-17 at this base located in the "First State."
- 7 2nd Lt. Thomas Watson, of Meridian, MS will fly the KC-135/C-27 at this base located really close to home.
- 10 2nd Lt. Benjamin Oatley of Newbury Park, CA will fly the mighty T-1 at this base where he won't have to move very far.
- 11 2nd Lt. Michael Raynor of Forked River, NJ will fly the MC-12/KC-135 at this base located in a state named after one of our founding fathers.
- 12 2nd Lt Kyle Klein of Miami, FL will fly the C-5 at this base located on the golden coast.
- 13 2nd Lt. Evan Backes of Colorado Springs, CO will fly the T-6 at this base named after the man credited with discovering America.
- 14 2nd Lt. Lauren Pannocchia of Woodbridge, VA will be flying the C-17 at this base located in South Carolina.
- 17 2nd Lt. Kyle Blank of Castro Valley, CA will fly a RPA at this base in the state where the government owns 86% of the land.
- 19 2nd Lt. Tyler Metz of Waukesha, WI will fly the C-17 at this base located in the land of the midnight sun.
- 20 2nd Lt. Jeffrey Payne of Naches, WA will fly the PC-12 at this base located between Texas and Arizona.

**Down**

- 1 2nd Lt. Zachery Singer of Mount Carmel, IL will fly the RPA at this base located in the "Silver State."
- 2 2nd Lt. Michael Sloten of Santa Rosa, CA will fly the F-16 at this base named after this WWI Ace who was the first airman to receive the Medal of Honor.
- 4 Capt. Jacob Presley, originally from St. Louis, MO, will fly the MC-12/C-17 at this base located in this state where famed SEC coach Steve Spurrier currently coaches football.
- 5 2nd Lt. Matthew Gardner of Pittsburgh, PA will fly the F-15C at this base located in the state where Nike was founded.
- 6 Capt. James Duncan of Arlington, TX will fly, fight, and win in his F-15E at this base located in the state where aviation was born.
- 8 2nd Lt. Jonathan White of Dothan, AL will refuel in the KC-10 at this base located in this state where he might find himself surfing...dude.
- 9 2nd Lt. Michael Carnes of Murrieta, CA will refuel in the KC-135 at this base named after a green spring month.
- 14 2nd Lt. Karl Wilson, of Franklin, TN will fly the T-6 at this base where he doesn't have to worry about packing everything up.
- 15 2nd Lt. Joseph Phillips of Lorain, OH will fly the E-8 at this base located in a state where the scenery is just "peachy."
- 16 2nd Lt. Ian Doneski of Round Hill, VA will fly the MC-12/KC-135 at this base located where "Dorothy thinks she's not in \_\_\_\_\_ anymore".
- 18 2nd Lt. Skip Saito of Aiea, HI will fly the C-17 at this base located in the Pacific.

## Defense Cyber Crime Center officials host challenge

LINTHICUM, MD. — Airmen and civilians are now able to submit solutions for the 2010 Defense Cyber Crime Center Digital Forensics Challenge to compete against more than 975 teams for a chance to win 11 different prizes.

The DC3 Digital Forensics Challenge is a public, online, and international Challenge held annually by DC3 officials and is an annual call to the digital forensics community to pioneer new investigative tools, techniques and methodologies.

The Digital Forensics Challenge was created by Jim Christy, the director of future exploration at DC3.

"We had 1,153 teams play from 61 different countries (in the 2009 contest), so it was kind of amazing," Mr. Christy.

Though contestants work on invented puzzles, researchers harvest real crime-solving tools from their efforts. Those tools can

help them stay ahead of criminal activity ranging from hacking to espionage to child pornography.

The 2010 DC3 Forensics Challenge encourages innovation from a broad range of individuals, teams, and institutions to provide technical solutions for computer forensic examiners in the lab as well as in the field. Approximately 20 different unique, single based challenges ranging from basic forensics to advanced tool development are being provided to all participants for this annual challenge.

Prizes from DC3 Challenge sponsors range from trips to the 2011 DOD Cyber Crime Conference, tours of cybercrime facilities and academies and official award recognitions, grants, and training. Prizes are awarded based on the teams' overall citizenship and affiliation as civilians, military, government or level of academia.

## Cyberspace is the new domain of warfare

**Cheryl Pellerin**  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — With the creation of the U.S. Cyber Command in May and last week's cybersecurity agreement between the departments of Defense and Homeland Security, DOD officials are ready to add cyberspace to sea, land, air and space as the latest domain of warfare, Deputy Defense Secretary William J. Lynn III said Oct. 14.

Adversaries may be able to undermine the military's advantages in conventional areas by attacking the nation's military and commercial information technology, or IT, infrastructure, Secretary Lynn said.

This threat has "opened up a whole new asymmetry in future warfare," the deputy defense secretary said.

DOD's focus on cyberdefense began in 2008 with a previously classified incident in the Middle East ,in which a flash drive inserted

malware into classified military networks, Secretary Lynn said.

"There's no agreed-on definition of what constitutes a cyberattack," Secretary Lynn said. "It's really a range of things that can happen, from exploitation and exfiltration of data to degradation of networks, to destruction of networks or even physical equipment, (or) physical property. What we're doing in our Defense cyberstrategy is developing appropriate responses and defenses for each of those types of attacks."

Envisioned attacks on military networks could impair military power, national security and the economy, Secretary Lynn said.

Enemy cyberattacks could deprive the military of the ability to strike with precision and communicate among forces and with headquarters, he said. It could impair logistics or transportation networks and eliminate advantages that information technology has given military forces.

## Spending reforms top Defense priorities

**Cheryl Pellerin**  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Pentagon officials should start seeing results from major spending reforms launched by Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates in the summer of 2010, Deputy Defense Secretary William J. Lynn III said Oct. 14.

The entire Defense Department is working to change the way it does business to become more efficient, Mr. Lynn said.

The top-priority spending reforms began in 2009 with an effort to change the department's approach to military acquisition, and continued in May, when Secretary Gates directed DOD officials "to take a hard and unsparing look at how the department is staffed, organized and operated."

Secretary Gates said he concluded that Defense military and civilian headquarters and support bureaucracies "have swelled to cumbersome and top-heavy proportions, grown over-reliant on contractors, and grown accustomed to operating with little consideration to cost."

Mr. Lynn described Secretary Gates' four-track approach to move defense agencies toward a more efficient, effective and cost-conscious way of doing business:

— Through the normal program and budget process, Secretary Gates seeks to shift \$100 billion "from overhead accounts into warfighting accounts, from tail to tooth."

— Secretary Gates also seeks outside advice from advisory boards, think tanks and DOD employees "on how we might get more efficient."

— A process-reform track targets the acquisition process and

seeks "to develop more efficiencies and a more effective way of buying equipment." Ashton B. Carter, the undersecretary of defense for acquisition, technology and logistics, is leading the acquisition reform effort.

— Secretary Gates also announced a series of initiatives to reduce headquarters, "to reduce flag and general officers as well as (senior executive service) employees, to reduce support contractors, to eliminate unnecessary boards and commissions and a variety of other efforts, to develop greater operational agility and to reduce layers, overlap and bureaucracy in the department."

Efficiencies alone "won't be enough to get the \$100 billion in saving the secretary is seeking," Mr. Lynn said. "What we're going to need to do is eliminate some lower-priority functions and tasks and organizations to get that kind of savings."

Standing down the U.S. Joint Forces Command in Norfolk, Va., is "one of the important elements," Mr. Lynn said, in achieving cost efficiencies.

"The secretary feels very strongly that we need to eliminate excess headquarters, excess bureaucracy (and) unnecessary layers, and the Joint Forces Command is one of the signature efforts in that regard," he said.

The biggest challenge in instilling a culture of savings at the department is changing the way people think, Mr. Lynn said.

"We've been the last decade in an era of pretty substantial budget increases and we're probably not going to (continue to) have those," he said. "We need to change people's thinking so they think about the costs of things they're doing as well as the value. It's the biggest challenge, but it's probably the most important endeavor."

## Senior Pentagon official: Military must reduce use of fossil fuels

**Ian Graham**  
Defense Media Activity

WASHINGTON — The Defense Department's current reliance on expensive, difficult-to-transport and finite fossil fuels affects cost-reduction efforts as well as war-fighting operations, a senior Pentagon official said.

"Certainly, for current operations and for the future, one of the things we're really focused on is reducing demand, (which is) reducing our consumption, because no matter what kind of energy we're using, the amount of energy we're using causes us problems in practice — particularly in the kinds of fights we're fighting today where so much of our logistics train is in the battlefield," said Sharon Burke, the director of the department's operational energy plans and programs.

Operational energy is the energy used to move, train and sustain weapons, forces and equipment for military operations, Ms. Burke said, who discussed Pentagon officials' plans to reduce and reform operational energy consumption.

Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Navy Adm. Mike Mullen, she noted, have said that failure to find new, sustainable energy sources will soon pose a threat to national security.

## 14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, 77 BLAZE TEAM members are deployed worldwide. Remember to support the Airmen and their families while they are away.



## Dollars and \$ense: Itemized lodging receipts from the hotel are required for reimbursement

Effective Nov. 1, a traveler may not be reimbursed for a hotel booked using an online booking agent (Expedia, Hotwire, etc) unless an itemized receipt from the hotel is provided. A copy of the hotel reservation provided by the online booking agency is not a valid receipt for reimbursement. The traveler must not submit a "lost receipt" statement to substitute for a hotel receipt.

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# Base families offered a variety of activities

## Base Vet Clinic Closed

The Army has recently suspended the private animal care unit on base. All pet records are available for pickup at the Front Desk/Check-In Counter at the Medical Clinic. Please call 434-2334 for information about the records you need or go by and talk to Staff Sgt. Ricardo Shields. Currently no deadline has been set for retrieval of these records but eventually all records not picked up will be sent to Redstone Arsenal, Ala. There are several veterinarians in the Golden Triangle area that will be able to assist you with your pet's medicines, vaccinations and other needs.

## Spooky Spectacular Party and No Tap Bowling Tournament

The Bowling Center is hosting this event from 7 to 10 p.m. tonight. Cost is \$15 per person, \$25 per couple and children 10 and younger is \$5. Entry includes 3 games of bowling, shoe rental, door prizes, pizza and a drink. Prizes awarded for best costume. For more information, call 434-3426.

## Powder Puff Ladies Flag Football Tournament

Game times are at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. Oct. 23 at the Football/Soccer Complex. The championship game will be at 2 p.m. For more information, call the Fitness Center at 434-2772.

## Commanders Challenge Paintball Tourney

This tournament is schedule for 10 a.m. Oct. 23. Each team must have a unit commander, first sergeant or chief and three other members of choice. Cost is \$149 per team and includes all equipment, hamburger lunch and individual trophies for first place, and team trophies for first thru third places. Commander's points awarded for participation. Although tournament starts at 10 a.m., players should arrive by 9:30 a.m. Must have a minimum of six teams. For more information, contact Steve Bocek at 434-2507.

## Bowling Center extends hours

The bowling center snack bar is open at 6 a.m. for breakfast for a 90-day trial period. The center extends their hours due to the discontinuance of the burrito bus Oct. 1. For quality control and a business based action, this serv-

ice was discontinued. In an effort to ensure we still meet the needs of our customers, the bowling center snack bar will open one hour earlier for those customers that would like to have a freshly made breakfast burrito. Call in orders can be made by calling 434-3426 and an express pick-up line will be available for call-in orders for breakfast and lunch.

## Pumpkin Carving Contest

The Base Library is hosting this 21st annual event with judging Oct. 28 at 2 p.m. Pumpkins can be picked up at the Library on Oct. 26 or entrants may provide their own. Decorated pumpkins must be returned no later than 1 p.m. Oct. 28. The contest is open to everyone. First place prizes will be awarded in four categories: Best entry by an individual, best entry by a family, best entry by a Squadron/Group, and best entry with a Library Related Them.

## Youth Center Fall Festival

The Youth Center is hosting this family event from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Oct. 29. Cost is \$3 per person (one food ticket included per person). Come enjoy games, bouncies, food, costume contest and music.

## Monster March

This annual event starts at 9 a.m. at Freedom Park Oct. 30. Children and adults will march to Outdoor Recreation, golf course, bowling center and then to the Fitness Center. At each stop there will be activities for the children. At outdoor rec, kids will have the opportunity to bounce away their time. Test your putt-putt skills at the golf course and your bowling skills at the bowling center. At 6th the fitness center, shoot baskets to test your aim. Register from 9-10 a.m. at Freedom Park. Marching starts at 10 a.m. and costumes are encouraged but not required.

## Norwegian Cruise Line Special to Alaska

Take a 7 night Alaskan cruise from Seattle to Ketchikan, Juneau, Skagway, prince Rupert BC Canada. Ship departs Aug. 27, 2011. Cost is \$881.64 per person for an inside cabin, \$1121.64 for ocean view and \$1501.64 per person for a balcony. Pricing does include port charges and taxes and a \$75 onboard ship credit but not transportation to Seattle. Fares are cruise only, per person based on double occupancy. Rates are subject to availability and can

## Steak Night with Music on the Patio

The Whispering Pines Golf Course is hosting a steak night from 5 to 8 p.m. Oct. 29 on their back patio under the tent. Cost is \$11.95 for an 8 oz. ribeye steak . Price includes salad, baked potato, salad and a 16 oz. iced tea or fountain drink. Cost for children ages 12 and under is \$2.50 for a hot dog, chips and fountain drink. Stay for the acoustical sounds of base musicians from 6-8 p.m. Reservations are required for dinner. Make your reservation in the pro shop by Oct. 28 or call 434-7932.

change without notice. Restrictions may apply. Contact the Information, Ticket and Travel Office at 434-7861 or visit [www.aftravelonline.com](http://www.aftravelonline.com) to make your reservations.

## Tops in Blue needs volunteers

Volunteers are still needed to help with the "Tops in Blue" event "We Believe," scheduled for Nov. 5 at The Rent Auditorium at MUW. They will be needed to help set up in the morning, from around 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and to tear down after the show from around 9 p.m. to midnight.

## Family Night at the Library

There will be a Family Night held at the base library Oct. 26 from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. The theme is Hispanic Heritage.

## 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](http://www.topsinblue.com) to begin the application process.

## Mommie and me crafts classes

Stop by the Arts and Crafts Center to check out the display of upcoming projects 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](http://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.

## Space A lodging

The Magnolia Inn usually has openings for Space A family and single units. Contact the lodging desk at 434-2548.

## Tickets available

The information, ticket and travel office has discounted tickets for Disney World, Universal Studios, Dollywood, Sea World, Busch Gardens, Six Flags Over Georgia, the Memphis Zoo, Alabama Adventure, the Dixie Stampede, Geyser Falls and more. Call 434-2507 for more information.

## Youth Center sponsorship program

Moving is hard, but it is also a time to meet new friends, find new hangout spots, get involved in fun and different things and go on trips to interesting places. The Youth Sponsorship Program at Columbus was created by and just for youth. To help make your transition from your old base on to your new base, contact the Youth Center and join in the fun of the youth sponsorship program. For more information, call 434-2504.

## Casino trip

Register at outdoor recreation for this monthly trip the first Friday of every month to the Silver Star and Golden Moon casinos. Cost is \$25 and includes transportation and \$25 in player money. Bus leaves at 5:30 p.m. from the BX parking lot and returns at 1 a.m. For more information, call 434-2507.

# Mentors make all the difference to those starting out

## Chief Master Sgt. Tony Young 14th Operations Group Superintendent

I loved the 80s. Some of my most important lessons were learned during this time.

Some of you may recall significant events like the assassination of John Lennon or the fall of the Berlin Wall. Others of you may remember the Space Shuttle Challenger disaster or Michael Jackson's video Thriller. No matter what thoughts you have about that decade, my thoughts are filled with enlisting in the Air Force.

I remember leaving Louisville, Ken. and knowing I was going to make it. I guess you can say my generation was considered the last of hard working Baby Boomers. We were raised in a time when praying and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance was still legal in public schools. We were raised in a time when parents told us what to do and children only had privileges not rights.

Remember that? We were born in a time when you were taught to respect your elders; you better say, "Yes sir" or "No ma'am". In my small town every adult had the authority to kick your butt for acting up and then telling your parents so they could kick your butt also. So, when I enlisted in the Air Force I knew I had no choice but to make it.

# It wasn't supposed to be like this

## Lt. Col. Jonathan Tamblyn 54th Air Refueling Squadron commander

ALTUS AIR FORCE BASE, Okla. — After parking the Air Force staff car beside the yard, the chaplain, the nurse and I got out of the car and took a moment to look over each other's service dress. We had been steeling ourselves for this moment most of the afternoon.

As a death notification team, it was our job to inform a newly bereaved father about the tragic death of his Air Force son.

In a very rare Air Force Personnel Center decision, the signed letter I would read to the father stated the suspected cause of death was suicide.

Many of you can't read the word "suicide" without feeling the pangs of a tragic loss you have already experienced in your life due to someone else's decision to prematurely end his or her own life. Although the pain of suicide is staggering, the risk of suicide may be more pervasive than previously thought.

In a 2008 study by the Substance Abuse

My upbringing had already taught me how to be a good Airman before I went to Basic Training because I was raised by an entire community. They taught me how to follow rules, to respect my elders and understand the difference between right and wrong. Do we still have those kinds of communities?

My father wasn't Bill Cosby. He dropped out of school and started working in the coal mines in the fifth grade and remained there until his death at 59. Although he was not educated, he had a knack for analyzing people. He always told me to surround myself and listen to older people because they are much wiser than me. Their experiences will help you avoid the pitfalls of life.

He said, "They didn't grow old being a fool but there are cemeteries filled with smart, young people." I took his advice and became good friends with an old school staff sergeant at my first base. He showed me the ropes, what to do and what not to do for 18 months. I credit him for molding my career.

At the end of my first enlistment 40 percent of the Airmen I initially in-processed with had been discharged. They were all good people but had done some stupid things one way or another. Each one of them had something in common; no mentor!

and Mental Health Services Administration, it was found that "nearly 8.3 million adults (age 18 and older) in the U.S. had serious thoughts of suicide in the past year."

The study also showed that 2.3 million adult Americans made a suicide plan within the past year and that 1.1 million adults actually attempted suicide within the past year."

Hidden within these staggering statistics, you find too many servicemembers who have also been suicidal.

Lately, military suicides have been on the rise.

The Houston Chronicle did an analysis and found suicides of "Texans younger than 35 who served in the military jumped from 47 in 2006 to 66 in 2009 — an increase of 40 percent."

As sobering as the statistics can be, there are some things we can do to help reduce the risk of losing an Airman, coworker, friend or family member to suicide.

The first thing I recommend is to maintain connections with each other and

remain involved in one another's lives. Depression, substance abuse and emotional pain are indicators that can be observed when people know and observe one another. These can be signs of potential trouble, and getting an individual to talk about his or her situation often provides the release needed to turn around feelings about life.

Don't be afraid to refer people in trouble to trained professionals.

There may be no other profession which provides its members with so much help for dealing with life's problems than the U.S. military. Don't be afraid to refer anyone to the chaplain, Airman and family readiness center or mental health when you suspect there may be a need.

I also suggest continued efforts to educate and coach Airmen in life-disciplines that can prevent some key, unnecessary stressors. Disciplines like responsible financial management, educated parenting techniques and maintaining healthy relationships can actually prevent a person from making it to the breaking point in life when things seem to be spinning out of control.

Finally, never be afraid to ask people showing signs of trouble whether or not they want to harm themselves.

My mentor forced me to conform to military standards quickly before mediocrity sat in. Every young officer and Airman needs to attach themselves to a veteran ASAP! I hate nothing more than seeing good Airmen being discharged from the Air Force for senseless violations. Many of these acts could have been avoided if someone had intervened early. We (veterans) must take a more active role in developing the next generation of leaders.

We can't afford to keep losing well trained warriors. In know the Air Force in 1985 was totally different than it is in 2010. We could smoke cigarettes in the office, the trucks and everywhere else. The PT test only consisted of a mile and a half run once a year. Drinking was encouraged by leaders at every level. Yes, we had some out of shape alcoholics dying of lung cancer but the Air Force is trying to correct that trend.

The new fitness standard is our modern day 40 percent discharge challenge. It may be slightly modified in the future but nevertheless, it's not going back to the 80s.

Mentors, let's get busy and start intervening sooner rather than later. Future leaders, I know you will exceed expectations and make valuable contributions to the BLAZE mission.

I know that making the decision to ask this question can be difficult, and asking it can feel awkward, but research has shown asking doesn't plant the idea in an individual's mind. It actually communicates concern and a connection that might stop the suicide from happening.

Perhaps asking that tough question could have prevented my very difficult talk with this bereaved father.

As we approached the father, he was mowing his grass. I almost had to stand in front of the riding mower before he noticed us. I'm sure the parent of an Airman, Soldier, Sailor or Marine dreads the day he or she makes eye contact with a solemn commander and chaplain in dress uniform in an unscheduled meeting at his or her home.

Today, this father elected to stay outside and lean against the mower while I informed him about his son's untimely death. Composed and shocked, the father asked us questions and told us he was aware of his son's troubled state of mind. He went on to tell us he always understood news of his son's death was possible, because of dangers associated with military service, "but it wasn't supposed to be like this."

It never is. It never should be.



T-1A Jayhawk



T-38C Talon

# SUPT Class 11-01 earns silver wings



**Capt. James Duncan**  
Arlington, Texas  
F-15E, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.



**Capt. Jacob Presley**  
St. Louis, Mo.  
MC-12/C-17, Charleston AFB, S.C.



**First Lt. Roland Etho Etho**  
Bitam, Gabon  
Gabon Air Force

Twenty-three officers have prevailed during a year of training, earning the right to be an Air Force pilot. Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 11-01 graduates at 10 a.m. today during a ceremony at the Kaye Auditorium.

The graduation speaker for the class is Retired Lt. Gen. Walter E. Buchanan III. Prior to his retirement, he was commander, 9th Air Force and U.S. Central Command Air Forces, Shaw Air Force Base, S.C. The command comprises four wings in the eastern United States and four direct reporting units, with more than 350 aircraft and 24,000 active-duty and civilian personnel. In addition, he was also a T-38 First Assignment Instructor Pilot at the 50th Flying Training Squadron here.

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

Capt. James Duncan, T-38, and 1st Lt. Jared Leese, 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. Matthew Gardner, T-38, and 2nd Lt. Kyle Klein, 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.

Captain Duncan, Lieutenant Leese and 2nd Lt. Jeffery Payne, T-1, were named the distinguished graduates of SUPT Class 11-01.

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.

Advanced training for the fighter track is done in the T-38C Talon, a tandem-seat, twin-engine supersonic jet.

T-38 training emphasizes formation, advanced aerobatics and navigation. Training takes approximately 26 weeks

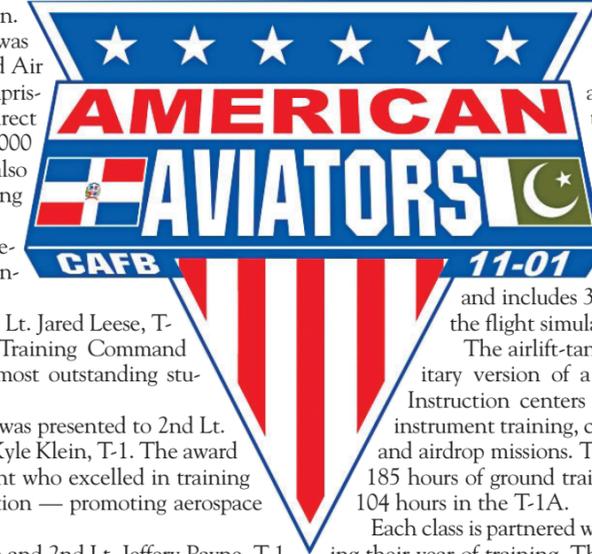
and includes 381 hours of ground training, 31.6 hours in the flight simulator and 118.7 hours in the T-38C aircraft.

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. SUPT Class 11-01's pilot partners are JoAnn Ferguson, GNC at Leigh Mall, and Gerrell Herron, AAFES.



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Murrieta, Calif.  
KC-135, March ARB, Calif.



**Second Lt. Ian Doneski**  
Round Hill, Va.  
MC-12/KC-135, McConnell AFB, Kan.



**Second Lt. Matthew Gardner**  
Pittsburgh, Penn.  
F-15C, Kingsley Field, Ore.



**First Lt. Jared Leese**  
Boiling Springs, Penn.  
C-17, Dover AFB, Del.



**Second Lt. Evan Backes**  
Colorado Springs, Colo.  
T-6, Columbus AFB, Miss.



**Second Lt. Kyle Blank**  
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C-5, Travis AFB, Calif.



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**Second Lt. Jeffery Payne**  
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PC-12, Cannon AFB, N.M.



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E-8, Robbins AFB, Ga.



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MC-12, Fairchild AFB, Wash.



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