

"Produce Pilots, Advance Airmen, Feed the Fight"

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Weather



Today

High: 75, Low: 44
Sunny



Saturday

High: 71, Low: 49
Chance showers



Sunday

High: 66, Low: 53
T-storms likely



Monday

High: 64, Low: 43
Chance showers

News Briefs

Native American Heritage Program

A Native American Heritage Program will be held at Kaye Auditorium on Nov. 16 at 9 a.m. A representative from the Alabama Choctaw Nation will be speaking.

Class 11-10 Track Select

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 11-10 will hold their track select Nov. 17 at 5 p.m. the Columbus Club.

Class 11-02 Graduation

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 11-02 will graduate in a ceremony at the Kaye Auditorium at 10 a.m. Nov. 19. Brig. Gen. Arnold Bunch Jr., 321st Aeronautical Systems Wing Commander, will be the event's guest speaker.

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Feature 10

The 14th Operations Support Squadron is highlighted in this week's feature.

Base, local community remember veterans at ceremony



U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Jacob Corbin
Mississippi State Senator Terry Brown speaks at the Veteran's Day Ceremony Nov. 6 outside the Lowndes County Courthouse. The ceremony also featured time for remembrance of our veterans and POW/MIAs, a flyover by two Columbus AFB T-1 Jayhawks and a parade beforehand to honor U.S. veterans.

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)	4.60 days	1.47 days	Nov. 17	48th (11-02)	4.37 days	1.42 days	Nov. 22	49th (10-BB)	4.61 days	3.35 days	Nov. 17	T-6	942	841	3,790
41st (11-11)	1.85 days	0.40 days	Dec. 13	50th (11-02)	0.34 days	2.11 days	Nov. 22					T-1	322	303	1,222
												T-38	399	291	1,198
												IFF	92	66	296

The graduation speaker is Brig. Gen. Arnold Bunch, Jr., Commander 321st Aeronautical Systems Wing.

Airman of the Week

Senior Airman Angel Galindo

14th Contracting Squadron

Job title: Contracting Specialist

Time at Columbus AFB: Three years four months

Time in Service: Three years 10 months

Hometown: Lompoc, Calif.

Career goals: To earn my CCAF and Bachelors, make senior master sergeant or chief master sergeant. Make a difference in the lives of as many people as possible through my service.

Family members: Rosie - Wife AJ - Son

Favorite musician: Ricardo Arjona

Favorite movie: The Shawshank Redemption

Biggest pet peeve: Picky eaters

Favorite book: Alex Cross Series by James Patterson



Inspirations: My mother; she showed me that being selfless comes with a lot of personal satisfaction and fulfillment. My son, who in his six years of life has showed me that there is no strangers in life, just future friends in need of a smile and a handshake.

Personal motto: You never know what you are missing out of in life if you are too afraid to try at least one time.

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<u>Mon</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Thur</u>	<u>Fri</u>	<u>Sat/Sun</u>
15	Native American Heritage Month Luncheon CSC Social, 6 p.m., @ Club Hearts Apart Social, 4:30 p.m., @ AFRC	Class 11-01 Track Select, 5 p.m., @ Club	Dormsgiving, 5 p.m., @ Chapel Annex Daedalians, 6 p.m. @ Club	Class 11-02 Graduation, 10 a.m., @ Kaye	20/21
22 Holiday Safety Briefings	23	24	25 Thanksgiving Holiday	26 Family Day, Most base facilities closed.	27/28

<u>Long Range Events</u>
Nov. 29: Wing Enlisted Calls
Nov. 30: Enlisted Promotions
Nov. 30: Class 12-01/02 PPW
Dec. 1: AETC/CV visit
Dec. 2: Hanukah
Dec. 2: Class 11-03 Assignment Night
Dec. 3: Base Christmas Tree Lighting
Dec. 6: Base Cookie Drive
Dec. 7: Pearl Harbor Anniversary
Dec. 7: Hearts Apart
Dec. 11: Parents Day Out

Fifth CMSAF helps Columbus AFB open new CDC

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

With the assistance of the Fifth Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Robert Gaylor, Columbus Air Force Base held a ribbon cutting ceremony on Nov. 8 to commemorate the grand opening of the new Child Development Center.

"I wish that everyone who ever served in the Air Force since 1947 who had children with them could have been there this morning. I just know they would have reacted like 'I'm so glad it's now happening,'" said Chief Gaylor. "I think most of us would have said 'it was due, and I applaud it.' I know that was my reaction. My mind just simply said 'I'm glad we were able to do it.'"

As the newest addition to the "showplace of the south," this energy efficient design is the first military construction project at Columbus AFB in more than 13 years. The facility was designed and built by the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers over 17 months of collaboration with CDC representatives.

"They (the Army Corp of Engineers) were so wonderful to work with," said Martha Mann, 14th Flying Training Wing CDC director.

Chief Gaylor, alongside Col. Barre Seguin, 14th FTW commander, 14th FTW Command Chief Master Sgt. Zefrem Smith and Mrs. Mann, cut the ribbon and toured the new 24,000 sq. ft. facility.

A gold certifiable Leader in Energy and Environmental Design, the new CDC is internationally recognized as a green building in areas of energy savings performance, water efficiency, improved environmental quality and stewardship of resources and sensitivity to their impacts.

While the design of the building allows for better use of resources for years to come, its primary role is to cultivate and house one of the country's most important resources – the children.

"This ribbon cutting completes the transition from a dated



U.S. Air Force photo/Elizabeth Owens
Martha Mann, Child Development Center director, Col. Barre Seguin, 14th Flying Training Wing commander, Fifth Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Robert Gaylor and Command Chief Master Sgt. Zefrem Smith, 14th FTW command chief, cut the ribbon to the new Child development Center. The ribbon is supported by members of the CDC staff.

structure built in 1968 to a brand new, world-class child care facility," said Capt. Marshall Buck, 41st Flying Training Squadron and EMCEE for the event. "We are proud to cut the

ribbon on this new 21st Century facility which will provide Team BLAZE families world class child care services for many years to come."

21 inducted into SNCO ranks at ceremony

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

Twenty-one master sergeants and master sergeant selects were officially inducted into the ranks of SNCOs Nov. 8 at the Columbus Club.

Friends and family came together to congratulate and celebrate with the inductees during a night of ceremony, food and advice.

The inductees included Team BLAZE members from many parts of the wing, as well as 10 Air Force recruiters from 332nd and the 345th Recruiting Squadrons who were able to travel to Columbus Air Force Base.

The event, sponsored by the Columbus Air Force Base Top 3, featured the Fifth Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Robert Gaylor as the night's guest speaker.

Chief Gaylor spoke to the attendees about his times as a NCO, and some of the ideals and lessons he's learned in his 62 years associated with the Air Force.

The advice Chief Gaylor had for senior non-commissioned officers is to focus on their responsibilities and to motivate and supervise those under their charge while avoiding the pitfalls of taking on more than they and their unit can handle.

"I think that what gets people in trouble is

when they lose their focus. They start doing things they weren't really hired to do and then things aren't getting done," warned Chief Gaylor.

Earlier in the day Chief Gaylor spent an hour talking with the inductees and getting to know them. He said he believes the inductees realize that promotion isn't a reward for previous performance, but rather that it is demonstrated potential for increased responsibility.

Chief Gaylor summed up his take on the newest SNCOs: "The promotion system works. We picked the right people."

14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, 93 BLAZE TEAM members are deployed worldwide. Remember to support the Airmen and their families while they are away.



IFF 11-BBC Graduates

Capt. Pedro Esquivel
49th Fighter Training Squadron

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.

Congratulations to the following fighter wingmen!

The 49th Fighter Training Squadron graduated Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals Class 11-BBC on Nov. 9. Seven members graduated this phase of their training on their way to becoming fighter pilots and fighter weapons system operators in various aircraft for the Combat Air Forces.

The 49th FTS is responsible for Active Duty, Guard, Reserve, and International flying training in the T-38C IFF aircraft. The 49th FTS provides training to fighter pilots and weapon system officers entering Air Force major fighter



Capt. Aaron Kiser F-15E
Capt. David Curry F-15E
1st Lt. Brion Nielsen F-15E WSO
2nd Lt. Michael Shea F-15E
2nd Lt. Taylor Wilson F-15E
2nd Lt. David Kuhn F-15C
2nd Lt. Kris Elmstedt A-10



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Chase Hedrick
Senior Airmen Kira Cox, 14th Medical Operations Squadron aerospace and operational physiology technician, folds up a moving blanket on Nov. 5. Moving blankets are used by Tops in Blues to cushion stage equipment during travel between shows.

Volunteers make all the difference to Tops in Blue

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

"I could use some volunteers over here!" yells a tall man in a gray shirt and a lifting belt while looking over a large crate filled with metal bars.

A group of people respond to his request by rushing over and taking the metal bars backstage to add to the set.

The backdrops, the intricate light and sound, and every other piece is set up and torn down at each location by performers and local volunteers during the Tops in Blues seasonal tours.

"We usually get between 10 and 20 volunteers each event,

but we can use help from any number of people really," said Staff Sgt. Steven Sonnier, Vocalist for the 2010 "We Believe" Tops in Blues tour.

Volunteers have the opportunity to see the backstage work that goes on before the show, and get hands on experience assisting performers in setting up.

"Volunteers get to actually see what goes on behind the stage as far as the equipment that is used for the performance," said Kayline Hamilton, youth center director and the volunteer project officer for the latest Tops in Blues performance. "I think they have a better perspective for the show and the cast that's performing."

What is Native American Heritage Month?

Chap. (Capt.) Jason Raines
14th Flying Training Wing Chapel

Native American Heritage month started at the turn of the century with hopes to recognize and highlight the significant contributions of the first Americans.

It has grown from its initial one day of recognition into a whole month dedicated to the education and celebration of our Native American culture. The Boy Scouts of America were the first group to set aside a special day of observance under the direction of Dr. Arthur Parker. Later, in 1915, Rev. Sherman Coolidge issued a proclamation to the country, which declared the second Saturday of May as "American Indian Day."

Seventy-five years later, in 1990, President George H.W. Bush approved a joint resolution designating November as "National Indian Heritage Month" which changed in 1994 to "Native American Heritage Month."

We celebrate this month every year because of legislation, but in reality our entire AFB family has ties to Native American culture. It is believed that Native Americans actually settled in North America around 8,000 B.C., making them the first group to inhabit what is now the United States. After a revolt against Great Britain, people began to move west from Europe to occupy this unknown, already inhabited land. After several wars and political movements, colonies began taking Native American land and calling it their own. Then, on May 26, 1830, President Andrew Jackson signed the Indian Removal Act authorizing state officials to relocate Native Americans westward, creating what we now know as the "Trail of Tears"; this caused great pain and anguish forcing Native Americans to find new sources of survival.

Native Americans have been misrepresented through stereotypes and through other media such as movies. Native Americans are rich in culture and diversity and are often not given credit for their struggles to settle and provide for the first European settlers. They provided buffalo meat, maize, and even the calumeta (peace pipe) to offer aide to our forefathers in need. They were skilled in the bow and arrow and the tomahawk as they struck fear into the hearts of their enemies. In fact, we will soon celebrate Thanksgiving, which commemorates the first Autumn harvest that Pilgrims shared with Native Americans.

With the exception of immigrant groups, most Americans have genealogical ties to Native American heritage. This month is designed to educate, inform and honor Native Americans for their contribution to our country and way of life. If you look closely, you might find that this month is designated to honor you.

Jeans and Jazz

A fundraiser for the Annunciation Catholic School starting at 6:30 p.m. in the upper level of the Trotter Convention Center on Nov. 12. Jeans and Jazz will include silent auctions, live auctions, heavy hor'devours, drinks, a raffle and a little French market. Tickets for the event are \$25 per person, \$30 at the door. Contact 323-5582 or 328-4479 for more information.

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.

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.

Flag football scores for Monday, the 8th of November.

GAME 1
14th OSS #1 Winner

48th FTS Forfeit

GAME 2
14th OSS #2 14 Winner

37th/41st FTS 0

IG Complaints Program

Got a complaint...or you think it just might be Fraud, Waste and Abuse?

Contact Lt. Col. Mike "Killer" Kilbourn
14th FTW Inspector General
434-2927

BARGAIN LINE

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

For sale: 2001 Damon Daybreak 35 foot Class A motor home. \$33,000. Call 356-6844. Please leave message.

For sale: 2.1 acres on Wood Road in Caledonia. Ready to build. Call 356-6844. Please leave message.

For sale: Brick home in East Columbus. Four bedrooms with a large extra room. Two car carport, dining area and living room with fireplace. Carpeted flooring and fenced in back yard with 16' by 40' in-ground swimming pool. 600 sq. ft. pool house with full bath and kitchenette. \$115,000. Call 425-5394.

Transportation

For sale: Silver 2003 Honda Civic EX 4DR 105,000 mi, new air conditioner, cloth seats, power windows, power locks, runs great. \$5,000 or best offer. Call (901) 409-9239 for more information.

For sale: 2003 Kawasaki Vulcan 500LTD, great condition with windshield, saddle bags and straight pipes, 33,000 miles. \$2,000 or best offer. Contact (863) 397-7226.

For sale: 1967 Camaro RS/SS. 355 with Dart 1 Aluminum heads, holley 850 4 barrel with Lunati hydro roller cam. Powerglide 2 speed transmission with 4:88 gear, Dana 60 rear end, 12 point roll cage with 5 point harness, left the trans brake and line lock on the set up. \$15,500 or best offer. Contact (478) 320-8808.

For sale: 1976 Corvette Stingray. White with red interior, 350V8, excellent condition. \$7,500 or best offer. Call 295-7633.

For sale: 2004 Ford Explorer XLT, black, 105,000 miles. \$8,000 or best offer. Call 315-1710.

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. Price lowered from \$9,500 to \$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: 1998 Kawasaki 220 Bayou ATV, excellent condition. Electric

start, new battery. \$1,200 or best offer. Leave a message at 574-5675.

Miscellaneous

For Sale: 19" LCD TV, new, Dynex \$125.00, Aquaglide Inflatable Heavy Duty Sailboat, MSRP \$500, sell for \$250, 2004 Sea Doo GTX-4Tec, super-charged jet ski 185HP, only 130 hours, \$4,000, 1993 Deck boat, Johnson 88hp, seats 7, runs good, \$2,200. Please call 859-248-1428

For sale: 1,000 pound capacity hydraulic motorcycle lift for use with motor home or heavy duty pick up. Call 356-6844. Please leave message.

For sale: Beautiful solid wood, hand-crafted end tables, sofa table, and solid marble inlay coffee table from Ashley Furniture \$700 for the set or best offer. Black raised solid wood kitchen table with four chairs with insert that can expand or collapse the table \$350 or best offer (Retail \$700) Various competition pageant, prom, and formal gowns. Sizes 0-2. Make an offer. Please contact (478) 973-5414.

For sale: One Poker Table capable of holding 10 players. Great for a house game. Table folds up for easy storage.

\$100 or best offer. Please call 434-5023 if interested.

For sale: IBM Thinkpad laptop, 1.7mhz, p4, 40ghd, 512ram, DVD-CDRW drive, USB, internal wifi, laptop bag, windows XP, MS office productivity suite. Asking \$215. Call 386-6981.

For sale: Antique treadle sewing machine, singer, fair condition, \$75. Call 251-1415 to see.

For sale: Nordic Track Elliptical \$400. Call 549-1381.

Saturday Yard Sales

Yard sale: Nov. 13 8 a.m. to noon at the parking lot across from the Columbus City Library. Will be canceled if it rains. Call 328-4374 if you have questions.

Wanted

Wanted: Mens Mountain Bike, Durable, Light weight, Children's climbing harness. Please call 859-248-1428

Sell your item in Silverwings!



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Base News

Airman's Fall Festival

A free night of fun for airman basic to senior airmen will be held at the Pinnacle Community Center Nov. 19 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. This quarter's Airman's Activity Council sponsored event will have music, video game tournaments, a raffle, and free pizza. Mark your calendars, spread the word and come out for a night of fun!

CSC Patriotic Salute to Our Veterans

Join the Columbus Spouses Club in giving a patriotic salute to our veterans Nov. 16 at 6 p.m. at the Columbus Club. They will be showing thanks and appreciation by sending holiday cards to the patients at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. The Columbus Junior Girl Choir will be performing a selection for entertainment. The dinner for this month is an All American Classic Buffet, \$13 for Columbus Club members, \$15 for non-members. Please RSVP by noon on Nov. 11 to cscrsvp@yahoo.com

Landings at Columbus Holiday Hours

The Landings at Columbus Office will be closed on the following days: Nov. 25, Nov. 26, Dec. 23, Dec. 24 and Dec. 31. Maintenance on-call service will still be available.

Information Protection Moved

The 14th FTW Information Protection Office has moved to building 926 Room 125. Anyone requiring fingerprints, security manager training, safe custodian training, e-QIP/SIF/JPAS training, classified briefing or secure room information, ISAG information or security clearance final processing, please call Master Sgt. Pender at 434-2603 or Senior Airman Rosero at 434-2413 to schedule an appointment.

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.

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 434-7231 to review the property, Stock Control at 434-7198 to check for

Native American Heritage Month
November 2010

2010 THEME
Life Is Sacred
Celebrate Healthy Native Communities



EVENTS

Drive-In Movie Night – Saturday, Nov. 13

Native American Heritage Presentation – Tuesday, Nov. 16

Native American Heritage Golf Tournament – Tuesday, Nov. 30

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. All items in the Last Look Area are available without charge to your organization. For more information, contact 434-7233 or 434-7234.

Zero overpricing program-incentive awards

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

Airman and Family Readiness Center

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

Newcomers Orientation

Nov. 16 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. for newly arrived AD and civilian personnel. Spouses are encouraged to attend. Held at the ARFC.

Hearts Apart

Nov. 16 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Hearts Apart social gathering for families of deployed (over 30 days) or remote personnel. Information, refreshments, and prizes. Advance registration required.

Creating a Healthy Marriage

Nov. 18 from 11 a.m. to noon. Workshop to learn the myths and stages of marriage. The keys to creating and maintaining a healthy marriage. Conducted by the MFLC, to register call 434-2790.

Spouse welcome

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

IDEA Program

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

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.

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 third Sunday of the month except Lent and Advent. Call (808) 271-4882 for more information.

INTERNATIONAL SPOUSES APPRECIATION LUNCHEON



Courtesy photo
Columbus Air Force Base and East Mississippi Community College hosted the International Spouses Appreciation Luncheon Nov. 9 at Old Waverly Golf Club in West Point. An annual event, the luncheon celebrates the international flavor of life in the Golden Triangle, as the foreign-born spouses of student pilots and contractors visit with members of the community. The hostesses were Nancy Seguin, the wife of Col. Barre Seguin, commander of the 14th Flying Training Wing, and Linda Gates, EMCC's director of Job Placement and Work-based Learning program and the college's military liaison. The committee responsible for planning the event included Brenda Caradine, Diane Clardy, Sarah Garcia, Marleen Hansen, Marti Ross, Patricia Wilson, Kristie Walford and Old Waverly Golf Club. For more photos of the event, visit www.eastms.edu or www.facebook.com/East.Mississippi.Community.College.

Air Force leaders send Veterans Day message

WASHINGTON — Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz and Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James Roy send the following Veterans Day message:

In 1918, on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, the belligerent parties of World War I ceased hostilities after years of brutal armed conflict. Two decades later, Nov. 11 became a legal federal holiday — Armistice Day — commemorating this 1918 event that was "to end all wars."

This would not come to pass, however, and in the aftermath of World War II and the Korean War, Armistice Day was rightly re-designated "Veterans Day."

Today, nearly a century later, Nov. 11 endures as the date for our nation to honor veterans of all wars. Patriotic Americans of every generation, including the more than 24 million living veterans, have endured the toil of war to defeat aggression, restore order and secure liberty and opportunity, the birthright of every American. We solemnly pay tribute especially to our servicemembers who gave their last full measure for freedom, and to those who remain missing in action. Their sacrifices have rendered and preserved that which we cherish most. Our humble repayment to them and their families begins with ensuring that they and their stories of valor remain always in our national consciousness.

This Veterans Day, we express sincere gratitude to our servicemembers, and profound appreciation for selfless families who, through their unflagging support for their loved ones who wear the cloth of the United States, also sacrifice for our country. Through their selflessness, our military members and families uphold our nation's ideals, and honor the sacrifice of those who came before. We, as a nation, thank them all.

Flu shot is essential preventive step to avoid illness

Sue Campbell
59th Medical Wing Public Affairs

LACKLAND AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — In many places, flu season is already underway.

And while the flu typically won't hit some regions for another few months, research shows it's better to get vaccinated early.

"We want you to get the shot, which is an essential preventive service," said Lt. Col.

(Dr.) Kimberly Johnson, officer-in-charge of Wilford Hall Medical Center Immunization Services at Lackland Air Force Base. "Nine out of ten healthy people who get the shot won't get the flu, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"As active duty members know, this is a mandatory vaccine which should be accomplished prior to Dec. 1, 2010," she said. "But what many people do not realize is that influenza kills."

There are approximately 25 to 50 million cases of the flu reported each year in the U.S., officials said. These flu cases are responsible for upwards of 150,000 hospitalizations and 30,000 to 40,000 deaths yearly.

Unlike last year, when people needed two vaccines — a conventional flu shot and another developed specifically for the H1N1 virus — one shot will suffice this year, officials said. Its formulation covers two of the most common seasonal influenza strains, A H3N2

and B virus, as well as H1N1.

To make the process as convenient as possible, TRICARE has entered into agreements with about 50,000 retail pharmacies nationwide. Like military hospitals and clinics and TRICARE network providers, they will administer the flu shot at no cost to TRICARE beneficiaries.

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Dollars and \$ense: What is an Actual Expense Allowance (AEA)?

An actual expense allowance allows a traveler to be reimbursed, in unusual circumstances, for actual and necessary expenses that exceed the maximum locality per diem rate. The approving official may authorize AEA up to 300 percent of the locality per diem rate (rounded to the next higher dollar). AEAs should be authorized before travel begins and stated in the travel authorization.

An AEA may be authorized/approved for travel when the locality per diem rate is insufficient for part, or all, of a travel assignment because: (1) actual and necessary expenses (especially lodgings) exceed the maximum per diem, (2) of special duties, or (3) costs for items ordinarily covered by JFTR Appendix A, Per Diem definitions have escalated temporarily due to special/unforeseen events.

Authority to prescribe an AEA must not be used as blanket authority to authorize/approve automatic AEA for all travel to an area. AEA is prescribed only on an individual trip basis, and only after consideration of the facts existing in each case. A traveler is financially responsible for excess costs and any additional expenses incurred for personal preference/convenience.

NOTE: An AEA in excess of 300 percent must be: (1) made in advance of travel, (2) for an OCONUS location, and (3) for a Uniformed Service member. This AEA type cannot be authorized for civilian employees.

Before requesting or incurring costs in excess of the locality per diem rate (or before approving an AEA), please fully review JFTR, Chapter 4, Part C. (uniformed members) or JTR, Chapter 4, Part C (civilian employees).

Reference:
JFTR, Chapter 4, Part C
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America Recycles Day: It all comes back to you

Shane Reed
14th CES Environmental Flight

November 15 is designated as America Recycles Day. The purpose of America Recycles Day is to continue to promote the social, environmental, and economic benefits of recycling and encourage more people to join the movement toward creating a better natural environment. Celebrating its 13th year, it has grown to include millions of Americans pledging to increase their recycling habits at home and work and to buy products made with recycled materials.

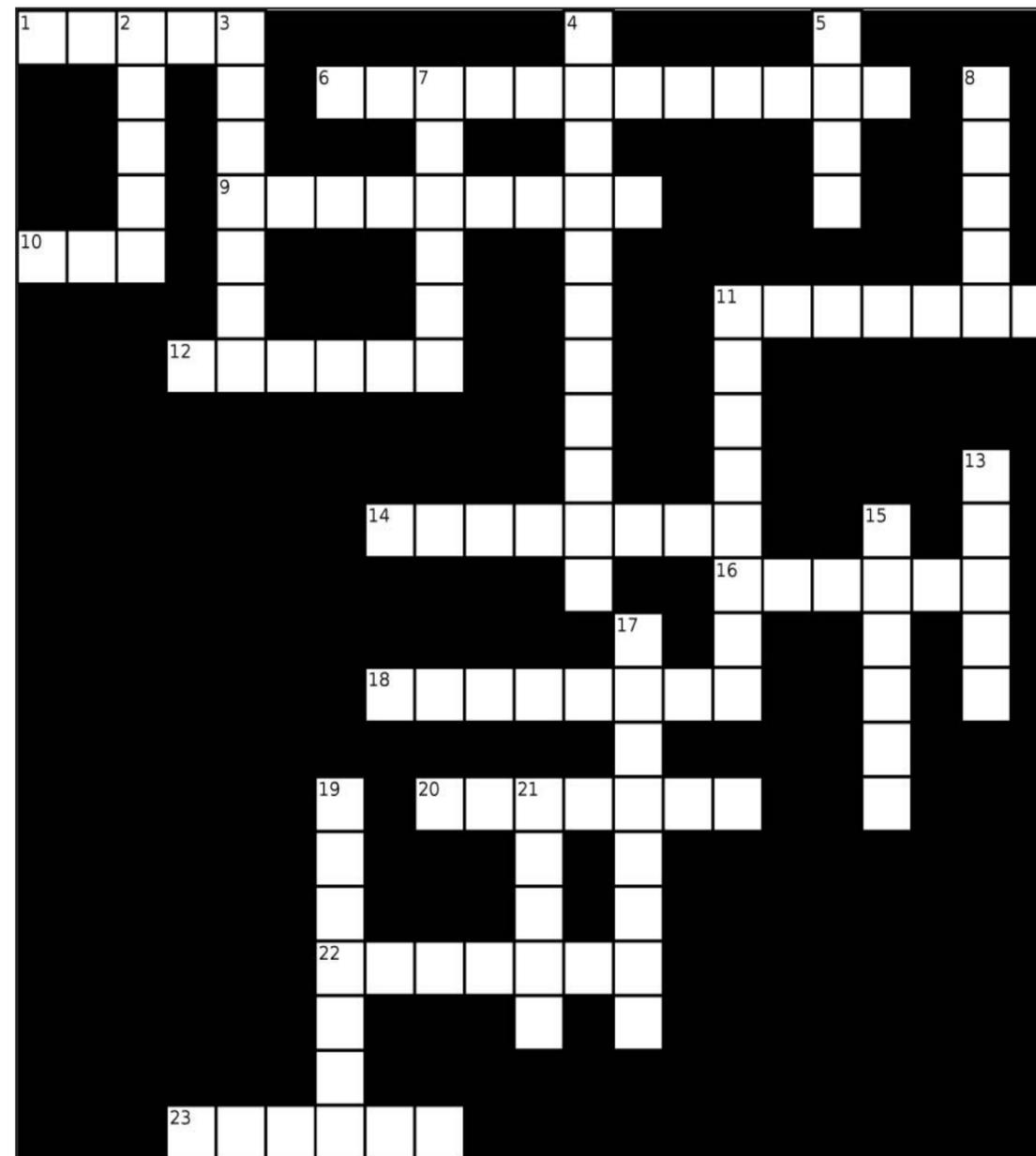
It is estimated that the average American discards 4.6 pounds of garbage every day, including recyclable materials such as aluminum, cardboard, plastic, and glass bottles. In 2001, Columbus AFB implemented a mandatory recycling policy. The Columbus AFB facility recycles everything from mixed paper (white, colored, phone books, magazines, and note pads), steel/ aluminum cans, glass, plastic bottles (#1 and #2), cardboard, toner cartridges, batteries, fluorescent light bulbs, and yard waste. To date, we have successfully recycled over 19,500 tons.

It's not only about recycling; purchasing "green" products also helps preserve our natural resources. Federal agencies are directed by federal laws, regulations, and executive orders to make purchasing decisions with the environment in mind. In 1993, the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency created the Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Program to help federal officials meet these requirements.

Environmentally preferable means "products or services that have a lesser or reduced effect on human health and the environment when compared with competing products that serve the same purpose."

The Air Force describes this as "Green Procurement", and Columbus AFB has implemented a very rigorous green procurement program. The base service store, One Store Solutions, was renovated with recycled-content carpet and stocks over 100 recycled-content products for purchase with the Government Purchase Card. Stop by One Store Solutions for a first-hand look at the recycled content products. For more information, contact Mike Blythe, 14th CES/CEAN, at 434-7353.

Native American Heritage Month Crossword



- Across
- TRADITIONAL FOOD OF THE CHOCTAW NATION
 - NAME OF THE "HIGHWAY" USED TO RELOCATE NATIVE AMERICANS (3 words)
 - THESE NATIVE AMERICANS SHARED THE FIRST AUTUMN HARVEST WITH PILGRIMS
 - NATIVE AMERICAN GROUP IN COLORADO AND UTAH
 - TRADITIONAL NAME OF THE PEACE PIPE
 - PLAINS INDIANS USED THESE AS HOUSES
 - NATIVE AMERICAN GROUP IN TENNESSEE
 - NATIVE AMERICAN GROUP IN ARIZONA AND NEW MEXICO
 - NATIVE AMERICAN GROUP IN FLORIDA
 - MAIN MEAT SOURCE OF GREAT PLAINS INDIANS
 - NATIVE AMERICAN GROUP IN ALABAMA
 - NATIVE AMERICAN GROUP IN NEBRASKA

- Down
- TRADITIONAL VEGETABLE OF NATIVE AMERICANS
 - NATIVE AMERICAN GROUP IN KENTUCKY
 - MAIN LONG RANGE WEAPON OF NATIVE AMERICANS (3 words)
 - NATIVE AMERICAN GROUP IN MONTANA
 - NATIVE AMERICAN GROUP IN TEXAS
 - MODE OF TRAVEL USED BY NATIVE AMERICANS ON WATER
 - NATIVE AMERICAN GROUP IN WYOMING
 - NATIVE AMERICAN GROUP IN SOUTH DAKOTA
 - NATIVE AMERICAN GROUP IN NEVADA
 - MAIN SHORT RANGE WEAPON OF NATIVE AMERICANS
 - THE PRESIDENT WHO MADE THANKSGIVING A NATIONAL HOLIDAY
 - THE YUCHI INDIANS USED THESE AS MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

Home Office Energy Saving tips

- Selecting energy-efficient office equipment—personal computers (PCs), monitors, copiers, printers, and fax machines—and turning off machines when they are not in use can result in enormous energy savings.
- An ENERGY STAR labeled computer uses 70 percent less electricity than computers without this designation. If left inactive, ENERGY STAR labeled desktop computers enter a sleep mode and use 4 watts or less. Spending a large portion of time in low-power mode not only saves energy, but helps equipment run cooler and last longer.
- To maximize savings with a laptop, put the AC adapter on a power strip that can be turned off (or will turn off automatically); the transformer in the AC adapter draws power continuously, even when the laptop is not plugged into the adapter.
- Common misconceptions sometimes account for the failure to turn off equipment. Many people believe that equipment lasts longer if it is never turned off. This incorrect perception carries over from the days of older main-frame computers.
- ENERGY STAR labeled computers and monitors save energy only when the power management features are activated, so make sure power management is activated on your computer.
- There is a common misconception that screen savers reduce energy use by monitors; they do not. Automatic switching to sleep mode or manually turning monitors off is always the better energy-saving strategy.



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Bio: BRIGADIER GENERAL ARNOLD W. BUNCH JR.

Brig. Gen. Arnold W. Bunch Jr. is the Commander, 312th Aeronautical Systems Wing, and Air Force Program Executive Officer for Fighters and Bombers, Aeronautical Systems Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. He is responsible for cost, schedule, performance, and life-cycle management of the fighter and bomber attack portfolio. This includes the A-10, B-1, B-52, F-15, F-16, Joint Helmet-Mounted Cueing System and panoramic night vision goggles. This portfolio provides horizontal integration among the weapon systems and performs capability planning for the Global Strike Task Force. He is also responsible for the organization, training, and equipment of the F-35, F-22, and B-2 System Program Offices.

General Bunch was commissioned in 1984 as a graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy. He completed undergraduate pilot training in 1985. Following graduation from the USAF Test Pilot School, General Bunch conducted developmental testing in the B-2 and B-52 and served as an instructor in each. He completed operational assignments as an instructor, evaluator and aircraft commander for B-52s. Additionally, he has commanded at the squadron, group and wing levels. Prior to his current assignment, he was the Vice Commander, Air Armament Center, Eglin AFB, Fla.

EDUCATION

1984 Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.

1991 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

1994 Master of Science degree in mechanical engineering, California State University Fresno

1996 Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

2000 Master of Science degree in national security strategy, National War College, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. July 1984 - July 1985, student, undergraduate pilot training, Columbus Air Force Base, Miss.

2. August 1985 - December 1985, student, B-52 Combat Crew Training School, Castle AFB, Calif.

3. January 1986 - June 1990, standardization and evaluation



instructor aircraft commander, 325th Bomb Squadron, Fairchild AFB, Wash.

4. July 1990 - June 1991, student, USAF Test Pilot School, Edwards AFB, Calif.

5. July 1991 - June 1992, test pilot, 6512th Test Squadron, Edwards AFB, Calif.

6. July 1992 - June 1995, test pilot, 420th Test Squadron, Edwards AFB, Calif.

7. June 1995 - June 1996, student, Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

8. July 1996 - July 1999, Chief, B-1 Test and Evaluation, B-1 System Program Office, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

9. August 1999 - June 2000, student, National War College,

Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.

10. June 2000 - July 2002, Commander, 419th Flight Test Squadron, Edwards AFB, Calif.

11. August 2002 - April 2003, Chief, Senior Officer Management, Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

12. April 2003 - June 2004, Deputy Chief, Combat Forces Division, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

13. June 2004 - January 2006, Director, Munitions Directorate, Air Force Research Laboratory, Eglin AFB, Fla.

14. January 2006 - May 2008, Commander, 412th Test Wing, Edwards AFB, Calif.

15. June 2008 - March 2010, Vice Commander, Air Armament Center, Eglin AFB, Fla.

16. March 2010 - present, Commander, 312th Aeronautical Systems Wing, and Air Force Program Executive Officer for Fighters and Bombers, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command pilot

Flight hours: More than 2,500 hours

Aircraft flown: B-52, B-2, KC-135, F-16, T-38 and others

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit

Meritorious Service Medal with silver oak leaf cluster

Aerial Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air Force Commendation Medal

Combat Readiness Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant May 30, 1984

First Lieutenant May 30, 1986

Captain May 30, 1988

Major Dec. 1, 1995

Lieutenant Colonel Sept. 1, 1998

Colonel June 1, 2004

Brigadier General May 7, 2010

(Current as of June 2010)

First production C-5M arrives at Dover

DOVER AIR FORCE BASE, Del. — The first production C-5M Super Galaxy arrived for duty at Dover AFB today, marking a historic day for the U. S. Air Force and strategic airlift.

Gen. Raymond E. Johns Jr., commander of Air Mobility Command, flew the Super Galaxy from Stewart Air National Guard Base, N.Y., to its operational home at Dover AFB Nov. 6.

“The creativity and hard work demonstrated here have set conditions for success of next generation of Mobility Airmen,” said General Johns during a ceremony held at Stewart marking the

occasion.

The Total Force team developed and delivered an unprecedented standardized interior that will be applied to the entire C-5M fleet.

“While the C-5 has been supporting the warfighter for decades, you’ve made it even more capable,” General Johns told team Stewart.

The C-5 heavy-transport aircraft has been part of the Air Force inventory for four decades. With the new Reliability Enhancement and Re-engineering Program, or RERP, the aircraft is fore-

cast to be in service another 40 years. RERP outfits the aircraft with new, quieter, more powerful and fuel-efficient engines and 70 other enhancements. RERP is the second part of a two-phase upgrade that also includes the Avionics Modernization Program. AMP upgrades 1960s and 1970s technology to meet global commercial airspace standards and ensure safe and unrestricted access to global air traffic routes.

The C-5 aircraft that undergo both the AMP and RERP upgrades are designated C-5M, also

known as the “Super Galaxy.” AMC began an aggressive program to modernize all remaining C-5Bs and C-5Cs and many of the C-5As in its inventory. The C-5 modernization began in 1998 and the Air Force plans to upgrade 52 Galaxies to “super” status by the end of 2016.

Compared to older C-5 Galaxies, the C-5M has greatly improved reliability, efficiency, maintainability and availability, reducing total ownership and operating costs of the heavy strategic lift aircraft for the U.S. Air Force.

The C-5M strategic airlifter, a national asset, has re-set records for distance, time, speed, cargo capacity, and improved reliability with reduced fuel consumption.

Air Force command brings focus to nuclear enterprise

Cheryl Pellerin
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Over the past 15 months, Air Force officials have built from scratch a model new command that will sustain and modernize U.S. intercontinental ballistic missile wings and the nuclear-capable bomber fleet, said the general who leads the new command.

“Some people have likened that to trying to build an airplane while actually having to fly it,” Lt. Gen. Frank G. Klotz told a group of defense reporters here Nov. 9. “And at times, it has seemed like that to us.”

Global Strike Command is the Air Force’s first new major command in 27 years. It’s also part of a larger strategy that Air Force Secretary Michael B. Donley and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz drafted “to bring focus and attention back to the nuclear enterprise,” General Klotz said.

The command, activated in August 2009 with headquarters at Barksdale Air Force Base, La., has gone from 47 permanent staff and an equal number of temporary-duty staff to a staff of 800, plus 100 contractors.

“We had to publish the guidance, the instructions and the checklists that govern activities inside the bomber and the ICBM worlds,” General Klotz said. “As it turned out, we had to write nearly 200 of these documents that were several hundred pages long and ensure that they got trained and implemented in the field. It’s a pretty daunting task.”

The command is responsible for three ICBM wings, two B-52 Stratofortress wings and a B-2 Spirit wing. About 23,000 people assigned to the command work in locations around the world.

For the first time since the end of the Cold War, General



U.S. Air Force photo

The LGM-30G Minuteman III intercontinental ballistic missile is an element of the nation's strategic deterrent forces.

Klotz said, the two Air Force legs of the nuclear triad — which is composed of land-based ICBMs, strategic bombers and ballistic-missile submarines -- are back under one command.

During the Cold War, Strategic Air Command was responsible for the Air Force segments of the triad.

“At the end of the Cold War, ... those responsibilities were divested,” General Klotz said. “The bombers went to Air Combat Command and the ICBMs went to ... Air Force Space Command.”

That meant two different commands with two different commanders and two different organizations with different priorities and different resources were focusing on the Air Force nuclear enterprise, General Klotz said.

“Our thought was that there was some fraying in the nuclear enterprise as a result,” he said, “and to bring focus back to the enterprise, a number of steps

were taken, including creation of the Air Force Global Strike Command.”

In April 2009, President Barack Obama told a large audience in Hradany Square in Prague in the Czech Republic that the United States would take concrete steps toward helping to create a world without nuclear weapons.

“We will reduce the role of nuclear weapons in our national security strategy and urge others to do the same,” President Obama said, adding that as long as such weapons exist, the United States “will maintain a safe, secure and effective arsenal to deter any adversary, and guarantee that defense to our allies.”

That position is manifest in the Defense Department’s April 2010 Nuclear Posture Review Report, General Klotz said, “and in the attention to our enterprise provided by senior leadership from (Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates) on down, as well as the resourcing that goes with it.”

Still, the number of U.S. nuclear weapons is declining, from nine operational bases and 1,054 missiles to three bases today and 450 missiles, he said. During the Cold War, Strategic Air Command had more than 1,000 bombers. Today, 76 B-52s and 20 B-2s make up the bomber inventory.

“But I still think there is a compelling need for a balance across the bomber, the ICBM and the sea-launched ballistic legs,” General Klotz said.

General Klotz said he also supports ratification of a new strategic arms reduction treaty between the United States and Russia, which together are stewards of more than 90 percent of the world’s nuclear weapons. The old START treaty lapsed Dec. 5, and the Senate has not yet voted on the new treaty.

Straight Talk Line

The Straight Talk Line is your direct line to the commander for comments and suggestions on how to make Columbus AFB a better place.

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The Straight Talk Line phone number is 434-7068. Callers should leave their name and phone number to receive an answer. All names will be kept confidential. Message may be answered in the Silver Wings without names.

Written questions may also be brought to the PA office in the MSG building, Bldg. 730, suite 186.

Questions and answers may be edited for brevity and style.



Col. Barre Seguin

Facebook app compromises security of Airmen

82nd Training Wing Public Affairs

SHEPPARD AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — Social Media has become a part of life in deployed locations, making it easier for families and friends to stay in touch through sites such as Facebook, MySpace and Twitter.

But a new Facebook application, “Places I Checked Into,” is automatically activated on users’ accounts, allowing users to see where people “check in” when they log on to the social networking site.

How it works

When the user logs on from another network, the application uses the IP address and identifies where that person is. The application then posts the user’s location status on the user’s wall to include a description and map.

Why it’s a concern

Users are inadvertently compromising their location and putting themselves at risk by drawing attention to their exact whereabouts. This application can potentially be used by terrorists to target military personnel, family and friends.

How do I disable the application?

Step 1: Click Account then Privacy Setting. On the first page that appears click ‘Customise [sic] settings.’

Step 2: Under Things I share heading, disable Include me in People here now after I check in by un-clicking the box.

Step 3: In the same menu click on Places I check into tab to only me by clicking on the drop down menu on the right, choosing Custom, then Only Me, then Save Settings.

Step 4: To stop other users from posting your location on Facebook, under Things others share section click the Edit Settings tab to the right of Friends can check me into places, then select the drop down men and choose disable, then click OK.

Step 5: Go back to Account, then Privacy Settings and under Applications and websites select edit your settings, which is highlighted in blue. Click the edit settings tab next to the Information accessible through your friends.

Step 6: Then unclick the boxes and click OK to save changes.

By following these steps, Facebook users can disable the application and avoid letting other users know to what location a person has checked in.

(The 509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs Office contributed to this article)

Airman to pilot final flight of Discovery

John Ingle

82nd Training Wing Public Affairs

SHEPPARD AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — A graduate of the Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training Program will pilot the last flight of the space shuttle Discovery when it launches from NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida.

During a preflight interview posted on NASA's website, Col. Eric Boe provided some insight to how he became an astronaut and his expectations of this mission.

He said his dream began in 1969 when his parents called him into the living room to watch the first moon landing on black and white TV.

"I don't remember a whole lot, but I do remember as I got older, the emphasis they put on it and as I got older I thought, 'what a neat endeavor that humans had participated in, actually walk on something that you look at often in the night sky,'" he said.

That led to the colonel actively participating in Georgia's Civil Air Patrol, attending the Air Force Academy, graduating from ENJJPT and becoming a fighter pilot. Then it was on to training other pilots, and then becoming a test pilot for the Air Force.

"As a space shuttle pilot, there's kind of a track to be a pilot and a commander," Colonel Boe said. "Typically the background is you have to be a military test pilot, so I started my career."

The colonel said the objective of STS-133 is to leave the International Space Station in such a condition to enable it to continue its planned mission until 2020. Part of that includes attaching a permanent multi-purpose module.



Courtesy photo/James Blair, NASA
NASA astronaut Col. Eric Boe dons a training version of his shuttle launch and entry suit Sept. 24, 2010 in preparation for a training session in the Space Vehicle Mock-up Facility at NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston. United Space Alliance suit technician Steve Sholtz assisted Colonel Boe during the session. Colonel Boe is a STS-133 pilot.

"(That) is basically a big container that's pressurized and the temperature is maintained," he explained. "We're going to attach that to the space station as one of the last habitable volumes on the space station."

As the pilot, the colonel said his responsibilities include maintaining the shuttle, undocking from the space station and conducting a fly around. He will also work the robotic arm to conduct inspections of the spacecraft as well as transfer items over to the space station.

According to Colonel Boe's biography, he began his operational Air Force flying career at Clark Air Base, the Philippines, as an F-4E Phantom pilot after graduating from ENJJPT. He was back in the training environment in 1991 as a T-38 Talon instructor pilot in the 50th Flying Training Squadron, and then an AT-38B instructor pilot with the 49th Fighter Squadron, both at Columbus Air Force Base, Miss.

The colonel's next assignment took him to Eglin AFB, Fla., where he served as an F-15C Eagle flight commander. He flew 55 combat missions over Iraq in support of Operation Southern Watch.

Colonel Boe then graduated from the Air Force's Test Pilot School at Edwards AFB, Calif., and was assigned as the director of testing at the Air-to-Air Missile Test Division at Eglin AFB.

He has more than 4,000 flying hours in more than 45 different aircraft.

Colonel Boe was selected to serve with NASA as a pilot in 2000. After several years of training and serving in different capacities, the colonel piloted his first shuttle in November 2008. He logged more than 15 days in space.

(NASA contributed to this story.)

Air Force contractor defies odds to complete Marine Corps marathon

Tech. Sgt. Amaani Lyle

Secretary of the Air Force
Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — With what appeared to be an acute panic attack, Andrea D'Amore arrived at the hospital in February 2009 flush, short of breath and in pain.

But little did she realize these symptoms would ultimately tip her doctors off to a much more serious condition. And now, Ms. D'Amore, a Secretary of the Air Force financial management budget strategic consultant, said she considers herself lucky.

"The nurse said to me, 'God must have big plans for you ... by the time we see a lot of people with this condition, it's usually too late,'" Ms. D'Amore said.

Typically blood clots, known as pulmonary embolisms, show no symptoms once they travel through the bloodstream and create a blockage on the right ventricle of the heart. Severe

cases of PE can lead to collapse, abnormally low blood pressure, and even sudden death.

After overcoming months of staggering pain, self-administered blood thinner injections to the stomach and a bout of arrhythmia, Ms. D'Amore set a date on her calendar: Oct. 31, 2010, the date of the 35th Marine Corps Marathon in Arlington, Va.

She began an 18-week training regimen, running three to four miles three times per week. Soon, she said she was ready to conquer the MCM, often called "The People's Marathon," because the event is open to all runners over age 14, draws thousands of participants and does not offer a cash prize.

"My doctors said intense exercise would be out of the question, but I couldn't let that be the case," Ms. D'Amore said. "My health had come so far in a year and I knew crossing the finish line would not only be a personal achievement, but a validation that I was

healthy again."

The Glastonbury, Conn., native not only reclaimed her health, but finished the 26.2-mile race in 4:20:27. According to the Marine Corps Marathon website, the average finish time was 4:44:40. Of the approximate 30,000 runners who participated, only 13,207 males and 8,667 females completed the race in its entirety.

But friends and family, Ms. D'Amore said, were her touchstones, providing the courage and support she needed to outrun and outlast the pain.

"I really struggled from miles 21 to 26.2, but I knew everyone else was probably having a hard time at that point too," Ms. D'Amore said. "It was starting to get difficult to breathe but my younger sister, Alyssa, found me at mile 24 and ran the last 2.2 miles with me, cheering me on."

Through smiles and tears, Ms. D'Amore

crossed a line that seemed to signify her embrace of life and defeat of the once debilitating discomfort, heart monitors and inhalers.

"As I crossed the finish line, I immediately began to cry," Ms. D'Amore said. "There was a great sense of accomplishment, but also relief that I had been able to run the whole race. I don't think anything could compare to the natural high I felt."

Ms. D'Amore's dedication is infectious, as her co-workers can attest.

"She is a very determined and intelligent young lady, who is not going to listen to anyone tell her she can't overcome her adversities," said Mary Hamilton, a SAF/FM budget analyst. "With prayer, loving support from family and heartfelt determination, you can accomplish your dream."

For a 3D map of the Marine Corps Marathon route and more information, visit www.marinemarathon.com.

Lorenz on Leadership - Thank You

Gen. Stephen R. Lorenz

Commander, Air Education and
Training Command

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — This month I will officially retire and end my time as an active duty Airman in our beloved Air Force. Forty-one years ago I stepped off of a bus at the United States Air Force Academy - although it feels like only yesterday. Every day since then has been a true joy - a chance to share adventures and tackle challenges with each of you.

When I stepped off that bus at the Academy, the Air Force was only 21 years old. To me, the Air Force didn't seem so young ... it had always been there. I studied Air Force senior leaders of the era with awe. They had been through so much . . . World War II, Korea, Vietnam . . . and some even had old green Army Air Corps uniforms hanging in their closets behind the newer blue ones.

Now, I look at each of you with the same awe. The Airmen in today's Air Force have been given challenges like no other during this time of unprecedented regional conflict. And, you all hit the ball out of the park each and every day - I couldn't be more proud or more impressed.

As I step away from active service in the long blue line, I want to leave you with three ideals. These are three unwritten rules I've approached each assignment with. They've helped me maintain a healthy perspective during the daily challenge of balancing limited time, money and manpower, and they complement our Air Force Core Values of Integrity

First, Service Before Self and Excellence in All We Do. I hope that these three principles will help you just as they have aided me.

The first rule is critical - we must all cherish our families. Make sure you thank your spouse, children and immediate family every chance you have - let them know how much you appreciate and love them. After all, our ability to serve the nation depends on their support and understanding. In many ways, their service to the nation is much more difficult than ours. High operations tempos, combined with our deployment culture, only add stress to everyone. Be understanding and invest time in their lives, no matter how busy or tired you may feel.

Next, we must try to always leave the campground better than we found it. I often tell people to pick two to three major issues to tackle during an assignment. Prioritize them one through three and integrate the challenges into a long-term vision. Now, it may take several people and more years than you anticipate for the beneficial effects to take hold. Be patient and let your organization get involved. After all, it always takes a team to truly improve the campground.

Last, we must attempt to daily make a difference in people's lives. Remember that each moment is important. Occasionally, you will find that people will come up to thank you for things you've done for them in the past. You may not have realized the significance of that moment, but it really made a difference in their lives. I am continually amazed at the emotions I experience when someone thanks me for words that I shared with them or some-

thing I did for their family many years ago. This only further reinforces the value of each and every moment, and how important it truly is. Always speak and act with a purpose; always set the example.

I certainly hope that more often than not I have been able to leave fewer issues for others and help make our Air Force a better place today than it was yesterday. I hope that I've been able to make a positive difference in as many lives as possible, and that while treasuring my family, I've helped others to better appreciate theirs.

As a final thought, I want to express my deep thanks to the American public. It is humbling to know that our country entrusts us with its two most important treasures, the first being their sons and daughters. These young Americans serve gallantly in the face of adversity and are continually postured to carry out military operations across the globe. The Airmen in today's Air Force continue to persevere while challenged with a dynamic and evolving global environment. I can say with the utmost confidence that the future of our nation is bright because brave young people raise their hand to voluntarily serve each day.

Our fellow countrymen also have entrusted us with our national treasury. Public funds are the contribution and earnings of hard-working American families, and as Thomas Paine wrote more than 200 years ago, "Ought to be touched with the most scrupulous conscientiousness of honor." Knowing this fact has compelled me to honor the trust our fellow Americans have bestowed upon members of the United States military. We must never,



ever do anything to violate this sacred obligation.

Of course, the things that I've done through the last 41 years are, as I like to say, interesting but irrelevant. What is important are the things each of you will continue to do as servant leaders for our force long after I've hung my blue Air Force uniform in the closet. If you live the aforementioned ideals - cherishing your family, leaving the campground better than you found it and making a difference in the lives of others - then tomorrow's Air Force will remain the premier air, space and cyber-space fighting force in the world. Thank you for serving our great nation and thank you for making a difference in my life. Aim High--Fly, Fight, Win!

AETC Commander to retire after 37 years of service

Ms. Jessica Turner

Air Education and Training Command
Public Affairs

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — The commander of Air Education and Training Command, Gen. Stephen R. Lorenz, will retire in the grade of general effective Jan. 1, 2011, Air Force officials announced today, culminating more than 37 years of commissioned service. His retirement ceremony is Nov. 17.

Among his many accomplishments as AETC commander, General Lorenz oversaw development of an innovative Remotely Piloted Aircraft pilot and sensor operator training courses as well as the creation of cyberspace courses at the Air Force Institute of Technology. In addition, he improved the Battlefield Airmen

training program and stood up the Air Force's Joint Expeditionary Tasking combat skills training program, enabling the Air Force to meet combatant commander requirements.

Gen. Norton A. Schwartz, Air Force Chief of Staff, said that, as AETC commander, General Lorenz, has "exemplified the same great leadership qualities that he has modeled for others throughout his remarkable career."

"Under his leadership," General Schwartz said, "AETC has helped Airmen around the world earn their bachelor's degrees through Air University's Associate to Baccalaureate Cooperative Program. His leadership of the Air Force task force incorporating lessons learned from the tragic events at Fort Hood was typical of his exceptional work on behalf of all Airmen and their families."

A third generation Air Force officer, General Lorenz followed a family tradition of service soon after his first career goal was

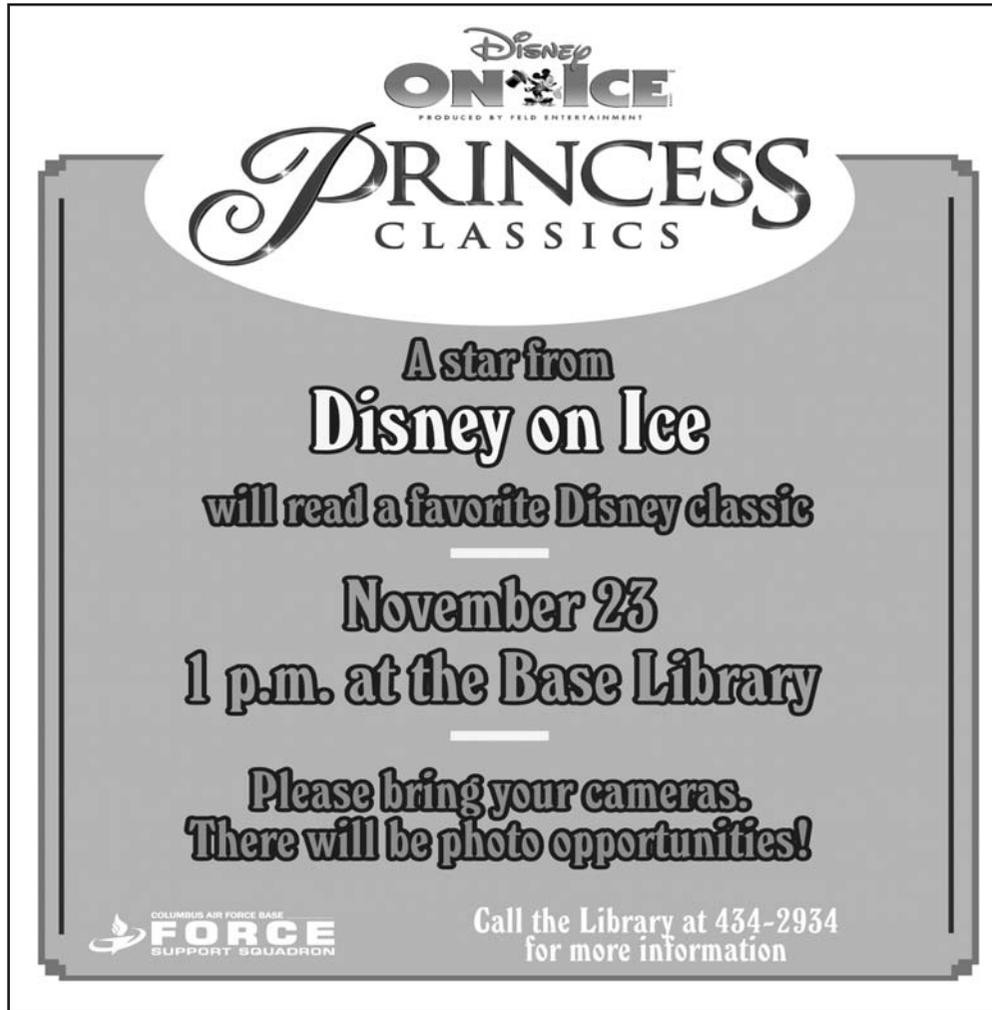
accomplished — graduating from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1973.

General Lorenz speaks proudly when talking about the ability of everyone in the Air Force to change people's lives for the better.

"As the First Command, it is AETC's mission to touch every Airman, the total force — Guard, Reserve, active duty and civilian — as they receive training and education," he said.

"I ask everyone to be the best you can be by living the Air Force's core values and serving others," the general said. "As I tell all my commanders, and this goes to the youngest Airman, 'Always leave the campground better than you found it and make a difference in people's lives.' If you do that, the rest will take care of itself."

Base families offered a variety of activities




PRINCESS CLASSICS
 A star from
Disney on Ice
 will read a favorite Disney classic
November 23
1 p.m. at the Base Library
 Please bring your cameras.
 There will be photo opportunities!
 Call the Library at 434-2934
 for more information

COLUMBUS AIR FORCE BASE
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NAF Sealed Bid Auction at Outdoor Recreation

Bids open Nov. 8-19. May view items up for bid from 2-3 p.m. daily by appointment. Bids accepted until noon 21 Nov. Winning bids announced Nov. 22. All purchasers must hold a valid Military ID or CAC card. Items up for auction include a Diamond Coach 27 PAX bus with 324,972 miles, Dunk Tank & Trailer, Electronic Dartboard, Safe, CD Jukebox, Large Screen TV with Stand and other items. Call ODR at 434-2505/2507 for info. All bids should be submitted on Sealed Bid Sheet obtained from ODR or NAF Accounting Office. (14FSS reserves the right to refuse any or all bids.)

NAF Open Sale at Outdoor Recreation

There will be a NAF sale Nov. 19. View sale items Nov. 15-19. Sale times: 7-8 a.m.—Active Duty Members; 8:15-9 a.m.—Retirees;

9:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.—NAF & APF Employees, DoD Contractors & other US Federal Employees. All purchasers must hold a valid Military ID or CAC card and must show card to enter sale area. Call ODR at 434-2505/2507 for info.

Parents Day Out

The Youth Center and Child Development Center offer this program from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 13. Register and pay a \$5 deposit by Nov. 10 at each respective facility.

Custom Framing for Christmas

All orders for custom framing must be made by Nov. 15 to guarantee Christmas delivery Dec. 10. For more information, call Arts and Crafts at 434-7836.

Youth Basketball Registration

Register by Nov. 19. Cost is \$40 for ages 5-18 and \$35 for ages 3-4. If registering after Nov. 19, add \$10 to the prices listed. Volunteer

coaches needed for all ages. To volunteer, call the youth center at 434-2504.

Sunday bowling special

Purchase a combo meal and receive two free games and \$1 shoe rental at the bowling center. Call 434-3426 for more information.

Fitness Center fun run

There is a fun run scheduled for 6 a.m. and 7 a.m. Nov. 19. Open to all base personnel. For more information, call 434-2772.

Turkey Bowl No Tap Tournament

The bowling center is offering this fun tournament starting at 7 p.m. Nov. 19. Cost is \$15 per person which includes 3 games and shoe rental. Cash prizes will be awarded and turkeys will be given away. For more information, call 434-3426.

Wacky Glo Ball Tournament

In observation of Military Appreciation Day the golf course is hosting this fun event starting at 3 p.m. Nov. 20. Entry is \$30 for golf course members and \$40 for nonmembers. Entry includes greens fees, cart and chili dinner between the wacky part of the tournament and the glo ball tournament. Register no later than Nov. 12 at the golf course. For more information, call 434-7932.

Youth Programs Parents Planning meeting

The Youth Center invites all parents to this luncheon to discuss program for your youth from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Nov. 18. RSVP by Nov. 15 at the youth center. If your child is ages 9 to 18 and a member of the youth center, you are encouraged to attend. For more information, call 434-2504.

School Age program holiday camp

The youth center's school age program offers this camp for ages 5 to 12, Nov. 22-24. Children must be registered by Nov. 18. Fees are based on total family income. For more information, call Terry Graves at 434-2504.

Thanksgiving Buffet

The Columbus Club offers this special buffet from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 23. Cost is free for club members and their children and \$14.95 for non-members and children, ages 5 to 11, is \$6.95. Menu features turkey and dressing, mashed potatoes, jello salad, yams, gravy,

green beans and apple pie. Reservations required by Nov. 19. For more information, call 434-2490.

Black Friday shopping trip

The ITT office offers a bus trip to Birmingham Malls and surrounding areas from 5 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 26. Cost is \$20 per person. Must have at least 10 people registered to offer this trip. For more information, call 434-2507.

Worry free Christmas Tree

Travel to the Swedenburg Christmas Tree Farm to pick out your family tree. We will pick you up from the base, take you to the farm and bring you back Nov. 27. At the Farm you can pick out your tree, ODR folks will cut the tree down for you and load it on their vehicles for delivery to your home. ODR will also get the tree into your home. After Christmas we will come back and pick up for no extra fee. Outdoor Rec. is also offering this service on Dec. 11. Cost is \$20 plus the cost of the tree. For more information, call 434-2507.

Breakfast with Santa

This annual event is scheduled for 8 to 10 a.m. Dec. 4 at the Youth Center. Cost is \$5 per person if registered by Dec. 1. Its \$10 if registered after that date. Cost includes breakfast, games, crafts and children's photo with Santa. For more information, call the Youth Center at 434-2504.

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.

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 Center 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.

The Scream'n Eagles

14th Operations Support Squadron

With T-6 Texan IIs buzzing over the BX/Commissary and T-1 Jayhawks and T-38 Talons roaring overhead, anyone on Columbus AFB can see that CAFB has an extremely high volume of air traffic. Nearly every hour of the day, the 14th Flying Training Wing is operating at near maximum capacity to ensure that it is accomplishing the mission of training the world's best military aviators.

While many members of the BLAZE Team only see the aircraft in the sky, a lot of the work that goes into the flying training mission is accomplished behind the scenes. Led by their Commander, Lt. Col. Alex "AWOL" Walford and Directors of Operation, Lt. Col. Larry "T-Rex" Roof and Lt. Col. Stanton "Scar" Shuttleworth, the men and women of the 14th Operations Support Squadron are a great example of that behind the scenes effort that drives the wing mission towards success.

Airfield Operations, Tower and RAPCON:

In a building at the foot of the airfield's control tower, behind a locked door, resides the IFR Room, the workplace for 70 plus Airmen and civilian controllers who provide world-class air traffic control services to the wing's aircraft as well as a significant amount of civilian aircraft.

Not only does CAFB train the world's best military pilots, but, like all USAF air traffic control facilities, they train a large number of the Air Force's newest air traffic controllers. In fact, nearly half of the 14th OSS controllers are 3-levels right out of tech school training to become fully-qualified controllers, known as 5-levels.

"If they can make it here, they can make it at any radar approach control facility Air Force-wide" said Chief Master Sgt. Glenn Shreiner, Radar Approach Control (RAPCON) Chief Controller. With controlling experience at seven installations throughout the world over the course of his 24-year career, Chief Shreiner is well-qualified to assess the RAPCON as the most demanding air traffic control complex in the Air

Force. His opinion is affirmed by the 2009 Air Traffic Activity Report published by the Air Force Flight Standards Agency listing CAFB as the busiest RAPCON in the Air Force with a traffic activity count of 343,306. This volume of traffic dwarfs the next busiest facility, Nellis AFB, by 49,453.

In 2009, CAFB's RAPCON safely controlled the wing's 228 aircraft as they flew over 60,000 sorties for over 80,000 flying hours. They also provided approach and departure services for the 12 civilian airports, including Golden Triangle Regional, that underlie the wing's 34,000 square miles of airspace. The outstanding accomplishments of the RAPCON team were recognized when Air Education and Training Command selected the 14 OSS RAPCON as the 2009 D. Ray Hardin AETC Facility of the Year.

Airfield Operations flight is rounded out with Base Operations and Airfield Management. Manned by contractors, Base Operations receives and files, on average, 400 flight plans per day to sustain the flying program and ensure CAFB remains the Air Force's number one sortie producing wing. Airfield Management maintains runways, taxiways, parking areas, lighting and the vegetation on and around the airfield.

Aircrew Flight Equipment (AFE):

AFE's role is to help pilots overcome the physiological stresses of flight and ensure their safe return when things don't go as planned. AFE is manned by 24 Airmen who work diligently to support 60,000 sorties a year. They sustain supply, ensure fit and maintain all of the life support equipment for over 360 assigned instructor pilots and over 380 students across five flying squadrons. Each set of flight gear must be inspected every 30 days.

Weather:

Though small in numbers, the Airmen of the CAFB weather flight provide big support to the 14th FTW mission. Early risers, the action begins at 2 a.m. each morning when the duty forecaster begins preparing the mission forecast for the 628,000 square-mile area our pilots use daily. Work

isn't finished at airfield closure: two personnel remain on stand-by during all non-duty hours to ensure that CAFB resources and personnel are aware of, and protected from, any weather threat. In addition to the high ops tempo, about half of the weather flight "fed the fight" by deploying five personnel for 800 man-days this past year.

It was recognized by the space shuttle Atlantis crew for "best weather support ever" and in 2008 Mr. Richard "ZZ" Zentz was named the AF Weather Civilian of the Year.

Current Operations:

For every sortie flown at CAFB, Current Operations flight plays a critical and often unseen role in the success of the mission. Current Ops scheduled the flight, managed the airspace, and tracked flight time and flight records after landing. The flight is manned by 15 personnel consisting of officers, enlisted and civilians arranged into three elements: Wing Scheduling, Wing Airspace and Host Aviation Resource Management (HARM).

Wing Scheduling manages CAFB's \$46.6 million flying hour program. They schedule over 60,000 sorties and over 20,000 simulators per year validating CAFB as the USAF's number one sortie producing wing.

Wing Airspace manages over 34,000 square miles of airspace spanning four states in which CAFB aircraft operate daily.

The final element is HARM. They maintain over 950 flight records via ARMS and TMS databases, and ensure proper flight data is recorded and managed effectively by squadron aviation resource management shops (SARMS).

Student Management:

Pilot training is undoubtedly the most rigorous and intense program many officers will ever accomplish. Fifty-four weeks of classroom, simulator and flight training await these young officers. The Student Management section consists of 12 Class Commanders who uphold and drive home the OSS Mission of "Warrior Ethos and Upward Focus" by daily interaction through training flights, providing unparal-

leled professional development and mentorship and administrative supervision for the students and their families. OSS Class Commanders also serve as the first line of communication and resolution for any non-flying related issues and are a direct link to the OSS Commander as well as the Flight Commanders.

New student pilot candidates report to the transition flight, the largest flight in the wing, to spend their "casual" time before beginning training. While in casual status, officers complete "odd jobs" around the base, volunteer and/or get assigned to an office. Additionally, they complete TDYs to ASBC at Maxwell, AFB and Introductory Flight Screening (IFS) at Pueblo, Colorado.

SUPT starts with approximately seven weeks of academic and simulator training that cover the fundamentals of flying the T-6 as well as Air Force aviation.

After Phase I is complete, students get re-motivated by attending track select of the class they will replace on the flight line. Their workloads will more than double as they continue to finish up academic training while applying all they have learned in the last seven weeks. After an initial solo and four checkrides later, the six T-6 Class Commanders proudly hand over their students to the four T-1 and two T-38 Class Commanders for the advanced phase of UPT.

Upon graduation, the Air Force's newest pilots are assigned to the graduation flight. They enter a transition period that lasts from a couple weeks to a several months before they PCS. Training does not end with the completion of pilot training; there are numerous other courses that are required before they start their new assignment. Courses include survival, evasion, and resistance training (SERE), water survival, emergency parachute training, Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals (IFF) for fighter tracks and major weapon system (MWS) training.

The work the men and women of 14th Operations Support Squadron do every day is invaluable in the success of the wing's mission: Produce Pilots, Advance Airmen and Feed the Fight...



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Chase Hedrick
14th Operations Support Squadron air traffic controllers at Columbus Air Force Base control air traffic within 10 miles of the Air Traffic Control Tower, watching from nine stories above the ground.



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ABOVE: Senior Airman Ambyr Stevens, 14th Operations Support Squadron life support technician, cleans a helmet at the 50th Flying Training Squadron building on Nov. 9. LEFT: Senior Airman Jason Nolte, 14th Operations Support Squadron air traffic controller, brushes up on his aircraft control skills on a RAPCON simulator on Nov. 9.



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Chase Hedrick
Senior Airman Jennifer Sill, 14th Operations Support Squadron weather journeyman, checks the weather pattern at the Base Operations building on Nov. 9.



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Airman 1st Class Glen Lalone, 14th Operations Support Squadron life support technician, inspects a quick done mask on Nov. 9. Quick done masks are used during in flight emergencies.