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## Weather



**Today**

High: 46, Low: 29  
Cloudy



**Saturday**

High: 45, Low: 39  
Partly cloudy



**Sunday**

High: 50, Low: 23  
Sunny



**Monday**

High: 55, Low: 37  
Partly cloudy

## News Briefs

### Family Days/Holidays

Most CAFB base offices will be closed from Dec. 23 to Jan. 3 in observance of Christmas day, AETC Family day, and New Years.

### Holiday Hours

Several on base services will be providing special holiday hours this season. The Commissary will be open Dec. 20, 2010, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Dec. 24, 2010 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and closed December 25, 2010 for Christmas Day. The Landings at Columbus Office will be closed on the following days: Dec. 23, Dec. 24 and Dec. 31. Maintenance on-call service will still be available.

### South Gate Closed

The base's south gate will close for the holidays on Dec. 22 at 5 p.m. and will reopen Jan. 4 at 6 a.m.

### Officer Call

Officer call will be held Jan. 4 at Kaye Auditorium beginning at 11 a.m.

### Civilian Call

A civilian call will be held Jan. 4 at Kaye Auditorium beginning at 2:30 p.m.

## Inside



### Feature 8

SUPT Class 11-03 graduates today at 10 a.m. at the Kaye Auditorium.

# AETC/CC sends holiday greetings



**Gen. Edward A. Rice Jr.**  
AETC Commander

AETC Family,

As Airmen and their families all around Air Education and Training Command pause to celebrate, Teresa and I wish each of you a joyous and safe holiday season.

Many of us are blessed to be with our family and friends this time of the year, but I ask you to remember the sacrifices our deployed Air Force and sister service members are making for our great nation. I encourage you to reach out to each other, especially to those members or families who may be quietly struggling through the holidays. We are not only part of a fantastic team, but also part of a great Air Force family and, as Wingmen, we take care of each other.

The holidays afford more opportunities to relax with friends and family, watch some sports, or take care of some long lost projects at the house. Whatever you decide to do, do so with safety and care. The best weapons and technology in the world are nothing without the No. 1 resource behind it — you.

Again, Teresa and I wish each of you a safe and wondrous holiday and a new year full of rich blessings.

Gen. Edward A. Rice Jr., AETC Commander

## 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 (11-12)	0.86 days	-1.76 days	Jan. 19	48th (11-03)	0.00 days	1.19 days	Dec. 17	49th (10-CB)	1.93 days	1.44 days	Dec. 21	T-6	1,495	1,788	6,720
41st (11-13)	-0.64 days	-2.46 days	Feb. 14	50th (11-03)	0.00 days	-0.84 days	Dec. 17					T-1	498	467	2,190
												T-38	562	625	2,198
												IFF	124	133	502

The graduation speaker is Maj. Gen. Stephen Sergeant, Special Assistant to the Commander, AETC.

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## WSA Trail BLAZE'r Questions

**Airman 1st Class Ross Crimaldi/14th Comptroller Squadron**

**Job title:** Customer Service Technician

**Time at Columbus AFB:** Five Months

**Time in Service:** One year three months

**Hometown:** Tampa Bay, Fla.

**Career goals:** Finish my bachelor's degree and become an officer.

**Family members:** Ron (Dad) Terri (Mom) Caitlyn (Sister)

**Favorite musician:** AC/DC and Metallica

**Favorite movie:** Slap Shot, Miracle

**Favorite book:** "Rainbow Six" by Tom Clancy

**Inspirations:** My parents



**Personal motto:** Go big or go home.

## 14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, 78 TEAM BLAZE members are deployed worldwide. Remember to support the Airmen and their families while they are away.



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat/Sun
20	21	22	23	24	25/26
			Last day of SUPT flying	Christmas Day Holiday Observed	Dec. 25: Christmas Day
27	28	29	30	31	1/2
AETC Family Day, Most CAFB offices closed		IP Fly Day, last land at 4 p.m.		News Years Holiday Observed  New Years Eve Party, 7 p.m. @ Club	

### Long Range Events

**Jan. 3:** AETC Family Day  
**Jan. 7:** Class 11-04 Assignment Night  
**Jan. 10-14:** Night Flying Week  
**Jan. 17:** Martin Luther King, Jr., Day holiday  
**Jan. 18:** CSC Social  
**Jan. 19:** Class 11-12 Track Select  
**Jan. 19-22:** AETC Symposium  
**Jan. 21:** Class 11-04 Graduation  
**Jan 4:** Officer's Call  
**Jan 4:** Civilian Call  
**Jan 4:** Mandatory flying safety briefings  
**Jan 14:** MLK Breakfast

## 14th FTW/CC visits Shuqualak Auxiliary Air Field



U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Jacob Corbin  
Col. Barre Seguin, 14th Flying Training Wing commander, speaks with Senior Airman Jason Kislow, 14th Civil Engineering Fire Emergency Services Flight, during the colonel's visit to the Shuqualak Auxiliary Air Field Fire Station Dec. 10. Colonel Seguin and Command Chief Master Sgt. Zefrem Smith, 14th FTW, visited the facility and met with the Airmen who man the station during T-6 flying operations at the field.

# Falcons Bowl Bound

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

The Air Force Academy Fighting Falcons have officially accepted their formal invitation to participate in the Independence Bowl on Dec. 27 facing Georgia Institute of Technology.

The game, scheduled to kick off at 4 p.m. in Shreveport, La., will be covered on ESPN2. For those seeking to watch the game tickets to the bowl are limited but still available.

Air Force family rates are available to all active duty, retired, National Guard, and reserve personnel as well as season ticket holders, cadet parents and Air Force Academy graduates. These groups are eligible for one ticket at \$30 each with a purchase of a ticket at full price. The cost for a general public ticket is \$37 or \$47 depending on seating. All orders are subject to a \$15 order charge.

For those unable to attend the game but would like to donate to the academy; tickets may be purchased at the reduced price

of \$30 for cadet or Airmen use. This type of purchase may be tax deductible, please consult a tax professional. Donation-only orders can be called in to the ticket office to avoid the cover charge.

Those attending the game in person have the added opportunity to join fellow Falcon fans at the official pre-game V.I.P. tailgate outside the stadium. For \$30 fans can receive an all you can eat and drink catered meal and a commemorative AFA bowl t-shirt. Reservations are required as space is limited.

To place a ticket or tailgate order visit the AFA ticket page at <http://www.goairforcefalcons.com/tickets/afa-tickets.html>. Tickets can also be ordered by phone by calling (800) 666-USAF (8723) between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. For all other information regarding the Independence Bowl visit the official "Bowl Central" website for Falcon football.

*(Editor's note: Information from Air Force Academy Athletics Department news release was used in this story).*

## 14th CONS small business specialist wins first AF level award, memorial for mentor

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

The 14th Contracting Squadron director of business operations recently received the first ever Tandy Weaver Memorial Award for his outreach and community involvement with local small businesses.

Neil Cole was recognized for his outreach and involvement with nine organizations, conducting multiple training seminars directly targeted for expanding the small business vendor base for Columbus Air Force Base.

"I go downtown to do workshops and seminars for small businesses on how to do business with the government," said Mr. Cole.

Mr. Cole worked to bring new outreach programs and events that brought \$471,000 of business opportunities to local small businesses while saving \$44,000 for the 14th Flying Training Wing.

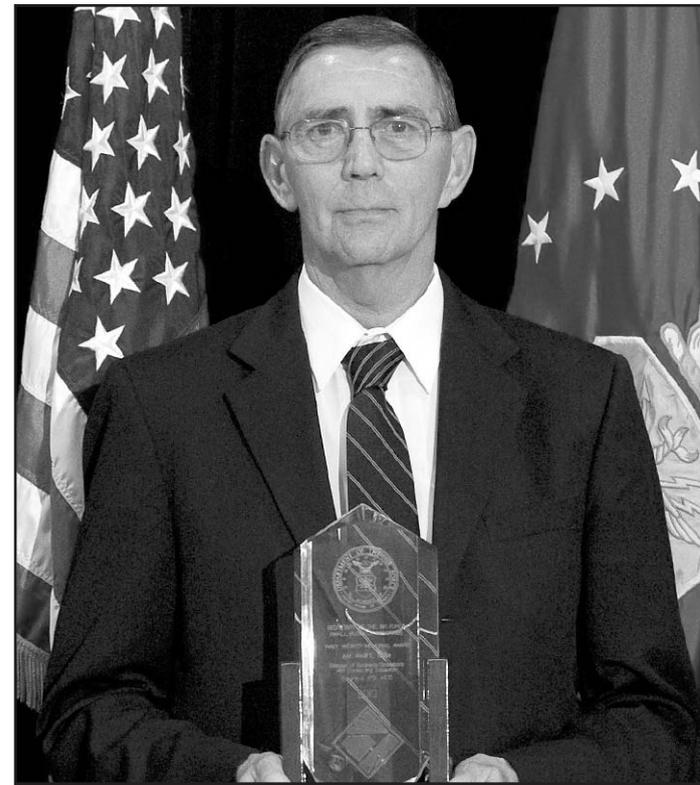
However, the award had a more personal touch for Mr. Cole.

"What was really special for me was Tandy was my mentor when I first got into this business," Mr. Cole revealed. "For me to receive the first memorial award in her honor was really something special."

Mr. Cole said that Ms. Weaver helped him start from scratch when he first took up his current position at CAFB, spending countless hours on and off duty teaching him how to facilitate relationships with, and create opportunities for, small businesses.

"She just lived and breathed it," said Mr. Cole.

Mr. Cole credited the unique relationship the base has with the local community to the success of his projects in the local area, saying that it wouldn't have been possible without the combined efforts of the base, small businesses, and small business resources.



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

**Neil Cole, 14th Contracting Squadron director of business operations and small business specialist, holds up the first Tandy Weaver Memorial Award. The award recognizes individuals who have demonstrated outreach to local small businesses for performing the Air Force mission at their installation.**

## 2010 tax form, pay statement availability schedule

Defense Finance and Accounting Service

CLEVELAND (AFRNS) – Air Force retirees with a Defense Finance and Accounting Service online myPay account can now download their annual account statements. Annuitant statements will be available online Dec. 15.

There is no cost-of-living adjustment increase for military retirees or annuitants in 2011.

COLA increases are determined each year based on the rise in the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Consumer Price Index for urban wage earners and clerical workers. The Department of Labor calculates the change in the CPI for goods and services from the third quarter average of the previous year to the third quarter average for the current year.

Although Congress and the Administration decide how much to increase federal pay, because military retirees and annuitants do not receive pay increases but cost-of-living adjustments, they rely on the final CPI results.

Internal Revenue Service 1099R forms for retirees and annuitants will be posted online Dec. 14 and Dec. 15, respectively.

Retirees who rely on the U.S. Postal Service for DFAS correspondence should begin receiving their account statements and 1099R forms Dec. 16. Mailing will continue through Dec. 31.

For annuitants, account statements and 1099R forms begin mailing Dec. 19 through the end of the month.

Statements and forms are mailed to the address on file with DFAS.

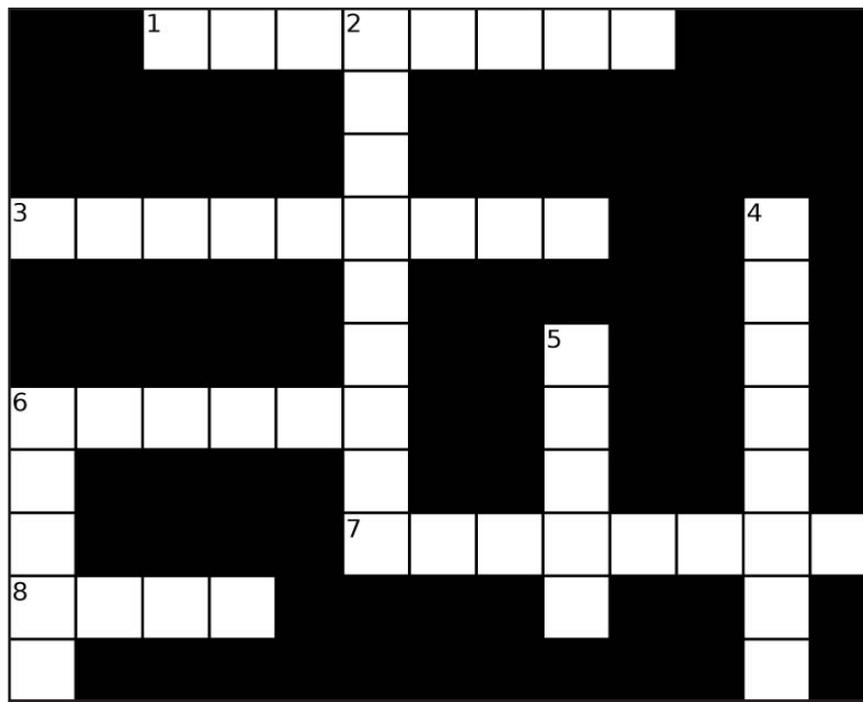
Retirees and annuitants with questions about account statements or tax forms should call the DFAS Contact Center at 800-321-1080.

## FTAC Class 10-I graduates



The instructor and graduates of First Term Airman Center Class 10-I stand for a photo at the base education center Dec. 14. Master Sgt. Brian Baley, Career Assistance Advisor, Airman 1st Class Webb Devondra, 49th Fighter Training Squadron, Airman 1st Class Rodgers Kyle, 14th Security Forces Squadron, Airman Basic Worth Michael, 14th Contracting Squadron, Airman 1st Class Downey Stephen, 14th Medical Support Squadron, Airman 1st Class Lavigne, 14th Medical Support Squadron, Airman 1st Class Donaldson Joshua, 14th Operations Support Squadron, Airman 1st Class Goins Johnathan, 14th OSS, Airman 1st Class Perkins Jared, 14th OSS.

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



## Holiday Crossword

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| <p>Across</p> <p>1 The winter solstice will occur on _____ 21, 2010 in the northern hemisphere.</p> <p>3 New Years Day is the first day in the _____ calendar.</p> <p>6 Bethel, Maine holds the world record for the tallest snowman at 122 feet. Roughly 29 feet shorter than the _____ of Liberty.</p> <p>7 One common christmas poem is the 1823 "A visit from Saint _____."</p> <p>8 _____ might go in a stocking for those with bad behavior.</p> | <p>Down</p> <p>2 Type of tree that keeps it's leaves through all four seasons.</p> <p>4 May 3, 1952 two members of the Air Force and a civilian scientist landed a modified C-47 _____ on the North Pole, becoming the first confirmed men to step foot on that location.</p> <p>5 Hanukkah is an _____ day celebration.</p> <p>6 A peppermint _____ is similar to a candy cane, but without the hook.</p> |
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Base News

No Papers Due to Holiday

Due to upcoming holidays, the next issue of the Silver Wings will be on Jan. 7. Our staff wishes you a happy holiday!

DBIDs Registration

Registration for the Defense Biometric Identification System, a new gate access system, is currently ongoing for Common Access Card holders as well as dependents and retirees. Please visit the Military Personnel Flight, Visitors Center or the Operations Group building to complete the mandatory registration.

Landing at Columbus tenant eligibility

The Landings at Columbus has entered into the category C of the Waterfall which makes the following groups eligible to live in base housing:

1. All Active Duty Members including single and unaccompanied members
2. Federal Civil Service Employees and their families
3. Retired Uniformed Services member and their families
4. Retired Civil Service Employees and their families
5. Permanent Employees of DOD Contractors

The aforementioned tenants would qualify to live in our newly renovated Capitol Village. The homes range in size from three bedrooms to six bedrooms with 1-2 bathrooms all with a one car garage.

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 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 Building 158, at 434-7178.

Biomedical Sciences Corps Training and Commissioning Programs

The Air Force has announced the fiscal year 2011 Biomedical Sciences Corps Training and Commissioning Programs. They are as follows: The Uniform Services University of the Health Sciences PhD Clinical Psychology Training Program, application suspense Jan 5 2011. The Interservice Physician Assistant Training Program, application suspense Jan 25 2011.

AROUND TOWN

Christmas Mass in Local Area

The following local churches will hold Mass at the following times and places:  
Annunciation in downtown Columbus: Christmas Eve at 5:30 and .midnight proceeding Christmas Day mass at 10 a.m.  
St. Joseph in Starkville: Christmas Eve at 5 p.m. for families with kids, as well as a midnight mass.  
St. Joseph: Christmas Day at 9 a.m.  
Okolona: Christmas Eve, 5 p.m.  
Houston: Christmas Eve, 7 p.m.  
Aberdeen: Christmas Eve, 9 p.m.  
West Point: Christmas Eve, 6 p.m.

Holiday Historic Home Tours

Visit the newly restored Tennessee Williams Welcome Center and Museum beautifully placed in historic downtown Columbus at 300 Main Street. This site is the first home of legendary playwright Tennessee Williams. Take a complimentary tour through this National Literary Landmark through Dec. 31 and step into the past to enjoy the Victorian-styled Christmas décor. Contact the Tennessee Williams Welcome Center at 328-0222 for more information.

Festival of Trees

For the second year, the Columbus Public Library is hosting its Festival of Trees. Come enjoy traditional and unique trees on display during normal library hours. Please contact the Columbus Library at 329-5300 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.

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.

Chapel Holiday Schedule

**Catholic Services**  
Dec. 19: Religious Education Christmas Party, to include children's church, 3:30 p.m.,  
Dec. 25: Christmas Mass and Children's Play, 10 a.m.

**Protestant Services**  
Dec. 24: Candlelight Service, 7 p.m.

**Pioneer Club Schedule**  
Pioneer Clubs will resume Jan. 5, 2011.

**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.

Healthy Holiday Eating Tips

Tech. Sgt. Ryian Caviness  
14th Medical Group

If you are worried about gaining weight over the holidays, you are not alone! Traditionally this time of the year is synonymous with a decrease in diet management and an increase in our waistline. However, this unwanted weight gain does is not an inevitable part of the season. Here are a few tips that will allow you to enjoy your favorite foods while battling the holiday bulge.

\* Don't overeat: Portion sizes definitely increase during the holidays. So, try to maintain small portions and avoid going back for seconds.

\* Choose healthier foods: Try to stick with low fat foods like vegetables, fruits, white meat instead of dark meat or cider verses eggnog. White meat contains 70percent less fat than the dark meat per serving size (4oz) and eggnog contains 200 calories more per serving size (8oz) than apple cider. Be conscious of the choices you make.

\* Limit alcohol consumption: If you choose to drink, consider enjoying alcohol derived from fruit such as wine or champagne or choosing the "light" version of a beer. Avoid most mixed drinks made with a blender. Most contain over 250 calories per serving size depending on the

type of contents you use. Limit consumption to 1-2 drinks an evening and make sure you have a designated driver.

\* Eat before attending holiday parties: Most party snacks aren't healthy, but they are always plentiful! It is best to enjoy a light, healthy meal before attending holiday parties. This will help you avoid eating too much unhealthy food.

\* Exercise when you can: Trying to fit exercise in during the holiday season can be difficult since most of your time is spent with family and friends. Incorporate a 30 minute jog or walk early in the morning to jump start your metabolism to help burn those extra calories. Invite friends or family to join you.

\* Eat slowly: It often takes about 20 minutes for your brain to realize your stomach is full. Eating slow and savoring your food will allow you to keep your portion sizes in check while consuming fewer calories.

Good food and the holidays go hand-in-hand. You don't have to deprive yourself of holiday favorites, if you enjoy them in moderation. Following these tips will allow you to enjoy the holidays without any excessive weight gain. For more tips on how to stay healthy and fit over the holidays contact the HAWC at 434-2477.

Deployed Defender



Airman 1st Class Benjamin Ward, 14th Security Forces Squadron, utilizes an M-203 grenade launcher from the top of an Up-Armored HUMM at a base in Southwest Asia.

Courtesy photo

Track Select

2nd Lt. Aaron J. Berry	T-38
2nd Lt. Anthony J. Del Vecchio	T-38
Capt. Matthew J. Gauld	T-1
2nd Lt. James C. Hammelman	T-1
2nd Lt. Ryan C. Hedlund	T-1
2nd Lt. Craig R. Ingvalson	T-38
2nd Lt. Casey D. Jones	Helo
2nd Lt. Alex B. Kroll	T-38
2nd Lt. Jacob N. Lammers	T-1
2nd Lt. Russell J. Logan	T-1
2nd Lt. Clayton A. Martin	T-1
2nd Lt. Marco Molli	T-38
2nd Lt. Susan M. Mongeon	T-1
Capt. Stephen L. Montgomery	T-38
Capt. Justin A. Moser	T-1
2nd Lt. Chad J. Olson	T-1
2nd Lt. Brandon C. Patterson	T-1
Capt. Ryan J. Pebler	T-38
2nd Lt. Braden W. Peirano	T-1
Capt. John S. Piekarski	T-38
2nd Lt. Peter J. Shoemaker	T-1
2nd Lt. Wesley T. Sloat	T-1
Capt. Benjamin J. Steinouir	T-1
2nd Lt. Antonio Tondi	T-38
2nd Lt. Leonard D. Trujillo	T-1
2nd Lt. Jeffrey T. Tucker	T-44
2nd Lt. Nikita C. Werling	T-44
Capt. Richard N. Wiseman	T-1
2nd Lt. Albert C. Young	T-44

**T-6 TopGuns: BEEN ICED**  
Contact: 2nd Lt. Jacob N. Lammers  
Instrument: 2nd Lt. Chad J. Olson  
Formation: 2nd Lt. Marco Molli



## Former Team BLAZE commanders nominated for first star

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

Department of Defense officials recently announced two former Team BLAZE leaders were selected for promotion to the rank of brigadier general.

Col. Roger Watkins, former 14th Flying Training Wing commander, and Col. Mark Brown, former 14th Mission Support Group commander, were nominated by President Barack Obama for the promotion based on recommendations by the Air Force.

Both colonels will be officially selected once the Senate approves the President's nominations.

Colonel Watkins was commander of the 14th FTW from June 2008 to July 2010, is currently serving as the Commander, Jeanne M. Holm Center for Officer Accessions and Citizen Development, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

Colonel Brown, who was the 14th MSG/CC from June 2007 until July 2009, is currently Director, Financial Management and Comptroller, Headquarters Air Mobility Command, Scott AFB, Ill.

Forty-two Air Force colonels in all were nominated for promotion to O-7.



Col. Mark Brown



Col. Roger Watkins

## Caroler's bring holiday joy to MSG



U.S. Air Force photo/Sonic Johnson  
Caroler's sing at the 14th Mission Support Group building Dec. 17. The carolers are composed of volunteer Team BLAZE members who visit offices and holiday parties.

## Volunteers help at Happy Fund Shop and Wrap



U.S. Air Force photo/2nd Lt. Brionna Ruff  
Volunteers wrap gifts at the Annual Happy Fund Shop and Wrap Dec. 9 at the Columbus Club. The Happy Fund is named after George "Happy" Irby and distributes toys to children in need.

## Most housing rates dip for 2011 as pay, subsistence increase

**Karen Parrish**  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Most military housing allowance rates will decrease slightly for 2011, but servicemembers will receive, on average, as much or slightly more money than they did this year, Defense Department officials said Dec. 15.

Cheryl Anne Woehr, a housing allowance program analyst, said overall rates are fairly stable.

"On average, they'll decrease about six tenths of a percent," she said.

The 2011 Basic Allowance for Housing rates take effect Jan. 1.

A provision ensuring against rate decreases for servicemembers already stationed at a location means Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines will receive an average 1.1 percent increase, Ms. Woehr said.

That overall increase is "because of the effects of individual rate protection and the distribution of servicemembers throughout the (United States)," she explained.

Individual rate protection ensures that members who have made lease or contract commitments for housing aren't penalized if an area's costs decline. Any decreases apply only to members who move to a location after rates change. Even if housing allowance rates decrease over two or more years, military members stationed in the same location are assured their previous, higher rate, Ms. Woehr said.

"They receive the higher of what they were paid Dec. 31, or the new rate," she said. "If the rates go down one year, the servicemember receives the previous year's rate. If the rates go down again, the servicemember would continue to get that year-one rate."

The allowance covers housing costs for servicemembers living off military installations in the United States; those who live in government housing don't receive the allowance. Servicemembers stationed overseas who live in private housing receive the overseas housing allowance. Rates for that allowance are reviewed at least every six months, defense finance offi-

cial said.

"The reality is, the (BAH) rates vary, and the changes in the rates vary across the country, with some housing areas decreasing as much as 8 percent and others increasing more than 10 percent," Ms. Woehr said. "Rent is the largest component of the BAH rates, so that has the most influence on what rates do."

The allowance rate is computed annually for each military housing area and is based on three factors: median current market rent; average utilities, including water and sewer, electricity and heating costs; and average renter's insurance.

Total costs are assessed for six housing profiles, based on dwelling type and number of bedrooms, in each military housing area. Housing allowance rates are then determined for servicemembers in each pay grade, with and without dependent family members. The department will pay its more than 1 million active-duty servicemembers an estimated \$19 billion in housing allowance over 2011.

Jerilyn Busch, the director of military compensation, said servicemembers also will see an increase in pay and subsistence allowances in January. A 1.4-percent basic-pay raise takes effect Jan. 1 by operation of law, and it reflects the change in the employment cost index, she said. That raise will be in effect until Congress passes the National Defense Authorization Act, which currently contains a 1.9 percent pay raise. But the final raise military members receive will be in accordance with the defense authorization act as signed by the president, Ms. Busch said.

The basic allowance for subsistence in 2011 will increase 0.36 percent, Ms. Busch said. The new rates will be \$223.04 for officers and \$323.87 for enlisted servicemembers.

Since 2002, defense officials said, military pay has risen 42 percent, housing allowances have risen 83 percent, and the subsistence allowance has risen 40 percent. By comparison, private-sector salaries have risen 32 percent over that time, officials said.

*Happy Holidays from  
Columbus AFB Fire Emergency Services*

## Christmas Tree Safety



Before placing the tree in the stand, cut 1-2" from the base of the trunk.

Always turn off Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.

Make sure the tree is at least three feet away from any heat source.

Remove the tree after Christmas or when it is dry.

Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit.

Ask about recycling Christmas trees in your community.

Add water to the tree stand. Be sure to add water daily.

Make sure your home has working smoke alarms and test them at least once a month.



## BARGAIN LINE

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

### Homes

**For sale:** Great 3/2 brick home just outside of Caledonia city limits. Open floor plan with 10 ft. ceilings throughout, wood laminate and ceramic tile flooring, gas fireplace, wood blinds, laundry room, pantry, large covered patio with ceiling fans, two-car carport and attached workshop, on circle drive. Must sell due to military move. For photos and contact information, visit www.fsbo.com, listing #138068. **For sale:** House at 190 Lakeover Drive East with 2,196 sqft. living area. Four bedrooms, three baths, and a double garage. Move in ready. Call 251-4758.

### Miscellaneous

**For sale:** Still in box 12 piece all wood kitchen island play set. Includes fridge, stove and stainless steel sink. \$50. Call 328-7067. **For sale:** 20" cable ready TV, \$20. 32" Cable ready TV, \$45. Bouncy horse, \$6. Play washer/dryer, \$10. Bath tub chair, \$5. Call 434-9263. **For sale:** 32" View Sonic flat screen TV, \$150. Call 329-5792. **For sale:** Christmas tree with lights and stand, \$25. Component stereo set \$25. Call 328-4374. **For sale:** 52" JVC HI-DLA TV, \$400. Women's Joe Rocket Cleo 2.0 motorcycle jacket, \$75. Wii Fit with two Wii fit games, \$75. Call (660) 238-3687. **For sale:** Blue Ridge Spa/Hot Tub with cover. Seats four to six. PVC plumbing needs to be re-glued or replaced, \$100 and you move it. Call 570-4221. **For sale:** 27" RCA TV with remote and converter, \$50. 19" RCA TV with built-in VHS, remote and converter, \$25. Murray 40" riding lawnmower, new blades and new belts, \$250. Birch Plywood storage box on rollers, \$30. Call 356-4292.

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**CES crossword answers**

## Base families offered a variety of activities

### Holiday Golf Sale

The Whispering Pines Golf Course is having a sale on all their Cobra Drivers and fairway woods. For more information, call 434-7932.

### Bowling Center New Years Eve Party

The bowling center offers this end of year party from 8 p.m. to midnight Dec. 31. Cost is \$50 per couple or \$25 per person. Limited to the first 50 people registered. Advanced tickets sales only. For more information, call 434-3426.

### Dance Away the Decades New Years Eve Cocktail party

This end of membership drive event starts at 7 p.m. Dec. 31 at the Columbus Club. Cost is \$80 per couple but it's free for club members. This is a semi-formal adult event that features a live band playing music from the 60's to today's hits. The menu for the evening includes a carving station with roast beef, ham, turkey, rolls and condiments. Smoked side salmon with condiments and crackers, shrimp cocktail, spinach and artichoke dip, hot crab dip, tired vegetable tray, brie en courte with raspberries, chocolate fountain with pound cake bites, pretzels, marshmallows, donut holes, bananas, strawberries and pineapple, champagne fountain and at midnight a breakfast buffet. There will be drawings for prizes throughout the evening. At midnight complimentary champagne will be served for the toast. For more information, call 434-2490.

### 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 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.

# It's a wonderful Christmas life carol

**Chaplain (Maj.) Leslie Janovec**  
14th Flying Training Wing Chaplain

I have two favorite movies I enjoy watching around Christmas time each year: One is based on Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" and the other is Frank Capra's "It's a Wonderful Life."

Both of these films capture in timely fashion our humanity that we should stop and ponder during this season. The plots of the two films are distinct from one another, yet they both have a shared message in the end. Ebenezer Scrooge (played by everyone from George C. Scott, to Michael Caine [along with the Muppets], to Patrick Stewart, to Bill Murray) and George Bailey (played brilliantly by Jimmy Stewart) certainly approach life differently.

Scrooge is a penny-pinching, cynical, negative, "Bah-Humbug" type of guy who hates everything and everyone. George Bailey on the other hand always helped people in need, and had a large following of friends. George sacrificed his own gain so that the people around him could prosper. Evil Mr. Potter, the "Scrooge" equivalent in this movie, was the one always berating George for helping out all of the poor people and giving of himself in servant leadership, so that others would benefit.

You might think that Scrooge would be the one identified to learn the most about him as the stories progress; but George has a lesson waiting for him, too.

There is a clever plot twist in both movies that to me, speaks most poignantly to our humanity: We have the

chance, through grace, to change our ways (like Scrooge) or to become more keenly aware of the true blessings that we already have, as well as having a second chance at life (like George).

The clever writers in both stories used three spirits and an angel, respectively, to help guide the characters to a better understanding of themselves and their lives. We might be thinking that this type of intervention replete with a happy ending is all well and good for a novel or Hollywood production, but that it couldn't possibly happen in reality. I think it can.

You see, we all have our "people" — those whom we trust, those whom we depend upon to tell us the truth, those whom we know will love us unconditionally, and those whose ethics and servant leadership we aspire to emulate.

Our "people" can help us when we get mired down in life or they can guide us to a better understanding of ourselves.

Our "people" can help us to make past wrongs right; to offer counsel when contemplating which direction to take when we've reached a fork in the road; or to just be there when life happens and we're having a terrible day.

Our "people" are with us through thick and thin, better or worse, highs and lows, and are there when the storm-clouds break to reveal a new day.

Our "people" can be those very guides who, through their presence with us, can literally change our lives or save our lives. And the miracle that keeps giving is that

our "people" can be friends, family, spouses, significant others, co-workers, helping professionals, or bosses who are there for us every day — not just at Christmastime.

The bottom line is that all of us share something in common with Scrooge and with George Bailey: There have been times when we have all felt "Bah-Humbug" and there have been times when we have felt that regardless of what we did, we didn't make too much of a difference.

But grace has a way of abounding; and through this grace, our "people" surrounded us and taught us lessons about ourselves or affirmed what we had to offer. And even the most seemingly insignificant relationship can teach us lessons about ourselves and help us realize that each of us has a valuable contribution to make, whether we realize it or not.

We all have much to offer and much to learn from those around us. It is simply a matter of opening our eyes and our hearts in order to appreciate all that we have for which to be grateful.

Scrooge found out that life was worth so much more than what he had originally believed. George Bailey found out that suicide was not the answer, and that life without him in it was a miserable existence for those whom he loved.

During this season of miracles it's time to be grateful for the second chances that we get. We would all be well-advised to take advantage of them and to be thankful for the "people" who are always there for us. Truly, it's a wonderful Christmas life carol.

## Lesser-known UCMJ offenses

**Lt. Col. Gregory Friedland**  
28th Bomb Wing  
staff judge advocate

ELLSWORTH AIR FORCE BASE, S.D. — Some Airmen destroy promising careers, and it's not always because they are caught stealing, using drugs or misusing their government computer.

Having served as a prosecutor, defense attorney and military judge, I've seen people lose their careers for many reasons: from voyeurism to disloyal statements, to graft and sedition, and even wrongful cohabitation.

In one particular case, an Airman who was separated — not divorced — from his wife moved into base housing with another woman. Because he was still married, he had applied for and was offered base housing. He and his girlfriend lived together for four

months, and even his neighbors thought they were husband and wife.

Later, he was convicted of wrongful cohabitation, among other things, and sentenced to a bad-conduct discharge, confinement for one year, total forfeiture of all pay and allowances, and reduced to the grade of E-1.

Wrongful cohabitation occurs when an Airman and another person openly and publicly live together as husband and wife, but they're not. It can happen in base housing or in the civilian community.

In another case, an Airman was convicted of looting. While standing guard at a warehouse in Panama during Operation Just Cause, he stole a camera and four watches.

Looting differs from larceny in that the property generally belongs to the enemy; however, there are exceptions. He was sentenced to a bad-conduct discharge, confinement for

six months, forfeiture of \$400 pay per month for six months and reduction to the grade of E-1.

Following is a list of several Uniform Code of Military Justice offenses people may not have encountered:

— Fleeing the scene of an accident: both the driver and the senior ranking passenger can be charged with this offense;

— Drunk and disorderly: you can violate this provision by being drunk, disorderly or both;

— Misprision of a serious offense: concealing a serious offense committed by another;

— Obstructing justice: intimidating a witness or saying essentially, "Don't tell them it was me.;"

— Soliciting another to commit an offense;

— Disloyal statements: watch what you

post on social media websites;

— Child endangerment or reckless endangerment: wrongfully subjecting someone to a reasonable probability of harm;

— False or unauthorized pass offenses: this offense also applies to altering your identification card, loaning your ID to someone or having an unauthorized ID card;

— Stalking: this applies to both the victim of the stalking and their immediate family;

— Voyeurism: this is now found under Article 120 as "indecent conduct;"

— Graft: compensation for services performed in an official manner when no compensation is due; and

— Sedition: think "mutiny" but in the overthrow of civil authority sense versus military authority.

There are many more offenses that you probably haven't heard about. Although the UCMJ contains some laws you may not have heard of, ignorance of the law is no excuse.



T-1A Jayhawk



T-38C Talon

# SUPT Class 11-03 earns silver wings



**2nd Lt. Michael Haffner**  
Westminster, Colo.  
T-6, Columbus AFB, Miss.



**Capt. Mary Siller**  
Buffalo, N.Y.  
KC-135, Pittsburgh IAP, Penn.



**2nd Lt. Yusuf Atmaraga**  
Jakarta, Indonesia  
SU-27, Indonesia

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

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 11-03 graduates at 10 a.m. today during a ceremony at the Kaye Auditorium.

The graduation speaker for the class is Maj. Gen. Stephen Sargeant, Special Assistant to the Commander, Air Education and Training Command, Randolph AFB, Texas.

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

Second Lt. Stephen Jude, T-38, and 2nd Lt. Tyler Olmstead, 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 Beaudreault, T-38, 2nd Lt. John Michael Ayers, T-1. The award is presented to a graduate in each flight who excelled in training and typified the tenets of the association — promoting aerospace power and a strong national defense.

Lieutenant Jude, Lieutenant Olmstead and 2nd Lt. Paige Hortman, T-1, were named the distinguished graduates of SUPT Class 11-03.

The 52-week pilot training program begins with a six-week pre-flight 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 11-03's pilot partners Jeff Farham, JTS and Company, and Lex Jackson, Reed's of Columbus.



**2nd Lt. JohnMichael Ayers**  
Edmore, Mich.  
C-21, Peterson AFB, Colo.



**2nd Lt. Matthew Beaudreault**  
San Diego, Calif.  
U-28, Hurlburt Field, Fla.



**2nd Lt. Bradley Bryant**  
Providence, Fla.  
E-3, Tinker AFB, Okla.



**2nd Lt. Anthony Ferrara**  
Grand Junction, Colo.  
MC-130H, RAF Mildenhall, UK



**2nd Lt. Sean Fitzgerald**  
Arlington, Texas  
RPA, Whiteman AFB, Mo.



**2nd Lt. Matthew Gabso**  
New Hartford, Conn.  
RPA, Whiteman AFB, Mo.



**2nd Lt. Carl Gotwald**  
Brunswick, Ohio  
RPA, Creech AFB, Nev.



**2nd Lt. Diego Guerrero**  
San Salvador, El Salvador  
A-37, El Salvador



**2nd Lt. James Hickerson**  
Nashville, Tenn.  
T-1, Columbus AFB, Miss.



**2nd Lt. Paige Hortman**  
Philadelphia, Penn.  
KC-10, McGuire AFB, N.J.



**2nd Lt. Stephen Jude**  
Denver, Colo.  
F-16, Luke AFB, Ariz.



**2nd Lt. Daniel Klepper**  
Dayton, Ohio  
C-17, Charleston AFB, S.C.



**2nd Lt. Justin Krull**  
Elkhart, Ind.  
KC-10, McGuire AFB, N.J.



**2nd Lt. Julie Luce**  
Denton, Texas  
C-17, Travis AFB, Calif.



**2nd Lt. Matthew McCune**  
Philadelphia, Penn.  
KC-10, McGuire AFB, N.J.



**2nd Lt. Christopher Morse**  
Pine Mountain Club, Calif.  
F-16, Luke AFB, Ariz.



**2nd Lt. Justin Nadal**  
New York City, N.Y.  
C-130J, Little Rock AFB, Ark.



**2nd Lt. Emily Nankivell**  
Dayton, Ohio  
C-17, Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio



**2nd Lt. Roberta Nitzberg**  
Springfield, Va.  
KC-135, Fairchild AFB, Wash.



**2nd Lt. Tyler Olmstead**  
Peachtree City, Ga.  
T-6, Columbus AFB, Miss.



**2nd Lt. Luke Reardon**  
Grangeville, Idaho  
KC-135, RAF Mildenhall, UK



**2nd Lt. Sean Wilson**  
Auburn, Wash.  
MC-12/C-17, McChord AFB, Wash.