

“Produce Pilots, Advance Airmen, Feed the Fight”

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Weather



Today

High: 44, Low: 21
Mostly Sunny



Saturday

High: 49, Low: 23
Sunny



Sunday

High: 45, Low: 31
Partly Cloudy



Monday

High: 38, Low: 32
Light wintry mix

News Briefs

Wing Retreat

A wing retreat ceremony will be held at Smith Plaza Jan. 24 at 4:30 p.m.

Quarterly Awards Ceremony

The fourth quarterly awards ceremony for the year will be held at Kaye Auditorium on Jan. 28 from 3:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Dorm Dinner

This month's enlisted dorm dinner will be hosted by LINK Military Affairs Committee at the Chapel Annex Jan. 27 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Stop by for barbeque, prizes and learn what the community can do for you.



U.S. Air Force photo/Melissa Duncan
Rev. Tony Montgomery, pastor of the Missionary Union Baptist Church in Columbus, Miss., speaks during the Martin Luther King Jr. breakfast celebration on Jan. 14 at the Columbus Club.

Team BLAZE celebrates the man and the dream: MLK Jr

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

Team BLAZE members from around Columbus AFB came together Jan. 14 for a breakfast celebrating the achievements of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

During the celebration attendees lis-

tened to some of the accomplishments of Doctor King and how the civil rights leader came to change the course of history.

The guest speaker for the event, local Rev. Tony Montgomery, pastor of the Missionary Union Baptist Church, spoke of Doctor King's dream and the impor-

ance of dreaming.

Reverend Montgomery said that Doctor King had begun with a dream of equality, freedom and justice that was far from reality when he gave his speech during the Civil Rights March on Washington back in 1963.

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SUPT Class 11-04 graduates today at 10 a.m. at the Kaye Auditorium.

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 (11-14)	-0.33 days	-2.44 days	Mar. 10	48th (11-05)	-1.49 days	0.44 days	Feb. 18	49th (10-DB)	-0.58 days	2.28 days	Feb. 3	T-6	1,333	1,300	8,734
41st (11-13)	0.26 days	-4.15 days	Feb. 14	50th (11-05)	-1.50 days	-3.42 days	Feb. 18					T-1	490	420	2,866
												T-38	570	420	2,876
												IFF	126	104	676

The graduation speaker is Brig. Gen. William Thornton, Director, Air Space and Information Operations, Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.

Trail BLAZE'r

Airman 1st Class Ian Steele

14th Medical Support Squadron

Job title: Medical Materiel Technician

Time at Columbus AFB: September 2010 to present

Time in Service: May 2010 to present

Hometown: Palm Coast, Fla.

Career goals: Ace CDC's, BTZ, earn B.S. degree, commission as officer.

Family members: Isabella Steele - Daughter, Angela Steele - Wife

Favorite musician: Red Hot Chili Peppers

Favorite movie: O brother, Where art thou

Biggest pet peeve: Dishonesty



Favorite book: "Angels and Demons" – Dan Brown

Inspirations: Stephen Hawking, Pele, My Mother, Grandfather (WWII Vet.)

Personal motto: "Energy and persistence conquer all things." – Benjamin Franklin

MLK

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"It's been 40 some years since his death and sometimes we look around and wonder if the dream has died with the dreamer," Reverend Montgomery said.

"The dream is not dead" Reverend Montgomery said. He said that dreams don't die as long as they are shared.

"He shared his dream with everybody," he said. "He shared it with the young, the old. He shared it with anyone who would listen."

Reverend Montgomery continued, saying that Doctor King's dream is too great to only be shared once a year and he encouraged attendees to carry the dream with them and to dream their own dreams every day of the year.

"Hold fast to dreams because without them we become like a snow covered wasteland," Reverend Montgomery said in closing. "And you know in the south we can't handle snow."

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<u>Mon</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Thur</u>	<u>Fri</u>	<u>Sat/Sun</u>
24 Wing Retreat, 4:30 p.m., @ Smith Plaza	25	26	27 Dorm Dinner, 5 p.m., @ Chapel Annex	28 Quarterly Awards Ceremony, 3:30 p.m. @ Kaye	29/30
31 Enlisted Promotions, 3:30 p.m. @ Club	1 IFF Grad, 4:45 p.m. @ 49th FTS	2	3	4 BCC Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. @ Club Class 11-05 Assignment Night, 5 p.m. @ Club	5/6

Long Range Events

Feb. 7-11: Night Flying Week
Feb. 7: Black History Month Luncheon
Feb. 8: Newcomers Orientation
Feb. 10: Daedalian's Sweetheart Dinner
Feb. 11: Annual Awards Banquet
Feb. 14: Class 11-13 Track Select
Feb. 15: CSC Social
Feb. 17: Clergy Day
Feb. 18: Class 11-05 Graduation
Feb. 21: Presidents' Day Holiday
Feb. 25: Class 11-06 Assignment Night



Let the 14th FSS Help You Stick to Your...

TOP TEN NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS



1. Spend More Time With Family & Friends

- ✘ Play a round or two of golf at Whispering Pines Golf Course with your spouse & buddies.
- ✘ Have lunch and bowl a few games at Strike Zone Lanes with your family & friends.

2. Get Fit/Healthier

- ✘ Check out the variety of new fitness classes at the CAFB Fitness Center led by certified instructors.

3. Eat Better

- ✘ Indy's new menu has healthy meal choices highlighted for easy ordering.
- ✘ The Bowling Center also offers healthier menu choices & you can get some exercise while you eat!

4. Learn Something New

- ✘ Does auto maintenance or arts & crafts interest you? There are classes & mini courses throughout the year, and one of them will surely interest you.
- ✘ Check out a plethora of resources at the Base Library.

5. Be More Adventurous

- ✘ Adventure is the spice of life! Take advantage of some of the activities that Outdoor Rec has to offer...canoe trips, paintball, geocaching & MORE!

6. Volunteer More/Help Others

- ✘ Look into coaching Youth Sports, helping with a Youth Center event or other base event! FSS always needs and greatly appreciates volunteers!

7. Get a Better Job

- ✘ Attend local employment & career workshops, classes on resumes & cover letters and MORE. Learn how to conduct an effective internet job search, the 10 steps to federal employment & job fair tips at the Airmen & Family Readiness Center (A&FRC).

8. Get Finances/Debt Under Control

- ✘ Get paid for teaching your outdoor adventure knowledge at Outdoor Rec or get affordable tickets or take inexpensive packaged trips offered by ITT.
- ✘ Attend any number of financially-focused classes and workshops regularly scheduled at the A&FRC.

9. Get More Education

- ✘ The Education Center offers classes and degree plans from East Mississippi Community College, Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, Saint Leo University & other online classes. Counseling and tuition assistance is available for military and civil service personnel at the Education Center & the A&FRC.

10. Enjoy Life More Overall!

- ✘ BE WHERE YOU ARE! Take advantage of the multitude of events and programming offered right here at Columbus AFB for your morale, welfare & recreation needs!

www.cafbervices.com

Go to our website and submit your comments about FSS facilities. Click on the "ICE" logo & let us know what you think! Check out our upcoming programs & events!

To access our Facebook Page, click the Facebook icon on www.cafbervices.com or go to www.facebook.com and search for

CAFB FSS Rocks

Pre-travel medical information available

Airman 1st Class Lloyd Kimble
14th Medical Operations Squadron
Public Health

Planning that much needed vacation to Europe or the Pacific soon? Perhaps taking one of outdoor recreation's Caribbean cruises? If so, the base Public Health office offers invaluable travel health information in regards to required vaccines, medications and other measures necessary to prevent illness and injury during international travel.

Public Health's job is to protect you and your family from preventable diseases that may be of concern in certain countries. They can answer any questions you may have for your upcoming trip.

Need to know if any immunizations or medications will be provided to keep you from getting ill? The Public Health travel medicine office is your first line of defense and we will guide you every step of the way.

The process is simple; all you have to do is come to Public Health and a technician will be more than happy to assist you. First, they will identify all potential medical threats and brief you about the area you are visiting. Next we identify any immunizations or medications needed. Then you are on your way to immunization or the pharmacy to receive these needed immunizations or medications.

The travel medicine program offered at Columbus AFB is free, educational and a lot less time consuming than trying to figure out this on your own. Public Health has trained professionals who are willing to assist you. For any further questions or concerns please feel free to contact the Public Health office at 434-2411.

Track Select 11-12

Top Guns

Contact: Capt. Dennis M. Simerly
Instrument: 2nd Lt. Nicholas J. Jacks
Formation: 2nd Lt. Sean T. Westrick

Leverette Award
Capt. Dennis M. Simerly

2nd Lt. Felah N. AlAjmi	T-38
2nd Lt. Afton J. Brown	T-1
2nd Lt. Andrew R. Burns	HELO
2nd Lt. Daniel R. Eanniello	T-1
2nd Lt. Matthew D. Fenton	T-1
2nd Lt. Tristan P. Fitzgerald	HELO
2nd Lt. Corey G. Franzen	T-44
2nd Lt. Taylor G. Giffen	T-1
2nd Lt. Gabriel Gonzalez	T-44
2nd Lt. Rebecca L. Gooch	T-1
2nd Lt. Craig J. Hales	T-1
2nd Lt. Alan M. Herbol	T-1
2nd Lt. Nicholas J. Jacks	T-38
2nd Lt. Jeremy A. Knutowski	T-38
2nd Lt. Jacob E. Kummrow	T-1
2nd Lt. Eric J. Liard	T-1
2nd Lt. Nathan S. Liptak	T-38
2nd Lt. Stephen A. Malcom	T-1
2nd Lt. George K. McMillen	T-1
2nd Lt. Hitoshi Moriya	T-1
2nd Lt. Masaki Nakashima	T-1
2nd Lt. John D. Odom	T-38
2nd Lt. John R. Phelps	T-1
2nd Lt. Thomas R. Sallenger	T-1
Capt. Dennis M. Simerly	T-38
2nd Lt. Sean T. Westrick	T-38
2nd Lt. Travis R. Wilkes	T-1
2nd Lt. Christopher M. Wojtowicz	T-1

Dollars & \$ense Topic #20:

**Don't Get Left Behind.
Be Proactive when planning Official Travel.**

If using the new Controlled Spend Account, no charges, such as airline tickets, can be made against your card until your spend limit has been increased. Your spend limit is not increased until approximately 48 hours after your travel orders have been approved by your Approving Official. Once your spend limit has been increased, you will receive an email from CitiBank.

Please note that the CTO will charge the CSA for airline tickets approximately 72 hours prior to your departure date. In order to ensure funds are available on your CSA card to properly pay for your airline tickets, please process your travel orders in DTS NLT seven to ten working days prior to your departure date. Unless you have subsequent travel, please do not process your travel orders any sooner than

30 days prior to travel.

For short-notice TDYs, the member can contact CitiBank as soon as his/her travel orders are approved in DTS and request a Temporary Spend Limit increase for the amount approved on the travel orders. This TSL will allow the CTO to charge the card.

14th CPTS Finance Customer Service:
Bldg 730, first floor lobby.

Hours of operation: Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

14th CPTS Finance Customer Service e-mail: 14CPTS.FCS@columbus.af.mil

**If you are unable to come during customer service hours due to mission requirements, please call 434-2705/2095 to schedule an appointment.

Basketball scores

Here are the scores for Jan. 18, 2011.

GAME 1

14th MDG 61 WINNER

14th MSG 57

GAME 2

14th SFS/14th CES 48

DynCorp 49 WINNER

GAME 3

14th OSS #1 44

49th FTS/50th FTS 50 WINNER

2011 Community Assessment Survey set to begin Jan. 25

The Integrated Delivery System (IDS) Working Group is sponsoring the 2011 Community Assessment Survey of service members, spouses, reservists, spouses of reservists and civilians. This survey is the best way for Air Force community members to make their opinions and needs known. The results of the survey will be used by base leadership and the Air Force to target resources where they are most needed and enhance the well-being of the community.

Air Force community members at Air Force bases worldwide will be randomly selected to participate in the study. A notification letter that includes a link to the Web-based survey will be sent out to the work email address of each Active Duty member selected to participate (spouses will be sent a letter in the mail with the Web link). Participation is crucial to the success of the project; selected service members are strongly urged to take part.

The 2011 Community Assessment Survey is the best way for the IDS to listen to community members and then provide services to help them meet their needs and the needs of their families. It allows them to express their opinions anonymously so participants can respond openly and honestly to issues that affect them every day.

Survey responses can directly influence family services and related support activities at local bases and throughout the Air Force. In fact, results from previous Air Force Community Assessments have impacted the policies and programs that support families at every level of the Air Force.

This year's survey at Columbus AFB will be particularly important. As part of a Department of Defense sponsored initiative, this year's Community Assessment, along with some supplemental questions, will be used to direct additional resources to help service members and families base wide. Base agencies will be working with researchers to ensure that this year's survey results are used to maximum benefit.

If you have any questions regarding the 2011 Community Assessment, please contact your local Integrated Delivery System Chair, Jamey Coleman at 434-3792.

MDEQ accepts CAFB into enHance program

The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality recently accepted Columbus Air Force Base in Columbus as a Leader in its enHance program. enHance is a voluntary stewardship program that recognizes committed environmental leaders who accomplish goals beyond their legal requirements. enHance is open to facilities, cities, counties, and other entities who are interested in the program, and applicants can choose from three tiers: Associate, Steward, or Leader.

"We are pleased that Columbus Air Force Base has joined the enHance program, and they should be commended for their commitment to doing good work and their leadership in achieving standards beyond their environmental permit requirements," said Trudy Fisher, MDEQ Executive Director.

"Columbus Air Force Base prides itself in being good stewards of the environment," said Colonel Barre Seguin, 14th Flying Training Wing Commander. "We strive daily to ensure our current operations meet or exceed local, state and federal environmental standards and champion research and solutions to mitigate our legacy environmental concerns."

434-RIDE saves careers, lives

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

The 434-RIDE (7433) hotline has only been up for one week, and has already prevented people from getting behind the wheel while intoxicated.

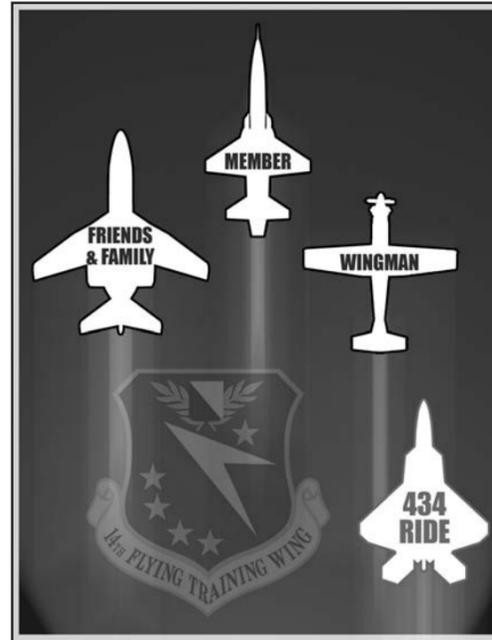
The 434-RIDE program is a brand new initiative that is completely anonymous according to 2nd Lt. Jacob Breth, co-founder of the program. Nothing is recorded except the number of lives and careers that are saved through the program. No names, no ranks, just an address to go to. The volunteers for 434-RIDE are on call 24 hours a day, so there is no excuse to drive while intoxicated.

The initiative promises no ADAPT referrals, no blotter entries, no Commander notifications, and no First Sergeant notifications to those who use the program.

The 434-RIDE hotline does have limited resources, so remember have a primary plan, and a secondary plan before going out. The program suggests having a designated driver and trying a friend, roommate or wingman as example options, but encourages calling if those plans fail.

In the last two years there have been 7 DUI charges, something the program seeks to prevent. The program has a team of one male and one female on call at all times to avoid one on one situations.

434-RIDE is a completely volunteer initiative.



If you are interested in helping save lives and careers the program is searching for both men and women E-1 to E-6, O-1 to O-3, and civilians to take one week on call shifts. Contact (316) 518-1835 for more information.



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By following Columbus_AFB on Twitter, you can keep up with weather warnings, special events and important CAFB information. You can even receive text messages and e-mails letting you know when we post something! Visit www.twitter.com and search for Columbus_AFB to start.

Officials launch Air Force Teen Council

Erin Tindell

Air Force Personnel, Services and Manpower Public Affairs

SAN ANTONIO — Officials with the Air Force Services Agency here have created an outlet for Air Force teens worldwide to voice their concerns to Air Force leadership.

The Air Force Teen Council Program allows teens to brainstorm solutions and initiate change at the installation, major-command and Air Force levels. As members of the AFTC, teens can develop leadership skills and exercise their civic engagement while interacting with other teens and senior leaders at all levels.

The formation of the council is part of Air Force resiliency initiative, and was formed in response to issues identified at last year's Air Force Teen Forum. Teens were concerned about a lack of: consistency in high performing teen

programs; dedicated resources for youth and teen programs; and a teen voice on matters that impact them.

"It is in response to this final concern that we have formed the Air Force Teen Council program," said Joye Tolley, the youth programs branch chief at AFSVA. "We hope to find resolution to these issues, and others, through the efforts of this new initiative."

The goal of each teen council will be to produce tangible outcomes as a result of constant communication with installation leadership. Teen councils are set to conduct a project called "My Healthy Generation" that encourages healthy lifestyles, conduct surveys of the teen population at each installation and brief Air Force leadership in conjunction with the Air Force Youth of the Year ceremony and Teen Forum held in Washington, D.C., in August.

There are already 53 installations that have

chosen a teen to represent their installation at the major command level. Eleven teens have been selected to represent their command on the Air Force Teen Council.

The 2011 Major Command AFTC members are:

- Xavier Adams, Ramstein Air Base, Germany (U.S. Air Forces in Europe)
- Tasha Duong, Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla. (Air Education and Training Command)
- Kellie Hollingsworth, Hurlburt Field, Fla. (Small Command representative)
- Dakota Johnson, Charlotte Air National Guard, N.C. (ANG)
- William Mitchell, Eielson AFB, Alaska (Pacific Air Forces)
- Al Montrice Nelson, Little Rock AFB, Ark. (Air Mobility Command)
- Karla Rogers, Mountain Home AFB, Idaho (Air Combat Command)

• Ebony Sayles, Tinker AFB, Okla. (Air Force Materiel Command)

• Lauren Tancer, Youngstown Air Reserve Station, Ohio (Air Force Reserve Command)

• Anastasia Thibodeau, Buckley AFB, Colo. (Air Force Space Command)

• Nicole Valenzuela, Whiteman AFB, Mo. (Air Force Global Strike Command)

"Because of the monumental life decisions that are being made by teens, it is crucial for Air Force leadership to reach out and understand the concerns of our teens," Ms. Tolley said. "They live at the crossroads of life."

For information about the Air Force Teen Council and other youth program, visit www.afyouthprograms.com. Follow the council on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Air-Force-Teen-Council/144161568963791>.

Air Force boxing back on base

Patrick Desmond

502nd Air Base Wing OL-A
Public Affairs

LACKLAND AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — The Air Force School of Boxing is back in session at the boxing gym here.

As of Jan. 8, Air Force boxing coach Steven Franco has been leading his pupils through his brand of "boxing 101."

For camp veterans, such as All-Air Force light heavyweight Larry Hampp, two-time Air Force boxer Gary Griffin and camp returnee James Beck, the scene on the third day of training is a familiar one.

An Airman steps into center ring for an evaluation before his peers during a gym circuit workout.

Each boxer works through a series that includes jab, straight punch and hook combinations while maintaining the proper footwork and posture; the basics are reviewed.

The training is considering an

abridged camp that began Jan. 8 and will continue until the Air Force tournament, the Box-offs, Jan. 22.

Franco said that emphasizing repetition of the basics, instead of just conditioning, is crucial to the performance of his group come fight night.

The type of training, he said, increases the boxers' propensity to throw a seemingly endless amount of punches with proper form.

"The biggest thing with amateur boxing is the point system," the third-year coach said. "The more you throw, the more potential points."

Two potential Air Force boxers, Daniel Logan and Charlie Floyd, share the same base, Tinker Air Force Base, Okla., and train out of the same local boxing gym.

Also, after two years of coaching alone, former Air Force boxer Rudy Moreno will join Franco as the assistant coach.

Moreno serves as a coach for a local boxing gym while stationed at

Nellis AFB, Nev.

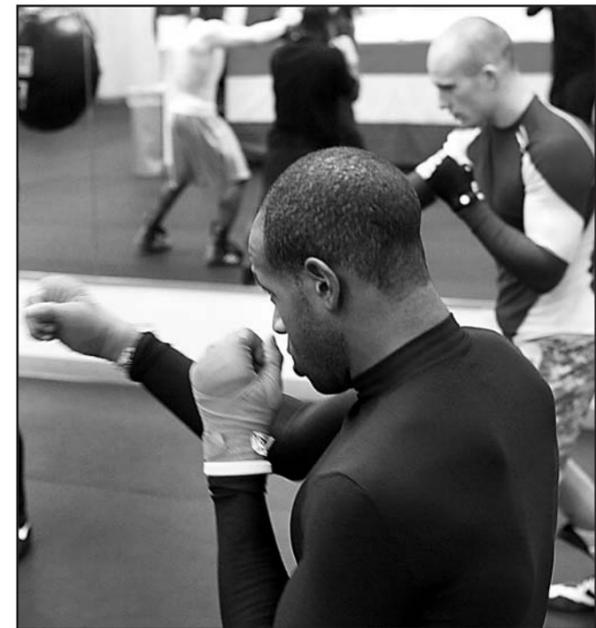
Looking ahead, the boxers' calendar is stacked with other workouts such as plyometrics, strength and conditioning routines, sparring, and of course, roadwork.

However, this time the "Air Force track team" might more closely resemble a group of Usain Bolts. At least that's the power Franco would like to produce in his boxers. He plans on cutting down the number of miles and focusing on high-intensity sprints to promote the explosive speed.

"We haven't run anything over three miles yet," Franco said. "I want that blast in the ring. I want them to be conditioned to speed, and hopefully that transfers over into our sparring."

It's a big year for Air Force boxing, as well as amateur competition, since Lackland AFB hosts the 2011 Armed Forces Championship in an Olympic-Trial year.

"This year, my main goal is to have at least one person make it (to the trials)," Franco said. "In order to get there, we have to win a gold medal at Armed Forces."



U.S. Air Force photo/Robbin Cresswell
Air Force camp boxers work out Jan. 10, 2011, at the boxing gym at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. Camp began Jan. 8, and continues until the Air Force tournament, the Box-offs, Jan. 22.

Visit www.columbus.af.mil to learn about Columbus AFB agencies and other important information.

Base News

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.

CSC Scholarships for High School Seniors and Spouses of CAFB Employees

The Columbus Spouses' Club (CSC) is offering scholarships to graduating high school seniors and continuing education students. Each applicant must be a dependent of an active duty, retired, MIA, active duty reservist, deceased military member, or employee associated with Columbus AFB. Applications can be obtained at the Columbus AFB Education Center, CAFB Library, CAFB Airman & Family Readiness Center, CAFB School Liaison Office, CAFB Housing Office, high school guidance offices, or collegiate financial aid and VA offices. The application Deadline is March 1 (postmarked). For more information please contact: Perla Hopkins, Scholarship Chair, 356-4611 or Sarah Ayers, CSC 2nd Vice President, (585) 503-5925 or email us at: CSCCAFBA@gmail.com.

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. The application suspension for the Interservice Physician Assistant Training Program is Jan. 25.

Base Thrift Shop

The Base Thrift Shop is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Consignments until noon. Please visit the Thrift Shop for more information on consignments. Donations are accepted and very much appreciated. They can be dropped off anytime in the donation shed. The Thrift Shop is non-profit and all proceeds benefit CAFB Community. It is located in Bldg 345, Imes Street (next to Youth Center). Phone: 434-2954.

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.

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.

Wednesday Night Chef Advertisement

The Chapel is looking for a chef for their Wednesday night events. A demonstration of skills will be required. Bid documents may be obtained from the Chapel front office personnel. POC is Senior Airman Melissa Free at 434-2500. Bids, resumes and other documents may be submitted to chapel front office personnel. POC is Capt, Ch, Jason Raines at 434-

School Liaison Officer

The Columbus Air Force Base School Liaison Officer (SLO) works with local school districts, schools, parents and students on issues related to elementary and secondary education for the children of ALL personnel (civilian, military and contractor) assigned to the installation. As parents of school age children are aware, there are many unique issues our children face as they transition to new schools. The role of the School Liaison Officer is to assist families ensure their children receive the best possible education regardless of where they attend school. For assistance, please contact the School Liaison Officer at 434-2792 or via email at slo@columbus.af.mil.

Education Counseling Hours

Education counseling (CCAF, Bachelor's/Master's programs, Tuition Assistance, etc.) is now available Mondays and Wednesdays from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. by appointment only. Please contact Edward Hodge at 434-2562 to schedule.

2500. Submission and demonstration due date is no later than close of business Jan. 10. Individual will be selected based on "best value" to the government. Background checks will be required as this position will require contractor to work with children below the age of 18, as directed by DoDI 1402, Criminal History Background Checks on Individuals in Child Care Services.

Chapel Schedule

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.

Team BLAZE members take off to AETC Symposium



Assembled Airmen of all ranks pose for a photo prior to leaving for the 2011 Air Education and Training Command Symposium in San Antonio, Texas. The symposium took place yesterday and today.

U.S. Air Force photo/Melissa Doublin

Air Force officials automate active-duty assignment notifications

Tech. Sgt. Steve Grever

Air Force Personnel, Services and Manpower
Public Affairs

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — Air Force officials are automating active-duty assignment notifications for Airmen in the ranks of lieutenant colonel and below beginning Jan. 21.

Airmen will receive an e-mail notification about their new assignments and have seven days to acknowledge their assignments through the Virtual Military Personnel Flight website. Colonels, general officers, basic military training and pipeline students still will use the current assignment notification process.

Officials are consolidating and modernizing many business processes, and transforming online personnel services was one initiative to help accomplish their goals.

Maj. Gen. A.J. Stewart, Air Force Personnel Center com-

mander, said center staff members continue to research and develop new online solutions to reduce the amount of time Airmen spend on individual personnel actions.

"AFPC is here to take care of the needs of all Airmen by making the personnel process easier for them so they can focus on the mission," General Stewart said. "The new assignment notification process will automate how Airmen receive new assignments and make it easier for local military personnel sections to manage this program."

Master Sgt. Kathi Glascock, AFPC's relocation operations manager, said the new notification process not only gives time back to active-duty Airmen, but also streamlines the number of personnel actions associated with managing the assignment notification program.

"AFPC processes about 153,000 assignment actions every year," Sergeant Glascock said. "The new notification system will save Airmen time as well as base personnelists who manage assignments and relocations programs for their installa-

tions. It also condensed the new assignment (Report on Individual Personnel) from six to two pages."

AFPC specialists developed and tested the automated capability for almost two years and sought feedback from personnelists at Lackland and Randolph Air Force bases.

Master Sgt. Charyl Samson, the 802nd Force Support Squadron relocations superintendent at Lackland AFB, said her office will be able to eliminate several manual processes that will allow them to accomplish their mission more efficiently.

"From a personnel standpoint, we will save a tremendous amount of time from processing new assignment notifications and suspending members," Sergeant Samson said. "I'm looking forward to seeing it in action in the field."

For more information about the automated assignment notification process, visit the Air Force personnel services website or call the Total Force Service Center at 800-525-0102.

Milestone for Afghan air force means better trained pilots

Tech. Sgt. Stacia Zachary
Air Forces Central combat camera

SHINDAND AIR BASE, Afghanistan — The Afghan air force reached a new milestone with the opening of the pilot training program recently here.

The first Afghan pilots began their eight-week instruction course early in January with a four-day academic schedule before beginning flight instruction on the Mi-17 Hip H.

“We are helping the Afghans develop a training program that’s going to build the foundation of their air force for the future,” said Lt. Col. James Mueller, the 444th Air Expeditionary Advisory Squadron commander.

Home of the AAF training center, Shindand Air Base officials have taken steps to achieving their goal of becoming the pilot and aircrew training center for the country. The training center provides upgrade training, teaching co-pilots how to be aircraft commanders and eventually turning existing Afghan pilots into instructors.

“I think that with any air force, the backbone is the schoolhouse,” said Staff Sgt. Justin Shults, a 444th AEAS flight engineer adviser. “Here, we are producing future pilots, flight engineers and crew chiefs.”

Officials hope this training will develop into a homegrown, self-sustaining facility, eliminating the need for Afghan pilot candidates. At this time, the candidates leave the country to receive formal instruction at places such as Fort Rucker, Ala. Currently, the students enrolled have already received their wings, but need familiarization with the Mi-17.

The Mi-17 suits the landscape of Afghanistan.

“It’s a great aircraft for what they use it for,” Sergeant Shults said. “It hauls a lot of weight, a lot of people and it’s very durable — especially in the hills of Afghanistan and



U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Eric Harris
Afghan air force Mi-17 pilots complete practice problems during a mission planning class taught by Maj. Drew Grigson, Jan. 9, 2011, at Shindand Air Base, Afghanistan. The Afghan pilots are learning the skills necessary to become aircraft commanders. Major Grigson is from the 444th Air Expeditionary Advisory Squadron.

its low-lying deserts. We like to call it ‘The Tractor’ because it’s, no kidding, a John Deer that can hover.”

Base officials plan to expand its Mi-17 fleet to increase the amount of training conducted here. The training center was developed to give the AAF the opportunity to focus solely on training; whereas in Kabul, training was balanced with the operational flying mission, officials said.

“The point of Shindand Air Base is to make sure we can focus on training only,” Sergeant Schultz said.

The curriculum includes contact maneuvers, normal procedures for take-offs and landings, different mission profiles and emergency flight procedures.

more adeptly aid the Afghan National Army in the ground fight.

“We are teaching them these skills so they can apply that in the cockpit ... and support the (ANA) as required with their flying skills,” said Maj. Drew Grigson, a 444th AEAS adviser.

“It’s so important that we can help our soldiers without enemy risks,” Lieutenant Ehsanullah said. “On the highway, they will shoot us and make some explosions, but (in the air), we can kill them without as much risk.”

Another goal of this training program is to grow until it can become a self-sufficient. This will enable NATO forces to draw down activity in the country. Until then, the instructor corps is comprised solely of U.S. Air Force members, officials said. As more Afghan pilots undergo the pilot training program here, the course will gradually shift to an all-Afghan instruction program with Airmen primarily shifting their focus on mentorship.

“We plan to run as many Afghan pilots through this course as possible, so we can start to transition the instructor responsibilities over to the Afghans,” Colonel Mueller said.

The training program is not only giving the Afghans confidence in their capabilities as Afghan airmen, but also instilling pride and hope for the future.

“We are going to leave them a peaceful Afghanistan and grateful people,” Lieutenant Ehsanullah said. “They will be thankful people without war, without attacks, without explosions for the future.”

With high hopes for the training program in place, the advisers look forward to graduation with anticipation.

“Hopefully, in eight weeks, they can walk away from here, go back to their home units and say, ‘Hey, look what I can do,’” Sergeant Shults said.

General Breedlove holds two master’s degrees, one from Arizona State University and one from the National War College, and a bachelor’s degree from the Georgia Institute of Technology. Among his many assignments, General Breedlove served as the 3rd Air Force commander at Ramstein Air Base, Germany.

The general is a command pilot with more than 3,500 flying hours, primarily in the F-16 Fighting Falcon. He has received numerous awards, including the Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal and the Legion of Merit with three oak leaf clusters.

deputy chief of staff for operations, plans and requirements, a position he held since August 2009.

The vice chief of staff assists the chief of staff with organizing, training, and equipping 680,000 active-duty, Guard, Reserve and civilian forces serving in the U.S. and overseas. General Breedlove also presides over the Air Staff and serves as a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Requirements Oversight Council and Deputy Advisory Working Group.

New vice chief of staff takes office

Tech. Sgt. Jess Harvey
Secretary of the Air Force
Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — Gen. Philip M. Breedlove took over as vice chief of staff of the Air Force Jan. 14, succeeding Gen. Carrol H. “Howie” Chandler who held the position since August 2009.

General Breedlove most recently served as the Air Force

Columbus-Lowndes Foster and Adoption 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.

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.

Vance and Hines pipes, tons of customizing, 6,000 miles, \$12,900. Call 497-2175 for more information.

For sale: 2004 Ford F250 Super Duty Crew Cab King Ranch, Short bed, 6.0L Turbo Diesel, 4WD, AT, PW, PDL, PS, Power and heated leather seats, Power sunroof, Power sliding rear window, Towing package, Clarion stereo system, Edge attitude performance tuner, New all-terrain tires, New Ceramic brakes. Clean inside and out with tons of power. Asking \$19,500 OBO. Kelly blue book retail \$25K. Contact 549-4579.

Miscellaneous

For sale: Magnavox 21" Color TV with remote, great color, \$35. Memorex 14" HD color TV/DVD Combo, \$45, IBM Thinkpad laptop, 1.8Ghz, P4, 60G HD, 512 RAM, DVD-CDRW drive, USB, Internal WiFi, Windows XP, MS Office Productivity Suite, Fingerprint Security, very good condition. Asking \$245 or best offer. Call 386-6981.

For sale: Nordic Track elliptical \$300. Two tempurpedic pillows \$100. Call 549-1381.

For sale: Two car seats, 6 months old, \$60 for both. Dual stroller, \$40. Crib and changing table, \$150. Bolen's 38" riding lawn mower with bagger, \$500. call 497-2175 for more information.

For sale: Approximately 150 foot chain link fence. Two gates, lots of posts, and all hardware included. Over \$400 new, asking \$200 or best offer. Call 434-8678.

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.

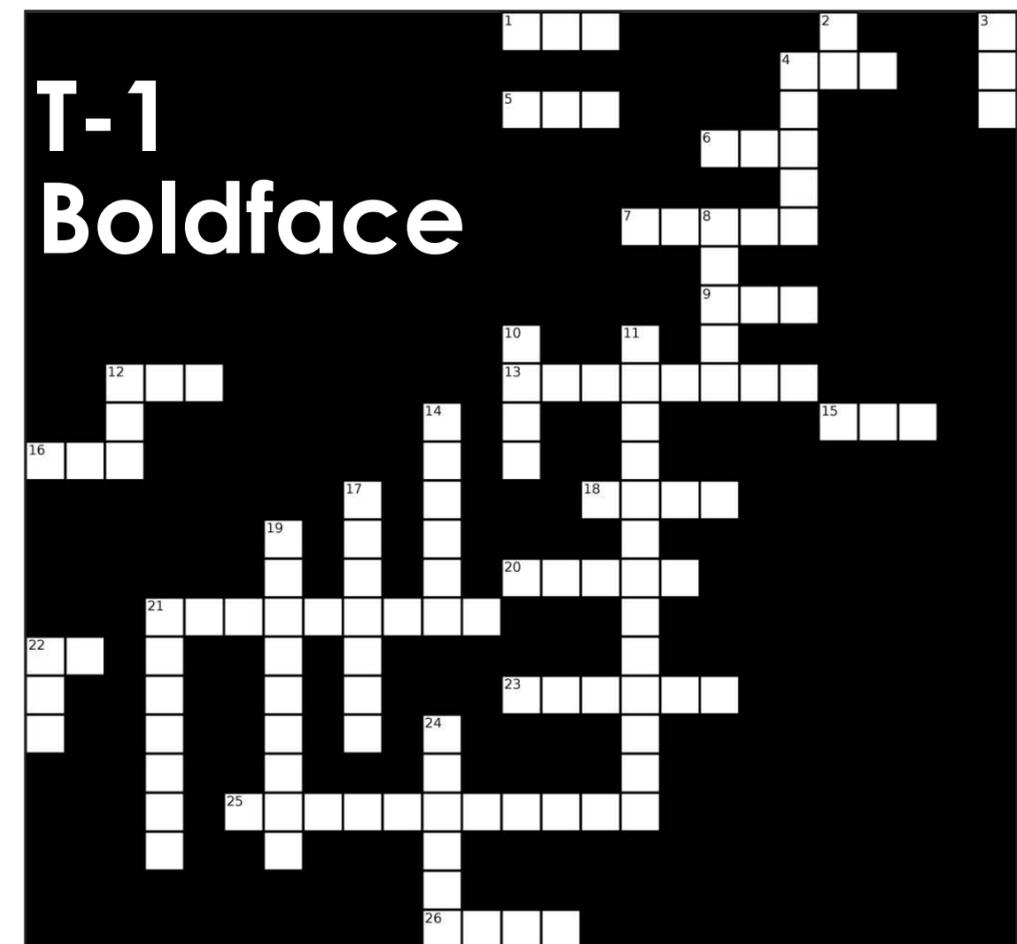
Land for sale: 2.1 acres on Wood Road in Caledonia. Ready to build! Call 356-6844, please leave message.

For sale: 2001 Damon Daybreak 35 foot Class A motor home. \$32,000 Call 356-6844. Please leave message.

Transportation

For sale: 2007 Harley Davidson Softail Standard, 96" engine, black and chrome,

Sell your item today!



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| 1 Aircraft is limited to ___ KIAS | 2 Minimum oil temperature for starting is - ___ degrees |
| 4 Max fuel imbalance of ___ Lbs for landing | 3 Maximum N1 RPM for takeoff is ___ rpm |
| 5 Normal ___ pressure is 60 to 83 PSI above 60% N2 | 4 Maximum altitude for an air start using JP-8 fuel is ___ feet |
| 6 Max fuel imbalance for takeoff/touch & go is ___ lbs | 8 Maximum landing weight |
| 7 Maximum takeoff weight | 10 Engine Fire During Flight boldface: Throttle-___ |
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| 12 Maximum transient N1 RPM is ___ % | 12 Maximum generator load prior to starting second engine is ___ amps |
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Base families offered a variety of activities

Baseball and Girls Softball Teams Now Forming

Register at the Youth Center from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, now through February 22, for baseball and girls softball. This Youth Sports program is open to ages 8 to 18. For more information, call 434-2504.

Let's Get Physical

The Fitness Center now has new instructors, more aerobics and new free or low-cost pay-as-you-go classes. Classes include circuit training, kickboxing, Zumba, spin class, yoga and Stroller Strides. For days and times, contact the Fitness Center at 434-2772.

Half-Price Jumper Rentals

Rent a jumper at half price through the end of February! Choices include the Princess Castle, 5-in-1 Sea World Combo, Sports Arena, 3-in-1 Tropical Combo, 16-foot water slide, Sea World, Patriotic Castle and 3-in-1

each month. Cost is \$25 and includes transportation and \$25 in player credit. Bus leaves at 5:30 p.m. from the BX parking lot at returns at 1 a.m. For more information, contact Outdoor Recreation at 434-2505/7861.

Squadron DUI-Free Bowling Party

The bowling center is offering a free squadron bowling party from 1 to 4 p.m., Monday through 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 lanes at the bowling center, call 434-3426.

Join FitFamily!

All ages can benefit from the Air Force Services fitness and wellness initiative, FitFamily. Families can register as a team at www.USAFitFamily.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.

Affordable Tickets at ITT

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, Dixie Stampede, Geyser Falls and more. Call 434-2505/7861 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 travel to interesting places. The Youth Sponsorship Program at Columbus was created by and just for youth. For assistance in this sometimes difficult transition, contact the Youth Center at 434-2504 and join in the fun of the youth sponsorship program.

Be who you ought to be

Col. Richard Palmieri
8th Mission Support Group

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea — This month, we celebrate the accomplishments of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., toward equal rights for all Americans.

Dr. King was an amazing leader with a remarkable message that I simply cannot summarize in a short commentary. However, as I listened to our MLK celebration guest speaker, he said something that really resonated: “be who you ought to be.”

Think about that for a moment — an apparently simple phrase with some pretty deep ideas that can only be answered by ... you.

Many of us are a product of upbringing. I grew up in a large family where the lessons were abundant. There are plenty of fond memories and, yes, tough times where we had to be taught the hard way. Sharing your stuff and your space was probably the most repeated concept in our house, followed by patience and taking turns. As we grew older, my mom read from etiquette books nearly every Sunday, espousing respect and communication. I know

that this is a large part of who I ought to be.

Remember when you became old enough to vote and the excitement of having that responsibility? For me, that is when my eyes really opened up to social issues and having an opinion about right and wrong. My political friends would talk about government programs and international relations, about equality or the influence of religion, and even tough ideas surrounding abortion and the death penalty. And I grew more into who I ought to be.

The influences of this Air Force profession have also written part of who I am. The core values of Integrity First, Service Before Self, and Excellence In All You Do resonate every day. It is not just because the Air Force chief of staff and our commanders say the words regularly. The words have meaning inside — honesty, loyalty, dedication, leadership, perseverance, discipline, and more. I embraced the notion of good, hard, professional work in support of our great nation. I hold close the practice of leadership and followership. I feel great at the end of the day knowing that my contributions have made a difference. This is surely part of who I ought to be.

There is one last perspective I'd like to offer. A chief

taught me something important years ago: the idea of “balance.” He told me that while we are expected to give our all to our profession, we are still expected to live our lives. Beyond the rank, skill, daily work and mission, we are social beings in a world full of possibilities.

He said to never forget to feed that part of you that is more than your work, such as family, reading, sports, touring, movies or whatever it is that interests you beyond your work.

For instance, in a place like South Korea, one should experience the rich culture and build lasting memories. Be the good son, daughter, spouse or parent. Be the enthusiast for that sport you love. Be an explorer. Spend enough time on this part of you, and you are sure to never burn yourself out and never forget where you came from. Strive to live a balanced life.

In this time where we remember Dr. King, some self-reflection is important. As he once said, “Every man must decide whether he will walk in the light of creative altruism or in the darkness of destructive selfishness.”

Remember where you came from, those experiences and influences that brought you to where you are today. Think about right and wrong, and how you act when given choices. Think about how it is that you achieve balance in your life. Finally, with all that in mind, consider who you are today and who you ought to be.

How to recover from holiday debt

Maj. Vincent Casquejo
22nd Maintenance Squadron

MCCONNELL AIR FORCE BASE, Kan. — The holidays are over and the decorations are put away. Maybe, or soon, you will receive the inevitable, unwanted gift that all are sure to receive regardless of if you have been naughty or nice — your bills for last month's purchases.

If a cold sweat is forming on your brow as you read this, take a deep breath and do not fret. We can offer you some free advice. Setting a budget

First, if you do not have a budget, the new year is a perfect time to establish one. There are a number of resources available to help assist you in this endeavor, including computer programs that automatically track spending and income (numerous banks offer similar capabilities for free online), or if you need more personal guidance, the Airman and family readiness center provides financial counseling free of charge.

Creating a budget is a fairly simple process. Start by determining how much money you earn after taxes, and what your total expenses are, including housing, utilities, auto loans, credit, food and entertainment. Continue doing this for about four weeks, categorizing every income and expense item in a log and remember to keep receipts for everything. At this point, you should have a basic budget that shows where your money is going, and how much you should have left over each month. This will enable you to start the next phase: validating your budget.

Validating a budget Now, you need to ensure your budget is correct. For the first month, you may come up a little short of what you were expecting, but do not panic. Instead, go back and review your expenditures on incidentals or utilities, and you might find that you under budgeted for these items.

This is pretty common if you set your budget based on a gas bill from August and you are now getting your December bill

with a rude surprise for that extra heat you have been enjoying in your house. In these instances, you may have to adjust your utilities budget based on seasonal use.

Another common mistake is under budgeting for food. If you frequent local restaurants three to five times per week, you might want to consider packing a lunch at least twice a week until you can lower food expenses within your budget. Once you can get within your budget, you can begin taking the right steps to get out of debt.

Getting out of debt The most important step to get out of debt is to stop the credit card insanity. Only use your credit card for expenses you know you can pay off at the end of the month. If you cannot do this, put your credit cards, all copies, in a locked desk drawer until you pay them off. Use credit cards only to make purchases you can pay from month to month, or for large ticket items you have saved for.

Next, rank your credit cards by interest

rate from highest to lowest. Add your monthly payments into your budgets paying as much as you can on your high-interest cards first, and making at least the minimum monthly payments on your lowest interest rate cards.

After you start living by your budget and attacking your debt, you can start saving money for a “rainy day” or for retirement. Again, add savings and investments into your budget. There are numerous ways to achieve this, but a good place to go for information on savings is www.military-onesource.com or your personal banking institutions web site.

Now, to end where we began, total up all of your holiday expenses (trips, gifts, etc.). Take this total and add it to your savings budget, breaking up the total into 12 equal monthly installments. Then set up an automatic allotment from your checking account for this amount, and have it sent to a separate savings account called “holiday fund”. If you are disciplined about not touching this money for the entire year, you will have a truly happy holiday in 2011.

(Master Sgt. Chris Phillips contributed to this story)

14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED



As of press time, 79 BLAZE TEAM members are deployed worldwide. Remember to support the Airmen and their families while they are away.

The Airman's Creed

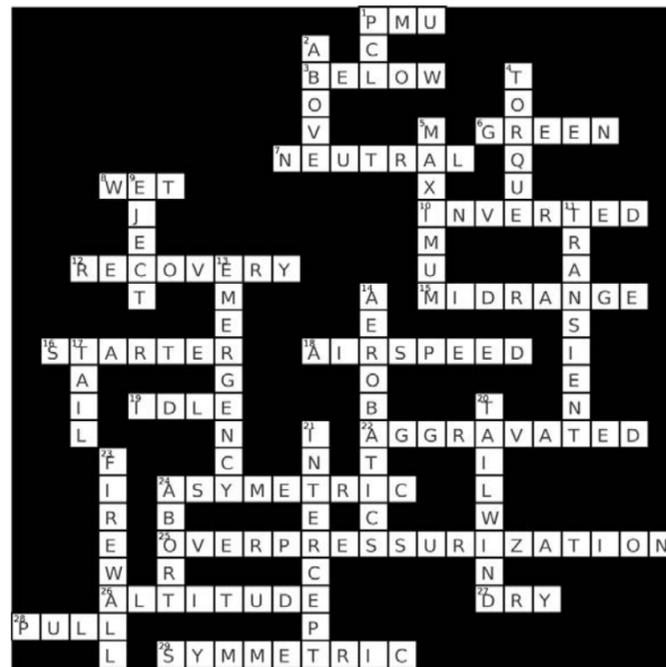
*I am an American Airman.
I am a warrior.
I have answered my nation's call.
I am an American Airman.*

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

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

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

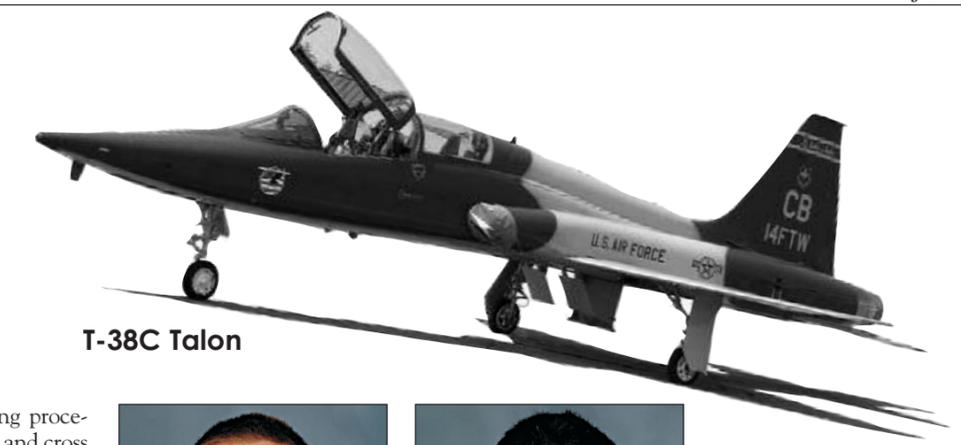
Last week's answer



SUPT Class 11-04 earns silver wings



T-1A Jayhawk



T-38C Talon



2nd Lt. Andrea Berger
Centennial, Colo.
KC-135, McConnell AFB, Kansas



2nd Lt. Jared Bowen
Lakeland, Fla.
RC-135, Offutt AFB, Neb.

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

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 11-04 graduates at 10 a.m. today during a ceremony at the Kaye Auditorium.

The graduation speaker for the class is Brig. Gen. William J. Thornton, Director, Air, Space and Information Operations, Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. He is responsible for shaping the workforce and infrastructure for operations to test, field and sustain war-winning expeditionary capabilities. He is also responsible for the command's test policy and resource allocation flight management, aircraft control services, weather services, and command and control operations and plans.

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

Second Lt. James Sarver, T-38, and 2nd Lt. Stefanie Culp, 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 Lieutenant Sarver and 2nd Lt. Matthew Evans, 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 Culp and Lieutenant Sarver were named the distinguished graduates of SUPT Class 11-04.

The 52-week pilot training program begins with a six-week preflight phase of academics and physiological training to prepare students for flight. The second phase, primary training, is conducted in the single-engine, turboprop T-6A Texan II at Columbus AFB, Miss. Students

learn aircraft flight characteristics, emergency procedures, takeoff and landing procedures, aerobatics and formation flying. Students also practice night, instrument and cross country navigation flying.

Primary training takes approximately 23 weeks and includes 254.4 hours of ground training, 27.3 hours in the flight simulator and 89 hours in the T-6A aircraft.

After primary training, students select, by order of merit, advanced training in the fighter-bomber or airlift-tanker track.

Both tracks are designed to best train pilots for successful transition to their follow-on aircraft and mission.

Advanced training for the fighter track is done in the T-38C Talon, a tandem-seat, twin-engine supersonic jet. T-38 training emphasizes formation, advanced aerobatics and navigation. Training takes approximately 26 weeks and includes 381 hours of ground training, 31.6 hours in the flight simulator and 118.7 hours in the T-38C aircraft.

The airlift-tanker track uses the T-1A Jayhawk, the military version of a multi-place Beech Jet 400 business jet. Instruction centers on crew coordination and management, instrument training, cross-country flying and simulated refueling and airdrop missions. Training takes about 26 weeks and includes 185 hours of ground training, 43 hours in the flight simulator and 104 hours in the T-1A.

Each class is partnered with two business or civic organizations during their year of training. This program is designed to foster closer ties between the community and Columbus Air Force Base. Today, each student will be given a set of pilot wings with their names engraved on the back as a token of good luck from their partners. SUPT Class 11-04's pilot partners are Nelson Smith, Hicks and Smith, and Blake Trenary, C.J.'s Pizza.



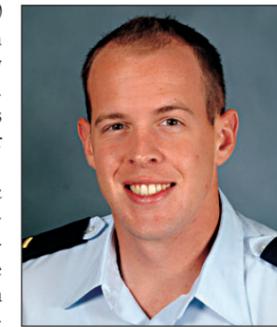
2nd Lt. Stefanie Culp
Chestertown, Md.
C-17, McChord AFB, Wash.



2nd Lt. Matthew Evans
Circleville, Ohio
KC-135R, Rickenbacker, Ohio



2nd Lt. John Floro
St. Louis, Mo.
MC-12/C-17, McGuire AFB, N.J.



2nd Lt. Matthew Jensen
Atmore, Ala.
MQ-1, Creech AFB, Nev.



2nd Lt. Nikolaus Krause
Spokane, Wash.
C-17, Charleston AFB, S.C.



2nd Lt. John Lee
Bedford, Texas
MC-12/KC-135, Fairchild AFB, Wash.



2nd Lt. Daniel Montilla
Tucson, Ariz.
KC-135, Hickam AFB, Hawaii



2nd Lt. Aaron Nelson
Kenosha, Wis.
T-6, Columbus AFB, Miss.



2nd Lt. Ian Noel
Decorah, Iowa
C-130E/H, Little Rock AFB, Ark.



2nd Lt. Daniel Prescott
Belleville, Ill.
C-17, Charleston AFB, S.C.



2nd Lt. James Sarver
Richland, Ind.
F-15E, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.



2nd Lt. Joshua Sinkler
Sullivan, Ill.
T-6, Columbus AFB, Miss.



2nd Lt. Eric Sullivan
Medway, Mass.
C-5, Travis AFB, Calif.



2nd Lt. Cody Sweatt
Johnstown, Penn.
T-6, Columbus AFB, Miss.



2nd Lt. Cameron Unterberger
Stone Mountain, Ga.
MQ-1, Whiteman AFB, Mo.



2nd Lt. David Zeigler
Rochester, N.Y.
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