

“Produce Pilots, Advance Airmen, Feed the Fight”

Vol. 35, Issue 5

Columbus Air Force Base, Miss.

Feb. 4, 2011

31 DAYS
UNTIL THE UCI

News Briefs

AETC Command Chief enlisted call

Command Chief Master Sgt. James Cody, Air Education and Training Command, will be at an enlisted call held by Command Chief Master Sgt. Zefrem Smith, 14th Flying Training Wing, at 2 p.m. Feb. 11 at the Kaye Auditorium.

Annual Awards

This year's Annual Awards Banquet is scheduled for Feb. 11 at the club starting at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. The guest speaker for the banquet will be AETC Command Chief, Chief Master Sgt. James Cody. Contact your first sergeant to purchase a ticket to the event.

Class 11-05 Assignment Night

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 11-05 will hold their assignment night at 5 p.m. tonight at the Columbus Club.

Inside



Feature **8**

The 14th FTW command structure is highlighted in this week's feature.



The latest Quarterly Award winners stand with Col. Barre Seguin, 14th Flying Training Wing commander, and Command Chief Master Sgt. Zefrem Smith, 14th FTW, at the Quarterly Awards Ceremony Jan. 28 at the Kaye Auditorium.

U.S. Air Force photo/Melissa Doublin

Team BLAZE members recognized at Quarterly Awards Ceremony

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

Some of Team BLAZE's best were recognized Jan. 28 for their achievements and dedication at the Quarterly Awards Ceremony at the Kaye Auditorium.

Col. Barre Seguin, 14th Flying Training Wing commander, offered words of support to the twelve award winners at the event.

“I congratulate and commend you all for you professionalism and your discipline,” Colonel Seguin said. “What sharp, sharp Airmen we saw walk across the stage here today.”

The winners were as follows:

Airman of the Quarter: Senior Airman Kaitlin Beall, 14th Mission Support Group

NCO of the Quarter: Staff Sgt. Latoya Saxton, 14th MSG

SNCO of the Quarter: Master Sgt.

Alexius Reid, 14th Wing Staff Agencies

Honor Guard Member of the Quarter: Senior Airman Lolita Aguon, 14th WSA

CGO of the Quarter: Capt. David Macon, 14th MSG

FGO of the Quarter: Maj. George Mounce, 14th Operations Group

Flight Commander of the Quarter: Maj. Stephen Holt, 14th OG

Instructor Pilot of the Quarter: 1st Lt. John Waters, 41st Flying Training

See AWARDS, Page 2

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)	2.99 days	-2.01 days	Mar. 10	48th (11-05)	4.70 days	0.59 days	Feb. 18	49th (10-DB)	-0.81 days	0.99 days	Feb. 3	T-6	237	164	10,152
41st (11-13)	2.78 days	-3.54 days	Feb. 14	50th (11-05)	-1.85 days	-2.92 days	Feb. 18					T-1	50	41	3,317
												T-38	89	53	3,325
												IFF	26	15	787

The graduation speaker is Brig. Gen. Jay Silvera, Air Combat Command Inspector General, Langley AFB, Va.

Nine receive next stripe at latest enlisted promotions



U.S. Air Force photo/Elizabeth Owens

Congratulations to Team BLAZE's newest enlisted promotees! (Back) Senior Master Sgt. Kimberly Heng, 14th Force Support Squadron; Master Sgt. Peter Knapp, 14th FSS; Master Sgt. Mark Shelton, 14th Communications Squadron; Staff Sgt. James Nelson, 14th Operations Support Squadron; Staff Sgt. Jennifer Callahan, 14th Medical Operations Squadron; (front) Senior Airman Dallan Houfek, 14th OSS; Senior Airman Jayson McNary, 14th OSS; Senior Airman Terrance Williams, 14th Security Forces Squadron; Senior Airman Matthew Smith, 14th SFS.

AWARDS

(Continued from Page 1)

Category I Civilian of the Quarter: Juliette Zuber, 14th Medical Group

Category II Civilian of the Quarter: Jacalyn Caisse, 14th MSG

Category III Civilian of the Quarter: Kevin Billingsley, 14th OG

Volunteer of the Quarter: Sara Ayers, Columbus Spouses Club

In addition to the Quarterly Awards winners, the 14th OG was the latest group to take possession of the Spirit Award, after defeating last time's winner, the 14th MSG, and the 14th WSA and 14th MDG.

SILVER WINGS

How to reach us

14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs
495 Harpe Blvd., Suite 186
Columbus AFB, MS 39710
Commercial: (662) 434-7068
DSN: 742-7068
Fax: (662) 434-7009
E-mail: silverwings@columbus.af.mil

Editorial Staff

Col. Barre "Heat" Seguin
14th Flying Training Wing
Wing Commander

Mr. Rick Johnson
Public Affairs Chief

Staff Sgt. Jacob Corbin
Editor

Staff Sgt. Bryan Franks
NCOIC

Airman 1st Class Chase Hedrick
Staff Writer

Mr. Matt Garner
Layout Designer

Submission Deadline

The deadline for submitting copy for next week's SILVER WINGS is noon Monday. Articles may be dropped off at the public affairs office or e-mailed.

Published by the Commercial Dispatch Publishing Company, Inc., a private firm in no way connected with the U.S. Air Force, under exclusive written contract with the 14th Flying Training Wing.

This commercial enterprise Air Force newspaper is an authorized publication for members of the U.S. military services.

Contents of the SILVER WINGS are not necessarily the official views of, or endorsed by, the U.S. government, the Department of Defense or the Department of the Air Force.

The appearance of advertising in this publication does not constitute endorsement by the DOD, the Department of the Air Force or Service Publications, Inc., of the products or services advertised.

Everything advertised in this publication shall be made available for purchase, use or patronage without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, marital status, physical handicap, political affiliation or any other non-merit factor of the purchaser, user or patron.

Editorial content is edited, prepared and provided by the 14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs Office of Columbus AFB, Miss.

The SILVER WINGS staff reserves the right to edit or rewrite all copy submitted when necessary. All photos are U.S. Air Force photos unless otherwise stated.

Submit all advertising to the Columbus, Miss., Commercial Dispatch advertising department one week prior to desired publication date. The advertising department can be reached at (662) 328-2427.

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat/Sun
7	8	9	10	11	12/13
	Newcomers Orientation, 8 a.m. @ AFRC	Feb. 9-12: AETC Chaplain visit	Feb. 9-12: AETC CCC visit Daedalian's Sweetheart Dinner, 6 p.m. @ Club	Fun Runs, 6/7 a.m. @ Fitness Center Annual Awards Banquet, 6 p.m. @ Club	
14	15	16	17	18	19/20
Feb. 14-18: Night Flying Week Class 11-13 Track Select, 5 p.m. @ Club	CSC Social, 6 p.m. @ Club	Black History Month Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. @ Club	Clergy Day @ Chapel, 8 a.m. to noon	Class 11-05 Graduation, 10 a.m. @ Kaye WSA/MSG/MD G wingman day	

Long Range Events

Feb. 21: Presidents' Day Holiday
Feb. 25: Class 11-06 Assignment Night
Feb. 28: Annual Sports Banquet
Feb. 28-March 4: 19th AF ASEV
Mar. 1: Enlisted Promotions
Mar. 8: Newcomers Orientation
Mar. 9: Ash Wednesday
Mar. 10: IFF Graduation
Mar. 10: 11-14 Track Select
Mar. 11: Class 11-06 Graduation
March 7-14: UCI

Dorm Dinner linked with community members, war hero

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

Enlisted dorm members enjoyed the first dorm dinner of the New Year Jan. 27 at the chapel annex here with both special hosts and guests.

The Columbus AFB Military Affairs Committee provided and served barbeque at the meal, taking the time to meet and talk with the junior enlisted members of the base.

The event was another strong show of community support for the base that had won the City of Columbus the first Air Education and Training Command Community Support Award, better known as the Altus award.

"This is very indicative of the type of relationship we have," said 14th Flying Training Wing Command Chief Master Sergeant Zefrem Smith. "As the boss (14th Flying Training Wing commander Col. Barre Seguin) says one of our enabling tasks is cultivating community relations, in other words enabling tasks means we can't do what we do without our community."

Chief Smith was just one of the many leaders who came out to the dorm dinner to show their support. Colonel Seguin also attended and brought with him a veteran of WWII.

Colonel Seguin told those at the dinner that his guest, Joe Johnson, stormed the beaches of Normandy on D day and was in the unit first to free the concentration camp Dochow.

"This is the kind of hero that lives amongst us," he said. "This is the legacy of why we do what we do."



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Chase Hedrick
Airman 1st Class Devondra Webb, 37th Flying Training Squadron aviation resource management apprentice, shares some food and a laugh with LINK member Andy Kalinowski at the Jan. 27 Dorm Dinner in Chapel Annex.

AETC chaplain to visit CAFB

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

The Command Chaplain, Air Education and Training Command, will be visiting here Feb. 9-11.

Chaplain (Col.) Bobby Page will be visiting the 14th Flying Training Wing Chapel and giving the invocation at the 2010 Annual Awards Banquet during his visit here.

Colonel Page began his Air Force career in May 1974 as a navigator, having assignments at Mather Air Force Base, Castle AFB and Travis AFB, Calif.

After separating from the Air Force in 1980, Chaplain Page went on to attend Southwestern Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, to fulfill a commitment to pastoral ministry.

Following his graduation, he served as a member of the Air Force Reserve as a chaplain. Later in 1989, he returned to active duty where he has remained since.

In 2003, he established the first Air Force chaplain ministry at the Baghdad International Airport, Iraq.

The colonel has served as a chaplain at the wing, major command and HQ Air Force levels.



AF Form 3215...rest in peace

Rich Marra
14th Communications Squadron

According to Air Force Product Announcement 22-09, the AF Form 3215, C4 Systems Requirement Document, has been put to rest and officially rescinded. This change will only affect those Columbus customers who used the 3215 process to submit C&I related requirements for their organization.

Beginning Feb. 18, the CS will no longer accept 3215's. Effective Feb. 21, the 14th CS will implement a new process. All new C&I requirements will be submitted through "Work Order Management System (WOMS)." WOMS is an Air Force Enterprise automated tool that permits users to create, track, and process requirements from cradle to grave.

Any outstanding 3215 requests being worked by 14th CS/SCX and not closed out prior to the implementation date will be transferred into WOMS by the 14th CS/SCX personnel.

Unit Telephone Control Officers (TCO) and/or alternates will be authorized to submit requirements in WOMS for

their respective squadron after they complete training and submit appointment letters (if needed).

Existing unit TCOs: If you have a current appointment letter on file with the 14th CS, and TCO training accomplished, you're requested to attend WOMs training (details below).

New unit TCOs: Commanders must appoint them in writing and send the documents to 14cs.telephones@columbus.af.mil by Feb. 11 and ensure they attend TCO/WOMs training (details below). Use this link to access the appointment letter template: <https://columbus.eis.aetc.af.mil/14msg/cs/TCO/default.aspx>

The 14th CS/SCX will provide a one hour WOMs training sessions for unit TCOs. Request all unit TCOs attend either the Feb. 15 from 9-10 a.m. or the Feb. 17 session from 1-2 p.m. Both training sessions will occur in Building 730, Room 106.

If you have any questions, please contact the CAFB WOMS Manager at (662) 434-3219 or e-mail 14csscx@columbus.af.mil.

Basketball scores for Feb. 1

GAME 1

14th MDG 48 WINNER

14th MSG 39

GAME 2

14th SFS/14th CES 36

DynCorp 48 WINNER

GAME 3

49th/50th FTS 42

14th OSS #1 45 WINNER

Trail BLAZE'r

Senior Airman Maria Hall
37th Flying Training Squadron

Job title: Squadron Aviation Resource Management journeyman

Time at Columbus AFB: Two years, four months

Time in Service: Two years, eight months

Hometown: Newton, Miss.

Career goals: Get a bachelors degree in business.

Family members: My parents

Favorite musician: Alicia Keys

Favorite movie: Titanic

Biggest pet peeve: Keeping things organized.

Favorite book: "The Holy Bible"

Inspirations: My family

Personal motto: "Succeed in whatever you do no matter how hard things may get."



The Gateway to the Civil War for African Americans

Larmont Green
14th Mission Support Group

Congress passed two acts on July 17, 1862, this allowed the enlistment of African Americans, but official enrollment occurred sometime after the September, 1862 issuance of the Emancipation Proclamation. In essence, white soldiers and officers believed that black men lacked the courage to fight and fight well. This notion was short lived because in October, 1862, African American soldiers of the 1st Kansas Colored Volunteers attacked Confederates at the battle of Island Mound, Missouri.

By August, 1863, there were 14 Negro Regiments in the field and ready for service. At the battle of Port Hudson, Louisiana, May 27, 1863, the African American soldiers bravely advanced over open ground in the face of deadly gun fire. Although the attack failed, the black soldiers proved their capability and courage to withstand the heat of battle.

Weekly Black History Facts: A tailor in New York City, Thomas L. Jennings is credited with being the first African American to hold a U.S. patent. The patent, which was issued in 1821, was for a dry cleaning process; Ernest Green becomes the first Black person to graduate from Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas, in May of 1958. Alfred L. Cralle invented the ice cream scooper. His invention was patented on February 2, 1897.

Answer to last week's question: What was the first year "Martin Luther King Day" was officially observed as a federal holiday? 1986

Question of the week: Who was the first black American to win the Nobel Prize for Peace?

Twitter 101: Team BLAZE information sharing

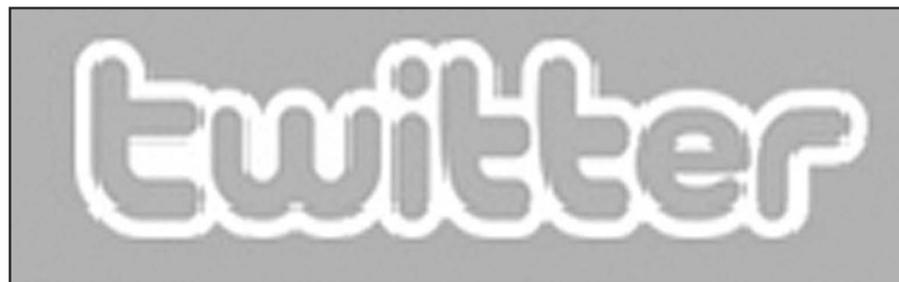
Staff Sgt. Jacob Corbin
14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Team BLAZE has continued taking steps into the realm of social media, using not only Facebook but Twitter also to get important information out to the populace.

For some though, using Twitter may not be easy or intuitive, or they may not think the Team BLAZE Twitter account, @Columbus_AFB, is for them, but Twitter allows timely information to not only be sent to users computers, but their cell phones as well.

The 14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs office uses the Twitter service as a tool to inform people only of important, time-sensitive events.

These events could include emergency weather notifications, last-minute changes to important events or other needed information. These types of essential information, and only essential information, are what can be found at the CAFB Twitter account.



Signing up for Twitter is as easy as going to www.twitter.com and filling out their account questions.

Users will need to create an account name and provide basic information like that required during the creation of an e-mail account.

After creating the account, go to www.twitter.com/Columbus_AFB and click "follow" to begin following Columbus AFB.

Once that is complete, there will be a small mobile phone icon next to the big green "fol-

lowing" button. By clicking this and following the instructions (which will ask you to provide your phone number and reply to a text sent by the service) you can begin receiving updates on your mobile phone from @Columbus_AFB.

What good is this?

Well, this will allow followers to receive up-to-the-minute information on severe weather, base closures, event changes and other important information.

Check out www.twitter.com/Columbus_AFB today!

Reporting Sexual Assault



There are three different methods people can use to report sexual assault. It's vital you know the difference!

1. Unrestricted

- ◆ Sexual Assault Response Coordinator is contacted and victim receives medical care
- ◆ Chain of Command, Office of Special Investigations and Law Enforcement **are notified** immediately
- ◆ Investigation initiated
- ◆ SARC Victim Advocate provides supportive services for victim
- ◆ Victim receives counseling
- ◆ No confidentiality. Commander will determine course of action in cases of bilateral misconduct after investigation

2. Restricted

- ◆ Sexual Assault Response Coordinator is contacted and victim receives medical care
- ◆ Chain of Command, Office of Special Investigations and Law Enforcement **are not notified**
- ◆ SARC Victim Advocate provides supportive services for victim
- ◆ Victim receives counseling
- ◆ Victim can make unrestricted reporting decisions afterward
- ◆ Victim has confidentiality even if there is bilateral misconduct on his or her part, such as underage drinking

3. Independent

- ◆ Third-party reporting is an inherit responsibility of all military personnel. If you tell anyone who subsequently notifies OSI or Law Enforcement, or if someone observes the assault and notifies Law Enforcement, an investigation may be launched. This can occur in conjunction with or regardless of restricted reporting.

If Law Enforcement is contacted, the report is automatically unrestricted.

*Call the Sexual Assault Response Coordinator at
Office: (662) 434-2875 or (662) 434-1130 Cell: (662) 386-0811
24/7 On-Call Hotline: (662) 364-0822*

Base News

Thrift Shop Moving Sale

Feb. 5, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Selling clothing, furniture, items for baby, home decor, and more.

Wednesday Night Chef

The Columbus Air Force Base Chapel is looking for a chef to provide cooked meals for the Pioneer Club's weekly fellowship. Deadline is Feb. 4. Contact Tech. Sgt. Floyd Recto at 434-2500 for more information. Background checks will be required.

Multimedia Technician

The Columbus Air Force Base Chapel is searching for a multi-media technician for the Protestant worship services, including combined services, Parish Picnic, and additional services for holidays and funerals. Deadline is Feb. 4. Contact Tech. Sgt. Floyd Recto at 434-2500 for more information. Background checks will be required.

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.

CSC Scholarships for High School Seniors and Spouses of CAFB Employees

The Columbus Spouses' Club 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: CSCCAFB@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.

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.

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.

Airman and Family Readiness Center

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

Self-paced Tutorials

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

Relocation assistance

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

Employment Workshop

Workshop on local and base employment opportunities, held every Wednesday at 1 p.m.

Spouse welcome

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

Budgeting Basics

Every Wednesday from 11 a.m. to noon. Learn practical ways to tell your money where to go

rather than wonder where it went.

Introduction to Computers and the Internet

Feb. 7 to Feb. 9 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Introduction for beginners to internet and computers.

Newcomers Orientation

Feb. 8 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For newly arrived active duty and civilian personnel. Spouses are encouraged to attend.

Hearts Apart

Feb. 14 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Hearts Apart social gathering for families of deployed (over 30 days) or remote personnel. Information, refreshments, and prizes. Held at Gymborne Athletics (across from Carl Hogan Toyota). Advance registration required.

Smooth Move

Feb. 16. From 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Valuable information for relocating. Learn what to expect from TMO, Housing, Military Pay, Billeting, Tri-Care, Medical Records, and AFRC during your move. Advance registration required. Must register no later than 10 a.m. the day of the workshop.

Creating a Healthy Marriage

Feb. 17 from 11 a.m. to noon. Workshop to learn the myths and stages of marriage. The keys to creating and maintaining a healthy marriage. Conducted by the MFLC.

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 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.

Sparky's
Safety SpotTM

When cooking ensure all handles are turned in, to help prevent accidentally knocking pots and pans off the stove. Make sure you have a usable extinguisher nearby.

NFPA
The name and the image of Sparky[®] are registered trademarks of the NFPA
For further consulting, advisement, or questions please call Fire Prevention at 434-2269/2270/2271 or 2262.

Silveria to speak at Class 11-05 graduation

14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

The Inspector General, Headquarters Air Combat Command, Langley Air Force Base, Va., will be the guest speaker for the graduation of Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 11-05, Feb. at the Kaye Auditorium here.



Brig. Gen. Jay B. Silveria will pass on his words of wisdom to the graduates and attendees of the class during the ceremony.

General Silveria is a graduate of Undergraduate Pilot Training from Williams Air Force Base, Ariz., in August 1986. The general has flown combat sorties over the Balkans and Iraq and served as Vice Commander at Bagram Air Base in Afghanistan. He is a command pilot with more than 3,700 hours in the T-37, T-38 and F-15C/E aircraft.

General Silveria grew up in an Air Force family and is a 1985 graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy. His subsequent flying assignments include positions as flight commander, chief of wing standardization and evaluation, and operations officer. The general has served as aide-de-camp to the Supreme Allied Commander Europe and Commander, U.S. European Command.

He has commanded a fighter squadron and served as a deputy mission support group commander. Additionally, he commanded the 32nd Air and Space Operations Center at Ramstein Air Base, Germany, and 48th Fighter Wing, Royal Air Force Lakenheath, England.

14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, 82 BLAZE TEAM members are deployed worldwide. Remember to support the Airmen and their families while they are away.

14th FTW/CC reaches out to Airmen, families on Facebook

Staff Sgt. Jacob Corbin

14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs



The Commander of the 14th Flying Training Wing recently took to the social networking site Facebook, in order to interface with Team BLAZE members.

Col. Barre Seguin can be found on the "14th FTW Commander" Facebook page by searching, or by following the link on the CAFB Facebook page, www.facebook.com/ColumbusAFB.

The colonel said he hopes to use this new medium to interact with Team BLAZE members on a daily basis.

In addition to news about CAFB, insights into his leadership views and other information, Team BLAZE members can visit the site to interface with the commander and view photos of numerous on and off-base events.

Top 10 UCI virtues

- Honesty...be up front and forthright about everything
- Sense of Urgency...don't delay, do it now
- Organization...know your checklists
- Highlight your strengths...you earned it...be proud
- Housekeeping ...how it looks=how it's managed
- Safety...follow the rules
- Enthusiasm...nothing sells more than this
- Customs and Courtesies...the core of professionalism
- Professional Look...first indicator of a well-run office
- First impressions...smile, shake hands, lead the way

File plans: key to managing official records

Master Sgt. Damien McCleskey
14th Communications Squadron

The main objective of the "Records Management" program is maintaining official records. One requirement is for unit Record Custodians to establish a "File Plan". Overall, a file plan makes filing and referencing official records easier.

What is a "File Plan?" A file plan identifies all records in an office of record regardless of media, filing arrangement, or location. It serves as an index of official records, identifies disposition authorities and documents the Chief of Record approval of the document.

Key Players...unit Record Custodians are the key to creating a file plan. Developing a file plan requires RC's to identify the official records in a work center and determine the records retention schedule by using the Records Management disposition table. Each file type or official record kept in a work center should be listed on the file plan. RCs should update a File Plan when significant changes occur. For example, if a work center is no longer required to keep a certain type of official record anymore than the item should not appear in the file plan. Removing the official records from the file plan ensures it is in compliance.

How do I file paper and electronic official records? File Plans can consist of paper or electronic records (e-records). Although in past years the most common format of an official record has been paper. The Air Force has been progressively transitioning to using an electronic format. Electronic records are basically records stored in a form that only a computer can process; also called machine-readable records or automated data processing records.

Electronic records are filed on the Electronic Records Management (ERM) network drive established by the 14th CS. The ERM is the official site for storing official electronic records. Microsoft

Outlook or .pst files are NOT where personnel should keep official records.

NOTE: During the Unit Compliance Inspection in March 2011 the AETC Inspectors will review the 14th FTW's ERM network drive to determine if unit personnel actually place official records on the base ERM site. The goal is to ensure the Blaze Team stores electronic records in ERM and not in Microsoft Outlook or .pst files.

Record Custodians should set up their unit specific ERM drive in accordance with the current ERM structure. The ERM structure provides a method for ensuring e-records are available and protected throughout the lifecycle of the record and provides guidance for maintaining and preserving e-records until the Air Force has a permanent electronic Records Management Application (RMA) compliant with DoD 5015.2 Std.

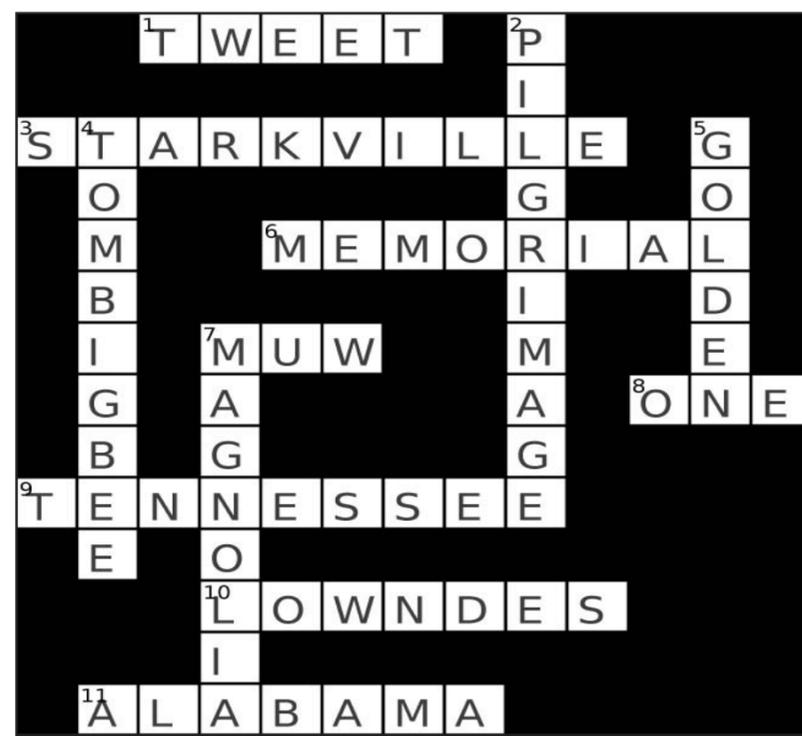
Securing paper official records relies heavily on unit personnel to ensure this occurs. Protecting e-records is a new concept that is challenging but necessary, and it requires everyone's help being that the

information resides on the network. An effort like this requires the 14th CS to work closely with unit Chief of Records and Record Custodians to place restrictions on folders where information resides in ERM. What this means is unit personnel will only be able to view e-records which pertain to their work center, thus ensuring proper protection is maintained.

So, file plans are the foundation for identifying what official records unit personnel maintain in their work center. In order to be compliant, personnel must file paper and e-records properly and must secure them as well. The UCI inspectors will review the base ERM structure to determine how often and how much we use it to file e-records. ERM is the official site for storing e-records. At no time is Microsoft Outlook or .pst files an official site for storing e-records. For your reading pleasure, AFMAN 33-363 is the governing publication for "Managing Records."

Use this link to access additional information about File Plans: <https://columbus.eis.aetcf.af.mil/14msg/cs/RM/default.aspx>.

Last week's answer



Visit
Columbus.af.mil
today!



SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
1000 DEFENSE PENTAGON
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20301-1000

JAN 28 2011

MEMORANDUM FOR UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (PERSONNEL AND READINESS)

SUBJECT: Implementation of a Repeal of Title 10, United States Code, Section 654

On December 22, 2010, the President of the United States signed into law legislation that sets conditions that must be met prior to the repeal of title 10, United States Code, section 654, "Policy Concerning Homosexuality in the Armed Forces," becoming effective. Your responsibility by virtue of this memorandum is to facilitate the timely and orderly realization of these conditions across the Department. Your plan for accomplishing this task is due to me by February 4, 2011.

Strong, engaged and informed leadership will be required at every level to implement the repeal of section 654 properly, effectively, and in a deliberate and careful manner. This is not, however, a change that should be done incrementally. The steps leading to certification and the actual repeal must be accomplished across the entire Department at the same time, and consistent with the standards of military readiness, military effectiveness, unit cohesion, and recruiting and retention of the Armed Forces.

The implementation of the repeal of Don't Ask, Don't Tell is a milestone event for the Department. As such, it is imperative that the execution of actions leading to certification and repeal are underpinned with a solid foundation as established by the attached terms of reference and guiding principles.

The Secretaries of the Military Departments and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff will assist you in the expeditious planning and execution of this task. All DoD Components are directed to fully cooperate in the execution of this implementation process and to be responsive to your requests for information, detailed personnel, and other support.

Attachment:
As stated

cc: Secretaries of the Military Departments
Chairman of the Joint Chiefs
USD (C)
Assistant Secretary of Defense (Public Affairs)
Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs)
General Counsel of the Department of Defense
Commandant of the United States Coast Guard
D, A&M

2011 Community Assessment Survey

The Integrated Delivery System Working Group is sponsoring the 2011 Community Assessment Survey. In addition to surveying Active Duty members, spouses, and reservists, the Community Assessment will survey civilians. A census of appropriated fund civilians from each base will be conducted.

A notification letter that includes a link to the Web-based survey will be sent out to the work email address of each civilian member to participate. Participation is crucial to the success of the project,

and civilians are strongly urged to take part.

Survey responses can directly influence 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.

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

AROUND TOWN

Table Talk

"The Senator and the Sharecropper: The Freedom Struggles of James O. Eastland and Fanny Lou Hamer" is the focus of this week's Friends of the Library's February series. Dorothy W. Colom, Senior Judge for the Fourteenth Chancery Court District of Mississippi, will review this award-winning history of the turbulent civil rights movement. Bring your lunch at 11:30 a.m.; iced tea provided. Or join friends from noon to 1 p.m. for the program at the library at 314 Seventh Street North on Feb. 9. For more information contact the library at 329-5300 or email book.talk@hotmail.com.

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.

Base families offered a variety of activities

Super Bowl Party

Get ready for some serious fun and football at the Super Bowl Party scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 6 from 4 p.m. until it's over. There will be drawings for door prizes to include a grand prize drawing for a Kenmore gas/charcoal combo grill worth \$350, \$100 gift card EVERY quarter, a NFL themed throw blanket and more cool items. Specials include \$1 Budweiser draft products, 15 cent wings (while they last) and a \$5 Super Sub. Sponsors of this event include The Landings at Columbus and Mitchell Distributing. No federal endorsement of sponsors intended.

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 Feb. 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 Pirate Ship Combo. Contact Outdoor Recreation at 434-2505/7861 with more information.

Dance, Dance, Dance!

Children ages 3 to 8 can learn all styles of dance at the Youth Center for just \$30 per month. Classes for ages 3 to 5 are Mondays, 5:15 to 6:15 p.m., and classes for ages 6 to 8 are at the same time on Tuesdays. For registration information, call the Youth Center at 434-2504.

Mommy & Me Craft Classes

Stop by the Arts and Crafts Center to check out the display of upcoming projects for both youth and adults. Classes are scheduled Thursdays at 10:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. For more information, call 434-7836.

Casino Trip

Join us on our monthly trips to the Silver

Star and Golden Moon casinos the first Friday 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 to 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.



3rd Annual Sports AWARDS BANQUET

To Honor Columbus AFB's Champion Athletes



Feb 28

at the Columbus Club
Social Hour begins at 5:30 pm
Dinner served at 6:30

**featuring guest speaker
Coach John Cohen
Head MSU Baseball Coach**

Champion Athletes Eat Free!
\$17 per person for all others
Menu includes roasted pork medallion, garlic mashed potatoes, chef's veggies, various cobblers for dessert.
Vegetarian option is available.

Receive Autographed Baseballs
while supplies last!

**Must RSVP by COB Feb 18
Call 434-2772/2773 for more information.**

Special Thanks to Our 2011 Annual Fitness & Sports Sponsors:





























Visit us online!

Web page: www.columbus.af.mil

Facebook: www.facebook.com/ColumbusAFB

Twitter: www.twitter.com/Columbus_AFB

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

Miscellaneous

For sale: Round dining table with four chairs, made from cherry wood and

wrought iron, \$300. Otter Box for iPhone 3, \$30. Basketball Goal, \$25. Mexican pottery planter, \$25. Small iron outside table and chairs, \$50. Small iron bicycle planter holder, \$25. Two large TemperPedic pillows, \$50. Call 549-1381.

For sale: 3x6 whirlpool tub with all fittings and marble splash guards, \$500. Walk in shower with all fittings and sliding glass doors \$400. Green Lazy boy chair, \$250. Maple Rocking chair with cushions, \$35. Please call 328-4374.

For sale: Large Oak L-desk, 77" by 67", 30" deep. Very sturdy, great condition, \$300. Call or text (850) 628-3663 for details.

For sale: 27" SAMSUNG TV without remote \$ 40, Microwave \$ 35, Infant Car Seat (Graco) \$35. Call 570-5883.

For sale: Mid 90's model High Country compound bow: 31.5 draw length/55-75 lbs draw. \$50 or best offer. Call 242-0160.

For sale: Galaxy Popper Popcorn machine with stand. 12 Oz popping kettle, \$600 or best offer. 251-7925.

For sale: Baby trend high chair model #8866 Safari Babies, \$20. Call 328-2550.

For sale: 2.5 year old medium domestic hair kitty, neutered and up to date on shots. Micro-chipped with Home Again service. Asking \$130 for him and all of his stuff. Comes with carrier and blanket, 6'5" scratching post, door hanging catnip filled scratcher, litter, food, treats, automated water fountain, and grooming supplies. Text 251-5648 or call after 4 p.m.

Facebook photo contest winner



Courtesy photo/Angela Steele
Isabella Steele, daughter of Airman 1st Class Ian Steele, 14th Medical Support Squadron, plays in the snow after last month's winter storm here. The photo was voted as the winner of a Facebook photo contest ran on the CAFB Facebook page.

The Airman's Creed

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

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

I am an American Airman,

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

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

F-15E pilot selected to receive Jabara Award

Steven Simon

Air Force Academy Development and Alumni Programs

U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. — An F-15E Strike Eagle pilot and 2004 graduate of the Air Force Academy was selected Jan. 25 to receive the 2011 Col. James Jabara Award for Airmanship.

Capt. Michael Polidor, a member of Air Force Global Strike Command, distinguished himself through heroic actions in an Operation Enduring Freedom sortie supporting U.S. and Afghan ground forces.

“This year’s competition was extremely tough, and you can be proud of your selection,” wrote Academy Superintendent Lt. Gen. Mike Gould, in his congratulatory letter to Captain Polidor, announcing the selection. “It is a true testament of your exemplary performance and professionalism.”

Captain Polidor was one of a record 12 Academy graduates nominated for the Jabara Award this year by major commands, forward operating agencies and direct reporting units.

Captain Polidor was the flight lead of an F-15E two-ship tasked Oct. 3, 2009, to support Coalition Observation Post Keating in Nuristan province, Afghanistan. More than 80 Coalition soldiers were pinned down and taking fire from a well-orchestrated, 360-degree attack of 250 Taliban insurgents in the steep and rugged Kamdesh Valley.

Shortly after arriving on station, Captain Polidor assumed the tactical air control-airborne role. He quickly assessed the ground picture, which revealed multiple fighting posi-

tions, several insurgents inside the boundary, and more than 90 percent of the post either on fire or destroyed.

He immediately began deconflicting aircraft and establishing a communications relay amid smoke, approaching thunderstorms and radio communication that was severely degraded by the surrounding terrain.

Captain Polidor was also forced to perform a battle damage check for his wingman, who experienced a severe hydraulic failure and had to return to base. The weapons systems officer on that aircraft was Capt. Prichard Keely, Captain Polidor’s Academy classmate and close friend. Coincidentally, Captain Keely won the Jabara Award in 2010, making it two consecutive Jabara Awards for the Class of 2004.

“Without (Captain Polidor) being overhead, there would have been significantly more casualties,” said Captain Keely, coincidentally the 2010 Jabara Award recipient, upon learning of Captain Polidor’s selection. “This was the first attack of its kind, and his quick thinking in the dynamic environment paid huge dividends for the American forces on the ground.”

Low on fuel, Captain Polidor continued to orchestrate incoming air assets during aerial refueling. Once he arrived back on station, he safely managed another airborne emergency when an F-15E experienced a rapid cabin decompression and had to leave the fight.

Later, while relaying target data, Captain Polidor recognized that one of the coordinates was within dangerously close proximity of friendly forces. He ordered the bombing run

aborted until the coordinates could be updated, which resulted in the employment of 14 guided bombs with zero fratricide.

During his 7.8-hour sortie, Captain Polidor coordinated and integrated 19 aircraft, including six F-15Es, four A-10 Thunderbolt IIs, two AH-64 Apaches and a B-1 Lancer, orchestrating precision strikes on the enemy. He also arranged for additional tanker assets, ensuring continued air power over the battle area.

He didn’t just remain above the fray, relaying information and direction. During four different attacks, he expertly expended four bombs and executed a perfect 20mm strafe against a target in close proximity to friendly forces, effectively destroying multiple enemy fighting positions.

In all, more than 30,000 pounds of ordnance and 170 rounds of strafe eventually eliminated enemy strongholds, saving 72 U.S. and Afghan lives. Eight Soldiers from Fort Carson’s 4th Brigade Combat Team were killed in the battle, according to Associated Press reports.

Captain Polidor joins an exclusive group, becoming the 50th Academy graduate selected for the award. Among the previous winners are Vietnam War heroes Karl Richter and Steve Ritchie from the class of 1964, pioneering astronaut Karol Bobko from the class of 1959, and Hudson River-landing pilot Chesley Sullenberger from the class of 1973.

Captain Polidor said he was excited and humbled to learn he had won the Jabara Award.

“I am tremendously honored to be receiving this award from the Jabara Family, the

Association of Graduates and the Air Force Academy,” he said. “Adding my name to a list of aviators that includes Richter, Ritchie, and Keely is a very proud moment in my Air Force career.”

Established in 1967, the Col. James Jabara Airmanship Award is presented to an Academy graduate, living or deceased, whose actions directly associated with an aerospace vehicle set him/her apart from contemporaries. The annual award is jointly presented on behalf of the Academy, the Association of Graduates and the Jabara family.

Col. James Jabara was the first jet ace and the second leading ace in the Korean War. In 1951, he won the Air Force Association’s most prestigious award and in 1957 was recognized as one of 25 Americans who had contributed the most to aviation.

The Jabara Award is not the first honor Captain Polidor has received for this mission. He and his WSO, Capt. Aaron Dove, also received Distinguished Flying Cross medals, which are awarded for heroism or extraordinary achievements during flying operations.

Col. Marty France, the head of the Academy Department of Astronautics and a 1981 graduate, said Captain Polidor showed clear signs during his cadet career that he had the potential for greatness.

“We’re just so overjoyed to hear that Mike won the Jabara Award,” Colonel France said. “Academic excellence is a huge part of one’s duty. Excellence and professionalism in the classroom and lab translates into excellence and bravery in the battlespace, too.”

the ABS-G or the (Airman Battle Uniforms, or ABUs).”

The material also contains a bug repellent to protect our deployed Airmen, she added.

This won’t be the first time Airmen have worn this camouflage pattern in Afghanistan though.

“Some Air Force personnel who are assigned to Army units were already issued the OCPs in the Army fielding initiative that began in August,” said Colonel McGowan, who restated that these uniforms will be issued to individuals, and they won’t be covered out-of-pocket by Airmen.

Individual units won’t even be authorized to purchase these uniforms for the foreseeable future, the colonel said.

“The only authorized OCP uniforms are those purchased and issued by Air Force Central Command,” Colonel McGowan said. “While some units are interested in procuring the OCP for training, future deployments and such, they won’t be authorized to do so because those orders would take away from supplies that are prioritized for the most at-risk deployers.”



- | | |
|-------------------------------|---|
| Across | Down |
| 3 14th CPTS commander | 1 14th CONS commander |
| 5 14th FTW vice commander | 2 14th MSG LGR |
| 6 14th FTW commander | 4 14th MDOS commander |
| 7 14th MDG commander | 8 14th FTW XP |
| 11 DynCorp director | 9 14th MSG deputy commander |
| 12 37th FTS commander | 10 First name of the 14th FTW command chief |
| 15 50th FTS commander | 13 48th FTS commander |
| 16 43rd FTS commander | 14 14th MDG deputy commander |
| 17 14th OG deputy commander | 18 49th FTS commander |
| 19 41st FTS commander | 20 14th MDG superintendent |
| 22 14th OG commander | 21 14th FTW judge advocate |
| 24 14th CS commander | 22 14th FTW chief of safety |
| 26 Acting 14th FSS commander | 23 14th MSG commander |
| 28 14th FTW chaplain | 25 14th FTW MAQ |
| 29 14th OG superintendent | 27 14th FTW EET |
| 30 14th FTW IG | |
| 31 14th MDSS commander | |
| 32 14th FTW director of staff | |

Dollars & Sense: TSP Facts for 2011

The Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board has announced the 2011 TSP contribution limits. They remain the same as the 2010 limits. Those limits are:

- Regular elective deferred limit (no tax-exempt contributions). For members, this includes all tax-deferred contributions from taxable basic pay, incentive pay, special pay, and bonus pay: \$16,500

- TSP catch-up limit. The maximum amount of catch-up contributions that can be contributed in a given year by members age 50 and older. It is separate from the elective deferral and is not included in the maximum annual contribution identified below: \$5,500

- Maximum annual contribution, including tax-exempt contributions. Members become subject to this limit when tax-exempt contributions are made to their TSP accounts: \$49,000

REMINDER: The \$49,000 total includes tax-exempt combat zone contributions and regular deferred contributions, but not catch-up contributions.

Based on the 2011 reduction in the FICA percentage, Airmen can contribute any whole percentage up to 94 percent of basic pay, as long as the annual total of the tax-deferred investment does not exceed \$16,500.

Members may also invest all or part of their bonuses, special pay or incentive pay. A percentage must be established for each of these in addition to the percentage elected from base pay. A member is not allowed to contribute from bonuses, special or incentive pay unless also contributing from base pay. The total of tax-deferred contributions, including base pay, bonuses, special and incentive pays cannot exceed the annual IRS limit of \$16,500.

For more information on TSP, go to <https://www.tsp.gov/index.shtml>.

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.

Officials to issue new camouflage to deployers

Tech. Sgt. Jess Harvey

Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — Airmen deploying to Afghanistan in 2011 will see a new uniform issued to them as part of their deployment gear beginning in March.

While Airmen have been faced with a slew of uniform changes in recent years, this new uniform is not a matter of image or heritage but instead has resulted from a joint initiative that ensures all outside-the-wire deployers in Afghanistan, regardless of branch of service, have the best ground combat uniform in order to enhance combat effectiveness.

According to Lt. Col. Shawna McGowan, the Air Force future programs branch chief, Air Force leaders collaborated with Army experts to develop a solution to meet evolving camouflage and fire-retardancy demands in theater.

The new uniform, called the Operation Enduring Freedom Camouflage Pattern, or OCP, is the same uniform recently fielded in Afghanistan to U.S. Soldiers, Colonel McGowan said.

“At first, Airmen receiving the (Airman Battle System-Ground, or ABS-G) uniforms with mission responsibilities outside the wire in Afghanistan will have priority for the OCP.”

But the plan is for the OCP uniform to eventually become the only ground-combat uniform worn by Airmen in Afghanistan both inside and outside the wire, she said. This also will minimize the number of bags Airmen will carry into and out of the theater.

“The OCP uniform is scientifically developed to blend in with Afghanistan’s terrain, which will make our Airmen safer and more effective on the battlefield,” she said. “The new material is also flame resistant and lighter weight than either

Our time to shine

Lt. Col. Robert Skelton

14th Flying Training Wing Inspections

TEAM Blaze – this is your time to shine. That's what inspections are all about.

How are you impacting our mission to Produce Pilots, Advance Airmen, and Feed the Fight? How many student pilots did your flight and squadron graduate? How many new ID Cards did you section process? How many children were under your care, while parents attended to duties? How many patients bene-

fited from your care and attention?

It isn't just about numbers. How delicious was your last meal at the Columbus Club? Was the gym open at just the right time to allow you time for fitness training? How timely was it that BX, Commissary, and Shopette have groceries and supplies during our winter weather. How safe do you feel each night know our Defenders are on watch?

These activities and so many more are the myriad of activities and processes that help Columbus AFB accomplish its mission. Each

part plays a vital piece in the orchestral like activity that happens every day in the 14th Flying Training Wing.

You make that possible. Airmen at the clinic patient check in counter, Airmen at the front gate, Airmen in the contracting squadron, Airmen in the fire department, Airmen in the Air Traffic Control tower, Airmen in HAWK Flight in the 50th Flying Training Squadron - you make this base Produce Pilots.

You Advance yourself and those around you. You feed the fight our Air Force and Nation are engaged in. You accomplish the mission.

Be proud of that, be ready to enthusiastically engage with our guests on our mission and

your part in it.

Be ready to make a difference and be the servant-leader in your organization.

Be ready to speak to the accomplishments of your organization and how you personally and your organization fits in to the wing mission.

Be ready to offer assistance if someone you don't recognize needs directions or help.

Be ready with customs and courtesies.

Be ready with answers or know where to get them or be prepared to help find an answer you may not know.

Know your place in the mission. The wing is in full sprint mode as we approach the 2011 Unit Compliance Inspection.

Are you ready? I'll see you at the finish line.

Deployment journal: A strange encounter rekindles NCO responsibilities

Tech. Sgt. Kevin Wallace
100th Air Refueling Wing
Public Affairs

HERAT, Afghanistan — The last two-and-a-half weeks were long, as I spent them in the field without a change of clothes or shower. I rectified that within minutes of arriving at Camp Stone, a base near my own in Herat province, Afghanistan.

While awaiting a convoy to Camp Arena the next day, I happened across the team of Americans who train the Afghan National Army 207th Corps. Covering a story was the last thing on my mind at that moment, but what I learned had to go to print.

Earlier that week, 12 ANA military investigators completed the first-ever ANA comprehensive two-week Criminal Investigation Basic Course at an ANA base called Camp Zafar.

What they learned was like CSI — but for real.

The ANA investigators were trained on many aspects of crime scene investigation, and were excited to talk about their newly found skills.

The fact that I stumbled on the story was exciting. However, how I encountered that tale blew my mind.

The person who introduced the story to me came from a base a few miles from mine in England. She's now at a base a few miles from mine in Western Afghanistan.

To me, this was a strange coincidence, but Airman 1st Class Lausanne Morgan, from Royal Air Force Lakenheath (England's) public affairs office, stood before me nonetheless.

In fact, she took the photos of the CSI training. Her husband works with me back at RAF Mildenhall (England), and I helped sort out some of her pre-deployment worries.

I'd forgotten about Airman Morgan's troubles with her deployment, and had absolutely no idea she was deployed less than 10 miles from my camp.

With a fresh shower and a clean uniform, the recent foot patrols, convoys and being shot at by insurgents seemed like a distant memory. I began to feel guilty for forgetting about a promise that I made while back in England.

I promised both Lausanne and Ethan (Morgan) that I'd make contact with Lausanne over here and make sure she was well.

Wrapped up in work, I'd forgotten that.

Destiny took its course and I was afforded the chance to make good on my promise, despite my own shortcomings.

This is her first deployment, and I'm happy that I'm nearby if she needs anything.

I'm pretty sure I'll head back out into the field soon, as there are many Soldiers out at remote combat outposts, observation posts and fire bases who are doing amazing things and don't get much coverage for their efforts.

I've been completely focused on these Soldiers and am still committed to spotlighting them when and where I can.

Perhaps I need to spread my focus though.

You see, the strange meeting with Airman Morgan reminded me that, as servicemembers, relationships and taking care of junior Airmen is vital.

I'm here away from my family and friends, and am lucky that I can completely rely on my new comrades to watch my (back) while in the field. This is my third deployment though. For me, this isn't new.

What about Airman Morgan?

This is her first deployment, with very little time in service, and she is so far away from her family.

From now on, I'll check up on her frequently and check in with my subordinates back at RAF Mildenhall more often, as well.

With each and every life experience, we should strive to make ourselves better. This week's lesson was taught by my own conscience, and I will do better.

Commissaries expand focus on health in 2011

Sallie Cauthers

Defense Commissary Agency

FORT LEE, Va. — Customers who want to improve their health will have plenty of help at their local commissary as the new year rolls out a variety of special discounts, coupon booklets and giveaways.

"Our industry partners have joined together to offer our customers the most nutritious and delicious products for your mind, body and wallet," said Chris Burns, sales director for the Defense Commissary Agency. "Your local commissary is working diligently to offer the very best selection of food products worldwide at a great savings. The expansion of health and wellness products will provide our customers with healthy alternatives throughout the commissary aisles."

February is the kick-off month for a variety of health initiatives being promoted at many DeCA stores worldwide. Since some of these promotions may differ depending on location and size of the store, customers are asked to check their local commissary to see what promotions are available.

The healthy promotion lineup begins with a "Heart Truth Extraordinary" giveaway that includes a trip for two to a spa; heart monitor watches; and Heart Truth fitness packs: a gym bag, t-shirt and water bottle. This special promotion also includes discount coupon booklets that are valued at \$10. This special Heart Truth program is hosted by a variety of industry partners.

Also beginning in February, there will be a "Just Add Milk!" promotion, offering high-value coupons on special select cereals, including a coupon for free milk with multiple purchases.

Karen Hawkins, the DeCA dietitian, advises customers who want to eat healthy to pay particular attention to their cereal choices.

"Look for around 5 to 10 grams sugar per serving and 5 to 10 grams fiber per serving," she said. "Add low-fat milk to make it a snack any time of day. Cereal and milk also (make) a great light meal for dinner, along with a piece of multi-grain toast and fruit."

The "Health and Wellness Food That Matters" program also makes its debut in February. It includes discounts on organic and gluten-free products. Customers are asked to look in their local commissary's general health food aisle for all of the new gluten-free products that have arrived since December.

"Creating a healthy lifestyle can be easy with a little help," Ms. Hawkins said. "To help you get started and stay on track, check out the Health and Wellness section of www.commissaries.com. Get started today on eating and living a totally healthy lifestyle."

Another big promotion being unveiled in February is the "Focus on Fitness Challenge." This challenge invites customers to enter a fitness challenge to give their military community a chance to win thousands of "wellness" dollars. Customers will be offered coupons for top wellness brands. The more coupons

redeemed at their local commissary, the better the chances of their local community winning cash "wellness" prizes, which result in more opportunities for the local community to focus on fitness. Customers are asked to look for Focus on Fitness banners in their local commissary.

Customers will see special posters and displays highlighting "Making Healthy Choices at the Commissary," a promotion that includes a bundle coupon tied to savings on produce, and recipe tear pads with inexpensive, healthy, quick meals.

And, last but not least, commissary customers will see pink and red hearts posters highlighting the "Heartfelt Savings - It's Worth the Trip" promotion. This promotion offers participants a chance to win a trip for two to a location or event of the customer's choosing. The winners in each DeCA region receive roundtrip airfare for two, hotel for two nights, plus \$1,000 spending money for each winning couple. A two-page flyer with the entry details, as well as high-value, money-saving coupons on various brands will be located at commissaries worldwide. Customers also can register to win online.

"February is American Heart Month, so take care of your heart; you only have one," Ms. Hawkins said. "As you are eating healthier this year and losing weight, remember to fit in a little exercise, whether it is walking briskly around the block with your kids and dog or taking the stairs at work instead of waiting for the elevator."

For more information about special promotions at your local commissary, go to <http://www.commissaries.com>

Air Force officials announce NASCAR sponsorship for 2011

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — Air Force recruiting officials announced Jan. 21 that they are renewing the NASCAR partnership with Richard Petty Motorsports and the No. 43 car for the 2011 NASCAR Sprint Cup Series.

"This is our tenth season in NASCAR and we look forward to competing and winning with the Richard Petty team," said Brig. Gen. Balan Ayyar, the commander of the Air Force Recruiting Service. "This is a high-performing atmosphere that aligns with the leadership, technology and competitive spirit of our Airmen and Air Force, and we're excited about NASCAR's efforts to reach a broader audience. We certainly intend to go beyond the race track to reach supporters and fans and emphasize the speed, power, precision and teamwork that is common to both NASCAR and the Air Force."

The Air Force is both a primary and associate sponsor of the No. 43 car, driven by A.J. Allmendinger, a 29-year-old driver with two Top 5 finishes and eight Top 10 finishes in the No. 43 car during the 2010 season. The car

will feature the Air Force paint scheme in two of 36 NASCAR points races this season.

Air Force recruiting officials plan on activating the sponsorship both on and off the track with Air Force flyovers, swear-ins of new enlistees, involvement in pre-race activities and school visits with the No. 43 show car. The show car will travel to recruiting events at local high schools, promoting mechanical and technical careers to the nation's highest performing young Americans who may be interested in serving in the United States Air Force.

"The Air Force is proud of the partnership we have had with Richard Petty Motorsports," said Col. Michael J. Tillema, AFRS chief of strategic marketing and communications. "They are perhaps the most respected team in NASCAR and they have been strong supporters of the Air Force. We share a strong set of core values, hard work, discipline and the desire to win."



U.S. Air Force photo/Dale Eckroth
Crew members prepare the No. 43 Air Force car for a practice run at the Pocono Raceway Aug. 2, 2010. Air Force officials recently announced the renewal of the NASCAR partnership with Richard Petty Motorsports and the No. 43 car for 2011.



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





14th FTW command structure: A look at your wing



Col. Diane Fletcher
Commander

14th Medical Group



Col. Steven Stater
Commander

14th Operations Group



Col. George Ross III
14th FTW vice commander



Col. Barre Seguin
14th Flying Training Wing commander



Col. Ken Bryson
Commander

14th Mission Support Group



Chief Master Sgt. Zefrem Smith
14th FTW Command Chief Master Sergeant



William Sherman
Director of Staff

Wing Staff Agency



14th FTW Maintenance
David Rose
Division Manager

DynCorp International

