

"Produce Pilots, Advance Airmen, Feed the Fight"

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## Weather



**Today**

High: 47, Low: 24  
Sunny



**Saturday**

High: 54, Low: 30  
Sunny



**Sunday**

High: 61, Low: 35  
Sunny



**Monday**

High: 63, Low: 37  
Scattered Showers

## News Briefs

### Class 11-13 Track Select

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 11-13 will hold their Track Select at 5 p.m., Feb. 14 at the Columbus Club.

### CSC Wine Tasting Social

The Columbus Spouses Club will hold a dinner social at the Columbus Club on Feb. 15 beginning at 6 p.m.

### Black History Month Luncheon

This year's Black History Month Luncheon will be held at the Columbus Club on Feb. 16 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The guest speaker for this event will be Maj. Alice Turner, 14th Medical Operations Squadron.

## Inside



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The Team BLAZE mission is highlighted in this week's feature.



The new Columbus Club Head Chef Lance Orsborn shows off his blackened catfish with white wine cream sauce in the newly remodeled Indy's restaurant on Feb. 8. The dish is one of several additions to Indy's to the menu and can be enjoyed in the remodeled dining area.

## Newly renovated Indy's offers fresh look at food

Jana Hall

14th Force Support Squadron

The newly renovated Indy's restaurant at the Columbus Club here is now open for lunch and dinner offering lunch choices from a new menu Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Evening diners can enjoy an array of options from the Indy's at Night menu Monday through Thursday from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Friday until 10 p.m.

Valentine's Day seems the perfect day to celebrate the grand opening of the new and improved Indy's restaurant – a project Col. Kenryu M. Bryson, 14th Mission Support Group commander, Club Manager Lisa Pajac and Executive Chef Lance Orsborn hold near and dear to their hearts. All are invited to attend the ribbon cutting Feb. 14 at 11 a.m.

"This has always been part of my vision for true food service to Columbus Air Force Base," said Colonel Bryson.

The newly remodeled restaurant's atmosphere might best be described as casual elegance with the stained concrete floors, stamped tin ceilings, Tiffany-style lighting, comfortable booths, floor to ceiling windows and rich wood tones throughout.

"We purposely designed it to be a restaurant that serves alcohol rather than a bar that serves food," Colonel Bryson said. "We want

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## COLUMBUS AFB TRAINING TIMELINE

PHASE II				PHASE III				IFF			WING SORTIE BOARD				
Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Track Select	Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation	Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation	Aircraft	Required	Flown	Annual
37th (11-14)	1.13 days	-3.18 days	Mar. 10	48th (11-05)	2.34 days	0.18 days	Feb. 18	49th (10-EB)	-5.16 days	-1.99 days	Mar. 10	T-6	877	718	10,781
41st (11-13)	2.66 days	-4.19 days	Feb. 14	50th (11-05)	-2.63 days	-4.81 days	Feb. 18					T-1	315	243	3,519
												T-38	333	180	3,451
												IFF	92	43	814

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

## ASEV: the other UCI

**Sonic Johnson**  
14th Flying Training Wing  
Public Affairs

For many of the instructors pilots in the 14th Operations Group, the Unit Compliance Inspection begins Monday. Eight members of the 19th Air Force Aircrew Standardization and Evaluation Team will arrive next week to begin the inspection of the OG.

The ASEV team will accomplish flying check rides for approximately 10 percent of the nearly 300 assigned instructor pilots in the OG. It is estimated they will fly approximately 27-30 check rides with a cross section of our instructors in all three aircraft.

"This is an opportunity for our instructor pilots to shine and show what we do best," said Lt. Col. Tim Lawrence, Chief of 14th OG Standardization and Evaluations. "Day-to-day our crews do an excellent job of Producing Pilots, Advancing Airmen and Feeding the Fight."

The 19th AF team will return Feb. 28 to conduct all the IP testing, conduct publication checks, and evaluate the standardization of our local training policies and procedures.

## INDY'S

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to cater to families, but still provide an atmosphere comfortable for the adults who might stop in after work."

"The place looks like what it is — a nice restaurant with wonderful food," said Mrs. Pajac. "The new items on the lunch menu as well as all of the evening entrée dishes are just some of Chef Lance's specialties. They mirror his personality...home-made, comforting and a bit spicy!"

Chef Lance came to Columbus AFB just three months ago with his primary focus on expanding Indy's service to include night dining and, working closely with Pajac, to develop the new menus. His resume is impressive having cooked for and with such famous culinary personalities as Emeril Lagasse, Michael Simon and Paula Dean.

Pajac is not shy about bragging on the Columbus Club's talented find. "I've worked with many chefs in my career, and Chef Lance is one of the best," she said. "His staff responds to him, and his enthusiasm

for the food and the restaurant is contagious."

The likable, humble chef may come across as a laid-back country boy, but Chef Lance is a whirlwind of talented energy in the kitchen. He and his kitchen team move like a well-oiled machine.

"I'm excited about Indy's," said Chef Lance. "'This has been our baby, and we're ready to show her off now.'"

The restaurant will continue to offer daily "endless" specials and discounted prices for Club Members during lunch. Indy's at Night will also offer daily specials and discounts for Club Members. Just some of the evening specials are Family Night each Monday when members' children eat free off the kid's menu, "endless" wings each Wednesday night and \$18 dinner-for-two specials every Thursday evening.

Colonel Bryson said he is confident that Indy's will be a success from the standpoint of the restaurant providing quality food at fair prices, "but its success will also depend on the support it receives from the base community."

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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat/Sun
14	15	16	17	18	19/20
Feb. 14-18: Night Flying Week  Indy's Ribbon Cutting, 11 a.m., @ Club  Class 11-13 Track Select, 5 p.m. @ Club	CSC Social, 6 p.m. @ Club  Black History Month Testing, 11 a.m. @ Chapel Annex	Black History Month Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. @ Club	Local Clergy Day, 9 a.m. - noon, Chapel	14th WSA, MDG and MSG Wingman Day  Class 11-05 Graduation, 10 a.m. @ Kaye	
21	22	23	24	25	26/27
Presidents' Day Holiday, most CAFB offices closed	Table top exer- cise, 9 a.m. to noon, @ Chapel Annex		Black History Month Open Mic Night, 6 p.m. @ Club	Class 11-06 Assignment Night, 5 p.m. @ Club	

### Long Range Events

**Feb. 27:** Mardi  
Gras Brunch  
**Feb. 28:** Annual  
Spots Banquet  
**Feb. 28:** Enlisted  
Promotions @ Kaye  
**Mar. 8:** Newcomers  
Orientation  
**Mar. 9:** Ash  
Wednesday  
**Mar. 10:** IFF  
Graduation  
**Mar. 10:** 11-14  
Track Select  
**Mar. 11:** Class 11-  
06 Graduation  
**Mar. 17:** St.  
Patrick's Day  
**Mar. 17:** Dorm  
Dinner  
**Mar. 19:** St.  
Joseph's Day

# IFF Class 11-DBC graduates

**Capt. Pedro Esquivel**  
49th Fighter Training Squadron

The 49th Fighter Training Squadron graduated Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals Class 11-DB, Feb. 4. Five members graduated this phase of their training on their way to becoming fighter pilots in the Combat Air Forces.

The 49th FTS is responsible for Active Duty, Guard, Reserve, and International flying training in the T-38C IFF aircraft. The 49th FTS provides training to fighter pilots and weapon system officers entering Air Force major fighter weapons systems, which include the F-16, F-15C, F-

15E, and A-10C.

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

Students bound for aircraft with an air-to-ground attack capability then move on to surface attack and low-altitude tactical navigation phases learning to employ ordnance against ground targets. The skills learned during IFF directly translate to the fighters these students will soon fly in their follow-on training and one day employ in combat.

Congratulations to the following fighter wingmen:



**Capt. Will Van Loon**  
F-16



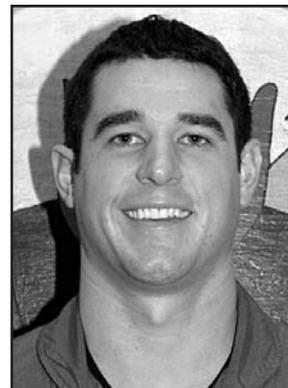
**Capt. Randy Kreps**  
F-16



**2nd Lt. Brent Bienenfeld**  
F-16



**2nd Lt. Kyle Dowd**  
F-16



**2nd Lt. Tony Sullivan**  
F-16

## African-American contributions during the Civil War, part 3

**Larmont Green**

14th Logistics Squadron Plans and Integration

As we continue our celebration of "Contributions during the Civil War" by African-Americans, we look at the American Civil War between 1861-1865 whereby the Confederacy declared that captured Black Union soldiers would be hung or pressed back into slavery. Even with this declaration on July 17, 1863, at Honey Springs, Indian Territory, now Oklahoma, the 1st Kansas Colored fought with courage. Troops under Union Gen. James Blunt ran into a strong Confederate force under Gen. Douglas Cooper. After a two hour bloody engagement, General Cooper's soldiers retreated. The 1st Kansas, which had held the center of the Union line, advanced to within fifty paces of the Confederate line and exchanged fire for some twenty minutes until the Confederate forces broke and retreated. General Blunt wrote after the battle, "I never saw such fighting as was done by the Negro regiment... the question that Negroes will fight is settled; besides they make

better soldiers in every respect than any troops I have ever had under my command."

Answer to last week's question: Who was the first black American to win the Nobel Prize for Peace? Ralph Bunche was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1950, becoming the first African American to receive the Nobel Prize. In 1949, Bunche successfully negotiated a truce to the Arab-Israeli conflict. For his work as a mediator for a peaceful resolution he was awarded this outstanding achievement.

Question for this week: How much did soldiers of African-descent get paid during the civil war to include clothing allowances, specifically in 1862?

Black History Facts of the week: Maj. Shawa Kimbrell earned her wings as the first female African-American Fighter pilot after entering F-16 pilot training December 1999 graduating August 2000. She currently maintains her wings as the Assistant Director of Operations at Aviano Air Base, Italy. Dr. Daniel Hale Williams was born in Pennsylvania and attended medical school in Chicago, where he received his M.D. in 1883. He founded the

Provident Hospital in Chicago in 1891, the oldest free-standing Black-owned hospital in the United States. Dr. Williams was also the only African-American in a group of 100 charter members of the American College of Surgeons in 1913.

Next week's Black history month events for Columbus AFB:

**Youth Activities:** Every Wednesday at 3 p.m. at the Youth Center hosted by Airman First Class Lillian Martinez, 14th Force Support Squadron and A1C Tamekqua Smith, 14th FSS.

**Taste Testing:** Tuesday, February 15, 11 a.m. at the Chapel Annex led by Staff Sergeants Charles Ball, 14th Medical Support Squadron and Jeremiah Taylor, 14th Medical Operations Squadron and Senior Airmen Derek Ramsey, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron and Phillip Sneed, 14th MDSS.

**Black History Luncheon:** Wednesday, February 16, 11:30 a.m. at the Columbus Club with Major Alice Turner, 14th Medical Operations mental health flight commander as the keynote speaker.

## AETC/CCC to speak at Annual Awards

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

The command chief master sergeant, Air Education and Training Command, will be the guest speaker at the Annual Awards Ceremony Feb. 11 here.



Command Chief Master Sgt. James Cody will be the guest speaker at the event, which will showcase the best of Team BLAZE from 2010.

Chief Cody entered the Air Force in November 1984.

The chief is a career Air Traffic Controller and graduated from the air traffic control specialist course at Keesler Air Force Base, Miss., in May 1985.

Throughout his career, he has filled a myriad of additional duties ranging from first sergeant to directorate superintendent. His assignments include bases in New Hampshire, California, Virginia and Florida. The chief also served overseas in Germany, Korea, Turkey, and deployed in support of Operations SOUTHERN WATCH and ENDURING FREEDOM.

Prior to assuming his current position, he served as the Command Chief Master Sergeant, 18th Air Force, Scott AFB, and Illinois. AETC/CCC is his fourth position serving as a command chief.

## Couple scores big at base Super Bowl party



U.S. Air Force photo/Jana Hall

Master Sgt. Terry Harris, 14th Communications Squadron, congratulates his wife Staff Sgt. LaTrice Harris, 14th Force Support Squadron, on winning "him" the grand prize drawing at Sunday's Super Bowl XLV Party at the Columbus Club. The couple took home a \$350 Kenmore gas-charcoal combination grill.

## Dollars and \$ense: Save the Trip

The 14th Comptroller Squadron Financial Customer Service section is implementing a new process to assist members with PCS out-processing. Instead of stopping by the Finance Customer Service counter, members can now email a copy of their Permanent Change of Station orders to Financial Customer Service no earlier than 30 days, but no later than 15 days prior to their final out day.

Note: Before submitting PCS orders to 14th CPTS for out-processing, the member must ensure they have no more TDYs planned.

"PCS - <Last Name>/<Last 4>"

3. 14th CPTS will confirm that the member has no outstanding travel orders or debts before clearing the member in vMPF and send them an email stating they have been out-processed from Finance. For organizations that do not use vMPF, a copy of the email should accompany the unit's out-processing checklist.

If you have any questions or concerns, please direct them to 14th CPTS Financial Customer Service.

### 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.

2. In the subject line, the member will title the email:

## Trail BLAZE'r



Rob Montet  
14th Comptroller Squadron

Job title: Deputy Disbursing Officer

Time at Columbus AFB: 8 years

Time in Service: 25 years (Military and civil service)

Hometown: Columbus, Miss., and Lafayette, La.

Career goals: Do what I can for as long as life will let me.

Family members: Ana Montet

Favorite musician: Doug Stone/Alison Krauss

Favorite movie: Belzaira the Cajun and Southern Comfort

Biggest pet peeve: Tacalacs

Favorite book: "Undeclared: Rocky Marciano, the fighter who refused to lose" - Everett Skehan

Inspirations: God, my wife Ana and our families.

Personal motto: "Sans vie il n'y a pas de mort," "without life, there is no death."

## 14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, 69 BLAZE TEAM members are deployed worldwide. Remember to support the Airmen and their families while they are away.



## Around Town

### Table Talk

Local historian Rufus Ward headlines the third Friends of the Library Table Talk with a presentation on the Tombigbee riverboat era and the tragic sinking of the "Eliza Battle" in 1858. Bring your lunch at 11:30 a.m. with iced tea provided or join friends from noon to 1:00 p.m. for the program. At the library at 314 Seventh Street North. For more information contact the library at 329-5300 or email book.talk@hotmail.com.

### Foster and Adoption Opportunities

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

### Columbus-Lowndes Humane Society seeking volunteers

The Columbus-Lowndes Humane Society is seeking volunteers and foster homes. We are a non-profit and we depend on donations to operate. If you would like to help volunteer, foster, or donate; please call 327-3107.



- Across
- 2 Wing commander guidance: Be a \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 3 Introduction to Fundamentals is another type of flying training done at CAFB.
  - 4 Aircraft used to instruct pilots in the tanker/airlift track.
  - 5 Aircraft used to instruct pilots in the fighter/bomber track.
  - 6 Wing commander guidance: Develop and \_\_\_\_\_ for Airmen and their families.
  - 7 Wing commander guidance: \_\_\_\_\_ Team BLAZE.
  - 9 Advance \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 11 CAFB is one of \_\_\_\_\_ SUPT bases in AETC.

- Down
- 1 Specialized \_\_\_\_\_ Pilot Training.
  - 3 Type of training the 14th FTW conducts.
  - 5 Aircraft used for initial flight skills training.
  - 8 Produce \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 10 \_\_\_\_\_ the Fight.

## BARGAIN LINE

### 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:** 2006 Clayton mobile home, 14x56, two bedrooms, one bath, all electric, \$17,000. Close to base on a lot. Call 251-5990.

### Transportation

**For sale:** 1997 Ford expedition asking \$4,800 runs good clean inside out third

row seating well maintained call me @ 662-251-8363

**For sale:** 2002 Chevy Silverado 1500 LS Extended Cab 5.3 Liter V8. Power windows, doors, locks, and dual seat. Cruise, tilt wheel, cassette, and single disc with bed liner and toolbox. Great condition. 140,000 miles and still runs like new. Asking \$6,500 or best offer. Call 251-7925 anytime.

**For sale:** 2003 Dodge Ram 1500 Laramie 5.9 Liter V8. Four Full Doors. Power windows, doors, locks, and dual seat. Cruise, leather, tilt wheel, single disc, and sliding rear window with bed liner. Good condition with 91,000 miles. Asking \$8,000 or best offer. Call 251-7925 anytime.

### Sell your item in Silverwings today!

### Miscellaneous

**For sale:** Round dining table with four chairs, made from cherry wood and wrought iron, \$250. Otter Box for iPhone 3, \$25. Mexican pottery planter, \$20. Small iron outside table and chairs, \$50. Call 549-1381.

**For sale:** Trailer hitch with Harness for 2005-2010 Honda Odyssey Van, never used, \$150. Call 356-4511 after 4 p.m.

**For sale:** Step 2 red fire truck toddler bed in great condition, \$75. Call 352-1790.

**For sale:** Baby Einstein Discover and Play activity floor mat, \$15. Wipe warmer \$5. Baby Bjorn navy with navy/red plaid inside, \$20. Call 328-2550.

**For sale:** Galaxy Popper Popcorn machine with stand. 12 Oz popping

kettle, \$600 or best offer. 251-7925.

### Pets

**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.

**For sale:** Free eight month old cat, spayed, loveable, litter box trained. If interested call 352-1196.

**For sale:** Six year old Paso Fino in foal, used as a broodmare for three years. Very beautiful horse, up to date coggins test. Asking \$480 or trade. Call 769-2607.

## 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 dependants 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.

## 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.

## 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](mailto:slo@columbus.af.mil).

## 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](mailto: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 presented.

## Budgeting Basics

Every Wednesday from 11 a.m. to noon.

## 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 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.

Learn practical ways to tell your money where to go rather than wonder where it went.

## 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.

## Bundles of Joy with Military Saves

Feb. 22 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. For active duty military and spouses assigned to Columbus Air Force Base who are pregnant or have a child up to four months of age. Speakers on finances, labor and delivery, as well as infant care. An Air Force Aid Society program.

## Heart Link with Military Saves

Feb. 24 from 10:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Spouse orientation for spouses with less than five years of Air Force affiliation or new to CAFB. Held at the AFRC, to register call 434-2790.

## 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.

## Columbus Main Street honors CAFB

**Sonic Johnson**  
Chief, 14th Flying Training Wing  
Public Affairs

Volunteers from Columbus AFB were honored last Tuesday at the Main Street Columbus' Annual Banquet with a Volunteer Award. The award was presented by Amber Brislin, Main Street manager and Stewart Stafford, President of the Main Street Board at their Annual Banquet held at the Trotter Convention Center.

Main Street is a non-profit public private partnership receiving funds from the City of Columbus, Lowndes County, Columbus Convention & Visitors Bureau, Market Street Festival and Membership participation. The Main Street Program has been instrumental in the following projects and events in Columbus; Columbus Christmas Parade, Wassial Fest, Columbus Farmer's Market, Lighting of the City of Columbus Christmas Tree,

Afternoon Tunes, Noon Tunes, Sounds of Summer, Market Street Festival, Columbus Day Celebration, New Years' Eve Ball Drop/ Block Party, Riverwalk Project, Leadership Plaza maintenance and downtown landscape and beautification projects.

Ms. Brislin commented that this group of men of women pass through our community and take the time while they are here to give back, from running the gates at Market Street Festival to directing Christmas Parade floats, and the list goes on and on — “we certainly appreciate our friends at Columbus AFB who we always count on to help us get the job done.”

"This is a well deserved and hard earned service award for the men and women of CAFB. It is a pleasure and privilege to be a partner with this fine group" added Ms. Brislin. "We look forward to working with them more in the years to come."

Recognized as a leader by following the Main Street Four-Point Approach®,

embracing sound historic preservation ethics and building strategic partnerships, Main Street Columbus was honored at the Main Street Awards Ceremony during the National Main Streets Conference in Oklahoma City May 4 when the National Trust for Historic Preservation announced that Main Street Columbus in Columbus, Mississippi was a winner of the 2010 Great American Main Street Awards.

Upcoming Main Street events include Basic Vegetable Gardening Seminar on Feb. 24, Downtown Columbus Spring Shopping Event Mar. 4 and 5 and the Market Street Festival May 6 and 7. Visit their website at [www.Columbusmainstreet.com](http://www.Columbusmainstreet.com) and [www.Marketstreetfestival.com](http://www.Marketstreetfestival.com) for more information and events.

If you would like to volunteer at the Market Street Festival, contact 2nd Lt. Brionna Ruff in Public Affairs at 434-7066.

The Main Street organization is deeply



Courtesy photo  
**Amber Brislin, Main Street manager, presents Sonic Johnson, 14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs, a Volunteer Award for Columbus Air Force Base. The award was presented at the Annual Banquet for Main Street Columbus.**

appreciative for the help the men and women of Columbus AFB contribute to their events.

## New program shows base members the building of fighter wingmen

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

The 49th Fighter Training Squadron building was not in need of repair and nothing was being built or installed, however, members of the 14th Civil Engineering Squadron found themselves there during the afternoon of Feb. 4.

A new program launched by the 49th FTS Commander Lt. Col. Chris Stricklin invites service members and their families from different 14th Flying Training Wing squadrons to directly see the making of, and how they contribute to the making of a fighter pilot.

"It's a great cross view between the mission support and operations group," said 14th CES commander Lt. Col. Michael Harner during the event. "It gives us a great look at what we do that helps them complete their mission."

When a guest squadron arrives on the graduation day of each class, they are first given a mission brief introducing them to the squadron's history of moving from a fighter interceptor squadron to the fighter training squadron they are today as well as how the 49th FTS training system works.

Using several of the videos used in fighter pilot training the instructor pilot giving the mission brief not only explains but shows the audience what fighter pilots in training see when flying combat maneuvering or ground attack training sorties.

After the briefing the guests are split into two groups. Some are taken across the street to the T-38 Talon simulators to give their hand at flying Columbus Air Force Base's fastest airplane



U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Jacob Corbin  
**Second Lt. Sara Ferrero instructs Oliver Harner during his "flight" in the Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals simulator Feb. 4 at the 14th Operations Group building. Lieutenant Ferrero is a student in the IFF program at the 49th Fighter Training Squadron and Mr. Harner is the son of 14th Civil Engineer Squadron Commander Col. Michael Harner.**

said Colonel Stricklin. The other part of the group splits off to see the real T-38s up close before trading to keep either area from being overcrowded.

The touring squadron then returns to 49th FTS heritage room for the graduation. The room, filled with contributions and memorabilia from graduated classes is packed with many of the people who helped contribute to the graduate's success. Colonel Stricklin said he chooses to hold the Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals graduations there rather than in a formal setting because it better mirrors the events in the fighter world.

The idea to create this program stemmed from two events said Colonel Stricklin. Both were instances of outside squadrons taking the extra step to make sure the 49th FTS was in the best shape it could be.

"The communication squadron was over here one day. Our radios had gone out and we can't fly without those radios. It was after hours, it was me, the communication squadron commander and her experts," recounted Colonel Stricklin. "While her guys were working we walked out the door that I walk out to go to work every day. When we walked out, Major Smith said she had never been out here before."

"We never realized how many people on this base had not seen what we do here," he said. "Take advantage of this, because I hate to say you probably won't see this close of a family at other bases."

Colonel Stricklin said he plans to continue inviting squadrons to the graduations and eventually make sure that everybody on base gets a chance to see the program.

# Home use programs provide software to Airmen

**Staff Sgt. Julius Delos Reyes**  
31st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

AVIANO AIR BASE, Italy — Even after approximately eight hours of work per day, some Airmen are still compelled to bring their projects home.

Because of this, Air Force officials have partnered with major software companies to provide Airmen with a variety of software products, such as anti-virus, middleware and desktop programs, free of charge or at a discounted price.

“The Department of Defense Antivirus Software License Agreement with McAfee and Symantec allows DOD employees to use the antivirus software for home use,” said Master Sgt. Michael Hackett, a 31st Communications Squadron network operations section chief. “The Microsoft Home Use program permits eligible Air Force personnel to order a licensed copy of select Microsoft Office desktop applications to install and use on their home (computer). ActivClient middleware enables DOD personnel to conduct official business away from their office with the capability, security and access of their common access cards.”

Under the Microsoft HUP, eligible employees may obtain one licensed copy of each qualifying Microsoft Office desktop software program available to install and use on a home computer. The HUP is a partnership between Microsoft and the Air Force.

“Part of the agreement was for Air Force personnel to reap these benefits by buying Microsoft programs at discounted price,” Sergeant Hackett said.

Software applications are available for approximately \$10 through the HUP. Those eligible to participate in this program include Air Force active-duty members, Air National Guard members, Air Force contractors and federally funded research and development centers personnel working on Air Force installations with government-furnished equipment.

Software available through the Microsoft HUP includes Office Professional Plus 2010, Microsoft Project Professional 2010, Microsoft Visio Premium 2010, and Office 2008 for Mac. Office Professional Plus 2010 includes Word 2010, Excel 2010, PowerPoint 2010, Outlook 2010, OneNote 2007, SharePoint Workspace 2010, Publisher 2010, Access 2010 and InfoPath 2010.

Home use of the antivirus products will not only protect personal PCs at home, but will also potentially lessen the threat of employees bringing malicious logic into work and compromising DOD networks. DOD military and civilian personnel can download free antivirus software for their home computers from the DOD Patch Repository website. Contractors are excluded from using the software at home or on any other system not belonging to the DOD.

“Having the antivirus software helps your personal computer at home to be better protected,” said Tech. Sgt.

Oran McClellan, the 31st CS configuration management NCO in charge. “The safer the actual computers are at home, the safer the (files) that Air Force personnel are going to bring back to work.”

The middleware package provides software for conducting official Air Force business from non-government machines. Availability of this software by the Air Force Public Key Infrastructure System Program office does not infer approval to access Air Force resources and/or working away from the office. Approval for accessing Air Force resources from non-Air Force machines and/or working away from the office is at the discretion and direction of the appropriate command authority.

Middleware enables interface between a computer and the certificates on CACs. These certificates are required to access Outlook Web Access for e-mail, the Air Force Portal, networks and systems, and DOD websites.

“At the end of the day, these programs allow Air Force personnel to be able to work on Air Force-related projects from their home, which enables them to spend more time at home instead of staying longer hours at work,” Sergeant Hackett said. “It also enables the members to perform work-related tasks or projects while on temporary duty.”

For more information on how to purchase discounted Microsoft products or download middleware and antivirus software, visit the Home Use Software website on the Air Force Portal.

# Top doctor cites importance of psychological health

**Lisa Daniel**  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Psychological health is among the military's most critical and most promising areas of medical treatment, the Defense Department's assistant secretary for health affairs said Feb. 8.

Speaking at the Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury's Warrior Resilience Conference in Arlington, Va., Dr. Jonathan Woodson said nearly 10 years of war has caused an “immense” emotional toll on service members and their families.

“The work is heartbreaking and difficult, and progress is uneven and slow,” he acknowledged to an audience that included health care providers, researchers, officers and NCOs, and family members.

But, Mr. Woodson said, the military has made unprecedented gains in the treatment and prevention of “the invisible wounds of war,” and offers promise for more

gains.

Mr. Woodson, a brigadier general in the Army Reserve, is a medical doctor and combat veteran who recently assumed his duties as the Pentagon's top medical official. Since taking the post, he said, he has become even more optimistic about the military's ability to prevent and treat psychological and emotional disorders in the future.

“My enthusiasm and commitment has only deepened since I've been in office and have been able to interact with people on a daily basis who are committed to solving these problems,” he said. “You're professional, creative, and fresh, ... and working to find answers. And your work is vital to our national security.”

Mr. Woodson noted the enormity of the effort to tackle psychological issues.

“No nation in history has ever put forth more resources and attention to understanding how to treat psychological health,” he said.

The military is increasingly “getting at the heart” of the problem by questioning how to increase resilience in service members before they are deployed for combat, and trying to figure out if resilience can be measured, Woodson said.

“You in this audience and those like you are uncovering some of the keys of what strengthens us,” he said. “Coming at this from the point of view of the individual, how do we strengthen what they already possess?”

The services need a more comprehensive assessment of service members, including their emotional health, Mr. Woodson said. That begins, he added, with educating everyone, including families, about the signs that a person may be in distress.

“This begins with watching out for each other,” he said. “It begins with the buddy on your left and the buddy on your right.”

Mr. Woodson recounted the case of a Soldier with whom he was deployed. While she was happy to communicate with her

family over the internet, he said, she also was becoming increasingly stressed by events back home.

When she learned her young son had been in an accident, “the guilt and stress took a significant toll on her,” even though the boy made a full recovery, Mr. Woodson told the audience. That case, like so many, he said, required the watchful eyes and ears of her battle buddies to see the Soldier through it.

“The mutual support we give each other is critical,” Mr. Woodson said, adding that clinicians need to support each other, too. “We need all of you, and we need you to be healthy.”

One of his challenges as assistant secretary of defense for health affairs is to be a good steward of public funds by determining which programs work well and which don't to determine priorities, Mr. Woodson said, ensuring funding isn't wasted on programs that are duplicative or ineffective.

# Air power: A team sport defined

**Brig. Gen. Anthony Rock**  
Iraq Training and Advisory Mission - Air

BAGHDAD — As I look back on my first two weeks as the wing commander and Iraqi Training and Advisory Mission — Air director, I have to say as proud as I was to join the team, I become even more proud as I truly start to grasp the breadth and depth of what we, as an Air Force, do every day. It is ironic that my only other involvement in Iraq was flying F-15 Eagles with the 1st Fighter Wing (at Langley Air Force Base, Va.) during operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm from 1990 through 1991.

It is ironic because my tasking as a young officer during that deployment was to help liberate Kuwait by fighting the Iraqi air force to gain and maintain air dominance. My tasking as a senior officer now is to lead a coalition team as we rebuild that same air force and establish an enduring strategic relationship with a new partner in a region where stability is critical to national security for us and many of our coalition partners around the world.

As I traveled on my first commander's airfield-circulation trip to Ali Base, Iraq, and met the outstanding Airmen working there, it suddenly dawned on me that there was even more irony to be discovered. Ali Base, then known as Tallil Air Base, was my

first combat objective on a dawn strike on the very first day of Operation Desert Storm.

I was part of a wall of eight Eagles escorting Navy and Marine forces in an effort to ensure we gained air superiority as the space-to-air missiles at Tallil were taken out. As I landed at Ali in the current day, I reflected on the vast team effort that had taken place then in order to put me over that objective on day one of Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

Yes, I might have been on the tip of that spear where the bullet hits the bone, but a weapons Airman had loaded my jet with killing-hot metal; a fuels Airman had fueled my jet; my crew chief had prepped the Eagle and launched me; an AWACS air battle manager had gotten us to the prestrike tanker; and before that, a life support Airman had maintained my flight gear; a services Airman had fed me the night before; a security forces Airman had defended our perimeter; our medics had worked to maintain the health of all folks involved; and hundreds of others, working as part of a team, had executed their part of the mission to create the awesome effects achieved that day.

This level of team effort was duplicated at dozens of locations across our joint and coalition spectrum. I could go on for pages with examples of all the things it took to establish air dominance, but I would run out of ink, and you would run out of time to read about them all.

# Transcom provides America's greatest advantage, commander says

**Jim Garamone**  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The greatest advantage the U.S. has over any potential enemy is the ability to project and sustain forces anywhere in the world, the commander of U.S. Transportation Command said here today.

“No other nation can do what we do,” Air Force Gen. Duncan J. McNabb said at the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

A decade of war has meant Transcom is agile and practiced at delivering equipment, materiel and people where it needs to be, when it needs to be there, he said.

The service portions of the command — the Air Force's Air Mobility Command, the Navy's Military Sealift Command and the Army's Surface Deployment and Distribution Command — work together closely and constantly, he added.

Experience since Sept. 11, 2001, has changed the way the command does business, the general said. Before, he explained, delivering logistics was relatively straightforward — officials chose a mode of transport and sent the cargo on its way.

“What we've found, like the rest of the industry, is that if you can figure out how to do

this intermodally, you can figure out where I can go commercially, and then where I need to go militarily, or I can go surface or air, depending on the threat,” he said.

This allows planners to ensure they are taking care of warfighters while delivering people, supplies and equipment in the most cost-efficient manner, he said.

General McNabb cited the mine-resistant, ambush-protected all-terrain vehicles for Afghanistan as an example. Industry officials figured they could produce 500 of the life-saving vehicles a month. When the vehicles first started rolling off the assembly line, they were loaded aboard C-17 aircraft and flown to Afghanistan.

“The question came: If we can build more, can you transport more?” General McNabb said.

In the middle of the Afghanistan troop surge, industry officials came to Transcom and said they could produce 1,000 vehicles a month. That ran into Transcom's requirement to move units into Afghanistan, General McNabb said, “and we started looking at different ways to accomplish this.”

The command solved the problem by getting the vehicles to the U.S. Central Command theater of operations via ship and loading them

aboard aircraft only for the final leg of the journey. Because it was a short hop, the aircraft carried five M-ATVs instead of three, and they went directly to the units in Afghanistan.

Another example is the opening of the Northern Supply Route. High-value and purely military cargo goes to Afghanistan via air. Other supplies go via ship to Karachi, Pakistan, and then overland into Afghanistan. Transcom forged a series of routes from the Baltic republics, through Russia and the Central Asian republics, or via the Caucasus republics through Central Asia to Afghanistan.

The command took advantage of the contacts that private companies maintain to forge these routes, General McNabb said.

“That is the real advantage these companies bring,” he said.

The companies have planes and ships, but they also have the network of contacts in the region that allows them to speed the cargo through.

Now, if routes are blocked, other routes can take up the slack, the general said.

Looking ahead, Transcom has the mission of sustaining the service members in Afghanistan while re-deploying the final 48,000 Americans in Iraq by the end of the year.

The point is that air power is an effect that is generated via a complex symphony of activity and no one part of the process is any more or less important than any other we execute and succeed at as a team. While some elements of the mission may be more visible than others, each and every one represents a critical path to success. If any one of us fails, we all fail because the mission fails.

So my message to all deployed Airmen is continue to take care of yourself and your wingman to stay focused during these dynamic and demanding times. We are a total force of Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, civilians and international partners, all working on the same team. Treat every coalition and host nation partner with the respect you would expect to receive. I also ask you to give my regards, and convey my thanks to the families you have left behind — they sacrifice so much in our absence, and they too are an integral part of the team. The deployments are much easier on us than on them because we plug into a surrogate family here and have the mission to drive us. Simply put, they too are part of the team, help generate the effect of air power and are awesome force multipliers.

I am simultaneously humbled and proud to be part of the Air Force team and look forward to serving with you all as we each execute with precision and excellence every day to achieve overall mission success.

Ultimately it is our people who put the “power” in air power.

Remember, when you think no one is watching, I guarantee someone is staring. Every Airman a mentor...everyday...at every level.

The command also must plan for contingencies. Last year, for example, Transcom had to provide logistics for the hundreds of thousands of Haitians affected by a massive earthquake and also supported the response to the Gulf of Mexico oil disaster. The command also lifted goods to Pakistan when that nation experienced catastrophic flooding, and had to do all this while maintaining the logistics needed to fight two wars.

Challenges remain, General McNabb said, noting that Transcom needs the services to get new air-refueling tankers. Replacing the 50-year-old KC-135s will save millions of dollars, he added.

The command also is investing in defending its computer systems. About 90 percent of Transcom's business takes place on unprotected networks, General McNabb said, and 33,326 “computer network events” took place against the command last year.

As the command continually works to reinvent itself, General McNabb said, the Transcom team — active duty and reserve component servicemembers and civilians, along with private industry partners — always is looking for ways to perform the mission better.

# Base families offered a variety of activities

## Fun Run scheduled

The Fun Run scheduled for Friday, Feb. 11 has been changed to Friday, Feb. 18 at 6 and 7 a.m. due to the cold weather forecasted for tomorrow morning.

## Womens' Softball

For women interested in playing softball there will be a brief meeting on Monday 14 Feb @ 1700 at the Fitness Center. POC is: Nichols, James L Civ USAF AETC 14FSS/FSVS 434-2772

## Couples Special at Whispering Pines Golf Course

Enjoy a little together time with the Couples Golf Special every Sunday at Whispering Pines Golf Course. Each Sunday buy one, get one free green fee. For more information, call the Pro Shop at 434-7932.

## Say Cheese!

The Arts & Crafts Center is offering professional 3-D seasonal backdrops for your do-it-yourself photo shoots. You bring the camera, the kids, the pets, the friends...whoever. It's free and available for use Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Saturdays by appointment. Call 434-7836 for an appointment or for more information.

## Women's Varsity Softball League Now Forming

The Columbus AFB Fitness Center is looking for women interested in forming a base team to play in a local softball league. Anyone interested in trying out or in need of more information should contact the Fitness Center at 434-2772.

## Youth Spring Soccer Registration

Register now until Feb. 25, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, for spring soccer at the Youth Center. This program is open to youth ages 3 to 18. Smart Start for 3- and 4-year-olds costs \$35 for the season and the registration fee for youth ages 5 to 18 is \$40. Please direct inquiries to the Youth Center at 434-2504.

## 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.

## Home School Collection at the Library

The base library has a phenomenal collection of educational fun books, games, puzzles, "how-to" guides and the like for home-schoolers. For more information about the Home School Collection, please contact the Library at 434-2934

## Half-Price Jumper Rentals

Rent a jumper at half price through the end of February! Choices include the Princess Castle, five-in-one Sea World Combo, Sports Arena, three-in-one Tropical Combo, 16-foot water slide, Sea World, Patriotic Castle and three-in-one 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](http://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.

## FSS Rocks!

For more updates checkout CAFB FSS Rocks on facebook here:  
<http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/CAFB-FSS-Rocks/176580292353937>

# Dear Team BLAZE Spouses

**Col. Barre Seguin**  
14th Flying Training Wing Commander

In less than one month, over 100 expert inspectors from higher headquarters will descend upon our base to inspect and evaluate nearly every unit and agency on this base for our Unit Compliance Inspection, Air Traffic System Evaluation Program, and Standardization and Evaluation Program for Weather Operations. Additionally, the 19th Air Force Aircrew Standardization and Evaluation team arrives next week to give 10 percent of our instructor pilots flying evaluations. We are in the season of wing-wide inspections, or, to borrow from the movie "Bull Durham," we are going to "the Show!" These inspections are OUR "Show," our opportunity to shine and demonstrate compliance. For the entire time I've been at Columbus AFB, we've been preparing for "the Show," with increased emphasis over the last several months to ensure we can demonstrate our compliance and highlight the great, above and beyond contributions of our Airmen. Behind accomplishing our mission to Produce Pilots, Advance

Airmen, and Feed the Fight, "the Show" is Team BLAZE's number one priority.

Although we've been preparing for a period of time, I know there is an increased level of tension and stress as "the Show" approaches. Supervisors and commanders are pushing their teams more as we go from a marathon pace to a sprint approaching the finish line. The pace we're on demands more from each member of Team BLAZE. Last-minute preparation includes making our work centers more presentable and ensuring our programs speak for themselves when it comes to compliance. As I'm fond of saying to the wing, "There are no second chances to make first impressions." We are a military of rules and regulations, and we are accountable for judiciously following, and proving that we're following, governing instructions. This UCI will evaluate our wing's compliance with governing rules and regulations. Given the multitude and magnitude of the instructions we must follow, preparing for our "Show" is no small task.

Columbus AFB is in a full sprint. For 22 years now, Nancy and I have experienced the added stress and long hours that

invariably accompany approaching major wing inspections. Your Airman spouse has taken part in commanders' calls, staff meetings, flight meetings, longer daily work activities and frequent weekend duty preparing for our UCI. Your Airman spouse knows the priority and importance of doing well in this UCI. Doing well in our "Show" is important because the outcome directly contributes to our ability to care for and to advance our Airmen. Recognition of our Airmen's contributions to the overall success of our performance in the "Show" will go a long way toward their advancement, to include recognition as superior performers and documentation in their performance reports.

So, BLAZE spouses, I appreciate and thank you for the sacrifices you're making as your spouse works longer hours and has increased duty demands approaching our "Show." I recognize it's family members who sacrifice the most in our Service to the Nation . . . thank you! The pace should return to normal after we water the eyes of the inspectors with the professionalism, purpose, pride, and passion of our Team. I understand and value the time your spouse is giving to ensure success for our wing. Support of your spouse is key to our success.

Our goal for our inspections is clear . . . to "knock it out of the park"! This is what your spouses are striving for, and with your support, will attain. We will get through this together and celebrate the victory of OUR "Show" as a Team!

# Stop procrastinating...getter' done!

**Maj. Derrick Ossmann**  
14th Security Forces Squadron

How many of you are taking advantage of the many opportunities available to improve yourself professionally and personally?

I will tell all of you it is extremely important to do so. Since we are now a much smaller force everyone needs to be taking advantage of the many opportunities for self improvement in what is becoming a more competitive environment.

The promotion process is of course a fierce competition nowadays and the boards are now looking for the individual with the records that stand out.

Education is of course one of the quality factors and individuals who are considered for promotion will have the advantage if they have the academic achievements. Promotion boards will evaluate academic education as part of the whole-person assessment.

Using your Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits can help you get your degree sooner. Not only do you get up to 36 months in tuition assistance but many higher educational institutions offer credit for your military experience. Simply get on line and Google

this subject and there are numerous web sites that can answer your questions and assist you in signing up for educational benefits.

What's remarkable is how easy it is to get college credits. Simply going to the Education Center and taking CLEP or DANTES tests can result in receiving college credits without having to attend classes. Nearly all colleges accept these test results for credits. The Community College of the Air Force also awards an Associate Degree based upon an assessment of any formal training courses attended combined with off-duty classes attended.

Another avenue of opportunities for our enlisted force are the commissioning programs such as Officer Training School, Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps, the Biological Sciences Corps Commissioning Programs and the Airman Education and Commissioning Program. There are also many scholarship opportunities available to help defray the cost of attending school. A minimal investment of time and effort on your part is all that it takes and can certainly pay big dividends in your professional and personal life.

Professionally, take advantage of the opportunity to complete the appropriate

levels of PME at the earliest opportunity. The Air Force requires the completion of the Airman Leadership School and the NCO Academy prior to assuming the rank of staff sergeant and master sergeant, respectively, but that's not the only reason to attend these schools. The knowledge you gain from these schools can be applied to your job immediately and prepare you for increased responsibilities and that does open many doors for the future.

For officers, the decision to take PME courses is strictly a personal choice. But why limit or deny yourself the opportunity to improve yourself? While I can't say that completion of PME alone will guarantee a successful career, it certainly improves your chances for promotion and increased responsibilities. It's definitely a factor many take into account when considering you for a PCS to another job. If you're not taking care of yourself, then don't expect others to take care of you or your career. PME simply makes sense because it ties technical and professional expertise together to make "the whole person concept."

Of course aside from the many educational opportunities available, I like you to consider taking advantage of the opportunity to deploy. Deploying broadens yourself

and the experience you will have gained is valuable. Move to bigger challenges; assume more responsibility. It will increase your opportunities for advancement.

Take advantage of the many career broadening opportunities such as special duty assignments and retraining. Consider volunteering for overseas or contingency TDYs. Learn as much as you can on how the "system" works and use it to your advantage.

As an example, I was married in January 2001 and four weeks later I left on a 12-month remote to the Middle East. This move directly influenced my next assignment, allowed me to gain some serious experience as a new First Lt and I was able to travel all over the Middle East. I simply took advantage of an opportunity when it presented itself. You can too if you'll simply look for and take advantages of the many opportunities you have available.

So the next time you are sitting at home playing your X-Box or Playstation 3 ask yourself are you really using your time effectively. Get off that couch and get over to the education office and sign up for classes. There is no better time than the present to begin working towards completing your degree or finishing your PME via correspondence so stop procrastinating and Getter Done!



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## BLAZE 1's Essential Enabling Tasks with 14th CONS

**Empower Leaders at All Levels:** 14th Contracting Squadron commander, Lt. Col. Brian Heaps, empowers his flight chiefs and team leads to balance their workload and tactical day to day activities to meet the squadron mission. This enables the squadron's leadership to focus on some of the larger, longer term issues which may impact the squadron months, if not years, from now.

**Preserve Mission Assets:** The 14th CONS administers contracts throughout the wing that preserve mission assets. The most obvious is the aircraft maintenance contract and its impact to ensure that the primary mission assets, the aircraft, are preserved. Additionally, 14th CONS administer service contracts such as

grounds maintenance and custodial service which also ensure that Columbus Air Force Base's infrastructure remains in top condition.

**Cultivate Community Relations:** The 14th CONS Director of Business Operations Neil Cole, is closely tied with the local community as the wing's small business specialist. He spends countless hours with community leaders and business owners building a relationship which includes education on the small business program and the wing's impact to the community through the program. The Air Force's small business office recognized his outreach efforts by naming him the first recipient of the Tandy Weaver Memorial Award.

## BLAZE 1's Guidance with 14th MDOS bioenvironmental flight

**Develop and Care for Airmen and their Families:** The 14th Medical Operations Squadron Bioenvironmental Engineering Flight monitors the health and safety of base members, they ensure the water is safe for drinking by performing monthly tests, make sure the pool is being properly maintained, and conduct occupational health and safety surveys to ensure all work areas are safe for personnel.

**Be a Wingman:** The 14th MDOS Bioenvironmental Engineering Element works with multiple base agencies to ensure mission completion and safety. They work alongside the 14th Civil Engineer Squadron firefighters and emergency management personnel dur-

ing hazardous material and chemical, biological, radioactive or nuclear responses, and work with 14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs and 14th Operations Support Squadron Airspace Management to ensure flying activities do not disturb the local community.

**Build Team BLAZE:** The 14th MDOS Bioenvironmental Engineering Flight ensures all deploying Airmen receive proper gas mask fit test, ensure all workplaces are compliant with the base HAZCOM, laser, and radiation programs, and that its members have the opportunity to serve in various wing activities from Honor Guard to coaching at the Youth Center.

# Supporting the Team BLAZE Mission



**Lt. Col. Robert Skelton**  
14th Flying Training Wing

So many of you have embraced and internalized what we as a wing have made our mission...to 'Produce Pilots, Advance

Airmen, and Feed the Fight'. The notion of accomplishing our mission embodies what each of us strives for daily. While we don't walk the corridors of our units and the flight line stating the mission over and over, each of you have taken on this mission statement as your own. It's yours; you know your place in it. You know that if you accomplish the duties and functions of your skill set, then you contribute daily as much as anyone could to our wing's mission to support our nation's call to be Airmen serving the great good. You have not only embraced this mission, you

embody and live out this mission.

Akin to our mission is the Vision we've set in front of us: 'Innovative Training, Focused on Families, and Partnered with the Community'. You may not realize it, but aspect of this vision is being accomplished right in front of us. Our own 14th Operation Support Squadron recently was awarded Air Education and Training Command's Training Innovation Award for work in our Air Traffic Control Facility. Our Commander in Chief recently unveiled new programs aimed and guided towards bolstering military family strengths, and regardless of whether or not you're a single Airmen or have a spouse and children, we are all in the Air Force family. Our long history of community ties was recently recognized as the best in our command. We are one of just a few bases to be honored with the same name as that of our host community. Take pride in that and thank those in the community who go above and beyond to support our mission.

As a tiered and cascading effect of our mission and vision I've asked each of you to observe some guidance and execute tasks that are force and mission

multipliers. By developing and caring for our Airman and their families we not only advance and care for Airmen, but we are really caring for each other and those closest and dearest to each of us. The notion of being a wingman to each other epitomizes the idea of putting others before ourselves, it mean "checking each other's six o'clock" for threats and accountability. In doing each of these, we build and reinforce TEAM BLAZE. The idea of being a team is not rudimentary or sophomoric but it lets each of us know that the sum of the whole of us is stronger than each of us individually.

In taking this a step further, the tasks and activities that will make this a success are those tasks that empower each of you to accomplish your duties while growing each of you into the Airmen you desire and strive to be. In preserving all mission assets, we create an environment where we assess and manage risk in every aspect of our mission activities both personally and institutionally in programs that promote safety, equipment management and sound decision making. In cultivating our relationship with communities in the region, we solidify the heritage and ensure future

success for our Wing presently and more importantly, those who follow.

As we focus on telling our story and successes, I challenge each of you to internalize the idea that inspections are your time and place to be proud of who you are as an Airman. On who you are as an American. On who you are as part of Team BLAZE. I'm proud of each and every one of you. I'm proud to serve alongside you. You make me proud and your country proud.



## Team BLAZE Mission with the 14th OSS

**Produce pilots:** The 14th Operations Support Squadron air traffic controllers work daily to ensure the aviators in Columbus's airspace take-off, fly, and land safely and in accordance within proper regulations.

**Advance Airmen:** The 14th Operations Support Squadron air traffic controllers advance airmen

professionally with some of the best and most innovative training tools available. Their efforts in this area are exemplified by their redesign of their tower simulator.

**Feed the Fight:** The 14th Operations Support Squadron works to prepare and certify their air traffic controllers for deployment downrange.



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Events such as the veteran's day parade and ceremony are part of what helps Columbus Air Force Base achieve its vision of being partnered with the community.



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14th Operations Support Squadron air traffic controllers use this award winning training simulator to perfect their skills. The simulator is specifically designed to mimic Columbus Air Force Base, and can be modified to display any situation that might arise on the real airfield.

## Team BLAZE Vision with the 14th FTW chapel

**Focused on Families:** Chaplains provide religious, ethical and spiritual counsel to active duty, their families, and members of Team BLAZE. They offer confidential counseling that is 100 percent protected. While an Airman is deployed, the chapel staff provides pastoral care for dependents and families on the home front.

**Innovative Training Environment:** The 14th FTW chapel provide ethics and core values briefings for Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training students. Religious Support Teams comprised of chaplain and

chaplain assistants provide unit visitation to develop and nurture relationships within Team BLAZE. The chapel also advises commanders on matters of religious accommodation issues, religious observances, and spiritual, ethical, or morale issues.

**Partnered with the Community:** The chapel staff maintains a close relationship with the local community's religious leaders. Holding events such as clergy day to help their local civilian counterparts better understand in what ways they can pastor and support Airmen and their families.