

“Produce Pilots, Advance Airmen, Feed the Fight”

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## UCI Countdown



# 17

Days until  
the UCI

## News Briefs

### President's Day

Most Columbus Air Force Base offices will be closed Feb. 21 in observance of President's Day.

### Class 11-06 Assignment Night

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 11-06 will hold their assignment night at 5 p.m. tonight at the Columbus Club.

### Annual Sports Banquet

The 2010 CAFB Annual Sports Banquet will be held Feb. 28 at the Columbus Club beginning at 5:30 p.m. The guest speaker for this event will be Mississippi State Head Baseball Coach John Cohen. Sign up at the fitness center by Feb. 18.

## Inside



### Feature 8

SUPT Class 11-05 graduates today at 10 a.m. at the Kaye Auditorium.



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

Air Education and Training Command Command Chief Master Sgt. James Cody and 14th Flying Training Command Chief Zefrem Smith pose with the 2010 Annual Award Winners at the Columbus Club on Feb. 11.

## Meet Columbus AFB's best of the best

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

The 2010 Annual Awards banquet took place Feb. 11 in the Columbus Club to announce this year's annual awards winners.

Air Education and Training Command's Command Chief Master Sgt. James Cody attended as the guest speaker for the event, but not before the 2010 quarterly award winners and runners for the annual awards were ceremonially presented with loud cheers from

the audience.

After a few air horns, sirens and squadron cheers, Chief Cody worked to provide recognition, inspiration and insight to the attendees.

Having spent time looking over the awards packages for the winners he lauded the 46 Airmen who were nominated for the awards for volunteering over 1,000 hours of time, raising over \$100,000 dollars for important causes and achieving advanced degrees, among other things.

“These folks have risen over this past year becoming the best of the best,” said

Chief Cody.

Searching for a common tie among the award winners, Chief Cody said he had to look between the lines to discover who is the best of this best, noting attitudes and a constant readiness as key factors.

“These people control their lives through their attitudes. It's never a bad day. It's always a day where they can make an impact,” he said. “They don't have to have a bad day, because they choose to have the right attitude, every day.”

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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)	0.82 days	-2.89 days	Mar. 10	48th (11-05)	0.00 days	1.23 days	Feb. 18	49th (10-EB)	-1.77 days	0.36 days	Mar. 10	T-6	1,505	1,460	11,524
41st (11-15)	-2.96 days	-3.57 days	Apr. 1	50th (11-05)	0.00 days	-3.78 days	Feb. 18					T-1	556	446	3,723
												T-38	629	473	3,744
												IFF	151	97	869

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

## AWARDS

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"They look for opportunity, they don't wait for opportunity," said Chief Cody. "They are the people who are always ready, and always preparing themselves for what's next, so when it happens they're the ones to get it done."

Although the best of the best 2010 had been picked, Chief Cody was quick to not diminish the success of the other members of the 14th Flying Training Wing.

"I leave you with this: You're all winners," said Chief Cody "You hold your head up high and proud because nobody could be more proud than this command of all the great things you've done. As I stand here and represent General Rice, General Owens and the entire command, I say thank you for what you've done."

Congratulations to the 2010 14th Flying Training Wing Annual Award Winners

**Airman of the year** – Senior Airman Ruby Barrera, 14th Operations Group

**Non-Commissioned Officer of the year** – Staff Sgt. Dustin Weeks, 14th Mission Support Group

**Senior Non-Commissioned Officer of the year** – Master Sgt. Brian Bailey, 14th MSG

**Company Grade Officer of the year** – 1st Lt. Adam Irvin, 14th Medical Group

**Field Grade Officer of the year** – Maj. Aaron Han, 14th Flying Training Wing Staff Agency

**Instructor Pilot of the year** – Capt. Jay Doerfler, 50th Flying Training Squadron

**Category 1 Civilian of the year** – Tharwin Carr, 14th MDG

**Category 2 Civilian of the year** – Rosalind Boaz, 14th MDG

## More Team BLAZE Award Winners

### Air Force level awards:

14th Medical Group Tricare Operations Patient Administration Flight – Air Force Medical Service Outstanding Health Plan Management Team of the Year Award for 2010.

### Air Education and Training Command level awards:

14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs – 2010 AETC Best Issues Management Award.

(GS-12) Richard Johnson, 14 FTW/PA – 2010 Outstanding Communication; Intermediate Grade Civilian.

### 19th Air Force level awards:

Senior Airman Brandon Smith, 14th Operations Support Squadron Air Traffic Control – 19th Air Force Base Honor Guard Member of the Year for 2010.

Tech. Sgt. Jeffery Randolph, 14th OSS/OSAT – 19th Air Force Base Honor Guard Program Manager of the Year for 2010.

**Category 3 Civilian of the year** – Margaret Sherman, 14th MDG

**Flight Commander of the year** – Capt. Joshua Kenyon, 14th OG

**First Sergeant of the year** – Master Sgt. Ronnie Swanner, 14th OG

**Volunteer of the year** – Jill Hubert, Columbus Spouses Club

**Flight Chief of the year** – Neil Hogan, 14th 14th MSG

**Honor guard member of the year** – Senior Airman Brandon Smith, 14th OG

**Honor guard project manager of the year** – Tech Sgt. Jeffrey Randolph, 14th OG

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat/Sun
21 Presidents' Day Holiday: Most CAFB offices closed	22	23	24 Black History Month Open Mic Night, 6 p.m. @ Club	25 Congressman Nunnelee breakfast Class 11-06 Assignment Night, 5 p.m. @ Club	26/27 Feb. 27: Mardi Gras Brunch
28 Annual Spots Banquet, 5:30 p.m. @ Club	1 Women's History Month Enlisted Promotions, 3:30 p.m. @ Kaye	2	3 Class 12-05 PPW, 6 p.m. @ Heritage Academy	4	5/6

## Long Range Events

- March 8: Newcomers Orientation
- March 8: Mardi Gras
- March 9: Ash Wednesday
- March 10: IFF Graduation
- March 10: 11-14 Track Select
- March 11: Class 11-06 Graduation
- March 17: St. Patrick's Day
- March 17: Dorm Dinner
- March 19: St. Joseph's Day
- March 22: CSC Dinner Social
- March 25: 11-07 Assignment Night

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# Track Select

2nd Lt. Peter J. Armstrong	T-1
2nd Lt. Hunter D. Barnhill	T-38
2nd Lt. David I. Beckerman	T-44
2nd Lt. Daniel L. Brown	T-1
2nd Lt. Brent M. Burklo	T-1
2nd Lt. Eric W. Calvey	T-38
Capt. Nicholas A. Cenci	T-1
2nd Lt. Christopher M. Deliman	T-38
2nd Lt. Joshua M. Early	T-1
2nd Lt. Kyle J. Fluker	T-38
2nd Lt. James B. Hall	T-1
2nd Lt. Matthew G. Hallman	T-1
2nd Lt. Scott A. Harbison	T-38
2nd Lt. Roy B. King	T-1
2nd Lt. Kieth S. Madsen	T-38
2nd Lt. Mark T. Mannello	T-1
2nd Lt. Boston McClain	T-1
2nd Lt. Jeromy R. McElwaney	T-1
2nd Lt. Shawn P. Muehler	T-1
2nd Lt. Ryan S. Neely	T-38
2nd Lt. Kazuhiro Ota	T-38
2nd Lt. Amit N. Patel	T-1
2nd Lt. Robert L. Petithomme	T-1
2nd Lt. Tyler J. Seibold	UH-1
2nd Lt. Shawn P. Tupta	T-44
2nd Lt. Keisuke Ueda,	T-38
2nd Lt. Paul V. Voorhees	T-1
2nd Lt. Brandon O. Walpole	T-1

## Dubisher Award

Cenci, Nicholas A.

## Top Guns

**Contact:** Capt. Cenci, Nicholas A.

**Instrument:** Patel, Amit N.

**Formation:** 2nd Lt. Armstrong,  
Peter J.

# 11-13

## Welcome FTAC Class 11-A



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

**Members and staff of First Term Airman Class 11-A. Master Sgt. Brian Bailey, 14th Force Support Squadron, Airman 1st Class Brandon Thomas, 14th Security Forces Squadron, Airman 1st Class Rommel Aquino, 14th SFS, Airman 1st Class Jacob Causey, 14th SFS, Airman 1st Class Greg Nameth, 14th Operations Support Squadron, Airman 1st Class Grant McDonald, 14th OSS, Airman 1st Class Erica Brooks, 14th Medical Operations Squadron, Airman 1st Class Christine Banks, 14th OSS, Airman Suzcely Gravino, 14th MDOS, Airman 1st Class Joseph Plump, 14th OSS, Airman 1st Class Daniel King, 14th OSS, Airman 1st Class Cory Stiely, 14th OSS, Airman 1st Class Daniel Howard, 14th OSS, Tech. Sgt. Fitzporter Kidd, 14th SFS.**

## African-American contributions during the Civil War, part 4

### Larmont Green

14th Logistics Squadron Plans and Integration

The most widely known battle fought by African Americans was the assault on Fort Wagner, SC, by the 54th Massachusetts on July 18, 1863. The 54th volunteered to lead the assault on the strongly-fortified Confederate positions. The soldiers of the 54th scaled the fort's parapet, and were only driven back after brutal hand-to-hand combat.

The fight may have been on the battlefield however, African Americans had internal battles with equal treatment and pay. Although black soldiers proved themselves as reputable soldiers, discrimination in pay and other areas remained throughout the Union. According to the Militia Act of 1862, soldiers of African descent were to receive \$10 a month, plus a clothing allowance of \$3.50. Many regiments struggled for equal pay, some refusing any money until June 15, 1864, when Congress granted equal pay for all black soldiers. This answers last weeks question: "How much did soldier of African-decent get paid during the Civil War to include clothing allowances, specifically in 1862?"

In honor of the contributions of African Americans during the Civil War Chief Master Sgt. Richard Bullock, 14th

Medical Group Superintendent, has written a poem that can be found on page 6.

Essay and poster contest all entries due by Feb. 22

Essay rules

For Grades: 3-6

Topic: What African American contributed to the Civil War and how has that affected America today? Include: Name, contact number, grade, age and 50 -75 words typed or handwritten. Winner will receive a \$50 gift card.

For Grades: 7-12.

Topic: What African American contributed to the Civil War and how has that affected America today? Include: Name, contact number, grade, age and 100 to 150 words typed or handwritten. Winner will receive a \$55 gift card.

Poster rules

Only for grades K-3

Topic: What does Black History mean to you? (Expressive drawing). Include: Name, contact number, grade and age. Winner will receive a \$20 gift card.

1st place winners will be announced during open mic night Feb. 24 at 6 p.m.

Drop off your entry at the following locations: Youth center, Exchange, the Landings, and education center

# Records management: Vital records and Privacy Act records

**Master Sgt. Damien McCleskey**  
14th Communications Squadron

Vital records and Privacy Act records are two types of official records personnel use on a daily basis. What are the differences between the official records and why are they important?

Vital Records are official documents that are critical to the continued functioning or reconstitution of an organization during and after an emergency. Vital records are also essential to protecting the rights and interests of that organization and the individuals directly affected by its activities. Vital records fall into the following two categories: Emergency operating records and rights and interest records.

Emergency operating records: These official records are essential to the military effort such as mobilization or protection of materiel, people, services, systems. This also includes maintenance of public health, safety, order and conduct of civil activities

Rights and interest records: This type of official record protects the rights and interest of individuals such as payroll and insurance records.

What is the take away? Vital records are necessary. Everyone must ensure they protect this information. For example, if Columbus Air Force Base experiences a hurricane then units are responsible for ensuring vital records are removed from areas which may be impacted, in this case rooms that may experience flood damage. Each unit is responsible for developing a plan for safeguarding vital records. Vital records are required to be annotated on file plans. Record custodians should use the Air Force Records Information Management

System to identify and document vital records on file plans.

Privacy Act records requires special care because the information is extremely sensitive. A Privacy Act record is any item, collection, or grouping of information, about an individual that is maintained by a Department of Defense component. This type of record could include, but is not limited to, an individual's education, financial transactions, medical history, criminal history, social security number, a finger or a voice print. Protecting personal information is everyone's responsibility. All users and record professionals must be familiar with requirements for safeguarding Privacy Act Records to prevent unauthorized disclosure of information captured in Privacy Act Records.

What should you do?

Scenario one: A Team BLAZE member receives an envelope addressed to them. However, it contains a document that includes another individual's name, SSN, date of birth, medical history and financial records.

Question: After discovering the information in the envelope contains information about another individual, what actions should the Team BLAZE member execute?

Answer: The Team BLAZE member should immediately notify a supervisor, first sergeant, commander or the base Privacy Act manager. The base Privacy Act managers is a member of the 14th Communications Squadron. Send them an e-mail at [recordsmanagement@columbus.af.mil](mailto:recordsmanagement@columbus.af.mil) or call them at 434-7301 or 434-2889. The base Privacy Act managers will work with the Team BLAZE member and ensure that an initial report is completed within 24 hours of discovery and a final report within 72 hours. The base Privacy Act managers will

then coordinate with the Team BLAZE leadership and submit both reports to the Air Education and Training Command and Air Force Privacy Act managers within the required time.

Scenario two: A unit is developing a social roster which consists of members spouse personal information including their name, phone number, and full date of birth.

Questions: Can a unit publish this information without the spouses consent? Should they include the member or spouses date of birth in the social roster?

Answers: In accordance with AFI 33-332, paragraph 12.1.1, the unit must obtain written consent from the spouse prior to publishing the social roster on a government network or even filing it in a desk drawer. If the unit places the social roster on a government network they should ensure the file is password protected. Do not include the member or spouses entire date of birth in a social roster or any document. It is alright to include the member or spouses date of birth if you leave out the year and use only the day and month of the information.

Overall, official records to include Vital records and Privacy Act records play a vital role in the day to day operations of today's Air Force. Properly securing Vital records ensure we maintain an historical record of operations and provide invaluable information to decision makers at all levels.

The Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. 552a, prohibits disclosure of Privacy Act records maintained in any format by a federal agency pertaining to government personnel or contractors without the written request or consent of the individual to whom the record pertains. Use the golden rule: When in doubt, don't give it out. Get consent!

# Purchasing software or downloading software: The dos and the don'ts

**Samantha Petty**  
14th Communications Squadron

If a Team BLAZE member needs to purchase software, what steps should they take and who should they contact? In accordance with AFI 33-114, each unit is responsible for coordinating with the 14th Communication Squadron prior to purchasing any commercial off the shelf software that will be loaded on a government computer. This process ensures that unauthorized software does not create any vulnerabilities on government networks.

How does the 14th CS process these requests? Presently at Columbus Air Force Base any unit personnel requesting acquisition of software can submit an Air Force Form 3215 signed by their commander to 14th CS Plans section at [14csscx@columbus.af.mil](mailto:14csscx@columbus.af.mil). However, effective Feb. 21, the 14th CS will implement a new process. Only a unit Telephone Control Officer may submit the request for new software via an automated tool known as Work Order Management

System. WOMS is an Air force enterprise automated tool that permits users to create, track, and process requirements throughout the entire process. The TCO Roster can be accessed through the following link: <https://columbus.eis.aetc.af.mil/14msg/cs/TCO/default.aspx>.

Once the 14th CS Plans receive a units request for software, they will send it to the 14th CS Base Software License Managers for review and validation. During the BSLMs review they will determine if the Air Force already has a license available for the software being requested. If it is available then the process is quick and easy. If the AF does not have an existing license for the software, then the BSLMs look for other software already purchased by the AF which may satisfy the unit's requirements. By taking this approach the user will save the AF money and also they will receive software which has Authority To Connect to the government network.

Before purchasing or loading software on

the government network, the 14th CS must ensure an ATC is available. Without an ATC 14th CS does not have authority to purchase or load software on the government network. This link can be used to access the "Information Technology Reference Model (i-TRM) to determine what software is allowed on the network: <https://cs.eis.af.mil/a6/itrm/Lists/Products/Name.aspx>.

Once the 14th CS determines all measures have been met to purchase the software, does a unit own the software or a license or both? When a unit acquires software, it is not buying the right to copy, distribute or adapt that software—it is obtaining only a license to use it. After the software arrives the BSLMs will maintain the software license and the software.

If a user wants software loaded on their computer, and a software license is available, then contact 434-2666 (option 2) and open a trouble ticket. The 14th CS will receive the

trouble ticket and will coordinate with the user to establish a date/time to load the software.

With the dos out of the way, here are some helpful don'ts:

Never load personally owned onto government systems.

Do not make copies of software without permission of the copyright owner. According to the AFI 33-114, The Copyright Act and The Privacy Act considerations must be followed. United States Copyright Act, Title 17 of the United States Code, covers software from the moment of its creation and prohibits making any copies without permission of the copyright owner.

For more information about the BSLM, use this link to access the CAFB BSLM SharePoint site: <https://columbus.eis.aetc.af.mil/14msg/cs/SCO/scoo/bslm/default.aspx>.

For specific questions about the BSLM program call 434-2032.

# BARGAIN LINE

## Miscellaneous

*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](mailto: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.*

**For sale:** Two six months old car seats, \$60 for both. Dual stroller, \$40. Crib and changing table and dresser combo, \$200. Call 497-2175 for more information.

**For sale:** Black, wood dining room table with six chairs, \$175. Queen box, matt and rails \$150. Call 855-0332.

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

## Wanted

**Wanted:** New or used but in good condition Civil Air Patrol Class A Blues Jacket size 39 or 40 regular. Please call 574-0538.

## 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.

**Sell your item in Silverwings today!**

**For sale:** Three bedroom, two bath. 1,200 square feet. Central heating and air conditioning, hardwood, located in east Columbus. Call 549-1460.

## Table Talk

Nationally known and critically acclaimed Civil War historian Dr. John F. Marszalek closes out the Friends of the Library February speaker series with "Ulysses S. Grant Returns to Mississippi," a discussion of the Grant presidential papers now housed at Mississippi State University. 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 on 314 Seventh Street North.

For more information contact the library at 329-5300 or email [book.talk@hotmail.com](mailto:book.talk@hotmail.com).

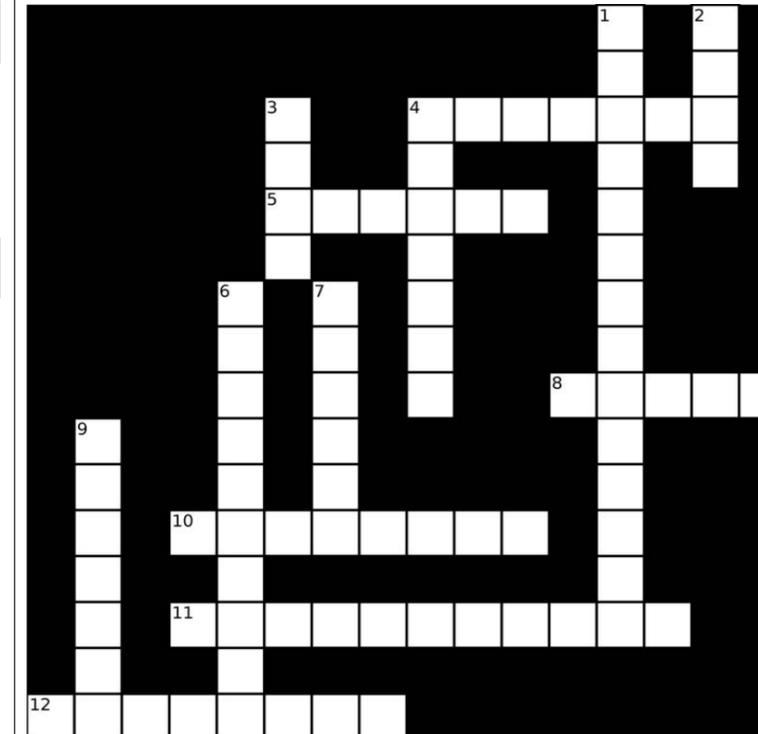
## Columbus-Lowndes Humane Society seeking volunteers

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.

# Black History Month



- 1 Down Famous group of African Americans who participated in air crew, ground crew and operations support training in the Army Air Corps during WWII.
- 2 Gave famous "I have a dream speech."
- 3 First president to enact Black History Month.
- 4 Jack \_\_\_\_\_ was the first African-American man to hold the World Heavyweight Champion boxing title.
- 6 The \_\_\_\_\_ Amendment abolished slavery in the U.S.
- 7 Famous agricultural researcher who developed over 300 products using peanuts.
- 9 Tuskegee Army Air Field was located in this state.

- 4 Across Dr. Mae \_\_\_\_\_ was the first African American woman to go into space, aboard the space shuttle Endeavor.
- 5 The Civil \_\_\_\_\_ Act of 1968 outlawed major forms of discrimination against blacks and women, including racial segregation.
- 8 Woman who refused to give up her seat, sparking the Montgomery Bus Boycott.
- 10 Black History Month is held each year in \_\_\_\_\_.
- 11 The \_\_\_\_\_ Railroad helped escaped slaves make their way to freedom.
- 12 Thurgood \_\_\_\_\_ was the first African American ever appointed to the United States Supreme Court.

## 14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, 71 TEAM BLAZE members are deployed worldwide. Remember to support the Airmen and their families while they are away.



## Base News

### Base Commissary Closed

Base Commissary will be closed on Feb. 22. For more information call 434-4212.

### 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: CSCCAFBB@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](http://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.

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

### Bundles of Joy with Military Saves

Feb. 22 from 1 p.m. to 3 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 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.

### East MS Job Fair

Job fair at East Mississippi Community College, Campus Mayhew. Mar. 10 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

### Pre-Separation Counseling (DD Form-2648)

Mandatory briefing for personnel separating or retiring. Briefing should be completed at least 90 days prior to separation and may be completed up to 12 months prior to separation or retirement. Counseling held daily at 8:30 a.m. and takes approximately 30 minutes.

## 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.

## Top AETC chaplain visits Team BLAZE

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

The Command Chaplain, Air Education and Training Command, visited Columbus Air Force Base Feb. 9-11 meeting with Team BLAZE members and offering the invocation at the Annual Awards Banquet.

Chaplain (Col.) Bobby Page met with Columbus AFB Airmen during his visit, which centered on meeting the 14th Flying Training Wing Chapel staff.

"It is a great privilege to get to come to Columbus AFB," Chaplain Page said. "I came here to be a part-time cheerleader, a part-time coach to cheer on this chaplain team that is taking care of Airmen and their families here.

And they are doing wonderful things."

The chaplain said coming here allows him to meet with Airmen and their families and help address their troubles and concerns.

While visiting Team BLAZE, Chaplain Page was able to meet with two groups of those Airmen, the most recent First Term Airman Center class and the AETC Key Spouse of the Year Perla Hopkins, and her husband, Capt. Bart Hopkins, 14th Operations Support Squadron Weather.

"It'd be fun to rewind the clock and trade places with (the FTAC students) and serve our country again," Chaplain Page said.

Chaplain Page said meeting with Mrs. Hopkins and the FTAC class were

two of the highlights of his visit here.

The chaplain also had words for those that might be facing trials or troubles in their lives.

"Every person has a dark day, a difficult time, sometime in their life," Chaplain Page said. "We were not meant to go through those times alone. There is a loving god who will go through those times with us. He helps us through the people around us, our wingmen.

"Some of their wingmen on this base is one of the great chaplains assigned here. I hope you let us chaplains be a wingman to you."

Chaplain Page also added that chaplains offer complete confidentiality when spoken to.

## Snow blows through CAFB



U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Bryan Franks  
**Snow falls across the front of the near complete 14th Flying Training Wing Headquarters Building here on Feb. 9, as the American flag flies freely in the night sky. Nearly two inches of snow fell during the night providing children of the base a "Snow Day" and the rest of Team BLAZE a chilly work day.**

## Trail BLAZE'r



**Name/unit:** Tech. Sgt. Brandy Mendiola, 14th Medical Group

**Job title:** Unit Training Manager

**Time at Columbus AFB:** 1 year, 11 months

**Time in Service:** 12 years, 11 months

**Hometown:** Orlando, Fla.

**Career goals:** Finish Degree in Criminal Justice with focus in Forensics

**Family members:** Husband Scott and Children Leah, Jade, Xander, and Phoenix

**Favorite musician:** Depends on my mood or what I am doing.

**Favorite movie:** The Goonies

**Biggest pet peeve:** People not picking up after themselves.

**Favorite book:** Anything written by Dean Koontz

**Inspirations:** My children, husband and my mother

**Personal motto:** "Your life is based off the decisions that you make."

# Some 300,000 maybe more (Inspired by Jason Gibbons)

**Chief Master Sgt. Richard Bullock**  
14th Medical Group Superintendent

We are coming to help, freed blacks once called slaves, Some 300,000 maybe more, From Mississippi's sweltering hot deltas, to Lake Erie's crystal blue shores;

We leave our plows and planted crops, our wives and children dear,

With hearts full of pride, and bloodshot eyes with dried tears;

We will not look behind us, "no sir" but steadfastly before,

We are coming, to support this unions fight to free slaves;

Some three hundred thousand maybe more.

If you look across the hilltops and valleys that greet the northern sky.

And follow the long moving lines of black soldiers,

As we march in formation, and shout our battle cry;

And now the wind blows our freedom, and dries the many tears we cannot hide,

And flows aloft our spangled flag in glory and gives us an unseen, heartfelt pride;

With bayonets in the sunlight gleam, and from the bands brave music pours,

We are coming, to free those

oppressed, some three hundred thousand maybe more.

We worked hard in these valleys, where the growing harvests once shined,

You now see us fighting bravely for the cause, ex-slaves fast forming into a military line;

And children from their mothers knees are pulling at the many overgrown weeds,

Learning how to reap and sow freedoms fields and supplying our union's growing needs;

And a farewell group of oppressed people, stands weeping at slave quarters and cottage doors,

For we have fought and died for their freedom's stake,

Some 300,000 maybe more.

You have called us and we're coming, to stop the rebel man's bloody tide,

To lay down for freedom's sake, our Yankee brother's bones we die beside;

Or from foul treason's savage groups, we attack the murderous blades,

And in the face of southern foes, shattered fragments to parade;

They all died for our emancipation, and for us to knock on freedoms door

We gave the union our support, some 300,000 maybe more.

**Free African American military history museum**

The African American military history museum will display a special exhibit "A Pilot Lights the Way" honoring our nation's first African American naval aviator and Hattiesburg native Jesse LeRoy Brown and other blacks in aviation through Feb. 26.

The African American military history museum is located at 305 East Sixth Street in Hattiesburg. Hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Admission is free. For details, call (601) 450-1942 or visit [www.HattiesburgUSO.com](http://www.HattiesburgUSO.com).



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Chase Hedrick  
**Air Education and Training Command Command Chief Master Sergeant speaks to the Columbus Air Force Base enlisted population in Kaye Auditorium during an enlisted call Feb. 11. Chief Cody used the call to converse directly with Airmen about their current thoughts.**

## AETC/CCC visits CAFB

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

Air Education and Training Command Command Chief Master Sgt. James Cody visited Columbus Air Force Base from Feb. 10 to Feb. 12.

During his stay he learned about CAFB, Team BLAZE, and gave out advice for taking care of fellow Airmen.

During that time he discussed building professional relationships and caring for Airmen as a mentor with the other Chiefs he said. He later shared his thoughts with the base's enlisted population.

"You have to get to know your Airmen," said Chief Cody. "Know what's important to them; knowing if they have kids, knowing how their spouse is doing, knowing what's going on in their life. That kind of stuff is important, it's fundamental, it's inspiring."

During the enlisted call the following morning he expanded on the thoughts with a technique to go beyond depending on casual greetings to understand an Airman's current state without causing a

highly uncomfortable situation. Taking the extra time to listen and find out what's going on in that Airmen's life.

"It's about 90 seconds, and that's a lifetime of silence," said Chief Cody. "So think about that next time you sit down with your Airmen."

Other topics at the call were introduced by attendees including concerns about end strength, training materials, and EPRs.

"The most important thing I can do for the command and for our Air Force is to hear what's on your mind and bring that back to the boss," he said.

Having heard from the Airmen Chief Cody said he went to see the rest of the base, receiving tours of the new child development center as well as the training facilities for 14th FTW security forces and the air traffic controllers.

"Base looks great! Lots of new things, lots of construction going on," he said. "There's a lot of effort to make improvements,"

"I'm very impressed with the dedication and the energy that the Airmen I've met here have towards getting the mission done and supporting the students here," Chief Cody concluded.

## Parents of suicide victim share story

**Wayne Crenshaw**  
78th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. — On May 3, 2010, Joie Gates' boss entered her office and abruptly ordered a co-worker she was chatting with to leave with him.

Three uniformed Air Force officers then entered the room and Ms. Gates knew she was about to get some bad news.

They told her that her only child, Airman Austin Gates-Benson, had died in Afghanistan of a self-inflicted gunshot wound. To hear the news he was dead was shocking enough, but to learn he had committed suicide left her in disbelief.

"I pulled the bottom of my shirt up over my head, wanting desperately to hide from his words, wanting to disappear," she said.

She and Fred Boenig, Airman Gates-Benson's father, traveled here Feb. 8 from Pennsylvania to share their experiences with their son's death to about 500 Airmen at the base theater. Most of the Airmen were members of the 5th Combat Communications Group, the parent organization of the unit to which Gates-Benson was assigned.

In a voice often shaky but never halting, Joie Gates urged the Airmen to consider the impact suicide has on others and seek help when they need it.

## Air Force officials warn: 'Spice' harmful to health, career

**Master Sgt. Amaani Lyle**  
Secretary of the Air Force  
Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — A recent spate of incidents involving service members abusing the herbal mixture "spice" has prompted uniformed service leaders to stress the ramifications of using the drug and other prohibited substances, officials said here Feb 11.

Marketed and sold as incense, and closely resembling potpourri, spice, also known as K2, skunk, or fake marijuana, is among many "designer drugs" banned under Department of Defense directive 1010-3.4 and Air Force Instruction 44-120.

Air Force officials recently updated AFI 44-120 (<http://www.e-publishing.af.mil/shared/media/epubs/AFI44-120.pdf>) and issued an updated guidance memorandum for AFI 44-121 (<http://www.e-publishing.af.mil/shared/media/epubs/AFI44-121.pdf>) revising the Military Drug Demand Reduction Program and Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment Program, respectively.

The revision prohibits the ingestion of any substance, other than alcohol or tobacco, for the purpose of altering mood or function. The possession of any intoxicating substance, if done with the intent to use in a manner that would alter mood or function, is also prohibited. The regulation also states that Airmen using spice could be found in violation of Article 92 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice, face dishonorable discharge, confinement for two years, and total forfeiture of all pay and allowances. Enlisted members also face reduction to the lowest enlisted grade.

"May 3, 2010, is the day that life as I knew it came forever to an end," she said. "Living it first hand is an endless ride of pain and confusion. There are no answers to my questions. There is no day you wake up and return to the way things were before your child dies by suicide."

Much has been said at Robins Air Force Base in the past couple of years about recognizing the warning signs of suicide, but by all accounts, Airman Gates-Benson displayed none of those.

He smiled so commonly that one fellow Airman compared him to a game-show host, said Lt. Col. Donald Cournoyer, the commander of the 54th Combat Communications Squadron.

He said Airman Gates-Benson was an outstanding Airman who worked hard, showed initiative and was thrilled to learn he was deploying to work with special operations troops.

"Throughout all of this, he never let anyone see anything other than that smile and that 'git-r-done' attitude," Colonel Cournoyer said. "He didn't open up to anyone."

Fred Boenig, a morning radio host, went on the air the day after he got the news. For two weeks, he choked back tears as he gave weather and traffic reports and talked about his son's death. His show became a lightning rod for people who had been impacted by suicide.

Air Force medical professionals assert the health risks associated with spice should also spur Airmen to avoid the drug since manufacturing of the substance is not closely controlled and its ingredients can be unknown and dangerous.

Published reports on the Drug Enforcement Agency (<http://www.justice.gov/dea/index.htm>) web site cite that spice contains HU-210 — a synthetic cannabinoid hundreds of times more potent than THC — or tetrahydrocannabinol, the main psychoactive substance in marijuana. DEA studies also showed spice to contain a high quantity of other synthetic chemicals, indicating a user may not realize what is being introduced into the body.

"The lack of body control and inability to make any logical decisions to include issues of health and safety could cause severe bodily harm or death," said Dr. Aaron Jacobs, Air Force drug testing program manager.

While the long-term effects of spice are currently unknown because of the its relative newness, Dr. Jacobs said the drug's impact on the body may be as severe as its known short-term effects.

"Spice can cause disorientation, vomiting, loss of motor control, hallucinations, an out-of-body feeling, rapid-heart rate and seizures," he said. "Some individuals report that the intense feelings are so troubling that they will never do spice again."

The NIDA website (<http://www.drugabuse.gov/info-facts/Spice.html>) also reports that in December 2010, the DEA issued a notice that it intends to ban five synthetic cannabinoids by placing them in Schedule I status under the Controlled Substances Act and expect to issue the final order shortly.

He recently mentioned on his show he was going to Robins AFB to talk to 500 Airmen.

"In that room, statistically there's one person who is going to die from suicide, and I don't know who that person is," he recalled telling his radio audience, "because if I did, I would go over to that person and say 'Talk to someone.'"

Joie Gates admitted she knew little about suicide on the day she got the news, but she went home that night and started reading about it, particularly the high rate among those in uniform. Three days later, she penned a letter to President Obama asking him to address the problem of suicides in the military.

"I will gather the greater forces of love and create a whirlwind to bring what is hidden to life," she wrote in the letter.

Ms. Gates' and Mr. Boenig's message also is going beyond their talk here. Their talk was videotaped and will be used by Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James A. Roy during his presentation Feb. 17 at the Air Force Association's Winter Symposium in Orlando .

Colonel Cournoyer ended the event by urging all Airmen in attendance to seek help if they need it.

"If you are considering suicide, reach out to someone," he said. "There are a lot of people who are there to listen and help you out, no matter what the problem is. It's the fight of your life."

*Editor's note: The National Suicide Prevention Hotline can be reached at 800-273-8255.*

## Air Force 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' repeal training detailed

**Maj. Joel Harper**  
Secretary of the Air Force  
Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — Air Force officials will soon begin training Airmen in anticipation of the repeal of the law and policy commonly known as "Don't Ask, Don't Tell."

The first tier of training will focus on Air Force experts responsible for implementing policy changes and personnel providing repeal-related services to Airmen.

This group includes several functional communities including chaplains, judge advocates and benefit counselors. This training explains guidance for implementing policy changes, and includes tools and information to help these experts answer Airmen's questions about the repeal.

The second tier will focus on Air Force leaders, and will

assist commanders, senior NCOs, and civilian supervisors in preparing for and implementing repeal. The final tier will train and prepare the broader force while reinforcing expectations of professional and personal conduct through engagement by experts and leaders at all levels. The training for all tiers will commence on the same date, and training will occur concurrently.

Repeal of the policy was set into motion Dec. 22, 2010, when the president signed legislation that set conditions that must be met prior to the repeal of title 10, United States Code, section 654, "Policy Concerning Homosexuality in the Armed Forces." The current law and policy remains in effect until 60 days after certification by the president, the secretary of defense, and the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

# Base families offered a variety of activities

## 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 and 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 Feb. 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 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.

**Last week's answer**

# Dollars and Sense:

## What do I do when I receive my new Citi Controlled Spend Account Card?

When members first receive your new Controlled Spend Account card, please call Citi at (877) 784-1407.

- Members will then need to:
1. Verify card receipt
  2. Create a custom Personal Identification Number
  3. Verify that your email and mailing address are accurate
  4. Read the cardholder agreement and frequently asked questions (mailed with the card)
  5. Check their profile in the Defense Travel System to ensure it was updated with the correct CSAC information.

Additional CSA information is available at the following location:

AF Portal > Life and Career > Money > Welcome to virtual Finance

**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.

# Curtains-up...The "Inspector General", a Comedy

**Lt. Col. Mike Kilbourn**  
Inspector General 14th Flying Training Wing

When I think about the anxiety associated with the inspector general, particularly with the Unit Compliance Inspection in my sights, I have to smile as thoughts of an old Russian play come to mind. The characters and general lack of compliance are nothing like our team here at Columbus. It just makes me chuckle to think what might happen without a clear mission, solid airman, and strong leadership.

The comedy, the "Inspector General" by Nikolai Gogol was originally written in 1835. The story takes place in a small town which is going to be visited by an Inspector general. From this little town "you may gallop in any direction for three years and yet arrive nowhere." How far away was Memphis again?

The local governor has instructed the city leaders to give him any news relating to the inspector general. However that night the governor has a bad dream. He believes there must be something in the dream, and so there is. The next morning, the governor receives a letter from a friend in St. Petersburg, announcing an inspector general is coming, and what is still worse is coming incognito.

Now, the governor advises the city leaders to put some order in their respective offices. The patients in the hospital walk around in linen so dirty you might take them for chimney sweeps. The chief magistrate, who is a passionate lover of sport, has his hunting apparel hanging in the court house, and his attendants have made a poultry yard of the entrance hall. In short, everything has to be put in order. Even the governor himself is very uncomfortable. Up to the present day he has freely levied taxes upon the merchants and pocketed the money des-

tinued for building a church.

In an attempt to do "self-inspection", he asks the postmaster to open just a little of the letters which may contain reports about the towns operating procedures. He instructs him to hold them until after the inspector general leaves. Of course, the postmaster does as ordered. He would have anyway; reading letters has always been his most interesting pastime.

There is a strange young man at the inn and gossip is everywhere because of it. He has been living there for two weeks, never paying a penny, and does not seem to want to leave. "What is his object in staying so long in town like ours?" The rumors and gossip grow until the governor concludes; he must be the incognito inspector general.

The stranger is simply a young man who is traveling to join his father. He has no money and cannot continue any farther. The young man is hungry and resorts to all sorts of tricks to bring the landlord to shelter and feed him. Just as he is finishing a fossil-like steak, the governor enters. The young man thinking the governor has come to arrest him, and the governor thinking he is speaking to the inspector general who is trying to conceal his identity. The governor offers to remove the young man to a comfortable place. "No, thank you, I have no intent to go to a jail," sharply retorts the young man. It is not jail but rather his own house the governor takes the supposed inspector, and now an easy life begins for the adventurer. The city leaders appear in turn to introduce themselves, and everyone is all too happy to give him a bribe.

The merchants come to file complaints and ask for protection from the governor; even the widow who was flogged comes to lodge a complaint. In the meantime the young man courts

and proposes marriage to the governor's daughter. Having gone so far and afraid of being caught, the young man, now with plenty of money, hurries to leave town on the ruse of going to see an uncle, claiming to be back in a couple of days.

The governor is delighted. His excellency, the inspector general is going to marry the governor's daughter! He and his wife are already making plans. They will move to St. Petersburg, and the governor will soon be a general! The happy news spreads through the town. The city leaders and town folk, race to offer their congratulations to the governor. There is a great gathering at the governor's house. Then, the postmaster arrives, (of course he has followed the direction of the Governor) and has opened a letter which the supposed inspector general had addressed to somebody at St. Petersburg. The governor realizes the young man is no inspector at all but actually just a traveler from St. Petersburg out of money and on his way to see his father.

The scene is chaotic. The governor and his party guests are frantic and all are accusing each other. It is just then, an officer enters the room and announces in a loud voice:

"The inspector general from St. Petersburg, with imperial orders, wants to see you all immediately. He stays at the hotel."

And the curtain drops...the end.

Although the location might seem similar to some, the leadership and town folk are nothing compared to team BLAZE. We are a world-class organization at achieving our mission to Produce Pilots, Advance Airmen and Feed the Fight. We are strong, and we are ready. For me, the inspector general of Columbus Air Force Base, I say...bring those inspectors incognito or otherwise. I am ready...are you?

# Leaving a lasting impression

**Capt. Sheryll Klinkel**  
8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

KUNSAN AIR BASE, South Korea — As service members, we can meet hundreds, if not thousands, of people throughout a career. Some of the people you will meet will leave lasting impressions that will influence and guide you professionally and personally. Perhaps it is a commander, a first sergeant, a supervisor or a strong NCO. For me, one person was a senior NCO, who was also my father.

He was your typical sergeant major — short-tempered, brutally honest and stern. He was the type to lead from the front; he always set the example for his troops. He gloated about running faster than his youngest Soldiers during physical training, not to make them feel bad, but to motivate them to try harder.

My dad wasn't perfect, and he definitely had weaknesses, but he was fully aware of them. He had a good sense of humor, and he joked that he wasn't smart enough to join the

Air Force. Or he would laugh about how his friends had to carry him to finish PT because he was so out of shape when he was in boot camp.

Because he knew his weaknesses, he developed a positive attitude that allowed him to transform his weaknesses into strengths. It took a lot of hard work, time and dedication, but he always set out to improve himself. He eventually earned his bachelor's degree, a black belt in Karate, and he ran every day for fun.

Even after his retirement, my dad's positive attitude continued. In September 2009, my whole family was shocked with the news that he was diagnosed with stage-four pancreatic cancer. With his attitude, he was determined to beat the disease, so he did what he knew and he fought. He fought his doctors, who said he would only have six months to live. He fought TRICARE, who said he had to get treatment locally. Within two months, he relocated with my mother to Houston, to receive treatment

from one of the world's top-rated cancer treatment centers.

An aggressive combination of radiation and chemotherapy was prescribed to him on a weekly basis. The first few sessions were surprising, as he did not react like most patients.

"It's his attitude — he's a fighter," said his nurse and doctor.

Then things turned for the worse, and his treatment stopped working. The doctors began trying other options, different types of medication and different doses, but his body was getting weaker and he was reacting harshly to the therapy.

Gradually, his trips to the emergency room extended into longer stays so the doctors could monitor him more closely. Almost every weekend, I drove to visit him in the hospital and he continued to keep his positive attitude. He joked about the gross hospital food and he pestered me to deploy to Afghanistan to do my part. Despite his good mood, his body was slowly giving up as he started to drift in and out of consciousness regularly.

My father passed away June 17, 2010. It was his example that motivated me to go to

apply for scholarships, go to college and join the Air Force. When I was unsatisfied with my job, it was my dad who encouraged me to stay in the military, to try something new, volunteer for different jobs and eventually cross-train. Even though I was hesitant to go on my first deployment, he said it would be a good experience and it would make me a better officer and leader.

Even in death, my father continues to influence me by the examples he set during his military career and through his battle against cancer. I continue to challenge myself professionally, mentally and physically. There are a lot of things in life we cannot control, but one thing we can control is our attitude, and that's probably the most important lesson my dad shared with others and me.

Now, think about those people who have influenced your life and what you have learned from them. More importantly, think about how you might impact someone else. Even in a one-year remote tour at Kunsan AB, we all have the ability to make someone or something better, or worse. What kind of lasting impressions do you want to leave?



T-1A Jayhawk

# SUPT Class 11-05 earns silver wings



T-38C Talon



**2nd Lt. Craig Hyatt**  
Peachtree City, Ga.  
C-21, Ramstein AB, Germany



**1st Lt. Samuel Jean-Pierre**  
Panama, Panama  
EMB-314,



**2nd Lt. Nicholaus Bente**  
Setauket, N.Y.  
C-17, Dover AFB, Del.

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

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 11-05 graduates at 10 a.m. today during a ceremony at the Kaye Auditorium.

The graduation speaker for the class is Brig. Gen. Jay B. Silveria, Inspector General, Headquarters, Langley Air Force Base, Va. He leads more than 160 experts responsible for conducting more than 75 inspections annually. By spearheading both a rigorous inspection schedule and an open-complaint resolution process, General Silveria ensures combat readiness, regulatory compliance, and complaint oversight for more than 190 active and gained units and more than 150,000 Airmen.

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

Second Lt. Matthew Dickson, T-38, and 2nd Lt. Christopher Cahill, T-1, received the Air Education and Training Command Commander's Trophy for being the most outstanding students overall in their classes.

The Air Force Association Award was presented 2nd Lt. Jonathan Poyser, T-38, and 2nd Lt. Nicolas Dilmore, T-1. The award is presented to a graduate in each flight who excelled in training and typified the tenets of the association — promoting aerospace power and a strong national defense.

Lieutenant Dickson and Lieutenant Cahill were named the distinguished graduates of SUPT Class 11-05.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Each class is partnered with several business or civic organizations during their year of training. This program is designed to foster closer ties between the community and Columbus Air Force Base. Today, each student will be given a set of pilot wings with their names engraved on the back as a token of good luck from their partners. SUPT Class 11-05's pilot partners are Cathy Griffith, American Power Source, Quinn Brislin, Brislin Inc., Daniel Pezold and Dawn Clarke, Duro Industries.



**2nd Lt. Nicolas Dilmore**  
Mendenhall, Miss.  
C-17, Jackson, Miss.



**2nd Lt. Robert Jurgensmeier**  
Hiawatha, Kan.  
KC-135, MacDill AFB, Fla.



**2nd Lt. James Miltenberg**  
South Salem, N.Y.  
C-130, Cheyenne



**2nd Lt. Brett Bell**  
Rolla, Mo.  
E-3, Tinker AFB, Okla.



**2nd Lt. Samuel Bexten**  
Westphalia, Mo.  
T-1, Columbus AFB, Miss.



**2nd Lt. Jesse Brown**  
Tulsa, Okla.  
E-3, Tinker AFB, Okla.



**2nd Lt. Christopher Cahill**  
Bristol, Conn.  
C-5, Dover AFB, Del.



**2nd Lt. Matthew Dickson**  
Plattsburgh, N.Y.  
F-16, Luke AFB, Ariz.



**2nd Lt. Melissa Evans**  
Elk Grove, Ill.  
KC-135, March AFB, Calif.



**2nd Lt. Justin Miller**  
Parker, Colo.  
F-15E, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.



**2nd Lt. Rudy Montaegut**  
Miami, Fla.  
B-52, Barksdale AFB, La.



**2nd Lt. Sebastian Ortiz**  
Columbia, Pa.  
C-17, Hickam AFB, Hawaii



**2nd Lt. Erik Svendsen**  
Mt. Pleasant, S.C.  
C-130, Yokota AB, Japan



**2nd Lt. Zachary Wallace**  
Cincinnati, Ohio  
F-15C, JRB New Orleans, La.



**2nd Lt. Simon Brackett**  
Westbrook, Maine  
U-28, Hurlburt Field, Fla.



**2nd Lt. Jennifer Byrne**  
Algonquin, Ill.  
C-17, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio



**2nd Lt. Joshua Caltagirone-Holzli**  
Orlando, Fla.  
NSA, Cannon AFB, N.M.



**2nd Lt. Jonathan Poyser**  
Prescott, Ariz.  
T-6, Columbus AFB, Miss.



**1st Lt. James Bako**  
Jos, Nigeria  
L-39, Nigeria



**2nd Lt. Benjamin Walker**  
Indianapolis, Ind.  
C-130J, Little Rock AFB, Ark.