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Weather



Today

High: 74, Low: 47
AM Showers



Saturday

High: 74, Low: 48
Sunny



Sunday

High: 81, Low: 65
Mostly Sunny



Monday

High: 87, Low: 55
Scattered T-Storms

News Briefs

Annual Prayer Breakfast

This year's Annual Prayer Breakfast will begin at 7:30 a.m. at Columbus Club. The guests speaker for the event will be the 14th Flying Training Wing's own Maj. Leslie Janovec. Tickets may be purchased from your group First Sergeant for \$3.

Class 11-15 Track Select

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 11-15 will hold their Track Select at 5 p.m. tonight at the Columbus Club.

Daedalians Golf Tournament

A four person 18 hole golf tournament supporting the Daedalians Scholarship Fund will take place April 9. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. Prize funding, cart, green fees and catered Hank's Barbeque will be covered by the \$40 charge.



U.S. Air Force photo/2nd Lt. Sara Greco
Kristen Fluker, wife of Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training student 2nd Lt. Kyle Fluker shows tourists a piece of the original carpet of the White Hall Antebellum home on March 30. Mrs. Fluker is one of 101 volunteers from Columbus Air Force Base who are working behind and on the scenes to help make sure the 71st Annual Spring Pilgrimage is a success.

Columbus Pilgrimage begins

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

The local Columbus Cultural Heritage Foundation's 71st Annual Spring Pilgrimage is here and there's a lot to do.

The two-week long event lasting

until April 9 features much of Columbus's rich local history with special events and tours of historic homes and gardens.

Information about all the events can be found by visiting www.columbus-ms.org, the Tennessee Williams Welcome Center, located at 300 Main Street, or by calling 328-0222.

Green, Blue, Yellow and Orange Tours feature a collective eleven historic homes that are available both in the morning from 9 a.m. to noon and the afternoon from 2 to 5 p.m. Each home tour is guided by volunteers in clothing that fits the house's time period. Tickets for the tours are available at the

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Women's History Month recap is this week's feature.

COLUMBUS AFB TRAINING TIMELINE

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37th (12-01)	5.04 days	0.69 days	Apr. 25	48th (11-07)	6.00 days	2.79 days	Apr. 8	49th (10-FB)	-1.81 days	1.16 days	Apr. 11	T-6	2,823	3,108	15,650
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												IFF	261	211	1,144

The graduation speaker is Brig. Gen. Paul H. McGillcuddy, 9th Reconnaissance Wing, Beale Air Force Base, Calif.

PILGRIMAGE

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Tennessee Williams Welcome Center for \$18 dollars for Adults, \$10 for Students and \$16 for Senior Citizens and Military with a 10 percent discount for group tours of 20 or more.

Green Tours: White Arches, Colonnade Garden and Twelve Gables. Available April 1, from 2 to 5 p.m. April 4, from 9 a.m. to noon. April 6, from 2 to 5 p.m. April 8, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Blue Tours: Bryn Bella and Waverly Mansion home and gardens. Available April 2, from 2 to 5 p.m. April 4, from 2 to 5 p.m. April 6, from 9 a.m. to noon. April 8, from 2 to 5 p.m.

Yellow Tours: Rosedale home and Rosewood Manor. Available April 2, from 9 a.m. to noon. April 5, from 2 to 5 p.m. April 7, from 9 a.m. to noon. April 9, from 2 to 5 p.m.

Orange Tours: Amzi Love home and gardens, Stephen D. Lee home and Whitehall. Available April 1, from 9 a.m. to noon. April 3, from 2 to 5 p.m. April 5, from 9 a.m. to noon. April 7, from 2 to 5 p.m. April 9, from 9 a.m. to noon.

The Columbus Pilgrimage Candlelight tour features Temple

Heights and the Tennessee Williams Home during the evening hours of 7 to 10 p.m. The tour will be available April 2, 5, 7 and 9.

Tours of local historic churches will also be available. The Annunciation Catholic Church and St. Paul's Episcopal Church will be open April 2 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and April 3 from 1 to 5 p.m. First Baptist Church tours will take place April 9 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The award winning Tales from the Crypt tour, put together by history students from the Columbus-based Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science, features vignette performances of local historical figures of the Columbus and Mississippi. The tour takes place at Friendship Cemetery, 4th Street South. Tour organizers ask that attendees arrive no later than 9 p.m. Tickets are \$2 for students and \$4 for adults and will take place April 1, from 7 to 10 p.m. April 4, from 7 to 10 p.m. April 6, from 7 to 10 p.m. April 8, from 7 to 10 p.m.

Lots of other single day events throughout the pilgrimage will take place, and listings for all of them plus additional services during the pilgrimage can be found at www.columbus.ms.org.

Security and policy review

Did you know that as a military member you must coordinate all information relating to speeches, presentations, Academic papers, multimedia visual information materials and information proposed for release to a publicly accessible Worldwide Website with exception of Air Force publications through the 14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs Office? For more information contact the 14th FTW/PA at 434-7068.

<u>Mon</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Thur</u>	<u>Fri</u>	<u>Sat/Sun</u>
4	5 Annual Prayer Breakfast, 7:30 a.m. @ Club	6	7	8 Class 11-07 Graduation, 10 a.m. @ Kaye Grilling on the River April 8, 4 p.m. - 11 p.m. @ Riverwalk	9/10 April 9: Daedalians Golf Tournament, 8:30 a.m. @ Golf Course Grilling on the River April 9, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. @ Riverwalk
11 IFF Graduation, 4:45 p.m. @ 49th FTS	12 First Shirt Golf Tournament, Noon - 4 p.m. @ Golf Course	13	14	15 Class 11-08 Assignment Night, 5 p.m. @ Club	16/17 April 16: Spring Fling, 9 a.m. @ Freedom Park

<u>Long Range Events</u>
April 18: Tax Day
April 18: Wing Retreat
April 19: Newcomers
April 19: CSC Dinner Social
April 22: Earth Day
April 24: Easter Brunch
April 25: Class 12-01 Track Select
April 26: Wing Quarterly Awards
April 28: BCC Luncheon
April 28: Enlisted Promotions
April 29: Class 11-08 Graduation
April 29: Happy Fund Golf Tournament

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BLAZE 56 pulls together junior, senior enlisted members

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

Junior and senior enlisted Airmen got together to hit the bowling lanes March 24 at the Strike Zone Lanes.

Junior Enlisted Airman bowled for free with chief master sergeants and first sergeants from across the wing in a gathering set up by the BLAZE 56 to let the Airmen talk and ask each other questions in a relaxed environment.

"It's a really good opportunity for Airmen to see chiefs and first sergeants in an informal setting to let them know they're human too, while having fun," said Tech. Sgt. Renee Olviel, president of the BLAZE 56.

Chief Master Sgt. Zefrem Smith, 14th Flying Training Wing command chief, said he was very

pleased with the support both commanders and supervisors gave by allowing their Airmen to attend the event.

"I really hope Airmen go back to their supervisors and thank them for letting them come out," said Chief Smith.

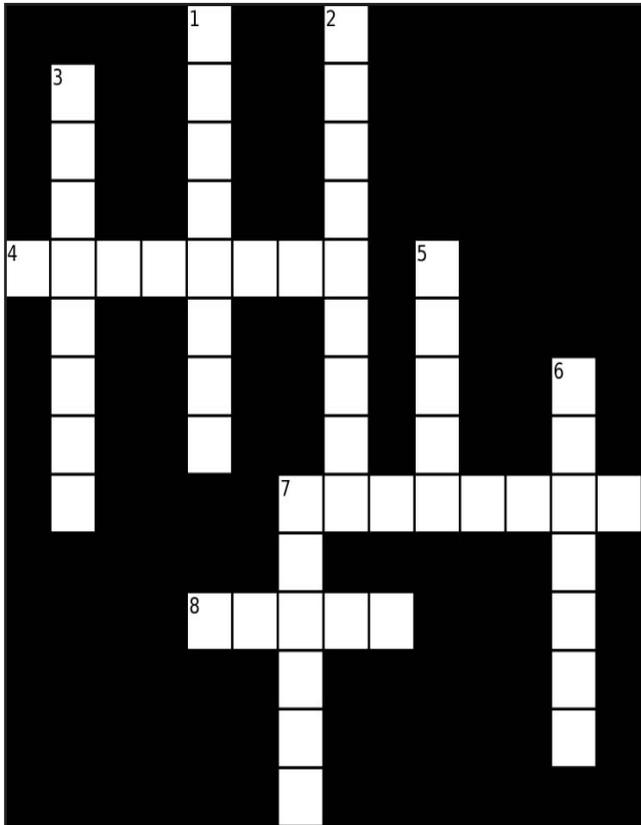
The event, which BLAZE 56 had been planning since last year, finally reached fruition once mission requirements allowed said Sergeant Olviel. The professional organization persevered through a combination of inspections, organizers deploying, and changes of leadership to pull off the event.

"I'm hoping this will be one of many events where we can get together and celebrate on another as an enlisted force," said Chief Smith. "For once I wasn't really thinking a whole lot about command chief stuff, I was just thinking about enjoying my fellow airmen and that's good."



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Chase Hedrick
Junior Enlisted Airmen, chief master sergeants and first sergeants suit up to take down pins at the Strike Zone Lanes March 24. The gathering was organized by the BLAZE 56 to help advance airmen in an informal setting.

Women's History Crossword



See answer for last week on page 5

- Down**
- 1 Army Gen. Ann _____, the first female four-star general in the United States military.
 - 2 Eleanor _____ Chairperson of the President's Commission on the Status of Women from 1961 until 1963.
 - 3 A landmark in Washington, D.C. Women _____ In Service for America Memorial.
 - 5 Marie _____ is the only woman to have won two Nobel Prizes.
 - 6 Molly _____ gained her nickname by bringing water to the hot and thirsty soldiers.
 - 7 The _____ Falls Convention of 1948 was considered a major turning point in women's rights.
- Across**
- 4 WASP: Women's _____ Service Pilots.
 - 7 Women's History Month 2011: Our History is our _____.
 - 8 Dr. Mary Edwards Walker recieved the medal of _____ for her actions during the civil war.

Trail BLAZE'r



Name/unit: 1st Lt. Joel Kliever, 48th Flying Training Squadron

Job title: T-1 Instructor Pilot, Flight Standards and Evaluation

Monitor

Time at Columbus AFB: Two and a half years

Time in Service: Two and a half years

Hometown: Henderson, Neb.

Career goals: Become an operational squadron commander.

Family members: Wife, Kelly.

Favorite musician: Pat Green.

Favorite movie: What Happens in Vegas

Biggest pet peeve: Tupperware.

Favorite Author: Nelson DeMille.

Inspirations: Dave Elkins.

Personal motto: "Do work son!"

WWII double ace speaks at Daedalians Dinner



U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Jacob Corbin

Capt. Alwin Max Juchhiem, a WWII fighter double ace, speaks at his induction into the Order of Daedalians at a Daedalians dinner in the Columbus Club March 24. Captain Juchhiem spoke on his time fighting in WWII and about his captivity after being taken prisoner by the German army.

Commander's Action Line

434-7058

The Commander's Action Line is your direct line to the commander for comments and suggestions on how to make Columbus AFB a better place. Although the Commander's Action Line is always available, the best way to resolve problems is through the chain-of-command.

The Commander's Action Line phone number is 434-7058. Callers should leave their name and phone number to receive an answer. All names will be kept confidential. Message may be answered in the Silver Wings without names.

Written questions may also be brought to the PA office in the MSG building, Bldg. 730, suite 186. Questions and answers may be edited for brevity and style.



Dollars and \$ense: Changes to US Government Rental Car Program

Source: Defense Travel Dispatch, Vol III, Issue 4, Winter 2011

The U.S. Government Rental Car Agreement has recently been updated with significant input from both government agencies and participating rental car companies. Defense Travel Management Office manages the U.S. Government Rental Car Program for the Federal Government, and administers the program through an agreement that outlines the terms and conditions of the program. U.S. Rental Car Agreement Number Four governs the rental of vehicles by military members, employees of the Federal Government, and employees of the United States Postal Service when a vehicle is authorized while in official travel status. Federal employees can and should secure government rates under the Agreement by making reservations through their Commercial Travel Office, Defense Travel System, Travel Management Center, E-Gov Travel Service, rental car company website, toll free numbers or walk-up services.

The updated Agreement has some key changes and provides clarification on additional terms and conditions.

Here's what you need to know:

- Government personnel on official travel are responsible for ensuring the government rate and the Government Administrative Rate Supplement are charged for all rental car transactions. Both should be charged to the rental.
- A mandatory GARS fee of \$5 per day will be charged during use of the rental vehicle. The GARS fee is intended to cover those costs incurred by the rental car company which are unique to doing business with the Government.
- Official Government Travel Charge Cards and travel authorization or orders do not guar-

antee that government travelers are covered under the terms and conditions of the Agreement, unless the government rate is booked and GARS is charged.

- Government rates for hybrid vehicles are available.
- Ceiling rates have been established for extra hour and extra day charges.
- Pre-charging for fuel is prohibited.
- Damage and accident charges are prohibited from being placed on a traveler's Government Travel Charge Card.
- Collision Damage Waivers, Loss Damage Waivers and Liability coverage are provided for personal injury, wrongful death and property damage; however some non-U.S. locations may require renters to purchase mandatory insurance due to local laws.

In most cases, when a vehicle is rented under the terms of the U.S. Government Rental Car Agreement, neither the Government nor the government renter will be responsible for loss or damage to a rental vehicle. There are fourteen exceptions listed on pages nine and ten of the Agreement for which the rental car company will not be responsible for such costs.

To review the Rental Car Agreement, visit: <http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/Docs/CarRentalAgreement.pdf>.

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.

14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, 72 TEAM BLAZE members are deployed worldwide. Remember to support the Airmen and their families while they are away.



Sniffing out the enemy



Courtesy photo

Staff Sgt. Benjamin Lafoon, 14th Security Forces Squadron, and military working dog Iva, currently deployed with the 455 Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron K-9, search a vehicle at the main gate at an overseas location.

The Eagle Eyes program

The Eagle Eyes program is an Air Force anti-terrorism initiative that enlists the eyes and ears of Air Force members and citizens in the war on terror. Eagle eyes teaches people about the typical activities terrorists engage in to plan their attacks. Armed with this information, anyone can recognize elements of potential terror planning when they see it. Team BLAZE members and their families are encouraged to learn the categories of suspicious behavior and stay attuned to their surroundings. If you observe something suspicious call OSI at 434-2852 or Security Forces at 434-717128.



AROUND TOWN

Grilling on the River

Come enjoy a good time at this family friendly event along the Riverwalk April 8 from 4 p.m. to 11 p.m. and April 9 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Rubens Fish and Steak House. More than 60 teams are expected to participate in this year's Kansas City Barbeque Society-sanctioned Magnolia State BBQ Championship and Food Fair. All proceeds benefit the Columbus-Lowndes Humane Society

Noon Tunes

Come enjoy music by Two Jazzy at the Tennessee Williams Welcome Center April 7 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Event is free and open to the public with lunch for purchase from local downtown restaurants.

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.

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 rent: Tombigbee river home. Three bedrooms, four and a half bathrooms and bonus room. 2,350 sqft, new front and rear deck, two car garage, two car port, fenced in on one acre with a floating dock on 50 yards of water. Available August 1st. \$1,500 or

Transportation

best offer. Call (808) 221-2005.

For sale: 1997 Volkswagen Jetta GL, green, 104,000 miles, runs strong, great mileage, needs a little work. Asking \$1,000 or best offer. Call (662) 630-0001 for more info.

For sale: 2008 Honda CBR1000RR. Over \$22,000 invested. Full exhaust, ohlins suspension, carbon rims. \$10,500 or best offer. Call (808) 221-2005.

Miscellaneous

For sale: Antique full size bed and dresser, \$500 for both. Glass coffee table and two matching end tables,

\$125. Computer Desk, \$100. Toro Leaf Blower, \$45. Weed Eater, \$10. All negotiable! Please call (703) 501-3275.

For sale: Twenty plus Scentsy warmers, wax, and buddies. Prices up to \$30. Call 549-1381.

For sale: 12" Thomas the Train Engine bike, \$35. 27" TV, \$25. Red lounge chair, \$50. Kids picnic table, \$75. Outdoor patio table, chairs and umbrella, \$65. Closed DVD holder, \$25. Kids booster seat for bike, \$25. China hutch, \$15. Contact (660) 233-3235.

Pets

Free: Six month old white lab mix. (662) 364-0081.

Yard Sales

Yard sale: April 2 at 6 a.m. at The Point Church on 18th Avenue behind the Rite Aid. Proceeds benefit missions for Christian Motorcyclist Association. For more information, Call (662) 574-0538.

Found

Found: A used black and white 35 mm roll of film container. 27 exposure, ISO 800, film for color or prints. Found on the sidewalk on State Loop Road by Alabama Road. Contact 434-7068 for more information.

Sell your item today!

Airmen fight fires before they start

Staff Sgt. R. Michael Longoria
9th Air and Space Expeditionary Task Force
- Iraq Public Affairs

ALI AIR BASE, Iraq — There are few things as heroic as fighting fires and saving lives except sharing the knowledge to prevent a fire from even starting in the first place. While a majority of Air Force firefighters stand ready to fight the blaze, a select few are trying their best to keep them out of work.

Staff Sgt. Horace Conney, the 407th Expeditionary Operation Support Squadron public education officer and fire inspector, and his team are spending their deployment educating the 15,000 occupants on Ali Air Base, Iraq, about fire safety and fire prevention.

"We train to fight fires but getting everyone home safe at the end of the day is the only thing that matters," Conney said. "Our number one objective is life safety. We don't want anyone getting hurt, and we will do whatever it takes to make that happen."

Safety starts with prevention, so the team inspects facilities on the base looking for fire and electrical hazards.

"There is always a fire hazard," said Tech. Sgt. Zachary Townsend, a 407th EOSS fire inspector. "We just try to mitigate the potential for a fire to start."

The team ensures all facilities on base are up to standards.

"We have a really good inspection team," said Chief Master Sgt. Michael Amacker, the 407th EOSS

fire chief. "They go through and make sure things are in compliance and up to code. They identify and fix hazards to make things as safe as possible."

Improving the safety of the environment for other firefighters in case a fire does start is extremely important to the inspection team.

"I feel great because in case there is a fire, I know my guys can go in there and it's as safe as it possibly can be," Conney said. "There won't be any added hazards because someone stored flammable liquids outside of a fire locker."

With such a large area of responsibility and not enough manpower to check every building on base, the team educates the public and trains fire wardens to check their facilities and living areas. Once trained, fire wardens are delegated fire inspection authority for their assigned areas.

"We try to get 100 percent notification across Ali Air Base on fire prevention," Conney said. "We educate them on various electrical hazards they may find in their facilities or inside their rooms and how to properly use a fire extinguisher."

Electrical hazards are the cause of most fires in Iraq because people use the wrong adapters and power converters.

"A lot of people don't realize they have an electrical problem," Conney said. "They don't know they are doing something wrong until they get educated on how to do it correctly."

McGillicuddy to speak at Class 11-07 graduation

The commander, 9th Reconnaissance Wing, Beale Air Force Base, Calif., will be the guest speaker at the graduation ceremony for Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 11-07 at 10 a.m. April 8 in the Kaye Auditorium.

Brig. Gen. Paul H. McGillicuddy, a graduate of Columbus AFB, Miss., pilot training himself, is responsible for approximately 7,000 military, civilian and contractor personnel. He is also responsible for the Air Force's entire high-altitude reconnaissance fleet composed of three U-2 squadrons; a Global Hawk remotely piloted aircraft squadron, four groups and five overseas operating locations.

General McGillicuddy develops and executes worldwide reconnaissance missions with an annual flying allocation of more than 22,000 hours.

General McGillicuddy was commissioned in 1984 after graduating from the U.S. Air Force Academy. He has served as an instructor pilot in the 37th Flying Training Squadron here, and evaluator pilot, flight commander, and inspector general at other assignments. He has commanded a fighter squadron and an air base wing.

His staff duties include tours at Headquarters U.S. Air Forces in Europe, Headquarters U.S. Air Force and with the Operations Directorate on the Joint Staff. Prior to his current assignment, he was Chief, Program Integration Division, Deputy Chief of Staff for Strategic Plans and Programs, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.

The general is a command pilot with more than 3,400 hours in the F-16, F-111, U-2, RQ-4, AT-38, T-38 and T-37, with 28 combat sorties in support of Operation Desert Storm.



Study makes suicide-prevention program recommendations

Donna Miles
American Forces Press Service

HAMPTON, Va. — A new study commissioned by the Defense Department affirms many of the suicide-prevention efforts being made within DOD and the military services and recommends ways to strengthen them.

In preparing "The War Within: Suicide Prevention in the U.S. Military," the Rand National Defense Research Institute examined data on military suicides, identified what scientific literature and leaders in the field consider the best prevention strategies and recommended ways to ensure existing programs reflect the state of the art, officials said.

The study's findings track closely with those in the Defense Department's own DOD Suicide Task Force Report, Barnes told military health care professionals attending the first Armed Forces Public Health Conference held here this week.

The study, written for health policy

officials and suicide-prevention program managers, recognized critical factors in a comprehensive prevention program. These include:

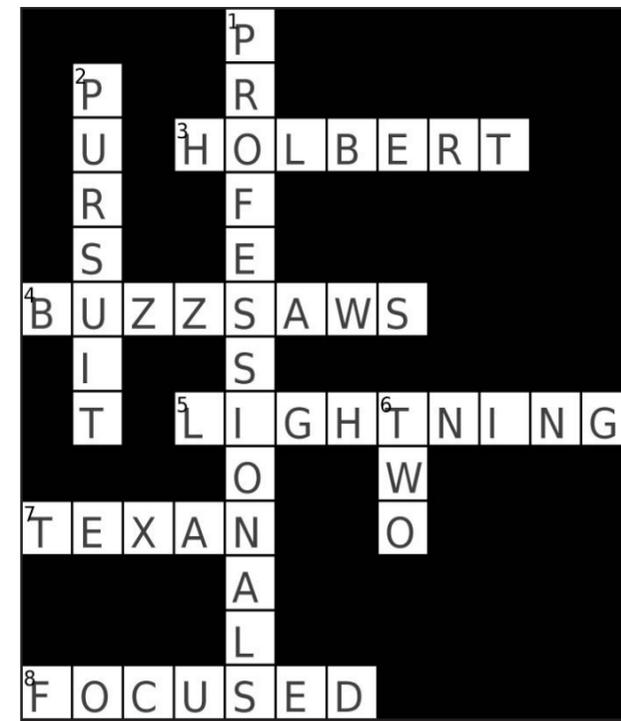
- Raising awareness and promoting self-care;
- Identifying people at high risk, including screening for mental health problems;
- Eliminating actual or perceived barriers to quality behavioral health care;
- Providing high-quality mental health treatment and specific interventions focused on suicide when needed;
- Restricting access to firearms and other lethal means, with attention to how lethal medications are packaged and how door hinges and shower rods are constructed; and
- Responding appropriately when suicides occur.

Evaluating the Defense Department's suicide prevention programs, the study cited the potential benefit of a new DOD-wide surveillance program being

used to track suicides and suicide attempts. The DOD Suicide Event Report replaced each service's individual suicide-reporting system.

Rand also called for an evaluation of existing suicide prevention programs, along with a requirement that any new initiatives include an evaluation plan. Barnes acknowledged the challenge of assessing programs' effectiveness, but called closer collaboration and information sharing across the Defense Department and services a positive step toward sharing best practices and determining what works.

The Rand study recognizes most military suicide-prevention programs' focus on raising awareness, including telling people where to get help and helping them recognize peers in distress. However, it emphasizes the importance of also teaching military members how to recognize their own problems and refer themselves if needed to a behavioral health professional or chaplain.



Air Force community assessment ends soon

SAN ANTONIO — There is still time to participate in the 2011 Air Force Community Assessment.

Officials are extending the opportunity to participate in the 2011 Air Force Community Assessment through April 3, and are encouraging members who were selected to take the anonymous survey to complete it prior to the end date.

The survey covers topics including personal and family adjustment, individual and family adaptation, community well-being, deployment, resiliency, post-traumatic stress and help-seeking stigma.

The survey is designed to assist helping professionals working in chaplains' offices, Airman and Family Readiness centers, family advocacy programs, health and wellness centers, mental health clinics and child and youth programs to better meet the needs of service members and their families.

Those selected to take the survey are receiving e-mail invitations to participate. Spouses were mailed a postcard. The official secure notice is being sent from the consulting firm ICF International and is addressed from AFCASurvey@icfi.com.

The survey takes approximately 30 to 45 minutes to complete.

For more information on the survey, call 800-506-0098 or e-mail afcasurvey@icfi.com.

(Courtesy of Air Force Personnel, Services and Manpower Public Affairs)

Air Force offers additional undergraduate flying training board opportunity

Lt. Col. Ann Stefanek
Secretary of the Air Force
Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — Air Force leaders expanded an opportunity for active duty junior and mid-grade officers to cross-flow into one of many rated AFSCs with the announcement of an additional undergraduate flying training board.

The board is scheduled to be held in July at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas.

Greater opportunities exist for active duty Air Force officers to be selected for undergraduate flying training, said Maj. Eric Weber, the chief of rated force policy — mobility forces.

"Although the Air Force currently has more officers serving than it is authorized, shortages exist in certain critical skills to include some rated specialties," Major Weber said. "For that reason, the Air Force will conduct two undergraduate flying training boards

this fiscal year. A second board will allow the Air Force to select additional personnel to cross-flow into rated specialties, using the undergraduate flying training board process, which is critical to helping the Air Force balance requirements between Air Force specialties."

According to Major Weber, opportunities will be available in several rated specialties, but requirements in the remotely piloted aircraft career field in particular are increasing because of growing operational demands.

"The insatiable demand for RPA capabilities continues to grow, resulting in increased opportunities to cross-flow into the RPA pilot career field," said Maj. Casey Tidgewell, the RPA specialty manager.

Application requirements include flying-class physicals and aptitude testing similar to previous years' boards, but Air Force officials noted that medical

requirements have changed due to new RPA pilot eligibility criteria and applicants should not be discouraged to apply if they require an exception to policy for age and/or service dates, officials said.

Prior to Air Force Personnel Center officials releasing the board announcement message, officials urge officers to begin building application packages early to avoid delays in testing and medical examinations.

"We're seeking the best and the brightest to strategically re-balance the officer corps and meet rated growth requirements for the Air Force and our combatant commanders," Major Weber said. "The doors are open for applicants to pursue rated career opportunities through undergraduate flying training."

For more information, call the special flying programs section at DSN 665-2330 or commercial at 210-565-2330.

Recovery Coordination Program."

Campbell will present the report to the Wounded, Ill and Injured Senior Oversight Committee, co-chaired by the deputy secretaries of defense and veterans affairs.

The Defense Department Recovery Coordination Program helps seriously wounded, ill or injured service members and their families understand and make use of the large number of unfamiliar programs and benefits that become available to assist them. It assigns recovery care coordinators to act on behalf of the service member and family to coordinate the efforts of the many nonmedical specialists supporting them, ensuring they are not overwhelmed, and maximizing their benefit.

The recovery care coordinator works with service members and their families to develop a comprehensive recovery plan that empowers and guides them to succeed in their reintegration to military duty or civilian life. It identifies their needs, outlines specific actions, connects them with the resources they require based on their unique circumstances, and aligns the efforts of the recovery team, which includes the primary physician and medical case manager.

Developed jointly by the departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs, the Federal Recovery Coordination Program, administered by the Veterans Affairs Department, provides

Base News

Airman's Attic

The Columbus Air Force Base Airman's Attic has moved locations. They can now be found in building 530 and are open Tuesdays from noon to 5:30 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon. Donations may be dropped off during business hours. To donate furniture items please call 434-8824 or (719) 369-6791.

Volunteers Needed for Spring Fling

Volunteer are needed to hide eggs, operate carnival games and load and unload equipment or supplies for the Spring Fling on April 16. Sign up no later than April 4 by calling 434-2504. For more information contact Terri Graves or Kayline Hamilton at 434-2504.

Operation Purple

Operation Purple camps offer a free week of summer fun for military kids with parents who have been, are currently, or will be deployed. These free week-long camps are provided through the generous support of the Sierra Club and the Sierra Club Foundation. The goal of the Operation Purple camp program is to give military children tools to help deal with the stresses that result from a parent's deployment, through a memorable camp experience in a "purple" environment. Operation Purple camps are open to military children of all ranks and services: active and reserve components-and give priority to children whose parents are currently within a 15 month deployment "window" (specific dates announced each year). At Operation Purple camps military children experience an exciting week of outdoor fun and adventure. 2011 Operation Purple camps will be held in 25 states as well as Japan. For more information and to sign up, go to: www.militaryfamily.org/op

You made the grade

The Exchange Service is moving military students who excel in the classroom to the head of the class with its "You Made the Grade" program. This education rewards initiative recognizes students who maintain a "B" average or better with a booklet full of complimentary prizes for every qualifying report card. AAFES' "You Made the Grade" booklet includes coupons for a variety of free offers. In addition, each booklet also contains an entry form for a quarterly drawing in which three winners are randomly awarded savings bonds in \$2,000, \$3,000 or \$5,000 denominations. To receive the AAFES "You Made the Grade" booklet, students must present a valid military ID card and proof of an overall "B" or better average to their local Exchange. Students may receive one

coupon package for every qualifying report card, but may enter the savings bond drawing only once per calendar year. Military families can contact the Columbus Exchange main store manager or general manager for more information at 434-8484.

Stylique Salon now open at the Exchange

The Stylique Salon, formerly known as the Beauty Salon, is the now located in the Exchange mall, just past the restrooms. Come visit Tuesday through Fridays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m for all hair care needs. Ethnic hair care is also available.

Hunting Season

The Mississippi hunting season officially closed Jan. 31. However the 2011 to 2012 hunting season will open on Oct. 1. Not all hunting is over; turkey season will remain open until May 2.

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. Lisa Pender at 434-2603 or Senior Airman Edgardo 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 with-

out 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.

Airman and Family Readiness Center

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

Self-paced Tutorials

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

Relocation assistance

Weekly workshop on programs, services and resources available through the Airman and Family Readiness Center held every Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Topics of discussion include preparing for a move, environ-

ment/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.

Sponsorship Training

March 28, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. for all Unit Intro Monitors and Sponsors. Information on the importance of a good, effective sponsorship program and resources available for both sponsor and newcomer. To register call 434-2790. In addition, a public version of eSponsorship Application and Training (eSAT) can be found on the MilitaryINSTALLATIONS homepage. <http://www.militaryinstallations.dod.mils>, in the Sponsorship article for each installation.

Newcomers Orientation

March 29, 8 a.m. to 4 a.m. for newly arrived Active Duty and civilian personnel. Spouses are encouraged to attend. Held at the ARFC, to register call 434-2790.

Reintegration Retreat

From April 8 to 9, partnered with base chapel. Week long training and certification of Installation IDS professionals, to include weekend retreat with first priority given to redeployed within 180 days. Please contact the AFRC for details at 434-2790.

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

Summit seeks to improve nonmedical care

Chad B. Holmes

Office of Wounded Warrior Care
and Transition Policy

WASHINGTON — A summit to improve the coordination of nonmedical care for wounded warriors and their families will draw leaders and experts from several federal agencies, the services and the private sector to Leesburg, Va., March 29 through 31.

The Wounded Warrior Care Coordination Summit is hosted by the Defense Department's wounded warrior care and transition policy office. Holly Petraeus, who heads the Office of Service Member Affairs at the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, is scheduled to be the keynote speaker.

"This summit builds on significant improvements in non-medical care coordination over the past few years," said Robert Carrington, the director for the Recovery Coordination Program in the wounded warrior care and transition policy office. "There is plenty of room to grow."

While medical case management is a well-established field, Carrington explained, coordinating all of the nonmedical aspects of recovery, rehabilitation and reintegration on behalf

of wounded, injured or ill service members and their families is an emerging field.

"We have learned a significant amount over these last few years," he said.

Working groups at the summit will develop recommendations to improve care coordination in four key areas: collaboration between Defense Department and Veterans Affairs Department recovery care coordination programs, wounded warrior and family education and employment, wounded warrior family resilience, and standardizing best practices in recovery care coordination.

"Working group leaders and facilitators have been collaborating with key members of their groups for several weeks in advance of the summit to identify key challenges and opportunities so they can maximize productivity during the summit," said John R. Campbell, the deputy assistant secretary of defense for wounded warrior care and transition policy. "Each working group will report out to the larger group with actionable recommendations at the end of the summit. We'll incorporate these into a final report, working with the directors of the military service wounded warrior programs, the Defense Department Recovery Coordination Program, and Veterans Affairs Federal

Base families offered a variety of activities

Month of the Military Child – Celebrating the Every Day Heroes

April is designated as the Month of the Military Child, underscoring the important military role our children play in the armed forces community. There are 1.7 million American children and youth under the age of 18 with a parent serving in the military and about 900,000 with one or both parents deployed multiple times.

This month gives us all the opportunity to recognize their heroism, character, courage, sacrifices and continued resilience. The following 14th Force Support Squadron activities have special plans to honor these “everyday heroes.”

Strike Zone Lanes

In observance of this special month, the Bowling Center is offering \$1 per game and free shoe rental to all under age 18 through April 30. Inquiries should be directed to 434-3577 or 434-3426.

Whispering Pines Golf Course

Children 12 and under play free with a paying adult at Whispering Pines Golf Course during the entire month of April. For more information, contact the Pro Shop at 434-7932.

Child Development Center

The Child Development Center has an entire month of activities planned around the Month of the Military Child. A calendar of events is available at www.cafbservices.com on the CDC page or call 434-2479 for more information.

Youth Center

Columbus Youth Programs will be kicking off its celebrations tonight, April 1, with a children's dinner theater at 5:30 p.m. The play is “Bunch of Pigs and Pack of Wolves.”

The Big Help Project

The Big Help Project is set on Saturday, April 9. This is a community service event for youth to support the “Help Keep America Beautiful” program by cleaning up around the front gate of the base and along George Irby Parkway. Participants will meet at the Visitors' Center at the front gate at 9 a.m.

Some of the Youth Center's other events for the Month of the Military Child include cosmic bowling for teens from 6:30 to 8:30 on April 15 at the bowling center and parent and child

campus are open to youth (K-6), and cost is based on family income. Questions should be directed to Terri Graves at the Youth Center, 434-2504.

Base Stable Openings

The Columbus AFB stable currently has stalls available to board horses. To board on base, you must be active duty, retired military, a GS or NAF employee or a contracted employee – in that order of priority. For more information, call Outdoor Recreation at 434-2505 or Connie Lisowski at (662) 889-0138.

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.

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

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.

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.

Whispering Pines Open House



Courtesy photo
An early Columbus Air Force Base Golfer putts off on the 1950 version of the Whispering Pines Golf Course. The course will be celebrating its 65th Anniversary today with its annual membership drive and open house featuring 40's music, old timey 65 cent green fees from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. and burgers specials from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Renew your membership or become a new member today and be entered into the drawing for a set of Cobra irons. The drawing will follow the Member and Guest Tournament on April 2. Call the Pro Shop at 434-7932 for details.

To women's history

Staff Sgt. Nathalie Moreano
14th Medical Support Squadron

Women's History Month 2011: what does that mean exactly? Is it just another month in which we choose a group of people to recognize? Many people take these months for granted but for me Women's History Month is a reminder of all the amazing things that I am able to do and enjoy in life now because of women who have worked hard in our pasts so that we may have those rights and liberties to do so.

Looking around today it would be hard to believe that there used to be a time when women couldn't work or were forced into traditional jobs like secretaries and nurses. Back in the 1920's it was very difficult for a woman to find a job.

They stand for Zac

Brig. Gen. Mark Dillon
86th Airlift Wing

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany — For two days, four Ramstein Airmen traveled to O'Fallon, Ill. We were there to attend the funeral of our fallen wingman, Airman 1st Class Zac Cuddeback.

Before we departed Germany, we learned that back in Illinois, the community was placing several thousand large American flags along Airman Cuddeback's arrival route.

Upon Zac's arrival March 12, hundreds of patriots would stand silent on this same route.

We missed Zac's arrival by a couple of hours, but later that night, as we approached the town of O'Fallon, we started seeing them -- American flags — hundreds upon hundreds of them.

Perhaps it was because we have been living outside the United States for a while, or maybe it had been a long flight from Germany, or maybe it was pure patriotism. Whatever the reason, as we started passing the flags our car fell silent.

For miles we passed flags on both sides of the road. And then as we entered O'Fallon, we didn't see just flags, but we now noticed the billboards too. Yes every billboard -- churches, schools, and businesses, all had a message honoring Airman Cuddeback. Dozens of them.

Needless to say, these symbols of a community's support, American flags and billboard messages dedicated to Zac, put a lump in my throat.

The next day, the patriotism and commu-

nity outpouring continued. When we drove to St. Nicholas Church for Zac's visitation and funeral, we didn't need a GPS. We just followed the American flags, hundreds and hundreds more.

Upon arrival at the church, the entire parking lot was surrounded by flag-holding “Patriot Guards” standing shoulder to shoulder. Patriot Guard Riders are motorcyclists with one mission: attend the funeral services of fallen heroes, show respect and protect them from protesters.

We got out of our car and walked to the church entrance. There were more American-flag-holding Patriot Guards, and now they were joined by Boy Scouts. All were lined up in silent vigil for Zac.

We spoke with many of the Patriot Guards. Some were locals. Many more had ridden their motorcycles 4 to 6 hours to be in O'Fallon that day. They were there hours before we arrived at the church. They stood silently guarding Airman Cuddeback and his family. And after the funeral, more than 200 of them would lead Zac to his final resting place.

And then, when we thought we couldn't see any more outpouring from this community, it happened. It happened as we began our 4-mile drive to the cemetery. It happened as we drove through neighborhoods and along country roads.

It was on the drive we saw them: hundreds — no, not hundreds, but thousands. Thousands of O'Fallon citizens lining the route to honor Airman Cuddeback.

They stood silently on both sides of the

rest of us could have these freedoms and liberties really makes me proud to be a woman.

Lastly I would like to thank my mother for teaching me how to be a strong independent woman. She taught me to take care of myself and my sisters. She put in charge of most of the household affairs while she fought to support her daughters with a single mother's paycheck. As we grew older she put me in the position of being her teacher's aide for our church's bible studies. In the efforts to continue my progress, she helped me decide to join the military. Thanks to her guidance and support, I was given the strength and will power to seek out my goals and accomplish them. I hope to be a woman that others can look up to and seek out for guidance as I did with my mother.

Thank you to all the women out there, mothers, daughters, sisters, co-workers, supervisors, who have all made an impact on our lives and are helping us to create a better tomorrow.



U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Brian J. Valencia
Patriot Guard Riders lead the funeral procession route of Airman 1st Class Zachary Cuddeback March 12, 2011, in O'Fallon, Ill. Airman Cuddeback and another Airman were killed March 2, 2011, when a man opened fire on a bus carrying U.S. Airmen at an airport in Frankfurt, Germany. Airman Cuddeback will be laid to rest next to his grandfather at a cemetery in O'Fallon, Ill.

road. They stood with American flags in hand. They stood holding up homemade signs. They stood saluting. They stood in their front yards. They stood next to an industrial-sized crane flying a massive American flag above the procession.

And we were there. We saw them all: moms and dads, grandparents and kids. Some were in wheelchairs, others in strollers, but they were all there. And mixed in among them were boy and girl scouts, military members, police officers, firefighters and store owners. Yes, thousands were there for Zac.

Although they couldn't bring him back,

they did the next best thing: they honored him. They honored his family. They honored his service. They honored his ultimate sacrifice. This small town came out in big numbers for one of their very own. Silent, patriotic, and powerful. And we were there.

Four Ramstein Airmen left Germany to honor our fallen wingman, Airman Cuddeback. We return humbled. Humbled by the honor shown in one small town in the U.S.

May God Bless Airman 1st Class Zachary Ryan Cuddeback, his family and the United States of America.



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Chase Hedrick
Senior Master Sgt. Veronica Spears, 14th Security Forces Superintendent, was the guest speaker for the Women's History Month Breakfast. The event was completely sold out, and some Team BLAZE members still stood in the back to hear the speech.



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Chase Hedrick
The Women's History Month Breakfast at the Columbus Club was the capstone event of the 2011 Women's History Month.



U.S. Air Force photo/2nd Lt. Brionna Ruff
Tech. Sgt. Brandy Mendiola, 14th Medical Group, relaxes with a back massage during the Women's Health Fair at the base Exchange. Women's History Month featured two fairs to help inform others.

Women's History Month concludes

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

April has arrived, meaning the celebrations of the 2011 Women's History Month has ended.

Throughout March Columbus Air Force Base joined the rest of the nation in observing the Women's History Month "Our History is Our Strength."

The committee responsible for planning the month successfully executed many events for Team BLAZE to participate in.

Articles published in issues of the Silver Wings throughout the month featured remarkable women of the past, views on women's history, and celebrations of women in the military were written by several members of the committee: Tech. Sgt. Erica Solis, 14th Medical Support Squadron. Staff Sgt. Aubrey Durkin, 14th Medical Support Squadron. Staff Sgt. Kareema Palmer, 14th Medical Operations Squadron. Staff Sgt. Nathalie Moreano, 14th Medical Support Squadron.

Tales were told at a lunch and learn of women such as Molly Pitcher who participated in the Battle of Monmouth in 1778 when her husband was wounded and was granted the rank of sergeant by then Gen. George Washington.

A movie night gathered friends and families at the landings to learn about the battles fought by feminine activists to give women the right to vote.

Fairs were organized in front of the base's Exchange to spread awareness of women's health.

The month was capped by a standing room only Women's History Month Breakfast with guest speaker Senior Master Sgt. Veronica Spears, 14th Security Forces superintendent.

Sergeant Spears talked about the advancements made in women's involvement within the military and in particular the Air Force. She spoke in particular about women were heavily restricted to only serving in certain positions, and her own views on women in combat today.

"So as you can see women started paving the road a long time ago for other women in fighting for the limited roles in their professions," said Sergeant Spears.

She also talked about the first time opportunity she had as the first female assigned to flying on the Air Force One for presidential support. She went on to remind the audience of the possibility of a female president, and suggested the first female Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force could be in the room that day.

"So with the paths women have made and the doors of opportunity opening I'm sure a female will make one or more of the above positions."

While March may be over, the Women's History Month events at Columbus Air Force Base left something for it to be remembered by, by all.



U.S. Air Force photo/2nd Lt. Brionna Ruff
Staff Sgt. Ashley Gross, 14th Medical Group, helps an interested visitor at the information table during the second Women's Health Fair at the base Exchange. Pamphlets and samples were available to help raise awareness about women's health.



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Chase Hedrick
Team BLAZE members of all ages came to the Women's History Month movie night at The Landings to learn more about the fight for women's rights to vote.