

“Produce Pilots, Advance Airmen, Feed the Fight”

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Weather



Today

High: 87, Low: 65
AM Showers



Saturday

High: 88, Low: 63
Partly Cloudy



Sunday

High: 87, Low: 63
Partly Cloudy



Monday

High: 79, Low: 50
Isolated T-storms

News Briefs

Wing Retreat

The 14th Flying Training Wing will hold a Retreat Ceremony April 18th at 4:30 p.m. at Smith Plaza.

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.

Tax Day

Remember to file your taxes by April 18!



Inside

Feature 8

SUPT Class 11-07 graduates today at 10 a.m. at the Kaye Auditorium.



U.S. Air Force photo/Melissa Doublin
Chaplain (Maj. Gen.) Cecil Richardson, Chief of Chaplains, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, speaks during the 2011 Columbus Air Force Base Annual Prayer Breakfast April 8 at the Columbus Club. The Annual Prayer Breakfast is a tradition reaching back to 1942.

CAFB celebrates 2011 Annual National Prayer Breakfast

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

pray for our elected officials.

The 2011 Prayer Breakfast showcased songs sung by the Columbus Choral Society, prayer, readings from religious texts and a speech by Chaplain (Maj. Gen.) Cecil, Chief of Chaplains,

Headquarters U.S. Air Force.

“The National Prayer Breakfast is a time to pray because our nation needs prayer,” said Chaplain Richardson. “But it’s also a time to demonstrate to those

Team BLAZE members came together April 5 at the Columbus Club to to

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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 (12-01)	6.59 days	0.98 days	Apr. 25	48th (09-07)	0.00 days	2.25 days	Apr. 8	49th (10-FB)	-1.90 days	-0.05 days	Apr. 11	T-6	562	566	16,377
41st (09-15)	2.48 days	0.25 days	May 17	50th (11-07)	1.00 days	-3.57 days	Apr. 11					T-1	183	154	5,217
												T-38	194	161	5,385
												IFF	53	30	1,188

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

14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

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



PRAYER

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around us that we take seriously our privilege as Americans to exercise our faith. And it's a time for us to as people as faith to unite our hearts together."

Readings from religious texts were selected and read by Team BLAZE members in recognition of the diversity of faiths in America.

"There's a symbolism there and it reminds us that America is a place of diversity in religion. Not all Americans hold the same faith, but the thing that unites us is the fact that we can practice our faith," said Chaplain Richardson. "By having different religions, number one we are calling people to unite and bonds together to pray. Number two it reminds us of the rich

heritage we have as people of faith. People came here to escape persecution. To escape the restrictions that were placed on them so they couldn't practice their faith."

Chaplain Richardson told several stories during his speech about courage, miracles and the top three things he wanted attendees to take away.

He said: "Number one hold tight to your faith. Number two hope in the lord. Number three when you're in trouble and you feel like crying. When you've had all you can take and you don't think you can take anymore and you just want to take your coffee cup and smash it into through window; turn and run into the arms of god. He will be your refuge, he will be your strength. He will be a very present help and courage in trouble."

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<u>Mon</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Thur</u>	<u>Fri</u>	<u>Sat/Sun</u>
11 IFF Graduation, 4:45 p.m. @ 49th FTS	12 First Shirt Golf Tournament, 12 p.m. - 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
18 Tax Day Wing Retreat, 5 p.m. @ Smith Plaza	19 Newcomers Orientation, 8 a.m. @ AFRC CSC Event, 6 p.m. @ Club	20	21 Earth Day, 9 a.m. @ Freedom Park	22 Good Friday 43 FTW Change of Command, 10:43 a.m. @ BLAZE Hanger 6	23/24 April 24: Easter Brunch, 10 a.m. @ Club

Long Range Events

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

May 1: Asian

Pacific Heritage Month begins

May 6: Class 11-09 Assignment Night

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Guidelines for Medication Disposal

In response to the many questions about proper medication disposal, the federal guidelines have been summarized below:

Follow any specific disposal instructions on the drug label or patient information that accompanies the medication. Do not flush prescription drugs down the toilet unless this information specifically instructs you to do so.

If no instructions are given, throw the drugs in the household trash, but first:

Take them out of their original containers, crush them up, and mix them with an undesirable substance, such as used coffee grounds or kitty litter. The medication will be less appealing to children and pets, and unrecognizable to people who may intentionally go through your trash.

Put them in a sealable bag, empty can, or other container to prevent the medication from leaking or breaking out of a garbage bag.

Take advantage of community drug take-back programs that allow the public to bring unused drugs to a central location for proper disposal.

The DEA has scheduled the second National Prescription Drug Take Back Day which will take place on April 30 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The nearest collection site to Columbus Air Force Base is in Birmingham, Ala.

For more information and to find a collection site near you visit: <http://1.usa.gov/TakeBackL> or call your city or county government's household trash and recycling service (see blue pages in phone book) to see if a take-back program is available in your community. You can also visit the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) website at <http://www.fda.gov/> for more information.

Additional tips:

To help protect your identity and the privacy of your personal health information, scratch out all identifying information on the prescription label before throwing out a medicine container.

Do not give medications to friends. Doctors prescribe drugs based on a person's specific symptoms and medical history. A drug that works for you could be dangerous for someone else.

When in doubt about proper medication disposal, talk to your local pharmacist.

Congratulations to the March enlisted promotees



U.S. Air Force photo/Melissa Doublin

Congratulations to the newest enlisted promotees from the 14th Flying Training Wing: Senior Airman Samuel Nabakowski, 14th Operations Support Squadron; Senior Airman John Cox, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron; Senior Airman Benjamin Mitchell, 14th Flying Training Wing; Senior Airman Brooke Wood, 14th Medical Operations Squadron; Senior Airman Geoffry Cullen Jr., 14th CES; Senior Airman Mara Williams, 14th Medical Support Squadron; Airman 1st Class Christopher Saunders, 14th Contracting Squadron; Senior Airman Levar Weston, 14th Security Forces Squadron; Senior Airman Benjamin Ross 14th OSS.

Service members would earn pay during shutdown

Cheryl Pellerin

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Military members would continue to earn wages in the event of an April 8 shutdown of the federal government, but they'd have to wait to collect them until Congress agrees on a budget, a senior administration official said here April 6.

During a telephone briefing administered by the Office of Management and Budget, a senior administration official detailed the consequences of a possible federal government shutdown that will occur April 8 if Congress doesn't agree on a budget.

Service members, the official said, "will continue to earn money" in the event of a shutdown.

But because there wouldn't be any money to pay out to service members during a shutdown, the official said, they would have to wait to be reimbursed.

"They will be paid once we have money again to pay them," the official said.

Some members of the Defense Department's federal civilian work force would be exempted from a shutdown because of their work in critical areas, or because they are funded through sources outside the



federal budget, the official said.

However, "a significant number of DOD civilian employees, unfortunately, would be furloughed if the government shuts down," the official said.

Activities necessary to protecting life and property, or those whose funding comes from someplace other than the federal budget, will continue if the government shuts down April 8, the official added.

Traveling to a foreign country?

John Beamon

14th Flying Training Wing Antiterrorism Officer

Welcome to the Department of Defense Foreign Clearance Guide. This document provides necessary information for aircraft international mission planning and execution, personnel travel to foreign countries, as well as general information on foreign locations. Since the DoD FCG is directive in nature for all DoD and DoD-sponsored travel abroad, travelers must ensure they comply with this guide. Prior to commencing travel, personnel should review Department of State travel warnings, travel alerts, and individual country specific information at <http://travel.state.gov>.

Above is a quote from the Foreign Clearance Guide (<https://www.fcg.pentagon.mil/fcg.cfm>) which governs travel to foreign countries by all DoD members in official travel and active duty members on personal leave travel. Prior to any official travel overseas all active duty, reserve and guard members on Title 10 orders, and civilians must check the FCG for travel requirements for the country or countries they will visit. Prior to any leave travel to a foreign country, including cruises, all active duty personnel must check the FCG for specific travel requirements. Travel to certain countries require theater clearances, country clearances, training requirements and other directed requirements. These clear-

ances can take 30 days or more process. At this time, there are several states in Mexico that are off-limits. Any travel to Mexico, including a cruise, must have colonel's approval for all active duty personnel. In addition to the foreign clearance guide requirements, all active duty personnel must receive a travel briefing. This briefing is currently given by the Wing Antiterrorism Officer, every Friday, building 926, room 219 at 9 a.m.

In addition the travel requirement/restrictions listed above there are also travel requirements for family members age 14 above, who will be traveling with the member on official orders overseas. All travel briefings must be accomplished within 90 days prior to travel. This briefing is mandatory for military personnel and their family members age 14 and over who will be traveling to the overseas area. Military personnel must complete web-based Force Protection Awareness Training through ADLS. Family members can refer to <http://at-awareness.org> and use the password "AWARE" to log in (ensure you bring a certificate of completion to your final out-processing appointment). Note: All personnel must go to <https://www.fcg.pentagon.mil> to review section three and complete the mandated pre-travel information or training for the country you will be traveling to for official travel.

SCCA races on SAC ramp



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

Taylor George, a student at Mississippi State University, races his Honda S2000 through a timed course on Columbus Air Force Base April 2. The course was set up by the Sports Car Club of America on the old Strategic Air Command ramp for military and civilian car enthusiasts to enjoy a weekend of fast turns and friendly rivalries.

Trail BLAZE'r



Name/unit: Bill Holdiness, 14th Flying Training Wing Tax Center Manager

Time at Columbus AFB and Service: Two Months

Hometown: Washington, D.C.

Career goals: To do the best in everything I do.

Family members: My wife and two children.

Favorite musician: Brad Paisley

Favorite movie: The Blind Side

Biggest pet peeve: Slow drivers in the fast lane.

Favorite book: The Bible

Inspirations: My parents

Personal motto: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

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.

AROUND TOWN

Noon Tunes

Come enjoy music by Paul Brady at the Trotter Courtyard April 14 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Event is free and open to the public with lunch for purchase from local downtown restaurants.

Clean Sweep

Clean Sweep Columbus, a great American cleanup event, is almost here and we are searching for volunteers to help us clean the city! The Clean Sweep will kick off at the Magnolia Bowl in downtown Columbus.

Grilling on the River

Come enjoy a good time at this family friendly event along the Riverwalk April 8 from 4 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.

BARGAIN LINE

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needs engine work. Call 244-8390 after 5 p.m. or 251-1413.

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

For sale: 1973 Norton Commando 850. Call 242-2116.

Miscellaneous

For sale: Emerson microwave 0.7 cubic feet. 800-watt touch control microwave oven with stainless steel finish, barely used. \$50 or best offer. Please call (608) 963-5220.

For sale: 20" BOSS black and chrome wheels. Come with brand new Lexani tires. Asking \$850 or best offer. Contact 233-5404 for pictures or more information.

For sale: Walther PPK 380 Handgun. Stainless, two clips and lock. \$350. Kids ride on battery operated train set, new battery and track extension for indoor or outdoor use, \$100. Please call 574-1262

For sale: Brand new Worth Mutant softball bat, 34", 27oz. \$250 or best offer. Call 364-6484.

For sale: Bedroom set light pine wood: five drawer chest, full size bed with box spring and mattress. Chest, bed and box spring are two years old. \$600 or best offer. Call 352-3526 for more information.

For sale: Full size bed and dresser, \$500 for both. Computer desk, \$100. Toro electric leaf blower, \$45. Ruger M77 .270 rifle with Bushnell 4x scope, wood stock, \$450. All negotiable!

Please call (703) 501-3275.

For sale: Entertainment Center, Oak, fits 27" TV, stereo cabinet with glass doors, two pullout drawers, video and DVD storage. \$75. Call 244-8390 after 5 p.m. or 251-1413.

Free Pets

Free: Indoor dogs both are updated on shots. Five year old female weimeriner and four year old chocolate lab mix. If interested please call (417) 343-9699

Wanted

Wanted: Push mower and weed eater for a small yard. Call (931) 206 7922.

Lost & 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.

Lost: Desert camouflage boonie hat with Arabic writing on the top. If found please call (920) 216-3863.

Sell your item in Silverwings today!

Dollars and \$ense: What is the Controlled Spend Account program?

The CSA program is the follow-on to the Government Travel Card program, but with far fewer administrative requirements. Here's how the process works:

Through the normal process, your travel orders are prepared and approved. When your travel orders are approved, the estimated cost for your trip is provided to Citi and that amount becomes the spending limit on your card. Please note that it takes approximately 48 hours from the time your travel orders are approved for your spending limit to be increased on your CSA card.

Even though it is used like one, the CSA card is not a debit card. As a result, the CSA is available to all government travelers without a credit check, and should be used for all official travel expenses.

When you file your travel voucher, you'll send 100 percent of your reimbursement to Citi to pay the travel charges you made on your CSA card. The remaining or residual balance is available for you to spend. You can spend the residual balance by using your CSA card to make personal purchases. If you don't want to use the CSA card for personal purchases, you can also contact Citi to have the balance electronically transferred to your personal banking account or they can issue you a check. You can also withdraw the funds using any ATM. Please note that if you withdraw the funds using an ATM while not on TDY, the ATM fees are non-reimbursable.

With the CSA program, the categories of merchants has been expanded to allow for greater card use for all types of travel and personal expenses. Another feature of the CSA program is the ability of the traveler to contact Citi directly and resolve issues quickly. If there's a change in your travel circumstances, which requires you to increase the spending limit on your card, Citi will work with you to pro-

vide a temporary spend limit increase until your orders or amendments can be published.

Because of these changes, much of the administrative burden of the GTC program has been removed, including tracking and managing delinquency, making it a more responsive program to travelers needs.

If you already have an active GTC card, you will be auto-enrolled into the CSA program. Please ensure your mailing address, email address, and phone number are correct in the Citi system. You can do this by logging onto your GTC account at <https://home.cards.citidirect.com/CommercialCard/Cards.html>, calling CitiBank at the 1-800 number on the back of your card, or contacting your Agency Program Coordinator.

If you have already received your CSA card, please be sure to activate it. Then, go to <https://home.cards.citidirect.com/CommercialCard/Cards.html>, and get access to your online account information. Please note it will be a different account than your GTC card. Please ensure your email address and phone number are correct.

If you do not have a GTC or CSA card, please contact the 14th Finance Customer Service for instructions on how to apply for a CSA card.

14th CPTS Finance Customer Service:

Bldg 730, first floor lobby.
Hours of operation: Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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

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

Base News

Columbus Spouses' Club Event

Little Black Dress and Slacks Event on April 19 beginning at 6 p.m. in the Columbus Club. The Columbus Spouses Club will be honoring thrift shop volunteers and featuring a Thrift Shop fashion show and DJ! Models provided by CSC. Dress code: Everyone is encouraged to wear their little black dress or black slacks, however please feel free to dress up any way you like.

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 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.

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 afr@columbus.af.mil.)

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

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.

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.

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.

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

Respect highlights Don't Ask, Don't Tell repeal training

Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Respect for all service members is at the heart of training for the repeal of the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" law, the undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness said April 1.

Clifford L. Stanley and Navy Vice Adm. William E. Gortney, the director of the Joint Staff, testified before the House Armed Services Committee's military personnel subcommittee about preparing the force for repeal of the law that bans gay men and lesbians from serving openly in the military. "My focus is total force readiness, caring for our people and creating a culture of relevance, effectiveness and efficiency," Stanley said.

He told the subcommittee that he views total-force readiness as encompassing a mental, physical, emotional and spiritual state of preparedness and resilience.

"This policy change embodies that view of total-force readiness. More simply put, it's about respect," Stanley said.

"Respect is not a word I use lightly. It embraces the true meaning of honorable service. Respect is also a word that captures the indelible bond shared by all who serve, especially when serving in harm's way."

All services began training before March 1, Stanley said, and he expects all to be finished by the end of summer.

Because the training emphasizes leadership, professionalism, discipline and respect, Stanley said, he believes it "will enable any change in policy to be executed with minimal disruption to the force."

Gortney spoke of the three-part process the military has put in place to repeal the law. The first step was implementing or changing policies. The second was training changes, and the third step was actually training service members.

"The services have reviewed policies and directives that will require change, and are on target to implement them effective the date of repeal," he said.

A repeal implementation team and the services developed the training for the force and planned how to put that training in place, Gortney said.

"The services have implemented these plans," he said, "and are proceeding smartly with the training of tier one, experts; tier two, leadership; and tier three, the total force."

Gortney said the joint chiefs of staff discuss the training and monitor progress regularly.

"Our intent is to ensure that a preponderance of the force, including the Reserve and National Guard, is prepared expeditiously, but in a careful and responsible manner," the admiral said.

The repeal will take effect 60 days after the defense secretary and the chairman of the joint chiefs of staff certify the process should move ahead.

"The secretary of defense and the chairman will not certify until, in their judgments, the force is prepared to implement the new policies and regulations consistent with our standards of military readiness, military effectiveness, unit cohesion and recruiting and retention of the armed forces," Gortney said

Both Stanley and Gortney said the military is being very deliberate to ensure all questions are answered before repeal.



- 1 Across
- 2 A ball sunk in one shot over par.
- 4 A second try at a failed attempt.
- 5 Forward swing of the golf club.
- 7 The first shot for each hole.

- 1 Down
- 1 Word shouted when a ball is headed towards another player.
- 2 A ball sunk in one shot under par.
- 3 A hazard area filled with sand.
- 6 Piece used to hold the golf ball off the ground.

DoD to drop Social Security numbers from ID cards

Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Beginning June 1, Social Security numbers on military identification cards will begin to disappear, said Maj. Monica M. Matoush, a Pentagon spokeswoman.

The effort is part of a larger plan to protect service members and other DOD identification card holders from identity theft, officials said.

Criminals use Social Security numbers to steal identities, allowing them to pillage resources, establish credit or to hijack credit cards, bank accounts or debit cards.

Currently, the Social Security number is printed on the back of common access cards, and on the front of cards issued to dependents and retirees. Beginning in June, when current cards expire, they will be replaced with new cards having a DOD identification number replacing the Social Security number, officials said. The DOD identification number is a unique 10-digit number that is assigned to every person with a direct relationship with the department. The new number also will be the service member's Geneva Convention identification number.

An 11-digit DOD benefits number also will appear on the cards of those people eligible for DOD benefits. The first nine digits are common to a sponsor, the official said, and the last two digits will identify a specific person within the sponsor's family.

Social Security numbers embedded in the bar codes on the back of identification cards will remain there for the time being, and will be phased out beginning in 2012.

The department will replace identification cards as they expire. "Because cards will be replaced upon expiration, it will be approximately four years until all cards are replaced with the DOD ID number," Matoush said.

The identity protection program began in 2008, when DOD started removing Social Security numbers from family member identification cards.

ALS Class 11-3 graduates

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

After over five weeks of hard work, 15 Airmen graduated Airman Leadership School in a ceremony March 31 at the Columbus Club.

The graduates of ALS Class 11-3 are as follows: Staff Sgt. Daniel Kaiser, 14th Security Forces Squadron; Staff Sergeant Michael Talavera, 14th Medical Support Squadron; Senior Airman Tony Cambisi, 14th

Communications Squadron; Senior Airman Justin Cochran, 14th Civil Engineering Squadron; Senior Airman Kira Cox, 14th Medical Operations Squadron; Senior Airman Angel Galindo, 14th Contracting Squadron; Senior Airman Maria Hall, 37th Flying Training Squadron; Senior Airman Persian Jones, 14th Operations Squadron; Senior Airman Jason Kislow, 14th Civil Engineering Squadron; Senior Airman Aundre Lawrence, 14th Medical Operations Squadron; Senior Airman Victor Nevskey, 14th Medical Operations Squadron; Senior

Airman Justin Rodriguez, 14th Civil Engineering Squadron; Senior Airman Seth Skrypek, 14th Operations Support Squadron; Senior Airman Antonio Tanksley, 50th Flying Training Squadron; Senior Airman William Westmoreland, 14th Operations Support.

The award winners for ALS Class 11-3 are as follow:

Airman 1st Class John L. Levitow Award: Senior Airman Angel Galindo, 14th CONS.

Distinguished Graduate: Senior Airman Justin Rodriguez, 14th CES.

Commandants Award: Senior Airman Justin Cochran, 14th CES.

Academic Award: Senior Airman Justin Rodriguez, 14th CES.

ALS prepares Airmen for the responsibilities of being a front-line supervisor and is held at Columbus Air Force Base twice per year.



Senior Airman Justin Rodriguez, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron Distinguished Graduate, Academic Award



Senior Airman Persian Jones, 14th Operations Squadron



Senior Airman Justin Cochran, 14th CES Commandants Award



Senior Airman Angel Galindo, 14th Contracting Squadron Levitow Award



Staff Sergeant Michael Talavera, 14th Medical Support Squadron



Senior Airman Tony Cambisi, 14th Communications Squadron



Senior Airman Kira Cox, 14th Medical Operations Squadron



Senior Airman Maria Hall, 37th Flying Training Squadron



Senior Airman Jason Kislow, 14th CES



Senior Airman Aundre Lawrence, 14th MDOS



Senior Airman Victor Nevskey, 14th MDOS



Senior Airman Seth Skrypek, 14th OSS



Senior Airman Antonio Tanksley, 50th Flying Training Squadron



Staff Sgt. Daniel Kaiser, 14th Security Forces Squadron



Senior Airman William Westmoreland, 14th OSS

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Columbus AFB accepts enhance Award

Courtesy of the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality

Col. George Ross, 14th Flying Training Wing vice commander, along with the Civil Engineering Environmental Team, were presented with the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality enHance award during the "E3-Energy, the Economy and the Environment" workshop on April 5 in Jackson, Miss.

enHance is an environmental stewardship initiative designed to encourage environmental excellence by recognizing committed environmental leaders. Participating in the enHance program allows Columbus to crossfeed successes such as recycling, green procurement, pollution prevention and energy conservation efforts with other environmental leaders in Mississippi. It will also provide an opportunity to mentor and coach other governmental agencies and industry to improve overall environmental performance in the state of Mississippi.

Trudy Fisher, MDEQ executive director, presented the award that recognizes Columbus's efforts at reducing air emissions through the use of alternative fuels, recycling and community outreach events such as Earth and Arbor Day. Columbus AFB is one of only three federal agencies accepted into the program.



Courtesy of the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality
Frank Lockhart, Mike Blythe, Shane Reed, Renee Howell, Renee Fischer and Kim Davis stand with Col. George Ross, 14th Flying Training Wing vice commander, as he accepts the enHANCE award from Trudy Fisher, executive director of the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality on behalf of Columbus Air Force Base.

Sexual Assault Awareness Month encourages bystander intervention

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

WASHINGTON — The Air Force is observing Sexual Assault Awareness Month, starting April 1.

The Defense Department theme for the month is "Hurts one. Affects all," which is designed to point out how sexual assault affects not only the victim, but the department as well. The Air Force's slogan supporting the DDD theme is "Real Wingmen Act!" emphasizing the duty of all Airmen to intervene whenever they see questionable behavior.

"If all wingmen intervene when someone is starting to cross the line with another wingman, they will play a vital role in creating an Air Force culture in which sexual assault is not tolerated," said Lt. Col. Craig McCuin, the deputy program manager for the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program. "Perpetrators of sexual assault rely on bystander inaction in the hopes they can

commit this crime and not get caught." The idea is one of bystander intervention, McCuin said.

"Bystander intervention is an all-out effort to get its people to engage in preventing sexual assault," the colonel said. Not only will bystander intervention prevent the physical and psychological injuries that occur when an assault happens, but it will also prevent damage done to the unit as a whole.

That's where "Hurts one. Affects All." comes in.

"Sexual assault happens directly to an individual, but can indirectly affect everyone in a unit, as well as the victim's family and friends," McCuin said.

Sexual assaults diminish the Air Force's ability to function proficiently at all levels.

"The mention of mission readiness together with the toll sexual assault takes on the victim is not meant to be callous," the colonel said. "It's just that we all need to understand the far-reaching impact a sexual assault can have on the victim and

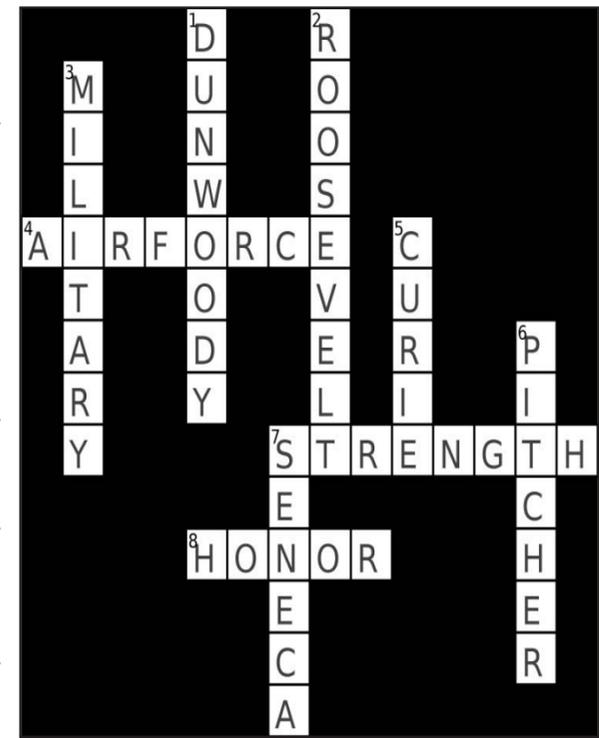
everyone else around them."

Some of the mission-related damages sexual assault incurs can include a loss of trust in the unit members or leaders, McCuin said. There is also the possibility that the victim and subjects may be temporarily, or permanently, unable to fulfill their obligation to the military due to physical condition, mental state or incarceration.

"Regardless of the extent of the assault or the situation in which it happened, both the victim and the Air Force will be greatly impacted," McCuin said. But, if every Airman acted to stop sexual assault, we could nearly eliminate every case of it.

"The 'Real Wingmen Act' slogan means that wingmen always act, on or off duty, in the certain knowledge that all persons possess fundamental worth as human beings," McCuin said. "The key is to change perceptions and help Airmen understand that their actions on behalf of another are not meddling, but instead are helping to keep a fellow Airman safe."

Women's History Month answers



A crossword puzzle grid with the following words filled in:
Across:
4. AIR FORCE
8. HONOR
Down:
1. DUN
2. ROOMS
3. MILITARY
5. COURAGE
6. P
7. STRENGTH
9. E
10. C
11. A

Base families offered a variety of activities

Strike Zone Lanes

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

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.

Cosmic Bowling for Teens only is from 6:30 to 8:30 on April 15 at the Bowling Center and Parent and Child Family Feud Game Night at 5:30 on April 22 at the Youth Center.

For more information or to sign up for the Youth Center’s Month of the Military Child programs, call 434-2504.

NAF Open Sale

There will be a NAF open sale on Friday, April 22 at Outdoor Recreation with viewing from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday and from 8 a.m. to noon on Wednesday. Sale times are 7-8 a.m. for active duty members, 8:15 to 9 a.m. for retirees and from 9:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for NAF and APF employees, DoD contractors and other federal employees. All purchasers must hold a valid Military ID card or CAC card. Call Outdoor Rec at 434-2505.

Beginners Adult Golf Clinic

Whispering Pines Golf Course is offering an adult golf clinic for beginners from April 12 to 14 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each day for just \$10 per person. Learn the basics

including golf etiquette, grip and swing basics, chipping and putting and how to use the irons. For more information or to register for the clinic, call the Pro Shop at 434-7932.

Bench Press Competition

The Fitness Center will hold a bench press competition on Monday, April 11 at 5:30 p.m., for both male and female participants. Weigh-ins and signups will be accepted until the start of the event, and each participant will receive a free t-shirt. For more information about this event, contact the Fitness Center at 434-2772.

Winnie the Pooh and You!

The Base Library will host a “Winnie the Pooh and You!” story time with stories, refreshments and fun for everyone on Tuesday, April 12 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. For more information, call 434-2934.

Spring Challenge Perimeter Run

It’s time for the Fitness Center’s Annual Spring Challenge Perimeter Run on April 15 at 7 a.m. The event is free to all base personnel, and prizes will be awarded to top individuals and teams. Teams must sign up by April 14. Call 434-2772 for more information or to register.

Rocky Springs Trip

Join Outdoor Recreation for a hiking and camping trip to Rocky Springs on the Natchez Trace, April 23-24. Cost is \$49 per person or \$175 for a family of four. Cost includes transportation, camping fees, dinner on Saturday night and breakfast on Sunday morning. Register by April 16.

Space is limited. Call 434-2505 for more information.

Military Appreciation Golf Tournament

Whispering Pines and Green Oaks golf courses have partnered for this two-day tournament, April 16-17. Play Saturday at Whispering Pines and Sunday at Green Oaks in this two-person scramble tournament. Play begins at 1 p.m. each day. The cost is \$50 per person and includes green fees, cart rental, dinner on Saturday night and prize fund. Register at either course by noon April 13. Contact Whispering Pines Pro Shop at 434-7932 or Green Oaks at 328-3879 for more information or to register.

Register for Youth Summer Day Camp

Registration for Youth Summer Day Camp or Part-Day Camp continues until the limited spaces are filled. The camps 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.

Prepare the Lawn for Summertime

Through the end of April, Outdoor Recreation is offering a lawnmower and weed eater rental package to base residents for only \$20. Call 434-2505 for more information.

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 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.

Join FitFamily!

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

Maintaining Excellence

Col. Steve Stater
14th Operations Group commander

April is finally here. The inspections are over and we can go back to business as usual. All that work prepping for the Unit Compliance Inspection, Aircrew Standards and Evaluation Visit, Air Traffic System Evaluation Program and the Standardization Evaluation Program for Weather Operations can now be forgotten. But wait a minute, why did we have to work so hard to be in compliance with instructions that govern our work every day? Now is not the time to forget that work, but to build on it. We have to correct our discrepancies, change the way we operate to maintain compliance and work to develop a culture of continual improvement.

The first objective is to ensure we are at the highest level of compliance we can attain with our available resources. This means answering the deficiencies, findings or problems for each of our inspections. Each shop will research the root cause of the deficiency, develop a plan to correct it and then put in place a process to ensure it doesn’t happen again. This will continue to be a wing monitored process for the UCI. The 14th Operations Group has already completed closing out the findings for the

ASEV and we start the process this Thursday for 14th OG, 14th Civil Engineering Squadron and 14th Communication Squadron to answer the ATSEP problems. The process of closing out these inspections brings our programs further into compliance and gives us an opportunity to review how we approached our weak areas leading into the inspections. Identifying problem areas and processes will help change the culture and norms to better prepare for the next round of inspections.

Being prepared for an inspection is a worthy goal, but we need to be in compliance at all times. Maintaining a high level of compliance makes preparation for the next inspection much easier. How we achieve this goal is the toughest part since it is always difficult to maintain a high level of effort. This means we have to change the way we approach compliance and change it from a goal every two years to something we do every day. Part of this is listing all of the things you do every day and every week. Can you make a list and put a paragraph number from an Air Force Instruction, DoD regulation or some other governing directive next to every item on your list? Now I’m not saying everything we do has to come from higher level guidance, but it should be connected. If it not connected to

The Chief: Your charge is to serve others

Brigadier General Joseph S. Ward Jr.
Office of the Assistant Secretary of
the Air Force for Financial
Management and Comptroller

WASHINGTON — The Chief was in charge of a large maintenance unit as the senior enlisted member. He had several hundred young Airmen serving with him. The Chief lived a life of servant leadership, always looking out for his troops and always willing to lend a hand to his fellow Airmen. The Chief was proud of his reputation as being approachable and Airmen always felt at ease in seeking his sage advice and assistance.

On one particular day, an Airman asked the Chief for some help. That would be the very last day the Chief served on active duty. It was a gut-wrenching feeling, not being able to help a fellow Airman. The Chief has never told me what the Airman asked for, but for whatever reason, the Chief was not able to help the young Airman. The Chief knew in his heart that he could not continue to serve our great Air Force if he was not able to help others.

I met the Chief some 26 years ago when I was a young lieutenant and I was dating his daughter. The Chief’s daughter caught my eye

and quickly captured my heart. Soon thereafter, I asked the Chief for permission to marry his daughter and the Chief gave me his blessing and offered some advice that has served me well throughout my 27 years of service.

He said, “Son, take good care of my daughter and take good care of the young Airmen you serve with. You have a wonderful opportunity should you decide to make the Air Force a career. Take advantage and go out and help others.”

Pretty straight-forward advice from a wise chief.

While visiting with the Chief this past summer, he reminded me of why he served for 28 years, 6 months and 4 days. The Chief had planned on serving 30 years, but the day he was not able to help one of his troops would be his very last day on active duty.

He has told me repeatedly, “When you are through helping others, you are through period.”

There is no reason to continue serving if you are not willing and/or able to help others.

On that fateful day, the Chief simply went to visit the orderly room and asked to put in his letter of resignation. The clerk put together the form and the Chief went directly to his commanding officer to ask for his permission

to retire that very day. The Chief drove through the gates of the base for the last time as an active-duty Airman. He did not have a ceremony to honor his service. There would be no parade. He simply decided after 28 years, 6 months and 4 days, it was time to pass the torch and allow someone else an opportunity to help others while serving this great nation.

The Chief left school at age 14. At the time, the world was at war. Most of the Chief’s older friends had left the small rural town of Laurel, Mississippi to join the war effort. To the Chief, this was a great adventure waiting to happen; he desperately wanted to join and begin serving. The Chief lied about his age when he was 15 and was denied entry into the Navy. The next year, he lied again at age 16 and was once again denied. The following year at age 17, the Navy finally agreed to let him join, and off he went to basic training.

Soon thereafter, the Chief found himself serving on an aircraft carrier in the Pacific as a mechanic in the ship’s engine room. The Chief found his “calling;” he loved serving in the Navy. It was 1944 and the end of the war was soon in sight. The Chief completed his service and was discharged at the end of the war. Like many of our returning service members, the Chief returned to his hometown

some governing directive you need to ask why we are doing it. If there isn’t a good answer, can we stop doing it? This helps to streamline and ensure compliance becomes a priority. This can change the way we look at things and actually change the culture of an organization. This is a very simplified discussion and there are no easy answers to changing the way we’ve done business for many years, but there are processes that we can look to for examples that ensure we keep moving forward.

One of these is used by our contractors here at Columbus AFB. The ISO 9000 family of certifications helps private companies fulfill their regulatory requirements and achieve continual improvement in performance. Some aspects of these programs we already do such as self-inspection, but we need to go beyond and strive for continual improvement. We have initiatives available in the Air Force as well, such as AFSO 21. We need to look at how this can help us meet our compliance needs and improve our efficiency by looking at all of our processes. A good way to think about this is always leaving things better than they were when you arrived.

With inspections complete and working though the process of fixing any issues that were identified, we need to keep an eye out for how we can maintain this high level of compliance. We don’t want to be working the long hours and weekends when the next inspection rolls around. Please take the time to look beyond tomorrow, next week or next month and think about how you can make your flight or shop better for the next UCI or ASEV or ATSEP or SEPWO.

where he found a job that paid 25 cents an hour.

After a couple of years back home in Mississippi, the Chief ran into one of his friends who had heard about a brand new service that was looking for a few recruits. A quick trip to the Air Force recruiter’s office, and as the saying goes, the rest is history. The Chief was back serving his country; this time as an Airman. The year was 1947.

He enjoys sharing his stories of what it was like to serve in the 40s, 50s, and 60s. He said, when he was serving, there was only one shift in those days. It didn’t matter if the planes were flying day or night, he was on the flight line with his tool box in hand to make sure the airplanes were fit to fly. He often slept in the hangars when the unit was preparing for a major exercise or preparing for combat. He didn’t mind. He was living his dream, and he was enjoying his time in the Air Force.

Although it has been four decades since the Chief retired, his love of service continues. His message and example of helping others is timeless. He never looked for credit. He was only interested in serving. His sole purpose was to help his fellow Airmen. For those who struggle with knowing when to retire, take a lesson from the Chief: keep serving as long as you can and are willing to help others. We can learn so much from the Chief. I am glad to share his story. Please pass it on.

SUPT Class 11-07 earns silver wings



T-1A Jayhawk



T-38C Talon



2nd Lt. Joshua Bosworth
Fort Worth, Tex.
RC-135, Offutt, Nev.



2nd Lt. Jonathan Adams
Coatesville, Pa.
E-8, Robins AFB, Ga.



2nd Lt. Wayne Barber
Alexandria Bay, N.Y.
C-21, Ramstein AB, Germany



2nd Lt. Scott Bogner
Storrs, Conn.
T-1, Columbus AFB, Miss.

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

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 11-07 graduates at 10 a.m. today during a ceremony at the Kaye Auditorium.

The graduation speaker for the class is Brig. Gen. Paul McGillicuddy, Commander 9th Reconnaissance Wing, Beale Air Force Base, Calif. He 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.

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

2nd Lt. Matthew Carver, T-38, and 2nd Lt. Wayne Barber, 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 to Lieutenant Carver and 2nd Lt. Matthew Lasek, 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 Carver and Lieutenant Barber were named the distinguished graduates of SUPT Class 11-07.

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

landing procedures, aerobatics and formation flying. Students also practice night, instrument and cross country navigation flying.

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

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

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

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

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

Each class is partnered with 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 11-07's pilot partners are the Baptist Memorial Hospital represented by Christina Brown along with the Kiwanis Club of Columbus represented by Floyd McIntyre.



1st Lt. Shafiu Musa
Zaria, Nigeria
F-7, TAC AIR CMND, Nigerian Air Force



2nd Lt. Matthew Carver
Live Oak, Fla.
F-16, Kelly AFB, Texas



2nd Lt. Benjamin DeRiggi
Colorado Springs, Colo.
KC-135, Hickam AFB, Hawaii



2nd Lt. Kyle Epperson
Greenwood, Ark.
NSA, Cannon AFB, N.M.



2nd Lt. Jarred Epstein
Ormond Beach, Fla.
F-16, Luke AFB, Ariz.



2nd Lt. Michael Fantauzzi
West Islip, N.Y.
RPA, Creech AFB, Nev.



2nd Lt. Kyle Jones
Winter Springs, Fla.
KC-135, Peace ANGB, N.H.



2nd Lt. Charles Kennedy
Memphis, Tenn.
C-5, Travis AFB, Calif.



2nd Lt. Justin Kluk
Rapid City, S.D.
C-17, Charleston AFB, S.C.



2nd Lt. Matthew Lasek
Tulsa, Okla.
C-130J, Middletown ANGB, Pa.



2nd Lt. Brooklynn Mauss
Kennewick, Wash.
T-6, Columbus AFB, Miss.



2nd Lt. Jim Miller
Anchorage, Ala.
E-3, Kadena AB, Japan



2nd Lt. Edwin Miltenberger
Covington, La.
M-28, Cannon AFB, N.M.



2nd Lt. Christopher Schuette
Kiel, Wis.
B-52, Barksdale AFB, La.