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## Weather



### Today

High: 79, Low: 58  
Partly cloudy



### Saturday

High: 79, Low: 60  
Mostly sunny



### Sunday

High: 81, Low: 60  
Partly Cloudy



### Monday

High: 82, Low: 61  
Partly cloudy

## News Briefs

### Wing Quarterly Awards

The quarterly awards ceremony of the year will be held at 3:30 p.m. in Kaye Auditorium April 26.

### Easter Hours

The Commissary will be open from noon to 4 p.m. Easter Sunday, April 24. Fitness center will be open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Golf Course will be open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Bowling Alley will be closed.

### 12-01 Track Select

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 12-01 will hold their Track Select at 5 p.m. tonight at the Columbus Club.



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Chase Hedrick  
**Kessler Cowans, community director for The Landings at Columbus, walks Sam Chism, a privatized military housing resident, through some paperwork on April 20 at The Landings at Columbus. Ms. Cowans anticipates little to no changes during the transition of responsibilities from Pinnacle to Hunt.**

# On base housing changes hands, stays the same for residents

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

to transfer all ownership and development responsibilities of privatized military housing from Pinnacle to Hunt as of Aug. 1.

Residents of on-base housing should see little to no changes during the transition.

Pinnacle Family of Companies and its affiliates along with Hunt Companies and its affiliates have concluded negotiations

“Everything should be seamless, the

biggest change residents will see from this is only a uniform change,” assured Kessler Cowans, community director for The Landings at Columbus.

Ms. Cowans said that Hunt and Pinnacle are taking extra steps such as hir-

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### Feature 8

The CAFB Timberlane Nature Trails, the first and only certified arboretum in the Air Force, is featured this week.

## 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)	3.00 days	0.68 days	Apr. 25	48th (11-08)	1.74 days	-0.23 days	Apr. 29	49th (10-GB)	0.16 days	0.12 days	May 11	T-6	2,098	1,178	17,530
41st (12-02)	1.10 days	-1.17 days	May 17	50th (11-08)	-3.39 days	-5.42 days	Apr. 29					T-1	631	463	5,526
												T-38	678	623	5,847
												IFF	191	135	1,293

The graduation speaker is Brig. Gen. Steve Wilson Director for Joint Integration, Directorate of Operational Capability Requirements, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Plans and Requirements, Headquarters U.S.A.F., Washington, D.C.

## Attention Veterans



The 14th Flying Training Wing is currently seeking veterans who were involved in the WWII Operation Overlord for an upcoming special event. Those interested can contact Mr. David Lee at (210) 807-2191.

## 14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, 66 TEAM BLAZE members are deployed worldwide. Remember to support the Airmen and their families while they are away.



## HOUSING

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ing all of the current employees currently working at The Landings to make sure the change is a smooth as possible. In a letter from Todd Zylka, vice president of operations for Hunt, that promise was made directly:

“At HMC (Hunt Military Communities), we are excited to take over the day-to-day management responsibilities for these properties and are committed to providing the highest-level of customer service and standard of home to our military service members and their families. We will work tirelessly to ensure the transition is as seamless as possible,” stated the letter.

Ms. Cowans said that throughout May 2011 Hunt will be bringing in specialized transitional teams to evaluate exactly which changes will be needed, and which will not.

Columbus Air Force Base is not alone in this transition. In the letter from Hunt it was noted that seven other bases will have homes transitioned to a total of 5,391 houses.

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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat/Sun
25 Class 12-01 Track Select, 5 p.m. @ Club	26 Wing Quarterly Awards, 3:30 p.m. @ Kaye  Hearts Apart, 11:30 a.m. @ Tenn. Williams welcome center	27	28 Daedalians, 6 p.m. @ Club	29 BCC Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. @ Club  Enlisted Promotions, 4 p.m. @ Kaye	30/1 April 29: Class 11-08 Graduation, 10 a.m. @ Kaye
2 Asian Pacific Heritage Month Begins	3 Holocaust Memorial Breakfast, 7:30 a.m. @ Chapel  Night Flying Week	4	5	6	7/8 May 6: Class 11-09 Assignment Night, 5 p.m. @ Club  May 6: AFAF Campaign Ends  May 6 and 7: Market Street Festival, @ Downtown

### Long Range Events

- May 10: Newcomers Orientation
- May 11: IFF Graduation
- May 13: Wing Safety Day
- May 13: AF Ball Fund-Raiser Golf Tournament
- May 14: OG Career Day
- May 16: CSC Dinner
- May 17: 12-02 Track Select
- May 19: Dorm Dinner
- May 19: Veterans Education, Training and Assistant Night
- May 19: Daedalians Meeting
- May 20: 11-09 Graduation

# Falcons bring home Commander-in-Chief's Trophy

Staff Sgt. Raymond Hoy  
U.S. Air Force Academy Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama formally presented the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy to seniors from the Air Force Falcons football team April 18 at the White House.

The trophy is awarded to the military service academy football team with the best regular season record against the other two teams. The trophy was first awarded in 1972 by President Richard Nixon. It was the brainchild of Gen. George B. Simler, the then-commander of Air Training Command and former Air Force Academy athletic director.

And while the Falcons won the trophy this season, it's the first time they've had it home since the 2002 season.

"What a great day to celebrate an outstanding accomplishment," President Obama said. "The Commander-in-Chief's Trophy is heading back to Colorado Springs for the first time in more than eight years."

The president lauded the team and their accomplishments, but was quick to point out the dedication of the players not only on the field, but off the field as well. He also reminded the crowd that the team is preparing for the next stage of their Air Force careers.

"I'm told that offensive lineman Tyler Schonscheck has had to lose over 40 pounds since the end of the season so he can fit in the cockpit of a fighter jet," the president said. "Now, that's dedication. He's a big guy."

Head coach Troy Calhoun reiterated the president's comments about the players' dedication when he reminded everyone of the senior class's next big step.

"In just 37 short days, these men will become officers in the United States Air Force," Calhoun said. "I'm proud of their actions on the field, but I couldn't be more proud of what they are going to do down the road."

The Naval Academy has held the CIC Trophy for the last seven seasons, and while the Air Force has the shortest military academy football career, it still leads the way in CIC-trophy wins with 17.



U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Raymond Hoy  
President Barack Obama poses with members of the 2010 Air Force Academy football team after presenting them with the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy April 18, 2011, at the White House. This is the 17th time the Falcons have won the trophy and the first since 2002.

Two team members, defensive back Reggie Rembert and fullback Jared Tew, presented President Obama with gifts: a team football and a Falcons jersey with "OBAMA" on the back. But the number had a special significance.

"We were going to put number one on it, but everyone does that," Rembert said. "Then we were going to put

number 44 on it, but the Navy did that last year so we decided that would be a bad idea. So we went with number 23, which was the number the President wore when he played basketball in high school."

"And I just want everyone to know that was before Michael Jordan," the president added with a laugh.

# 14th SFS members train for ruck march



Twelve members of the 14 Security Forces Squadron train in preparation for a ruck march that will begin in Alexandria, La., July 24 and end just outside of Brookhaven, Miss. on July 28. The defenders will travel 146 miles in total with the Defensor Fortis and American flag to commemorate the 10-year-anniversary of September 11.

# GTR Airport deployment courtesies

Did you know that family members of deploying troops that depart from Golden Triangle Airport can go through screening and stay with their loved ones in the secure area until the flight boards? All they have to do is ask the Delta agent for a "gate pass" then go through screening with the deploying member. Everyone still has to meet all screening requirements (prohibited items, liquids, etc.)

In addition, those going out to welcome someone home from a deployment can bring their parking ticket to the counter and an agent will validate it for free parking.

Please keep in mind that this courtesy does not include TDYs or personal travel.

# Dollars and Sense: Coming soon! CED Orders to be processed through DTS

No later than July 1, Contingency Exercise Deployment orders will be processed through the Defense Travel System. Currently, the 14th Comptroller Squadron is working with the 14th Force Support Squadron and the 14th Mission Support Group Logistics Readiness to develop local business rules to ensure a seamless transition for deployers, Organizational Defense Travel Administrators and Unit Deployment Managers.

So, what does this mean to the deployer? The new process will have minimal impact on the deployer.

The deployer will still receive a hard-copy of his CED orders from PRU that will be stamped as "Processed in DTS". This order will be used for other travel expenses not reimbursed in DTS, such as AMC/Patriot

Express Transportation, household goods storage, Privately Owned Vehicle storage, etc. Note that deployers will continue to use the hard-copy CED order for arrangement of official travel and DTS will be the tool used for payment.

The deployer will not be responsible for inputting the CED orders into DTS. That responsibility will fall to 14th CPTS.

Travel reservations will be accomplished outside of DTS and added as an expense; however, the traveler will be responsible for providing an expense request worksheet to the 14th CPTS to ensure all expenses are properly accounted for. If there are changes to the itinerary or additional expenses are incurred while in transit, the deployer will need to contact the 14th CPTS via phone, email or fax, upon arrival in the AOR, and

the 14th CPTS will update the authorization accordingly.

The deployer will continue to file accrual vouchers through vMPF and the 14th CPTS will schedule partial payments for the deployer through DTS.

The most significant change is that the deployer will no longer be required to file a travel voucher through eFinance or by filing a hard-copy DD Form 1351-2. Instead, prior to the member going on Rest and Recuperation, he will be responsible for filing his final travel voucher through DTS. The best part is that once the voucher has been approved by the 14th CPTS for payment, the member will receive his paid travel voucher within 72 hours.

Note the 14th CPTS will ensure that all members are complying with Government

Travel Card split-disbursement and CSA total-trip reimbursement requirements.

As soon as the local business rules have been updated and published, the 14th Comptroller Squadron will provide wing-wide training to ensure all personnel understand the new process and all questions are properly addressed.

**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.



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## Wing retreat held at Smith Plaza



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

Col. Barre Seguin, 14th Flying Training Wing commander, confirms the flag is secure after the wing retreat ceremony April 18 at Smith Plaza. The retreat ceremony signals the end of the duty day.

## MSG parking closed for repairs



U.S. Air Force graphic

The MSG Complex parking lot along Seventh Street (highlighted in red) will be closed for repairs starting Monday, April 25 and construction will last approximately two weeks. Suggested alternate parking lots (highlighted in green) are two lots at the vacant Wing Headquarters, chapel side parking lot along Seventh Street and the new parking lot between the Bowling Center and Downs Street. Please exercise caution around this area during the construction period.

# Trail BLAZE'r

**Name:** Mike Blythe

**Unit:** 14th Civil Engineer Squadron

**Job title:** Solid and hazardous waste program manager

**Time at Columbus AFB:** 11 years

**Time in Service:** 20 years

**Hometown:** Talladega, Alabama

**Career goals:** Growth is the most important career goal that we should look into. There is never a limit for the growth of an individual in a job.

**Family members:** Amy (Wife) and children Kournie and Austin.

**Favorite musician:** Any classic rock musician.

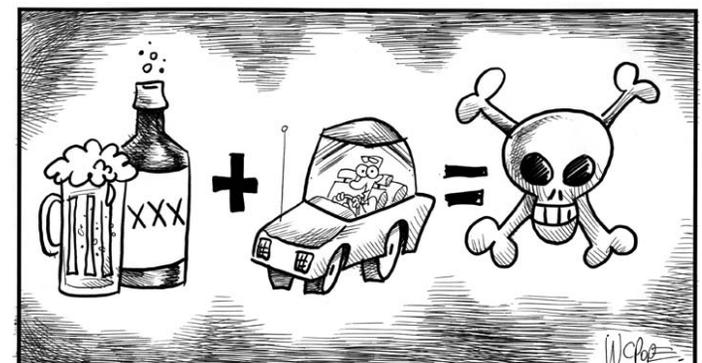
**Favorite movie:** Christmas Vacation.

**Biggest pet peeve:** Lazy people.

**Inspirations:** My dad.

**Personal motto:** "Winners never quit and quitters never win!"

- Vince Lombardi



## 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 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 to 11 a.m. in the Magnolia Inn lobby. Local information is presented.

### Sponsorship Training,

Information on the importance of a good, effective sponsorship program and resources available for both sponsor and newcomer. April 25 from 9 to 10 a.m. The sponsor training can also be accessed through the Military Homefront website. A version of eSponsorship Application and Training can be found on the Military Installations homepage (<http://www.militaryinstallations.dod.mils>), in the Sponsorship article for each installation.

### Financial Literacy

Learn about the importance of financial literacy and how to establish and maintain healthy financial habits. April 26 from 11 a.m. to noon.

### Budgeting Basics

Every Wednesday from 11 a.m. to noon. Learn practical ways to tell your money where to go rather than wonder where it went.

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

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

### Pre and Post Deployment Tour Brief

Mandatory briefings for active duty personnel who are deploying or returning from deployment or a remote tour. Briefings are held daily at the AFRC; Pre-deployment at 9:30 a.m. and post-deployment at 1:30 p.m.

### Sponsorship Training

April 25 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. The sponsor training can also be accessed through Military Homefront website. You can take a short training module found on MilitaryINSTALLATIONS, or if already a Sponsor, you can use the eSponsorship

Application and Training a secure website designed to manage the sponsorship process. A 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.

### Financial Literacy

April 26 from 11 a.m. to noon. Learn about the importance of financial literacy and how to establish and maintain healthy financial habits.

### Hearts Apart Social

April 26 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. social gathering for families of deployed (over 30 days) or remote personnel. Information, refreshments, and prizes. Advance registration required

### Transition Assistance Program (TAP) Workshops

May 3-5 from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. for personnel separating or retiring. Preseparation counseling is required before attending. Recommend attendance 8-12 months prior to separation or retirement. Spouses are encouraged to attend with their sponsor. To register call 434-2839.

# Conserve today... secure tomorrow

## CAFB celebrates Earth Day everyday

**Renae Fischer**  
14th Civil Engineer Squadron



Thursday marked the 41st anniversary of the first Earth Day. Born out of a grassroots movement to encourage awareness of the growing air and water pollution, Earth Day has evolved into an international celebration of our commitment to protect and conserve Earth's natural resources. Over 190 countries will commemorate Earth Day with tree plantings, litter patrols, recycling efforts, water and energy conservation demonstrations and many more activities aimed at helping to conserve Earth's natural resources.

As trustee to more than 8 million acres of land, water and air assets including more than 234,000 acres of wetlands,

570,000 acres of forested landscape, 200 miles of preserved coastline and home to some 70 threatened and endangered species, Air Force installations must work every day to conserve resources critical to the mission.

We are doing our part at Columbus Air Force Base. Our recycling program not only diverts an average 40 percent of waste from local landfills, but saves \$250,000 in landfill costs each year. Columbus also established

numerous goals to reduce facility energy, water consumption and fuel, while increasing the purchase of environmentally-friendly products and use of alternative fuels, such as biodiesel and ethanol. In fact, since CAFB made the switch from diesel to a B20 biodiesel blend in 2007, we've reduced air pollutants by 33 percent and traditional fuel usage by over 10 percent. These reductions may seem small, but Air Force-wide the impact is magnified.

"Conserve Today. Secure Tomorrow" is the Air Force Earth Day theme this year. It's reflective of our understanding that actions today to protect and conserve our natural resources will ultimately help to ensure a sustainable and secure future for our mission to "fly, fight and win."

# BARGAIN LINE

**The deadline for submitting ads is noon Monday before the desired publication date. Ads turned in after the deadline will run the following week. Ads can be mailed to or dropped off at the public affairs office in the 14th Flying Training Wing Headquarters building, e-mailed to [silverwings@columbus.af.mil](mailto:silverwings@columbus.af.mil) or faxed to 434-7009. Calling Ext. 7068 by noon Monday can extend the run date of ads already submitted. Silver Wings reserves the right to limit ads based on content, space and frequency of requests. Advertisements for private businesses or services providing a continuous source of income may not appear in the Bargain Line. They may, however, be purchased through the Commercial Dispatch, 328-2424.**

## Homes

**For sale:** Beautiful three year old brick home on 1.68 acres in a country setting just outside of Caledonia. Hardwood flooring, partially fenced in yard, storage shed, above ground 24' pool with salt water system, RV parking, granite countertops and stainless steel appliances, gas fireplace Jacuzzi tub, and

master bedroom walk in closet. fsbo listing #143642. Please call or text with any questions (660) 563-1501. Comes with a free Whirlpool high efficiency washer and dryer as well as a John Deere 54" riding lawn mower.  
**For sale:** Spacious four bedroom two bathroom home in Caledonia school and youth sports district. House is only three years old, 2,321 sqft and rests on 1.1 acres. Refrigerator, washer, dryer, outdoor children's playhouse and swing set, power washer, and riding mower stay! Will also pay \$3,000 towards buyer's closing costs. See more at [www.militarybyowner.com](http://www.militarybyowner.com) (Ad number MBO173792). Call 356-4611 with questions or to see pictures of the entire house, a virtual tour, or set-up a viewing time.  
**For sale:** Beautiful three bedroom two bathroom home at 235 Justin Circle in Ridgeland Estates. 1,948 sqft. Stone fireplace with gas logs, French doors to the back patio, 15' vaulted ceiling in living room, master bath suite with his and hers vanity sinks, an additional room, laundry room, two-car garage, gas connection on back patio for a grill, spacious yard, screened room off the breakfast area in the kitchen, attic stor-

age over garage and master bedroom. \$139,000. See more at [www.ahm.com](http://www.ahm.com) (listing ID 4763383.) Call 570-4221.

## Transportation

**For sale:** 2002 Chevy Silverado 1500 LS Extended Cab 5.3 Liter V8. Power windows, doors, locks, and dual seat. Cruise, tilt wheel, cassette, and single disc with bed liner and toolbox. Great condition. 140,000 miles and still runs like new. Asking \$6,500 or best offer. Call 251-7925 anytime.  
**For sale:** 2003 Dodge Ram 1500 Laramie 5.9 Liter V8. Four full doors. Power windows, doors, locks, and dual seat. Cruise, leather, tilt wheel, single disc, and sliding rear window with bed liner. Good condition with 91,000 miles. Asking \$8,000 or best offer. Call 251-7925 anytime.

## Miscellaneous

**For sale:** 50 gallon corner Saltwater Fishtank with all sand, live rock, four clown fish, snails & all supplies. Asking \$300, 281-936-9198.

**For sale:** Solid wood computer desk with hutch, \$40. Wrought iron coffee table and two end tables, \$75. Call (843) 697-2942 for more information.  
**For sale:** Thomas the Tank Engine bedding for a twin bed with matching lamp and curtains, \$40. Blue Lazy Boy couch and loveseat, \$125. Twin bed with mattress and matching dresser, \$250. Red Lazy Boy Chair, \$75. Matching dresser and dresser with mirror and two night stands, \$250. China hutch, \$25. Enclosed wood DVD or CD tower, \$25. 16" Red Boys bike, \$25. Call (660) 233-3235.  
**For sale:** Craftsman 42" LT 2000 riding lawn mower, \$500. Swisher 44" pull behind mower with Briggs and Stratton engine, \$500. Call 233-5404.  
**For sale:** 20" BOSS black and chrome wheels. Comes with brand new Lexani tires, less than 100 miles on them. Pictures available upon request. \$800 or best offer, call 233-5404.  
**For sale:** Grand piano, mint condition, \$1,500. Call 327-9590.  
**For sale:** A Craftsman's 5600 watts generator for sale. Has 8600 starting watts with four 120V outlet plugs and one 120/240V outlet. Never used. Asking \$500, please call (281) 936-9198.

**For sale:** Microwave, \$35. Samsung TV 27" with no remote, \$35. Infant Car Seat GRACO, \$30. Entertainment center, \$30. Contact (228) 202-7585.

**For sale:** Lenovo Essential H215 Desktop PC, AMD Athlon II X2 240 processor 2.80GHz, 2MB Cache, 4GB DDR3 system memory, 500GB SATA hard drive, Multi-format dual-layer DVD burner, ATI Radeon 3000 graphics, 6 USB 2.0 ports, Windows 7 Home Premium 64-Bit Edition, still sealed in the box, 1year warranty, Asking \$300 or best offer.

**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.

## Yard Sale

**Yard sale:** This Friday and Saturday beginning at 7 a.m. Two family yard sale at 1120 Merry Valley Drive. Furniture, toys, clothes, computer parts and more.

## Sell you item today!



## Kids stay green at Spring Fling

U.S. Air Force photo  
**Children return empty plastic eggs for recycling after the 2011 Spring Fling Easter Egg hunt on April 16 at Freedom Park. Hat decorating, face painting, and costumed characters were some of the other attractions at the event.**

# Ten Steps for to a "Greener" Lifestyle

Earth Day is just passed and you haven't done anything to save the planet! Don't worry... here are some tips that you can do every day... not just on Earth Day.

1. Skip the bottled water. Approximately 30 million tons of waste plastic is generated each year with only seven percent actually recycled.

2. Switch to compact fluorescent light bulbs. This can save you up to 30 percent on your energy bill.

3. Unplug idle electronics. Some appliances continue to use energy even if they are turned off.

4. Take reusable cloth bags to the supermarket or opt for paper bags.

5. Buy locally-grown produce. This helps reduce packaging and transportation costs.

6. Walk, carpool or ride your bike. This is not only good for your wallet, but also reduces air pollutants.

7. Plant trees and shrubs native to the area and use mulch to retain moisture.

8. Only run your washer and dishwasher when full...and don't pre-rinse your dishes.

9. Use recycled-content and environmentally-friendly products. This supports the market for all of those materials you're already recycling.

10. Recycle! Most counties surrounding Columbus AFB offer curbside pickup of recyclable materials twice per month.

# Pentagon official addresses WikiLeaks, social media

**Donna Miles**  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The WikiLeaks episode underscores the need for laws and policies that address the unintended consequences of “technology at the intersection of national security,” the Pentagon’s lead communicator said April 17.

Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs Douglas B. Wilson told interviewer Vago Muradian on “This Week in Defense News” he’s not sure how the Defense Department might have handled the WikiLeaks situation differently.

WikiLeaks.org group posted more than 90,000 documents, many that detailed field reports from Afghanistan as well as Pakistan’s relationships with the Taliban.

“I think the most significant lesson to come out of this is that technology -- and particularly technology at the intersection of national security -- has outpaced the policy and the law necessary to address the unintended consequences,” Mr. Wilson said.

Mr. Wilson called WikiLeaks an example of how “arrogance and naiveté have deter-

mined and had negative consequences for national security.”

“Classified information is classified information, and releasing that information is illegal,” he said. “But I think that we have a lot to do in government to understand that we need to be focusing much more on policy and much more on the laws that we need to think about to address what have been very unintended consequences of technological advance.”

Even as social media revolutionizes information-sharing, the Defense Department’s communications strategy boils down to the responsibility of being transparent and timely without jeopardizing the safety and privacy of service members and their families, Mr. Wilson said

“The issues that we face every day at the Pentagon involve two factors,” he said. “One, how do you deal with the press and public openly, credibly, in a timely manner and honestly? How do you provide facts and the truth, by the same token understanding that we’re responsible for our men and women in uniform who are in harm’s way in many places? How do you make sure that there is not unin-

tended consequences of information which can put them further in harm’s way and affect their safety and the privacy of their families?”

“Those are the issues that frame everything that we do,” Mr. Wilson said.

These enduring principles apply regardless of the communications format, and whether it’s through traditional or evolving media, he said.

Mr. Wilson said he recognizes how the advent of social media revolutionized the way people around the world — including those in the Defense Department — communicate.

Social media “provides instantaneous, real-time ability to reach broad numbers of people and to communicate quickly and effectively,” he said. “When everybody is equipped with the social media tools, it’s a very effective means of communication.”

Mr. Wilson noted the use of social media as an organizing and messaging tool in the Middle East in recent months.

“We’ve seen that in terms of sectors of societies in the Arab world which had not had that kind of communications across those sectors before being able to mobilize very quickly,” he said.

Unlike in that past, where a finite number of elites around the world defined messages, social media provide a voice to anyone, regardless of what they have to say and whether they are friend or foe.

“You can have religious extremists from Florida to Yemen say things and do things that are going to have international impact,” Mr. Wilson said.

That makes it an imperative, he said, for communicators at the Defense Department -- and across government as a whole — to be able to explain policies in ways that people find credible.

Twitter, Facebook and other social media, Mr. Wilson said, are among the many communication tools that DOD employs, including print and broadcast media, the Internet and personal communication.

Social media “is not an end in itself. It is a tool of communications,” Mr. Wilson said. “It’s a way to communicate, and you need to understand the strengths and weaknesses of each of the tools of communications in order to be effective ... I don’t believe that there is any panacea in communications.”

## Base News

### Spring into Shape

Do you have a few pounds you want to lose but don’t know where to start? Are you trying to lose some weight before summer but need some motivation? Do you want to be a part of Columbus Air Force Base’s newest weight-loss competition? If you answered yes to any of these questions, come on down to the Health and Wellness Center and see if you can Spring Into Shape!

Spring Into Shape is a comprehensive weight-loss competition that begins April 25 and concludes June 24. You can sign up as a four-member team or compete individually. Weigh-ins will be held periodically to track your progress. You will also have the option to participate in rocking fitness classes, shocking Commissary tours, and accurate body composition tracking to help you succeed in making healthy lifestyle changes! Awesome prizes will be awarded to the top male, top female, and top three teams with the highest percentage of weight loss! For more information about Spring Into Shape, call your HAWC Staff at 434-2477 or 434-2236. To sign up, please stop by the HAWC before April 18.

### Victim Advocate Training

Interested in becoming a trained and certified Air Force Victim Advocate? Training is scheduled from April 25 to 29 from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily in building 926, room 213. The course consists of 40 hours of training and all 40 hours must be attended to earn certification. The course is open to all Active Duty, DoD civilians, or Reserve and National Guard personnel in active statuses that want to serve as a Victim Advocate. Call Daisy Jones, 14th Flying Training Wing Sexual Assault and Response Coordinator, at 434-1228 for more information.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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](http://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.

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### DRMO as a source of supply

Authorized personnel may retrieve property

that is marked for DRMO Facilities only if they are still physically located in Base Supply. For more information, call the Inspection Section at extension 434-7231 to review the property, Stock Control at 434-7198 to check for authorization and Customer Support at 434-7178 to order the property. All other DRMO processing is done via the Web at: [www.drms.dla.mil](http://www.drms.dla.mil).

### Do you have a supply problem?

Do you need status on an item you ordered? Did you receive the wrong part? The Customer Support section is the single point of contact when requiring assistance on supply related matters. For assistance, you may contact Customer Support at 434-7178.

### Attention Supply Customer

If you are looking for that special piece of equipment or furniture for your office, your point of contact is the Inspection Section of Base Supply. Inspection maintains the Last Look Area, which has used equipment and furniture turned in from other organizations. All items in the Last Look Area are available 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.

### ACT/SAT Testing

Information on ACT and SAT tests are now available on their respective websites (<http://www.act.org> and <http://www.collegeboard.com>). Answers about registration as well as quick tips regarding both of these important tests for aspiring college students can be found here. The tests are provided throughout the year, with advanced registration required.

## 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 Holy Week Services

**Catholic Services**  
Mass: April 22 at 7 p.m.  
Easter Sunday Mass: April 24 at 5 p.m.  
**Protestant Services**  
April 22 at 5 p.m. Tenebrae Service  
April 24 at 6:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service (at Freedom Park)  
April 24 at 10:45 a.m. Traditional Protestant Easter Service

### 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. Protestant Men of the Chapel: Come out and join the men of CAFB Chapel every Saturday morning at 7 a.m. for Bible study and devotion in the Chapel Annex.

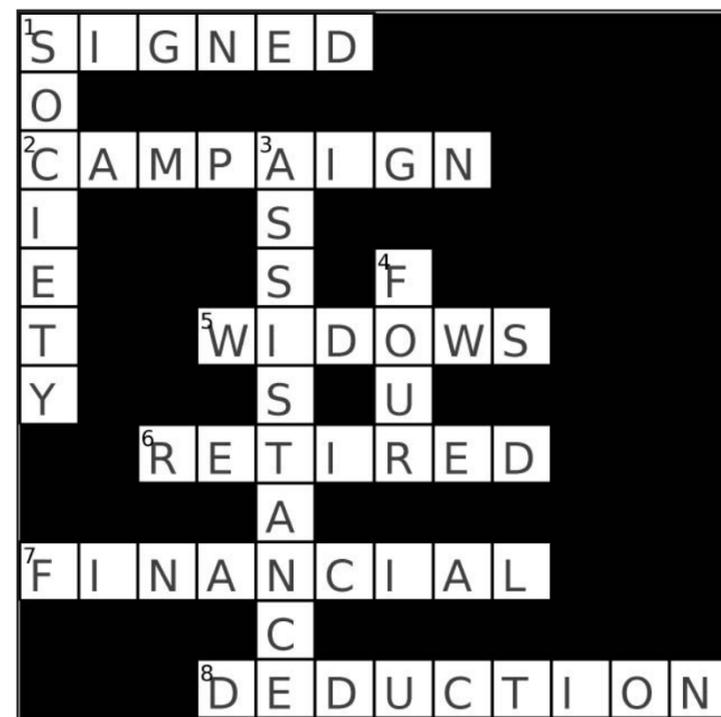
### Catholic Services

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

### Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School is right around the corner! This summer, connect your kids to God and watch them grow stronger in their faith as they discover that God is "wild" about them. The Columbus Air Force Base chapel is proud to present this year's "pandamania" VBS June 6-10. For more information about this ecumenical Christian event including registration, volunteer opportunities, and age requirements, contact the Base Chapel at 434-2500.

## Last week’s crossword answer



## Fiscal 2011 enlisted force management programs conclude after meeting goal

WASHINGTON — Air Force officials announced the closure of enlisted voluntary and involuntary force management programs for fiscal 2011 after meeting end-strength goals for enlisted Airmen.

Force management programs announced in December 2010 were implemented to size and shape the force to meet congressionally authorized end strength.

“Because we met our fiscal year 2011 enlisted end-strength goal, we won’t need to conduct the two remaining date of separation rollback phases planned for this year,” said Maj. Gen. Sharon K.G. Dunbar, the director of force management policy. This involuntary program accelerated the separation of enlisted Airmen with less than 14 years or more than 20 years of service who were not recommended for retention by their commanders. Airmen under the rollback program will separate by May 31.

The enlisted voluntary programs included Palace Chase transfers to the Reserve and a variety of waivers, to include certain active duty service commitments and enlistment contracts, that allowed enlisted Airmen to voluntarily separate or retire.

“Although both voluntary and involuntary pro-

grams have closed for enlisted Airmen this fiscal year, we will continue to shape the skills balance essential to the current and future fight,” General Dunbar said. “Force management entails a tailored, multi-year approach to cultivating skilled Airmen over the continuum of service. We need to analyze each career field to calibrate accessions and various force management measures that optimize a career field’s 30-year outlook.”

Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James A. Roy also reiterated the importance of the overall force management program.

“The Air Force must balance the desire of Airmen wanting to serve with the need to operate within its congressionally authorized end strength,” Chief Roy said.

“We recognize these actions may be difficult for Airmen who have been asked to transition from the Air Force,” he continued. “We will continue to communicate with our Airmen in clear and candid terms to minimize uncertainty and maximize options.”

Officer force management programs will continue as previously announced.

(Courtesy of Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs)

# Base families offered a variety of activities

## Month of the Military Child Specials

### 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](http://www.cafbservices.com) on the CDC page or call 434-2479 for more information.

### Youth Center

The Youth Center will host a Parent and Child Family Feud Game Night at 5:30, Friday, April 22 at the Youth Center. There is no charge for this event.

### FitFamily Cook It Up!

Enter the FitFamily "Cook It Up Healthy Recipe Contest" for a chance to win great prizes and bring Celebrity Chef Herb Mesa to Columbus AFB. The contest runs through June 30, and there is no limit to the number of recipes that can be entered. Visit [www.usaffitfamily.com](http://www.usaffitfamily.com) for all of the details and to enter the contest.

### Chunky River Canoe Trip

Travel with Outdoor Recreation to Meridian and paddle the Chunky River with your family or friends May 7. This is an easy paddle trip...ideal for families with children. The cost is \$29 per person. Space is limited, and registration is required by April 30. For more information, call 434-2505.

### 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.

### 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, from 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](http://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 or 434-7861 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.

## Earth Day

- 1 Down Earth Day led to the founding of the US \_\_\_\_\_ Protection Agency.
- 4 For his role in founding Earth Day, Senator Nelson was awarded the Presidential Medal of \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 Senator \_\_\_\_\_ was the originator of Earth Day.
- 8 This other environmental "day" takes place on April 29.

**Across**

- 2 The \_\_\_\_\_ Air Act was created in 1970, in part because of the first Earth Day.
- 3 The act of processing used materials to make new ones to help prevent waste.
- 6 According to the Earth Day Network, over one \_\_\_\_\_ people take part in Earth Day each year.
- 7 The \_\_\_\_\_ Species Act of 1973 is aimed at protecting imperiled species from extinction.
- 9 Earth Day has been held for \_\_\_\_\_ years. (no space).
- 10 For the 18th year in a row CAFB was named a \_\_\_\_\_ City USA.

# Heritage, Diversity and Integration

**Col. George Ross**  
14th Flying Training Wing  
vice commander



Leadership, Professionalism, Discipline and Respect are the pillars that have enabled us to come a long way since July 1948 in conquering the institutional segregation barriers and moving towards inclusion. The process was long, divisive and unfortunately sometimes bloody. The use of characteristics mentioned above was crucial to ensuring the processes succeeded.

Official desegregation of the armed forces occurred July 26, 1948 when President Harry Truman signed Executive Order 9981.

The order said "it is essential that there be maintained in the armed services of the United States the highest standards of democracy, with equality of treatment and opportunity for all those who serve in our country's defense. . . . without regard to race, color, religion or national origin."

According to the Truman Library, in May 1949 the Air Force was the first service to have their integration plan approved by the Secretary of Defense. The Navy which had already begun integration efforts before the end of World War II reinstated the process and had their plan approved one month later. Nearly three years later, on March 18, 1951 the Department of Defense announced all

basic training had been integrated. Yet, more than six years after the Presidential Order, integration still was not accomplished when the Army announced 95 percent of all African-Americans were serving in integrated units.

Leaders set the example and must be committed to policy changes because we are responsible for mission accomplishment, unit cohesion and the care and treatment of all those under our command. President Truman led by example and went against the recommendations of the Army Chief of Staff General Omar Bradley and two Secretaries of the Army to direct the Services' immediate integration. The success of the integration took generations to overcome racial discrimination as societal changes lagged behind the military services.

Fast forward to today. President Obama signed into law the revocation of the policy known as Don't Ask, Don't Tell. Wing leadership is undergoing training on the new policy. Once that is complete, then all Airmen will receive the training from their commander or supervisor.

The training program states: "Gay, lesbian or bisexual orientation is no longer a disqualifying factor for entering military service. Service members are no longer subject to administrative separation on the basis of lawful gay, lesbian or bisexual conduct. This policy change recognizes that the most valuable component of our Nation's defense

is the men and women in uniform who make up America's all-volunteer force." The legislation states that repeal will take effect 60 days after the President, the Secretary of Defense and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff certify that the Department is prepared to implement the repeal in a manner consistent with the standards of military readiness, military effectiveness, unit cohesion, and recruiting and retention of the Armed Forces.

In 2011, Team BLAZE has celebrated diversity through various forums, weekly events, and month-long campaigns. These include the Martin Luther King Jr. birthday breakfast, African-American History Month breakfast, Women's History Month breakfast, and our National Prayer Breakfast. Why do we support these different events? Because celebrating diversity supports part of our bases' mission statement...Advancing Airmen. This part of our mission statement clearly articulates that not only do we train our Airmen, but we also educate and enlighten our Airmen on their unique contributions that ultimately Feed the Fight.

In May, we have Asian-Pacific Heritage Month and the Holocaust Day of Remembrance. Use those days, and every day, to help Team BLAZE focus on Building Leaders and promoting professionalism, discipline and respect. Emphasize and uphold our Air Force core values and our obligation to live by our standards of conduct. This includes putting our personal beliefs aside and respecting one another based on performance. Diversity makes our Air Force stronger. We achieve that strength by treating each member with respect, which is critical to sustain unit effectiveness, readiness and cohesion.

## AROUND TOWN

**Hitching Lot Farmers' Market** Columbus April 30 from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. The Hitching Lot Farmers' Market will be open again at the end of October for regular season.

## 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.

## 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.

# CAFB Timberlane Nature Trails, the first and only certified arboretum in the Air Force

**Natural Resources Management**  
14th Civil Engineering Squadron

In 2010 the Mississippi Urban Forestry Council certified the SAC Lake Timberlane Nature Trails as an "arboretum." What exactly is an "arboretum?" As defined by Merriam-Webster, an arboretum is "a place where trees, shrubs and herbaceous plants are cultivated for scientific or educational purposes." Columbus is the first Air Force base to have received an arboretum certification.

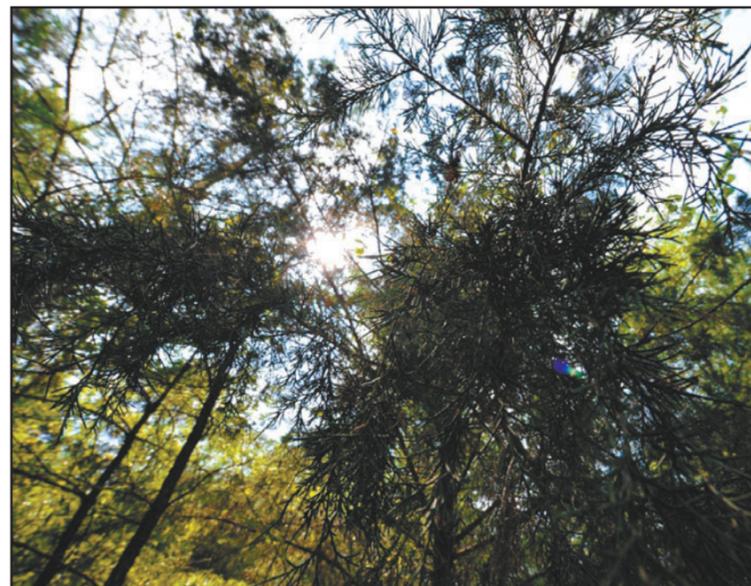
The SAC Lake Timberlane Nature Trails were created in 1991 to promote enhanced opportunities to experience wildlife, encourage learning about the natural environment, and to build active public support for wildlife conservation and management. Numerous varieties of trees and plants were identified and marked on the five miles of trail. In 2007, two plant taxonomists from Mississippi State University reevaluated the trails and identified 69 different plant and tree species. A new Timberlane Natural Trail Guide was developed from this effort.

This trail guide is now available in the mail box near the trail entrance and at the base library. It includes detailed information about each tree species, to include its scientific and common names, and can be used as part of a self-guided tour of the natural trails. The mailbox near the trail also contains single maps for those just interested in finding their way around the trails. However Frank Lockhart, the 14th Civil Engineer Squadron Conservation Program Manager says all the trails lead to a road on base, though after rains some of the lower trails may be partially submerged.

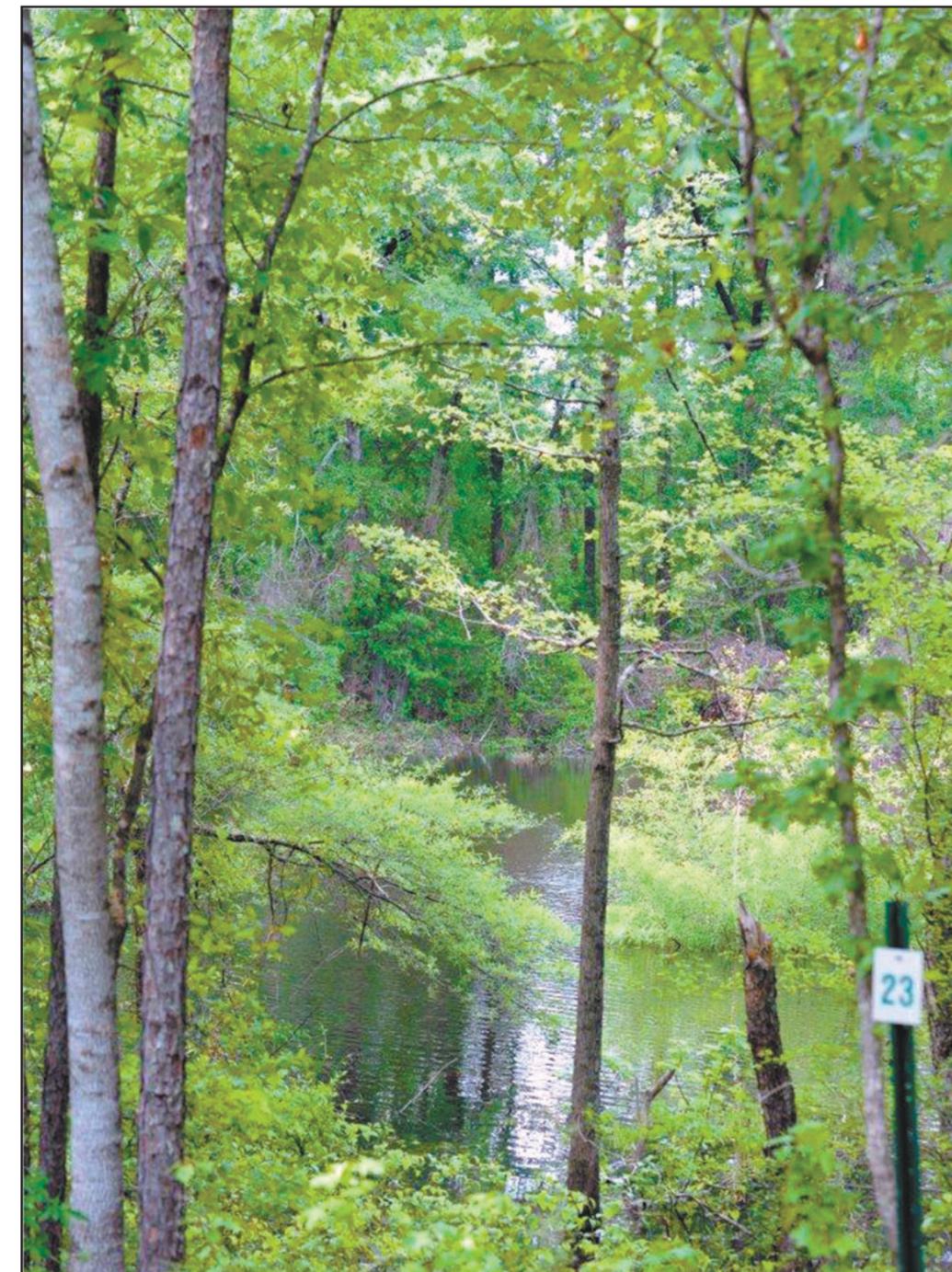
You can learn more about the Urban Forest and Arboretum certification program by visiting the MUFC web site at [www.msurbanforest.com](http://www.msurbanforest.com). For additional information about the natural trails, please contact the base conservation manager at 434-7958.



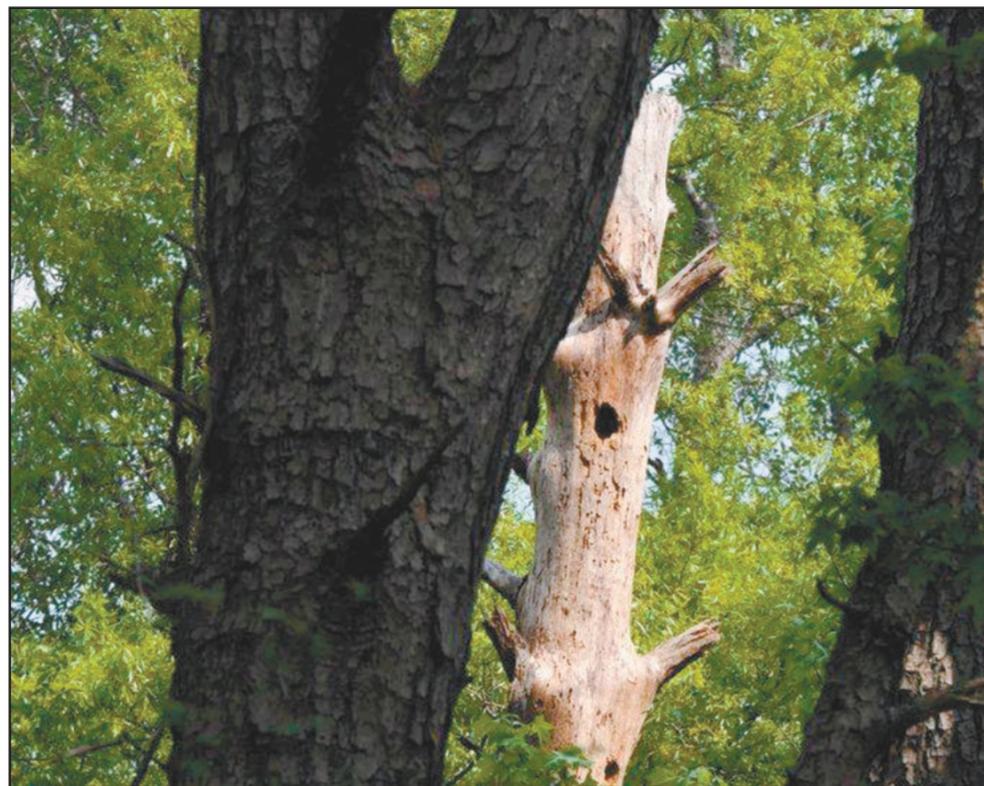
U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Chase Hedrick  
**Overcup acorns, like the ones shown here, are one of the many products from the trees along the trail. Overcup acorns are named as such because the acorn's cap grows over most of the acorn's surface, resulting in a cup-like shape.**



U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Bryan Franks  
**The Timberlane Nature Trails are often cleared of any debris and are well lit through the forest's canopy. Benches, tables, and trash cans also follow along the trail to provide resting spots for visitors.**



U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Bryan Franks  
**Smaller signs with single numbers point to one of the 69 entries in the trail guide. The trail guide can be borrowed from the Columbus Air Force Base library as well as from a mailbox near the trail.**



U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Bryan Franks  
**Animals sometimes make their homes in dead trees or natural formations along the trail. Be careful not to disturb them.**



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Chase Hedrick  
**Many signs feature the same information as that found in the trail guide. The trail guide can be borrowed from the Columbus Air Force Base library as well as from a mailbox near the trail.**



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Chase Hedrick  
**Some signs along the trail are there to alert visitors that there is a nearby tree of note. The sign describes the tree, gives its common and scientific name, and shows a picture of the leaves to help with identification.**