

“Produce Pilots, Advance Airmen, Feed the Fight”

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Weather



Today

High: 79, Low: 50
Partly Cloudy



Saturday

High: 72, Low: 50
Partly Cloudy



Sunday

High: 78, Low: 53
Sunny



Monday

High: 86, Low: 58
Sunny

News Briefs

AFAF Ends

The 2011 Air Force Assistance Fund campaign on Columbus Air Force Base ends May 6. Last week to donate, contact your POC.

Class 11-09 Assignment Night

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 11-09 will hold their assignment night at 5 p.m. on May 6 at the Columbus Club.

Holocaust Remembrance Breakfast

A holocaust remembrance breakfast will be held May 2 at 7:30 a.m. in the Chapel Annex. The breakfast will cost \$5 per person. Chief Master Sgt. Zefrem Smith, 14th Flying Training Wing Command Chief, will be the guest speaker for the event.

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SUPT Class 11-08 graduates today at 10 a.m. at the Kaye Auditorium.



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Chase Hedrick. **Richard Foster**, Tennessee Valley Authority power utilization engineer, shows **Frank Lockhart**, **Mike Blythe** and **Rene Fischer**, 14th Flying Training Wing Civil Engineering natural resources management flight, a booth designed to help explain the properties of electricity on April 22 at the fire station. The booth was one of many shown to 450 4th graders from local schools that was brought inside the base fire station due to weather conditions.

CAFB celebrates earth day, arbor day with local schools

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

450 4th graders from local schools on base to celebrate Earth Day and Arbor Day April 22.

Columbus Air Force Base invited over

While celebrating the 41 year old tradition attendees learned about the world

we live in, and a bit of how we affect it.

In anticipation of mother nature bringing in rain and high winds, most of the festivities were moved from Freedom Park

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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 (12-03)	1.07 days	-1.54 days	June 8	48th (11-08)	0.00 days	-1.99 days	Apr. 29	49th (10-GB)	0.59 days	0.90 days	May 11	T-6	2,803	2,101	17,913
41st (12-02)	-0.70 days	-2.67 days	May 17	50th (11-08)	-2.21 days	-6.85 days	Apr. 29					T-1	872	637	5,700
												T-38	920	769	5,993
												IFF	254	176	1,334

The graduation speaker is Brig. Gen. Stephen W. "Seve" Wilson is 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.

EARTH DAY

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and brought inside the base's fire station.

Earth Day kicked off with a brief speech by Col. Barre Seguin, 14th Flying Training Wing commander. From there the children were guided around educational booths brought in from outside organizations to give children the chance not just hear but also touch and see animal furs, physics and other environmental curiosities.

Members of the 14th Flying Training wing also observed the occasion, planting two new trees on base. One to celebrate arbor day, and another in recognition of victims of sexual assault.

Columbus AFB was also awarded the Tree City USA certification by the Mississippi Urban Forest Council for the 18th consecutive year. Columbus Air Force Base is one of only 29 sites in Mississippi qualifying for the recognition.



U.S. Air Force photo/Elizabeth Owens
BLAZE team leadership and 4th graders from local schools prepare to plant the 2011 Arbor Day tree at Freedom Park on April 22.

<u>Mon</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Thur</u>	<u>Fri</u>	<u>Sat/Sun</u>
2	3	4	5	6	7/8
Night Flying Week	12-08, 6 p.m. @ Franklin Apartments			Class 11-09 Assignment Night, 5 p.m. @ Club AFAF Campaign Ends May 6 and 7: Market Street Festival, Downtown Columbus	
Holocaust Memorial Breakfast, 7:30 a.m. @ Chapel Annex					
9	10	11	12	13	14/15
	Newcomers Orientation, 8 a.m. @ AFRC 19th AF/CC and CCC visit 19th AF Community Reception, 6 p.m. @ Gram's Camp	IFF Graduation, 4:45 p.m. @ 49th FTS		Wing Safety Day AF Ball Fund-Raiser Golf Tournament, noon @ Golf Course	May 14: OG Career Day

<u>Long Range Events</u>
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
May 23: Night Flying Week
May 24: CCAF Graduation
May 26: Memorial Retreat Ceremony
May 27: 11-10 Assignment Night

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Local emergency personnel share techniques, equipment



U.S. Air Force/Airman 1st Class Chase Hedrick
Tupelo Bomb Squadron Sgt. Terry Morgan, bomb technician, briefs the 14th Civil Engineer Squadron firefighters, 14th Security Forces Squadron personnel and members of the 14th CE Emergency Management Flight on the capabilities of the bomb squadron's robots April 19 at Columbus Air Force Base. Demonstrations and capability briefs like these are done to make sure that all local emergency responders are aware of each other's equipment and procedures to enhance response capabilities in the event of an emergency.

Binge Drinking

Tech. Sgt. Renee Oliviel
14th Medical Operations,
Mental Health Flight chief

There is no one consensus of a definition of binge drinking. Regardless of how it is defined engaging in binge drinking can be dangerous to your health and safety. This article will take a look at the definition, dangers and reasons for binge drinking. Finally this article will provide tips on how not to binge.

Definitions:

There are two definitions of binge drinking per the "The Alcoholism Guide" which can be accessed at www.the-alcoholism-guide.org and the National Institute for Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism. The first definition defines binge drinking as drinking five or more drinks on a single occasion for men, or for women four or more drinks on a single occasion generally within two hours. Another definition applies to someone who goes out with the intent to get drunk.

Dangers:

Alcohol Poisoning

Unsafe sexual activity or practices
Hangovers
Accidents
Relationship problems
Health problems if binge drinking occurs over many years
Death

Reasons for Binge Drinking:

Curiosity
Celebrations (21st birthday, Bachelor's party)
To get drunk

Top five ways to not binge drink:

5. Consider the consequences: Think about the risks of getting drunk and especially the risks of binge drinking.

4. Learn more about how alcohol affects you.

3. Eat first: With food in your stomach, alcohol gets absorbed more slowly.

2. Slow down: Space your drinks by alternating with non-alcoholic beverages or nursing your drink and make it last.

1. Avoid drinking games: The point of drinking games is to get drunk. So avoid Beer Pong, Spin the Bottle etc.

Dollars and \$ense:

How do I know when my CSA Spend Limit has been increased?

"I have a Controlled Spend Account card and I just received travel orders for my upcoming TDY. How do I know when my CSA spend limit has been increased?"

Forty eight hours after your travel orders are approved/obligated, you should receive an email notification from CitiBank stating that your spend limit has been increased. If you do not receive an email notification, either: 1) Your email address is missing or wrong in the CitiBank system. 2) Citibank's system has not yet been updated with your travel order estimate. 3) Your travel orders haven't been obligated in the Air Force accounting system.

Please contact 14th Comptroller Squadron financial customer service or CitiBank by call-

ing the 1-800 number on the back of the card. We can check the system and ensure all your contact information is correct and ensure your spend limit is updated prior to your departure. If the travel estimate isn't going to be updated in Citibank's system prior to your departure, Citibank or 14th CPTS can request a temporary spend limit increase for you.

Finally, if you are issued non-Defense Travel System travel orders, non-Air Force funded TDY or PCS orders, or TDY en-route PCS orders, please send a copy of the orders to 14th CPTS financial customer service (14CPTS.FCS@columbus.af.mil). If necessary, we'll work with the funding agency and Citibank to have your orders manually loaded

in the system.

Note: You can always view your CSA account at: <https://home.cards.citidirect.com/CommercialCard/Cards.html>

14th CPTS Finance Customer Service:
Bldg 730, first floor lobby.

Hours of operation: Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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

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

14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, 67 TEAM BLAZE members are deployed worldwide. Remember to support the Airmen and their families while they are away.





Trail BLAZE'r

Name: Jessica Hoskins Ph.D in the next three years.
Family members: Husband, 1st Lt. Adam Johnson.
Unit: 49th Fighter Training Squadron
Job title: Secretary **Favorite movie:** The Hangover
Time at Columbus Air Force Base: 2.5 years **Biggest pet peeve:** Incompetency
Time in Service: 2.5 years
Hometown: Port Byron, Ill. **Favorite book:** Anything by John Steinbeck or Dumas Alexandre.
Career goals: Complete **Inspirations:** Bill Lipschutz

AROUND TOWN

Market Street Festival

Free and open to the public! May 7 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Five entertainment stages, over 20 musical acts. Kids activities, ride, and characters. 225 arts and crafts vendors, Juried Arts show, 5K run, Zumba in the streets with the Y, car giveaway, hands on marketplace, food court and so much more! For a full listing of the festival's events and details, visit www.marketstreet-festival.com.

Beauty and the Beast

The Columbus YMCA is conducting a performance of Disney Classic Beauty and the Beast April 29 and April 30 at 7 p.m. in the Joe Cook auditorium. Tickets are \$10.

Congratulations to the newest major selects of the 14th Flying Training Wing:

- Robert Brawley Jr
- Dave Caswell
- David Cook
- Kenneth Dixon
- David Elkins, 48th
- Jason Ellis, 50th
- Greg Etter
- Kevin Floyd
- Nathaniel Freeman
- John Gattone
- Cornelius Godbee
- Troy Kirkbride
- Tom Klusek
- Matt Lewis
- Daniela Martian
- Keith Napolitano
- Chad Overton
- Eric Peterson
- Jason Powell
- Benjamin Staats,
- Ryan Sullivan
- Steven Thomas
- Adam Waite

Civilian career tips are focus of upcoming webcasts

Debbie Gildea

Air Force Personnel, Services and Manpower Public Affairs

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas
 Civilian Airmen will learn how to plan for their next job, how education affects their careers and more during webcasts in May and June tailored for specific grade-groups.

Hosted by representatives of the Air Force Personnel Center civilian force integration directorate, the webcasts support the Air Force commitment to developing Airmen, said Loretta Brown, the leadership

development program office chief.

"The Air Force deliberately develops all Airmen to ensure they are able to fully contribute to the mission and achieve their own career goals," Ms. Brown said. "These webcasts will help civilian Airmen understand their growth options and enable them to plan their careers."

Civilian institutional development programs exist at every leadership level in a "continuum of learning" created in 2009 to ensure civilians have opportunities to achieve necessary proficiency levels. In support of that continuum, the webcasts will focus specifically on what people in three

grade groups need to know.

May 12 webcasts will be tailored to GS-14 and GS-15 employees. May 26 information will be for GS-12 and GS-13 employees, and June 21 webcasts will be for GS-7 through GS-11 Airmen. Supervisors also are encouraged to listen in so that they are able to assist and support their employees' development plans. Subject-matter experts will be online to provide real-time answers to questions during the 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. central time webcasts.

To join the webcast, go to <https://connect.dco.dod.mil/dpi>. Those registered with the Defense Connect Online tool will use their user names and passwords to log in, but participants can log in as guests as well. Login will be available 30 minutes prior to the webcast, and those who login as guests must provide their names and bases to be invited to the session.

Some computers may not run the program, which requires Adobe® Flash Player 8. To ensure they have access, those who plan to participate should test their configuration at https://connect.dco.dod.mil/common/he-lp/en/support/meeting_test.htm.

For more information about civilian education and development opportunities or other personnel issues, visit the Air Force personnel services website at <https://gum-crm.csd.disa.mil/app/home>, or call the Total Force Service Center at 800-525-0102 or DSN 665-5000.

Survival tree planted to honor sexual assault victims



Col. George Ross, 14th Flying Training Wing vice commander, Diane Gann, Baptist Memorial Hospital Director Emergency Department Services, Joyce Tucker, Director, Safe Haven, Dr. Beatrice Tatum, Mississippi State University Director of Outreach and Sexual Assault Services, Chief Master Sgt. Zefrem Smith, 14th FTW command chief and Col. Barre Seguin, 14th FTW commander, stand ready to plant the sexual assault "survival tree" at Freedom Park on April 22. The tree is a genetically improved hardwood tree locally grown at Mossy Oak in West Point and was acquired in collaboration with Mississippi State University sexual assault department.
 U.S. Air Force photo/Elizabeth Owens

Face of Genocide: What Have We Learned?

Tech. Sgt. Christopher Calo
 14th Medical Support Squadron

The United States Congress established the Days of Remembrance as our nation's annual commemoration of the Holocaust and created the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum as a permanent living memorial to the victims. This year Holocaust Remembrance Day is Sunday, May 1. The Museum designated Justice and Accountability in the Face of Genocide: What Have We Learned? As the theme for the 2011 observance. In accordance with its Congressional mandate, the Museum is responsible for leading the nation in commemorating the Days of Remembrance, and for encouraging and sponsoring appropriate observances throughout the United States. As 14th Flying Training Wing members it is our duty to remember those fallen and continue to serve faithfully a nation that focuses on human rights underscoring that remembrance should also be an act of hope.

Seventy years ago the darkest, most murderous moment of history was unleashed, and the voices of freedom and justice were still. Sadly, those voices were mute as Nazi persecution became increasingly intense, widespread and systematic, culminating in a campaign of extermination against Europe's Jews. When the slaughter was over, six million Jews had been killed and millions more targeted for persecution and destruction, including Poles; the handicapped; Gypsies; homosexuals; Jehovah's Witnesses; Soviet prisoners of war and political dissidents. Those who survived the killing camps tell us that as

many of those people walked to their deaths, their last words were "Remember us. Remember us."

Remembrance obligates us to focus not only on memorializing those who were killed; we must also reflect on what could have been done to save them. The year 2011 marks the 70th anniversary of the beginning of the genocide of European Jews. Yet to some extent before June 1941, and to a full extent before September 1939, what we now know as the Holocaust could have been prevented. And even after June 1941, opportunities were missed to save significant numbers of Jews.

History teaches us that the Holocaust might not have occurred if governments and leaders had spoken out during the Nazi rise to power. And more people could have been saved if individual citizens had raised their voices to force their governments to act, if only to offer safety and refuge. In the aftermath of the Holocaust, indifference to genocide cannot be tolerated; Holocaust remembrance imposes a moral obligation to speak out.

The United States Holocaust Memorial Council established a Committee on Conscience (<http://www.ushmm.org/conscience/>) precisely because in the critical years prior to 1941 conscience did not prevail. The Council is determined that the Museum's ultimate achievement should be that remembrance of the past will influence the course of the future.

Join us at the Holocaust memorial breakfast at the Chapel Annex May 2 at 7:30 a.m. as we commemorate the 70th anniversary of the destruction of European Jewry.

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.



Homes

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.

Miscellaneous

For sale: XBOX 360, no controller. \$75. (407) 301-5681.
For sale: Pack and play, \$20. Evenflow Ultra Saucer, \$20. Portable three-in-one booster seat, \$10. Potty'n'step stool, \$5.

Yard Sale

Yard sale: Two Family Yard Sale April 30th from 8 to 11 a.m. at 5099 B Columbus Circle on base. Baby items, Clothes, Electronics and more.

Wanted

Wanted: Dog fence for on base. Call 364-3329.

Advocating for Airmen in D.C.



U.S. Air Force photo

Col. Barre Seguin, 14th Flying Training Wing commander, Don Young, 14th Civil Engineering Squadron, Master Sgt. Paul Swanner, 14th Operations Group, and Chief Master Sgt. Zefrem Smith, 14th Flying Training Wing command Chief, pose in front of the white house on April 14. The team was TDY to Washington D.C. to advocate for Airmen.

Airman awarded Below the Zone



Col. Barre Seguin, 14th Flying Training Wing commander, presents Airman 1st Class Christina Ortiz, 48th Flying Training Squadron aviation resource manager, with her Below the Zone award on April 26. Congratulations Airman Ortiz!

National resource directory goes mobile

WASHINGTON — A version of the National Resource Directory website, which connects wounded warriors, service members, veterans and families with those who support them, now is available for mobile phones.

With more than 3,000 new users each day searching for information on the site, it makes sense to have a mobile version, said John R. Campbell, the deputy assistant secretary of defense for wounded warrior care and transition.

Mr. Campbell explained that developing the mobile version of the site was an important step in reaching out to younger generations of wounded warriors, service members transitioning out of the military, and their families.

"They are looking for more efficient ways to gather information, and with this explosion of applications on smartphones, it was kind of a no-brainer that we needed to put a mobile version out there," Mr. Campbell said. "Everything we're trying to do now is geared toward younger servicemen and women applying digital media — the platform they want to use.

"The site is being used a lot more than ever, because the information that's on there is so valuable," he said.

Users can find tips for writing a resume, techniques to prepare for job interviews, information on veterans' benefits and compensation and family caregiver support, to name just a few of the services available on the website. Information is searchable by topic audience and location.

Users also can sign up for online webinars taught by volunteer professionals, Mr. Campbell said.

The website "gives our servicemen and women and their families, we think, a tremendous amount of information from local, state, from federal government and other agencies on not-for-profit corpora-

tions," Mr. Campbell said. "It really gives them a wonderful way to find information that they need, that they can search for a number of different ways."

With the launch of the mobile version, users have an easier-to-navigate version of the site in the palm of their hands anywhere they have mobile reception, he said.

"The mobile version is really the same information, (but) if you were to look at the browser on your phone, you'd see what you see on your (computer) screen," Mr. Campbell said. "But you would only see a small part of it, because the screen is much smaller (on a mobile device)."

The mobile version is not a separate application, Mr. Campbell stressed. Users still have to go to the directory website at <http://www.nationalresourcedirectory.gov> from their mobile device. Once the site loads, they can scroll to the bottom of the page and click the link "NRD mobile" for the mobile version.

The mobile version condenses all of the information on the standard web site into five links, and is easier to view and access on a mobile device, Mr. Campbell explained.

"This will enable you to get to whatever information — the 13,000 services that are represented — with just a couple of clicks," he said. "Whatever you're looking for — information on employment, benefits, information on finances — whatever you need."

Information and services on the web site are screened and thoroughly reviewed by the Defense Department in collaboration with the departments of Veterans Affairs and Labor, Campbell said.

"This is just one of the number of things in the (DOD) to make it easier and more meaningful for wounded warriors and transitioning service members and their families," he added.

(Courtesy of American Forces Press Service)

Scan this barcode with your mobile device and instantly visit <http://www.nationalresourcedirectory.gov>. Scroll down to the bottom of the page and click the link "NRD mobile" for the mobile version.



Base News

The Landings at Columbus Presents: Ladies Night Out!

Residents please join us May 6 from 7 to 10 p.m. at The Landings for a night of pampering and fun! We will have the following treats available: Manicures, pedicures, hair styles, hair cuts, make-up, chair massages, relaxing music, appetizers and beverages. To show you all how much you are valued, all services are free and on a first come, first served basis!

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.

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.

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.

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.

SAT Testing

The SAT college admissions examination will be given on May 25 at 8 p.m. in the Education Center. The education center can only give the SAT to military personnel. Please call 434-2562 to schedule.

CCAF Graduation Ceremony

The Community College of the Air Force graduation ceremony will be on May 24 at 10 a.m. in the Columbus Club. Chief Master Sgt. Leonard Thibodeaux, 14 Mission Support Group Superintendent, is the guest speaker. All are invited.

vMPF Post 9/11 GI Bill Transfer of Benefits

Members can now access the vMPF and click DoD TEB website to transfer Post 9/11 GI Bill benefits. The vMPF application will verify the Airman's eligibility to transfer benefits, provide timely notice regarding eligibility issues and allow Airmen to complete, sign, and forward the required statement of understanding to the Automated Records Management System. You can link to the vMPF through the AF Portal at <https://www.my.af.mil/afpc2ww3/vmpf/Hub/Pages/Hub.asp>.

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.

Embry-Riddle University

The ERAU office is open Monday Wednesday Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is located in Building 926, suite 124. ERAU is offering Master of Aeronautical Science and Master of Science in Management degrees. For more information contact the ERAU office at 434-8262 or Memphis.center@erau.edu

Saint Leo University

SLU offers on-base classes in psychology, criminal justice, and business administration. Online and CD-ROM classes are also available. Call Saint Leo at 434-8844 (dial 99 on-base) or stop by Room 120 in Bldg. 926 (Old Personnel Bldg.)

Base Thrift Shop

The Base Thrift Shop is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Consignments until noon. Please visit the Thrift Shop for more information on consignments. Donations are accepted and very much appreciated. They can be dropped off anytime in the donation shed. The Thrift Shop is non-profit and all proceeds benefit CAFB Community. It is located in Bldg 345, Imes Street (next to Youth Center). Phone: 434-2954.

IDEA Program

The Air Force Innovative Development through Employee Awareness is looking for submissions of individual, group, or team ideas about how the Air Force can accomplish something more efficiently. Cash rewards for ideas are possible. Visit <https://ipds.randolph.af.mil> or call Tech. Sgt. Angela Coleman at 434-2388.

School Liaison Officer

The Columbus Air Force Base School Liaison Officer (SLO) works with local school districts, schools, parents and students on issues related to elementary and secondary education for the children of ALL personnel (civilian, military and contractor) assigned to the installation. As parents of school age children are aware, there are many unique issues our children face as they transition to new schools. The role of the School Liaison Officer is to assist families ensure their children receive the best possible education regardless of where they attend school. For assistance, please contact the School Liaison Officer at 434-2792 or via email at slo@columbus.af.mil.

Base families offered a variety of activities

Mother's Day Brunch

The Columbus Club is having a Mother's Day Champagne Brunch on Sunday, May 8, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. The menu consists of breakfast and lunch items; a carving station with steamship round; a seafood station with peel-and-eat shrimp, crab legs and crawfish; a beverage bar with champagne and mimosas; and much more. The cost is \$19.95 for members, \$21.95 for non-members, \$8.95 for members' children ages 6-11, and \$10.95 for nonmembers' children ages 6-11. Children 5 and under eat free with an adult meal. Bring your camera! There will be a seasonal backdrop for your family photo opportunity. Reservations are required by May 2. For reservations or more information, call 434-2489.

Air Force Club Member Scholarship

Air Force Club members and their family members are eligible to win a \$1,000 educational scholarship by submitting a one-page essay of 500 words or less entitled "My Contributions to the Air Force." Submissions are due no later than July 1. More information is available in

displays around base and online at www.afclubs.net. Linda Dodson of the 14th Force Support Squadron is the point of contact and may be reached at 434-2314.

Golf Tournament

Whispering Pines Golf Course is hosting the 27-hole Challenge tournament on May 7. This individual-play tournament will begin at 8 a.m., and the cost is \$15 plus green fees. Participant will play the first 18 holes, then pick nine scores to drop and replace with another 9-hole round to better the final score. Call the Pro Shop at 434-7932 for more information.

Thirsty Thursdays

The golf course will have drink specials every Thursday in May from 4 to 7 p.m. For more information, call the Pro Shop at 434-7932.

Music on the Patio

Music on the Patio at Whispering Pines Golf Course will be May 6, 6 to 9 p.m. Enjoy live music and drink specials. Direct questions to the Pro Shop at 434-7932.

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 for all of the details and to enter the contest.

Month of the Military Child

Youth under the age of 18 bowl for \$1 per game with free shoe rental at the Bowling Center, and children under 12 play free with a paying adult at Whispering Pines Golf Course through Saturday.

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 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 IIT

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.

Leadership and diversity from a SNCO perspective

Chief Master Sgt. Richard Bullock
14th Medical Group
superintendent

Leading and maintaining a diverse force for mission accomplishment is one of the crucial points for senior enlisted leaders in today's military environment.

As involved leaders, our position is to provide leadership, strategic direction and process oversight to meet Air Force requirements and support sister units throughout the Department of Defense. We accomplish this by leading a diverse and inclusive total force to support and defend the constitution and the United States of America. These actions are a reflection to the American people of how we are spending our tax payer's dollars

while leveraging the talents of all our Airmen to maximize the total force's combat readiness and capabilities for the joint team.

Diversity concentrates on the differences and similarities of the people in the workforce and discrimination or unfair employment practices, which impedes mission accomplishment and effect morale and discipline, will not be tolerated. We as Air Force leaders must ensure our personnel are well versed on current standards and issues which may affect good order and discipline in our respective units.

According to the Congressional Research Service, the act provides for repeal of the current DoD policy concerning homosexuality in the armed forces, to

be effective 60 days after the secretary of defense has received DoD's comprehensive review on the implementation of such repeal, and the president, secretary of defense and chairman of the joint chiefs of staff certify to the congressional defense committees that they have considered the report and proposed plan of action. We must ensure all personnel are aware that this policy has not yet been put in effect, and the old standards still apply.

The Don't Ask, Don't Tell Repeal Act of 2010 is the "Law of the United States" federal statute that lays a legal mechanism to repeal the DADT policy, which since 1993 has prevented openly gay and lesbian people from serving in the United States Armed Forces. However, the

act does not immediately repeal the DADT policy.

DoD leaders have prepared the necessary policies and regulations to exercise the discretion provided by such repeal, and that implementation of such policies and regulations is consistent with the standards of military readiness and effectiveness, unit cohesion and military recruiting and retention. All service members have to abide by current standards, until the act is repealed, and finally, every Air Force leader has an obligation to ensure our work force and all personnel within it are treated fairly.

As we look at the changes which are taking effect we must remember that a diverse force is essential for mission accomplishment in today's military environment.

Engage in lives of others, break out of your shell

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) LeBane Hal
349th Air Mobility Wing

TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. — I was walking down the hall of the Travis hotel and I heard a laugh. It made me smile. It was loud, it was constant and it was a little girl, about three years old, laughing with her mother. Each time she stopped laughing, her mom would do something funny and she would laugh again. It was precious.

Later, I went outside and was walking by a couple. They did not seem very happy. I was hoping they might pass by the little girl laughing, as it would definitely brighten their day. I do not know if there had been a squabble between them or if there was a hardship in the family, but their emotions were written all over their faces. Honestly, it was depressing.

Much later that evening, I went out to eat. It was dinner time and I was craving fish. I passed by a guy wearing an Indianapolis Colts T-shirt. I am a big fan and have been for many years. I wanted to say, "Go Colts," or "Peyton's the man," but interrupting just seemed inappropriate, because he was having an intense conversation with another individual. They did not seem angry, flustered or frustrated, just engaged in deep, mind-boggling conversation.

I ordered my fish and the clerk asked about my name. It is unique and people ask about it all of the time. I mentioned it being two words (created by my sister who took French) and its less than stellar meaning. Yes, I enter-

tained the clerk with my stories and, when I was finished, his reaction was, "Next." Deflated, I went to eat and never looked back.

My sons are growing up in a world that never seems to engage in life. Oh, we meet people online, but I am talking about being engaged with our neighbors, co-workers, acquaintances and even complete strangers.

I feel like I should have shared how the little girl's laughter brightened my day, spoke to the couple about the little girl laughing just to try to assist them, shared with the T-shirt-wearing fan our mutual team affection or tried again to engage the clerk with my repartee. Failure may have happened in any or all of those scenarios, but not trying means I already failed. I guess some might be shocked I even tried to speak with them and some may have even called me crazy. Engaging others may be difficult, but I hope my sons can see the joy in doing so.

I was coming back from the gym the other day. I was sweaty and my hair was a mess. I did not look good at all. A member on base saw me, came over to say hi and we spoke for an hour in the inn lobby. We talked about our kids and dinosaurs, and told funny stories that made both of us laugh.

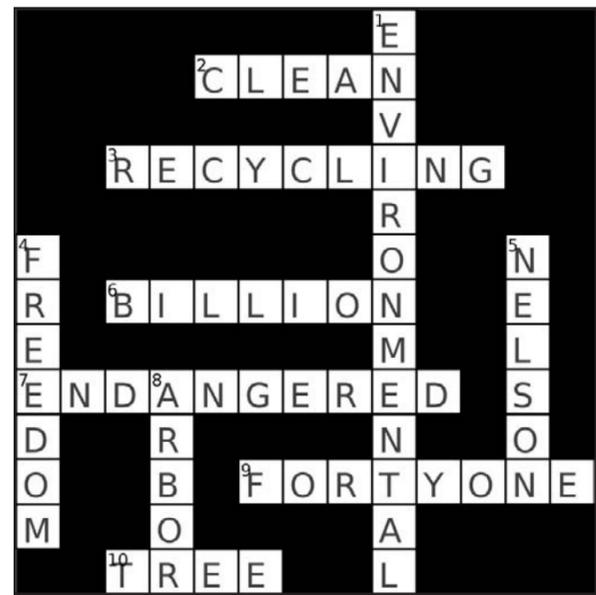
I thought I probably should leave the conversation due to my dripping sweat, but the person never said a word about it, only asked questions about family, work and fun. We spoke about God, faith and perseverance. I finished the conversation feeling better inside, which I am sure

mirrored the benefits of the physical exercise.

I would like to be engaged in the lives of others more often and break out of the shell my sons and I seem to live in.

This is probably an area you struggle with too. So, what do you think? Would you like to be more engaged with others, too?

Last week's answer



U.S. Air Force photo/Melissa Doublin
Col. James Smetzer, 340th Flying Training Group commander Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, hands Lt. Col. Craig Shenkenberg command of the 43rd Flying Training Squadron during a change of command ceremony on April 22.

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SUPT Class 11-08 earns silver wings



T-1A Jayhawk



T-38C Talon



Maj. Patrick McMahon
Ellicott City, Md.
C-130J, Harrisburg IAP, Pa.

Nineteen officers have prevailed during a year of training, earning the right to be an Air Force pilot. Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 11-08 graduates at 10 a.m. today during a ceremony at the Kaye Auditorium.

The graduation speaker for the class is Brig. Gen. Stephen W. "Seve" Wilson is Director for Joint Integration, Directorate of Operational Capability Requirements, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Plans and Requirements, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C. He performs a key management role in the Joint Capabilities Integration and Development System process as the Air Force representative on the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Joint Capabilities Board which develops and evaluates uniformed services and joint modernization programs on behalf of the Joint Requirements Oversight Council. General Wilson provides oversight to the Air Force representatives on the eight Functional Capabilities Boards and assists the Director of Operational Capability Requirements in leading 11 Air Staff divisions that develop and evaluate Air Force modernization programs.

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

2nd Lt. Ryan Goodpaster, T-38, and 2nd Lt. William Poeschl, 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 2nd Lt. Michelle Hamland, T-38, and 2nd Lt. Donald Hart, 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 Goodpaster and Lieutenant Poeschl were named the distinguished graduates of SUPT Class 11-08.

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 11-08's pilot partners are the Cartney-Hunt House Bed and Breakfast represented by Marleen Hansen along with the Reed's of Columbus represented by Lex Jackson.



2nd Lt. Matthew Coffey
Kennebunk, Maine
T-1, Columbus AFB, Miss.



2nd Lt. Michael Cox
Livonia, Mich.
KC-135R, McConnell AFB, Kan.



2nd Lt. Joshua Elmshaeuser
Ogallala, Neb.
KC-135R, Fairchild AFB, Wash.



2nd Lt. Kristofer Fernandez
Pompton Plains N.J.
KC-10, McGuire AFB, N.J.



2nd Lt. Stephan Frye
Pearisburg, Va.
C-17, Charleston AFB, S.C.



2nd Lt. Ryan Goodpaster
Columbus, Ga.
F-15E, Seymour Johnson, N.C.



2nd Lt. Michelle Hamland
Medford, Wis.
F-16, Luke AFB, Ariz.



2nd Lt. Donald Hart
Woodstock Ga.
KC-135, MacDill AFB, Fla.



2nd Lt. Paul Hesser
Southampton, Pa.
KC-135R, McConnell AFB, Kan.



2nd Lt. Ryan Kennedy
Kennesaw, Ga.
NSA, Cannon AFB, N.M.



2nd Lt. Dustin Nordman
Great Bend, Kan.
KC-135R, Fairchild AFB, Wash.



2nd Lt. Gregory Oswald
Cortez, Colo.
KC-135R, Fairchild AFB, Wash.



2nd Lt. Tyler Piening
Lincoln, Neb.
KC-135R, Lincoln ANGB, Neb.



2nd Lt. Joseph Place
Oskaloosa, Iowa
M-28, Cannon AFB, N.M.



2nd Lt. William Poeschl
West Linn, Ore.
C-17, McChord AFB, Wash.



2nd Lt. Walter Studley
Coventry, R.I.
T-6, Columbus AFB, Miss.



2nd Lt. Joshua Welch
Titusville, Fla.
KC-135R, March AFB, Calif.



2nd Lt. Harvey White
San Jose, Calif.
C-17, Travis AFB, Calif.