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Community gathers to retire flags Honor Colors' Service



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

Tenderfoot and Scout ranked members of the Boy Scouts of America Troop 9 ready themselves to post the colors during the flag retirement ceremony on June 3 at SAC Lake. Tenderfoot and Scout are two of the first ranks any Boy Scout wears, and are held while still learning about the basics of scouting.



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

The Honor guard from Boy Scouts of America Troop 9 render a three fingered salute during the singing of the national anthem. The three fingered salute represents the three points of the scout promise. (To do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; To help other people at all times; To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.)



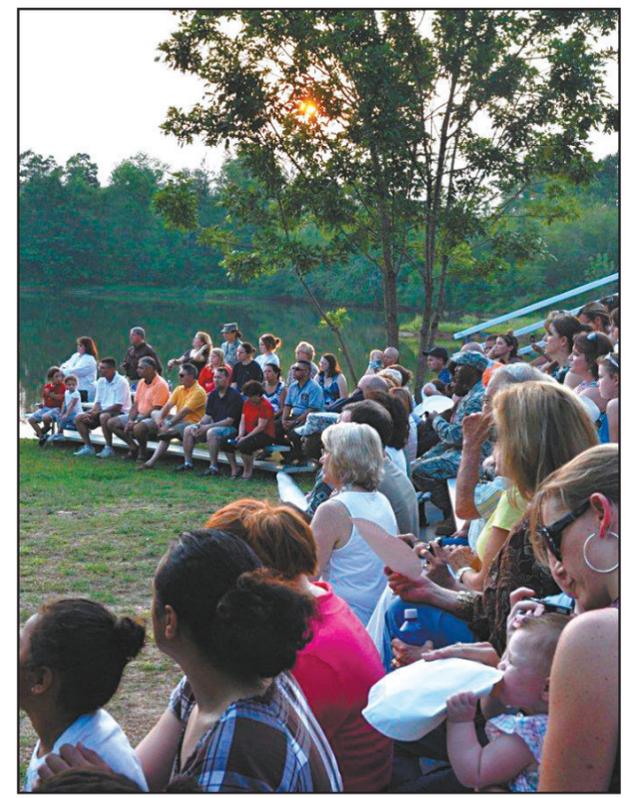
U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Chase Hedrick

Boy Scouts of America Troop 9 Life Scout Leon Cicero Ellis IV holds a flag in front of a fire on June 6. Leon led the event in part to fulfill a requirement for the BSA rank of Eagle Scout. Eagle Scout is the highest rank one can earn within the scouting organization, and boasts presidents, astronauts and successful businessmen among its ranks.



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

Airman Suzcely Gravino, 14th Medical Operations Squadron Flight Medicine Technician, adds a little extra ketchup to a burger for Renee Allen, wife of Boy Scouts of America Troop 9 Scoutmaster Chas Allen on June 3. Team BLAZE members from across the base came together to volunteer for the evening's events.



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

Over 80 people came to SAC lake on June 3 to see the retirement of an American flag. Team BLAZE, community and scouting organization members were all in attendance.



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Honor guard members of the Boy Scouts of America Troop 9 prepare the separated colors for retirement at the flag retirement ceremony held at SAC lake on June 3. The colors of a flag are separated before retirement so that only the pieces are burned, rather than the flag.

Weather

Today High: 97, Low: 70 Isolated T-storms	Saturday High: 95, Low: 70 Partly cloudy
Sunday High: 95, Low: 70 Isolated T-storms	Monday High: 97, Low: 71 Partly cloudy

News Briefs

14th Security Forces Change of Command

The 14th Security Forces Squadron will hold their change of command ceremony June 13 at 2 p.m. in the Columbus Club.

14th Medical Group Change of Command

The 14th Medical Group will hold their change of command ceremony June 14 at 1 p.m. in the Columbus Club.

Class 12-10 Pilot Partner Welcome

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 12-10 Pilot Partner Welcome will be June 16 at 6 p.m. at 4-County Electric Pavilion.

Inside



Feature 8

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

Small town D-Day veterans share stories with community, base members

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

Four quiet retired D-Day veterans in Columbus Air Force Base's own backyard shared their stories with community and base leaders during a banquet at the Ritz Theater in West Point Mississippi on June 4.

War stories were told and new appreciations were found for the sacrifices made by the American people and the United States Armed Forces to ensure the successes on the beaches of Normandy June 6, 1944, better known as D-Day.

Displays including WWII era weapons and pictures sparked war stories and conversation from men who had once kept their stories from even their own families.

Guest speaker for the event, Mr. Joe Johnson, said he hadn't shared his stories until his children started asking questions and has since become more open about the events that occurred while he served under the command of Army General George Patton. Mr. Johnson stormed the invasion point known as Utah Beach as part of the 5th wave on June 6, 1944 as an Army Private First Class, 2nd Armored Division "Hell on Wheels", 3rd Army.

Mr. Johnson openly shared his experiences in his speech and alongside three other local veterans during the premier viewing of the "Salute to Local D-Day Veterans" video containing footage from the multimedia archives. In the video each veteran spoke of their individual experiences, common themes that seemed to have inspired the 14th Flying

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U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Chase Hedrick
Lt. Col. Kevin Sutton, 14th Flying Training Wing Safety Commander, listens to D-Day veteran Joe Johnson as he recounts a war story at the West Point Ritz Theater on June 4. Mr. Johnson came ashore on the beaches of Normandy in the 5th wave not even a week after he turned 17.

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 (12-05)	-0.22 days	0.00 days	Jul. 25	48th (11-11)	-0.21 days	-0.64 days	Jun. 30	49th (10-1B)	5.38 days	2.52 days	Jul. 13	T-6	941	849	21,971
41st (12-04)	5.84 days	0.75 days	Jun. 29	50th (11-11)	0.52 days	-4.14 days	Jun. 30					T-1	270	316	7,137
												T-38	335	411	7,745
												IFF	80	53	2,023

The next graduation speaker is Maj. Gen. Harold Cross, USAF retired. Former adjunct General, Miss. National Guard.

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D-DAY

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Training Wing's #1 Priority; Back-2-BLAZE (Building leaders, advancing integrity, service before self and excellence in all we do) and the Air Force Core values ran throughout with a heavy emphasis on service.

Most don't know how important women's service to the country was during the war according to Mr. Johnson, who wanted nothing more than to emphasize his appreciation.

"There weren't enough men left (in America). Who would build our ships and our airplanes?" he said. "Let me tell you about these ladies. We could not have won this war without these ladies building the machines to send over there to us to use. Ladies, you don't know what you mean to this country. God bless you."

Reminders of why the war was being waged constantly existed on the frontlines according to Mr. Johnson, who described memories of liberating the concentration camp Dachau, and discoveries before that moment.

"I got over all those battles, but I'll never get over this, I cannot, I cannot," he said, hesitating for a moment to compose himself before continuing. "They had three (rail) cars there, and bodies were stacked eight feet high on each side. Could you imagine the horrible stench that was there? Could you imagine what might have gone through the mind of a boy who had been raised on the South-Forty and never heard of anything like that? How could anybody be so cruel?"

However, such experiences have not extinguished these veterans love of country and willingness to do it all again. Though filled with enthusiasm to defend their homeland, they know the torch has been passed and a younger generation must protect freedom at home and abroad.

When asked what others can learn from the "greatest generation." D-Day Veteran Army Staff Sgt. Al Cummings, of Company G, 3rd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment, 9th Infantry Division, kept it simple and true:

"To do what you're supposed to do: Take care of this country."

14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, 76 TEAM BLAZE members are deployed worldwide. Remember to support the Airmen and their families while they are away.



AROUND TOWN

Hitching Lot Farmer's Market

The Hitching Lot Farmer's Market is open Mondays from 5-7 p.m., Thursdays from 6-10 a.m., and Saturdays from 7-10 a.m. Visit hitchinglotfarmersmarket.com for more information.

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat/Sun
13 14th SFS CoC, 2 p.m. @ Club IFF Graduation, 4:49 @ 49th FTS	14 14th MDG CoC, 1 p.m. @ Club Hearts Apart, 7:00 p.m. @ base pool	15	16 Class 12-10 PPW, 6 p.m. @ 4-County Electric	17 Class 11-11 Assignment Night, 5 p.m. @ Club	18/19 Father's Day June 18-21: Lebonese G.O visit
20 June 18-21: Lebonese G.O visit Night Flying Week	21 Newcomers, 8 a.m. @ AFRC	22	23 Tech Sgt. Releases 8:00 a.m.	24	25/26

Long Range Events

June 29: Class 12-04 Track Select

June 30: Class 11-11 Graduation

June 30: Enlisted Promotions

July 1: AETC Family Day

July 4:

Independence Day

July 6: 14th MSG CoC

July 13: IFF Graduation

July 15: 37th FTS CoC

July 15: Class 11-12 Assignment Night

July 18: Wing Retreat

July 19: Newcomers

CAFB Leaders attend off-site

Sonic Johnson

Chief, 14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Forty members of the BLAZE Leadership Team gathered Saturday, June 4 to attend a leadership off-site seminar at the Prairie Wildlife Hunting Lodge.

Servant Leader author and motivational speaker Jim Hunter started the day-long event with a presentation on Servant Leadership. After lunch, 49th Fighter Squadron Commander Lt. Col. Chris Stricklin gave a presentation on Strategic Negotiation and Dr. Matt Stafford from the Squadron Officer's College finished off the day with an overview of D-Day to intellectually prepare the group for that evening's D-Day Banquet.

Hunter's visit was a follow on to his September presentation to the BLT where he introduced them to the Servant Leadership concept. This session challenged the BLT to take measurable actions within their organizations to continue the journey to becoming a servant leader. Hunter used philosophy and lessons from great leaders like Coach John Wooden and Southwest Airlines founder Herb Kelleher to set the bar of leadership.

"Leadership is developing our moral muscle...and moral muscle equals character," said Hunter. He further challenged BLT members with his famous line "are you green and growing or ripe and rotting?"

Hunter spent the morning with his three stage process; Foundation, Feedback and Friction. The BLT has essentially finished the Foundation stage which consists of Servant Leadership Training and self study. Hunter set the team for the Feedback stage where leaders identify their skill or style gaps, which is accomplished by feedback. Feedback is solicited from supervisors, peers and subordinates alike to get a 360 degree view of leadership performance. Hunter cited material from his most recent book "The World's Most Powerful Leadership Principle, How to Become a Servant Leader."

Following a prepared lunch of Greek Chicken by on-site chef Harry Psisisas, Colonel Stricklin kicked off his session on Strategic Negotiations with a few interactive exercises with the



US Air Force Photo/Sonic Johnson

Author and motivational speaker Jim Hunter speaks to members of the BLAZE Leadership Team Saturday, June 4 during a leadership off-site at the Prairie Wildlife hunting lodge.

initial goal of realizing that emotions play a role in all decision making. While initially designed for newly arrived action officers to the Pentagon, Colonel Stricklin adeptly tailored the lesson to provide wing-level leaders awareness and tools to successfully negotiate.

Dr. Stafford had the unenviable task to present a history lesson at the end of a long, intellectually stimulating day; a task that Dr. Stafford met and excelled at accomplishing. Providing the strategic overview of World War II he interspersed interesting but little known facets of the war and gave a memorable and informative presentation.

With the event concluding with hearty thanks to all and most BLT members rushing off to prepare for the evening's D-Day Banquet, the planning team led by 14th Flying Training Wing Commander's Action Group Chief Maj. Steve Drinnon reflected on the success of the day. "The program today far exceeded our expectations of success," beamed Major Drinnon. "The speakers were perfect. The topics were perfect. The facility was perfect. The audience was perfect!"

Dollars and \$ense: Freeze on Controlled Spend Account Applications

Until further notice, 14th Comptroller Squadron cannot process applications for the new Controlled Spend Account program. If you require a travel card for an upcoming TDY, we are authorized to resume issuing Government Travel Cards.

To apply for a Government Travel Card, please complete the following:

1. On-line Training Course, titled "Programs and Policies-Travel Card Program (Travel Card 101) (Mandatory)" available on the TraX website (www.defensetravel.dod.mil/passport).

2. Statement of Understanding, which is available on the 14th CPTS Community of Practice at the following link: <https://afkm.wpaaf.af.mil/DocView.asp?DocID=10584291>

Once you have completed all the necessary training and paperwork, please provide the documentation to your GTC Agency Program Coordinator and he or she will process an electronic application for you.

If you have any further questions or would like the above links sent to you electronically, please contact us at

14CPTS.FCS@columbus.af.mil

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.

12-03 Track Select

2nd Lt Franklin R. Baker	T-38
2nd Lt Scott D. Ball	T-1
2nd Lt Caleb F. Becker	T-38
2nd Lt Kirk P. Bingaman	T-44
2nd Lt Karl A. Bohn	T-1
2nd Lt Taylor C. Coffey	T-1
2nd Lt Matthew R. Fair	T-38
2nd Lt Giovanni Feliz	T-1
2nd Lt Peter R. French	T-1
2nd Lt Mark A. Hammond	T-1
2nd Lt Bryan C. Holtz	T-1
2nd Lt Althea H. Johnston	T-38
2nd Lt Philip G. Maher	T-1
2nd Lt Kevin F. McCarthy II	T-1
2nd Lt Christopher T. Molstad	T-38
2nd Lt Joel M. Nolan	T-1
2nd Lt John E. Rebolledo	T-1
Capt Matthieu A. Rigollet	T-44
2nd Lt Kyle S. Schemenaur	T-1
2nd Lt Benjamin H. Schmidt	T-1
2nd Lt Cristofer Shumaker	T-1
2nd Lt Joseph N. Walz	T-38
2nd Lt Teng J. Yang	T-44

Top Guns

Contact: 2nd Lt. Matthew R. Fair
Instrument: 2nd Lt. Cristofer Shumaker
Formation: 2nd Lt. Peter French

Leverette Award

2nd Lt. Matthew R. Fair

Vegas Knights

Lt. Col. Chris Stricklin

49th Fighter Training Squadron Commander

The "Home of the Fighter Pilot," Nellis Air Force Base is home to the U.S. Air Force Warfare Center, the largest and most demanding advanced air combat training program in the world. At Nellis, aircrew train in composite strike forces which include every type of aircraft in the Air Force inventory. Training is conducted in conjunction with air and ground units of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and air forces from our allied nations. The crews do not go there to learn how to fly, but instead how to be the best combat aviators in the world.

Recently, the 49th Flying Training Squadron "Black Knights" were invited to Nellis for a two week squadron deployment in support of the USAF Weapons School. The school is designed to push students to their limits, to allow students from 22 combat specialties to hone their tactical proficiency to phenomenal levels. Only the top tiers of each specialty are considered for acceptance into the program, and even fewer are accepted. Upon completing the course, graduates return to their home stations, taking the latest tactics, techniques and procedures to their respective units, upholding the 62-year tradition of excellence associated with the Weapons School. Our very own 14th Flying Training Wing Commander and Vice Commander are graduates of this prestigious school!

The Black Knights of the 49th served as augmentees on the Red (Bad Guy) side of the sorties, teaming with the 64th Viper and 65th Eagle Aggressors. The deployment allowed the Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals instructors to sharpen



Members of the 49th Fighter Training Squadron pose in front of their T-38 Talons during their two week stay at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev. The Black Knights acted as opponents while sharpening their skills during training exercises with the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and air forces from our allied nations.

Courtesy photo

their tactical instruction and learn about the most current Combat AF weapons and tactics. Ultimately, the deployment

will increase the quality of our IFF graduates and the tactical proficiency of all Black Knights.

BLAZE'N'Wheels sees classic win

The Powell family shows off their red 1955 Ford F-100 truck, first place winner of the truck category, winner of Best in Show and the People's Choice Award at the second annual Columbus Air Force Base "BLAZE'N'Wheels" car show. The winners for each category are:

Motorcycle Category: 2nd place to William Grayson; 1st place to Justin Cochran

Classic Car Category: 2nd Place, Sam Phillips, 1st place Donald Crabtree

Truck Category: 2nd place, Bob Taylor; 1st place Charlie Powell

Antique Car Category: 2nd place, Raymond Burgess; 1st place, Killer Thompson

Late Model Category: 2nd place, Ryan Watkins; 1st place, Noelia Valentin



U.S. Air Force photo/Rebecca Smith



Vacation Bible School builds faith, trust

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

Vacation Bible School attendee Sydney Farm carefully pours water into a cup balanced on Zane Shoemaker's head as part of the teamwork and trust building game called "Waterfall" at the 2011 Columbus Air Force Base Chapel Vacation Bible School. This year's CAFB Chapel VBS theme was "PandaMania: Where God is Wild About You!"

Base News

Thrift Shop

The Columbus Air Force Base Thrift Shop has moved locations. They can now be found in building 530 and are open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call 434-2954 for more information.

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.

Motorcycle PPE at Exchange

Air Force compliant personal protection equipment for motorcycle riders is now carried at the base Exchange.

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.

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.

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 Aeronautical 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

Airman and Family Readiness Center

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

Self-paced Tutorials

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

Relocation assistance

Weekly workshop on programs, services and resources available through the Airman and Family Readiness Center held every Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Topics of discussion include preparing for a move, environment/cultural issues or needs, adaptation and community awareness.

Employment Workshop

Workshop on local and base employment opportunities, held every Wednesday at 1 p.m.

Spouse welcome

For new personnel assigned to CAFB held every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the Magnolia Inn lobby. Local information is presented.

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.

Hearts Apart Social

June 14 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. social gathering for families of deployed (over 30 days) or remote personnel. Information, refreshments, and prizes. Advance registration required, call 434-2790.

Creating a Healthy Marriage

June 16 from 11 a.m. to noon. Workshop to learn the myths and stages of marriage. The keys to creating and maintaining a healthy marriage. Conducted by the MFLC, to register call 434-2790.

Newcomers Orientation

June 21 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. for newly arrived active duty and civilian personnel. Spouses are encouraged to attend. Held at the ARFC, to register call 434-2790.

Sponsorship Training

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

Chapel Schedule

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

Chapel Schedule

Protestant Worship Service
Sunday:
9 a.m. — Adult Sunday School
10:45 a.m. — Traditional Worship Service (Children's Church)
All are invited to a fellowship luncheon following the 10:45 a.m. service the fourth Sunday of each month.

'Critical Days of Summer' off to a great start

Gwen Dooley
Air Force Safety Center

KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE, N.M. — For the 2nd consecutive year, the Air Force had zero mishap fatalities over the Memorial Day weekend.

Maj. Gen. Gregory A. Feest, the Air Force chief of safety, said he was pleased with these results, but he reminded Airmen of the need for continued vigilance throughout the remainder of the summer.

"We have a long way to go," he said. "There are 15 weeks of summer, and we can never let our guard down. We'll continue to provide mishap prevention strategies to our Airmen, our wingmen and our family members to help save lives during this Critical Days of Summer campaign."

During the 2010 Critical Days of



U.S. Air Force graphic/Corey Parrish

Summer Campaign, 16 Airmen lost their lives. While that number was lower than the 2009 campaign when 22 Airmen lost their lives, the loss of one life is one too many.

Air Force Safety Center officials are preparing to unveil several initiatives during the remainder of the Critical Days of

DOD works toward successful transition in Iraq

Elaine Sanchez
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON —The recent Middle East turmoil underscores the importance of an active U.S. engagement in Iraq and a "shoring up" of relations with key regional partners, the deputy assistant secretary of defense for the Middle East said June 1.

"(The Defense Department) strongly believes we must remain focused on Iraq in order to advance our broader regional objectives of peace, prosperity and security," Colin Kahl told the House Foreign Affairs Committee's Middle East and South Asia subcommittee.

In his opening remarks, Mr. Kahl provided an assessment of the security situation in Iraq as the U.S. transitions from a military- to civilian-led effort there, and the importance of establishing the groundwork for a long-term partnership with the nation.

While terrorist and militia attacks continue to pose a threat, Mr. Kahl acknowledged, the underlying security situation in Iraq remains strong. With Iraqi security forces leading the way, attack levels have remained near their lowest levels of the entire war over the past two years.

"This is particularly remarkable, considering that the Iraqi security forces have assumed primary responsibility for security for the entire country," he said, "and our U.S. force numbers have declined from roughly 144,000 — when the Obama administration came into office in January of 2009 — to roughly 47,000 today."

Since they took the security lead Jan. 1, 2009, Iraqi security forces have "more capably embraced" their role with each passing month, Mr. Kahl noted, a role further cemented Sept. 1, 2010, as Operation Iraqi Freedom became Operation New Dawn, reducing troop numbers and signifying the end of the combat mission there.

The combat mission's end did not, however, signify the end of U.S. support. The United States continues to support Iraqi forces through training, equipping, mentoring and advising, Mr. Kahl said. However, "we need to be clear that the Iraqis are very much in

charge, and they simply no longer need such large numbers of U.S. forces to help them keep the violence in check," Mr. Kahl said.

Mr. Kahl acknowledged an ongoing threat from terrorist and militia groups, citing two deadly attacks in May. A series of car bombs mid-month targeting Iraqi policemen killed more than two dozen people, and another series of attacks by al-Qaida in Iraq later that month left 14 dead and dozens wounded.

"Iraq still faces dangerous and determined enemies," he said, "but it is important to emphasize that these enemies do not have the support of the Iraqi people, and these attacks have not sparked a return to widespread insurgency or communal civil war."

Beyond efforts to build Iraqi security forces and draw down forces there, the Defense Department and other agencies also are undertaking "unprecedented levels of coordination and planning" for the transition, he said. In particular, DOD is working closely with the State Department to achieve a successful transition, he added, citing several examples.

The Defense Department embedded a staff officer within the transition team to serve as a liaison and work day-to-day issues with the State Department, Mr. Kahl said. Also, he added, the Defense and State departments have established a steering group to review status and progress in areas such as supply chain, equipment, contracting, medical, facilities and construction, information technology, security and aviation.

To quickly respond to equipment requests, a combined equipping board was established in January to feed recommendations for equipment sourcing to senior leaders.

Finally, the Defense and State departments established a team in each of the remaining locations in Iraq to assess and address issues that may arise after these sites transition, Mr. Kahl said.

"As one would expect with a transition of this scope and complexity, challenges exist," he said, "but rest assured that DOD is doing everything it can to help the State Department achieve success."

Air Force clubs offer Airmen road to education

Brian McGloin
502nd Air Base Wing OL-B Public Affairs

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — The road to higher education can be a little easier for members of Air Force clubs around the world, or their dependents, through the 2011 Club Membership Scholarship program, officials said.

"Twenty-five \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to club members or their families attending or accepted to attend a college or university," said Shelta Reese, of the 902nd Force Support Squadron. "Current Air Force Club members and their family members who have been accepted by or are enrolled in an accredited college or university for entry during the fall-of-2011 term as a part-time or full-time student are eligible."

She said that includes dependent grandchildren of members, spouses and children. It also includes graduate and undergraduate students.

To apply for the scholarship, applicants must submit a written essay of 500 words or less on the theme, "My contribution(s) to the Air Force." To qualify, the essays must conform to a standardized style, including the applicant's name, date and a word count.

Application forms are available at www.afclubs.net, and application packages need to be turned in to your base force support squadron office by July 1.

Final scholarship awards for the upcoming school year will be announced in mid September.



Air Force's Premier Honor Guard, Band invited to Macy's Parade

Airman 1st Class Tabitha N. Haynes
Air Force District of Washington Public Affairs

ARLINGTON, VA. — The Air Force's Premier Honor Guard and Band received an invitation to participate for a national audience in an American tradition.

Air Force District of Washington Commander Maj. Gen. Darren W. McDew, along with Col. A. Phillip Waite, the USAF Band commander, and Lt. Col. Raymond Powell, the USAF Honor Guard commander, accepted the invitation June 3 to participate in the 2012 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City. The invitation was presented to the three commanders at the memorial preceding the opening concert of the USAF Band's Summer Concert Series.

"On behalf of everyone at Macy's, it gives us great pleasure to officially announce the U.S. Air Force Band and Honor Guard have been selected to represent the U.S. Air Force and perform in New York City in the 2012 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade," Mr. Wesley Whatley, the director of the band program for the Macy's Day Parade. "We at Macy's believe in the

power of music. We believe in the music we are going to hear tonight — patriotic music. We believe in that music's ability to inspire, and the ability of patriotic music to unite a nation."

The USAF Band and USAF Honor Guard are two of 12 marching units invited to participate in the 2012 Thanksgiving Day events.

"It's huge," Colonel Powell said. "The Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade is the granddaddy of them all, and when we found out that we were going to be invited, it was massive. It is a very, very big deal for the Air Force Honor Guard."

The USAF Honor Guard plans to march an inaugural size unit of 81 guard members in what's called a nine-by-nine formation. The nine-by-nine unit stands nine Airmen wide and nine Airmen deep.

"We started the tradition of doing community-based parades," Colonel Powell said. "We didn't do those parades before. We have built our capability up. All of the work that went into putting together that parade element, to putting together that capability is going to culminate in the 2011 Thanksgiving Day Parade. It is very special because we're able to do this with the band."

The USAF Band plans to send



U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Raymond Mills
Maj. Gen. Darren W. McDew, Col. A. Phillip Waite and Lt. Col. Raymond Powell display the Macy's Day parade emblem June 4, 2011, at The Air Force Memorial in Arlington, Va., after receiving an invitation for the U.S. Air Force Band and U.S. Air Force Honor Guard to perform during the 2012 parade. General McDew is the Air Force District of Washington commander. Colonel Waite is the USAF Band commander, and Colonel Powell is the USAF Honor Guard commander.

an inaugural size unit as well, consisting of approximately 100 performers. This is the second time the USAF Band has been represented in the parade. The Airmen of Note ensemble attended the parade in

1994 and interacted with the crowd while riding on a float.

"We will be in military in formation most of the time, but we will also be communicating to the crowd," Colonel Waite said. "I want

them to believe that they can come up and speak to us. It is very difficult to do when you are in a military formation marching, it is very forbidding. We have to break through that."

Following the invitation, General McDew spoke to the audience.

"I am humbled to accept this invitation on behalf of the thousands of men and women in the Air Force, their family members and civilians," General McDew said. "Each of you are the reason I love serving in the Air Force Today. I believe this opportunity for our Band and Honor Guard will give the Air Force and outstanding venue to showcase outstanding people."

Concluding the presentation of the invitation, the commanders, along with the audience, enjoyed the first performance of the 2011 Summer Concert Series presented by the USAF Band.

"When they see the Air Force Honor Guard and the Air Force Band marching across that red carpet on Thanksgiving Day, they will see the precision and excellence of every Airman in the Air Force," Colonel Powell said. "It's going to present a tremendous sight and sound picture to the nation."

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 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.

Available Aug. 1. \$1,550 or best offer. Call (808) 221-2005.

Transportation

For sale: 2006 Mercury Milan, black exterior, tan leather interior, heated seats, sunroof, 114,000 miles. \$4,500 or best offer. Call 364-2109 or 816-1701

For sale: Boston Whaler boat, 16 foot, outboard 115 Evinrude Motor. New trailer tires. Excellent condition. \$12,000 or best offer. (808) 221-2005.

For sale: 2008 CBR1000RR Motorcycle, 7,400 miles, over \$20,000 invested. Ohlins suspension, full exhaust, lots of carbon and extras. \$9,000, no less. (808) 221-2005.

For sale: Pack and play, \$20. Evenflow Ultra Saucer, \$20. Portable three-in-one booster seat, \$7. Potty'n'step stool, \$5. Cosco gentle motion swing, \$15. Fisher Price deluxe nursery monitor, \$10. Graco Infant car seat with base, \$25. Shopping cart cover, \$10. Vibrating Jeep bouncy seat, \$15. Safety 1st inflatable Cozy Tub, \$5. Please call 328-6571.

For sale: Whirlpool Washer and Dryer Set. Four years old, excellent condition. \$400 for set. Call (509) 308-5844.

For sale: Maytag washer, \$75. Roper dryer, \$75. Bolens 22" lawnmower, \$50. All run great! Call 497-2415.

For sale: 46" RCA rear-projection TV, \$150. Ping pong table, \$75. Call 574-9414

For sale: IBM Thinkpad R52 Laptop, 1.8ghz Pentium 4 processor. 1G of RAM, 60G hard drive, CDRW-DVD, Wifi, USB Ports, WinXP Pro, Microsoft Word Pro Suite, Adobe. Very Good Condition. Asking \$200. Call (662) 386-6981.

Homes

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 storage over garage and master bedroom. \$1,250 per month or buy for \$139,000. See more at www.ahrn.com (listing ID 4763383.) Call 570-4221.

For rent: River home 10 min from CAFB. 2,400 sq feet, three bedroom, four and a half bathrooms, fenced one acre, 250' waterfront with dock, two car garage, two carport. New front and rear deck.

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.

Trail BLAZE'r

Name/unit: 1st Lt. Jay Fury, 14th Medical Group

Job title: Medical Group Practice Manager

Time at Columbus AFB: One year, four months

Time in Service: Nine years

Hometown: Los Angeles, Calif.

Career goals: Chief Medical Administrator

Family members: Wife, Sarah; Dogs, Scooby Doo and Virgil.

Favorite musicians: Rush, Snow Patrol, Muse, Duncan Sheik, John Legend, Journey, Nick Drake, Quiet Mind, DragonForce, Bruce Hornsby, Veruca Salt, and way too many more...

Favorite movie: Serenity

Biggest pet peeve: Closed mindedness

Favorite book: "Bushido, the Soul of Japan" by Inazo Nitobe

Inspirations: Maj. Megan McClung, United States Marine Core

Personal motto: "Your ideas have to be bigger than your guns." - Lee Iacocca



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.

2011 Spring Into Shape Standings

Tech Sgt. Ryian Caviness
14th Medical Operations Squadron

Spring Into Shape is a comprehensive weight-loss program that promotes healthy lifestyles through good nutrition and exercise habits. The standings are based on the total percentage of body weight lost by each team or individual. There are 23 teams and 20 individuals competing for the top spot! Here are the team and individual standings as of June 6:

Top 5 Teams

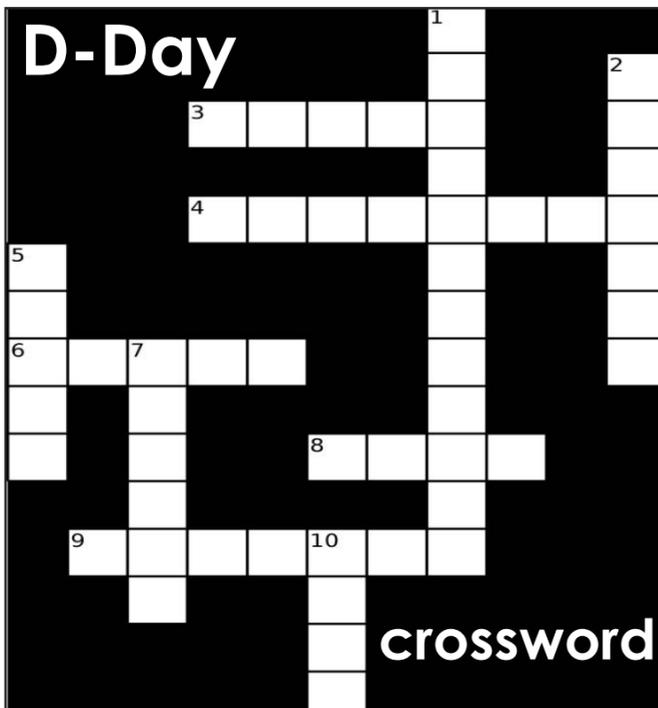
1. Magic Men
2. OSS-some Ladies
3. Fearsome Four
4. Sophisticated Ladies
5. The Minors

Top 3 Males

1. Staff Sgt. Michael Rowe
2. Tech Sgt. Jacob Longest
3. Master Sgt. Mark Millen

Top 3 Females

1. Ms. Linda Norman
2. Ms. Alyssa Smith
3. Ms. Sherry Symmonds



- Across**
- 3 Paratroopers attacked under the cover of _____
 - 4 The operation name for the Allied assault on northwest Europe.
 - 6 The beachhead in Normandy where American forces took extreme casualties.
 - 8 The beach in Normandy the Canada forces came ashore on.
 - 9 The Allied operation that began on June 6, 1944.
- Down**
- 1 Allied naval forces used gathered _____ to navigate through German mines to provide supporting fire to ground forces.
 - 2 Winged crafts used to deliver supplies to paratroopers.
 - 5 The beach in Normandy the British forces came ashore on.
 - 7 The Airborn attack from the _____ forces came from the west.
 - 10 The other beach in Normandy where American forces came ashore.

Base families offered a variety of activities

Bike and Hike Trip

Hike the Bear Creek Outcrop Trail and/or bike through the rest of the park at the Tishomingo State Park with Outdoor Recreation on June 25. This is a great trip for families with children over the age of 8. The cost is \$29 per person. For more information, call 434-2505 or 434-2507.

Margaritas and Manicures

Whispering Pines Golf Course is offering a margarita and a manicure for just \$15 per person on June 23 at 4 p.m. This program is limited to 10 participants who must register by June 20. Call the Pro Shop at 434-7932 for more information.

Youth Golf Clinic

Whispering Pines Golf Course is offering golf clinics for youth ages 6 to 9 and ages 10 to 14, June 21-23, at 1 and 2 p.m. respectively. The cost is \$80 per person and includes three days of instruction and a set of clubs to keep. Youth participants with their own clubs pay only \$10. Call the Pro Shop to sign up or for more information at 434-7932.

Daily Grind Going Out of Business

Take advantage of the lower prices at the Daily Grind before it goes out of business for good on June 30. Stop by the Fitness Center location for a hot or cold beverage before it runs out.

Fees Increase at FSS Activities

For the first time in nearly six years, fees will increase at the Bowling Center and at the RV storage lot in order to compensate for the rising costs of goods, repairs, etc. The new fees for games of bowling are posted in the bowling center and average 50 cents per game. RV storage prices will change as of July 1 with on-base residents' fees going from \$5 to \$8 and off-base residents' fees increasing to \$15 from \$10. The lock will be changed as of July 5.

Passport to Food, Family and Fun

Pick up your Passport to food, family and fun after May 31 at any of the participating 14th Force Support Squadron activities, and get it validated for such things as attending events, patronizing the facility or just visiting. Turn in your passport(s) at any of the participating activities by Aug. 31 for a chance to win prizes. The participating activities are the Bowling Center, The Daily Grind, Whispering Pines Golf Course, Columbus

Club (and Indy's), Arts and Crafts (and Auto Hobby), Youth Programs, Fitness and Sports, Outdoor Recreation, ITT and the Child Development Center. For more information about this program, call FSS Marketing at 434-2337.



Duathlon at Dawn

The Columbus AFB Fitness and Sports Center presents Duathlon at Dawn on June 18 with the pre-race meeting beginning at 6:45 and the race starting at 7 a.m. The race format is a 5K run, a 20K bike and another 5K run and may be entered by teams or individuals. Teams may be co-ed and consist of two or three members. All events will start and finish at the Fitness Center. Trophies will be presented to the top male, top female and top team. Medals will be presented to age group winners. Register by June 13, 4:30 p.m. First 35 entries are guaranteed a shirt the day of the race. Call 434-2772 for more information.

Thirsty Thursdays

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

Air Force Club Membership 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.

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, 2011, 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.

White Water Rafting Trip

Travel with Outdoor Recreation and ITT to enjoy white water rafting down the Ocoee River, July 16-18. The cost is \$169 per person and includes transportation, lodging, rafting and some meals. For just \$10 extra, float down the river in your own tube. Space is limited and registration is required no later than July 1. Call 434-2505 or 434-7861 for more information.

PLAYpass Program

Single airmen returning from deployment and families of deployed members can receive special discounts and rewards valued at more than \$500 each beginning May 28. The PLAYpass cards offer discounts that provide members and their eligible family members opportunity to participate in the 14th Force Support Squadron's participating facilities and programs for free or at a reduced cost. These cards can be picked up at the Airmen & Family Readiness Center beginning May 28. Please bring a copy of orders and a valid military identification card. For more information or to find out if you are eligible for a PLAYpass card, visit www.MyAirForceLife.com or call the AFRC at 434-2790.

Say Cheese!

The Arts and Crafts Center is offering professional 3-D seasonal backdrops for your do-it-yourself photo shoots. You bring the camera, the kids, the pets, the friends...whoever. It's free and available for use Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Saturdays by appointment. Call 434-7836 for an appointment or for more information.

Home School Collection at the Library

The base library has a phenomenal collection of educational fun books, games, puzzles, "how-to" guides and the like for home-schoolers. For more information about the Home School Collection, please contact the Library at 434-2934

Dance, Dance, Dance!

Children ages 3 to 8 can learn all styles of dance at the Youth Center for just \$30 per month. Classes for ages 3 to 5 are Mondays,

5:30 to 6:30 p.m., and classes for ages 6 to 8 are at the same time on Tuesdays. For registration information, call the Youth Center at 434-2504.

Squadron DUI-Free Bowling Party

The bowling center is offering a free squadron bowling party from 1 to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, for those squadrons who have been without a DUI for three months. Shoe rental, food and beverage charges still apply. For more information or to reserve lanes at the bowling center, call 434-3426.

Join FitFamily!

All ages can benefit from the Air Force Services fitness and wellness initiative, FitFamily. Families can register as a team at www.USAFFitFamily.com to earn points and achieve levels for participation in Family Fun activities, family sports and fitness and family nutrition. Recognition is provided at each level to encourage families to continue on the path of wellness. The FitFamily program encourages Air Force families to make healthy lifestyle choices and provides resources and tips in an effort to promote overall family fitness. For more information, contact the Youth Center at 434-2504.

Space A Lodging

The Magnolia Inn usually has openings for Space A family and single units. Contact the lodging desk at 434-2548.

Affordable Tickets at ITT

The Information, Ticket and Travel office has discounted tickets for Disney World, Universal Studios, Dollywood, Sea World, Busch Gardens, Six Flags over Georgia, the Memphis Zoo, Alabama Adventure, Dixie Stampede, Geyser Falls and more. Call 434-2505 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.

My life was changed forever

Staff Sgt. Anthony Huling
20th Equipment Maintenance Squadron

SHAW AIR FORCE BASE, S.C. — My life was changed forever February 11.

It was a Friday. I was glad to be getting off work, because I was going to be on leave for the next two weeks.

Around 5 p.m., my friend, Chris, texted me and asked if I wanted to come over to his house. Since my wife was taking my daughter over to a friend's house, I decided to go.

When I arrived, he was in his garage building a paint booth for his motorcycle. So, I started helping him out. We were working and having some drinks. Somewhere around 10:30 p.m., we decided to take his motorcycle for a spin.

We headed out of our neighborhood, and it was only about a half mile before we veered off of the road.

The next thing I remember is waking up in a helicopter. It felt like a bad dream. I asked the EMT where I was and what happened. They told me that I had been in a motorcycle accident, and I was being airlifted to the hospital. I was told that we were driving between 80 and 120 mph.

Chris and I were thrown about 100 feet from the cycle. There were several bones broken in my back and road rash on my forehead, back, chest, stomach, knees, ankles and toes. I now have nerve damage in both arms.

Chris was not as lucky. He has severe head trauma and some broken ribs. He is also currently in a coma and is not responding.

I can only hope and pray that he will wake up.

Our selfish act affected our family, friends and co-workers.

When his wife heard us leave she got in

her car to find us. She was passed by an ambulance heading out and followed. She arrived on scene and saw us lying on the asphalt.

She rushed back to my house to get my wife. Luckily, my oldest daughter was spending the night at a friend's house.

Chris was just recently married, and his wife was pregnant. We had to postpone my youngest daughter's second birthday party.

Most people don't get a second chance in life. I would have never made this mistake if I had not been drinking.

I thought I had a safe plan.

But, that all fell apart because I could not make any responsible decisions after I started drinking.

I pray that none of you will ever have to go through something like this. The world does not look the same as it did before the accident. Only by God's grace am I alive and able to tell this story.

Take the 5 for 5 Challenge

Lt. Col. William Isler

14th Medical Operations Squadron Commander

I triple-dog-dare you to take the "5 for 5 Challenge." Our new wing focus is Back-2-BLAZE, meaning "Building Leaders, Advancing Integrity, Service Before Self, and Excellence in All We Do." In this re-emphasis on the basics, I have not found even one Airman who would admit to me that our Air Force Core Values are irrelevant or unnecessary. Everyone seems to agree that these are fantastic goals. I think the confusion begins when people are asked how to apply these values into their lives and what behaviors are attached to each. Cognitively, people agree that integrity, service, and excellence are wonderful values for one's life, but behaviorally they are failing internalize this. They do not make the connection between their core beliefs about themselves, their work and personal lives to their actual behaviors. For example, a fellow Airman reported to his supervisor that he had not done something that we later had hard evidence he had in fact done. He subsequently admitted to committing the act, but when questioned about which core value he not followed, he had great difficulty admitting that his behavior had in reality violated all three.

A strategy to overcome this disconnect between core beliefs and behaviors is to purposefully plan out daily actions/behaviors that are consistent with our Air Force Core Values. I'm encouraging every Airman to spend the first five minutes of the workday in strategic planning to refocus, remind, and reassure. I dare you all to take the "5 for 5

Challenge." Your task, should you choose to accept it, is to stop each morning and before you do anything else, go through these questions, answering them for yourself and jotting down a few notes. Don't just read them; slow down enough to actually think through the actions or behaviors that each question demands.

5 for 5 Challenge

Begin the exercise by listing the top four things you need to accomplish today and then apply the questions to your priorities for the day.

1. How will I lead today with Integrity?
2. How will I lead today with Service Before Self?
3. How will I lead today with Excellence?
4. How will I lead today in Building Leaders and encouraging the people around me to do the things they need to do to complete the mission?
5. What will I do today that will make me glad when I look back on it tomorrow?

(This might even include completing some of those tasks you have been putting off.)

Warning: Taking the "5 for 5 Challenge" could change the way you see the world and act towards others. If you choose to put this challenge into practice, be courageous, be purposeful, and be ready for change.

Please email comments or requests for an electronic copy of the "5 for 5 Challenge" to William.Isler@Columbus.af.mil.

Motorcycle safety: Live with the rules

14th Flying Training Wing Safety

1. All operators and passengers of motorcycles, mopeds, motor scooters or all terrain vehicles must wear a protective helmet designed to meet or exceed Department of Transportation standards. The helmet shall be worn and properly fastened under the chin.

2. Operators and passengers must wear eye protection. Goggles, wrap around glasses, or a full-face shield properly attached to the helmet designed to meet or exceed American National Standards Institute Standard Z87.1 for impact and shatter resistance will be worn. A windshield does not constitute proper eye protection.

3. All operators and passengers on motorcycles, mopeds or motor scooters must wear long-sleeved shirt or jacket, long trousers and full-fingered gloves. Riders will wear sturdy over the ankle footwear that affords protection for the feet and ankles (durable athletic shoes that cover the ankles may be worn). Motorcycle riders will wear a brightly colored outer upper garment during the day and a reflective upper garment during the night. Outer upper garment shall be visible and not covered. Wearing a backpack is authorized but the backpack must meet the requirements for an outer upper garment. It will be brightly colored for day use and reflective for night use.

4. Military members must meet all safety requirements on and off of the installation.

5. Any person, operator or passenger found by security forces or wing safety personnel not wearing proper safety equipment will be in violation of this instruction and subject to the penalties listed below:

-First Offense: On-base driving privileges suspended for a period of 15 days.

-Second Offense: On-base driving privileges suspended for a period of 45 days.

-Third Offense: On-base driving privileges suspended for a period of 6 months.

-Subsequent violations: 14th Mission Support Group commander can impose additional administrative actions as necessary.

In accordance with AFI 31-204, AETC Supplement, 14th FTW Supplement

SUPT Class 11-10 earns silver wings



T-1A Jayhawk



T-38C Talon



Capt. Sean McKee
Fayetteville, Ark.
C-130J, Ramstein AB, Germany



1st Lt. Bryan Rocco
Danville, Calif.
NSA, Cannon AFB, N.M.



2nd Lt. Vincent Bruno
Pleasanton, Calif.
C-5, Travis AFB, Calif.



2nd Lt. David Burt
Minot, N.D.
NSA, Cannon AFB, N.M.



2nd Lt. Casey Darst
Olympia, Wash.
KC-135R, Eielson ANGB, Alaska.

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

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

The graduation speaker for the class is Col. George Ross III, 14th Flying Training Wing Vice Commander. He is responsible for day-to-day operations of base support functions and mission activities of more than 3,100 people, an operations and maintenance budget of \$110 million and capital assets and equipment exceeding \$740 million.

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

2nd Lt. William Spurling, T-38, and 2nd Lt. Maggie Rudolphi, 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. Patrick Rish, T-38, and 2nd Lt. Gabriel Gamache, 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 Spurling and Lieutenant Rudolphi were named the distinguished graduates of SUPT Class 11-10.

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 air-drop 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.

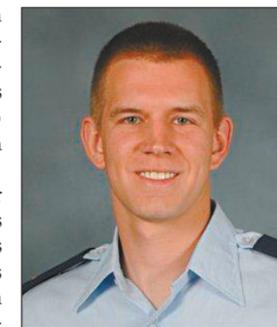
Each class is partnered with two business or civic organizations during their year of training. This program is designed to foster closer ties between the community and Columbus Air Force Base. Today, each student will be given a set of pilot wings with their names engraved on the back as a token of good luck from their partners. SUPT Class 11-10's pilot partners are CJ's Pizza represented by Blake Trenary along with Stark Aerospace represented by Chuck Bigelow.



1st Lt. Daniel Stephens
Murfreesboro, Tenn.
NSA, Cannon AFB, N.M.



2nd Lt. Nathan Boyer
Columbus, Ohio.
B-1, Dyess AFB, Tex.



2nd Lt. Gabriel Gamache
Columbiana, Ala.
AC-130, Hurlburt Field, Fla.



2nd Lt. Lukas Huebener
Cape Elizabeth, Maine.
KC-135, Fairchild AFB, Wash.



2nd Lt. Scott Mayo
Peachtree City, Ga.
T-6, Columbus AFB, Miss.



2nd Lt. Christine O'Connell
Kirkland, Wash.
C-17, McCord AFB, Wash.



2nd Lt. David Philipp
Kingwood, Tex.
T-1, Columbus AFB, Miss.



2nd Lt. Christopher Protos
Billings, Mont.
U-28, Hurlburt Field, Fla.



2nd Lt. Patrick Rish
Lexington, S.C.
F-15E, Seymour Johnson, N.C.



2nd Lt. Maggie Rudolphi
Champaign, Ill.
C-17, McGuire AFB, N.J.



2nd Lt. William Spurling
Knoxville, Tenn.
F-16, Luke AFB, Ariz.



2nd Lt. Chase Bradley
Fayetteville, Ark.
KC-135R, McConnell AFB, Kan.



2nd Lt. David Sternberg
Rutland, Vt.
KC-135R, McConnell AFB, Kan.



2nd Lt. Michael Stutz
Fargo, N.D.
MQ-1, Hector IAP, N.D.



2nd Lt. Michael Waits
Titus, Ala.
E-3, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska



2nd Lt. Adam Westcott
Philomath, Ore.
U-28, Hurlburt Field, Fla.



2nd Lt. Richard Mentzer
Baton Rouge, La.
WC-130J, Keesler AFB, Miss.