

“Produce Pilots, Advance Airmen, Feed the Fight”

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Weather



Today

High: 93, Low: 72
Scattered T-storms



Saturday

High: 93, Low: 73
Scattered T-storms



Sunday

High: 93, Low: 73
Scattered T-storms



Monday

High: 93, Low: 73
Isolated T-storms

News Briefs

Enlisted Promotions

The enlisted promotions ceremony will be at 4 p.m. today in the Kaye Auditorium.

AETC/CC Visit

Gen. Edward Rice, Commander, Air Education and Training Command, and Mrs. Rice, along with AETC Command Chief Master Sgt. James Cody, will visit Columbus Air Force Base from Aug. 9-10.

14th OSS Change of Command

The 14th Operations Support Squadron change-of-command ceremony will be at 9:14 a.m. Aug. 5 in Hangar 6.

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SUPT Class 11-12 graduates today at 10 a.m. at the Kaye Auditorium.



The latest quarterly awards winners stand with Col. Barre Seguin, 14th Flying Training Wing commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Leonard Thibodeaux, 14th Mission Support Group superintendent. U.S. Air Force photo/Melissa Doublin

Team BLAZE members recognized at quarterly awards

Staff Sgt. Jacob Corbin
14th Flying Training Wing
Public Affairs

Some of Team BLAZE's best and brightest were recognized for their accomplishments July 26 at the Quarterly

Awards Ceremony held in the Kaye Auditorium.

Col. Barre Seguin, 14th Flying Training Wing commander, offered words of support to the nominated Airmen.

“To all the nominees and winners, I offer my sincerest congratulations,”

Colonel Seguin said. “Look to your left, and your right, and thank the people that supported you.”

The winners were as follows:
Airman of the Quarter: Senior Airman Justin Lane, 14th Medical Group.

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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 (12-07)	5.99 days	1.61 days	Sep. 6	48th (11-12)	0.00 days	0.75 days	Jul. 29	49th (11-JB)	2.10 days	1.90 days	Aug. 11	T-6	2,785	2,452	26,683
41st (12-06)	2.18 days	-3.05 days	Aug. 12	50th (11-12)	0.00 days	-5.20 days	Jul. 29					T-1	790	879	8,824
												T-38	893	976	9,539
												IFF	228	184	1,986

The graduation speaker is Lt. Gen. Douglas Owens, AETC Vice Commander.

Trail BLAZE'r

Name/unit: Rickie Brock, 14th
Comptroller Squadron

Job title: Unit Program Coordinator

Time at Columbus AFB: 19 Years

Time in Service: 8.5 years as a Civilian, 22
years active duty.

Hometown: Vernon, Ala.

Career goals: Be the best I can be

Family members: Wife

Favorite musician: Willie Nelson

Favorite movie: In Search of the Castaways

Biggest pet peeve: Lazy people

Favorite book: Foundation Trilogy

Inspirations: My Father

Personal motto: Don't fix it if it ain't
broke.

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14TH FLYING TRAINING

WING DEPLOYED

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



AWARDS

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NCO of the Quarter: Staff Sgt. Brent
Heath, 14th Wing Staff Agencies.

SNCO of the Quarter: Senior Master
Sgt. Terrence Stanich, 14th Operations
Group.

Honor Guardsman of the Quarter:
Airman 1st Class Eugene Solomon, 14th
Operations Group.

CGO of the Quarter: Capt. Eric
Adams, 14th WSA.

FGO of the Quarter: Maj. Jeff Isgett,
14th OG.

Flight Commander of the Quarter:
1st Lt. Jaclyn Sullivan, 14th Mission
Support Group.

Instructor Pilot of the Quarter: Capt.
Keith Vandagriff, 37th Flying Training
Squadron.

Category I Civilian of the Quarter:
Robbie Montet, 14th WSA.

Category II Civilian of the Quarter:
Kristian Conwill, 14th MDG.

Category III Civilian of the Quarter:
Traci Aldridge, 14th MDG.

Volunteer of the Quarter: Rosie
Rausch, 37th Flying Training Squadron.

Congratulations to Team BLAZE's
newest quarterly awards winners.

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat/Sun
1 MSG/CC Pin-on ceremony, 9 a.m. @ Club	2	3	4 LSCS and CMSD first day of school	5 14th OSS CoC, 9:14 a.m., @Hangar 6 11-13 Assignment Night, 5 p.m. @ Club	6/7
8 Newcomers Orientation, 8 a.m. @ Club	9 Aug. 9-10: AETC/CC Visit	10	11 IFF Graduation, 4:49 p.m., @49th FTS ALS begins	12 Aug. 12-14: Chapel Weekend Marriage Retreat Class 12-06 Track Select, 5 p.m., @ Club	13/14

Long Range Events

Aug. 15:
Night Flying Week
Aug. 15:
Enlisted Softball
Game
Aug. 16:
MSU Tour
Aug. 16:
Hearts Apart
Aug. 18:
Daedalians Meeting
Aug. 19:
Class 11-13
Graduation
Aug. 26:
Class 11-14
Assignment Night
Aug. 29:
Newcomers
Orientation
Aug. 30: HC
Change of
Command
Aug. 31:
Enlisted
Promotions

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Look for the boxes: Feds Feed Families Campaign 2011

2nd Lt. Helen Wildner
14th Communications
Squadron

A government-wide food drive is taking place called Feds Feed Families until Aug. 31.

While this is the third year for the campaign to take place, this is the first year for it to spread outside from the National Capital Region. The overall goal for the campaign is to collect two million pounds, the DoD's goal is to collect 733,800 pounds, and here at Columbus AFB our goal is to collect 1,400 pounds.

Donations collected here on



base will be distributed to food pantries at both Helping Hands and the Salvation Army.

Donations may consist of non-perishable food, NO MONEY, just the food. Just look for the boxes with the FFF logo around base.

If you are interesting in helping

out, please email me at helen.wildner@columbus.af.mil or call DSN 742-3317 for more information.

For more information please look at the Feds Feed Families website, www.fedsfeedfamilies.gov, and at <http://www.defense.gov/>.

MS, AL to hold Sales Tax Holidays

Mississippi

The Mississippi Sales Tax Holiday will last from July 29-30. Shoppers will save seven percent on specific sales items thanks to the lack of sales tax.

Clothing and footwear items, meant to be worn next to the body and cost less than \$100 per item are exempt from sales tax.

Accessories such as jewelry, handbags, wallets, watches, backpacks and similar items do not qualify for the sales tax holiday. Cleats and other athletic/recreational items are also not exempt.

These examples are not all-inclusive and more detailed information on what is eligible and not eligi-

ble can be found here: <http://www.dor.ms.gov/docs/2011SalesTaxHoliday.pdf>.

Alabama

The Alabama Sales Tax Holiday will be held Aug. 5-7.

Items included in the Alabama Sales Tax Holiday include certain school supplies, computers and clothing.

For a more detailed list of eligible items visit: <http://www.ador.state.al.us/salestax/STHolidayQuickRefSheet11.pdf>

Air Force leaders issue statement on certification of readiness to repeal Don't Ask, Don't Tell

WASHINGTON — Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz and Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James A. Roy issued the following statement today:

Today marks a significant milestone in the history of the Department of Defense and the U.S. Air Force. The secretary of Defense and the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff certified that the Department of Defense is ready to implement the repeal of the law commonly known as Don't Ask, Don't Tell. Over the past seven months, the Air Force has embarked on a vigorous effort to prepare for the repeal and has provided education and training materials to help all Airmen understand what is expected in a post-repeal environment. While congressional language stipulates that repeal will not occur for another 60 days after certification by the DOD and President Obama, the Air Force stands ready to implement this change with the same unparalleled professionalism we have demonstrated with every transformation that we have undertaken in peace and war.

Air Force Ball Drawdown a success



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Chase Hedrick
Col. Barre Seguin, 14th Flying Training Wing commander, presents Maj. Robert Kimzey, 41st Training Squadron, his \$5,000 prize at the Drawdown Fundraiser July 22 at the Columbus Club. The fundraiser raised almost \$9,000 for this year's Air Force Birthday Ball.

Barbecue Grill Safety

Staff Sgt. Horace Conney
14th Civil Engineer
Squadron Fire Emergency
Services

Here are a few tips to keep in mind:

- It is good practice to make sure that your grill is at least 10 feet away from all structures, to include any porches or overhangs.
- Be sure to use approved lighter fluids for grilling, and when storing make sure that the container is sealed and closed.
- Ensure that the coals are fully extinguished and the grill is cool before storing/disposal.
- Keep children and pets away from cooking/heat sources.

During the Summer month's people like to enjoy the outdoors and that sometimes includes cooking outside. Whether it's by using charcoal or propane gas grills.

Each year there are an average of 6,500 grill fires in the United States mostly caused by explosions resulting from gas leaks, blocked tubes and overfilled propane tanks. Knowing a few fire safety tips and following instructions will help everyone have a safe summer.

For more information, call the Fire Department at 434-2262.

14th CS/CC chosen for promotion to O-5

Congratulations to Maj. Veronica Smith, 14th Communications Squadron commander, for her selection to be promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel.

12-05 Track Select

2nd Lt. Christopher J. Allen	
2nd Lt. Samuel J. Boone	
2nd Lt. Andrew J. Bryant	
2nd Lt. Jonathan R. Cordell	
2nd Lt. William A. Cuchens	
2nd Lt. Mason R. Gordon	
2nd Lt. Stephen R. Grace	
2nd Lt. Katherine B. Heflin	
2nd Lt. Steve C. Lee	
Capt. John R. Milam	T-1 ANG
Capt. John M. Noah	T-1 ANG
2nd Lt. Jennifer N. Nolta	
2nd Lt. Michael G. Panasuk	T-1 Res
2nd Lt. Kathryn V. Parsons	
2nd Lt. William D. Percoski	
2nd Lt. Kenzi A. Pridgeon	T-1 ANG
2nd Lt. Richard D. Rogers	
2nd Lt. Brendan F. Sullivan	
2nd Lt. Kari A. Thomas	
2nd Lt. Joshua E. Thomson,	
2nd Lt. Jeremy A. Van Driessche	
2nd Lt. Jared T. Wahleithner	T-1 Res
2nd Lt. Nathanael R. Witmyer	
2nd Lt. Bradley A. Wolff	
2nd Lt. Daniel R. Workman	
1st Lt. Mansur Yusuf	T-38 Intl

Top Guns

Contact: 2nd Lt. Stephen R. Grace
Instrument: 2nd Lt. Brendan F. Sullivan
Formation: Capt. John R. Milam

William Leverette Award
2nd Lt. Stephen R. Grace

Team BLAZE holds monthly Dorm Dinner



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Chase Hedrick
Staff Sgt. Charles Ball, 14th Medical Support Squadron, serves Airmen at the most recent Dorm Dinner held July 21 at the Chapel Annex.

UPT Class 81-07 marks 30 year reunion

Special to the Silver Wings

Columbus AFB Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 81-07, affectionately known as "The Hogs", will hold their 30-year Class Reunion on the weekend of July 28 to 31. The current Air Education and Training Command Vice Commander, Lt. Gen. Douglas Owens, was a member of Class 81-07. Gen. Owens and his wife Teresa will be re-joining the Hogs as they re-live and reminisce their UPT days and subsequent distinguished flying careers. Out of twenty-two graduates, the Hogs are expecting 18 to attend, plus their spouses.

The Hogs' reunion weekend will include attending the graduation of Specialized Undergraduate Pilot



Training class 11-12 as honored guests with a unique opportunity to share their flying legacy with the Air

Force's newest pilots. Lieutenant General Owens will deliver the class 11-12 graduation address.

Class 81-07 has been a particularly outstanding group of officers that produced two General Officers, three Wing Commanders, six Squadron Commanders, two Test Pilots plus an impressive array of other Leadership and Command assignments. Five Hogs flew actual combat missions in the first Gulf War. Three were decorated for Valor in combat, including two Distinguished Flying Crosses. Ten have logged combat support missions. Sixteen Hogs are still actively flying today. As a group, they have amassed well over 200,000 flight hours for an average of 9,500 hours per Hog.

Colorado Springs community, Airmen replace Tuskegee Airman's stolen medal

Don Branum

U.S. Air Force Academy
Public Affairs

U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. — A personal tragedy for one of the documented original Tuskegee Airmen ended on a happy note July 22, courtesy of the Colorado Springs community, and Airmen from Peterson Air Force Base and the Air Force Academy.

Former 2nd Lt. Franklin Macon received a bronze replica of the Tuskegee Airmen Congressional Gold Medal from Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz in a ceremony held in front of the Tuskegee Airmen statue on the Academy's honor court, replacing a replica that had been stolen May 31.

Three other original Tuskegee

Airmen — retired Col. Lowell Bell, retired Capt. Sam Hunter Jr. and Aviation Cadet Randy Edwards — attended the ceremony alongside Macon.

The ceremony was designed to honor Macon and his fellow original Tuskegee Airmen without upstaging the original presentation of the gold medal by the president in 2007, Academy Superintendent Lt. Gen. Mike Gould said.

Colorado Springs police responded to a call around noon May 31 from Macon, said Springs Police Department Sgt. Darrin Abbink. When officers arrived, they found the medal had been stolen, along with a notebook computer and an ammo can filled with roughly \$200 in coins.

After three weeks, the Springs Police Department had no leads on

the case. The El Paso County Sheriff's Department had previously turned to the public for help in a case involving a stolen urn.

The CSPD decided to send out a similar call for help, Abbink said.

The release didn't generate any leads, but the story gained immediate attention in the local area, gaining coverage by both local TV stations and the Gazette. The tale spurred local Airmen into action.

First Lt. Alyssa Tetrault and Jennifer Rounds saw the story and looked into whether the 21st Space Wing could buy a replacement.

Rounds "took the bull by the horns," Tetrault said, offering to track down a replacement Tuskegee Airmen Medal replica. Within an hour, Rounds found that the U.S. Mint sold replicas of the medal for

\$42.

"We were expecting it to cost a considerable amount," Tetrault said. "We didn't know we could order a replacement from the Mint."

Tetrault checked Defense Department and Air Force instructions to make sure the wing could legally buy the medal using a government purchase card.

"Even if we couldn't have purchased it with government funds, we would have bought it out of our own pockets," she said.

Macon could not attend the 2007 presentation ceremony in the Capitol Hill Rotunda; he had received his medal replica through the mail, courtesy of the local chapter.

However, that still left the problem of receiving the medal. The Mint

said the soonest they could deliver a new medal would be August.

"They scoured their inventories and found the last (medal)," Stephens said. "They came through."

As the official party departed the July 22 ceremony, Macon became the star of the day.

Academy staff members and visitors formed a line to have their pictures taken with Macon and the other original Tuskegee Airmen and to thank the gentlemen for their service.

Afterward, he spoke with representatives from the local TV stations.

He explained that the medal symbolizes the effort that all of the Tuskegee Airmen made through World War II.

The original gold medal is on display in the Smithsonian Institution's National Mall Building in the World War II Aviation Exhibit. And Macon's replica is back where it belongs.

Intel analyst honored as Air Force Times 2011 Airman of the Year

Master Sgt. Amaani Lyle

Air Force Public Affairs Agency

WASHINGTON — A national tactical integration and signals intelligence geospatial analyst from the 31st Intelligence Squadron at Ft. Gordon, Ga., received the Air Force Times 2011 Airman of the Year award here July 21.

Staff Sgt. Lindsay W. Bell, of the 480th Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Group at the National Security Agency, earned the award for leading a four-person crew that provided intelligence to deployed units in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"Sergeant Bell embraces discipline and total commitment to our Air Force and the United States," said Lt. Col. Brian Hemingway, the 31st Intelligence Squadron commander. "She has always led by example in both her professional duties as an ISR warrior and (her) personal life. She is a class act and I'm proud to be her commander."

Bell has also made time to volunteer, spending more than 100 hours assisting 10 Airmen in the successful completion of their required duty specialty exams.

Her efforts included developing incentives for timely training, reducing her flight's time spent training Airmen by 30 days and increasing the squadron's career development course pass rate by 50 percent.



U.S. Air Force photo/Scott M. Ash
Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James A. Roy congratulates Staff Sgt. Lindsay Bell July 21, 2011, in Washington, D.C. Bell, assigned to the 31st Intelligence Squadron at Fort Gordon, Ga., is the 2011 Air Force Times Airman of the Year, and was honored at the Military Times Service Member of the Year Awards Ceremony in the House of Representatives' Cannon Building.

Air Force, Navy team up for 21st Century fight

Mitch Gettle

Air Force Public Affairs Agency

ARLINGTON, Va. — Air Force Vice Chief of Staff Gen. Phil Breedlove discussed the Air Force's enduring capabilities, the Air-Sea Battle concept and the Long Range Strike family of systems at a Mitchell Institute for Air Power Studies event here July 20.

Speaking to members of the Department of Defense, international community and industry leaders, General Breedlove said that in order to meet both budgetary and modernization goals, the Air Force must focus on the distinctive capabilities that the service brings to the fight.

"If we are to survive this period and come out of it with an Air Force that America's people will recognize in ten years, we're going to have to focus on those core, distinctive Air Force missions," General Breedlove said.

The general referenced Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz's 2011 CSAF Vector, outlining these distinctive capabilities as: establishing and exploiting control in air, space, and cyberspace; holding any target on the globe at risk; responsive, full-spectrum intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance; rapid logistics; and superior command and control.

While the Air Force remains the world's pre-eminent air and space power, the U.S. military

succeeds or fails as a joint team, General Breedlove said.

As such, the Departments of the Air Force and Navy are currently developing the Air-Sea Battle concept, he said. This operational concept describes a unified approach to address the evolving Anti-Access/Area Denial environment, in which adversaries seek asymmetric ways of opposing the movement of U.S. military forces into their region.

One of the conclusions that emerged from the service's Air-Sea Battle discussions was the continuing need for long-range strike capability, the general said. To that end, the Air Force is working with the DOD to develop and refine its concept of a Long Range Strike family of systems.

These systems will include strike; intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance; and electronic attack capabilities, among others, he said.

"Central to the family of systems is the acquisition of a long-range, penetrating bomber," General Breedlove said. "'The bomber will not be an exquisite, lone-wolf platform capable of accomplishing all the missions by itself. Rather, it will be a part of that entire family of systems, relying on other capabilities, as well as its own, to accomplish its mission."

Caring for People Forum addresses issues facing Airmen, families

Staff Sgt. Richard A. Williams Jr.

Air Force Public Affairs Agency

ARLINGTON Va. — The Air Force's 2011 Caring for People Forum concluded here July 21 with the presentation of several initiatives focusing on a range of issues affecting Airmen and their families.

More than 250 attendees from various base-level organizations met to recommend special focus areas to the Air Force Community Action Information Board and the Integrated Delivery System for evaluation and improvement.

"This is an integral way we bring up issues from the field to headquarters, and it helps us determine our agenda at the headquarters level," said Daniel Ginsberg, the assistant secretary of the Air Force for manpower and reserve affairs and CAIB/IDS co-chairman.

Ginsberg said it is vital to take care of today's Airmen and their families, and provide them a sense of community, belonging and resiliency.

The program has been revitalized in the past two years through the guidance of Air Force leaders, Ginsberg said.

The CAIB/IDS panel received briefings from individual working groups



U.S. Air Force photo/Michael J. Pausic
Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz delivers his closing remarks at the Caring for People Forum in Arlington Va., July 21, 2011. The three-day conference worked to close the gap between needs and solutions in some of the Air Force's personnel programs.

who dissected the top issues and presented practical suggestions as to how the Air Force could tackle the problems.

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz, who spoke on the final day of the forum, said the event provides an important opportunity for caring professionals to meet, network and brainstorm ways to better care for Airmen and their families.

"I trust that each and every one of you here have provided some valuable perspectives and made some professional connections to continue the progress that has been made from the past two Caring for People Forums," Schwartz said.

Maintaining this momentum is especially important, given that people remain the Air Force's most important asset, the general said.

"I will therefore continue to call upon commanders, leaders, and caring professionals, and indeed all Air Force wingmen, to further serious thought on this very important subject, and consider carefully how we can best ensure that our Airmen and their families obtain the support that they need," Schwartz said.

The Landings at Columbus to become part of Hunt Military Housing

Dear Resident,

As most of you may know, Pinnacle property management company has been working for Hunt to manage your military housing. As of August 1, 2011, all of the Columbus Pinnacle employees, as well as Pinnacle employees at many other Air Force bases across the country, will be transitioning to become Hunt employees. Pinnacle will no longer be involved with the property management.

For over 40 years, Hunt has been providing the families of our nation's Armed Forces with civilian-comparable homes and efficient, enjoyable communities in which to live. It's a core focus for Hunt, and a mission our company takes seriously. Hunt has an ownership interest in 33,978 homes on military installations. Of those, Hunt directly manages 15,579 units through its integrated full-service approach to project management and operation.

The transition will be fairly seamless for you and the other families living in the community. You will notice some new signage, new uniforms for the maintenance staff, and a new logo. Our emails addresses will be changed to emails that end with huntcompanies.com. We will let you know the new contact information as soon as it is available. Otherwise you will still experience great service from a team who values you and your family.

We are looking forward to this change. We will be keeping you posted with updated information on any changes that will impact you. Please feel free to call us with any questions or concerns. You may also stop by your Welcome Center with any questions. We know you have choices of where to live and we are grateful that you have decided to live with us.

**Thank You!
Management**

Commander's Action Line



concerns. Anytime anyone has a concern with the staff or facility they should request to

Received via Commander's Action Line (434-7058)

My daughters and grandchildren went to the pool the other day and despite the presences of several lifeguards there appeared to be no real supervision of the pool area. At one point one of my grandchildren went down the waterslide and collided with another child at the bottom. When my daughter approached a lifeguard about the situation, she felt that the situation was not taken seriously and that her concerns were not handled satisfactorily.

Response

Thank you for bringing this to my attention. The safety and well-being of our customers is our primary concern at our Team BLAZE MWR facilities. As a background, we generally have 6-10 lifeguards on-duty based on the utilization rate or specialized programs (i.e. school events, pool parties, etc). Within this cadre of lifeguards is a lead guard who is empowered to handle customer concerns. Anytime anyone has a concern with the staff or facility they should request to

speak with the lead guard. As for the specific incident you highlighted, we reeducated our staff on vigilance, safety awareness, crowd management and procedures for utilizing the water slide. Team FSS is also looking into procuring a "Splash Barricade" to help with crowds on and around the waterslide. Finally, staff training reinforced the handling of customer concerns and elevating concerns if necessary to ensure a safe and fun environment.

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.

434-7058

Base News

New Monday hours at Exchange

Effective August 1, 2011, the Exchange will have new hours for Monday and will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Mississippi Sales Tax Holiday

The state's third Sales Tax Holiday will take place during a 48-hour time period beginning 12:01 a.m. Friday, July 29, and ending midnight Saturday, July 30. The popular "back to school" event is worth 7 percent in savings to consumers as result of waiving the sales tax on specific items.

The items exempt from sales tax during the Sales Tax Holiday period are identical to those items exempted the prior two years. Clothing and footwear items, meant to be worn next to the body and cost less than \$100 per item, are exempt from sales tax during this period.

Accessories such as jewelry, handbags, wallets, watches, backpacks, and similar items do not qualify for the Sales Tax Holiday. Cleats and items worn in conjunction with an athletic or recreational activity are other sample items not eligible. School supplies and computers are not included. For more information, please refer to: <http://www.dor.ms.gov/docs/2011SalesTaxHoliday.pdf>

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.

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>.

Manpower openings

There are currently openings for qualified NCOs in the Manpower career field. If you have excellent mathematics and communicative skills, you may qualify for a career opportunity in this exciting career field. Interested? Call Linda Kessler extension 434-2341 at the Installation Manpower and Organization Office.

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, environmental/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.

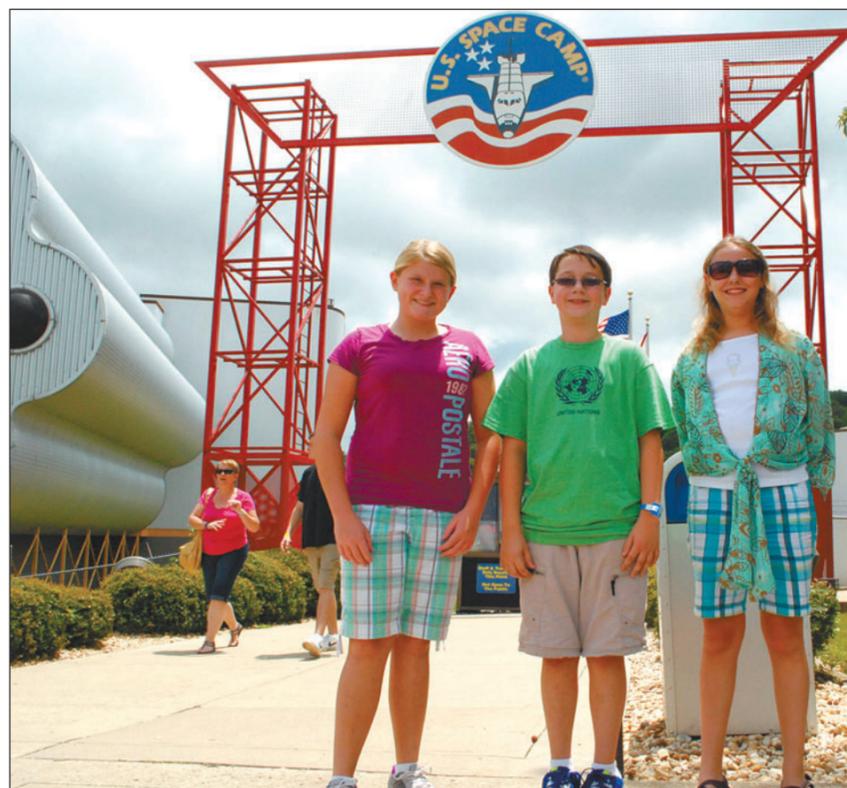
Budgeting Basics

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

Pre-Separation Counseling (DD Form-2648)

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

Space Camp Scholars



U.S. Air Force photo/Jana Hall
Jensen Reed, daughter of Shane Reed, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron; Ben Hall, son of Jana Hall, 14th Force Support Squadron Marketing; and Erin Isler, daughter of Lt. Col. William Isler, 14th Medical Operations Squadron commander; are the Columbus AFB representatives at Space Camp at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, AL, this week. All three received scholarships from the Air Force to attend this weeklong camp.

Chapel Schedule

Pioneer Clubs Program

Pioneer Clubs' children religious education program has ended for the summer and will resume Aug.23. For more information and volunteer opportunities, contact Ms. Ida Hall, 434-2500.

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.

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

AROUND TOWN

Hitching Lot Farmer's Market

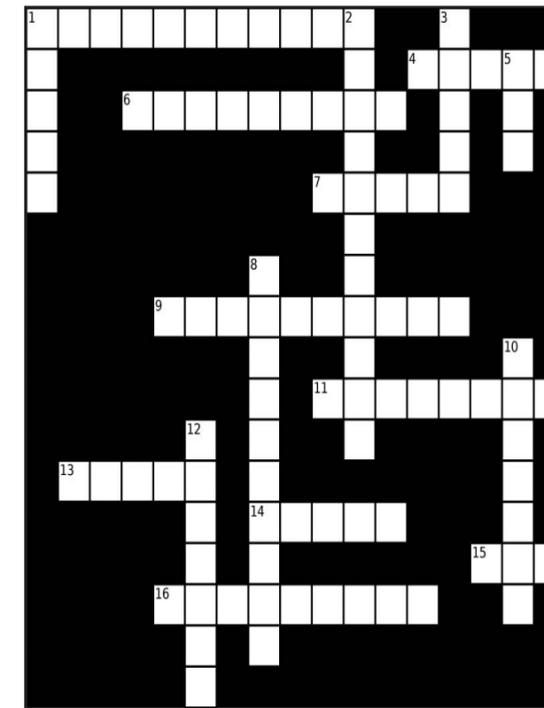
The Hitching Lot Farmer's Market is open Mondays from 5-7 p.m., Thursdays from 6-10 a.m., and Saturdays from 7-10 a.m. Visit hitchinglotfarmers-market.com for more information.

Columbus Main Street

Looking for something to do in the local area? Check out the Columbus Main Street website, www.columbusmainstreet.com to see what's going on!

Daily Historic Home Tours

Visit the newly restored Tennessee Williams Welcome Center and Museum beautifully placed in historic downtown Columbus at 300 Main Street. This site is the first home of legendary playwright Tennessee Williams. Take a complimentary tour through this National Literary Landmark and pick up information on local antebellum homes which are open year-round for tours. Tours are \$10 per person, per tour. Contact the Tennessee Williams Welcome Center at 328-0222 for more information.



BARGAIN LINE

Transportation

For sale: 1997 Ford Mustang, V6 Auto, great condition, recently serviced, 125,000. \$3,500 or best offer. Call (808) 221-2005.

For sale: 2004 Cadillac Escalade Ext - \$15,000 or best offer. All black, leather inside with heated seats, tinted windows, six disk cd changer, and sun roof. Less than 80,000 miles and has extended warranty. Still in great condition. Reply to shalondarconner@gmail.com.

For sale: 2008 CBR1000RR, 6,000 miles, Taylor Made exhaust, lots of extras, excellent condition. \$8,650 or best offer. Please call (808) 221-2005.

For sale: 2007 Hyundai Elantra. 79,000 miles, GLS Sedan. Four cyl, 2.0 liter, automatic transmission, sun roof. \$8,500. Call (920) 216-3863.

For sale: 2002 BMW 325i, fully loaded, 2 owners, \$8,500 or best offer, call 346-6796 or 329-1148.

For sale: 1997 Yamaha V Star 650 Motorcycle, new tires and a 16 ft Sunbird 150 SS boat and trailer . Call Josh at 549-5855 for more info.

Miscellaneous

For sale: Craftsman Riding Lawn Mower, \$550. Large outdoor dog pen, \$50. Old Town Osprey Canoe with trolling motor and battery, \$900 or best offer. Two brown leather sofa couch set, \$700 or best offer. 65 inch Sony Rear Projection TV, \$600. Call (808) 221-2005.

For sale: Four piece Ashley entertainment center: Two multi-shelf lighted towers with DVD and VHS racks, center console with storage and additional DVD racks, and a lighted bridge. Oak in color: \$170 OBO. Culligan Clean Water Station, barely used, has both hot and cold water taps: paid \$219, will sell for \$70 OBO. Contact 814-659-4003 for more info.

For sale: Sony 5-disc DVD player, new condition, still in the box-\$75 OBO; Uniden TRU9488 5.8 GHz phone system, includes integrated answering machine, 3 wireless handsets, speakerphone, room/baby monitoring and chargers-\$40 OBO; Logitech 5.1 computer speaker surround sound system, 60

Watts, subwoofer, 5 speakers, and all connections. Like new condition-\$50 OBO; D-Link wireless 802.11G router, brand new still in box-\$20 OBO; Boston 2.1 computer speaker system-\$15 OBO. Call 814-659-4003
For sale: 2009 Husqvarna self-propelled lawn mower, 3-in-1 mow/mulch/bag, includes rear bag, 5-gallon fuel can, and owner's manual. Awesome condition, used for only one summer-\$175 OBO. 2009 Weed Eater brand gas operated weed-eater, includes 2.5 gallon fuel can. Great condition, used for only one summer-\$75 OBO. Call 814-659-4003.
For sale: Queen size mattress and box spring-\$30 OBO; Bird cage, new, never used-\$20 OBO; Full size bookshelf headboard with mirror and bed frame-\$75 OBO. Call 814-659-7568.
For sale: Largo Lafayette Day Bed, oak, with trundle and mattress, \$275. Herculliner Truck Bed Liner, gray, \$50. Extang tonneau cover, fits '99-'06 Chevy short bed, \$50. Kincaid Cherry ent center with two bookshelves, \$350. Broy cher queen poster bed, 50Dell Studio 1737 laptop, \$400. Call 889-3974.

Class 11-12 Graduation

- Across**
- 2nd Lt. Westrick will fly the A-10 _____ II, also known as the "Warthog."
 - Lieutenants Herbol and Wilkes will both be stationed in this Pacific country.
 - 2nd Lt. Jacks will be stationed at _____ AFB.
 - Lieutenants Giffen and Odom will both be _____ (acronym) here at Columbus AFB.
 - Three lieutenants from Class 11-12, (Phelps, Sallenger and Wojtowicz) will be flying the C-17 at _____ AFB.
 - 2nd Lt. Fenton will be flying the C-130 _____.
 - 2nd Lt. Liptak will be flying the F-15C _____.
 - 2nd Lt. _____ is from Las Vegas, Nev.
 - Class 11-12 has _____ international students graduating in it.
 - 2nd Lt. Gooch will fly the KC-135 at _____ AFB.
- Down**
- 2nd Lt. Knutowski will be flying the B-1 in this state.
 - 2nd Lt. Eanniello is from this city, home to FSU.
 - 2nd Lt. _____ was selected to fly the C-17 at McChord AFB, Wash.
 - Lieutenants Kummrow and McMillen are both part of this Air Force component (acronym).
 - Capt. Dennis Simerly, the class SRO, is a native of this N.C. town.
 - 2nd Lt. Malcom is from this southern state.
 - 2nd Lt. Liard will be flying the C-130 from this European country.

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 \$165 or best offer. Call 386-6981.
For sale: 2010 Husqvarna YTH21K46 riding mower for sale. Only 23.4 hrs, hydrostatic transmission, 21hp Kohler Courage engine, 46inch cut, six cut settings, and can cut in reverse. Runs great and will do an oil change before sale. \$1,350 OBO. Call 889-8045 after 2 p.m.

Yard Sale

Yard sale: 5508 Hamilton Avenue, Saturday from 7 a.m. - 2 p.m. Tools, golf clubs, girl toddler clothing size 2T/3T, women's clothing, furniture. Call 251-5281 for details.

Wanted

Wanted: Women's trail bicycle Call 931-206-7922.

Base families offered a variety of activities

Get the 4-1-1

Do you want to know what's going on at Columbus AFB? Visit our website at www.cafb-services.com or find us on Facebook at CAFB FSS Rocks. These venues are updated regularly to give you the most current information about the morale, welfare and recreational events on base.

Cast Your Vote NOW to Win a Gift Card!

We need your help choosing a new domain name for the 14th Force Support Squadron's longtime website, www.cafb-services.com. We have four new possibilities, unless you have a better suggestion. They are: (1) www.14fssrocks.com; (2) www.cafb-fss-rocks.com; (3) www.cafb14fssrocks.com; and (4) www.columbusfss.com. Cast your vote by July 29 on our Facebook page at CAFB FSS Rocks and be entered into a drawing for a \$25 FSS gift card which can be used at the Bowling center, Columbus Club, Whispering Pines Golf Course, Youth Center, Child Development Center, Outdoor Recreation/ITT, Arts and Crafts and Auto Hobby.

Are You Ready for Some Football?

Registration for flag football and cheerleading is going on now through Aug. 5 at the Youth Center. Flag football is open to youth ages 3-18. The cost is \$35 for ages 3-4 and \$40 for all others. All games are played on base with play to begin in August. Cheerleading is open to ages 6-18, and the cost is \$40. Volunteer coaches are needed for both programs. Call 434-2504 for more information.

Get Your Game On

The Fitness and Sports Center is having the "Duel at Dusk," a 3-on-3 basketball tournament Aug. 26, 6-9 p.m., on the newly renovated outdoor courts. The cost is \$40 per team with a four-player maximum. There will be a slam dunk contest during the tournament, and prizes will be awarded to the winners and the runners-up.

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.

Half-day Preschool Starting Soon

Registration for half-day preschool is Aug. 1-12 with classes to begin Aug. 15 at the CAFB Child Development Center. Program times are from 8 a.m. to noon, Mon.-Fri., and open to children ages 3-5. Cost is based on total family income and includes breakfast and lunch daily. For more information, call the CDC at 434-2479.

Professional Auto Detailing Now Available on Base

The 14th Force Support Squadron's Auto Hobby now offers the services of Splash In a Flash right here on base every Thursday and Friday to keep your vehicle looking its best. Make your appointment today to have your vehicle's interior, exterior or engine cleaned by well-known, licensed and insured professionals who can now give you the same great service on base as they have been providing downtown. Pick-up service at your office is available. For more information or to make an appointment, call 434-7842.

Hey Single Airmen! Get Your PLAYpass Now!

Single airmen returning from deployment and families of deployed members can receive special discounts and rewards valued at more than \$500 each. 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 now. 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 A&FRC at 434-2790.

Join a Bowling League Today

Sign up is ongoing and league play begins Sept. 1 at Strike Zone Lanes. The leagues include Monday night Ladies' League; Tuesday night Mixed League; Wednesday night Couples; Thursday night Intramurals; and Saturday morning Youth. For more information or to sign up, please call the Bowling Center at 434-3577.

"Bump & Run" to the Golf Course for Daily Specials

In addition to offering a great lunch menu with daily specials Tuesday through Friday, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Whispering Pines Golf Course is starting some great daily golfing and drink specials in July. There's "Moonlight Mondays" – nine holes and a cart for just \$15 or 18 holes with a cart for only \$20 from 3 p.m. to close. "Two-Fer Tuesdays" offers two golfers the chance to play 18 holes with a cart for just \$35. Kids under age 14 golf free with a paid adult at each Wednesday's Family Day. The Thursday "Twilight Special" is continuing due to its success. Every Thursday after 6 p.m., play 9 holes with a cart for just \$15. Then "Thirsty Thursdays" offers drink specials in the Pro Shop or on the patio from 4-7 p.m. The Saturday morning "Dog Fights" are open to all levels of golfers and begin at 8 a.m. each week. Every Sunday play 18 holes with a cart for only \$20. Direct questions to the Pro Shop at 434-7932.

Deep Disney Discounts Extended

There's still time to get the kids to the Disney parks in Florida for a great price! Disney Military Salute has extended the deeply discounted ticket specials to Sept. 30, 2012, along with an increase in the number of tickets available at the special prices at Columbus AFB's ITT office. For more information about this and other fun, affordable vacation ideas, contact Outdoor Recreation/ITT at 434-2505/2507.

Outdoor Summer Fun

Outdoor Recreation's summer hours, effective April 1 through Sept. 30, are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. The facility is open Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m. to noon. Independence Pool is open daily from noon to 7 p.m. and will remain open through Labor Day, Sept. 5. For more information, contact Outdoor Rec at 434-2505 or 2507.

Book Your Summer Party Now

Outdoor Recreation is now booking summer parties at Independence Pool. For more information about availability and prices, call 434-2505 or 434-2507.

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.

Join FitFamily!

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

Space A Lodging

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

Affordable Tickets at ITT

The Information, Ticket and Travel office has discounted tickets for Disney World, Universal Studios, Dollywood, Sea World, Busch Gardens, Six Flags over Georgia, the Memphis Zoo, Alabama Adventure, Dixie Stampede, Geyser Falls and more. Call 434-2505/7861 for more information.

Youth Center Sponsorship Program

Moving is hard, but it is also a time to meet new friends, find new hangout spots, get involved in fun and different things and travel to interesting places. The Youth Sponsorship Program at Columbus was created by and just for youth. For assistance in this sometimes difficult transition, contact the Youth Center at 434-2504 and join in the fun of the youth sponsorship program.

Ice cream to ice-cold beer

Chief Master Sgt. Atticus C. Smith
93rd Air Ground Operations Wing

MOODY AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. — Serving as a command chief provides unique opportunities. One is being able to attend various retirement ceremonies. Most of the time I know the person retiring, but sometimes I'm invited merely based on being the command chief.

Regardless of how well I know the person, I try to make as many retirements as possible. It's not something I have to do; it's something I want to do. And don't think it's because of the reception afterward where there tends to be a choice of treats ranging from ice cream to ice-cold beer. I attend because I'm always intrigued as to what stories the honoree will tell. I've learned a common theme prevails.

When retirees reflect on their careers, it's very common for them to speak fondly of the friends and people they have gotten to know and the sense of purpose and pride they have serving their nation. Rarely, if ever, are stories of frustrations and stress-filled days spoken about. Although, we all know that there are plenty of those stories to choose from. I wonder if those stories just naturally melt from memory lane, like ice cream in the hot sun ... a treat I often enjoyed growing up.

Recently, after eight years of not being home, I visited my hometown of Walton, N.Y. Growing up with four brothers and numerous neighboring children to play with, we often enjoyed ice cream on the hot summer days. I'm not quite sure if any of us pondered where life would lead us, but it's easy to ponder where life has led us when returning home. The only difference during this hot summer afternoon was that it wasn't spent over ice cream, but over an ice-cold beer.

I sat on the large front deck of my childhood home and stared at the long driveway. I saw the young, scared and timid boy with chubby cheeks and a chubby belly slowly being driven away in a white Ford van en route to the airport, then to basic training. As I sipped on my beer, I could only shake my head at the sight.

I was an unguided soul. I really had no clue about anything, very limited direction and just enough discipline to stay out of jail. As I reflect back, I can't help but thank those who shaped me and took responsibility

To be stereotyped as an Airman

Lt. Col. Chris Callaghan
71st Operations Support Squadron

VANCE AIR FORCE BASE, Okla. — When we hear the word stereotype, we tend to attach negative connotations to it. After a conversation I had a few months ago, that word changed for me.

In late March, my wife Kelly and I attended a course at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, as part of our preparation for squadron command. The course was a week long, and on the last day, we attended a Basic Military Training graduation at Lackland AFB, Texas.

Following the graduation, we had lunch with trainees who were just one week from graduation themselves.

We ate with a female trainee from southern California. She didn't have her assignment

ty of me.

I thank the NCOs and senior NCOs. From the onset of basic training through my first duty assignment, they were there, and what a grave responsibility they had. They turned a young boy into a young man with the delicate balance of direction, discipline and recognition. Eventually I became one of "them," an NCO responsible for someone's son or daughter. What a grave responsibility I had, but thankfully I still had the direction and discipline from my peers, as well as the senior NCO tier.

As I neared the end of my beer, I felt immensely fortunate that their influence helped provide me an opportunity for a long career. Across the years, there have been so many good times, good friends and good memories. Tough missions, challenges and shortfalls have been there. However, the focus, commitment and dedication by Airmen to overcome the odds are like no other.

From the corner of my right eye, my mom's flag moved gently in the summer breeze. A flag was flying the day I hopped in the van, but Old Glory means so much more to me than it did when I was 18. I'm grateful to be a small part of a team that protects and secures America's freedoms and liberties, just as they have been protected by noble men and women for the past 235 years.

I realized my thoughts closely mirrored the stories I've heard during retirement ceremonies and began to wonder how many similar stories are beginning.

How many other sons and daughters from Walton are being driven to the airport? Are they as lost as I was? Are they as nervous as I was? Who will be the NCOs and senior NCOs responsible to serve them? Will I be one of them? I sure hope so, I couldn't think of a better way to return the decades of investment made in me.

If not sons or daughters from Walton, I know there are many of our national treasures from various parts of the world arriving at my current base each day. What a grave responsibility we have to them.

As I took my last sip, reminiscing on memory lane came to an end. Or maybe it was time for some ice cream.

Bring credit and honor to the U.S. Air Force and take care of each other in all your actions.

Airmen and defining what we stand for.

By joining the Air Force, that young woman from southern California earned the label of "Airman" in the hopes of being stereotyped with us, her fellow Airmen, for the integrity, service and excellence for which we are known. When she goes home to Compton, wearing her uniform, she will return mostly as the girl they all knew, but she will also be the Airman she has become.

She won't fit the stereotype someone else had for her; she will have changed in their eyes. By deciding to serve and put on the uniform of her country, that Airman has become something far greater than the superficial expectation someone used to have for her.

When I think of the American dream, I think of Airmen like her who are living it. To me, being considered by others as a stereotypical Airman is a tremendous honor. That's a label we should strive to attain every day.

Her words reflect the trust and confidence that the American people have in us, and how important that trust is in defining us as

yet, but wanted to be in either air traffic control or acquisitions. I, of course, encouraged her to become an air traffic controller and join us here at Vance AFB.

We talked about why she joined the Air Force. She didn't run through a variety of great reasons many of us have for joining: service, patriotism, opportunities, education or experience. Instead, she told us that she joined the Air Force because she wanted to be "stereotyped as an Airman."

First, it reinforces that our reputation as the world's most dominant and most respected air, space and cyberspace force reaches far and wide.

Second, it tells us that our reputation is based on our people who serve something greater than themselves. Third, it should convey to all of us that the impression we make on others translates into a calling for many to serve our country.

As she learned about the Air Force, it became apparent to her that, as an Airman, none of that "stuff" mattered. What does mat-

New AFI 36-2903 features changes, improvements to uniform guidance

Chief Leonard Thibodeaux
14th Mission Support Group
superintendent

Have you ever wondered where exactly is the line drawn for those long side-burns, the border line mustache or what exactly are the hair standards for females?

Ask and wonder no more; your questions have been answered not only with written guidance but visual guidance as well.

The new AFI 36-2903, Dress and Personal Appearance of Air Force Personnel, dated July 18 address grooming and appearance standards in Chapter 3, page 16. The Air Force went above and beyond and put the standards not only in writing but provided visuals guidance as well.

There is no excuse for not complying with standards now, and I think the 25 July 2011 Air Force times said it best; "Plan to argue with your supervisor about where the margin of the upper lip is, or the bottom of the ear orifice? Don't.

Take the time to look at the new AFI 36-2903 and ensure you are in compliance.



T-1A Jayhawk



T-38C Talon

SUPT Class 11-12 earns silver wings



Capt. Dennis Simerly
Greensboro, N.C.
F-16, Luke AFB, Ariz.

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

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 11-12 graduates at 10 a.m. today during a ceremony at the Kaye Auditorium.

The graduation speaker for the class is Lt. Gen. Douglas Owens, Air Education and Training Command vice commander. He assists the commander in recruiting, training and education of Air Force personnel. AETC includes the Air Force Recruiting Service, two numbered air forces and Air University, and trains more than 340,000 students per year. The command consists of 12 bases, more than 88,000 active-duty, Reserve, Guard, civilians and contractors, and 1,485 trainer, fighter and mobility aircraft.

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

Capt. Dennis Simerly, T-38, and 2nd Lt. Taylor Giffen, 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. Nathan Liptak, T-38, and 2nd Lt. Jacob Kummrow, 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.

Captain Simerly, Lieutenant Giffen and 2nd Lt. Christopher Wojtowicz, T-1, were named the distinguished graduates of SUPT Class 11-12.

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 11-12's pilot partners are Jim Mullis, Nammo Talley, and Charles Weldon, Alarm One, Inc.



2nd Lt. Afton Brown
Las Vegas, Nev.
C-17, McGuire AFB, N.J.



2nd Lt. Daniel Eanniello
Tallahassee, Fla.
E-3, Tinker AFB, Okla.



2nd Lt. Matthew Fenton
Colorado Springs, Colo.
C-130, Petersen AFB, Colo.



2nd Lt. Taylor Giffen
San Diego, Calif.
T-6, Columbus AFB, Miss.



2nd Lt. Rebecca Gooch
Troy, Tenn.
KC-135, Fairchild AFB, Wash.



2nd Lt. Craig Hales
Camarillo, Calif.
C-17, McChord AFB, Wash.



2nd Lt. Alan Herbol
Fairview, Penn.
KC-135, Kadena AB, Japan



2nd Lt. Nicholas Jacks
Feeding Hills, Mass.
B-52, Barksdale AFB, La.



2nd Lt. Jeremy Knutowski
Harshaw, Wisc.
B-1, Dyess AFB, Texas



2nd Lt. Jacob Kummrow
Oconomowoc, Wisc.
KC-135, General Mitchell ANGB, Wisc.



2nd Lt. Eric Liard
Stafford, Va.
C-130, Ramstein AB, Germany



2nd Lt. Nathan Liptak
Bethesda, Md.
F-15C, Klamath Falls ANGB, Ore.



2nd Lt. Stephen Malcom
Monroe, Ga.
RC-135, Offutt AFB, Neb.



2nd Lt. George McMillen
Houston, Texas
C-17, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska



2nd Lt. John Odom
Gulfport, Miss.
T-6, Columbus AFB, Miss.



2nd Lt. John Phelps
Arlington, Texas
C-17, Charleston AFB, S.C.



2nd Lt. Thomas Sallenger
Wilson, N.C.
C-17, Charleston AFB, S.C.



2nd Lt. Sean Westrick
Vacaville, Calif.
A-10, Davis Monthan AFB, Ariz.



2nd Lt. Travis Wilkes
Oklahoma City, Okla.
C-130, Yakota AB, Japan



2nd Lt. Christopher Wojtowicz
Cocoa Beach, Fla.
C-17, Charleston AFB, S.C.