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"Produce Pilots, Advance Airmen, Feed the Fight"

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**Years of Independence**

## Congratulations Team BLAZE "Below The Zone" promotees



U.S. Air Force photo/Elizabeth Owens  
**Airman 1st Class Aaron Hawley, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron**



U.S. Air Force photo/Elizabeth Owens  
**Airman 1st Class Brook Rachocki, 14th Medical Operations Squadron**



U.S. Air Force photo/Elizabeth Owens  
**Airman 1st Class Jon Copeland, 14th Operations Support Squadron**

## 14th Flying Training Wing Vice commander given official farewells, appreciations



U.S. Air Force photo/Sonic Johnson  
**Col. George Ross II, 14th Flying Training Wing Vice Commander, is sprayed down by a fire hose after his final flight at Columbus Air Force Base on June 23. Colonel Ross held his farewell at the 48th Flying Training Squadron where he received the Legion of Merit for his accomplishments here at Columbus Air Force Base during his assignment.**

## 2011 Spring Into Shape—Final Results

**Tech. Sgt. Ryan Caviness**  
14th Medical Operations Squadron

The Spring Into Shape Competition is a comprehensive weight-loss program that promotes healthy lifestyles through good nutrition and exercise habits. Participants worked hard to lose weight while attending classes and weekly exercise activities for nine weeks. The participants lost an amazing 572 pounds! Prizes will be awarded to the male and female individuals with the most percentage of body weight lost, top three teams with highest body weight percentage lost. Also, two participants will receive prizes as runners up to the indi-

vidual male and female winners. The winners are as follows:

**Top Male and Female, Most Body Weight Percentage Lost**  
Staff Sgt. Michael Rowe – 17.1  
Alyssa Smith – 13.9

**Top Three Teams, Most Body Weight Percentage Lost**

Magic Men – 12.8  
Staff Sgt. Michael Rowe – 17.1  
Tech. Sgt. Jacob Longest – 12.8  
Staff Sgt. Alex Pelayo – 10.6  
Staff Sgt. Mark Saputil – 10.5

OSS-some Ladies – 6.0  
Alyssa Smith – 13.9

Airman 1st Class Dustie Daniels – 5.8  
Carissa Stanich – 1.7  
Spring Kirkbride – 1.6

Fearsome Four – 5.  
Virginia McMullen – 9.6  
Sherri McCrary – 3.9  
Lycisia Craddieth – 3.3  
Alisa Duncan – 3.3

**Male and Female Runner-up, Most Body Weight Percentage Lost**  
Linda Norman – 13.6  
Master Sgt. Mark Millen – 11.2

Congratulations to all of our winners and Spring Into Shape participants!

## COLUMBUS AFB TRAINING TIMELINE

### PHASE II

Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Track Select
37th (12-05)	1.74 days	-0.12 days	Jul. 25
41st (12-06)	-0.70 days	-4.19 days	Aug. 12

### PHASE III

Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation
48th (11-11)	2.00 days	0.04 days	Jun. 30
50th (11-11)	1.70 days	-5.09 days	Jun. 30

### IFF

Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation
49th (11-1B)	4.33 days	3.10 days	Jul. 13

### WING SORTIE BOARD

Aircraft	Required	Flown	Annual
T-6	3,196	2,666	23,940
T-1	901	1,029	7,850
T-38	1,104	1,117	8,451
IFF	264	187	1,772

The graduation speaker is Maj. Gen. Harold Cross, USAF retired. Former Adjunct General, Mississippi National Guard.

## Team BLAZE races through first CAFB duathlon finish line

Tim Dill

Columbus Air Force Base Fitness Center

The Fitness and Sports Center hosted its first ever duathlon on Saturday, June 18th. There were 33 participants which included 15 individuals and seven teams that competed in the 5K run, 20K bike, 5K run event. Awards were given to age group winners and overall male and female and overall team.

Michael Fleharty was the 20-29 age group winner and was also the overall male winner with a time of 1:15.19. Tyler West won the 30-39 age group with a time of 1:31.22. Craig Bjorgum won the 40-49 age category with a time of 1:24.08. The overall female award went to Lindsey Stimets with a time of 1:32.22. The team winner for the event was Team Misiak with a combined time of 1:28.43.

The Fitness Center would like to thank all the sponsors and volunteers that made the event possible. Congratulations to all those who participated.



U.S. Air Force photo  
**Thirty-three Team BLAZE members push off the start line of Columbus Air Force Base's first duathlon on June 18 outside the Fitness Center.**

## Local community offers patriotic opportunities this July

### Softball tournament

Start the celebrations early on July 1 with a softball tournament that starts July 1 and finishes July 2 at the Townsend Park softball field. The events begin at 5 p.m.

### Southside-Townsend Blues Festival

On July 2 come to the Columbus Visitors Center to enjoy live music from gospel and local music groups. Activities and games for kids will also be available. Events begin at 5 p.m.



### Ballard Park, Tupelo.

4th of July celebration that claims prime entertainment for all ages, a variety of food in the vendor food court area, and fun activities for the kids. This year's events are: 4:30-6 p.m. Busted Screen door. 6:15-7:45 p.m. Southern Rock's Finest. 8 p.m. Tupelo Symphony Orchestra. 9 p.m. Fireworks.

### McKee Park, Starkville

Bicycle parade, patriotic entertainment, games, concessions and fireworks are promised at this McKee Park in Starkville this July 4 beginning at 5:30 p.m.

## Dollars and \$ense: What are my travel allowances when I PCS?

The following is a list of your basic allowances for PCS:

### PCS allowances when driving:

- Mileage: You are authorized up to two vehicles with mileage paid at a flat rate per vehicle regardless of the number of passengers. The current mileage rate for PCS is \$0.19 per mile. (NOTE: As long as you have dependents that are authorized to drive, you are automatically authorized to be reimbursed for up to two POVs.)

- Travel days: You are authorized one travel day for each 350 miles of the official distance. If the remaining distance is 51 or more miles, then another travel day is allowed.

- Per diem: You are authorized 100 percent of the standard CONUS per diem rate (currently \$123), which includes Meals and Incidental Expenses and Lodging, multiplied by the number of actual travel days not to

exceed the authorized travel days. Your spouse and each child 12 or over are authorized 75 percent of your allowances, and each child under 12 is authorized 50 percent of your allowance. (Note: A spouse traveling separately will be paid 100 percent; however, the child rate stays the same). If your driving involves OCONUS locations, your per diem rate would be the OCONUS locality rate.

### PCS allowances while flying:

- Per diem: Your per diem will be based on the locality rate of your gaining PDS or authorized stop over point. You will get per diem for the actual travel time used, not to include any travel for leave. Normally, for travel in CONUS, one travel day is allowed for travel by air. Your spouse and children 12 and over are authorized 75 percent of your per diem allowance; children under 12 are authorized 50 percent of your per diem

allowance.

- If you purchase your own airfare, you will be reimbursed not to exceed the cost of government procured tickets for the official travel.

To calculate an estimate of your CONUS POV PCS reimbursement, please use our Military PCS Calculator (go to: AF Portal, Life & Career, Money-Welcome to virtual Finance!, Tools)

To file a PCS settlement voucher, please use the PCS In-Processing System.

### References:

- AFI 65-114 Chapter 5
- JFTR Volume 1 Chapter 2 Part H Paragraph U2605
- JFTR Volume 1 Chapter 3 Part A Paragraph U3005
- JFTR Volume 1 Chapter 5

## Fireworks: Leave them to the pros

Staff Sgt. Horace Conney  
14th Civil Engineer Squadron Fire Instructor

Fireworks are designed to burn and explode. In the wrong hands they can be unpredictable and even fireworks that are legal under federal law are very dangerous. If people realized just how dangerous fireworks really are they would choose to leave the explosions, showers of hot sparks, and the potential for great injury to the professionals who are trained in using them.

Fireworks are deceptively intriguing devices with an obvious attraction to children. As a result, children make up the largest group to receive injuries involving fireworks. Parents and other adults make a serious mistake when they allow children to play with fireworks. Fireworks are not toys; teach children not to touch found fireworks and to stay away from others who shoot them off.

Fireworks used by amateurs cause thousands of serious injuries each year; these injuries include burns, lacerations, amputations, and blindness to the users as well as bystanders. If you're an amateur, there is no safe way to handle fireworks. Even sparklers, often considered "safe," burn as hot as 1,200 degrees Fahrenheit, and will burn and scare the skin.

The safest approach to fireworks, while still being able to demonstrate your patriotism this July 4th is to sit back and enjoy them from a distance at a public display presented by professionals.

### Fireworks Safety Tips

- No fireworks of any kind are allowed on base.
- Fireworks should only be used outdoors.
- Children using fireworks should always be supervised by an adult.
- Never hold fireworks while lighting them.
- Spectators should always remain at a safe distance.
- Users should always make sure live fireworks are completely extinguished, especially if they fail to go off.
- Extinguish all fireworks lighting devices after use.
- Never ignite fireworks around combustible items such as dry foliage or trash.

## Trail BLAZE'r



**Name:** Tech. Sgt. Jeremy Lewis

**Favorite musician:** Drop Kick Murphy's with Al Barr on vocals.

**Unit:** 14th Flying Training Wing Maintenance Authority

**Favorite movie:** Hangover.

**Job title:** Quality Assurance Evaluator

**Biggest pet peeve:** People that, no matter what the story is, have to chime in and top it.

**Time at Columbus AFB:** 10 months

**Favorite book:** "It" by Stephen King

**Time in service:** 12 years and 10 months

**Inspirations:** My dad; He was a big influence in joining the Air Force. My wife; because of her I believe anything is possible in life.

**Hometown:** Jacksonville, Fla.

**Career goals:** Becoming a Aircraft Maintenance Unit NCOIC

**Personal motto:** Many of life's failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up.

**Family members:** Aura May, Wife, and Liam, son.

## Program offers Airmen, families chance to save lives

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

A Department of Defense program allows Airmen, DoD civilians and their families the chance to save the life of someone in need.

The C.W. Bill Young Marrow Donor Program coordinates all of the steps in the life-saving process of voluntary bone marrow donation.

The process begins when a member decides they want to register in the program. After making the decision, they register with the program and give a tissue sample in either the form of a mouth swab or a small amount of blood. This sample is then used to determine the human leukocyte antigen type of the person, which will be put in a system that helps match patients with potential donors.

Columbus Air Force Base is home to one of the programs walk-in registration sites at the 14th Medical Group Laboratory. Those interested in registering for the program may contact the 14th MDG laboratory at 434-2123.

After the initial sample is taken, it can take months or years before a match is found, if at all. If one is found, the donation process begins.

Donors are first classified as a preliminary match and are contacted by a Donor Coordinator from the program to verify the donor is a good match. If the member wishes to continue and possibly donate, a blood sample is taken for further testing.

Some may not be aware that the goal of a marrow donation is blood stem cells and they may be acquired in one of two ways. The first is the traditional bone marrow donation surgery, and the second is known as peripheral stem cells. The coordination will notify the possible donor of which procedure is needed.

After confirming the donor is a good match, the donor will then go through a physical to make sure they are fit



U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Jacob Corbin  
**To collect peripheral bone marrow stem cells, the donation center pulls the donor's blood from one arm where it is then ran through a centrifuge. After collecting the stem cells, the donor's blood is returned via their other arm.**

for donation.

In bone marrow donation, marrow is extracted from the back of your pelvic bone using a special needle and syringe, while the donor is under anesthesia.

In peripheral blood stem cell donation, donors receive two injections of filgrastim, a synthetic hormone, for five days prior to collection to increase the creation of blood stem cells. The final injection is given on the day of collection, where blood is then removed through a sterile needle in one arm and passed through a machine that separates out the blood stem cells. The remaining blood is returned to through the other arm.

After either procedure is completed, the program will follow up with donors to see how they are faring.

Most donors are back to work within a week and back to performing normal physical activities within a few weeks.

For more information on the C.W. Bill Young Marrow Donor Program visit <http://www.dodmarrow.org/index.htm>.

## DPOA and Advanced Medical Directive Guidance

**Capt. Eric Adams**

14th Flying Training Wing Staff Judge Advocate

The reality of deployments forces us to ask some tough questions about what we want to happen during periods of incompetency and during end-of-life situations. Thus, there are two documents that are generally recommended to be part of every military member's estate plan: an advanced medical directive and a Durable Power of Attorney.

The advanced medical directive is typically made up of a combination of four documents, a

living will, a medical power of attorney, an organ donation authorization, and a Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act authorization. A living will is not part of your last will and testament at all. It is a separate document, also known as an advance medical directive or declaration. This document states that if you are diagnosed with a terminal, incurable condition, you are authorizing physicians to remove life support. The conditions that trigger the living will and the extent of the medical care to be withdrawn vary significantly from state to state. To clarify, a living will is not a substitute for a "Do Not Resuscitate"

order.

A medical power of attorney may also authorize a person you designate to direct the course of your medical care, except so far as your living will determines end-of-life treatment. The advanced medical directive can also include directions regarding organ donation and, if authorized, whether those organs can be used for the advancement of science. Finally, HIPAA restricts access to your medical records and allows you to designate exactly who you want to have access to your medical records.

Finally, you should also think about getting

a Durable Power of Attorney. This document looks and acts much like a general power of attorney in that it grants broad powers to your attorney-in-fact to manage your financial and legal affairs. However, this power of attorney is durable, meaning that it either survives or becomes effective upon your becoming incapacitated (including prisoner of war status). Most clients typically will only need the durable power of attorney to become effective upon incapacity. To schedule an appointment with a legal assistance attorney to talk about these documents, please call the legal office at 434-7030.

# Appreciated Or Taken For Granted?

**Lt. Col. David Avila**

14th Mission Support Group Deputy Commander

This Fourth of July celebration provides yet another opportunity to take stock of the freedoms gained by our forefathers. The question is: do we reflect back and appreciate it or do we take it for granted? Seems an odd question considering the audience likely reading this. After all, who knows better the sacrifice of our military servicemen and families than we ourselves? However, as America was born and took root, immigrants from all over the world recognized the opportunity to improve their conditions and began pouring in. Although I grew up knowing my family's immigration story on my dad's side, it was not until I gained a few "life experiences" by getting married, having kids, and enduring a few trials and tribulations along the way that I began to more fully understand how diffi-

cult their story must have been. Although I don't think I'll ever fully comprehend how difficult it was, try this on for size: The year is 1952 and you're a 45-year-old male with a wife and ten children (yes ten, and you're not done yet)! You're poor and living on the small island of Sao Jorge in the Azores, Portugal. You realize the only hope of giving your family a better life is to uproot them from the safety and security of the only thing they've ever known and bring them to America. So you do, tearfully leaving behind close family members who you'll likely never see again. You arrive in a strange new world and are dependent on a network of close friends and family who take your family in while the older boys begin looking for work. Days, weeks, and months go by until finally an agricultural job is landed. Through much scrimping and saving and a lot of hard work and determination, you eventually get a place to call your own. More time goes by and you go in partnership in a

dairy and a few head of cattle. Finally, nearly twenty years after passing through the ports of New York and California, you have the resources to go into business for yourself and build your own dairy in the San Joaquin Valley of California. Eventually, the business grows until you have nearly 2,000 head of cattle. This is what my grandpa, an immigrant to this great nation, was able to do with guts and determination. Unfortunately, he passed in 2001 before I could truly appreciate the hardship he went through to provide a better life for his family.

The question I pose to you as we reflect upon this Fourth of July holiday: Do you appreciate it or do you take it for granted like I did? Which country are you willing to sell everything and move your family to right now?

The more I grow, the more I appreciate my country and the sacrifices of my forefathers... imperfections and all.

## Good leaders practice servant leadership

**Chief Master Sgt. Tyrone Davis**

59th Orthopedics and Rehabilitation Squadron

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFNS) — Servant leadership is a concept that may be a little different from the normal discussions concerning leadership.

Though many of us practice this concept every day, we haven't thought about it as being in relationship to a servant.

The phrase, "I joined the military to serve my country," has been used by many people. But how much thought has really been put into the concept to serve or become a servant? To serve, you must take on the role of a servant.

You might have a visual picture of what a leader should be, and it probably has nothing to do with being a servant. A servant and a leader, however, should share many characteristics.

Focus on the word servant. Think about some of the tasks a servant would perform, his or her attitude and how he or she would act and dress. Most of us would think of someone who is courteous, clean cut and dressed very neatly. You would think of someone who demonstrates the characteristics of humility

through willingness to provide for your needs.

A servant will often sacrifice his own needs to make sure yours are met. The two key words are humility and sacrifice, or selflessness.

A servant will always address you as sir, ma'am, mister, miss or missus. It is a sign of respect for the person with whom the servant is interacting.

A servant also demonstrates kindness by taking care of a person's needs when the need is identified, often before it is anticipated, without expecting to be repaid. The key words are respect and kindness.

A servant shows patience and commitment by ensuring needs are met when you need them and even when you don't, whether you're in a good or bad mood. The ultimate goal is to make sure that your needs are met regardless of the circumstances. The key words are patience and commitment.

Servants display honesty in their dealings, always providing the right information because if they weren't honest, they couldn't provide for your needs. The key word is honesty.

Now let's think about some of the characteristics of a leader. Do leaders provide for the needs of their people? Are leaders honest, caring, committed, selfless and kind? Do they

hold their people accountable, whether their people want them to or not?

The role of a leader is to lead their people by getting them to do a job or task. There are two ways they can do this: by power or by influence. Both methods are effective when used appropriately, but when the leader overuses his power, he will eventually lose his position as a leader.

To influence people, you have to have some type of authority. Authority is a power to influence or command thought, opinion or behavior. We build authority any time we serve and sacrifice for others. When a leader routinely meets with his or her people, learns about them, identifies and understands their needs, provides for their needs and gains their trust, they establish relationships and build authority.

The last key word is love — not the love that we relate to feelings, but the love that is often spoken of in Biblical terms, called agape love. Agape means charity or service.

Those of you who have been married for a little while know that love means being patient, kind, humble, respectful, selfless, honest and committed. When you do all of the things a servant does you are demonstrating agape love. You are meeting the needs of your

people unconditionally regardless of how you feel or how those you lead feel.

Feelings have nothing to do with what a leader does, and true leaders don't let their feelings stop them from providing for the needs of the people they lead.

Mother Theresa, Mahatma Ghandi and Martin Luther King Jr. were known as great leaders. They had a servant mentality, and their willingness to serve and sacrifice gave them authority. With that authority, they influenced people.

In the Air Force, leadership is defined as the art or skill to influence people to accomplish the mission. To influence people, you must have authority. To gain authority, you must establish relationships. To establish relationships, you must serve and sacrifice for your people. When you serve and sacrifice for your people, you are demonstrating servant leadership.

At the end of the day, did you serve anyone? Did you take care of your people? Did you build any relationships? Did you hold people accountable for their actions? Were you honest, kind, respectful, committed and selfless in your actions?

Do this not to pat yourself on the back but to keep yourself in check. To lead, you must serve, and when you serve, you are following the concept of servant leadership.

“ Freedom cannot be bestowed — it must be achieved. ”

Franklin D. Roosevelt

## 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](http://hitchinglotfarmersmarket.com) for more information.

### Sounds of Summer Concert Series

Come enjoy the Sounds of Summer Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. in July at the Columbus Riverwalk. This week's band is Southbound Train. Call 328-6305 for more information.

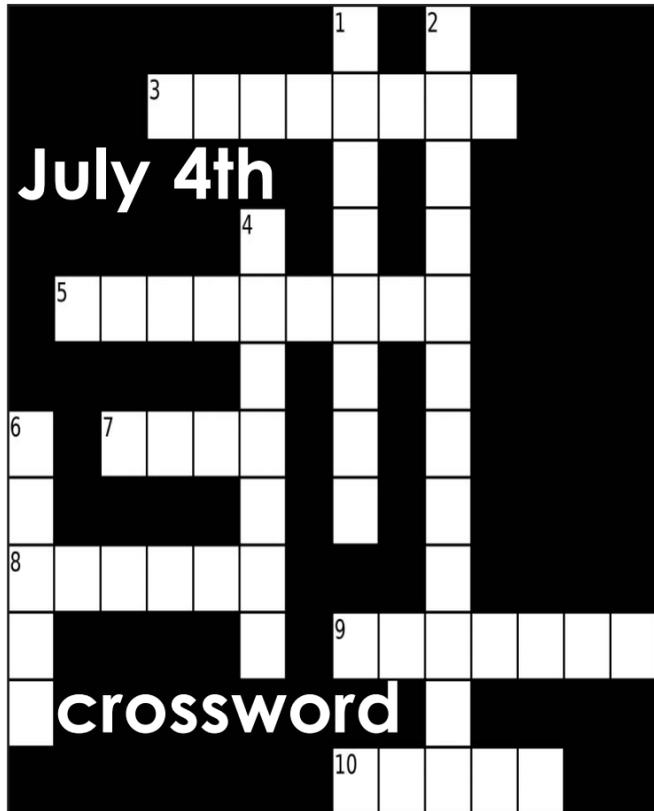
## Commander's Action Line

# 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.



**Across**  
 3 The 13 stripes on the US flag represent the original 13 \_\_\_\_\_  
 5 Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of \_\_\_\_\_  
 7 US national flower \_\_\_\_\_  
 8 The loud sound from a firework exploding \_\_\_\_\_  
 9 The largest signature on the US Declaration of Independence \_\_\_\_\_  
 10 John \_\_\_\_\_ originally predicted Independence Day would be celebrated on July 2 \_\_\_\_\_

**Down**  
 1 Samuel Wilson, a meat packer from Troy, New York in 1812 is thought to be the original inspiration for the US persona \_\_\_\_\_  
 2 The state the Liberty Bell is held in \_\_\_\_\_  
 4 The Statue of Liberty stands on \_\_\_\_\_ Island  
 6 Number of shiploads of tea destroyed in the Boston Tea Party \_\_\_\_\_

## BARGAIN LINE

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

### Homes

**For rent:** River home, 10 minutes from CAFB. 2,400 sq. ft., three bedroom,

four and one half baths, fenced one acre, 250 feet waterfront with dock, two car garage, two carport. New front/rear deck. Available Aug. 1. \$1,550 or best offer. Please call (808) 221-2005.

**For sale:** 235 Justin Circle. Beautiful three bed, two bath, 1,948 sq. ft. home in Ridgeland Estates (Caledonia School District) less than six miles from Columbus AFB. Home features stone fireplace with gas logs, French doors to the back patio, 15 foot vaulted ceiling in sunken living room, master bath suite with his and hers vanity sinks, formal dining 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. Rent for \$1,250 per month or buy for \$139,000. Please call 570-4221. See more at [www.militarybuyowner.com](http://www.militarybuyowner.com).

**For sale or lease:** Spacious three bed-

room two bathroom home in New Hope. Great neighborhood, walking distance to New Hope schools. Remodeled 2,370 sqft. Open floor plan with wood laminate and ceramic tile flooring. Formal dining room, bonus room, laundry room, large bathrooms, pantry, covered patio, privacy fence, and two car garage. For sale \$160,000 or lease \$1,200 per month plus deposit. Call 418-3592.

**For sale:** 2.1 acres on Wood Road in Caledonia. Ready to build. Call 356-6844 please leave message.

### Transportation

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

**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:** 2006 Clayton Mobile Home, 14 X 56, two bedrooms, one bath, all electric, \$17,000. Close to base on a lot. Call 251-5990.

**For sale:** 2001 Damon Daybreak 35 foot Class A motor home. Asking pay-off \$31,000. Call 356-6844. Please leave a message.

### Miscellaneous

**For sale:** Kenmore washer and dryer stack \$350. Kids five-piece bedroom set \$200. 46" RCA Big Screen TV \$175. 32" Sharp TV \$150. Sleeper Sofa \$50. Call 434-5472.

**For sale:** Dog Kennel, four feet high modular, eight section and portable. Asking \$100. Outdoor wood burning oven/pit. Call 352-1790.

**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 386-6981.

### Yard Sales

**Yard sale:** July 1 and July 2. 5601 Artesia Ave (Chiefs Circle). Call 434-5472.

**Garage sale:** July 2, 6 a.m. until 12 p.m. at 69 Sanders Lane, Caledonia. Variety of items.

**Garage sale:** 59 Quince street, Columbus, Miss. (New Hope area, just off of Highway 82 or 182) clothes and shoes from infant to 6 year old (Boy and girl). All name brands, new and barely used. \$2 for used and \$5 for new. Must spend at least \$10. Many child toys and furniture, etc. Please call 497-4474.

## Base News

### Commissary closed for holiday

The commissary will be closed on July 4 and 5.

### Indy's/Columbus Club closed for holiday

The Columbus Club and Indy's will be closed for the Family Day on July 1. Other 14th FSS facilities will be open.

### 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

## 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.

through the AF Portal at <https://www.my.af.mil/afpc2ww3/vmpf/Hub/Pages/Hub.asp>.

## 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](mailto:afrc@columbus.af.mil).)*

### 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.

### 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.

### 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

## Lebanon Air Force vice chief of staff, team visit CAFB

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

Six officers from the Republic of Lebanon air force visited Columbus Air Force Base from June 18 to June 22 to see the Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training program in action.

The Lebanese air force vice-chief of staff Brig. Gen. Abdel Rahman Razzac led his team as they toured the base and saw the current student pilot training here, finding not everything to be unfamiliar.

"Most of our pilots have already had their training in the United States, so when we are in the U.S. we feel at home," said General Razzac.

The Lebanese delegates were able to fly and use simulations of the T-6

Texan to gain an understanding of the aircraft.

"It is a very sophisticated aircraft and I think it's appropriate for training our pilots. We hope to have it in our own air force," said General Razzac.

Overall the officers said that they enjoyed their stay, citing the friendly people and thanking Team BLAZE for the opportunity.

"We appreciate all of what the 14th Flying Training Wing did, and we are looking forward to cultivating out relationships with the U.S. Armed Force," said General Razzac.

The visit's purpose was to give officials from the Republic of Lebanon a better understanding of the training offered here as they consider joining the international flying training program offered here, with a focus on the helicopter track.



U.S. Air Force photo/Melissa Doubilin  
**Republic of Lebanon air force vice-chief of staff Brig. Gen. Abdel Rahman Razzac, second from left, stands with his team and a U.S. T-6 Texan on during their visit to Columbus Air Force Base. The visit's purpose was to give the team a better understanding of international Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training.**



# SUPT Class 11-11 earns silver wings



T-1A Jayhawk



T-38C Talon



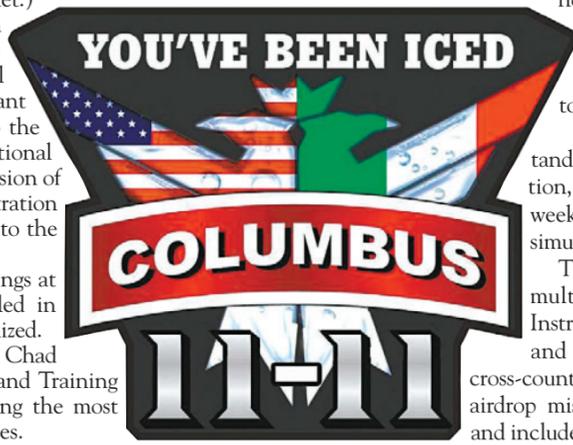
**Capt. Matthew Gauld**  
North Haven, Conn.  
KC-10, McGuire AFB, N.J.



**Capt. Stephen Montgomery Jr.**  
Fremont, Calif.  
F-22, Tyndall AFB, Fla.

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

The graduation speaker for the class is Maj. Gen. Harold Cross (Ret.) who last served as the Adjutant General of Mississippi. In this position he was a member of the Governor's Cabinet and Commander of the Military Department of Mississippi, which includes the Army National Guard, Air National Guard and the Mississippi State Guard. The Adjutant General is charged with the responsibility to organize train and equip the more than 13,000 citizen soldiers and airmen of the Mississippi National Guard to perform its federal and state missions in addition to the supervision of an additional 3,000 state and federal employees. Duties include administration and management of personnel, fiscal and legislative matters pertaining to the military department and maintaining readiness of the force.



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 11-11's pilot partners are the Air Control Engineering represented by Lynn Robinson along with the BoB's Paint and Auto Body represented by Bob Taylor.



**Capt. Justin Moser**  
Augusta, Ga.  
U-28, Hurlburt Field, Fla.



**Capt. Ryan Pebler**  
Cincinnati, Ohio  
F-16, Luke AFB, Ariz.



**Capt. John Piekarski**  
Boise, Idaho  
NSA, Cannon AFB, N.M.



**Capt. Benjamin Steinour**  
Gettysburg, Pa.  
C-17, McCord AFB, Wash.



**Capt. Richard Wiseman**  
Sarasota, Fla.  
RC-135, Offut AFB, Neb.



**1st Lt. Susan Mongeon**  
Lake Havasu City, Ariz.  
C-5, TNANG Memphis, Tenn.



**2nd Lt. Aaron Berry**  
Rochester Minn.  
A-10, Whiteman AFB, Mo.



**2nd Lt. Anthony Del Vecchio**  
Rockfall, Conn.  
T-6, Columbus AFB, Miss.



**2nd Lt. James Hammelman**  
Brookfield, Wis.  
C-17, Hickam AFB, Hawaii



**2nd Lt. Ryan Hedlund**  
Sacramento, Calif.  
KC-135, Fairchild AFB, Wash.



**2nd Lt. Craig Ingvalson**  
Blooming Prairie, Minn.  
C-17, McCord AFB, Wash.



**2nd Lt. Alex Kroll**  
Calabasas, Calif.  
B-52, Barksdale AFB, La.



**2nd Lt. Russell Logan**  
Sacramento, Calif.  
C-5, Dover AFB, Del.



**2nd Lt. Clayton Martin**  
Portland, Ore.  
C-130J, Ramstein AFB, Germany



**2nd Lt. Chad Olson**  
Memphis, Tenn.  
KC-135, Seymour Johnson, N.C.



**2nd Lt. Brandon Patterson**  
Beavercreek, Ohio  
T-1, Columbus AFB, Miss.



**2nd Lt. Braden Peirano**  
Wichita, Kan.  
C-5, Travis AFB, Calif.



**2nd Lt. Michael Renolayan**  
San Diego, Calif.  
KC-10, Travis AFB, Calif.



**2nd Lt. Peter Shoemaker**  
Muncy Valley, Pa.  
EC-130J, Harrisburg IAP, Pa.



**2nd Lt. Wesley Sloat**  
Cincinnati, Ohio  
C-17, Carlestone AFB, S.C.



**2nd Lt. Shaun Skorlich**  
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RC-135, Offut AFB, Neb.



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Pueblo, Colo.  
C-17, Charleston AFB, S.C.