

# Scenes from the repainting of Freedom Park



Members of Team BLAZE run through the Freedom Park Playground on Aug. 27 wielding paintbrushes and gloves. The morning-long volunteer event was a restoration project for the children's playground.



U.S. Air Force photo/Chaplain (Maj.) Kenneth Valardi  
**Chief Master Sgt. Leonard Thibodeaux, 14th Flying Training Wing Command Chief, reaches high over a set of monkey bars to leave no spot untouched. The paint used in the project was donated by a local business.**



U.S. Air Force photo/Chaplain (Maj.) Kenneth Valardi  
**Airman 1st Class Nicholas Larson, 14th Civil Engineering Squadron firefighter, keeps the sun off but the morning heat in while painting the roof of one of the park's towers on Aug. 27.**



U.S. Air Force photo/Chaplain (Maj.) Kenneth Valardi  
**The Spirit of Columbus, freshly repainted and ready for takeoff sits on the Freedom Park Playground. Space shuttles had a history of landing at Columbus Air Force Base before the final one was decommissioned earlier this year.**



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**"Freedom Park: Where Kids Rule" hangs over an archway on the Freedom Park Playground. People from across the base came together to re-paint the park's many archways, towers, and railings to keep it safe and beautiful for Team BLAZE.**



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**The 14th Flying Training Wing Chapel provided a free lunch after the morning's work to thank the volunteers for helping with the repainting project. Right: The paint for the restoration project was donated by a local business, just another example of the close relationship between Team BLAZE and the local community.**



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## Weather

<b>Today</b> High: 98, Low: 67 Mostly Sunny	<b>Saturday</b> High: 100, Low: 67 Partly Cloudy
<b>Sunday</b> High: 98, Low: 68 Partly Cloudy	<b>Monday</b> High: 88, Low: 58 Few showers

## News Briefs

**Labor Day**  
Most Columbus Air Force Base offices will be closed Monday, Sept. 5 in observance of the Labor Day holiday. The CAFB Commissary will be closed Sept. 5 and Sept. 6.

**Class 12-07 Track Select**  
Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 12-04 will hold their Track Select ceremony at 5 p.m. Sept. 6 at the Columbus Club.

**Order of the Daedalians**  
The Order of the Daedalians will be meeting for dinner Sept. 8 at the Club.

**Dorm Dinner**  
Enlisted dorm residents are invited to the Chapel Annex on Sept. 8 at 5 p.m. for a dorm dinner.

## Inside



**Feature 8**  
The 14th Civil Engineer Squadron is highlighted in this week's feature.



U.S. Air Force photo/Melissa Doublin  
**The newly inducted honorary commanders pose with their wing, group, and squadron commanders after the honorary commander induction ceremony held on Aug. 30 at the BLAZE Hanger. The Honorary Commander program is a community relations program that gives selected community leaders an opportunity to gain a deeper and more personal insight into the Air Force and the mission of Columbus AFB.**

## Honorary Commander induction ceremony sets course for deeper community relations

**2nd Lt. Brionna Ruff**  
14th Flying Training Wing  
Public Affairs

Twenty-three honorary commanders were inducted in a ceremony on Aug. 30 at the BLAZE Hangar. The Honorary Commander program is

a public affairs community relations program that gives selected community leaders an opportunity to gain a deeper and more personal insight into the Air Force and the mission of Columbus AFB. "I thought it was awesome I loved it, I'm still on a high over that, it was just really impressive to me and I'm blessed

and honored to be a part of the program!" said the newly inducted Command Chief Honorary Commander, John Almond of Carl Hogan Honda. "I just think it is a significant and tremendous opportunity to be a part of such a great program!" The ceremony allowed community

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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)	1.44 days	3.06 days	Sep. 6	48th (11-14)	1.23 days	3.07 days	Sep. 9	49th (11-KB)	2.31 days	2.74 days	Sep. 13	T-6	3,680	3,393	30,346
41st (12-08)	3.32 days	3.10 days	Sep. 9	50th (11-14)	0.35 days	1.67 days	Sep. 9					T-1	1,008	1,128	10,106
												T-38	1,218	1,261	11,220
												IFF	214	270	2,700

The next graduation speaker is Brig. Gen. Balan Ayyar, commander, AF Recruiting Service, Randolph AFB, Texas.

## CEREMONY

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members to get a sense of what a formal military ceremony entails from being a part of formation to being "officially inducted" into the program.

Community leaders are paired up with base leadership to include group and squadron commanders. Throughout the course of their time as an honorary commander, community leaders will be able to work and socialize with members of the base and gain a better understanding of how different groups and squadrons produce pilots, advance airmen, and feed the fight. This program benefits the base and our community by not only allowing community leaders to have a better understanding of the Air Force, but by allowing Air Force Commanders to have a better understanding of the way businesses work outside of the military.

Active Duty Commanders were also excited about the new opportunities the program could potentially bring. "This could be a jumpstart for a productive and mutually beneficial relationship between the base and our community and being a key part helping take care of our airmen," said Col. Scott Frickenstein, 14th Mission Support Group Commander.

## Feds Feed Families fights hunger



Courtesy photo  
The Seguin family stand beside their donation of 263.6 pounds of food for the "Feds Feed Families" program on Aug. 30 outside the Columbus Air Force Base Commissary. Team BLAZE members donated a grand total of 3,419.9 pounds of food for food pantries at both Helping Hands of Columbus, Inc. and the Salvation Army.

## 14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, 80 TEAM BLAZE members are deployed worldwide. Remember to support the Airmen and their families while they are away.



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat/Sun
5 Labor Day	6 Class 12-07 Track Select, 5 p.m. @ Club	7	8 Dorm Dinner, 5 p.m. @ Chapel Annex  Daedalians, 6 p.m. @ Club	9 Class 11-14 Graduation, 10 a.m. @Kaye	10/11
12	13 IFF Graduation, 4:49 p.m. @ 49th  BLAZE Leaders Local Economic Development Team, 1:15 p.m.-5 p.m.	14 ALS Graduation, 6 p.m. @ Club	15 Class 11-15 Assignment Night, 5 p.m. @ Club  Hispanic Heritage Month Begins	16 AF Ball, 6 p.m. @ Trotter  National POW/MIA Day	17/18

### Long Range Events

Sept. 19:  
Hispanic Food Potluck  
Sept. 20:  
Newcomers Orientation  
Sept. 20:  
Hearts Apart  
Sept. 20:  
CSC Social  
Sept. 24:  
Retiree Appreciation Day  
Sept. 28:  
Class 12-08 Track Select  
Sept 29: Wing photo  
Sept. 30:  
Enlisted Promotions  
Sept. 30:  
Class 11-15 Graduation  
Oct. 1:  
Energy Awareness Month begins  
Oct. 3:  
Night Flying Week

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# Preventing the flu: good healthy habits

## 14th Medical Operations Squadron Public Health Office

The single best way to prevent seasonal flu is to get vaccinated each year! Additionally, good health habits like covering your cough and washing your hands often can help stop the spread of germs and prevent respiratory illnesses like the flu. Here are some points to think about:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick. When you are sick, keep your distance from others to protect them from getting sick too.

- If possible, stay home from work, school, and errands when you are sick. You will help prevent others from catching your illness.

Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. It may prevent those around you from getting sick.

- Washing your hands with soap and warm water often will help protect you from germs. Cold water is not as effective for killing germs. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs are often spread when a person touches something that is contaminated with germs and then touches his or her eyes, nose, or mouth.

- Practice other good health habits. Get



Air Force Photo by Joel Martinez  
**Air Education and Training Command Commander, Gen. Edward Rice Jr., received his annual influenza immunization from Senior Airman Jacqueline Camposgarcia, 359th Medical Operations Squadron Immunization Clinic journeyman, at Randolph AFB on Aug. 30. All active duty members are required to be vaccinated by the suspense of Sept. 15. Call the Immunization Clinic at 434-2187 for more information.**

plenty of sleep, be physically active, manage your stress, drink plenty of fluids, and eat nutritious food.

Please contact the Public Health office at

434-1171 for any questions regarding the Influenza. For reliable information on seasonal flu, please visit the CDC website at: <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/>

## After hours care for TRICARE Prime beneficiaries assigned to 14th MDG.

**Liz Paine**

14th Medical Support  
Squadron Health Systems  
Specialist

Beneficiaries assigned to a primary care manager at the 14th Medical Group who are not feeling well can call 434-CARE (2273) to make an appointment between 7:15 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. But what happens in the event you need medical care after hours or on the weekend? Call 911 for true emergencies (defined as an injury that is a threat to life, limb or eyesight). For non-emergencies, you can call 434-CARE and our on-call staff will direct you to the care you need. Based on the severity of your health care needs, you may be provided with home care directions until you can be seen at the 14th Medical Group or you may be directed to the emergency room or an off-base medical clinic.

Currently there are three local facilities where patients are referred: Lowndes County Medical Clinic, The Clinic at Wal-Mart and North Columbus Medical Clinic. If you live outside of the Columbus area, we can assist you to find a clinic in your area. Remember to call 434-CARE prior to going to any off-base provider. If you are seen at an off-base medical clinic without a provider referral, you may be held responsible for payment and retroactive referrals will not be provided.

For more information about TRICARE Prime benefits, please contact the TRICARE Service Center in the lobby of the clinic or call 1-800-444-5445. Beneficiaries who are assigned to a primary care manager outside of the 14th Medical Group should contact their primary care manager for after hours care.

## Trail BLAZE'r

**Name:** Technical Sgt. Erica Solis

**Unit:** 14th Medical Group

**Job title:** Group Training Manager

**Time at Columbus AFB:** Four years, nine months

**Time in Service:** Thirteen years

**Hometown:** Lockhart, Texas

**Career goals:** Make master sergeant and become a first sergeant

**Family members:** Son, Eric, a.k.a. "Brother" and daughter, Nevaeh, a.k.a. "Sissy"

**Favorite musician:** George Strait

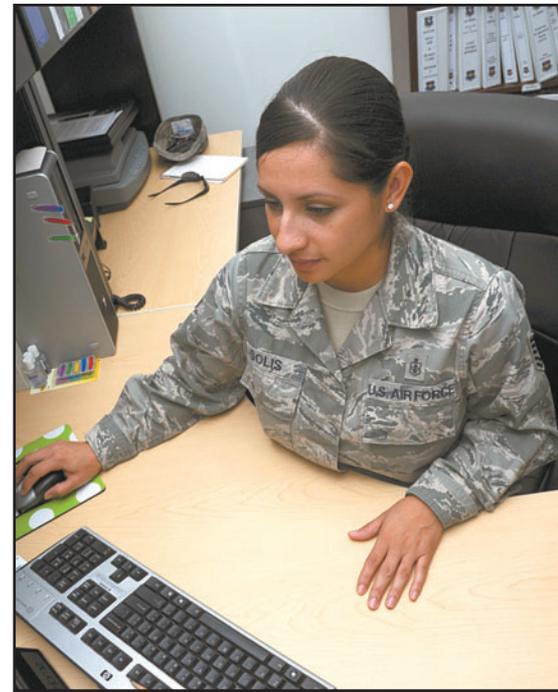
**Favorite movie:** A good chick flick I can cry to!

**Biggest pet peeve:** People who will not own up to a mistake.

**Favorite book:** Right now...the Professional Development Guide

**Inspirations:** My kids...no matter how bad my day has been, they inspire me to push myself a little harder.

**Personal motto:** Live, Laugh, Love. We only have one life to live; why not live it by laughing a lot and loving a little more!



# COLUMBUS AFB TOP 3 SPOTLIGHT

## Enlisted dorm manager position available

The BLAZE leadership team is looking to hire an Enlisted Dormitory Manager before Sept. 15, 2011, with a start date in early to middle of Oct. 2011. All staff sergeants are eligible to apply. (Note: Technical sergeants selects are also eligible to apply as long as their sew-on date is not before Dec. 2011)

The wing is looking for an enthusiastic NCO who can think outside the box, requires little supervision and is not afraid to give sound mentorship and leadership to our Team BLAZE enlisted dormitory residents.

**Q:** Do I have to have special qualifications for the position?

**A:** No.

**Q:** Do I keep my AFSC or am I awarded a new AFSC?

**A:** Once you are released from your career field, you are awarded the 8H000, Dormitory Manager AFSC.

**Q:** How do I apply?

**A:** Complete the attached application and route through your squadron chain of command to your respective group. Your Group Superintendent must coordinate on this package. The 14th Mission Support Group will forward the package to 14th Civil Engineering Squadron for the 14th CES commander's coordination. The installation hiring authority is the wing command chief and the final approval authority is AFPC, Special Duty Assignments Branch.

**Q:** Is this a controlled tour?

**A:** Yes, this is a minimum two year controlled tour, with a one year extension option.

If you would like to see a job description or have any further questions or concerns contact your group superintendent or Chief Master Sgt. Leonard Thibodeaux at 364-0942.



**Category:** Airman

**Nominee Name Grade:** Senior Airman Kyle Burns

**Unit:** 14th Comptroller Squadron

**Information:**

- Home Town:** Spring Hill, Tenn.
- Time in the Air Force:** Three years one month
- Time at Columbus AFB:** Two years, eight months
- Career Short Term Goals:** Make staff sergeant
- Career Long Term Goals:** Get Bachelor's Degree
- Nominated by:** Master Sgt. George Murray
- Nomination reason:** Senior Airman Kyle Burns goes above and beyond in the performance of his duties, as well as giving back to Columbus Air Force Base and the local community through volunteerism. After the prompt departure of the 14th Comptroller Squadron civilian pay technician, Burns stepped up and absorbed those duties, as well as his own, without regard to self. His regularly assigned duties include military in-processing, civilian in-processing, and numerous briefings, in which he handles with pride and professionalism every time. During an extremely busy PCS season this summer, Burns held multiple mass in-processing briefings for over 100 newly assigned lieutenants, guiding them step-by-step through the process; his efforts led to a more streamlined process which allowed our newest Airmen to be paid in a more timely fashion. Improving processes and taking care of today's future leaders is nothing new to Burns, which is why he was selected above his peers as this month's Top 3 Airman to "Spotlight".



**Category:** NCO

**Nominee Name Grade:** Staff Sgt. Nathanael Merrill

**Unit:** 14 Medical Operations Squadron

**Information:**

- Home Town:** Army Brat
- Time in the Air Force:** Five Years
- Time at Columbus AFB:** One Year
- Career Short Term Goals:** Finish CCAF degree and make technical sergeant the first time
- Career Long Term Goals:** Become a certified physical trainer and own his own business
- Nominated by:** Chief Master Sgt. Leonard Thibodeaux
- Nomination reason:** Staff Sgt. Merrill is a phenomenal NCO! Not only is he a hard worker who is always looking to improve himself as well as the Air Force, but he also performs assigned duties well beyond his rank and pay grade. Recently Merrill headed three major wing-level enlisted events with great success. He was responsible for arranging Chief Cody's Junior Enlisted Call during the recent AETC CC/CCC visit. He was also the driving force behind the much anticipated, thoroughly enjoyed Enlisted Softball Game. Finally, Merrill is the responsible for giving the junior enlisted corps an opportunity to travel to Maxwell-Gunter Air Force Base, Al. to tour the Enlisted Heritage Museum next month. Merrill is undeniably making a difference at Team BLAZE and in our Air Force. In fact, he is described as "a prime example of a well rounded Airman" by his supervisor. Merrill's dedication and drive make him more than worthy of being this month's NCO to "Spotlight".

# Financial services return to local centers

**Staff Sgt. Richard A. Williams Jr.**  
Air Force Public Affairs Agency

WASHINGTON — The processing of military pay transactions will move from the Air Force Financial Service Center at Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D., to base-level financial services offices beginning in August.

The return of military pay transactions to local level is a part of the Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta's efficiencies agenda, and is geared toward improving the service-wide military pay process, said Lee Franklin, the AFFSC director.

AFFSC was created in 2007 as a "one-stop shop" for all financial transactions, Franklin said. The center processed backroom military pay and travel functions in a single consolidated location. All military pay transactions were initiated at the local financial services offices and sent to the AFFSC at Ellsworth AFB for final processing.

The plan was for military pay transaction processing to eventually be transitioned to the Defense Integrated Military Human Resources System, which would have combined military personnel and pay processes into a single system, Franklin said. That program was terminated in 2009.

"Following careful review, it was concluded that processing military pay actions centrally actually delayed processing time for updating military pay entitlements and caused a negative effect on Airmen,"

Franklin said. "Processing these actions at base level provides better support, allows faster update of a document-driven process and permits face-to-face resolution of pay issues."

The review revealed that military pay transactions processed at the AFFSC had a higher rejection rate, and often required corrections by the individual, he said. Also, civilian contractors processing military pay transactions require a 100 percent audit of their work, adding more time to the process, which will be eliminated with the move.

With the return of military pay processes to local financial services offices, 286 Airmen will be reassigned to finance offices Air Force-wide to provide the manpower necessary to accomplish the base level workload, Franklin said. AFFSC will still employ 161 civilians to process travel pay requests for active duty, Reserve Airmen and Air Force civilians.

"The benefit to Airmen will be quicker processing of changes made to their military pay records and the ability of the local financial services office to respond more immediately to questions about processing of pay transactions without having to consult the AFFSC," Franklin said.

Franklin said some finance offices are already processing military pay transactions locally, but it will take time to transition every office.

All military pay processing activities and personnel will be returned to local financial services offices by the end of fiscal 2012.

## Columbus IP's ascend 7,815 feet, break 30 year old record



Courtesy photo

**1st Lt. Michael Fleharty and 1st Lt. Nick Kellenbence, 37th Flying Training Squadron Instructor Pilots stand at the finish line of the Pikes Peak Ascent in Colorado Springs, Col. on Aug. 20 after racing 13.32 miles of mountainous terrain with an elevation gain of 7,815 feet. Kellenbence completed the race in 4:03:24 and finished 445 out of 1,704 competitors. Fleharty finished with a time of 3:09:24 and taking 70 out of 1,704 and breaking the 30 year-old Mississippi state record for the race of 3:11:54 set back in 1981.**

## 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.

## Dollars and \$ense:

### New! — Pay DTS Debts Online through DFAS's Pay.Gov Website

In an effort to improve the Defense Travel System debt collection process, DFAS has added a DTS Debt Payment form to the Pay.Gov website. DTS users who are in debt to the government can now make payments online using a personal credit card, debit card, or bank account, through the website.

To make a payment, go to [www.pay.gov](http://www.pay.gov), search for the DTS Debt Payment Notification form, and enter the information found on the DTS debt letter and method of payment. Payments made through Pay.Gov will post to the DTS document once they are processed.

Additional Information: For more information, review the "Using Pay.Gov to Satisfy a Travel Incurred Debt" information paper at: <http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/Docs/Using>

[\\_Pay.Gov\\_to\\_Satisfy\\_Travel\\_Incurred\\_Debt.pdf](#) or the "Guide to Managing Travel Incurred Debt" at: [https://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/Docs/Guide\\_to\\_Managing\\_Travel\\_Incurred\\_Debt.pdf](https://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/Docs/Guide_to_Managing_Travel_Incurred_Debt.pdf)

**14th CPTS Finance Customer Service:**  
Bldg 730, First Floor Lobby.  
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14th CPTS Financial Customer Service  
(14cps.Fcs@Columbus.Af.Mil)

Due to mission requirements, if you are unable to make the customer service hours, please email us or call 434-2705/2095 to schedule an appointment.

## Base News

### Compulsory School Attendance: Home School

As the new school year begins, the School Liaison Office would like to remind parents of the State of Mississippi law governing school attendance particularly as it pertains to families who Home School.

Under the Mississippi Compulsory School Attendance Law, parents and guardians are required to enroll their children in a public, private or home school. This law applies to children who have reached the age of six and have not exceeded the age of seventeen by Sep. 1.

Children who have attained or will attain the age of five years on or before Sep. 1 and have enrolled in a full-day public kindergarten will also be under the Compulsory School Attendance Law. Any parent or guardian who fails to comply with the Mississippi compulsory school attendance law may be punished in a court of law.

Parents who are teaching their children at home (home school) are required to complete a certificate of enrollment card each school year. You can complete this card at the Columbus AFB School Liaison Office, located in Building 730, Suite 174A. Mississippi law requires this card to be completed prior to 15 September 2011. Please contact the School Liaison Officer at 434-2792 or via email at: slo@columbus.af.mil for an appointment to complete your registration.

### Columbus Mothers of Preschoolers

All area moms of preschoolers are invited to join in the fun! We are a club for mom's of children age 5 and under. They meet twice a month and enjoy speakers, activities and encouraging one another. Fall Program starts Sep. 6! Mothers of Preschoolers is a national organization designed to strengthen and encourage moms to be all we can be!! We meet at First United Methodist Church (Upstairs in the Artz Building) every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month from 9:30-11:30 a.m. (childcare provided). Please contact Casey by email at caseye@cableone.net for more information.

### Airman's Attic

The Columbus Air Force Base Airman's can 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.

### 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.

## Sunday Weekly Worship Services

**Protestant Worship Service**  
Traditional Protestant services are held on Sunday at 10:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

**Catholic Confession**  
Catholic confession is held on Sundays from 4 to 4:45 p.m. or by appointment in the sanctuary

**Catholic Mass**  
Catholic Mass is held on Sundays at 5 p.m. in the sanctuary

**Sunday Weekly Religious Education Catholic Children (K-9 Grade)**  
Catholic children (K-9) religious education will be held each Sunday from 3:30 to 4:30 in the RE classroom.

**Catholic RCIA**  
Catholic RCIA religious education will be held each Sunday from 6 to 7 p.m. in the Chapel Annex.

**Protestant Youth of the Chapel Bible Study**  
Bible study for Protestant youth will be held each Sunday from 6 to 7 p.m. Topic: "Am I Happy?: The Search for Something More."

**Saturday Weekly Religious Education Protestant Men of the Chapel Bible Study**  
Protestant men of the Chapel are invited for a bible study in the Chapel Annex from 7 to 8 a.m.

## 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).)*

### 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.

## Chapel Schedule

each Saturday. Breakfast is provided on the 2nd Saturday of each month.

**Wednesday Weekly Religious Education Fellowship Dinner**  
Main Entrée provided; if able, please bring side, salad, or dessert. Meet at the chapel annex from 5 yo 6 p.m.

**Pioneer Clubs (Protestant Children's Ministry)**  
The Pioneer Clubs is a Protestant children's ministry for ages 3 to 12. They meet weekly from 6 to 7 p.m. in the RE Classrooms.

**Protestant Youth of the Chapel Meeting**  
Protestant youth are invited to the Chapel Library from 6 to 7 p.m. for a weekly meeting.

**Protestant Adult Bible Study**  
Protestant adults are invited to the sanctuary from 6 to 7 p.m. each week for a bible study. Current topic: "Faith Lessons—God Heard Their Cry."

**Protestant Adult Bible Study**  
Protestant adults are invited to the chapel annex from 6 to 7 p.m. each week for a bible study. Current topic: "Introduction to Biblical Languages."

**Tuesdays Weekly Religious Education Protestant Women of the Chapel Fall Kick-Off**

Protestant women of the chapel are invited to the chapel annex from 9 a.m. to noon each week. Children are welcomed. Currently studying: "Discovering The Voice of God by Priscilla Shirer"

**Protestant Lunch-Time Bible Study**  
Protestants lunch-time bible studies are from 11:35 a.m. to 12:25 p.m. in the chapel library. Currently studying the origin of the Bible. Please bring own lunch, though drinks are provided.

**Protestant Bible Study**  
Protestants are invited to a weekly bible study from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the chapel library. Currently studying the prayer's of Paul.

**Protestant Navigators Bible Study**  
The Protestant Navigators meet weekly at the Chapel Annex from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Cappuccino is provided.

**Special Events Catholic Parish Volunteer Appreciation Dinner**  
A Catholic Parish volunteer appreciation dinner will be held Sept. 10 at 6:30 p.m. Please call Base Chapel and ask Cecelia Dobronski for the location.

**Enlisted Airmen Six Flags Trip**  
Free entrance to Six Flags with transportation provided on Sept. 25. Meet at 6 p.m. in the Montgomery Center Parking Lot and plan to return at midnight. Please call to RSVP.

## AROUND TOWN

### Pandora Event

The Purple Elephant, 422 Main St., is having their Pandora Event, Sept. 7, 8, 9 and 10. Buy \$100 in Pandora and receive a Pandora bracelet free!

### Columbus Main Street

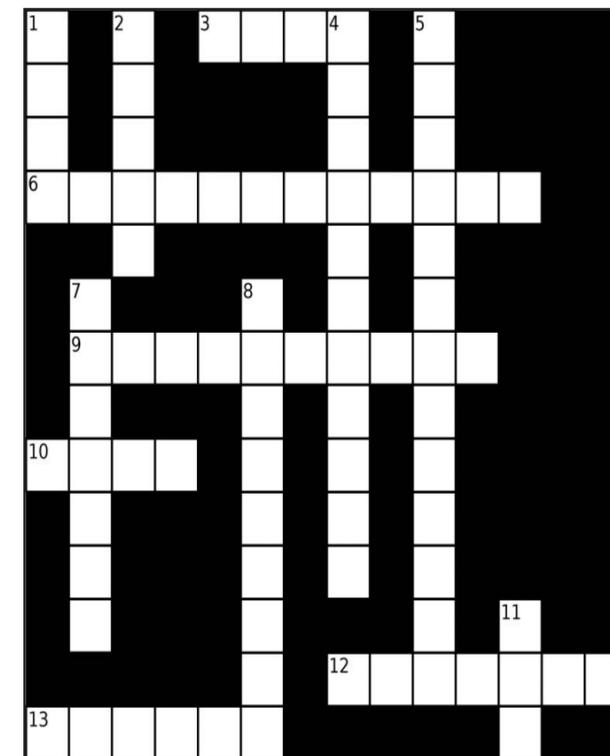
Looking for something to do in the local area? Check out the Columbus Main Street website, [www.columbusmainstreet.com](http://www.columbusmainstreet.com) to see what's going on!

### 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.

### 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.



## CES Crossword

- Across
- The base department is part of the 14th CES.
  - Most projects on base are handled by the squadron.
  - The 14th CES Flight begins its day at 3:30 a.m. checking the airfield lights.
  - "Engineers ... the way!"
  - The resources flight manages an annual budget of \$12 \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Last name of the 14th CES commander.

- Down
- Acronym for heating and air conditioning services.
  - Acronym for the type of training the CE Readiness team provides the base on biological, chemical and nuclear weapons.
  - Craftsman that specializes in wiring and power.
  - This CES flight handles the prevention of pollution and compliance with state/federal laws.
  - Last name of the 14th CES deputy civil engineer.
  - Craftsman that specializes in working with wood.
  - The 14th CES consists of \_\_\_\_\_ flights.

## BARGAIN LINE

### Transportation

**For sale:** 2007 Ford Explorer Sport Trac XLT. 65,000 miles, moon roof, bed liner and slim topper, sharp. Asking \$19,000. If interested call (502) 649-8634.

**For sale:** Herculiner truck bed liner, gray, \$50. Extang tonneau cover, fits '99-'06 Chevy short bed, \$50. Kincaid Cherry entertainment center with two bookshelves, \$250. Craftsman router, with table, \$50. Call 889-3974.

**For sale:** 2007 Honda Accord EX. Still under extended warranty, fully loaded, heated leather seats, Navigation system, Sirius/XM satellite radio. Less than 25,000 miles, four cylinder, four door, excellent condition. \$18,500 or best offer. Call 497-2390 for more information.

**For sale:** 2010 Nissan Frontier SE, 2WD, King Cab, six speed Automatic, AM/FM/CD Stereo, Tow Hitch, Bed Liner, anti-lock brakes. One owner with 7,622 actual miles, 23 miles per gallon on highways. Must sell; \$19,500. Call 327-1205.

**For sale:** 2008 Ford Explorer XLT-43,000 miles. Very clean, well maintained and serviced. Non-smoker, asking \$17,000. Call (904) 859-0917.

### Miscellaneous

**For sale:** Seven foot bass boat, two seats, live well, fish finder and trolling motor. \$1,200. If interested call (502) 649-8634.

**For sale:** Dell inspiron 1545, 15.6

LCD, Red, Windows 7, Pentium Dual-Core 2.2 GHZ, three GB of RAM, 134 GB hard drive, integrated HD graphics. It is restored to factory settings. \$200 (405) 590-3626.

**For sale:** Square dance dresses. For information and price please call 327-6184.

**For sale:** Evenflow Ultra Saucer, \$20. Vibrating Jeep bouncy seat, \$15. Graco stroller with car seat and base (Green), \$60. Evenflow car seat, 20-50 lbs, \$10. Cosco car seat, 22-40 lbs, \$10.

**For sale:** Gold's Gym exercise bike in excellent condition, \$125. Black GE Mini fridge and freezer combination, \$85. Gently used 10' x 6' outdoor kennel with rain/heat cover included, \$200. Skillcraft pool table, \$55. Prices as listed or best offer. Call for more information (757) 806-0274.

### Wanted

**Wanted:** Moving boxes. Call or text (608) 963-5220.



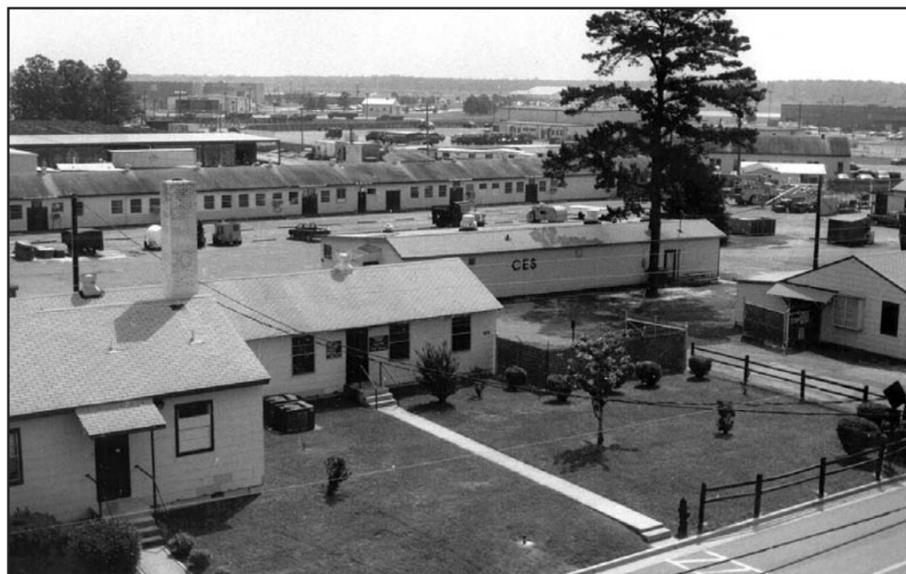
# “A Legacy of Excellence” The 14th Civil Engineer Squadron



COLUMBUS AFB, MISSISSIPPI

U.S. Air Force photo

The 14th Civil Engineering Squadron buildings from World War II were replaced with newer ones over the last several years, improving workplace conditions.



U.S. Air Force photo

World War II vintage buildings made up the compound of the 14th Civil Engineering Squadron through 1989. These buildings were replaced in 1990.

**Rodney Roberts**  
14th Civil Engineering Squadron Deputy  
Base Civil Engineer

Over the past 20 years the 14th Civil Engineer Squadron has instituted a vast number of changes to the squadron and the base as a whole. Stop and take a moment, look at the images here and take a trip back in time before coming back to the present seeing the changes which were made.

In the last two decades the 14 CES itself has changed many things, but it has been through many changes as well. The housing and utilities privatization, two squadron reorganizations, and a major Air Force manpower cut are only some examples of how it has changed.

One thing about the squadron that hasn't changed is the spirit, determination and heart of the squadron. The motto "Engineers Lead the Way" is exemplified by the 20 years of only excellent ratings on every Air Education and Training Command Inspector General inspection, four Base Realignment and Closure studies to keep Columbus Air Force Base open, all while handling a drop from 350 personnel in 1994 to 193 personnel in 2011.

No matter the challenge though, the 14 CES

has always been right here making the base the "Show place of the south."

In 2001 a major storm hit the base just two weeks before an AETC IG team visit. Over 250 trees fell across roads and buildings on base, with countless more down in the local community. The 14 CES worked hard on helping recovery both on and off base, repairing Columbus Air Force Base to the point that when the IG team arrived they were amazed by the recovery from the initial storm reports.

Columbus AFB is the home of Team BLAZE, and that means something to everyone in 14th Civil Engineer Squadron. From the Fire Department to the personnel of our various shops all members of the 14 CES take care of Columbus AFB with the pride of ownership as it shows each and every day.

This squadron has and will continue the mission of Columbus AFB of "Producing Pilots, Advancing Airmen, and Feeding the Fight". From building new facilities, to maintain the aging infrastructure, to sustaining our environment while responding to all emergencies, 14 CES will never stop making a difference despite the challenges from the past, engineers will always lead the way!



U.S. Air Force photo

This is front gate entrance to Columbus Air Force Base in 1992. The re-design of the front gate added walls and barriers as well as adding a new search pit area for better security and flow of traffic.



U.S. Air Force photo

Above: Much of the Wing Headquarters Building has been changed to improve over the existing building, saving money while keeping in accordance with the base "Showplace of the South" theme. Right: The Wing Headquarters Building built in 1992 has been sorely in need of updating, and parts of it have been redesigned and remodeled this year to accommodate the Wing Staff Agencies in accordance with the base "Showplace of the South" theme.

