

"Produce Pilots, Advance Airmen, Feed the Fight"

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Weather



Today

High: 46, Low: 24
Mostly Sunny



Saturday

High: 57, Low: 31
Sunny



Sunday

High: 55, Low: 32
Sunny



Monday

High: 61, Low: 48
Mostly Sunny

News Briefs

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Most Columbus Air Force Base offices will be closed Monday, Jan. 16 in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday.

Class 12-12 Track Select

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 12-12 will hold their Track Select ceremony at 5 p.m. Jan. 18 at the Columbus Club.

Civilian Call

There will be a civilian call on Tuesday, Jan. 17 beginning at 3 p.m. in the Kaye Auditorium.

Commissary Open Jan. 17

The Commissary will be open Tuesday, Jan. 17, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. following the Monday Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday.

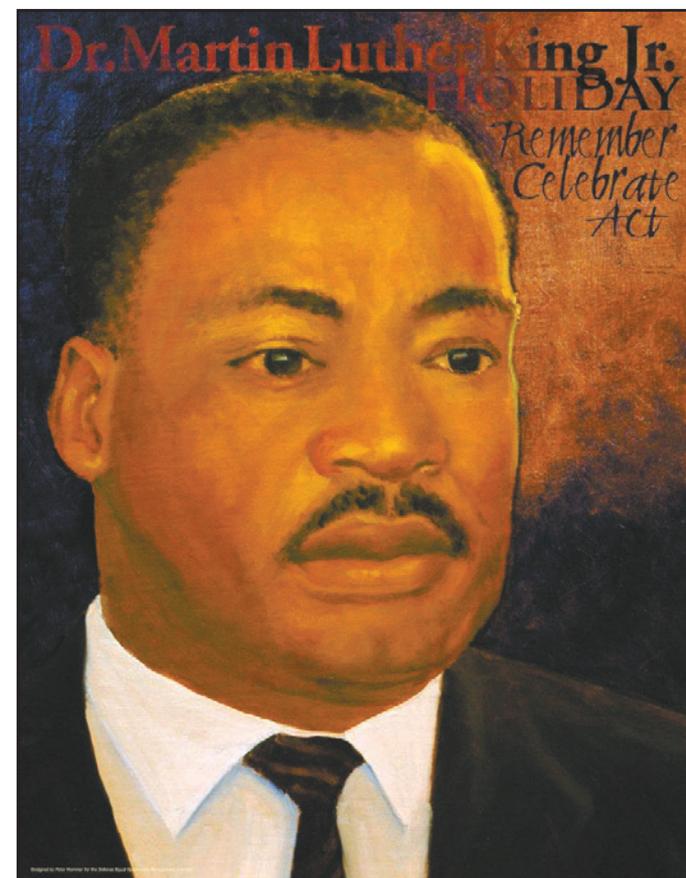
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.; Prospector for peace and honor

Chief Master Sgt. Richard Bullock
14th Medical Group

A son was born to the Baptist Minister James King and his wife, Alberta, in the state of Georgia on 15th of January 1929. According to local tradition the child was named after a prominent role model: Martin Luther. Martin Luther enjoyed the privilege of a school education and later went on to study at college. He worked hard to prepare himself for life.

After completing a degree in Sociology, he had the choice of many promising jobs and decided upon a position in Montgomery. He couldn't possibly have guessed that this city would provide his life's main goal. Montgomery is the capital of Alabama and is situated in the southern states of the US. It was a city suffering from racial tensions. This young Baptist Church pastor was witness to constant injustices perpetrated against fellow members of his community. King was, however, not totally unprepared for this situation. During his studies he had often recognized the problems faced by the black community in America. He had also considered possible structural changes, which he regarded as being essential if whites and blacks were to live together in peace. He had been influenced to a large degree by the life and work of Gandhi. He believed that violence only led to violence. He became more and more convinced that the use of non-violence as a means of reaching the ultimate goal of improving America's racial problems was the only real solution. His theoretical basis was Jesus. His practical base was the methods used by Gandhi. When the African American population decided to boycott the Montgomery city bus lines, the fight began quickly. He couldn't possibly have guessed that this city would provide his life's main goal. The African American population decided to boycott the Montgomery city bus lines, the fight began quickly.

On the 1st December 1955 an everyday occurrence thrust King onto the vortex of a struggle which had all the markings of violence. Rosa Parks, seamstress in a department store, boarded a city bus and sat in the first row of seats in the African American section of the bus. She was tired from her day's work. The white section of the bus was full. When some more white passengers got on the bus the driver ordered a group of blacks to



vacate their seats and go and stand at the back for the remainder of the journey. Three passengers did as they were told - they were clearly used to this form of treatment. Weary and tired, Parks refused quietly to give up her seat. The driver called the police and Parks was arrested - another daily occurrence. But this time it was different. The black population decided to boycott in an attempt to stand up for their rights. A large meeting was organized. The president of this civil action was the young Baptist

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Martin Luther King Jr. Day is highlighted in this week's feature.

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 (12-13)	3.74 days	1.38 days	Feb. 13	48th (12-04)	-0.36 days	3.14 days	Jan. 27	49th (12-DB)	-5.31 days	-2.13 days	Jan. 31	T-6	862	706	7,537
41st (12-12)	0.89 days	-2.39 days	Jan. 18	50th (12-04)	-1.61 days	-3.07 days	Jan. 27					T-1	293	281	2,517
												T-38	348	303	2,800
												IFF	110	75	740

The graduation speaker is Gen. Gary North, Commander, Pacific Air Forces; Air Component Commander.

MLK

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preacher Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. He spoke up for non-violent implementation of the boycott.

King was called to attend demonstrations, to make speeches and to preach everywhere. He took on this challenge in an untiring way, roused the crowds and strengthened their awareness of the need for non-violent resistance. The victory in Montgomery had given fire to the civil rights movement. Rather than stopping half way, the aim now was to stand up for the rights of blacks across America. The climax of the campaign came in August 1963 with a peaceful march on Washington. He ended his speech with his now world-famous sentences: "I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia, the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood. I have a dream that one day even the state of Mississippi, a state sweltering with the heat of injustice, sweltering with the heat of oppression, will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice. I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character. I have a dream today. And when this happens, when we allow freedom ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, yes, we will be able to speed up that day

when all of God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual: Free at last! Free at last! Thank God Almighty, we are free at last!"

On the 4th of April 1968, the world was shocked to hear the news: Dr. Martin Luther King had been assassinated. He had arrived in Memphis, Tenn. to attend a large civil rights gathering. Police excesses against African American refuse workers meant that dark clouds were reappearing on the horizon. King expected to die a violent death. Nevertheless, he refused to let this interfere with his efforts to stand up for his ostracized fellow citizens. He was convinced that all racial discrimination could be overcome one day.

Today, we celebrate Dr King's legacy, his ideals are still here, his dream of equality still alive. He stood behind his message of non-violence, even in the face of diversity, he stuck to his goals. We should follow these examples. Our Core Values of Integrity, Service, and Excellence, in a way reflect what King stood and fought for. As we celebrate his legacy, and message, please remember it's more than a day off; it is a day to recognize one of the most influential African American leaders and his message of peace and equality.

(Editor's note: Excerpts from Dr. King's "I have a Dream Speech" were used)

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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat/Sun
16 MLK Jr. Day, most CAFB offices closed	17 Civilian Call, 3 p.m. @ Kaye	18 Class 12-12 Track Select, 5 p.m. @ Club	19	20	21/22 Sat. 21-Fly Day (T)
23	24 Wing Quarterly Awards Ceremony, 3:30 p.m. @ Kaye	25	26 BCC Luncheon with General North speaking, 11:30 a.m. @ Club Daedalians Dinner, 6 p.m. @ Club	27 Class 12-04 Graduation with General North speaking, 10 a.m. @ Kaye	28/29

Long Range Events

Jan. 31: Enlisted Promotions
Jan. 31: IFF Graduation
Feb. 1: African American Heritage Month begins
Feb. 2: Annual Town and Tower Prayer Breakfast
Feb. 3: Class 12-05 Assignment Night
Feb. 6: Night Flying Week
Feb. 7: Newcomers Orientation
Feb. 9: Annual Awards Banquet

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TrailBLAZE'r



Name: 1st Lt. Michael Langdon

Unit: 37th Flying Training Squadron

Job title: T-6A Instructor Pilot

Time at Columbus AFB: Two years

Time in Service: Two years, 8 months

Hometown: Seattle, Wa.

Career goals: Command a flying squadron.

Family members: Wife Noelle and baby on the way.

Favorite musician: Yellowcard.

Favorite movie: Band of Brothers.

Biggest pet peeve: Unsat attitudes.

Favorite book: "Stick and Rudder" by Wolfgang Langewiesche.

Inspirations: George Washington and Abraham Lincoln.

Personal motto: "Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can." – John Wesley

At Columbus Air Force Base 70 years ago ...

On Jan. 13, 1942, 240 men from the 72nd Airbase Squadron moved into the newly built Barracks, from the Civilian Conservation Corps camp east of Columbus, marking the first skeleton crew to be stationed at Columbus Army Airfield.

Enlisted Airmen gather around tables at the Columbus Club on Jan. 6 for the annual Boss'N'Buddy night.



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Chase Hedrick
Boss'N'Buddy night is an event for Airmen, Noncommissioned Officers, and Senior NCO's to sit down, relax, and provide mentoring to fellow enlisted members of Team BLAZE.

Team BLAZE members travel to 2012 AETC Symposium

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

Before the 2012 AETC Symposium began, several Team BLAZE members attending told us what they were looking forward to.

"I look forward to hearing about how leaders are planning to move forward with the new pilot training platform in today's ever increasing financial constraints." - 1st Lt. Brian Tapp, 48th Flying Training Squadron

"I'm interested in hearing about how the DoD plans on dealing with the Chinese economic warfare in both the short and long term." 1st Lt. Will Brown, 48th FTS

"Having a look at the bigger picture." Maj. William Clarkson, 14th Medical Operations Squadron

"Can't wait to tap into the minds of our leaders and find out how do we continue on the same path doing a lot more with less under heavy budget constraints." - Tech Sgt. Charleston Calhoun, 14th Security Forces Squadron



U.S. Air Force photo/Elizabeth Owens
The 40 members of Team BLAZE selected to attend the 2012 AETC Symposium pose for a photo before departing on 10 Jan. The Symposium is an annual event held in San Antonio, Texas, hosted by HQ AETC to educate Airmen about the Air Force and discuss emerging topics and issues.

Airman follows second rulebook off-duty

Airman 1st Class Charles Dickens
14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Some Airmen are content with coming to work every day, doing their job and going home, while others strive for more.

Airman 1st Class Ross Crimaldi, finance customer service technician of 14th Comptroller Squadron, has a second passion aside from his military career; being a hockey referee.

Crimaldi started refereeing at the age of 15 and has been refereeing ever since. What started out as a side job for a bit of extra money has turned into a passion for him.

"I went to a tournament my third or fourth year officiating and there was a group of guys that I met there," said Crimaldi. "Seeing how seriously they took it and how good they were, that impressed me. That left an impression on me that said 'I want to be as good as they are; I want to be better than they are.'"

He started by refereeing for youth leagues and has worked up to junior and collegiate level leagues. Crimaldi has even been refereeing for some pro-league games.

When first beginning, refereeing can be an exten-

sive job, said Crimaldi. "I've done four to five games in one day before."

Crimaldi started playing hockey at seven years-old and continued through high school where he became more interested in being a referee than actually playing.

"I was looking for another job and another way to be involved in the game of hockey," said Crimaldi.

Crimaldi also notes that refereeing has had a positive impact on his military career and vice-versa.

"Understanding the commitment that it takes to be a well-rounded Airman made me realize how much I wasn't doing as an official," said Crimaldi.

On the flip-side of things, "being a referee is customer service; you are serving the players and you are serving the coaches," said Crimaldi. "If someone is mad at you on the ice, you have to learn how to diffuse the situation."

Refereeing is a job that does more than just calls a game whether on the ice, field, etc., it allows people who are interested give something back to a game that they enjoy or love.

"Hockey is a sport you can be involved in your whole life whether it's being a player, coach or referee," said Crimaldi.



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Chase Hedrick
Airman 1st Class Ross Crimaldi, 14th Comptroller Squadron, breaks up a fight 4 Nov. during a hockey game. Crimaldi had his work cut out for him during the heated Mississippi State University and Ole Miss match.

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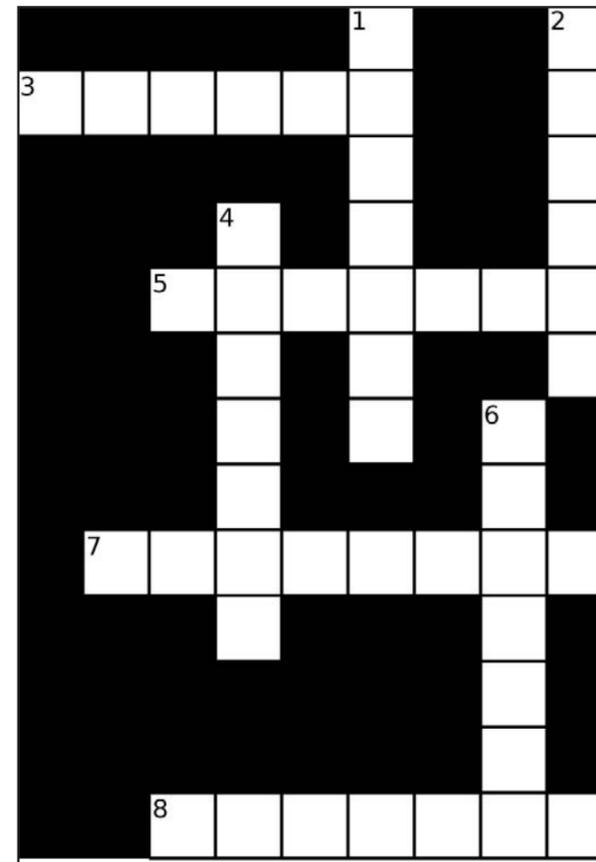
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Crossword: Martin Luther King Jr.

- 3 Across
Martin Luther King Jr.'s protest methods were influenced by this Indian Independence Leader.
- 5 Martin Luther King Jr.'s wife's first name.
- 7 Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated at this motel on April 4, 1968.
- 8 Martin Luther King Jr. advocated non _____ protests.

- 1 Down
Number of years between Martin Luther King Jr.'s death and Martin Luther King Jr. Day becoming a federal holiday.
- 2 The president that signed Martin Luther King Jr. Day into law as a federal holiday.
- 4 Congressman John _____ Jr. first introduced the legislation to make Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday into a federal holiday.
- 6 Martin Luther King Jr. gave his "I Have a Dream" speech at this memorial.

Columbus AFB awarded "Storm Ready" certification

Sonic Johnson
Chief, 14th Flying Training Wing
Public Affairs

Weather shop, Command Post, Emergency Communication Center, and local response plans and procedures.

Requirements of a Storm Ready community:

1. Establish a 24-hour warning point and an Emergency Operations Center.
2. Have redundancy built in to receive severe weather forecasts and warnings and to alert the public.
3. System in place to monitor local weather conditions
4. Promote the importance of public readiness through community seminars
5. Have a formal hazardous weather plan, which includes training severe weather spotters and holding emergency exercises.

Of the 11 Air Education and Training Command bases, Columbus AFB is only one of three that are Storm Ready certified. The base and Lowndes County are now both Storm Ready. Lowndes County earned their certification in July 2007.



U.S. Air Force Photo/Mary Crump
National Weather Service meteorologists from Jackson traveled to Columbus AFB to award the "Storm Ready" certification to the base. 14 Flying Training Wing commander Col. Barre Seguin was joined by Cindy Lawrence, Lowndes County Emergency Management Director and members of the base Emergency Management and Weather flights were on hand to receive the certification.

BARGAIN LINE

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For sale: Used gray 2007 Scion tC in very good condition, one owner. Manual transmission, CD player with iPod hook-up, air conditioning/heat, sliding sun roof, rear moon roof, front-wheel drive, power windows and locks, remote entry, 70,000 miles. \$11,300.00. Call (502) 558-9126.
For sale: Used White Honda CRV. Fully loaded, automatic, navigation with voice control, backup camera, heated leather seats, six-disc CD player, mp3 player, sunroof, front-wheel drive, air conditioning, satellite radio, power windows and locks, remote entry, new tires. 110,000 miles. \$15,500. Call (812) 989-4184.
For sale: Dark green 1997 Honda Accord. Manual transmission, power windows and locks, CD player. Great running condition, well maintained. 182,000

miles. Asking \$2,700. Call (423) 863-5705.
For sale: 2010 EX-L White Honda Odyssey. Folding third row seating, DVD player. 35,750 miles. \$30,000 negotiable. Call or text 365-0831.
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For sale: 2005 Toyota Corolla S. Automatic transmission, power windows and locks remote entry, sunroof. 128,000 miles. \$7,000 firm. Call (812) 989-4184.

Homes

For rent: Two bedroom house, three miles from base, central heating and air. \$500 per month. Call 251-5804.
For rent: House in Oakdale Park. Three bedrooms and two bathrooms, fenced-in

backyard, outside bar with television. \$1,200 month. Visit www.ahrn.com id # 5391843. Call 425-6890.
For sale: 2.1 acres on Wood Road in Caledonia. Clear and ready to build! Call 356-6844; please leave message.
For sale: House in New Hope next to Lake Lowndes. Less than 5 minutes from New Hope schools and 25 minutes from CAFB. 1958 sq ft: Four bedrooms, two bathrooms, two-car garage and car port. Upstairs remodeled, new heat/air unit downstairs, fireplace with gas logs, new roof, one-year-old water heater, above-ground pool with surrounding deck and fenced yard. \$159,900. Contact 889-0744.
For sale: Split floor plan house in New Hope Park. Three bedrooms and two bathrooms. Includes updated appliances, flooring, paint, heating/cooling, two-car garage, fenced-in yard on a half-acre lot.

\$170,000. Call (907) 830-8725.
For sale: 2006 Clayton Mobile home, 14' X 56', 2 bedrooms and one bathroom, all electric, located on lot outside gate of CAFB. Good condition. \$15,500. Call 251-5990.

Pets

For sale: Continental Kennel Club registered Cocker Spaniels. Variety of colors, health guaranteed. \$200. Caledonia. Call 356-6957.

Miscellaneous

For sale: Beige/gold chenille fabric sofa from Thomasville. Great condition. \$300. Call (707) 628-7995.
For sale: Marble computer desk. \$50. Call (812) 989-4184.

Base News

The Base Thrift Shop

The Base Thrift Shop is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Consignments until noon. The Thrift Shop is non-profit and all proceeds benefit CAFB Community. It is located in building 530. Phone: 434-2954.

Mississippi Governor's School

The Mississippi Governor's School is accepting applications for the 2012 session from current 10th and 11th grade students enrolled in accredited Mississippi high schools. MGS will be held on the campus of Mississippi University for Women in Columbus, Miss. June 3-22, 2012. The theme for the session is Leading with Vision. Application materials are available on the MGS website: www.muw.edu/govschool. Applications should be postmarked by Jan. 20, 2012. For more information, please call 241-6096 or e-mail gov-school@muw.edu.

Department of Defense Memorandum of Understanding

Starting Jan. 1, 2012, all schools providing post secondary education programs through the DoD Tuition Assistance (TA) Program must agree to the new DoD MOU (http://www.dodmou.com/). For military members using TA, this means that if your school does not sign the DoD MOU, your school will no longer be approved to receive TA funds. The current list of schools that have signed the DoD MOU can be found at http://www.dodmou.com/InstitutionList.aspx. If your school is not on the list, you are encouraged to contact your school to ask if they plan to sign the DoD MOU (some schools may sign the DoD MOU after Jan. 1, 2012). If your school is not on the list by Jan. 1, 2012, please call the Education Center at 434-2562 or 434-2563 or come by Bldg. 916 for counseling regarding options for reaching your educational goals, which could include transferring to a DoD approved school. You can also email your questions to edward.hodge@columbus.af.mil.

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, pro-

vide 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.

ACT/SAT Testing

Information on ACT and SAT tests are now available on their respective websites (http://www.act.org and http://www.collegeboard.com). Answers about registration as well as quick tips regarding both of these important tests for aspiring college students can be found here. The tests are provided throughout the year, with advanced registration required.

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

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

Saint Leo University

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

IDEA Program

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

School Liaison Officer

The Columbus Air Force Base School Liaison Officer works with local school districts, schools, parents and students on issues related to elementary and secondary education for the children of ALL personnel (civilian, military and contractor) assigned to the installation. As parents of school age children are aware, there

are many unique issues our children face as they transition to new schools. The role of the School Liaison Officer is to assist families ensure their children receive the best possible education regardless of where they attend school. For assistance, please contact the School Liaison Officer at 434-2792 or via email at slo@columbus.af.mil.

Airman and Family Readiness Center

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

Self-paced Tutorials

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

Relocation assistance

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

Employment Workshop

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

Spouse welcome

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

Survivor-Benefit Plan

One of the best feelings about retiring from

the military Service is to know you are guaranteed a lifetime income as the result of a successful career. What about your spouse or dependent children? If you die, what guarantees do they have? Enrolling in the SBP prior to retiring will ensure they will have guaranteed income after your death. Additional details are available by calling your SBP Counselor Jamey Coleman at 434-2720.

Newcomers Orientation

Jan. 17 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For newly arrived AD and civilian personnel. Spouses are encouraged to attend. Held at the Columbus Club, to register call 434-2790.

Creating a Healthy Marriage

Jan. 19 from 11 a.m. to noon. Workshop to learn the myths and stages of marriage. The keys to creating and maintaining a healthy marriage. Conducted by the MFLC, to register call 434-2790.

Computer Workshops

Jan. 23 from Feb 1., MS Excel 2-4 p.m., Basic MS Word/Keyboarding 4:15-6:15 p.m., No cost, Classes meet Mon. Tue, & Wed for two weeks. Limited seating to reserve a seat call 434-2790.

Resume and Cover Letter

Feb. 1, 10-11 a.m., Workshop on writing Resumes and Cover Letters for employment. To register call 434-2790.

Newcomers Orientation

Feb. 7, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., for newly arrived AD and civilian personnel. Spouses are encouraged to attend. Held at the Columbus Club, to register call 434-2790.

Employment Workshop

On local and base employment opportunities, held every Wednesday at 1 p.m., Airman & Family Readiness Center. POC A&FRC, 434-2790.

Chapel Schedule

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

Protestant Men of the Chapel: Come out and join the men of CAFB Chapel every

Newly renovated Pro Shop snack bar now open

By Airman 1st Class Charles Dickens
14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

The Columbus Air Force Base Golf Course Pro Shop recently underwent a thorough renovation, including snack bar paraphernalia, restrooms, a multimedia room for meetings and a golf course sound system.

"The last update to the golf course clubhouse that was internally completed was done in 1994, so it was time for a new look and upgrade," said Nicholas Roos, Chief of Community Services.

The upgrade comprised of new snack bar equipment, new carpet, a new bar and many other amenities to make the Pro Shop feel more modern.

"The clubhouse looks great and is a great improvement," said Senior Airman Eric Jorgensen, 14th Contracting Squadron. "It was definitely worth the investment."

The new multimedia room contains a 12-foot drop-down screen with an overhead projector that is linked to a computer for meetings and PowerPoint presentations, said Roos.

This will provide another eating option for the people of CAFB, said Roos. The "green plate specials" are specials of the

day, which include items such as grilled chicken, chicken cor-don bleu, catfish nuggets and lasagna.

"We're developing our daily specials as we go," said Roos. "We'll see which specials are popular, keep those, and keep pushing to develop others."

The golf course is currently closed on Monday for their winter hours, but is open most other days from 9:00 a.m. to dusk.



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Charles Dickens Pam Whickam, Golf Course Manager, Col. Barre Seguin, 14th Flying Training Wing commander, 14th Flying Training Wing Command Chief Master Sgt. Vance Kondon, and Nicholas Roos, Chief of Community Services, participate in the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the newly renovated Golf Course Pro Shop. The Pro Shop received its first upgrade since 1994 including new snack bar equipment, a new bar, new carpet and many other updated amenities.

M E N U	<i>Deli Sandwiches</i>	Bread Choices • 100% whole wheat • potato • rye • ciabatta • large flour tortilla Condiments • mayo • mustard • honey mustard • spicy brown mustard Add on... • cheese - 50¢ • sauerkraut - 50¢ • tomato - 25¢ • jalapenos - 25¢ • bacon (per slice) - 40¢	Salads • all served with greens, cherry tomatoes, onion, shredded cheese & your choice of dressing House Salad \$3.95 Chef Salad - house salad with a generous portion of ham & turkey \$4.95 Grilled Chicken Salad - a house salad with seasoned & grilled chicken breast \$6.50 Soups Soup of the Day - with crackers \$2.50 Chili - served with crackers, shredded cheese, onion & sour cream \$3.95 Green Plate Special • ask us about our daily special for just \$6.95 • price includes a drink	Beverages coffee \$1.00 hot cocoa \$1.00 sodas small \$1.25 med \$1.50 large \$1.75 domestic bottled beer bud, bud light, miller lite, miller highlife \$2.25 premium bottled beer sam adams, shiner \$3.25 draft cup domestic \$2.00 premium \$3.00 draft pitcher domestic \$5.50 premium \$8.50 Liquors... bacardi rum, smirnoff vodka, jack daniels, jim beam, hennessey, patron, black crown, gentleman jack...& MORE!
	• served grilled or cold on your choice of bread with a kosher pickle spear Country Club - turkey, ham, bacon, cheddar, lettuce, tomato & mayo \$6.25 Classic Rueben - corned beef, two slices of Swiss, sauerkraut with 1000 island \$5.75 The Pines - pastrami, provolone, spicy brown mustard, lettuce & tomato \$5.75 Caddy Shack - ham, turkey, american cheese, lettuce, tomato, onion, mayo, italian dressing \$5.75 BLT Bogey - crisp bacon, iceberg lettuce & tomato with mayo \$3.25 Hot Dog \$2.50			
	• make it a combo with your choice of chips or cole slaw & a drink for \$2 more • substitute chips or cole slaw with a fruit cup for 25¢ more, a cup of soup for \$1 more, or a small garden salad for \$1.95 more			

14TH FLYING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, 71 TEAM BLAZE members are deployed worldwide. Remember to support the Airmen and their families while they are away.



Rules restrict political activity by DOD personnel

Donna Miles
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — With election activity steadily picking up, defense officials are in the process of issuing regular election-year guidance to remind military and Defense Department civilians that they're subject to rules regulating their involvement in political activities.

This issue — one the department regularly addresses during election periods — came to light earlier this week after an Army Reserve soldier in uniform appeared endorsing a political candidate.

Several sets of rules help to protect the integrity of the political process, DOD officials said. DOD Directive 1344.10 applies to members of the armed forces, whether they serve on active duty, as members of the reserve components not on active duty, as National Guard members in a

nonfederal status, and military retirees.

In addition, the Hatch Act applies to federal civilian employees, and employees also are subject to widely published DOD guidance that discusses participation in political campaigns and elections.

These rules are designed to prevent military members' or federal civilian employees' participation in political activities that imply — or even appear to imply — official sponsorship, approval or endorsement, officials said. The concern, they explained, is that actual or perceived partisanship could undermine the legitimacy of the military profession and department.

That's not to imply, however, that military members and civilian employees can't participate in politics. In fact, DOD has a longstanding policy of encouraging members to carry out the obligations of citizenship, officials said. DOD encourages its military and civilian members to

register to vote and vote as they choose, they said. Both groups can sign nominating petitions for candidates and express their personal opinions about candidates and issues.

However, officials emphasized, they can do so only if they don't act as — or aren't perceived as — representatives of the armed forces in carrying out these activities.

Beyond that, the list of dos and don'ts differs depending on whether the employee is a member of the armed forces, a career civil service employee, a political appointee or a member of the career Senior Executive Service, officials said.

Military members, for example, may attend political meetings or rallies only as spectators and not in uniform. They're not permitted to make public political speeches, serve in any official capacity in partisan groups or participate in partisan political campaigns or conventions.

Commander's Action Line 434-7058

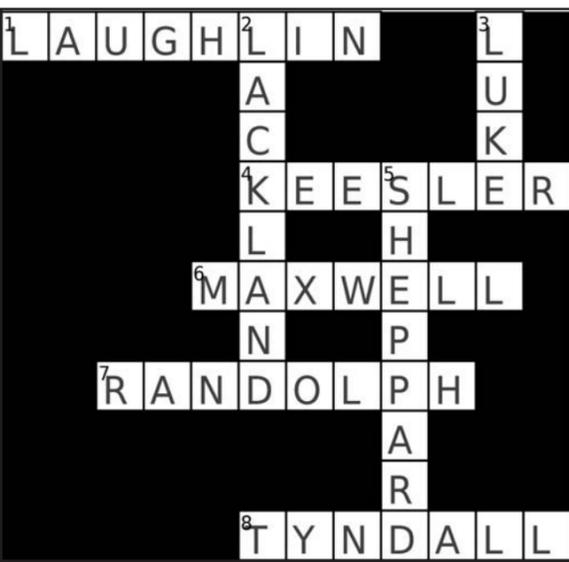


The Commander's Action Line is your direct line to the commander for comments and suggestions on how to make Columbus AFB a better place. Although the Commander's Action Line is always available, the best way to resolve problems is through the chain-of-command.

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.



Columbus Spouses' Club presents:
Spa Night

January 17th, 6:00 pm

Bella Derma organic skin spa
122 Fifth Street North

Choose one from the following:
Eye Brow Arching
Aromatherapy Pressure Point Massage
Scalp Massage
Hand or Foot Massage
Hand or Foot EcoFin Treatment (like paraffin but better!)
Each treatment lasts approximately 10-15 minutes.

Light refreshments will be served.

RSVP to cscrsvp@yahoo.com by noon on January 10th. Indicate your choice of treatment in your RSVP.

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Deployed CE Airmen create innovative method to speed de-icing process

Tech. Sgt. Vernon Cunningham
455th Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

BAGRAM AIRFIELD, Afghanistan — Through a collaborative effort, the men and women of the 455th Expeditionary Civil Engineering Squadron improved aircraft safety by building a de-icing station from spare materials, drastically increasing the speed and reliability of refilling the de-icer trucks at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan.

A de-icer truck uses a half-and-half mixture of a red fluid and water, sprayed at high pressure, to remove ice from the surface of aircraft during the winter seasons. The removal of ice from the aircraft is instrumental in maintaining flight safety standards and ensuring the aircraft is ready to fly when needed for duty.

During times when aircraft are covered in ice and snow, the de-icer trucks are in continual use. However, to refill the 2,450-gallon trucks, the crew had to manually drain multiple 55-gallon barrels of pure de-icer fluid. For each barrel, they needed to re-prime the hose for suction. Once the truck was half filled, they would have to wait while they coordinated with another agency on base to fill the other half of the truck with water. Finally, to mix the solution, the driver would proceed back to the aircraft while occasionally pumping the brakes.

The process was slow and labor intensive. The de-icer truck operators voiced their concerns and Capt. Corey Thobe, 455th ECES project engineer, decided to support a change.

Thobe took input from the de-icer truck operators and other ECES personnel and created a baseline schematic of a construct that would serve as a de-icing station until a permanent one could be built on the site.

He then forwarded it to Master Sgt. John Motley, 455th ECES water and fuels supervisor. Motley worked with his technicians to find out what spare materials they had on hand to

construct the final product.

The temporary de-icing station featured three 3,850-gallon tanks of pre-mixed de-icer fluid, an extended-length PVC-pipe "hose" for filling the trucks, and transparent hoses marked to indicate how much fluid is left in each 10-foot tank. The station can be refilled while it is still in use.

Todd Mighell, 455th Expeditionary Maintenance Group transient alert site lead, said the temporary station greatly improved the speed of a de-icer refill.

"It could take up to three hours to fill a truck," he said. "Now, a 2,450 gallon truck can get filled in about 20 minutes."

"Last year, there were missions that had to be scrubbed because the de-icer trucks were not able to keep up with the demand. The trucks kept running out of de-icer fluid and it took too long to refill. We are able to keep up now."

Thobe said in addition to speed, the station is designed to improve the mission's overall safety.

He said the hose used to fill the trucks were designed so Airmen do not have to climb all the way on top of the truck to pour in the fluid. Also, the stop-and-go driving that was used to mix the de-icer solution was no longer necessary due to a pump that cycled, and therefore mixed, the tank's contents. This removed the extra wear and tear on the truck's brakes and frame which was needed during the old mixing process.

Mighell added that the transparent hoses also allowed them to guarantee their service was giving pilots a thoroughly mixed product for de-icing.

"The de-icer fluid is red," he said. "Water is white. If the mix is pink, then we have a good 50/50 mix. We can see if the mix is too red or if it starts going clear. Then we can adjust the solution."

Tech. Sgt. Robert Varney, 455th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron crew chief, said the temporary station worked great. He appreciated the innovation of the 455th



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Ericka Engblom
Staff Sgt. Chase Dowd and Staff Sgt. Mike Dereu refill their de-icing truck at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan, Jan. 5, 2012. Dowd and Dereu are in the 455th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. The truck was filled at a de-icing station constructed by the 455th Expeditionary Civil Engineering Squadron.

ECES to construct the station to improve the de-icer mission while they wait for the permanent station to be built.

Mighell said, "Even if the permanent station never shows up, this one will definitely do the job!"

DOD leaders: U.S. will remain world's strongest military

Karen Parrish
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The Defense Department's new, 10-year strategy will ensure the U.S. remains the world's strongest military power, DOD leaders emphasized in weekend interviews.

In an interview with Bob Schieffer that aired Jan. 8 on the CBS news program "Face the Nation," Defense Secretary Leon E. Panetta and Joint Chiefs Chairman Army Gen. Martin E. Dempsey said the department is changing to respond to a new global reality. The strategy announced Jan. 5 outlines defense priorities for the coming decade and

emphasizes trimming the force while investing in intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance programs, combating anti-access technologies, countering weapons of mass destruction and prevailing in all domains, including the cyber world.

"Clearly, we face the constriction of having to reduce the budget by almost half a trillion dollars," Panetta said. "We developed a strategy that said (the military) is going to be leaner, it is going to be smaller, but it has to be agile, it has to be adaptable, it has to be flexible, quickly deployable, and it has to be technologically advanced. That's the kind of force we need for the future."

The department's plan calls for priority

emphasis on the Pacific and the Middle East, while maintaining a presence elsewhere, Panetta noted.

"The bottom line is, when we face an aggressor anyplace in this world, we're going to be able to respond and defeat them," he added.

Dempsey said a popular misconception about the new strategy assumes the nation's forces will no longer be able to fight more than one conflict at a time.

"In fact, we were pretty adamant that we must be able to do more than one thing at a time, and by the way not limit ourselves to two," the chairman said. "The threat, and the environment in which we find ourselves in

this decade of the 21st century, suggests to us that it's likely to be more than two."

The strategy aims to build a force capable across the military operational spectrum with the leadership, manning and equipment to provide options to the national command authority, Dempsey noted.

One point that may have been underemphasized, he added, is that the military has "learned an enormous amount over the last 10 years about how to wage war."

Dempsey said the military has developed strengths unforeseen a decade ago, noting its capabilities in special operations, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance, and cyber.

Base families offered a variety of activities

Spring Soccer Registration

Sign up your youth, ages 3-18, for Spring Soccer Jan. 17 – Feb. 17. The cost is \$35 for ages 3-4 and \$45 for ages 5-18. Practices are set to begin in early March with consideration of Spring Break schedules. VOLUNTEER COACHES are NEEDED! For more information, contact Youth Programs at 434-2504.

Casting Call for CAFB Models

The Columbus Club is looking for a diverse group of models from across the base to participate in the BLAZE the Runway Fashion Show and After Party on Feb. 24. If you are 18 years or older and have poise, style and just enough attitude, call Rita at 434-2489. All models will be assigned no later than Feb. 3, so sign up NOW!

FREE Salsa Lessons

Come join the fun at the Columbus Club and learn to Salsa...or just come to dance! Classes are scheduled Jan. 21 and 28 and Feb. 4 and 11 with two classes each night at 6 and 7 p.m. For more information, call the Club at 434-2489 or visit us on Facebook at CAFB FSS Rocks. Open event "Salsa Night".

New Year – New Body?

Jumpstart your 2012 AND your metabolism! Slim down, tone up and feel great in Fitness Boot Camp at the Fitness Center. A certified personal trainer will lead all the classes scheduled Mon., Wed. and Fri., 8:30-9:30 a.m., beginning Jan. 23. Sign up now because space is limited. Fitness and Sports also offers several other great cardio classes throughout the week. These include spin classes on Mon. and Wed., 11 a.m., and Tues. and Thurs., 5 p.m. Moms can participate with their little ones each Tuesday, 9 a.m., in a Stroller Fitness Class which meets at Freedom Park. Tuesdays and Thursdays are also packed full with circuit classes at 5:30 a.m., and Zumba, 11:30 a.m. There also is a yoga class Fri., 12:30 p.m. For more information, call 434-2772.

Check Out the New Books!

The Columbus AFB Library is now receiving a steady flow of new books to include adult bestsellers and children's new favorites. Also, soon to arrive are new teen books and updates to the non-fiction collection. Stop by your Base Library today to see what's arrived so far!

Glow Ball Golf

Get ready for a night of fun at the Glow Ball

Get Connected to Columbus AFB

If you're wondering what's going on here at Columbus AFB, go online to www.cafbss-rocks.com. Also, find us on Facebook at CAFB FSS Rocks or on Twitter at CAFBFSS.



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CAFBFSS Website

Golf Tournament on Feb. 4 at Whispering Pines Golf Course. The four-person scramble will kick off with a chili supper starting at 4:30 p.m. with the golf starting at dark, around 5:30 p.m. The cost is \$25 for course members and \$40 for nonmembers and includes green fees, cart and the chili supper. Register at the Pro Shop by Feb. 1. For more information, call 434-7932 or go online to www.cafbssrocks.com.

Auto Detailing and Car Maintenance on Base

Don't drive a dirty ride! Splash In A Flash is right here on base offering services from simple car washes to bumper-to-bumper full details with 7-step buffing and everything in between. The detailing services are offered through the Auto Hobby Shop where you can also get general auto maintenance and repairs. For more information and pricing, drop by Auto Hobby or call 434-7842.

Hot and Easy to Use - FSS Gift Cards

These gift cards are available in increments of \$5 to fit any budget. They can be used at most FSS facilities (golf, bowling center snack bars, clubs) at Air Force installations WORLDWIDE...and they never go out of style. FSS gift cards can be purchased at Whispering Pines Golf Course, Strike Zone Lanes or at the Youth Center.

Instructional Classes at Youth Center

Youth Programs is offering piano lessons, guitar lessons, tumbling classes, dance classes and martial arts instruction. Time and ages vary for all classes. Call 434-2504 or stop by the Youth Center for more information.

Get Off the Couch and Play!

Columbus AFB has an 18-hole disc golf course across the street from the Fitness Center. The course's layout includes par threes, fours and fives plus lots of trees making it great for beginners or pros alike. So grab your friends or family and a disc and have some fun! Disc sets are available for check out at the Fitness Center. Call 434-2772 for more information.

It's Like FREE Money!

Single airmen returning from deployment and families of deployed members can receive up to \$500 in special discounts and rewards through participating FSS facilities and programs. Get discounted trips at Information Tickets and Travel, rent equipment from Outdoor Recreation, play a round of golf, participate in a golf clinic, or go bowling with a friend. These are just some of the offerings through the PLAYpass program. To find out if you are eligible for a PLAYpass card, visit www.MyAirForceLife.com or call the A&FRC at 434-2790.

Lunch and Bowl is Back

The Lunch and Bowl special has returned to Strike Zone Lanes! Buy a lunch combo, Mon.-Fri., 11 a.m.-1 p.m., and get two FREE games with \$1.50 shoe rental, with the exception of Thursdays IF there is league play.

Share Your Knowledge

Volunteer tutors are needed for all subjects and all grades. Tutoring will take place at the Youth Center between the hours of 2:30 and 6:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri. For more information, contact Ms. Terri Graves at 434-2504.

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.

Join FitFamily!

All ages can benefit from the Air Force Services fitness and wellness initiative, FitFamily. Families can register as a team at www.USAFitFamily.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.

Alcohol does not have to direct your life

Lt. Col. Anthony Carr

14th Airlift Squadron commander

JOINT BASE CHARLESTON, S.C. — The 437th Airlift Wing recently achieved an impressive goal; 120 days without a driving under the influence arrest. This indicates a growing trend of strong wingman support and responsible drinking. As we begin 2012, it's the perfect moment to build on that success by focusing on all alcohol-related incidents.

Gen. Jimmy Doolittle was famous for saying that "if we must fight, we should do so from the neck up rather than the neck down." He was talking about thinking our way through the fight before it ever begins. There is a useful parallel in how we approach drinking. Rather than fixating on how to cope with consequences, we should devote more energy to thinking our way through alcohol use before it becomes abuse.

The human relationship with alcohol is complicated. In modern times, it has been glorified as the key to a good time and demonized as a symbol for irresponsible partying. These oversimplifications mask the complex truth: while alcohol sometimes contributes to disciplinary issues, human decision-making is the universal root cause in alcohol-related incidents. This is a fact worth investigating more closely, but first we must first confront two common myths.

Myth #1: Drinking is for "idiots." Alcohol is woven into our societal fabric and its use is not limited to those having poor judgment or low intelligence. The first evidence of wine production dates back more than 10,000 years and the rise in alcohol use has paralleled the advance of civilization. The industrial production of alcohol for sale and export accompanied the ascent of the Roman Empire; it played economic and spiritual roles in the world's first superpower society. Leaders, followers and peers alike must internalize that alcohol is a fixture in our way of life. Rather than discount it as a lesser activity or futilely try to engineer it out of our collective behaviors, it is best that we approach it thoughtfully.

Myth #2: Alcohol is for troublemakers. Devout monks are just as likely to have a drink in their spare time as serial felons. As a supervisor and commander at multiple levels, I've dealt with many alcohol-related incidents. Occasionally, they involve Airmen with troubled records on their way out of our service. More often, they involve good people who engage in unexpected and uncharacteristic actions. I've yet to come across an Airman who woke up one morning determined to ruin his or her life. If we pretend alcohol-related incidents are reserved for those who are prone to trouble, we will make a critical mistake in incident prevention.

These myths are mental shortcuts that allow us draw convenient but false conclusions concerning alcohol use. When we get past these shortcuts, we begin to see alcohol-related incidents as stories of good people making bad choices. In my experience, three main drivers explain most disciplinary incidents that include alcohol use. Thinking about these drivers before we drink is the key to keeping ourselves and our wingmen out of trouble.

Driver #1: Low Self-Awareness. Why do we drink? It's a tough question because we're socialized to consider drinking and thinking mutually exclusive. We must move past this mindset. We should all understand why we're engaging in this activity in order to build objectives and avoidance areas that will apply. My theory is that some people who drink do so for the feeling of being a little out of control. Adult human beings are subject to professional, personal and societal limits on behavior and can't help but enjoy the feeling of liberation that accompanies a relaxed behavioral grip. Up to a certain point, there is nothing wrong with this. However, we each have a transition point from an acceptable to an unacceptable loss of control. Beyond that point, behavior is unpredictable, sometimes uncharacteristic and often beneath reproach, which is never OK. This transition point is difficult to define and different for each situation. Only through self-awareness can we learn how much alcohol can lead to a loss of control and learn

to recognize and arrest its onset.

Driver #2: Lack of planning. When it comes to alcohol, failing to plan is planning to fail. Planning is easier said than done because we've been socialized to consider drinking a carefree activity. This is the wrong mindset; it leads to personal and professional ruin. Plan your night. At a minimum, know where your journey will begin, transit and end; who you will spend your time with; and how much you will drink. Once you have that plan, hold on to it as your playbook for responsible fun.

Driver #3: Impaired Decisions. After even one drink, your decisions are compromised. At a mild level of intoxication, you will readily set aside rules because you're feeling less inhibited. At a medium level of intoxication and beyond, you'll make poor decisions based on shifting criteria. Unacceptable outcomes are a likely result. People who get into trouble while drunk are often mystified at their decisions, feeling as though they were made by someone else. The difficult truth is that we are all poor decision makers when we drink. Therefore, no important decision should be made once drinking has commenced. Anticipate situations and decide on responses while you're still sober. Do your best to ingrain proper decisions into your thought patterns before you chemically disrupt normal brain function.

Alcohol, for better or worse, is a part of our culture and has been for thousands of years. We can't wish it away and we can't engineer it out of our activities. What we must do is reason through the human-alcohol relationship and ingrain patterns of action and decision to keep ourselves and our teammates within the bounds of acceptable conduct. Alcohol can be enjoyed responsibly given a high degree of self-awareness, good planning and sober decision making. If we actively think through our interface with it and learn to master it "from the neck up," we can eliminate its unfavorable consequences.

Please continue to think before you drink and carry these ideas into your safe New Year.

OPSEC, AF core values vital in social media

MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, Ala. — While Airmen are encouraged to tell the Air Force story, they should be mindful to do so in ways that lend credit to themselves and the service, officials said.

"A helpful reminder for Airmen is to use our core values as a filter before engaging in a public forum," said Col. Steve Clutter, the Air Education and Training Command public affairs director. "Core values will guide them to be cautious before crossing the line between funny and distasteful, or sharing good information without creating an OPSEC violation. We must reinforce to our Airmen to use good judgment when using social media sites as there may be

consequences with what is posted." Careless use of social media can jeopardize the mission. An OPSEC violation was detailed in an article written by Airman 1st Class Precious Yett, with the 502nd Air Base Wing OL-B Public Affairs at Joint Base San Antonio, Texas.

"I had a situation with a member who was deployed downrange in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom," said Tech. Sgt. Darrell Williams, the 902nd Security Forces Squadron Military Working Dog section NCO in charge. "I logged onto Facebook one morning and noticed he had checked-in to his search pit on the base.

Williams said he immediately sent the Airman a Facebook message and reminded him of operational and communication security procedures. The post was deleted, but with the information already online, the damage could have already been done.

"He wasn't thinking that by doing so, he's broadcasting the grid coordinates to a strategic location on base via an unsecured medium," Williams said. "Anyone with hostile intentions could have utilized those coordinates to not only locate an entry point into the installation but target those who work there. Additionally, the deployed member had posted what equipment was currently in use and identified these pieces of equipment by name."

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Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
2012
Celebrate the life & legacy

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<p>Thursday January 12th</p> <p>Jazz & Spoken Word Poetic tribute and performances with live jazz featuring Muzik In Action and poetry artists 6p – 9p Rosensweig Art Center \$10</p>	<p>Friday January 13th</p> <p>Unity Stepshow Performances from high school and college steppers in an awesome display of talent - dedication to the civil rights era Starts @ 7:30p Trotter Conv. Center \$10</p>	<p>Saturday January 14th</p> <p>Community Service Day Starts @ 9a Trotter (lower) OPEN TO PUBLIC</p> <p>Laughter for the Soul Comedy Show Starts @ 8p Trotter Conv. Center \$10</p>	<p>Sunday January 15th</p> <p>Dream 365 Gospel Spotlight Spiritual Evening of Praise & Worship – remembering the contributions of the past as we lift our voices Starts @ 5:30p Trotter Conv. Center FREE</p>	<p>Monday January 16th</p> <p>MLK Breakfast 50th Anniversary Tribute to James Meredith Keynote- Otis Moss, III Honors & Awards 8:30a – 10a Trotter Conv. Center \$15</p>
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The history of Martin Luther King Jr. Day

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

In today's fast moving world with constant surprises and a seemingly never-ending flow of challenges, federal holidays can be a welcome break from the bombardment of everyday life. Each holiday is celebration of something important to our American culture; friends, freedom and many other such facets.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was an important figure in the American Civil Rights, and his famous "I Have a Dream" speech given on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial on August 28, 1963 stands as one of the most iconic pieces of the period. However Martin Luther King Jr. Day, while named after him and celebrated on his birthday, was never truly about King according to the Congressman who introduced the legisla-

tion to make King's birthday into a federal holiday.

"I never viewed it as an isolated piece of legislation to honor one man. Rather, I have always viewed it as an indication of the commitment of the House and the nation to the dream of King. When we pass this legislation, we should signal our commitment to the realization of full employment, world peace, and freedom for all." - Congressman John Conyers Jr.

Four days after the assassination of King on April 4, 1968 on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, Tennessee, the legislation was introduced to Congress for the creation of the National Holiday. The bill struggled through the House and Senate, despite persistent attempts and close calls until it was signed into law by President Ronald Reagan in November of 1983, 15 years after King's death.

The first annual observance of King's

birthday after this death was sponsored by The King Center in January of 1969. This observance became of model for subsequent commemoration to celebrate Dr. King's life, his teachings and commitment to nonviolent actions.

Now in 2012, Martin Luther King Jr. Day is celebrated at U.S. Military Installations around the world and by local groups in more than 100 nations.

"As a nation chooses its heroes and heroines, a nation interprets its history and shapes its destiny. The commemoration of the life and work of Martin Luther King, Jr. can help America realize its true destiny as the global model for democracy, economic and social justice, and as the first nonviolent society in human history." - Coretta Scott King, wife of Dr. Martin Luther King.

(Editor's note: Excerpts of the Martin Luther King, Jr., 2012 presentation was used or referenced in this article)

DREAM 365

For decades, Columbus, Mississippi has come together to celebrate the birthday and to honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and this year is no different.

DREAM 365 celebration brings thousands of people together in a show of unity to honor the memory of Martin Luther King, Jr. and to rededicate themselves to the principles of Freedom and Justice and to raise scholarship funds for deserving students in our local area through our MLK literacy program.

The 2012 DREAM 365 Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration promises to live up to its prestigious reputation as we look forward to bringing nationally recognized speakers and civil rights icons to Columbus, Mississippi to cultivate and educate our community and students alike.

- Dream 365 is one the largest MLK celebration in the State of Mississippi
- Dream 365 is named among the Top 20 Events by the Southeast Tourism Society
- Dream 365 has awarded \$20,000 in academic scholarships

What is the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service?

In 1994, Congress designated the Martin Luther King Jr. Federal Holiday as a national day of service and charged the Corporation for National and Community Service with leading this effort. Taking place each year on the third Monday in January, the MLK Day of Service is the only federal holiday observed as a national day of service – a "day on, not a day off." The MLK Day of Service is a part of United We Serve, the President's national call to service initiative. It calls for Americans from all walks of life to work together to provide solutions to our most pressing national problems. The MLK Day of Service empowers individuals, strengthens communities, bridges barriers, creates solutions to social problems, and moves us closer to Dr. King's vision of a "Beloved Community."

Why Serve on MLK Day of Service?

Dr. King believed in a nation of freedom and justice for all, and encouraged all citi-

zens to live up to the purpose and potential of America by applying the principles of nonviolence to make this country a better place to live—creating the Beloved Community.

On the 25th anniversary of the King Federal Holiday, we still have work to do to realize Dr. King's dream. MLK Day of Service is the perfect time for Americans to answer Dr. King's challenge to do something for others. Just as Dr. King set big goals and focused relentlessly on results, we need sustained citizen action to address today's social challenges.

The MLK Day of Service is a way to transform Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s life and teachings into community action that helps solve social problems. That service may meet a tangible need, or it may meet a need of the spirit. On this day, Americans of every age and background celebrate Dr. King through service projects that strengthen communities, empower individuals, bridge barriers, and create solutions.

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