

“Produce Pilots, Advance Airmen, Feed the Fight”

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## Weather



### Today

High: 59, Low: 35  
Mostly cloudy



### Saturday

High: 49, Low: 26  
Partly cloudy



### Sunday

High: 49, Low: 25  
Partly cloudy



### Monday

High: 53, Low: 40  
Few showers

## News Briefs

### Tops in Blue

The Air Force's premier entertainment showcase, Tops In Blue 2012, “Rhythm Nation” is slated to perform at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 18 at the Mississippi University for Women Rent Auditorium.

### Blood and Bone Marrow Drive

On Feb. 17 from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., the 14th Medical Group will be hosting a blood drive and bone marrow donor registration in the Fitness Center Aerobic Room. Be aware giving blood will cause Duty to Not Include Flying status for three days, however due to the three day weekend should not affect Tuesday flights.

### Class 12-13 Track Select

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 12-13 will hold their Track Select ceremony at 5 p.m. Jan. 18 at the Columbus Club.

## Inside



### Feature 8

The Columbus Air Force Base honor guard is highlighted in this week's feature.



14th Secretary of the Air Force, Verne Orr



**434-RIDE**  
**662-434-7433**



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

The 14th Flying Training Wing was selected as the Air Education and Training Command nominee for the 2012 Verne Orr award due to the many accomplishments of Team BLAZE Airmen. The Verne Orr award named after the 14th Secretary of the Air Force and is awarded annually by the Air Force Association to any Air Force unit that makes the most effective use of its human resources.

## CAFB selected as AETC nominee for 2012 Verne Orr Award

### Airman 1st Class Chase Hedrick

14th Flying Training Wing  
Public Affairs

Air Force Base was named the winner of the Air Education and Training Command-level 2012 Verne Orr award for making the most of effective use of its

force unit.

The team effort that led to this accomplishment was directly affected by agencies such as manpower and civilian

Just before ringing in 2012, Columbus

human resources out of any other total

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## COLUMBUS AFB TRAINING TIMELINE

### PHASE II

Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Track Select
37th (12-13)	1.39 days	0.63 days	Feb. 13
41st (12-14)	3.62 days	2.24 days	Mar. 8

### PHASE III

Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation
48th (12-05)	0.42 days	3.20 days	Feb. 17
50th (12-05)	-1.96 days	-1.74 days	Feb. 17

### IFF

Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation
49th (12-EB)	2.78 days	3.85 days	Mar. 2

### WING SORTIE BOARD

Aircraft	Required	Flown	Annual
T-6	490	350	9,770
T-1	289	291	3,338
T-38	315	318	3,776
IFF	80	91	1,029

The graduation speaker is Col. Jeff “Flash” Gordon, USAF retired.

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## 14TH FLYING TRAINING 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.



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### AWARD

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personnel who ensured that each shop on Columbus AFB had enough Airmen to accomplish the mission.

Supported by their leaders and followers these Airmen accomplished outstanding feats throughout the year that were recognized in the award nomination package. Many of the awards given to individuals during 2011 such as the AETC honor guard program manager of the year or the AETC 2010 Key Spouse of the year were championed. Group accomplishments such as the Air Force Flight Safety Plaque or being the busiest airfield in the Air Force led the 14th Flying Training Wing to achieve the Verne Orr award.

Innovations made within the squadrons as well as off-duty programs also were advocated. The 98.4% success rate of Columbus AFBs airsickness management and the success of the 434-RIDE program showed the effectiveness

the Airmen in Team BLAZE.

The Verne Orr award is named after the 14th Secretary of the Air Force, who was appointed by President Ronald Reagan in 1981 and served in that position until 1985. The award is given out annually by the Air Force Association, an independent, nonprofit, civilian aerospace organization that promotes public understanding of aerospace power and national defense.

The combined efforts of the entire wing, from the award winners to each and every organization and Airman that supports them each day led towards this accomplishment. In a letter from Seguin to the wing he said:

"On behalf of our BLAZE Leadership Team, I congratulate you for your selfless dedication. I express my deepest gratitude to supervisors and commanders who invested time and effort to craft our submission for this award and recognize their superior performers. Its onward now to the Air Force level competition."

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat/Sun
13 Class 12-13 Track Select, 5 p.m. @ Club	14 Hearts Apart, 4:30 p.m. @ AFRC	15 Soul Food Sampling, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. @ Chapel Annex	16 Daedalians Sweetheart Dinner, 6 p.m. @ Hucks	17 Class 12-05 Graduation, 10 a.m. @ Kaye Warrior Run, 6 and 7 a.m. @ Gym Blood and Bone Marrow Drive, 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. @ Gym	18/19 Feb. 18: Tops in Blue, 6 p.m. @ Rent Auditorium
20 President's Day	21 CSC Wine Tasting, 6 p.m. @ Club	22 Ash Wednesday 11:45 Catholic Mass, 7 p.m. Protestant Services @ Chapel	23 Heart Link, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. @ Club	24	25/26

### Long Range Events

**Feb. 28:**  
14 FTW Prayer Breakfast  
**Feb. 29:**  
Leap Day  
**Feb. 29:**  
Enlisted Promotions  
**March 1:**  
Women's History Month  
**March 2:**  
IFF Graduation  
**March 2:**  
Class 12-06 Assignment Night  
**March 5:** Night Flying Week  
**March 6:** Newcomers  
**March 8:**  
Class 12-14 Track Select  
**March 9:**  
70th Anniversary Dining Out

## Military Bishop visits BLAZE Catholic community

**Sonic Johnson**

Chief, 14th Flying Training Wing  
Public Affairs

The Auxiliary Bishop for the Western Vicariate paid his first visit to the Columbus Air Force Base Catholic community Feb. 3 to 6. The Most Reverend Bishop Neal Buckon spent the weekend meeting with the chapel staff and parishioners and the contract Catholic Priest, Father Vince Burns.

"We are lucky to have contract priests and deacons in our military parishes now," reflected Bishop Buckon. "There are 29 bases that do not have an active duty priest assigned."

Bishop Buckon met with wing chapel staff Saturday to discuss local religious programs and some of the recent successes and challenges. Saturday evening 17 members of the parish council had dinner with the Bishop at a local restaurant to meet the new church leader.

His visit culminated with Sunday evening Mass for the base Prince of Peace parish members followed by a social where all members met with and greeted the Bishop.

The Cleveland, Ohio native was recognized in May 1975 as a Distinguished Military Graduate and appointed as a



/U.S. Air Force photo

**Altar servers Lizzy Dobronsky and Brian Callaway lead the Most Reverend Neal Buckon, Auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese for the Military Services down the aisle after Catholic mass Sunday afternoon at the Base Chapel. Over 100 members of the base Catholic community attended mass and a meal afterward during the bishop's Super Bowl Sunday parish visit.**

Regular Army Officer and served in both the Infantry and Transportation Branches of the United States Army. After serving on active duty for seven years, he resigned his commission, traveled the world, visiting over one hundred countries, and entered into the ministry. While in the Seminary, he served in the United States Army Reserve as a Chaplain Candidate and was subsequently accessioned into the United States Army Chaplain Corps in 1996. Buckon retired from the Army on December 31, 2010.

His Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI, selected him to become the Titular Bishop of Vissalsa and serve as an Auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, U.S. He was ordained a bishop on Feb. 22, 2011.

Bishop Buckon is currently serving as Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio's Vicar for the Western Region, overseeing Catholic Pastoral Care at 95 Military Installations in 18 States.

The Bishop plans to visit every military installation in his vicariate this year and so far is moved by the love for Jesus and their church displayed by the chapel communities. "It is impressive to see strong faith in the chapel communities as individuals, families and a military community."

## CAFB Dental Clinic helps kids rock their smiles

**Capt. Teneshia Nelson**  
14th Medical Group

"Look mom, no cavities!"

Each February, the American Dental Association sponsors National Children's Dental Health Month to raise awareness about the importance of oral health. This year's slogan is "Rock Your Smile".

To help children can get a good start on a lifetime of healthy teeth and gums the 14th Medical Group Dental Clinic reminds parents that it's never too early to establish good habits! A balanced diet, limiting snacks high in added sugars such as soft drinks and candy, brushing and flossing each day as well as regular dental check-ups are the keys to better dental health.

The dental clinic has scheduled classroom visits for both the Youth Center and the Child Development Center in observance of National Children's Dental Health Month. Dental health briefings for new and expectant mothers are also offered quarterly during the Bundles of Joy classes at the Airman and Family Readiness Center. Contact the dental clinic at 434-2250 with any questions or concerns.

### 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.

**Name:** Capt. Adam Johnson  
**Unit:** 48th Flying Training Squadron  
**Job title:** A-Flight Assistant Flight Commander

**Time at Columbus:** Three and a half years  
**Time in Service:** Four and a half years  
**Hometown:** Fort Collins, Colo.  
**Career goals:** Fly a big, slow plane  
**Family members:** Wife: Jessica Hoskins, 49th Fighter Training Squadron  
**Favorite musician:** Dierks Bentley  
**Favorite movie:** Super Troopers  
**Biggest pet peeve:** Laziness  
**Favorite book:** "Air Force Manual 11-217, Volume 3" certified by Brig. Gen. Lyn Sherlock.

**Inspirations:** Capt. Dave "Sunshine" Elkins.

**Personal motto:** If you're not having fun, you're doing something wrong.

## TrailBLAZE'r



## Upcoming blood drive on CAFB

**Lt. Col. Lee Gentile**  
14th Flying Training  
Wing Chief of Safety

On Feb. 17 from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., the 14th Medical Group will be hosting a blood drive and bone marrow donor registration in the Fitness Center Aerobic Room.

Blood collection services will be provided by United Blood Services. United Blood Services has supported several Team BLAZE blood drives over the years and has a contract with the DoD to provide one out of every four units of blood collected nationwide to support our injured service members around the world. Because of the prohibitive cost of screening thousands of units of blood, U.S. Food and Drug Administration has developed a series of questions to determine if you are eligible to donate blood. If you answer "yes" to any of the following, you will be unable to donate:

- Have you had cancer?
- Do you have AIDS symptoms?
- Have you ever tested positive for HIV or hepatitis?
- Have you ever injected yourself with drugs or other substances not prescribed by a physician?
- If you are you a man, have you had sex with another man, even once, or is a 'high-risk' group for AIDS?
- Do you have hemophilia or another blood clotting disorder and received clotting factor concentrate?
- Have you engaged in sex for drugs or money since 1977?
- Have you lived in western Europe since 1980?
- Have you spent three

months or more in the United Kingdom from 1980 through 1986?

- Have you received blood by transfusion in the United Kingdom or France from 1980 through the present?
- Have you been held in a correctional facility (including jails, prisons and/or detention centers) for more than 72 hours in the last 12 months?
- Were you born in, have you lived in, or have you had sex with anyone who lived in, or received blood products in Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Niger or Nigeria since 1977?

If you answered "No" to all the questions above and you are considering a donation, United Blood Services has requested you register at <https://www.bloodhero.com/index.cfm?group=op&expand=486426&z=39710&oti=1> so they can provide the appropriate manpower and supplies.

The 14th Medical Group will be leading the bone marrow donor registration; a very simple process which consists of a short questionnaire and four saliva swabs. You can register to be a bone marrow donor on Feb. 17 in the fitness center even if you chose not to donate blood, or simply by stopping by the lab on the first floor of the clinic.

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## Black History Month events on CAFB



Courtesy photo  
**Tech Sgt. Fitzporter Kidd, 14th Security Forces Squadron reads "Ruth and the Green Book" by Calvin Alexander Ramsey and Floyd Cooper to children at the Columbus Air Force Base Child Development Center on Jan. 7 as part of the Black History Month events on Columbus AFB. The next scheduled Black History Month event on Columbus AFB is Open Mic Night at the Club on Jan. 10 beginning at 8 p.m.**

## Dollars and \$ense: Imminent Danger Pay is Now Prorated

A new law may affect the pay you receive when you are on duty in an Imminent Danger Pay area. About 27 locations world-wide have been designated by the Secretary of Defense as IDP areas.

The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012, signed on Dec. 31, 2011, requires we begin prorating IDP so that members are paid for only the actual days they perform duty in an IDP area. Before Dec. 31, members received the full \$225 a month even if they performed duty only one day in an IDP area. Now service members will receive \$7.50 for each day they are on duty in an IDP area up to the maximum monthly rate of \$225. Members who are exposed to a hostile fire or hostile mine explosion event are eligible to receive non-prorated Hostile Fire Pay in the full monthly amount of \$225. Members cannot receive both IDP and HFP in the same month.

The law required proration to begin on Dec. 31, 2011; however, because it took time to publish implementing guidance and ready pay systems, we were not ready to begin prorating the pay on that date. DoD began to pay the prorated payments beginning Feb. 1, 2012. If you are eligible to receive IDP, you may see the prorated amount of the pay in your Feb. 15th pay depending on the actual number of days you spend in an IDP area.

Some members may have been overpaid between the date the NDAA was signed on Dec. 31, 2011, and Feb. 1, 2012, when the pay systems began proration.

The military services are working to waive or remit debts for members who may have been overpaid during this period. The intent is that you will not be liable for any overpayment during this period. Also, you do not need to request or take any action for this to take place. Your service will take care

of this for you.

If you have questions about this pay, please contact 14th Comptroller Squadron financial customer service (14CPTS.FCS@columbus.af.mil).

For more information, please visit [http://www.dfas.mil/militarymembers/payentitlements/specialpay/hfp\\_idp.html](http://www.dfas.mil/militarymembers/payentitlements/specialpay/hfp_idp.html)

Source: American Forces Press Service

### 14th Comptroller Squadron Finance Customer Service:

Building 730, First Floor Lobby.  
Hours Of Operation: Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

14th Comptroller Squadron  
Financial Customer Service  
(14cpts.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 or 434-2095 to schedule an appointment.

## Tops in Blue Returns to Columbus



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Chase Hedrick  
**Col. Barre Seguin, 14th Flying Training Wing commander, thanks members of the 2010 Tops in Blue cast after their performance during their visit to the area last year. This year Tops in Blue will be performing their free show on Saturday, Feb. 18 on the campus of the Mississippi University for Women.**

**Jana Hall**

14th Force Support Squadron

Get ready for a fantastic night of free, family-friendly entertainment as Tops in Blue, the premier entertainment showcase of the U.S. Air Force, performs Sat., Feb. 18, 6 p.m., at Mississippi University for Women's Rent Auditorium.

Doors open at 5 p.m. for Military ID holders and at 5:20 p.m. for the general public. There are no tickets for this event, so come early as seating is limited and cannot be reserved.

Columbus is the last stop for the cast and crew as they wrap up their 2011 tour entitled "Rhythm Nation". This must-see event brings to life the music of America, from the early 1900s through today providing glimpses of a century of popular music and its evolution through new rhythms and technology.

The show features swinging jazz sounds of Nat King Cole and Billie Holiday, rock 'n roll from Little Richard and Jerry Lee Lewis, Motown R&B of Marvin Gaye and Tammi Terrell, hits by J-Lo and Michael Franti, some inspirational country sounds and much more!

Local corporate partners who make this and other events possible are Mississippi University for Women, WCBI, Hank's #1 BBQ, Chick-Fil-A, Brown's Farm and Garden Supply and Studdard Law Firm. Coca-Cola is the national sponsor of this tour. No federal endorsement of sponsors is intended.

For more information, visit us on Facebook at CAFB FSS Rocks or go online to [www.cafbssrocks.com](http://www.cafbssrocks.com).

## Innovation on Columbus Air Force Base

### How, why and current successes

**Maj. Jerimy Maclellan**  
14th Flying Training Wing  
Commander's Action Group

In today's resource constrained environment, innovation is a very popular yet misunderstood buzz word. Everyone from Fortune 500 CEOs to the Chief of Staff of the Air Force advocates innovation as a necessity for any organization to be successful in the 21st century. However, innovation is often thought of as a mythical skill that only the likes of Bill Gates, Steve Jobs and Gen. Billy Mitchell can master. In reality, innovation is not nearly as complex, abstract or impossible as most people think.

Recently, Gen. Edward Rice, commander, Air Education and Training Command, encouraged all Airmen to help determine what the "AETC of the Future" looks like. Two of his main areas of focus in building the future AETC are "Developing a Culture of Cost Consciousness" and "Respecting and Preserving Airmen's Time." In order to meet General Rice's vision, Airmen cannot continue to operate at the status quo. All Airmen have the ability and necessity to think outside of the box and develop innovative ways to Produce Pilots, Advance Airmen, and Feed the Fight. As a part an ongoing series of mentoring sessions with Team BLAZE squadron commanders, Col. Barre Seguin, Commander, 14th Flying Training Wing, recently tack-

led the challenge of encouraging innovation for today's Airmen.

Focused on a book titled "Little Bets: How Breakthrough Ideas Emerge From Small Discoveries" by author Peter Sims, Seguin and the BLAZE Leadership Team discussed how to tackle the seemingly monumental task of innovation.

One basic concept in innovation involves introducing something new. New ideas typically have not been tested and have no guarantee to work. Therefore many attempts to innovate result in failure. Failure is typically not something that is rewarded in military culture, so the challenge is how to attempt innovative ideas without risking overall mission failure. Peter Sims suggests making "little bets" on new ideas. Little, or small bets are a way to experiment with a new idea, and if that idea fails, the losses incurred are acceptable. The mission continues as is, but you have learned what does not work, which is very important in the process of innovation. Over a series of small bets, some which work and some that do not, Airmen learn from failure and build on the small wins. Once you have a solution to your problem, you can bet big with a high likelihood of success. The key to this process is working within your constraints while making small bets. These constraints may be monetary, regulatory guidance, or other resource limitations. Using constraints as your guardrails, you ensure that you stay

on the path to your clearly defined final outcome.

Does the idea of "small bets" really work? As part of Advancing Airman, Team BLAZE aims to "Provide an Innovative Training Environment." Columbus AFB has many benchmark innovations that are significantly contributing our mission. Recently, a combined maintenance and civil engineering energy team, or "E-Team", came together to solve a three million dollar paint barn airflow distribution problem using a \$500 "small bet". The 50th Flying Training Squadron solved a major instructor and aircraft resource availability challenge by innovating a new electronic and centralized scheduling process. This idea broke away from every mold of "how things have always been done". Their "small bet" was to try this idea out in a single flight room to see if it worked and to figure out what the roadblocks would be. After three months of making their "big bet" with squadron-wide operations, they are filling 100% of their Specialized Undergraduate Training Program student sorties with 88% manning and increased sortie production 52%.

Airmen of all ranks are critical to shaping the way ahead for the "AETC of the Future". Consider your work area and any issues you may be facing that cannot be solved by the status quo. Using "small bets", brainstorm areas where new ideas, or innovations, can help Team BLAZE continue to Produce Pilots, Advance Airmen, and Feed the Fight.

## Soul food defined

**Staff Sgt. Kareema Palmer**  
14th Medical  
Operations Squadron

As we move forward into the New Year we again find ourselves in the middle of Black History Month. This week we look to ask ourselves about soul food in preparation for next week's food tasting festivities.

What is soul food and where did it come from? Soul food first arose back in the 15th century in West Africa but wasn't made popular until the 1960s. An ethnic cuisine indigenous to the southern States and made by African-Americans is the definition given to us by the African American Registry. The foods made

are comprised of plants and vegetables that were brought over from West Africa including sweet sorghum or black-eyed peas and planted here on American soil. Over time other ingredients like basil, thyme, and offal were added to enhance flavor. Leftover meat (i.e. chitterlings, ox tails, ham hocks and pigs' feet) were

also sometimes used during harder times.

A few of the most common and a few of the lesser known soul foods include collard greens, fried fish, red beans, ribs, sweet potatoes, deviled eggs, and yams, as well as dishes such as upside-down pineapple cake, crowder peas with okra, and chicken and broccoli casserole.

Base News

**BLAZE 56 membership drive**

For staff sergeant selects, staff selects, and tech sergeants. See what the premier NCO professional organization on base is like! Lunch will be provided. Feb.13 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Chapel Annex.

**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.

**Contraceptive Counseling Class**

There are currently many safe and effective options for preventing or delaying pregnancy. The staff of the 14th Medical Group, wants to make sure you have the information you need to make your best choice. The Family Health Clinic is now offering a Birth Control Counseling Class covering topics ranging from natural family planning to tubal ligation. The class is offered once a month and taught by a Women's Health Provider and a Registered Nurse. Classes will be held at the Koritz Clinic, the last Friday of each month from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30. Please call the clinic appointment line at 662-434-2273 to reserve your spot in the next Birth Control Counseling Class.

**Motorcycle PPE at Exchange**

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

**vMPF Post 9/11 GI Bill Transfer of Benefits**

Members can now access the vMPF and click DoD TEB website to transfer Post 9/11 GI Bill benefits. The vMPF application will verify the Airman's eligibility to transfer benefits, provide timely notice regarding eligibility issues and allow Airmen to complete, sign, and forward the required statement of understanding to the Automated Records Management System. You can link to the vMPF through the AF Portal at <https://www.my.af.mil/afpc2ww3/vmpf/Hub/Pages/Hub.asp>.

**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.

**Education Counseling Hours**

Education counseling (CCAF, Bachelor's/Master's programs, Tuition Assistance, etc.) is now available Mondays and Wednesdays from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. by appointment only. Please contact Edward Hodge at 434-2562 to schedule.

**MPS Training dates require appointments**

The Military Personnel Section in building 730 will hold in-house training on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons during Night Flying Weeks. They will utilize appointments-only on these days to accommodate this necessary training. If you have any questions, contact the MPS Supt, Master Sgt. Taylor, at 434-2611.

**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.

**Sponsorship Training**

An electronic version of sponsorship training called eSponsorship Application and Training (eSAT) is now available. It can be found on the MilitaryINSTALLATIONS homepage <http://www.militaryinstallations.dod.mil>, under "Are You a Sponsor?"

**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.

**Pre-Separation Counseling (DD Form-2648)**

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

**Pre and Post Deployment Tour Brief**

Mandatory briefings for active duty personnel who are deploying or returning from deployment or a remote tour. Briefings are held daily at the AFRC; Pre-deployment at 9:30 a.m. and post-deployment at 1:30 p.m.

**Newcomers Orientation**

Feb. 7, 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.

**Hearts Apart Social**

Feb. 14, 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Social gather-

ing for families of deployed (over 30 days) or remote personnel, information, refreshments, and activities. Please RSVP when invitations are received. Headcount of attendance prior to event is critical for planning and preparation. Advance registration required, call 434-2790.

**Spouse Deployment Briefing,**

Feb 15, 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Information on deployment delivered to spouses of military members who may or may not already be tasked to deploy. Military sponsors are welcome to attend with their spouses! Please arrange care for your children during this adult class time. For more information call 434-2790.

**Creating a Healthy Marriage**

Feb. 16, 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.

**Bundles of Joy with Military Saves**

Feb. 21, 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., For active duty military or spouses assigned to Columbus Air Force Base who are pregnant or have a child up to four months of age. Info speakers on finances, labor and delivery, and infant care. An Air Force Aid Society program.

**Heart Link, with Military Saves, For Spouses**

Feb. 23, 8:45 a.m. to 2 p.m., NEW to CAFB or military lifestyle. Fun-filled spouse orientation program filled with info protocol, finance, benefits, helping agencies, local conditions and prizes. Great way to meet other new Columbus AFB

Chapel Schedule

**Catholic Community**

**Sunday:**  
3:30 p.m. – Religious Education, grades K-9  
4 p.m. – Choir Practice  
4 p.m. – Confession  
5 p.m. – Mass  
6 p.m. – RCIA

**Thursday:**

4:15 p.m. – Choir Practice

**Protestant Community**

**Sunday:**  
9 a.m. – Adult Bible Study  
10:45 a.m. – Traditional Worship Service  
Noon – Monthly Potluck Lunch Fellowship (4th Sun)  
6:30 p.m. – Youth Study (Grades 6-12)  
**Tuesday:**  
9:00 a.m. – Ladies Bible Study—David: Seeking A Heart Like His by Beth Moore, begins Feb. 14

5 p.m. – Lieutenants Bible Study  
**Wednesday:**  
4:30 p.m. – Choir Practice  
5 p.m. – Dinner  
6 p.m. – Religious Education: Adults, Children (Pioneer Clubs—ages 3-12)  
**Saturday:**  
7 a.m. – Men's Monthly Breakfast and Study—12 Ordinary Men (2nd Sat)

**Columbus Prayer Breakfast**

The 2012 National Prayer Breakfast is planned for Feb. 28 at the Columbus Club from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. The guest speaker for this event is Chaplain, Col. Gerald McManus, Air Force Global Strike Command, Command Chaplain. Tickets may be purchased for \$3 from the Base Chapel Administrative Office or from your first sergeant until Feb. 21 or tickets are sold out.

Please call the Base Chapel at 434-2500 to volunteer or for more information.

Columbus 70th Anniversary Celebration

These guys are celebrating the 1st anniversary of Columbus Air Force Base...



You'll want to be there for the 70th!

**Highlights Include**

- Guest Speaker - U.S. Senator Roger Wicker, Former Columbus Air Force Base Judge Advocate
- 20 Piece Orchestra Performing Live Jazz and Swing Music
- Vintage Warbirds and Columbus AFB Historic Displays
- WWII Veterans From Around The Country
- Heritage Uniforms Encouraged!

**Date:** Friday, March 9

**Time:** Social hour at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m.

**Place:** BLAZE Hangar, Columbus AFB

**Attire:** Service dress or heritage uniform

**Tickets:** \$30

Contact The Following For Your Unit Ticket Representative:

- 14 Operations Group – Maj. Andrew Wistrail 434-1660
- 14 Medical Group- Staff Sgt. Kareema Palmer 434-2205
- 14 Mission Support Group- Michael Mangus 434-7445

BARGAIN LINE

**Pets**

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

**Miscellaneous**

**For sale:** Saddle, all leather, 16" seat, Circle M, model #1535T, new and still wrapped. Cost \$600 new, asking \$450. Call 356-6957.

**For sale:** Yamaha Pacifica electric guitar with SKB hard case and Fender Frontman amp. \$250. Call 386-1408.

**For sale:** 2.1 acres of land on Wood Road in Caledonia. Clear and ready to build! Call 356-6844 and please leave a message.

**For sale:** Gray Herculliner paint-on truck bed liner. \$50. Call 889-3974.

**For sale:** Sony Xplod Power Amp,

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

**For sale:** Lakefront home. 2,480 sq. ft. Three bedrooms and three bathrooms,

bath house, bonus room, two-car garage, fireplace, sun-room and back deck, one acre of waterfront property on Lake Pennington. Fishing lake 12 minutes south of base. Recent upgrades to house with all modern appliances. Includes pier with screened in porch, wired for electricity, small boat ramp. \$280,000. Call 386-2900.

**For sale:** Three bedroom two bathroom home. 1,763 sq. ft., built in 2001, back of Oak Dale Park, sits on 1/3 acre of land, fenced-in backyard backs up to woodlands. New roof added in 2011. Additional information and pictures are located at [www.militarybyowner.com](http://www.militarybyowner.com). Ad number MBO215826. \$178,000. Call 574-6172. Open house Sunday, Feb. 12 and 26, 1 to 5 p.m.

**For sale:** 2006 Clayton mobile home, 14' x 56', two bedrooms and one bathroom, all electric, located on lot outside gate of CAFB. Good condition. \$15,500. Call 251-5990.

**Homes**

XM-GTX6040, 600 watts, new. \$70. Call 889-3974.  
**For sale:** Kincaid cherry wood 3-piece entertainment center, pocket doors. \$350. Call 889-3974.  
**For sale:** Great Outdoors TG560N Grill. Natural gas, 560 sq. inches, five stainless burners at 60,000 BTU's, 12,000 BTU side burner and rotisserie. \$100. Call 889-3974  
**For sale:** Harman Kardon AVR 135 6.1 surround-sound home audio receiver with remote and owner's manual. \$100. Call 386-1408.  
**For sale:** "Hot Springs" portable four-person hot tub. Light blue and white marble color. \$3,000. Call 329-1843  
**For sale:** fifty six-piece set of Pfaltzgraff Village stoneware in excellent condition. Complete eight-place setting. Also includes pitcher, gravy server, round butter server, creamer, sugar bowl, bread tray, large oval platter, three-piece mixing bowl set, chip and dip set, four-piece condiment serv-

er with spoon, oval serving bowl, oval casserole dish, and a square casserole baking dish. Extra dinner plate, dessert plate and cup. \$295.00. Call 327-1205

**Yard Sales**

**Garage sale:** Sat. Feb. 11 at 51 Almond Dr. in Oakdale Park. Beginning at 8 a.m. Televisions, furniture, clothes, toys and home-school books for grades 5-12.

**Wanted**

**Wanted:** Two five-drawer chest-of-drawers. Good condition only, dark color is a plus. Call 329-1843.  
**Wanted:** Good used dresser or chest of drawers. Call 328-3977.

**Visit us online!**

# Base families offered a variety of activities

## FSS Celebrates Black History

In celebration of Black History Month, many events and programs are scheduled throughout the 14th Force Support Squadron activities including a display at your Base Library free for all to view throughout the month of February. Youth Programs also is having a Black History Display Week, Feb. 13 to 17, open daily until 7 p.m. at the Youth Center and featuring Columbus AFB youth's submissions of fine arts, essays, photos and other items related to African-American history. For more information, contact the Library at 434-2934 or the Youth Center at 434-2504.

Salsa at the Club

The Columbus Club will be open again Sat., beginning at 5 p.m., for the last of this four-week series of FREE Salsa lessons. Bring your friends just to socialize and watch. Or take one of the free lessons at either 6 or 7 p.m. If you already know how, don't miss the chance to show it off on the dance floor. For more information, call the Club at 434-2489.

Family Fun Night of Basketball

Youth Programs is hosting a Family Fun Night of Basketball Feb. 17, 5:30 p.m. This free event will feature a three-point shootout, hotspot competition and an Old Timer's game. Please register by Feb. 13. For more information, drop by or call the Youth Center at 434-2504.

## Blue or Green Plate Specials?

Yes, that's right! You can get either a blue or green plate special for lunch during the week right here on base. Both offer great food choices at fantastic prices. The Columbus Club offers a daily blue plate special Mon.-Thur., 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., for just \$6.95 for nonmembers and \$5.95 for members. Whispering Pines Golf Course offers a green plate special Tue.-Fri., 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., for just \$6.95. Drinks are included in prices. For more information, contact the Club at 434-2419 or the Pro Shop at 434-7932.

3-4-1 Rentals at Outdoor Recreation

Rent on Friday and return on Monday for a one-day rental fee Feb. 1 to Mar. 30. Offer excludes boat and camper rentals but includes many other great get-away items such as canoes, kayaks, jumpers, tents, trailers, etc. For more information, drop by or call Outdoor Rec at 434-2505.

## Spring Soccer Registration

Sign up your youth, ages 3-18, for Spring Soccer until Feb. 17. The cost is \$35 for ages 3-4 and \$45 for ages 5-18. Practices are set to

## Reid is Club Super Bowl Party Winner



Courtesy photo  
**Master Sgt. Alexius Reid, 14th Flying Training Wing Legal Office took home the Columbus Club Super Bowl Party's grand prize drawing worth more than \$700 last Sunday which included a 40-inch flat screen television, leather recliner, cooler and party snacks. Reid and her son, Jalen, eight, are pictured with their bounty and Col. Barre Seguin, Commander, 14th Flying Training Wing, Col. Scott Frickenstein, Commander, 14th Mission Support Group and Kessler Cowans, Community Director for Hunt Columbus Military Housing. Door prizes were provided in part by sponsorship support from Columbus Military Housing and Mitchell Distributing Company. No federal endorsement of sponsors intended.**

begin in early March with consideration of Spring Break schedules. VOLUNTEER COACHES are NEEDED! For more information, contact Youth Programs at 434-2504.

## Lifeguards and Swim Instructors Needed

Outdoor Recreation is looking for certified lifeguards and certified swim instructors for the upcoming summer pool season. For more information on how to apply, call Steven Bocek at 434-2507.

## Zumba is Back!

Zumba classes started up again Jan. 31 at Fitness and Sports. These classes will be every Tues. and Thurs., 11:30 a.m. The Fitness Center also offers several other great cardio classes throughout the week. These include spin classes on Mon. and Wed., 11 a.m., Wed. at 5 p.m., 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. Tues. and Thur. are also packed full with circuit classes at 5:30 a.m. There also is a yoga class Fri., 12:30 p.m. For more information, call 434-2772 or go online to [www.cafbssrocks.com](http://www.cafbssrocks.com) and click on the link to the Fitness page.

## Framing and Engraving at Great Prices

Don't forget to "Shop CAFB First" when you are looking for the perfect gift! Arts and Crafts custom frames and engraves just about anything for prices much lower than you'll get in town. For more information, stop by or call 434-7936.

## 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!

## Car Maintenance on Base

Don't forget you can get your general automotive maintenance and repairs at the Auto Hobby Shop right here on base and even while you work. If you are a do-it-yourselfer or shade-tree mechanic, Auto Hobby offers a wide array of 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](http://www.MyAirForceLife.com) or call the AFRC at 434-2790.

# SCRA can save you money!

Byron Ross

14th Flying Training Wing Legal Office

Imagine a young Airman, we'll call him Airman Fonzi, who receives orders for a deployment to Afghanistan. Additionally, he learns that he has a follow-on to Nellis Air Force Base in Nevada. He leaves in 45 days. Airman Fonzi knows there is a long list of things to attend to before his departure. One of the first agenda items is to immediately inform his landlord, Mr. C, that he wants to break his lease. Airman Fonzi has come to know Mr. C well over the last three years, and believes him to be a good man, and friend, who will be more than accommodating. He anticipates no issues. So when Airman Fonzi informs Mr. C of his intent, he is astonished when Mr. C tells Fonzi that he can't allow him to break the lease without paying the full balance for the remaining term (another eight months). The landlord tells him that times are tough and it will take him several months to re-rent the place. He just can't afford it. Airman Fonzi is, of course, stunned. He tells Mr. C that he can't do that because he is deploying. The landlord conveys his apologies for the situation, but remains steadfast. Mr. C tells Airman Fonzi that should he attempt to break the lease, the landlord will be forced to take him to court. What can the Airman Fonzi do?

# Feeding camels is tiring, yet important task

Tech. Sgt. Kevin Wallace  
100th Air Refueling Wing  
Public Affairs

RAF MILDENHALL, England — When my 3-year-old asked me why I was going to the desert in 2004, my reply was simple. I said, "Daddy has to go feed the camels," and that was enough to sustain his curiosity. My 7- and 8-year-olds didn't buy it.

Despite their doubt and his bewilderment, I went forth and tried my best to help by supporting ground and air operations in Iraq in an expeditionary maintenance squadron. This was my first deployment and, though it seemed difficult at the time, it was the easiest mission perhaps I'll ever endure.

After a mere 100 days in the theater, I returned to my assignment in Okinawa, Japan, as a changed man. While others went about their daily grinds, I went off to a foreign land to serve something greater than myself.

A few years and a forced retrain went by, and I found myself working at Dover Air Force Base, Del., in the public affairs office. Back then, the 436th Airlift Wing was responsible for port mortuary operations, and I got more than an ample opportunity to be part of the

well-oiled machine that returned America's heroes with dignity, honor and respect.

Some days at Dover were harder than others. Still, our mission was an important one, and I was just glad I got to come home to my family every night.

My 3-year-old was then a 6-year-old and had no idea what Daddy did at work. He'd practically forgotten that I'd ever left a few years prior. Then another set of orders came. Daddy was off to Afghanistan to serve an in-lieu-of tasking with the famed 101st Airborne Division's Screaming Eagles.

When I explained that, once again, I had to go feed the camels, his reply was much different.

"Why do you have to go feed the camels, Daddy," he asked, "why can't other people feed them?"

I explained that many fine Soldiers from Fort Campbell, Ky., were already in Afghanistan, but they were getting tired. That's why they asked the Air Force for some help and Daddy had to go help them, so some of them could go back to their kids.

He stared me straight in the eye with a piercing gaze of disbelief. I could see that he

The Service member Civil Relief Act can help. Congress and state legislatures long recognizing the need for legislation to protect service members from civil disputes, thus allowing them to give their full attention to their duties, created the Soldier and Sailor Civil Relief Act in 1918. After several revisions, the legislation finally culminated in the Service member Civil Relief Act, or SCRA, in 2004. The SCRA's intent is to provide benefits and an expansive array of civil protections covering many areas such as default judgments, residential leases, mortgages, taxation, voting rights and financial protections. Examining the situation above, the SCRA's residential provision addresses just such a circumstance.

Under the SCRA, a servicemember may terminate a lease at any time after entry into military service; or the date of military orders. To effect the termination, the military member need only serve notice to the landlord (we also suggest providing the landlord a copy of redacted orders for verification). After such time, the lease is terminated 30 days after the first date on which the next rental payment is due. Essentially, this serves as a 30 day notice for the landlord. However, it is important to note that this likewise entitles the landlord to an additional month's rent. Thus, in the situation above, Airman Fonzi would only need to draft a letter notifying his landlord of his intent to terminate his lease, attach a copy of his redacted

orders, tender one more months rent and serve his landlord. The lease would be terminated 30 days after the next rental payment is due. Happy days!

But wait, there's more! Did you also know the SCRA can potentially lower the interest on your credit card or mortgage?

A financial obligation or liability bearing interest at a rate in excess of 6 percent per year that is incurred by the service-member (or the servicemember and spouse jointly), and incurred before the service member enters military service, shall not bear interest at a rate in excess of 6 percent per year during the military service. Interest is defined as service charges, renewal charges or fees. Any interest rate in excess of 6 percent per year shall be forgiven. To effect this provision, the servicemember need only serve the creditor with written notice and a copy of military orders not later than 180 days after the date of entry into military service. However, there are limitations associated with this right, and the creditor may challenge. Nevertheless, this provision can have a particular impact to new servicemembers who have credit or even mortgage obligations prior to entry on active duty, especially National Guard and Reservist.

While the SCRA is great legislation for servicemembers, it is important to keep in mind that it's protections are not automatic, they must be requested. Additionally, the protections can be waived if you're not careful.

If you have further questions, need assistance, or just want to learn more about the SCRA, and the protections it can offer, contact the base legal office at 434-7030.

have enjoyed the country so far. But, being in a highly-deployable career field, I knew I would get the call again eventually. Last week a message came saying it's my time to go to again.

Now my 3-year-old is nearly 9, and my 7- and 8-year-olds are 12 and 13. How do I muster a proper explanation to them? Should I simply say that Daddy must, once again, go feed the camels?

They won't buy it.

Naysayers will tell you that we've been in this war for nine years. Those same naysayers may tell you that we can never win this war.

I disagree.

I wonder if they've ever gazed into the eyes of child who was just used as a human shield, or mustered the strength not to look into a room-full of abused women's eyes in order to have the willpower to photograph those women's plight. Perhaps then they'd have my same outlook.

Or would they continue to turn their backs?

The bottom line is: These people need us. What I do know is there are people waiting for me. So, this autumn I'll answer their call. We are making sacrifices today for a better tomorrow. We must continue to believe that.

After all, if we don't help now, in the future it'll be our kids telling their children they're off to feed the camels.

# What makes a guardsman?

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

The Columbus Air Force Base honor guard is a place for Airmen who hold a passion for Air Force culture and core values to honor military tradition and veterans. Though sometimes seeming a world away as they carry out their duties, current guardsmen of the base honor guard are made up of Airmen from across the base who have volunteered their time towards this cause.

"I've always wanted to join the honor guard," said Senior Airman Jonathan Card, 14th Operations Support Squadron. "They call it honor guard for a reason. You're honoring the people who came before you and I feel like they deserve what we give them."

The NCO in charge of the honor guard program on Columbus Air Force Base, Tech Sgt. Dante Arcenal, 14th Force Support Squadron, said he places a heavy emphasis on continuing to "pay it forward" as previous generations of service members have done for them.

"For me the uniform is sacred. When you wear the ceremonial uniform, that is not really your uniform. You did not earn that. The people before you earned that for you to wear it," he said.

On Columbus Air Force Base the honor guard supports many official ceremonies, but oftentimes their duties lie off base. Card said that he believes the honor guard gives the local civilian population a positive view on the Air Force. For some it can even have a lifelong impression.

"My grandpa was in the Army Air Core and the Air

Force honor guard came out to do his funeral," said Senior Airman David Christensen, 14th Operations Support Squadron. "It stuck with me and now I'm on the other side."

Becoming a member of the honor guard takes more than initiative and an inclination to do so. Staff Sgt. Siddharth Sunny, 14th Force Support Squadron, has been in the honor guard for five years and says it takes drive and motivation to meet the precision and demands of the honor guard.

"A lot of your time is spent away from work, away from home, away from family and it requires a lot out of you for the dedication to perfect the art," he said. "We aren't just going out to fire a rifle, we have to do it perfectly."

Service before self and excellence are just two parts of what make up the honor guard program. Arcenal said that both Core values and tradition are at the program's heart. The dedication of these individuals shined during the 2011 holidays when Columbus AFB honor guard received 11 requests in four days and by taking on leadership roles and returning from leave, managed to support each one, honoring America's veterans and their families.

"When you go to the funerals you can definitely tell it really means a lot to them," said Airman 1st Class Tomas Lavigne, 14th Medical Support Squadron. "everybody's really appreciative."

If you're interested in joining the Columbus AFB honor guard contact 2nd Lt. Caleb Daughette, OIC at 434-2588 or Tech Sgt. Dante Arcenal at 434-3190.



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Chase Hedrick  
Members of the Columbus Air Force Base Honor Guard practice the movements for a 21 gun salute inside the Walker Center on Jan. 8. The Columbus AFB honor guard practices each Wednesday from 1 to 4 p.m.



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Chase Hedrick  
The United States of America flag is treated with the highest respect in the hands of the Columbus Air Force Base honor guard. Many of the ceremonies the honor guard performs involves the U.S. flag.



U.S. Air Force Photo/Airman 1st Class Charles Dickens  
The Columbus Air Force Base honor guard practices the arch of swords for the CAFB Annual Awards Ceremony. The honor guard is an organization that is based on honoring the Air Force culture and history.



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Chase Hedrick  
Senior Airman Michaela Spiegle, 14th Medical Operations Squadron plays taps during the 2011 Columbus Veterans Day ceremony. Many of the Columbus Air Force Base honor guard duties take place off base in the surrounding communities.



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Chase Hedrick  
Senior Airman Viktor Nevsky, 14th Medical Operations Squadron, folds a flag as part of a six man team during a Columbus Air Force Base honor guard practice inside the Walker Center on Jan. 8.