

“Produce Pilots, Advance Airmen, Feed the Fight”

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Weather



Today

High: 83, Low: 58
Isolated T-storms



Saturday

High: 85, Low: 58
Partly cloudy



Sunday

High: 85, Low: 57
Mostly cloudy



Monday

High: 85, Low: 59
Partly cloudy

News Briefs

WHM Walk-a-thon

The Shamrock Walk for Women's History will be held March 17 in Freedom Park from noon to 2 p.m. Proceeds will be donated to the Mississippi University for Women's Studies and Public Policy. Contact 434-2019 for more information.

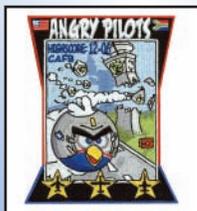
Sports Banquet

The annual sports awards celebration is set for Mon., Mar. 26, 6 p.m., at Whispering Pines Golf Course. Champions in all of the intramural sports from the past year eat free, and cost for guests is \$10. The meal this year is being catered by Hank's #1 BBQ and includes choice of pulled pork or chicken quarter, baked beans, potato salad, bun or roll, and tea or water. Other beverages are available for purchase. Register with your unit sports representative or contact the Fitness Center at 434-2772 or 434-2775 by Mar. 19.

ALS Graduation

Airman Leadership School class 12-3 will graduate in a ceremony at the Columbus Club March 22 at 6:30 p.m.

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SUPT Class 12-06 graduates today at 10 a.m. at the Kaye Auditorium.



14th FTW receives outstanding unit award

14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Air Education and Training Command officials recognized the excellence and hard work of Team BLAZE when they announced the 14th Flying Training Wing was the recipient of the Outstanding Unit Award March 12.

Those permanently assigned to the 14th FTW from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011, are eligible for the award. This includes reservists, guard members and those on TDY orders assigned or attached to the 14th FTW, but not those attending training or in student status.

“Thank you for your professionalism, focus on purpose, pride in mission accomplishment, and passion to contribute to Team BLAZE that made this accomplishment possible,” said Col. Barre Seguin, 14th Flying Training Wing Commander. “Well-done and well-deserved.”

During the award period, Team BLAZE marked itself as being the best at what it does by being the top sortie-producing and busiest airfield in the Air Force, producing over 61,000 sorties for a total of over 86,000 flying hours. In the end, Team BLAZE produced 339 U.S. and allied pilots.

Demonstrating their commitment to excellence Columbus Airmen garnered one Chief of Staff of the Air Force-level, three Air Force-level and 22 command-level awards for the wing, including the Order of Daedalians' General Frank P. Lahm Award recognizing Air Education and Training Command's top flight safety program and Key Spouse of the Year, as well as 19th Air Force's number one honor guard member and top T-1 instructor pilot.

Living up to its reputation as the “Showplace of the South,” Columbus also earned the first-ever Air Education and Training Command Altus Trophy, recog-

nizing the most supportive community-to-base relationship in the command.

Additionally, the wing provided the Presidential Advance Agent and air-ground-equipment for President Obama's visit to Tuscaloosa, Alabama, following a devastating tornado in April 2011. The Federal Emergency and Management Agency director called it “the best executed response to date.”

Feeding the fight, the wing deployed 194 warriors in support of overseas contingency operations, including 35 pilots who flew 2,000 hours of vital surveillance and instructor sorties.

This is the eleventh time Columbus AFB has received the AFOUA and the ninth time since the wing was designated the 14th FTW in 1972.

For those who arrived on-station at Columbus AFB before June 30, 2010, their records will be updated automatically.

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 (12-15)	-0.03 days	1.11 days	Apr. 2	48th (12-07)	0.60 days	3.01 days	Apr. 6	49th (12-FB)	2.46 days	4.07 days	Apr. 2	T-6	1,424	1,222	13,474
41st (13-01)	2.24 days	1.25 days	Apr. 23	50th (12-07)	-4.52 days	-3.52 days	Apr. 6					T-1	488	407	4,384
												T-38	548	434	4,971
												IFF	131	140	1,373

The graduation speaker is Brigadier General William B. Binger, Commander, 10th Air Force, Naval Air Station Fort Worth Joint Reserve Base, Texas.

Women's History Month continues



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

Senior Master Sgt. Veronica Spears, 14th Security Forces Squadron, speaks to Airmen about events in her life that strengthened and shaped her at the Women's History Month Expo at the Columbus Club on March 13. The expo featured displays and information as well as a panel of women leaders across the base. The next Women's History Month event is the Shamrock Walk-a-thon at Freedom Track from noon to 2 p.m. on March 17.

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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat/Sun
19	20 CSC Social, 6 p.m. @ Club	21	22 ALS Graduation, 6:30 p.m. @ Club	23 Class 12-07 Assignment Night, 5 p.m. @ Club E-Cycle Day, 10 a.m. @ Farmer's Market	24/25 Clean Sweep Columbus, downtown
26 Night Flying Week Sports Banquet, 6 p.m. @ Golf Course Spring Pilgrimage AFA Campaign begins	27 Newcomers Orientation, 8 a.m. @ AFRC	28	29 Women's History Luncheon, 11:30 @ Club	30 Caring for People Forum, 8 a.m. @ Club Class 12-15 Track Select, 9 a.m. @ Philips Auditorium	31/1

Long Range Events

April 2: IFF Graduation, 4:49 p.m. @ 49th
May 4: Women's Health Fair
April 6: Class 12-07 Graduation
April 10: Get Lean/Get Green Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. @ Club
April 10: Hearts Apart, 4:30 p.m. @ Club
April 13: Class 12-08 Assignment Night
April 16: Night Flying Week
April 16: Tax Day
April 16: Wing Retreat
April 17: Newcomers Orientation
April 17: CSC Social

Columbus AFB marks 70th anniversary

Sonic Johnson

14th Flying Training Wing Chief of Public Affairs

Over 450 base Airmen and downtown civilian supporters gathered here March 9 to commemorate the 70th anniversary of Columbus AFB, Miss. Fittingly the gala event was held in a hangar named after the first commander of the installation with three former commanders journeying back for the commemoration and listen to the keynote address by United States Senator Roger Wicker.

This date was chosen to highlight the first class, 42-C, to graduate at Columbus on March 6, 1942, earning not only their wings of silver, but also their second lieutenant bars. All but four of the newly commissioned flying lieutenants stayed at Columbus to train subsequent classes of student pilots.

The BLAZE hangar, normally dedicated to T-38C phase maintenance, had been cleared of all but three T-38s to make room for the 70th event. Memorabilia was on display from all 70 years of the bases history and included four locally-owned vintage aircraft. The J-3 Piper Cub, PT-17 Stearman, a P-51 Mustang and AT-6 Texan were present and posed all evening for pictures. On the way in to the event, guests drove past B-52H and KC-135R aircraft that were present at Columbus during the cold war era.

Wicker, representing three generations of Air Force service, remembers coming to the base for tours as a youngster. Both he and his son received commissioning physicals at the base medical facility. "On my two week reserve duty in the JAG office, I can remember telling our children that this was our family vacation," recalled Wicker. My son attributes the exciting summers filled with July 4th festivals and air shows featuring the Thunderbirds as little moments that inspired the junior Wicker to seek a commission in the Air Force.

Dressed in vintage Army Air Corps uniforms, wing commander Col. Barre Seguin and vice commander Col. Matt Isler and 70th Ball committee chairman Capt. Keith Napolitano were joined by several other guests to weave the theme of 70 years of aviation excellence throughout the evening.

Prior to the intermission, guests were treated to a peek at a movie documenting the history of the base. Local film producer and entrepreneur Carlos and his son Roberto worked tirelessly to produce a documentary chronicling the bases' 70 year path. Rosales intends to donate the finished film to the Air



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Chase Hedrick
Columbus AFB Airmen and retired military guests dressed up in vintage uniforms as part of the 70th Anniversary celebrations on March 9. The event also featured displays of CAFB history and four locally-owned vintage aircraft.

Force historian.

After the formal portion of the event was concluded, the Itawamba Community College Jazz Band played period swing and jazz music for the guests dancing enjoyment.

Maj. Gen Seve Wilson, 14th Flying Training Wing commander 2004 - 2006 and currently Commander, 8th Air Force was impressed "with the first-class event that had incredible attention to detail in all areas." Joined by retired Colonels Tom Quelly, 14th FTW commander 2000-2002 and Nick Ardillo, 14th FTW commander 1991-1993, they all remarked the

excellent manner in which the history of the base had been presented and the evening ended far too soon!

The base intends to weave the 70th theme throughout this year to continue to celebrate the event. For example, the first class to graduate after Training Command resumed pilot training in 1970, Class 71-01, will be returning to the base for their class reunion during the October 5th graduation of class 12-15.

Seeing the transformation of a maintenance hangar into a setting for a gala event reinforces the 70th's motto: Legendary Airmen: proving the impossible is possible!

Security and policy review

Did you know that as a military member you must coordinate all information relating to speeches, presentations, Academic papers, multimedia visual information materials and information proposed for release to a publicly accessible Worldwide Website with exception of Air Force publications through the 14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs Office? For more information contact the 14th FTW/PA at 434-7068.

14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, 51 TEAM BLAZE members are deployed worldwide. Remember to support the Airmen and their families while they are away.



Traffic Safety Rules

14th Flying Training Wing Safety

Recently Wing Safety has received several questions regarding traffic safety on Columbus AFB. Here is a summary of AFI 91-207, "The US Air Force Traffic Safety Program." As a reminder, these rules apply to everyone on the installation including military members, civilian employees, dependants, guests, and contractors.

1) Text messaging while operating a government motor vehicle, operating a Personal Motor Vehicle on official government business or utilizing a government owned electronic device are prohibited on and off a DOD installation.

2) Using cell phones, any listening device or other hand-held electronic devices that take attention away from operating a government motor vehicle, operating a PMV on official government business or utilizing a government owned electronic device are prohibited on and off a DOD installation. Drivers may use a single ear bud or voice-activated hands-free device, where allowed by law. However, use of hands-free devices is also discouraged as they create significant distractions from safe driving performance.

3) All personnel on Air Force installations are prohibited from using portable headphones, earphones, cellular phones, iPods, or other listening and entertainment devices (other than hearing aids) while walking, jogging, running, bicycling, skating or skateboarding on any roadway, including perimeter road and base running areas. The previous rule of one ear bud while running or walking on

the roads is rescinded, however, headphones and ear buds may be used on sidewalks and on the base running track.

4) All personnel who jog, walk or run on Columbus AFB during periods of inclement weather or at night, are required to wear retro-reflective clothing or retro-reflective accessories visible from the front and back. This requirement does not apply to the running track.

5) Motorcycle riders are reminded that proper PPE is required to ride on base, which includes high visibility colors during the day and a retro-reflective upper garment during the night. Riders must wear abrasion resistant gloves and are encouraged to wear abrasion resistant jackets and trousers.

6) All persons who ride a bicycle, tricycle, or other human powered vehicle, including motorized bicycles, on an AF installation in a traffic environment shall wear a properly fastened and approved (e.g., Consumer Product Safety Commission, ANSI, Snell Memorial Foundation or host nation equivalent) bicycle helmet. MAJCOMs will be the approving official on what qualifies as host nation equivalent. During hours of darkness riders will wear retro-reflective vest/jacket or outer garment containing retro-reflective material. In addition, bicycles will be equipped with a white front light (not a reflector) visible for 500 feet and red rear reflector or light clearly visible from the rear of the bicycle from a distance of 300 feet.

If you have any questions, please contact wing safety at 434-SAFE.

OG holds Career Day



U.S. Air Force Photo/Airman 1st Class Charles Dickens
Columbus Air Force Base Airmen and family members stand in line to see a B-52H Stratofortress, 23rd Bomb Squadron of Minot Air Force Base, N.D. Mar. 10 on the T-6 ramp at Columbus AFB. Bases around the country allowed some of their pilots and aircraft to take time out of their missions to help the 14th Operations Group hold Career Day for Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training classes on Columbus AFB.

TrailBLAZE'r

Name: Senior Airman Oscar Samame

Unit: 14th Comptroller Squadron

Job title: Comptroller Travel Technician.

Time at Columbus AFB: Three years and eight months.

Time in Service: Four years and two months.

Hometown: Miami Beach, Fla.

Career goals: Be an officer in the United States Air Force.

Family members: Father- Oscar Francisco Samame Nevada; Mother- Marleni Graciela Cabellos Vargas; Sister- Bertha Karol Samame Cabellos.

Favorite musician: Bob Marley.

Favorite movie: The Sixth Sense.

Biggest pet peeve: When people tell me to repeat myself after I talk, due to my accent.

Favorite book: "The Alchemist" by Paulo Coelho

Inspirations: The way my father and mother raised my sister and I.

Personal motto: I am going to achieve my goals with God right next to me.



Air Force achieves historic ground safety milestone

Masao Doi
Air Force Safety Center

KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE, N.M. — Air Force safety officials here today announced that since Feb. 17, 2011, the Air Force has now gone for more than 12 months without an on-duty ground fatality. After an exhaustive search of the Air Force Safety Center's safety mishap database, officials confirmed the service reached this milestone for the first time in its history.

On-duty ground safety includes industrial, occupational, sports and recreation and traffic-related activities while on the job.

"This wonderful feat is due to the unrelenting commitment by commanders, supervisors, safety professionals and Airmen at all levels to accomplishing the mission safely and effectively," Maj. Gen. Greg Feest, Air Force chief of safety, said. "It's truly a team effort."

Bill Parsons, Air Force chief of ground safety, echoed the Air Force's commitment to a safe work environment.

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safe workplaces and procedures, managing risk and eliminating hazards clearly demonstrates that it's possible, even under tough situations, to protect our Airmen from harm," Parsons said. "Airmen work more confidently and efficiently, and tragic loss to co-workers, friends and family is avoided when organizations emphasize safety."

"I applaud the work done by all in keeping our Airmen safe," Feest added. "Let's apply the same vigilance when you're off-duty as well."

Armed forces receive free NCAA March Madness Live special access

Eric M. Grill
Air Force Personnel, Services and Manpower Public Affairs

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, Texas — Military members wishing to root on their favorite college basketball team as they compete in the upcoming NCAA basketball championship tournament now have free online access to do so.

Using their .mil email address, military members can register with the NCAA.com website to receive free online access to watch all 67 live games using their personal computer, tablet, Smartphone or other select electronic devices with Internet access.

Registration is ongoing and runs throughout the championship game. Mobile apps are also available once registered.

To register, go online to www.ncaa.com/armedforces and, in the appropriate area, enter the .mil email address and then confirm it. The .mil email address is used to confirm the military affiliation only and is not needed to create the account.

Once entered, a separate email will be sent from the NCAA.com website with a unique link to create a free 2012 NCAA March Madness LiveT account.

Once the military member's account is created, they will be able to go online with

their personal computer or electronic device at www.ncaa.com/marchmadness and login to the NCAA March Madness LiveT applications.

The offer is the NCAA's, CBS Sports and Turner Broadcasting's way to say thank you to those who serve the U.S.



BARGAIN LINE

The deadline for submitting ads is noon Monday before the desired publication date. Ads turned in after the deadline will run the following week. Ads can be mailed to or dropped off at the public affairs office in the 14th Flying Training Wing Headquarters building, e-mailed to silverwings@columbus.af.mil 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 328-2424.

Dispatch,

Transportation

For sale: Red 50th anniversary Chevrolet Corvette hardtop convertible. Excellent condition, less than 27,000 miles, fully loaded, black leather interior. Located in Macon, \$27,000. Call 726-9460.

Miscellaneous

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 server with spoon, oval serving bowl, oval casserole dish, and a square casserole baking dish. Extra dinner plate, dessert plate and cup, \$275. Call 327-1205.

For sale: Ruger Vaquero .45 Colt single-action revolver. Wood grips, excellent condition, includes old-style leather holster, \$499. Assorted muzzle-loader accessories, powder, caps, balls, bullets, quick loaders, measure, bullet starter, etc. Call 434-8544.

For sale: Unopened black Apple Ipad 2, 64gb, wi-fi. Comes with a grey neoprene sleeve and stand. \$700.00. Call 640-8516.

Wanted

Wanted: Local chapter six of the Disabled American Veterans are in need of several used computers and printers. If you have a used computer or printer you would like to donate, please contact the Senior Vice

President John Owens at 434-1096 or 434-1393.

Saturday Yard Sales

Sale: Multi-family yard sale, 7 to 11 a.m. on March 17. Sherwood Forest, 181 Scarlet Drive.

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Five 14th CONS members team for marathon

Airman 1st Class Kristen O'Hearn
14th Contracting Squadron

A marathon or half marathon is a daunting task. Months of training, countless hours of preparation, and the physical pain and soreness that accompanies, make it a difficult goal at best. Most people run in these races because it is a challenge that for them represents more than just a certain number of miles. Maybe it's a bucket-list goal, a chance to do something no one would expect of you, or to run for a cause close to your heart.

For five 14th Contracting Squadron members from here at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi, we took on that challenge. Each of us doing this for our own reasons, but wholly united in our effort to succeed and even more united in doing it together as a team.

Our commander, Capt. Clarence Burton, had run a marathon before. He talked about the Rock N' Roll Marathon series that was coming to New Orleans, and how he was going to participate. His enthusiasm and eagerness for a challenge was inspiring. A couple of months passed, and what had originally been something only Captain Burton was doing, was now going to be taken on by four others in the squadron: 2nd Lt. Alicia Hainebach, Airman 1st Class Kristen O'Hearn, Airman 1st Class Michael Worth, and Airman Bradford Erdmann

During a perfect spring-like day in the Crescent City, all five took on the task of hitting the pavement and running a collective 78.6 miles. Exhausted and humbled, one by one, we met our success at the finish line. This was the Rock N' Roll Marathon, New Orleans, and we rocked it!

What are you going to take away from this experience?

"I could not be more proud of the 14th CONS half-marathon race finishers. Their dedication to training and willingness to step up to this



Courtesy photo

Airman 1st Class Kristen O'Hearn, 2nd Lt. Alicia Hainebach, Capt. Clarence Burton, Airman 1st Class Michael Worth and Airman Bradford Erdmann proudly display medals from the Rock N' Roll Marathon, New Orleans along with the 14th Contracting Squadron guidon.

physically demanding challenge speaks volumes about their commitment to becoming better Airmen. We all set out and achieved our goals as a TEAM...this made crossing the finish line extra special." —Capt. Clarence "Geno" Burton Jr.

What was your motivation, why a race?

"My squadron was my motivation for running. We were there for each other before, during, and after the race. We kept each other in check; making sure we were training, eating right, and properly preparing ourselves. When the first person finished, they would turn around and cheer on the next person to finish. Not many people can say they have a support system like that." —2nd Lt. Alicia Hainebach.

What helped you get through that day?

"Even in a crowd of people you've never met, you know you aren't alone. When you run, you are running with the encouragement of friends, the camaraderie of your team-

mates, and the hopes of your loved ones. You can't give up because the event is so much more than just a course to be run, it sets a precedent for your life; you must never quit and never stop trying." —Airman 1st Class Kristen O'Hearn.

What did you learn about marathons/races and yourself?

"Ask me this time last year about running in a marathon, I would have never thought of it. It's interesting to see how something so daunting can become second nature with a little practice." --Airman 1st Class Michael Worth.

What are you going to take away from this experience?

"That we came together as a squadron, as more than just officers or Airmen. We each raced a clock, and in the end, it didn't matter what the numbers were. At the finish line, we were proud of each other, and we knew what it meant to one another to have accomplished all that we had." --Airman Bradford Erdmann.

CAFB Airmen visit Washington



Courtesy photo

The 14th Flying Training Wing Commander, Command Chief and two recently returned deployers visited Washington D.C. March 6 -8 to provide elected officials updates on the accomplishments of Columbus Air Force Base over the last year. During their trip they shared deployment stories, advocated for the needs of Airmen, and met with elected officials and Air Force leaders.

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.

Happy golf tournament

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

said George Irby, son of Happy. The event was held on Columbus AFB as a way to strengthen the relationship between the base and the local community.

The tournament had 53 participants and raised approximately \$3,000.

The winners of the four-man scramble tournament were 1st Lt. Adam Irvin, 14th Medical Support Squadron, Bob LeTourneau, 14th Student Squadron, Andy Gilley, 14th Operation Support Squadron, and Penny Gilley.

"We wanted to play to support the Happy Fund because it's for a good cause," said LeTourneau.

After a night of severe storms it was unclear as to whether the tournament was going to still take place, but by tee-time the skies cleared and the sun shined.

"We're grateful and think the reason that happened is because we're trying to do the right things," said Irby.



U.S. Air Force Photo/Airman 1st Class Charles Dickens
The winners of the Happy Fund Golf Tournament and George Irby Jr. (second from right) stand on the green after the event Mar. 9 at the Whispering Pines golf course on Columbus Air Force Base. Congratulations to Bob LeTourneau, 14th Student Squadron, Penny Gilley, Andy Gilley, 14th Operation Support Squadron and 1st Lt. Adam Irvin, 14th Medical Support Squadron for winning first place!

The Whispering Pines golf course on Columbus Air Force Base hosted the Happy Fund Golf Tournament Mar. 9 as a fundraiser for the Happy Christmas Fund.

The Happy Christmas Fund was started in 1952 by George "Happy" Irby as a fundraiser to purchase necessities for underprivileged children in and around the city of Columbus. The local schools suggest which families may need help with holiday gifts for children.

The fund has also carried on Happy's previous tradition of giving fruit baskets to the elderly and sick people in the surrounding area.

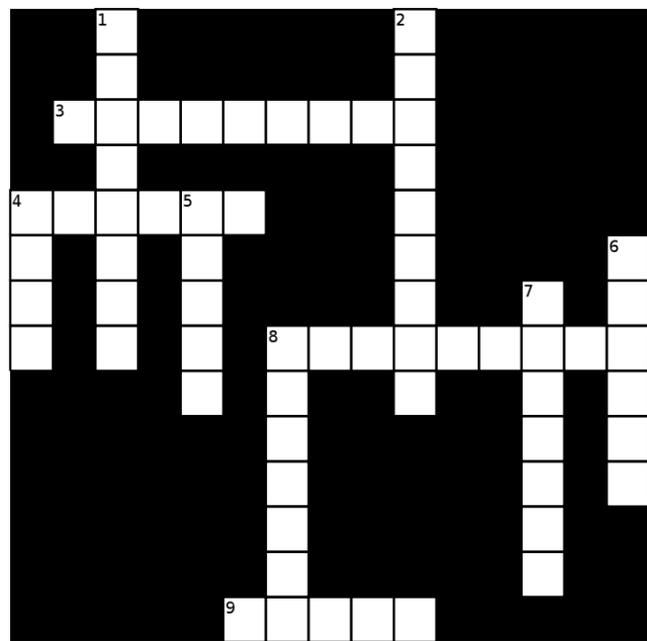
The golf tournament was another way to raise money for the local less fortunate children during the holiday off-season,

CAFB History Silver Wings

Across
3 With the arrival of one squadron of B-52 and K-135s, this began the Air Command era at CAFB
4 Pilot-physician that graduated in Class 82-01 and was killed in action in a F-15E over Iraq
8 The Aviation Cadets would frequent the basement of this antebellum home at the "Drop in Hangar"
9 Boulevard named after Wing Commander killed in a F-16 crash near Madrid, Spain in 1988

Down
1 Lt Col Teresa _____ was the first female commander of a flying

squadron. She also commanded the 14th FTW in 1998
2 Father of modern-day instrument flying. Base Ops named after this Lt Col.
4 _____ Field was the first name of the base in 1942
5 Only July 1, 1969 pilot training returned to Columbus in the T-38 talon and T-37
6 _____ Center is named after the first Tuskegee Airman from Mississippi to die in combat
7 Commonly known as the BLAZE Hangar, Bldg 440 is named after the first commander of Columbus
8 Nickname of the first aircraft to arrive at Kaye Field were the AT-10 _____



Last Week's Answer

1940's



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.

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 1030. Please call the clinic appointment line at 662-434-2273 to reserve your spot in the next Birth Control Counseling Class.

CLEP Testing Discontinued

The Columbus Education Office no longer offers CLEP exams. Computerized CLEP testing however will be available at the Mississippi State Univ. Assessment and Testing Center (<http://www.ats.msstate.edu/testing/>). Military members will only be charged a \$23 service fee for the first-time administration of any CLEP exam at MSU. DANTES paper-based exams will continue to be administered in the CAFB Ed Office. Please call 434-2562 or 434-2563 for more information or to schedule an exam.

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/Page/s/Hub.asp>.

ACT/SAT Testing

Information on ACT and SAT tests are now available on their respective websites (<http://www.act.org> and [board.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.](http://www.college-</p>
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Embry-Riddle University Aeronautical

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.)

Base Thrift Shop

The Base Thrift Shop is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Consignments until noon. Please visit the Thrift Shop for more information on consignments. Donations are accepted and very much appreciated. They can be dropped off anytime in the donation shed. The Thrift Shop is non-profit and all proceeds benefit CAFB Community. It is located in building 530. Phone: 434-2954.

Airman and Family Readiness Center

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

Self-paced Tutorials

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

Relocation assistance

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

Employment Workshop

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

Spouse welcome

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

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.

Using the Internet for Job Search and Transition

March 14 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Using the internet to enhance your job search. Tips, websites and how to succeed.

Wing Newcomers Orientation

March 27 from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., for newly arrived Active Duty and Civilian personnel. Spouses are encouraged to attend. Held at the Columbus Club, for more information call 434-2839.

Caring for People Forum

March 30 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Columbus Club. The Caring for People Forum provides installation commanders valuable and timely information on issues that directly impact the quality of life experienced by Airmen and their families. For more information contact your First Sergeant, Daisy Jones 434-1228, or HAWC 434-2236. All are welcome to participate, but registration is required.

Resume Writing (Military and Military Family)

April 4 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Provides basic guidance and understanding of the fundamentals of resumes, to register, call 434-2790.

Hearts Apart Social

April 10 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. A social gathering 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.

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)

Base families offered a variety of activities

Swing into Spring

From now through Apr. 30, everyone can enjoy discounted greens fees at Whispering Pines Golf Course. Play 18 holes with a cart for just \$18, Mon. – Thur., and only \$22, Fri. – Sun. For more information, call the Pro Shop at 434-7932.

CAFB Youth Kick Butts!

The Kick Butts Day Health Fair will be Wed., Mar. 21, 3 – 4:30 p.m., at the Youth Center. All base youth and parents are invited to attend this program to learn the dangers of tobacco use and other products harmful to our bodies. For more information, call Youth Programs at 434-2504.

Families Invited to Tales from the Crypt

Youth Programs is providing a bus trip to Tales from the Crypt on Fri., Mar. 30. This is a family-oriented (not scary) visit to Friendship Cemetery in Columbus to see the award-winning Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science present historical performances from days gone by. Register for transportation by Mar. 27. Cost for show tickets is \$4 for adults and \$2 for students, K – 12. For more information, call the Youth Center at 434-2504.

NAF Open Sale Returns to ODR

Outdoor Recreation will host a NAF open sale on Fri., Mar. 23. Items for sale may be viewed Mar. 20-22, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Outdoor Rec. Sale times are as follows: active duty members, 7 – 8 a.m.; retired members, 8:15 – 9 a.m.; all others, to include NAF & APF employees, DoD contractors and other U.S. federal employees, 9:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. All patrons must show valid military identification or CAC card for purchase or entry into sale area. For more information, call 434-2505 or 2507.

Book Your 2012 Air Force Cruises

Air Force Information Tickets and Travel has four great, affordable, 7-day cruises for 2012 to include treks to Alaska, Bermuda, Canada/Maine and the Caribbean. For more information, check out the rotating flyer at www.cafbssrocks.com or stop by or call CAFB ITT at 434-2505 or 7861.

Celebrate Our Athletes!

The annual sports awards celebration is set for Mon., Mar. 26, 6 p.m., at Whispering Pines Golf Course. Champions in all of the intramural sports from the past year eat free, and cost for guests is \$10. The meal this year is being catered by Hank's #1 BBQ and includes choice of pulled pork or chicken quarter, baked beans, potato salad, bun or roll, and tea or water. Other beverages are available for purchase. Register with your unit sports representative or contact the Fitness Center at 434-2772/2775 by Mar. 19.

Teens...Tell Us What You Want!

Youth Programs is asking Columbus AFB teens what they want in programming and events here on base. The 2012 Air Force Teen Survey will take place online at <http://AFTeen2012.questionpro.com> now through Apr. 13. Local input will help us find better ways to reach and serve our teen populations. Hard copies of the survey are available at the Youth Center.

Get Your GIVE On with the CDC and Youth Programs!

Giving is good...so the Child Development Center and Youth

Basewide Spring Fling and Egg Hunt
Saturday, March 31
 9:00-11:30 a.m.
Freedom Park
This is a FREE Event
Registration from 9-9:30 a.m.
Food, games, parent/child contests, and lots of fun!
FMI, 434-2504
 Egg Hunt Age Categories: 0-2, 3-4, 5-7, 8-10, 11 & Up

Programs has joined forces for a community wide service initiative. Throughout the month of March, they will be collecting paper, crayons, markers and other simple arts and craft items to comfort hospitalized children in our local community. Drop off any of these items at the CDC or Youth Center by Mar. 31. For more information, please call 434-2479 or 434-2504.

Intramural Volleyball

Get with your unit's fitness representative now to sign up for Intramural Volleyball. Play starts Mar. 27.

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. – 2 p.m., for just \$7.95 for nonmembers and \$6.95 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 Golf Course 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 – 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.

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.

Daily Fitness Classes Available

Columbus AFB Fitness & Sports offers a variety of heart-pumping, sweat-inducing classes throughout the week including weekday spin classes, Mon., 11 a.m., Wed., 11 a.m. and 5 p.m., Tues. and Thurs., 5 p.m. There's a Stroller Fitness Class, Tues., 9 a.m., beginning at Freedom Park. Come check out Zumba every Tues. and Thurs., 11:30 a.m., and circuit training classes on Tues. and Thurs., 5:30 p.m. For more information, call 434-2772 or go

online to 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 WORLD-WIDE...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.

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.



"In the trenches"

Chief Master Sgt. Vance Kondon

14th Flying Training Wing
Command Chief

Of all the places I could be during the week, being "in the trenches" with our Team BLAZE members (military and civilian) is one of my favorite. Though my schedule often makes this difficult, I had a great opportunity this week to visit many of our members in their duty sections accomplishing our mission of producing pilots, advancing Airmen and feeding the fight.

There are many reasons I enjoy being among all of you. First, it's where I get in touch with the pulse of what's

happening in the wing. It's also where I often hear about concerns and issues straight from those affected and can then take steps to help. But most of all, it's because I get the opportunity to see America's finest; those who have chosen to serve, in action.

We are going through some challenging times in the military, but this is an exciting time to be part of the Air Force team. I am very enthusiastic about the future because we have the right people, right here, to drive innovation and improvements that will serve us well as we face changes that will surely come to our Air Force.

From our military personnelists who

ensure a vast myriad of personnel concerns are handled, to our air traffic controllers who keep our pilots and skies safe, to our Defenders who secure our installation, to our medics who keep us healthy, and our maintenance personnel who provide a ready aircraft fleet, and to so many others in between, YOU are ALL doing a truly incredible job.

Thank you for your professionalism and dedication in your service to Team BLAZE and the US Air Force. It is an honor to stand beside each and every one of you as we serve this great nation together!



A commitment to caring with the Air Force Assistance Fund

Capt. Joshua Stallings
Staff pharmacist, 42nd Medical Support Squadron

MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, Ala. — Spring is here again, and that means it's time for the Air Force Assistance Fund.

Every year we as a force put aside six weeks to raise money for four charities who serve Airmen all year long.

The AF AF is made up of charities whose benefits are only available to those in the Air Force family. The Air Force Aid Society, Air Force Village, Air Force Enlisted Village, and the Gen. and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay

Foundation provide benefits to Airmen and their families in various ways.

The Air Force Aid Society, or AFAS, is the official charity of the Air Force, established during the Army Air Corps era in 1942 by Gen. Henry "Hap" Arnold to relieve some of the financial stress Air Force families were experiencing during World War II.

Today, AFAS provides assistance to Air Force members in three ways — emergency assistance, educational grants and community programs. Countless Airmen have benefited with funds to travel during a family crisis or the means to make ends meet when life throws unexpected curves.

In 2011, AFAS received \$4.5 million in contributions raised during AF AF. During the same year, AFAS provided \$17.7 million in support to Airmen and their families. AFAS has been there to help when the need is great.

The Air Force Village, Air Force Enlisted Village and the Gen. and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation provide financial assistance, housing and medical care when needed for widows or widowers of retired Air Force personnel. These organizations exist to make sure Air Force family members who gave so much can live in comfort and dignity.

This year, our focus is not on Airmen giving more but more Airmen giving. Even

small contributions can add up to big sums when many decide to make a difference.

The suggested donation for most ranks is much less than the cost of one lunch out a month. When you think about your donation in that light, wouldn't you buy lunch for another Airmen if you knew they needed it?

Our contributions to the AF AF give us a chance to serve and make a real, positive difference in the lives of Airmen everywhere everyday. This year the AF AF campaign on Maxwell-Gunter runs from Monday to April 13. See your AF AF unit rep today to contribute.



T-1A Jayhawk

SUPT Class 12-06 earns silver wings



T-38C Talon



2nd Lt. Matthew Alexander
Los Angeles, Calif.
F-16, Kelly City Base, Texas



2nd Lt. Janelle Baron
Monument, Colo.
F-16, Des Moines ANGB, Iowa



2nd Lt. Kenneth Bidmead
Colorado Springs, Colo.
T-6A, Columbus AFB, Miss.

Twenty-two officers have prevailed during a year of training, earning the right to be an Air Force pilot. Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 12-06 graduates at 10 a.m. today during a ceremony at the Kaye Auditorium.

The graduation speaker for the class is Brigadier General William Binger, Commander, 10th Air Force, Naval Air Station Fort Worth Joint Reserve Base, Texas. His command includes all fighter, bomber, special operations, rescue, airborne warning and control, flying training, combat air operations battle staff, remotely piloted aircraft, space and cyber units in the Air Force Reserve Command. When mobilized, or used in a full-time or part-time capacity, these units provide reserve combat capability to Air Combat Command, Air Force Special Operations Command, Pacific Air Forces, Air Force Space Command, Air Force Global Strike Command, Air Education and Training Command and the Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Agency.

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

2nd Lt. Adam Giegler, T-1, and 2nd Lt. Janelle Baron, T-38, received the Air Education and Training Command Commander's Trophy for being the most outstanding students overall in their classes.

The Air Force Association Award was presented to 2nd Lt. Kenneth Bidmead, T-1 and 2nd Lt. Eric Straub, T-38. The award is presented to a graduate in each flight who excelled in training and typified the tenets of the association — promoting aerospace power and a strong national defense.

Lieutenant Giegler and 2nd Lt. Janelle Baron, T-38, were named the distinguished graduates of SUPT Class 12-06.

The 52-week pilot training program begins with a six-week preflight phase of academics and physiological training to prepare students for flight. The second

phase, primary training, is conducted in the single-engine, turboprop T-6A Texan II at Columbus AFB, Miss. Students learn aircraft flight characteristics, emergency procedures, takeoff and landing procedures, aerobatics and formation flying. Students also practice night, instrument and cross country navigation flying.

Primary training takes approximately 23 weeks and includes 254.4 hours of ground training, 27.3 hours in the flight simulator and 89 hours in the T-6A aircraft.

After primary training, students select, by order of merit, advanced training in the fighter-bomber or airlift-tanker track.

Both tracks are designed to best train pilots for successful transition to their follow-on aircraft and mission.

Advanced training for the fighter track is done in the T-38C Talon, a tandem-seat, twin-engine supersonic jet. T-38 training emphasizes formation, advanced aerobatics and navigation. Training takes approximately 26 weeks and includes 381 hours of ground training, 31.6 hours in the flight simulator and 118.7 hours in the T-38C aircraft.

The airlift-tanker track uses the T-1A Jayhawk, the military version of a multi-place Beech Jet 400 business jet. Instruction centers on crew coordination and management, instrument training, cross-country flying and simulated refueling and airdrop missions. Training takes about 26 weeks and includes 185 hours of ground training, 43 hours in the flight simulator and 104 hours in the T-1A.

Each class is partnered with several business or civic organizations during their year of training. This program is designed to foster closer ties between the community and Columbus Air Force Base. Today, each student will be given a set of pilot wings with their names engraved on the back as a token of good luck from their partners. SUPT Class 12-06's pilot partners are Brickyard Properties and Possum Town Tavern.



2nd Lt. Nathan Elowe
Nobleboro, Maine
MC-12, Beale AFB, Calif.



2nd Lt. Adam Giegler
San Antonio, Texas
C-21, Peterson AFB, Colo.



2nd Lt. Thomas Gorry
Hickory, N.C.
T-1A, Columbus AFB, Miss.



2nd Lt. Bryan Johnson
Atlanta, Ga.
C-17, McChord AFB, Wash.



2nd Lt. Brett King
Warren, Pa.
C-17, Charleston AFB, S.C.



2nd Lt. John Lockwood
Houston, Texas
KC-135, Kadana AB, Japan



2nd Lt. David Miller
Anaheim, Calif.
C-17, McChord AFB, Wash.



2nd Lt. Nathan Moeller
Charleston, S.C.
RC-135, Offutt AFB, Neb.



2nd Lt. Daniel Montplaisir
Madan, N.D.
T-6A, Columbus AFB, Miss.



2nd Lt. Michael Roseburg
Moses Lake, Wash.
KC-135, Fairchild AFB, Wash.



2nd Lt. Shannon Ryan
Kingwood, Texas
KC-10, MacDill AFB, Fla.



2nd Lt. Joshua Slocum
Burnt Hills, N.Y.
C-17, Charleston AFB, S.C.



2nd Lt. Eric Straub
Phoenix, Ariz.
F-15E, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.



2nd Lt. Nathanael Thalhofer
Vashon Island, Wash.
DO-328, Cannon AFB, N.M.



2nd Lt. James Tomlin
Tyrone, Ga.
KC-10, Travis AFB, Calif.



2nd Lt. Christine Zoerlein
St. Charles, Ill.
C-17, Allen C. Thompson Field ANGB, Miss.