

“Produce Pilots, Advance Airmen, Feed the Fight”

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## Weather



**Today**

High: 81, Low: 53  
Scattered T-storms



**Saturday**

High: 78, Low: 51  
Mostly Sunny



**Sunday**

High: 79, Low: 52  
Partly Cloudy



**Monday**

High: 82, Low: 53  
Sunny

## News Briefs

### AFAF Campaign

The 2012 Air Force Assistance Fund campaign will run from March 26 to May 4. POC's are as follows: 14th Operations Group: 1st Lt. Ryan Sullivan and Staff Sgt. Donald Underwood. 14th Mission Support Group: 2nd Lt. Nicholas Charney . 14th Medical Group: Maj. Charles Malone and Staff Sgt. Danielle Lytle. 14th Wing Staff Agencies: Capt. David Bervig and Tech Sgt. Shane Seelnacht.

### Sports Banquet

The annual sports awards celebration is set for Mon., Mar. 26, 6 p.m., at Whispering Pines Golf Course. 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.

### ALS Graduation

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

## Inside



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The Green Knights are highlighted in this week's feature.

## 10th AF Commander speaks at 12-06 Graduation

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

The Commander, 10th Air Force, Naval Air Station Fort Worth Joint Reserve Base, Texas, spoke at the Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 12-06 graduation at the Kaye Auditorium.

Brig. Gen. William “Blaze” Binger spoke on the importance of the Air Force Reserves to both the pilot training mission and the overall Air Force, but not before taking a moment to fall off script and share a laugh about out how quickly the base had accepted his call-sign.

“I am very impressed with what I’ve seen here in my very first trip to Columbus Air Force Base,” said Binger. “Showing up with Team BLAZE written all over everything and mentioned everywhere... I don’t know why I haven’t been stationed here before!”

Columbus Air Force Base’s own 43rd Flying Training Squadron fell under the 10th Air Force until last October during a restructuring of three numbered Air Forces. Binger did speak of his experience as the 10th AF Commander when the 43rd fell under his purview, and how the reserve component of the pilot training mission is important.

“The 43rd (FTS), the 100 or so instructor pilots we have here, contribute daily to all of these flying operations. We have reserve instructor pilots that, who some of them have been here for quite a while. So as that first assignment IP, that FAIP does his 2 or 3 year

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U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Chase Hedrick  
Brig. Gen. William Binger, Commander, 10th Air Force, Naval Air Station Fort Worth Joint Reserve Base speaks during the graduation of Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 12-06 Mar. 16 at Kaye Auditorium. Binger spoke about how the Air Force Reserve contributes to the Air Force Mission and the importance of retaining experience.

## 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)	1.86 days	0.19 days	Apr. 2	48th (12-07)	0.73 days	3.18 days	Apr. 6	49th (12-FB)	2.52 days	-1.88 days	Apr. 2	T-6	2,135	2,155	14,307
41st (13-01)	3.84 days	2.48 days	Apr. 23	50th (12-07)	-2.48 days	-2.74 days	Apr. 6					T-1	714	662	4,639
												T-38	826	747	5,284
												IFF	196	225	1,458

The graduation speaker is Brig. Gen. McMullen, Commander, 325th Fighter Wing, Tyndall, AFB, Fla.

## BLAZE 5/6 hosts Dorm Dinner



U.S. Air Force Photo/Airman 1st Class Charles Dickens  
Staff Sgt. Leona Kendrick, 14th Flying Training Wing Judge Advocate, serves food to Airman Robert Woods, 14th Medical Operations Squadron, during a Dorm Dinner Mar. 15 at the Chapel Annex. The Italian-themed Dorm Dinner was hosted by the BLAZE 5/6 and had dishes such as spaghetti, lasagna and more.

## GRADUATION

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gig and leaves, then you have experienced pilots come in and do their 2 or 3 year gig and leave. You're left with a core of people, 100 or so that have longevity, they have thousands of hours of instructor time in a particular airframe," he said. "We can add a lot of continuity to the operations."

Each of the components of the total force has their strengths and weaknesses said Binger. However he noted that one of the greatest strengths of the National Guard and Reserves is retaining valuable years of experience.

"My adage is: How long does it take to make a 10 year crew chief? It takes 10 years," he said. "You can't just do that overnight. So capturing experience and having the right balance is very important."

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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat/Sun
26 Night Flying Week Sports Banquet, 6 p.m. @ Club Spring Pilgrimage Begins AFAF Campaign Begins	27 Newcomers Orientation, 8 a.m. @ AFRC	28	29 Women's History Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. @ Club	30 Caring for People Forum, 8 a.m. Class 12-15 Track Select, 9 a.m. @ Philips Auditorium	31/1 Spring Fling, 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. @ Track (31st)
2 IFF Graduation, 4:49 p.m. @ 49th	3	4 Women's Health Fair	5 AFRC/CC Visit	6 Class 12-07 Graduation, 10 a.m. @ Kaye	7/8

### Long Range Events

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

# So you got a ticket, what now?

**Staff Sgt. Nicole Harris**  
14th Security Forces Squadron

Did you know that you can rebut the ticket you just received?

First, you'll need to inform your first sergeant or commander within 24 hours or the next duty day that you received a ticket. For civilian employees, you'll need to inform your supervisor. Spouses and personnel that are sponsored onto the installation must inform their military sponsor, who will then inform their First Sergeant or Commander. Retirees are excused from this reporting requirement and will be given a memorandum explaining the rebuttal process.

The next step is to come to the Security Forces Squadron, building 208 and ask to speak to a Reports and Analysis staff member. You can also call their office at 434-7214. The Reports and Analysis staff will walk you through the rebuttal process which is the sole means of ticket redress. Please don't delay, as you only have five duty days to rebut your ticket.

Finally, 14th Mission Support Group Commander as the base magistrate will then review and issue a decision on your rebuttal package. Afterwards, Reports and Analysis will contact you to inform you of the magistrate's decision on your rebuttal package.

If you require more information on the ticketing process please contact our Reports and Analysis staff at 434-7214, and remember to drive safely!

## 14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, 54 TEAM BLAZE members are deployed worldwide. Remember to support the Airmen and their families while they are away.



## WHM Events



Thank you to those who participated in the Women's History Month Shamrock Walk-a-thon March 17! The next Women's History Month event will be the Women's History Luncheon at the Columbus Club March 29 at 11:30 a.m. For tickets contact your group POC: WSA: Master Sgt. Alexis Reid, 434-7032. MSG: Master Sgt. Patricia Hairston, 434-2073. MDG: Airman 1st Class Suzcely Gravino, 434-3430. OG: Tech Sgt. Bethany Shillcox, 434-2019.

# Women's Health and Screening Fair

### 14th Medical Group

The 14th Medical Group Koritz Clinic will be hosting a Women's Health and Screening Fair on Wednesday, April 4, 2012 from 8 a.m. to noon. We will be offering a wealth of health and wellness information. There will be health exhibits with free giveaways. Additionally, for our enrolled beneficiaries, we will be offering a variety of health

screenings to include the following:

- Cholesterol screenings (do not eat or drink other than water after midnight)
- Blood pressure checks
- \* Eye exams. No contact lens exams (call 434-2273 to schedule)\*
- \* Well Woman/Pap exams (call 434-2273 to schedule)\*

\*Scheduling appointments are encouraged. However, walk-ins

are also offered if space is available.

For anyone with base access: From 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. there will be a question and answer panel. This is an open discussion forum allowing participants to ask health-related questions. Topics may include:

- Birth control
- Cervical cancer
- HPV
- Nutrition/Exercise

- Sexual dysfunction
- Sexual abuse
- Relationships
- Menopause

All women are encouraged to be empowered and take an active role in their health. Join us for a morning of health promotion, disease prevention, and information sharing. For additional questions about this event, please contact Maj. Fara Buss at 434-2961.

## 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.

## AETC announces top Operation Squadrons of 2011

Congratulations to the 48th Flying Training Squadron and the 49th Fighter Training Squadron on their recent awards!  
**2011 AETC Top Operations Squadron (Flying Training):**  
 48th Flying Training Squadron, Columbus AFB, Mississippi  
**2011 AETC Top Operations Squadron (Fighter):** 49th Fighter Training Squadron, Columbus AFB, Mississippi

## CAFB to hold Caring for People Forum

**Dr. Ellen Edmonds**  
 14th Medical Operations Squadron

As part of an Air Force initiative, Columbus Air Force Base will hold a Caring for People Forum March 30 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Caring for People Forum is designed to help Airmen, dependents, civilians, contractors and retirees raise issues to their base leadership or higher in the hope of resolving them. If someone has an issue or concern about Air Force life or policy, the forum provides an opportunity to offer suggestions for improvement.

The goal of the forum is to improve the lives of Airmen and their families by identifying possible service gaps at Columbus AFB or Air Force wide. Forum participants will take part in dis-

cussion groups organized around specific topics to identify top concerns and brainstorm solutions. At the end of the forum, Wing leadership will hear the recommendations developed by the community members.

This year's forum will include discussion groups on the topics of Single Airman Support, Deployment Support, Family Support, Health and Wellness Support and Housing Support. While these topics are specific, the discussion that will take place in each group will be guided by the issues and ideas brought by group members rather than being dictated by the group facilitator. Any issue is fair game.

Those interested in taking part in the forum should contact Dr. Ellen Edmonds at 434-2054. Deadline to sign up for the forum is Monday, March 26.

### Visit us online!

Web page:  
[www.columbus.af.mil](http://www.columbus.af.mil)

Facebook:  
[www.facebook.com/ColumbusAFB](http://www.facebook.com/ColumbusAFB)

Twitter:  
[www.twitter.com/Columbus\\_AFB](http://www.twitter.com/Columbus_AFB)

## CSC holds Crystal and Silver Bingo



U.S. Air Force Photo/Airman 1st Class Charles Dickens  
**Melissa Preston wins the first round of bingo during the Columbus Spouse's Club's Crystal and Silver Bingo event March 20 at the Columbus Club. The prizes from this event were different types of crystal and silver items including bowls and glasses.**

## Electronics recycling and local cleanup project this weekend

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

**E-Cycle:** Friday, March 23 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. there will be an "e-cycle" held at the Hitching Lot Farmer's market. You can bring old electronics to be recycled. Ecovery charges recycling fees for TVs (\$10) and computer monitors (\$5) due to high content of hazardous waste. No charge on other items.

**Items include:** Computers and laptops, TV's copiers, printers, fax machines, scanners, stereo equipment, keyboards, mice or other peripherals, VCR/DVD players, phone systems, cell phones, cameras, wireless devices, microwaves, communication cables, medical electronics, servers, typewriters, CD and tape players, electronic games, word processors, modems, pagers and PDA's, radios, camcorders, answering machines. No white goods

allowed (refrigerators, freezers, stoves, washers, dryers, etc.)

**Annual Community Cleanup:** Saturday, March 24 from 9 a.m. to noon. Volunteers can meet at Hitching Lot's farmer's market and choose to help either clean up the streets in the city and county or help paint at the Magnolia Bowl.

Volunteers are also needed. Email [christen@neonfrog.com](mailto:christen@neonfrog.com) to volunteer or for more info.

# Healthy eating on-the-go

**Staff Sgt. Tranquavious Mason**  
14th Medical Operations Squadron

As the rhythm of life plays ever faster, it can become more challenging to maintain good eating habits. For those of us who can't find time to slow down, eating healthy on a busy day can be painful. Does it really have to be? By planning ahead, you can incorporate healthy foods in a fast-paced lifestyle without missing a beat!

Breakfast and lunch are the most often skipped meals. Remember, just because you've started your day doesn't mean that your body is ready to go. Your body needs good nutrition to function efficiently, just as a vehicle requires the proper fuel. If finding time for breakfast is your Achilles heel, stock your kitchen with portable food options. Cereal bars and fresh fruits, such as apples and bananas, are nutritious but will not slow you down.

Planning ahead can also increase the availability of healthier food choices for lunch. If preparing your lunch the night before is a chore, healthy frozen meal choices abound. With so many options, it's easy to find a Lean Cuisine or Healthy Choice meal you enjoy. (Average is 250 cal) When accompanied by fruits and other low calorie snacks, these

healthy meals can satisfy larger appetites. By bringing your lunch instead of eating out, you may also serve as a subtle role model for your co-workers.

Many people eat "junk food" because it's convenient, but they'll often choose healthier options if made available. Here are a few more healthy tips to help you eat right on the run!

- Try taking along bottled water and healthy snacks such as: Apples, bananas, grapes, berries, figs, prunes, dates, apricots, raisins. You can also bag up baby carrots, grape or cherry tomatoes, sugar snap peas, and crisp cucumber slices.

- Make it a habit to keep a stash of healthy snacks at work. This will make you less likely to hit the vending machine for a less-than-healthy snack. If you must grab a vending machine snack, here are examples of healthier choices: Balance Bar 200 cal vs. Snickers Bar 271 cal, animal crackers 254 cal vs. honey bun 470 cal, or Orville Light Microwave Popcorn 100 cal vs. Ruffles Original 140 cal.

- Don't skip meals! Regular eating can help you feel full and avoid overeating later.

- When choosing to eat out, remember portion control is vital. It doesn't have to be "supersized" to give you a full feeling. Try ordering high-fiber items, and you will find this also satisfies your appetite.

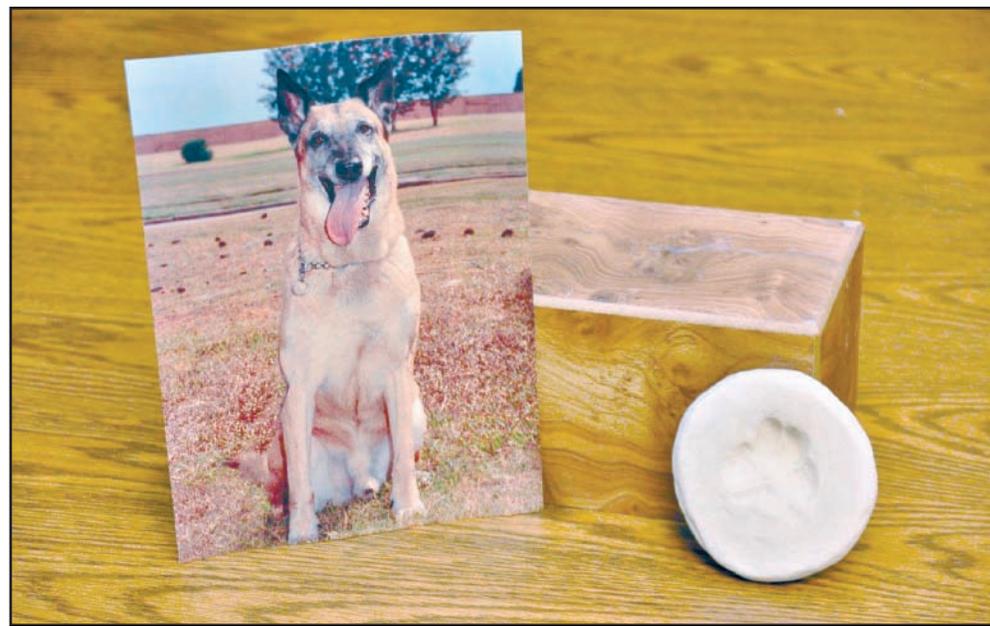
## Trail BLAZE'r

**Name/unit:** Staff Sgt. Mario Montoya  
**Unit:** 14th Medical Support Squadron  
**Job title:** NCOIC Medical Readiness  
**Time at Columbus AFB:** One year, 10 months  
**Time in Service:** Ten years  
**Hometown:** Leon, Mexico  
**Career goals:** To become A+ and Security certified before I retire  
**Family members:** Yuuki Montoya  
**Favorite musician:** The Cranberries  
**Favorite movie:** Man on Fire  
**Biggest pet peeve:** Lying  
**Favorite book:** "Marley and Me" by John



U.S. Air Force Photo/Airman 1st Class Charles Dickens  
**Staff Sgt. Mario Montoya, 14th Medical Support Squadron, reviews a deployment folder with Senior Airman Morgan Good, 14th Medical Operations Squadron. Montoya was chosen as the TrailBLAZE'r from March 18-24.**

**Grogan**  
**Inspirations:** My Dad, for teaching me to always do my best on everything I do.  
**Personal motto:** Family always comes first.



U.S. Air Force photo/Charles Dickens  
**A picture of military working dog Arko, along with his ashes and a paw-print rest at the Columbus Air Force Base kennels. MWD Arko E009 had been assigned to Columbus AFB since 2005 and completed seven deployments to the Middle East.**

## CAFB MWD passes away

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

"MWD Arko E009," better known as just Arko by those who knew him, passed away this month. Arko was suffering from cancer.

"Very handler protective and a good body-guard," said Tech Sgt. Thomas Blandino, 14th Security Forces Squadron Kennel Master. "His overall demeanor once you became friendly with him showed he was an awesome dog."

The Belgian Malinois was born in September 1999, and accepted as a military working dog in September 2001.

After completing his training, he was

assigned to Columbus Air Force Base, Miss. in 2005, where he has served since. Here at home, he helped conduct 12 presidential sweeps and responded to more than seven bomb threats, helping to make the local area a safer place to be.

Throughout his seven years at Columbus, he has been deployed seven times to locations across the Middle East to include Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Afghanistan. Throughout his combat deployments he found over 2,700 rounds of ammunition, over 2,000 feet of detonation cord, and over 600 lbs of explosives in many forms including mines and mortars.

A private memorial service will be held in the coming weeks.

## 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.



# Followership ... The Other Art of Leadership

Lt. Col. David Short  
51st Maintenance Squadron  
commander

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea — Whether you are just starting out your career or have been in the Air Force for more than 20 years, we are all exposed to leadership and what makes a great or poor leader. We learn a lot about leadership through professional military education, reading and observation. But one area where we lack a fundamental focus is the area of leadership called followership.

Followership can be defined as, “the practice of doing what other people suggest, rather than taking the lead.” You will rarely find books that discuss followership in depth. This topic is more of a chapter set aside in leadership books or short articles. But the lack of books on the topic should not prevent us from learning to be great followers. During my brief time in the Air Force, I have concluded that how we are as followers will define how we are as leaders.

I offer a few things to consider about followership that will serve you well as you practice leadership.

**1. Carpe Diem (seize the day/moment)** — Even though in the true translation, carpe diem means to “seize the day,” this saying has morphed into “seize the moment.” The “moment” is the time or place that a leader is looking for someone to pick up a tasking or idea and step up to provide solutions or resolution to a challenge that is facing that leader or organization. When we step up and volunteer to take on that challenge, we show that we are not afraid of taking risk, and our intent is to improve or overcome whatever obstacle might be in the way. Organizations, whether military or civilian, cannot continue to grow or evolve unless someone is willing to step up and take some risks. Keep in mind, there is a fine line at times between taking initiative for mission accomplishment and being a loose cannon.

**2. Truthful decisions and solid recommendations** — As we progress and develop as leaders, we in turn move up the organizational structure. Unfortunately, as this happens, leaders

have less time to get into the details of what is going on and will rely on followers to figure out those details and provide solid recommendations. It is the follower who bears the responsibility to get into the details and to find the truth. Once we determine what the task is and what we believe the results should be, we are normally asked by our leadership to provide recommendations. Most of the time, this is where a solid follower will succeed. A majority of leaders like to have options. Most of the time they are presented with more than one, but there are times when there is truly only one option. Whatever recommendation you approach your boss with, just remember that chances are you will be responsible for some, if not all, of the implementation once the decision is made. So you need to remember, do I have all the facts I can possibly gather, and can I provide a solid recommendation that will solve the problem and make the organization better?

**3. Be a problem solver** — General George C. Marshall stated, “There is no limit to the amount of good that people can do if they do not care who gets the credit.” Being in the military, most of us are striving for something better or greater than ourselves. I believe that a vast majority of people do not wake up in the morning hoping to fail or create problems. All too often when a bad situation is developing, human nature dictates that we will fade into the background or shake our heads and say, “That is not my problem.” Even though a problem may not be directly yours, you can engage and help solve the problem. There will be times when helping find a resolution will take time away from other things you could be doing, but I guarantee it will be noticed, and you will be rewarded in ways you never imagined. Just remember to do your job professionally and confidently, and trust that your fellow Airmen will do the same. If you come across a problem, take care of it. We are in this together.

Whatever your rank and responsibilities may be, you are a follower who is developing into a leader. It is never too late to become a better follower, because tomorrow you will be a better leader.

# Women’s History Month highlights education

Tech. Sgt. Farah Martinez  
340th Fighter Training Group/  
Financial Management

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, Texas — From the very beginning of your enlisted military career, you are bombarded with training. First there is basic military training, then technical training, followed by career development courses and on-the-job training. Additionally, as soon as you complete your CDCs, there is a strong push to complete a Community College of the Air Force degree.

There have always been earmarks and goals set for education and training in order to achieve career progression, but why? Is it just to create another box that needs to be filled? There are also state programs depending on which state you claim as your place of legal residency such as The Hazelwood Act here in Texas. There are no limits to what women can accomplish in the military. The percentage of women in the U.S. military has gone from 1.6 percent in 1973 to 14.6 percent as of September 2011. 1990 marked the 10th year women have graduated from the military academies of the Army, Navy and Air Force. A woman even graduated at the top of her class in the Air Force Academy in 1986. In 2008, the armed forces promoted its first female four-star general, Gen. Ann E. Dunwoody. In 2011, Maj. Gen. Margaret Woodward was the first female commander to lead a U.S. military campaign in Libya.

I will conclude this commentary with a quote by Marian Wright Edelman, an American children’s rights activist, “Education is for improving the lives of others and for leaving your community and world better than you found it.”

In my unit alone, the women around me hold CCAF degrees, bachelor of science degrees in mathematics and MBAs, and others are pursuing degrees in business administration, human resources, information technology and aeronautical science, to name a few. It was really inspiring

when I started finding out what everyone’s educational goals were.

A good education is essential for your career both in and out of uniform, so take advantage of the education benefits you’ve earned. While serving, members can take advantage of \$4,500 a year in tuition assistance.

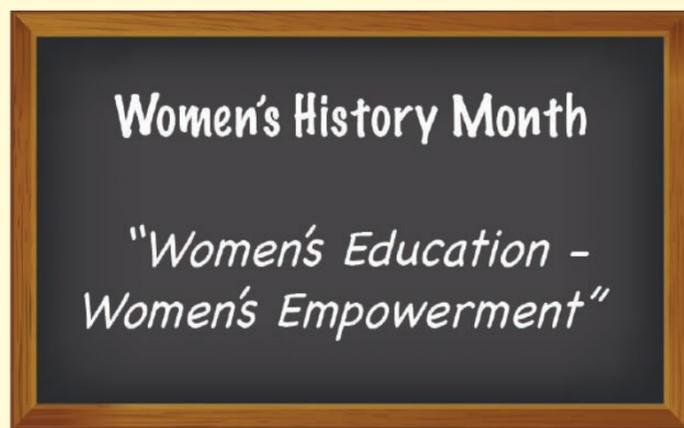
There is also the GI Bill, which is a big part of our education benefits. The GI Bill includes the Post-9/11 GI Bill, The Montgomery GI Bill for Active Duty and Veterans and Montgomery GI Bill for Selected Reserves. There are also many other programs such as the Reserve Education Assistance Program and Spouse and Dependents Education Assistance.

More and more schools are also taking advantage of the Yellow Ribbon Program.

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## 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 10:30. 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/Pages/Hub.asp>.

## Airman and Family Readiness Center

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

### 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.

tion 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.

## 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)

### Protestant Holy Week Schedule

April 1 – Palm Sunday Service w/Passion Play, 10:45 a.m.  
April 6 – Tenebrae (Good Friday) Service, 5:30 p.m.  
April 8 – Sunrise Service, 6 a.m. in grassy area outside the Chapel Annex  
April 8 – Easter Service, 10:45 a.m.

### Spring Retreat

The Protestant Parish invites singles and families to attend its annual Spring retreat at Lake Forest Ranch near Macon, Miss., April 20-22. This unforgettable weekend retreat includes cabin, meals, breakout sessions,

### 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.

### 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.

horseback riding, rock climbing, zip-line, hayride, s’mores at a campfire, and other activities — all for \$25 for singles and \$50 for families! A worship service is scheduled for Sunday morning. To register, please bring cash or check to the Base Chapel by April 15. Please contact the Base Chapel at 434-2500 for more information.

### MarriageCare Retreat

The Air Force Times released a report on Dec.31, 2011 indicating that the divorce rate among airmen today is almost 64 percent higher than in 2001, and is the highest in the military. The new data has gained the interest of leaders across the Air Force. The Air Force Chaplain Corps’ response to this marriage crisis is MarriageCare. MarriageCare is a marriage enhancement program that is based on the traditional marriage vows, where couples are given the opportunity to reflect on their vows and are reminded to remain committed to them.

Your Base Chapel has made it possible for you and your spouse to attend an unforgettable free MarriageCare retreat to enhance your marriage. The next retreat takes place at the luxurious Madison Hotel in downtown Memphis, TN on April 13-15. The Madison Hotel in Memphis is a AAA Four Diamond Award winner, a Conde’ Nast Top 75 U.S. Hotel, and a Travel Leisure Top 500 World Hotel. You simply do not want to miss this unbelievable opportunity to enrich your marriage.

This free retreat covers hotel room, all meals, and standard services and amenities. Couples who attended the MarriageCare retreat in August 2011 are not eligible for this retreat. This weekend retreat is designed for couples only. Couples must provide their own transportation. This one-of-a-kind opportunity is open to active duty, National Guard, and Reserve airmen and their spouses. To register or for more information, please contact the Base Chapel at 434-2500. Space is limited.

# Base families offered a variety of activities

## Easter Bunny Coming to CAFB!

Youth Program's annual Spring Fling and Egg Hunt is set for Sat., Mar. 31 at Freedom Park, 9 – 11:30 a.m. This year's carnival-style Spring Fling will feature games, food, music and many other fun-filled, family events to enjoy. Registration will be 9 – 9:30 a.m. Children's egg hunts are scheduled as follows: ages 0-2 and 3-4, Field 1, 10 a.m.; ages 5-7, Field 2, 10:30 a.m.; ages 8-10, playground structure, 11 a.m.; and ages 11 and up, area near batting cages, 11:15 a.m. This year's event is sponsored in part by Hunt-Columbus Military Housing and Triangle Federal Credit Union. No federal endorsement intended. Call 434-2504 for more information.

## Batter UP!

Register your youth for T-ball, baseball and girls softball now through Apr. 13. The cost is \$35 for ages 3-4 and \$40 for ages 5-10. All games will be played on base. Volunteer coaches are needed to make this a successful season. For more information, contact Youth programs at 434-2504.

## Seeking Summer Camp Instructors

What's your talent? We want you to share with Columbus AFB youth this summer. Youth Programs is looking for instructors for three- to five-day camp sessions in art, dance, fishing, skating, cooking, basketball, golf, tennis, cheer, fitness, archery, science, baseball...the sky's the limit! Interested parties should contact Mr. Kayline Hamilton at 434-2504 by Mar. 30.

## Check Out These 7-day Cruises

Columbus AFB Information Tickets and Travel is booking these four affordable cruises making up the 2012 Air Force-wide Cruises. Head it northwest to Alaska from Seattle on Aug. 23 and visit Ketchikan, Tracy Arm, Juneau, Skagway and the Inside Passage. Deposits are due Apr. 19 with final payments due June 3. The ship leaves Boston Sept. 7 for King's Wharf, Bermuda, with deposits due May 10 and final payments due June 24. Cruise northeast from Boston Sept. 23 and head to Canada and Maine for a week (Halifax, NS, Bar Harbor and Portland, Me.) with deposits due May 26 and final payments due July 10. Or chill in the Caribbean with stops in Cococay, Bahamas, Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas and Philipsburg, St. Martin. The Caribbean cruise leaves Port Canaveral, FL, Sept. 23, and deposits must be paid by May 26 with final payments due July 10. For more information on pricing and availability, call ITT at 434-2505 or 7861.

## Swing into Spring

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.

## Families Invited to Tales from the Crypt

Youth Programs is providing a bus trip to the 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 depicting the rich community heritage. Register for transportation by Mar. 27. Cost for show tickets is \$4

**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

for adults and \$2 for students, K – 12. For more information, call the Youth Center at 434-2504.

## 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!

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

## 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 cer-

tified 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 and 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](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.

# Air Force changes name of MC-130J

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Air Force Special Operations  
Command Public Affairs

HURLBURT FIELD, Fla. — Officials announced a popular name change for the MC130J here March 9 that honors the Air Commando legacy and capitalizes on the versatility of the aircraft.

"Air Force Special Operation Command MC-130Js will be equipped to fly various missions and will be called Commando II," said Lt. Gen. Eric Fiel, the AFSOC commander, in the memorandum requesting the change. "This name best reflects the multi-mission role of the aircraft and the units that will fly them."

The Commando II flies low-visibility, low-level air refueling missions for special operations helicopters and tilt-rotor aircraft, and infiltration, exfiltration and resupply of special operations forces by airdrop or airland, intruding politically sensitive or hostile territories, according to the official Air Force factsheet.

The aircraft's popular name previously was Combat Shadow II. Alternate names considered included Combat Knife and Combat Arrow. A popular name, according to the joint service Air Force Instruction 16-401(I), "characterize aerospace vehicle missions and aid communications and media references."

In addition to reflecting the current missions of AFSOC, the name

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The process for requesting the popular name change began in September 2011, said Don Purvis, an AFSOC logistics management specialist. The memorandum from the AFSOC commander was sent to the asset identification flight at Air Force Material Command headquarters. From that point, a review was conducted by several agencies, including the Air Force Judge Advocate General and Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs.

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change honors the legacy of the C-46, the original Commando. According to the AFSOC commander's memorandum, the new name "embodies the broader lineage of special operations force aircraft."

The C-46 was used extensively during the Cold War and Korean War by various government agencies, said Herb Mason, the AFSOC historian. It doubled the payload

and range of the C-47, which it replaced.

Just like its descendent, the original Commando performed a variety of missions. The C-46 was most famous for its operations in the Far East. The Commando was a workhorse in 'flying the hump' over the Himalayan Mountains, transporting desperately needed supplies from bases in India and Burma to troops

in China. A variety of transports had been employed in the effort, but only the C-46 was able to handle the adverse conditions, according to an executive staff summary sheet for the popular name change request.

Commando II replaces the aging special operations forces fleet of 37 MC-130E and P tankers. The first aircraft arrived at Cannon Air Force Base, N.M., Sept. 29, 2011.

# Air Force officials: Check Professional Development Guide for errors

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, Texas — Air Force officials announced today that some copies of the printed versions of the 2011 Professional Development Guide will need to be returned to unit Weighted Airman Promotion System monitors, as the documents may have a number of errors.

"Airmen and supervisors of Airmen using this version of the Professional Development Guide need to be involved in this process to ensure everyone has proper study materials," said Chief Master Sgt. Jim Cody, the Air Education and Training Command command chief.

Cody added that the electronic copy of the document does not have errors; however, some printed versions may have the following problems:

- Missing pages 222-255, with duplicate sections starting on page 191
- Missing pages 255-286
- Missing pages from 350 to 382, with duplicate pages 319 to 350.

The errors listed above are only found in select copies of the printed versions and people who have one of these versions should return it to their unit WAPS monitor to request a replacement.

At least 750 PDGs contain errors, so Airmen should review their copy of the PDG to make sure it does not contain any of the errors.

Air Force promotion testing policy does not require Airmen to have a printed PDG prior to promotion testing

as long as examinees have access to the reference material. The electronic version of the PDG is immediately available and ensures everyone has access to the correct information.

The PDG can be downloaded via <http://www.e-publishing.af.mil/>; however, printed PDGs cannot be ordered through the e-publishing website, but must be obtained through unit orderly rooms. Electronic reference materials are also available (including mp3 audio files, interactive exercises and e-Reader files) to assist Airmen with preparing for promotion testing at <http://pdg.af.edu>.

(Courtesy of Air Education and Training Command Public Affairs.)



Courtesy photo  
Members of the Green Knights ride together at least once a month, some once a week. Preferring scenic routes with good places to eat, rides may be as short as a couple hours, or as long as an overnight stay.

# Green Knights, Wingmen on Wheels

The Green Knights Military Motorcycle Club is an international independent organization that works to bring together DoD and base personnel to form a safe and open motorcycle riding community. By partnering with the Wing Safety Office and Security Forces they work to help riders retain their rights and still follow the regulations set forth by the Federal, State, and local base regulations.

The Green Knights Military Motorcycle Club Chapter 6 here at Columbus Air Force Base is an active community made up of 55 individuals who participate in patriot guard rides, wounded warrior fund rides and focus very heavily on safety mentorship. With a well over 150 years of experience, they welcome any rider from the base, new or old, to join them.

They organize a ride once a month, preferring scenic rides with a good place to eat.

“One of my favorite rides with the knights is the Shilo



Battlefield,” said Alan Cardeenas, president of GKMMC Chapter 6 “Steeped with history, military history, that’s one of my favorites.”

### Interested in joining or learning more?

The easiest way to find out about the Green Knights and membership would be to contact one of the officers who in turn will inform you of meeting times. Or you can look them up on the Facebook page “Chapter 6 AFB Green Knights” which is constantly updated with meetings and ride information.

#### Officers:

Al Cardenas, President – 434-2558

Mike Whipp, Vice President – 434-2747

RJ Childers, Secretary/Treasurer - 434-2586

Sid Sunny, Sgt at Arms – 434-2594



U.S. Air Force photo/Sonic Johnson  
Lt. Col. Lee Gentile, 14th Flying Training Wing Chief of Wing Safety, thanks members of the Green Knights Military Motorcycle Club Chapter 6 on the flightline on March 14 after filming an upcoming motorcycle safety video.



*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 Dispatch, 328-2424.*

## Homes

**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.

## Miscellaneous

**For sale:** Solid cherry-wood round coffee table, \$25. Electric weed-eater, \$15. Call (302) 359-1754.

**For sale:** HP Desktop Computer, \$100. Includes 17" flat-screen monitor, mouse, keyboard, all essential cables, Windows XP, a DVD writer, built-in card reader slots, 345 Intel Celeron D Processor, 512MB SDRAM memory and a 160GB Hard Drive. Call (302) 359-1754.

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

**For sale:** Mud Pie blue cheetah-print bag and cosmetic case, \$25; Albany bag from 31, black

with red scarf, \$40; Albany bag from 31, taupe, \$30; Life is Good book bag, peach, \$15; Southern Living at Home nylon shopping bags (set of 3), \$12; red paisley shopping bag, \$5; red leather purse, \$10; Ed Hardy bag, \$5. All items are new. Call 549-1381.

**For sale:** New Xbox 360 with Kinect and remote control, three video games (Dance Central 2, Black Eyed Peas dance game and adventures game that came with the Xbox). \$350. Please call (210) 683-9424.

**For sale:** Unopened black Apple Ipad 2, 64gb, wi-fi. Comes with a grey neoprene sleeve and stand. \$600.00. Call 640-8516.

**For sale:** New bug deflector for 2004 Ford F-150. \$35. Call 640-8516.

**For sale:** 2008 Craftsman lawn tractor. 21hp, 42" cut range, new battery, garage kept, great condition. \$700. Call 574-6172.

**For sale:** Assorted .50 cal muzzleloader accessories. Powder, caps, balls, bullets, wads, patches, quick loaders, powder measure, bullet starter, etc. Call 434-8544 for details and specific pricing.

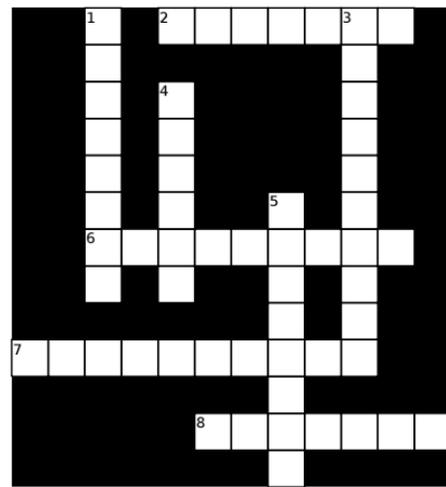
## Wanted

**Wanted:** Treadmill. Please call 328-7902 and leave a message.

## Resiliency

- Across
- The \_\_\_\_\_ concept is part of being there for a fellow Airman.
  - The Chapel is one agency that can help Airmen with this aspect of CAF.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ is being able to recover or grow stronger from a difficult experience.
  - Comprehensive Airmen \_\_\_\_\_.

- Down
- The Health and \_\_\_\_\_ Center can help with the physical aspect of resiliency.
  - A social resource available to Airmen: the Transition \_\_\_\_\_ Program.
  - An agency on base that provides help with mental resiliency: Mental Health \_\_\_\_\_.
  - It's a sign of \_\_\_\_\_ to ask for help.



### Last Week's Answer

### CAFB History

## Transportation

**For sale:** 2008 Dodge Caliber SXT. 92,000 miles, one owner, 29 miles-per-gallon. \$6,000 or best offer. Call (870) 500-2506.

**For sale:** 2006 Honda Shadow Spirit vt750c motorcycle. 2,900 miles, mint condition, saddle bags included, cruise control, 50 miles-per-gallon, new battery. \$3,500 or best offer. Call 436-7750.