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Weather



Today

High: 87, Low: 62
Isolated T-Storms



Saturday

High: 88, Low: 62
Partly Cloudy



Sunday

High: 89, Low: 61
Sunny



Monday

High: 92, Low: 63
Mostly cloudy

News Briefs

APAH Month

May is Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, see page 2 for a list of upcoming events.

Enlisted Promotions

An Enlisted Promotions Ceremony will be held at 4 p.m. April 30 in the Columbus Club.

Market Street Festival

Free and open to the public, the city of Columbus is celebrating its 17th annual Market Street Festival in downtown Columbus May 4 and 5. See page 4 for more information



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Chase Hedrick

Team BLAZE members make their vote on a sexual assault case based on a real event during the second showing of a SARC show by Brett Sokolow, a higher education attorney who specializes in sexual misconduct and campus security in the Kaye Auditorium on April 24. The presentation armed Airmen with tips on how to figure out if a partner can give their consent.

SARC show draws the line

Senior Airman Chase Hedrick
14th Flying Training Wing
Public Affairs

Columbus Air Force Base Airmen gave their verdict on a case of sexual assault during a presentation April 24 at Kaye Auditorium.

The case, based off of an actual event, followed two subjects; Todd and Amy from a party back to the female's resi-

dence, presenting both stories and the facts from the case.

The presentation was given by Brett Sokolow, a higher education attorney who specializes in sexual misconduct and campus security. Throughout the case presentation, the audience asked questions relating to the case and legal terminology as they worked to decide if Todd was guilty or not guilty of Sexual Assault in the second degree.

"I believe he was definitely guilty just because he had plenty of opportunities to leave and he continued to stay and push the limit. What really put it over the top was when he sat there in nothing but his socks waiting for her to wake up," said Senior Airman Ross Crimaldi, 14th Comptroller Squadron Finance Customer Service Technician

In both of the presentations given, the

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SUPT Class 12-08 graduates today at 10 a.m. at the Kaye Auditorium.

COLUMBUS AFB TRAINING TIMELINE

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37th (13-02)	2.81 days	1.85 days	May 14	48th (12-09)	2.56 days	1.97 days	May 18	49th (12-HB)	-0.62 days	-0.90 days	May 18	T-6	2,667	2,574	17,808
41st (13-03)	2.62 days	2.51 days	Jun 6	50th (12-09)	5.02 days	3.42 days	May 31					T-1	891	794	5,701
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												IFF	256	293	1,820

The graduation speaker is Brig. Gen. David K. "Bob" Edmonds formerly Deputy Director for Operations, Operations Team Two, National Military Command Center, the Joint Staff, Washington, D.C.

May 2012: Asian Pacific American Heritage Month

"Striving for Excellence in Leadership, Diversity and Inclusion"

Throughout the month of May, Columbus Air Force Base will celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage Month with several events.

- **May 1-4:** Cultural Expose at the Base Library. The Expose will be moved to the various Groups for display.

- **May 7-11:** Airmen will read to children at the CDC. Their readings will highlight APAH.

- **May 17:** The Columbus Air Force Base Chapel will host the Dorm Dinner; the food will have an Asian Pacific theme. A

knife dance will be performed during the dinner.

- **May 24:** Beginning at 12:30 p.m., the APAH Committee in conjunction with the Golf Course will host a Luau. A golf tournament will follow the Luau and the proceeds will go to the Japanese Earthquake relief.

In addition to all of these great events, the Columbus Club will also have an Asian themed plate lunch every Monday in May. Please come out and show your support for this month's Heritage events.

SARC

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majority of the audience believed Todd to be guilty. However in both cases there were those who disagreed, providing their views on Todd's innocence.

"I would have voted not guilty, based on the definition of second degree Sexual Assault. I agree that Todd made some poor decisions, however I do not believe his actions were those of a predator," said 2nd Lt. Kyle Hodges, 14th Student Squadron. "He acted as an average 20 year old guy with a 19 year old woman coming on to him after a night of drinking and partying. For his entire life to be affected by this outcome is, in my opinion, a shame."

Regardless of each Airman's decision, Sokolow taught audience members tips on how to identify if a partner was able to give their consent. One such tip was based off of short term memory loss due to

a blackout. Sokolow said that if a partner couldn't remember the six questions "who, what, why, when, where and how" they couldn't give their consent.

"Wouldn't you want them to know those things anyways?" said Sokolow. "Who you are, what you're doing, why you're doing it, when you met, where they are and how to do it?"

The event was the capstone of April's Sexual Assault Awareness Month, which consisted of several training events for first responders and senior leaders. Preventing sexual assault however is a 24/7 responsibility.

For those interested in becoming an Air Force Victim Advocate, the next training is scheduled for June 4-8. The 14th Flying Training Wing Sexual Assault Victims Advocate, Daisy Jones, can be reached at 434-1228. To report a sexual assault, call the sexual assault hotline at 364-0822.

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14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, 60 TEAM BLAZE members are deployed worldwide. Remember to support the Airmen and their families while they are away.



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat/Sun
30 Enlisted Promotions, 4 p.m. @ Club	1 Asian Pacific Heritage Month Begins	2 IFF Graduation, 4:49 p.m. @ 49th FTS	3 Columbus Market Street Festival, 7:30 - 11 p.m. @ Downtown Columbus	4 Class 12-09 Assignment Night, 5 p.m. @ Club Columbus Market Street Festival, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. @ Downtown Columbus	5/6 Columbus Market Street Festival, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. @ Downtown Columbus
7 Night Flying Week	8 Newcomer's Orientation, 8 a.m. @ Club Civilian Call, 3 p.m. @ Kaye	9	10	11	12/13 Mother's Day (13th)

Long Range Events

May 14: Class 12-02 Track Select

May 15: CSC Social

May 17: 48th FTS CoC

May 17: CCAF Graduation

May 17: Dorm Dinner

May 18: Class 12-09 Graduation

May 24: Safety Day

May 24: Whispering Pines Golf

Tournament

May 24: Luau

May 25: AETC

Family Day

May 28: Memorial Day

Columbus AFB Top 3 Spotlight

Category: NCO, 14th SFS

Nominee Name, Grade: Staff Sgt. Justin Hall

Unit: 14th Security Forces Squadron

Date: April 20, 2012.

Information:

- Home Town:** Amory, Miss.
- Time in the Air Force:** Five years
- Time at Columbus AFB:** Four years
- Career Short Term Goals:** Obtain CCAF Degree in Criminal Justice, and make technical sergeant the first time testing.
- Career Long Term Goals:** Stay in the Air Force until retiring and continuing off-duty education, including a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice, in the meanwhile.
- Nominated by:** Master Sgt. Timothy Pitt
- Nomination reason:** Staff Sgt. Hall recently returned from a deployment to Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan. During his deployment, Hall was assigned to the Quick Reaction Team as an Advanced Designated Marksman. He conducted more than 90 Outside the Wire missions, he also provided security for several Distinguished Visitors including: President Hamid Karzai of Afghanistan, General Norton Schwartz, U.S. Air Force Chief of Staff, and Army General Ann Dunwoody, Army Material Command Commanding Officer. Hall is an NCO with immeasurable leadership skills who constantly displays outstanding professionalism.



Category: Airman

Nominee Name, Grade: Airman 1st Class Tomas Lavigne

Unit: 14th Medical Support Squadron

Date: April 23, 2012.

Information:

- Home Town:** Melbourne, Fla.
- Time in the Air Force:** One year, nine months
- Time at Columbus AFB:** One year, five months
- Career Short Term Goals:** Be elected into an executive role in the Airman's Advisory Council, to obtain a CCAF degree and to use my experience of playing soccer for the base team to try out for the Air Force team.
- Career Long Term Goals:** Complete education up to Masters Degree. Earn officer commission.
- Nominated by:** Master Sgt. Brian Fisher, 14th MDSS Superintendent
- Nomination reason:** Airman 1st Class Tomas Lavigne is assigned to the 14th MDSS's Medical Logistics Flight. He provides daily logistical support to a \$29 million Medical Treatment Facility and ensures operations for the 14th FTW's SUPT mission, 33 GSUs and sustainment of 234 aircraft worth \$2.32 billion. Lavigne is a member of the 14th Flying Training Wing Honor Guard and an outstanding, professional Airman. He has been recognized by the Air Force Medical Operations Commander, Air Force Academy Commandant, 19th Air Force Command Chief and 14th Medical Group Commander for his tireless efforts and dedication to excellence. Lavigne is indeed an asset to the 14th Flying Training Wing and to the United States Air Force, which is why he was selected as this month's Top 3 Airman to Spotlight!



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.

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 Wing Headquarters building, BLDG. 724, suite 210. Questions and answers may be edited for brevity and style.

Trail BLAZE'r

Name: Airman 1st Class Brandon Michael Thomas
Unit: 14th Security Forces Squadron
Job title: Armorer/Patrolman/Supply Technician
Time at Columbus AFB: One year, three months
Time in Service: One year, ten months
Hometown: Fairbanks, Alaska
Career goals: Get a bachelors degree in Criminal Justice, Become a chief master sergeant
Family members: Don and Michelle Thomas
Favorite musician: Young Jeezy
Favorite movie: Transformers 2
Biggest pet peeve: People being lazy
Favorite book: The Bible
Inspirations: Family and girlfriend
Personal motto: In the end hard work pays off.

Feed the Fight



U.S. Air Force Photo

Maj. Phil Durocher, deployed Instructor Pilot from the 48th Flying Training Squadron stands next to an MC-12 in Afghanistan prior to flying a combat sortie with another pilot who's dad he flew the F-4 with as a Weapon System Officer. Durocher is in Afghanistan flying the MC-12 and is one of nine currently deployed 48th members.

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Columbus holds annual festival

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

Free and open to the public, the city of Columbus is celebrating its 17th annual Market Street Festival in downtown Columbus May 4 and 5.

The Market Street Festival is one of the largest special events held in Mississippi and the largest held in Columbus. The festival flows through 12 city blocks and across the Riverwalk.

"It's definitely a family-friendly event with something for everyone whether it be children's activities during the day to night-time concerts," said Amber Breslin, director of Main Street Columbus.

The festivities for Friday include a concert performance by rock band Lukas Nelson & The Promise of the Real from 7:30 to 9 p.m. followed by funk and soul band Mingo Fishtrap from 9:30 to 11 p.m. Tickets for the performance can be bought at the gate for \$10 or in advance at the Main Street Columbus office.

The events on Saturday begin with a 5k run at 8 a.m. on the Riverwalk. Open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., the festival hosts hundreds of vendors of food, arts and crafts and holds multiple events, activities and musical performances.

"The Market Street Festival is a quality event and has been named a top 20 event of the Southeast for the past 13 consecutive years," said Breslin. "We encourage everyone to attend."

The Market Street Festival will host a 5K run as well as the Possum Town Show and Shine car and motorcycle show, multiple children's inflatables, petting zoo and pony rides, a video game trailer with four televisions and stadium seating and many more activities.

A free festival as large as the Market Street Festival relies on volunteers to thrive and be successful.

"Columbus Air Force Base plays a crucial role in our volunteer staff at the festival as well as participants in the festival," said Breslin.

Columbus Air Force Base will occupy eight demonstration booths to spread safety advice and tips about motorcycle riding and other recreational activities for the upcoming warm seasons.

"If this event is something that people from Columbus Air Force Base have never experienced before, we encourage them to come out and see it all and see what downtown Columbus has to offer," said Breslin.

For any questions or more information please visit <http://www.marketstreetfestival.com/>

Airmen keep drive in clean, green



U.S. Air Force photo/Elizabeth Owens

Team BLAZE members search for trash along Happy Irby Drive on April 23. Twenty-six volunteers from Columbus Air Force Base met to clean the road of trash as part of the Earth Day and Arbor Day events held by the 14th Flying Training Wing.

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 rent: Three bedroom, two bathroom, 1990 square feet, Ridgeland Estates (Caledonia school district) less than six miles from Columbus Air Force Base. Stone fireplace with gas logs, French doors to the back patio, 15-foot vaulted ceiling in sunken living room, master bathroom suite with his and hers vanity sinks, formal dining room, laundry room, two-car garage, gas connection on back patio for a grill, spacious yard, screened room off breakfast area in the kitchen, attic storage over garage and master bedroom. \$1,000 per month rent. 235 Justin Circle. Call 574-9599.

For sale: 1,800 square foot home located on two acres of land in Caledonia. Three bedrooms, two full bathrooms, two-car garage, walk-in closets, tile and hardwood throughout, large laundry room, and newly painted

neutral colors. Storage shed will stay. Four minutes from Caledonia schools and less than 10 minutes from Columbus Air Force Base. \$179,900. Call 574-2452 for more information.

For sale: Spacious four bedroom, two and a half bath home located at the end of a cul-de-sac in the Lakeover subdivision in New Hope. Huge lot with \$10,000 worth of landscaping, 8.5 foot deep in-ground pool with slide and diving board, large bedrooms, great closets and tons of storage! Half bath located in bonus room off of two car garage, wired 15 x 30 foot storage shed/green house. Approximately two minutes from Lake Lowndes State Park/lake/horse trails, four minutes from New Hope schools and 20 minutes from CAFB. Lovely and crime free neighborhood for family! PCSing and priced at bare minimum to sell at \$168,000 firm. Willing to assist with your closing costs. Furniture and yard equipment

are negotiable. Call 251-3776 for more information.

For rent: Three bedroom, two bathroom, 10 minutes from Columbus Air Force Base near the hospital, newly remodeled with new bedroom carpet, patio area, large fenced-in back yard. Washer, dryer, fridge and all other major appliances included. \$799 per month. 408 24th Ave N, Columbus. Call 435-3120.

Miscellaneous

Free: Fence with gate, on base. Dig it up and remove it and it's yours. Call 352-3976.

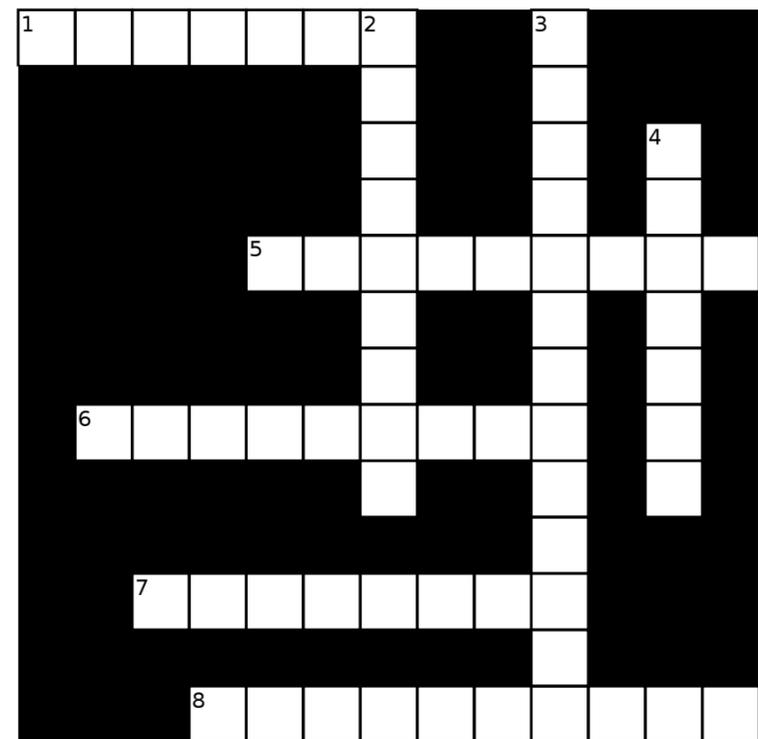
For sale: Large Hooker entertainment center, caramel color with burlped facade. Paid \$2,000, asking \$500. Call 570-1856.

For sale: Body by Jake weight bench, Olympic bar and 85 pounds of plate weights. Good shape. \$50 or best

Yard Sales

Garage sale: April 28 from 6 to 10 a.m. Three-family sale, baby items, toddler girl and boy clothes, toys, bedroom furniture, yard equipment, tools, men's and women's clothing items, home decorating items, etc. Located in the Lakeover subdivision in New Hope, 87 Brandys Place.

Sexual Assault



- 1 Across
SAPRO is responsible for the oversight of the DoD's sexual policy
- 2 Down
SAPRO is aimed at improving and support of victims
- 3 The fear of _____ is one of the top reasons many sexual assault cases go unreported
- 4 The Sexual Assault Prevention and Response policy became permanent in _____ of 2005
- 5 The SAPRO is now the single point of _____ for sexual assault policy
- 6 The vision statement of SAPRO is to enable military _____ by establishing a culture free of sexual assault
- 7 SAPRO stands for Sexual Assault Prevention and _____ Office
- 8 One of the objectives of SAPRO is to cause _____ through training and education programs

AETC Bases and Missions

Last Week's Answers

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Senior Leaders take AFSSO21 course

Capt. Adam Waite
Chief of Process Improvement and Strategy Management

Nearly 30 commanders attended the AFSSO21 Senior Leader Course at Columbus AFB April 19 and 20 to better understand Air Force Smart Operations for the 21st Century. AFSSO21 is an effort throughout the Air Force aimed at maximizing value and minimizing waste in our operations.

AFSSO21 is a standard approach to improve work processes and improve combat capabilities across the Air Force. Robert Hamm, AETC's Director of Process Improvement, was the guest speaker for this event.

Mr. Hamm acknowledged the declining resources and stressed the need for AFSSO21, "You are now serving in the smallest Air Force since it was created in 1947."

The objective of the AFSSO21

Senior Leaders Course is to augment senior leadership skills with an understanding of how to manage performance and strategically align continuous process improvement using AFSSO21 tools to drive innovation. It's an effort where each and every Airman, from the flight line to the dormitories, has an opportunity to look at their work area and make it better.

Col. Barre Seguin, 14th Flying Training Wing Commander opened the event by relaying the three lines of operation presented by the Commander, Air Education and Training Command. 1) The Air Force will continue to complete its mission. 2) AETC must adopt a culture of cost consciousness. 3) Respect for Airmen's time. Seguin tied all three points together by stating that in order to complete the mission with fewer resources, we need to use the tool the Air Force has given us: AFSSO21.



Robert Hamm, Air Education and Training Command Director of Process Improvement speaks to 14th Flying Training Wing leadership during the Force Smart Operations for the 21st Century Senior Leaders Course at the Columbus Club on April 20. The objective of the AFSSO21 Senior Leaders Course is to augment senior leadership skills with an understanding of how to manage performance and strategically align continuous process improvement using AFSSO21 tools to drive innovation.

Coming to terms with weather threats

Capt. Bethany Maclellan
14th Operations Support Squadron
Weather Flight Commander

A staggering 321 people lost their lives in the tornado event of April 2011. In the state of Mississippi, most tornadoes do not exceed the EF-3 (winds 136 – 165 mph) category on the Enhanced Fujita Scale, but during the tornado outbreak of April 2011, two EF-5 tornadoes were confirmed during this event with winds in excess of 200 mph. Many were not prepared for the severe weather hazards this storm produced. Severe weather can develop quickly, making it important for those who live and work on Columbus Air Force Base to understand some simple severe weather terminology and how Columbus AFB's Weather Flight works to inform base personnel of weather threats.

Severe weather is nothing new to those who live in Mississippi or the South, for that matter. However, year after year the questions remain, "What is a Weather Watch? A Weather Warning? How do those affect me?"

Knowing the difference between the terms and how to prepare for each is critical to protecting the people and resources of Columbus AFB.

Weather Watch

A notice to base personnel of a potential for weather conditions that threaten life or property. When a watch is published, base personnel should stay close to home, or a location that can provide shelter where they can be informed should the Watch upgrade to a warning.

Weather Warning

A notice to base personnel when weather conditions that threaten life or property are occurring or expected to occur. When Weather Warnings are issued by the Weather Flight, base residents and personnel should take appropriate action immediately.

Base residents and personnel should also be aware of the difference between the Watches, Warnings and Advisories (WWAs) that the National Weather Service (NWS) issues as opposed to those issued by the Weather Flight.

The National Weather Service is responsible for issuing WWAs for Lowndes County. When severe weather is expected to impact Lowndes County, the NWS will issue accordingly for the entire county.

While the NWS issues for Lowndes County, the Weather Flight remains the official WAA-issuing entity for CAFB. Once a WWA is issued, it is considered to be effective for the area within a five mile radius around Columbus AFB (with the exception of lightning, turbulence, and icing advisories). When conditions develop that could become hazardous, the Weather Flight activates its Severe Weather Action Procedures to interrogate the inbound weather and see to the timely dissemination of hazardous weather information. Weather Flight personnel are either on-duty or on-call at all hours to ensure that the base is forewarned when severe weather is likely to occur.

Another important topic is the difference between Lowndes County and CAFB regarding tornado siren use. Once the NWS issues a Tornado Warning for Lowndes County, the

tornado sirens are activated, to warn as many residents as possible of the threat. Because the warning is county-wide, the funnel may not be moving in such a way that it threatens Columbus AFB's five mile warning area at that particular time. Columbus AFB's Weather Flight will issue a Tornado Warning for the base if the funnel is expected to impact the base, or anywhere in the five mile radius around Columbus AFB. Once the warning is issued, the base sirens will be activated. The Weather Flight does not base its WWAs on the NWS's WWAs, but does use them as a data reference point with the movement of storm cells. Weather Flight personnel will issue based upon criteria authored and approved by Air Force Weather, as well as the Wing and Weather Flight leadership.

Severe weather can be unpredictable. Combat the unpredictability with a plan that is easy to remember and can be executed quickly. With a little preparation you can be ready for the potential hazards Columbus AFB may encounter throughout these warm seasons.

Sexual assault: Awareness is key

Daisy Jones

Sexual Assault Response Coordinator



Sexual Assault Awareness Month, observed in April, is the month dedicated to making a concerted effort to raise awareness about and prevent sexual violence through special events. Since the first national observation of SAAM in 2001 all across the nation there has been much activity to promote SAAM, along with awareness throughout the year. Why should we care about SAAM? Because statistics state that one in five women will be sexually assaulted in their lifetime and 10 percent of all victims of sexual assault, sexual abuse and rape are male. With this said anyone of us, including our family members, regardless of age, gender, or race could be a victim of sexual assault.

At Columbus AFB it is all about sexual assault awareness this month:

We started the month off with the Women's Health Fair on April 4; there we sat up a booth that provided educational materials and giveaways to participants along with the SARC serving on a panel to answer specific questions from participants concerning sexual assault issues.

The second event was dynamic presentations from one of the Air Force leading experts on sexual assault, Anne Munch. Munch visited the installation on April 11 and spent the day with our victim advocates, first responders and base leadership. She presented her program "Sexual Assault: Naming the Unnamed Conspirator" to these audiences. Munch explained the influence of societal attitudes in ranking high among the many challenges we face in sexual assault cases. She went on to emphasize that "commonly held beliefs about victims, offenders and the meaning of consent all play important roles in how sexual assault cases are understood and handled in our culture." The session was very interactive and examined the influences at work on children, jurors and members of our communities as they consider the question of sexual assault and what it means. Munch definitely gave this team something to think about, feedback from one of our first responders, Tech Sgt. Christopher Dooley, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron, stated "the message was very clear and it made me think about things differently", he went on to say he thought that all the members on the installation would have benefited from the presentation. The base leaders were challenged to take a look at how the climate and culture influences sexual assault cases, and to evaluate their role in ensuring a

positive climate. To sum it up, Munch message offered a common sense approach and provided learning opportunities that everyone could take back to their work.

We were able to partner with the community as well on April 18 as base members attended "Take Back the Night: Flowers by the Lake", a ceremony at Mississippi State University, sponsored by the Department of Relationship Violence and Outreach. The ceremony was phenomenal and involved a dynamic speaker who shared her survival story. There was a release of balloons dedicated to survivors of sexual assault along with poetry reading, dedication of flowers and closed with a candlelight vigil.

Columbus AFB, wrapped up SAAM with an awareness show, "Drunk Sex or Date Rape", April 24. The show is mandatory for the ranks of E-1 to E-6 and O-1 to O-3 and highly encouraged for all others. As a bonus East Mississippi Community College, human growth and development students will be attending the show for extra credit for their class. The hope is the audience walks away with a full understanding of "consent" and how it relates to alcohol in sexual assault cases.

As Sexual Assault Awareness Month comes to an end on April 30, we will continue our awareness campaign. Columbus AFB and the local community understand that it takes a village to keep us from being vulnerable to this crime; therefore we will continue community and base efforts to raise awareness.

Keep in mind, awareness and prevention of sexual assault is everyone's duty, your challenge is to be a good bystander...it is part of being a good wingmen and practicing the Air Force core values. Remember DoD motto, "Hurt One, Affects All"

For more information, visit the DOD website at www.sapr.mil. To report a sexual assault contact the Sexual Assault Response Coordinator:

Daisy Jones
Phone: 434-1228
24/7 Hotline: 364-0822
Location: Bldg 926, Rm 232

'Stupid is as stupid does'

Maj. Mel Turner
90th Security Forces
Squadron commander

F. E. WARREN AIR FORCE BASE, Wyo. — This is one of my favorite movie quotes of all time. It's pithy and factual. The context in which it is used refers to a person's intelligence based on their actions ... actions that are careless or not well thought out. I often hold myself accountable when performing incidental acts that are far from Mensa quality or un-Einstein like. Many of us have fallen short of being classified as cerebral Olympians, but none

Warrior Tour. These American patriots were previous Olympic athletes and veterans who don't know the word quit. Each had a goal, a vision of where they saw themselves and they set out to achieve it. Just like these guys, some of us feel we are capable of so much more in this life. What are you doing about it? What do you have the potential, talent, skill, resolve, intestinal fortitude to accomplish? Are you are placing blame on others because you're not living up to your capabilities? Are you unable to apply your potential to develop and grow because you're distracted by alcohol, debt? By attempting to keep up with

Everyone has a purpose. A purpose guides us. Those with children are purposed to be parents. Those married are purposed as spouses. Those of us in the Air Force are purposed to be Airmen. Each purpose has an expectation that someone needs you to fulfill. An unfulfilled expectation is an unaccomplished purpose. What is your purpose, and what does someone expect of you?

or pleasing others, are you frustrated with where you are at right now in life? What's your plan to succeed and discover your place in life?

My daddy used to tell me "Fail to plan, plan to fail." It was verbal garbage when I was 12, but it's my life's treasure now. A plan gives us focus, allows us to see tasks and time lines to accomplish. It helps me eliminate distractions. It also helps me decide what relationships in my life are

healthy and unhealthy. Anyone in my life who doesn't want to see me fulfilling my purpose, live up to my potential and to attain my goals, I can't really consider them friends.

When I plan on taking a trip, I'd be stupid not to have a reason (a purpose); this will help to know what to pack. For my journey I'd be stupid not to have the capability to get to my desired destination; such as a maintained vehicle, food, money (potential). Finally, I'm not leaving with a map or directions (a plan) to get there. If you agree it's not wise to travel distances without a purpose, potential to get there and a plan; then doesn't it make sense to have these things for our journey in life?

Every person breathing air has the potential to accomplish great feats. Last week, we were visited by the American300

DFAS warns service members of scam emails

Tech. Sgt. Benjamin Rojek
Defense Media Activity

FORT GEORGE G. MEADE, Md. — Defense Finance and Accounting Service recently released a statement warning of email scams targeting military members, military retirees, and civilian employees.

According to the statement, the most recent email scam indicates that individuals who are receiving disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs may be able to obtain additional funds from the Internal Revenue Service, but only if they send copies of their income tax information.

Scammers have even gone so far as to "spoof" DFAS email addresses so that the recipients would think it was actually coming from DFAS personnel. In a spoofing email, the scammer makes it appear that the message is coming from a legitimate source. This is to try to lure the reader into believing it's genuine.

"(Scammers) manage to find a way to appear legitimate when they're not," said Edward Peace, the senior cyberwarfare instructor for the 39th Information Operations Squadron at Hurlburt Field, Fla. "In some cases, it looks like it's from a legitimate source, but in other cases if you inspect it just a little bit deeper, just looking at where the email came from you would be tipped off right way. But most people don't look at it; They just look at the content, it looks legitimate and they go from there."

To fool people, Peace said, the scam artist may create a server so that the URL is close to that of a legitimate site, for example using .mic instead of .mil at the end of the



Web address. People can avoid these scams by closely reading the address from which the email was sent.

Though these scam artists have found ways to spoof the DFAS email address, this does not mean that customer accounts were compromised.

"We have not had an incident that has threatened our security or the accounts of our customers," said Steve Burghardt, a DFAS media relations officer. "We are always on the lookout. And we're taking steps to (educate) folks."

To that end, DFAS officials are developing pages on their website to highlight their official email policy, exam-

ples of scam emails and law enforcement agencies that can initiate an investigation.

DFAS officials are also trying to make this information readily available via myPay, Burghardt said.

"That's our biggest concern," he said. "As long as you keep your login credentials private and to yourself, then your account is pretty much assured a fairly decent amount of security. But if you give that away or give out that information that people can use to get new credentials ... I can always impersonate you and say, 'I lost my login credentials, get me a new one.'"

Besides getting their personal information stolen, people can also fall victim to computer attacks by even opening these emails.

For example, if there are HTML attachments or links in the email, they can drop malware on the computer, usually a Trojan horse, Peace said. If this happens, the Trojan will call out to wherever they want it to and start to do a series of different things, such as loading more malware on the computer or turn the computer into part of a botnet.

In the latter scenario, one's computer is taken over by a hacker, made part of a larger network and used mostly for nefarious purposes.

In order to avoid falling victim to these computer viruses and malware, people using commercial email accounts should immediately erase these scam emails, Peace said. Service members who receive these types of email on their .mil accounts should immediately notify their network administrator.

New housing website prepares Airmen for moving

1st Lt. Nicole White
Air Mobility Command Public Affairs

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. — With the summer moving season just around the corner thousands of Airmen and their families can now use a new housing website to help prepare for their move.

The website, www.housing.af.mil, provides dormitory information for unaccompanied Airmen while detailing housing options and support services available at Air Force installations. For example, the website gives insights into local communities, school districts, weather and other resources designed to help Airmen and their families become familiar with their new homes.

"[The website] is a single source for Airmen and their families for any and everything housing," said Ms. Judith Teague, Air Mobility Command housing asset manager. "The best part about the site is that it is on a public web-

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site where anyone can access the information anytime."

The website features helpful housing links, a list of frequently asked questions, links to other resources such as move.mil and Automated Housing Referral Network websites and an interactive map of bases. The site also connects users with the Defense Travel Management Office site which helps families track their household goods.

"The difference of this site from others is that now everything is streamlined throughout the Air Force including joint installations," said Teague. "Prior to this each base was different in how and where you found information on housing on or around the installation.

"This will be a great resource," added Teague. "The site is designed to provide help from one centralized location. In the event that a person has more questions, they are given the contact information to their installation housing office for further assistance."

Visit www.housing.af.mil for information about PCS moves, on- and off-base housing and more.

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Air Force Graphic
The Air Force has a new Web site for military families wanting to learn more about base housing during their next move — www.housing.af.mil.

ODR Offers Summer Adventure for Everyone!

Steve Bocek

14th Force Support Squadron

Columbus' Outdoor Recreation office is ready and able to help you with all of your outdoor adventure and party rental/planning needs for the summer. Whether a family canoe trip, fishing trip with friends, or a birthday party in the park, ODR offers top notch service.

In addition to rental equipment to include everything from bouncy castles to campers, ODR provides on-base pavilions for parties, monthly trips and outings and specialized classes. Here are some of the plans coming up...

Casino Trips

The first Friday of every month, ODR offers a trip to the casinos for just \$25 per person. The cost includes transportation and \$25 in bonus bets when you arrive at the casino, basically making it a completely FREE trip! With more than 5,000 slot machines, 115 table games and 14 poker tables, you will not be bored! The next scheduled trip is May 4. To sign up or for more information, contact ODR by May 2.

If you can't make the First Friday Casino Trips, but want to get a group together another time, give ODR a call. The bus

will run any time with a reservation for 10 or more participants.

Pool Passes

Get them while they're hot! Starting May 7, ODR will be issuing pool passes for the entire 2012 season. These passes will NOT be sold at the pool, but only at the ODR office. The cost is \$35 for one person, \$60 for two, \$80 for three and \$90 for four with \$5 discount per person for Club members. There is no charge for additional family members (more than four) or children under age 5.

Independence pool is set to officially open May 26.

Swim Lessons

Swim lessons at Independence Pool will be available throughout the summer with two-week sessions for all ages and skill levels. Currently, sessions are scheduled for June 4 – 15, June 18 – 29, July 2 -13, July 16 – 27, July 30 – Aug. 10, and Aug. 10 – 24. The cost is \$60 per session, and classes are open to children and adults. Registration opens May 12 at the ODR office.

Learn to Dive

Diving classes will be going on throughout the summer and beyond. If you are interested, sign up at ODR now! Cost is

\$350 for class work and pre-dive instruction. A separate fee may be required for the final dive, depending on destination.

Boating Safety Class

Before boating season gets into full swing, get your safety class with ODR. The next class is set for Sat., May 5, 8 a.m., in town at the American Legion on Chubby Lane. This class is FREE! It's the law that any person born after June 30, 1980 must complete a boat safety course to operate a boat, and unlike the online classes you can take, this class will certify you nationwide and allow you to rent one of the boats at ODR.

Picnic Pavilions

Columbus AFB boasts some great spots for private picnics and squadron parties at Freedom Park, the current "Park with No Name" across from the dental clinic and out at SAC Lake. Pavilion usage requires a \$25 users' fee and MUST be reserved throughout the summer. For more information about availability for a casual get-together or a squadron function, drop by or call ODR.

For more information on these and other programs, services and rentals available at ODR, call 434-2505. Or drop by the office Mon., Thur. and Fri., 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. or Tue., Wed., Sat. and Sun., 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

A variety of activities are offered to base families

Bowling Specials Coming in May

Attention, Students! Strike Zone Lanes has an After Class Pack Special every Mon. – Fri., 2 – 5 p.m., throughout the month of May. A game of bowling with shoes, hot dog and small soda is only \$5. Also, don't miss Dollar Days every Thursday, 2 p.m. – close, all month long. Enjoy bowling games, shoe rental, hot dogs, sodas and domestic drafts...all for just \$1 each. FAM-tastic Saturdays and Sundays offer family and friends and afternoon of Cosmic Bowling from 2 – 4 p.m. with unlimited games, a hot dog, small soda and shoe rental...all for just \$8 per person. Bowling punch cards are back on sale with 10 games for \$10, 25 games for \$20 and 50 games for \$40. Finally, Bingo at the Bowling Center is back for just \$1 per card.

Summer Day Camp

Registration for Youth Programs' fun and educational Summer Day Camp for school age youth (K-6) is going on now. Slots are available on a first-come, first-served basis, and cost is based on family income. For more information, call Terri Graves at 434-2504.

Name That Park Contest

Now through Mon., May 7, turn in your ideas for what to name the "Park with No Name" located on the corner of Down St. and Simler Blvd. (across from the Bowling Center). All entries will be reviewed to determine which

best represents the Columbus AFB BLAZE family. The top five entries meeting this criterion will go to the BLAZE Leadership Team for final decision. The individual, Squadron or family who submits the winning entry will win an FSS pizza party at the park valued up to \$100. The winner will be announced at the "Name that Park Celebration and America's Kids Run Kick Off" at the current "Park with No Name" on Sat., May 19, 9 a.m. Entries may be submitted by posting on our Facebook page at CAFB FSS Rocks or in the contest boxes located at the Bowling Center, Library, CDC or Youth Center.

A Day of FREE Fun for Everyone

The 14th Force Support Squadron is planning a day of fun with something for everyone on Sat., May 19! The FREE day begins with the Name That Park Celebration and America's Kids Run Kickoff at the current "Park With No Name" located across from the Bowling Center at 9 a.m. The entire BLAZE family is invited to the celebration and to run in the America's Kids Run which starts at 9:30 a.m. Runners (or walkers) can register for the run online at www.americaskidsrun.org. The first 75 kids and 25 adults registered get a FREE t-shirt. Kids under age 4 are encouraged to participate but will not receive a t-shirt. For more information on these events, contact the Youth Center at 434-2504. There will also be a free trip to Memphis in May for all single and unaccompanied Airman to enjoy world-class barbecue and top-notch live

music. Space is limited to the first 33 registrants who call Outdoor Recreation at 434-2505. Finally, for the perfect date night kick off or just a great way to start the evening with friends, OPERATION: Magic will be at Kaye Auditorium, 7 p.m. This PG-13 comedy and variety show will feature The Bornstein Experiment with comedy, mind-reading and magic along with stand-up comedian, David Beck. For questions about this event, contact us on Facebook at CAFB FSS Rocks.

Mother's Day Brunch

The Columbus Club wants to help you celebrate the great mother in your family with a Champagne brunch Sun., May 13. Reservations are required with seating beginning at 10:30 a.m. and continuing every 30 minutes until 1:30 p.m. The cost is \$16 for members and \$18 for nonmembers. For children ages 5-11, the cost is \$5 for members' children and \$7 for nonmembers' children. Ages 5 and under eat free. To make reservations or for more information, drop by or call the Club at 434-2489 or 434-2471.

Arts and Crafts Loves Moms!

In honor of Mother's Day, Art and Crafts is offering specials at both the framing and engraving shop as well as at Auto Hobby during the entire month of May. Take an additional 5 percent off the already incredibly low prices on all framing and engraving orders over \$30, or receive a free vehicle check with every oil

change/tire rotation combination purchased. The vehicle check includes checking all belts, hoses, fluids and brakes (a \$25 value). For more information, call framing and engraving at 434-7836 or Auto at 434-7842.

Club Scholarships Up for Grabs!

Application packages for the \$1,000 scholarships are due at the Columbus Club or in the Force Support Squadron front office (Bldg. 730, Rm. 231) by Mon., July 2, 2012. Air Force Club members in good standing and their family members who have been accepted by or are enrolled in an accredited college or university for entry for the Fall 2012 term as part-time or full-time students in either undergraduate or graduate programs are eligible. Entry forms with rules and full eligibility requirements are available at the Club, Library, Education Center and in the foyer of the MSG Building. Or go to www.afclubs.net for more information.

Massage Therapy is Back!

Massage therapy is available by appointment only at the Fitness Center. Swedish massage is just \$35 for 30 minutes, \$60 for 60 minutes and \$90 for 90 minutes. Therapeutic/deep tissue massage is \$45 for 30 minutes, \$70 for 60 minutes and \$100 for 90 minutes. Reflexology is \$35 for 30 minutes, and a chair massage is \$1 per minute. Call Terrance Bonner at 662-251-9255 for an appointment.

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>.

DRMO as a source of supply

Authorized personnel may retrieve property that is marked for DRMO Facilities only if they are still physically located in Base Supply. For more information, call the Inspection Section

at extension 434-7231 to review the property, Stock Control at 434-7198 to check for authorization and Customer Support at 434-7178 to order the property. All other DRMO processing is done via the Web at: www.drms.dla.mil.

Do you have a supply problem?

Do you need status on an item you ordered? Did you receive the wrong part? The Customer Support section is the single point of contact when requiring assistance on supply related matters. For assistance, you may contact Customer Support at 434-7178.

Attention Supply Customer

If you are looking for that special piece of equipment or furniture for your office, your point of contact is the Inspection Section of Base Supply. Inspection maintains the Last Look Area, which has used equipment and furniture turned in from other organizations. All items in the Last Look Area are available without charge to your organization. For more information, contact 434-7233 or 434-7234.

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.)

Military and Family Life Consultant Program

MFLC consultants provide a non-medical counseling to help Airmen, (both single and married) their spouses and other family members to cope with stressful situations created by deployments, reintegration, and life challenges, such as martial issues, parenting, career stress and anger. All consultants are licensed mental health providers. Consultants can meet either on or off base. There is no charge for services and appointments can usually be made within one to two days. To contact the MFLC call 251-8627.

Self-paced Tutorials

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

Relocation assistance

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

Employment Workshop

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

Spouse welcome

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

Sponsorship training

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

Survivor-Benefit Plan

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

Pre-Separation Counseling (DD Form-2648)

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

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 Service
Noon – The Monthly Potluck Lunch (4th Sun)
Tuesday:
9:00 a.m. – Ladies Bible Study—*Believing God* by Beth Moore
5 p.m. – Lieutenants Bible Study
Wednesday:
4:30 p.m. – Choir Practice

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.

TAP Workshop

A Transition Assistance Program workshop will be held May 1-3 starting at 7:30 a.m. Seminars on May1: 7:45 a.m. Health Benefits; 8:45 a.m. Miss. Dept. of Employment Security; 9:30 a.m. Dept. of Veterans Affairs; 12:30 p.m. Disabled TAP; 2 p.m. Dept. of Labor TAP portion. Spouses are encouraged to attend with their sponsor. POC: 434-2790.

Wing Newcomers Orientation

May 8, 8 a.m.-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.

Hearts Apart Social

May 8, 4:30-6:30 a.m., 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.

Ten Steps to a Federal Job

May 9, 10-11 a.m., Workshop on writing resumes, applications, and job search for federal employment, To register call 434-2790.

5 p.m. – Dinner (summer break—resumes Aug. 22)
6 p.m. – Religious Education: (summer break—resumes Aug. 22)
Saturday:
7 a.m. – Men's Monthly Breakfast and Study—*Twelve Ordinary Men* (2nd Sat)

Vacation Bible School

The Columbus AFB Chapel is excited to present this year's "Sky" Vacation Bible School to the BLAZE community. This year's "Sky" theme will remind children that by trusting God, everything is possible. With "Sky" VBS, the sky's the limit! It will run from June 4 to 8 at the Base Chapel. For registration information, age requirements, or volunteer opportunities on this ecumenical Christian event, please contact the Base Chapel at 434-2500.



T-1A Jayhawk

SUPT Class 12-08 earns silver wings



T-38C Talon



Capt. Russell Fortin
Bristol, Maine
KC-135R, McConnell AFB, Kan.



1st Lt. Adam Suci
Hemet, Calif.
C-17, March AFB, Calif.



2nd Lt. Paul Bolduc
Keene, N.H.
C-21, Bradley IAP, Conn.

Twenty officers have prevailed during a year of training, earning the right to be an Air Force pilot.

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 12-08 graduates at 10 a.m. today during a ceremony at the Kaye Auditorium.

The graduation speaker for the class is retired Brig. Gen. David Edmonds, senior executive for Air Force programs at ITT Defense & Information Solutions. Prior to his retirement, he was Deputy Director for Operations, Operations Team Two, National Military Command Center, the Joint Staff, Washington, D.C.

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

Capt. Russell Fortin, T-1, and 2nd Lt. Joshua Tempel, 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. Joshua Rhynard, T-1, and 2nd Lt. William Jensen, 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.

Captain Fortin and Lieutenant Tempel were named the distinguished graduates of SUPT Class 12-08.

The 52-week pilot training program begins with a six-week pre-flight 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.

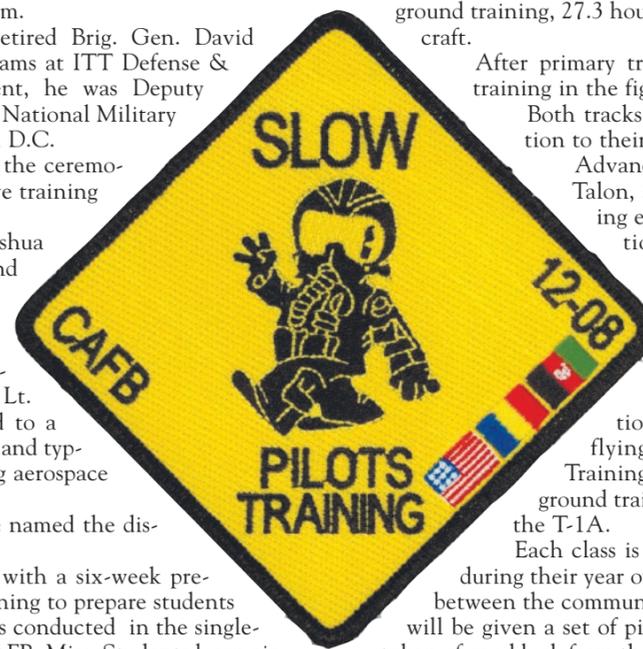
After primary training, students select, by order of merit, advanced training in the fighter-bomber or airlift-tanker track.

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 12-08's pilot partner is Hugh's Management.



2nd Lt. Gregory Edmonds
Fairfax Station, Va.
MC-12, Beale AFB, Calif.



2nd Lt. Richard Huffhines
Washington, Ill.
C-17, Charleston AFB, S.C.



2nd Lt. Jacob Breth
Wichita, Kan.
T-6, Columbus AFB, Miss.



2nd Lt. John Cravey
Waycross, Ga.
C-130H, SAV IAP, Ga.



2nd Lt. Anthony Cuccaro
Hicksville, N.Y.
C-5, Dover AFB, Del.



2nd Lt. Shawn Jensen
San Antonio, Texas
RC-135, Offutt AFB, Neb.



2nd Lt. William Jensen
Memphis, Tenn.
T-6, Columbus AFB, Miss.



2nd Lt. Brenton Jones
Blue Springs, Mo.
RC-135, Offutt AFB, Neb.



2nd Lt. David Pool
Marion, Ill.
A-10, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.



2nd Lt. Christopher Rice
Clarksville, Tenn.
KC-135, Kadena AB, Japan



2nd Lt. Joshua Rhynard
Helena, Mont.
HC-130, Moody AFB, Ga.



2nd Lt. James Rickard
Louisville, Ky.
C-5M, Travis AFB, Calif.



2nd Lt. Evan Roth
Peachtree City, Ga.
AC-130U, Hurlburt Field, Fla.



2nd Lt. Joshua Tempel
Spokane, Wash.
F-16, Luke AFB, Ariz.



2nd Lt. Aaron Traver
Williamsburg, Va.
KC-135, Mildenhall AB, England