

"Produce Pilots, Advance Airmen, Feed the Fight"

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## Weather



**Today**

High: 90, Low: 66  
Partly Cloudy



**Saturday**

High: 92, Low: 65  
Partly Cloudy



**Sunday**

High: 90, Low: 66  
Partly Cloudy



**Monday**

High: 93, Low: 66  
Partly Cloudy

## News Briefs

### Civilian Call

A wing civilian call about the upcoming Voluntary Separation Incentive Program will be held on Tuesday, May 8, at 3 p.m. For more information see page 3.

### LeaveWeb Down

Monday, May 7 until Friday May 11, LeaveWeb will be undergoing server maintenance. Due to this maintenance, LeaveWeb will be down and not be available to process leave requests during this upgrade. Please accomplish all leave for this period prior to May 4 or with a hard copy AF988 processed through MPF. For more information, contact Senior Airman Ross Crimaldi at 434-3598.

### 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.

## Inside



### Feature 8

Information about services offered at CAFB is highlighted in this week's feature.

## 12-08 graduation speaker offers career advice

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

Former Deputy Director for Operations, Operations Team Two, National Military Command Center, the Joint Staff, Washington, D.C. returned to Columbus Air Force Base to speak at the Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training class 12-08 graduation April 27 at the Kaye Auditorium.

"It's an outstanding day to be back at the roots of where I went to pilot training just a few years ago," said retired Brig. Gen. David Edmonds, father of SUPT class 12-08 graduate 2nd Lt. Gregory Edmonds. "Contrary to popular belief there were no wooden hangars or biplanes."

In order to prepare the 20 new pilots for their Air Force careers Edmonds offered his advice on advancement, leadership and persistence.

Each graduate had taken the steps to become an Air Force pilot said Edmonds. Graduating college, being mentally and physically qualified to become a pilot, being selected for a pilot slot and graduating pilot training was the path that had brought these young aviators to this point in their careers.

"This career in flying is like climbing one of the ancient Babylonian pyramids where you prove every foot up the pyramid that you are one of the elected and anointed ones who had the 'right stuff,'" said Edmonds.

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U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Chase Hedrick  
Retired Brig. Gen. David Edmonds, Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 12-08 graduation speaker pins silver wings on his son 2nd Lt. Gregory Edmonds, SUPT Class 12-08 graduate April 27 at Smith Plaza. The retired general offered his advice on advancement, leadership and persistence to the class.

## 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 (13-02)	3.24 days	1.75 days	May 14	48th (12-09)	1.58 days	2.01 days	May 18	49th (12-HB)	6.20 days	5.89 days	May 31	T-6	290	289	18,629
41st (13-03)	3.06 days	2.09 days	Jun 6	50th (12-09)	-1.53 days	-1.00 days	May 18					T-1	96	95	5,938
												T-38	102	119	6,044
												IFF	28	38	1,915

The graduation speakers are Maj. Gen. Maggie Woodward, AF/A5X and Brig. Gen. Dan Woodward, USAF Retired.

## BCC luncheon

On Friday, May 11 a Base Community Council Luncheon will be held at the Columbus Club at 11:30 a.m. for the release of the FY 2011 Economic Impact Report.

RSVP to the Public Affairs office by May 4 at 434-7068 or 14FTWPA@columbus.af.mil

Reprints of the Columbus AFB "Heritage to Horizons, A History of the Columbus AFB 1942 2007" will be available at the May BCC luncheon for \$25, checks payable to the BCC.

## 14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, 63 TEAM BLAZE members are deployed worldwide.

Remember to support the Airmen and their families while they are away.



## SPEAKER

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said Edmonds.

The pyramid, however, is inverted for any Air Force officer in leadership said the retired general. The greater team supported by the "top" tiers of the pyramid. Edmonds shared what he believed to be the mental recipe for success, encouraging the graduates to be tenacious, do everything with excellence, a good attitude, and a focus on the mission.

"Just as you are pilots, you are also officers expected to lead your team to success," said Edmonds. "All pilots have checklists, so an easy way to remember this is the acronym TEAM: Tenacity, Excellence, Attitude and Mission."

Edmonds closed his speech with a message on persistence, quoting the 30th president of the United States, Calvin Coolidge.

"Nothing in the world will take the place of persistence. Talent will not, nothing is more common than an unsuccessful person with a lot of talent. Genius will not, unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Education will not, the world is full of educated derelicts. Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent. The slogan 'press on' has solved and always will solve the problems of the human race."

## 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.

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat/Sun
7	8	9	10	11	12/13
Night Flying Week	Newcomer's Orientation, 8 a.m. @ Club Civilian Call, 3 p.m. @ Kaye AICUZ Release, 5:30 p.m. @ Downtown Library Class 13-08 PPW, 10 p.m. @ Tampico Bay			Fuel Hangar Ribbon Cutting, 10:30 a.m.  BCC Luncheon, 11:30 @ Club	Mother's Day Brunch, 11:30 a.m. @ Club RSVP x2489 (13th)
14	15	16	17	18	19/20
Class 12-02 Track Select, 9 a.m. @ Philips	CSC Social, 6 p.m. @ Club		48th FTC CoC, 8:48 a.m. @ BLAZE Hangar  CCAF Graduation, 10 a.m. @ Club  Dorm Dinner, 5 p.m. @ Chapel Annex	Class 12-09 Graduation	

## Long Range Events

May 24: Safety Day

May 24: APAH

Luau and Golf

Tournament

May 25: AETC

Family Day

May 28: Memorial Day

May 29:

Newcomers

Orientation

May 31: Enlisted

Promotions

May 31: IFF

Graduation

June 1:

Commander Calls

June 1: Class 12-10

Assignment Night

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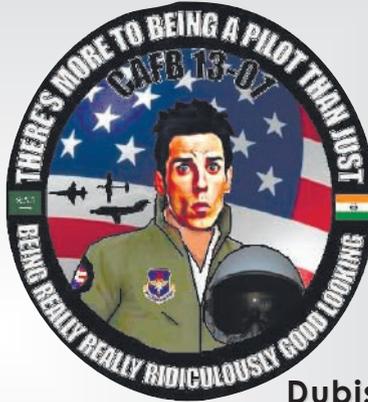
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# Track Select

2nd Lt. Matthew Berggren	T-1
2nd Lt. Rebecca Bodtke	Helo
2nd Lt. Matthew Brew	T-1
2nd Lt. Anna Campbell	T-1
2nd Lt. Dominic Collins	T-38
2nd Lt. Meaghan Cosand	T-1
2nd Lt. Gabriel DeJong	T-1
2nd Lt. Matthew Faber	T-38
2nd Lt. Alexander Flowers	T-1
2nd Lt. Sean Heatherman	T-38
2nd Lt. Morgan Mathis	T-1
2nd Lt. Edward Miller	T-1
2nd Lt. Roderick Mills	T-1
2nd Lt. Anthony Ortiz	T-38
2nd Lt. Bradley Polender	T-1
2nd Lt. James Reed	T-1
2nd Lt. Alicia Robillard	T-1
2nd Lt. Emma Rush	T-38
2nd Lt. Marshal Russell	T-1
2nd Lt. Jack Ryan	T-1
2nd Lt. Bradley Sapper	T-1
2nd Lt. Travis Sebree	T-38
2nd Lt. Tyler Small	T-1
2nd Lt. Christopher Venema	T-38
2nd Lt. Jason Williams	T-38



**Dubisher Award**  
2nd Lt. Dominic Collins

## Top Guns

**Contact:** 2nd Lt. Gabriel DeJong  
**Instrument:** 2nd Lt. Roderick Mills  
**Formation:** 2nd Lt. Emma Rush

# 13-01

# Air Force announces another VSIP

**Benny Brock**  
Civilian Personnel Officer

The Air Force recently approved another Voluntary Separation Incentive Program. This is an effort by the Air Force to minimize the need for Reduction-In-Force, following RMD 703 manpower reductions. Under VSIP, a cash incentive of up to \$25,000 may be offered to employees who choose to voluntarily retire or resign. This expanded VSIP option allows the agency to offer a VSIP to an employee serviced by one installation to be back-filled by an employee serviced by another installation. Employees who volunteer must be prepared to separate by August 31, 2012.

To gauge employee interest, Civilian Personnel offices released VSIP surveys to APF

civilian employees on April 30, 2012. Surveys will run from May 1 to May 10, 2012. In the case of Columbus AFB, Civilian Personnel anticipates a few internal reassignments, but no need to outplace an employee to another base. However, there may be opportunities for Columbus AFB employees who apply for VSIP to be replaced by a surplus employee who will PCS to Columbus from another base.

A wing civilian call will be held on Tuesday, May 8, at 3 p.m., to assist employees with questions they may have on this topic. In the meantime, employees may contact the AFPC Benefits and Entitlements Services Team (BEST) at 1-800-525-0102 for benefits and retirement planning information.

## MPS Tidbits

### Phase II of Enlisted DOS Rollback

The FY12 Enlisted DOS Rollback is the second enlisted program designed to help the Air Force meet Congressionally-mandated end strength while positioning the force to meet mission requirements. Airmen in the grades of senior master sergeant and below must meet three requirements to be considered for the DOS Rollback program: a) Less than 14 years of Total Active Federal Military Service (TAFMS) as of Sept. 29, 2012 (Separatees); 20 years or

more TAFMS on or before Sept. 30, 2012 (Retirees) b) DOS of Sept. 29, 2012 or later c) at least one of the quality force conditions listed in the DOS Rollback Eligibility and Commander Actions Table. The mandatory date of separation will be Sept. 29, 2012 or Oct. 1, 2012 for retirees.

For more information, please contact Master Sgt. Anthony Taylor at 434-2611 or Tonya Noble at 434-1161 from the Military Personnel Section.

## Trail BLAZE'r

**Name:** 1st Lt. Erik Hillard  
**Unit:** 37th Flying Training Squadron  
**Job title:** Warhawk Flight Scheduler / T-6 IP  
**Time at Columbus AFB:** Three Years  
**Time in Service:** Three Years  
**Hometown:** Fishkill, N.Y.  
**Career goals:** Test Pilot  
**Family members:** Ashley (Wife), Ethan (Son)  
**Favorite band:** Foo Fighters  
**Favorite movie:** The Prestige  
**Biggest pet peeve:** Lack of punctuality.  
**Favorite book:** Fighter Pilot: The Memoirs of Legendary Ace Robin Olds  
**Inspirations:** My Dad  
**Personal motto:** Never forget to take time to enjoy the little things in life.





U.S. Air Force photo/Melissa Dublin  
**Seven of Team BLAZE's newly promoted enlisted Airmen were promoted at the enlisted promotions ceremony at the Columbus Club on March 30.**

## Seven sew on next stripe at promotion ceremony

**14th Flying Training Wing  
Public Affairs**

Seven of Team BLAZE's enlisted Airmen tacked on their next stripe during the enlisted promotion ceremony on April 30 at the Columbus Club.

Promoted are:  
Senior Airman Corbin Starner, 14th Communications Squadron  
Senior Airman Glen Malone, 14th Operations Support Squadron

Senior Airman Devonta Mcgee, 14th Comptrollers Squadron

Senior Airman La'darion Bradford, 14th Security Forces Squadron

Senior Airman Chase Hedrick, 14th Flying Training Wing

Senior Airman Jason Ashmore, 14th Security Forces Squadron

Senior Airman Lloyd Kimble III, 14th Medical Operations Squadron

## CAFB recognized with energy award

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

As the Air Force moves to become more energy efficient many bases have taken the lead in conservation.

Columbus Air Force Base recently won the Air Education and Training Command's Energy Incentive Award of \$250,000 for having the highest decrease in energy use of all AETC bases for the past quarter compared to the past three years' consumption.

"The executive order says we're supposed to reduce energy intensity by three percent each year," said Dr. Carl James, Columbus AFB's Energy Manager. "This first quarter our energy usage was 21.5 percent lower than last year."

The Energy Incentive Award was previously presented annually but was recently changed to a quarterly award. Columbus AFB was the first quarterly recipient of this award. The switch to quarterly awards allows bases that may be behind during the first quarter to still have an opportunity to win in the quarters to follow without worrying about falling too far behind.

"We've still got a long way to go, there's more energy to be saved," said James. "This award was not a 'one-hit-wonder', this is going to continue."

James says that while replacing older equipment with slightly more energy efficient equipment and telling tenants to turn off devices such as lights and computers when not in use has some impact, it's not where the biggest savings come from.

"Over half of the energy use in a building comes from the heating, ventilation and air conditioning and water heating systems," said James. "The occupants have little control over these so that's where I chose to focus."

James continued by saying that the majority of energy conservation comes from working behind-the-scenes as opposed to directly at the source. Changing the way things



U.S. Air Force Photo/Airman 1st Class Charles Dickens  
**John Enyart, Energy Management and Control Systems shows Rick Stewart Sr., Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning how to manage HVAC systems on the EMCS screen. The EMCS allows for management of most HVAC systems on Columbus Air Force Base and tells if the system is functioning properly.**

are operated as opposed to just replacing equipment has given the best results for Columbus AFB, says James.

Following the base's 2011 Energy Strategic Plan, many of the corrections made to increase energy efficiency came from recalibrating sensors, adjusting control set points and reprogramming controls. These changes were made to cut down on over-ventilation of areas, unnecessary heating and cooling of buildings and to reschedule the use of HVAC in areas that are unoccupied at specific times.

"My goal is to change the philosophy from using older checklists to going out and digging to find what's wrong and fix it," said James.

James stressed that the energy efficiency operation as a whole was a team effort and that it couldn't have been completed without the support of the entire team.

"I've been given all of the support from leadership and from those doing the repairs and I couldn't ask for a better situation," said James. "It's amazing to see people come together for a common cause and accomplish things that seem to be impossible."

Though the changes made were a team effort, individual Team BLAZE members can still contribute to conservation by turning off energy-consuming devices such as lights, computers and printers when not in use.

# What is Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month?

**2012 Theme: "Striving for Excellence in Leadership, Diversity and Inclusion"**

According to Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute, May is Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month – a celebration of Asians and Pacific Islanders in the United States. A rather broad term, Asian-Pacific encompasses all of the Asian continent and the Pacific islands of Melanesia (New Guinea, New Caledonia, Vanuatu, Fiji and the Solomon Islands), Micronesia (Marianas, Guam, Wake Island, Palau, Marshall Islands, Kiribati, Nauru and the Federated States of Micronesia) and Polynesia (New

Zealand, Hawaiian Islands, Rotuma, Midway Islands, Samoa, American Samoa, Tonga, Tuvalu, Cook Islands, French Polynesia and Easter Island).

Like most commemorative months, Asian-Pacific Heritage Month originated in a congressional bill. In June 1977, Reps. Frank Horton of New York and Norman Mineta of California introduced a House resolution that called upon the president to proclaim the first ten days of May as Asian-Pacific Heritage Week. The following

month, senators Daniel Inouye and Spark Matsunaga introduced a similar bill in the Senate. Both were passed. On Oct. 5, 1978, President Jimmy Carter signed a Joint Resolution designating the annual celebration. Twelve years later, President George H.W. Bush signed an extension making the week-long celebration into a month-long celebration. In 1992, the official designation of May as Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month was signed into law.

The month of May was chosen to

commemorate the immigration of the first Japanese to the United States on May 7, 1843, and to mark the anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869. The majority of the workers who laid the tracks were Chinese immigrants. This month, Columbus Air Force Base will celebrate APAH 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:** CAFB Airmen will read to children at the CDC. Their readings will highlight APAH.

**May 17,** the CAFB Chapel will host the Dorm Dinner; the food will have an Asian Pacific theme. A knife dance will be performed during the dinner. On

**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 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.

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, 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.

**For sale:** Beautiful and spacious 1,800 sq. ft. home located on two acres in Caledonia. Three bedrooms, two full baths, two car garage, walk-in closets, tile/hardwood throughout, large laundry room, and newly painted neutral colors. Storage shed will stay. Home is four minutes from Caledonia schools and less than 10 minutes from CAFB. Price listed is a steal at \$179,900! Call 574-2452 for more information.

**For sale:** Spacious four bedroom, 2.5

bath home located at the end of a cul-de-sac in the Lakeover subdivision in New Hope. 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/potting shed. 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 to sell at \$170,000. Furniture and yard equipment are negotiable. Call 251-3776 for more information.

Miscellaneous

**For sale:** Contemporary, light wood dining table, six chairs and large glass hutch. \$650. Call 574-6172.

**For sale:** 2.1 acres of land on Wood Road in Caledonia. Clear and ready

for building. Call 356-6844.

**For sale:** Maytag refrigerator, almond, runs good, \$125; collector dolls with stands, \$10-\$15 each; entertainment center, \$75. Call 251-1413 after 5 p.m.

**For sale:** Body by Jake weight bench, Olympic bar and 85 pounds of plate weights. Good shape. \$50 or best offer; two ski ropes, one with handle, other for tubes. Like new. \$10 for both. Call 386-1408.

Garage Sale

**Moving sale:** May 4th and 5th from 7 a.m. to noon at Jack's Box Storage Units located at the intersection of Highway 45 North and Cal-Kolona Road.

**Moving Sale:** Furniture, televisions and a lot more. Moving, everything must go. 5656A Monroe, Columbus

Air Force Base, May 5th from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m.

**Garage Sale:** Saturday, May 5 from 7-9 a.m. only. Toddler girl clothes and toys, mens and womens clothing items, stereo system, electric guitar, amp, distortion pedal, 61" truck bed tool box, home décor items, etc. No early birds please! Located in the Lakeover subdivision in New Hope, 87 Brandys Place (at the end of the cul-de-sac).

Wanted

**Wanted:** Sub-compact car. Late model (2008 or newer), low mileage, three-door hatchback preferred, automatic transmission. Call 329-1843 and leave a message.

**Wanted:** Used revolvers (25, 32 and 38 caliber preferred), will consider 380 and 45 caliber. Call 329-1843.

# Time to change our EPR culture

Master Sgt. Lee Hoover  
American Forces Network Incirlik

INCIRLIK AIR BASE, Turkey — The second I pinned on staff sergeant I knew I could do it. I could be the NCO the Air Force wanted me to be. I could write fair enlisted performance reports and prove the naysayers in airman leadership school wrong. Sure, what we learned might "not be the way it's done in the real Air Force," but that didn't mean it couldn't be.

I was going to prove them wrong. I was going to set the example.

But I didn't. Before I could spell EPR I had fallen in line. I rated every Airman the same — fives across the board. Some deserved it. Others probably, admittedly, did not.

So, what happened? Culture happened. Culture influences the way a country, a community, even a military organization operates. Members of a culture share certain beliefs that drive their actions. These beliefs are often unconscious, but so firmly held that to think otherwise — and to respond otherwise — is, as Vizzini from "The Princess Bride" puts it, inconceivable.

In America we believe timeliness is important. We respond by tracking every minute, making firm appointments and rushing to be on time. When we do run late our bodies physically respond with stress. In countries that feel differently about time this is, yes, inconceivable.

In certain communities, parents believe children need tough discipline. They respond by collecting spanking sticks, publicly yelling at their children and assigning multiple chores. In communities that raise their children in a gentler environment this is, you got it, inconceivable.

In the Air Force, when it comes to the EPR, we also have beliefs that influence our behavior. We believe a five EPR is necessary for promotion. We believe inflated ratings don't matter because they happen everywhere. We even believe a three or four EPR is reserved for "bad" Airmen. These aren't what the numbers say, nor what the EPR says; but they are what we believe, and we respond accordingly. In fact, these assumptions are so ingrained in our minds that it's hard to reject them. They are so strong that even those who don't want to believe, those who want to rate fairly, struggle to break free from the cultural pressure.

If we understand the inflated ratings as a

symptom of our shared beliefs, one thing becomes clear: the enlisted evaluation system doesn't need to change. We need to change. Our culture needs to change.

Unfortunately, culture change isn't easy. Just ask Kevin Bacon.

In the movie "Footloose," Bacon moves to a town that believes dancing and pop culture lead teenagers to sex, drugs and, ultimately, death. Town residents respond by outlawing dancing, hiding pop records and burning inappropriate books.

Bacon faces intense pressure to conform to these standards, but he refuses. He's ridiculed, shamed and treated as a troublemaker, but he doesn't give up.

He puts on his dancing shoes and begins to fight back.

At first he stands alone, dancing by himself in an empty warehouse (I never understood that scene), but as time passes, more of his neighbors begin to dance beside him. As the number of dancers grows, his movement grows. Eventually the town begins to see their stance against dancing for what it is — a misplaced belief.

Last week I read Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James Roy's perspective on bold leadership and thought now is the time for us to make like Bacon and change the way our Air Force operates. It will take more than dancing shoes, of course. It will take bold leadership from the very top to the very bottom, it will take open and honest dialogue to expose our beliefs for what they really are — beliefs, not facts — and it will definitely take time.

It always takes time, but that time can't start until we begin.

The question is who is going to respond to Roy's challenge? Who is going to set the example, to stand out from the crowd, to take it upon themselves to change these beliefs that are holding us back?

Or maybe the question isn't who. I'd be dumb to think Airmen everywhere are not ready for this change.

Maybe the question is when. When do we start holding ourselves, and others, accountable for doing proper feedbacks and setting goals for our Airmen? When do we start demanding honest and fair ratings according to the EPR scale? When do we start supporting those who have already tried?

Today would be good.

# It takes Airmen from every specialty to get job done

Lt. Gen. David Goldfein  
Commander, U.S. Air Forces  
Central Command

SOUTHWEST ASIA — Recently, two of our U.S. Air Forces Central Command Airmen were criticized online by other Airmen for receiving Bronze Star decorations after completion of their deployments to Afghanistan.

I'd like to take this opportunity to explain the rigorous awards board process and emphasize the meticulous manner in which we ensure each award is justifiable and each recipient is worthy.

We recognize and honor our Airmen for their meritorious and heroic actions.

My AFCENT staff oversees a thorough awards approval process to ensure medals are presented to only the most commendable candidates. This 20-year decoration process has a demonstrated history of consistency, and we work hard to maintain its integrity.

Led by a general officer, the board of combat-experienced colonels and chief master sergeants carefully and deliberately guarantee our Airmen deserve the awards they receive.

I am the final approving authority for each medal.

Every day, our innovative Airmen excel in the deployed environment.

Consider the security forces Airman who helped protect his base from more than 2,500 disgruntled Afghan citizens. He stood his ground, despite suffering

detached retinas, body bruises from thrown rocks and face wounds from high-powered pellet rifles.

Or the KC-135 maintainer who worked in minus-20-degree temperatures to extend the range and flexibility of our combat aircraft, which provide close air support to protect coalition ground forces battling insurgents.

Or the finance officer who worked alongside special operations forces. She executed \$160 million in operational funds across eight remote forward operating bases in support of counterinsurgency operations.

Or the combat controller who faced enemy fire and placed himself at grave risk on four occasions while controlling more than 30 aircraft and more than 40 airstrikes.

These are just a few examples of achievements that we reward in AFCENT.

No one Air Force specialty code is any more important than the next in this theater — it takes the entire team working together to get the job done.

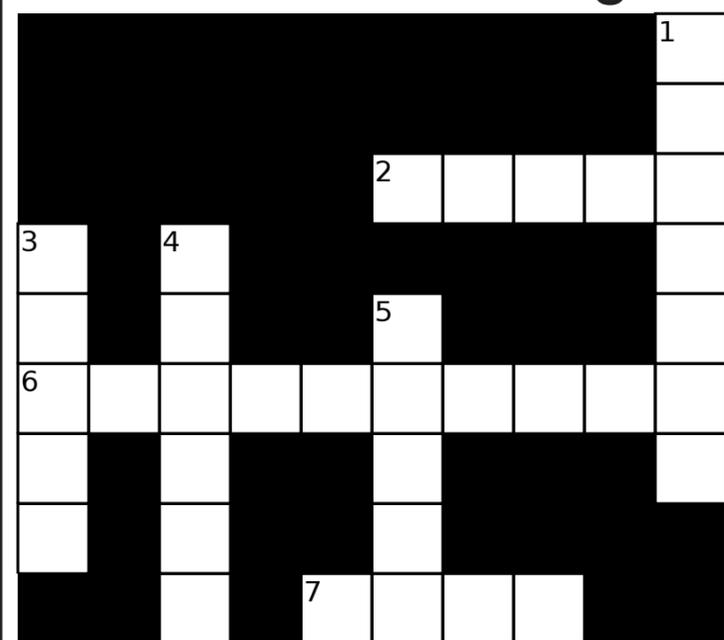
Airmen like Tech. Sgt. Christina Gamez and Tech Sgt. Sharma Haynes are the bedrock of our organization.

While we face a determined enemy, he is no match for this combined arms team. Together, with laser-like focus on our mission, with the knowledge that no challenge we may face is too much for innovative Airmen, and knowing that our cause is just ... we will continue to deliver decisive airpower for CENTCOM and America.

## Security and policy review

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## Asian Pacific Heritage



- 2 Across Bandana is one of the many cloth and clothing terms from \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6 The first Japanese \_\_\_\_\_ arrived in the US May 7, 1843
- 7 Asian Pacific Heritage \_\_\_\_\_ was expanded into Asian Pacific Heritage Month in 1990.
- 1 Down The majority of workers who laid the tracks of the transcontinental railroad were \_\_\_\_\_ immigrants
- 3 A very short Japanese poem.
- 4 The most highly decorated regiment in US history, the 442nd Regimental \_\_\_\_\_ Team.
- 5 The 442nd Regiment's motto: "Go for \_\_\_\_\_."

## Sexual Assault

### Last Week's Answers



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White House photo/Pete Souza

President Barack Obama greets hospital personnel in the intensive care unit at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan, May 1, 2012. Obama presented 10 Purple Hearts, three in the ICU. The president also met with troops after announcing he had signed a strategic partnership agreement with Afghan President Hamid Karzai detailing the relationship between the U.S. and Afghanistan as the war there nears an end.

# Obama thanks service members in Afghanistan

Karen Parrish  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — During his surprise trip to Afghanistan Tuesday, President Barack Obama found some time — between signing a strategic agreement with Afghan President Hamid Karzai and delivering a speech to be broadcast back to the United States — to speak with U.S. service members at Bagram Airfield.

The commander in chief started by acknowledging Marine Corps Gen. John R. Allen, the commander of U.S. and NATO International Security Assistance Force troops in Afghanistan, and Ambassador Ryan C. Crocker, the senior U.S. diplomat there.

Obama then listed the military units represented in the crowd, from 1st Infantry Division to the 455th Air Expeditionary Wing. Assembled service members greeted each unit designation the president listed with an enthusiastic “Hooah!” His basic message to the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines was simple; the president said: “All I want to do is just say thank you.”

The sacrifices service members have made are what make America free and secure, the president said. Obama told the troops he had just signed the U.S.-Afghanistan strategic part-

nership agreement, which signals the transition to turning over Afghanistan’s security lead to that nation’s own forces.

“We’re not going to do it overnight,” he said. “We’re not going to do it irresponsibly. We’re going to make sure that the gains, the hard-fought gains that have been made, are preserved.”

U.S. service members and their coalition partners are the reason that agreement is possible, and the reason Afghans “have an opportunity for a new tomorrow,” he said.

“We did not choose this war,” the president said. “This war came to us on 9/11. And there are a whole bunch of folks here, I’ll bet, who signed up after 9/11.” When Americans see their homeland violated and their fellow citizens killed, he added, “then we understand what we have to do.”

Because Americans like those at Bagram Airfield today stepped forward, the commander in chief said, “not only were we able to blunt the Taliban momentum, not only were we able to drive al-Qaida out of Afghanistan, but slowly and systematically we have been able to decimate the ranks of al-Qaida, and a year ago we were able to finally bring Osama bin Laden to justice.”

Troops made that happen by doing their jobs every day, he said, and their families made it happen by loving and supporting them.



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Ericka Englbom

President Barack Obama visits Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan, May 1, 2012, to greet Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines on the anniversary of the death of al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden. Obama told the crowd that he is proud of them and that many of the positive events in Afghanistan occurred in part because of the efforts of the U.S. armed services.

“Together, you guys represent what is best in America,” the president said. “And you’re part of a long line of those who have worn this uniform to make sure that we are free and secure, to make sure that those of us at home have the capacity to live our lives.”

Everybody in America knows and appreciates that, Obama said.

“And everybody in America honors it,” he added. “When the final chapter of this war is written, historians will look back and say, not only was this the greatest fighting force in the history of the world, but all of you also represented the values of America in an exemplary way.”

The president said he understands troops’ jobs remain tough.

“I know the battle is not yet over,” he said. “Some of your buddies are going to get injured, and some of your buddies may get killed. And there’s going to be heartbreak and pain and difficulty ahead. But there’s a light on the horizon because of the sacrifices you’ve made.”

The nation will stand behind its troops when war ends, the president said, “because you’ve earned it.”

“You earned a special place in our hearts,” Obama said. “And I could not be prouder to be your commander in chief.”

## 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 434-2273 to reserve your spot in the next Birth Control Counseling Class.

### Sleep Enhancement Class

There is a new Sleep Enhancement Class at the Koritz Clinic held every other Friday. You are a good candidate for the Sleep Enhancement Class if you have trouble falling asleep or staying asleep. Call 434-CARE (2273) to schedule.

### 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

Recycle first... by using DRMO as your facilities source of supply. Authorized personnel may retrieve property free of charge if the property is still physically located here in Base Supply and marked at DRMO facilities. Other DRMO processing is available via the web at [www.drmo.dla.mil](http://www.drmo.dla.mil). Cost of shipping will apply. Please call: Inspection at 434-7231 to review DRMO property or Stock Control at 434-7197 with questions or concerns you may have. Parking and assistance available in the back of building 158.

### Last Look Area

Recycling... is what the Last Look Area provides! Slightly used furniture and equipment available to all Columbus Air Force Base facilities for free. Pick-up and delivery is the customers responsibility. Three days max for customers who wish to reserve items. Facility hours: Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Need more information? Contact Inspections at 434-7231 or 434-7332. Parking available at the back of building 158.

### Zero Overpricing Program

Interested in saving the Air Force money and making a little yourself? As part of the Air Force Innovative Development Employee Awareness Program there are award incentives for price challenges that result in tangible savings. In accordance with AFI 38-401, responsible personnel will receive a monetary award. Personnel are encouraged to participate on any overpricing issues daily. Please call: Customer Support at 434-7178 for any advice or guidance.

## 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).)*

### 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 appoint-

ments 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.

### 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.

### 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.

## Chapel Schedule

### Catholic Community

**Sunday:**  
4 p.m. – Choir Practice  
4 p.m. – Confession  
5 p.m. – Mass  
**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:**  
5 p.m. – Lieutenants Bible Study  
**Wednesday:**  
4:30 p.m. – Choir Practice  
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.

# A variety of activities are offered to base families

## Moms Golf Free!

In honor of Mother's Day, moms golf free at Whispering Pines Golf Course all day Sun., May 13, with a paying spouse or child. This deal is for greens fees only. For more information, call the Pro Shop at 434-7932.

## 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.

## NAF Sealed Bid Sale

The 14th Force Support Squadron will have a sealed bid sale of various NAF items and equipment on May 18 at Outdoor Recreation. Items will be available for viewing during normal business hours May 14 - 18 at ODR. All items will be sold as is, and minimum bids will be posted. Bids will be opened at 1 p.m. on May 18, and the high bidder will be notified the same day. All purchasers must hold a valid military ID or CAC card. Call ODR at 434-2505 or 434-2507 for more information.

## May Bowling Specials

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.

### May 19: Something for everyone

<p><b>1. NAME THAT PARK CELEBRATION &amp; America's Kids Run Kick Off</b> at the current "Park With No Name" at the corner of Downs St and Simler (across from Bowling Ctr)</p> <p><b>9 AM</b> Call the Youth Center at 434-2504 FMI</p> <p>The entire BLAZE Family is invited to the celebration and to run to the America's Kids Run. Run to Simler will be at the corner of Downs St.</p>	<p><b>2. America's Kids Run</b> For Kids of ALL ages! <b>9:30 am</b></p> <p>Register online at <a href="http://www.americaskidsrun.org">www.americaskidsrun.org</a> First 75 kids and 25 adults registered get a FREE t-shirt. Ages 5-6, 1/2 mile; 7-8, 1 mile; 9-4 up, 2 miles. Kids 4 &amp; under encouraged to participate but will not receive t-shirt. For more information, call 434-2504.</p>
<p><b>3. Memphis in May</b> trip for Single Airman</p> <p><b>FREE transportation to Memphis to enjoy world-class barbecue and top-notch live music</b></p> <p>Open to ALL single or unaccompanied military personnel. Space is limited to the first 33 registrants. For more information, contact Outdoor Recreation at <b>434-2505 or 434-7861</b></p> <p style="font-size: small;">Departs CAFB at 11 a.m.</p>	<p><b>4. OPERATION MAGIC</b> A COMEDY AND VARIETY SHOW <b>7 PM - KAYE AUDITORIUM</b></p> <p><b>RATED PG-13</b></p> <p>FREE ADMISSION</p> <p>FEATURING <b>THE BORNSTEIN EXPERIMENT</b> (COMEDY, MIND-READING &amp; MAGIC) <b>AND DAVID BECK</b> (COMEDIAN)</p> <p><b>GREAT DATE NIGHT EVENT OR JUST A FUN EVENT WITH FRIENDS!</b></p> <p>Have questions? Ask us on Facebook at CAFB FSS Rocks!</p>

## Events for the Air Force Family

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.

## Pool Opens May 26

Independence Pool is set to open May 26, and pool passes go on sale at Outdoor Recreation May 7. These passes will NOT be sold at the pool or the Columbus Club, but only at ODR. Swim lessons are scheduled in two-week increments throughout the summer for all ages and all skill levels. Stop by or call ODR at 434-2505 for more information.

## 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.

## 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](http://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.

## Living Fit for Families

USAF FitFamily has created a tool to help your family get into the best shape of your lives with a simple, easy-to-use weight loss program designed just for you. We know you're busy, and this program is sure to fit your lifestyle and needs. Just create a plan. Follow it. Lose weight. It's that simple. The program includes menu plans and other weight loss tools. Sign up today at [www.usaffitfamil.com](http://www.usaffitfamil.com).

## 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.

## Check Out the New Books!

The Columbus AFB Library is now receiving a steady flow of new books to include adult best-sellers 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 tools and equipment. 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.

# Air Force Specialty Code changes take effect in May

## Debbie Gildea

Air Force Personnel, Services and Manpower Public Affairs

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO - RANDOLPH, Texas — Various officer and enlisted Air Force Specialty Code changes will take effect in May, Air Force Personnel Center officials said.

Updated Air Force officer and enlisted classification directories have been posted on the Air Force Personnel Services website (see link below). These updates include AFSC change summary and conversion guides reflecting the April 30 cycle and the latest details on approved Air Force specialties.

Classification changes within a conversion cycle vary from minor text corrections to establishment of a new AFSC or AFSC suffix said Barry Craigen, AFPC Military Classification Development Branch Chief. A cycle may also include creation or modification of special experience identifiers.

While conversion cycles have been implemented and

announced quarterly, Craigen said, starting Oct. 31, conversion announcements will be semiannual, Oct. 31 and April 30.

According to Craigen, one example of a classification change occurs when an AFSC is created or modified, including adding suffixes to more specifically identify the work actually being performed.

"For example, the enlisted network intelligence analyst AFSC is 1N4X1. Effective May 1, the AFSC will split into 1N4X1A, fusion analyst, digital network analyst, and 1N4X1B fusion analyst, analysis and production. The Airmen involved will be converted to the appropriate suffix," he said.

One special duty identifier update this cycle is to professional military education instructor entrance and retention requirements which were extensively revised, explained Craigen.

"This is one of a number of changes announced in the change summary and conversion guide, which will be included in Attachment 1 of the April 30 enlisted classification directory," Craigen said.

Classification changes also occur when an AFSC is deleted, created, or transitions to a new number because the prior AFSC no longer meets the needs of the functional community, he explained. For example, in January, changes occurred in the 2A3X1 enlisted avionics systems AFSC.

The change was necessary to provide aircraft-specific suffixes at the 5-skill level and rename the AFSC. The new AFSC will be 2A3X4, Fighter Aircraft Integrated Avionics. Suffixes identify the aircraft serviced, including the CV-22 avionics systems, Craigen explained.

"Developing and maintaining clearly written classification qualifications and standards is critical," Craigen said. "Clear, measurable standards and qualifications enable us to accurately, objectively establish manpower positions within units and determine qualifications for Airmen."

For more information about career field changes visit the Air Force Personnel Services website at <https://gum-crm.csd.disa.mil> and search for classification directory.

# Air Force strategy legend dies at age 96

WASHINGTON — A retired Air Force general who was known as the father of "strategy to task," and was instrumental in the development and implementation of new weapon systems during the last half of the 20th Century passed away April 25, at the age of 96.

Retired Lt. Gen. Glenn A. Kent spent more than three decades as an Army Air Corps and Air Force officer, becoming influential in the development, analysis and implementation of new weapons systems for the Department of Defense. He retired from the Air Force in 1974 as the director of the Weapon Systems Evaluation Group, Office of the Director of Defense Research and Engineering, with the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

Kent was considered to be one of the premier analytical thinkers of all time and considered a visionary of defense analyses still in use today. In his memoir "Thinking about America's Defense," Kent provided a summary of national security issues he personally

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engaged over his career.

In addition to creating the concept of a single integrated operation plan, Kent also led DoD's official assessment of strategic defenses throughout the 1960s and helped bring new weapon systems to life. He also developed and analyzed strategic nuclear arms control agreements that did much to lead to the end of the Cold War.

Kent began his military career in 1941 when he joined the Army Air Corps as a cadet and completed training in meteorology at the California Institute of Technology in 1942.

His first assignment took him to Goose Bay, Labrador, Canada, as a weather officer, and later during World War II was assigned to Greenland in a similar capacity.

Over a career spanning more than 33 years, Kent had numerous assignments in the weapons field with positions that ranged from research and development to planning, strategy and policy-making at the Headquarters, U.S. Air Force and Department of Defense levels.

After earning a bachelor's degree from Western State College of Colorado, Gunnison, in 1936, Kent went on to earn degrees from the Naval Post Graduate School in Annapolis, Md., and the University of California at Berkeley.

After his retirement from the Air Force, Kent spent more than 20 years as a defense analyst for the Rand Corp.

Kent's legacy continues today with the Lt. Gen. Glenn A. Kent Leadership Award, which recognizes leadership for the analytic community.



LT GEN GLENN A. KENT  
Air Force loses a legend

(U.S. Air Force graphic/Corey Parrish)

According to a senior Air Force official, while our nation was facing the Cold War and the Vietnam conflict, General Kent contributed critical thought and sound analysis to help convince leaders that a single command with an integrated operations plan should be responsible to organize and employ our strategic forces. His visionary concepts laid the way to the end of the Cold War two decades later.

"General Kent compels us to think logically as well as to study the lessons experienced by those before us — how they prevailed, adapted and modernized. These insights can help us maintain a competitive edge over our foes now and in the future."



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# What time do you open?



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Charles Dickens  
The base's Auto Hobby Shop offers vehicle maintenance services and self-repair opportunities. The Auto Hobby Shop's hours are Monday through Friday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.



U.S. Air Force Photo/Airman 1st Class Charles Dickens  
The base's Youth Center offers an array of events for children and teens in addition to open recreation. Open recreation hours for Monday through Thursday are 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. (Summer hours: 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.) and 3 p.m. to 10 p.m. (Teens only 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.). Office hours are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m..

## Airman's Attic

Tuesday: Noon to 5:30 p.m.  
Saturday: 10 a.m. to noon.  
434-8824

## Airman and Family Readiness Center

Monday-Friday: 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
434-2790

## Auto Hobby Shop

Monday-Friday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Saturday: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
434-7842

## Base Exchange

Monday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Tuesday-Saturday: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Sunday: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
434-6013

## Base Housing (Pinnacle Hunt)

Monday-Friday: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
434-8213

## Base Operator

434-1110

## Base Pool

General Swim: Noon to 7 p.m.

## Lap Swim:

Monday-Friday: 6 to 7:30 a.m., 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.  
434-2491

(Open seasonally from May 26 to Sept. 4)

## Barber Shop

Monday-Friday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Saturday: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Sunday: Noon to 4 p.m.  
434-6699

## Bowling Alley Grill

Monday-Thursday: 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.  
Friday: 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.  
Saturday: 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.  
Sunday: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
434-3426

## Bowling Alley

Monday-Thursday: 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.  
Friday: 7 a.m. to 11 p.m.  
Saturday: 8 a.m. to 11 p.m.  
Sunday: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
434-2425

## Chapel

Sunday Services  
Protestant Traditional Worship  
Service: 10:45 a.m.  
Catholic Confession: 4 p.m.  
Catholic Mass: 5:00 p.m.  
434-2500

## Child Development Center

Monday-Friday: 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.  
434-2479

## Columbus Club

434-2489

## Commissary

Sunday: Noon to 6 p.m.  
Monday: Closed  
Tuesday: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.  
Wednesday: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Thursday: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.  
Friday: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Saturday: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
434-7109

## Custom Framing and Engraving

Monday-Friday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
434-7856

## Emergencies

Please call 911 and inform them you are on Columbus AFB

## Finance

Monday-Friday: 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
434-2705

## Fitness Center

Monday-Thursday: 5 a.m. to 11 p.m.  
Friday: 5 a.m. to 9 p.m.  
Saturday-Sunday: 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
Holidays: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
434-2772

## GNC

Monday-Friday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Saturday-Sunday: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
434-5050

## Indies

Monday-Friday lunch: 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.  
Closed at 4 p.m.  
434-2419

## Legal Office

Monday-Friday: 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Power of Attorney walk-ins from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.  
Wills done by appointment only  
434-7030

## Library

Monday-Thursday: 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
Friday: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Saturday and Sunday: 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.  
434-2934

## Lodging - Magnolia Inn

434-2548

## Medical Appointments

434-2273 (CARE)

## Military Family Life Consultants

251-8627

## Optical Shop

Monday-Friday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
434-8496

## OSI

434-2852

## Outdoor Recreation

Monday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Tuesday: 8 a.m. to noon  
Wednesday: 8 a.m. to noon  
Thursday-Friday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Saturday: 8 a.m. to noon  
Sunday: 8 a.m. to noon  
434-2507

## Personnel Customer Service

Monday-Friday: 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
434-2626/434-2624

## Shopette

Monday-Friday: 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.  
Saturday: 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.  
Sunday: 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.  
434-6026

## Subway

Monday-Friday: 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Saturday: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Sunday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
434-1369

## Taco Bell

Monday: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Tuesday-Saturday: 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Sunday: Closed  
434-1369

## Thrift Shop

Tuesdays and Thursdays: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
434-2954

## Visitors Center

Monday-Friday: 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
434-3161

## Whispering Pines Golf Course

Every day: 7 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
Pam's Place lunch: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
434-7932

## Wood Shop

Wednesday-Thursday: 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.  
Saturday: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
434-7836

## Youth Center

Monday-Thursday:  
Open Recreation: 3 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
(Summer hours: 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.)  
Office: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Friday:  
Open Recreation: 3 p.m. to 10 p.m.  
(Teens only 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.)  
Office: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
434-2504



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The fitness center holds multiple group exercise classes a week as well as has dozens of weightlifting and cardio machines, racquetball and basketball courts, an aerobics room and is home to the Health and Wellness Center. The Fitness Center is open Monday through Thursday: 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday: 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and Sunday: 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and on Holidays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.



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The MPF handles issuances, changes and renewals of military identification cards as well as many other services mainly attributed to in and out-processing. They are open Monday through Friday: 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.