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Weather



Today

High: 88, Low: 62
Partly Cloudy



Saturday

High: 85, Low: 61
Sunny



Sunday

High: 85, Low: 61
Sunny



Monday

High: 87, Low: 64
Partly Cloudy

News Briefs

Safety Day Briefings

There will be mandatory briefings for Safety Day May 24 in the Kaye Auditorium at 07:30 a.m., 10 a.m., 01:30 p.m. and 03:30 p.m.

Blood Drive

The Armed Services Blood Program and Columbus Air Force Base will hold a blood drive where all proceeds go downrange May 24 from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the base gym.

AETC Family Day/Memorial Day

May 25 will be an AETC Family Day. The golf course and outdoor recreation center will continue business at regular hours, the bowling alley will be open from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., the fitness center will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and all other services will be closed. All services will be closed May 28 in observance of Memorial Day.

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SUPT Class 12-09 graduates today at 10 a.m. at the Kaye Auditorium.

Base releases 2011 economic impact report

Senior Airman Chase Hedrick

14th Flying Training Wing
Public Affairs

Columbus Air Force Base recently released a report measuring the base's economic impact on the local area for 2011.

The report was briefed by Maj. Jennifer Varga, 14th Comptroller Squadron Commander to the Base Community Council.

Overall, Columbus AFB contributed \$262.1 million to the local economy throughout 2011. The largest portion of this spending was attributed payroll. \$140.2 million was expended to pay the 2997 military and civilian employees.

Annual expenditures on construction, contracts, and more led to another \$83.2 million contributed. Construction expenditures, such as preparation for rebuilding the center runway was only a small portion of the annual expenditures at \$4.9 million. Contracts, supplies and equipment accounted for \$70.7 million, fueling pieces of the mission including the aircraft maintenance and utilities.

Indirect jobs created by additional needs for goods and services caused by Columbus AFB's presence totaled 977 for 2011, an increase of 23 since 2010. In this way, \$38.7 million more was expended.

Miscellaneous expenditures totaled at \$7.6 million for 2011, primarily attributed to health care. A slight growth in Impact Aid to local schools was seen in this area in 2011.

Local retiree pay, while not part of any economic impact, channeled another \$103.1 million into the local area for the 5,644 living nearby.

(A link to the FY 11 EIR will be available on the base website at the end of May.)



U.S. Air Force photo

Maj. Jennifer Varga, 14th Comptroller Squadron briefs the 2011 Economic Impact Report during the Base Community Council Luncheon on May 11 at the Columbus Club. Overall Columbus Air Force Base contributed \$262.1 million to the local economy.

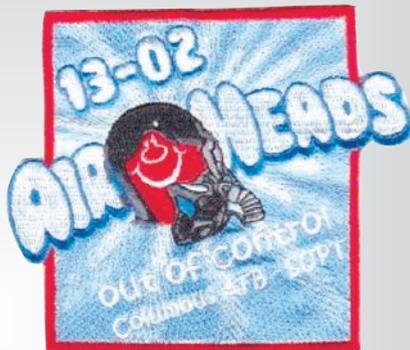
COLUMBUS AFB TRAINING TIMELINE

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Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Track Select	Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation	Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation	Aircraft	Required	Flown	Annual
37th (13-04)	-1.05 days	2.62 days	Jun 28	48th (12-10)	4.18 days	2.37 days	Jun 1	49th (12-HB)	2.38 days	3.27 days	May 31	T-6	1,768	1,668	20,008
41st (13-03)	3.62 days	2.53 days	Jun 6	50th (12-10)	-1.98 days	-2.36 days	Jun 6					T-1	601	588	6,431
												T-38	626	699	6,624
												IFF	176	210	2,087

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

Track Select

2nd Lt. Alexander Anderson	T-1
2nd Lt. Marlana Carrillo	T-1
2nd Lt. Margret Carter	T-1
2nd Lt. Michael Cole	T-1
2nd Lt. Paul Driggers	T-1
2nd Lt. Kevin Fogler	T-38
2nd Lt. Nathan Frey	T-38
2nd Lt. Brennan Gallagher	T-1
2nd Lt. Nichols George	T-1
2nd Lt. Anthony Hill	T-38
2nd Lt. Thomas Howard	T-1
2nd Lt. Jonathan Lewis	T-38
2nd Lt. Trevor Lockhart	T-38
2nd Lt. Bryan Mazer	T-38
2nd Lt. Melissa McNelly	T-1
2nd Lt. Cole Merrick	T-1
2nd Lt. Andrew Miller	T-38
2nd Lt. Kevin Rowe	T-1
2nd Lt. Jay Ruhnke	T-1
2nd Lt. Carson Slater	T-1
2nd Lt. Wayne Sletten	T-1
2nd Lt. Jeremy Smith	T-1
2nd Lt. Joshua Stevens	T-1
2nd Lt. Daniel Trapani	Helo
2nd Lt. David Truxal	T-1
2nd Lt. Richard Tyner	T-1



Leverette Award
2nd Lt. Richard Tyner

T-38 Top Guns

Contact: 2nd Lt. Nathan Frey
Instrument: 2nd Lt. Andrew Miller
Formation: 2nd Lt. Trevor Lockhart

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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.

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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat/Sun
21	22 Class 13-09 PPW, 6 p.m. @ Franklin Apartments	23 WSA Hail and Farewell, 11 a.m. @ Hunt Community Center	24 Safety Day, 7:30 a.m., 10 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m. @ Kaye APAH Luau and Golf Tournament, noon @ Golf Course Blood Drive, 6 a.m. -2 p.m. @ Fitness Center. Aviators welcome.	25 AETC Family Day, most CAFB offices closed	26/27 Base Pool Opens @ noon (26th)
28 Memorial Day, most CAFB offices closed	29 Newcomers Orientation, 8 a.m. @ Club	30	31 Enlisted Promotions, 4 p.m @ Club IFF Graduation, 4:49 @ 49th Elvis Festival in Tupelo	1 Commander Calls, 8:30 a.m., 10 a.m., 1 p.m. 3 p.m. @ Kaye Class 12-10 Assignment Night, 5 p.m. @ Club	2/3 St. Leo Commencement, 10 a.m. @ Club

Long Range Events

- June 4-8: Night Flying Week
- June 4-8: Vacation Bible School
- June 6: Class 13-03 Track Select
- June 8: Medical Group Closed
- June 12: Enlisted Calls
- June 12: Hearts Apart
- June 14: Flag Day
- June 14: Class 12-11 Assignment Night
- June 15: Class 12-10 SUPT Graduation

New fuel hangar opened



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Chase Hedrick
Col. Matt Isler, 14th Flying Training Wing Vice Commander, David Rose, Dyncorp Division Manager and Vicky Stanley, Assistant Area Engineer, U.S. Army Corps Of Engineers cut the ribbon on the recently completed fuel barn during a ceremony on May 12. The previous building was waived at a temporary fuel barn since 1979.

CAFB illegal team honors Law Day



U.S. Air Force photo
Airman 1st Class Mario Espinoza, 14th Operations Support Squadron, Staff Sgt. Kareema Palmer, 14th Medical Operations Squadron and Master Sgt. Alexis Reid, 14th Flying Training Wing Judge Advocate dress as bears during the Trial of Goldilocks May 15 at Cook Elementary School. The mock court case was held to honor Law Day and educate children about law and the way trials are conducted.

Columbus CCAF graduates

Congratulations to 45 Airmen who received their Community College of the Air Force degree May 12:

Tech Sgt. Latoya Saxton, Information Management
Senior Airman Eric Gonzalez, Contracts Management
Staff Sgt. Brian Hanna, Social Services
Staff Sgt. Daniel Kaiser, Criminal Justice
Staff Sgt. Kaitlin Beall, Human Resource Management
Tech Sgt. Christopher Czerwonka, Human Resource Management
Senior Airman Jeremiah Jansen, Aviation Maintenance Technology
Senior Airman Shondelle Ah Kuoi, Allied Health Sciences
Staff Sgt. Jennifer Callahan, Public Health Technology
Senior Airman Justin Lane, Dental Assisting
Staff Sgt. Amanda Padilla, Aerospace Ground Equipment and Public Health Technology
Tech Sgt. Conchetta Pitt, Dental Assisting
Staff Sgt. Michael Rowe, Aerospace Physiology Technology
Senior Airman Soo Shin, Allied Health Sciences
Staff Sgt. Jeremiah Taylor, Aviation Maintenance Technology
Staff Sgt. Jason Do, Health Care Management
Staff Sgt. Rashad Snipes, Logistics
Staff Sgt. Shannon Smith, Aircrew Safety Systems Technology
Master Sgt. Norma Chism, Human Resource Management
Senior Airman Ruby Durkin, Aircrew Safety Systems Technology
Senior Airman Kyle Malczewski, Air Traffic Operations and Management
Tech Sgt. Jeffrey Vogel, Air Traffic Operations and

Management
Tech Sgt. Jeremy Arnett, Criminal Justice
Master Sgt. Christopher Fitzhugh, Criminal Justice
Master Sgt. Catherine LeGrand, Human Resource Management and Criminal Justice
Tech Sgt. William Noble, Criminal Justice
Staff Sgt. Edgardo Rosero, Criminal Justice
Staff Sgt. Jaime Bary, Human Resource Management
Tech Sgt. Adam Bergner, Human Resource Management
Tech Sgt. Brandon Branham, Mechanical and Electrical Technology
Master Sgt. Chad Caden, Construction Technology and Human Resource Management
Master Sgt. Anthony Evans, Human Resource Management
Staff Sgt. Derik Fleming, Restaurant, Hotel and Fitness Management
Staff Sgt. Joshua Hartwell, Human Resource Management
Tech Sgt. Samuel Pruett, Human Resource Management
Staff Sgt. Jeremy Sealey, Human Resource Management and Electronic Systems Technology
Staff Sgt. Sundae Shearer, Human Resource Management
Tech Sgt. Thomas Sinkewicz, Criminal Justice
Master Sgt. Kenneth Smith, Human Resource Management
Staff Sgt. Jason Sparger, Diagnostic Imaging Technology
Staff Sgt. Hannah Ward, Restaurant, Hotel and Fitness Management
Staff Sgt. Tiffanie Jones, Aviation Management
Senior Airman Matthew Lyon, Criminal Justice
Staff Sgt. Latesha Davis, Information Management
Staff Sgt. Richard Franks, Criminal Justice
Tech Sgt. Daniel Morphew, Contracts Management

Newest SNCOs recognized at release party

14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Fourteen members of Team BLAZE's Tech Sgt. core were chosen to be promoted to Master Sgt. These Master Sgt. selectees were recognized during the Master Sgt. promotion release party May 17 at the Columbus Club.

- Selected for promotion are:
- Tech Sgt. Dante Arcenal, 14th Force Support Squadron
 - Tech Sgt. Jason Behrens, 14th Operations Support Squadron
 - Tech Sgt. Christopher Calo, 14th Medical Support Squadron
 - Tech Sgt. Ryan Caviness, 14th Medical Operations Squadron
 - Tech Sgt. Joseph Geiger, 14th OSS
 - Tech Sgt. Ryan Gilbert, 14th Security Forces Squadron
 - Tech Sgt. Jeremy Lewis, 14th Flying Training Wing
 - Tech Sgt. Jacob Longest, 14th MDOS
 - Tech Sgt. William Reynard, 14th FTW
 - Tech Sgt. Maria Rodriguez, 14th MDOS
 - Tech Sgt. Ricky Schirver, 14th Communications Squadron
 - Tech Sgt. Dhane Seelnacht, 14th FTW
 - Tech Sgt. Kimberly Simon, 14th OSS
 - Tech Sgt. Drew Spradley, 14th OSS

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.

CAFB staff cars have a new look



U.S. Air Force Photo/Elizabeth Owens

Previous staff cars had roofs that were painted white to stand out. Columbus Air Force Base is making a switch to hybrid cars without specially marked roofs.



U.S. Air Force Photo/Airman 1st Class Charles Dickens

The new hybrid staff cars are a standard blue color without a specially painted roof. All of the staff cars are being replaced with these hybrid models.

Soil removal scheduled in Magnolia and State Village

Mr. Shane Reed, PG
14 Civil Engineering

Columbus Air Force Base will be conducting soil remediation in Magnolia and State Villages at a former skeet range that has not been operational since the early 1950s. Recent environmental investigations have identified several areas as having been impacted by Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAH) from the former skeet range operations. Eleven properties have initially been identified as requiring soil excavation and replacement. Residents directly affected have already been notified and are aware of the upcoming soil removal/replacement action.

Heavy equipment and power tools will be utilized and may pose a safety risk for unattended children. Residents are encouraged to avoid impacted areas during soil excavation activities. Every effort will be made to minimize impacts to our Airmen and their families.

A utility survey will be conducted to locate utilities prior to any intrusive work, and utility avoidance will be practiced during the excavation. However, there is a chance that electrical service to residents could be interrupted during this project. Should the need to interrupt electrical service arise, residents will be notified via the Columbus Family Housing One-Call system. General information for site activities includes the following:

The excavated areas will be replaced with certified clean soils with clean topsoil added as the top 3 to 6 inches of the filled area. All previously grassy areas will be restored with sod.

- Site work will be conducted between the hours of 7 a.m. and 5 p.m., and work will not be conducted on the weekends.

- At least one entrance to each residence will be accessible at all times, and driveways and sidewalks will be accessible at all times. Residents are permitted entry and exit from their homes while work is being conducted, but access to yards will be extremely limited due to the presence of heavy equipment and safety considerations.

- A landscape survey will be conducted consisting of photographic documentation of all existing landscaping and vegetation in the excavation areas. Vegetation, including grass, flowers, shrubs, and small diameter trees (evaluated on a case-by-case basis), will be removed prior to excavation. The landscape will be restored with similar, available vegetation.

- Obstructions to excavation including fences and satellite dishes will be removed prior to excavation, but will be re-installed

during site restoration.

- To ensure site safety, a barrier fence will be installed around open excavations at the end of each work day. The barrier fence will not obstruct driveways or front entrances.

- Dust suppression techniques will be used, when necessary.

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- Every effort will be made to minimize impacts to our Airmen and their families.

The excavated areas will be replaced with certified clean soils with clean topsoil added as the top 3 to 6 inches of the filled area. All previously grassy areas will be restored with sod. Erosion control blankets may be used to prevent erosion. Landscaping vegetation that is similar to what was removed will be replaced. Fences and satellite dishes will be re-installed. Areas which have been re-vegetated will be watered to establish growth. Acceptable established re-vegetation shall include two grass cutting of 3-inch growths. When site restoration is complete, including maintenance, the Columbus AFB Environmental Restoration Program Manager (Mr. Shane Reed) will make an inspection to determine acceptability.

If residents have any questions or concerns, they are urged to contact Mr. Shane Reed, 14th Civil Engineering Squadron at 434-7973.

Computers for learners

Robert Rogers

14 Communications
Squadron

Columbus Air Force Base personnel recently donated 375 computer terminals to the Lowndes County School District through the Department of Defense Computers for Learning program. Members of the 14th Communications Squadron, 14th Logistic Readiness Division, and the Lowndes County School District information technology department worked together to establish accounts, identify equipment for donation, and solved

The CFL program was created by executive order in 1996 to make modern computer technology an integral part of every classroom.

logistical challenges to get the computers to the desired locations.

The CFL program was created by executive order in 1996 to make modern computer technology an integral part of every classroom. The program allows the transfer of surplus government information

technology equipment to public, private, and parochial schools and educational nonprofit organizations serving grades pre-K through 12.

"In a time of increasingly tightened budgets at every level, reutilization of equipment is a great way to save taxpayers money and strengthen the bond that the base shares with the people of Columbus Miss.," said Mr. Robert Rogers of the 14th Communications Squadron. This project alone will save the Lowndes County School District over \$117,000 but the real benefit is in the accessibility to computer based education for the children of Lowndes County.



Courtesy photo
Senior Airman JaQuari Lopez, 14th Communications Squadron, watches a local student work with one of the recently donated computer terminals. Columbus Air Force Base personnel recently donated 375 computers to the Lowndes County School District.

Nature trail in bloom



U.S. Air Force Photo

Each year wildflower seed are planted at the nature trails in the fall. The flowers grow and bloom in the spring or summer. This year the bloom is late due to weather. Some of the flowers are just beginning to bloom and posters with some of the flowers pictures have been placed in the Base Library and at The Landings. Within the next four to six weeks other flowers will bloom. The Nature Trails are located adjacent to SAC Lake. There is a mailbox along the trails which contains maps of all the trails and also the Nature Trail Guide Book. Remember to take pictures, leave with memories, leave only footprints and do not pick the flowers. After the flowers have dried they will be mowed to leave seed for next year. If anyone needs information about the trails or flowers, please contact the Conservation Manager, Frank Lockhart at 434-7958.

Trail BLAZE'r



Name: 2nd Lt. Tammy Kirk
Unit: 14th Medical Support Squadron
Job title: Medical Readiness OIC
Time at Columbus AFB: Nine months
Time in Service: Ten months
Hometown: Windham, N.H.
Career goals: Long term — retire a colonel. Lifelong — earn every rank with integrity and on merit; to be considered a great leader by those I lead, not only those I follow.
Family members: Husband — Aaron, and two cats.
Favorite musician: Billy Joel
Favorite movie: Pretty Woman
Biggest pet peeve: Ignorance
Favorite book: The Outlander series
Inspirations: Learning something new every day.
Personal motto: Never give up on your dreams, even if they take a lifetime.

Pilot for a day



U.S. Air Force Photo/Elizabeth Owens

1st Lt. Alan Pippin, pilot escort and 1st Lt. Bryan Hladik, Pilot for a Day program manager hold Barkley Fallon in front of a T-38C May 15 during the Pilot for a Day program. Fallon was able to experience a T-38C simulator and was given a tour of multiple squadrons throughout Columbus Air Force Base.

Surviving rape: A mother's perspective

Sharon Kingsley

Air Force Special Operations
Command

HURLBURT FIELD, Fla. — It began with the phone ringing at 5 a.m., which is never a good time for a phone call.

It was my 18-year-old daughter sobbing, saying she was at the police station. I asked her what she had done (not my best parenting moment).

Then, she said she had been raped, and my heart stopped.

I told her that she was not a victim, and, by going to the police, she had taken her power back. I asked if she had been hurt as well, and she said no. She had to go because the police were going to take her to the hospital for a rape exam.

I wanted to wrap her in my arms, but she was in college at Florida State University in Tallahassee, Fla., and I was in Springfield, Va., where we were stationed. My husband was TDY to Montgomery, Ala., so we were all spread out. I had to call my husband and let him know what had happened to our baby girl, a very hard thing for any dad to hear. He made arrangements to leave the conference he was attending, rent a car and drive to Tallahassee to help our daughter.

I talked to her several times that day and got most of the story from her. She had just started working at a coffee shop and bar across the street from the university. She had never been a waitress before, so she was making mistakes.

During her third day at work, her boss took "pity" and offered her a shot of alcohol to help her relax. Let me state again, she was only 18. She ended up drinking several shots during her shift and was pretty drunk by the time the bar closed.

Taking advantage, her boss raped her in a back room at the bar and then drove her home.

If someone you know tells you they were raped, help them report it to the proper authorities. If you are the loved one of someone who has been raped, support them, love them and help them realize that they are not victims. They can choose to take their power back by reporting what happened.

My daughter was distraught and didn't know what to do. She went to a common room in her dorm that was empty and called her best friend, a boy who lived on the same floor of her dorm. He immediately rushed to her, and my daughter shared the whole story with him. Her friend urged her to report this to the police. They woke her roommates to let them know what had happened. My daughter just wanted to crawl into her bed and hide.

Her two roommates, while well-intentioned, hugged her and told her she didn't have to go to the police.

But her best friend steadfastly insisted, "You have to go, and we will go with you and support you."

That was a very long and hard day for my daughter. She called me to let me know what had happened. Children are often afraid to let their parents know about an assault, partly because they don't want the parents to be disappointed in their behavior.

Just because my daughter drank too much doesn't make her responsible for the rape.

She told the police her story; she went to the hospital and was thoroughly examined. She went back to her dorm room with her friends, and her dad met her there. We arranged for her to fly home with her father for four days. We all needed her home to take care of her and to see for ourselves that she was going to be okay. Then, my brave little girl returned to school and finished the semester.

The next year and a half was an emotional roller coaster. She did well in school initially but was an emotional wreck. She went to see

a counselor, which helped her a lot.

However, she still had bad moments. In the beginning, she blamed herself. She felt guilty about drinking and losing control of the situation. My husband and I kept telling her we were proud of her and that she was smart and strong. It took her a long time to believe us. Eventually, she understood that what he did to her was wrong. "While I was stupid, he was criminal," she told me.

At first, the legal process also contributed to her stress. She had to tell her account over and over again to the police, to the state attorney, to the counselor and in a deposition to the defense. After being scheduled four times, we finally went to trial after a year and a half. The trial lasted two days, and her attacker was found guilty and eventually sentenced to 15 years in jail.

After the trial was over, our beautiful, happy daughter was back! The stress of the legal process was worth it. It was a huge relief for her. Now, she has graduated college, has a career and a boyfriend she loves. She has been able to move past the events of five years ago, and lives a happy and fulfilled life.

In the years since this happened to my daughter, my eyes have been opened about how frequently assaults happen and, even more tragically, how frequently they are not reported. Women are ashamed, or afraid of not being believed, or not wanting to get someone into trouble. I know how hard it was for my daughter to tell anybody what had happened. She said, because she told her friend what happened, she had support to do what needed to

be done. Once she had gone to the police, it was easier to tell us.

She told me that if she had not told anyone she would not have been able to get over it. After the rape first happened, she blamed herself. Her inner voice was telling her she was stupid, weak, wrong and bad. Between her friends, family and counselor, we were able to eventually drown out her negative inner voice and help her see herself as the strong, capable and smart woman that she is.

If someone you know tells you they were raped, help them report it to the proper authorities. If you are the loved one of someone who has been raped, support them, love them and help them realize that they are not victims. They can choose to take their power back by reporting what happened.

I think the main reason my daughter was able to heal from this is that she told someone.

Once she told her friend, he believed her. That gave her strength to tell her roommates; they believed her too. She was then, with her friends' support, able to tell the police, and they believed her. She called her family, and we believed her. I believe that because the people that mattered to her believed her, she was able to take action against the attacker and heal from the rape.

If you have been raped, then tell someone you trust. You need love and support as you go through the process of reporting what happened.

My daughter felt guilty at first because she accepted so many drinks from her boss, but she eventually came to realize that he was at fault, because no one deserves to be raped. Ever.

For more information about reporting a sexual assault case, visit the Air Force Personnel Center's Sexual Assault Response Coordinator website.

(Editor's note: Air Force Special Operations Command Public Affairs received permission from Brig. Gen. Michael and Sharon Kingsley's daughter to publish her story.)

Base News

Women's Flag Football

A Women's flag football tournament will be held Friday May 18 at the base softball field. Single elimination begins at 5:30 p.m. For more information contact the Fitness Center at 434-2772.

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>.

LGR Mobility Individual Protective Equipment Element closed for Training

The 14th Logistics Division, Mobility and Individual Protective Equipment Element located in the Walker Center, building 1030 will close for training Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. beginning Thursday, May 10, 2012. All appointments must be scheduled around these days/times to avoid delays and inconveniences. Walk-ins are no longer accepted. All appointments must be scheduled in advance by calling 434-7305, 7306, 3363 or 3364. For more information, please call 434-7212 or 434-7306.

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. 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.

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 guaran-

teed 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 22, 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

June 12, 4:30-6:30 p.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.

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. – Mother's Day Breakfast (free), Chapel Annex

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

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.



Visit www.columbus.af.mil to learn about Columbus AFB agencies and other important information.



A variety of activities are offered to base families

U GOT TALENT?!

Columbus AFB amateur performers can strut their stuff on stage at Kaye Auditorium, Thurs., May 31, 6:30 p.m. at the annual U Got Talent! Family Talent Show and Competition. Sign up by May 22 in these categories: ages 6-8; ages 9-12; ages 13-18; and Group or Family. Participants may enter in solo/individual act, vocal, instrumental, performance or specialty. For more information, contact Mr. Hamilton at 434-2504.

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. 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. Also, check out the Summer Sizzling Specials to win great prizes for your patronage. Call the Bowling Center at 434-3426 or 3577 for more information.

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.

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.

Club Scholarships Up for Grabs!

Application packages for the \$1,000 scholarships are due at the Columbus Club or in the

Saturday's Got Something FREE for Everyone

Get ready for a day of FREE fun for the entire BLAZE family on Sat., May 19. The day starts at 9 a.m. with the Name That Park Celebration and America's Kids Run Kick Off at the current "Park With No Name" at the corner of Downs St. and Simler Blvd. Following the ribbon cutting, unveiling of the new park name and announcement of the winner of the FREE pizza party in the "Name That Park" contest, the America's Kids Run will start at 9:30 a.m. All ages are welcome to participate in the run. Register at www.americaskisrun.org or call the Youth Center at 434-2504 for more information. Refreshments will be served following the run. Single and Unaccompanied Airman can leave base at 11 a.m. with FREE transportation to Memphis in May to enjoy world-class barbecue and top-notch live music. Space is limited to the first 33 registrants and it's not too late to sign up. For more information on this trip, contact Outdoor Recreation at 434-2505 or 434-7861. For those folks remaining in town or on base, the 14th Force Support Squadron also is offering a FREE PG-13 comedy and variety show at Kaye Auditorium at 7 p.m. Please see the advertisement on this page for more information on this great date night event or direct questions to us on Facebook at CAFB FSS Rocks.

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.

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.

Daily Fitness Classes Available

Columbus AFB Fitness & Sports offers a variety of heart-pumping, sweat-inducing classes throughout the week including weekday spin classes, Mon., 11 a.m., Wed., 11 a.m. and 5 p.m., Tues. and Thurs., 5 p.m. There's a Stroller Fitness Class, Tues., 9 a.m., beginning at

Freedom Park. Come check out Zumba every Tues. and Thurs., 11:30 a.m., and circuit training classes on Tues. and Thurs., 5:30 p.m. For more information, call 434-2772 or go online to www.cafbssrocks.com and click on the link to the Fitness page.

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 WORLD-WIDE...and they never go out of style. FSS gift cards can be purchased at Whispering Pines Golf Course, Strike Zone Lanes or at the Youth Center.

Instructional Classes at Youth Center

Youth Programs is offering piano lessons, guitar lessons, tumbling classes, dance classes and martial arts instruction. Time and ages vary for

all classes. Call 434-2504 or stop by the Youth Center for more information.

Get off the Couch and Play!

Columbus AFB has an 18-hole disc golf course across the street from the Fitness Center. The course's layout includes par threes, fours and fives plus lots of trees making it great for beginners or pros alike. So grab your friends or family and a disc and have some fun! Disc sets are available for check out at the Fitness Center. Call 434-2772 for more information.

It's Like FREE Money!

Single airmen returning from deployment and families of deployed members can receive up to \$500 in special discounts and rewards through participating FSS facilities and programs. Get discounted trips at Information Tickets and Travel, rent equipment from Outdoor Recreation, play a round of golf, participate in a golf clinic, or go bowling with a friend. These are just some of the offerings through the PLAYpass program. To find out if you are eligible for a PLAYpass card, visit www.MyAirForceLife.com or call the A&FRC at 434-2790.

Share Your Knowledge

Volunteer tutors are needed for all subjects and all grades. Tutoring will take place at the Youth Center between the hours of 2:30 and 6:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri. For more information, contact Ms. Terri Graves at 434-2504.

Deep Disney Discounts Extended

There's still time to get the kids to the Disney parks in Florida for a great price! Disney Military Salute has extended the deeply discounted ticket specials to Sept. 30, 2012, along with an increase in the number of tickets available at the special prices at Columbus AFB's ITT office. For more information about this and other fun, affordable vacation ideas, contact Outdoor Recreation/ITT at 434-2505/2507.

Join FitFamily!

All ages can benefit from the Air Force Services fitness and wellness initiative, FitFamily. Families can register as a team at www.USAFFitFamily.com to earn points and achieve levels for participation in Family Fun activities, family sports and fitness and family nutrition. Recognition is provided at each level to encourage families to continue on the path of wellness. The FitFamily program encourages Air Force families to make healthy lifestyle choices and provides resources and tips in an effort to promote overall family fitness. For more information, contact the Youth Center at 434-2504.

USPS restricts shipping of lithium batteries

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FORT GEORGE G. MEADE Md. — Effective May 16, the United States Postal Service will no longer allow the mailing of lithium batteries to or from international destinations, including Army post offices, fleet post offices and diplomatic post offices.

Affected items will be lithium-metal or lithium-ion batteries in electronic devices sent on commercial passenger aircraft to international destinations, said Darlene S. Casey, a senior public relations representative at the U.S. Postal Service Headquarters in Washington, D.C. As USPS uses commercial passenger air transportation for outbound international shipments, there are currently no exceptions.

The change is required due to new standards implemented by the International Civil Aviation Organization and the Universal Postal Union.

The restriction does not

apply to air cargo shipments, officials said. Therefore, private shipping companies, such as DHL, FedEx and UPS, will continue to move shipments of lithium batteries and electronic devices containing lithium batteries, officials said. Items will be shipped per ICAO regulations as outlined in the International Air Transportation Association dangerous goods manual.

USPS is working with expert companies and organizations to determine if any exceptions can be developed prior to January 2013, Casey said. Further announcements will be made should USPS be able to accept lithium batteries in certain types of international mail shipments as soon as any new options become available.

If USPS is able to determine any exceptions prior to January 2013, all customers will immediately be notified — customers can check www.usps.com for any service updates, Casey said. Types of electronic devices containing lithium batteries can be seen here.

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.

Gen. Welsh nominated as next CSAF

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Leon E. Panetta announced May 10 that the president has nominated Gen. Mark A. Welsh III to be the next chief of staff of the Air Force, succeeding Gen. Norton Schwartz, who has served in the position since August 2008.

"I'm tremendously honored and deeply humbled by the nomination to serve as the next Air Force chief of staff," said Welsh, who is currently serving as the U.S. Air Forces in Europe commander. "If confirmed, I'll do everything in my power to live up to the example set by Gen. Norty Schwartz and the other great officers who have led our service so well throughout its remarkable history.

"It's always a great day to be an Airman ... but this one is extra special for me. I came into the Air Force because I was in love with the airplanes; I stayed in because I fell in love with the people," he said. "Being allowed to continue to serve them, our Joint partners, and the nation in this role would be the privilege of a lifetime."

Welsh entered the Air Force in June 1976 as a graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy. He has been assigned to numerous operational, command and staff positions. Prior to his current position, he was the associate director of the Central Intelligence Agency for Military Affairs at the Central Intelligence Agency in Washington, D.C.

During a Pentagon press briefing May 10, Panetta recalled his close working relationship with Welsh when the secretary served as the CIA director.

"Over the course of our time working together, I developed a deep appreciation for his wisdom and his counsel," said Panetta. "A former Air Force academy commandant, I believe that he has the right leadership qualities and distinguished background to follow his extraordinary predecessor, General Schwartz."

Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Martin Dempsey echoed Panetta's praise for the nominee.

"I am pleased to join Secretary Panetta in applauding the nomination of Mark Welsh to be the twentieth chief of staff of our United States Air Force," said Dempsey. "I know about his courage in combat, his acumen in acquisition and his passion for developing future leaders. Mark is ready to join the ranks of renowned Airmen like Carl Spaatz, Curtis Lemay, David Jones and also his immediate predecessor, Norty Schwartz."

Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley described Welsh as an outstanding Airman and leader.

"General Welsh's proven performance, deep experience and leadership ability make him the ideal candidate to be the next chief of staff of the Air Force," Donley



Gen. Mark A. Welsh III

said. "Pending his confirmation, I look forward to working with Mark to continue building on the outstanding accomplishments achieved by Gen. Norty Schwartz in support of our Air Force."

Schwartz also praised the president's selection of Welsh to succeed him, saying he is the right leader at the right time for the Air Force.

"We are at an inflection point for our Air Force as we shape a smaller but superb Air Force in an increasingly complex geopolitical and security environment," Schwartz said. "Mark Welsh is a natural leader with an impressive record of accomplishments and a wide range of experience. He and his lifelong partner Betty are perfectly suited to lead our Airmen in the years ahead."

Schwartz will complete his four-year tenure as Air Force chief of staff in August.

Welsh previously served in the Pentagon as chief of the Defense and Space Operations Division on the Joint Staff, and as director of Global Power Programs in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition.

He is a command pilot with more than 3,400 flying hours, principally in the F-16 Fighting Falcon and the A-10 Thunderbolt II. Welsh has received numerous awards for his military service including the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, the Distinguished Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, the Defense Superior Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, the Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster and the Distinguished Flying Cross with oak leaf cluster.

The president has forwarded Welsh's nomination to the Senate for consideration and confirmation.

(Courtesy of the Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs)



T-1A Jayhawk

SUPT Class 12-09 earns silver wings



T-38C Talon



1st Lt. Reed Kobernik
Tucson, Ariz.
C-130H, Reno ANGB, Nev.



2nd Lt. Geoffrey Anderson
Seaford, Del.
MC-130P, Kadena AB, Japan



2nd Lt. Michael Booth
Saratoga, N.Y.
RC-135, Offutt AFB, Neb.

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

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 12-09 graduates at 10 a.m. today during a ceremony at the Kaye Auditorium.

The graduation speakers for the class are Maj. Gen. Margaret Woodward, acting Director, Operational Planning, Policy and Strategy, Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations, Plans and Requirements, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C. and her husband, Brig. Gen. Daniel P. Woodward (USAF Ret.), Vice President, Integrated Solutions and Senior Consultant, General Dynamics Information Technology.

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

2nd Lt. Joel Loftus, T-1, and 2nd Lt. Cody Vandergriff, 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. Jacob Klinger, T-1, and 2nd Lt. Matthew Stauber, T-38. The award is presented to a graduate in each flight who excelled in training and typified the tenets of the association — promoting aerospace power and a strong national defense.

Lieutenant Vandergriff, Lieutenant Loftus and Lieutenant Klinger were named the distinguished graduates of SUPT Class 12-09.

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 partner. SUPT Class 12-09's pilot partners are the Eat With Us group featuring Harvey's, Sweet Pepper's Deli and the Grill at Jackson Square.



2nd Lt. Lance Gower
Morgantown, W.Va.
B-52, Barksdale AFB, La.



2nd Lt. Jared Hageman
Salem, Ore.
KC-10, McGuire AFB, N.J.



2nd Lt. Richard Heiden
St. Cloud, Fla.
U-28, Hurlburt Field, Fla.



2nd Lt. Benjamin Kemper
Brighton, Colo.
A-10, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.



2nd Lt. Rohan Naldrett-Jays
Gig Harbor, Wash.
T-38, Columbus AFB, Miss.



2nd Lt. Sean O'Donnell
Garden Grove, Calif.
F-16, Tucson IAP, Ariz.



2nd Lt. Alexander Pinkstaff
Charlotte, N.C.
C-17, Charleston AFB, S.C.



2nd Lt. Gary Smith
Mr. Dora, Fla.
KC-135, MacDill AFB, Fla.



2nd Lt. Matthew Stauber
Duluth, Minn.
F-16, Tucson IAP, Ariz.



2nd Lt. William Tallman
Jackson, N.J.
KC-135, McConnell AFB, Kan.



2nd Lt. Cody Vandergriff
Eagle River, Alaska
Adv Air, Langley AFB, Va.



2nd Lt. Alexander Wardzinski
Houston, Texas
C-17, Charleston AFB, S.C.



2nd Lt. Blake Wiegmann
Tacoma, Wash.
E-3, Kadena AB, Japan



2nd Lt. Jacob Klinger
Kingwood, Texas
C-21, Scott AFB, Ill.



2nd Lt. Conard Knight
Stanley, Va.
U-28, Hurlburt Field, Fla.



2nd Lt. Joel Loftus
Bel Air, Md.
C-5M, Dover AFB, Del.



2nd Lt. Bryce McGarvie
Elgin, Ill.
MC-12, Beale AFB, Calif.