

“Produce Pilots, Advance Airmen, Feed the Fight”

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## CUI Countdown



# 177

Days until the CUI

Do you have a plan?

## News Briefs

### Town Hall Meeting

Columbus AFB will host a Town Hall meeting Monday, August 13 at 5:30 p.m. at the Columbus Club. Planned topics include updates on the MetLife dental insurance coverage, TRICARE Specialty Care, Military Munitions Response Program, BAH adjustment and Family Housing utility billing. Hunt will provide refreshments and all Team BLAZE members are welcomed to attend.

### PACAF/CV Perspective

Gen. Paul Selva, Vice Commander, Pacific Air Forces will give thoughts on the Air Force and the current way things are being carried out from his own perspective for the Aug. 24 issue of Silver Wings.

### 14th OG CoC

The 14th Operations Group Change of Command will take place Aug. 23 at 9 a.m. in the Fuel Hangar.

### BCC Luncheon

The Base Community Council will convene for a luncheon on Aug. 16 at 11:30 a.m. Lt. Gen. Paul Selva, Vice Commander, Pacific Air Forces will speak at the event. An Italian Lunch Buffet will be served; cost is \$12 per person. Call 434-7068 to RSVP by Mon. Aug. 13.

## Inside



### Feature 8

Immunization Awareness Month is highlighted in this week's feature.

# Tops in Blue coming Aug. 11

Gwen Granderson

14th Force Support Squadron

Tops in Blue, the premier entertainment showcase of the U.S. Air Force, will perform a free, family-friendly show Saturday, Aug. 11 at 6 p.m., at Mississippi University for Women's Rent Auditorium.

Doors open at 5:15 p.m. for military ID holders and at 5:30 p.m. for the general public. There are no tickets for this event, so come early as seating is limited and cannot be reserved.

In February of this year, Columbus was the last stop on the 2011 tour titled "Rhythm Nation." The 2012 season kicks off with Columbus being at the start of the tour. The mission of Tops in Blue is to provide musical entertainment to service members worldwide and they perform approximately 130 shows during a ten-month period.

Tops in Blue is comprised of approximately 40 vocalists, musicians, dancers, audio and visual technicians from across the Air Force and is one of the most widely travelled groups of its kind. Each year, personnel from across the Air Force compete in a multilevel competition for the right to be selected in this esteemed performance group. Tops in Blue members are on permissive temporary duty orders during the span of their tour.

The 2012 tour, entitled "Listen!" invites the audience to listen to the music of life through the sounds we hear everyday. It features the dynamic rhythms of The Doobie Brothers, Earth, Wind and Fire, Whitney Houston, and Maroon 5. This year's tour also showcases the great country music of Darius Rucker, Carrie Underwood, Lady Antebellum, and The Zac Brown Band. Of course, no Tops in Blue show would be complete without the great patriotic music that honors our nation and its heroes. Add the high energy precision choreography and dazzling visual impact Tops in Blue is known for and every member of the audience will be singing along and dancing in their seats.

Local sponsors who make this and other events possible are Mississippi University for Women, WCBI, Pop's BBQ, Chick-Fil-A, Brown's Farm and Garden Supply and Studdard Law Firm. Coca-Cola is the national sponsor of this tour. No federal endorsement of sponsors is intended.

For more information, visit CAFB FSS Rocks on Facebook or go online to [www.cafbssrocks.com](http://www.cafbssrocks.com).



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Chase Hedrick  
The 2011 Tops in Blue cast and crew performed "Rhythm Nation" for Columbus earlier this year. Aug. 11 at 6 p.m. the 2012 Tops in Blue cast and crew will bring a new performance entitled "Listen!" to the Mississippi University for Women's Rent Auditorium.

## 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 (13-06) | 0.96 days    | 2.91 days        | Aug. 10      | 48th (12-13) | -0.44 days   | -0.04 days       | Aug. 17    | 49th (12-KB) | -3.06 days   | -1.53 days       | Aug. 22    | T-6               | 782      | 741   | 27,528 |
| 41st (13-07) | 1.95 days    | 1.23 days        | Sep. 4       | 50th (12-13) | -1.02 days   | -4.77 days       | Aug. 17    |              |              |                  |            | T-1               | 283      | 304   | 9,120  |
|              |              |                  |              |              |              |                  |            |              |              |                  |            | T-38              | 310      | 304   | 9,741  |
|              |              |                  |              |              |              |                  |            |              |              |                  |            | IFF               | 85       | 96    | 2,892  |

The graduation speaker is Lt. Gen. Paul Selva, Vice Commander, Pacific Air Forces.

## AFSO21 eases predeployment process



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

Master Sgt. Brian Bailey, Airmen and Family Readiness Center briefs deploying members of the 14th Flying Training Wing at the Columbus Air Force Base centralized pre-deployment briefing. The centralized pre-deployment briefing was created during a recent Air Force Smart Operations for the 21st Century (AFSO21) event to help make the process more efficient for several base agencies and those deploying. The briefings are held the first and third Friday of every month at 8 a.m. in the second floor Mission Support Group conference room. If you are deploying soon, please contact your unit's deployment manager to reserve a seat.



## 14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, 67 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  |
|---|--------------------------------------|---|---|---|--|
| 13<br>Town Hall, 5:30 p.m. @ Club, All invited                                    | 14<br>Hearts Apart, 4:30 p.m. @ AFRC | 15  | 16<br>BCC Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. @ Club<br><br>Lt. Gen. Selva All Call, 4 p.m. @ Kaye | 17<br>Class 12-13 Graduation, 10 a.m. @ Kaye  | 18/19<br>18 - OG/CC Farewell, 11 a.m. @ Wash Rack<br><br>18/19 - Wing Vulnerability Assessment |
| 20<br>Airman Leadership School begins<br><br>OG/CC Fini Flight, 4 p.m. @ Base Ops | 21<br>CSC Social, 6 p.m. @ Club      | 22<br>IFF Class 12-KBC Graduation, 4:49 p.m. @ 49th | 23<br>OG CoC, 9 a.m. @ Fuel Hangar  | 24<br>Class 12-14 Assignment Night, 5 p.m. @ Club<br><br>1st Sgt. Steak Burn, 11 a.m. @ Chappel Annex | 25/26  |

### Long Range Events

Aug. 28:  
Newcomers  
Orientation  
Aug. 28: Class  
13-13 PPW  
Sept. 3: Labor Day  
Sept. 4: Class  
13-07 Track Select  
Sept. 6: Class  
73-03 Reunion  
Sept. 7: Class  
12-14 Graduation  
Sept. 11: Patriot Day  
Sept. 13: Dorm Dinner  
Sept. 14: Air Force Birthday Ball  
Sept. 14-15: Case Lot Sale

# COLUMBUS AIR FORCE BASE TOP 3 SPOTLIGHT

**Category:** Noncommissioned Officer

**Nominee Name Grade:** Tech. Sgt. Christopher Dooley

**Unit:** 14th Civil Engineering Squadron

**Date:** July 27, 2012

**Information:**

**1. Home Town:** Macon, Miss.

**2. Time in the Air Force:** 12 years, six months

**3. Time at Columbus AFB:** five years, one month

**4. Career Short Term Goals:** Completing Community College of the Air Force degree

**5. Career Long Term Goals:** Making Chief Master Sgt.

**6. Nominated by:** Master Sgt. Larry Ambrose

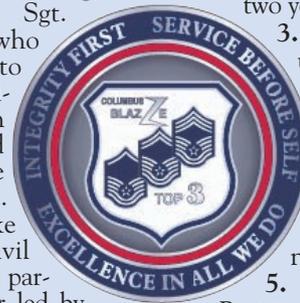
**7. Nomination reason:** Tech. Sgt. Christopher Dooley is one of the hardest working noncommissioned officers you will ever meet! No task is too tough for this Tech. Sgt. who accepts all challenges with a "can do" attitude and a smile. Dooley was formerly the Command Chief's Executive Assistant, though he recently returned to the Fire Station to assume the role of Assistant Chief of Plans and Programs. Immediately upon his return, Dooley jumped in and organized



his outgoing squadron commander's final call and farewell luncheon; he then coordinated his incoming commander's assumption of command ceremony. Dooley epitomizes Service Before Self, as he has risked his life, on multiple occasions as a fireman, for the safety of others, and when tragedy struck the wing, it was Tech. Sgt.

Dooley who stepped up to assist the family of a fallen Airman and fellow fire

fighter. Having Tech. Sgt. Dooley around seems to make everything better; the 46 Civil Air Patrol cadets who recently participated in a fire station tour led by Dooley can attest to this. In his spare time, Dooley supports base dorm dinners, Air Force Sergeant's Association, and BLAZE 56. Dooley was also the driving force behind the creation of the Wing's first-ever BLAZE Heritage Council, whose primary purpose is to promote diversity and celebrate cultural differences. Dooley, through his actions and his character, has proven himself as a worthy noncommissioned officer, leader and Wingman to Spotlight.



**Category:** Airman

**Nominee Name Grade:** Senior Airman Lillian Martinez

**Unit:** 14th Force Support Squadron

**Date:** July 27, 2012

**Information:**

**1. Home Town:** Brooklyn, N.Y.

**2. Time in the Air Force:** two years, 11 months

**3. Time at Columbus AFB:** two years, seven months

**4. Career Short Term Goals:** Receive Community College of the Air Force degree next year

**5. Career Long Term Goals:** Retiring from the military at 20 years

**6. Nominated by:** Master Sgt. Alexius Reid

**7. Nomination reason:** Senior Airman Lillian Martinez is a true asset to Team BLAZE and the Force Support Squadron family! As a Career Development Technician, Martinez works extremely hard to attend to the needs of over 3,000 personnel assigned, and because she works as a customer service representative and in assignments, separations and retirements, she has or will likely interact with most



of the base populace. Martinez works directly with Air Force Personnel Center on a daily basis to ensure individual, as well as unit needs are met — a job normally reserved for noncommissioned officers. With a noncommissioned officer deployed and two noncommissioned officers and an airman leaving from the Military Personnel Section, Martinez has had to assume even more major additional duties. This feat may seem impossible for an average airman, but for Martinez, no

task is insurmountable. Despite some occasional homesickness and low manning, Martinez continues to maintain an infectious positive attitude. In her off-duty time, she attends East Mississippi Community College and is pursuing a degree in Human Resources. She is also an active member of the African American Heritage Council, reads books to children at Child Development Center, volunteers for Habitat for Humanity, and has spoken to junior high school students regarding women's roles in modern society. Based on Martinez's ability to lead, follow, and maintain a positive attitude, she is undoubtedly the right airman to spotlight this month.

## CAFB has two new first sergeants



U.S. Air Force Photo

**Master Sgt. Jason Amos, 14th Medical Group 1st Sgt. and Master Sgt. Jeremy Heideman, soon to be 14th Force Support Squadron 1st Sgt., graduated from the First Sergeant Academy Aug. 3 at Maxwell Air Force Base. Columbus Air Force Base's newest 1st Sgts. stand with Chief Master Sgt. Vance Kondon, 14th Flying Training Wing Command Chief, Master Sgt. Ian Hall, 14th Mission Support Group 1st Sgt. and Master Sgt. Shawn Andrews, 14th Operations Group 1st Sgt.**

## Compulsory school attendance: home school

### 14th Flying Training Wing School Liaison Office

As the new school year begins, the Columbus Air Force Base School Liaison Office would like to remind parents of the State of Mississippi law governing school attendance particularly as it pertains to families who home school their children.

Under the Mississippi Compulsory School Attendance Law, parents and guardians are required to enroll their children in a public, private or home school. This law applies to children who have reached the age of six and have not exceeded the age of seventeen by Sept. 1.

Children who have attained or will attain the age of five years on or before Sept. 1 and have enrolled in a full-day

public kindergarten will also be under the Compulsory School Attendance Law.

Any parent or guardian who fails to comply with the Mississippi compulsory school attendance law may be punished in a court of law.

Parents who are teaching their children at home (home school) are required to complete a certificate of enrollment card each school year. You can complete this card at the Columbus AFB School Liaison Office, located in Building 730, Suite 215.

Mississippi law requires this card to be completed prior to Sept. 15, 2012.

Please contact the School Liaison Officer at 434-2792 or via email at: slo@columbus.af.mil for an appointment to complete your registration.

# Wing holds Town Hall meeting

## 14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Columbus Air Force Base leadership will conduct a Town Hall meeting for all base personnel starting at 5:30 p.m. Aug. 13 in the Columbus Club.

Wing leaders and Hunt Military Community representatives will cover several relevant topics including MetLife dental insurance coverage, TRICARE Specialty Care, Military Munitions Response Program, Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) adjustment and Family Housing utility billing.

By now all residents should have received Mock Utility Bills for the months of January, February, March, April and May 2012. The electric and gas bills are generated by two utility companies, Four County Electric Power Association and Caledonia Natural Gas District, not by Columbus AFB.

To streamline the billing process for housing residents, Hunt Military Communities contracted Minol to act as a third party vendor to merge the two bills and facilitate both the mock billing and live billing process. Minol is the leading provider of utility billing services for gas and electric to military housing communities.

While the billing cycle for each utility company is different, the Hunt housing team has made it possible for all residents to receive one bill for both gas and electricity each month.

However, due to the combining and disseminating of the utility bills, residents will receive a bill for utility consumption from two months earlier...instead of receiving the bill for April in May you receive the bill for April in June.

That bill will automatically be paid using the utility allowance, which is based on resident's housing floor plan and is already calculated into their BAH. The utility allowance is based upon monthly averages collected over the past year plus 10 percent.

If a housing resident's bill is over their utility allowance, the member will pay Minol the balance. When a housing resident is under the utility allowance they can request a rebate from Minol or leave it in the account for future utility consumption.

Wing leaders and personnel from Hunt Military Communities will hold a question and answer session following the presentations. Refreshments will be provided by Hunt Military Communities. The Town Hall meeting is open to all Team BLAZE military members.

## 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.

# Bio: Lieutenant General Paul J. Selva

Lt. Gen. Paul J. Selva is the Vice Commander, Pacific Air Forces, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii and will be spending two days with Team BLAZE August 16 and 17. While he is the keynote speaker for *Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training* class 12-13 at 10 a.m. at Kaye Auditorium Friday, Aug. 17, Gen. Selva will also be speaking in two additional forums.



At 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, August 16, Gen. Selva will be the featured speaker at the Base Community Council quarterly meeting at the Columbus Club. A civilian organization that allows members of the local community to stay connected to Columbus Air Force Base. Its membership is broad and diverse representing the Golden Triangle area. The BCC is made of individual people and their interests and is governed by a civilian board of directors and officers. RSVP for the \$12 BCC luncheon to the Public Affairs office at 434-7068 or 14ftw.pa@columbus.af.mil.

Later Thursday, Gen. Selva will hold an "All Call" at the Kaye Auditorium at 4 p.m. for those available for that forum. Gen. Selva was recently selected for his fourth star and named to take the helm of the Air Mobility Command later this year.

General Selva graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1980 with a Bachelor of Science degree in aeronautical engineering and completed undergraduate pilot training at Reese Air Force Base, Texas. He has held numerous staff positions and has commanded at squadron, group, wing and headquarters levels including the 722 Operations Support and 9th Air Refueling Squadrons and the 60th Operations Group at Travis AFB, Calif., 62nd Airlift Wing at McChord AFB, Wash., and the Tanker Airlift Control Center at Scott AFB, Ill. Prior to his current assignment he was the Assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Washington, D.C.

Gen. Selva is a command pilot with more than 3,100 hours in the C-5, C-17, C-141, KC-10, KC-135 and T-37 aircraft. While at Columbus, he will have the opportunity to fly the T-1 and T-6 trainers to gain an understanding how Team BLAZE prepares aviators for USAF mission and specifically, the Air Mobility Command.

Gen. Selva is on his 18th permanent assignment as the PACAF Vice Commander. His other assignments include:

1. June 1980 - July 1981, student, undergraduate

2. July 1981 - December 1984, co-pilot and aircraft commander, 917th Air Refueling Squadron, Dyess AFB, Texas

3. January 1984 - December 1988, co-pilot, aircraft commander, instructor pilot, and flight commander, 32nd Air Refueling Squadron, Barksdale AFB, La.

4. January 1989 - July 1991, company grade adviser to Commander, Strategic Air Command, later, manager of offensive aircraft systems and executive officer, Deputy Chief of Staff, Plans and Resources, Headquarters Strategic Air Command, Offutt AFB, Neb.

5. August 1991 - July 1992, student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

6. July 1992 - June 1994, instructor pilot and flight commander, 9th Air Refueling Squadron, later, Commander, 722nd Operations Support Squadron, March AFB, Calif.

7. June 1994 - June 1995, Commander, 9th Air Refueling Squadron, later, Deputy Commander, 60th Operations Group, Travis AFB, Calif.

8. July 1995 - June 1996, National Defense Fellow, Secretary of Defense Strategic Studies Group, Rosslyn, Va.

9. July 1996 - August 1998, assistant to the Director, Office of the Secretary of Defense for Net Assessment, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

10. August 1998 - July 2000, Commander, 60th Operations Group, Travis AFB, Calif.

11. July 2000 - June 2002, Commander, 62nd Airlift Wing, McChord AFB, Wash.

12. June 2002 - June 2003, Vice Commander, Tanker Airlift Control Center, Scott AFB, Ill.

13. June 2003 - November 2004, Commander, Tanker Airlift Control Center, Scott AFB, Ill.

14. December 2004 - August 2006, Director of Operations, U.S. Transportation Command, Scott AFB, Ill.

15. August 2006 - June 2007, Director, Air Force Strategic Planning, Deputy Chief of Staff for Strategic Plans and Programs, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.

16. June 2007 - October 2008, Director, Air Force Strategic Planning, Deputy Chief of Staff for Strategic Plans and Programs, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, and Director, Air Force QDR, Office of the Vice Chief of Staff, Washington, D.C.

17. October 2008 - October 2011, Assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Washington, D.C.

18. October 2011 - present, Vice Commander, Pacific Air Forces, Joint-Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii

With Gen. Selva's extensive and diverse assignment history, his speaking forums promise to be of interest to all in attendance.

# New AFSC merges certain gunners, engineers, loadmasters

WASHINGTON — Some 924 enlisted aviators will find themselves with a new Air Force specialty code Oct. 31.

The new career field, 1A9X1 Special Missions Aviation, will merge aerial gunners with flight engineers on vertical lift aircraft, such as the HH-60 Blackhawks and CV-22 Osprey, with loadmasters on AC-130 Gunships and other non-standard aircraft used by special operations forces.

"The new career field was created to balance and sustain the career enlisted aviator force and to create a larger pool of qualified personnel to perform the duties required to meet the needs of current and future Air Force's missions," said Chief Master Sgt. Douglas Massingill, the career field manager for career enlisted aviators.

Master Sgt. Matthew Ardis, career enlisted aviator in-service recruiter, expanded on that point.

*"Flight engineers have been working guns since the guns have been on the aircraft," Master Sgt. Matthew Ardis said.*

He said merging the career field of aerial gunners, which typically overflows with new applicants, and the career field of certain loadmasters and flight engineers, which often suffers from manning shortages, results in the sustainable balance of which Massingill referred.

The merger won't be too drastic for most of the affected Airmen, Ardis said, since many gunner duties already overlap with those of engineers and loadmasters.

"Flight engineers have been working guns since the guns have been on the aircraft,"

Ardis said.

The learning curve might be slightly steeper for loadmasters, but Ardis said he expects them to catch on quickly because, while they may not typically fire aircraft guns, they still have familiarity with their basic function and operation.

The requirements for Airmen or new recruits interested in joining the special missions aviation career field include the ability to:

- pass a class III flight physical,
- score at least 60 on the mechanical portion or 57 on the general portion of the armed services vocational aptitude battery test,
- lift 70 pounds
- and obtain a secret security clearance.

Airmen looking to retrain into this career field can contact Master Sgt. Matthew Ardis at cea.recruiting@pentagon.af.mil or (703) 697-1717.



U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Jeremy T. Lock  
**Staff Sgt. Sarah Mrak, an AC-130U Spooky aircraft aerial gunner with the 4th Special Operations Squadron, loads a 105 mm gun Feb. 3, 2011, during a training mission at Hurlburt Field, Fla. The AC-130U is the primary weapon of Air Force Special Operations Command. Its primary missions are close air support, air interdiction and armed reconnaissance. The AC-130U is equipped with side-firing, trainable 25 mm, 40 mm and 105 mm guns.**

## BARGAIN LINE

The deadline for submitting ads is noon Monday before the desired publication date. Ads turned in after the deadline will run the following week. Ads can be mailed to or dropped off at the public affairs office in the 14th Flying Training Wing Headquarters building, e-mailed to silverwings@columbus.af.mil or faxed to 434-7009. Calling Ext. 7068 by noon Monday can extend the run date of ads already submitted. Silver Wings reserves the right to limit ads based on content, space and frequency of requests. Advertisements for private businesses or services providing a continuous source of income may not appear in the Bargain Line. They may, however, be purchased through The Commercial Dispatch, 328-2424.

black/chrome, 1,500 cc six-cylinder engine with straight-pipes. Includes Corbin ostrich-leather "Stinger" seat, chrome studded two-person leather seat with backrest, hard saddle bags, windshield, cruise control, cigarette lighter, cruising foot peg and tank bib with pouch. \$6,500 firm, call 434-8544.  
**For sale:** 2010 Toyota RAV4 sport-utility vehicle, one owner, 21,588 miles, super white, 2.5L four-cylinder engine, five-speed automatic transmission, 4x2, side/curtain airbags, stability control, traction control, AM/FM CD, power mirrors, keyless entry system, security system plus more, great gas mileage, excellent condition. \$19,900 or best offer. Call 327-1205.  
**For sale:** 2005 Suzuki Hayabusa, 6,830 miles, 4-in-1 Titanium Yoshimura exhaust, Scorpion alarm system, power commander. \$8,000. Call 364-6484.

bath house, bonus room, two-car garage, fireplace, sun-room and back deck, one acre of waterfront property on Lake Pennington. Fishing lake 12 minutes south of base. Recent upgrades to house with all modern appliances. Includes pier with screened in porch, wired for electricity, small boat ramp. \$279,000. Call 386-2900.  
**For sale or lease:** Three bedroom, two bathroom home in New Hope, close to Columbus Air Force Base. Great neighborhood, walking distance to New Hope schools, remodeled 2,370 square feet, open floor plan with wood laminate and ceramic tile flooring, formal dining room, bonus room, extra-large laundry room, large bathrooms, pantry, covered patio, privacy fence and two-car garage. For sale \$160,000 or lease \$1,200 per month, plus deposit. Call 552-0378 or (786) 449-2022.

puppies, American Kennel Club registered. Call 251-4050 if interested.

### Miscellaneous

**For sale:** Brand new Worth composite Mutant bat, 34 inch/27 ounce, \$250; Easton composite Stealth bat, 34 inch/27 ounce, \$175; Demarini composite Juggernaut bat, 34 inch/28 ounce, \$175; Pair of 400 watt Cerwin Vega speakers, \$250; 18-inch chrome Verde wheels with 235/40R18 tires, \$450; Battery Tender 12 volt/1.25 amp international battery charger, \$45. Call 364-6484.  
**For sale:** Dining room suite with beveled glass rectangular table top and six hand-carved arm chairs, \$1,500 or best offer; German Shrunk (large wall unit), \$2,000 or best offer; queen sleeper sofa, \$75; Lazy Boy rocker recliner \$30. Call 662-327-1410.

**For sale:** Wedding items (chair covers, candelabras, kneeling benches, easel, chair sashes in colors pink and chocolate, boxes of chocolate flowers, small pedestals and other items). Call 425-1102 and leave a message.  
**For sale:** JVC 46-inch 120Hz LCD television, perfect condition with manual and all paperwork, remote, stand, bottom cover, TeleDock for iPod/Phone, full high-definition, Dolby Digital, 1920x1080 resolution, three HDMI inputs, 16,000:1 contrast ratio, built-in cable/cord holder, \$600 firm; king-size canopy, metal and wicker bed frame, headboard, footboard, canopy rails are very sturdy and not too heavy, asking \$125; brown wooden wardrobe closet, door on left side and shelving on right, \$25; matching brown furniture piece, storage in the bottom and bookshelves on top, \$25; sturdy metal off-white twin daybed frame, \$75. Please call 549-0500.

### Transportation

**For sale:** 1998 Honda Valkyrie motorcycle. Beautifully maintained in classic

### Homes

**For sale:** Lakefront home. 2,480 sq. ft. Three bedrooms and three bathrooms,

### Pets

**For sale:** Two female black Labrador

## Trail BLAZE'r

**Name:** Senior Airman Brooke Wood  
**Unit:** 14th Medical Operations Squadron  
**Job title:** Mental Health Technician  
**Time at Columbus AFB:** 2 Years  
**Time in Service:** 3 Years 10 Months  
**Hometown:** Counce, Tenn.  
**Career goals:** To make Master Sgt. by 10 years.  
**Family members:** Senior Airman Michael Wood, Jaxson Axle Wood  
**Favorite musician:** Johnny Cash  
**Favorite movie:** Steel Magnolias  
**Biggest pet peeve:** Being rude  
**Favorite book:** "Oh, The Places You'll Go!" by Dr Seuss



**Inspirations:** My mother and sister.  
**Personal motto:** Respect yourself and others will respect you.



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Dear Columbus Air Force Base Residents

The safety and quality of the drinking water supply on Columbus AFB is of utmost importance to the 14th Flying Training Wing and to each and every person who lives and works on the installation. We work in partnership with the Mississippi Department of Health and submit samples of our drinking water on a monthly basis. On 11 June 2012, a sample tested positive for Coliform bacteria in our drinking water. Per Columbus Air Force Base standard operating procedure, three additional water samples were taken within 24 hours and sent to the Mississippi State Department of Health laboratory for analysis. All three samples came back negative for Coliform bacteria.

While the bacteriological and chlorine resampling that we conducted was within the required time limits of the state health department, the paperwork with the resampling results was submitted with a clerical error. The "routine" box was checked and not the "resample" box; thus, the resample results were not tied to the initial positive finding and the base was not credited with conducting the sampling. As this paperwork was not accepted, we are now required to provide public notice of this sampling irregularity.

Our latest water quality sampling occurred on 1 July and the results were negative for Coliform and, at this time, no additional actions are needed. Our team will continue to work to provide safe drinking water to our base populace and work hand in hand with the Mississippi Department of Health to ensure testing is conducted properly. Be assured, our number one priority is always the health and well-being of our Airmen and their families.

Sincerely

*JCS*  
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## Westphall leads 14th CS



U.S. Air Force Photo/Melissa Doublin  
**Col. Scott Frickenstein, 14th Mission Support Group Commander hands off the 14th Communications Squadron guidon to Maj. Ingemar Westphall Aug. 6 at the Columbus Club during the 14th CS Assumption of Command ceremony. The passing of the guidon during the AoC named Westphall the Commander of the 14th CS.**

## Three CAFB Airmen graduate ALS



U.S. Air Force Photo  
**Chief Master Sgt. Vance Kondon, 14th Flying Training Wing Command Chief stands with the newest Columbus Air Force Base Airman Leadership School graduates. Senior Airman Thai Huong Vanover, 14th Medical Operations Squadron and Senior Airmen Anthony Davis and Thomas Williams, 14th Security Forces Squadron graduated from ALS Aug. 2 at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.**



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# Executive director explains effective leadership

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JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, Texas — Are you an effective leader?

The characteristics of a great leader are often difficult to define and subject to opinion. Numerous books attempt to define and teach the characteristics of great leadership, all varying in their philosophy. However, one identifiable trait that cannot be argued is the ability of great leaders to lead others to successful action.

Air Force leaders — military and civilian — are charged with caring for and developing Airmen so they can be successful. This core responsibility forms the foundation of our great service, but we must do more than meet today's needs. We must constantly seek ways to shape Airmen so they will succeed in tomorrow's environment. Our actions today will set the tone for tomorrow's Air Force leaders.

Three relatively simple activities can ensure you build successful Airmen today, for tomorrow.

• **Be a good listener**

An integral part of leading Airmen to succeed starts with open communication. How

can we bring out the best in our subordinates if we don't know what makes them tick? Be accessible to your people and, above all, listen to them. Seek to understand their passions, insights and diverse opinions and let them know you value their contributions to the mission. Know when they are facing challenges and help them understand the power they have to resolve their challenges.

• **Be a mentor**

As you get to know your people, seek opportunities to mentor them. Empower them with the knowledge of all the professional development opportunities the Air Force offers. Our Airmen and civilians should pursue advanced academic degrees, request career broadening assignments and attend leadership and development seminars as they progress through their careers.

There are a host of online tools available to help Airmen manage and grow their careers including My Development Plan, the Airman Development Plan and the Career Path Tool. These tools include discussion forums where you may interact with members and offer recommendations and advice.

• **Be the example**

The Airmen who look to you for information and guidance also want to know that you have "walked in their shoes." Your people will watch your actions to see if they are in line with the leadership philosophies you have shared. Have you completed your degree? What professional military leadership courses are you taking? Do you set the leadership tone in your office? Oftentimes what you say is not as empowering as what you do.

Take a moment and reflect on your leadership style. Ask yourself what you have done to lead your subordinates to succeed. Do you communicate openly, mentor them so they will grow and behave in a way that makes them proud to follow you?

There's no magical formula that will make you a great leader, but great leaders share certain qualities, and as you develop those qualities, people will recognize a great leader when they see you.

For more information about personnel issues, including career development tools and fitness, visit the Air Force personnel services website at <https://mypers.af.mil>.

# Rescue Airmen partner with Canadians for search-and-rescue training

**Staff Sgt. Anna-Marie Wyant**  
920th Rescue Wing Public Affairs

COMOX, Canada — Approximately 30 Airmen from the 920th Rescue Wing at Patrick Air Force Base, Fla., traveled to Canada July 15-22 to train alongside and strengthen partnerships with Royal Canadian Air Force search-and-rescue technicians, known as SAR techs, and their support personnel. The SAR techs from our nation's northern neighbor share the motto and other similarities with 920th RQW Airmen, but there are differences from which each side can learn.

"The purpose [of the training] was to work with our Canadian brethren, the SAR techs, see how they do business, show them how we do business, and just have a great exercise," said Master Sgt. Wes Hufnagel, pararescueman and Blue Team noncommissioned officer in charge for the 920th RQW's 308th Rescue Squadron.

The rescue Airmen participated in a search-and-rescue exercise, or SAREX, in Yellowknife, Northwest Territory, with personnel from the 435th Transport and Rescue Squadron from Winnipeg, Ontario, and 440th Transport Squadron from Yellowknife. The 920th RQW and Canadian rescue personnel hold three SAREXs together each year: two in Canada and one in Key West, Fla.

Lt. Col. Desmond Brophy, 440th Squadron commanding officer, thanked the participation for their involvement in the SAREX and commended them for their commitment to rescue and supporting each other.

"Two great countries that share an arctic coast, that share control of airspace and maritime domain access, worked hand in hand and lockstep, not only to ensure the security of our two great countries, but to look after the safety of their citizens," Brophy said. "By conducting this SAREX, we have demonstrated the commitment and the ability to do search and rescue in the North."

Sgt. Joel Manaigre, a SAR Tech with 435 Squadron, said though the SAR Tech domestic search and rescue mission differs from the pararescueman, or PJ, mission, which is predominantly combat search and rescue, they both have similar principles. He said he learns a lot from training with his American counterparts and has the highest respect for them.

"Information, especially medical, changes all the time," said Manaigre, who has participated in three SAREXs with the



U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Anna-Marie Wyant  
**Pararescuemen from the 308th Rescue Squadron, Patrick Air Force Base, Fla., board a Canadian C-115 aircraft in Comox, Canada, to practice a static line jump with Canadian search-and-rescue technicians stationed there. The 308th Rescue Squadron, part of the 920th Rescue Wing, participates in three exercises with Canadian search-and-rescue personnel annually.**

920th RWQ. "I may see the PJs do something different or new, and I might like that and want to use it on my next mission. It's a great learning environment; we love training with the PJs."

The rescue Airmen also traveled to Comox, British Columbia, to practice free-fall and static-line jumps with the 442nd Transport and Rescue Squadron based there. Rescue Airmen from both sides of the longest unprotected border in the world built and fostered positive working relationships with each other while sharing tactics, techniques and procedures.

Hufnagel said the PJs got great training from their jumps with the 442nd Squadron.

"One of the things that was good for us was the confined drop zones we jumped into. We don't normally do that on home station, so it was definitely good to get exposed to that," said Hufnagel, who has participated in five SAREXs.

The PJs also got to use new gear known as tree suits, which SAR Techs wear to protect themselves if they need to jump into an area with a high density of trees.

"I don't think any of these guys have ever done that, so it

was definitely a good thing," Hufnagel said of trying out the bright orange tree suits.

Master Warrant Officer Gavin Lee, SAR tech leader of the 442nd Squadron, said whenever PJs and SAR techs train together, all personnel involved benefit.

"It's imperative in this day and age that we get together and learn each other's skills and find out some of the weaknesses in the systems where [PJs] can improve or we can improve," Lee said. "It's important for us to gather as much information as possible and train together so we're on the same page."

He said the partnership between PJs and SAR techs has been great in not only training and real world missions but also when either side gives the ultimate sacrifice, living up to and dying by their shared motto, "that others may live."

"We're there for moral support; we've been to the funerals for PJs, and they've come to ours," Lee said. "We've lost some members over the years, which is quite unfortunate, but it's the nature of the job, and it's absolutely outstanding to see that [PJ] beret walk into a [SAR tech] funeral. "We might not even know the guy, but they know we're SAR techs, we know they're PJs, and it's just instant brotherhood."

Lee and Hufnagel agreed that regularly training together is a give-and-take, win-win situation for both sides, and they believe it is essential to build good camaraderie and strong partnerships for PJs and SAR techs of all experience levels.

Senior Airman Kristopher Tomes, the newest 308th RQS PJ to participate in this SAREX and training, said he learned a great deal from working with the SAR techs for the first time.

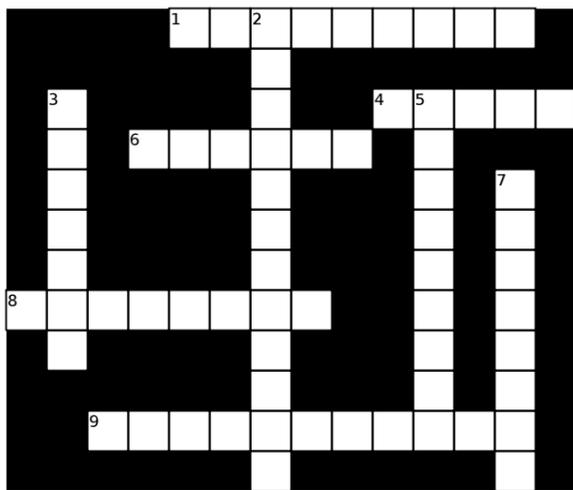
"Besides combat, the SAR techs do everything we do," Tomes said. "It's good to know there's other forces like us who cover various aspects of rescue from mountain to water and more. I learned they're a little different with certain procedures such as time calls before jumps, jumping styles, and certain equipment."

Tomes said he respects the SAR techs' experience and professionalism, and he looks forward to learning more and working with his Canadian counterparts again in the future.

"I'd trust the SAR techs with my life one hundred percent if anything were to happen," Tomes said. "It's a brotherhood, and it's good to train with each other so we're always learning."

The 920th RQW is Air Force Reserve Command's only combat search-and-rescue wing.

## Immunization Awareness Month



- 8 Remind everyone to get vaccinated each year for \_\_\_\_\_ influenza
- 9 Many vaccines are only \_\_\_\_\_ for certain people

- 2 Down People of all ages require timely \_\_\_\_\_ to protect their health
- 3 Not all vaccines recieved when \_\_\_\_\_ will protect throughout a lifespan
- 5 The season for \_\_\_\_\_ is only a few months away
- 7 Ask a doctor which \_\_\_\_\_ are recommended

- 1 Across Immunities from \_\_\_\_\_ vaccines can fade in time
- 4 Some vaccines are \_\_\_\_\_ for adults, especially senior citizens
- 6 \_\_\_\_\_ is National Immunization Awareness Month
- 8 Remind everyone

## Tops In Blue Last week's answers



## 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.

## Airmen teach aeromedical evacuation principles during MEDLITE 12

**Senior Airman Lausanne Morgan**  
U.S. Air Forces Africa Public Affairs

THEBEPHATSWA AIR BASE, Botswana — Airmen from the Air National Guard along with members of the Botswana defense force (BDF) worked together to kick-start MEDLITE 12 here Aug. 6.

MEDLITE 12 is a joint exercise between U.S. and Botswana aimed to establish and develop military interoperability, regional partnership and to synchronize capacity-building. The exercise began today with classroom work, to include an introduction to fixed wing aircraft aeromedical evacuation principles, stresses of flight at altitude and a question

and answer session to encourage dialogue.

Approximately 30 BDF personnel attended the classes, in jobs that ranged from medical technicians to nurses, loadmasters, flight engineers and aircraft mechanics.

"We're hoping that with this course we can achieve the transport of patients via aeromedical evacuation here," said Air National Guard Lt. Col. June Oldman, the MEDLITE 12 mission director. "We are here to exchange ideas and learn from each other."

She said she hopes the program would not only help the BDF, but also Botswana as a whole.

The concept of aeromedical evacuation began in 1910 and the theory behind it was to

provide timely, efficient movement of patients and en route care. This type of evacuation was used extensively during World War II, the Korea War and the Vietnam War, where it saved countless lives.

Air National Guard Maj. Chuck Scronce, a 156th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron flight nurse with the North Carolina Air National Guard, said that even though the equipment used during these evacuations hasn't changed much over the years, the care given has certainly changed.

"Care has gotten progressively better since World War II," Scronce said. "Even just 10 years ago most (military members) might have died in the field; where today we have better

care, giving them ... a better opportunity of surviving."

As a sister force through the state partnership program, the North Carolina Air National Guard hopes to share this knowledge with the BDF so they can provide the same care to the people of Botswana bringing them something they have never experienced, Scronce said.

Throughout the day the Airmen trained their BDF counterparts and exchanged lessons learned and experiences they have had to help the BDF develop their own aeromedical evacuation program.

MEDLITE 12 will culminate with a mass casualty exercise on Aug. 14.

# A variety of activities are offered to base families

## Lets Luau!

The Columbus Club will host a Luau Friday, August 10th. The Luau with food, games, fun, and authentic dancers will run from 5-8 p.m. and live DJ to follow from 8-11 p.m. Adult Member \$10, Non-Member \$12; Child Member \$5, Non-Member \$6. Come out for your chance to win \$250 or 25 pre-season Saints tickets! For more information contact 434-2419.

## Tops in Blue

Tops in Blue, the premier entertainment showcase of the U.S. Air Force, will perform a free, family-friendly show Saturday, August 11 at 6 p.m., at Mississippi University for Women's Rent Auditorium. Doors will open at 5:15 p.m. for military ID holders and 5:30 p.m. for the general public. For more information contact 434-2503/3602.

## Sunday Lunch N Bowl

Lunch N Bowl on Sundays in August, for each adult combo purchased at the Bowling Center receive 2 free games of bowling, must pay for shoe rental. For more information contact 434-3426.

## Full Moon Family Run

Celebrate the first annual Fitness Center Full Moon 5K Family Run at 7:30 p.m. on 29 August. This 3.1 mile run is for all ages. A 1.5 mile course will be available, strollers are welcome. Commanders Trophy Points will be awarded, FMI 434-2772.

## Let's Schlitterbahn!

Your Information, Ticket and Travel office now has discounted tickets for Schlitterbahn – the number one water attraction in America with locations in Galveston Island, South Padre Island and New Braunfels, Tex., as well as in Kansas City, Kan. Contact ITT at 434-2505 today for more information.

## Get Moving!

Your Columbus AFB Fitness Center has two exciting programs to get in super shape this summer. The 444-Mile Summer Cardio Challenge is June 20 – Sept. 19 on the new LifeFitness Cardio Equipment. Imagine running the Natchez trace, where Native Americans, Kaintuck boatmen, post riders, government officials and soldiers moved along the trail tying the Mississippi Territory to the fledgling United States...all from the equipment at your fitness center. Log cards are available at the front desk at the Fitness Center, and participants who complete the challenge receive a commemorative T-shirt. Also, start training and run if you dare in the Friday the 13th 13K Warrior Run on July 13, 6 a.m. The first 13 participants to complete the 8.1-miles receive a t-shirt. A 5K route is available, and families are welcome to participate. Commander's trophy points will be awarded. For more information, call 434-2772.

## Independence Still Open Daily

As summer draws to a close, enjoy time relaxing poolside at Independence Pool. The pool is still open daily and 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 Bowling Specials

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. Dads, visit the Bowling facility on Wed., June 20, for the Father's Day Special; enjoy two free games of bowling and free shoe rental. 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.

## Affordable Tickets at ITT

The Information, Ticket and Travel office has discounted tickets for Disney World, Universal Studios, Dollywood, Sea World, Busch Gardens, and Six Flags over Georgia, the Memphis Zoo, Alabama Adventure, Dixie Stampede, Geyser Falls, Schlitterbahn Water Park, and more. Call 434-2505/7861 for more information.

## Need a Break from the Kids?

Parents, contact the Child Development Center for information on the Parents Night Out/Give Parents A Break program, 434-2479.

## Club Scholarships Up for Grabs!

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

## Batting Cages Now Open

The new batting cages are now open for business. Get 12 balls for just \$1! Machines accept quarters only. The new machines and elevators have been installed behind the adult ball fields.

## 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.usafitfamily.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. at 6 p.m. and Sat. at 10 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.cafbsrocks.com and click on the link to the Fitness page.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## Base News

### Retiree Affairs Coordinator Needed

Volunteer needed 2 to 3 days per week to assist with advising military retirees on benefits are provided The Retiree Affairs office is established to coordinate, establish and staff an office on an active-duty, reserve or guard base through command channels that will assist retirees with myriad actions. These actions include: serving as information center for space-available travel, Tricare, base services, etc.; offering referrals for financial-assistance and pay matters; counseling active duty Airmen nearing retirement; and providing literature on retirement issues. Another major activity involves working with base agencies to conduct Retiree Activity Day events. If interested, contact Linda Dodson at 434-2314 or linda.dodson@columbus.af.mil

### 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.

### Airman's Attic

The Airman's Attic is open Tuesdays/Thursdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.-noon. The Attic serves junior enlisted members (E-1 through E-5) with uniforms and basic household items at no cost. Donations of uniforms, household goods, family clothing, maternity, infant care items and furniture are welcomed. Please coordinate furniture or other large donations with the staff during business hours. The Attic is located in building 530, across from the Thrift Shop.

### 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 to 10:30 a.m. Please call the clinic appointment line at 434-2273 to reserve your spot in the next Birth Control Counseling Class.

### Education Testing Center Closures

The Education Office will NOT conduct testing (PME, CDC, CLEP/DANTES) on Tuesday, Sept. 4. Please plan accordingly. Testing is held each Tuesday and Thursday at 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. Call 434-2562 434-2563 to schedule an exam.

### FREE Computerized CLEP Exams

Computerized CLEP testing is available at the

Mississippi State University Assessment and Testing Center (<http://www.ats.msstate.edu/testing/>). Military members will NOT be charged a fee for the first-time administration of any CLEP exam. However, retakes of CLEP exams must be paid for by the military member. DANTES (DSST) paper-based exams will continue to be administered in the CAFB Ed Office. Please call 434-2562 or 434-2563 for more information.

### 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](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.

## 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 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 present-ed.

### 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

Aug. 7 from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For newly arrived Active Duty and Civilian personnel. Spouses are encouraged to attend. Held at the Columbus Club, for more information call 434-2839.

### Hearts Apart Social

Social gathering for families of deployed (over

30 days) or remote personnel, information, refreshments, and activities. Aug. 14 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Please RSVP when invitations are received. Headcount of attendance prior to event is critical for planning and preparation. Advance registration required, call 434-2790.

### Spouse Deployment Briefing,

Information on deployment delivered spouses of military members who may or may not already be tasked to deploy. Military sponsors are welcome to attend with their spouses! Aug. 15, 9-11:30. Please arrange care for your children during this adult class time. For more information call 434-2790.

### Creating a Healthy Marriage, MLFC workshop,

Learn the myths and stages of marriage. The keys to creating and maintaining a healthy marriage. Aug. 16, 11 a.m.-noon Conducted by the MFLC, call 434-2790 for more information.

### Smooth Move,

A class that provides relocating members/families with valuable information about moving. Learn what to expect from TMO, Housing, Military Pay, Legal, Billeting, Tri-Care, Medical Records, and AFRC. Aug. 21, 10-11:30 a.m. For more information call 434-2790.

### Wing Newcomers Orientation,

For newly arrived Active Duty and Civilian personnel. Spouses are encouraged to attend. Aug. 28, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Held at the Columbus Club, for more information call 434-2839.

### Heart Link

For spouses new to CAFB or military lifestyle. Fun-filled spouse orientation program filled with info protocol, finance, benefits, helping agencies, local conditions and prizes. Aug. 30, 8:45 a.m.-2 p.m. Great way to meet others new Columbus AFB, to register and more information call 434-2790.

## Chapel Schedule

### Catholic Community

**Sunday:**  
4 p.m. – Choir Practice, Sanctuary  
4 p.m. – Confession  
5 p.m. – Mass  
**Thursday:**  
4:15 p.m. – Choir Practice  
**Aug. 15:**  
11:45 a.m. – Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

### Protestant Community

**Sunday:**  
9 a.m. – Sunday School for Adults, Chapel Library  
10:45 a.m. – Traditional Service  
**Tuesday:**  
5 p.m. – Lieutenants Bible Study, Chapel Library  
**Wednesday:**  
4:30 p.m. – Choir Practice, Sanctuary  
**Saturday:**  
7 a.m. – Men's Monthly Breakfast and Study—*Twelve Ordinary Men* (2nd Sat)



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

One of the most effective ways to receive an immunization is through a syringe filled with the selected vaccine. The National Immunization Awareness Month is meant to be a reminder that everyone requires immunizations to maintain their health, no matter the age.



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

Immunizations for more than 20 diseases have been created in order to prevent the ailments before the patient acquires them. Several of the preventable disease immunizations are packaged together into single vaccines such as the Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis (Tdap) shot.

# CAFB supports National Immunization Awareness Month

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

During the month of August, Columbus Air Force Base joins the nation in celebrating National Immunization Awareness Month.

Immunizations protect Airmen and their families from preventable diseases and play a large role in maintaining unit readiness and ensuring resiliency by helping to sustain good health. In addition, not keeping up-to-date on vaccinations

puts others at risk for diseases that could have been prevented.

Immunization requirements are largely determined by age groups and on what immunizations they have had in the past or what diseases the group is most susceptible to. The first step to ensure personal or dependent immunizations are up-to-date, visit a physician to see which vaccines are recommended for the particular age group.

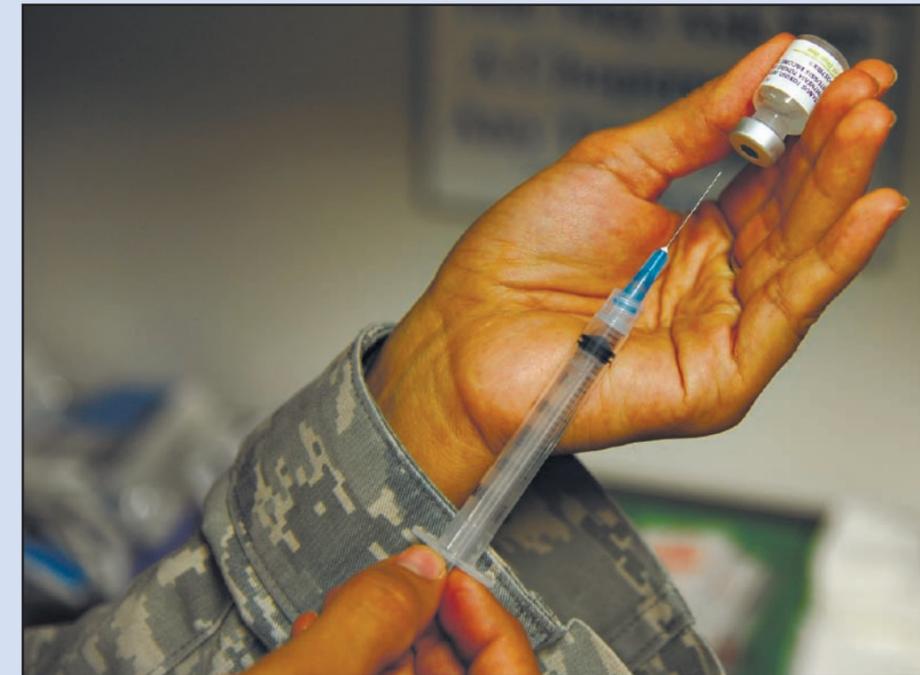
With the next school year beginning, many children need to have their vaccines updated in order to enroll.

To enroll in any public or private Mississippi school, the student must either be up-to-date or exempt from their immunizations. The required immunizations for the 2012-2013 school year are:

- Three doses of the Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTaP) vaccine
- Four doses of the Polio (IPV) vaccine
- Three doses of the Hepatitis B vaccine
- Two doses of the Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR) vaccine
- Two doses of the Varicella (Chickenpox) vaccine

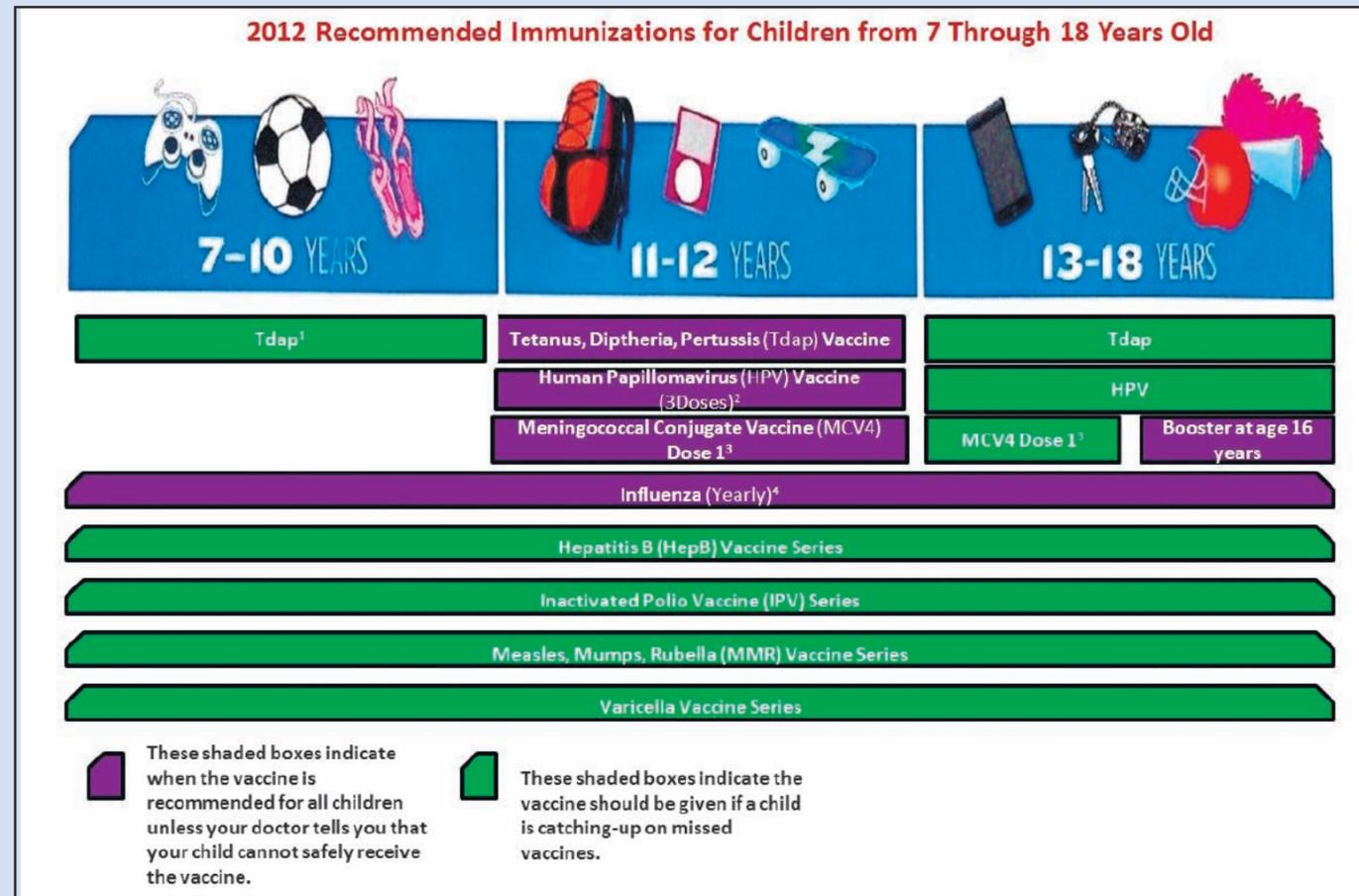
It is important to remain current on vaccinations to ensure that good health and to keep from spreading diseases to peers with lower immune systems. Immunizations are one of the easiest ways to stay healthy and safe.

With the influenza season arriving quickly, be sure to get the latest immunization as it becomes available to avoid becoming infected. Visit the local medical clinic with any questions regarding acquiring or remaining current on any immunizations.



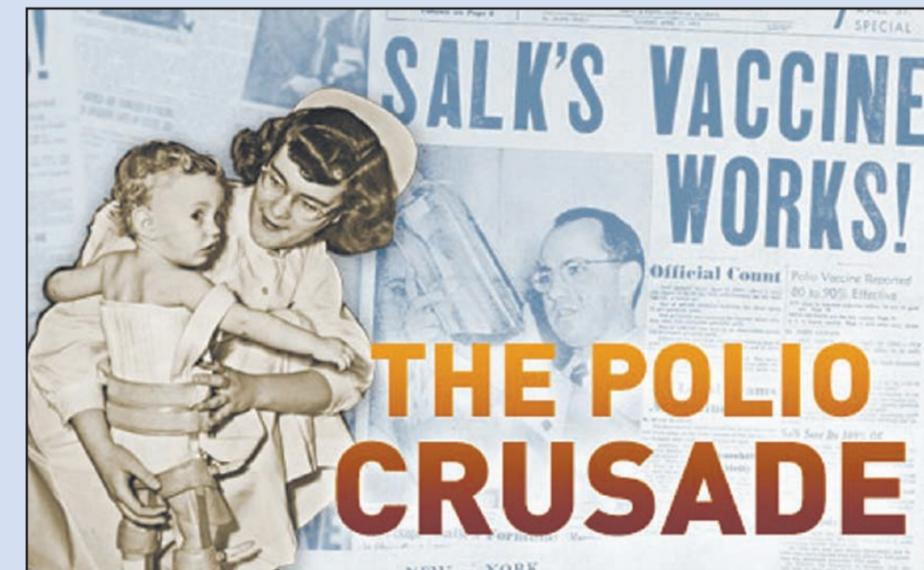
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Most immunizations come in the form of a vial or pre-drawn syringe and are refrigerated to ensure the safety of the vaccine. National Immunization Awareness Month focuses on ensuring that everyone has received their required vaccines for their age group to minimize risk of contracting preventable diseases.



Graphic adapted from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Notes: 1. Tdap vaccine is combination vaccine that is recommended at age 11 or 12 to protect against tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis. A single dose is needed between seven and ten years old if the child has not received the DTaP vaccine series. 2. All 11 or 12 year olds should receive three doses of HPV vaccine to protect against HPV-related disease. 3. MCV is recommended at age 11 or 12 with a booster at 16. Teens who received MCV from age 13 to 15 need a single dose between age 16 and 18. 4. Everyone six months of age and older should get an influenza vaccine yearly. Children under age nine may require more than one dose.



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Poliomyelitis (Polio) is a disease that causes numerous muscles in the body to become paralyzed or can cause death. Polio outbreaks were common during the 1940's and 1950's but have been contained through immunizations since then in most countries.