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News Briefs

Fire Dept. Open House and Parade

To kick-off Fire Prevention Week, the Columbus AFB fire department will hold a parade through base housing Oct. 6 beginning at 9 a.m. After the parade, beginning at 10:30 a.m., the fire department will host an Open House which will include a live aircraft fire burn, rope repelling demonstrations and more.

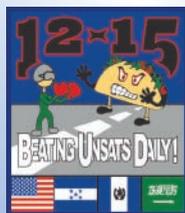
Columbus Day Holiday

Most base offices will be closed Monday, Oct. 8 for Columbus Day. See page 2 for times and closures.

CMSAF Roy visit and calls

Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James Roy will be visiting Columbus AFB Oct. 17-18. There will be an enlisted all call the afternoon of Oct. 17.

Inside



Feature 8

SUPT Class 12-15 graduates today at 10 a.m. at the Kaye Auditorium.



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

Col. Jim Sears, 14th Flying Training Wing Commander fills out a Combined Federal Campaign donation form. The Fiscal Year 2012 CFC spans from Oct. 1 to Oct. 31. The CFC brings together federal employees throughout the United States and abroad to take part in the largest and most successful workplace charity campaign in the United States.

CFC kicks off on Columbus AFB

Capt. Joel Kliever
48th Flying Training Squadron

The 2012 Combined Federal Campaign is now underway on Columbus Air Force Base. This year's CFC kickoff became official as Col. Jim Sears, 14th Flying Training Wing Commander signed his pledge form on the dotted line. This year's campaign will run from Oct. 1 to 31.

Since 1961 the CFC has provided a consolidated fund raising effort for federal agencies to give to over 20,000 charities worldwide. Last year alone the CFC raised over \$272 million for local, national, and international charities. Locally, Team Blaze crushed its 2011 goal by raising an astounding \$117,633.

The mission of the CFC is to promote and support philanthropy through a pro-

gram that is employee focused, cost-efficient, and effective in providing all federal employees the opportunity to improve the quality of life for all. The CFC also goes to great lengths to ensure the generous donations are getting to the people who need it. All charities are screened annually by the U.S. Office of Personnel Management. Additionally the CFC pro-

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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 (13-10)	2.50 days	0.01 days	Nov. 14	48th (13-01)	0.17 days	2.80 days	Oct. 26	49th (12-AB)	-5.59 days	-2.40 days	Oct. 18	T-6	2,314	2,010	31,544
41st (13-09)	2.37 days	1.40 days	Oct. 19	50th (13-01)	-2.24 days	-1.29 days	Oct. 26					T-1	915	858	10,711
												T-38	908	949	11,631
												IFF	257	310	3,466

The graduation speaker is Col. Kent Laughbaum, USAF Retired.

Latin night at the Columbus Club

A free event in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month will be hosted by the BLAZE Heritage Council. Latin Night will be held on Friday Oct. 12 at the Columbus Club starting at 7 p.m. There will be a Salsa instructor to lead those who are interested in learning how to Salsa from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Contact Staff Sgt. Horace Conney at horace.conney@columbus.af.mil or 434-2392 for more information.

14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, 64 TEAM BLAZE members are deployed worldwide. Remember to support the Airmen and their families while they are away.



CFC

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vides the percentage of donations that are used for charity versus overhead costs in the catalogue.

This year's campaign comes at a time when the United States is facing tough challenges in a recovering economy. Many Airmen are fortunate to have a stable paycheck and job security. Imagine if each of

the 2,289 people at Columbus gave just \$5 per month. Individually it seems like an insignificant amount but the base as a whole would raise more than \$137,000. Even the smallest donation is important!

Each squadron or agency in the 14th FTW has a point of contact to accept donations. Watch the base newspaper for lists of on-base or local charities you can donate to and make a positive difference in the community around us.

Columbus Day hours of operation

14th Force Support Squadron

Club – closed
Golf Course: 9 a.m.-dusk
Fitness – 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Lodging - Normal hours
Military Personnel: Closed
Civilian Personnel: Closed
Manpower: Closed
NAF Human Resources: Closed
AFRC, CDC and YP : Closed

GNC: Closed
Barber Shop: Closed
Beauty Shop: Closed
Optical: Closed
All facilities will resume normal hours on Tuesday.

Commissary:

Closed Monday for regular hours and closed Tuesday in observance of Columbus Day

Gates:

Gates: Normal hours
Visitor Center and vehicle search area: closed

Columbus Exchange

The Express: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
The Main Exchange: 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Taco Bell: Closed
Subway: 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat/Sun
8 Columbus Day Holiday, Most CAFB Offices Closed	9 Hearts Apart, 6:30 p.m. @ Country Pumpkins Wing/CC speaks at Rotary Club	10 U.S. Senate Staffer Visit	11 BLT Onside, all day @ Fire dept. BAH, 5 p.m. @ Fire Dept.	12 Class 13-01 Assignment Night, 5 p.m. @ Club Latin Night, 7 p.m. @ Club	13/14 13th - Career Day/Civil Fly-in, 8 a.m. @ SAC Ramp, 11:30 Static Displays open @ SAC Ramp
15	16 Newcomer's Orientation, 8 a.m. @ Club	17 AF/CCC Visit →	18	19 Class 13-09 Track Select, 9 a.m. @ Phillips	20/21 20th & 21st - Autocross, 10 a.m. @ SAC Ramp

Long Range Events

Oct. 22-26: Night Flying Week
Oct. 26: Class 13-01 Graduation
Oct. 30: Quarterly Awards
Oct. 31: Enlisted Promotions
Oct. 31: Halloween
Nov. 2: Class 13-02 Assignment Night
Nov. 4: Daylight Savings Time Ends
Nov. 6: Newcomer's Orientation
Nov. 9: BCC Luncheon
Nov. 10: Columbus Veteran's Day Parade and Ceremony
Nov. 12: Veteran's Day

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Did You Know: Standards for CUI Prep

Master Sgt. Shawn Andrews
14th Operations Group
First Sergeant

One of the items that the 14 Flying Training Wing will be graded on during the upcoming Compliance Unit Inspection is the wing's overall compliance with standards. This is different than the many checklists that your duty section may be running. This is an area that each person reading this column can impact.

As part of the Team BLAZE build-up to the upcoming CUI, this will be a continuing piece highlighting different standards in each article. The standards discussed may be under-practiced, little known, or perhaps forgotten.

While some topics may seem trivial to the reader, see how many violators you notice as you go about your business throughout the Wing. Each of you are encouraged to educate your peers on the topics, and correct those that are not compliant well before the 2013 CUI.

Did You Know?

• **Bracelets:** Airmen may wear one bracelet around their wrist. It will be conservative, not faddish, plain in design, no wider than 1 inch, gold or silver in color, and will not have any pictures or writing. Only exceptions are for traditional

POW/MIA/KIA bracelets and medical alert bracelets. (AFI 36-2903, para 6.3.1.2). Those yellow, blue, pink, camo rubber cause bracelets...not authorized. Those "I wove this myself out of 550 cord while I was deployed" bracelets...nope - can't wear them.

• **Watches:** This is an area that I see increasingly overlooked. Watches must be conservative, solid in color, and cannot exceed 1-inch in length. (AFI 36-2903, para 6.3.1.3). Neon and bright colors are a no-go. Jewel-covered watches are prohibited. Novelty watches (from Mickey Mouse to your favorite football team) are not authorized.

• **Sleeves:** On a Undergraduate Pilot Training base, it is easy to notice this infraction, so let's start with the ABU: If sleeves are rolled up, the sleeve will rest at, or within 1 inch of, the forearm when the arm is bent at 90-degrees. In the FDU, sleeves may be rolled under but will not end above the natural bend of the wrist. (AFI 36-2903 paras 5.1.1. and 8.3.7) So no rolling your ABU sleeves above your bulging biceps. Pushing those flight suit sleeves up around your forearm or elbow...still not authorized.

If you have questions about, or would like more information on, any of the above standards, see your First Sergeant!

Motorcycle group ride

A motorcycle group ride open to all interested active duty military, civilian and contractor employees (civilian and contract employees must be in a non-duty status and all active duty participants must possess an Motorcycle Safety Foundation certification). The 14th Flying Training Wing Maintenance Authority and the 50th Flying Training Squadron commander will be the senior officers for this ride. The 14th Communication Squadron commander, Command Chief Master Sgt. Kondon and Chief Master Sgt. Martin will also participate as ranking, experienced riders and mentors. This end of season motorcycle ride will be the kick-off event establishing the 14th Flying Training Wing BLAZE Riders Mentorship Program. All riders will meet at the 50th Flying Training Squadron parking lot at 2 p.m. Safety briefings and motorcycle inspections for all participants will be conducted by a Motorcycle Safety Foundation certified rider coach. The entire event will last approximately two and a half hours.



***T-38 Only**

14th OG Career Day

8 a.m. to noon: Briefings in Kaye Auditorium
12:15-3 p.m.: Burger Burn at SAC Ramp (bring cash)
12:30 to 3:30 p.m.: Static Displays - SAC Ramp and T-6 Ramp
3:30-4 p.m.: FOD Walk - Mandatory for All Students

SATURDAY, OCT. 13

F-22 Tyndall	RC-135 (TC-135) - Offutt
F-15C - Klamath Falls	KC-135 - MacDill
F-16 - Luke	C-130J - Little Rock
A-10 - Davis-Monthan	B-1 - Ellsworth
U-28 (PC-12) - Hurlburt	C-21 - Scott
B-2 (T-38) - Whiteman	TH-1 - Rucker

Operations Group hosts semi-annual Career Day

Maj. David Lee

14 Operations Group Commander's
Action Group

Aircraft and aircrews representing the spectrum of Air Force missions will descend upon Columbus Air Force Base, Saturday, Oct. 13 to provide students, instructor pilots and their families with first-hand accounts of each airframe's role in current global operations. Career Day is a semi-annual event hosted by the 14th Operations Group commander to expose students, first assignment instructors and their families to the mission and lifestyle of operational Air Force aircraft.

Briefings on many major airframes will begin at 8

a.m. Saturday morning in the base theater, and are mandatory for all students. Aircraft, including the F-22, F-16, F-15, A-10, B-1, C-130J, KC-135, TC-135, C-21, UH-1, PC-12 and C-146 will be available for viewing at the SAC ramp from 12:30-3:30 p.m. The static displays are open to all base ID card holders, and families are encouraged to attend. Parking will be available at the SAC ramp and in the Aerospace Physiology parking lot for access to the T-6 ramp.

Strike Zone Lanes will be hosting a grilling tent with refreshments available for purchase at the SAC ramp. Aircrew briefings are open to students, instructor pilots, and their family members. For more information, call the 14th OG Commander's Action Group at 434-7522 or e-mail 14OG/CAG@columbus.af.mil.

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.

Columbus Exchange opens doors to local vendors

Army and Air Force Exchange Service

While the economy may have forced some retailers to scale back on merchandise or services, the Army and Air Force Exchange Service is actively seeking the assistance of local businesses to increase the product selection that troops and their families find at their Exchange.

"Some shoppers drive up to 40 miles or more to come to the Columbus Exchange," said the Exchange's General Manager, Roberto Montalvo. "The addition of local, small, minority, women- and veteran-owned businesses can help provide the diversity, value and innovation to further enhance their shopping experience."

Partner businesses, called concessions, operate in Exchange-provided space, primarily in the retail mall area. Benefits include contracts based on a percentage of revenue, a variety of space and merchandising setups and the convenience of being located with the anchor retail store and food outlets. The Exchange will also assist in marketing and promoting partner businesses to help maximize awareness on and

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around Columbus AFB.

"Despite the economic conditions we've experienced recently, Exchange shoppers have continued to demonstrate a strong demand for new and unique merchandise," said Montalvo. "Partnering with the Exchange provides local businesses exposure to a great deal of foot traffic as well as the opportunity to serve military families."

For more information on how to partner with the Exchange as a concessionaire, log on to <http://www.shopmyexchange.com/DoingBusiness/index.htm> or contact the Exchange's Service Business Manager Emily Zopfi at 434-8484 or zopfiea@aafes.com.

14th CONS executes \$98 million close out

Capt. Clarence "Geno" Burton
14th Contracting Squadron

The 14th Contracting Squadron closed out a near-record fiscal year Sept. 30 with the execution of \$98 million in contracts supporting the 14th Flying Training Wing. Ninety-eight million dollars represents the second highest dollar execution in the squadron's history and the highest in a decade. This feat was made possible through outstanding teamwork with the 14th Comptroller Squadron and solid partnerships with our base customers in carrying out responsible business strategies.

So, what does \$98 million mean to us? Well, a third of this figure was pumped into the Mississippi economy and spent on repairing our center runway. In March 2013, a Mississippi small business will commence construction on the runway which will secure future pilot production and generate over 60,000 sorties annually.

The other two-thirds of \$98 million were focused on improving efficiencies and the quality of life for families. An upgrade of the aircraft maintenance facility's media blast system will replace 21-year-old equipment, increase efficiencies in painting aircraft by 44 percent, save the Wing 5,000 man-hours, and

reduce costs by \$70,000 per year. Through a contract to repair the base swimming pool, BLAZE families will benefit from an enhanced pool facility and the base will strive to maintain its number one standing in Air Education and Training Command for energy efficiency by sparing the loss of 3,000 gallons of water per day.

In addition, you can expect to see the parking lot resurfaced at the Columbus Club and repairs to several roads. Quality of life enhancement includes carpet replacement in several buildings, and dormitory improvements such as kitchen upgrades, bathroom renovations and new furnishings. Wing security has also been addressed by replacing a non-Air Force approved security alarm system with a compliant, state-of-the-art Intrusion Detection System. This system will protect valuable assets and critical information in 15 facilities across the wing.

The 14th CONS extends its thanks to the entire wing, our valued customer, for the role each of you played in helping us achieve this historic year. This success is not possible without the tireless support of BLAZE members dedicated to achieving acquisition excellence. Happy New Fiscal Year!

Emergency mass notification system can save your life

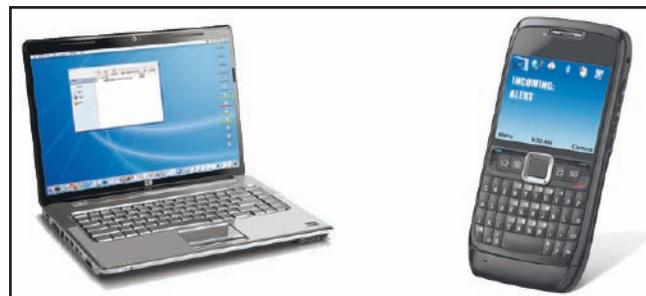
Air Education and Training Command Public Affairs

What do you do when you are on base and severe weather is fast approaching or a gunman has started randomly shooting people on base?

The installation command post will warn and provide instructions simultaneously to all government computers, telephones, building public address systems, the outside 'giant voice' public address system, and through social media.

Each base in Air Education and Training Command has an emergency mass notification system to rapidly disseminate critical information to all personnel within minutes of an emergency situation.

"AETC's emergency notification system is AtHoc Installation Warning System-Alerts," said Chief Master Sgt. Timothy Garcia, AETC Command Post functional manager. "The system is a network-centric emergency mass notification system capable of notifying base personnel within minutes of an emergency from a single, centralized, web-based system. AtHoc is currently installed on all network computers



throughout AETC."

Each base's command post is the primary owner. The command post will push alerts at the direction of installation commanders or their representative, said Garcia.

"A forthcoming HQ AETC EMNS concept of operations will outline operational details and provide guidance about ways installations are to use the system. Installation commanders will be the final approval authority for local implementation and use," he said.

End users should keep their contact information current and respond to alerts in a timely manner. Base personnel can

update their information by using the AtHoc IWS-Alerts self service module; right click on the purple globe icon at bottom of your screen and select "Access Self Service" and update accordingly.

Garcia points out that though the system notifies base personnel in a short period of time and provides robust notification capabilities, everyone must remember their wingman responsibilities to ensure the 100 percent solution.

For the daily user, with the exception of the desktop alerts, users will only be notified on their personal phone lines for actual emergency situations such as, but not limited to, severe weather events, evacuation orders, specialized recalls, active shooter alerts, etc.

"Ultimately," Garcia said, "the goal of the installation command post is to provide a means of rapidly notifying AETC personnel during times of emergencies, through multiple avenues, and to accelerate the installation's response. AtHoc IWS-Alerts provides the capability to reach thousands of people within the AETC via computer pop-ups, land and cell phones, text messaging and installation giant voice systems in real time."

Roth contributions open to all active-duty service members

Terri Moon Cronk
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Beginning Oct. 1, active-duty members of the Army, Navy and Air Force will be able to contribute to the Roth Thrift Savings Plan as part of their investment planning, Defense Financing and Accounting Service officials said today.

The after-tax contributions will be electronically deducted from service members' pay accounts.

Active-duty service members can start their Roth TSP contributions through their online myPay accounts, which offer the fastest, easiest and most secure method to manage both Roth and traditional TSP contributions. The second option open to service members is to submit a TSP-U-1 form to their finance office. Instructions and links are available at the DFAS

website, <http://www.dfas.mil/militarymembers/rothtspformilitary.html>.

Active-duty and reserve Marines and federal civilian employees paid by DFAS were able to begin participating in the program earlier this summer, officials said. Roth TSP participation will be available to other branches of the National Guard and reserves by mid-to-late 2013.

The timeline difference between active-duty and reserve or National Guard service members resulted from an interim solution for reserve-component members that didn't meet Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board requirements, DFAS officials said.

While work continues for options that will be available more quickly and satisfy the law and FRTIB requirements at the same time, DFAS officials said, the new schedule will allow time to make systems changes and electronic deductions that

meet all requirements.

Before selecting Roth TSP contributions, service members should determine how much of their pay is eligible. A Roth TSP worksheet, also available on the DFAS website can help make the calculations.

Military members are required to contribute a minimum amount equaling 1 percent of their basic pay to begin TSP contributions. For those who are not participating in traditional TSP investments, the initial Roth TSP election must meet this 1 percent requirement. The IRS maximum contribution to Roth TSP is \$17,000 per year, DFAS officials said.

Military members can use eligible tax-exempt pay earned in combat zones to contribute to Roth TSP.

Payroll deductions for Roth TSP contributions begin the month following members' selections via myPay or the TSP-U-1 form submission to their military finance office.

Electronic payments required for TRICARE Reserve Select and Retired Reserve monthly premiums

FALLS CHURCH, Va. — To avoid losing coverage, beneficiaries enrolled in TRICARE Reserve Select (TRS) or TRICARE Retired Reserve (TRR) who pay monthly premiums by check need to switch to an electronic form of payment before Jan. 1, 2013.

Beginning Jan. 1, 2013, TRICARE will only accept monthly premium payments using recurring automatic payments by credit or debit card, or by recurring electronic funds transfer (EFT) from a linked bank account. To avoid confusion, beneficiaries should verify that their bank sends EFT payments.

The Defense Manpower Data Center is notifying current TRR and TRS beneficiaries directly by email, and new beneficiaries will be informed in their welcome package information when enrolling.

Electronic payments streamline account management and ensure continuous coverage for beneficiaries. Failure to pay premiums by the due date results in termination of coverage.

Beneficiaries can contact their regional contractor to set up automatic payments and get more information. Contact information for each region is available online at www.TRICARE.mil/contacts.

TRS and TRR are premium-based health plans. TRS is available for eligible members of the selected Reserve of the ready Reserve and their families; and TRR can be purchased by retired Reserve members, their families and eligible survivors of deceased retired Reserve sponsors. For more information about TRS or TRR, go to www.tricare.mil.

Lodging rates increase Oct. 1

Debbie Gildea
Air Force Personnel Center
Public Affairs

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, Texas — After four years without a rate increase, Air Force lodging rates will go up beginning Oct. 1, Air Force Personnel Center Officials said today.

The increase is necessary to ensure Air Force Lodging rates cover current operating and capital improvement costs, said Maj. Gen. A.J. Stewart, AFPC commander.

As an example, the current \$39 nightly room rate for a visiting quarters room will be \$53.25 next week, and temporary lodging facilities will go from \$43 to \$55 per night. Increased rates will fund costs for operations,

room renovations and construction, Stewart said.

As the Air Force works to improve business processes, implement efficiencies and maintain lodging operations in a constrained budget environment, other adjustments may be necessary, according to Col. Thomas Joyce, director, AFPC Services Directorate.

"We are committed to keeping room rates as low as possible while providing clean, comfortable, quality facilities," he said. "This is part of our commitment to caring for Airmen and we take that obligation very seriously. However, we must be realistic as well."

Even with next week's rate increase, Air Force rates are lower than comparable commercial rates outside Air Force installations, the director said.

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.

Transportation

For sale: 1998 Honda Valkyrie motorcycle. Beautifully maintained in classic 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: 1984 GMC Sierra LWB, 305,

automatic transmission, cold air-conditioning. Only 64,400 miles, \$3,500 or best offer. Call 549-6646.
For sale: 2001 Yamaha V Star 650 motorcycle with 11,000 miles, black and chrome with Memphis Shades detachable windshield. In excellent condition, \$2,500. Call or text for pictures, 889-1360.

Homes

For rent: Rustic and modern country home, one acre of land, surrounded by family land, perfect for a family or single/roommates, swing set, vaulted living room, corner tub, two large balconies in the back (from the kitchen

and master bedroom) with a view of the woods, storage shed and attic available. South Lamar school district, \$950 per month, call 574-5557.

Miscellaneous

For sale: Kenmore, white over-the-stove microwave, works great, \$100; White Maytag flat-top stove, double ovens, four burners plus one warmer, \$550. Call (719) 290-5440.

Free

Free: Guinea pig with cage and food. Call 328-3977.

Wanted

Wanted: Three-wheeled adult bike in good condition. Call 328-3977.

Garage Sale

Sale: Three-family rummage sale, Oct. 6 from 6:30 a.m. to noon (no earlier please), 1702 Main St., Columbus, Miss. Call for more information, 251-1415.
Sale: Oct. 6 from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. at 5523B Hamilton Avenue on base. Items for sale include a queen-size bed, brown couch, dining table and chairs, etc. For more information call or text (940) 337-3142.

COLUMBUS SPOUSES' CLUB PRESENTS
OCTOBER 18TH
THURSDAY @ 6 P.M.
AT THE COLUMBUS CLUB
PRICE \$8
ADDITIONAL \$4 OR \$6 TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BEER TASTING
JOIN US AND HAVE SOME BUNCO FUN!

Child playgroup provided. \$2 per child. Please indicate how many children in RSVP.

OK TO BEER FEST

DINNER MENU:
SAUSAGE, KRAUT, GERMAN RED CABBAGE, GERMAN CHOCOLATE CAKE
MUST BE A CSC MEMBER TO WIN DOOR PRIZES
RSVP BY OCTOBER 13TH TO CRCRSVP@YAHOO.COM OR ON OUR FACEBOOK

BUNCO

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.



It's a Freedom that You Defend, VOTE!

2nd Lt. Okezie Ezekannagha
Wing Voting Assistance Officer



Voting for military members, their families and overseas citizens is easier now than ever before. Even with the General Election on Nov. 6 fast approaching there is still ample time to vote. However, many states require voting registration at least 30 days in advance of the election so most will need to register by Oct. 6. While many are waiting to fill out their absentee ballots or some try to decide where to place their vote, it is a great time to address a few common misconceptions about voting.

Myth #1: "I registered the last time I voted. I don't need to do it again."

The law has changed in many states. There are some states like Colorado and California that authorize "permanent absentee" registration; however votes are administered by thousands of local authorities across the country, with each having a different interpretation of the law. The only way to be 100 percent safe is to send in a new ballot request every year. Also, if you change your address, name or state of legal residency, you need to update your voter registration information. The standard USPS Change of Address notification rarely makes it to county election offices. This is one reason why your Unit Voting Assistance Officers inform you to register and request a ballot in January of each year. In addition, some states drop you from their voter registration rolls if you do not vote in two consecutive elections. If you vote only in the presidential elections, you may very well have been dropped by your state of legal residence.

Myth #2: "Absentee ballots are not counted."

By law, every properly filled out absentee ballot, received or mailed before the state's deadline, and sent to the correct election office must be counted before a final count of votes is certified. Of course if the margin of victory is far greater than the number of outstanding votes, a winner of the election may be called before every vote is officially counted. Nevertheless, all outstanding ballots must be counted before an election can officially be deemed closed.

Myth #3: "One vote does not make a difference."

The most often heard excuse for not voting in an election is "my one vote does not make a difference." However, history is full of instances proving the vast power of one single vote. In many cases, the course of nations has been set because of one individual ballot. In 1649, one vote literally cost King Charles I of England his head. In 1800 and 1824, none of the Presidential candidates received an electoral majority. The election was given to the House of Representatives, where Thomas Jefferson and James Quincy Adams, respectively, were determined by one vote to become the

nation's presidents. In 1941, just weeks before the attack on Pearl Harbor, the Selective Training and Service Act, also known as the draft, was saved by a one vote margin. In the 1960 presidential election, an additional one vote per precinct in Illinois, Missouri, New Jersey, and Texas would have denied John F. Kennedy the presidency, placing Richard Nixon in the White House 8 years earlier, completely altering the course of history.

Myth # 4: "Absentee voting is so complicated. I just don't have the time."

This used to be true. Now, it's quick and easy to register and get an absentee ballot. Go to www.fvap.gov and get started! Follow the prompts to register and request an absentee ballot for the Nov. 6, 2012 election. Some States allow submitting the Federal Post Card Application by email or fax in addition to regular mail. If you don't have access to the internet or just don't want to waste your own ink and paper to fill out the FPCA online, get a copy from your Unit or Installation Voting Assistance Officer.

Myth #5: "I'm a Mississippi resident, so the base voting drives don't pertain to me."

We are here to assist all voters attached to CAFB. In Columbus, you must register to vote by mail or in person 30 days prior to the election. For city residents, Voter Registration is available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in City Hall, located at 523 Main Street. If you wish to register by mail, you may pick up a form at City Hall or the public library, or you may download one at www.sos.state.ms.us/elections/VoterRegistration/. Your city precinct and voting location is not the same location as for county and state elections. Your voter registration card will list your assigned polling place. You may vote early if you will not be available to vote on the day of the general election. Oct. 30 is the final day to vote early. More information for Mississippi residents can be obtained by contacting City Registrar Brenda Williams at 328-2381.

If you have questions contact the Installation Voting Assistance Office...

Installation Voting Assistance Officers: Lt. Col. William Donaldson, 2nd Lt. Benjamin Kemper, 2nd Lt. Okezie Ezekannagha
Office: Personnel Center (Old MPF building) Bldg 926, Rm 245
Hotline: 434-3680 or DSN: 742-3680
E-Mail: vote@columbus.af.mil

Base News

Tax Volunteers

The Columbus AFB Tax Center will open in late January and we are looking for volunteer tax preparers and center assistants. All of our volunteers play a critical role in assisting service members, retirees and dependents complete and file their tax returns. This service helps our clients obtain the refunds they have earned! We welcome volunteers with special skills or training, and would appreciate your expertise. However, training will be provided on the latest tax preparation forms and software, so prior experience is not required. Great volunteers are individuals who have prepared their own tax returns; are comfortable with computers; are willing to learn; and enjoy working with people. If you want to become a trained tax preparer or volunteer in any other way, please contact Capt Wells in the legal office at 662-434-7030 to register.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Computer workshops

The cost is \$30 each if taken at the Golden Triangle campus. They are free and taught here on base at the AFRC. We need a minimum of six, maximum of 11. We currently have two in each. If we do not get enough students, EMCC cannot provide an instructor, and we may not be able to offer these workshops in the future.

Volunteer Opportunities

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the Airman & Family Readiness Center. We have volunteer opportunities located throughout the base for a one-time event, special events, or on a continual basis. Volunteers are needed on base at the Youth Center, Child Development Center, Library, Golf Course, Medical Clinic, the Chapel, Airman Attic, Thrift

Store the Retiree Activities office and many others.

Hearts Apart Social

Oct. 9, 5-7 p.m., Held at the Country Pumpkin, food and activities are provided; barn fire, weenie roast, and hay ride; 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.

Air Force Aid Society's Gen. H.H. Arnold Education Grant

Online applications for the 2013-2014 academic year will be available from the Society's website, www.afas.org, after Nov. 1. Please visit their website for details on eligibility and requirements.

MS Access 2007 workshop

Oct. 15, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., workshop to learn how to use MS Access 2007 to work for you. Meets Monday and Wednesday for three weeks. Finishes Oct. 31. There is limited seating. To register call 434-2839. Act now, classes may not be offered in the future.

MS PowerPoint 2007 workshop

Oct. 15, 4:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. workshop to learn how to build and use PowerPoint Presentations. Meets Monday and Wednesday for three weeks. Finishes Oct. 31. There is limited seating. To register call 434-2839. Act now, classes may not be offered in the future.

Wing Newcomers Orientation

Oct. 16, 8 a.m. to 1 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.

Creating a Healthy Marriage, MLFC workshop

Oct. 18, 11 a.m. to noon, learn the myths and stages of marriage, the keys to creating and maintaining a healthy marriage. Conducted by the MLFC, call 434-2790 for more information.

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

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)

Pioneer Clubs

The CAFB Chapel has begun registration for the Pioneer Clubs children religious education program. The program is held each Wednesday evening 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. This program is open to children ages 3-12. This is an ecumenical religious program aimed at teaching children about Christ in every aspect of life. A potluck dinner is served each Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. Parents must accompany their children at the dinner.

Wednesday Evening Adult Bible Study

The CAFB Chapel is conducting a variety of adult Bible studies from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. A potluck dinner is served at 5:00. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Please contact the Base Chapel at 434-2500 for a list of studies.

Base families offered a wide variety of fun activities

Beer Pairings

Whispering Pines Golf Course will host a Beer Pairing on Oct. 9 at 6 p.m. Enjoy a four course meal matched with a different beer for each course. \$32 per person, maximum capacity, 40 people. For more information or to sign up call 434-7932.

Princess Open

On Oct. 23 the Whispering Pines Golf Course will host Princess Open! Nine holes of scramble golf with cart, adult beverages and hors'doeuvres following play. Non-competitive event just for the ladies. Cost: \$20 per person. Play begins at 4 p.m. For more information contact 434-7932.

Pumpkin Carving Time!

The Library will host the Fall Pumpkin Carving contest on Oct. 26. Sharpen up your carving skills to enter this fun contest. Stay tuned for information on picking up a free pumpkin... For more information contact 434-2934.

Boo! The Monster March is back!

This event is fun for ALL ages. Get dressed in you favorite costume and take a bus ride (or walk) from Freedom Park to designated locations for fun, games, and prizes on Saturday, Oct. 27. Registration will be held at Freedom Park from 8:30 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. and the march will run from 9-11 a.m. For more information contact 434-2507.

Bowling Special!

Every Friday in October from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. you can bowl for \$1 per game with a \$1 shoe rental. For more information contact 434-3426.

Horseback Riding at CAFB!

Starting Sept. 1, beginners thru advanced private instruction in both English and Western horseback riding. Ages 6 thru adults are welcomed. Sign up at Outdoor Rec. or call the instructor if you have any questions (972) 822-7585.

Steak Night!

Whispering Pines Golf Course will host a Third Thursday Steak Night on Oct. 18 at 5 p.m. Enjoy an 8 oz Ribeye served with baked potato, salad, Texas Toast and dessert and fountain drink/iced tea for \$12.95. Reservations required by noon, Oct. 15. If this is successful this event will continue every third Thursday. For more information contact 434-7932.

Sunday Lunch N Bowl

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

Two for Tuesdays

Two for Tuesdays at Whispering Pines Golf Course, \$25 for two players to play up to 18 holes of golf including cart. For more information contact 434-7932.

Are you feeling lucky?

Information Ticket and Travel offers monthly casino trips every first Friday of each month. With more than 5,000 slot machines, 115 table games and 14 poker tables including the wildly popular Texas Hold'em, you will not be bored at the Silver Star Casino in Philadelphia, MS. Join the fun for only \$25 which includes transportation and receive \$25 IN BONUS BETS! Contact 434-2505 for more information.

Hunter Education Class

October 29
8 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

FREE COURSE

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- Teach Ethics & Responsibility
- Promote Wildlife Conservation
- Teach Firearm Safety

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- Black Powder
- Muzzle Loading
- Bow Hunting
- Survival
- Water Safety
- Hypothermia
- First Aid

American Legion
308 Chubby Drive
Columbus, MS

FMI, Steve Boeck
434-2505



Are you ready for some Football?

Plan now for the New Orleans Saints vs. Tampa Bay Buccaneers NFL game trip Dec. 15-16 (game date Dec. 16 at noon). Trip includes game tickets, transportation, and lodging at the Best Western in Slidell. Call 434-2504 for pricing information.

Bowl to Win

World Wide Bowling/Bowl to Win will be held Sept. 26 and 3,10, and Oct. 17 at the Bowling Center at 2:30 p.m. This if a free event for Youth Center participants, non-Youth Center may still participate by visiting www.usafbowltown.com to submit your information. You can win a custom bowling ball drilled to fit your hand! Contact the Youth Center for official rules 434-2504.

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.

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.

Affordable Tickets at IIT

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 434-7861 for more information.

Batting Cages Open

Visit the batting cages which 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 251-9255 for an appointment.

Daily Fitness Classes Available

Columbus AFB Fitness and Sports offers a variety of heart-pumping, sweat-inducing classes throughout the week including Aerobics Class starting September 10 on Mon-Wed-Fri at 5:30 a.m. Weekday spin classes are held, Mon., 11 a.m., Wed., 11 a.m. and 5 p.m., Tues. and Thurs., 5 p.m. 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.caf-bfsrocks.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.

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.

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 AFRC at 434-2790.

Space A Lodging

The Magnolia Inn usually has openings for Space A family and single units. Contact the lodging desk at 434-2548.

What will you leave behind?

Maj. Melissa Youderian

790th Missile Security Forces Squadron

F. E. WARREN AIR FORCE BASE, Wyo. — “Everyone must leave something behind when he dies...Something your hand touched some way so your soul has somewhere to go when you die...It doesn't matter what you do...so long as you change something from the way it was before you touched it into something that's like you after you take your hands away.” — Ray Bradbury, “Fahrenheit 451”

What legacy will you leave? Whether you realize it or not, you have already started creating your legacy with your actions, views, friendships, beliefs, etc. By being the master of your own destiny, you will also be the master of your legacy. As you are driving to work at such a historic location, where so many legends have tread, take just a few minutes to think about the legacy you are leaving. To facilitate that reflection, I would like to share a couple pitfalls that have come to my attention in the last few years, and made me realize there were aspects to the legacy I was leaving that I did not like.

Being “too busy.” I have a great-aunt nicknamed “Busy.” In fact, I don't even know her actual name, because she's always been “Busy” to me. The story goes that, as a girl, whenever she was asked to do something she would reply, “I can't, I'm busy.” Saying “I'm busy” was such a common occurrence that it's resulted in the permanent moniker of “Busy.” While not intentional, I was leaving my own legacy of becoming “Busy II” by always thinking I was too busy. As an example, whenever I got an e-mail stating someone in the unit had a baby and they were looking for volunteers to prepare meals for the family, I would quickly think “I'm too busy” and hit the delete button. What a cop-out! The defining moment which finally woke me to this “too busy” legacy I was creating, occurred after my family went through some tough times. In addition to my group commander and his wife preparing and delivering meals, a general and his wife also took the time to prepare a nice meal for us. Their assistance was a much-needed punch to the “too busy” excuse I'd been using. While my duty positions have been fast-paced, I would never assert I am busier than a group commander or general. The fact is, we are all busy but that should never become a crutch allowing us to put off helping someone out, starting professional military education or the next degree, etc.

Get out of here kid, you're bothering me!

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Children seem to be the masters of inopportune timing. I'm guessing many of you can relate to the following scenario: you're watching the big game, it's the fourth quarter and the [insert your team mascot here] are driving down the field. The quarterback steps out of the pocket, rolls to the right looking for an open receiver, throws the ball, and...“mom, can you help me with [insert seemingly meaningless task here].” Suddenly, there's a child standing between you and the big game asking for help with something that could easily have been done before the game started, at half-time, or after the game. Instead, your child is urgently wanting help at this very minute. The old me (in an exasperated voice): “Argh! Can't you see I'm watching the game? Unless you're bleeding, it can wait until the game is over.” One day, after I heard myself say something along these lines to my son, I realized the legacy I might be leaving in his mind is that a football game is more important than him. I am a firm believer in the fact that there is no such thing as “the ideal time.” We can plan our schedules and be master organizers, but there is always going to be someone stopping by and needing something just as we're trying to [insert high priority task or meeting here]. Taking just a minute to find out what the person needs and whether it requires immediate attention can mean the difference between leaving the legacy that you can't be bothered, and a legacy that no matter how busy you were you could always spare a moment for your Airmen.

You are the master of how your own personal history will be remembered. After you reflect on the legacy you are currently leaving, empower yourself to make changes to ensure you are leaving the legacy you want. As John Wayne's epitaph states, “Tomorrow is the most important thing in life. Comes into us at midnight very clean. It's perfect when it arrives and it puts itself in our hands. It hopes we've learnt something from yesterday.”

UPT Class 71-01 returns to Columbus Air Force Base

Maj. John Urso

37th Flight Training Squadron
T-6 Instructor Pilot

In 1969, the first class of pilots arrived in Mississippi to begin pilot training's inaugural year at Columbus Air Force Base. Known as the “First of the Finest,” Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 71-01 set the bar for succeeding classes over the next four decades through today. This week they have returned to visit the base that began their celebrated careers as Air Force officers and pilots, to see each other over 40 years later, and to share their experiences with the newest generation of Airmen.

Their experiences in pilot training in 1970 are similar to what pilot trainees experience today. It was one of their best years of their lives and one of the most difficult. The country was heavily involved in Southeast Asia and after pilot training “we knew we were going to Vietnam,” said Robert Lacey, UPT Class 71-01 member. Many of them did go, just as many of today's pilots can expect to support current operations in Afghanistan and locations throughout Southwest Asia.

They were a tight group of pilots as were their families. Mr. Lacey said of those who were married “our wives were an integral part of our training. My wife knew the emergency procedures better than we did.”

Members of Class 71-01 will be on base from Oct. 4 to 7. They will be attending the graduation events for Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 12-15, visiting the T-6 and T-1 simulators, and

touring the 37th and 41st Flying Training Squadrons where they originally trained while flying the T-37. On Saturday they will be golfing at Whispering Pines golf course, touring downtown Columbus, and watching the Air Force versus Navy football game at the Columbus Club. Saturday evening at the Club they will be holding a banquet for their class.

Class 71-01 boasts four general officers. Retired Maj. Gen. Richard Collins was Commander, 10th Air Force, Naval Air Station, Joint-Reserve Base Fort Worth, Texas. He has commanded over 4,000 hours in the F-4 Phantom and F-16 Fighting Falcon. Retired Brig. Gen. Thomas Fleming was Deputy Director, Plans and Policy, Pacific Command. He has commanded over 3,700 hours in the O-2, OV-10, C-12, F-4, and F-16. Retired Brig. Gen. Raymond Franck also graduated from class 71-01 alongside Retired Maj. Gen. Geir Harildstad from the Norwegian Air Force trained with class 71-01. In addition, Team BLAZE's own Bill Hodges, an Air Force civilian T-1 simulator instructor is an alumnus of class 71-01.

They made their mark on the history of Columbus AFB and the Air Force. The T-37 located to the right as you enter the main gate has a plaque at the base of the support. It states that “it was painted and marked to honor the first class to fly the T-37B at Columbus AFB, MS. The tail number commemorates pilot training class 71-01, the first pilot training class to fly the T-37 in the 3650th Pilot Training Wing at Columbus AFB in 1969.”





T-1A Jayhawk

SUPT Class 12-15 earns silver wings



T-38C Talon



Capt. Jacob Papp
Bristolville, Ohio
C-130H, Youngstown ARS, Ohio



1st Lt. Dwayne Booker II
Lawrenceville, Ga.
T-6, Columbus AFB, Miss.



1st Lt. Richard Kabanuck
Max, N.D.
U-28, Hurlburt Field, Fla.



2nd Lt. Eric Anderson
Poynette, Wis.
F-16, Tuscon ANGB, Ariz.

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

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 12-15 graduates at 10 a.m. today during a ceremony at the Kaye Auditorium.

The graduation speaker for the class is Lt. Gen. Paul Selva is the Vice Commander, Pacific Air Forces, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii. PACAF is responsible for Air Force activities spread over half the globe in a command that supports 45,000 Air Force personnel serving principally in Hawaii, Alaska, Guam, Korea and Japan. Students receive their silver pilot's wings at the ceremony, and students who excelled in their respective training tracks are recognized.

2nd Lt. Adam Wilson, T-1, and 2nd Lt. Jeremy Schnurbusch, 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. Timothy McLerran, T-1, and Lieutenant Schnurbusch, 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 Wilson, Lieutenant Schnurbusch and 2nd Lt. Michael Olah, T-1, were named the distinguished graduates of SUPT Class 12-15.

The 52-week pilot training program begins with a six-week pre-flight phase of academics and physiological training to prepare students for flight. The second phase, primary training, is conducted in the single-engine, turboprop T-6A Texan II at Columbus AFB, Miss. Students learn aircraft flight characteristics, emergency procedures,

takeoff and landing procedures, aerobatics and formation flying. Students also practice night, instrument and cross country navigation flying.

Primary training takes approximately 23 weeks and includes 254.4 hours of ground training, 27.3 hours in the flight simulator and 89 hours in the T-6A aircraft.

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

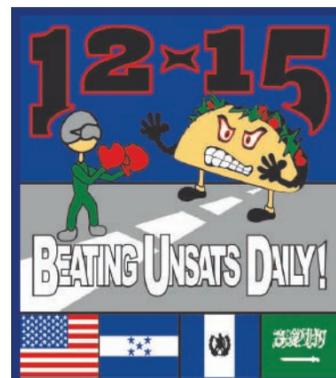
Both tracks are designed to best train pilots for successful transition to their follow-on aircraft and mission.

Advanced training for the fighter track is done in the T-38C Talon, a tandem-seat, twin-engine supersonic jet. T-38 training emphasizes formation, advanced aerobatics and navigation. Training takes approximately 26 weeks and includes 381 hours of ground training, 31.6 hours in the flight simulator and 118.7 hours in the T-38C aircraft.

The airlift-tanker track uses the T-1A Jayhawk, the military version of a multi-place Beech Jet 400 business jet. Instruction centers on crew coordination and management, instrument training, cross-country flying and simulated refueling and airdrop missions. Training takes about 26 weeks and includes

185 hours of ground training, 43 hours in the flight simulator and 104 hours in the T-1A.

Each class is partnered with several business or civic organizations during their year of training. This program is designed to foster closer ties between the community and Columbus Air Force Base. Today, each student will be given a set of pilot wings with their names engraved on the back as a token of good luck from their partners. SUPT Class 12-15's pilot partner is Weyerhaeuser.



2nd Lt. Forrest Heintz
Covington, La.
WC-130J, Keesler AFB, Miss.



2nd Lt. Steven Hendricks
Goldsboro, N.C.
KC-135R, Fairchild AFB, Wash.



2nd Lt. Tyler Hill
Macon, Ga.
F-16, Luke AFB, Ariz.



2nd Lt. Conner Hubbs
Keller, Texas
B-52, Barksdale AFB, La.



2nd Lt. Marcus Moore
Gainesville, Fla.
T-38, Columbus AFB, Miss.



2nd Lt. Ellis Moser
Valdosta, Ga.
A-10, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.



2nd Lt. Michael Muskalla
Panama City, Fla.
C-17, Travis AFB, Fla.



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