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News Briefs

CMSAF Roy visit and call

The Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James Roy will be visiting Columbus AFB Oct. 17. Chief Roy will hold an enlisted all call in the Kaye Auditorium at 2:45 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 17.

Career Day

On Saturday Oct. 13 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. static displays of the F-22, F-15C, F-16, A-10, U-28, B-2, RC-135, KC-135, C-130J, B-1, C-21 and TH-1 will be open to all base ID card holders, and families are encouraged to attend. Parking will be available near the SAC ramp. A cash burger burn will be open at the SAC ramp from 12:15 to 3 p.m.

Class 13-09 Track Select

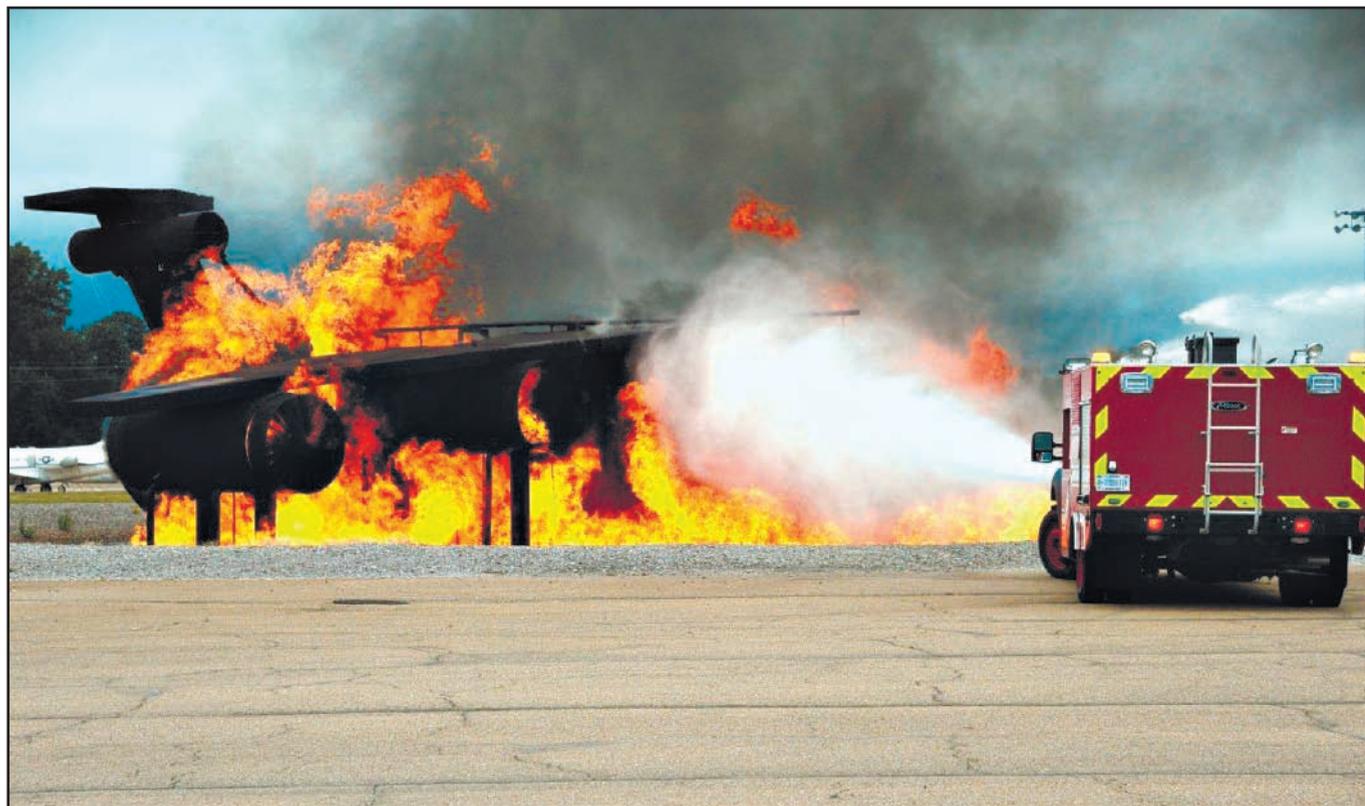
SUPT Class 13-09 will hold their track select on Friday Oct. 19 at 10 a.m. in Phillips Auditorium.

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The 41st Flying Training Squadron Buzzsaws are highlighted in this week's feature.



A Rapid Intervention Vehicle showcases the efficiency and speed at which it can put out an aircraft fire during a live burn Oct. 6 as a part of the Fire Prevention Week kick-off. The theme of the 2012 Fire Prevention Week is “Have 2 Ways Out” which urges parents and children to know and plan multiple exits from their homes in case of a fire.

Open house kicks off Fire Prevention Week

Airman 1st Class Charles Dickens
14th Flying Training Wing
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Fire Prevention Week kicked off Oct. 6 with a parade and open house hosted by the 14th Civil Engineering Squadron at the Columbus Air Force Base fire department.

The 2012 Fire Prevention Week is

spearheaded by the National Fire Protection Association and is themed “Have 2 Ways Out”.

“‘Have 2 Ways Out’ means to be looking for multiple ways out of a house and to be more self-aware,” said Scott Romero, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron Fire Inspector. “If something happens, what are you going to do?”

The Columbus AFB fire department

hosted multiple stations for children and adults to visit. Visitors learn more about fire safety and firefighters in general and to get hands-on experience with tools and techniques that could save their lives. These stations included fire detectors available to test, a demonstration of vehicle extrication, a trailer designed to simulate a house fire and many more.

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COLUMBUS AFB TRAINING TIMELINE

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The graduation speaker is Maj. Gen. Whitmore, USAF Retired.

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CFC Update

One week into the Combined Federal Campaign on Columbus Air Force Base and nearly a third of the goal has been reached. As of Oct. 9, \$28,560 of the \$90,000 goal set for Columbus AFB has been raised. To donate, contact your unit POC.



14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, 71 TEAM BLAZE members are deployed worldwide. Remember to support the Airmen and their families while they are away.



Pumpkin patrol in base housing

Watch for ghouls, ghosts and more in base housing Oct. 31! Children will be trick-or-treating through the area from 6-8:30 p.m. The speed limit will be 10 Mph, enforced by the 14th Security Forces Squadron.

Pumpkin patrol volunteers are also needed to augment the 14th SFS in this effort to make this Oct. 31 a safe one. To volunteer your time and patrol housing areas on base, contact Capt. Laura Hansen at 434-7132 or laura.hansen@columbus.af.mil.



OPEN HOUSE

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"Fire is not in a lot of people's minds," said Romero. "A child could hear a fire alarm before and not register what the noise is, but now they've gotten training from us and they know the sound means there is a fire."

During the vehicle extrication demonstration the 14th CES showed the power of hydraulic rescue tools like the Jaws of Life. The firefighters removed a simulated injured person from a car accident by prying the doors off of the vehicle and cutting the roof off, not allowing the person to move at all during the process.

The children also participated in a hands-on simulation of what happens during a house fire. A trailer is filled with faux smoke and they learn how to quickly and intelligently react.

"Our fire prevention trailer shows children what to do if smoke is in their house," said Romero. "They learn how to think outside of the box. If a door is hot or if there's smoke coming from the door, they learn that maybe they need to come out of the window."

"Little things like these stations, as fun as they are, are using actual techniques," said Romero. "The children are having fun with them but they're learning what to do as well."

Long Range Events

- Oct. 30: Quarterly Awards
- Oct. 31: Last day of CFC
- Oct. 31: Enlisted Promotions
- Oct. 31: Halloween
- Nov. 1: SNCO Induction Ceremony
- Nov. 2: Class 13-02 Assignment Night
- Nov. 4: Daylight Savings Time Ends
- Nov. 5: Night Flying Week
- Nov. 6: Newcomer's Orientation
- Nov. 9: BCC Luncheon
- Nov. 10: Columbus Veteran's Day Parade and Ceremony
- Nov. 11: Veteran's Day
- Nov. 12: Federal Holiday
- Nov. 13: Hearts Apart
- Nov. 14: Class 13-10 Track Select
- Nov. 15: Dormsgiving
- Nov. 15: Daedalians
- Nov. 15: Class 13-02 Graduation
- Nov. 15: IFF Graduation

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat/Sun
15	16 Newcomer's Orientation, 8 a.m. @ Club	17 AF/CCC Visit →	18	19 Class 13-09 Track Select, 9 a.m. @ Phillips MSG/WSA Celebration, 10 a.m. @ Freedom Park	20/21 20th & 21st - Autocross, 10 a.m. @ SAC Ramp
22 Night Flying Week Donate to the CFC	23	24	25	26 Class 13-01 Graduation	27/28

Did You Know: Standards for CUI Prep

Master Sgt. Shawn Andrews
14th Operations Group
First Sergeant

One of the items that the 14th Flying Training Wing will be graded on during the upcoming Compliance 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?

This week's topic will hopefully clear up some confusion on what is and is not required when various patriotic songs are played on base:

- **Retreat (AFI 1-1, para 1.6.2.4):** If you are outdoors when retreat sounds, stop what you are doing, face the flag or music, and come to parade rest (don't run inside the nearest building). At the first note of the

National Anthem, come to attention and salute if in uniform. If in civilian attire, service members should either remain at attention or place their right hand over their heart. Civilian hats will be removed. If driving in a vehicle, stop if consistent with safety. You and your passengers should sit quietly until the music ends. (Note: This means turn down your music...we'd rather hear the National Anthem than your playlist). If you notice other cars stopped in the middle of the road at the end of the duty day, it is probably a good indication that you should not try and pass them. Turn down your music, roll down your window, and it should be obvious.

- **Taps:** Many installations across the Air Force play "Taps" to signify "lights out" at the end of the day. For these purposes, there are no formal protocol procedures required. However, when played at a formal ceremony (funeral, retreat, etc.), Airmen in uniform will come to attention and salute until the music is complete (AFI 1-1, para 1.6.2.5). So what do you do when you're on base and hear "Taps" at night? There's nothing telling you to stop what you are doing and pause for a moment to reflect on the meaning of the song...but I won't fault you if you do.

If you have questions about any of the above standards, see your First Sergeant!

Laughbaum speaks on pilot traditions

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

Retired Air Force Col. Kent Laughbaum visited Columbus Air Force Base as the guest speaker for the Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 12-15 graduation Oct. 5.

Laughbaum graduated UPT from Reese AFB, Texas in 1984 and gave some insight into his graduation ceremony and the tradition of breaking the first set of wings a pilot gets after training.

Laughbaum said there was not much he truly remembered from his graduation day, other than one thing.

"I think the graduation should be for the families and less for the actual graduate," said Laughbaum. "What I honestly remember from my graduation ceremony, what was most meaningful, was being able to take my father, who was not a pilot, to a simulator and fly a simulator with my dad. Allowing him to see what his eldest son was going to be doing with his life, the sense of pride and love that we shared then meant much more to me than

the actual graduation ceremony. I think that's how it is for most people"

One event during the graduation ceremony that the pilots will remember is the breaking of their first set of silver wings. This is a tradition that is an important showcase during the graduations from the 14th Flying Training Wing, yet is not as extravagant at other bases.

"There was some type of event that we did when I graduated but it was certainly not as formalized as this," said Laughbaum. "I must have been motivated somehow, but there was no ceremony."

According to tradition, the pilot is to break their first set of wings, keep one half and give half to the pilot's best friend or relative. The two halves should only be reunited when the pilot becomes deceased.

"After I broke my wings I gave one half to my mother and I gave the other half to my girlfriend, who is now my wife," said Laughbaum. "My wife still has, in a very special place, her half."

Though his Air Force career has ended, Laughbaum said, his first set of wings still remains apart.

C3 Airman of the Month



U.S. Air Force photo
Col. Jim Sears, 14th Flying Training Wing Commander and Staff Sgt. Paula Zanders, 14th Force Support Squadron IDEA program manager present a \$10,000 check to Lt. Col. Gordon Kimpel, 50th Flying Training Squadron, for his idea to change T-38C ground procedures. The IDEA saved the 14th Flying Training Wing \$145,479.

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.

16th CMSAF, prior 14th FTW command chief returns to Columbus AFB Oct. 17

Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force James A. Roy represents the highest enlisted level of leadership, and as such, provides direction for the enlisted force and represents their interests, as appropriate, to the American public, and to those in all levels of government. He serves as the personal adviser to the Chief of Staff and the Secretary of the Air Force on all issues regarding the welfare, readiness, morale, and proper utilization and progress of the enlisted force. Chief Roy is the 16th chief master sergeant appointed to the highest non-commissioned officer position.



Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force James A. Roy

Chief Roy grew up in Monroe, Mich., and entered the Air Force in September 1982. His background includes numerous leadership roles at squadron, group, numbered air force and combatant command levels. He has been stationed at locations in Florida, South Korea, Missouri, Guam, Mississippi, South Carolina, Virginia, Kuwait, Japan and Hawaii. He has worked a variety of civil engineer duties. Chief Roy also served as a superintendent of a military personnel flight and a mission support group before becoming a command chief master sergeant at the wing, air expeditionary wing, numbered air force and combatant command levels. Before assuming his current position, he served as Senior Enlisted Leader and adviser to the U.S. Pacific Command Combatant Commander and staff, Camp H. M. Smith, Hawaii. He was appointed to this position on June 30, 2009.

Time for a little less talk and a lot more action

Carl James, Ph.D., P.E.
Columbus AFB Energy Manager

As the Columbus Air Force Base Energy Manager, I write this first of four articles for Energy Action Month in a bi-polar state of mind; enraged, yet enthused. Enraged that I am so “strongly encouraged” by the Air Force to engage in a month of energy cheerleading while energy action work slides to the back burner. However I am enthused that I can use this coerced activity to turn lemons into lemonade, to sell the right way to achieve energy savings, to sell the Columbus AFB energy success story.

Let’s start with the lemonade. Executive Order 13423 requires all federal agencies to reduce energy intensity by three percent per year, with an end goal of 30 percent reduction by 2015, relative to a 2003 baseline. Like many Air Force bases Columbus was not only behind on meeting the goals, but actually heading in the wrong direction... that is until the end of fiscal year 2010. Beginning in FY11, Columbus turned its energy program around. As of the third quarter of FY12, Columbus has reduced energy intensity by 22 percent from FY03 levels, now one of only four bases in the AETC ahead of the EO glide path (21 percent below FY03 by FY12). Columbus won both first Quarter and second Quarter FY12 AETC Energy Incentive Awards, a cash award totaling \$500,000 being used to renovate the base pool, thus freeing up other fitness funds to upgrade the air conditioning system at the base gym, all directly benefitting our Airmen in quality of life, fitness, and readiness to complete their mission.

This success is no accident, but rather, is a result of implementing a new Columbus AFB Energy Strategic Plan in FY11. One of the major initiatives of this plan

was to shift our energy awareness paradigm away from the status quo focus on cheerleading (“You too have the power to save energy and save the world!”), browbeating (“Turn off this, turn off that!”), and inundating the general public with a seemingly endless list of energy factoids that are mostly false (“Did you know that leaving one light bulb on overnight consumes enough energy to brew two cups of coffee?”).

Beginning in FY11, we chose to abandon the month-long “awareness” campaign and implement a continuous program of teaching a targeted group of people with the greatest ability to impact our energy bottom line: Our leadership who have the ability to change and enforce policy and leverage funding, our HVAC, EMCS, plumbing, and electrical shops who are in the field daily and have the greatest opportunity to spot and correct energy wasting equipment malfunctions and poor operating procedures, and our facility managers who know their buildings and have the direct line of communication with our shop personnel and building occupants). The results have spoken loudly!

In keeping with Columbus’ new legacy of demonstrating energy leadership rather than following the herd through energy cheerleading throughout Energy Action Month we are instead working with Wing leadership through the Columbus Energy Management Steering Group to launch BLAZEnergy, or Building Leaders Acuteness in Ztewardship of Energy - what leaders and decision makers really need to know about energy stewardship.

In the next couple of weeks I look forward to sharing with you a few energy myth busters you will find useful at home and at work. Then we’ll wrap up the month with final conclusions and a challenge for “a little less talk and a lot more action.”



IMSO to pair international students with host families

1st Lt. Chelsea Hann
International Military Student Officer

Are you interested in learning about another culture? Perhaps you’ve always had an interest in learning more about Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America or the Middle East. If so, Columbus AFB offers a unique and rewarding opportunity through the International Military Student Host Family program.

The International Military Student Host Family program plans to pair International Student pilots with families from

the local area. To give them a better sense of the American culture and values and give them a place to get away from the military when they need to. Each year Columbus AFB plays host to more than 40 international student pilots representing over 25 countries. These students will train at Columbus for approximately one year and upon graduation, return to their home country to serve as officer and aviators.

International Students are primarily focused on becoming pilots during their stay here but they’re also eager to absorb as much as they can about the United States and its many cultural facets. Without a doubt, there is no better way for them to

do this than to have someone in the local community act as a host family. Host families provide a periodic opportunity for International Students to get away from the rigors of pilot training for a few hours to experience America and true “Southern hospitality” on a first hand basis.

If you are interested acting as a host family for one of our international students or just want more information about the program, please contact the International Military Student Officer, 1st Lt. Chelsea Hann, at 434-7210 or email at chelsea.hann@columbus.af.mil.

U-2 Above All

Senior Airman Shawn Nickel

AIRMAN MAGAZINE — Whether people recognize it by the Snoopy-like nose or by the flat black paint and red lettering on the tail, the U-2 has become an Air Force reconnaissance icon in its 50 years of military operations.

Since the first model was assembled in the 1950s, the aircraft’s original, shiny aluminum skin has evolved to the current flat black paint scheme, and its mission has broadened as intelligence imagery techniques have improved.

It was originally designed to fly high-altitude intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance missions during the Cold War to gather intelligence on opposition forces. Today the U-2S flies in support of a variety of missions from ground combat to disaster relief. The aircraft has been updated over the years with a 33 percent larger frame, fiber-optic wiring and an all glass cockpit. These improvements increase the aircraft’s payload and loiter time, making it easier to fly.

The U-2’s dynamic airframe can carry approximately 4,000 pounds of equipment, paving the way as a test platform for new technologies. With its immense and diverse payload capacity, it is capable of a multitude of missions. Some pilots describe it as the “Lego” airplane.

“It’s like Mr. Potato Head,” said Lt. Col. John, an instructor pilot with the 99th Reconnaissance Squadron. “You just take one part out and add a new one. There are so many new developments running through the works right now. New weapons systems are going to emerge and accelerate the curve of the U-2 even more.”

One of the aircraft’s primary missions is to capture imagery via the decades-old, wet-film camera, which is sharp enough to see roadside bombs from 70,000 feet and offers greater resolution than any digital sensors available.

“The U-2 started out only carrying a wet-film camera. Now, with today’s technology, I’m alone up there, but I may be carrying 40 to 50 Airmen via data link who are back at a (deployable ground station),” John said.

In addition to its other capabilities, the U-2 provides service members on the ground with the intelligence they need to

“I volunteered for an assignment I knew nothing about, and they wouldn’t tell me anything about the U-2,” Tony Bevacqua said. “The aircraft was state-of-the-art back then; no one in the public knew about it.”

effectively carry out their mission, said Capt. Michael, a 1st Reconnaissance Squadron instructor pilot. This could include acting as an antenna to troops on the ground in Afghanistan or providing detailed imagery during a natural disaster.

“We are up there to make a difference,” Michael said. “We are there to make an impact on the troops we support.”

For operational security reasons, many details about the U-2 and its mission are unknown to the public. When the airframe was in its infancy, even pilots coming into the program knew very little about it. One of those men is retired Lt. Col. Tony Bevacqua, one of the original Air Force U-2 pilots.

Since the jet was developed at the height of the Cold War, it was used extensively over the Soviet Union, Cuba, and other opposition countries. Bevacqua said every precaution was taken to keep the technology from leaking into enemy hands.

“I volunteered for an assignment I knew nothing about, and they wouldn’t tell me anything about the U-2,” Bevacqua said. “The aircraft was state-of-the-art back then; no one in the public knew about it.”

This first class of pilots had to learn everything about the aircraft from the ground up. They developed the first U-2 training program in a matter of weeks, much of which is still used today.

“Before I joined the Air Force, I’d never even built a model airplane, but we trained hard to learn everything about the U-2,” he said. “After weeks of being the first pilots in the U-2, we became the instructors for the second class of pilots.”

The program is considered an exclusive group, with less than 80 current U-2 pilots.

“There are more people who have Super Bowl rings than there are U-2 pilots,” said Lt. Col. Stephen Rodriguez, the 1st Reconnaissance Squadron commander. “There are less than 1,000 pilots in the history of this program. That’s less than



U-2 pilot looks outside while flying the aircraft. U-2 pilots wear full-pressure suits that ensure survivability during depressurization.

some airframes train in one year.”

After flying for years in other military airframes, a pilot from any U.S. service can apply to fly the U-2, Rodriguez said. Following a strict interview process, he sends these prospective aviators on a series of training flights to test the pilot’s aptitude.

“We interview applicants to screen for airmanship, maturity and ability to adapt to the U-2’s unique landing characteristics,” he said. “Allowing inter-service transfers brings lessons from outside the Air Force, which helps us at operating in a joint environment.”

Although the pilots are the face of the U-2’s mission, hundreds of Airmen behind closed doors in windowless buildings exploit, disseminate and transmit the information the aircraft collects. These Airmen provide mission-essential assistance to commanders around the globe.

“To be able to support the warfighter from the U.S. is a great feeling,” said Master Sgt. Sean, the 9th Intelligence Squadron flight lead. “We contribute to the mission downrange whether we deploy and support the efforts with manpower and bullets or we support it through ‘intel’ from home station.”

The U-2 is at a high operational tempo and with the program schedule to endure through 2040, there are no signs of slowing down. U-2 pilots will continue to provide timely, relevant and persistent high altitude ISR to meet the needs of the nation’s leaders to support the current fight and any future challenges our nation may face.

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For sale: 2009 Honda Ridgeline SUV/pick-up with 31,000 miles. Dark cherry ivory with beige interior, anti-lock brakes, four-wheel drive, AF/FM six-disc CD changer, five-speed automatic transmission with overdrive, custom side step bars, aluminum wheels, Michelin tires, power side mir-

rors, 3.5 liter 24-valve VTECH V6 engine, Ridgeline custom floor mats, child safety locks, locking/limited slip differential, cruise-control, four-wheel disc ABS brake system, multi-zone air conditioning, rear head air bag, great gas mileage. \$23,900 or best offer. Call 327-1205.

Miscellaneous

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Sale: Oct.13, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 650 Spivey Rd. Tools, couch, chairs, bunk bed, comic books, 25-inch television, remote-controlled helicopter, etc.

Free

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

Solve problems like an Air Force pilot

Staff Sgt. Shawn Rhodes
927th Air Refueling Wing
Public Affairs

MACDILL AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. — The Air Force is known for their innovation in air, space and cyberspace. When an Air Force pilot has to make decisions, he relies on a specific decision-making process that helps win wars and save lives. If you want to problem-solve like an Air Force pilot, follow these steps:

- 1. Clarify and validate the problem**
Flying demands attention, and pilots have to examine if they can influence the problem before using resources on it. Complaining about what's going wrong doesn't help in combat, or solve your problems. When you're faced with a problem, clearly define it and decide whether it is something you can affect. This is the first step toward overcoming it.
- 2. Measure the impact of the problem**
If a pilot jumps to conclusions it could be

hazardous. Air Force pilots are taught to gather data about the problem so they can clearly outline any problem's impact. Examine your situation and assess its immediate and future impact to prioritize it.

3. Set an improvement target

Instead of jumping to solve the problem, Air Force pilots first look at where they want to be after it's solved. They don't just aim for hitting the target — they strike the bull's eye. When dealing with your problem, imagine what the situation will look like when it's solved, and work backward from there to maximize your results.

4. Determine the Root Cause

An ancient saying in Asia is 'Fix the problem, not the blame.' Pilots apply this when they determine the origin of a problem to stop it from occurring again. They don't want to be working through the remaining steps of the process only to have the situation compound itself by happening again. Look to how and where your problem started so you can be sure you solve it where it began.

5. Develop Counter-Measures

This is where the rubber meets the runway. Pilots examine all the possibilities for counter measures so they can head the problem off at the pass before it affects their mission. They then create detailed action plans to swiftly move to remedy the situation. Lay out all of your options so you can examine the possibilities before deciding which one would be best to get you where you want to go.

6. See it Through

Air Force pilots make sure that they don't do anything half-way, especially when it involves the lives of their crew and passengers. When they've developed counter-measures, they implement the solution. Once you have a plan, see it through and don't give up until your problem dissolves like the wind.

7. Confirm Results and Process

It's not enough for an Air Force pilot to solve a problem —big or small — and move on. They confirm their results to make sure the problem won't repeat. Next, they examine what they've done to see if there are any need-

ed changes. If your solutions didn't work, reassess and re-attack the problem.

8. Standardize Results

Finally, pilots spread the word so others can learn from their solution and avoid reinventing the wheel. Once your problem is in your past, spread the word about how you overcame it so that others can learn from your success.

"Most people just brainstorm their process, and shoot off the cuff without analyzing it," said Maj. James Kirkland, chief of process plans for the 927th Air Refueling Wing, a reserve unit based at MacDill Air Force Base. "This is more analytical, and actually identifies whether something is a problem or is just being perceived that way."

Kirkland said this process is similar to one used by Fortune 500 companies and is a problem-solving tool that brings results.

"If you're in the business of making and saving money, this system gives you a plan of attack," Kirkland added. "You can assign concrete actions based on this, or delegate to the people who can bring in results."

Discovery Channel series highlights C-17

Staff Sgt. Zachary Wolf

Joint Base Elmendorf - Richardson Public Affairs

JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON, Alaska — The show "Mighty Planes" took aim at a new plane, the C-17 Globemaster III, and the Discovery Channel was here to film the versatile cargo plane from Sept. 20 to Sept. 26.

"The whole show Mighty Planes is exactly what it is, it's planes that are 'mighty,' that are big," said Stephen Grant, the director of the Mighty Planes feature on the C-17. "We have done planes that chase hurricanes, planes that supply medical aid, but the C-17, much like the C-5 Galaxy, is larger than life and people don't get to see those every day."

Grant said the maneuverability of the Globemaster III impressed him.

"The thing that blew me away is a plane that big can be that nimble in the air — we went up there and we had 75 paratroopers, and it seemed it could turn on a dime," Grant said.

"When that thing accelerated over the mountains, you could feel it and it was awesome."

The Discovery Channel crew worked with many different people from throughout the 3rd Wing, but worked especially close with members of the 517th Airlift Squadron.

Grant said the members of the 3rd Wing went out of their way to support his crew's mission.

"The guys here were fantastic," Grant said.

It seemed unanimous that the Discovery crew enjoyed the air-to-air refueling of the C-17 Globemaster III.



U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Zachary Wolf

A C-17 Globemaster III cargo plane sets off flares during the 3rd Wing "war day," Sept. 21, 2012. The Discovery Channel is going to feature the C-17 on a future episode of "Mighty Planes" and was here on Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson filming.

"One of the highlights for me on the C-17 was to witness the air-to-air refueling, to be able to be so close to the other aircraft and to get that kind of access to shoot through the cockpit windows was absolutely incredible," said Chris Gargus, a freelance cameraman from Exploration Production Incorporated, Discovery Channel.

"For me, standing on the back of the door when they open up the gate and seeing the land just displayed before you; that is pretty exhilarating and that energy and excitement comes right through the lens and right through to your living room," Gargus said. "I know I felt it and I am sure the viewer will."

Gargus said he is confident fans of the Discovery Channel will love the finished product when it finally airs.

"I think that there are a lot of options when you watch television," Gargus said. "But the people who are interested in this type of broadcast, the Discovery fans, are going to eat this stuff up."

The story behind the C-17 is what hooks people, he said.

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The episode featuring the C-17 is tentatively scheduled to air in the spring.

Columbus AFB Top 3 Spotlight

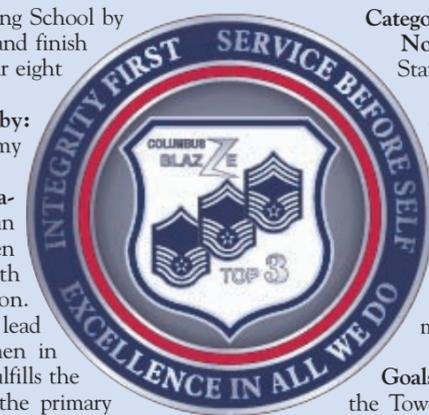


Category: Airman
Nominee Name: Senior Airman Aaron Coleman
Grade: Senior Airman
Unit: 14th Comptroller Squadron
Date: Sept. 26, 2012
Information:
1. Home Town: Indianapolis, Ind.
2. Time in the Air Force: Three years, 10 months
3. Time at Columbus AFB: Three years, 5 months
4. Career Short Term Goals: Make staff sergeant during the next promotion cycle and maintain a high GPA.
5. Career Long Term Goals: Be accept-

ed into Officer Training School by year seven of career and finish master's degree by year eight of career.

6. Nominated by: Master Sgt. Jeremy Heideman

7. Nomination reason: Senior Airman Coleman is a proven leader in the 14th Comptroller Squadron. Not only is he the lead trainer for nine airmen in his unit but he also fulfills the role of an NCO as the primary approval authority for the TDY to School program. When Airmen in-process, they will likely encounter Coleman as one of the reliable Financial Management technicians responsible for ensuring pay and allowances are correct and paid in a timely manner. Additionally, Coleman is an auditor for the Military Pay program, which was recently coined, "Best in AETC" by the AETC Functional Manager. In his spare time, Coleman aggressively pursues a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration and is an active volunteer at the St. Joseph Catholic Church. Coleman's positive attitude, resourcefulness, dedication to the mission and personal initiative led him to becoming this month's extremely deserving Airman to spotlight!



Category: NCO

Nominee Name: Staff Sgt. Jamerson Watts

Unit: 14th Operations Support Squadron

Date: Sept. 26, 2012

1. Home Town: Haleyville, Ala.

2. Time in the Air Force: Seven years

3. Time at Columbus AFB: Six months

4. Career Short Term Goals: Become dual rated in the Tower and RAPCON, finish Bachelors degree.

5. Career Long Term Goals: Make it to chief master sergeant or get accepted to Officer Training School.

6. Nominated by: Master Sgt. Kenneth Zalesky

7. Nomination reason: Staff Sgt. Watts arrived from Tyndall Air Force Base in late March 2012 as the AETC Air Traffic Controller of the Year. Since that time, Watts was selected as the Air Force Air Traffic Controller of the Year and the 2012 Lingiam Odem Memorial Award winner. This distinguished award is given to either a Civilian or Military Air Traffic Controller who demonstrates abilities that far exceed others. Even after receiving these remarkable awards, Watts continues to take time to guide and instruct future air traffic con-



trollers under real world conditions. His leadership ability resonated with the Supervisor of Flying who witnessed firsthand Watts' dedication and professionalism, as he was found mentoring and training impressionable young Airmen. Finally Watts again showed his ability to lead when he took charge of the tower cab during a wing exercise, resulting in his selection as an Exercise Evaluation Team Top Performer. Watts is a true servant leader and an NCO who leads by example. His model behavior and commitment to excellence have led to his selection as this month's NCO to Spotlight!

Commander's Action Line 434-7058



My POV and the Airfield

Brian Coleff
Airfield Driving Program Manager

You get word there is going to be a KC-10 on static display in the SAC Area and you are invited to come out and take a tour. It is graduation day, your family is here to help you celebrate and it would be really nice to take them out to see the aircraft. You pile everyone in the car and head out to where the aircraft is located. Just before entering the SAC Area, you come up to a sign that reads, "Authorized Vehicles Only Beyond This Point." You begin thinking, "I have my AF Form 483. I am authorized to drive on the airfield. The commander said to come on out and bring the family. I can do this..." but wait! Think back on your airfield driving

training and recall all the markings, the signs, and communications. All of these items are related to driving an authorized vehicle on the airfield.

Remember the section in AFI 13-213 that reads, "Privately Owned Vehicles on the airfield are discouraged and must be restricted to an absolute minimum." POVs are not authorized on the Columbus AFB or Auxiliary Airfields without written approval through the Airfield Management Office. There are parking lots near the entries to the airfield for you to utilize. For further airfield driving information, contact Brian Coleff, Wing Airfield Driving Program Manager, at 434-2993 or Gary Wright, Airfield Manager, at 434-2996.

How to: Building Resilience

Col. London Richard
Air Force Special Operations Command,
Operational Psychology

HURLBURT FIELD, Fla — Contrary to what many believe, you do not build resilience by focusing on weakness or by avoiding hardship. In an elite population that comprises less than one percent of less than one percent of the U.S. adult population, AFSOC has a proven method for building resilience. AFSOC warriors seek challenges, confront threats, are accountable, and develop confidence in their control, commitment and skills. They enhance success with their positive attitude, tenacity, fitness, discipline, adaptability, teamwork, and rigorous training. Unfortunately, most people only consider mental factors when discussing resilience when in reality four factors determine whether or not someone is truly resilient: physical, mental, social, and spiritual fitness.

First consider physical fitness. Everyone would agree that someone who is physically fit has increased strength, endurance, and flexibility. These individuals are less likely to be injured and have increased tolerance to environmental factors like heat and cold. On the other hand, when someone is overweight, out of shape, or does not exercise (i.e., avoids physical stress), that person is weaker, less tolerant, easily fatigued, and more prone to incidental injuries. They more easily become heat casualties, exert less effort, and/or quit when exposed to physically demanding activities. Athletes with poor physical fitness often ache or are frequently injured due to being in a constant state of over-exertion as a result of their bodies having a low threshold for physical demands.

Obviously, for those who have long been physically inactive, gradually getting back in shape can take some time. Additionally, periodic recovery is essential, and there are understandably times when extreme physical stress (e.g., broken arm) is followed by the need for more extensive physical recovery (e.g., casting). However, physical fitness is neither static nor passive. It occurs by actively exposing ourselves to progressively increasing levels of physical stress via things like weight lifting, cardio, stretching, isometrics, sports, etc.

Mental fitness has parallels to physical fitness. Consider what happens when you break your leg. While in a cast, your leg muscles begin to atrophy, becoming small and weak. That is a dramatic example of what happens when muscles are overprotected from physical stress...They progressively weaken. Broken bones result from too much physical stress, while deteriorating muscle results from too little stress. The same holds true for mental fitness. Overstressed bones and muscles react the same way we do when exposed to too much or too little psychological stress. Individuals who are not mentally

fit or consciously avoid mental/emotional challenges tend to be the same ones who are pessimistic, whine, complain, blame, or quit when faced with inevitable disappointments or difficulties in life. With a lower threshold for coping, they simply don't have much capacity to respond to increased psychological demands. However, the good news is that mental fitness can be developed. Research confirms that facing stress actually strengthens the body and enables it to prevail in harsh environments and during harsh times. In other words, we grow stronger, not weaker, through adversity — but only if we allow ourselves to experience adversity ... with the correct mindset and attitude.

Social fitness includes family, peers and friends. There are ample scientific studies that prove surrounding yourself with people who genuinely care about you has positive benefits on your resilience and mental well-being. Consequently, how do you challenge yourself socially and/or cultivate your social fitness? Are your friendships and family interactions positive and supportive? Have you become complacent or destructive, or do you actively pursue self-improvement, positive friendships, and healthy relationships?

It is not necessary to attend formal meetings to become socially involved. Having lunch with a coworker, talking with a neighbor, or calling a friend are all ways to foster meaningful relationships. Social fitness includes developing and maintaining trusted, positive relationships as well as mentoring and encouraging others.

What about your spiritual fitness? Do you engage in productive community activities, or are some of the things you do stagnant, destructive or self-serving? Do you foster your faith, belong to a faith group, utilize a trusted spiritual counselor, have positive values that guide you? Do you volunteer in your community or help others? All these things build spiritual fitness and resilience. There are a number of studies that confirm the beneficial effects of spirituality on health and adaptability. Spiritual individuals are more optimistic, have fewer medical visits to their doctor, report greater psychological well-being, and experience less stress. Likewise, volunteering gives individuals a greater sense of purpose, feeling of connection, and satisfaction in their ability to help others. In other words, people of faith get positive benefits from their spirituality, and their spirituality motivates them to "pay it forward" without expecting anything in return.

It would be nice if life was always pleasant or uneventful, but that is not reality. Thus, it is not "if" but "when" adversity will occur. Luckily, resilience can be honed through a multi-faceted process that strengthens you and helps you adapt and thrive when facing difficulties and challenges in life. Don't run from adversity, but embrace it.

First things first: Get your degrees in order

Chief Master Sgt. David Brinkley
451st Air Expeditionary Wing
Public Affairs

KANDAHAR AIRFIELD, Afghanistan — In 1972 the Community College of the Air Force was established by the Air Force Chief of Staff, General John D. Ryan.

Four years later, President Gerald Ford authorized the Air Force, by law, to confer the associate degree. The CCAF was accredited in the start of 1977 and by the spring of that same year it awarded its first Associates of Applied Science degree.

This year the CCAF is expected to award the 400,000th AAS degree since the college's establishment. This is milestone stands as an impressive achievement for the college and a testament to the character of the men and women who make up our enlisted corps.

Unfortunately, some view the CCAF as a degree mill and discount the value of the degree.

Frankly, the investments toward the professional development of our own Airmen can't be matched by any corporation or any other service — it's foolish to undermine the efforts of nearly half a million Airmen.

Our enlisted corps is a highly-motivated, well-educated force, and the numbers back it up.

According to official records as of this month, within 412,000 Airmen serving in the Air Force you will find 77,343 with associate degrees, 29,487 with a bachelor's, 5,090 master's degrees, and 88 who have reached the highest academic levels and have earned a doctorate or professional degree.

As we continue to challenge our enlisted corps to chase educational goals, they will continue to reach more educational milestones; however for some the accomplishment of their AAS through the CCAF takes a back-seat as they pursue their own interests. As a result, these well-meaning Airmen have their educational goals

operating in reverse.

How do we keep them focused on the importance of completing their CCAF first?

From personal experience, I've reviewed countless Enlisted Performance Reports and award nominations that highlight a member's progress towards a baccalaureate degree. At first glance this looks great, balancing school and work isn't easy but upon further review many have not completed their CCAF degree.

This tells me the member is more focused on their personal goals than taking care of the Air Force's fundamental educational expectations. Some leaders offer guidance and encourage their subordinates to transfer their baccalaureate degree courses to CCAF so they get credit. But again, this is another step that reinforces the notion that the CCAF should be an afterthought and not at the forefront.

As enlisted leaders we are charged to deliberately develop our force. In the realm of education we must focus our subordinates on the importance of attaining their CCAF degree first.

This starts with properly approaching Career Development Courses with the right attitude. Upon completion of CDCs and in conjunction with on-the-job and up-grade training, members receive college credits; remind your Airmen they are in fact completing college level courses through their CDCs.

It is customary to prohibit members in UGT or who are enrolled in CDCs to simultaneously be enrolled in off-duty civilian education. We advise our Airmen that when their CDCs and UGT are complete they can then take college courses. This guidance is misleading. We should be telling our Airmen that because of the CCAF and their CDCs they are already enrolled in college and taking college courses.

We have a tendency to reward our Airmen for CDC completion by allowing them to pursue their bachelor's degree. Instead, we should continue **FIRST THINGS FIRST**, Page 7

Base News

SNCO Induction Ceremony

On Nov. 1 there will be a Senior Non-Commissioned Officer Induction Ceremony. This ceremony will take place at the Columbus Club. A social hour will begin at 6 p.m. and the ceremony will commence at 7 p.m. The cost for this event will range from \$22 to \$30 depending on meal choice and club status. Meal choices will include Beef Tenderloin, Crab Stuffed Flounder and Vegetarian Lasagna. There is an electronic invite being circulated for personnel to fill out and attend or they can contact Master Sgt. Angela Coleman to have their name added to the pro rata. Her contact information is angela.coleman@columbus.af.mil or contact by phone at 434-2088.

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.

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 marital 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.

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)

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".

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 MFLC, call 434-2790 for more information.

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.

A wide variety of fun activities are offered to base families

Hunter Education Class

Free course 8 a.m. Oct. 13 at the American Legion building located at 308 Chubby Drive in Columbus. Contact ODR for more information 434-2505.

Family Run/Walk

The Youth Center Family Fitness Run/Walk will be held Oct. 13 at 8:20 a.m. The start and finish line will be the Youth Center parking lot. Free event, refreshments will be served. All ages welcome, bring your pets. Call 434-2504 for more information.

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.

Lights On After School

The After School Alliance: Lights On After School Program Oct. 18, 4 p.m.-5 p.m. at the Youth Center. Guest speaker, school teachers, and Youth Center facility tour. Refreshments will be served. For more information 434-2504.

Pre-teen Lock-In

Air Force Live, Lean, Green Lock-In for Preteens Oct. 19-20 8 p.m.-7 a.m. Dinner, snack, and breakfast served. Exciting games, great challenges, guest speaker, and more! Register with parent approval by Oct. 13, for more information call 434-2504.

Only the Strong Survive

The Fitness Center will host a Bench Press Competition on Monday, Oct. 22 at 4:30 p.m. Weigh-ins and sign ups welcome up to event start. Free t-shirt to participants who make the 300 and 400 goal. For more information call 434-2772.

FREE Halloween Adult Costume Party

The Columbus Club presents an Adult Halloween Costume Party. This free event will be held at the Club on Saturday, Oct. 27 from 8 p.m.-1 a.m. Need child care? This event is held in conjunction with the Give Parents a Break Program, call 434-2479 for more information on child care and 434-2419 for more information of the costume party.

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.

Bowling Spook-tacular!

Visit the Bowling Center on Halloween, Oct. 31 to enjoy a 9 pin no tap tournament starting at 7 p.m. \$10 per person includes bowling, shoe rental, and a prize fund. Register by 6:30 p.m. the day of the tournament. For more information call 434-3426.

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 cos-

Pumpkin Carving Contest & Monster March

2 FREE EVENTS

October 26 Pumpkin Carving Contest
Pick up your FREE Pumpkin at the Library Oct 23-25 (first come first serve)
Bring your spooky creation back to the Library before COB Oct 25. Winner will be announced Friday, October 26 at 7 p.m.
Win a Pizza Party \$100 Value
Bring your creation back by noon Oct 25 for the Facebook Fan Favorite
Enter as family, individual, or squadron
FMI 434-2934

October 27 Monster March
Registration 8:30-9 a.m. at Freedom Park 9-11 a.m.
Dress up in your spooky costume and take a bus ride OR walk from Freedom Park to:
Outdoor Rec Golf Course Bowling Center Fitness Center
Each location will have games, treats, & fun then a Costume Contest Freedom Park at 11:00 a.m.
FMI 434-2505

ume 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.

Get Bowled Over!

Every Friday in Oct. 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.

Mothers Happy Time!

The Child Development Center presents Mothers Happy Time! Let the CDC provide care for your children while you enjoy some "Happy Time" with friends. Get three or four mothers together and plan an outing. Available Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. For more information call 434-2479.

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.

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.

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 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 or 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-bssrocks.com and click on the link to the Fitness page.

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ue to mentor our Airmen and keep them focused on their AAS. Once the first part of their education (CDC, OJT/UGT) is completed we can focus them on the other approximately 16 semester hours of classes they need for completion of their CCAF degree. Typically Airmen will enroll in be a bachelor's degree plan to further their educational goals; however, the focus should be on accomplishing the CCAF degree requirements rather than pursue an advanced degree from the beginning.

An Airman would be much better served if their advancement toward a BA or BS degree would be the by-product of their pursuit toward the AAS through the CCAF not vice versa. We need to remind our Airmen why CCAF accomplish-

ment is important.

Some will say that CCAF completion is important because without it a member hurts their promotion potential; but leaders need to look at the bigger picture.

Individuals may only participate in CCAF degree programs designed for their Air Force occupation. Why is this? The US Air Force is the best at developing its workforce for current and future leadership and technical challenges. The 64 degree programs offered through CCAF are specifically created and tailored to address technical and leadership issues a member will encounter in their specialty. Nearly every profession requires its members to complete some type of education or certification. Our profession of arms is no different.

Completion of a CCAF degree helps members progress from apprentice to journeyman and onto craftsman in their trade. Of the 64 credit hours required for the CCAF AAS, 24

are in the technical education area. These 24 hours are accomplished through Technical School, OJT, UGT and the CDCs. The Air Force views the AAS as the first important step in the development of our junior enlisted corps, a step that can't be substituted with civilian academic degrees. Once Airmen complete this first and critical obligation then we can encourage them to continue and achieve other educational goals.

Our force benefits by having a team of educated leaders, managers and Airmen.

The road to educational excellence starts with understanding the true value of the CCAF AAS degree, accepting and tackling CDC, UGT, OJT as college level courses and not treating the completion of the CCAF AAS degree as a secondary goal, but making it our primary purpose and fulfilling the Air Force's educational expectations before seeking out further educational opportunities.

Women's self defense
Free Class
22-25 Oct 2012

Who: AD/DEP/DoD Civ
Females age 18+

What: Four days/3 hr
hands-on training sessions

When: Monday Oct. 22 - Thursday Oct. 25
from 5:30 - 7 p.m.

Where: Columbus AFB Fitness Center,
aerobics room

How To Sign Up:
Contact Capt Laura Hansen at 434-7132 or
laura.hansen@columbus.af.mil
or sign up at the Fitness Center Front Desk!



Beginning this week, for 60 days, the Columbus Club parking lot will be closed for resurfacing. Temporary parking will be available in both the Hunt Housing parking area in front of the Club and the Magnolia Inn parking lot behind the club. In addition, the Child Development Center parking lot will be utilized for evening Club events only. The attachment shows the plan for alternate daytime parking in green and evening parking in blue. For convenience customers may enter through the patio entry. The Club will remain open for lunch and business. Questions may be addressed to the club staff at 434-2489 or 434-2471 or to Linda Dodson at 434-2314.

41st Flying Training Squadron Unwavering Professionals Forging American Combat Air Power

Lt. Col. Lee Gentile
41st Flying Training Squadron

The 41st Flying Training Squadron's mission statement is succinct and to the point, it describes who we are and what we were called to do: Unwavering Professionals Forging American Combat Air Power. I believe a short discussion of our mission statement will serve to put into words what all Airmen aspire to be and do:

I believe Unwavering Professionalism can best be explained in two parts; moral commitment and technical proficiency. Everyone who raised their right hand and swore to protect and defend the constitution made a moral commitment to defend our nation against all enemies foreign and domestic. The moral commitment is in effect 24 hours a

day, seven days a week on and off-duty. I assure you that every Buzzsaw is in fact morally committed when they strap into a T-6 and teach a brand new student how to land a high-performance aircraft for the first time. They are definitely morally committed as they fight thru language barriers while simultaneously instructing formation wing work within 10 feet of another aircraft at 90 degrees of bank in our operating areas.

However, moral commitment is more than just being committed to our jobs; it is also a commitment to our families, friends and our fellow Airmen. It is consistently doing the right thing is all facets of your life and serving a positive representative of what it means to be an officer in the United States Air Force. When I was stationed in Japan, my boss constantly made a point to every

Airman in his command regarding the fact that we directly represented the United States of America every time we were off-base among the Japanese people and the impression we made on a personal level, positive or negative, did in fact have strategic consequences for the U.S./Japan bilateral security alliance. I'd argue that in America we have the same critical impression on the very Americans we are sworn to defend. Like it or not we stand out in a crowd of our fellow Americans just as I stood out in Japan.

Unwavering professionals are also technically proficient in their mission. In our case, it entails the wide-ranging mission set of a T-6 instructor pilot who must be able to instruct contact, instrument and formation flying to our U.S. and international student pilots. serving as an Air Force

pilots, lives depend on our technical proficiency on a daily mission. That proficiency requires constant study and routine execution. It also requires a good deal of common sense, good judgment and mutual support on a daily basis.

The second part of our mission statement is what we do, Forge American Combat Power. The American people don't pay their taxes so the Air Force can fly around, look cool and sound good on the radios, they are paying for the unmatched power we bring to the joint and coalition fight at home and around the world. I believe the effectiveness of American combat air power is greatly impacted by the capabilities of our joint and coalition partners around the world. The International and ALP students we train on a daily bases are critical to our future combat capability. The relationships we are building in our flight rooms and in the aircraft will have long-term, positive effects on the future of our ability to bring overwhelming combat airpower to bear against any aggressor around the world who threatens our nation or any of our coalition partners.



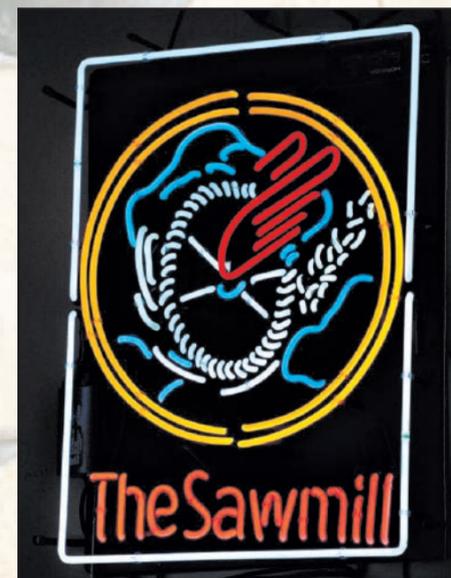
U.S. Air Force Photo/Airman 1st Class Charles Dickens
Capt. Shay Brantigan, 41st Flying Training Squadron hangs a plaque in the 41st FTS heritage room at Columbus Air Force Base. Brantigan spearheaded an operation to remodel the heritage room at the 41st FTS.



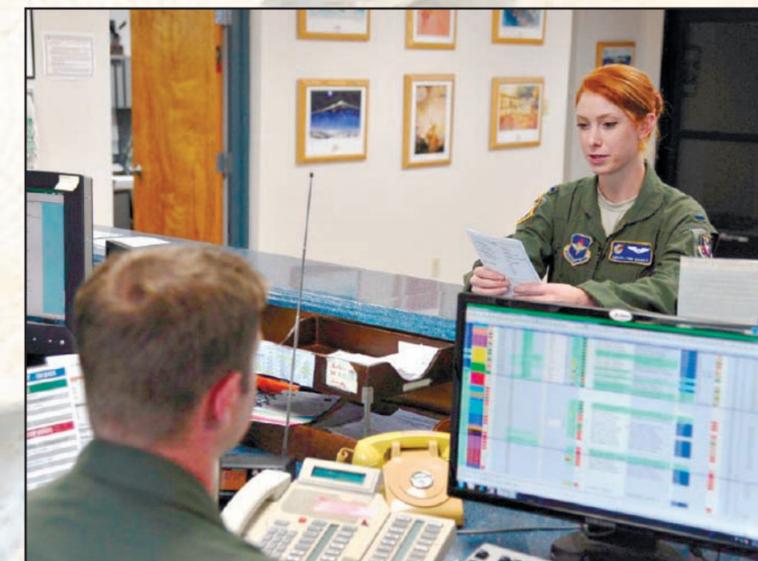
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First Lt. Mike Haffner, 41st Flying Training Squadron discusses flying techniques with Capt. Jeffrey Neuman, 14th Student Squadron. The 41st FTS teaches student pilots how to fly the T-6A Texan II.



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Capt. Aaron Knight, 41st Flying Training Squadron briefs 2nd Lt. Pete Mines, Class 13-11 before his flight. Knight is the Chennault Flight Commander in the 41st FTS.



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The neon sign displaying "The Sawmill" is hung in the 41st Flying Training Squadron heritage room. Various signs and mementos are posted around the squadron room to show off Buzzsaw pride.



U.S. Air Force Photo/Airman 1st Class Charles Dickens
First Lt. Brooklyn Mauss, 41st Flying Training Squadron prepares to step to an aircraft before her flight. Mauss is an Executive Officer for the 41st FTS Commander.