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## News Briefs

### Daylight Savings Time Ends

Nov. 4 will mark the ending of Daylight Savings Time. Please remember that clocks should be set back one hour.

### Veterans Day

The Veterans Day federal holiday will be observed Nov. 12, most base offices will be closed.

### Veterans Day Parade

A parade and ceremony in honor of Veterans Day will be held Nov. 10 beginning at 10 a.m. at the Lowndes County Courthouse. Col. Jim Sears, 14th Flying Training Wing Commander will be the guest speaker and the 37th Flying Training Squadron will be executing a flyover during the event.



U.S. Air Force photo/Elizabeth Owens

The 2012 third quarterly award winners or their representatives pause for a photo on stage at Kaye Auditorium Oct. 30.

## Quarterly awards recognize superior performers

**Airman 1st Class Chase Hedrick**  
14th Flying Training Wing  
Public Affairs

Oct. 30 at the Kaye Auditorium.

Team BLAZE third quarter award winners are as follows:

**Airman of the Quarter:** Airman 1st Class Dennisse Ceci, 14th Flying Training Wing, Wing Staff Agencies

**NCO of the Quarter:** Tech Sgt.

Christopher Calo, 14th Medical Group

**SNCO of the Quarter:** Master Sgt. Alexius Reid, 14th FTW WSA

**CGO of the Quarter:** Capt. Tyler West, 14th Operations Group

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The 14th Flying Training Wing's best of the best were showcased at the third quarterly awards ceremony of 2012 on

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The 14th Contracting Squadron is highlighted in this week's feature.

## COLUMBUS AFB TRAINING TIMELINE

### PHASE II

Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Track Select
37th (13-10)	3.22 days	1.75 days	Nov. 14
41st (13-11)	3.76 days	5.08 days	Dec. 11

### PHASE III

Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation
48th (13-02)	0.72 days	1.75 days	Nov. 16
50th (13-02)	2.45 days	0.25 days	Nov. 16

### IFF

Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation
49th (13-BB)	-1.19 days	0.94 days	Nov. 16

### WING SORTIE BOARD

Aircraft	Required	Flown	Annual
T-6	2,618	2,412	2,412
T-1	983	1,065	1,065
T-38	1,180	1,320	1,320
IFF	360	443	443

The graduation speaker is Maj. Gen. Samuel Cox, Director, Strategy, Policy, Programs, and Logistics, U.S. Transportation Command, Scott Air Force Base, Ill.

## 14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, 66 TEAM BLAZE members are deployed worldwide. Remember to support the Airmen and their families while they are away.



### AWARDS

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**FGO of the Quarter:** Maj. Michael Fleming, 14th MDG

**Flight Commander of the Quarter:** 1st Lt. Joseph Ampong, 14th Medical Group

**IP of the Quarter:** Capt. Kent North, 41st Flying Training Squadron

**Cat. 1 Civilian of the Quarter:** Darrell Nope, 14th MDG

**Cat. 2 Civilian of the Quarter:** Robin Thompson, 14th MDG

**Cat. 3 Civilian of the Quarter:** William Mathis, 14th OG

**Honor Guard member of the Quarter:** Airman 1st Class Dennisse Ceci, 14th MDG

**Flight Chief of the Quarter:** Eric Heaton, 14th MSG

**Volunteer of the Quarter:** Jeanette Morphew

## Final voting tips for absentee voters

Some states allow uniformed service members and their dependents to return absentee voting forms past Election Day. To see if your state is one of them, visit [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov).

If you are one of the many voters who requested to receive their absentee ballot by email, make sure that your email provider does not block attachments and use an email address that supports sending attachments. If you have not received

your requested ballot, double-check that the absentee ballot is not blocked from entering your inbox by adding your local election office email to your address book, contacts or safe senders list and check your spam folder to see if it is there. Additionally, you may need to clear out some of your emails from your inbox to make room for local election office communications and possibly large sized ballot PDF attachments. To find contact information for

your local election office go to [fvap.gov](http://fvap.gov) and select "Where to send forms" under quick links.

The Federal Voting Assistance Program is here 24 hours a day at 1-800-438-8683, DSN (312) 425-1584, via online chat or at [vote@fvap.gov](mailto:vote@fvap.gov) to answer all your questions regarding absentee voting. You can also follow FVAP on Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/DoDFVAP> and Twitter <http://twitter.com/FVAP>.



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat/Sun
5 Night Flying Week	6 Newcomer's Orientation, 8 a.m. @ Club	7	8	9 BCC Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. @ Club	10/11 10th - Veteran's Day Parade and Ceremony, 10 a.m. @ Lowndes Courthouse  11th - Veteran's Day
12 Federal Holiday	13 Hearts Apart, 4:30 p.m. @ AFRC	14 Class 13-10 Track Select, 10:30 a.m. @ Phillips	15 Fall Wingman Day  Dormsgiving, 5 p.m. @ Chapel Annex  Daedalians, 6 p.m. @ Club	16 Class 13-02 Graduation, 10 a.m. @ Kaye  IFF Class 13-BBC Graduation, 4:45 p.m. @ 49th	17/18

### Long Range Events

- Nov. 22: Thanksgiving
- Nov. 23: AETC Family Day
- Nov. 30: Enlisted Promotions
- Nov. 30: Class 13-03 Assignment Night
- Dec. 3: Base Cookie Drive
- Dec. 4: Hearts Apart
- Dec. 9: Hanukkah
- Dec. 10-14: Night Flying Week
- Dec. 11: CSC Holiday Social
- Dec. 11: Newcomer's Orientation
- Dec. 11: Class 13-11 Track Select
- Dec. 14: Class 13-03 Graduation

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# Whitmore speaks on future assignments

**Airman 1st Class Charles Dickens**  
14th Flying Training Wing  
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Retired Maj. Gen. James Whitmore visited Columbus Air Force Base Oct. 26 to speak with the Air Force's newest pilots during the Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 13-01 graduation.

Whitmore offered advice for future assignments and emphasized the importance of maintaining focus on the mission at hand.

"You're all now part of a very elite fraternity and you'll never be looked at the same, but I caution you to remember that you're officers first, then pilots," said Whitmore.

Whitmore stressed that graduating pilot training is one of the biggest days in the life of a pilot, along with getting married and the birth of a child. He said that with the honor of graduating and becoming a certified Air Force pilot comes a few things to

## Whitmore's 10 Tips for Pilots:

- Always have a backup plan and keep your options open
- Landing with extra fuel is much better than wishing you had more
- There are three basic rules of flying: Don't hit your lead or your wingman, don't hit the ground and don't hit anything attached to the ground
- Know your jet's capabilities, know your capabilities and ensure you never exceed the lesser of the two
  - You have to be a good instrument pilot
  - Be the best formation pilot in your squadron
  - Don't be a whiner
  - When in a contingency scenario you have to know the rules of engagement
  - You have to bloom where you're planted. Don't spend a lot of time worrying about your next assignment, do the best you can at what you're doing right now
  - When the pressure's on, revert to your training. Fly your airplane first

keep in mind.

"Despite all the mission planning in the world, the missions never go exactly as you thought they would," said Whitmore.

Whitmore continued on that note, empha-

sizing the importance of making the best of every situation that is given. All missions and responsibilities that are given are not always going to be the most optimal tasks, but often times they can lead to greater assignments.

"You never know exactly what path you're going to end up on," said Whitmore. "It's not necessarily what that path is, but how you deal with it. Make the best of what you have and move on because you never know where you're going to end up."

The retired major general also gave 10 tips for the pilots to take with them to all future assignments. He said he considered these tips that he learned over his flying career to be valuable lessons for any pilot.

One of the tips that Whitmore gave was to focus on the assignment at hand and not to be distracted by future tasks.

"You have to bloom where you're planted," said Whitmore. "Don't spend a lot of time worrying about your next assignment, do the best you can at what you're doing right now. You're going to make yourself and your unit much more combat-capable by being as good as you can be in what you're doing right now."

## 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.

## 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.



## New agreement signed



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Chase Hedrick  
**14th Flying Training Wing Commander Col. Jim Sears, and Mattie Head, American Federation of Government Employees Local 1296 president shake hands over the newly signed Collective Bargain Agreement. The CBA is an agreement between the Union and the 14th FTW defining issues that impact the government work force working conditions here at Columbus Air Force Base.**

# C3 Airmen Award

The C3 Airmen Award recognizes an individual or team who contributes to the Air Education and Training Command strategic objectives and has demonstrated key principals of developing Columbus Air Force Base's Cost Conscious Culture. This award acknowledges the long-term, continuing efforts that have significantly and positively enhanced unit behavior,

thereby helping their unit, AETC, and the Air Force accomplish its mission. The award is given on a monthly, quarterly, and yearly basis. To submit for this award, simply fill out an AF 1206 with the categories of "C3 LEADERSHIP" and "C3 IN ACTION" and email to 14FTW.cvo@columbus.af.mil.



Maj. Todd "Buddha" Pearson, 49th Fighter Training Squadron.

## October C3 Airman of the Month: Pearson

Those who attended the POW/MIA retreat ceremony in September were wowed when they saw the T-38 Talon Missing Man formation flyover by the 49th Fighter Training Squadron.

What the attendees didn't see were the cost-conscious culture decisions being made behind the scenes to prepare for the flyover, saving the 14th Flying Training Wing nearly \$10,000 in T-38 operating costs and allowing

normal operations for 30 training sorties.

The flight lead, Maj. Todd "Buddha" Pearson worked with formation members Maj. Christopher "Rastr" Bodley, Maj. Kirby "Gat" Ensser, Capt. Jonathan "Yak" Garner to practice the flyover in T-38C simulators, eliminating the required "sterilization" of the airspace that would have blocked takeoffs and landings and impacted the pilot training mission of the 14th FTW.



U.S. Air Force photo/Sharon Ybarra

Eight of Team BLAZE's enlisted Airmen sewed on their next stripe during the enlisted promotion ceremony on Oct. 31 at the Columbus Club.

## Eight enlisted Airmen promoted at ceremony

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Promoted are:

Senior Airman Kenyatta Pierce, 14th Force Support Squadron  
Senior Airman Joseph Zorumski, 14th Communications Squadron

Senior Airman Gregory Nameth, 14th Operations Support Squadron

Staff Sgt. Michael Durking, 14th OSS  
Staff Sgt. John Suarez, 14th CS  
Master Sgt. Dante Arcenal, 14th FSS  
Master Sgt. Maria Rodriguez, 14th Medical Operations Squadron  
Senior Master Sgt. Brian Bailey, 14th FSS

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## CSAF shares perspective during AETC Senior Leader Conference

Staff Sgt. Clinton Atkins

Air Education and Training Command Public Affairs

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, Texas — The Air Force's top general discussed topics such as telling the Air Force story and innovation during the Air Education and Training Command Senior Leader Conference here Oct. 18.

"Telling the Air Force story is a big deal to me," Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Welsh III during his speech to leaders from around the command. "The one thing I'm finding is ... our own Airmen don't know where we're going; they don't know where they fit in it."

Welsh told the senior leaders to think about how they can present a conclusive message at every level. "Our Airmen really want to know where they belong," he said. "They want to know what they do is valuable."

The Air Force has five priorities: continuing to strengthen the nuclear enterprise, winning today's fights, developing and caring for Airmen and their families, modernization, and recapturing acquisition excellence.

"If you look at those five priorities, and if you're not someone who supervises or commands people, you might not be able to find yourself in those priorities," he said. "We can't allow people to think because those are five things the Secretary and Chief said that what they're doing isn't important."

The general simplified the explanation of where Airmen fit into the mission by focusing them into the areas of winning the fight, strengthening the team, and shaping the future. "And I defy you to not be able to place yourself in one of those," he said. "And that's



U.S. Air Force photo/Joel Martinez

**Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Welsh III speaks to Air Education and Training Command leaders during the AETC Senior Leader Conference Oct. 18, 2012. In addition to being a guest speaker at the conference, Welsh visited Basic Military Training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland and participated in a BMT graduation as the reviewing official.**

the idea ... but you can find everyone else somewhere in there."

With looming fiscal austerity that could affect future readiness, Welsh said the size and scope of the Air Force mission will have to be curtailed to meet future requirements. He said it will take innovation.

"If we keep the same-sized force 30 years from now, we won't have enough money to feed it — much less fight it," he said. "We've got to do something different."

Welsh said whatever the future holds, he's certain the mission cannot be accomplished without the Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve. He said global strike; intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance; mobility; space and cyberspace are mission priorities that cannot be stopped.

"All of those things are core to the Air Force. We have to do them and we have to do them well."

## BARGAIN LINE

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### Transportation

**For sale:** 2005 Hyundai Elantra GT, 81,500 miles, five-door hatchback with automatic-transmission, great gas mileage and incredibly reliable, red exterior with a dark grey interior, Other

than a few small scratches on the right rear door, this car is in great shape and tires have plenty of mileage left in them, maintained and detailed by a luxury car dealership employee, so it has been well taken care of over the years. Currently registered and inspected with Texas plates, title in hand. \$5,750. Call (214) 215-5282 or e-mail kristy.alpert@gmail.com.

**For sale:** 2009 Toyota RAV4 SUV, Sandy Beach Metallic with Sand Beige Interior. I need to sell so make me an offer. One owner with only 33,000 miles and in excellent condition. Super nice RAV4 with a 2.5L four-cylinder engine, four-speed automatic, 4x2, side and curtain airbags, stability control, traction control, plus AM/FM CD, power mirrors, keyless entry, security system plus many more options. Great gas mileage and factory warranty. \$17,900 or best offer. Call 327-1205.

**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 auto-

matic transmission with overdrive, custom side step bars, aluminum wheels, Michelin tires, power side mirrors, 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.

**For sale:** 2008 Chevy Trailblazer LS. Approximately 80,000 miles, good condition. Bluebook price listing is \$12,500 to \$14,500. Needing to sell, going overseas the end of Nov. Asking \$13,000 Call (818) 935-3207 for more information.

### Miscellaneous

**For sale:** IBM Thinkpad R51 business or school laptop, 14" display, 1.7 Pentium processor, 768MB RAM, 60GB hard drive, Windows XP, Microsoft suite and more, fantastic condition, asking \$135 or best offer; IBM Thinkpad R51 business or school laptop, 14" display, 1.5 Pentium processor, 512MB RAM,

40GB hard drive, Windows XP, Microsoft suite and more, fantastic condition, asking \$135 or best offer, call 386-6981.

**For sale:** Accessories for 2004 Nissan Titan King Cab: Tinted in-channel (not stick-on) side window visors, \$35 each; 2" trailer hitch cargo carrier, \$125; front tow hooks, \$75 each; key fob, \$40; Utilitrack Channel System, five rails, hardware, tie-down cleats, sliding bed extender, sliding bed divider/rear window guard, \$750. All in excellent condition. Please call 240-0226.

**For sale:** Frigidaire front-load washing machine and Magic Chef electric dryer. Both are white and work great. \$250 for the washer, \$50 for the dryer. Call 497-2290 or (910) 489-6357.

**For sale:** Custom made 2003 Bonanza horse trailer, V-nose, steel, two to three horses, 16'x6'x 6', slant load, bumper pull trailer with driver's side escape door at first horse's head. Newly primed and painted light gray, new tires, Rumber flooring, enlarged dressing room, rear tack area, padded on all sides, custom toolboxes behind wheel wells, 36-inch tongue with two inch ball mount and

### 'NORMALIZE THINKING'

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reasonably do in a day," said Rice referring to work-load-constrained manpower.

A manpower study conducted by the command showed AFSCs that required Airmen to be away from their office were particularly stressed when it came to fulfilling secondary work requirements such as ancillary training and additional duties.

Rice said the issue could worsen if the command, as a whole, doesn't take a closer look at the problem.

"At the end of the day, we have to understand what that demand on an Airman's time is and be intentional about how we're going to manage it," said Rice. "It's not sufficient enough for us as leaders — when in fact you might even say it's irresponsible for us as leaders — to not pay attention to this; to assume that everything that we're asking an Airman to do can be done in a reasonable amount of time, because we have plenty of evidence that that's not true."

AETC is currently evaluating potential solutions to the current demands placed on Airman's time.

"The conference provided an invaluable opportunity for the leadership of AETC to address many of the key issues affecting our command," said Rice. I remain confident that our Airmen, at all levels, understand not only the challenges we face but the opportunities we have to shape our future in a positive way."

safety chains, breakaway battery box and connections, electric brakes, spare tire, removable horse divider, four foot gravel guard on front of trailer and over wheel wells, dome light in horse area. Call 356-6957 or 549-4946 for more information.

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

### Pets

**For sale:** Chinese Crested Powderpuff. Four-month-old female, white with brown markings, should be about eight lbs. grown, has all shots and dewormed. CKC registered. Asking \$200 Call 549-3987 for more information.

### Garage Sale

**Sale:** Nov. 3, Saturday, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. (No early birds) Includes clothing, shoes, toys, microwave, flat-top stove and much more.

## Energy Mythbusters: Should your car drink corn whiskey or be a teetotal abstainer?

Carl James, Ph.D., P.E.

14th Civil Engineer Squadron Energy Manager

Last week, we debunked the myth that the regular, mid-grade, and premium labels at the fuel pump indicate quality of gasoline. This week we'll talk about that other label on the pump, "This product may contain up to 10 percent ethanol by volume." Do we let our automobile drink this corn whiskey or do we insist that it be a teetotal abstainer?

Politics aside, the reality is that almost all gasoline sold today in the United States is blended with up to 10 percent ethanol according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration. The driving force is Title II, Subtitle A of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007, known as the Renewable Fuel Standard. For this article, I'll lay aside both the political and complex technical debates over RFS and the advantages/disadvantages of ethanol and focus instead on how we the average consumer can best play the cards we've been dealt.

The first card is gas mileage versus cost. The ethanol-free-pure-gas fanatics claim that gasoline containing 10 percent ethanol by volume (E-10) can lower gas mileage by up to 20 percent. On the other hand, the ethanol fanatics claim negligible reductions and even increases in gas mileage. Typical politicians, both sides are guilty of being factual but misrepresentative: one is referring to older standard-performance engines designed to run on pure gasoline, the other to high performance engines optimized to run on ethanol. Nearly all unbiased real-world gas mileage studies agree (e.g., Popular Mechanics, Consumer Reports, Edmunds, Motor Trend, <http://www.fueleconomy.gov/feg/ethanol.shtml>) that gas mileage in the vast majority of vehicles on the road today varies directly with the energy content of the fuel, all other fac-

tors held constant. With the energy content of pure ethanol 2/3 that of straight gasoline, expect a 10 percent ethanol blend (E-10) to have about a 3 percent reduction in mileage compared to straight gasoline (E-0). Similarly, a Flex Fuel Vehicle running E-85 (85 percent ethanol), should experience roughly a 27 percent reduction in mileage versus straight gas (E-0) and a 25 percent reduction versus E-10. For that reason, most of the few stations that market "higher-mileage ethanol-free gasoline" typically charge between \$0.20 and \$0.30 per gallon more for it.

What is a fair price to pay for ethanol-free gas? Take out your smartphone, open the calculator app and multiply the cost per gallon of regular E-10 by 1.03 (Example: if E-10 is \$3.50 per gallon, \$3.50 x 1.03 = \$3.61). Don't pay more than that for ethanol-free gas ... unless the other card you're holding is the "My Car is a Teetotaler" card. Similarly, if you're driving a FFV, multiply the cost of regular E-10 by 0.75 (Example: if E-10 is \$3.50 per gallon, \$3.50 x 0.75 = \$2.63). Don't pay more than that for E-85.

Most post-1986 model automobiles tolerate ethanol blends of up to 10 percent. Consult your vehicle owner's manual or visit <http://www.fcai.com.au/environment/can-my-vehicle-operate-on-ethanol-blend-petrol/> for a comprehensive listing of vehicles and their tolerance for E-10. If your car has no tolerance for alcohol, you are holding the "My Car is a Teetotaler" card. Now, if that car is a vintage or classic car that you have an emotional attachment to, I feel your pain. You'll either have to continue paying extra for ethanol-free gas, as long as you can find it, or consult one of the many classic car sites on the internet for advice on retrofitting your classic to tolerate ethanol (<http://www.americanrestomods.com/your-classic-car-and-ethanol/> for example). If you have no attachment to that old



teetotaler, Dude ... crawl out from under that rock and get yourself a newer vehicle!

The final card is the one about to be drawn from the deck, so we don't know how it is going to play. In January of 2011, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency approved E-15 for use in all model year 2001 and later light-duty motor vehicles. But, oops, they forgot to get the opinion of the automobile manufacturers who ... let's see ... design, build, service, and oh yes, warrant (and not warrant for use with E-15) the subject vehicles. And some members of the auto industry are very concerned that 25 percent of the affected vehicles could be subject to valve seal failure with the use of E-15 (Coordinating Research Council [CRC] Report Intermediate-Level Ethanol Blends Engine Durability Study available at <http://www.crao.com>). Here in Mississippi we won't have to decide how to play that card for a little while since the fuel distributors have yet to figure out the logistics of offering yet another ethanol fuel alternative when there are currently less than a dozen stations in the state that sell E-85. However, the pressure to use higher blends of ethanol will only get worse as RFS goals increase yearly. The only advice I have on playing this card is to stay informed of both sides of the argument (visit websites of EPA, American Petroleum Institute, CRC, Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers) and pressure your Congressmen and Representatives to keep them from stacking the cards against us and dealing from the bottom of the deck.

## NORTHCOM supports hurricane response efforts

PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. — U.S. Northern Command is poised to provide Defense Department support to Federal Emergency Management Agency, tribal, state and local response efforts due to Hurricane Sandy.

Part of NORTHCOM's defense support of civil authorities mission directs the command to plan and anticipate actions that it may need to take to support civil authorities.

Support efforts include:

- Defense Department activation of defense coordinating officers and defense coordinating elements to support FEMA Regions 1, 2, and 3, with coordinating elements from Regions 4, 7, and 9 providing

additional surge support to Regions 1, 2, and 3;

- NORTHCOM has identified active duty deputies to deploy in support of designated dual-status commanders, and is currently working with officials from Maine, Maryland, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York and Rhode Island. These active duty deputies facilitate active duty force employment under dual-status leadership should active duty assets be required.

- NORTHCOM has placed the following defense support of civil authorities forces on 24-hour "Prepare to deploy" status in response to anticipated FEMA requests to mitigate or respond to effects of Hurricane Sandy: light- and medium-lift helicopters; medium- and

heavy-lift helicopters; pararescue teams; information awareness and assessment aircraft; Tactical Common Data Link; Rover video receiver systems; and fixed-wing aircraft.

- NORTHCOM is deploying joint regional medical planners to the regions.

- NORTHCOM has activated Westover Air Reserve Base, Mass.; Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J.; and Dover Air Force Base, Del., as incident support bases for staging federal support equipment and supplies. Fort Devens, Mass., has been designated a federal team staging facility.

- The Air Force Northern national security emergency preparedness directorate deployed emergency preparedness liaison offi-

cers to assist civil authorities in preparing for relief efforts.

- Air Force Northern officials deployed joint air component coordination elements to Philadelphia, Boston and Trenton, N.J.

- NORTHCOM's Joint Personnel Recovery Center, in support of Air Force Northern's joint force air component commander, is pre-positioning search and rescue forces.

- All Defense Department installations have been directed to offer support to local community requests for assistance, including providing staging and bed-down for utility recovery teams assigned to restore power. (Courtesy NORTHCOM Public Affairs)

## Staying persistent

**Maj. John Groff**  
8th Maintenance  
Operations Squadron  
commander

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea — Throughout the years, I've received a lot of advice on how to be successful. I want to share with you the one piece of advice that has given me the most payoff: "persistence" or the act of persisting, especially in spite of opposition, obstacles or discouragement.

As an Airman, I set goals for myself, wrote them down and put them on the mirror in my room. Every day I asked myself, "What did you do to achieve your goals today?"

One of my goals was getting a master's degree. I had been taking college classes for nearly five years and just finished my Community College of the Air Force degree. Three colleges and four bases later seemed to bear little fruit. That is, until I heard about an opening in the schoolhouse at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas.

I called the superintendent and sent him my résumé. He said he was interested in hiring me, but I needed a time on station (TOS) waiver to move stateside to stateside in less than three years. My peers told me "no one gets a TOS waiver." I decided to ask the military personnel flight anyway; they told me I needed the wing commander's approval.

I was very nervous about sitting down with my squadron commander, the lieutenant general and then the general, pretty intimidating for a young staff sergeant. So, I went back to my mirror and reflected on my goals. There was only one way to knock out my degree in a reasonable time: become an instructor.

When I walked into the largest office I'd ever seen for my meeting with the wing com-

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mander, I said to myself "I got this." He looked at my records, asked me a few questions, took out his pen, signed the paper, shook my hand and said "good luck."

That was not nearly as tough as I thought it would be. After my peer mentoring session I thought I was going to be put on permanent weekend duty just for asking for the waiver!

I sent my waiver in to my functional manager and waited. About a month later I was notified I was selected for instructor duty! My supervision supported me 100 percent, and my CCAF helped me qualify for the job. Maybe the five years wasn't a waste after all.

I went to Sheppard, gained another CCAF degree, and completed my bachelor's degree in two years. I had nearly no off-duty life for those two years, but I knocked out my bachelor's degree. Now the easy part: a master's degree was only another two to three years away and I would reach my toughest goal.

After receiving my bachelor's degree, I became an officer and completed my master's degree.

Being persistent pays off in all aspects of your military career: mission success, promotion, leadership and more. The toughest part of being persistent is figuring out what new goals you need to pursue next!

Don't waste your valuable time. Stay focused on your goals, don't listen to the naysayers and most importantly ... be persistent!

# Cuban Missile Crisis Airmen set the example

**Lt. Col. Matthew Dillow**  
321st Missile Squadron commander

F. E. WARREN AIR FORCE BASE, Wyo. — Fifty years ago, our nation was on the brink of nuclear war with the Soviet Union. In an effort to gain advantage over the United States, the Soviets mounted a covert effort to place nuclear-armed ballistic missiles on the island of Cuba, holding our homeland at risk of nuclear attack with little or no warning. Posturing between the United States and the U.S.S.R. reached a fever pitch, and the possibility of a nuclear exchange reached an all-time high. The continued existence of the world as we knew it was in doubt.

The situation emerged and intensified very quickly; there was little time for generating and posturing conventional forces. The options available to President John F. Kennedy were imperfect, and the consequences of miscalculation were unthinkable. President Kennedy chose to institute a naval blockade of Cuba and prepared to invade if necessary. The ball was in the court of the Soviet Union. Would they escalate the conflict?

In the end, the Soviets agreed to remove the missiles from Cuba in exchange for a promise from the United States not to invade Cuba and a secret deal to remove U.S. missiles from Turkey. After the crisis, U.S. Secretary of State Dean Rusk euphemistically summarized it: "We went eyeball to eyeball with the Russians, and the other guy blinked." At F. E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyo., the 389th Strategic Missile Wing was placed in an increased state of readiness on Oct. 21, 1962, and its assigned Atlas missiles were placed in launch ready (green) status for the first and only time. The Airmen assigned to F. E. Warren suddenly found themselves on the nuclear front lines, and the lethality of their weapon system and their ability to promptly react to the orders of the president were instrumental to the successful resolution of the conflict.

It is difficult to know for sure, but the fact that Nikita Khrushchev, former First Secretary of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, backed down is a good indication that the Soviets believed we had the will and capability to launch our operational ICBMs. At the very least, the nuclear alert force, and ICBMs in particular, limited the escalation of the conflict. It was not just war the Soviets feared; it was the possibility of nuclear war. In the end, the only casualty of the Cuban Missile Crisis was Maj. Rudolf Anderson, a U-2 pilot shot down by a Soviet surface-to-air missile. While tragic, the loss of Anderson pales in comparison to the number of casualties that would have resulted from all-out conventional or nuclear

war. Because the Airmen tasked with the ICBM mission were prepared in 1962, the Russians considered the threat of nuclear attack to be credible.

So what does this mean to us today? It is important for each of us to remember how quickly our country came to rely on our ICBM forbearers in a time of great national crisis. We carry the torch of nuclear deterrence today in the same way they did in 1962. The 389th Strategic Missile Wing of 1962 and the 90th Missile Wing of 2012 have much in common: test launches at Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif., unending weapon system modifications, missile emplacements, and malfunctions in the field requiring intense maintenance. Security forces spent endless hours patrolling the launch complexes just as they do today, maintainers spent long hours outside in the unforgiving weather repairing missiles and missile combat crews maintained alert through the tedious night. The weapon systems are different, but the routines are the same.

When crisis erupted, there was no time to brush up on procedures or to ramp up training. The combat capability of the largest Atlas missile wing in the Air Force could not be suddenly improved upon, and the perception by our adversaries of the operational effectiveness of the units, their Airmen and their weapon system could not be suddenly changed. To their great credit, these Airmen were ready, trained, focused and prepared to execute at a moment's notice. The Soviets knew that, and they dared not test the resolve of President Kennedy as a result. The fielded ICBM deterrent continues to hold potential adversaries at bay in the same way today.

The daily grind of deterrent duty and its associated seemingly mundane tasks tend to desensitize each of us to the immense destructive power we safeguard, maintain and operate and we cannot predict the timing or nature of the next international crisis that threatens the existence of the United States and our way of life. We do not know for sure how the Minuteman III and the significant capabilities of the 90th Missile Wing will be relied upon in such a crisis. But the unacceptable cost of being called upon by our nation and not being ready is terrible to contemplate. Our wing is tasked to maintain a constant state of combat readiness, an alert rate above 99 percent, and 150 safe, secure and effective Minuteman IIIs. We all play a vital role in the accomplishment of that mission and our incredible combat capability serves as a deterrent to those who would do us harm every day. The Airmen of F. E. Warren met the challenge in October of 1962; let their example guide you as you accomplish the mission every day. Be focused. Remain dedicated. Stay ready.

## AF officials eliminate civilian skill code requirements

**Debbie Gildea**  
Air Force Personnel Center  
Public Affairs

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, Texas — Air Force officials have rescinded the manual used to define civilian position skill codes in one of several ongoing administrative actions geared toward transforming civilian hiring, determining employee training and development needs, and selecting employees for training under competitive procedures, Air Force Personnel Center officials said.

Skill codes were a foundation of the previous civilian hiring system, under which applicant eligibility was dependent on knowledge, skills and abilities documented in the Air Force civilian career brief. Those skills were tied to skill codes defined in Air Force Manual 36-505, Skill Coding, which was rescinded

Oct. 3, said Albert Marshall, AFPC classification program oversight advisor.

Coded skills are no longer used in the hiring process or to identify past experience, so the skill coding manual is no longer necessary, Marshall explained.

In 2010, AFPC officials worked alongside USA Staffing to begin the transition to a single staffing process; all vacancy announcements were posted on [www.USAJobs.gov](http://www.USAJobs.gov). That transition was completed earlier this year when Luke Air Force Base, Ariz., transitioned. Today, hiring officials use applicant resumes, rather than employee career briefs, to make hiring decisions.

The single staffing process was implemented to help reduce hiring time and standardize recruitment processes across the Department of Defense, and it benefits hiring officials as well, said Nancy Tackett, AFPC supervisory

human resources specialist.

Under the previous system, vacancies open to internal and external applicants required staffing teams to review external resumes and internal career briefs for qualification criteria. Hiring officials also had to review the different types of documents to determine the best applicant.

"Not only did it take longer to conduct two different review processes, internal applicants were limited to whatever skill codes were identified in their career brief, while external applicants were able to fully describe their qualifications in a resume. This new process levels the playing field for all applicants," Tackett said.

Current civilian employees should familiarize themselves with the USAJobs site and application process, even if they don't plan to apply for a vacancy, she advised.

"If you were hired under the old system, you may not have a resume and you may not be comfortable with preparing one, but USAJobs requires a resume, and there are tips to help you prepare one," she said. "Even if you don't want to apply for a job right now, it's better to be prepared in case your dream job is announced."

Employees can submit an updated resume, via the myPers website, to update their past experience, Marshall said. Go to <https://mypers.af.mil>, select career management, then self service, and then resume update.

For more information about civilian career opportunities, and guidance on resume preparation, go to [www.afciviliancareers.com](http://www.afciviliancareers.com). For more information about other personnel issues, visit the myPers website at <https://mypers.af.mil>.

## 'Normalize thinking' a key point at AETC Senior Leader Conference

**Staff Sgt. Clinton Atkins**  
Air Education and Training Command Public  
Affairs

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, Texas — Commanders and chief master sergeants from across Air Education and Training Command attended the AETC Senior Leader Conference here Oct. 17-19.

The conference gave senior leaders an opportunity to collaborate and share ideas as they shape the future of the command.

In his opening remarks, AETC commander, Gen. Edward A. Rice Jr., underlined a key issue the Air Force is facing. "We really have to normalize our thinking about the environment we're in," said Rice, referring to the DoD budget austerity. "This isn't special; this isn't something that's going to last a year or two years. You and I, for the foreseeable future, as leaders are going to be leading in this type of environment where every year we're going to have to make some tough choices."

"Normalize our thinking" in regards to the way the Air Force does business also applies to how the Air Force responds to sexual misconduct. Rice said there needs to be a baseline with a harsh enough penalty to deter all would-be offenders.

"If we do what we have always done we're going to get what we've always got," he said. "A significant part of our ability to deal with (sexual misconduct) has to do with deterrence. It has to do with the mindset of potential perpetrators and their sense of what the penalty is going to be."

"We have to continue to work that element of reinforcing within them the resiliency they need to do the right thing at all times," he said. "As leaders, we have to be thinking about how we do that every day and all day."

Another key topic highly discussed — one that has been championed across the command since its inception in January



U.S. Air Force photo/Joel Martinez

**Gen. Edward A. Rice Jr., commander of Air Education and Training Command, speaks during the AETC Senior Leader Conference Oct. 17. The annual gathering of commanders and chief master sergeants offers senior leaders the opportunity to discuss important topics that will affect the future of AETC.**

— is the Cost-Conscious Culture initiative, better known as C3. When Rice rolled out the idea at the AETC Symposium in January, he set the command on a concerted path to change AETC's operational mindset.

"C3 is a culture, it's an idea, it's a way of thinking about resources that we need to change," said Col. Charles Fiquett, AETC financial management director. "How can I as an Airman make things better and do things more efficiently, and oh by the way, also save money?"

Fiquett said if \$3 per day can be saved for every Airman in AETC, it would amount to \$75 million dollars in savings per year.

AETC generates these savings through idea submissions.

Airmen around the command have already come up with 380 cost-saving ideas, which have potentially yielded \$87 million in savings.

Ideas can be submitted through the C3 webpage at <http://www.aetc.af.mil/library/costconsciousculture.asp>. where you can also track your installation's progress on the C3 "leader board."

Another important initiative, EPME Next, changes enlisted professional military education.

"At the end of a two year period of development, we will have a completely transformed enlisted force development model," said Col. Stewart Price, Barnes Center commander.

Price said EPME Next will allow enlisted members to be selected for PME based on time in service and time in grade according to their Air Force specialty code rather than based on promotion.

The transformation will be made possible through use of distance-based learning, he said. Through use of distance learning the Air Force will be able to save millions of dollars by reducing the number of temporary duty days associated with the PME experience of today's NCO Academy and Senior NCO Academy.

Price said the Chief's Leadership Course will also be affected by EPME Next changes. The CLC will become a facilitated distance learning course similar to company grade officer, NCO and senior NCO courses currently in place.

"Normalize our thinking" also applies to what Rice refers to as Airmen's time. The discussion proposed a question: As technology and capabilities increase and more responsibilities become decentralized to the Airmen, how much responsibility will Airmen be able to maintain individually?

"Sooner or later there becomes more than an Airman can See 'NORMALIZE THINKING', Page 12

# A wide variety of fun activities are offered to base families

## Columbus Club New Hours

In order to provide improved service while maintaining a budget, the Columbus Club will be closed on Mondays beginning Nov. 5. Indy's at the club will feature a revamped menu, and will be featuring a daily buffet starting Nov. 6 so come on out for some lunch.

## Get Your Grill On

Come join us for the "Tailgating Cooking Contest and Party" on Nov. 10 from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. in the Commissary parking lot. Registration forms are found at the BX, Commissary, or online at [www.fssrocks.com](http://www.fssrocks.com) if you are up to the challenge. Grand prizes include a 46" LCD TV for the best cooking dish and an iPad 3 for the best decoration! For more information call 434-2405.

## Flea Market Saturday

Do you make homemade goods or are interested in buying some? Do you have extra items lying around the house that you don't need. One person's trash is someone else's treasure! The flea market is open on Nov. 10 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost is \$15 per space/table or \$25 for a double space/table. For more information call 434-2505

## Thanksgiving Holiday Camp

The Youth Center is hosting a Thanksgiving Holiday Camp from Nov. 19-21 from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. There is a \$10 non-refundable deposit for activities and the cost is based on family income. Registration must be completed by Nov. 13. For more information call 434-2504.

## Wee Babies!

It's baby fun time! Bring your kid(s) ages 0-4 to the Library for rhythm, kinesthetic, body awareness, and song and dance activities! This event occurs on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month. For more information call 434-2936.

## Native American Reading Night

Come enjoy the readings of Native American culture at the Library. This event will be held on Nov. 13 from 6 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. For more information call 434-2934

## 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.

## 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, Miss. 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.

## 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 434-2505/7861 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. 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. Wednesdays at 5 p.m. spin. For more information, call 434-2772 or go online to [www.cafbfsrocks.com](http://www.cafbfsrocks.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](http://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.

## 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](mailto: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. For any questions, please call 434-1614.

## Airman and Family Readiness Center

*(Editor's note: All activities are offered at the Airman & Family Readiness Center unless otherwise specified. For more information about any of the activities listed, call 434-2790 or email [afrc@columbus.af.mil](mailto:afrc@columbus.af.mil).)*

### Military and Family Life Consultant Program

MFLC consultants provide a non-medical counseling to help Airmen, (both single and married) their spouses and other family members to cope with stressful situations created by deployments, reintegration, and life challenges, such as martial issues, parenting, career stress and anger. All consultants are licensed mental health providers. Consultants can meet either on or off base. There is no charge for services and appointments can usually be made within one to two days. To contact the MFLC call 251-8627.

### Self-paced Tutorials

Available on MS Office 2007 Suites; Access, Excel, Outlook, PowerPoint, Word and Windows Vista. Set your own learning pace at your AFRC.

### Relocation assistance

Weekly workshop on programs, services and resources available through the Airman and Family Readiness Center held every Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Topics of discussion include preparing for a move, environment/cultural issues or needs, adaptation and community awareness.

### Employment Workshop

Workshop on local and base employment opportunities, held every Wednesday at 1 p.m.

### 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 stu-

## Chapel Schedule

### Catholic Community

**Sunday:**  
3:45 p.m. – Religious Education, grades K-9, Chapel Annex  
4 p.m. – Choir Practice, Sanctuary  
5 p.m. – Confession  
5 p.m. – Mass  
**Thursday:**  
4:15 p.m. – Choir Practice  
**Saturday:**  
Theology on Tap meets monthly. Please call 434-2500 For More Information.

### 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  
5 p.m. – Potluck Dinner  
6 p.m. – Pioneer Clubs  
6 p.m. – Adult Bible Study, Sanctuary  
6 p.m. – Adult Bible Study, Chapel Library

### Account Manager Advertisement

- Title of Contract Position: Account Manager
- Basic specifications or qualifications:
  - 2.1 Approving official and account manager for all Chaplain Fund purchase requests.
  - 2.2 Manage and maintain the fiscal requirements of all Chapel program funding requests in accordance with guidance provided by Chaplain Corps Accounting Center,

dents, 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.

### 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](http://www.afas.org), after Nov. 1. Please visit their website for details on eligibility and requirements.

Wing Chaplain and the Chapel NCOIC.

2.3 Work a minimum of 12 hours per week. Established days and times of office hours are subject to the needs of the chapel and must be agreed to by the Wing Chaplain.

2.4 Track, maintain and submit monthly work invoices to the NCOIC, Chapel Operations or designee no later than 5 working days in the following month.

2.5 Observe all safety and security requirements of facility and resources at all times.

2.6 Comply at all times with AFI 52-105V2, 14 FTW/HCOI 52-105V2, applicable policy letters and other applicable AFIs.

2.7 Possess an ability to maintain healthy, functional interpersonal relationships with chapel staff, volunteers and congregants. Maintain professional standards of conduct and public decorum, including but not limited to dress and grooming.

3. A demonstration of skills will not be required.

4. Bid documents may be obtained from the Chapel front office personnel. POC is Staff Sgt. Brian Hanna at 434-2500.

5. Bids, resumes and other documents may be submitted to chapel front office personnel. POC is Staff Sgt. Brian Hanna at 434-2500.

6. Submission due date is NLT COB Nov. 8 2012.

7. Individual will be selected based on "best value" to the government.

8. Background checks will be required as this position will require contractor to work with children below the age of 18, as directed by DoDI 1402, Criminal History Background Checks on Individuals in Child Care Services.



# 14th Contracting Squadron

## 1. Unit Mission

**Mission:** Build Sound Business Advisors, Inspire Innovation, Deliver Global Contracting Support

**Vision:** Be America's Best...War-winning capabilities, on time on cost

## 2. Key Leaders

**Commander:** Capt. Clarence "Geno" Burton  
**Director of Business Operations:** Kevin Crown

**Superintendent:** Master Sgt Daniel Morpew

## 3. Personnel numbers

**Military:** 19 assigned  
**Contracted:** None  
**Civil Service:** 15 assigned

## 4. Squadron Functions

The 14th CONS provides business advice and timely contract support for the acquisition of supplies, equipment, construction and base maintenance services in support of the wing's flying training mission. The squadron manages service contracts exceeding \$300 million in

total value accounting for 30 percent of the base work force. We are responsible for annual contract obligations which totaled over \$98 million for Fiscal Year 2012. We also provide support for wartime contingency and worldwide mobility taskings.

## 4. Slogan/unit name

"You Fly, We Buy."

## 5. How does the unit play a part in SUPT?

Our largest contribution to the SUPT mission is our administration of the aircraft maintenance contract. We have a dedicated contracting officer co-located with the wing's Maintenance Contracting Officer Representatives to ensure dedicated support to the Team BLAZE mission of producing pilots, advancing airmen and feeding the fight!

## 6. Senior leader comments:

14th CONS members display teamwork and dedication on a daily basis and our support to the wing is seen throughout the base. The \$98M closeout of fiscal year 2012 represents the second largest execution in squadron history and

the largest in a decade. Our largest contract awarded in fiscal year 2012 was a \$31 million dollar effort to repair the center runway. Through this contract, we are able to secure future pilot production and generate over 60,000 sorties annually. Contracts were also executed that 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%, 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 #1 standing in AETC for energy efficiency by sparing the loss of 3,000 gallons of water per day.

14th CONS also provides expert administration over service contracts supporting the wing. Our efforts in managing the airfield management contract are critical in preserving mission capability of one of the Air Force's busiest airfields. Oversight of the wing's grounds and custodial requirements ensure our contractors maintain a clean and visually appealing presence for our visitors and distinguished guests.



The 14th Contracting Squadron Acquisition Flight conducts a pre-negotiation meeting for aircrew flight equipment services. Courtesy photo



Airman 1st Class Brad Erdman, 14th Contracting Squadron, surveils an environmental contract for the 14th Civil Engineering Squadron. Courtesy photo



Capt. Clarence Burton, 14th Contracting Squadron commander provides Col. Jim Sears, 14th Flying Training Wing commander with a monthly contract update. The contract update informs wing leadership about changes to many contracts handled by the 14th CONS. Courtesy photo



Emilie Warren, 14th Contracting Squadron Government Purchase Card Program Manager, provides training to Tech Sgt. James Pender, 14th Security Forces Squadron on Approving Official roles and responsibilities. Courtesy photo



Staff Sgt. Ryan Cope and Gary Monson, 14th Contracting Squadron performing a site visit for a wing construction project. Courtesy photo