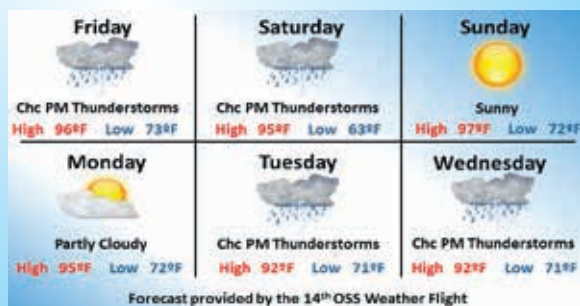


## Weather



## News Briefs

### Wing Newcomers Orientation

A Wing Newcomers Orientation is scheduled for 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. July 14 at Kaye Auditorium for newly arrived active duty and civilian personnel.

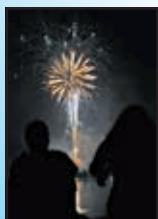
### Air Force Ball Drawdown

The Air Force Ball Drawdown will be held 6 p.m. July 17, at the Fitness Center with the theme College Night. All proceeds will benefit the Columbus Air Force Ball Committee. For more information contact your squadron POC.

### Enlisted Evaluation System Roadshow

Headquarters Air Force and the Air Force Personnel Center will conduct a town hall briefing along with a question and answer session July 16 for the enlisted evaluation and promotion system changes. The guest speaker is Chief Master Sgt. Michael Warner, Command Chief, Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.

## Inside



### Feature 8

Independence Day Celebration and Fireworks on the Water are highlighted in this week's feature.

# Fireworks light up the Columbus sky

Airman 1st Class Daniel Lile  
14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Flashes of red, blue and green exploded across the sky at the Fireworks on the Water celebration held July 4 at the Stennis Lock and Dam in Columbus.

Over 7,000 people enjoyed food vendors, live music, a fly-over and a fireworks display.

"The whole event was fantastic," said Airman 1st Class Kaleb Grant, 14th Flying Training Wing Customer Support Technician. "It was a really great way for my wife and I to get out of the house and enjoy celebrating our nation's independence. We loved being able to sit out on the hill and listen to the live band with great food."

A flyover of two AT-6 Texans and a P-51D

Mustang awed children and adults alike as the planes flew in different formations over the crowd. The AT-6 Texan was used to train pilots back in the World War II era. Although the T-6 Texan II is now used for training, the AT-6 Texan remains as a popular airplane for air shows.

"The flyover was very moving and patriotic, it gave me the chills," said 2nd Lt. Max Adler, 14th Student Squadron. "It was the first time I got to see a P-51 in a formation flight."

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U.S. Air Force Base/Airman 1st Class John Day

**Attendees of the Fireworks on the Water observe the conclusion of the event June 4 at Stennis Lock and Dam. Over 7,000 people from the Columbus community enjoyed food vendors, live music, a flyover and a fireworks display during this celebration of Independence Day.**

## COLUMBUS AFB TRAINING TIMELINE

PHASE II				PHASE III				IFF				WING SORTIE BOARD			
Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Track Select	Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation	Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation	Aircraft	Required	Flown	Annual
37th (16-05)	0.15 days	0.88 days	July 22	48th (15-12)	1.52 days	0.51 days	July 24	49th (15-JBC)	-7.31 days	-5.39 days	July 27	T-6	509	495	21,873
41st (16-06)	8.54 days	5.49 days	Aug. 12	50th (15-12)	-5.69 days	-0.01 days	July 10					T-1	198	183	8,037
The graduation speaker is Brig. Gen. Scott Pleus is the Commander, 56th Fighter Wing, Luke Air Force Base, Arizona.												T-38	156	157	6,648
												IFF	84	92	3,137



## 14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, 33 TEAM BLAZE members are deployed worldwide. Remember to support the Airmen and their families while they are away.

### FIREWORKS

(Continued from page 1)

Fireworks lit up the sky and the water below as the 18 minute firework show began a little after 9 p.m.

"The fireworks were amazing," said Airman 1st Class Zachary Jackson, 14th Security Forces Squadron. "I really like the way they colored the sky and reflected off the water especially during the finale. It was a beautiful show and a great way to get together with other Airmen during the 4th of July."

Many Team BLAZE members came to the event as spectators as well as volunteers to ensure the event went smoothly.

"I enjoyed volunteering and also the

food at the event," said Staff Sgt. Chris Banzet, Aerospace Physiology Technician. "I feel like it was an important event to volunteer for because of everything the Fourth of July stands for and means to us as service members."

Columbus Air Force Base partnered with the local community to help put on the fifth Fireworks on the Water event.

"Our 2015 Fireworks on the Water event was a shining example of the close relationship Columbus AFB shares with our Golden Triangle partners," said Col. John Nichols, 14th Flying Training Wing Commander. "Without this type of strong partnership, events like these are simply not possible."

## 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.

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat/Sun	Long Range Events
13 Last SAPR Large Group Training, 1 p.m. @ Kaye	14 Gen. Carlisle Moody AFB visit Wing Newcomers Orientation, 8 a.m. @ Kaye	15	16 EES Roadshow with Chief Master Sgt. Michael Warner, 10:30 a.m. @ Kaye Dorm Dinner, 5 p.m. @ Independence Pool	17 Air Force Ball Drawdown, 5 p.m. @ Fitness Center	18/19	July 28: Quarterly Awards Ceremony July 31: Enlisted Promotions July 31: 14th MDG Change of Command Aug. 4: Wing Newcomers Orientation Aug. 14: SUPT Class 15-13 Graduation Aug. 31: Enlisted Promotions Sept. 1: Wing Newcomers Orientation Sept. 3: ALS graduation Sept. 4: AETC Family Day Sept. 7: Labor Day Sept. 11: SUPT Class 15-14 Graduation Sept. 18: Air Force Ball Sept. 22: Wing Newcomers Orientation Sept. 26: Retiree Appreciation Day Sept. 30: Enlisted Promotions
20	21	22	23	24 SUPT Class 15-12 graduation	25/26	

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**July 23**  
The Sounds of Summer Concert Series continues. Come to the free concert series at the Riverwalk 7 - 9 p.m. through July. Coolers and pets not welcome, please bring lawn chairs.

**Sept. 3**  
Columbus Main Street and the Columbus Arts Council partner to bring this event where local artists are paired with downtown merchants for an

evening of shopping fun from 5:30 – 8 p.m. Stroll the streets of downtown Columbus, shop in participating stores, purchase unique art and enjoy local entertainment.

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### Miscellaneous

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**For Sale:** 120 volt Thermal Dynamics Plasma Cutter Drag Gun with built in air and a new tip, \$150; Coleman two mantle propane lantern with carry case, \$20; ten-inch Coleman orbital buffer/ polisher, \$10; Touch up Air Spray Gun kit with attachments two tanks and carry case, never used, \$20; Office Depot Black steel two drawer file cabinet, \$50; For more information call 889-8203.

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**Formation:** 2nd. Lt. Christopher Machen

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### 30 year chief presented award for service



U.S. Air Force photo/Sharon Ybarra

Retired Chief Master Sgt. Gino Conti, center, poses for a photo with Chief Master Sgts. Mike Thomas, Mark Cantrell, Allen Markle and Command Chief Rita Felton July 7 on Columbus Air Force Base. Conti visited the base for lunch, but was surprised by Pam Foster, Director of Hospice, Baptist Hospice, who presented him with a certificate of appreciation to pay special tribute for his nearly 31 years of active military service.



U.S. Air Force photo/Melissa Doublin

**Seven of Team BLAZE's enlisted Airmen were promoted during the enlisted promotions ceremony June 30 at Kaye Auditorium.**

## Seven enlisted Airmen promoted at ceremony

**14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs**

Seven of Team BLAZE's enlisted Airmen were promoted during the enlisted promotion ceremony June 30 at Kaye Auditorium. Promoted during the month of June were:  
**Chief Master Sgt. Mike Thomas**, 14th Operations Group  
**Staff Sgt. Courtney Blakeney**, 14th Medical Support Squadron  
**Staff Sgt. Marcus Harms**, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron  
**Staff Sgt. Cory Johnson**, 14th Communications Squadron  
**Staff Sgt. Ian Lorenz**, 14th Operations Support Squadron  
**Senior Airman Dimitri Munoz**, 14th Medical Operations Squadron  
**Senior Airman Angelynn Bailey**, 14th CS

Chief Master Sgt. Mike Thomas, Columbus Air Force Base' newest Chief, stands with Col. John Nichols, 14th Flying Training Wing Commander, Chief Master Sgt. Rita Felton, 14th FTW Command Chief, and his family for a group photo June 30 during an enlisted promotions ceremony at Columbus AFB.



# Air Force Chief of Staff reading list 2015

**General Mark Welsh III**  
U.S. Air Force Chief of Staff

Fellow Airmen, This year, I reached out to you to recommend books for the CSAF Reading List and your response was amazing! Over the 10 days in which we accepted recommendations, we heard from over 1,700 of you – all passionately advocating for books and movies that have affected your lives and the way you serve.

The books and movies you recommended could fill a library...and fill it well with amazing fictional, historical, and biographical works, along with fascinating ideas about personal and organizational values, growth, and success.

Ultimately, each selection for 2015 tells an important story about the Profession of Arms or our Air Force Core Values. It was tough for Chief Cody and I to pick just a few, but we hope you'll find inspiration and value in our recommended list.

Thanks for all you do...and enjoy!  
**Below is the list of books recommended by Gen. Welsh:**  
**Air Commanders-**

Combines short military biographies and operational analyses to reveal how the personalities, attitudes, and life experiences of twelve outstanding U.S. Airmen shaped the central air campaigns in American history.

**No Place to Hide-**  
Chronicles (then-Major) Dr. W. Lee Warren's experiences

as a neurosurgeon at the 332nd Air Force Theater Hospital, Joint Base Balad, Iraq.

**Cybersecurity and Cyberwar-**

A generation ago, cyberspace was a term from science fiction, used to describe the nascent network of computers linking a few university labs. Today, our entire modern way of life, from communication to commerce to conflict, fundamentally depends on the Internet.

**Beer, Bacon and Bullets-**

Examines how culture can impact the relations between Western militaries and their non-Western allies using five case studies of military cooperation.

**The Mission, the Men, and Me-**

As a commander of Delta Force, Pete Blaber took part in some of the most dangerous, controversial, and significant military and political events of our time.

**Once an Eagle-**

Story of a soldier named Sam Damon, and his adversary over a lifetime, fellow officer Courtney Massengale. Damon is a professional who puts duty, honor, and the men he commands above self-interest.

**Team of Rivals-**

This multiple biography is centered on Lincoln's mastery of men and how it shaped the most significant presidency in the nation's history. It offers fresh insights into Lincoln's leadership style and his deep understanding of human behavior and motivation.

**The Boys in the Boat-**

Based on meticulous research, this book tells the story of the University of Washington rowing crew that won gold in the 1936 Olympics. Shaped by the social, economic and political challenges of the Dust Bowl, the Great Depression, and simmering hostilities in Europe, these young men developed the "harmony, balance and rhythm" necessary not only to triumph in Berlin but to thrive in life.

**The Power of Professionalism-**

This book outlines seven key mind-sets of successful professionals, offering a blueprint for both individuals and organizations interested in fostering a culture of professionalism.

**Leadership and Self-Deception-**

Using a relatable story about a man facing challenges on the job and in his family, the authors expose the fascinating ways that we can blind ourselves to our true motivations and unwittingly sabotage the effectiveness of our own efforts to achieve success and increase happiness.

**Focus-**

Psychologist and journalist Daniel Goleman offers a groundbreaking look at today's scarcest resource and the secret to high performance and fulfillment: attention.

**Linchpin-**

There used to be two teams in every workplace: management and labor. Now there's a third team – the linchpins. These people figure out what to do when there's no rulebook; they delight and challenge their customers and peers.

# B-52s demonstrate strategic reach

**U.S. Strategic Command Public Affairs**

OFFUTT AIR FORCE BASE, Neb. — Two B-52 Stratofortresses assigned to the 2nd Bomb Wing at Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana, returned July 2 from a 44-hour, nonstop mission to Australia.

The mission, which was closely coordinated with the Australian Department of Defence, demonstrated the United States' ability to project its flexible, long-range global strike capability and provided unique opportunities to synchronize strategic activities and capabilities with a key ally in the U.S. Pacific Command area of operations.

"These flights are one of the many ways the U.S. demonstrates its commitment to a stable and peaceful Indo-Asia Pacific region," said Adm. Cecil D. Haney, the U.S. Strategic Command commander. "In addition to strengthening aircrew skills and enhancing their familiarity with operating worldwide; combined training and theater security cooperation engagements with our regional allies serve to improve our interoperability and capability to respond to any potential threat together."

During the mission, the B-52s integrated with Royal Australian Air Force ground forces in the region, conducted an inert conventional weapons drop on the Delamere Air Weapons Range and performed a low-approach at RAAF Base Tindal.

USSTRATCOM's bomber force regularly conducts such training and engagements around the globe. In June, three B-52s deployed to Royal Air Force Fairford, England, where they conducted training flights with ground and naval forces around the region and participated in multinational exercises Baltic Operations 2015 and Saber Strike 2015 over international waters in the Baltic Sea and the territory of the Baltic states and Poland.

In May, two B-52s participated alongside Jordanian forces in U.S. Central Command's exercise Eager Lion 2015. The mission consisted of a nonstop, 30-plus-hour sortie from the continental U.S. to the USCENTCOM area of operations. Previously, in April, four B-52s flew round-trip



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Benjamin Raughton

**A B-52H Stratofortress is marshalled to a stop at Barksdale Air Force Base, La., after a 44-hour sortie July 2, 2015. Aircrew members and two B-52s from Barksdale AFB's 96th Bomb Squadron flew a round-trip mission to Australia where they integrated with Royal Australian Air Force ground forces in the region to conduct an exercise with inert conventional weapons and perform a low approach at RAAF Base Tindal, Australia.**

flights to both the Arctic and North Sea regions. The training mission, Polar Growl, enabled bomber crews to conduct air intercept training with fighter aircraft from the U.K., Canada and the Netherlands.

B-52s also participated in NATO exercise Noble Justification in October 2014, during which the bombers assisted in the exercise's focus of validating the Spanish Maritime

Force as the 2015 Maritime NATO Response Force.

USSTRATCOM is one of nine Defense Department unified combatant commands and is charged with strategic deterrence; space operations; cyberspace operations; joint electronic warfare; global strike; missile defense; intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance; combating weapons of mass destruction; and analysis and targeting.

## Decorations processing now initiated through virtual Personnel Center

**Air Force Personnel Center  
Public Affairs**

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, Texas — Supervisors of active-duty Airmen can now use the virtual Personnel Center via myPers to initiate and track decorations throughout the review and approval process.

"The online application allows for automated routing and approval, in addition to prepopulating certain personnel data in the forms," said Christine Stingley, the military

future operations branch requirements and testing chief. "vPC also allows for the electronic review and processing into a members record."

Active-duty decorations will be initiated, processed and tracked through the vPC application dashboard. Initially, automated processing will include the Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal, Aerial Achievement Medal, Combat Readiness Medal and Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal.

Adding automated decoration processing

on myPers through the vPC improves Airmen's access to personnel processes. It also saves members time since it includes pre-populated certificates and memorandums, online "Décor 6" forms, automatic updates to the Military Personnel Data System and automatic transfers to official records.

A process for active-duty evaluations was implemented in vPC in May. Senior raters are able to submit active-duty evaluations and track the process through the myPers website on all officer and initial evaluations that closed out on or after June 30 and for enlisted evaluations beginning with the July

31 senior master sergeant static closeout date.

Video tutorials and user guides for commanders and supervisors are available on myPers under the "I Would Like To" section. Select the "View vPC Information" for tutorials and guides on using vPC. After reviewing instructions, Airmen can also visit the vPC Dashboard page.

For more information about Air Force personnel programs go to the myPers website. Individuals who do not have a myPers account can request one by following these instructions on the Air Force Retirees Services website.

## Col. Fisher experiences 14th FTW firsthand



U.S. Air Force photo/Melissa Doublin

**Col. James Fisher, 14th Flying Training Wing Vice Commander, speaks to Col. James Boster, 14th Operations Group commander, as well as other 14th OG leadership during his immersion of the 14th FTW June 7 at Columbus Air Force Base.**

## Columbus AFB Top 3 spotlight



**Date:** May 26, 2015

**Category:** Airman

**Nominee Name/Grade:** Airman 1st Class Angelynn Bailey

**Unit:** 14th Communications Squadron

**Information:**

1. **Home Town:** Lancaster, California

2. **Time in the Air Force:** 2 years 4 months

3. **Time at Columbus AFB:** 1 year and

10 months

4. **Career Short Term Goals:** Learn my job to the best of my abilities.

5. **Career Long Term Goals:** Get into the Peace Corps/Social work to help others.

6. **Nominated by:** Master Sgt. Sarah Heideman

7. **Nomination reason:** Airman 1st Class Bailey was handpicked by leadership to step up and out of her career field into a critical Comm Focal Point position during the base Voice Over IP phone conversion. She completed a four-day Avaya phone system training course, enabling her to use these new skills to resolve 33 phone tickets on the spot. Additionally, she continued her work-center duties creating two Share-Point sites while completing 23 mandated MAJCOM AFSC CBT's one week ahead of schedule. Lastly, she was selected as the AAC treasurer and was the Dorm Bash POC which directly enhanced the morale and welfare of 80 dorm members.







U.S. Air Force photo/Capt. Bryan Bouchard  
**U.S. Air Force Col. Alberto Moreno-Bonet, the secretary general of the System of Cooperation Among the American Air Forces, accepts a gift from Commander of the Mexican air force Gen. Carlos Antonio Rodriguez Munguia during the Conference of American Air Chiefs June 25, 2015, in Mexico City.**



U.S. Air Force photo/Capt. Bryan Bouchard  
**Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Welsh III signs an agreement at the conclusion of the Conference of American Air Chiefs June 25, 2015, in Mexico City. The conference is an annual event sponsored by the System of Cooperation Among American Air Chiefs, which is headquartered at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz., and includes representatives from 20 Western Hemisphere air forces.**

## Western Hemisphere air chiefs work together at annual conference

**Capt. Bryan Bouchard**

12th Air Force (Air Forces Southern) Public Affairs

MEXICO CITY — United-Allied — this is the motto of the System of Cooperation Among the American Air Forces, an organization comprised of more than 20 air force leaders from across the Western Hemisphere, who met June 22-26 in Mexico City for a summit known as the Conference of American Air Chiefs.

The conference was a time to confer new agreements, discuss the direction of the organization, agree to future exercises, and continue to build upon a 50-plus year history of cooperation and goodwill.

“In 1961, former Chief of Staff of the Air Force Gen. Thomas D. White, had great foresight in bringing together the air chiefs of the Western Hemisphere to discuss issues of mutual concern,” said Col. Alberto Moreno-Bonet, the SICOFAA secretary general, who organizes the group’s efforts from an office at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Arizona. “Now, 55 years later, 20 nations, along with several observing nations, openly share tactics, techniques, and procedures in the realm of humanitarian assistance and disaster relief.”

Throughout the year, representatives from each nation meet to map out interoperability agreements, update doctrine and propose future plans for the air chiefs to discuss. Since 2010, Moreno said that SICOFAA has been almost singularly

focused on humanitarian assistance and disaster relief. The Haiti earthquake that year led to this development and has congealed the organization’s efforts and resolve.

“We don’t do anything in this world alone,” said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Welsh III. “Coalitions that form to support everything from humanitarian relief to contingency operations require organizations, especially military organizations, that know how to integrate and work together under tough conditions. That is much easier if those organizations and the people in them have learned to trust each other before crises begin. SICOFAA helps us develop that trust.”

This year, SICOFAA leaders signed a memorandum of understanding improving how member nations will organize in the event one of the nations experiences a humanitarian or disaster relief crisis. Previous agreements stated that each country’s air force will help where it can to assist any other SICOFAA member nation in times of need. Additionally, the nations’ air force leaders also updated part of its charter, streamlining how decisions are voted on, and ultimately ratified it into the fabric of the organization.

“The greatest thing about SICOFAA is that it’s an opportunity for countries who are neighbors, who are partners, to become better friends,” Welsh said. “We also develop even more trust in our collective future, which allows us to do bigger and better things to benefit the citizens of our countries.”

In 2010, SICOFAA started exercising together in a humanitarian assistance and disaster relief scenario known as Cooperacion, with the first iteration taking place in Chile. Last year, Peru hosted Cooperacion III, with Argentina scheduled to host the fourth iteration next year. The majority of SICOFAA nations send participants and aircraft to practice working together to prepare for what most countries see as an inevitable humanitarian assistance and disaster relief challenge in the future.

“I expect this system of cooperation to become stronger, and that it comes together as an entity that can respond to any contingency,” said the Commander of the Mexican air force Gen. Carlos Antonio Rodriguez Munguia. “Its capabilities will become more efficient in its responses, especially to natural disasters but also to risks faced by participant nations.”

Each year, SICOFAA holds the annual conference in a different country. Last year, leaders met in Medellin, Colombia, and next year’s event will be hosted in Colorado Springs, Colorado. In addition to the countries represented by the aforementioned air chiefs, this year’s attendees included air chiefs from Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Peru, Bolivia, Paraguay, Uruguay, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Jamaica, U.S., Canada, Mexico, Panama, Colombia, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, Paraguay and the Dominican Republic.

## Why RAMs protect the base and save lives

**Edna Crosman**

14th Comptroller Squadron  
Antiterrorism Representative

Whether it is Single Point Entry or Building checks, Random Antiterrorism Measures can both thwart a terrorist attack and save the lives of those involved.

Depending on the current threat and security postures the base is currently in will determine how often and what measure is practiced.

RAMs are random, multiple security measures that consistently change the look of an installation’s force protection program; these measures introduce uncertainty to an installation’s overall force protection program to defeat surveillance attempts and make it difficult for a terrorist to accurately predict our actions.

In any terrorist attack, surveillance is one of the first steps of planning. Terrorists observe a target looking for vulnerabilities in our security posture. One of our weaknesses is predictability. Terrorists may observe an area or facility for several weeks, taking notes on what we do and when we do it. From this, they are able to establish a pattern of our predictability. Once this happens, would-be terrorists have the capability to plan and circumvent the system. RAMs can and will effectively reduce the predictability factor and eliminate a terrorist’s advantage.

Units across Columbus Air Force Base are tasked to complete security measures involv-

ing staff, resources and facilities. The number of RAMs conducted may vary, depending on the current threat and security postures we are in. Unit antiterrorism representatives are responsible to ensure the RAMs are conducted. When conducting RAM measures, it is important to be as overt and visible as possible so you are seen, and there is no doubt to any onlookers you are conducting a security measure.

RAMs are effective because they are truly random; the time, place and location are always different. If someone is conducting surveillance on your unit, it makes it extremely difficult to figure out patterns of security because there is no pattern.

Conducting RAMs can be an inconvenience at times, but a necessary inconvenience and a vital part of Columbus AFB overall security posture. The catch phrase “force protection is everyone’s business” is a testament all squadrons and units on Columbus must take the necessary steps to protect their facilities, resources and staff. The RAM program is a simple and effective method to secure our people and resources, and it gets everyone involved in the process.

If you have any questions about the installation RAM program, or need information or assistance with antiterrorism related issues, contact your respective unit antiterrorism representative or Mr. John Beamon, 14th Flying Training Wing Antiterrorism program manager, at 434-1260.

## Commander’s Action Line 434-1414

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 434-1414. 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.



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Daniel Lile  
**Col. James Fisher, 14th Flying Training Wing Vice Commander, and Pam Wickham, Whispering Pines Golf Course Manager, prepare to cut the ribbon symbolizing the opening of foot golf July 1 on Columbus Air Force Base. This is the 400th foot golf course to open in the United States.**



# How can Airmen ensure air quality?

Mike Jago  
14th Civil Engineer Squadron

A human can go without food for about three weeks; and without water for about three days. What about air?

Humans can only go without air for three minutes. While invisible to the naked eye, it can be deduced that air is the most important factor to life, thus clean air is critical to health.

Air is composed of 20.95 percent oxygen, and 78.08 percent nitrogen, which leaves 0.97 percent for water, CO2, argon and more. In this small margin is a dose of air pollution.

Worldwide the biggest impacts on air quality are from energy generation, cooking fires, manufacturing, transportation and forest fires. They all contribute to lowering air quality worldwide.

Our health is negatively impacted by dust from all types of mechanical combustion. We are not adapted to surviving with micro-particles in our lungs and our bodies have no methods to cope with them. In countries where cook fires are used daily, families are over exposed to the micro particles, carbon monoxide and any chemicals on the wood, grass or dung being burned. The problem is showing up as fuel shortages from using inefficient burning techniques and asthma symptoms in young children as the fires are generally not well vented.

Here on Columbus Air Force Base, our problems are our own making too. Our daily commute in a fuel using vehicle has a major contribution to poor air quality. Other concerns in our light industrial area are asphalt paving, jet and diesel engine testing, fuel transfer and storage, pesticides and herbicides, light manufacturing, painting, landfills, pesticide application, use of refrigerants, vehicles, aircraft, and electricity use. Essentially, air pollution comes from our homes, transportation, work and play. So what can be done to support cleaner air?

Think thrift, the easiest thing to do is to just not use energy when you really don't need to since energy use is the major cause of air pollution we personally control. This means



turning off lights and computers, and unplugging chargers when they are not in use. Use cold water to wash clothes and avoid running the water heater. Maybe consider upgrading the old heater to a demand heater so it costs less to run. Use natural light whenever possible and replacing old style bulbs with CFL & LED technology to cut use 78 to 93 percent; plus they save air conditioning cost as every watt of energy used in a home takes 1.3 watts of energy to cool. Computers, TV's and other devices warm to the touch are raising your air-conditioning cost too. Curtains and shades in windows are very important for saving energy.

We can't control what we don't own, but

be a watchdog and report industrial fumes, smells, smoke and leaks. Often these are maintenance issues and can be fixed. Many farmers are changing operations too. Big chicken houses are carefully managed to avoid costs and keep smells to a minimum. Locally owned stores are your "neighbors" and they don't want to cause problems or get complaints. Help them to understand and manage dust, ammonia, carcasses, and manure to not cause emissions.

On base, we paint aircraft on a regular basis. There is no smell, dust, or other evidence of the activity because the air is filtered at considerable cost to catch all the vapors and dust. The emergency generators associat-

ed with many buildings do not smoke when then run, are reasonably quiet, and use fuel much more efficiently than the older types. These are operational cost savings that also improve air quality.

Nature will clean itself of most pollutants given time, but the problem is we are making pollution faster than the dust can settle or plants can absorb carbon. The issue is balance, and we must ensure nature can handle it if we want to keep breathing clean air and have safe water.

On a corporate level the Air Force goal for energy reduction is to reduce energy intensity by a total of 37.5 percent by 2020 with a 2003 baseline. This is a tricky problem because energy costs have risen faster than our use has fallen. The Air Force spends over \$9 billion annually on electricity and fuel costs; thus the importance of energy conservation increases dramatically when the cost of fuel rises even by a small amount. By chasing energy reduction, the secondary effect is better air quality.

Vehicles should get regular maintenance to ensure it becomes a more fuel-efficient car. That means it will be less expensive to run. Carpool with a co-worker, or better yet, walk or bike. Walking and biking not only saves money on fuel, but also has obvious health benefits.

The Air Force is making strides to reduce its energy use, burn cleaner fuels, and use solar and wind energy all to reduce the energy footprint and energy dependence of the service. It also benefits us all by keeping the air cleaner. To learn more see the U.S. Air Force Strategic Plan, which may be found at [safe.hq.af.mil/shared/media/document/AFD-130325-124.pdf](http://safe.hq.af.mil/shared/media/document/AFD-130325-124.pdf). The plan includes priorities to improve resiliency to energy costs, reduce demand for energy through conservation, assure supply of fuel and energy by using renewable and local sources, and foster an energy aware culture.

By supporting Air Force energy reduction goals, Airmen can improve air quality and the health of everyone, as well as save money for our future.

## Air Force Readiness Programs

*(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.)*

### Career Technical Training

This transition event is held 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. July 13-14. The Workshop explores technical careers for post military personnel using VA Educational benefits. It is conducted by CALIBRE, private company contracted by DVA. Prior registration is required, company requires 10 days notification and must have minimum of 8 participants to make, to register and more information call 434-2790.

### Wing Newcomers Orientation

This brief will be 8 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. July 14. It is mandatory for newly arrived active-duty and civilian personnel. Spouses are encouraged to attend. The orientation is held at the Kaye Auditorium, for more information call 434-2839.

### Military Life Cycle

The Military Life Cycle workshop, 1-2 p.m. July 14, allows the VA contractors to explain to service members; whether first term, separating, retiring or a veteran, what services the VA offers and what they are able to provide throughout the member's military career and how to apply for benefits. To register and more information please call 434-2790.

### Federal USAJobs Workshop

This workshop is 9 - 10:30 a.m. July 15. This is a workshop on writing resumes, applications, and job search, using USAJobs, Call 434-2790 to register.

### Troops To Teachers

This workshop is 10:30 a.m. - noon July 15. It is an informational workshop for members pursuing or interested in a teaching career after the military. For more information or to register call 434-2790.

### Grants, Scholarships & Financial Aid

This work shop is 2 - 3 p.m. July 16. It informs you how to pay for college and is open to everyone. Call 434-2790 to register.

### Entrepreneurship Track Transition Workshop

This workshop will be held 8 - 3 p.m. July 20 - 21. The Entrepreneurship workshop is conducted by the Small Business Administration for veterans and all base personnel interested starting up and operating their own business, to register and more information call 434-2790.

### TAP Education Track

This transition event is held 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. July 21 - 22. Held at the Education Center, the workshop prepares individuals for the college application process. It addresses topics as identifying

## Columbus AFB nature trails available for Team BLAZE members



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**Columbus Air Force Base offers walking trails for those seeking the thrill of nature. Along the trails, there are plaques detailing the varied flora and fauna the trail features.**

educational goals, funding, and researching and comparing institutions. Upon completing the Educational track, members will be prepared to submit an application to institution, schedule session with a counselor and connect with a Student Vet Org on campus. Members will be able to meet with educational

### First Term Officer's PFR

The First Term Officers' Personal Financial Readiness Workshop is required by AFI for all newly assignment personnel to their first station. The event will be 9-10 a.m. July 21. Call 434-2790 to sign up.

### Capstone

This class is scheduled for 8 a.m. - noon July 23. The Capstone is required for all separating/retiring personnel and should occur no later than 90 days prior to anticipated separation/retirement; however, if a member has less than 90 days left in the military, the member should attend as soon as possible within their remaining period of service. It verifies if service members have/have not met their Career Readiness Standards/Individual Transition Plan Checklist, DD Form 2958. The checklist, in conjunction with the ITP, will be used by the A&FRC to verify status of CRS completion. Call 434-2790 for more information.

### Pre-separation Counseling

This counseling is a mandatory briefing for personnel separating or retiring, to be completed at least 90 days prior to separation. It may be completed up to 12 months prior to separation

or retirement. The counseling is held daily at 8:30 a.m. It takes approximately 60 minutes. Please contact A&FRC, 434-2839/434-2790 for more information.

### Pre, Post Deployment Tour Brief

These briefings are mandatory briefings for active-duty personnel who are either deploying or returning from deployment or a remote tour. The briefings are held daily at the A&FRC. Pre-deployment is at 9:30 a.m., and post-deployment is at 1:30 p.m. Please contact A&FRC, 434-2839/434-2790 for more information.

### Survivor-Benefit Plan

Are you nearing military retirement? The one decision you will need to make before you retire involves participation in the Survivor Benefit Plan. As with all good decision-making, you need to know the facts before you can make a sound decision, and be wary of anyone telling you they can offer you a better deal. Always get the true facts about the SBP before making up your mind. Additional details are available by calling your SBP Counselor Jamey Coleman at (662) 434-2720.

### Military and Family Life Consultant Program

The MFLC counselors provide 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 pro-

viders. Counselors 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 662-364-0504.

## Chapel Schedule

Whether you are new to Columbus Air Force Base or have been around for a while, our parish communities welcome you to join us as we worship, fellowship, and encourage one another. For more information, please call 434-2500.

### Catholic Community

**Sunday:**  
3:15 p.m. - Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (Chapel Annex)  
3:45 p.m. - Religious Education, grades K-9 (Chapel Annex)  
4 p.m. - Choir Practice (Chapel Sanctuary)  
4 p.m. - Confession (or by appointment)  
5 p.m. - Mass w/Children's Church

### Tuesday:

11:30 a.m. - Daily Mass

### Protestant Community

**Sunday:**  
9 a.m. - Adult Sunday School (Chapel Library)  
10:45 a.m. - Traditional Worship Service

**Tuesday:**  
5 p.m. - Student Pilot Bible Study (Chapel Library)

**Wednesday:**  
4 p.m. - Music Rehearsal

### July Religious holidays

**Ullambana (Obon) (July 13) Buddhist:**  
This day marks the Japanese Buddhist festival to honor deceased ancestors. It involves lighting of bonfires, traditional meals, paper lanterns, and folk dances.

**Lailat al Kadr (begins sundown July 12 - 13) Islam:**  
On this night, Muslims remember the night the first Quran was written prescribing a total way of life. Muslims are encouraged to pass the night by praying, reciting the Quran, and calling names of Allah throughout the night.

**Eid al Fitr (begins sundown July 17 - 21) Islam:**  
This holiday is celebrated by Muslims worldwide and marks the end of Ramadan, the Islamic holy month of fasting. During Eid al Fitr, there is a single day on which Muslims are not permitted to fast. The holiday celebrates the conclusion of the 29 or 30 days of dawn-to-sunset fasting during the entire month of Ramadan.

**Pioneer Day (July 24) Latter-day Saints Christian:**  
Pioneer Day is an official holiday celebrated on July 24 in the state of Utah, with some celebrations in regions of surrounding states originally settled by Mormon pioneers. It commemorates the entry of Brigham Young and the first group of Mormon pioneers into the Salt Lake Valley on July 24, 1847.

**Tish'a B'av (July 26) Jewish:**  
This is a solemn day that commemorates a series of tragedies that have befallen the Jewish people over the years. It involves fasting in remembrance of the destruction of the Temple in 586 b.c.e. and 70 c.e.

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**Columbus Air Force Base Information and Events**  
Join our Facebook page at Columbus AFB Living, Twitter at @columbusafbliving, MyAirForceLife App on any smart phone or visit our website at columbusafbliving.com to keep up to date with all the great events happening around base. Check out the calendar on the website for important Airman and Family Readiness Center events. For more information, contact 434-2337.

**Story Time**  
The Base Library is offering Story Time each Friday at 10:30 a.m. for all ages. For more information, contact 434-2934.

**Summer Reading Awards Ceremony**  
The Base Library is offering a Summer Reading Awards Ceremony July 23 at 1 p.m. For more information, contact 434-2934.

**Youth Flag Football Registration**  
The Youth Center is offering youth flag football for ages 3 – 18. Register July 6 – 31. The cost is \$40 per youth. Volunteer coaches needed. For more information, contact 434-2504.

**Third Annual Color Run**  
Join the Youth Center for the Third Annual Color Run at Lil Blazer Park July 11 at 8 a.m. Free for Base ID card holders; \$10 per person without base access. Registration required by July 6. For more information, contact 434-2504.

**Fight Night Frenzy**  
The Columbus Club presents Fight Night Frenzy July 11. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Pre-fight at 7 p.m. and featured fight at 9 p.m. Club members receive free admission, preferred seating, and food discounts; non-members admission \$5 per person. This adult themed entertainment is being held at the Bowling Center on the big screens; bowling will not be available. For more information, contact 434-2310.

**Skydive Alabama Trip**  
The Force Support Squadron is offering a Skydive Alabama Trip Aug. 8. The cost is \$20 per person which includes transportation, snacks, lunch, and skydive jump. Single Airman may sign up July 1 – 10; open sign up July 11 – 24. For more information and to sign up, contact Lt. Russo at john.russo.7@us.af.mil.

**Belgium Beer Pairing**  
Whispering Pines Golf Course is offering a Belgium Beer Pairing Aug. 20 at 6 p.m. The cost is only \$30 per person.

**FREE Summer Reading Program for Youth & Adults**  
Kick Off June 2 at 11:00am  
Closing Program July 23 at 1:00pm

Infants to adults may register at the Library & enjoy a summer of stories, activities, crafts and tons of fun! The program will run until July 23 with a Summer Reading Awards Ceremony.  
For More Information 434-2934

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The menu includes chargrilled peaches with Honey-Glazed Chicken paired with Ranger, Leafy Green Salad with goat cheese, orange wedges, and beer vinaigrette paired with Snapshot, Flank Steak served with stir fried peppers and onions on a bed of fragrant rice paired with Fat Tire, and Salted Caramel Apple Pie paired with 1554 Black Lager. Space limited to 40 participants. For more information, contact 434-7932.

**Free Pool Passes and FootGolf**  
Independence Pool Passes and FootGolf is included with Whispering Pines Golf Membership. If you have an individual golf membership, you receive an individual pool pass and FootGolf membership and if you have a family golf membership, you receive a family pool pass and FootGolf membership. Visit Outdoor Recreation for your free pool pass today. For more information, contact 434-2505.

**Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Class**  
Free classes are scheduled every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 6 p.m. The benefits include huge gains in confidence, functional strength, flexibility, discipline, and overall

physical conditioning. Mandatory equipment: BJJ Kimono (Gi); for ages 13 and up. For more information, contact 434-2772.

**Wood Shop Self Help**  
Do you need to complete a wood project? The base wood shop is open Saturdays from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. for only \$4 per hour. For more information, contact 434-7836.

**RV Storage Lot**  
Don't clutter your home space, park with us. Outdoor Recreation offers a great place to store your RV year around. You will have 24-hour access and can pay monthly or yearly. For more information, call 434-2505.

**Green Plate Special**  
The Pro Shop at Whispering Pines Golf Course offers a special for lunch Tuesday through Friday. For more information, call 434-7932 or check us out on Facebook at Columbus AFB Living or Twitter @CAFBLiving!

**Instructional Classes at Youth Center**  
Youth Programs is offering piano lessons, guitar lessons, tumbling classes, dance classes, and martial arts instruction. Times and ages vary for all classes. Call 434-2504 or stop by the Youth Center for more information.

**Fitness on Request**  
CAFB Fitness and Sports offers a truly comprehensive group fitness platform that is available all day and completely customizable to meet your needs with over 30 different classes on the Fitness on Request system. For more information, call 434-2772.

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

**Ride in Style**  
If you don't want to leave your car at the airport over a vacation, we can help you out. Outdoor Recreation offers a shuttle service to the airport of your choice. Transportation one way is \$175 for Birmingham and \$50 for Columbus. Call 434-2505 for more information.

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# Remembering those who serve on the holidays

**Col. James Fisher**  
14th Flying Training Wing Vice Commander

As we just recently celebrated the Independence Day holiday, while we were enjoying time off with our families and enjoyed the close relationship with our local area partners and the fantastic fireworks display and celebration at the Stennis Lock and Dam, there were those around the world who were manning posts, flying missions, providing medical care and keeping bases and outposts operating all over the world.

The opportunity to enjoy much needed down time is definitely a benefit to being assigned to a state-side base. However, any time there is a holiday on the calendar, there are certain jobs that never enjoy "down time." For the Security Forces Airman who is pulling guard mount duty at one of our entry control points, the mission continues even on federal holidays. To the aerial port squadron at one of the Air Mobility Command bases, the cargo flow never stops to recognize a holiday. When deployed, Airmen work through holidays, birthdays, Thanksgiving, Christmas and all other significant days we may take for granted working back here at Columbus Air Force Base.

One of the greatest displays of commitment like this for me personally came on a rainy fall day while working in the National Capital Region a few years back. Some family had come to town and we had made plans to do some tourist sightseeing in Washington, D.C. for the day. We were used to showing people



around the city and normally hit all the sights like the Capitol, the White House, the Washington Monument as well as a few of the museums in town. On this particular day, the wind was blowing and the rain was cold. We had boarded the Tourmobile, which is like a tourist train that stops frequently at all the significant spots, allows you to disembark, see a particular sight, then hop on the next available trolley. We stopped at Arlington National Cemetery and made our way toward the tomb of the unknown soldier. I fully expected to see the tomb with no guard patrolling due to the weather conditions that day. What I saw, however, was the same commitment displayed by dedicated professionals all over the world each day. The proud member of the Old Guard who is charged with keeping watch over the tomb of the unknown, was just as crisp, just as precise, and wore the signature darkened black sunglasses just as if it had been a sunny, 65 degree day, even though it was about fifty degrees and blowing rain. I think it gave me more pride, and consequently more determination to go out and do my job the best I knew how, knowing he was continuing in the rain, undeterred by the conditions.

This past Fourth of July holiday, in the CENTCOM AOR, was likely over 110 degrees, with blowing sand and all sorts of other distractions. Our Airmen were performing in harsh conditions, without days off to ensure the mission goes on without stopping as do all our AORs around the world.

While I certainly enjoyed the holiday with my family, I always try to remember those members who didn't have the opportunity to celebrate with theirs and I ask you to consider remembering all those who serve without pause on holidays or any other day when the mission needs to get done. They are truly the protectors of Independence Day and are deserving of our thanks for a job extremely well done.

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Boaters attend Fireworks on the Water July 4 braving high water and debris at the Stennis Lock and Dam. Attendees enjoyed live music from local artists Johnny Coleman and Swing Shift until the event closed with fireworks over the water.



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Airman 1st Class Kaleb Grant, 14th Force Support Squadron, and his wife, Amber Grant, enjoy the music and their view at the Fireworks on the Water event July 4. Attendees got a chance to watch the performance of Johnny Coleman and Swing Shift, a local Mississippi band.

# Columbus community celebrates Independence Day with Fireworks on the Water



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Onlookers observe a fly over during Fireworks on the Water July 4 at the Stennis Lock and Dam. During the event attendees enjoyed free music, children's activities and fireworks.



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Johnny Coleman and Swing Shift, a local Mississippi band, perform at the Fireworks on the Water July 4 at Stennis Lock and Dam. Following welcoming remarks from the Honorable Robert Smith, Mayor of Columbus, and Col. John Nichols, 14th Flying Training Wing Commander, the band began playing until 9:15 p.m. when the firework show started.



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Attendees watch in awe of the fireworks display July 4 at Fireworks on the Water event. The event included food vendors, live music and an 18-minute fireworks display choreographed to music.