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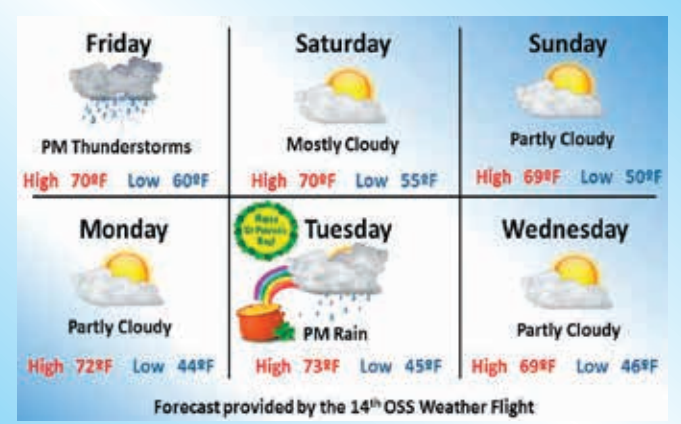
Unit Effectiveness Inspection Major Graded Areas



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SUPT Class 15-06 graduates at 10 a.m. today at the Kaye Auditorium.

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Women's History Month luncheon
A luncheon is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. March 17 at the Columbus Club in observance of Women's History Month. The luncheon will consist of an Italian buffet; \$12 for members, \$14 for non-members. The guest speaker is Chief Master Sgt. Rita Felton, 14th Flying Training Wing Command Chief.

Happy Irby Golf Tournament
The Happy Irby Golf Tournament is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. March 20 at the Whispering Pines Golf Course. For more information call 434-7932.

Golf course open house
The Whispering Pines Golf Course is holding an open house 1 - 5 p.m. March 22. For more information call 434-7932.

14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED



As of press time, 12 TEAM BLAZE members are deployed worldwide. Remember to support the Airmen and their families while they are away.

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Columbus AFB Unit Effectiveness Inspection near

Tech. Sgt. Amanda Savannah

14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

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About 70 Air Education and Training Command Inspector General team members will evaluate the wing on how it complies, on a regular basis, with the four major graded areas, or MGAs, of Managing Resources, Leading People, Improving the Unit and Executing the Mission.

"It's not something you can prepare for," said Lt. Col. Andrew Wistrick, 14th FTW Director of Wing Inspections. "It's us doing our normal job. They're going to look at how effective we are at doing our job of Producing Pilots, Advancing Airmen and Feeding the Fight."

During the inspection, Wistrick said Team BLAZE can expect AETC IG team members to conduct individual and group interviews and review unit products to check for compliance with standards.

"They are going to inspect to improve, so they're going to see how you are at following AFIs, not just your [Management Internal Control Toolset] communicators," he said.

This inspection will be the first UEI for the wing since implementation of the new Air Force Inspection System in late 2013. The new AFIS empowers wing commanders to run their wing's inspection system. By doing this, each commander is able to focus on improving mission effectiveness every day. The goal of the new system is to make inspections a nonevent and part of the daily battle rhythm of continuous improvement.

"The new inspection system is a continuous process," Wistrick said. "Our inspectors are continuously evaluating, or inspecting, the stuff we do."

This means that though the inspectors will only physically be on base for the week, they've been inspecting the wing already and the process won't stop when

"The inspectors are here for that week. Once they're done, we continue in this new inspection system," Wistrick said. "They've been inspecting us already; they already have a lot of the data. Once we finish up on 30 March, guess what? They're going to be back here again two years from now."

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"Just because they're done, doesn't mean the inspection stops. You're still going to run your MICT communicators every period from there on out, and the wing inspection team is still going to go out and inspect different places."

Wistrick offered some final advice from him to Team BLAZE members.

"Be proud of your job; talk about the good things we do as the 14th Flying Training Wing," he said. "And follow your training. Go back to what you know, what you have learned and the AFIs as the source documents."

(Information from an Air Force News story contributed to this article.)



Cycle safe, wear a helmet

Celebrating anniversary of returned hero

Senior Airman Stephanie Englar
14th Flying Training Wing
Public Affairs

March 14 marks the 42nd anniversary of Richard "Gene" Smith's repatriation after he served as a Prisoner of War in Vietnam for five years.

Smith was born in Marks, Mississippi, in the 1930s and attended Mississippi State University where he studied Chemical Engineering. He commissioned into the Air Force through the Reserve Officer Training Corps and entered active-duty in 1956.

Following Navigator training in 1957 and the Radar Intercept Officer Course in 1958, Smith went through Undergraduate Pilot Training at Williams Air Force Base, Arizona, and earned his silver wings in 1962.

On Oct. 25, 1967, while flying his 33rd combat mission with the 333rd Tactical Fighter Squadron at Takhli Royal Thai Air Force Base, Thailand, he was forced to eject from his aircraft over Hanoi, North Vietnam. His mission was to bomb the Doumer Bridge, a vital link for supplies for the Vietnamese. Unfortunately, while he successfully destroyed part of the bridge, he was shot down shortly after and spent 1,967 days in captivity in Hanoi, where he faced brutal interrogations, solitary confinement and he never once received treatment for his injuries.

Smith claimed the three things that got him through those five years in captivity were his faith in God, his belief his country would not forsake him, and the knowledge his family was safe and being taken care of in the United States.

Smith was released five years after his capture during Operation Homecoming on March 14, 1973. Following his homecoming, he went through Pilot Instructor Train-



Courtesy photo

Now retired Lt. Col. Richard "Gene" Smith stands by the memorial of 1st Lt. Michael Blassie in March 1974. Both Blassie and Smith fought in the Vietnam War and have structures dedicated to them on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi.

ing and became an instructor pilot for the 50th Flying Training Squadron. He served numerous positions on Columbus AFB, starting with Instructor Pilot and ending his career as the Director of Operations for the Wing. Smith retired from the Air Force July 31, 1978.

Smith stayed in Mississippi and served as the Executive Director of the local airport, Golden Triangle Regional airport, for 20 years. He also was the National President of the Air Force Association from 1994-1996.

Airmen on Columbus Air Force Base can see the ceremonial plaza dedicated to Smith right outside of the Wing Headquarters Building. Smith said having the plaza named after him was "a tremendous honor."



U.S. Air Force photo/Kenn Brown

Retired Lt. Col. Richard "Gene" Smith stands next to a T-6 Texan aircraft before an incentive flight April 2007. Smith served in the Air Force for 22 years. Five of those years were spent in captivity in Hanoi, North Vietnam. Smith said that it was faith in God, his belief his country would not forsake him, and the knowledge his family was safe and being taken care of in the United States that helped him through those five years.

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 (15-15)	3.27 days	-0.65 days	Apr. 1	48th (15-06)	-4.46 days	-2.87 days	Mar. 13	49th (15-FBC)	1.23 days	0.69 days	Apr. 2	T-6	1,032	551	11,929
41st (16-01)	3.25 days	2.36 days	Apr. 23	50th (15-06)	-5.07 days	0.08 days	Mar. 13					T-1	368	233	4,203
												T-38	257	194	3,405
												IFF	128	101	1,600

The graduation speaker is Retired Maj. Gen. Jack Catton, former 14th Flying Training Wing Commander

March 13-22:

Starkville Restaurant Week: Every time you eat at a participating restaurant in Starkville during Starkville Restaurant Week, you can cast a ballot for which charity out of the Top 3 Charity Finalists will receive \$5,000. The Top 3 charities are The Salvation Army, Starkville Habitat for Humanity and The Autism and Developmental Disabilities Clinic.

March 17-24:

Art Rocks Tupelo: A fantastic weekend of arts, film, music, theatre, shows and more, "Celebrating the Arts." Event will take place in multiple venues around Tupelo. For more

information please call 690-4011 or visit artrockstupelo.com.

March 28:

Chronicles of the Blue and the Gray: Held at 7 p.m. March 28 in the Rent Auditorium at the W, 1100 College Street. Music by John Purifoy based on the poem by Francis Miles Finch. As part of Columbus' 75th annual Spring Pilgrimage, the Columbus Choral Society, together with the Starkville Symphony and many other area choirs, will be performing John Purifoy's work, "Chronicles of Blue and Gray." Written for orchestra and chorus, the work weaves numerous American folk songs, spirituals, rallying and bat-

tle cries with tunes and lyrics from the American civil war period of history. Texts from Lincoln's two Inaugurals, the Gettysburg Address, the Emancipation Proclamation, secession proclamations, chronicles of battle casualties, and recollections of Grant's and Lee's meeting at the surrender at Appomattox are set to musical choral statements. The concert is free but a ticket is required for entry. Tickets available Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Tennessee Williams Home and Welcome Center, 300 Main Street, and the Columbus-Lowndes Convention and Visitors Bureau, 117 3rd Street South.



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tion and very well cared for, includes full kitchen, refrigerator, microwave and stove, \$9,500. For more information call Robert Bishop at 617-5049 or email at rb1901@bellsouth.net.

Transportation

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We're Turning Fifty

You're invited to the Columbus Arts Council's

Golden Gala

Friday, March 20, 2015
6:00 - 7:30 P.M. - silent auction / cocktails and hors d'oeuvres
7:30 P.M. - dinner / live music
8:00 P.M. - live auction

Cocktail Attire

Tickets are \$50 and are available at the Columbus Arts Council, by calling (662) 328-2787 or online at www.columbus-arts.org.

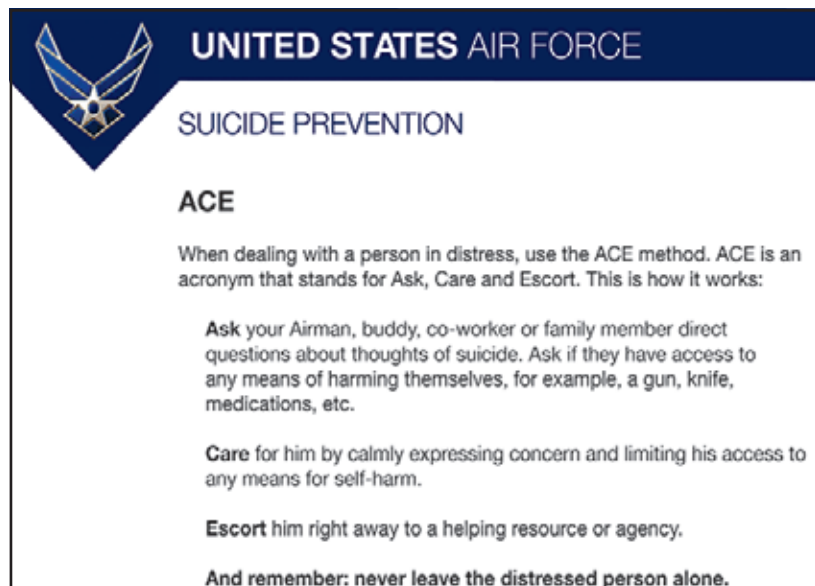
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Care for him by calmly expressing concern and limiting his access to any means for self-harm.

Escort him right away to a helping resource or agency.

And remember: never leave the distressed person alone.

Courtesy graphic

The ACE card is one of multiple downloadable resources available to facilitators and training attendees for the annual suicide prevention training. The card can be downloaded on the suicide prevention training website at <http://wingmanonline.org>.



U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Joshua Strang

Maj. Jennifer Tomlinson, deputy chief, Air Education and Training Command Medical Readiness Division, serves as facilitator during the AETC Medical Services and Training directorate annual Air Force Suicide Prevention training at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, Texas, March 4, 2015. The face-to-face training replaced the computer-based training beginning Feb. 11, 2015.

Putting face on prevention training

Tech. Sgt. Joshua Strang

Air Education and Training Command Public Affairs

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, Texas – The Air Force recently changed its annual suicide prevention training from a computer-based course to face-to-face training.

The new, in-person training, which went into effect Feb. 11, 2015, replaces the annual computer-based training for active-duty and Reserve Airmen, while civilians have the option to attend the face-to-face training or complete the CBT.

The goal is to have all Airmen attend face-to-face training by the end of 2015.

“The Air Force Community Action Information Board and the Air Force Learning Council directed this change in format

to enhance the effectiveness of suicide prevention training,” said Lt. Col. Mitzi Thomas-Lawson, Mental Health Branch Chief for Air Education and Training Command. “The desired outcome is to provide Airmen an opportunity to discuss suicide prevention concepts.”

In a message located in the Suicide Prevention Training Facilitator Manual, Lt. Col. Kathleen Crimmins, Air Force Suicide Prevention Program Manager, explained the need for the change in training.

“Our previous computer-based training was a good way to standardize the information and make it readily available,” wrote Crimmins. “But it missed an opportunity for leaders and their Airmen to address the problem on a personal level.”

The new training, which is outlined in

detail in the facilitator manual, is designed to provide for good discussion and give each member a chance to talk openly.

“The face-to-face training is an hour in length which includes a 24-minute vignette-based video,” said Thomas-Lawson. “Discussion groups should have between eight and 20 members and should not exceed 30 participants.”

Training facilitators are chosen within individual units and Crimmins’ message states that commanders should choose their best mentor-leaders and supervisors to lead the small group discussions.

A recent training attendee here, Tech. Sgt. Katrina Rollins, medical administrator, AETC Medical Services and Training, said the facilitator-led interaction was much more beneficial for her than the CBT.

“With the CBT, you kind of just sit there and click through some slides,” said Rollins. “Being part of a group discussion, seeing how everyone perceives the issues and having the facilitator bring up more discussion really changes the training for the better.”

Similar to the CBT, the face-to-face training will be an annual mandatory requirement and, according to Thomas-Lawson, the goal for AETC is to have 95 percent or more active-duty Airmen trained using the new format by May 26, 2015. Once complete, training will be documented by unit training managers in the Advanced Distributed Learning Service.

All training, to include the facilitator manual and training videos, can be accessed by going to the Wingman Online website at <http://wingmanonline.org>.

Victim Advocate Training – Volunteer your services

Carla Neal-Bush

Sexual Assault and Response Victim Advocate

If you are interested in becoming a trained and certified Air Force Victim Advocate, the next training is scheduled for 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. May 11-15, 2015, in building 926, Rm. 213. This is a 40-hour training class and you must at-

tend all 40 hours to be eligible for certification.

If you know other active-duty members, Department of Defense civilians, reserve or National Guard personnel in active status that would like to serve as a Victim Advocate please pass this information.

*Note: Victim Advocates can serve in three different capacities. They can serve as a responder who is added to

hotline and work with victims, a trainer who assists with training and briefings, or both. All members are required to attend 40-hour training, but responders will have to obtain additional certification after the training. If you are interested in participating in any of the capacities please feel free to sign up for the training. For more information call 434-1329 or e-mail carla.neal_bush@us.af.mil.

Youth Center offers Congressional Awards Program

Youth Center

The Congressional Award is the United States Congress Award for young Americans to recognize initiative, service and achievement in young people.

This award is Congress' first and only award specifically for youth. The award recognizes the setting and meeting of goals in four program areas: voluntary public service, personal development, physical fitness, and expedition/exploration.

Based on time commitments to each of the areas, participants earn Bronze, Silver, or Gold Congressional Award Certificates; and Bronze, Silver, or Gold Congressional Award Medals. The program is open to young people between the ages 14 – 23.

After a youth has registered for the program, either online or via mail, they receive a record book to record their progress in the program's four key program areas. Once

Program Requirements			
Certificate Levels			
Minimum Hours by Program Area	Bronze	Silver	Gold
Voluntary Service	30	60	90
Personal Development	15	30	45
Physical Fitness	15	30	45
Expedition or Exploration	1 Day	2 Days	3 days
Total Minimum Months of Activity Needed* (for each of the main three program areas)	N/A	N/A	6 Months
Medal Levels			
Minimum Hours by Program Area	Bronze	Silver	Gold
Voluntary Service	100	200	400
Personal Development	50	100	200
Physical Fitness	50	100	200
Expedition or Exploration	1 Night/ 2 Days	2 Nights/ 3 Days	4 Nights / 5 Days
Total Minimum Months of Activity Needed* (for each of the main three program areas)	7 Months	12 Months	24 Months

registered, everything is cumulative and you can choose to submit level by level or apply directly for the Gold Medal.

Activities completed before registering for the Award cannot be counted. Participants must select an adult advisor who will help

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2014-2015 hunting season closes at Columbus AFB

Frank Lockhart

14th Civil Engineer Squadron

Thirty-five hunters from Columbus Air Force Base participated in the 42-day 2014-2015 hunting season that recently closed.

Eleven deer were harvested on Columbus AFB, including five bucks and six does. One buck and one doe were harvested at Shuqualak. There was also one squirrel hunter on base.

Hunters aren't the only ones who benefited from this year's harvest. Controlling the deer population on-base significantly reduces the probability of deer entering the airfield area where they could endanger our pilots and aircraft.

Don't worry if you missed this deer hunting season. The latest deer survey by the USDA biologists indicated between 45 and 60 deer remain on-base and continually enter from off-base property. The



2015-2016 hunting season opens Oct. 1.

All hunting on Columbus AFB is over for the 2014-2015 season.

Turkey hunting will be allowed at Shuqualak (Gunshy) Auxiliary Field. Turkey season is open from March 14 - May 1.

RECOVER

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Emily said. "He knew this wasn't how he was supposed to feel."

Through all the treatment and surgery, Kadin was a happy little boy, Billy said.

"The one thing I noticed throughout Kadin's illness is he never complained," he said. "Not when he was being administered chemotherapy, not when he had zero white blood cells, not when he couldn't go outside or had to spend Christmas in the hospital. Never."

Chemotherapy tears down the body's immune system and depletes its white blood cells.

"When your white blood cell count is zero, as Kadin's was several times, you have no immune system and are completely compromised to contract illness or infection," Emily said.

A search for a bone marrow donor for Kadin began.

"Because Billy is of Polynesian descent, it was nearly impossible to find a suitable donor. Less than 1 percent of the population matches," Emily said.

Amid all of this, the Gazzaways took Kadin to Disney World in January 2006, courtesy of Magic Moments, an organization that grants wishes for children treated at the UAB Children's Hospital.

"We struggled with whether we should take him before the transplant or after the transplant, when he was well," Emily said. "I'm so thankful we chose to take him before."

Unable to find a bone marrow match for a transplant, Kadin received a suitable stem cell match in February 2006.

"The procedure is essentially the same, but the transplanted cells come from a different source," Emily said.

Due to the high dose of radiation he received before the stem cell transplant, Kadin suffered a diffuse alveolar hemorrhage and was rushed to intensive care.

"The chemotherapy and radiation just shredded his lungs," Emily said. "Going through something like that, you have no immune system. For every small improvement, there were big backward steps. He couldn't catch his breath. It was like he was running up a flight of stairs. Kadin was a pulmonary patient for the last week of his life."

Billy and Emily took turns watching over their son. At one point, Kadin was attached to nine medical machines, Emily said.

Powerless against the combination of cancer and DAH, Kadin died early May 2, 2006. He was about a month shy of his fifth birthday.

Getting help

"When you're military, you struggle to know what to do 'right now,'" Emily said. "We had to take care of all these issues but we really didn't know what to do."

Emily's memories following Kadin's death are cloudy.

"Billy would talk to me and I would do things but I don't remember any of it," she said. "That first year after his death was a blur."

Kadin was buried at Kent Forrest Lawn in Panama City.

"I went to the cemetery every day for a year," Emily said. "I felt like I had to."

Emily was assigned to the Tyndall AFB Protocol Office after Kadin passed away.

"They did that just to make sure there was someone there to watch me," she said. "All the while, I just kept saying, 'I'm fine.' I went back to work but I couldn't even do that anymore. I couldn't take care of myself. Everything was different after Kadin died. There was no order. Billy shut down completely. He was not the person I married."

Billy struggled with not being able to help his son.

"I had to put all my faith in the doctors to take care of my son, when that's supposed to be my job," he said. "I thought Emily and I were a great team during his entire life and illness. I really struggled with my faith in God. About a year after Kadin's death, I realized I needed to talk to a mental health professional."

Emily went to mental health services in May 2006 to address, among other things, why she couldn't burden Billy with her grief.

"I remember the counselor saying, 'He's the only other person who understands what you're going through, so why not tell him?'"

The couple was counseled individually and together for about six months at Tyndall and continued treatment later at Beale AFB, California, and Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.

Shortly after giving birth to their daughter, Avery, in November 2007, Emily was diagnosed with delayed post-traumatic stress disorder.

"There's not a cure for it," she said. "You have to be an active participant in your diagnosis."

Billy began to notice the positive effects of counseling.

My 'aha' moment probably didn't happen until I was at Beale," he said. "At Tyndall, I kind of went through the motions. At Beale, I gave all my trust to (the behavioral health clinician) and told her my complete story."

Billy said the mental health clinicians



Courtesy photo

Two Colorado Springs area-NCOs have been on a journey of recovery since losing their son to leukemia nearly nine years ago, a journey they said couldn't have happened without the mental health services available to Airmen and their families. In the picture is their son, Kadin Gazzaway.

provided the best atmosphere he could have hoped for.

"The ambience was perfect," he said. "The only uncomfortable aspect was when I actually had to put an imaginary mirror in front of my face and actually tear myself down and break down all the walls I'd built over the years to protect myself from pain. The reality is that those walls only hurt us in the end."

Billy shares details of his story with Airmen to let them know how beneficial counseling was for him and Emily.

"I would relate my story to theirs if I could, and tell them how much the mental health services helped me, my life, marriage and career," he said.

The Gazzaways keep Kadin's memory alive by sharing his legacy with Avery.

"I tell her, 'Your brother was sick for a long time. He had leukemia and passed away,'" Emily said. "He was a brave little boy and he was always happy."

Billy regularly tells Avery about her brother.

"I let her know he enjoyed reading, movies and the toys he played with," he said. "I tell her about his illness and what cancer is.



Courtesy photo

Master Sgt. Emily Gazzaway and her husband Tech. Sgt. Billy Gazzaway, pose for a photo with their daughter Avery. Emily is the U.S. Air Force Academy's senior enlisted aide and Billy is assigned to the 21st Communications Squadron at Peterson Air Force Base, Colo.

Most importantly, I try to just keep his memory alive for her with videos of Kadin. She loves watching them. Most of the time, I don't have to initiate the dialogue. Avery is always asking questions about Kadin."

Inspired by Kadin's life, the Gazzaways stay involved in Relay for Life and the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society activities. Both organizations promote finding a cure for cancer. The Gazzaways are also active with local children's hospitals.

"Since 2006, we've raised money or asked for donations to purchase toys for local children's hospitals," Billy said. "Most of the time, we collect or purchase enough toys for the entire oncology ward kids and their siblings. It's been a blast. I love watching the faces of children and parents when we walk into their room with gifts. This is our way of paying it forward. That still keeps Kadin with us."

To reach a mental health clinician, call the Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury Outreach Center at 866-966-1020.

For confidential assistance, call Military OneSource at 800-342-9647.

AF mental health services helps a family recover

Ray Bowden

U.S. Air Force Academy Public Affairs

U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. — Two local NCOs have been on a journey of recovery since losing their son to leukemia nearly nine years ago, a journey they said couldn't have happened without the mental health services available to Airmen and their families.

Master Sgt. Emily Gazzaway, the U.S. Air Force Academy's senior enlisted aide, and her husband, Tech. Sgt. Billy Gazzaway, assigned to the 21st Communications Squadron at Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado, said if not for those services, their lives would be vastly different.

"There are so many support services available in the Air Force, now more than ever, and Airmen should not be afraid to reach out and use them," Emily said. "Nothing relating to our treatment ever negatively affected our careers. Billy never lost his security clearance because we were getting help. Not one general officer I've ever worked for as an aide said, 'Sorry. You can't work for me anymore.' I've always been more than supported."

The Gazzaways said Airmen should not allow perceptions of stigma or circumstance to keep them from getting help.

"Some might say it's acceptable in our case to seek help because we lost a child, but I say it's acceptable in any case," Emily said. "In my case, I'll always need some level of help. The Air Force provides services I know I'm always going to need."

Supervisors can reduce concerns of stigma associated with getting help, Emily said.

"Supervisors need to talk to, and care about, those they lead," she said. "You can rely on your own experiences to make a point, but you have to pick a moment when you know you need to talk to someone."

Supervisors can best care for their Airmen by learning about the mental health services available across the Air Force, Billy said.

"Tell your Airmen to be honest with their counselors," he said. "Explain that they should ask for a specific counselor. For example, I wanted a female (counselor) with a background in grief counseling. I find it easier to speak openly to women because I had four sisters. Be sincere about your Airman's life. Get involved and be genuine when you follow up with them."

The value of seeking help cannot be underestimated, Billy said.

"A fool will never seek counsel, but a wise person will surround themselves with counsel," he said. "Just like when I'm put in charge of a new communications project, I don't try to tackle the entire project alone. I reach out to my peers, subject matter experts and leadership for guidance."

A boy's life

Billy and Emily had been married four years and were stationed at Osan Air Base, South Korea, when their first child, John Kadin Gazzaway, was born June 7, 2001.

"We weren't sure if we were going to name him John Kadin or Kadin John, so we used to yell for practice and see what name sounded best," Emily said.

All seemed well for the family. Emily was an enlisted aide



Courtesy photo

Tech. Sgt. Billy Gazzaway (left) and his wife, Master Sgt. Emily Gazzaway, take a photograph with their son, John Kadin Gazzaway, in February 2006. Kadin died of leukemia May 2, 2006. Billy is assigned to the 21st Communications Squadron at Peterson Air Force Base, Colo. Emily is the U.S. Air Force Academy's senior enlisted aide.

for the 7th Air Force commander, Billy was a communications specialist and Kadin appeared to be a healthy little boy.

But life changed for the Gazzaways after they left Osan AB for Tyndall AFB, Florida.

"Kadin stopped sleeping through the night and he wouldn't eat, so I knew something was wrong," Emily said.

She took her son to the Tyndall clinic in November 2001. Doctors there said Kadin had a slight fever, but that wasn't all.

"Kadin's white blood cell count was 69,000," Emily said. "A normal white blood cell count is 5,000-10,000. We immediately knew something was wrong."

Kadin was rushed to Bay Medical Center in Panama City, Florida. There, his white blood cell count registered 74,000.

"We were given the option of where to have Kadin treated, and drove him to the University of Alabama-Birmingham Children's Hospital that evening, where he was diagnosed with Infantile Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia-B Cell," Emily said. "He was 5 months old. It was Nov. 26, 2001 — less than a week after Thanksgiving. Because he was so young, he was considered a high-risk patient."

Kadin endured 46 weeks of chemotherapy and his condition improved for a few years. He enjoyed his childhood, attended school and played with friends.

"He loved playing with toy dinosaurs and trains, swimming and riding with Billy on his Jet Ski," Emily said. "He had no fear of the water."

Just as Kadin was about to enter prekindergarten in September 2005, the Gazzaways discovered a knot on his left thigh.

"The doctors couldn't believe it," Emily said. "They were about to give Kadin a clean bill of health and tell us to come back in a year, but he had this knot on his leg, so he had surgery to remove the knot and perform a biopsy."

The day after it was removed, Kadin's nurse told Emily her son's cancer was no longer in remission.

"I was at the hospital holding and rocking him," Emily said. "I saw his nurse coming and knew she wouldn't be there unless something was wrong."

Coping with leukemia was different for Kadin now. "He was old enough to know how his body should feel,"

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14th Student Squadron

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If so, you probably just spotted one of our international officers.

In addition to more than 300 U.S. students, Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi, trains approximately 50 international students each year. As any SUPT student will tell you, Air Force pilot training represents a challenge under the best of conditions.

Excelling in pilot training while immersed in a foreign culture and speaking a second or third language requires enormous dedication and hard work. So why do our international students subject themselves to such a challenging environment by training at Columbus? To answer this question we must first understand the two programs which bring international students to Columbus: Foreign Military Sales and the Aviation Leadership Program.

The FMS program, as its name implies, provides for the sale of military hardware to foreign nations along with the training required to properly operate it. FMS students attend training at Columbus at their home nation's expense in preparation for follow-on U.S. training, such as the F-16 Initial Qualification Course at Luke Air Force Base, Arizona. Some FMS students complete the same SUPT syllabus as their U.S. counterparts while others complete a shorter transition course. The program

goal, however remains the same -- prepare the student for success in follow-on U.S. training.

The ALP, on the other hand, differs in both intent and scope. Through ALP, the U.S. offers a limited number of pilot training scholarships to military members from friendly, less developed nations for the purpose of establishing closer relations. ALP consists of three elements: English language training at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, Texas; civilian introductory flight training at Golden Triangle Airport in Columbus, Mississippi; and T-6 training at Columbus AFB. Most ALP students return to their home nation following completion of T-6 training to serve as pilots in their nation's air force.

During my relatively short time at Columbus I've enjoyed the privilege of flying with students from Ukraine, Pakistan, Iraq, Mauritania, Burkina Faso, and Ghana. Each student has thoroughly impressed me with their willingness to work hard to overcome the challenges inherent with training in a foreign country.

Each of these young officers has a unique story and represents the best and brightest from their nation. Take the time to get to know them if you have the opportunity. Be friendly and go out of your way to provide first-class service to them. Many will one day hold high positions within their nation's military or government. The opinions they form of Americans during their stay at Columbus may one day influence their nation's future relationship with the United States.

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.



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.)

First Term Officers' PFR

The First Term Officers' Personal Financial Readiness Workshop is required by Air Force Instruction for all newly assigned personnel to their first station. The event will be 9 to 10 a.m. March 17. Call 434-2790 to sign up.

Marital Workshop

The Military Family Life Consultant will host a marital workshop from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. March 17. Call 434-2790 for more information.

Smooth Move

Held from 10 to 11:30 a.m. March 18, Smooth Move is a class that provides relocating members/families with valuable information about moving. You learn what to expect from TMO, Housing, Military Pay, Legal, Billeting, Tri-Care, Medical Records, and A&FRC. Please call 434-2790 to register.

Capstone

This class is scheduled for 8 a.m. to noon March 19. The Capstone class 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.

Wing Newcomers Orientation

This brief, held 8 a.m. to noon March 31, is mandatory for newly arrived active-duty and civilian personnel. Spouses are encouraged to attend. The orientation is held at the Columbus Club. For more information call 434-2839.

Military Life Cycle

The Military Life Cycle workshop, held from 1 to 2 p.m. March 31, 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 receive more information please call 434-2790.

Hearts Apart Social

The Hearts Apart Social program is a monthly event to provide community bonding, fun and appreciation for the families of active duty personnel who are deployed, remote, or on an extended TDY. Food and activities are provided.



U.S. Air Force Photo/2nd Lt. Kimberly Bergo

The Whispering Pines Golf Course is holding an open house 1 – 5 p.m. March 22, offering free green fees, \$5 per person golf carts and 50 cent food specials. The course is open Tuesday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Sunday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and is closed on Mondays. For more information please call 434-7932.

This month the social will be from 5 to 7 p.m. March 28. Please call 434-2790 in advance to register.

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 providers. 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.

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. For more information please call A&FRC at 434-2790.

Air Force Recovery Coordination Program

The Recovery Coordination Program streamlines and improves the way care and support are delivered to wounded, ill, and injured Airmen and their families. The RCP provides the support of a Recovery Care Coordinator who guides the Airman and family along their road to recovery. Those eligible include wounded, ill and injured Airmen who: (1) have a serious illness or injury (2) are unlikely to return to duty within a specified amount of time (3) may be medically separated from the military. Additional details are available by contacting the Columbus AFB RCC at DSN: 493-3399, Office: 334-953-3399 or tim.griggs.1.ctr@us.af.mil.

Temporary Jobs for the Summer

Job opportunities include: Clerical, Life-guard, Recreation Aid, Computer Clerk, General Laborer and others. Posting on USA Jobs began March 9 at usajobs.gov.

Base Community Organizations

DRMO

Recycle first by using the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office as your facility's source of supply. Authorized personnel may retrieve property free of charge if the property is still physically located here in Base Supply and marked at DRMO facilities. Other DRMO processing is available via the web at www.drmo.dla.mil. Cost of shipping will apply.

Please call Inspection at 434-7231 to review DRMO property or Stock Control at 434-7197 with questions or concerns you may have. Parking and assistance is available in the back of building 158.

Last Look Area

Recycling is what the Last Look Area provides! Slightly used furniture and equipment is available to all Columbus Air Force Base facilities for free. Pick-up and delivery is the customer's responsibility. There is a three-day maximum for customers who wish to reserve items. Facility hours are from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Need more information? Contact Inspections at 434-7231 or 434-7332. Parking is available at the back of building 158.

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

Fridays during Lent - Stations of the Cross, 5:30 p.m. Followed by catfish and fellowship.

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

RQ-4B soars past 10,000 flying hours

Tech. Sgt. Marie Brown

U.S. Air Forces Central Command
Public Affairs

SOUTHWEST ASIA — An RQ-4B Global Hawk embarked on an Operation Inherent Resolve mission March 7, which sent the aircraft soaring past the 10,000 flying-hour milestone at an undisclosed location in Southwest Asia.

The RQ-4B aircraft 2019, or A2019, was the first block 20 and first RQ-4B model to arrive here Oct. 16, 2010. During its service, the aircraft has been providing support to warfighters by relaying communications between people and aircraft as well as enabling airstrikes on the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant.

"This particular aircraft carries the Battlefield Airborne Communications Node payload, which replaces the imagery sensors normally installed in the aircraft," said Lt. Col. Anthony, the launch and recovery element operations supervisor. "It is primarily a data and communications bridging node. It can support multiple bridges simultaneously across multiple radio types. We like to call it 'Wi-Fi in the sky'."

Both manned and unmanned aircraft continue to fly in support of intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance requirements for Operation Inherent Resolve. ISR helps coalition leaders gain better insight about the security situation on the ground, and strengthen the ability of Iraqi and Kurdish ground forces and their international partners to effectively counter ISIL.

The accomplishment of flying more than 10,000 hours was shared by the entire Global Hawk aircraft maintenance unit and supporting units.

"It takes a team effort to maintain an aircraft," said Staff Sgt. Paul, an RQ-4B Global Hawk crew chief. "Every six months there is a new rotation with a new group of people who have helped maintain this aircraft since its arrival."



U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Marie Brown

Airmen from an RQ-4B Global Hawk aircraft maintenance unit welcome an RQ-4B after a flight Mar. 8, 2015, in Southwest Asia, in which the aircraft surpassed 10,000 flying hours. The RQ-4B aircraft 2019, or A2019, was the first block 20 and first RQ-4B model to arrive here Oct. 16, 2010. During its service, the aircraft has been providing support to warfighters by relaying communications between people and aircraft as well as enabling airstrikes on the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant.

Paul has been working with this aircraft off and on for over nine months, most of which has been here in the area of responsibility.

"When I got here the jet had 9,104.9 flying hours," said Paul, currently deployed

from Grand Forks Air Force Base, North Dakota. "Yesterday's milestone flight was flight 402 and it took off with 9,982.9 hours. It flew for 30.5 hours and landed Mar. 8, surpassing the 10,000 flying hour milestone."

A2019 also holds the record for the longest block 20 flight, which is currently set at 31.5 flying hours.

(Editor's note: Due to safety and security reasons, last names and unit designators were removed.)

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'Special Program' emerges to combat cyber insider threats

Justin Oakes

66th Air Base Group Public Affairs

HANSCOM AIR FORCE BASE, Mass. — It's not often that the public gets to hear about the Air Force's inner workings when pertaining to highly classified networks; however, a special programs team from Hanscom Air Force Base's Command, Control, Communications, Intelligence and Networks Directorate has recently emerged, making their presence known.

"We have developed an agile and efficient process for delivering solutions that protect against the cyber insider threat," said Lt. Col. Richard Howard, the Materiel Solutions Analysis (MSA) chief.

Unlike other teams within the Special Programs Division, the MSA is the only one that functions outside the classified realm.

The team's mission is to rapidly identify and test government and commercial off-the-shelf hardware and software, and if viable, transition it to the classified arena. However, combating the cyber insider threat on secure networks quickly became one of MSA's primary focuses.

In January 2014, the special programs unit stood up the MSA Lab, where the team tests and scrutinizes commercial and government technologies that could potentially function on a secure network, and at the same time, serve as a deterrent for insider attacks.

The MSA Lab consists of three sections: Level 1, a robust unclassified area used to test incoming technologies; Level 2, which has the potential to perform classified tests; and Level 3, which is a virtual demonstration room.

Since MSA's inception, they have fielded more than 100 proposals on insider threat mitigation technologies from commercial companies, both large and small.

"The MSA Lab is unique, and by design, highly specialized on the needs of a select classified community," said Paul Krueger, the MSA chief engineer. "Being co-located at Hanscom AFB with the Hanscom Collaboration and Innovation Center is important so that when necessary, we can take advan-

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tage of its infrastructure for massive joint and multi-nation coalition warfighting experiments and demonstrations."

Upon significant amounts of testing, the Air Force partnered with MIT Lincoln Laboratory and began to notice a common misconception within industry.

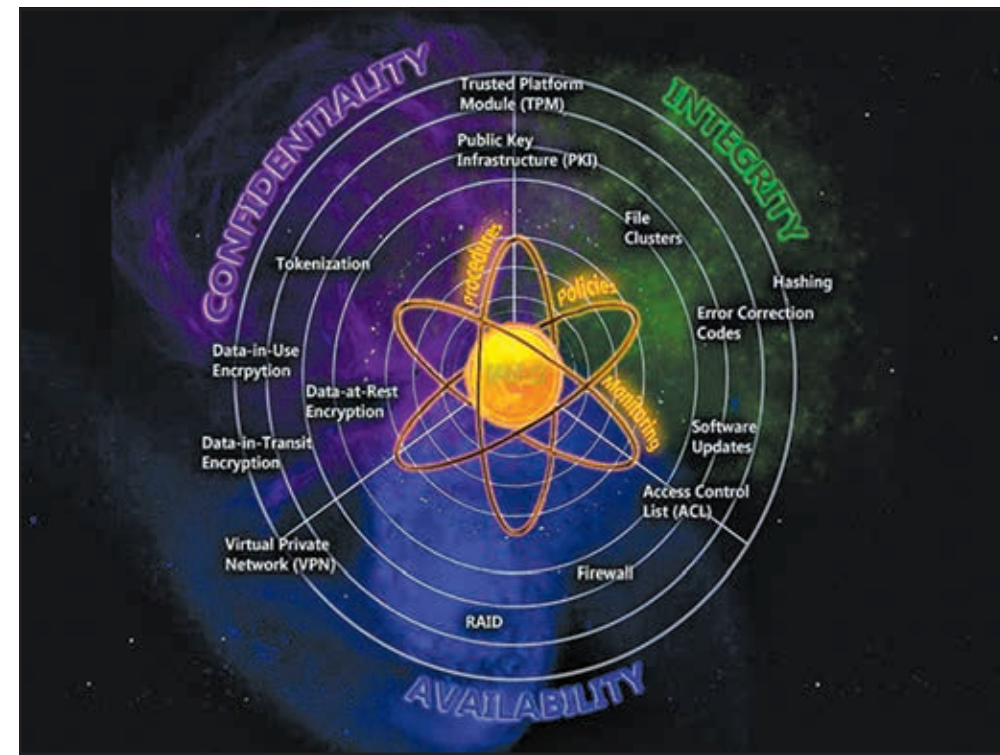
"We saw a disturbing trend emerging from companies — that there is a single solution fix to insider attacks," Howard said. "The cyber insider threat is complex, and to believe a single technology exists that will prevent malicious insiders from stealing, altering or destroying sensitive information is inaccurate."

To better understand and depict the intricacies of this problem, MSA engineers devised a model known as the Insider Threat Universe (ITU).

The ITU concept is comprised of layers that convey how certain technologies protect in part — but not in all — the Air Force's secure networks.

Confidentiality, integrity and availability make up the basis of the ITU with information serving as the core. Procedures, policies and monitoring are other items that directly impact information concerns. Specific areas such as data-at-rest encryption and role-based access controls represent technology layers also used to protect information.

The MSA team realized the need to socialize the ITU concept and generate open communication among other Defense De-



Courtesy graphic

The Mission Solutions Analysis team from Hanscom Air Force Base, Mass., developed the Insider Threat Universe model used to describe how certain technologies protect, in part, the Air Force's secure networks.

partment agencies also faced with growing insider threat problems.

Last month, the MSA office hosted the first Cyber Insider Threat Workshop.

More than 100 cyber, security and acquisition professionals from more than 30 organizations attended. Representatives from the MSA office, Air Combat Command, Air Force Research Lab, 24th Air Force, Carnegie Mellon University, C3I Infrastructure Division, MIT Lincoln Laboratory and MITRE discussed current mitigation efforts and how they fit into the ITU model.

According to MSA officials, there were two main takeaways from the event.

"The cyber insider threat is complicated, difficult to define and a challenge to defend against," Krueger said. "The ITU model is a useful tool that can be used to help define these threats, but it is a constantly evolving concept."

Krueger also called for more effective communication across the Air Force, government, and other agencies throughout the DOD.

"Communication is the only way synergy can be developed across the board," he said. "Making the community aware of currently used technologies, as well as equipment and software that's being tested and fielded by facilities like the MSA Lab, is critical to solving this problem."

Over the last year, the demand for MSA-vetted technologies has increased exponentially. In order to keep up with testing and analysis, the lab increased from two to seven engineers plus support from MIT Lincoln Laboratory, MITRE and various contractors.

Recently, Maj. Gen. Craig Olson, the C3I and Networks Directorate program executive officer, presented MSA's areas of interest to industry during the annual 2015 New Horizons event in Newton, Massachusetts.

"Not only is this a great opportunity to bring our efforts to light outside of DOD agencies, but it will also allow us to gather valuable feedback on how our industry partners deal with insider cyber threats," Olson said.

Since the MSA team was created, they've stood up a testing lab, developed a threat model and organized a forum fostering dialogue among other DOD agencies -- all in the name of cyber security.

"In order for us to successfully mitigate the cyber insider threat problem, organizations across the DOD must work together; technological, physical and administrative solutions should be leveraged across the DOD IT enterprise," said Col. Jeffrey Kligman, the Special Programs Division senior materiel leader. "Communication and innovation are key to securing our computing environment."

NEW Force Support Squadron Website

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.

Community Service Project

The Youth Center is collecting donations for the Loaves and Fishes Soup Kitchen of Columbus, Mississippi. Drop off any type of dried beans or rice to the Youth Center by March 31. For more information, contact 434-2504.

Baseball, T-Ball, and Girls Softball Registration

Register at the Youth Center from March 2 - 27 for ages 3 - 18. The cost is \$35 for ages 3 - 4; \$40 ages 5 - 18. Volunteer coaches needed. For more information, contact 434-2504.

Air Force Club Scholarship

Club Membership has its rewards. Submit your essay online March 2 - May 1 for a chance to win a \$1,000 or \$500 scholarship. Open to Air Force Club members and their eligible dependents. For more information, rules and instructions, visit: MyAirForceLife.com/Clubs.

St. Patrick's Day Lunch Buffet

The Columbus Club is offering a St. Patrick's Day lunch buffet from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. March 17. The cost is \$8.95 per person; \$7.95 for club members. The menu includes corned beef and cabbage, Parmesan and parsley fried potatoes, Shepard's pie, corn and drink. For more information, contact 434-2489.

Kick Butts Day Health Fair

Learn the dangers of tobacco use and other substances harmful to the body. Join the Youth Center at 4 p.m. March 18. For more information, contact 434-2504.

Colon Cancer Awareness Fitness Run

Columbus Air Force Base supports Colon Cancer Awareness Month. Dress in blue to show your support during the event at 7 a.m. March 20. You may decorate your bikes for the 10K bike ride or wear blue for the 5K run/walk. Commander's trophy points will be awarded. For more information, contact 434-2772.

Golf Course Open House

The Golf Course is offering an Open House from 1 - 5 p.m. March 22. Enjoy free green fees, \$5 per person golf cart rental (must share) and hot dog, chips, or a drink for only 50 cents each. Sign up for the Annual Green Fees Program no later than April 1 and receive a 10 percent discount on annual green fees. For more information, contact 434-7932.

Boys and Girls Club Week

The Youth Center is celebrating Boys and Girls Club Week March 29 - April 4. Special programs and activities will be offered daily. For more information, contact 434-2504.

Easter Brunch at the Columbus Club

The Columbus Club is offering an Easter Brunch April 5. Seating begins at 10:30 a.m. with additional seating times every 30 minutes until 1:30 p.m. Reservations required by April 2. Menu includes pork loin, roast beef, fried chicken, bacon, sausage, mashed potatoes, green beans, corn, turnip greens, cabbage, macaroni and cheese, black-eyed peas, biscuits, rolls, cornbread, sausage gravy, dessert table, waffle station, omelet station, and drink station with Champagne mimosa. For more information, contact 434-2489.

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.

Horseback Riding Lessons

Check us out, learn a new sport, start riding again, or enhance your riding skills. Lessons are available at the Columbus Air Force Base stables for ages five and up in the ways of English and western riding. For more information, contact (610) 248-4824.

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.

'Beach Body' Body Blast Fitness

"If it's Burning, It's Growing." The class is Monday - Friday

at 9 a.m. For more information, contact Brandy at 434-2772.

Hot Hula Fitness Class

Polynesian dance workout is an easy to follow, low impact exercise that strengthens arms, abs, and legs. Classes offered Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11:15 a.m. at the Fitness Center. For more information, contact 434-2772.

Events at the Club

Schedule your next event (big or small) at the Columbus Club. Event planning, preparation, tours, and payments are made by appointment only Tuesday- Friday from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Call the club caterer at 434-2489 to schedule your event.

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.

Earn Free Lunch at the Columbus Club

Pick up your BLAZE lunch punch card today at the Columbus Club. Purchase just 10 lunches at the Columbus Club and receive the 11th free. For more information, contact 434-2489.

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

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T-1A Jayhawk

SUPT Class 15-06 earns silver wings



T-38C Talon



Capt. Christopher Weed
Nashua, N.H.
F-15E, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.



2nd Lt. Jonas Ahern
Ocean City, Md.
KC-10, McGuire AFB, N.J.



2nd Lt. Bernard Cox-Ferreras
Mesa, Ariz.
C-130J, Little Rock AFB, Ark.

Eighteen officers have prevailed during a year of training, earning the right to become Air Force pilots.

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 15-06 graduates at 10 a.m. today during a ceremony at the Kaye Auditorium.

Students will receive their silver pilot's wings at the ceremony, and students who excelled in their respective training tracks are recognized.

Capt. Christopher Weed, T-38, and 2nd Lt. Stephen Trammell, T-1, received the Air Education and Training Command Commander's Trophy for being the most outstanding students overall in their classes.

The Air Force Association Award was presented to 2nd Lt. Wesley Reid, T-38, and 2nd Lt. Ryan McCluskey, T-1. The award is presented to a graduate in each flight who excelled in training and typified the tenets of the association; promoting aerospace power and a strong national defense.

Capt. Christopher Weed, T-38, 2nd Lt. Stephen Trammell, T-1, and 2nd Lt. Jonathan Ortiz, T-1, were named the distinguished graduates of SUPT Class 15-06.

The 52-week pilot training program begins with a six-week preflight phase of academics and physiological training to prepare students for flight. The second phase, primary training, is conducted in the single-engine, turboprop T-6A Texan II at Columbus AFB, Miss. Students learn aircraft flight characteristics, emergency procedures, takeoff and landing procedures, aerobatics and formation flying. Students also practice night, instrument and cross country navigation flying.

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

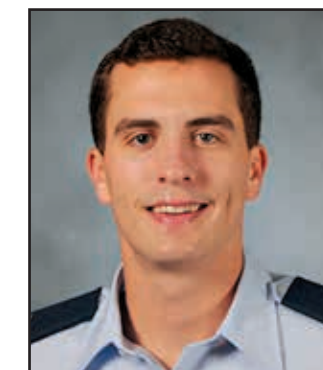
After primary training, students select, by order of merit, advanced training in the fighter-bomber or airlift-tanker track.

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

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

The airlift-tanker track uses the T-1A Jayhawk, the military version of a multi-place Beech Jet 400 business jet. Instruction centers on crew coordination and management, instrument training, cross-country flying and simulated refueling and airdrop missions. Training takes about 26 weeks and includes 185 hours of ground training, 53.6 hours in the flight simulator and 76.4 hours in the T-1A.

Each class is partnered with business or civic organizations during their year of training. This program is designed to foster closer ties between the community and Columbus AFB. Today, each student will be given a set of pilot wings with their names engraved on the back as a token of good luck from their partners. SUPT Class 15-06 pilot partners are Galloway, Chandler & McKinney and Neel-Schafer, Inc..



2nd Lt. Parker Herrington
Clearfield, Pa.
T-6, Columbus AFB, Miss.



2nd Lt. Sean Hoang
Lakewood, Colo.
U-28, Hurlburt Field, Fla.



2nd Lt. Colin Matson
Sutton, Mass.
EC-130H, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.



2nd Lt. Daniel Dunbar
O'Fallon, Ill.
C-17, Stewart ANG, N.Y.



2nd Lt. John Graves
Niceville, Fla.
C-21, Scott AFB, Ill.



2nd Lt. Derek Hale
Ooltewah, Tenn.
C-130J, Dyess AFB, Texas



2nd Lt. Ryan McCluskey
Hampden, Maine
T-6, Columbus AFB, Miss.



2nd Lt. Nathan Mitchener
Memphis, Tenn.
E-8, Robins AFB, Ga.



2nd Lt. Jonathan O'Neill
Miami, Fla.
KC-135, RAF Mildenhall, England



2nd Lt. Jonathan Ortiz
New London, Conn.
C-17, Stewart ANG, N.Y.



2nd Lt. Kevin Petray
Park Ridge, Ill.
C-130, Youngstown AFB, Ohio



2nd Lt. Wesley Reid
San Luis Obispo, Calif.
F-16, Kelly AFB, Texas



2nd Lt. Julianne Schurr
Centerville, Ohio
C-130, Charlotte ANG, N.C.



2nd Lt. Stephen Trammell
Richmond, Va.
C-5M, Dover AFB, Del.



2nd Lt. John Wetzig
Belleville, Ill.
KC-135, McConnell AFB, Kan.