

AF seeks career enlisted aviators

WASHINGTON — Opportunities for Airmen to become enlisted aviators are taking off as nine aircrew specialties are opening up for retraining.

The Air Force's senior enlisted aviator said more than 360 training slots are available for enlisted Airmen in ranks senior airman through master sergeant.

Positions are available for in-flight refueling specialists, flight engineers, loadmasters, airborne communications and electronics specialists, airborne battle management systems specialists, airborne mission systems specialists, flight attendants, aerial gunners and airborne cryptologic linguists.

Chief Master Sgt. Tim Steffen, enlisted aviator career field manager, said the service has been aggressively recruiting enlisted fliers through several avenues, including notices on monthly leave and earnings statements and "head hunters."

"Our recruitment drive has quickly gained momentum, and considering all the fantastic opportunities available, it's hard to believe so many positions remain unfilled," Chief Steffen said.

First-term Airmen assigned to units within the continental United States may not apply before the first duty day of the month in which they complete 35 months of their enlistment (59 months for six-year enlistees). They must apply before the last duty day of the 43rd month of the enlistment (67 months for six-year enlistees).

Airmen stationed overseas may apply between the 15th and ninth month before the date they are eligible to return providing they will enter the 35th month of service (59th for six-year enlistees) on or before their return date.

Many of the retraining slots became available with the release of the fiscal 2005 NCO retraining program, the chief said.

"Flying duties are incredibly challenging and extremely rewarding," he said. "Along with the chance to fly all over the world, another great reason for becoming a CEA is the incentive pay."

CEAs are entitled to a monthly incentive pay based on the number of years of aviation service, not rank. Specifically, Airmen with four years or less of aviation service receive \$150 per month.

Airmen with more than four years earn an extra \$225, and those with more than eight years earn \$350. Airmen with more than 14 years of aviation service collect \$400.

Contact the local military personnel flight for more information, or visit the dot-mil restricted CEA Web site at www.xo.hq.af.mil/xoo/xoot/xoota/CEA/cea.htm. (Courtesy of Air Force Print News)



1st Lt. Jennifer Moore

Flying Mr. Freeman

Master Sgt. Curtis Chiles, 14th Medical Operations Squadron, conducts egress training for actor Morgan Freeman before his T-37 Tweet orientation flight Thursday. Mr. Freeman paid a visit to Columbus AFB Thursday to show his support for the troops.

Chapel's new Pioneer Clubs begin Wed.

Airman 1st Class Cecilia Rodriguez
Public Affairs

The first meeting of Pioneer Clubs, the chapel's new initiative to educate youth about their faith and the Bible, is at 6 p.m. Wednesday at the chapel annex.

Pioneer Clubs is a Christian ministry currently serving more than 3,000 churches and more than 140,000 children throughout the country.

The Columbus AFB chapter resulted from an increased child attendance at the chapel's weekday Bible study.

"Pioneer Clubs offers the opportunity for those numbers to continue to increase, as well as providing an opportunity for the children from the base to learn more about the Bible," said Betsy Riess, Pioneer Clubs coordinator. "The club's theme is "Christ in every aspect of life."

"Parents will have the opportunity to see their children

grow in their faith and understanding of God's word through their involvement in Pioneer Clubs, as well as how to live out their faith in other activities," Ms. Riess said.

Each age group's class will begin with an opening activity.

"For the youngest children, this will be structured play," Ms. Riess said. "For the older children, they will do things like toy-making and cooperative games."

"Following the opening activity, each group will have a Bible story and Bible exploration," she said.

Pioneer Clubs meet for an hour and a half every Wednesday evening. Classes for ages 2 to 3, ages 4 to 5, first through third graders and fourth through seventh graders are offered, and no cost is involved.

Registration forms are located at the chapel. For more information, call Ms. Riess at 434-5223 or the chapel at Ext. 2500.



Tech. Sgt. Jim Moser

Barrels of fun

Master Sgt. Kevin Hawks, 14th Security Forces Squadron, pushes a wheelbarrow full of pine mulch at the Franklin Academy playground. More than 40 Columbus AFB and local community volunteers helped unload a dump truck full of mulch to improve the play areas at the school.

Make fire safety a must

Fire departments in the United States respond to a fire every 16 seconds. A fire-related injury occurs every 17 minutes and a death every two hours.

Here are some tips to help prevent fire hazards at home:

❑ Install smoke detectors and check them regularly.

❑ Never use water to extinguish an electrical fire.

❑ Store, use and dispose of flammable materials with care.

❑ Keep matches and lighters out of the reach of children.

❑ Never leave containers of hot liquid or food near counter-top edges.

❑ Turn handles of pots and pans inward so children cannot reach and grab them.

❑ Keep hot-water heater thermostats below 120 degrees Fahrenheit.

❑ Develop a family escape route and practice it until every member knows his or her way out. (Courtesy of the 14th Civil Engineer Squadron)



AF cosmetic surgery policy clarified

G.W. Pomeroy
Air Force Surgeon General Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — Air Force doctors perform cosmetic and reconstructive surgeries as part of essential training, but elective cosmetic procedures such as breast augmentations are not routinely available as perks to servicemembers and their families, according to Air Force Medical Service officials.

Recent published reports in civilian media suggested that elective procedures are prevalent in the military health-care system. Some reports also indicated that free cosmetic surgery is common among servicemembers and their families.

Air Force doctors, and their counterparts across the Defense Department, perform elective cosmetic surgeries, but not to the extent people have been led to believe, according to Air Force Medical Service officials.

In fiscal 2003, Air Force doctors performed roughly 50,000 total procedures, of which 405 fell into the six categories of cosmetic surgery: abdominoplasty or "tummy tuck," 25; blepharoplasty, (eyelids), 50; breast augmentation, 116; face lift, 31; liposuction, 151; and rhinoplasty, (nose), 32.

"The fact is all beneficiaries are eligible for these procedures but there are policies in place to govern this aspect of the military health-care system," said Lt. Col. (Dr.) Joseph Legan, the Air Force Medical Service's chief consultant for surgical services.

"There is no charge for reconstructive surgery related to trauma, burns or disease," Doctor Legan

said. "Solely cosmetic surgery for an active-duty Airman requires no payment unless cosmetic implants are part of the procedure; the implants are paid for by the Airman prior to surgery."

No surgery is done on active-duty members for weight reduction, Doctor Legan said.

"For other beneficiaries, solely cosmetic surgery is chargeable based on the procedure and whether it is performed on an inpatient or ambulatory basis," Doctor Legan said.

He emphasized that such skills are crucial for Air Force doctors to keep pace with their civilian counterparts.

"Air Force plastic surgeons, as with other specialists, require hours of education, training and continuous practice to keep their skills within medical standards," Doctor Legan said. "Without cosmetic surgery as part of their scope of practice, they would be deprived of experience in a fundamental part of their field."

"The majority of our cosmetic cases are done in conjunction with training of surgical residents," the doctor explained. "This not only teaches skills but is a necessary part of training well-rounded surgeons who are every bit as good as their civilian counterparts in all aspects of their respective surgical specialty."

Within the Air Force, plastic surgery is currently available at Wilford Hall Medical Center in San Antonio; Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio; Keesler AFB, Miss.; Travis AFB, Calif.; and Andrews AFB, Md.



Airman 1st Class Cecilia Rodriguez

NCO newbie

Col. Stephen Wilson, 14th Flying Training Wing commander, congratulates Senior Airman Carrie Williams, 14 FTW, on her selection to staff sergeant Wednesday. More than 20 Columbus AFB Airmen were also selected to become NCOs. See names and units on Page 3.

NEWS BRIEFS

Limited legal assistance

Due to minimum manning, legal assistance is reduced during August. Assistance with wills is only available during scheduled appointment times. From Aug. 23 to Aug. 27, the legal office will provide emergency assistance only. Deploying servicemembers should make arrangements in advance or contact the legal office within 24 hours of notification of deployment. Hours for notary and powers of attorney will not be affected. For more information, call Ext. 7030.

Base supply minimal manning

The 14th Logistics Readiness Division will be minimally manned from 11:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. today for an official function. In case of an emergency, call Jimmy Helton at 364-1177 or Mary Ann Shows at 574-3823.

Cub Scouts

Registration for Cub Scout Pack 52 is at 6 p.m. Monday at the chapel annex. Registration fee is \$25. Adult volunteers are needed. For more information, call Lt. Col. Bruce Robertson at Ext. 3569 or 241-5024.

Motorcycle safety briefings

A meeting to discuss motorcycle riding topics with wing safety and security forces personnel is at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Wednesday in the wing conference room. All motorcycle riders are encouraged to attend one of the two meetings. For more information, call Ext. 2518.

Dorm dinner

The monthly dorm dinner for unaccompanied military members is at 5 p.m. Thursday at the chapel annex. The menu includes hot wings and sub sandwiches. Side items such as chips and french fries may be dropped off at the chapel by 4:30 p.m. the day of the dinner. Door prizes will be awarded, and a Bible study will follow the dinner for those who would like to attend. For more information, call the chapel at Ext. 2500 or contact a first sergeant.

Guard, reserve members may now seek medical, dental reimbursement

WASHINGTON — National Guard and Reserve members who paid their medical and dental bills and saved their receipts may now seek reimbursement from Tricare, officials of the military health-care system announced recently. Officials said the system will begin processing medical and dental claims for Guard and Reserve members who meet certain eligibility requirements.

Only guardsmen and reservists issued “delayed-effective-date active-duty orders” for more than 30 days in support of a contingency operation, and their families, may be eligible to have medical claims reimbursed.

And according to Tricare officials, only those medical expenses incurred during the servicemember’s “early eligibility” period — up to 60 days before reporting to active duty — from Nov. 6, 2003, to now are eligible for reimbursement.

This temporary entitlement is part of the Defense Department’s 2004 Temporary Reserve Health Benefit Program, which sought to enhance benefits for Guard and Reserve troops called to active duty.

Normally, under Tricare guidelines, Reserve and Guard members cannot be enrolled into Tricare until they reach their final duty location. The temporary entitlement gives them access upon receipt of activation orders, up to 60 days in advance.

Last year, President Bush signed legislation authorizing three new temporary provisions for guardsmen and reservists and their families that provided enhanced access to Tricare for a limited time during contingency activation. The provisions were made retroactive to Nov. 6, 2003.

A second provision temporarily extended eligibility for Tricare benefits to 180 days for those guardsmen and reservists who separated from active-duty status Nov. 6, 2003, through Dec. 31, 2004.

The third provision extends Tricare medical benefits to reserve-component sponsors and family members who are either unemployed or employed but not eligible for employer-provided health coverage.

All temporary provisions will end on Dec. 31. However, the measure did

include three provisions for permanent health benefits: making benefit counselors available for Guard and Reserve members in each Tricare region, authorizing medical and dental screening and care for members alerted for mobilization, and providing Tricare eligibility for reserve officers pending orders to active duty following commissioning.

Guardsmen, reservists and their family members must be registered in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System and be eligible for Tricare to qualify for the temporary benefit.

In order to apply for reimbursement, eligible members must submit a Tricare (CHAMPUS) claim form, a copy of their itemized bill, an explanation of benefits, and proof of payment (if the bill was already paid) to their regional Tricare claims processor.

Claims processing instructions and a downloadable Tricare claims form, DD Form 2642, are available at local Tricare service centers or from Tricare regional contractors, or may be downloaded from the Tricare Web site. (Courtesy of Air Force Print News)

Hotline available for outside chain of command

WASHINGTON — Department of Defense Inspector General Joseph Schmitz is reminding servicemembers there are a number of ways to report suspected incidents of wrongdoing outside their chains of command.

His office runs the DOD Hotline Program. Servicemembers and civilians who wish to report incidents without going through their chains of command can take full advantage of this program. Those with suspicions can call toll free (800) 424-9098, commercial (703) 604- 8569, or DSN 664-8569 to report misdeeds.

Servicemembers and civilians can also mail their concerns to: The Defense Hotline, The Pentagon, Washington, D.C., 20301-1900. The e-mail address is hotline@dodig.osd.mil.

The push to inform servicemembers of this option grew out of the recent series of Senate hearings about prisoner abuse in Iraq. Senators believed there was no way for servicemembers to report wrongdoing outside their chains of command.

For more information, go to the inspector general’s Web site at www.dodig.osd.mil/. (Courtesy of American Forces Press Service)

Unfortunate accidents reinforce importance of safe driving

Lt. Col. Lloyd Ballard
48th Flying Training Squadron



I’ve only been a squadron commander for three months, and already I’ve seen the repercussions of an automobile accident affect our Air Force family in three separate circumstances. I’d like to pass along these stories as well as some of the lessons they reinforced.

I was called early afternoon during the Fourth of July weekend and asked to report to the base in service dress as soon as possible. Upon arriving at the military personnel flight building, I found out I was needed to notify the next of kin for a young Airman whose parents lived in Mississippi. The details were vague, as only a few hours had elapsed since the accident occurred.

I later found out that the Airman was driving with friends from Washington to Las Vegas to celebrate his birthday and fell asleep at the wheel in the early morning hours. He was fatally injured while the other passengers were treated and released. I’ll never forget how devastated his family was when I informed them of the accident.

The second accident happened later in July. The father of one of my instructor pilots was killed in an accident involving a coal truck. His father was at a stop sign short of a T-intersection, waiting to pull into traffic. Although it is unclear exactly how it happened, the truck driver ended up hitting the car and killing his father.

The final accident occurred the last weekend in July. My wife’s aunt and uncle were in a pickup truck driving down a highway with their 6-year-old grandson just after dark. At the same time, a convertible with five passengers — one being a 6-year-old — was approaching the highway at a T-intersection. According to eyewitness reports, the convertible swerved around two vehicles sitting at the stop sign before entering traffic and hitting the truck broadside.

The resulting collision caused both vehicles to flip and eventually land upside down. None of the five people in the convertible were wearing seatbelts, and all of them were fatally injured due to severe head trauma. My wife’s aunt, uncle and their grandchild were airlifted to the hospital. Her aunt died as a result of internal injuries while she was being transported. Her uncle and his grandson suffered severe injuries, but both are expected to recover.

I mentioned at the beginning of this article that I had several lessons reinforced as a result of these accidents. Primarily, we have to take care of the things we have

control over. Seatbelts save lives! It only takes a few seconds to put a seatbelt on, and it may be the only thing that saves your life.

Don’t drink and drive. While this was not an obvious factor in these accidents — the last mishap is still under investigation — driving while intoxicated is something we can prevent to make our highways safer.

Drive well rested. If you find yourself tiring, pull over and get some rest. Many people have hit the road trying to knock out a larger chunk of driving than they are capable of handling. They figure that caffeine will keep them awake and often put themselves and their loved ones in a potentially dangerous situation.

Finally, drive defensively. You have to be prepared for the other drivers on the road today ... the ones who are drunk, putting on makeup, talking on cell phones, eating breakfast or any number of things other than concentrating on driving.

What shocked me the most about the last two accidents is that no matter how well you prepare yourself or how careful or defensive you are while driving, sometimes accidents are unavoidable.

Please, take care of the factors you have control over while on the road, and watch out for all the other drivers out there.

STRAIGHT TALK LINE

The Straight Talk Line is your direct line to the commander for comments and suggestions on how to make Columbus AFB better.

The Straight Talk Line phone number is 434-7058. Callers should leave their full name and phone number to receive an answer. All names are kept confidential.

Written questions may also be brought to the public affairs office in the wing headquarters building, Bldg. 724. People can also access the Straight Talk program through the Blazeweb at <https://columbusweb> and the main Web site at www.columbus.af.mil.

Questions and answers will be edited for brevity.

Addition of street lights on road between main gate, Highway 45

Question: Has the idea of placing a few street lights between the main gate and Highway 45 ever come up? As a shift worker, I often leave base after sunset, and that has become one of the darkest stretches of road I have ever driven. I think the addition of new lighting would make it easier to see the many animals that seem to want to cross the road every time I’m driving home. Thanks for your time.

Answer: We are in frequent contact with local officials on ways to improve the infrastructure in the local area. Recently, we discussed the

street light issue along Highway 786 with Lowndes County officials; but since this is a state road, they are limited in their actions. I promise we will address this issue with state officials, however just as the county has limited available funding for road improvements, so does the State of Mississippi. I ask you give us time to work with the state officials, just as we did in the improving Highway 373.

*Col. Stephen Wilson
14th Flying Training Wing commander*

Staff sergeant selects

The 14th Flying Training Wing congratulates the following staff sergeant promotees:

David Appel, 14th Security Forces Squadron, **Aric Bramlett**, 14th Communications Squadron, **Derrick Berry**, 14th Operations Squadron, **Charles Caskey**, 332nd Recruiting Squadron, **Barbara Coats**, 14th Mission Support Group, **Michael Cook**, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron, **Brandynett Domino**, 14th CES, **Michael Eley**, 41st Flying Training Squadron, **Tara Goswick**, 14th Mission Support Squadron, **Willis Griffith**, 14th Medical Support Squadron,

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14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, **26 BLAZE TEAM** members are deployed worldwide.

Remember to support the troops and their families while they are away.



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QAE mission identified, explained

Maj. Floyd Gwartney
14th Flying Training Wing

It's very common when meeting a new person on base to ask them where they work. This seemingly normal exchange of courtesy has yielded an interesting response on more than a few occasions for me.

Originally, I would simply say that I was in aircraft maintenance, and I worked in wing quality assurance evaluation. Nine times out of 10, I would get the response, "I thought the aircraft maintenance was contracted." Being military, this was a source of confusion for many. My response was always, "Yes, but ..." and then the explanation would ensue.

The contracting or outsourcing of many base services is not a new concept, but it is quickly becoming a way of life for the military. Nineteen contracts are currently being fulfilled on Columbus AFB. This concept has even necessitated changes in the laws that govern the way we do business.

Examples of services that have been contracted on Columbus AFB are upkeep of areas such as the grounds surrounding buildings, runways, taxiways, training of student pilots in simulators, cooking of meals in the base dining and the wing's aircraft maintenance.

The aircraft maintenance function is the largest contract on the base and comes in at more than \$30 million a year. Even though the aircraft maintenance is performed as a contract service, the government maintains the responsibility to ensure safe and reliable aircraft while being good stewards of the taxpayers' money.

NCO mentoring can make, break LTs

2nd Lt. Benji Berg
56th Security Forces Squadron

Entering the Air Force as a second lieutenant can be an overwhelming experience. You are expected to be a leader, a follower and have the answers to questions you don't even understand.

I was a prior-enlisted security forces member for eight years before I became an officer, and I was definitely caught off guard by the scope of responsibility entrusted to a second lieutenant. This is why mentoring from senior NCOs and NCOs is so important.

As lieutenants, we are advised to listen to our senior NCOs or NCOs in general. That requires a lot of trust between two individuals who probably don't know each other that well.

This relationship is vital to the development of a lieutenant.

When I initially took over my first flight, an unwritten rule was to get to know the flight chiefs very well and look for their guidance. Fortunately, my three flight chiefs made the transition very easy for me. They gave great advice, explained each situation thoroughly and knew when to reel me back in when I was drifting.

There are many opportunities for a senior NCO or NCO to mentor a junior officer and help that individual learn.

If these opportunities are used effectively, a great bond can develop between those two individuals that may last throughout their careers.

Just as a senior NCO can have a positive impact on a lieutenant's career, the impact can be just as negative.

This is where the aircraft maintenance QAE plays a part.

The QAEs are a small team of highly skilled military and civilian aircraft maintenance technicians that cover every aspect of aircraft maintenance in some way.

Each QAE has a responsibility to perform inspections to ensure all aircraft maintenance is completed according to Air Force Instructions, all applicable technical specifications and policies. The 14th Flying Training Wing QAEs perform 140 inspections a month rain or shine, day or night and on weekends. Each one is performed with a unique combination of a keen eye and a bit of detective skill, coupled with a research analyst's ability to show a documented source that supports the findings.

There are currently eight military and six civilian QAEs assigned to monitor an operation that involves flying about 67,000 sorties per year using three different types of aircraft. The operation includes maintaining 210 aircraft at any one time, supported by an \$83 million annual maintenance and flying budget. The people performing this maintenance occupy 64 government facilities costing about \$18.5 million, and they use \$21.7 million worth of government tools and equipment. Boiled down, the QAEs watch over a lot of zeros.

Simply put, the QAE's responsibility is to be the wing commander's "eyes and ears" on the flightline. Contrary to what some might think, the QAE job is not to be a "watch dog," but rather a partner to the service provider in contributing to a critical aspect of this wing's mission, which is to train pilots for the future.

At times, there's nothing more tough for me than hearing, "Don't worry 'LT,' this is just the way that it is done."

As a lieutenant, I know they are trying to help me out and save time, but I want to know why and how they're doing what they're doing.

The investment made in molding young officers now will pay huge dividends when those officers are selected for command.

This doesn't mean that each piece of advice is career-altering, but it can leave a lasting impression on an individual.

Understand that we (lieutenants) walk a fine line like between a train wreck and actually looking like we know what we are doing.

Well, maybe not all lieutenants; but we're always looking for good advice.

AT THE CHAPEL

Catholic

Sunday:
9:15 a.m. — Mass
5 p.m. — Confessions
5:30 p.m. — SUPT Mass

Protestant

Sunday:
10:45 a.m. — Traditional worship
1 p.m. — Contemporary worship
Tuesday:
Noon — Lunch and Bible study
Wednesday:
7 p.m. — Choir rehearsal

For information about Islamic, Jewish, Orthodox or other services, call the chapel at Ext. 2500.

AT THE MOVIES

All movies are shown at 7 p.m., unless otherwise noted, at the base theater.

Today

"Spider-man 2" (PG-13, stylized action violence, 128 min.)

Starring: Tobey Maguire and Kirsten Dunst.

Saturday

"Sleepover" (PG, some thematic elements involving teen dating, some sensuality and language, 90 min.)

Starring: Alexa Vega and Mika Boorem.

Aug. 20

"Anchorman" (PG-13, sexual humor, language and comic violence, 91 min.)

Starring: Will Ferrell and Christina Applegate.

For more information about movies, visit www.cafbgrapevine.com.

CHANNEL 64

BLAZE 64 offers announcements for people living in base housing or the dormitories.

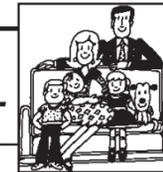
For more information, call the public affairs office at Ext. 7068.

Weekdays

9 a.m., noon and 2 p.m.

Air Force Television News features flightline maintenance at Columbus AFB this week.

FAMILY SUPPORT



(Editor's note: All activities are offered at the family support center unless otherwise specified. For more information about any of the activities listed, call Ext. 2790.)

Hearts Apart Social: A social gathering for families of personnel deployed or remote for more than 30 days is at 5:30 p.m. Aug. 26. Information, refreshments and prizes are provided.

Sponsorship training: A workshop designed for all unit introduction monitors is at 9 a.m. Aug. 31. Training includes the importance of effective sponsorship and resources available for both sponsors and newcomers.

Air Force Aid Society: The AFAS offers 24-hour emergency assistance. Possible aid includes interest-free loans, grants, food, utilities, car repairs and emergency travel.

Free oil change: The Air Force Aid Society's "Car Care Because We Care" program is available to Airmen enrolled in the First Term Airmen's Center and spouses of active-duty Air Force members deployed or remote for more than 30 days. Call Ext. 2855.

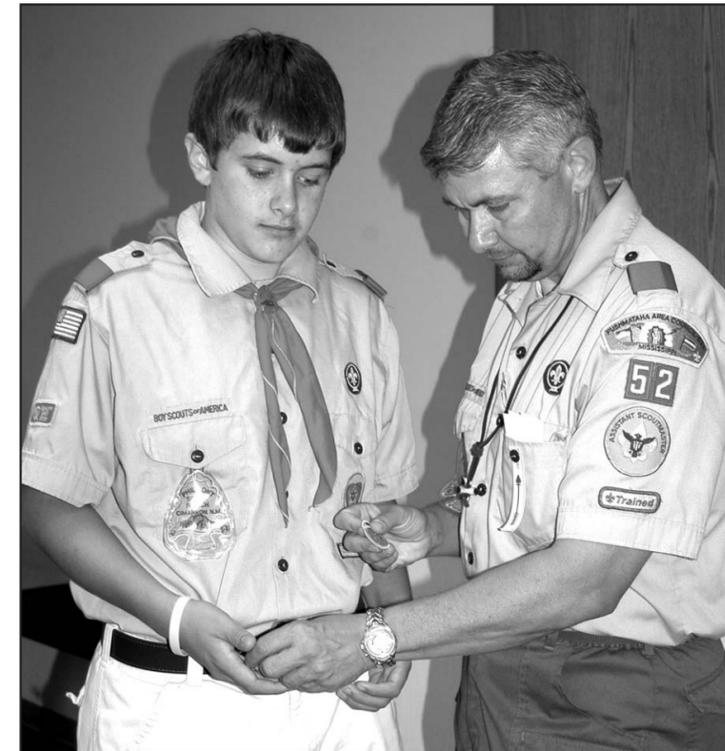
Remote/deployed briefing: Military personnel going remote or being deployed must attend a mandatory briefing held daily at 9 a.m.

BASE NOTES



Pharmacy formulary change: As a result of a mandated change in pharmacy formularies Air Force-wide, Allegra is no longer available at the pharmacy, and patients currently taking Allegra should switch to loratadine. Other options exist for patients desiring medications no longer available at the pharmacy. For more information, call Ext. 2168.

Housing announcement: The 14th Civil Engineer Squadron is conducting an in-house hydraulic survey Aug. 24 to Sept. 2, which includes flushing fire



Airman 1st Class Cecilia Rodriguez

Scouts honor

Eagle Scout Timothy Boswell, 16, accepts merit badges he earned over the summer from his father Wayne Boswell, 14th Mission Support Squadron, during the Troop 52 Court of Honor Tuesday. For more information about the Columbus AFB Boy Scouts, call Ext. 2611.

hydrants throughout the base. The water will not be shut off, and it will be safe to drink. However, base residents should run their water approximately 30 minutes before washing their clothes to prevent rust stains. Workers will be in Capitol Village Aug. 24 and Aug. 25, and in Magnolia Village Aug. 26 and Aug. 27. For more information, call Nick Yearby at 364-0800.

Case lot sale: A case lot sale is from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 3 and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 4 at the commissary. For more information, call Ext. 7109.

OSC social: The spouses from the 41st Flying Training Squadron sponsor a Columbus Officers' Spouses' club social mix at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 14 at the Columbus Club.

The menu is roasted strip loin of beef. Cost is \$11.50 per person, and club members receive a \$2 discount. New members are welcome. For more information, call Brandi Diaz at 329-1955 by noon Sept. 9.

Thrift Shop: The Thrift Shop, located at Building 345, C Street, is open from 3:30

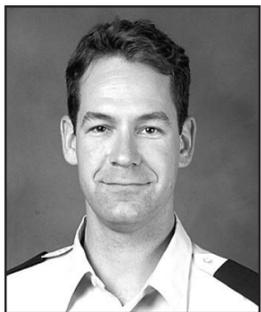
to 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursdays. Consignments are accepted until one hour before closing. Volunteers are welcome. For more information, call Ext. 2954.

Brownies: Columbus AFB is home to Brownie Troops 323 and 473. Girls between the ages of 5 and 9, or in kindergarten through third grade are invited to join either troop. For more information, call Amanda Fitzhugh at 434-5179 or Lucille Mixon at 245-0433.

Pharmacy equipment upgrade: In light of the Air Force's focus on patient safety, the pharmacy is currently upgrading its prescription processing technology to prevent errors. Patients are asked to call in refills at least two days in advance; the pharmacy is unable to accommodate same-day refills.

Customers are also asked to check in at the pharmacy after a doctor's visit or telephone consultation. Wait times will increase until the new system is in place. For more information, call the pharmacy at Ext. 2168.

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SUPT Class 04-13 earns silver wings

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 04-13 graduates at 10 a.m. today during a ceremony at the theater.

Twenty-five officers prevailed during a year of training, earning the right to be Air Force pilots.

The graduation speaker is Lt. Gen. Bruce Carlson, 8th Air Force commander, Barksdale AFB, La. General Carlson commands eleven expeditionary wings, and also serves as an Air Force component commander for the U.S. Strategic Command at Offutt AFB, Neb., providing nuclear and computer network operations capability for the Air Force.

Students received their silver pilot's wings at today's ceremony, and students who excelled in their respective training tracks were recognized.

Second Lts. Bryan Mels, T-1, and Robert Gearhart, T-38, received the AETC Commander's Trophy for being the most outstanding students overall in their classes.

The Air Force Association Award was presented to 2nd Lts. Daniel McVay, T-1, and Matthew Kuperus, T-38. The award is presented to a graduate in each flight who excelled in training and typified the tenets of the association — promoting aerospace power and a strong national defense.

Lieutenants McVay, Mels and Gearhart were named distinguished graduates.

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 twin-engine, subsonic T-37 Tweet. Students learn aircraft flight characteristics, emergency procedures, takeoff and landing procedures, aerobatics and formation fly-

ing. Students also practice night, instrument and cross country navigation flying.

Primary training takes about 23 weeks and includes 254.4 hours of ground training, 27.3 hours in the flight simulator and 89 flying hours.

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-38 Talon, a tandem-seat, twin-engine supersonic jet.

T-38 training emphasizes formation, advanced aerobatics and navigation.

Training takes about 26 weeks and includes 381 hours of ground events, 31.6 hours in the flight simulator and 118.7 flying hours.

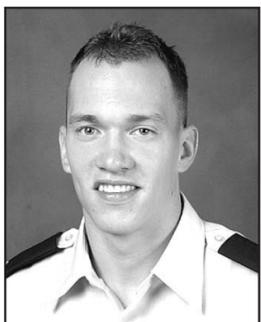
The airlift-tanker track uses the T-1A Jayhawk, the military version of a multi-place Beech Jet 400.

Instruction centers on crew coordination and management, instrument training, cross-country flying and simulated refueling and airdrop missions.

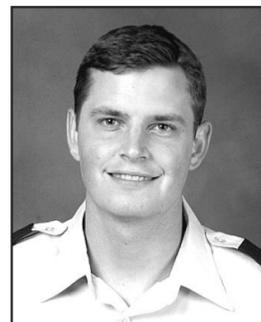
Training takes about 26 weeks and includes 185 hours of ground training, 43 hours in the flight simulator and 104 flying hours.

The class reunites on graduation day, when students receive the aeronautical rating of pilot and begin their careers as U.S. Air Force pilots.

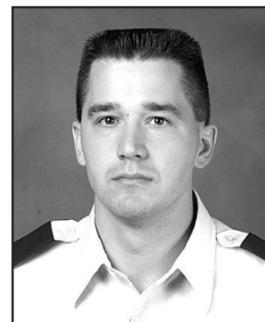
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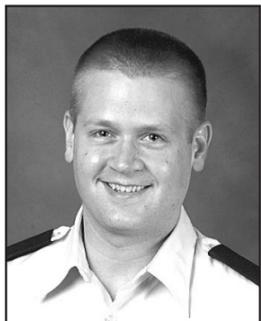
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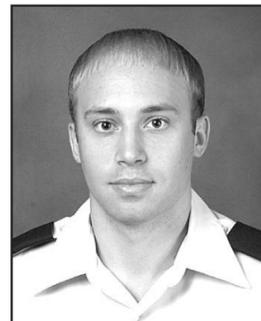
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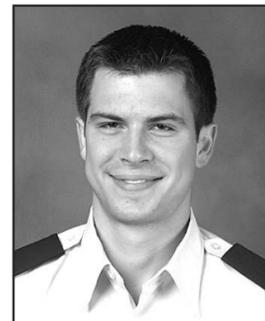
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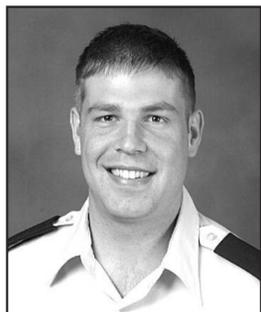
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C-130, Charlotte, N.C.



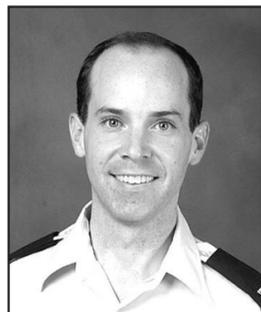
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Omaha, Neb.
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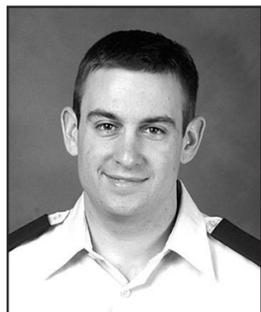
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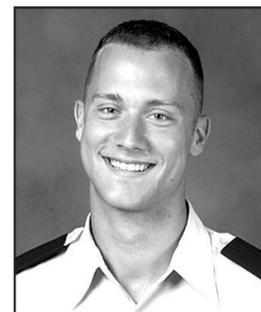
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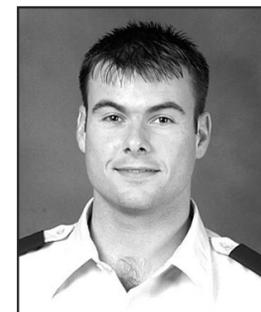
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Danville, Pa. (ANG)
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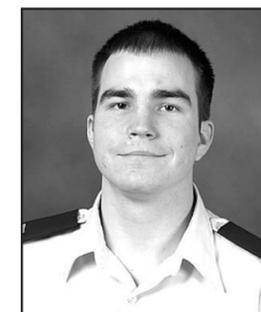
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2nd Lt. Mark Spencer
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F-15C, Tyndall AFB, Fla.



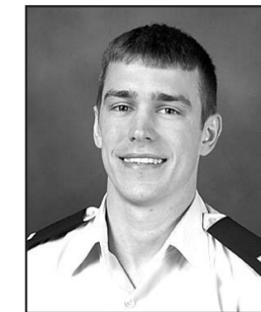
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T-38, Columbus AFB, Miss.



2nd Lt. Christopher Ziesch
Fraser, Mich.
C-17, McChord AFB, Wash.



1st Lt. Yoshihito Nakano
Kashiwa, Japan
T-38, Moody AFB, Ga.



1st Lt. Peter Vanagas
Azle, Texas
KC-135, MacDill AFB, Fla.



2nd Lt. Maryann Ehlen
Lynbrook, N.Y.
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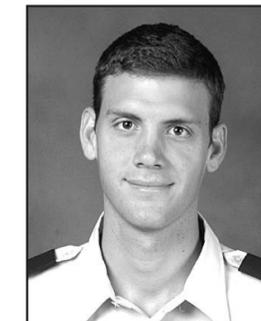
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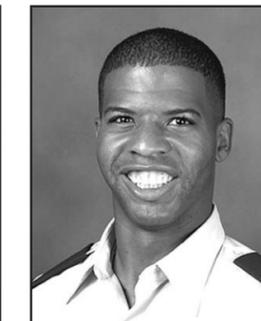
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F-16, Luke AFB, Ariz.



2nd Lt. Katherine Newman
Clinton, Miss. (ANG)
C-17, Jackson, Miss.



2nd Lt. Todd Peterson
Waxhaw, N.C.
C-21, Peterson AFB, Colo.



2nd Lt. Kenyatta Ruffin
Maywood, Ill.
F-16, Luke AFB, Ariz.

Copy Cut-ups: Print shop with personal touch

Pam Wickham
Marketing specialist

Copy Cut-Ups on Columbus AFB provides a full-service print shop to base personnel.

The shop, located in the skills development center, is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, and produces all types of invitations, business cards, notepads and laminates items for customers.

“Our prices are very competitive, but our customer service is the best you will find,” said Katie Miranda, Copy Cut-Ups graphics specialist.

“Customers can ‘personalize’ their birthday party invitations, change-of-address cards, birth announcements — the list is endless,” she added.

Most projects take less than two business days to complete. Other

services include making one to a thousand copies at an average cost of seven cents a copy for one color processing. The more copies the better the price per copy the customer receives.

The shop also laminates items such as newspaper clippings, photographs and maps. Cost is \$1 for each foot of lamination.

Two- or three-inch buttons with pictures of loved ones, special sayings or even smiley faces are also a specialty of the shop. Two-inch buttons are \$1 each, and three-inch buttons are \$1.50.

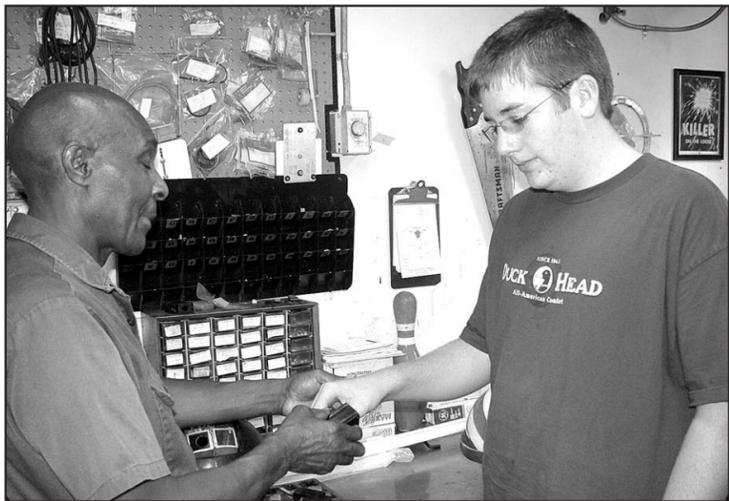
“The girls in the shop are very professional, timely and take great pride in their work,” said Brenda Dale, a regular store customer.

For more information about the services available at Copy Cut-Ups, call Ext. 2337.



Pam Wickham
Katie Miranda, graphics specialist, uses the hydraulic paper cutter for a customer's project.

Services brings variety of programs to base families



Pam Wickham

Perfect fit

Odie Tucker, bowling center specialist, measures Derik Wood's finger to drill proper size finger holes in the bowling ball he won July 31 in the Stars and Strikes bowling promotion. The program ends Aug. 31 with a drawing for a bowling ball, bag and \$500 in cash. Stop by the bowling center for game rules. Call Ext. 2426.

Disc Jockey E-Styles: The enlisted lounge features the music of Disc Jockey E-Styles from 7 to 11 p.m. today. Call Ext. 2490.

All-ranks brunch: The Columbus Club features an all-ranks brunch from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday with all breakfast and lunch entrees and sides. Call Ext. 2490.

Bowling center steak night: The bowling center offers a steak, fries and tossed salad for \$5.75 from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday. Call Ext. 2426.

Boss and buddy night: The Columbus Club offers this all-ranks program every Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m. Barbecue and hot wings are \$1.80 per dozen, and beverages specials are from 4 to 6 p.m. Call Ext. 2490.

Mongolian barbecue: The Columbus Club offers a Mongolian barbecue from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday. Cost is \$7.95 for members, \$9.95 for nonmembers and includes six ounces of meat and all-you-can-eat vegetables.

Give parents a break: The youth center and child development center offer this program from 4 to 10 p.m. Aug. 21. Participants must register for the program by Wednesday. Cost is \$3 per hour per child. Call the child development center at Ext. 2479 or the youth center at Ext. 2504.

Youth trip: The youth center offers a trip to the hands on museum in Tuscaloosa, Ala., Aug. 21. The van leaves at 9 a.m. and returns at approximately 4 p.m. Cost is \$8 per person. At least eight children must be registered by Monday to offer this trip. Call Ext. 2504.

Scrapbooking classes: The community center offers a beginner scrapbooking class from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 21. Cost is \$10 per class. Call Ext. 7450.

Stampin' up class: The community center offers this craft stamp class from 7 to 9 p.m. Aug. 24. Cost is \$15 per person. Call Ext. 7450.

Dignity Memorial Escape School: This program for ages 5 to 15 is at 4 and 6 p.m. Aug. 26 at the community center. Participants learn methods of escape in case of a kidnapping and how to avoid abduction. Call Ext. 2504.

Youth center membership night: Members enter free for this program from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Aug. 27. All others are \$1 each. Call Ext. 2504.

Tea party: A Mother Goose tea party for ages 3 to 7 is from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Aug. 28 at the community center. Children learn tea party etiquette and manners. Call Ext. 7450.

Dresden exhibit: During August, active-duty service-members and their dependents can visit the Glory of Baroque Dresden exhibit in Jackson, Miss., free of charge. The \$9.8 million exhibit features a 41-carat green diamond, marble and amethyst statues, Rembrandts, Vermeers, jeweled swords and armor. Call the Jackson Convention and Visitors Bureau at (800) 354-7695.

Speedway events: The Columbus Speedway features the Pro Street “Road Rage” at 7:30 p.m. Saturday. People who show a military identification card will receive \$5 off of admission. Call 241-5004 or 574-2572.

Toastmasters: The Professional Link Toastmasters meet at noon every second and fourth Monday at Master Hosts Inns and Suites in Columbus. Participants learn to effectively develop public speaking skills. Call 328- 0943.

Game zone: The Columbus-Lowndes Recreation Authority welcomes senior citizens for cards, dominoes and puzzles from 12:30 to 4 p.m. Wednesdays at Propst Park. Call 327-4935.

Basket making: The Columbus-Lowndes Recreation Authority sponsors chair weaving and basket-making classes at noon Thursdays in the CLRA activity center in Propst Park. Call 327-4935.

Child I.D. Program: The Starkville Police Department sponsors a Child I.D. Program from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Aug. 21 at the Starkville Wal-Mart. The program includes DNA swabs, video identification and finger printing. The service is free to families and is also extended to Alzheimer patients and the mentally challenged. Call (662) 841-7700 or (662) 213-9132.

Tennessee Williams Tribute: The Tennessee Williams Tribute and Tour of Historic Homes is Sept. 9 through Sept. 12 in downtown Columbus. Exhibits, luncheons, book signings, plays, socials and tours are available. Some events require tickets. Call (800) 327-2686, 327-5071 or e-mail spatkaye@ecicom.net.

Community chorus: The Starkville Community Chorus rehearses at 7 p.m. Sept. 16 in the Mississippi State

University choral building. All choral enthusiasts are invited. Directions to the choral building can be found on the campus map at www.msstate.edu. Call Ron Losure at 324-1995.

After-school program: The Columbus-Lowndes Recreation Authority in collaboration with Franklin Academy sponsors an after-school program for children in kindergarten through fourth grades. The program includes snack times, homework duties, recreation, and arts and crafts. Call Donna Hulsey at 327-4935.

Exchange student sponsors: The Cultural Academic Student Exchange, Inc., seeks families in the Golden Triangle area to host high school foreign exchange students. Call (800) 458-8336.

Tutoring: The Lowndes County Schools Parents Center offers free tutoring for students in grades 5 through 12. Call 329-7509.

For more event listings, visit www.columbus-ms.org.

BARGAIN LINE

Bargain Line advertisement

The Bargain Line is free for all military members (including guard and reserve members), DOD civilians, military retirees, family members and contract employees.

Bargain Line advertisements must be turned in to the Silver Wings office in the 14th Flying Training Wing headquarters building by noon Monday to be included in the following week's issue. Late ads will be held over for the next issue.

Reruns must be phoned in to the Silver Wings office, 434-7068, by noon Monday for inclusion in the next week's issue. Please do not re-submit ads for rerun on this form. Advertisements should contain a home phone number, home address or both. Duty phone numbers will not appear in the ads.

Advertisements for private businesses or services providing a continuous source of income, such as baby-sitting or rental property, may not appear in the Bargain Line. They may, however, be purchased through the Silver Wings publisher, 328-2424. Please fill out this form completely. The Silver Wings staff reserves the right to edit ads as necessary.

Type of advertisement (circle one): Home Transportation Miscellaneous Yard sales Pets

Print advertisement: _____

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(in case we need more information)

Please let us know what you think of the Silver Wings:

Are you happy with the Silver Wings? Yes No

What would you like to see more of in the newspaper? News Sports Photos

If you would like to give any other suggestions, please e-mail us at silverwings@columbus.af.mil.



Art Classes

Mondays from 6 to 7:30 p.m.
at the community center
\$10 per class
(\$45 One-time fee for supplies)
Call Ext. 7450

AETC Military Athlete of the Year nominations wanted

Nomination packages for the 2004 Air Education and Training Command Athlete of the Year are due to the fitness and sports center by Aug. 25.

The competition is open to all active-duty personnel.

The award period is from October 2003 through October 2004.

A panel from AETC headquarters will evaluate nominations using a scoring sheet and select one male and one female winner.

Packages must include four 5" by 7" color photos showing the athlete in some phase of competition.

Nomination packages must also contain essential background information, to include full name, social security number, military

work address, home address, home and work phone numbers, military occupational skill, height, weight and date of birth.

Entrants must also include a separate paragraph addressing athletic accomplishments, to include

☐ A list of sports activities

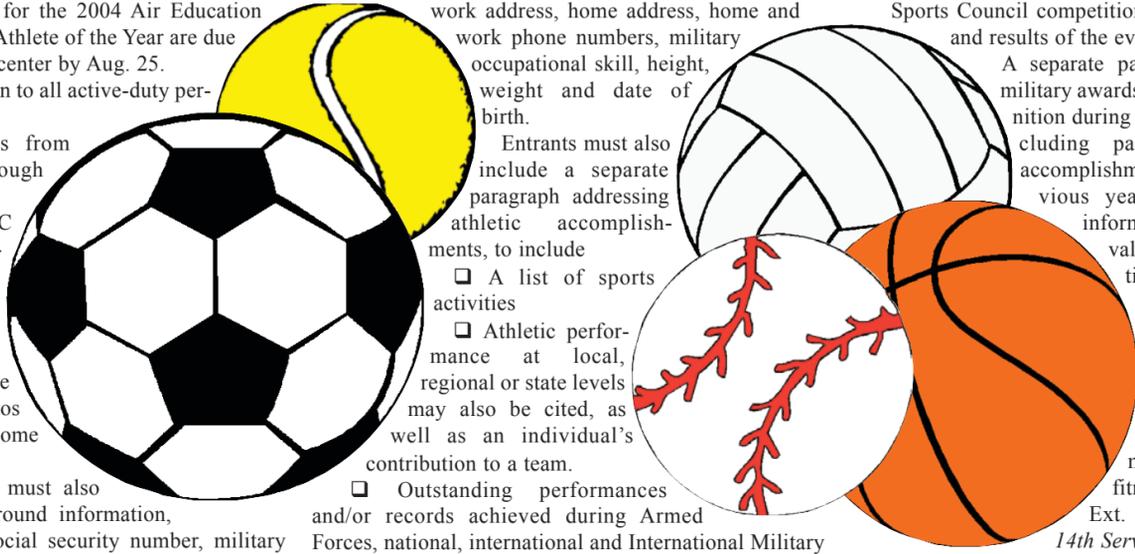
☐ Athletic performance at local, regional or state levels may also be cited, as well as an individual's contribution to a team.

☐ Outstanding performances and/or records achieved during Armed Forces, national, international and International Military

Sports Council competitions, citing the name, date and results of the event.

A separate paragraph should address military awards, honors and civic recognition during the award year. The concluding paragraph may athletic accomplishments within the two previous years and any additional information that might be of value in rating the nomination.

Winning athletes will be announced at the annual Air Force Fitness and Sports Awards Ceremony Nov. 8 in Orlando, Fla. For more information, call the fitness and sports center at Ext. 2772. *(Courtesy of the 14th Services Division)*



SHORTS

Mixed golf scramble

This 18-hole mixed golf tournament begins at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Whispering Pines Golf Course. Cost is \$80 for each two-person team and includes dinner at the Columbus Club. Call Ext. 7932.

Youth soccer

Soccer registration for the fall season is Monday through Sept. 15 at the youth center. Cost is \$25 for members of the center and \$35 for non-members. Coaches are also needed. Call Ext. 2504.

Karate

Karate classes are offered from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at the community center. Cost is \$45 per month. All ages are eligible to participate. Call Ext. 7450.

Judo classes

The community center offers Judo classes from 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday. Cost is \$35 per month. For more information, call Ext. 7450.

Sports Advisory Council

A Sports Advisory Council meeting is at 9 a.m. Thursday at the health and wellness center. All squadron sports representatives are invited to attend. Call Ext. 2772.

No-tap cosmic bowling

A no-tap cosmic bowling tournament is at 7 p.m. Aug. 20 at the bowling center. Cost is \$10 per person, and participants must sign up by 6:45 p.m. Call Ext. 2426.

Fitness center fun run

A fitness center fun run begins at 7 a.m. Aug. 20 in front of the fitness and sports center. Call Ext. 2772.

Base pool sports day

Independence Pool hosts a sports day Aug. 29. The pool opens at 2 p.m. and games begin at 3 p.m. Squadron competitions include innertube, rafting and four-person relays, three-on-three basketball and a cardboard boat race.

Participants must register at outdoor recreation by Aug. 25. The squadron with the most cumulative points wins \$500 toward its next Columbus Club function. Families are welcome. Call Ext. 2507.

One-person golf scramble

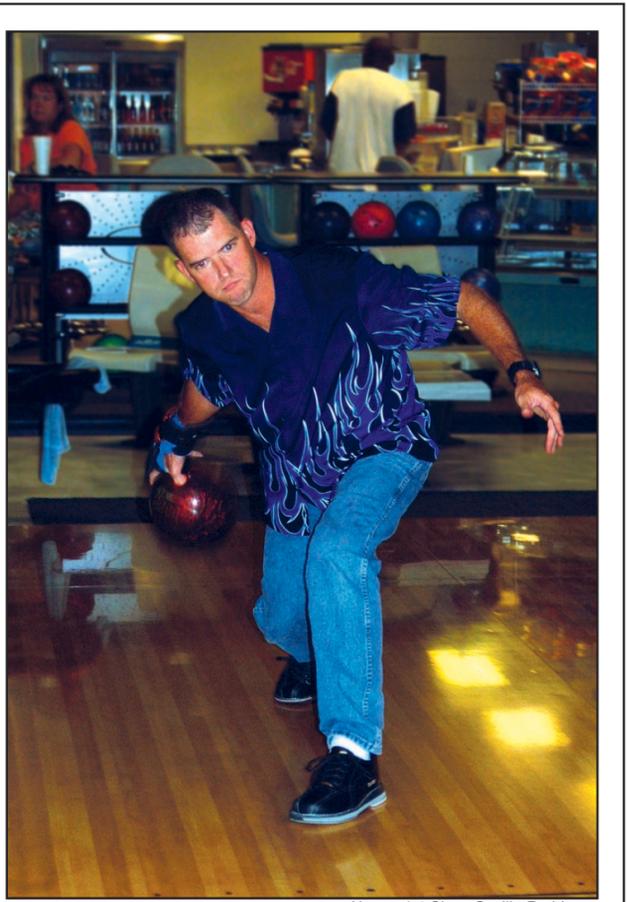
A one-person golf scramble is Aug. 28 at Whispering Pines Golf Course. Shotgun start is at 1 p.m. Cost is \$15 plus greens fees. Call Ext. 7932.

Golf club championship

The Whispering Pines Club championship is Sept. 4 through Sept. 6. Entry is \$35 plus greens fees. Participants must register at the golf pro shop. For more information, call Ext. 7932.

Soccer camp

Columbus AFB hosts the Air Force Soccer Trial Camp Jan. 6 through Jan. 23. The deadline for completing Air Force Form 303, Request for Specialized Sports Training, is Nov. 1. All military personnel interested in participating in the camp must complete the AF Form 303 or contact the fitness center at Ext. 2772.



Airman 1st Class Cecilia Rodriguez

High roller

Jody Edwards, 14th Mission Support Squadron, looks for a strike at the Columbus AFB bowling center. Edwards recently competed against more than 1,000 people to win the title of Mississippi State Singles Champion.